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"It knocked 15 vears out of her life. Everything you hear about concussion, they talk about short-term memory loss. You hear nothing about long-term memory loss."

Bart Hutcheson Kayla's father t 18 years old, Kayla Hutcheson is looking forward to her first Christmas in memory.

The more the Walla Walla Community College freshman learns about the traditions, decorations and general holiday hoopla, the more Christmas sounds like something she'll like

The fact that Hutcheson, who graduated from Kimberly High School last spring, lived through 17 Christmas seasons doesn't really register, she said, leaning forward on a couch in her basketball coach's office, her long fingers locked in loose embrace.

For now, those years are lost for her.

For now, those years are lost if it's almost exactly like a Hollywood movie, what's happened to Hutcheson. On this day, to look at her, a bystander would never know what the young woman has undergone since late October. The college athlete runs, as fast or faster than her tearmantes. She shoots, long and sure. She sphritts, lunging from line to line with concentration etched in the trails of sweat running down her face. It was a regular basketball practice like this one, remembered Walla Walla Community College women's basketball cach Bobbl Hazeltine. On Oct. 26, Hutcheson and another gif were pransing full speed toward another gif were pransing full speed toward another gif who had the ball... both were just looking at the ball...

al sense.

Blood began flowing immediately;
Hutcheson had fractured her nose.

Nothing unusual, requiring no more than a water break and sidelining the

than a water break and sidenining the girls for a bit.

"Everyone gets bloody noses, we deal with them. She told us she was fine," the coach recalled.

The call that came later said other-

wise,
After her roommates took
Hutcheson home, they saw signs of
trouble.



Valley in 2007. Hetche

a 2007. Hatcheson, a multi-sport star at y, suffered long-term memory loss this r a heaksthell practice accident at

"She said her arms were numb," Nancy Johnson said of Hutcheson. "I started rubbing them out, icing her face for the broken nose, treating her

The four roommates, all age 18, share a downtown apartment, as well as a love for sports. Three come from Idaho, one from Washington.

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Former miner, outspoken commissioner House dies at 92

South-central Idaho has lost part of its heritage. Rupert Theodore House, who was born in Hansen and later became one of the old-ost mining men in Blaine County, died in a Caldwell jursing home Sunday after-noon.

House was best known as an outspoken hard-rock miner who bemoaned the transformation of the Wood



River Valley from a min-ing commu-nity to a collection of tourist

of tourist towns.
He was the fourth of 11 children bornt obscare and Angeline House in 1916.
He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1933, and married his wife Bonnie when they were both 17.

Read House's full obituary.

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House earned the title of the heavyweight boxing champion in southern Idaho when he was 18, however, most of his time was spent breaking rock at his father's gravel pit and delivering newspapers for the Times-News.

Both friends and family

remember him as one of the hardest working men in the region—an ethic that House attributed to his upbringing in Idaho mining towns during the Graz Depression. House and his wife Bonnie moved to the Thumph Mine camp in Blaine County in the late 1930s, where House began a 23-year carrer as a hard rock miner. He once told the Idaho Mountain Express that he

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M.V. scientists have the right stuff for NASA

Buhl, Burley men building microchips for space agency

By Andrea Jackson Times-News write:

Two men from the Magic Valley still live in Idaho, but they're reaching far beyond Earth.

The science savvy men. Sterling Whitaker and Chad Orbe, grew up in the Buth, Burley and Rupert areas. Now they're helping NASA researchersee things from space of the same content of the same cont from space couldn't

be seen before.

This engineering work takes years in front of a com-



The small Bit Plane Encoder chi

oped by Chad Orbe of the raity of Idaho Center for aced Microelectronics and cular Research (CAMBR).

Biomolecular Research (CMER).

because the University of Idaho beat out Impressive International competition to work with NASA.

The complicated projects are rolled into little chips, which solve problems for NASA researchers peering into space through satellites.

Orbe and Whitnaker work at the Post Falls-based, University of Idaho Center for Advanced Microelectronics and Biomolecular Research

The safer side of Christmas toys

Major post-present hazard: wrapping paper

When the shredded wrap-ping paper and bows lay strewn across the living room floor on Christmas morning, most parents are tempted to kick back and turn their chil-dren loose with their new

But parents may need to complete one more task before allowing their kids free-rein with their Christmas loot.

Evaluating toy safety is not always an easy task, said Jean Freymiller, manager and toy buyer for 'A Child's World' in

Burley.

Freymiller said parents should check to see how durable the toys are and

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Toy safety tips

Nake sure toys are age-appropriate and do not have sharp edges, points or small parts that could cause choking. Never give magnets to chil-dren under age 6 • Make sure children ploying with rideon toys are weating helme

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tic wrappings
- Parents can log onto
www.cpsc.gov. to check for toy
receils.
Source: U.S. Consumer Product
Safety Commission

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Another round of snowfall expected this morning

A white Christmas isn't just a dream this year. The Magic and Wood River valleys should wake up to another round of snow this morning, according to pre-dictions from the National Weather Service.

The agency's Boise and Pocatello offices issued win-

Pocatello offices issued warnings wednesday forecasting any-where from 4 to 10 inches of new snowfall in the valleys that evening and this morn-ing, depending on the loca-

and blowing snow acros region, and suggested po only travel if they really

only travel if they really have to.

The Wood River Valley faces a 50 percent chance of snow today and could see up to 10 inches of snow in valley areas, with more than a foot possible in the mountains. Snow could accumulate as quickly as 1 inch per hour this morning, the agency warmed.

The rest of the region has

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MORNING BRIEFING.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

No events are scheduled for today. Have a merry Christmas!

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CSI GROWING TOGETHER AS A TEAM



SNOWMOBILING IS IN HIS BLOOD



AFTER MARKET'S FALL, AN ARDUOUS RECOVERY



Pocatello mayor pushing for vicious dog registry

POCATELLO (AP) — Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase has asked Idaho lawmakers to create a statewide

another.
Chase's request follows an attack earlier this month on a city animal control officer by a pit built that had a history of killing other dogs and been cited in other southeastern idaho cities for allowing the dog to run loose.

allowing the ung to
Officials say the officer
might have died from her
injuries if not for a police
officer who applied first aid.
'I'm a believer that dogs
are what their owners make
them," Chase told the idaho
State Journal. "Vicious ani-

mals are usually trained to be that way or get that way through abuse and neglect. Chase has asked lawmak-ers to consider the registry during the 2009 Legislature, which begins Jan. 12 in Boise. The pit bull that attacked animal control Officer

animal control Officer
Tamara Anderson on Dec. 5
in Pocatello had citations in inman Anderson to Dec. 5 in Pocatello had citations in nearby cities of Aberdeen and American Falls, where it killed several cats and at least one other dog. Anderson had responded to a residence to investigate a report of a victous dog. As she took photos, the pit bull attacked, and she called for backup.

Anderson required surgery to repair puncture wounds in her left arm and is still recovering.

"The dog nipped an artery and (Anderson) was bleed-ing out pretty fast," said Mary Remer, animal control director for Pocateilo. "The officer used his tie and his gun clip to make a tourni-quet."

Sabina Adamson, the dog's

Sabina Adamson, the dog's owner, was cited for a vicious dog and failure to provide proof of rabies vaccination. Her sister, Pia Adamson, was housing the dog and was cited for failure to contain a vicious animal. The dog was cuthantized later in the day after the attack. American Fails police Chief Brandon Wilkinson said Sabina Adamson Jad been cited in that city for allowing the same dog to run at large, and that the dog had previously attacked another dog.

Kindly elf hands out \$13,000 to LA's homeless

By Robert Jablon Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — While carmakers have their hands out to Congress, a kindly soul showed up in a car to deliver his own bailout to those on Std Row.

The anonymous donor continued a holiday tradition by handing out \$10 bills to people at The Midnight Mission. The shelter estimated that \$13,000 was distributed this year.

tributed this year.
"It's the highlight of my

around the building Tuesday, and some said they waited as long as eight hours for the benefactor nicknamed the Eldorado

hours for the benefactor nicknamed the Eldorado Elf.

The tradition of handing out money at the mission around Christmas dates to the early 1980s when car dealer knoald Mornn began showing up in a Cadillac to pass out thousands of dolars.

When the man dubbed he Cadillac Santa died in 1992, his friend, who was the attorney for Moran's dealership, took over the

handout, He showed up in a Cadillac Eldorado and thus was born the Eldorado Elf. The elf — a 67-year-old semirettred lawyer who would only give his name as Bill — wore a bright red shirt and a smile as he and several friends distributed the money Tuesday. He said the money was needed more than ever because of the poor economy. poor economy.
The donor said the money

The donor said the money comes from himself and his friends and that he did not regret spending it even though the economy has hurt his own finances.

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raded a quart of bootieg
whiskey to a mine foreman
for the job.
He worked as several
mines in the Wood River
Valley, eventually becoming
the manager of the North
Star mine in Triumph.

House left mining and moved to California to pur-sue other work, but returned three years later to work for the Hailey's street department. He later served four terms as a Blaine County commis-sioner during the

'80s and '90s. As a com

missioner, he As a commissioner, he was quoted as saying. "It just bothers me that mining became a dirty word around (Blaine County) when it was mining that made these towns in the first place."

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My picks for today are simple:

ty picks and Enjoy the holiday. Enjoy family and friends. Promote peace and goodwill towards

all.
That's what I'm doing — not to mention

opening my presents.

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

Christmas brings closures around the valley

Many offices and facilities are closed for Christmas. Here's a list of places that will be open or closed today and Friday.

**City offices are closed today, Most city offices are open Friday, Including in Twin Falls, Burley, Gooding, Shoshone and Rupert

**County offices are closed today, open Friday, open Friday,

Post offices: closed today, open Friday.
 Banks: closed today, open Friday.
 *Twin Falls Public Library: closed today, open Friday.
 *YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool: closed today, will offer

open swimming from 1 to 5
p.m. Friday.

• The College of Southern
Idaho: closed today and
Friday; the Herrett Center
for Arts and Science is
closed today, but open
Friday.

• Magic Valley Mall: closed
today, open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Priday.

• Trash will not be picked
up today. Trash collection
will be one day later Friday.

Chips.

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(CAMBR), staffed by about a

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(CAMBIR), staffed by about a
dozen scientists.
Orbe's chip, the Bit Plane
Encoder, took six years to
make. It measures 13.5 millimeters wide, and has 12
million transistor switches.
Its function: make images
smaller without reducing
their quality, so NASA
researchers can study the
earth's magnetic field. It will
be deployed on four satellites, CAMBR officials said.
Orbe, 36, has a bachelor's
degree in electrical engineertwo years at the College of
Southern Idaho and six in
the U.S. Nawy, he said.
"This is Chad's first chip,
and probably the most complicated chip we've ever
done," said Orbe's boss, Gary
Maki, research professor and
principal investigator at
CAMBR.
Whitaker helped design
another chip, the Low
Density Parity Check
Encoder, which corrects

Whitaker helped design another chip, the Low Density Parity Check Encoder, which corrects errors in space transmissions. It's scheduled to be on a number of missions, he

said.

CAMBR's relationship with
NASA has slowly developed
over 20 years, said Maki. "It's
been a long process of proving ourselves to NASA."
And NASA authorities

ing ourselves to NASA."

And NASA authorities liked the University of Idaho's work and its price-

"The team's capability allows high-end specialized space processors to be devel-oped at a budget level con-



case vive, scenaris was the roat rain-based discretely intendicting for Advanced Microelectronics and Biomolecules Research (CAMBR) grew up is Bahl, and has created a chip, the Bit Plane Encoder, that will help NASA study the earth's magnetic field. Orbe stands next to his engineering

sidered shoe-string by indus-try standards," said Pen-Shu Yeh, senior engineer at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, in a recent press release. "We at NASA are

release. "We at NASA are extremely fortunate to have the U-Idaho team developing these chips." Creating and designing Orbe's chip, which competes with the better known IPEG photo compression system, cost about \$2 to \$3 million, CAMBR authorities said. CAMBR writes proposals and competes with other scientists around the world to make chips for NASA using the space agency's algorithms. The University of Idaho scientists beat out the European Space Agency for European Space Agency for Orbe's chip, Maki confirmed Orbe and Whittaker said

they started tinkering with electronics as children in the

uney startest interting with electronics as children in the Magic Valley. Whitaker, who holds a doctorate in electrical engineering from University of Idaho, says be learned a lot growing up on a farm. "Growing up in that area teaches one a work ethic." said Whitaker. The opportunity to work on farms or haul hay... Just doing manual labor gives an incentive to go to school and get your education." Maki Jokingly attributes.

education."
Maki jokingly attributes
the engineering contributions to something else. "You
folks down'there must have
good water."

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Snow.

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Cactimed from page AL an 80 percent chance of snow, with 4 to 8 inches expected for the western Magic Valley. That prediction rises to 6 to 12 inches in mountain area. Between 5 and 6 inches of snow is expected in the Mini-Cassia area and east across the Snake River Plain.

Most of the storm warn-

ings are in effect until 5 p.m. today, except for the western Magic Valley's, which ends at 11 a.m.

After today, southern Idaho should see a break from the steady storm systems of the past couple of weeks. Snow and wind from the storms were bad enough to cause state authorities to close a section of Interstate 84 from

. Monday through Wednesday. Another weaker storm could Another weaker storm could bring snow to the region Friday or Saturday, but should produce far less than the past few.

The NWS predicts between a 20 and 60 percent chance of snow across south-central Idaho through the weekend, with rain possible in some areas after that.

COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS



Soldier's rank

misidentified

The Dec. 7 articles on Mountain Home Air Force Base misidentified Master Sgt. Brian Orban's rank.

The Times-News regrets the arms.

Number of people assisted understated

The number of people assisted by the East End Providers in Kimberly was understated in an article that appeared on the front page Monday

appeared on the front page Monday. Cecilie Griffith, who runs the organization, said it will assist 250 families with a total

of about 700 children during the Christmas season.

Due to an early deadline. lottery numbers were not available Wednesday night.

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lottery.com or call 208-334-2600.

Foster project helps Filer student spread holiday cheer

The subject of foster care hits close to home in Courtney Barry's family. So last September, when the Filer ligh School senior started considering options for a graduation project, organizing a fundraiser to make the holidays a little better for make the holid

Before selecting a project,

Missing

each senior is required to find someone willing to monitor their progress and share expertise in the student's area of interest. Barry's mentor, lennifer Stallones, is the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare social worker who handles the cases of her foster siblings. "(Barry's) project is unique and extremely important, because we don't often have someone come into the office offering to help in this way. Stallones said. "People seem to be more drawn to the cute younger kids and tend to forget about teenagers who are aware of what's going on and have to deal with their own set of problems."

Under Stallones' direction.

deal with their own set of problems."
Under Stallones' direction, Barry has spent about 30 hours contacting area merchants and encouraging civic organizations to contibute toward a \$4,250 goal to purchase \$50 gift cards for the Magic Valley Mail, Tage and Moxie Java. The cards

will be distributed through the Twin Falls and Burley Health and Welfare offices to

85 teenagers,
"I wrote advance letters to "I wrote advance letters to businesses asking for meet-ings and spoke to Rotary, Optimist and Kiwanis clubs," Barry said, "It got easier the more I did it, but I'm amazed by how generous they all werr."

were."

Barry's speeches and presentations actually helped
her exceed the original goal
by \$875. She plans on using
the additional funds to buy
needed child car seats for the

needed child car seats for the foster program. Senior projects are not only designed to expand aca-demic horizons and provide opportunities for communi-ty service, but they also

include a component of occupational exploration. Before starting her project, Barry was seriously consid-ering a career in social work.

That goal may have changed. "There are a lot of dedicat-There are a lot of dedicated people who work in Health and Welfare who have stressful jobs, and social workers have to go out at all hours of the day and night." Health and the day and night, she said. "I don't know if I could handle that, but the experience of working and talking with people about this project has been fun and has me thinking about maybe going into marketing."

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Squatter stays put in central Idaho

KETCHUM (AP) — A squatter spending the winter south of the central idaho resort mountain town of Ketchum remains despite a deadline for him to leave dell'uered by sheriff's deputies.

Richard Lee Grace, known locally as "Birddog," has been living in an A-frame he built from scrap lumber on private land.

private land. The landowner, Williams

E Simons, recently asked him to leave. Grace instead moved into a tent south of the A-frame. He said his nine cats remain in the A-frame, which is west of Halley. "He told me the cats are going to stay in the A-frame and he's going to step in the tent," said Halley resident Jeramie Dreyfuss, former wife of actor Richard Dreyfuss.





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Researcher studies Idaho's declining aspen population

lie's help in locating Johns, who apparently was without medication needed to con-

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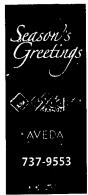
POCATELLO (AP) — A research professor with Idaho State University is comparing maps from the 1920s with current data to determine how fast aspenting in eastern Idaho. Temuulen Sankey is studying aspens around the Caribou-Tanjhee National Forest, and sald the decline is likely due to widliffe policies that tried to prevent fires. "Aspens need fine as a disturbance to sturdye," Sankey told the Idaho State Journal. And aspens lose the major disturbance factor that stimulates growth.

And aspers lose the major disturbance factor that stimulates growth.

She said a lot of research has been done on the aspen's decline in other parts of North America but few scientists have studied aspens in eastern Idaho.

Sankey's research is being paid for with a \$30,000 grant from the U.S. Forost Service and the Southeast Idaho Aspen Working Group.

She's using a digital map to look at satellite images of the amount of land covered by aspens in eastern Idaho to compare with the 1920s maps. Besides the Cariboutarphee National Forest, she said aspens are also found near Dubols, Driggs and lexburg.







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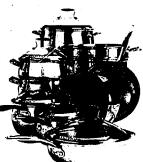
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whether there are any sharp or pointed edges. Even if a toy originally contains no small parts, if it breaks apart,

small parts, if it breaks apart, a hazard could edst.
"They should also make sure there are no small parts like an eye or a nose that can come off the toy." Freymiller said.
Burley mother Kyerin Gochnour said she used to pay a lot more attention to, toy safety when her daughter, Madlsyn, now 4, was younger.

ioy safety when her daughter, Madlsyn, now 4, was younger. "She's old enough now that she knows not to put toys in her mouth," Gochnour said. Gochnour said. Gochnour said when she does examine toys she looks ose if any of the parts are small enough for Madlsyn to see if any of the parts are small enough for Madlsyn to swallow or choke on and she reads the warnings printed on toy packages.

According to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, parents should always examine new toys given to children under 3 years old for small parts that could cause choking. The agency warns that toys containing magnets should never be given to children under 6. Decauser they can cause serious injury or possibly death when ingested. Parents should inspect the toys to see if they have been alred because some toys.

toys to see if they have been nainted because some toys,



even ones manufactured in the United States, can be painted with lead-based paint, which can be harmful to children.

But Freymiller said there is no easy way to tell if a toy has been painted with lead-based paint, so a good bet is to check out recall lists, like the one found on the CPSC

the one found on the CPSC Web site.

Other safety tips include making sure all children playing with ride-on toys are wearing helmets and other safety gear, and toys such as at rockets, darts and sling shots are kept-out of the hands of younger children, said the CPSC.

aid the CPSC. But one of the most overlooked dangers lurks not in the toys themselves but in

the plastic wrapping lying on the floor that the toys came packaged in.

A report released this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled "CDC Childhood Injury Report: Patterns of Unintentional injuries Among 0-19 Year-Olds in the United States, 2000-2006" says in children under age 1, two-thirds of injury-deaths were caused by suffocation. "It's really important to make sure that all of the plastic wrapping the toys are packaged—in gets—thrownaway, 'reymiller said.

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Enviros file appeal of lynx plan

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) —
Conservation groups are asking the U.S. Forest Service to provide more protection for lynx in the southern Rockies.

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Four groups have filed an appeal of a Forest Service management plan for fyrx in national forests in Colorado and one in southern Wyoming. They say the Forest Service made improvements from a draft plan, but the final plan still gives preference to other uses of the forest over habitat for the cat. tot for the cat

tat for the cat.
Durango-based Colorado
Wild, the Center for Native
Ecosystems, Defenders of
Wildlife and WildEarth
Guardians filed the appeal
with the Forest Service
Monday.
The final plan relevant

with the Forest Service Monday. The final plan, released in November, weakens standards and guidelines for logging, snow grooming for recreation, road upgrades and gas and oil development, the groups said.

"If the amendments' weaker standards and guidelines are applied to areas in the Southern Rocky Mountalins. Navx recovery

Mountains, lynx recovery

may be delayed or even thwarted altogether," said Rocky Smith of Colorado Wild.

Wild.
The lynx population in the southern Rockles is small and vulnerable to extinction, even with conservative management, Smith said.
The Colorado Division of

The Colorado Division of Wildlife has released more than 200 lynx from Canada and Alaska in the state since 1999 to restore the cat to Colorado.

At least 116 lynx kittens have been born in Colorado inco the metomitin heau.

since the restoration began. State wildlife blologists say no newborn kittens have been found the last two years, possibly because of a decline in the number of snowshoe hares, the cat's

snowsnoe nares, the cats main prey. The long-haired cats, found mostly at high eleva-tions, are listed by the feder-al government as threatened in 14 states, including Colorado.

Colorado.

The Forest Service has said the plans intent is to manage vegetation to support snowshoe hares. There would be exceptions for logging and other activities in

Environmentalists petition

EPA over ozone concern

lynx habitat to reduce wild-fire risk.

The Forest Service said the

The Forest Service said the final version was modified to give forest managers more flexibility in dealing with the bark beetle infestation that has killed more than 1.5 million acres of pine trees in Colomdo. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed designating 42,753 square miles in six states as critical habitator by the proposed the area under tighter federal oversight. The states are Maine, Minnesota, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Wyoming.

Montana, Washington and Wyoming, Colorado, at the southern tip of the cat's historic territory, was left out of the proposal. Federal officials have said it's not clear if the Colorado population will sustain itself. The agency originally designated only 1,841 square miles in three states as critical laws habitat hus recon-

miles in three states as criti-cal lynx habitat but recon-sidered after allegations that Julie MacDonald, a deputy assistant secretary of the interior, interfered in 'that and other decisions. She

Toymakers say lead law harms workshops

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —
Worries over lead paint in
mass-market toys made the
holidays a little brighter for
handcrafted toy makers last
year, but now the federal
government's response to
the scare has some workshops fearful that this shops fearful that this Christmas might be their

"It's ironic that the compa-nies who never violated the public trust, who have already operated with integrity, are the ones being threatened," said Julia Chen, owner of The Playstore in Palo Alto, which specializes in wooden and organic playthings.

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In a memo released
Wednesday, Consumer
Product Safety Commission
staffers recommended that
the agency exempt some
natural materials from the
lead testing requirements.
Lead paint spurred the
recall of 45 million toya last
year, mostly made in China
for larger manufacturers.
Parents flocked to stores like
The Playstore in the recalls

The Playstore in the recall's aftermath searching for safer

alternatives.

Lawmakers also responded. In August, President Bust imposed the world's strictest lead ban in products for children 12 or younger by signing the Consumer Product. Safety improvement Act.

Small toy makers strongly back the restrictions in the bill, which they say reflect voluntary standards they have long observed to keep harmful substances out of toys. But they never thought help roducts would also be considered a threat.

Under the law, all children's products must be tested for lead and other harmful substances. Toy makers are required to pay a third-party lab for the testing and to put racking labels on all toys to show when and where they were made.

Those requirements make sense for a multinational toy manufacturer churning out thousands of plastic toys on an overseas assembly line, said Dan Marshall, co-owner of Peapods Natural Toys and laby Care in St. Paul, Minn:

But a business that makes, for example, a few hundred handcrafted wooden baby trattles each year cannot afford to pay up to \$4,000 per toy to the said.

Marshall and nearly 100 other toy stores and makes.

other toy stores and makers have formed the Handmade Toy Alliance to ask Congress and the federal agency that

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enforces the law to exempt
small toy companies or those
that make toys entirely within the U.S. from testing and
labeling rules.
Failing that, they want the
Consumer Product Safety
Commission to preemptively
declare unfinished wood,
wool and cotton and foodgrade wood finishes such as
beeswax, mineral oil and
walnut oil to be lead-free.
U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, D.
III., lead sponsor of the legislation, says toy makers
should not worry. Rush
points out that the law
already exempts products
and materials that do not
threaten public safety or
health.
"This exemption should be
"This exemption should be

health.
"This exemption should be sufficient to affect most com-panies," Rush said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

mall to The Associated Press.
Determining what materials fall under that exemption falls to the safety commission, however, which has yet to issue specific guidelines. With a Feb. 10 deadline for complying with the law, small toy makers say they have no choice but to act as if its rules apply to them or risk facing fines of \$100,000 per violation.

Staff toxicolopies or the

Staff toxicologists at the product safety commission told agency commissioners ished natural materials should be considered lead-free. The materials include wood and fibers such as cot-

ton, silk, wool and linen.

The safety commission still must vote on the recomcommission

mendations.
"The agency is diligently The agency Is dilligently working on providing rules that would define some exclusions and some exemptions," said Julie Vallese, a spokeswoman for the product safety commission.

Toy safety activists who helped push the legislation through Congress say they are sympathetic to small toy makers' anxieties.

Charles Marguils of the

are sympathetic to small toy makers' anxieties.
Charles Margulls of the anti-lead Center for Environmental Health in Oakland said exemptions based on natural materials would be "sensible." But "Made in the USA" is not toxic, according to Margulis. "Materials from the US. could be lead-contaminated as well," he said.
One European toy maker has already announced it will stop its exports to the U.S. because of the law's costs and uncertainties. Selecta

because of the law's costs and uncertaintles. Selecta Spielzeug, a German compa-ny, said earlier this month ny, said earlier this mount that it will stop shipping its moden push toys, games wooden push toys, and other products to U.S. stores after Dec. 3

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. An environmental group has filed a petition with the U.S.

filed a petition with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to force 16 Western states to revise their air quality regulations in an effort to trim ozone pollution. WildEarth Guardians said in its 25-page petition filed Tuesday that large cities throughout the West have already violated clean air standards limiting ozone and the problem is spreading to rural areas, including north-western New Mexico and western Wyomling.

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"The Western states are facing an unprecedented challenge in addressing the impacts of ozone air pollu-tion. For the sake of public health, it is a challenge that must be met aggressively." Jeremy Nichols, WildEarth Guardian's elimate and earch guardian's elimate and earch guardian's elimate and earch prompoment of smog, forms when emissions from such experience of the pro-ton o

Mexico, Arizona, California. Colorado, Idalio, Kansas. Montana, Nebraska, Newada. North Dakota, Oklahoma. Oregon, South Dakota, Udah, Washington and Wyoning to revise their air quality regulations to strengthen zone safeguards by 2013.

The group wants the agency to designate an interstate transport region for the West that would prioritize the development of regional solutions to zozne pollution. It also wants the EPA to create an interstate commission.

is talso wants to exome potation. It also wants the EPA to create an interstate commission to assess the degree of zoone pollution transport and strategies to combat the problem.

According to the petition, all or portions of the 16 states are expected to exceed zoone pollution limits by 2018.

"With air quality projected to worsen throughout the West, we need regional solutions, not piecemeal plans or fingerpointing." Nichols said.

The Environmental Protection Agency can provide

"The Environmental Pro-tection Agency can provide the leadership and direction needed to put the West on the path toward clean air." The petition calls for the agency to act on the group's requests within 18 months. EPA spokesman Ionathan Schrader in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday that once the agency receives the peti-tion it will be reviewed and

the agency will respond

the agency will respond appropriately. The EPA earlier this year lowered the federal health sandard for ezone from its previous level of 0.09 pars per million to 0.075 ppm.

The agency estimates that more than 300 counties nationwide will not be able to meet the new standard, although it is not expected to make official non-attainment designations until 2010. 110. WildEarth Guardians con-

WildEarth Guardians con-tends that the EPA has authority under the Clean Air Act to force states to revise their air quality regulations if the rules are found to be "substantially inadequate." Nichols argues that is the case — or soon will be — In the Western states. WildEarth — Guardians decided to petition the EPA now rather than walt for a new federal administration to take over, saying the prob-

to take over, saying the prob-lem needs to be addressed immediately.

"Filing it now really tees it up for the new EPA adminis-

up for the new EPA administrator to give it the priority attention. It deserves, Nichols said. "... We are hopeful the next administrator will not just realize what is the right thing to do from a public health and environment standpoint."



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Gunman identified as father of boy taken hostage in I

LOS ANGELES — A gundam video took a 7-year-old boy hostage and was killed by police after a two-hour stand-off at a Los Angeles-area Chinese restaurant was identified Wednesday as the boy's father; a former child actor who was a fugitive wanted for a 2004 slaying, police said. Manuel Benitez, who police said barricaded himself inside the restaurant with the child, was declared dead, at the eatery soon after gunshots were fired, according to Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department Lt. Llam Gallagher.

The boy also was injured in the shootout and was hospitized in critical condition, although he does not have a life-threatening injury, police said.

Benitez, who is from

Benitez, who is from Hawthorne, was wanted by police in connection with the June 2004 slaying of his girl-



son was born in November 2001, making him 7 years old; earlier reports said the boy was 6.

According to the FBI, Benitez was a former child

actor who used aliases, such as Mark Everett, Manuel Velasco and Mike Evers, to clude authorities. He also may have spoken several lan-guages, including German, French, English, Spanish and Cantonese.

French, English, Spanish and Cantonese.

As a child actor, Benitez was best known for working under the stage name Mark Verett, He starred in. commercials, TV shows and movies, including 'Pee-wee's Big Adventure,' 'Stand and Deliver' and 'Trapper John, M.D.,' according to the Internet Movie Database.

After years away from the camera, he reappeared in 2005 as a real-life fugitive featured on 'America's Most Wanted.' A state warrant was issued for his arrest that year. A federal warrant vas issued for his arrest that year.

in 2006, when he was charged in 2006, when he was charged
with "unlawful flight to avoid
prosecution." A \$20,000
reward was offered for information leading to his capture.
The Tuesday afternoon
incident began in a parking

lot in El Monte, according to witnesses, it ended about 5:30 p.m., when a flash-bang grenade exploded and gunshots echoed inside the building.

Shortly, afterward, authorities carried the boy out on a stretcher and put him in an ambulance.

Henry Villan, 35, was standing in the parking lot talking to a friend when he saw a man roughly dragging a young boy by his T-shirt.

"I just seen a guy taking a young boy by his T-shirt.

"I just seen a guy taking a kid," Villan said.

At first, Villan thought nothing of it because he assumed that the man was the boy's father.

"Sometimes you see bad parents," Villan said.

An El Monte police officer, who had been called to the

parents," Villan said.
An El Monte police officer,
who had been called to the
scene at about 2:30 p.m. to
investigate reports of a tran-sient man and a young boy,
approached the pair and told
the man to let go of the boy,
said El Monte Police
Detective Ralph Batres.

The man resisted and fled, pulling the boy with him. With the boy in a headlock and a gun held to the child's



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Giant snowman rises again in Alaska — mysteriously

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— A glant snowman named Snowzilla has mysteriously appeared again this year — despite the city's cease-and-desist order.

Someone again built the

desist order.

Someone again built the giant snowman in Billy Powers' front yard in an east Anchorage neighborhood. Snowzilla reappeared before dawn Tuesday.

Powers is not taking credit. When questioned Tuesday afternoon, he insisted Snowzilla just somehow happened, again.

For the last three years. Snowzilla just somehow happened, again.

For the last three years. Snowzilla in the chagrin of others—has been a very large feature in Powers' yard. In 2005, Snowzilla rose 16 feat. He had a corroto pipe and carrot nose and two eyes made out of beer bottles.

This year, Snowzilla is estimated to be 25 feet tall. He's wearing a black stovepipe hat and scarf.

Have you seen him?

wearing a black surery wearing a black surery wearing a black surery when you seen him?" Powers asked when reached by telephone at his home, the sound of excited children in the background. "He's hand-round"

Snowzilla has consistently risen outside Powers' modest home. His children — he is the father of seven — collect-

nome, this children — he is the father of seven — collected snow from neighbors yards to make the snowman big enough. Each year, Snowzilla got a bit bigger. Not everybody in the neighborhood liked all the cars and visitors who came to see bim.

City officials this year deemed Snowzilla a public nuisance and safety hazard. A cease- and clesist order was issued. The city tacked a public notice on Powers door.

City officials said the structure increased traffic to the point of endangerment and that the snowman itself was unsafe.

The mayor's office on Tuesday issued a statement defending its move against Snowzilla

Snowzilla.

This property owner has repeatedly ignored city attempts to find ways to accommodate his desire to build a giant snowman without affecting the quiet, residential quality of the neighborhood, said the statement from Mayor Mark Begichs office, This is a neighborhood of small homes on small lost connected by small tost connected by tota connected by small streets. It can't support the volume of traffic and revelers that are interested in Snowzilla."

Snowzilla."
The mayor's office says Powers appears to run a large junk and salvage operation from his home. It has violated land use codes for 13 years, the city said. He owest he city more than \$100,000 in fines and other assessments. Powers said it is the city that has been difficult, not him.

"I have tried to jump

through every goofy hoop they have sent to me. I have never been confrontational and it goes on and on and on and it is so goofy," he said.

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With approaching storms, avalanche danger rises

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Avalanche centers around the Rockies are warning that backcountry conditions are aiready hazardous and likely to become even more danger-ous with approaching stome. Centers in Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming have issued avalanche warn-ines.

ags.

Bob Comey, director of the Bridger-Teton National Forest Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center in Jackson. Said Wednesday that the area already has a weak snowpack. He said additional snowfall of perhaps as much as 2 feet is forecast for coming days. Comey said the center anticipates a major avalanche cycle during the storm and immediately afterward. He says conditions are likely to remain dangerous for some time.

"We are seeing natural avalanche activity." Comey said.
"We have a weak snow pack, and we have a big storn coming in with strong winds. So we expect to see more avalanches. With the accumulations, plus the new snow that's anticipated, we're expecting to see large_avalanches."

The Natlonal Weather

Service is predicting snow in lackson every day through the

lackson every day through the weekend.

The Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center in Bozeman, Mont, reported Wednesday that the avalanche danger in the mountains near Cook City was high on all slopes steeper than 35 degrees and on any wind-loaded ternain. The center reported that four people were partially buried on Saturday and that conditions on Monday were dangerous enough to keep center personnel from entering avalanche terrain in the area.

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ing avalanche terrain in the area.

The Montana center rated the avalanche danger as considerable in many other mountain ranges in the state.

The avalanche danger in Colomdo is growing after days of heavy snows and strong winds. There have been two deaths and three accidents the past 10 days in that state due to avalanches.

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center says the greatest risk is in the mountains west from Frisco to Grand Junction and south from Steamboat Springs to Durango.

Durango.
Shelly Grall of the U.S.
Forest Service says the current Shelly Grall of the U.S. Forest Service says the current threat originated in October when early snows were followed by warm weather. That created layers of sugary, unstable snow and hard snow that break apart when they fixe. Since 1850, Colorado has led the nation in avalanche-related deaths, with 221. The Utah Avalanche Center also is discouraging travel

also is discouraging travel through the backcountry because of increasing danger om snow slides. A wave of winter storms has

Two dead after avalanche in northern Utah

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Two people were killed Wednesday in an avalanche in-northern Utah, the Cache County sher-

Diah, the Cache County sher-iffs office said. Lt. Matt Billodeau said the slide happened at 10:30 a.m. on the backside of Logan Peak, hetween Providence and Logan canyons. The two were in a party of four that was snowmobiling, Bilodeau said. One person had a satellite phone and called authorities after the slide.

canea authorities after the slide. Identities of the dead were not being released pending notification of family. The other two people were not injured, Bliodeau said. It is aid search teams do not believe anyone clse was caught in the avalanche. Avalanche danger across northern Utal has been high this week as new snowfall has made the snowpack increasingly fragile. The Utah Avalanche Center has cautioned people not to wenture. Avalanche Center nas cau-tioned people not to venture into the backcountry.

Logan is about 85 miles

Logan is about 85 north of Salt Lake City.

dumped snow all over Utah, especially in the mountains. Another round expected for Wednesday and today could push the danger level from high to extreme.

says steep slopes where snow has drifted in the wind are the most vulnerable. People are being discountinged from going to the backcountry until the conditions improve.

The avalanche center says a part of the says and the says are says as the says are says as a proper says as a part of the says as a says as a says steep should are the unidentified man was an experienced skier. He was not injured during the inclidents.

The skier escaped that the unidentified man was an experienced skier. He was not injured during the inclidents.

The avalanche center Forecaster

Drew Hardesty told The Salt great a silde 40 feet above

snow went by Hardesty says that then, as the man was try-ing to ski out, another slab broke loose 100 feet above him, foreing him to grab another tree for safety.

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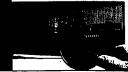
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Amnesia

At the end of October the living situation still felt new; relationships were below. relationships were being worked out. There had been some tense moments here and there, the women

ngreed.
As a unit, however, the three healthy roommates quickly reached the decision to take Hutcheson to the nicky reached the decision reake Hutcheson to the mergency room after noting me darming behaviors. For starters, she didn't w their names, said

mimmate Jaimie meghammer. Too,

Manumer. Poo.
High-teson was dizzy and
had a horrific headache.
After a CT scan, an ER docdetermined Hutcheson
final endured a third-degree
concussion. As is common,
her symptoms would dissigric, he predicted.
He couldn't know
Hutcheson has enjoyed only
a nodding acquaintance with
'common' and this incident

a nodding acquaintance with "common" and this incident

common" and this incident would prave no different. Since she was tiny the Kimberly girl has been a real-lock, her dad said. 'She's very athleic, At 5 or 6, as soon as she could, she started playing Tball. I coached her team. Young Rayla also excelled as occer and basketball, her urthusiasm for sports ggjuled by her magnetic, outgoing nature that attracted ifriends, Bart Hutcheson said.

ed friends, Bart Hutcheson sald.

Kayla starred in multiple sports at Kimberly, helping the Buildogs win a state title in softball her junior year. Sige even found her niche as i place kicker on a Buildog town that made a run to the state semifinals. She was just as steady in the classroom, making the honor roll several times at Kimberly. It was that combination and more that Hazeltine was drawn to as she was recruiting for her 2008-2008 team. Not only is Hutcheson a gifted athlete, she's an above-average student and un "graceptional person." The good popple ... she's a team the good popple ... she's a team that the area.

good people ... she's a team player. Those things are really important to me." Knowing her recruit as

nowing her recruit as

Knowing her recruit as such a capable young woman made it difficult for Hazelihe to graps what she was hearing soon after [Hutcheson's accident. Although the girl's roommates warned her Hutcheson was changed, Hazelline was confident this was conduct regular concussion, like others she's seen over the years. "At the apartment, however, thy situation immediately became more clear, she said.

became more clear, she said.

She didn't know me, even though her roommates had told her I was coming. I start-

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ed asking her questions and she didn't know anything. She couldn't read, she barely

talked."
When Hazeltine got
Hutcheson out of bed, the
young woman couldn't walk
without holding on to some-

without holding on to some-thing.
When Hutcheson spoke, it was in the voice and diction of a little child.
Things got worse. I took , her to her room and showed her pictures on her will and she didn't know anyone.
Hazeltine said, still Increductous six weeks later. I asked her parents' names, her sib-lings. ... she shrugged at every question I asked.
Hazeltine was unprepared

question I asked."
Hazeltine was unprepared
for this level of trauma, she
said. T was sick to my stomach. I couldn't believe this
had happened."
The ER providers assured
the coach nothing had
shown up on a brain scan
and that this was how a
course reconsection.

re concussion looked

But Hazeltine doesn't limit her job to the gym floor and his would be no exception. When I recruit these kids, I make a promise to their par ents to take care of them, bu you never think it's going to be this.

you never think it's going to be this.
"Every year I get 15 new children. Kayla is like a daughter. Every day when I wake up, my first thought is How's Kayla?"
Although Kayla's parents.

How's Kayla?"
Although Kayla's parents,
Bart and Patty Hutcheson,
stayed in constant phone,
contact, everyone assumed
Kayla would return to normal

Kayla would return to normal any moment. It started becoming appar-ent that wasnit to be the case, even after another brain scan still be the started by the started bleeding. When it took Hutcheson 30 seconds to identify a pencil, and another chunk of time to remember what it was used for, Hazeltine grew increasingly worried.

worried.
As for Hutcheson's roommates, they were equally nervous about their roomie.

manes, they were equamy increases, they were equamy increases, they were managed and Johnson, Berghammer and Jill Haney found themselves in the role of parents. They took turns skipping class to stay with Hutcheson, quizzing her on the facts of her life, like her birth date and what she likes to eat. "It was kind of like having a big, huge baby," Johnson said. "The first couple of weeks were really overwhelming, She didn't know what fire was, what a toaster was."

Hutcheson wanted only noodles and cookles for sus-

iance. 'She didn't know what any thing was. She was afraid to try stuff," Johnson said. The roommates discovere

Hutcheson would do almost anything for cookies. At the point she could use walls to balance herself, she would sneak into the kitchen like a

"We gave her cookles to get her to smile," Johnson recounted. "Because we knew someone was in there." When Hutcheson attended

a team practice after a fev days, she was reintroduce her teammates. She could days, she was reintroduced her teammates. She could only sit comfortably in a chaise lounge lawn chair ar she held a basketball like It was a foreign object, Hazeltine sald. "She didn't know anything we were doing. If she 'sort of' understood something, she would give me a thumbs up."
Hutcheson couldn't attend classes at first, couldn't name her pets, couldn't member how to eat a banana.

"She was like a zombie. Hazeltine explained Nonetheless, whe

s, when Bart Nonetheless, when Bart and Patty Hutcheson came to take Kayla home to Kimberly they found a network of support so tightly woven around their daughter that to remove her would have been detrimental, they believed. Not only were Kaylas teachers invested in keeping her learning — they passed her from class to class and offered assignment options — but she was retting stimu.

offered assignment options

but she was getting stimu
lation that would be lacking iauon mat would be lacking at home, Bart said from Idaho. "We both work all day. Here, she would sit on the couch, do nothing but watch TV."

. It wasn't an easy decision

"It went an easy decision." It went against every parental instinct, but we tried not to show her ... but to leave her there, we had to fight down that urge to bring her home."

What's happened to his child is "flat-out weird." Bart added. "It knocked 15 years out of her life. Everything you hear about concussion, they talk about short-term memotalk about short-term me ry loss. You hear nouning about long-term memory s. You hear nothing

loss."
True enough, said
Hrutcheson's primary-care
provider, Dr. Robert Carmody
of Walla Walla Clinic. This
kind of concussion aftermath
just doesn't happen this way
outside of the movies, he
said

said.
"Usually memory loss is of right before and right after the accident. You don't see

the accident. You don't see complex memory loss, except very rarely." Lucky for this patient, Carmody had seen such rari-ty, but only wrice in 30 years of practice he said. While Hutcheson's collision didn't produce visible bleed-ing, "it obviously shook something up. It just tells you the brain is electrical and chemical and more complex

than any computer we could ever devise." Carmody didn't panic. He

knew more testing was unlikely to offer answers, but

unutary to offer answers, but could mean unnecessary expense and worn for the Hutchesons, he said.

"I was comfortable with everyone and doing it myself. I felt we could manage it locally with the great support of the school and the people around Kayla. Reassurance is a big part of this."

He's not anticlonating am.

around Kayla. Reassurances a big part of this."
He's not anticipating any long-term effects for the college freshman, who has enjoyed good health her whole life. Carmody said. "I hope by January you won't be able to tell anything happened."
Maybe. A trip home for Maybe. A trip home for

Maybe. A trip home for Thanksgiving was widely anticipated to act as a cathar-sis for Hutcheson's amnesia. Instead, she ended up h ing out with childhood friends and a brother sh

Instead, she ended up hanging out with childhood friends and a brother she didn't remember, although "everyone was really rice." Hutcheson said.

Even home videos and pictures did little to help the situation. It was hard to watch friends she no longer knew fall apart in a jangle of emotion, the young woman said. "I was freaking out because i didn't know what to do." "She called me," Huzeltine said. "She said, Wow, my town is so little, I cannot believe I grew up here." Somehow, Hutcheson regalned one memory of a family trip to a Six Flags amusement park. But no avalanche of recovered data followed, the coach said, adding people often get impatient, thinking they will be the one ounlock Hutcheson's memories.

"They start talking to me

thinking they will be the one to unlock Hutcheson's mem-ories.
"They start talking to me and don't realize I don't know what they are talking about," Hutcheson explained. Yet there have been signs of recovery. Hutcheson has been released to participate in most of the basketball practice drills. She's writing and reading again.
"Sho's amegine" Hazeltine."

practice drills. She's writing and reading again.
"She's amazing." Hazeltine said. "Kayla's the fastest on our team, the highest jumper, she has relearned all the rules. All her motor skills are coming back but she can't remember the last 18 years."
There's some humor to be found though Mutchagen.

remember the last 18 years There's some humor to b found, though. Hutcheson

retaught herself to text mes sage on her cell phone, much to Carmody's delight — tex-ting takes higher brain activi-

ung taxes right or oran activity, he said.
At first, her spelling was atrocious, Hazeltine noted.
"She would text me, writing 'koach. Then, one day, all her spelling was perfect and I was sure everything had come back."

earned the "T9," or

grin. Some days are still some days are sail exhausting head pain still dogs her. "Other days I'm excited I get to do more things," the athlete said. Her favorite retreat Is the school gym. "It helps me remember more."

more."
Christmas is coming, when the young woman will again get to know relatives on a family trip to Colorado.
Thanks to the tutoring of those around her, Hutcheson knows what the holiday typically holds, and there's one gift shed love to get.

gift she'd love to get.

"I'd like my memory back for Christmas," she said.

Hutcheson's ordeal will have lifelong impact on

have lifelong impact on many. Johnson, Haney and Berghammer left the self-absorbed world of young adults behind to take care of Hutcheson, That included taking notes in class for he making one lunch for then ss for her.

selves and an extra one for Hutcheson, in addition to doing her laundry. "Our communication skills really improved," Johnson said. "We had to coordinate Vools were."

said. "We had to coordinate Kayla care." Those are Important life skills, she added. "Hearned sometimes you have to do things without recognition." Like when she had to get Hutcheson up and moving, to walk off all those cookles and stay in game shape. "She was mad at me. But later she'll thank me for helps a ie'll thank me for being a

sixel it hank me for being a jerk."

The experience has led to deep conversation among the young women.

"After Kayla got hit and her humanism' came back, before she could remember us, she immediately had her unique personality." Johnson said, sitting cross-legged on a couch in the apartment. It might be described as a person's soul, she ruminated. But perhaps more of a person's nucleus. "Even if you're wiped clean and start over, is there something that is partly physical, party spiritual, part emotion' it would be the core of a person, i guess." She saw that in Hutcheson in the first hours after the crash, Johnson said. "The one cool thing, when we were asking her questions and showing her pictures, I showed her a picture of Jesus. "She knew his name."







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ow it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar torth from Caesar
Augustus that a census of
the whole world should be
taxed. This first census took place while
Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all
were going, each to his own town, to

were going, each to his own town, to register.
And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth Into Judea to the town of Pavid, which is called Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.
And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manager, because there was no roon for them at the inn.
And there were shepherds in the

him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no roop for them at the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the flelds and keaping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round and the glory of God in the should be glory of God in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find an infanit wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying. "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another. "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

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Bleeding-heart liberals don't give 'til it hurts

This holiday season is a time to examine who's been naughty and who's been nice, but I'm unhappy with my findings. The problem is this: We liberals are personal

is this. We liberals are personally stingy.

Liberals show tremendous compassion in pushing for generous government spending to help the needlest people at home and abroad. Yet when it comes to individual contributions to charitable causes, liberals are cheapskates.

Arthur Brooks, the author of book on donors to charity. Who Really Cares, cites data that households headed by conservatives give 30 percent more to charity.

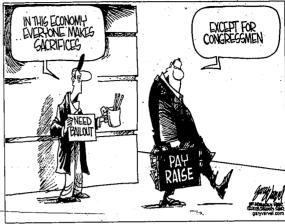
that households headed by conservatives give 30 percent more to charity than households headed by liberals. As study by Google found an even greater disproportion: average annual contributions reported by conservatives were almost double those of liberals. Other research has reached

by conservatives were almost double those of liberals.
Other research has reached similar conclusions. The 'generosity index' from the Catalogue for Philanthropy typically finds that red states are the most likely to give to nonprofits, while Northeastern states are least likely to do so. The upshot is that Democrats, who got a state and homeless, personally fork over the state of the construction of th

political liberals — who, i believed, genuinely cared more about others than conservatives did — would turn out to be the most privately charitable peo-ple. So when my early findings led me to the opposite conclu-sion, i assumed i had made some sort of technical error. I meran analyses, I got new data. re-ran analyses. I got new data. Nothing worked. In the end, I had no option but to change

had no option but to change my views."

Something similar is true Internationally, European coun tries seem to show more com-passion than the United States in providing safety nets for the poor, and they give far more humanitarian foreign aid per capita than the United States does. But as individuals,





NICHOLAS KRISTOF

ble than Americans.
Americans give sums to charlive equivalent to 1.67 percent of GNB, according to a terrific new book. "Philambrocapitalism," by Matthew Bishop and Michael Green. The British are second, with 0.73 percent, while the stinglest people on the list are the French, at 0.14 percent. When liberals see the data on giving, they tend to protest that conservatives look good only because they shower dollars on churches — that a fair amount of that money isn't helping the poor, but simply constructing lavish spires.
It's true that religion is the essential reason conservatives give more, and religious liberals are as generous as religious conservatives.
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Among the stinglest of the stingy are secular conservatives.

According to Google's figures. if donations to all religious organizations are excluded, lib-erals give slightly more to chari-ty than conservatives do. But Brooks says that if measuring by the percentage of income given, conservatives are more generous than liberals even to

given, conservatives are more generous than liberals even to secular causes. In any case, if conservative donations often end up building extravagant churches, liberal donations frequently sustain at museums, symphonies, schools and universities that cater to the well-off. (it's great to support the arts and education, but they're not the same as charity for the needy. And some research suggests that donations to education actually increase inequality because they go mostly to elite institutions attended by the wealthy.)

Conservatives also appear to be more generous than liberals in nonfinancial ways. Foole in red states are considerably more likely to voluntee.

good causes, and conservatives give blood more often. If liber-als and moderates gave blood as often as conservatives, Brooks said, the U.S. blood sup-ply would increase by 45 per-cent. So, you've guessed it! This column is a transparent attempt this holiday season to shame liberals into being more

stame liberals into being more charitable.

Since I often scold
Republicans for being callous in their policles toward the needy, it seems only fair to reproach Democrats for being cheap in their private donations. What I want for Christmas is a healthy competition between left and right to see who actually does more for the needlest. Of course, given the economic pinch these days, charly isn't on the top of anyone's agenda. Yet the financial ability to contibute to charity, and the willingness to do so, are strikingly unrelated. Amazingly, the working poor, who have the least resources, somethow manage to be more generous as a percent-

be more generous as a percent-age of income than the middle class.

ciass.
So, even in tough times, there are ways to help. Come on liberals, redeem yourselves, and put your wallets where your hearts are.

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Despite bad news, we ought not miss the 'Oughts'

The beginning of 2009 is in sight, and the end of the '00's is at hand.

We Americans tend to think of our popular culture in decadal terms: "The Flifles." The Elighties" and so on, with each span conjuring up its own stew of fashions, songs and movies in the mind's eye.

Since this way of thinking is ultimately more about retrospective attempts to capture a national mood or spirit of the times than it is about historical precision, but images and events we summon don't always line up with the round-numbered years. It has been noted, for instance, that when we think of "The Sixtles" in terms of music, we are usually talking about little more than a five-year stretch, from The Beades arrival in 1984 to Woodstock in 1963. In political terms, however, The Sixtles started right on time, with the youthful John E Kennedy taking the tooth from the quintessential Fliflets political icon. President Dwight David 'Ike' Elsenhower.

The current decade, which some call "The Oughts," had a similarly prompt beginning, with



DAN RATHER

the disputed 2000 presidential election as the perfect opening scene to the division, paranola and bare-knuckled executive spin to come — but this decade curtain is falling ayer early. And not just the political decade, but the decade as a whole.

With the other elements of opular culture too balkanized popular culture too balkanized to garner mass recognition (perhaps the biggest identifiable trends of The Oughts have been the nonstop arrival and departure of niche "microtrends"... and blogging—generally by and for devotees of these same microtrends, the Bush presidency has had the decadal stage pretty much to itself. Like all snap historical judgments, this is subject to revision, but when one looks back on this decade in future years, it seems

Mallard Fillmore

likely one will think of 9/11, Iraq, Afghanistan, Hurricane Katrina, Afghanistan, Hurricane Katrina, the ongoing financial melidown and little else — all framed and sumounted by the actions and reactions of the Bush White House.

When 12:01 p.m. of Jan. 20, 2009, rolls around, we will still be apprentiators of

When 12:01 p.m. of Jan. 20, 2009, rolls around, we will still be at war with the perpetrators of 9/11, American troops will still be in iraq and Afghanistan, New Orleans will remain forever changed, and our economy will still (almost certainty) be in shambles. But George Bush will no longer be president. Mentally and emotionally, America will be looking, as we are already, to the next era. For

are already, to the next era. For better or worse, "The Teens" — or, at very least, "The Tweens" -

or, at very least, "The Tweens"—will have begun.
We can only guess what woes or good fortune may befall us in this next era. Will The Teens—and their new president—remain overshadowed by the geopolitical and economic chalenges imposed by The Oughts? Or will policy and politics code the decade's spotlight to stunning new scientific thevelopments or exciting new movements in the arts? There will be

If we are to venture guesses we can only do so in reaction what has come before. In this spirit, we might imagine that The Teens will be, in their earliest cterized by thrift at me (look for a mass return to DIY — "Do It Yourself" aesthetic) and a self-conscious desire for comity and multilater-

desire for comity and multilater-alism abroad.

In all spheres, one can bank on a widespread yearning for that legendary decade known as 'The Good Old Days,' the precise dates of which correspond to the childhood years of whoever is-doing the yearning.

For a nation on the verge of a new era, the picture remains unclear. But for individual Americans facing a new year, the hopes stay the same: Peace, Health and Happiness — and these I wish to you in this holiday season and in the year to come.

Former CRS News anchor Dan Rather wrote this commen for Hearst Newspapers.

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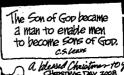














OTHER VIEWS

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



Ketchum's dubious

Idaho Mountain Express

Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall and the City Council need to demonstrate to the public that they're not buy-ing a pig in a poke by accepting a \$1.3 million payment and a lease on four acres of property with clouded development rights in lieu of construction of workforce housing by the Thunder Spring development.

They also need to explain why the city should strike a

why the city should strike a deal with a development owned by the failed finan-cial services firm Lehman Bros.

The deal was approved (fast) week.

It followed the council's rejection of the recommen-dation of its own Planning and Zoning Commission to allow Thunder Spring to build workforce housing on property bordering the property bordering the Bigwood Golf Course.

agreed to accept a lease with only the hope that the property's owners will donate it to the city.

Worse, the property is clouded by legal questio because of a plat note because of a plat note imposed by a long-ago City Council that called for it to remain open in perpetuity. At best, a declaratory judg-ment court action will be necessary to remove the

cloud.
The city needs to show how, where and when work-force housing, not a fire station as one councilman proposed, will be built.
In-lieu payments for anything from parking to housing have a deservedly bad reputation in Ketchum. reputation in Ketchum.
Historically, the glacial pace of government and failure to accrue fast enough to keep up with construction cost increases has removed.

p with construction cost icreases has ravaged them. The city shouldn't be oing a questionable deal estionable deal just to get upset developers and upset neighbors off its



penalty

Idaho Statesman, Boise

More than eight years

after Samantha Maher was abducted, raped and mur-dered, and five years after Darrell Payne was sen-tenced to death for this crime, his case is going back

crime, his case is going put-to court.

And this should concern anyone on either side of the emotional debate over capi-tal punishment.

For all its finality, the process of the death penalty is excruciatingly slow. So slow that it is reasonable to question its fiscal and emo-tional costs.

Pavne's reprieve from.

tional costs.

Payne's reprieve from
death row stems from
unusual circumstances.
During the original sentencing, 4th District Judge
Thomas Neville allowed her's family and friends Maher's family and friends to describe Payne as an evil sociopath, and to say they'd like to see Payne rot in hell or face torture. These com-ments were unconstitution-al, said the Idaho Supreme

al, said the Idaho Supreme Court, which has put Payne's fase into the hands of a Jury. But have said to a Jury. But years and counting. But even when the process mores swiftly — by the glacial standards of capital punishment — the tax-payer cost is enormous. Keith Eugene Wells dropped his appeals in connection with a pair of 1990 murders, yet his 1994 execution still cost Idaho taxpayers more than \$1 million ... There is no more recent There is no more recent example, based on 2008 dol-lars, because Wells is the only person executed in Idaho since 1957.

It costs about \$20,000 a year to keep an Idaho inmate behind bars — and

that is in 2008 dollars. The human cost of a cum-

ment process cannot be cal-culated and can only be imagined. The death penal-ty has provided no closure for those closest to Maher — only the prospect of more court testimony detailing the July 2000 slaving of the 22-year-old Boise State University student. This should make even death penalty proponents think twice...

... our painful past Spokesman-Review Spokane, Wash.

It would have been so easy for an awkward feue erupt over the aging mut that adorn the former Ac County Courthouse in Boise. It didn't happen,

Boise. It didn't happen, thanks to a group of Idahoans who resolved a potentially volatile situation with reason and maturity. The 26 Depression-era murals were palinted about 70 years ago under the Works Progress. Administration. Most are uncontroversial, but two uncontroversial, but two depict white ploneers apprehending and prepar-ing to lynch a buckskin-clad Indian.

One doesn't have to be an American Indian to gras the hurtfulness of the in of a Native man — a symbolic ancestor — kneeling between two captors while a noose dangles from a branch above.

For a time, the two trou-

blesome panels were con-cealed by strategically placed American and Idaho

state flags. But when the Idah



the official state Capitol is renovated, the insensitivity of the display forced a more extensive discussion. That discussion has pro-duced a rational decision that justifies the year and a half spent crafting it. The murals will not be destroyed they continue to go unex-plained.

plained.

They will remain on dis-play, but soon they will be accompanied by interpretive plaques, the wording on which has been agreed to by state officials and representatives of Idaho's five soverelgn Indian tribes. The plaques will provide an appropriate context that acknowledges the culture

tensions that marked the history of the region ... This incident never rose to the kind of heated divi-siveness that South Carolinians dealt with over

aveniess that south over the Confederate flag. But cultural tensions can and do get loud and ugly in a hurry lust look at the current hose tilides over religious and anti-religious displays in the Washington state Capitol. The sensible approach used in Idaño averred the embarrassment that cable news anchors snack on for weeks. More importantly, the state's residents and visitors will benefit from a clearer and more hones presentation of the regions history.

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China isn't going to rescue us this time

I ONG KONG — I had no idea that many of those oil paintings that hang in hotel rooms and starter homes across America

that hang in hotel rooms and starter homes across America are actually produced by justnot Chinese village, Dafen, north of Hong Kong, And I had no idea that Dafen's artist colony — the world's leading center for mass-produced artwork and knockoffs of masterpieces — had been dewastated by the bursting of the U.S. housing bubbe. I should have, though.

"American property owners and hotels were usually the biggest consumers of Dafen's works," Zhou Xiaohong, deputy head of the Art Industry Association of Dafen, told Hong Kong's Sunday Morning Post. The more houses built in the United States, the more walls that needed our paintings. Now our business has frozen following the crash of the Western property market."

Dafen is just one of a millon Chinese and American enterprises that constitute the most important econom-

Dafen is just one of a million Chinese and American
enterprises that constitute
the most important economic engine in the world today
—what historian Niall
Ferguson calls "Chimerica,"
the de facto partmership
between Chinese savers and
producers and U.S. spenders
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indeprovers. That 30-yearold partnership is about to
undergo a radical restructuring as a result of the current
economic crisis, and the
global economy will be high
junpacted by the outcome.
After all, it was China's willingness to hold the dollars
and Treasury bills it had
earned from exporting to
American that helped keep
U.S. interest rates low, giving
Americans the money they
needed to keep buying
shoes, flat-screen TVs and
palntings from China, as well
as homes in America.
Americans then borrowed
against those homes to con-

against those homes to con-sume even more — one rea-son we enjoyed rising wealth without rising incomes.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

This division of labor not only nourished our respective economies, but also shaped our poblitics. It enabled China's ruling Communist Parry to say to its people: "We will guarantee you ever-higher standards of living, and in return you will stay out of politics and let us rule." So China's leaders could enjoy double-digit could enjoy double-digit growth without political reform. And it enabled suc-cessive U.S. administrations, cessive U.S. administrations, particularly the current one; to tell Americans: "You can have guns and butter—sub-prime mortgages with noth-ing down and nothing to pay for two years, ever-higher consumption and two wars, without tax increases!" It all worked—until it did-

It all worked — until it didnt.
With unemployment now
soaring across the U.S., said
Stephen Roach, the chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia,
Americans can no longer buy
so many Chinese exports. We
need to save more, invest
more, consume less and
throw out most of our credit
cards to bail ourselves out of
this crisis.
But as that happens, we
need the Chinese buy more
of what China produces and
more imports from the rest
of the world. That's the only
way Beljing can sustain the

of the world. I hat's the only way Beijing can sustain the minimum 8 percent growth it needs to maintain the politineeds to maintain the politi cal bargain between China's leaders and led — not to mention pick up some of the slack in the global economy

from America's slowdown.
However, if I've learned
one thing here, it's just how
hard doing that will be.
China's whole system and



spending, and changing that will require a huge "cultural and structural" shift, said Fred Hu, chairman for Greater China for Goldman

Sachs.
In China, for instance, to
buy a home you have to put
at least 20 percent down, and
the average is 40 percent. If
you try to walk away from
the mortgage, the bank will
come after your personal
assets. Moreover, China can't just shift production from the U.S. market to its own consumers. Not many

consumers. Not many Chinese villagers want to buy \$400 tennis shoes or Christmas tree ornaments. Also, China has no real Social Security, health insur-Sacial Security, health insur-ance or unemployment insurance. Without that social safety net, it's hard to see how Chinese don't end up saving most of their stim-ulus. "You open up the news paper every day, and you hear about this factory shar-ting down or that supplier going belly-up," said Wille Fung, whose company, Top Form International, is the world's leading bra maker."

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"You can never be too careful in this financial climate." As such, 'the world should not have a failse hope that China can cushion the global downturn. 'by stimulating its domestic demand in a big way, said Frank Gong, head of China research for JPMorgan Chase. "The best thing China can too is keep its own economy stable." It's good advice. China is not going to rescue us or the world economy. We're going

nts good advice. That is not going to rescue us or the world economy. We're going to have to get out of this crisis the old-fashioned way; by digging inside ourselves and getting back to basics—improving U.S. productivity, saving more, studying harder and inventing more stuff to export. The days of phony prosperity—I borrow cheap money from China to build a house and then borrow on that house to buy cheap paintings from China to becaute my walls and everybody is a winner—are over.

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Idaho's workforce continues to grow older

Retiring baby boomers will create future worker shortage

Times-News staff

An update of the U.S. Census Bureau's report on the impact older workers have on the work force high-lights how much Idaho's labor force has aged in just a

few years.
Data from the Local
Employment Dynamics program, which merges labor
market information with
demographics, show that just
over 16 percent of Idaho's
2007 labor force was over 55.

That was up almost two per-centage points from 2004 and more than four percentage points from 2001.

points from 2001. Last year, 83,000 of Idaho's 644,000 jobs were held by workers 55 and older — that compared to 79,000 of the 567,000 jobs in 2004.

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Private education and utilities reported that more than a quarter of their workers were 55 or older in 2007.
Government, transportation

estate reported that more than one-fifth of workers were 55 and older.

than one-fifth of workers were 55 and older.
"Changes in the size and composition of age groups may affect government program and policy choices and the options available to businesses," the Census Bureau sald in its 2004 report on older workers in Idaho, which was released in November. Information was updated

by Idaho Department of Labor to reflect the situation While the national reces

"While the national recession has pushed Idaho's unemployment rate to a 15-year high. the unrelenting movement of the state's baby boomers toward retirement indicates that what is a surplus of workers today, will become a shortage of workers in a decade or less," said Department of Labor

Unlenkott.
People who continue
working after the traditional
retirement age of 65 have also
increased, rising from 2.3
percent of the work force in
2001 to 2.7 percent in 2004 to
3.2 percent in 2007. But three
of every four workers still
retired at or before 65 in 2007
just as they had in 2001, and

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After the market's unraveling,

Analysts: Wall Street must earn back public trust

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NEW YORK — After a year of devastating losses, the stock market has the makings of a recovery in 2009: Nearly \$9 crillion in cash on the sidelines, waiting to be invested. But before investors can feel comfortable diving back in, they'll need to overcome

But order investors can feel comfortable diving back in, they'll need to overcome the chilling effects of a recession and their distrust of how Wall Street operates. "So many people have so badly darnaged," said Alfred E. Goldman, chlef market strategist at Wachovia Securities, who has spent the street of the lion in money supply, as measured by the St. Louis ve, could be fun Federal Reserve, could be fun-neled back into stocks, bonds and other investments.

Fear on the part of investors and consumers alike could make the process slow and

make the process stor and choppy next year.
Gavin Rampersaud, who lives in New York with his wife, bought land in Florida in 2005 as an investment property, and it has fallen in value from about \$80,000 to \$20,000. And he still has his New York mort-owe to naw.

he still has many agge to pay.

"We've already cut back a lot. We don't go out as much,"
Rampersaud said. "Investing?

es from now, eco-



A trader takes a break in front of the New York Stock Exchange in New York as the Dow Jones Industrial Average a

Wall Street hits After a year of devastating losses on Wall Strecord highs and lows be poured back into the market.



professors may well point to 2008 as the year capi-talism went on life support.

Home prices sank further than any mortgage lender could have imagined. Banks including Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Washington Mutual Inc. failed, and many

others received government funding or were bought up in desperate shotgan deals. As Investors recoiled and cashed out even their safe assets to build up reserves, the Dow lones industrial average tumbled by as much as 47 percent from its October 2007 record. The stock market's drop between October 2007 and November 2008 wiped out more than \$10 trillion in stockholder wealth. In 2008, governments around the world have showed trillions of dollars into the financial system, primarily by offering and guaranteeing various types of loans and investing in troubled companies. Signs are emerging that these rescue plans are beginning to stick.

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New presidency makes 2009 planning complex

mall businesses trying to plan their finances for 2009 are finding the process complicated not only by the recession, but by the uncertainty about what governments at all levels will be doing to either stimulate the econ

lost tax revenues.

Business owners are waiting to see how they might benefit under the stimulus plan that the Obarna administration is expected to present soon after it takes office.



SMALL TALK Joyce M.

Small businesses also face knowns from their state and local governments - in s, for example, property taxes will be going up, which will affect compaer they own rent

nles whether they own rent their premises. Governments are likely to act quickly in the new year, and small business advocates asy company owners need to follow the news closely to see how they might be affected.

There is a possibility of some changes being made that could be beneficial, but they could be short-term." said Bill Ryx, ux counsel for

they could be short-term," said Bill Rys, tax counsel for Washington, D.C.-based National Federation of

Independent Business.
"There could be an opportunity for a lot of savings, and
you don't want to miss that
savings."
Rys added, "we could see a
lot of changes in a short
amount of time."

Among the questions to be answered under the Obama administration and the new Congress that convenes in January is whether two busi-ness features of the 2008 economic stimulus plan will be extended or modified for

ling of what's known ection 179 deduction which allows small businesses to deduct up-front the cost of equipment such as computers, cars, office furniture and manufacturing machinery. The deduction for 2008 was \$250,000, up from an originally planned \$128,000.

Also uncertain is the future of the 50 percent

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November personal spending falls 0.6 percent -

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON Consumer spending fell for a fifth straight month in November, the longest week stretch in a half-century, while incomes declined under the weight of massive job layoffs. The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that consumer spending fell by 0.6 percent last month, slightly smaller than the 0.7 percent drop that economists had expected. Annerfens' incomes fell by a worse-than-expected WASHINGTON

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reflected in part the fact that more than a half-mil-lion jobs were cut in November as the reces-sion deepened.

The 0.6 percent drop in consumer spending fol-lowed an even larger 1 percent fall in October. However, the steep plunge in gasoline prices, which is actually good news for consumers, made the declines look worse. Excluding olice changes. declines look worse. Excluding price changes, consumer spending

Excluding price changes, consumer spending would have dropped by 0.5 percent in October and actually risen by 0.6 percent in November. The November increase excluding inflation was the best showing in more than three years.

Still, economists think the overall trend for consumer spending is down, given the problems facing the conomy including the longest recession in a quarter century, a severe financial crisis that has cut off access to credit for millions of borrowers and a massive wave of joh layoffs.

All of those troubles have left retailers braced for what could be their worst holiday shopping season in decades.

Economists don't think Economists don't think the hard times will end any time soon. The government reported Thursday that the overall economy, as measured by gross domestic product, was declining at an annual rate of 0.5 percent in the luly-September quarter and analysts believe the contraction will accelerated in the current quarter.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lower chip prices add to Micron's 1Q pain

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. cited falling chip prices for first-quarter losses that were deeper than analysts projected, prompting the company to lower the value of its inventory and work in progress

projected, prompting the company to lower the value of its inventory and work in progress.

The Boise-based memory chip maker Tuesday posted a loss of \$706 million, or 91 cents per share, during the period that ended Dec. 4. The first-quarter flacal 2009 results compare with a loss of \$262 million, or 34 cents per share, during the same period a year ago, it also marks the eighth consecutive quarterly loss for the company.

The loss was more than double the projection of analysts, who on average had forecast a loss of 45 cents per share, according to Thomson Reuters.

The company ended the quarter with 51 billion in cash and short-term investments. Sales of its memory products during the latest period totaled \$1.4 billion, down 8.7 percent from \$1.54 billion, down 8.7 percent from \$1.54 billion during the same period a year ago.

New jobless claims jump more than expected

WASHINGTON — New claims for unemployment benefits rose more than expected last week, the govern-

ment said Wednesday, as layoffs spread throughout the economy, more evi-dence the labor market is weakening as the recession deepens.

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The Labor Department reported that initial requests for Jobless henelits rose to a seasonally adjusted 586,000 in the week ending Dec. 20, from an upwardly revised figure of 555,000 the previous week. That's much more than the 500,000 economists had expected.

That's also the highest level of claims since November 1982, though the work force has grown by about half since then.

Mortgage applications highest since mid-2003

highest since mid-2003
WASHING-TON — Mortgage appli-cations spiked last week to their high-est level in more than five years. Borrowers took advantage of rates that fell to near-record lows after the gov-ernment pledged to funnol money into the mortgage market.
While borrowers around the country are taking advantage of historically low rates to refinance their loans, the opportunity isn't available to borrow-ers with poor credit or little equity in their homes, and foreclosures are still likely to surge.

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The Mortgage Bankers Association said Wednesday its application index surged 48 percent in the week ended

Dec. 19 to 1245.5, the highest level since July 2003, when refinancing activity bounted at the peak of the housing market. More than 80 percent of applications came from borrowers tracking to refinance into leans with most affordable rates, the trade group said.

Wal-Mart agrees to pay workers up to \$640 million

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PORTLAND, Ore, — Wal-Mart Stores
Inc., the world's largest retailer, said it
will pay as much as \$640 million to settie 65 lawsuits over wage-and-hour violations, ending years of dispute.
The discount retailer, which has
more than 1.4 million employees, said
the amount it pays will depend on how
many claims are submitted by eligible
workers and could range from \$352
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million to \$540 million.

The agreement the company announced Tuesday ends the vast majority of such cases against Wal-Mart. Each settlement still must be approved by a trial court.

The Bentomille, Ark-based company said many of the settled lawsuits were filed years ago and the allegations are not representative of the company Wal-Mart is today.

Wal-Mart, stores in Idaho are not affected by the settlement.

— The Associated Press

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many who continue working do so just part time,
based on their average
wage typically dropping to
between half and twothirds of what it had been.
Only Idaho's two smallest counties — Clark and
Camas — saw the percentage of the 55-and-older
work force decline from
2001 to 2007.

work force decline from 2001 to 2007. Nearly half of the work force 55 and older was employed in just four sec-

tors. Private education had over 14 percent, health care 12 percent retail trade 11.5 percent and manufac-turing just over 10 percent. Mining and utilities each had less than 1 percent of the older workers. the older workers. Thirteen of the 20 sec-

Thirteen of the 20 sectors saw percentages of 55-and-older workers increase at least two percentage points from 2004. Only mining posted a decline in the percentage of older workers.

Recovery

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But getting U.S. stocks moving higher again — let alone back to their 2007 levels

alone back to their 2007 levels—is going to be a long haul. The credit crunch is forcing large investors from the super-rich to hedge funds to pension funds to governments to take on less risk. And after the news came out that investment adviser and former Nasdag stock market chairman Bernard Madoff allegeldy bliked clients out of \$50 billion through a fraudu-

lent fund, investors have even more reason to adhere to safer, tried-and-true strate-

gles, "Bernie Madoff has created "Bernic Madoff has created a real issue for high net worth individuals, and it reaches around the world," said Robert Howell, a finance professor at Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business, "We're not going to have people handing over millions and millions of dollars to hedge fund managers with no accountability."

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The Dow Jones industrial average rose 48.99, or 0.58 percent, to

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index is well off its Novertheer lows, but is still down for the typically strong month of December.

Broader stock indicators also gained. The Standard & Poor's 500 index futures rose 4.99, or 0.58 percent, to 868.15, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 3.36, or 0.22 percent, to 1.524.90.
Wednesday's stock moves were considered largely inconsequential in the grand scheme of things. Trading volumes were extremely low ahead of Christmas, and the markets closed early Wednesday at 1, p.m. Eastern time. And with only four trading days left in 2008, most buying and selling appeared to be investors trying to dress up their portfolios after a year of unprecedented market turmoil.

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the mileage deduction for vehicles used for business purposes; the IRS has announced the deduction announced the deduction is being lowered to 55 cents from 58.5 cents in the second half of 2008. The government had sharply increased the deduction due to the spike in gas prices from 50.5 cents. It's likely that a variety of tax proposals will be floated by lawmakers and also by business advocates. The National Federation of Independent Business is campaigning for the gov-

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roll taxes — employees' and employers' contribu-tions to the Social Security system — for six months. Rys said such a step would "get this money back into the hands of small businesses and their businesses and their employees." The tax amounts to 6.2

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approved. In New York City, property taxes are going up, Still, tax breaks are

Still, tax breaks are expected in some form next year, And small business owners will be looking beyond taxes to see how they might benefit from federal, state and local economic stimulus plans. Owners whose companies are in construction-related industries are likely wondering if they'll be able

to get some work from President-elect Barack Obama's plan to stimulate the economy through a massive public works pro-gram. For example, asphalt and cement producers located near a road improvement project are probably hoping to pick up some of that business.

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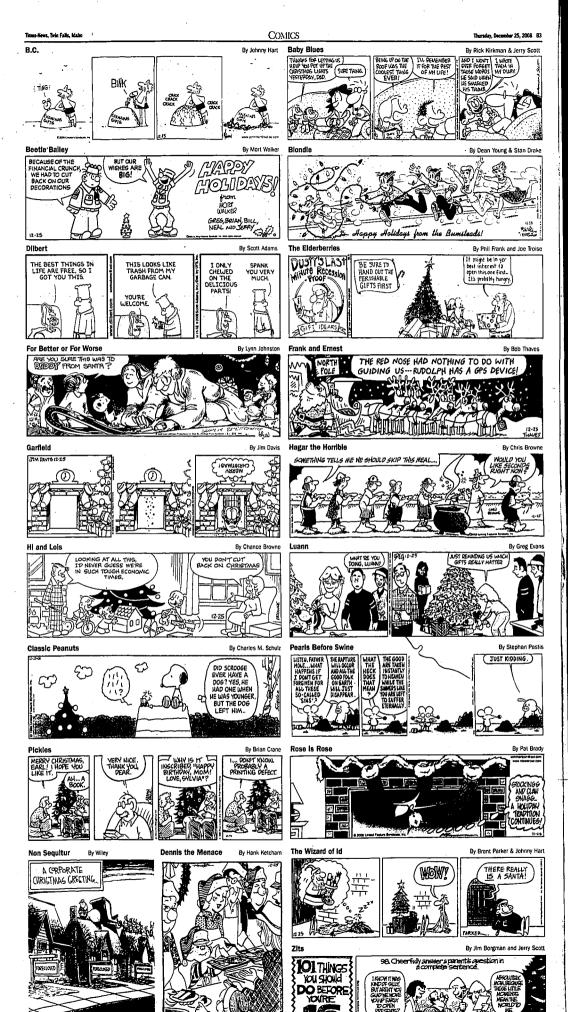
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course.
Others see only some geek qualities, qualifying the president-elect as merely "nerd-adjacent." After all, he's an athlete and kind of cool, some experts demur. Still, there's enough there for geeks to celebrate.
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Psychology professor Larry Welkowitz of Keene State College in New State College in New Hampshire hopefully spec-ulated that there's a shift in what's cool and that "smart can be in. Maybe that started with the computer pro-grammers of the '90s. The Bill Gateses of the world are OK."

The Obama transition team would not comment on the president-elect's geek qualities, even when it was suggested those could be positive. And his old college friends give the geek idea a spilt vote. While Margot Mifflin, now a journalism professor in New York, said she saw no geeky signs in Obama as a freshman at Occidental College in California, Kamiekoleh Klmbrew Usafi recalled it differently, despite the lack of technology back in 1979. 'He's a geek because he was smart. 'Usafi said, noting that Occidental was a geeky school to start with, billing itself as the Yale of the West. 'I remember he would be hitting his books, the would see him in the library.... There were a lot of girls that liked blim hereause he

would see him in the library.... There were a lot of girls that liked him because he was cute, but he kept his head in the direction he was going in. I would see him studying all the time."

When magazine first crowed about Obs.

Wired magazine first crowed about Obama the geek, complete with five reasons in its GeekDad blog. A lot depends on definition of geek, which to Wired is more a compliment than insult.

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GeekDad contributor
Matt Blum, a software engineer in Reston, Va. Gelnes
geeks as having high inteljects, embracing technology
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geek culture of science fiction and fantaway.
Geeks know and use references from Star Trek,"
"Dungeons and Dragons"

and comic books. And, he added, they are nit-picky, unafraid to correct mixed science fiction metaphors, such as confusing Star Trek's Andorians with "Star Wars"

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So a quick geek cultural check for Obama:

check for Obama:

• Technology. Click that icon. He's the candidate who tried to announce his vice presidential pick by text message and embraced Facebook as a campaign tool. He's seldom seen without a BlackBerry and talks of chief technology officer for the nation.

• Comic books. As a youngster, Obama collected

a chief technology officer for the nation.

• Comic books. As a youngster, Obama collected Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comic books. His Senate Web site used to have a photo of him posling in front of a Superman statue, and in October at New Yorks Alfred Smith dinner he joked: "I was actually born on Krypton and sent here by my father jor-El to save the planet Earth." Jor-El was the father of Superman, born on the planet Krypton.

• "Star Trek." the long-tunning Ty show. According to the actor Leonard Nimoy, who played Mr. Spock in the web spile frour-fingered Vulcan salute when the two crossed paths last year. In May in Des Molines, Newsweek caught Obama leasing wife Michelle about het belt buckle, saying it was studded with Saar Trek-powering dillithium crystals and adding. "Beam me up, Scotty" As he laughed at his own Joke, Michelle Obama rolled her eyes, as geek wives often do.

Friends say money manager was ashamed over Madoff

NEW YORK - The fraud NEW YORK — The fraud may not have been the work of Rene-Thierry Magon de La Villehuchet, but it came on his watch. For a man with a deep sense of rectitude, that

his watch. For a man with a deep sense of rectude, that was shame enough.
Friends and colleagues tried to console the fund manager, the scion of French end of the fund manager, the scion of French end of the fund manager, who despaired after losing more than \$1 billion of his wealthy clients' money in the Ponzi scheme allegedly run by Wall Street wizard Bernard Madoff.
"Listen, people make mistakes," Leon Cooperman, founder of hedge fund Omega Advisors, said he told de La Villehuchet in a telephone conversation Monday. You're not at fault and you have to pick yourself up from this." But when a security guard opened the door to de La Villehuchet's office at Access International Advisors the following morning, he found the businessman dead at his desk, both of his wrists slashed. A box cutter and a bottle of sleeping pills lay nearby, Police say it was a sui-cide.

De La Villehuchet's death

nearby. Police say it was a sul-cide.

De La Villehuchet's death marked a grim addition to the toll laid bare since Madoff was arrested Dec. 11, telling FBI agents he had masterminded a \$50 billion fraud. And it reinforced the emotional wounds the scandal has inflicted on many of its victims.

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De La Villehuchet was shouldering part of the blame, having put so many millions of his investors' fortunes into Madoff's fund only tunes into Madoff's fund only to find out it was a complete fraud. His fund was among the biggest losers in the Madoff fraud, and one of a handful to get taken for more than \$1 billion.

Cooperman strongly disputed some reports that de La Villehuchet might have had any deeper involvement with Madoff.

But the responsibility

But the responsibility

Madoff.

But the responsibility
weighed heavily on de La
Villehuchet, a descendant of
one of France's most distinguished families who had a
deeply ingrained sense of personal decorum, associates
sald it is not yet known who
his clients were.

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his clients were.
"This guy is aristocracy, one of his ancestors was the admiral for Napoleon in the Napoleonic wars," said Cooperman, who traveled extensively with de La Villehuchet to meet with

"This guy is aristocracy, one of his ancestors was the admiral for Napoleon in

the Napoleonic wars. I think this thing brought great disgrace and embarrassment, and he didn't have the capacity to deal with

... being involved with this thief."

- Leon Cooperman, a friend of Rene-Thierry Magon de La Villehuchet

Villekuchet, shown in Novemb 2007, lost more than \$1 billio his clients' money to Bernard Madoff. He was discovered dead Tuesday after committing suicide at his Manhattan office.

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Access International is believed to have lost \$1.4 billion with Madolf, whom it entrusted to manage investments in one of its funds. The Luxalpha SICAW-American Selection fund, registered in Luxembourg, was marketed primarily to wealthy European investors.

Azcess was co-founded by de La Villehuchet in 1994. The company described itself in 2002 as working to "identify the best managers that have a unique and proprietary competitive edge, with a consistent and verifiable track record."

"We endeavor to introduce

"We endeavor to introduce these managers to investors at the most attractive stage of their development," it said.

But the Luxalpha fund, which was founded in March 2004, was a relatively recent addition to Access' portfolio.
That fund was administered until earlier this year by Swiss-

hased UBS. A UBS spokesman. Kris Kagel, said Wednesday he did not know specifically when custody of the fund was transferred. Kagel said at the time the fund was under the UBS umbrella, it was not on its list of approved, recommended funds. But the company made it available to clients who sought to invest with Madoff, he said.

De La Villehuchet's firm enlisted intermediaries with enlisted Intermediaries with links to upper-crust Europeans to attract investors. Among the intermediaries: Philippe Junot, a French businessman and friend who is the former husband of Princess Caroline of Yugoslavia.

Cooperman described de la Villehuchet as the kind of businessman who was in constant contact with clients, even on vacautions. De La Villehuchet, the former chairman and CEO of Credit Lyonnais Securities

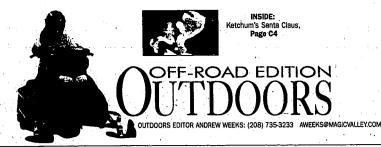
De La Villenuchet, the lormer chairman and CEO of
Credit Lyonnais Securities
USA, was also known as a
keen sallor who regularly participated in regattas and wasa
member of the New York
York suburb. He and his wife,
also French, lived in the New
York suburb of New Rochelle.
But the fund manager also
periodically found refuge at
his family's Tith-century
sonne castle in Brittany, sometimes inviting friends and fellow sailing enthusiasts to Join
him. The castle and adjoining
stables in Plouer-sur-Rance
along the English Channel
ad been in his family for two
centuries.
In June, his boat "Claudina"

had been in his family for two centuries.

In June, his boat "Claudina" won its class in a regarta from the walled city of St. Malo to Plouer-sur-Rance. He had invited several New York friends to take part, sald Plouer-sur-Rance city hadl official Serge Simon.

"He did it in a very discreet way but at the same time it showed his appreciation for salling on the one hand, and on the other, his appreciation for the town he wanted to bring visitors to." Simon said.

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Twin Falls man heads up snowmobile club

By Andrew Weeks Times-News writer

He can't exactly say what got him hooked. It was just one of those things. But now seven years later, when the weather turns cold and the snow begins to fall. Terry Howe looks forward to uncovering his snowmobiles and heading to the hills.

rward to uncovering his snowmobiles and heading to the hills.

Snowmobiling is like that. It gets in your billoot. Simplify sold. But it's fun as hell.

It wasn't that long ago that Howe participated in a different kind of winter sport. "I'm one of the new guys to it," he said of snowmobiling. "I've always liked winter sports. I grew up skiing, but now that I'm getting a little shoulder! really like this (snowmobiling)." Howe, 42, got Inwolved with snowmobiling in about 2001. As a newcomer, he didn't waste anytime diwing into the recreational sport. He now serves as president of the Magic Valley Snowmobile Club, appointed to the position in April 2007.

The club, which has about 45 famillies who participate regularly, was formed in the 1970s. Members gather once a month October-March for alub meeting and at other times throughout the season trail ride.

Howe, who often visits the South Hills, said he entered

times inroughout the season to trail ride.

Howe, who often visits the South Hills, said he enjoys riding in the Stanley Basin and Island Park areas. For scenery, Stanley is tops. But for proximity, you can't beat the South Hills, he said.

Because he spends a lot of time there — and because he wanted to provide something nice for others who use the hills — Howe and his group built a warming hut this year in the South Hills near the Bosteder campgrounds. It took several years to get funding for the \$39,000-plus building, but the waiting was worth it. The hut was finished just in time for this season's snow and is open to anyone who wants to use it.

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Snow brings different types of off-road fun

f you're reading this today in south-central Idaho, you're likely not dreaming about a white Christmas.

Christmas.
You're experiencing it.
There's just something
about the white stuff
plant the white stuff
(though it can be a real plant
in the rear to drive in). In
makes Christmas seem, well
... Christmass, But it also
brings something new and
fun for off-road enthus lasts.
Like the chance to ride
snownoblies.



A RIDER'S NOTEBOOK Andrew Weeks

Sure, before the snow falls you could participate in the annual grass drags hosted by the Magic Valley Snowmobile Club. This year the event was held Nov. 1 at KN Turf Farm in Kimberly. But as adrenaline-rushing as the races likely are to those who participate, I can't imagine them being more fun than plowing through powder on a high-powered sled.

powder on a high-powered sted.

A few years ago while living in the Bechive State I traveled to the outskirs of Tooele County, Utah, with family who brought a hand all of snowmobiles — and at least one UTV. If I remember right — and had a ball unversing the backcountry of the hilly, and at times not-so-hilly, terrain. It was the first time I took to a snow-mobile in several years. A motorcycle guru since early childhood, I forgot how much fun you could have on a sted.

Though we tried standard.

a sled.
Though we tried staying together, my family and I, at times we found ourselves riding off in different directions. (They were marked trails, however, and we didn't

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ATV club winter rides

The Magic Valley ATV
Riders does not have any scheduled rides planned due to inclement weather. But that doesn't mean club members won't be riding, Any club rides to take place during the rest of the winter will be stort-notibe rides, according to the club Web site.

MVATVR schedules rides throughout the year, usually heading to trails at least once a month. Members are expected to follow club rules and a code of ethics, which include:

• All machines must have labelity insurance, per Idaho

include:
• All machines must have liability insurance, per Idaho

law.

• Helmets not mandatory, but encouraged.

• All motor vehicle laws in effect, including DUI.

• ORV stickers required, per idaho law.

• Pack out what you pack

Always ride as if someone were watching you.
For more information or to take the club:

OUTDOORS BRIEF

Arctic Cat recalls snowmobiles

Arctic Cat, a po manufacturer of sno Cat. manufacturer of snowmo-biles, has recalled its 2009 Mountain Cat and Crossfire snowmobiles that fall with-in, VIN. numbers 102896 through 118441. The VIN number can be found stamped into the funnel near the right-side footrest.

funnel near the right-side footrest.

The snowmobiles, sold at Arctic Cat dealers June-November, are being recalled because the moun-tain hardware that secures the fuel pump allows fuel to leak, posing a fire hazard to consumers. according to the manufacturer. The company has received at least four reports of fuel leakage, but no injuries or property

but no injuries or property damage.

Consumers who pur-chased the machines should immediately stop using the snowmobiles and contact authorized Arctic Cat service dealers to schedule a free repair. All known users have been contacted, according to the manufacturer.

For more Information. Arctic Cat at 800-279-6851 or www.arcticcat.com.

Freeze on Skis coming Jan. 1

The Snake River Freeze on Skis, Inc. is sponsoring its 22nd Annual Freeze on Skis starting at noon on Jan. Lat Shoshone Falls in Twin

sus starting at noon on lan, at Shoshone Falls in Twin Falls.

The organization is looking for skiers and sponsors to raise money for Wishing Star Foundation and Living Independence Network Corporation.

Interested skiers can pick up packets at Idaho Water Sports in Burley, Claude's Sports, Elevation Sports, Sportsman's Warethouse in Twin Falls or they can download the packets at www.freezeonskis.com.

Skiers who raise a minimum of \$500 or more will receive one or more of the gifts. Other donated prizes, such as ski equipment, gift certificates and dinners, will be awarded to the top fundraisers.

For this year's event, the organization will recognize all sponsors depending on their monetary levels. Silver sponsor is for \$100 or more; the Gold sponsor is for \$200 or more; and the Plattnum sponsor is for \$500 or more. For more information:

For more information Project chairman Hen Heeling at 731-0026, c Hans Heeling at 420-2192.

Craig Mountain gates to open

With major snowstorms with major showstorms covering the area recently, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will begin opening access gates on the Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area south of

Lewiston.
The gates are designed to enhance wildlife security, not to restrict snowmobile use. The gates will remain open until March 15 or until snow depths recede below

16 inches.
Early season snowmobilers are urged to use caution.
The recent snow is very fluffy with no base. This unconsolidated snow can hide hazards, such as stumps, rocks and logs. In

addition, because of the Chimney Complex wiidfire, Chimney Complex wildfre, many trees are expected to fall the next few years and new fences were constructed in several areas to restrict litegal off-coad use. Salvage logging will also be in progress during the whiter months, so users should be cautious of the increased traffic.

The Lewis and Clark Snowdrifters annually groun and temove obsta-

The Lewis Snowdrifters annually groom and remove obsta-cles on almost 200 miles of trails on Craig Mountain and surrounding area to improve safety.

Horsethief Reservoir seeks summer host

Seeks Summer nost
Horsethiof Reservoir is a
summer weekend fishing
destination for thousands of
Idahoans. But the right person could spend the entire
summer there in 2009, serving as host for the Idaho
Department of Fish and
Game-owned reservoir and
camping area.

Game-owned reservoir and camping area.

Applications are being accepted for the position of camp host. This is an unpaid, volunteer position. unpaid, volunteer postanta and applicants must have a fully self-contained recrefully self-contained recre-ational vehicle. A small per diem is offered to help hosts

defer some expenses.

Located just east of
Cascade, the 260-acre site is cascade, the 200-acre site is managed as a rainbow trout fishery and is a popular summer destination for anglers and other recreationists.

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attonists.

For additional information or to apply: Dennis
Hardy at 208-465-8465 or email to
dhardy@idfg.idaho.gov.

Egin-Hamer area closure starts lan. 1

The Egin-Hamer Road closure in the Upper Snake Region begins Jan. 1 and lasts through the end of March on southern lands and until April 30 on north-

and until April 30 on northern lands.
Signs marking the area
north of the Egin-Hamer
road are fluorescent orange;
signs for the southern portion are lime green.
The lack of human disturbance created by the annual
closure has allowed herds of
deer, elk and moose to
spend more dime down on
the desert between St.
Anthony and Dubols during
crucial portions of the late
winter and early spring,
Idaho Department of Fish
and Game observations of
Increased numbers of animals staying down on the mals staying down on the desert later into the spring is a sign of the success of the

Project.
Penalties for closure violations range into the hundreds of dollars and result in a Class B misdemeanor. Individual landowners are exempt from the closure. The active St. Anthony Sand Dunes, from the Red Road to Thunder Mountain and adjacent to Egin Lakes access, is also exempt from the closure.
Boundaries of the closure are posted and free detailed maps are available from the federal Bureau of Land Management or Fish and Game in Idaho Falls. The Fremont and Leiferson Commo School St.

Fremont and Jefferson County Sheriffs' offices also

have copies of the map.
For more information:
208-525-7290 or 208-523-

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Find an Idaho snowmobiling destination

In the foothills and mountains of the south rim of the Snake River Valley, south of Twin Falls, lie the Diamondfield jack and Howell Canyon snow play

areas.
The Diamondfield Jack area offers more than 200 miles of groomed and marked trails in 200-square miles of Sawtooth National Forest and Bureau of

National Forest and Bureau of Land Management land. Both areas are easily accessible from Interstate 84. Two 85-car plowed parking lots provide access and the forest service maintains a warming hut and heated restrooms. The region surrounding Howell Canyon is similar to Diamondfield Jack and offers the same amenities. Directions to Diamonfield lack Snow Play Area: From

Jack Snow Play Area: From Twin Falls, take Highway 30 east to Hansen. Turn south on Rock Creek Road and drive out 28 miles into the area fees. For more informa-No fees: For more tion: 208-737-3200.

tion: 208-737-3200.
Directions to Howell Canyon: From Burley, follow Highway 81 east to Declo; at Declo drive south on Highway 77 south past Albion and turn right on Howell Canyon Road. No fees. For more information and maps: 208-678-0430.

Trails at City of Rocks

Snowmobiling is available on roads in the City of Rocks when weather permits.
Established in 1988 as a national reserve, City of Rocks encompasses 14,407 acres of land renowned for its results received and historic products and historic results are also read to a contract the contract of the contract acres of land renowned for its scenic, geologic and historic significance. Take a walk to see inscriptions on the spires written in axel grease by pioneers traveling through on the California Trail.

Visitor Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. November through March. No fees. For more information and directions: 208-824-5519 or www.nps.gov/clio.

Gooding County Snow Park

This snowmobile trail is at the Gooding-Carnas County line, 20 miles north of town and includes 150 square

miles of both BLM and pri-vate land.

vate land. No fees, For more informa-tion and directions: 208-732-

Fairfield trails

The Estribeld snowmobile, frogram grooms 220 miles of rails in Camas County and provides a snowmobile shelper noth of Well Summit. The tree a provides quality groomed trails and outstanding open play areas. No fees. For more information and directions: 208-764-702.

Shoshone trails

Traveling up the Cub River from the Bear River and over into Bear Lake valley you will find the historical Shoshone

The Shoshone Indians trav The Shoshone Indians traveled this route from their winter grounds to Bear Lake and into Wooming Territory for hunting and flashing. The trall is passable by foot, risky horse, and viewable by ATV, snowmobile, or ATV. The Pony Express and early pioneers used this same trall as the first route into the Bear Lake Valley from Cache Valley. Lodging is available nearby at the Cub River Lodge & Guest Ranch.

No fees. Directions: Take
U.S. Highway 91 about 3
miles southwest of Preston, or 22 miles north of Logan Utah, then east 8.5 miles or Cub River Road. For more information: 208-852 2124 or www.cubriverguest ranch.com.

Cascade trails

About 60 miles north of Boise on Highway 55, snowmobile trails take off from Smith's Ferny and 18 miles farther north in Cascade. The Wellington Snow Park near Smith's Ferry offers 400 miles of trails, 250 of which are groomed, with access to McCail, Cascade, Ola, Stanley, Warm Lake and Garden Valley. The Winter Wonderland Trail leaves the mountain meadows of Smith's Ferry, weares past the mountain Smith's Ferry, weaves past the towns of Cascade and

Donnelly past spectacular scenic vistas at more than 7,900 feet before reaching McCall.

McCall.

No fees. For more informa-tion and directions: 208-382-3833 or www.cascadecham-ber.com.

This portion of the Highway to Heaven Itall goes through an isolated area. Make sure you have plenty of fuel and provisions to make it rom Lowman to Stanley.

Contact the Lowman Ranger District before start-ing out for information and to make sure they know you are make sure they know you are touring this remote area.

No fees. Directions: Parking is at Lowman or Stanley. For more information: 208-259-3361.

Pine-Featherville area trails

More than 380 miles of weil-marked, groomed trails offer snowmobilers nearly every kind of terrain imaginable for winter fun. The base elevation is near 4,200 feet and climbs close to 10,000 feet in the fabulous Trinity Membrales and the part of the open Mountains and the open high-mountain prairies and rolling hills of Cat Creek. ed tralls

A network of groomed trails is located north of Highway 20 near Anderson Ranch Reservoir in southwest Idaho.

Popular paths include Trialty Lakes, Piffer Creek, James Creek, Wagon Town Loop, Burnt Creek and Idaho City, Trails also lead to Featherville, Deer Creek, Smith's Prairie, Rocky Bar, Adanta, Fall Creek, and Pine. Several locations in the Anderson Ranch Recreation Area offer lodging, food, gas and Ry facilities. Area offer lodging, food, gas and RV facilities.

No fees. For more informa-tion and directions: 208-587-7961.

Bear Lake trails

Bear Lake trails

Beautiful Bear Lake has a network of 350 miles of groomed trails and has extended to the series of groomed trails and has extended to the series of groomed trails and the series varying from mountainous to open meadow.

The St. Charles-Fish liaven Loop is one of the most popular in the area. Other trails include Paris. Mink Creek, Bloomington, Georgetown Montpeller, Loop, Crow Creek, Stump Creek, 8 Mile Meadow Creek, and Ant Canyom Several parking areas make the trails easily accessible.

No fees. Directions: Trails start at Paris Canyon.

start at Paris Canyon. Bloomington and St. Charles. For more information: 208-847-1045 or www.parksan-drecreation.idaho.gov.



Field test: Crested Butte, Colo.

It is late December, and snow has clogged the tree runs on Crested Butte Mountain Resort's namesake peak in central Colorado. I'm suited up for a gear test — helmet, gogges, boots and shell jacket, ready to stand against the elements and the vertical drop at one of the state's most precipitous ski areas. On my feet, Black Dlamond's new high-end Method ski boots are made for downhill turns as well as fouring and uphill travel. They look like regular alpine boots, and on the moguls and in tight trees at Crested Butte they perform as such.

But flip a switch and the

as such.
But flip a switch and the
Methods (\$669.99,
www.bdel.com) convert to
flexible boots with generous
forward lean, allowing you
to attach climbing skins to
your skis — as 1 did the first
morning at the resort —
and stride uphil in alpipetouring mode for back*
country access.

THE GEAR TUNKIE Stephen

by four buckles, a Velcro by four buckes, a vector strap and a ratcheting Boa Technology cable system. Heel lift is prevented by a padded channel at the back

Heel lift is prevence up and and channel at the back of the boot that holds your foot in place.

My lacket for the weekend, Millet's Super Touring shell, is made for skiing, mountaineering and other active winter sports.

The Jacket's unique fab.-tc, Polarrec's Powershield, has a slightly fuzzy interior and a smooth face. It's stretchy and provides some warmth, though it's made is worth. stretchy and provides som warmth, though it's made be worn with sweat-wickin layers underneath to creat a temperature-regulating

www.westerrarealestate.com



Head protection was afforded by Smith's Variant Brim help St (\$160, Brim helmet (\$160, www.smithoptics.com), a hybrid polycarbonate and ABS-plastic shell cap. It is warm and comfortable, with a padded and insulat-ing liner and ear covers small slide-open vents on top provide airflow if it gets too hot.

too hot.

A snowy couple days on the ski hill made goggles mandatory gear. I went with another Smith product, the \$160 I/O goggles, which have switch-out lenses and

ARCTIC CAT

a rimless look.
A couple clicks and you can
swap one lens for another,
providing more contrast in
flat light or better shading
when the sun is high.
At Crested Butte, the I/O
goggles fit well and never
fogged. They integrated
with the Variant Britn her,
slinging around the
protective dome to sit snug
on my face for three days of
downhill action.

Stephen Regenold writes a daily biog on outdoors gear at www.gearjunkie.com.

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Berardo, left, of Essex, Vt., and Mike Tietjen of semi-pro race at Black untain i



REGIONAL-SKI-R-E-P-O-R-T

Idaho

Bogus Basin — Open, 10 a.m. 10 p.m. Monday-Fiday, 9 a.m. 10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Brundage — 80 percent open Kelly Canyon — Operating, no

Magic Mountain —Open, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Not open today Pebble Creek —56 percent

relle ---Open, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Schweitzer Mountain —32 per

cent open Silver Mountain —59 percent

Soldier Mountain — Plan to open 12/26; Dec 19: 15 inch es of new snow Sun Valley —75 percent open Tamarack —50 percent open Jug Mountain Ranch XC —90 percent open

Oregon

-33 percent ope

od Meadows —60 per cam open
Warner Canyon — Plan to
open 12/27; Dec 22: 4 Inch
es of new snow
Willamette Pass — Open

Washington

Degrees North —49 per it open ger Mountain — Plan to in 01/03 in 01/03 wood —Open, 9 a.m. 4

p.m. Today not open. Crystal Mountain —95 per cent open Loup Loup Ski Bowl — TB/ Mission Ridge —12 percer s Pass —50 percent upental — N/A upental — N/A ummit at Snoqualn —17. percent open ummit at Snoqualn —33 percent nit at Snoqualmie

Edmond Halley's cometary Christmas gift

n addition to celebrating Christmas today, science history buffs might note that today is also the 250th

that today is also the 250th anniversary of a notable return of Halley's Cornet in the skies over Germany. Edmond Halley was a con-temporary of Isaac Newton. In addition to his own mani-

temporary of Issac Newman-in addition to his own mani-fold contributions to sci-ence, he convinced Newton to write his seminal both 'Mathematical Principles of Science,' and even paid for its publishing. In Halley's time comets were thought to be one-time phenomena. In 1702 searching historical records and calculating orbits. Halley published his hypothesis that four comets seen in the previous 259 years were actually the same comet, on a norbit that brought it back to the inner solar system every 76 years. It ip predicted the comets return in 1738, but died 16 years too early to tut died 16 years too early to

every 76 years. He predicted the comets return in 1738, but died 16 years too early to see if he had been right. Given Halley's reputation, astronomers worldwide began to scan the skies in 1758. But as the year water on and the comet failled to appear, most lost interest and wrote of if Halley's prediction as a failure. What they didn't know was that – unlike planets — comets' orbital periods can vary com-siderably. When a comet crosses a planets' orbit, the planets' gravity can perturb the comet's motion. Also, as comets approach the sun, frozen gases are bolled away, producing a jet effect. Consequently, Halley's Comet was running nearly two years belind schedule.

two years behind schedul Finally, on the night of Christmas, 1758, German



SKYWATCH Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Thursday:

One hour before sunrise: Saturn: SW, high

New moon Saturday, 5:22 a.m. Close to Venus Wednesday evening.

amateur astronomer Johann Palitzsch spotted the tardy comet. The comet was immediately named in Halley's honor, securing his place in history. (Astronomical historians have since found nearly a

Ástronomical historians have since found nearly a dozen other historical records of previous appart-tions of Halley's Comet, the oldest being, Chinese choral cless written in 240 B.C.) Palitzsch's name barely rises to the level of historical trivia nowadays. But perhaps we should at least acknowl-edge his postbumous Christmas gift to Edmond Italiey.

Christmas governance
Halley.
Next week: Astronomy on
television, good and bad.

Chris Anderson manages the College of Southern Idaho's Centennial manos Centenniai Observatory in Twin Falls. He can be reached at 208-732-6663 or canderson@csl.edu.

Howe

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"It's big enough to get 20 people out of the weather to warm up," Howe said.

The 18x24 facility comes with restrooms and a fire-

place. Funding — about \$38,000 Funding — about \$38,000 worth — was provided through a grant from the Idalto Parks and Recreation Department. The club then matched the amount by 3 percent. The club also provided the labor, Howe said. He said a lot of construction material was donated local-ly

material was donated locally.

Howe said construction of the warming hut is his biggest accomplishment since serving as club president. But, he admits, "I had a very small part in it. There were a lot of hands involved."

It was a committee effort, which began about sk or seven years ago, said Vice President Peggy Sanley.

"It was quite the process," she said, "Of course, we went through a number of club presidents along the way... but with Terry's help as the new president, we decided we really had to get this done. He was a key fac-

Notebook_

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venture too far from each other). One trail, which soon became my favorite, led to an open field with deep powder. Before long I was speeding across the flat surface at 60 mph and later found myself making doughnuts in the snow.

When it was time to pack up the machines to go home. I was having too much fun and was the last one to drive into camp.

much fun and was the last one to drive into camp. Figures. Andy's acting like a kid again. This sure my family had thought. (My wife expresses such sentiments about me from time to time.) That was in 2003. I haven't been back on a sied slince, but the recent snowfall has tempted me in wanting to huy one. But then I thought about the state of the economy and

out then I thought about the state of the economy and decided to wait to see if Santa would bring me one instead.

Instead.
Then I remembered I'd still have to flip the bill.
Never mind, I'll stick to my motorcycle. Do they sell snow tires for two wheelers?

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Ride schedule

Jan. 1 - New Year's ride, Diamondfield Jack Snow Area in the South Hills Jan. 31 - Stanley ride Feb. 21-22 - Ride from Bone to

Alpine
March 7 - Family Fun Ride,
Diamondfield Jack Snow Play
Area in the South Hills
March 27-28 - Jackson Hole,

tor in getting it done."
Come April, Howe will step down for his successor — likely Stanley, though an official appointment won't come until March. Usually, however, the vice president becomes the club's next president, Stanley said.
Until that time, Howe looks forward to working

with his group throughout this winter season. And, of course, riding the back-country on his sled — something he'll continue to do long after giving up the reigns of the Magic Valley Snowmobile Club.

Snowmobile Club.
Today, Howe plans to take
his wife and two daughters
to the South Hills for a

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machines — "there's no dirt involved," he said. "It's a blast. If you've never tried it, you need to because you'll get hooked." Andrew Weeks may be reached at 208-735-3233 or

his wife and two daughters to the South Hills for a Christmas day trail ride. While there, you can bet that they'll stop by to warm up at the hut he helped build.

build.

Though he also likes to ride dirt bikes and ATVs. Howe admitted to the Times-News what he believes is the best thing about snowmobiling: If nothing else, it's clean.

"It's quiet and peaceful and" — unlike riding other





bankruptcy relief under the bankruptcy code



An souther In Idaha, every debtor in bankruptcy is entitled to keep Answer? In Idaha, every debtor in bankruptcy is entitled to keep his or her sasets if the assets are "exempt" under Idaho law. The Idaha exemption statutes are sufficient to protect the common assets must people have More, however, is not always exempt. Money on band or in the bank is 75% exempt if from wages, otherwise it is probably not bend or in the bank of the common assets to the common asset when the other in a 90 the count or a qualified IRA or other recenture which is 100% exempt. Infortunately, the Sanh bonder per common the common the common the common and the sanh in the four the sanh in the four the safdition to the ISAs problem, the term of your property settlement and the debt division in your divorce may raise other has on a hankruptcy. Per-bankruptcy planting is definitely in order, and you should contact as a perienced bankruptcy attorney to explain your options, one of which would be to file a joint bankruptcy with your upous before your divorce becomes final.

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Since 1977, one man has been mountain town's jolly old elf

Times-Hows correspondent

Per Ketchum residents, the road to suna's house—a log A-frame in the shadow of Bald Mountain—is not lined with peppermint sticks.

But once inside, you know you've arrived at a special place.

Everything smacks of Santa—from the array of old-world Santa figurines on the knoty fireplace manule to the stockings draped over Santa frow the stockings draped over Santa or to kinchen and the candy cane box on the klichen counter.

"Took forward to this time of year.

I love seeing the excitement radiating from the kids, the joy in their faces," Santa says, turning on Christmas music before the settles into Santas throne, a wicker chair in which he can bask in the sus treaming through the large picture windows.

F Santa arrived in Ketchum in 1977 dissuited as photographer lack

dows.

3 Santa arrived in Ketchum in 1977
disguised as photographer Jack
Williams A native of San Francisco,
the had been enchanted by the dog

sted scene in the movie "Sun Valley Serenade" and wanted to become the Ansel Adams to Sun Valley's Yosemite. But it was when Williams donned his famous red costume to pose for pictures atop Bald Mountain that he realized his true cailling. "If he's not the perfect Santa, I don't know who is," said Ketchum resident Carol Harlig, as she waved to him on Saturday. "Do you know anyone who looks more like Santal Look at that little twinkle in his eye!" It took some special skills to be a mountaintop Santa. A number of drinking clubs inhabited Sun Valley in its early days, and when they togasted the mountain, Santa had to toast it with them.

Then, donning skis, he had to snowplow down 3,400 vertical feet of mountain your carefully, his hand swaying in a rodeo queen wave, while greeting skiers with his "Ho. Ho. Ho."

"It was hard on the quads but it was the only way," he said." It would-

"It was hard on the quads but it was the only way," he said." It would-

n't have done for Santa to have fallen, for the kids to see Santa parts all over the place." Ketchum didn't used to plow its streets as readily and thoroughly as it does now, which meant Santa could

does now, which meant Sana could, go to his gigs in a horse-drawn sleight. His busy Christmas Eve schedule at private homes throughout the valley included the home of Bruce Willia and Deni Moore when their three daughters were young.

"I remember one time going to their home and slitting down and earling the cookles and milk they'd learned to their home and slitting down and earling the cookles and milk they'd learned to the grant of the grant

"I ask people. 'How come Demi:
Moore paid me to sit in my lap?' its
because she hired me as Santa."

Area students graduate from U of I

The University of Idaho welcomed nearly 700 graduates at winter commencement on Dec. 13 in the ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center. Graduates from the Magic Valley area

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Bublt: Michael R. Barker, bachelor's degree in business economics.
Burley: Wendell E.-Robinson, bachelor's degree in agricultural sclence and technology. Melissa jo Larson, bachelor's degree in newcholory.

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or's degree in radio, TV and digital media roduction.

Jerome; John P. Whitchurch, bachelor's legree in mechanical engineering Zackery.

Fleming, bachelor's degree in history; teven W. Worthington, bachelor's degree in istory; Andrew R. Chojnacky, bachelor's legree in psychology.

Ondeys Brandel II. Bedke, master's degree a education.

education.
Rupert: Brandon L. Rucker, bachelor's

degree in finance.
Twin Falls: Christina J. Satterwhite, bache-Twin Falls: Christina J. Satterwhite, bachelor's degree in agricultural science and technology: lan W. Fullmer, bachelor's degree in microbiology; Matthew J. Dyson, bachelor's degree in finance and bachelor's degree in fanance and bachelor's degree in accounting; Nicholas R. Barry, bachelor's degree in management and human resources: Heldi C. Alnsworth, master's degree in education; Indy K. Studebaker, master's degree in education; Christopher D. Johnson, bachelor's degree in electrical engineering; McKinzle N. Cole, juris doctor; lon B. Henry, bachelor's degree in adventising.

Jerome graduate Bolich returns to M.V with Army

Army Staff Sgt. Eric S. Bolich has arrived for duty at the Tivin Falls Recrulting Station.
Bolich, a heavy construction equipment operator with 16 years of military service, is assigned to the Boise Recruiting Company.
He is the son of Stanley D. and Karifa Bolich of Jerome. His wife. Amanda, is the daughter of Dona Jones of Pasco, Wash.
The sergeant is a 1988 graduate of Jerome High School.

FIVE GENERATIONS



rive generations of the Rosemary Lewton family met-recently. They are, from left, back row, son, Warren Lewton of Wendell grandson, Kery Lawton or Wendell; front row, grant-granddangther, Anamada Mailigan of Jerome; and Rosemary Lawton of Wendell, Rosemary Lawton will celebrate her 90th britishay on Tharnday, Canka may be sent to 3469 S. 2000 E., Wendell, ID 83355. ns of the Rose

Grant will encourage walking to Jerome schools

The city of Jerome and the Jerome School District are receiving more than \$100,000 to promote healthy habits among children and encourage exercise

children and encourage exercise and safety.
The city and school district are starting a Safe Routes to School program, which comes with federal dollars for improvements along a route that children walk to school and education efforts in health and safety. The national program goal include health and safety pro-

To learn more about the Safe Routes to School program, visit www.saferoutesinfo.org.

grams for schools and encouraging children near schools to walk or ride a bitycle to class. The city will receive \$100,000 for sidewalks, gutters and curbing along North Lincoln Street between Eighth and 10th streets in Ierome. The location of the planned improvements is near summit Elementary School and Jerome Middle School, and will

provide better conditions for children to walk to school, said Sandra Thompson, director of curriculum and staff develop-ment for the school district. "It will provide safe routes on a major street," said Wali Appell, public works director for lerome.

Jerome.

He expects that work on the Infrastructure Improvements will take place in 2010.

The school district will receive \$12,500 for health and safety clucation efforts. Thompson said the district will spend the upcoming months looking at possibilities for the funding.

One potential idea is a parttime safety coordinator w works with the school distr

works with the school district and city on community health and safety programs. Thompson said, adding that nothing has been decided yet.

Hopefully in a couple months well know which route we want to take, she said.

The Idaho Department of Transportation administers the federal funding through a competitive grant process.

Ben Botkin may be reached at 208-735-3238 or bbotkin@magic-

Cellulitis needs to be treated with antibiotics

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 91-year-old female who would like to find out all I can about cellulits. I'm hoping you can help me with whatever you know about this very palnful, distressing condition.

It has reared its ugly head several times during the past few years. Once, I ended up spending several times that the hospital. This was preceded



ASK DR. COTT Dr. Peter Gott

my clothes wet from the

fever having broken. Another time, a lump started forming on my right thumb knuckle. The area got red and sore, and it looked like a big boil. Still another time, my right hand and fingers swelled up, only to subside with antibiotics. At times, my egs swells and my lips are affected. In fact, my lower lip is now covered with thick, heavy-crust-red with thick, heavy-crustby a high fever and chills. Many times, I'd awaken with

almost a month and am at my wits' end. DEAR READER: Cellulitis

is a bacterial skin infection that appears as a swollen red area, hot and tender to the touch. It occurs when there is a break or crack in the puncture wounds, cuts, ulcers, dermatitis, athlete's foot and other conditions

that allow bacteria to enter. Certain types of insect and spider bites can also trans-mit cellulitis. It most com-monly appears on the lower legs or ankles but can pres-ent anywhere on the body. Children and the elderly commonly have the condi-tion on the face.

On the face.

Complications arise when
the tissue under the skin is
fected, allowing bacteria to

spread to lymph nodes and the blood stream. Those with diabetes, compromised immune systems and senior citizens are particularly sus-centible.

Prescription antibiotics that treat both staphylococci and streptococci are most often prescribed. Positive results are generally seen

Habitat for the holidays Jerome family receives residential renovation

ry Hanson News correspondent

The home Colton and Michelle Barilett wanted was the home they had. They loved their quiet lerome neighborhood and the nearby schools for their two children. What they didn't love, however, was their renlails patchwork roof and deterlorating exterior. They weren't crazy about the kitchen and bathroom that needed remodeling, or the needed remodeling, or the idea that their landlord was

looking to sell the rental.
After applying with Habliat
for I lumanity of the Magic
Valley for a remode and putting in nine months of their
own work on the house, the
home the Bartletts wanted is
closer to beling theirs. The area
Habliat chapter bought the
rental from the Bartlet's previous landloyd and provided
their expertise to renovate the
home. "We lived at home during most of the remodel," said Colton Bartlett, who works at NAPA Auto Parts in Jerome.

Learn more

Find out more about area Habitat for Humanity effort online at local habitat.org/ magicvalley or by calling 208-735-1233.

"That was for almost nine months, but the neighbor-hood is so great and the school, Horizon (Elementary),

"It's been a real experience but it was all worth it." Habitat established a Magic

Valley affiliate in 1991 and operates with a 10-member volunteer board, along with volunteer workers. Linda Fleming has been the full-time director for two years after previously working in the hotel and restaurant

the hotel and restaurant industry. Fleming and her husband, ilm, joined Habitat after looking for ways to volunteer in the community. Helping with (Habitat) would be a good way to contibute to the community and get acquainted, we thought,

"Fleming said. "And it has been."
Since 1991, the Magic Valley Habitat affiliate has remodiced 16 homes. Chosen families donate hours of sweat equity, both on their homes and future builds, or at Habitat Re-Stores, where recycled building, materials and other home Herms are sold.

Mortgage payments are based on each family's ability to pay, and families who sell heir Habitat homes must sell them back to Habitat.

"There are many considera-

tions when selecting a family but bottom line is the family's income level." Fleming said.

The Bardetts were able to assist with much of the termodel, including the roofing, which helped the project's bottom line.

After his experience, Bardetts advice was, "If people are thinking about doing this, they should go ahead and fill out the application."

Mary Hanson may be eached at mhansonmbd@

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

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

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS Erik James Scott, 24, alcohol vio-lation, driver's license suspend-ed 90 days, 24 months proba-tion; disturbing the peace, 60 days suspended jail; probation violation, guilty; contempt of

violation, gunity, comercia, court, gulist, Gary Lance Higgins, 39, fraud, insufficient funds check, \$200 fine, \$175.50 costs, \$220.22 restitution, 24 months proba-tion, 90 days jall, 82 suspend-ed, 8 days credited; 2 counts fraud, insufficient checks, dis-nissend by prosecutor; probabit missed by prosecutor; probation violation, guilty, 30 days Jail, 25 days credited.

days credited. Miguel Angel Otaegui Jr., 29, bat-tery, \$75.50 costs, 30 days jail, 30 days credited; contempt of court, dismissed by court. Maria Del Carmen Zepeda, 34, fraud, insufficient funds check,

\$75.50 costs, 12 months pro bation, 90 days jall, 86 days suspended, 4 days credited. Gregory Freiburger, 18, battery amended to disturbing the amended to disturbing the peace, \$100 fine, \$75.50

costs.

Harian Lee Gonnason, 75, driving without privileges, \$200 line, \$90,50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 26 suspended, 4 days cerdiled. Tyler Dean Calderon, 18, alcohol violation by a minor. 22 months probasion: battery amended to disturbing the peace, \$300 fine, \$75,50 costs, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, 30 days other, 2 days credited, 30 days other, 2 days credited, 30 days other, 2 days credited, 30 d pended. Teresa Jean Hanson, 54, driving

under the influence amended to inattentive/careless driving, \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days suspended jail.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS Robert C. Torgerson, 65, Petit theft, dismissed by prosecutor. Francisco Pablo Chavez, 29, alco

hol violation by a minor, dis-missed by prosecutor. Jose Pablo, 34, failure to pur-chese/invalid dimer's license, dismissed by prosecutor. Manuel L. Beltran, 37, failure to purchase, invalid divier's license dismissed by prosecutor. Mikayla R. Picat, 16, speeding (infraction) amended to diming offense (misdemanor), \$150 bonds forfeited, case dismissed Edward Joseph Scheeffer, 31, dis-clayed purchased to the service of the service of the Edward Joseph Scheeffer, 31, dis-talled the service of the service of the service of the Edward Joseph Scheeffer, 31, dishol violation by a minor, dis

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ver's license violation, dismissed by prosecutor. Kody Raymond Saras Andrew, 16, speeding (infraction) amend-ed to driving offense (misde-meanor), \$150 bonds forfeited,

person, dismissed by court. ason James Winn, 22, 2 counts of vicious dogs violation, dis-missed by court. Melinda F. Orr, 41, domestic vio-

Inceviolation of protection order, dismissed by prosecut Antonio Carrera-Vasquez, 18, alcohol violation by a minor, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.

DRIVING UNDER THE

Any Kassandra Ottley, 20. driving under the influence, \$200 fine, \$420,50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 90 days jall, 88 sus-pended, 4 days McWork in lieu of jail; probation violation, guilty

court.
Richard Eugene Russell, 75, driving under the Influence (misdemeance) amended to driving under the influence (felony), \$1,000 fine, \$115.50 costs, 5 years probation, 3 to 10 years

jail time, 8 days time credited; fesisting or obstructing officers amended to assault or battery upon certain personnel, dismissed by court; assault or battery upon certain personnel amended to resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed by court. Marie Lucille Denaughel, 27, drining under the influence, \$300 fine, \$425.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 15

license suspended 90 days, 15 months probation, 60 days jail, 58 suspended 1 day time months probation, 60 days jail, 58 suspended 1 day time credit-ed, 2 days McWork in lieu of 1 day jail; probation violation, dis-missed by prosecutor; probation

missed by prosecutor; probation violation, guilty. Roberto Cruces-Dissdado, 26, driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$90.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days. 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 172 suspended, 3 days time credited; driver's license violation, 500 fine, \$75.50 costs, 30 days jail, 27 suspended, 3

days time credited.

DIVORCES FILED Travis Daniel Freeman, Rupert, vs. Jeanette Jarlene Freeman, Ozark, Ark.

FELONY SENTENCINGS
Donald Palmer, Langley, 46, sexual abuse of child under 16,
\$296.50 costs, 5 years probation, 3 to 10 years prison, suspended sentence; 3 counts of obation violation, guilty, \$258 sts, 424 days credited.

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Santa

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When it comes time to make an appearance as St. Nick, Santa retrieves his red velves suit from among the flannel shirts hanging in Williams' walk-in closer and dons it over red underwear —The kids don't like you to wear street clothes underneath your stuff, "he confides. He pulls a pair of white dress gloves out of a red velvet bag trimmed in white furses a pair of spectacles atop his nose and pulls black trrigation boots over his feet.

At 77, he's had plenty of time to refine his techniques. He's learned how to hold his hand and how to purse

Hes learned how to hold his hand and how to purse his lips when the picture is snapped. He encourages mothers to sit with their chil-dren to calm those dren to calm those the hear what their children are valling Santa.

And, given the opportunity, he asks the child's parents if they can tell him something special about their child.

"Maybe it's something they've never said to the child, something the child is hearing for the first time," he

hearing for the first time." he so a same has a carefully con-structed answers for the questions he gets asked year after year, from where his sleigh and reindeer are, to how he gets around the world so fast, which he admits even he doesn't know —he lets the reindeer worry about that.

"But I always tell them to look hard and they might see the sleigh go through the the fireworks on Christmas Eve, and that they need to cheek

He's been asked to pose with a snake and a pet crab. He's commiserated with children who confide in him that their daddy won't be with the family this Christmas. And he's exhort-ed children whose parents have lost their jobs to remember that the love of family is more important than presents under a tree.

laminy is more than presents under a tree.
"I had a little git tell me she was lewish. I tell her, 'Well, Santa has enough love for everyone." He pauses, "I like to think that Santa expresses Christ's love—that he expresses unconditional love, just as Christ expresses unconditional love."

tional love, just as Christ expresses unconditional love."
That extends for adults, as well as children.
When Mary Austin Crofts returned to the valley in agony three months ago after her husband was murdered in a burglary attempt in Panama. Santa bought ther lunches and coffee. accommended of the company of the control of the company of the company

in Panama, Santa bought her lunches and coffee, accom-panied her to Salt Lake City to pick up her dog, and took her on daily walks pointing out the area's natural beauty. "I can tell you that Jack Williams lives in the spirit of Santa every day," she says." ... He has a wonderful sense of humor and personifies goodness. He is Santa every day."

It doesn't seem to faze the children of Sun Valley when they see Santa walking around in a Hawaiian shirt during the summer.

"I've overheard kids say. "Mother, that's Santa in disguise." he said. "Another time I was a Grumpy's and I heard an Australian child say. "Daddy, you're right. Santa does drink beer. Kids are going to put all the odds

say. Daady, voire right.
Santa does drink beer. Kids
are going to put all the odds
in your favor.
When Christmas is over
though, even Ketchum's
Santa is ready for a break.
"It's a relief to be myself
again, to walk into a room
and not be the center of
attention," he says.
But all it takes is someone
to look at him with a knowing smile or to greet him as
Santa to ggot him thinking
about Christmas again.
"Being Santa has given me
a tradition to look forward
to," he said, "I used to be Jack
Williams,
photographer."

Williams, photographer. Now I say, 'No, I'm Jack Williams, Santa."

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the start of treatment. Because it will be quite some time before you can see your physician, I would speak with him or her about keep-

with him or her about keep-ing a prescription in your medicine cabinet for unex-pected outbreaks. Antibiotics are not to be taken unnecessarily, yet you appear to know what to look for and could nij the condi-tion in the bud between vis-its to the office. Do your best to keep your hands away from the lesions to prevent further skin contamination. Prevention includes wash-

evention includes wash ing the area(s) daily with soap and water, applying antiblotic cream, keeping your fingernalis trimmed and covering the lesions with dry dressings to avoid further contamination. When the condition occurs, it should be brought to your physician's attention promptly so it can be identified and treated.

The lesions on your lower lip are of concern to me. Make it a point to visit the doctor's office during an outbreak to determine whether you are dealing with celluif you are dealing with celluif. ing the area(s) daily wi

break to determine whether you are dealing with celluli-tis or an unrelated condition.

To give you related infor-mation, I am sending you a

copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped, No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 157, Wickliffe, OH 4092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Family brings poinsettias to Christmas

ENCINITAS, Calif. — On a day when America's banks were falling and the Big Three automakers were on their knees begging Congress for money, Praid Eke Hi could master little sympathy.

"can't go to Washington tooking for a ballout," Ecke said. "I should be making 520 million a year like these auto was the said." I should be making 520 million a year like these auto make good cars that don't conclude the said of the said of

tanking economy. European regulators and Chinese patent

thieves.
The poinsettia game has never been tougher.
"When I tell people that I'm in the flower business, they say, 'Ohlib, that must be so pretty,'" said Ecke, 53, an industry leader. "But I can tell you it's no tiptoe through the tuilips."

tulips."
The Ecke family of Southe California is to poinsettias what De Beers of South Africa is to diamonds. Over the past century, four generations of



Ice Punch poinsettia is a new favorite at the Ecke Ranch in Encialtas, Calif.

ice Pracie polastitis is a new farorite

Eckes took a cold-weather
blooming plant few
Americans had ever seen and
made it a holiday staple.

Their zealous promotion is
the reason the polastetia is the
nation's best-selling potted
plant—assionishing considering about 100 million are sole
each year in Just six weeks.

In 1990, German Immigrant
Albert Ecke and his family
were headed to the Fiji islands
in the South Pacific to open a
health spa when they stopped

art the Ecke Ranch in Eaclaltas, Galff.
in Los Angeles and liked what
they saw. A few years later, they
established a dalry farm and
fuilt orchant in a northeastern
Los Angeles neighborthood.
Ecke became intrigued by
the poinsettio, a red-andgreen shrub that is native to
Medeo and Central America
and grew wild throughout
Southern California. The
Aztecs extracted dyes and a
fever treatment from poinsettias, and the Spanish used it as
a Christmas decoration.

The plant was brought to the United States in the late 1820s by the first U.S. ambas-sador to Mexico, Joel Roberts

sador to Mexico, Joel Roberts Polnsett. Ecke was the first to develop the plant's commercial poten-tial. He grew poinsettias on farmland in Hollywood and sold them from street stands. His son, Paul Ecke Sr., had big-ger ideas.

ger ideas.

A visio
and busin deas. visionary horticulturist businessman, Paul Ecke gave the poinsettia a

makeover through a secret breeding technique that turned the delicate and gangly weed into a sturdy and voluptuous potted plant. In the 1920s he moved south and laid a carpet of poinsettas stretching down the San Diego County coast from Carlsbad to Encinitas.

His son, Paul Ecke Ir. expanded the business yet again. In the 1960s, he moved the poinsettas into greenhouses and pushed cuttings shipped by air instead of mature plants hauled by rail. An inexhausible promoter, Paul Ecke Jr. showered television networks with free poinsettas from Thanksgiving to Christmas. He extolled their virtues on "The Tonight Show' and Bob Hope's holiday television specials.

The Ecke Innilly had a virtu-

writtes on The longer show and Bob Hope's hollday television specials. The Ecke family had a virtual monopoly on the world's joinsettia market largely because no one could figure out how they produced uniformly perfect plants with multiple branches emanating from a single stem — the "Ecke style."

"My grandfather learned this from a German backyard gardener he knew," said Paul Ecke III, also known as "P3."

Nobody at the ranch knew the secret. My grandfather, my

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dad and their breeder knew, and it was done at the breed-er's home so nobody could

In 1992, Ecke took out a 30-year loan and bought out other family members. His timing couldn't have been

thming couldn't mave nearA university researcher published an article revealing his
family's secret process. It wasnt pollination but rather the
grafting of two types of poinsettlas that created the desired
plant from which cuttingswere taken.

"The people who wanted to
compete with us sald, 'Nh. now
we get it,'" Ecke sald. 'I was
saying, 'My life is over.'
In 2007, for the first time, no
poinsettlas were grown for sale
at the Encinitas ranch, and an
33-vear-old tradition came to

83-year-old tradition came to an end.

an end.

Ecke's near-monopoly is
gone, but he still accounts for
70 percent of the poinsetts
sold in the U.S. and one-half
the market worldwide. It
is annual harvest is bigger than
ever. But profits have never
been silmmer. On 'Black
Friday, a poinsettia coulde
be had at some stores for 99
cents.

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Rupert House

HAILEY — Blaine County has lost one of its oldest min-ing men. Rupert House passed away Sunday, Dec. 21,

pert had long, fun e, always isy, be-he life, arway-busy, be-cause he igauld never have it any other way. He



yas the fourth of 11 children of Oscar and Augeline (Tucker) House, börn in Hansen on March 21, Börn in Hansen on March 21, 1916: He was always busy, yorking, When he was a young child, his mother would bake pies for him to would bake pies for him to would bake pies for him to the would bake pies for him to the would bake pies for him to the the would bake pies for him to the the pies in the pies in the pies in the pies in the the pies of the pie

init a curly haired, sparkly blue-eyed chaterbox he told Jijs, mother he was going to Jugary. They graduated in the spring of 1933 and were margied in November. Both he land Bonnie were 17?

In the early years, it was a struggle to make a living, but some the spring of 1933 and work, farming for Bonnie's father, working at a service station in Caldwell, When back to Twin Falls, Where their first child, Bill, where their first child, Bill, was born in 1934. Rupert awarbeard some laddes talking about a place in Blaine County that was hiring miners. When he got on with the Triumph Mine, his life changed and he was hooked the proved his small family to the proved his small family to the triumph Mine camp where their second son, Tony, was been second son, Tony, was been second son, Tony, was

friumph Mine camp where their second son, Tony, was They moved to the Challis area and Rupe worked at the Ram's Horn mine located above Baylorse. While there, they had their third and fourth children, Michael and Antia. When they moved back to Blaine County, Rupe started back at the Triumph Mine. As long as Rupert could-work at mine, he was happy. They bought a house in-Halley and Rupe worked off that house and Bonnie Cantinued to be the best of cubks and homemakers. They both wanted a little more land so they purchased the China Gardens' just outde Halley.

Rupert continued to work. They moved to the Challis

side Halley.

Rupert continued to work
at the mine and drove the at the mine and drove the mine bus. Somehow Bonnie found out about the ranch Mund out about the ranch for sale between Brassy's and Knight's up East Fork Road, 1600 and some acres of it. 1600 and it. 1600 ne on his new property.

a home on his new property.
The original house had humed down.
That summer was very busy, if you came to visit, you hrought a hammer and talked while you worked.
Sponnie would furnish a great lunch. The house had a mul-

titude of architects and laborers; it was ready to move into by fall. When they, moved, there was no water or moved, there was no water or electricity but plenty of heat from the cook stove in the kitchen and a big double-barreled stove in the living room. The family made it through the winter, with the children going to a cook on school at the mining town of North Star. If the old truck would not start on an ley winter morning, then Bonnie would just build a fire under the motor to warm it up a litthe motor to warm it up a lit-tle. It was just a little fire.

the motor to warm It up a lite.
It was just a little fire.
Rupert continued to work
at the mine until it closed in
1957. Then he went to work
at the Silver Star Queen. In
1958, they had another boy,
Patrick. In the fall of 1955,
they moved to Oakdale,
Calif., looking for work Dad
started to work welding at the
fire' engine manufacturing
plant, then changed jobs to
work on a turkey ranch. In
1950, they had another girl,
Cindy. They stayed in
California for three years and
then moved back to their
beloved Idaho ranch. Dadstarted working for the city of
falley in the street department. He stayed with the city
until mandatory retirement
at 70.
While working for the

until mandatory retirement at 70.

While working for the street department, he became county commissioner for Blaine County. He enjoyed that as much as anything, Dad was a very independent person and did as he thought best. He decided to not run again when he turned 80. He would get very upset when they would gat very the standard file was the trappers, sheepherders and the miners that the was the trappers, sheepherders and the miners that made tills valley well known. Besides being a Golden Gloves Boxing Champlon of Southern Idaho, Rupert was one of the founders of the Sawtooth Ranger Riding Club. He was, active in the FTA, master of the Upper Big Wood River Grange (several times), Grand Marshall of the Days of the Old West and Wagon Days parades, as well

Days of the Old West and Wagon Days parades, as well as Citizen of the Year for the state of Idaho. He opened his home to foster boys for several years. He allowed his kids to have a variety of pets, from magpies, chipmunks and, of course, the usual dogs, cats and horses.

and horses.

He was preceded in death
by his wife, Bonnie; one son,
Michael; two grandchildern,
Gary and Mitch; and all of his
siblings' Surviving are his five
children, Bill, Tony, Patrick
and Clindy House and Anita
Etchechoury; numerous
nieces, nephews, grandchil-Etchechoury; numerous nieces, nephews, grandchil-dren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchil-

dren.

Live the good life, every day is a gift!

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, held at the Halley LDS Chapel, with the Rev. Harvey lipskoch of the Community Chapet, with the rev. starte, Lipskoch of the Community Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Halley Cemetery. Viewing Baptis ...
Halley Cemetery Viewing hours will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at the Wood River Chapel in Halley. Condolences may be left at www.woodriverchapel.com.

Calvin Amen

BURLEY — Calvin Amen, an 82-year-old Burley resi-dent, passed away Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at the Burley Care Center. He was

Care Center.

He was
born Oct. 31,
1926, in
Fruitdale,
S.D.

His parents were
Henry, and
Elizabeth

рр Не Amen. He married Della Winter in 1947.

"He owned "Cal's Cab, which he sold in 1946 an went into the trucking bush went into the trucking busi-ness hauling hay for local

ness naturing hay for local farmers. He also worked at the Burley Flour Mill for 20 years until the mill closed. He sold cars for Hanzel Motors and Bonanza Motors. In 1979, he started working for Simplot and

retired from there in 1989. Calvin liked to go fishing, bowl on a league, go to Jackpot, play the harmonica, play darts and share a beer

bowl on a league, go to Jackpot, play the harmonica, play darts and share a beer with his sons. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Della: his children, Steven (Lorraine), David (Betry), Randy (Sandy) and Susan (Rob) Lloyd: plus our loving grandchildren; preat-grandchildren; his brothers: nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters and three brothers. At his request, cremation has taken place. Arrangements were entrusted to Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

A memorial service will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary Chapel, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

Clara 'Maxine' McCracken

KIMBERLY — Clara "Maxine" McCracken, 78, of Kimberly, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, at St. Sunday, Dec. Luke's Magic Valley Med-ical Center



was born in Fairbury, Neb, on Aug, 31, 1930, to Harold and Mary (Nutsch) McCord. As a teenager, she moved with her family to the Orchard Valley area of Wendell in 1946. She graduated from Jerome High School in the Class of 1948. In 1950, she married Paul Crumbliss, and they had

School in the Class of 1948.
In 1950, she married Paul Crumbilss, and they had three children, Steven, Dennis and Ardith, and later divorced. In 1966, she married Paul McCollum and together, they had one son, Kenneth, and later divorced. In 1985, she married Robert (Bob) McCracken, and they enjoyed fishing and traveling together. During her lifetime, During her lifetime, Maxine worked at the soda fountain at Woolworths, Roger Brothers Seed and

Roger Brothers Seed an Tupperware. In addition, sh

Roger Brothers Seed and tupperware. In addition, she was employed at Bakker Brothers, Kimberly Seed, Hansen School District, Parko's Magic Valley Luneral Home and the Hollifield Ranches, all of which a located in Magic Valley. Maxine was a member of the Crossroads Methodist Church in Kimberly, She was a 50-year member of the Women of the Moose No. 185, where she held every office in the local chapter. She received her Academy of Friendship Degree, the College of Regent Degree as well as the Star Recorder Degree. In 1970, she joined the Order of Eastern Star, in which she was Worthy Matron of Magic Valley No. 22 and Hollister No. 47. Throughout her years when be held 82 and Hollister No. 41.
Throughout her years with
the Eastern Star, she held

Nivea Lopez of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visita-tion one hour before the

tion one hour before the service Friday at the mortu-

jerald Dean Anderson of

Jeraid Dean Anderson of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Pleasant View 1st Ward LDS Church, 650 E. Stadium Ave. in Provo, Utah; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church. Second funeral at 1 pm. Saturday at the View LDS Church, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley distalley one hour

Burley; visitation one hour before the funeral

Audrey Beatrice (Olson) Sneil of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Chelsey Lee Harder of King Hill, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Glenns Ferry (Rot Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Lavina Bell Mort of Burley, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in, Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Neille Orvilla Schultz of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl: visitation one beau

uhl; visitation one hour efore the funeral Monday at

(Rasmussen Funeral Ho

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and some several times. She served as past Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of Idaho Order of Eastern Star Idaho Order of Eastern Star and was a member of the Order of Amaranth Garnet Court No. 5 of Gooding. Maxine had many friends: if she ilked you, you knew It; if she did not like you, you both knew it. Maxine is survived by her four children, Steven Paul Crumbliss of Montevallo, Ala., Dennis Harold Crumbliss of Twin Falls.

Ala., Dennis Harold Crumbliss of Twin Falls, Ardith Eriene Noyes of Bolse and Kenneth Lynn McCollum of Kimberly. She is also survived by her two brotters; Ray (Alice) McCord of Wendell and Lynn (Laurina) McCord brothers, Ray (Alice) McCord of Wendell and Lynn (Laurine) McCord of Idaho Fails; and one sister, Marjorie (J.D.) Webb of Salmon; two sisters-in-law, Harriet McCord of Jerome and Helen McCord of Stanback, 10 ground-hildren.

Harriar McGord of Jerome and Helon McGord of Grand Helon McGord of Gimberly; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Maxine was preceded in death by her three husbands; her parents; two brothers. Lloyd McGord and Wesley McGord; and one grandson, Dustin McGollum. Visitation will be held

McCollum.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home.
Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.
In lieu of flowers, contributions. In memory of Maxine may be made to the Order of Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 43, 1120 Sunburst St., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or to your favorite charity.
The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses that cared for her during her stay at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.
Your loving care will never be forgotten.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

a.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service Monday at the

Floyd Samuel Thornton of Gooding, visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; memorial service in the spring will be announced later.

Michael Lyn Kitchen Moon of Twin Falls, memori-al service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Faye Aldene Nussbaum

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

Faye was born Dec. 1, 1929, to Edd

farm. She attended school in Flanagan, Ill., played basketball and the clarinet and graduated from Flanagan High School. She completed two years at Goshen College in Goshen, Ind., and then attended Hession College in Hession, Ind., and then attended Hession College in Hession, Kan., where she was also secretary to the college dean. There she met John W. Nussbaum, and they were married June 14, 1952, at Waldo Mennonite Church in Flanagan. Ill. They moved to Twin Falls and had three children but were divorced in 1960.

Faye worked very hard and made many sacrifices as a single mother to care for her children. She always tried to instill in them the Christian values with which she was raised and that she maintained throughout her life. She worked as a secretary for several years and then attended the College of Southern Idaho, graduating with the first. CSI class of licensed principal nurses in 1966. She worked as an LPN in the Magic Valley area for life in the Magic Valley graduating. Faye enjoyed reading, gardening, playing Scrubble, working on jigsaw puzzles, going on picnics or in onner selection.

to garage sales.
She played the piano,
wrote many songs and sang
with a perfect alto voice in
several female quartets in
college and at church. Faye

loved her kids and grandkids more than anything on earth but she extended love and kindness to all she met. Always trying to see the good in every person. She made a sincere effort to help anyone in need and gave whatever. She could to family, neighbors or someone she just met on the street. She brought sunshine to many lives and did a lot of wonderful things for which she did not want credit; she gave the credit to Jesus and always tried to Jesus and always tried to Jesus and always tried to share her testimony for the Lord. She had real concern for the young men and women she met needing help inding direction in their own lives and spent many hours in prayer on their behalf.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers. Wayne Stalter and Edwin "Jack's Stalter. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by all of her

Edwin "jack" Statter. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by all of her family, which includes one
sister. Mildred Lugbill of
Archbold, Ohie; two brothers. Raymond "Fritz"
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as many other extenues unity members and dear friends.

A life celebration will be held in the near future. At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Idaho Chaplain Corps.

Have some good times in Heaven, Grandma.

DEATH NOTICES

Lvle A. Frazier

LANCE PAR FIGURE TO A Frazier, 98, of Win Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 2008, at St. Lukes Magst Valley Medical Center.

A service will be held at 1030 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. In Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ronald Potts

BUHL - Ronald Potts, 79,

of Buhl, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Marjorie Newman RUPERT — Marjorie Newman, 85, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will announced by the Ha Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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



A. 18-48. Jim and Linda Lee of Lee's Monuments and Rock Art, LLC.

would like to thank our customers for their support in 2008. We wish them and their families as well as our families and friends a blessed and happy Christmas

> and a safe and prosperous 2009. Family and friends and the people who support us are more precious than gold and better . than any present we could ever receive.

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Blanche Prodsham Wilson of Tucson, Ariz., and former-ly of Burley, funeral at 11

valley.com and click on "Obituaries."

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Bush withdraws 1 of 19 pardons he issued Tuesday

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush took the very rare step Wednesday of revok-ing a pardon he had granted only a day before, after learn-ing in news reports of political contributions to Republicans by the man's father and other teformatile.

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Bush pardoned 19 people on Tuesday, including Isaac Robert Toussle of Brooklyn, N.Y., who had been convicted of making failse statements to the U.S. Department of

ing his decision in ioussies case.
White House press secretary Dana Perino said the new decision was 'based on information that has subsequently come to light," including on the extent and nature of Toussle's prior criminal offenses. She also said that neither the White House counsel's office nor the presi-

said.
A story in the New York
Daily News said Toussie's
father, Robert, donated
\$20,500 to the national
Republican Party in April. It
came just months before
Toussie's pardon petition, the

Housing and Urban Development and of mall fraud. On Wednesday, the Witte House issued an extraordinary statement saying the president was reversing his decision in Toussie's case.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said the new decision was "based on information came than subsequents". A story in the New York without a recommendation from the pardon, attorney, Ronald L. Rodgers, as Toussie's request for a pardon came less than five years after completion of his sentence, so that eliminated another step in the

review process.

The Justice Department

advises the president on who qualifies for pardons. Only people who have waited five years after their conviction or release from prison can apply for a pardon under the depart-

for a purdon under the depart-ment's guidelines.

But the president can for-give people outside that process if he chooses. Under the Constitution, the presi-dent's power to issue pardons is absolute and cannot be erruled.
Perino said she is not aware

of any other instance of a par-don reversal, in the Bush administration or others.



Christmas Eve toleph

Fed grants **GMAC** authority to seek bailout funds

By Martin Crutsinger Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON
Genéral Motors' chances
of survival improved
Wednesday after its
financing arm became ellgible to tap into federal
bailout funds.
The Federal Reserve
approved GMAC Financial
Services' request to

approved GMAC Financial Services' request to become a bank holding company, allowing it to apply for a portion of the 5700 billion ballout fund and get emergency loans directly from the Fed. Analysts had speculated that 'without financial help, GMAC would have had to file for bankruptcy protection or shut down, dealing a serious blow to GM's own chances for sur-vival. The Fed cited 'emer-gency conditions' in justi-fying its decision. fying its decision.

fring its decision. The move to rescue an auto financing company was just the latest extension of the federal ballout program, which has designed to shore up ailing banks but has grown to include insurers and credit card companies.

GMAC provides financing for both GM dealers and customers as well as home mortgage loans through its Residential

and customers as well as home mortgage loans through its Residential Capital LLC division. The company is 51 percent owned by Cerberus Capital Management-LE, the investment fund that also owns Chryster. GM owns the remaining 49 percent of the company. Under the Fed's order, Cerberus and GM, whose businesses are mainly outside banking, would both have to significantly reduce their ownership stakes in GMAC. GM has committed to reducing its ownership in GMAC to less than 10 percent.

Cerberus was ordered to reduce its stake to 33 percent of total equity in the company.

More snow, ice confounds travelers in northern states

CHICAGO — Hundreds of holiday travelers spent the night in the nation's second busiest airport and some of them faced the prospect Wednesday of doing it again on Christmas Eve as airports across the country recovered from a barrage of snow and ice storms.

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Conditions improved with the storms were still dangerously slippery in some areas.

More snow fell in the Midwest, where the National Weather Service said up to 4 inches was possible in Chicago. The Northwest faced more snow and sleet, with up to 20 inches possible in the Cascade range in Washington, and icy, wet weather spread over the Northeast.

At least 23 highway deaths had been blamed on the weather, including a woman and her 7-month-old son who died in a two-vehicle crash early Wednesday in southeastern Wisconsin.

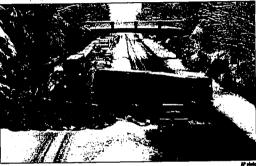
About 500 travelers had to

died in a two-vehicle crash early Wednesday in southeast-ern Wisconsia. About 500 travelers had to spend the night at Chicago's O'Hare International, the nation's second busiest airport, after stormy weather canceled more than 500 flights Tuesday, said Chicago Aviation Department spokeswoman Karen Pride. Some slept on cots, some on the floor or across waiting-room seats, and at least some face the prospect of spending-tonismas Eve at O'Hare. Newlyweds Tommy and Siobhan Costello were at O'Hare on Wednesday gearing up to spend their second night standed in an airport hotel en route to their honeymoon in San Diego. They arrived from their native treland on Tuesday, but the weather disruptions meant earliest flight out they could get 'was Thursday.

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"This was supposed to be a pit stop," said Slobhan Costello, 30. But there's nothing you can do."

At O'Hare's American Airlines terminal, Paul Fustini walted with a bag of food for his daughter Sara, who was



A Metro has is rocted around a tree that full across Highway 99 in north Sartite Wednesday, following more overnight snow. A week of heavy snow, jammed airports, closed roads and cable fever had many Weshkagton residents wishing for that traditional Morthwest holdsy: a rule-soaked Caristmas. More snowfall was expected Caristmas moraing for much of Western Washington.

White Christmas for half the country



trying to get home to Orlando, Fla. Her flight was canceled Tuesday and she finally got a flight for Thursday afternoon. "She wishes I would have brought a toothbrush," Fustini

brought a toothbrush, "Fustini said.

More than 100 flights were canceled at O'Hare on Wednesday. On Tuesday, can-cellations totaled more than 500.

The New York metro areas Kennedy and Newark alrports reported arrival delays of up to 3 hours, the Federal Aviation

Administration reported.

Administration reported.

The airlines are dealing with nothing but unhappy customers. asid Mike Conway, spokesman for Detroits Metropolitan Airport, where delays were reported in departures and arrivals because of conditions elsewhere in the country. The weather service posted winter storm warnings and advisories for large parts of the West, plus parts of the Midwest and the Northeast. Driving conditions were still

tough in Oregon's Portland metro area, where many side streets were clogged with snow and motorists were required to have tire chains, unless they had four-wheel drive and tires designed for hazardous weather. More snow fell in the region Wednesday. Oregon's largest utility, PGE, said it had restored service to \$25,000 customers since the stormy arrived Friday, but 47,000 were still blacked out Wednesday. Across Massachusetts, icy roads caused numerous accidents Wednesday morning, and state Trooper Thomas Murphy interstate 495 in Middleborough and Wareham was closed because of wrecks. "The rain and sleet just hit everywhere at once, and were encouraging everybody to reduce speed and take it easy out there." Massachusetts Trooper Thomas Murphy sid. Police in southeastern Pennsylvania reported a spate of ice-caused accidents and traffic delays, including one 22-vehicle crass. No serious injuries were reported. Motosiss in Michigan had

injuries were reported.

Motorists in Michigan had
to cope with drifting snow in
places in addition to ice-cov-

AROUND THE WORLD

GEORGIA Scarf arrest prompts . sensitivity training

sensitivity training

ATLANTA — City court workers including a municipal judge in an Atlanta suburb will undergo sensitivity training after police arrested a Muslim woman for refusing to remove her religious headscarf before attending a hearing. The judge ordered Lisa Valentine, 40, to serve 10 days in jail for contempt of court after the Dec. 16 incident. She was released in less than a day.

Muslim rights activists have asked the Department of Justice to investigate the incident that triggered a protest in Douglasville, a city of about 20,000 people on Atlanta's west suburban outsidris.

on Auantas west suburban outskirts.
Council on American-Islamic Relations spokes-man Ibrahim Hooper said Wednesday the training doesn't address the problem. "We can deal with whether people knew about policies or whether rectly, but the bottom line is, can a Musilim woman walk into this courroom wearing religious attire?' he said.

HAWAII Obamas celebrate holidav in islands

holiday in islands
HONOLULU — Prestdent-elect Barack Obama offered appreciation to the U.S. millitary on Chrismas Eve in a recorded message and then asked children of uniformed troops if they had their wish lists ready. Obama and wife, Michelle, made their early morning trek to Marine Corps Base Hawali just northeast of Honolulu as they had done during the last three days. Honolulu as they had done during the last three days. After about an hour at the base on Wednesday where he went inside a gym for a workout, he walked over to greet more than 60 people who walted for him. The president-elect shook hands while onlookers took pictures with their ceil phones and digital cameras.

WASHINGTON

Obama inaugural will have 10 parties

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obarna and his wife Michelle will twirl their way through 10 official inaugural balls on

official inaugural balls on Jan. 20.

The Presidential inauguard Committee said
Wednesday that the
Obamas would attend 10
official balls, one more
than President George W.
Bush and Laura Bush
attended in 2005.
For ball-goers and
Obama-watchers, a few
questions remain: What is
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Obama-watchers, a few questions remain: What will Michelle Obama wear? will Michelle Obama wear Which musical groups will perform? And will young daughters Sasha and Malia attend? No word from the committee on those fronts. — The Associated Press

400 dress as Jesus to put Christ back in Christmas

MANSAS CITY, Mo. —
Drássed in flowing robes and thorny crowns, about 400 churchgoers promised their pastor they'd dress like Jesus as a hard-to-miss reminder of the holiday's religious roots.

Members of Praise Chapel hristian Fellowship began christian Fellowship began showing up that way last week at jobs, shopping malls and restaurants. The demon-

and research
stration wrapped wr
Wednesday.
"I know it's a crazy idea,"
said- pastor Keily Lohrke,
whose 600 members attend
services in Kansas City, Kan,

and nearby Lee's Summit, Mo. "I know it's a radical idea. Christians can have fun with their faith." Lohrke said he came up with the idea out of fustration over the removal of crosses, nativity scenes and other religious symbols from public view.

public view.
Several groups have
ushed the Issue this year,
with the American Humanist
Association plastering ads on
Washington, D.C., buses that
proclaim "Why believe in
god? Just be good for goodness' sake." That story motivated Lohrike protest.
Lohrke, whose church is
part of Rancho Cucamonga,

Calif.-based Praise Chapel Fellowship of Churches and Ministers international, isn't convinced the founding fathers intended separation of church and state to mean the end of Jesus displayed publicly for holidays. "It's just absurd," he said, "that Jesus its obser at!"

"that Jesus is taken out.

"that lesus is taken out."
Lohrke brough up the idea at services on Dec. 14, telling parishioners: "We aren't going to preach." If asked about their attire, he said, participants are free to share their faith.

"We've gotten nothing but positives," said Lohrke, who has dressed like Jesus at a Starbucks, a Target store and a post office.



Coup leader's troops parade through Guinea capital

NAKRY, Guinea — The leaser of a coup paraded into Guera's capital followed by several thousand soldiers sevital thousand soldiers with the soldiers as you will be sold the soldiers as the soldiers a

hoisting Kalashnikovs accom-panied the parade.

It was the first time the cap-ital's residents had ventured outdoors since the military-led coup was declared Tuesday in this broken West

African nation.

Cautiously at first and then
by the thousands, people
poured into the streets to
watch the convoy make its
way toward the presidential
palace.

palace.
"I came to see if the terrain is favorable to us. I see that it is," Camara told the crowd.
The renegade army captain

was unknown to most Guineans until Tuesday, when he and other members of the military announced the coup after the death of longtime dictator Lansana Conte. Initially the coup leaders promised elections within 60 days, but Camara broadcast another message Wednesday. "The National Council for Democracy and Development has no ambition of staying in power," he said. "We are here to promote the organization of credible and transparent presidential elections by the end of December 2010."

Camara's group set a curfew from 8. p.m. to 6:30 a.m. throughout the country, where soldders loyal to the coup plotters circulated in lanks and jeeps armed with rocket launchers. Guinea's prime mitister spid Wednesday that the government remained in control. "This unknown captain doesn't control the army, the majority of the troops are still loyal — but one little group can easie a lot of disorder, Ahmed Tidlane Souare said by elephone from an undistelephone from an undis closed location.

Rush to seize power in Guinea

1958: Guinea gains independence from France. 1984: Conte takes power in a military coup after death of his prodecessor, Ahmed Sekou To

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Peace prize winner Tutu urges action in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe — With the death toll from Zimbabwe's cholera epi-demic over 1,100 and the outing in shambles, Nobel Peage Prize winner Desmond Tutu said Wednesday it was time to threaten its Iongtime prosident with removal by force.

The comas the gov-ernment of

ernment of Tob Prosident Robert Mugabe brought a missing Zimbabwean human rights activist to court Wednesday, acusing her and at least six others of plotting to overthrow the 84-year-old leader. The activist, jestjan Mukoko, disappeaged on Dec. 3 following nationwide protests against the; country's deepening economic and health crises. Charrien Mukoko, the

economic and health crises.
Charging Mukoko, the
respected head of a group
known as the Zimbabwe
Peage Project, in a plot
already widely dismissed as
a fabrication is seen as a sign
Mugabe is not prepared to
back down.

Mugabe is not prepared hack down.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. aired Wednesday. Tutu called on Mugabe to relinquish power and said he was ashamed of his own country. South Africa, for its handling of the issue.

the issue.
"We have betrayed our gagy, how much more suf-ing is going to make us y, No, we have given Mr. say, No, we have given Mr. Mugabe enough time," said Tutu, retired archbishop of

Tutus, retired archibishop of Caps Town who won the 1894, Nobel Peace Prize. Firmer South African president Thabo Mheki medjated the power-sharing deal between Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangiria, and South Africa religitated this week it saw the deal as the only way forward, despite new U.S. and Brijsh opposition to lit. Mugabe has ruled the country since its 1890 independence from Britain and refused to leave office following disputed elections in March.

March.
Asked during the interview if Mugabe should be removed by force, Thut said there should "certainly be the threat of it." And he added the president should

e warned that he could face at the Criminal International Criminal Court for his violent sup-Inten

Court for his violent sup-pression of opponents. Mukoko's court appear-ance came days after Tsvangirai threatened to withdraw from talks on implementing the power sharing deal untess at least 42 missing activists and opposition officials were released or charged. Late Wednesday, a judge ordered Mukoko and six other activists sent to a hos-pital under police guard so

pital under police guard so that allegations of torture could be investigated, a that allegations of torture could be investigated, a human rights lawyer said. The lawyer, Beatriee Miterus, said the seven would be brought to court again Monday to determine the next step, while another group of about two dozen detailere released uncondi-

Shortly before Mukoko was brought to court, human rights lawyers said they managed to locate 14 activists who had disap-

activists who and disappeared in recent weeks.
"It is our strong belief that more individuals than those disclosed to lawyers are being held in those police stations, as well as others which have not yet been visited," the lawyers said in a statement.

atement.
The Herald, the state-run ally, said Mukoko and the daily, said Mukoko and the other activists with Tsvangiral's Movement for Democratic Change would be charged with attempting to recruit fighters to over-throw President Robert Mugabe. The Herald quoted police as saying the MDC was training fighters in Botswana.

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Zimbabwean officials have repeatedly made such accusations, which have been denied by Botswana and the MDC. Last week. South African President Kgalema Modianthe dis-missed the allegations, say-ing the main regional bloc opened an investigation when Mugabër regione list. opened an investigation when Mugabe's regime first raised them last month, but "we never believed" them.

Annah Moyo, a Johannesburg-based

ad Zimbabwean human rights lawyers, said the charges against Mukoko were trumped up, and could be used by the Mugabe regime as an excuse to declare a state of emergency and withdraw from power sharing talks.

Christmas contrast

Bethlehem festive. Gaza violent

By Dalia Nammari Associated Press write

BETHLEHEM, West Bank AP) — Pilgrims and local hristians celebrated Bethlehems clebrated merrlest Christmas in elght years Wednesday, with hotels booked solid, Manger Square bustling with families and sared and Palestinian forces cooperating to make things run smoothly. The festivities in the West Bank town contrasted sharply with (AP) — P Christians

The lestivities in the West Bank town contrasted sharply with Hamas-run Gaza, just 45 miles away. While revelers in Bethlehem launched pink fireworks from a rooftop, militants fired barrages of dozens of rockets and mortar shells at Israeli communities and sent residents scrambling for bomb shelters.

dents scrambling for bomb shelters. Crowds gathered around nightfall ouside Betthehems Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, ahead of the midnight Catholic mass that is the hol-iday's highlight. A dozen pil-grims from India, Canada. Britain, the U.S. and other countries sung impromptu meditions of Christmas carcountries sung impromptu renditions of Christmas car-ols. David Bogenrief, 57, of Sioux City, Iowa, played the

Sioux City, Iowa, played me trumpet.

"Jeaus was the prince of peace, and he can bring that peace to you. We pray for you," Bogenrief told a gaggle of local children who gath-ered to listen.

Not long afterward, Israeli-alreraft over southern Gaza targeted millitants firing rock-ets, killing one and wounding two others.

two others.

In Manger Square vendors hawked roasted peanuts and Santa Claus hats. Many in the square were Musli resi dents out to enjoy their quiet town's annual moment at the

towns annual moment at the center of world attention. "Bethlehem is like the soul of the universe, and it's like an explosion of love here," said Stefano Croce, 46, a fashion photographer from Rome, italy

Italy.

Bethlehem has suffered from the Israeli-Palestinian fighting of recent years, and is now surrounded on three sides by the concrete slabs now surrounded on times sides by the concrete slabs and fences of the separation barrier Israel began building during a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings. The Palestinians see the barrier as



walks past Christmas decorations at a shop in Jerusi



A foreign tourist wears a festive ket during the traditional Christmas procession outside Church of the Kativity, believ many to be the birthple ce of Jesus Christ, in the West Bank town of

The town's Christian population has dwindled as many seek their fortunes abroad.

seek their fortunes abroad Current estimates say between 35 to 50 percent of the towns 40,000 people are Christian, compared to 90 percent in the 1950s. Israel has been holding peace talks over the past year with the moderate West Bank government of President Mahmoud Abbas, and new security cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian officers has allowed Palestinian forces a limited measure of inde-pendence in places like Bethelhem, under Israel's overall security control.

Bethlehem, under Israel's overall security control. The increasing sense of security inside Palestinian towns like Bethlehem is largely responsible for the

these trees distribution lesseday to restrict in tourism. The Palestinians have counted more than 1 million visitors to Bethielterm so far this year, a rise of more than 20,000 since last year.

Not everyone was thrilled Wednesday, Victor Dabash, 63, a souvenir shop owner, said there might be more tourists but they weren't spending money. These are the first people to enter our shop, he said, gesturing at two tourists, and all they're buying is postcards.

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The situation is dramatically different in Gaza, controlled by the Islamic militant group Hamas. A six-month cease fire between Israel and Hamas disintegrated last month before expiring officially last week, sending Gaza and nearby swaths of Israel into a spiral of violence.
Gaza millitants pummeled southern Israel towns on Wednesday with the largest southern Israel towns on Wednesday with the largest barrage of rockets and mortars is. forcing residents into shelters. With the projectiles inaccurate and residents well-drilled in taking cover, no one was injured in the attacks, though medies treated dozens of panicked citzens for shock.

One of the targets was Askelon, a Mediterranean city of 120,000. "We demand the government take action," Ashkelon Mayor Benny Vakini told Israel's Channel I

the government take action."
Ashkelon Mayor Benny
Vakrin told Israel's Channel 1
TV. "People are hiding in
bomb shelters and our children are taking cover under
desks at school. This cannot
continue."

. Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, who is running for

prime minister in February elections, said in a speech Wednesday that Israel had to

act.
"Our desire for peace does
not replace our responsibility
and when necessary, and

act.

"Our desire for peace does not replace our responsibility to act when necessary, and now it is necessary. Livin sald. There is a point where every country and every leadership says — and this is what we say tonight as well — enough is enough.

Security officials said, a large-scale military campaign against Gaza militants has aiready been approved but was being deayed because of difficult winter weather. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of Israel's military plans.

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The military said
Wednesday it had decided to
hook up a system that will
sound a warning in communities within 19 miles (30 kilometers) of Gaza every time a rocket is launched. The currocket is launched. The cur-rent warning system operates, at half that distance. The new-move showed Israel's com-cerns that Gaza militants, have dramatically expanded. their range and could take, advantage of their improved, capabilities in response to a large military action. Three civilians and two-militants were killed in Gaza when militants' explosives.

Three civilians and two militants were killed in Gaza when militants' explosives, apparently malfunctioned, Gazans criticized militants, for operating within residential areas, but would not agree to be quoted. tial areas, but would not,, agree to be quoted for fear of eprisal. Israel has imposed a block-

ade of Gaz in response to the rocket fire, preventing residents from leaving the territory and causing shortages of fuel and basic supplies.

Iran leader's Christmas message decries bullies

LONDON (AP) — Iran's president is offering season's greetings to Christians in a British TV address and suggests that if Jesus were alive, to would oppose "bullying, ill-tempered and expansion-ist powers" — an apparent reference to the U.S. and its alibe.

allies.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's
Cheistmas Day broadcast will
be delivered on Britain's
Channel 4 television, occupying-a slot that provides an
often controversial counterpoint to Queen Elizabeth II's

traditional annual message, the station said Wednesday. A leading British Jewish body said it was appalled. According to a transcript released, in advance, Ahmadinejad says most of the world's problems stem from leaders who have turned against religion. The Muslim president doesn't refer to rival nations or leaders by name or mention ers by name or mention Israel, despite his past calls to

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In Guatemala, a steep, rutted road to peace

COCOP, Guatemala — Guatemala's government is hoping the steep, rutted road to Cocop is a path to lasting

peace.

Abandoned for years, the repaired dirt roadway has restored access to an isolated alley that the army stormed in 1981, killing 79 people.

It may not seem like much, but the road represents a new level of war reparations: Government ald that tries to rebuild wartorn communities as a whole, rather than handing victims cash payments that often sow resentment among their former enemies.

Despite peace accords in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust of both meighbors and government officials still runs deep in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust of both meighbors and government officials still runs deep in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust of both meighbors and government officials still runs deep in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust of both meighbors and government officials still runs deep in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust of both meighbors and government officials still runs deep in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust of both meighbors and government officials still runs deep in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust of both meighbors and government of the payment in 1996 that ended 36 year of civil war, distrust you was a constant of the payment of the payme

Somalian president poised to resign

Los Angeles Times

NAIROBI, Kenya

Somalia's aging president is expected to resign in the coming days, aides said Wednesday, succumbing to threats of impeachment and international sanctions over this refusal to support a national reconciliation plan. Abdullah'i Yusuf, a warlord-turned-statesman, once was viewed as the linchpin of Somalia's transitional government. But in recent months, Yusuf, 74, repeatedly has clashed with the prime finitister and has come to be regarded as an obstacle to peace.

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Yusul's departure would mark a turning point for the Horn of Africa nation. It could reignite clan warfare, but it also could clear the way for a new power-sharing government that includes a key Islamist opposition faction.

"Yusul' was always a liability to Somalia and to the peace process," said Allisaid Omar Ibrahim, head of the Center, a Somali peace-advocacy, a Somali peace-advocacy, a Somali peace-advocacy and peace-advocacy by helping different stakeholders come together to devide the country's future."

"I would remember the dead and think, 'They are buried one on top of another. That can't be right," Ramirez

That can't be right, 'Ramirez said.

Next year, the program wants to help Cocop peasants grow fruit and vegetables that are more profitable than traditional crops of corn and beans. And plans are under way to build a common building for occasional dances and traditional ceremonies.

Cocop's success has persuaded 27 other communities to ask for similar programs, and the government

earmarked \$1 million for the next two years to pay for buildings and provide psychological care to those affected by painful memories of the war, like Ramirez's mother. a 79-year-old woman who still runs and hides whenever strangers approach.

The new-aid does not halt cash payments to survivors of human rights violations committed by the government. They receive one-time payments of between \$3,200 and \$5,800 from the war reparations program. And former paramilitary members who

were forced by the army to fight leftist guerrillas receive about \$700 each.

But cash reparations have fueled tensions between those who suffered humanights abuses and their perpetrators, says Hector Soto, a forensic anthropologist from the independent Center for Forensic Analysis and Applied Science.

"In those villages where only cash was given, even more problems arose," Soto says. "There were lealousy problems because people were not happy that others got cash."







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By Mike Christensen • Times-News writer

The 2008 portion of the schedule is in the books for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team. Here's a look at how things have gone and what's ahead for the Golden Eagles in 2009.

Record: 10-2 (8-2 at home, 1-0 road, 1-0 neutral site) National ranking: No. 18 in NJCAA Division I poll

Crowd pleasers: Jamelle Barrett and Jay Watkins



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The flasty freshman point guard
(Barrett) and the Incredibly athletic
small forward (Watkins) have hocked
up for some Jaw-dropping alley-op
dunks this season. Barrett is alley-op
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daveraging better than 14 points a
game. Watkins is CSIs leading scorer at
18.6 a game and could easily be the
team's 2008 MVP.



Best win

An 84-79 road win over No. 15 Seward County Community College on Dec. 13. The victory lifted CSI to 10-2 on the season and was the Golden Eagles' first win over a ranked foe.

Worst loss

A 69-64 home loss to Harcum College on Dec. 6. The Golden Eagles were playing short-handed in this one, but it was key mistakes throughout that cost them a victo-ry against a team in its first year at the NICAA Division I level.

Statistical leaders

Points: Jay Watkins 18.6, Dacquon Montreal 17.1, Jamelle Barrett 14.1. Rebounds: Montreal 10.3, Watkins 7.9, Aziz Ndiaye 7.9, Assists: Barrett 6.2, Odum 3.7. Blocks: Ndiaye 3.2, Montreal 1.2.

What's ahead





2008 MVP: Sophomore forward Daequon Montreal

Montreal has missed a few games with Injuries, but he's averaging a double-double, and his impact off the court has been extremely valuable as the only returning player from last year's team. "This summer, this fall Dacquon is the guy," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "He has been such a good leader." Montreal is more substance than flash, quietly working his way to averages of 17.1 points and 10.3 rebounds.

Sixth man: **Charles Odum**

The backup point guard has been solid, using his aggressive mentality to make things happen. He's also a solid on-ball defender for the Golden Eagles.

Coach Steve Gosar's take



"It's gone kind of as expected for a young team with so many freshmen and so many new guys. I think we're right where we need to be heading into the new year and conference season. I think we took big steps (Dec. 12-13) at Seward (County Community College). We have our guys coming together.

"I like where we're at right now. The guys are getting along, having a fun time and finding the enjoyment right now. Not just of playing and playing in front of crowds and winning, but the enjoyment of playing with each other. We're starting to really develop chemistry."

Coming Friday: A look at the CSI women's basketball season thus far

BSU likely to have big hopes in 2009



deadlines

Due to an early holiday deadline, results from wednesday right

SAN DIEGO — The pre-sumption seemed accurate: with a cast of new faces about to enter critical roles, 2008 was supposed to be Boise State's rebuilding year before making another run at the big boys of the BCS in the coming seasons. Try again.

the BCS in the coming seasons. Try again.
Even with a 17-16 loss to No.
11 TCU in Tuesday night's Poinsettia Bowl that ruined Boise State's hopes for a second unbeaten season in the last three years, the Broncos will likely head into the 2009 season with expectations that have rarely been muttered in their hometown where Boise State is THE game in town. hometown where B THE game in town.

Landing a second BCS bowl in 2009 wouldn't just be a pleasant surprise. Fans will be expecting it from the moment expecting it from the moment spring practice begins. "Everyone thought we were going to be rebuilding this year because our team is so young." said sophomore defensive end Ryan Winterswyk. "But I think our team matured really fast as the year went on, and kind of grew up fast and had to prove ourselves every week."

Boles State will bring back 13 starters with a long list of others who saw significant playing time this season, and its toughest game — a matchup with Pac-10 power Oregon — will come on the friendly blue turf

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moments of the the Poinsettia Bowl college fo San Diego Tuesday, TCU won the game 17-16.

And under the tree we find ...

ost folks will wake up this morning and head to the Christmas tree, pulling out presents and finding out what surprises await

out was a minister.

In the spirit of the season, let's take a look (all in good fun, of course) at what some area sports personalities might be hoping for under their trees this mornine.



DAVID BASHORE

Jack Bagley, Burley boys basketball coach: Improvement from the guard position to comple-ment Syle Hepworth and Bill Blauer, who have the post pretty well established. Short of that, a fifth year of eligibility for Colton Moon may do the trick.

Heldi Cartisser, CSI vol-leyball coach: A big-game performer, and a mulligan.

Steve Kent, Richifield girls basketball coach: A chal-lenge. The undefeated Tigers' average margin of victory this season is just short of 35 points. The clos-est any team has gotten is 19, and the greatest spread is 81.

Skylar "Poke" Morgan, Minico running back and All-Idaho Class 4A Player of the Year: Two more yards.

Steve Gosar, CSI men's basketball coach: A few of those handy medical packs from the video game "Wolfenstein," which signif-icantly improve the health of the person to whom the packs are applied.

Ed Simons, Ir., former Dietrich football coach: Two tickets to the Solomon Islands, and a happy retire-

University of Idaho All-American punter T.J. Conley: Fewer opportuni-ties to display his talent.

Ken Johnson, Twin Falls softball coach: An Amber Petersen clone. Or at least someone capable of filling her shoes.

Kimberly footbail/basketball players Eric Marvin, Braeden Nield, Justin Winmill, A.J. Schroeder, Laci Schoessier, Cody Wadsworth, Isaac Makings and Nick Dame: A Fruitland- and Shelley-free road to a state champi-onship game.

Boise State quarterback ellen Moore: A do-over o certain fourth-quarter

An invitation to the Mountain West Conference (or Pac-10, if the conference strangely decides to expand to 12 to invoke a championship game).

CSI softball coach Nick Baumert: A whole lotta pitching to go with that potentially scary offense we'll see in a month or two.

Hagerman boys basket-ball coach Kevin Cato, and his Pirates: Another visit from that March mo-jo.

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Medal to mettle:

Olympics were boon for NBA stars.

By Tim Reynolds Associated Press writer

Kobe Bryant is still fueled by

ne memory. He was on a bus in China He was on a bus in China sik months ago after the U.S. Olympic - basketball team defeated Spain to win the gold medal at the Beijing Games. Even now, Bryant can close his eyes and see LeBron James, Chris Paul, Dwight Howard, Jason Kidd, whooping and hollering, nary a care in, the world.

world.

"You see these guys, these quote-unquote superstars, hanging loose like a bunch of high school kids, just going craxy. It was great," Bryant sald, "There was so much energy in the locker room after the gold medal, the champagne and the guys just having a good time.
"That energy has carried yeer to now." It will be on display during the superstanding the supersta

ver to now."

It will be on display during
th NBA Christmas Day show-ase as five U.S. gold medal-sts headline a quintuple-

eader. Bryant's Los Angeles Lakers host Boston in a finals rematch on ABC. Paul and Howard reunite when Orlando hosts New Orleans

"You see these guys, these quote-unquote superstars, hanging loose like a bunch of high school kids, just going crazy. It was great."

(ESPN). James and Cleveland host Washington in the first of a TNT double-header, while Kidd takes Dallas into Portland in the second game. The other Christmas Day game has an Olympic feel. too: San Antonlo, with Beijling veterans Manu Ginobili and Fabriclo Oberto, visits Phoenix (ABC). Players say there is definitely a correlation between Beijling success and stardom this NBA season.
Bryan's Lakers are aton the

this NBA season.

Bryant's Lakers are atop the
West, James leads MVP talk,
Paul now makes double-doubles seem easy, Howard has cemented himself as the cemented himself as the game's dominant big man, Miamil's Dwyane Wade is having his best regular season—and each took a boost from the Olympic title.

"To win the gold just uplift—dail of us into this season," James said. "A lot of people were wondering if we'd hit a wall because we played in the

Olympics. But look at every-body from the Olympic team. Everybody is playing the best they've ever played." Maybe not everybody but

laybe not everybody, but

Maybe not everybody, but it's close. Wade (29.0 points per game) leads the NBA in scoring and has the iteat back in the playoff chase after last season's 15-win disaster where he was besieged with injuries. James is shooting better than ever, Howard leads the league in double-doubles with 20, and that due is keeping the Celtics from turning the East into a complete runaway. Toronto's Chris Bosh is on pace for a career-high in scor-

Toronto's Chris Bosh is on pace for a caree-high in scoring average, and Bryant, again, is a serious MVP candiate with an eye on a fourth NBA ring.

"It gives you a boost individually and in what you bring to your team," Wade said. "You're not only around greatness, competitiveness. You just, knew



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant shoots against the defense of New Orleans Hornets guard Devin Brown, left, and forward James Posey, right, in New Orleans on Tuesday. Bryant and the Lakers will try to end the Bosto Celtics' 19-game win streak today on ABC

how good it felt and how it was done, so you bring that back to your organization. It helps a lot."

lot."
In some cases, though, that summer of competitiveness came with a price.
Howard has dealt with a tender knee, a condition that Magic coach Stan Van Gundy believes was exacerbated a bit

demanding Olympic scheddemanding Olympic sched-ule. San Antonio was without Glnobili for the early part of the year as he comtinued to recover from a nasty ankle sprain that he aggravated in Beijing and ultimately needed surgery to fix. Another trio of gold-medal-ists, Deron Williams and Carlos Boozer of the Ufah fazz and Michael Redd of the

Milwaukee Bucks, all have missed time with injuries in the early portion of 2008-08. "Some guys are maintaining right now from what they did in the summer, and some guys have list a little bit of a wall." Raptors coach Jay Triano said. "I think it has to do with their personalities and how they deal with different things, and how their teams doing."

Lost in a rush of games, the Mercy Bowl remembered

Exactly how high the plane got off the ground is hard to say. No one could really be sure that foggy right in Ohio nearly a half-century ago. Some folks swear the old C-46, a lettover from World War II, never lifted off at all. Ted follner, a quarterback at Cal Poly, was sitting over the left wing, on the side where the engine gave out. "After we hit, it was all a blur," he said.

The Arctic-Pacific charter split in two and caught on fire at Toledo Express Airport on Oct. 29, 1960. It was the first airline crash involving a U.S. arrine crash involving a U.S. sports team. Of the 22 people killed, there were 16 Cal Poly players, a manager and a booster.

booster.
The next year, with support from Bob Hope and a blessing from President Kennedy, a game was held at the Los Angeles Collseum to offset burtal costs, pay medical expenses and set up an educational fund for the victims families and survivors.
They called it the Mercy Bowl.

owi. Almost 50 years since that ame, the college postseason Students and faculty at

Students and faculty at Cal Poly bow their heads during a memorial serv-ice Nov. 10, 1960, at the school gymnasium in San Luis Obispo, Calif.,

San Luis Obispo, Calif., for 16 players of the school's football team who died in a plane crash. They died on Oct. 29, 1960, when their

chartered plane, return-ing home after playing Bowling Green in a col-lege football game,

is now filled with 34 bowls that make millions of dollars for the schools and confer-ences that participate. Non-is held to solely benefit a greater cause. Today, most fans don't even recall the Mercy Bowl or why it was played.

rotall, intervals out even recall the Mercy Bowl or why it was played. "It did gel lost," said NFL Hall of Fame coach John Madden, who anchored Cal Poly's lines in the late 1950s. "It's like it just went away." A crowd of more than 33,000 turned out to see Fresno State bent Bowling Green 36-6 that Thanksgiving Day in 1961. Check elbay and it's easy to find ticket stubs—stamped with "Benefit Cal Poly Plane Crash Fund"—and souverier programs for Poly Plane Crash Fund" — and souvenir programs for

and souvenir programs for sale.

Tollner was there as a spectator, still nursing the right ankle smakled in the accident. He went to a life of coaching in the NFI, and college, always wondering why he was allowed to survive.

Shortly before the flight, Curtis Hill asked Tollner to switch seats.

The gifted receiver became ill on the trip to play at Bowling Green, and figured hed do better near the front of the plane going back home?

he'd do better near the front of the plane going back home

to San Luis Obispo.

Tollner traded, moving back a few rows. Minutes later the pilot, flying with a license that had been revoked by the Federal Aviation Administration, tried to take off.

"I was negrey much the cui-

revoked by the Federal Aviation Administration, tried to take off.

"I was pretty much the cutoff." said Toilner, now the
quarterbacks coach for the
San Francisco 49ers. "About
100 percent of the people sitting in front of me were killed.
Curtis was one of them. The
people in my row and back
mostly survived."

"A lot of things go through
your mind when you get an
extra bonus of 48 years to live.
Why me? Why not them? You
don't know why. You think
about those things when
you've been spared." he said.
Those tied to that day find
in puzzling how the details
faded so quickly.

"You hear "Mercy Bowl and
it sounds dreadful," said
Bernie Casey, a former
Bowling Green star who
became a Pro Bowl receiver
in the NFL. "You think of
bowls of being a celebration.
Were going to the Whoopee
Bowl or Good Times Bowl."

"I don't have a clue why it
didn't get more attention," he
said. "It should have."

The story of Chase Kear:

Hospital in Wichita, Kan., Dec. 15. Kear and nearly died and had to have a portion

do it, don't expect him to make it, the doctors said.

early useu and na are on his brain. the hospital in Wichita 20 miles away, a helicopter carry-ing their son overhead, close to death. A chaplain greeted

Miracles. perseverance, and love

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The story of Chase Kear sounds straightforward: Pole vaulter statistic terrible injury, makes an unexpected recovery, returns home in time for Cheistrage.

returns nome in time to. Christmas.

Dig deeper, beneath the basic plot line, and there are many other threads to the

many other threads to the tale.

There's perseverance, a young man's will keeping him alive when he probably should have died, pushing past others' expectations for his recovery.

There's the love of family and friends, along with him on the arduous road back to a normal life.

Kear's story also has an inexplicable quality, an improbable are that has some wondering if they've witnessed a miracle.

"No one has been able to explain it to us." said Chase's mother, Paula Kear. "No one knows, not even the doctors." If nothing else, Kear's story has miraculous attibutes to

has miraculous attributes to it.

It started Oct. 2, during track practice at Hutchinson Community College. Chase was trying out some new poles, practicing pop-ups—jumps without the crossbar—when he lost control. Hying out instead of up, his feet caught the back edge of the mat, lininging his head to the turf below.

Chase didn't have a mark on his body, but was clearly in trouble, convulsing and fading in and out of consciousness when I lutchinson track coach Pat Becher arrived.

ness when Hutchinson track coach Pat Becher arrived. "I thought we were going to lose him right there on the field," Becher said. Paul and Paula Kear rushed from their home in Colwich to

to death. A Chapian greece to death. A Chapian greece them at the door.

Te started to get real scary because it wasn't the normal ER visit," Paula said.
Chase's skull had fractured across the front from ear to ear. Two sections of his brain were bleeding.
Doctors induced a coma to curb the massive swelling inside his head. It didn't work. The only option was to remove part of his skull, give the jrain room to expand.
Can't we wait, see what happens, the Kears asked. No. Wait and he'll die. Even if we do it, don't expect him to wiggling toe, reaching hand, pursing lips.
Then, on the 10th day in the hospital, a nurse asked Chase to squeeze her hand if he understood what she was saying, He did.
That's when we knew he was in there, Paula said.
Chase continued to progress from there, moving from intensive care to a regular room after 19 days, walking the hallways of Wesley Rehabilitation. Hospital a week later.

Chase Kear, left, works with Heather Livers at Wesley Rehabilitation

c. 15. Kear hit his head while pole vaulting ave a portion of his skull removed to reliev

sonogram. Finally, a glimmer of hope.

Slowly, he became more responsive — parents and

responsive — parents and nurses euphoric with each wiggling toe, reaching hand.

make it, the doctors said.

Somehow, the procedure worked. Chase was alive.

Then, another problem.
Chase remained unresponsive days after surgery.
unflinching when nurse pinched his arm, eyes open, staring blankly past family members.

Might be time to start talking to special needs hospitals, doctors said. This could be all he is.

Itehabilitation Hospital a week later.

Then, on Nov. 21, the young man who wasn't supposed to live, wouldn't have any brain function, walked unsteadily through the door of the family home, less than two months after the accident.

And the future, the one he wasn't supposed to have, looks good.

Chase turned 20 earlier this month, had sungery last week of fill the baseball-sized hole in his skull with a ceramic plate. He's enrolled in two online classes next semester and has been offered a chance to coach track at Hutch. He still plans a career as a firefighter and hopes to pole walt again some day — despite his mother's pleadings. again some day — o mother's pleadings.

BSU

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of Bronco Stadium.
Still, overcoming the perception of playing feeble
competition could end up ception of playing feeble competition could end up being the biggest challenge. Those BCS hopes may ulti-mately be hamstrung again by the Broncos' weak Western Athletic Conference schedule nuncia conterence schedule and a relatively tame non-conference slate. Aside from Oregon and a trip to rising Tulsa, the rest of Boise State's schedule is a walk with the likes of Toledo, Miami (Ohio)

and UC Davis.

The Broncos toughest WAC game — likely Nevada — will also come at home.

Upgrading its schedule continues to be the biggest obstacle for Bolse State to overcome in registricts to how the team is perceived outside of Bolse.

make is how we play on the field, year after year, game after game," sald Boise State coach Chris Petersen. "That's all we concern ourselves all we with."

with."
One challenge will be avoiding the step back the Broncos took after an 11-to regular season in 2004. BSU lost to Louisville in the Liberty Bowl, then stumbled badly to start 2005, finishing 9-4. Eluding such a setback should be made easier by the possibility Boise State could have its most talent-ladent teem this decade in 2009.
One cog the Broncos will

need to replace is lan Johnson, who concluded his career Tuesday night as the WAC's all-time leader in risti-tion touchdowns, passing ing touchdowns, passing Marshali Faulk with a 20-yard touchdown sprint in the first

duarter.
But Johnson was already being phased out, partly because of an inexperienced offensive line that couldn't get the push that fits Johnson's running style. Often, Boise State's best runs were short dump passes or sweeps handed off to receivers in motion. Johnson's loss shouldn't be felt too much on the field.

especially with quarterback Kellen Moore returning. The WAC freshman of the year concluded his first season with a costly interception with less than 2 minutes left against TCU. But it was one of only a few mistakes he made all season. Coaches are considering letting Moore call his own plays next year — as a sophomore.

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doctors said. This could be un-he is.

The Kears didn't care.

"At least he was alive," Paul said. "I thought, if I have to carry him, I'll carry him — as

as he was ali A few days later, Chase moved his arm, a reaction to a

sophomore.

"I always say I felt like I was capable of it," Moore said of his first year. "(I) just never really knew when it would come, but it came early I

guess," Despite being mostly

regarded for its offensive ingenulty. Boise State's defense carried most of the season, at least until Thesday night when it couldn't get off the field against TCU's grinding offense and gave up a season high 472 yards. Still, the Broncos will return 19 defensive players to a unit that ranked third in the country in the regular season, allowing fewer than 13 points and 300 yards per game. Combine an improving defense with another undefeated regular season and some critics might finally come around.

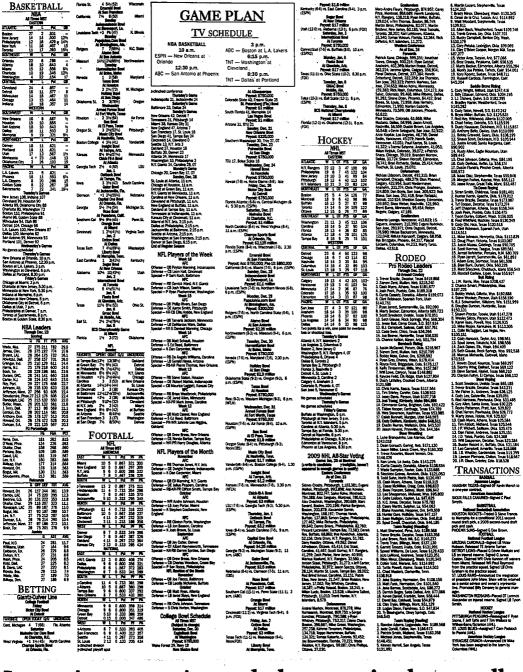


of Bolse.

Losses like Tuesday night's setback to TCU only feed the furor of pundits who believe that in a better conference—like the Mountain West that far the Broncos would be a middle-of-the-pack team.

"The best statement we can

SCOREBOARD



Lance Armstrong's new baby conceived naturally

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong may be busy baby-sitting between two major races

AUSTIN. Texas — Lance Armstrong may be busy bally-stitling between two major races next year.

Armstrong, who won the Tour de France seven consecutive years after overcoming testicular cancer, and his giffriend. Anna Hansen, are expecting a baby in June.

If is scheduled to compete in the Giro d'Italia, which runs from May 9-31 and the Tour de France, which begins huly 4.

"Anna and I are thrilled to confirm that we are expecting in June and our families are existed and grateful." Armstrong said in a statement released Tuesday night. We are very much looking forward to what 2009 brings on many fronts. We appreciate respecting our privacy, as we are both eager to celebrate the holidays as a family.

Rae Bazzarre, a spokeswoman for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Wednesday that the baly was conceived naturally.

Armstrong had three children with his exife. Kristin, using in vitro fertilization with sperm he had banked before undergoing chemotherapy.

Three years after retiring following his last Tour de France win Armstrong announced in September his return to competition and the Tour de France in 2009.

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NFL

Rams president resigns Devaney promoted to GM

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Rams president John

Shaw has resigned and Billy Devaney has been promoted to general manager.

The developments Wednesday are two more moves in a front office overhaul by a franchise that's been among the NFLS worst the last few seasons.

Jay Zygmunt, the president of football operations, resigned on Monday The Rams are 2-13 heading into Sunday's finale at Atlanta, and are 5-26 the last two seasons.

Shaw will be retained as a senior advisor and owner's representative.

Singletary looks like Niners' choice

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SANTA CLARA. Callf. — Mike Singletary has been a remarkable short-term solution to the San Francisco 49ers' woes. With each passing week the interim coach is looking more like the long-term fix as well.

When the 49ers (6-9) began preparations Wednesday for their season finale against Washington, Singletary acknowledged meeting with the teams top officials about his future earlier in the week. According to the Sacramento Bee, Singletary laid out a plan for the 49ers that wowed the club's leadership, which could announce Singletary's appointment to the full-time job early next week.

"I will just say this: I don't interpret anything as ... really good or really bad," said Singletary, whose club has won four of its last six. I think the most important thing is that I just continue to the start of second 40ers, and sold sold second done.

whose club has won four of its last sx. I thus the most important thing is that I just contin-ue to stay focused. After it's all said and done, we can look back at how positive things are, and our direction or whatever, and we can fully pay attention to it."

Sports Shorts

MAGIC VALLEY Holiday open gym in Twin falls

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will offer holiday basketball open gym at Robert Stuart Junior High, from 6-9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Additions open gym times include 6-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 and Saturday, Jan. 3, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4 Open gym is free.

Bruin Little Dribblers holds signups

TWIN FALLS — The Bruin Little Dribblers camp is scheduled from 8 to 10 a.m., Tuesday and Wednesday for boys and girls in grades K through 3. The competition camp for boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 is scheduled

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 530, which includes a camp ball and T-shirt. The K-3 camp will perform at halftime of the Bruin girls game on Ian. 8. Forms can be found at Donnelley Sports or Twin Falls High school. Information: Matt Harr at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

CSI holds winter baseball camp

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

Club Canyon/CSI VB camp nears

JEROME — The Club Canyon/College of Southern Idaho Winter Volleyhall Camp will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Jerome Recreation Center.

The camp is open to glifs in grades 5-8 and applications may be downloaded from the CSI volleyhall Web site at athlete-scaledu or picked up at the Jerome Recreation Center. The cost is \$50 and the camp is limited to 40 artilletes.

Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each

ay. Information: Jim Cartisser at 404-2768.

ldaho Prep Basketbali holds tourney

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Prep Basketball will hold youth tournaments Jan. 17 and Feb. 14 for boys and girls in grades 4-8 from Twin Falls and Buhl. Information: Call (360) 885-7810 or visit http://www.idahoprepbasketball.com for more information.

— Staff and wire reports

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waves to fans after Seattle's

the New York Jets in lest ho

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. --Brett Favre's rocket right arm might be running out of steam.

steam. 39-year-old quarterback insisted Wednesday he hasn't decided whether he'll return to the New York Jets next season, but said the health of his shoulder could be a factor.

a factor.
"I think the ending
physical, or whatever, that
every player goes through
after the last game will kind of
maybe shed some light on
some things," he said. "So
we'll see."

some things, he said. "So we'll see."
Favre has struggled for sevinal weeks, with one touchdown and six interceptions in New Yorks last four games. His arm strength doesn't appear to be what it was earlier this season, and that has led to speculation his right shoulder may be ailling. Favre did little to dispet that notion. "During the course of the year, there was numerous times where 1'd been asked about my shoulder and it had been hit a couple of times." Favre said.

"I don't know. I mean, just knowing my body, there may

knowing my body, there may be something, but there's no

test yet to reveal anything.

Favre said he hadn't yet had the shoulder examined, but will after the season—whether that's after Sunday's game the season—whether that's after the playoffs, if 'm' sure if we will have the Caristmas holiday off Thursday, and the season—whether the seaso

Favre says arm may be issue for future thrown receivers and lacked touch on some of his passes.

WEAPONS, AMMO, PANTS SEZED AT BURRESS' NI HOME. A small cache of weapons and ammunition and the pants and sneakers that Plasice Burress wore when he accidentally shor himself last month have been selzed from the home of the New York Clants receiver, pulice said its receiver, police said

Glants receiver, police sald Wednesday.
A 9-mm handgun, a 30.06-cailber rifle and ammunition, including a clip for a .45 gun, were taken from Burness' home. In Totowa, N.I., by authorities executing a search warrant Tuesday afternoon, police sald.
Investigators are trying to determine whether the weapons are registered, soit is unclear whether Burness will face additional charges.
Burress was charged with wo felony gun-possession

Burress was charged that two felony gun-possession charges following the acci-dental shooting at a Manhattan nightclub last

month.
Benjamin Brafman, the receiver's criminal attorney, said Wednesday morning that he believed that only a registered rifle was taken from the home. He did not know

whether Burress would face additional charges.

"We have not had a chance to review this new information," Braffman said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday morning, "When we do, we will have additional comment."

GRADNOWSKI LIKELY TO

OSTANT FOR BROWNS

BEREA, Ohlo — Bruce

GRADKOWSKI is likely to start at quarterback for the Cleveland Browns in . Sunday's season linale after Ken Dorsey did not practice Wednesday. Dorsey is 'very questionable' for the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Dorsey sustained a rib injury and mild concussion in Sunday's 14-0 loss to the Clincinnati Bengals.

GradKowski started 11

Cincinnat Bengals.
Gradkowski started 11
games for Tampa Bay in 2006.
He was signed Dec. 2 by the
Browns as an emergency
pickup after quarterbacks
Brady Quinn and Derek
Anderson suffered seasonending injuries.
If he does start, Gradkowski
will become the 13th QB to
play for the Browns since
1999.

Family, philanthropy up next for Holmgren

By Gregg Bell Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Mike Holmgren is happily leaving the job he's lowed and mastered for the last 17 years in the NFL. The reason is on the second floor of the Pike Market Medical Clinic. His wife, Kathy, a registered nurse who specializes is treating diabetes, is ending a checkup with a patient, a small, older man with bright ewes for whom English is a SEATTLE

small, older man with bright eyes for whom English is a second language. For the last two years Kathy has volun-teered at the clinic, which welcomes poor people off the streets of downtown

the streets of downtown Seattle.
She's done foot care, made home visits and seen whoever comes through the door. She's also traveled to Africa and Romania and Mexico while volunteering for a medical outreach team.

"I know who the real star of the family is," said her husband, the exiting coach of the Seattle Seahawks who earns about \$7.5 million per year, has led teams to three Super Bowls, and is the league's winningest active coach. 'And it's not me."
Holmgrein's move away

cogues witningest active coach. 'And its not me.' Holmgren's move away from football is for Kathy. He married her in 1970, the year he graduated from Southern California and went to the tralning camps of the St. Louis Cardinals and New York lets as a quarterback. She's been walting and coping while Holmgren has coached football every year since 1971, when he was a history teacher running the freshman team at Lincoln High School in his native San Francisco. "There couldn't be a better person to give to," he sald.

Before Holmgren's final game on Sunday, Kathy had reluctantly raised the "12th Man" flag, Seattle's in-stadium salute to its fans, immediately before kickoff. It was the first time in 15 years she's watched one of his games in its entirety in person. "Sho can't stay at the game because she cares too much," the coach said. "She said she had to be there for this last one, It was all very. It was all very. It was all very.

this last one. It was all very, very special."

As special as the charitable

As special as the charitable work the Holmgrens have done for decades.

Among the checks the coach writes to Africa is one for \$20,000 each year to provide food for children attending a primary school in Rwanda. More than 500,000 people were killed in 100 days during a mass genocide in the country in 1994. He's been told his money feeds the entire school for a year.

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medical school through medical school there. A few days before Christmas, Holmgren has just finished a lunchtime appearance ringing bells in the Seattle rain outside a department store for the Salvation Army's annual holiday campaign. The man with 173 carer wins, 10th all-time entering his final game with Seattle on Sunday at Arizona, walks unnoticed through the alley entrance of the clinic.

the clinic.

Kathy is gently talking with her patient as her towering husband walks slowly up wooden stairs to the secup woode ond floor.

"Trying to surprise her —
for the first time, after 38
years of marriage,"
Holmgren says, chuckling.

Dolphins try to clinch AFC East at Meadowlands Dallas (pius 1½) at Philadelphia The Eagles would be in much better shape if they hadn't blown last week's game in Washington. Now they'd love to knock out the hated Corboys, penaps even get into the play offs in the process. EAGLES, 16-10

When the New York Jets and Brett Favre opened the season by beating the Dolphins, few people thought the final game of the season would be Miami's chance for retribution and then some

then some.

The Dolphins, 1-15 a year ago, visit the Meadowlands ago, visit the Meanowand needing only to beat the Jets to win the AFC East and fin-

to win the AFC East and fin-ish the season 11-5. Even more ironic: Miami's quar-terback is Chad Pennington, dumped by the Jets to make room for Favre.

The Jets are favored by three, a strange line consid-ering how they've been play-ing since they handed Tennessee its first loss: three Tennessee its first loss: three losses in four games, and the one victory handed them by Buffalo and J.P. Losman, who was immediately demoted to third-string quarterback.

That plays into the Dolphins "no respect"

TEXANS, 24-21

nessee (minus 3) at Indianapolis

The oddsmakers finally figured out that when the Colts have clinched, Jim Sorgi rather than Peyton Manning will play most

New England (minus 6½) at Buffalo The Patriots could finish 11-5 and still miss the playoffs. PATRIOTS, 24-9

Carolina (minus 3) at New Orleans No NFC South team has beaten a division rival on the road. But the Panthers need this one.

The Falcons will be happy to "settle" for their wild card. FALCONS, 37-10

Jacksonville (plus 12½) at Baltimore

PANTHERS, 31-20 St. Louis (pius 15) at Atlanta

Dolphins "no respect theme.

I think teams said, They're winning some close games, but they're the same Dolphins... It's just a fluke," cornerback Andre Goodman said. "We did go 1-15. You don't come back from 1-15 and gain respect just because you have a new coaching staff and Bill Parcells is in the front office. And it's OK that teams view is this way." It's unlikely the Jest think that way. Nor do the Patriots, "who won the division title five previous seasons but

the five previous seasons but are out of the playoffs unless the Jets win and they beat Buffalo, or New England wins and Baltimore loses to

wins and Baltimore loses to Jacksonville. But the Jets' nosedive isn't the only reason to like the Dolphins, who are unlikely to be fazed by Glants Stadium weather. Hey, they played the coldest game in their history last week in Kansas City and came back to win 38-31. And pennington, of course, spent eight seasons with the Jets and probably knows the

reight seasons with the fets and probably knows the wind directions better than Favre, who has just one TD pass and six interceptions in the last four games.

Beyond that, go with Tony Sparano and his staff over Eric Mangini and his — Mangini has made some very strange decisions lately, including several in last week's loss in Seattle.

DOLPHINS, 24-17

Denver (plus 8½) at San Diego Ed Hochuli, who handed the Broncos the first game, is not the referee for this one. More important, the Chargers finally seem to have found their

•game. DHARGERS, 41-30

Detroit (plus 9) at Green Bay Last chance for the Lions to win. We gave them a shot last week. Not again. PACKERS, 31-13



At plant Milami Dolphins head coach Tony Sparano reacts after the Dolphins blad up a first down against the Kassas City Chiefs Dec. 21 in Kassas City, No. The Dolphins can cliech the AFC East title with a win over the New York

LAST WEEK: 4-12 (spread); 8-6 (straight up) SEASON: 113-121-6 (spread); 148-89-1(straight up)

Oakland (plus 13) at Tampa Bay The Bucs will win, but their recent stumbles may have done them in. BUCS, 21.5

team wraps up a playoff spot

by beating the Jags. RAVENS, 27-10

Cleveland (plus 10) at Pittsburgh How hard will the Steelers play? STEELERS, 17-12

Seattle (plus 6) at Arizona The plunging Cardinals have won the West by default but would like a winning season. CARDINALS, 30-20

Washington (plus 3) at San Francisco If Mike Singletary and Shaun Hill had started earlier ... 49ERS, 20-13

Kansas City (plus 3) at Cincinnati The Chiefs even can find w to lose to the Bengals. BENGALS, 13-12





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EFFIE A. CRAYTHORN has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased pointers are required to present their deceased pointers are required to present their strain publication of this notice at the offices of Fredericksen, Williams, Messeny & Lottspelch, LLP, 155 East Main Street, P.O. Box 168, Jerone, Idaho, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the name of the strain publication of the control o

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Warren A. Smith has being appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent of the estate are required to present their claims within tour (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever the condition of the notice of said claims will be forever with the claim of the notice of said claims will be forever with the Cart of the Court.

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SEARLE have petitioned to have certain lands annexed to the Southwest
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the lands being annexed without further DATED this 18th day of December 2008 SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT BY Is Randy Brown, RANDY BROWN.

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Thence Southeasterly 2,700 feet, more or less, to the True Point of Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 35, thence South 82,52 East slong Section line for 697.16 feet to the True Point of Beginning at Thence North 706 East for 370.0 feet to a point. Thence South 627.9 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence South 612 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence South 612 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence South 612 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence South 612 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence South 612 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence South 612 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence North 815 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence North 815 East for 330.07 feet to a point. Thence North 815 East for 330.07 feet to 100.07 feet for 100.07 fe

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Township 11 South, Range 24 EMA Casia County, Idaho.
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EXHIBIT 5 COUNTY OF JEROME SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEROME, IDANO, APPROVING THE JEROME COUNTY URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE CROSSROADS URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, WHICH PLAN INCLUDES REVENUE ALLOCATION FINANCING PROVISIONS, AUTHORIZED HE COUNTY OF JEROME, TO A STATE OFFICIALS, APPROVING THE SUMMANY OF THE COUNTRY OF JEROME.

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The Jornac County Crossroads Urban Renewal Project Urban Renewal Plan ("Plan") was prepared by the urban renewal agency of the County of Jerome, the Jerome County Urban Renewal Agency ("Agency") pursuant to the County Urban Renewal Law, the Local Economic Development Act, the John Constitution and the International County Urban Renewal Plan ("Plan") was prepared by the urban renewal provision pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act, the John Constitution as the Plan ("Plan") was prepared by the Urban Renewal Renewal Plan ("Plan") was prepared by the Urban Renewal Renewal Plan ("Plan") was prepared by the Urban Renewal Renewal Plan ("Plan") was prepared by the Urban Renewal Renewal

Section 3.00 through 223 discuss the proposed redevelopment actions, participation opportunities and agreements, cooperation with public bodies, property acquisition standards and requirements, relocation, de-proposed redevelopment actions, participation opportunities and agreements, cooperation with public bodies, property acquisitions standards and requirements, relocation, de-proposed redevelopment.

Section 4.02 through 4.04 discuss the type of land uses authorized in the Project Area and list other controls by referencing the applicable County ordinances.

Section 5.05 and Altachment 5 discuss revenue allocation financing and show how such financing has vertaed and would work in the Project Area and the Proje

The duration of the Plan is for twenty-four (24) years. A termination process is described in Section 800 of the Plan. The Agency is required to prepare an Attachment 1 Map of Urban Renewal Project Area and Revenue Allocation Area Attachment 2 Notes reported by Agency is required to prepare an Attachment 3 Private Properties Which May be Acquired by Agency (Umited to Public Improvements and Facilities) Attachment 3 Private Properties Which May be Acquired by Agency (Umited to Public Improvements and Facilities) Attachment 5 Subarrent Agency (Limited by Agency (Umited by Public Improvements and Facilities) Attachment 5 Subarrent May 1 Agency (Umited by Agency (Umited by Public Improvements and Facilities) Attachment 5 Subarrent May 1 Agency (Umited by Agency

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CROSSROADS POINT PROJECT
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
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DECEMBER 10, 2008
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Please take notice that on Dec 31, 2008 Jence Flores tiled a Petition asking to be appointed quantian of the minor. A copy of the petition is on file with the Cell of the court at 425 years of the petition of the petition of the petition of the petition and the petition of the petition of the petition and the petition has been set for heading in this Court located at Twin Falls, Idaho on Dec 31, 2008 at 9:30 ordook AM DATE: Dec 1, 2008 at 9:30 ordo

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ABEINDEN NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On world sth 2003 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of the First American.
Tible Company, 250 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls, tatho, 53:03
Bruce J. Bichowski, as successor trustee, will self as public suction, to the highest bidder, for cash, 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 lidenty, and described as follows.

PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The failure to pay, when due, under said Dead of Trust Note, monthly, principal, interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$583.2 for the month of July 2008 and each month threather costs and fees as provided by the Dead off Trust Note and Dead of Trust, and the principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said dead of trust is \$56,448.60 excluding interest and costs and expenges actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under or in this sate, as trustees see and/or restorable attempts fees an and the secured by the patients of the secured by the patients of the secured of trust. Date: December 4,2008

By: Bruce J. Bichowiek, Successor Trustee

San County of Spokane
On this day personally appeared before me
Bruce J. Bibnowlik, to me known to be the indvidual described in and who executed the within
and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged
that helps algred the same as his/her fee and
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 08-5246 NOTICE TO CREDITIONS In the Matter of the Estate of ENID "PAULINE" BURTRUM,

END PAULINE" BURTHUM, Decased, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decessed are required to present their claims within four months after that claims within four months after that claims with the forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative of the estate uco Steven D. Petarnon P.C., PO Box 5927, TWM Fals, Idaho 53030-5827, and filed with the Clark of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule.

DATED this 4" day of December, 2008.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the
City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing
will be hald on Monday, January 12, 2009, at
the hour of 8:00 ordicck, P.M., in the City
Council Chambers, located al 305 Third Avenue
East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear the following
councils:

IDANO POWER COMPANY
Requests the Vacation of public right-leway for
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Caso No. CV-08-3282
SUMMONS
TEGAN AND GEIST, INC. dba SERVICE-MASTER OF MAGIC VALLEY, an Idaho Corporation.

MARY ANN JONES and JOHN DOES 1-10,

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLANTIFIES, THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

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You are horoby notified that in order to defend this lawarit, an appropriate written response must be fifed with the above designated court within 20 days after envise or the designation of the court within 20 days after envise or the cut may sheet judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff(s) in the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish no seek the active of or the court of the court

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response to Finitisme, above. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the shown named court.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On April 3-d 2009 at the hour of 1000 a.m. on and day, at the front door of the First American Tible Company, 200 Tible day. N. Twin Falls, Idaho, 18353 at 18353

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

Case No. CV-2008-0005359 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. §15-3-801 In the Matter of the Estate of JACK COX, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AUDEANE COX has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the 'decedent of the statle are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

ed. is must be presented to the undersigned at address indicated and filed with the Clerk of Claims must be presenced by the defense indicated and filled with the Cithe Court.
STEPHEN, KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR By Russell G. Kvanvig
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 83
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WIN FALLS SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Case No. CV 08-5514 SUMMONS WILSON-BATES, INC. Plaintiff(s)

VS TAMMY D. REAVES TEDDY W. REAVES, JR., Defendant(s).

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SMALL CLAIMS CASES* along with this summons. A more detailed booklet which will take you step-by-alep through the small claims court process is evaluable upon request from the Clerk of the District Court in your county. This booklet has important information that will help you prepare for your hearing.

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DATED this 12" day of December, 2008 By Deputy Clerk of Court

E4 Thursday, December 25, 2008 Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be asked power part of your right to know and to be asked power part of your right to know and to be asked power part of your right to know and to have a state of the part of your right to know and the part of PREDES CLKEN 17Kmi.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY

Case No. CV-2008-268 Sheriff's Case #20085251 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

WILLIAM E. PEDERSON, JR. and KLOEPFER, INC., an Idaho Corporation Plaintifs.

VS.

JAWDAT MANSOUR and RIHAB MANSOUR,
Individually and d/b/a Twin Burgers as
Kaboba, And JOHN DOES 1 through 10

Defendants

JAWDAT MANSOUR and RIHAB MANSOUR, Individually and d/b/a Twin Burgers an Kabobs, And JOHN DOES 1 through 10 Counterclaimants

vs. WILLIAM E. PEDERSON, JR. and KLOEPFER, INC., an Idaho Corporation Counterdefendants

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re meeting. Minutes in their entirety are on file in

Edwards and the Clerk, Denise Gill present. sioner Williams, Commissioner FAIR

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On Gill, Fair Manager, presented an estimate to replace the septic system on the public restrooms at the fairgrounds. He also requested to replace to lotes in the women(ps adie. The Board approved the septic system and toles replacement to be paid out of the building fund, whereas the facility used for more fan the fair.

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MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Residents from the Clear Lake Golf Course and subdivisions joined the meeting requesting information on mosquito abatement district. They complaid of uncontrollable amount of mosquitoes in their area. Chairman Faultons briefly explained the process in forming an abatement district. They complaid no more than the process in forming an abatement district. Randy Mit an from the Clear Springs Foods, but bout farm the area, expressed oncean regarding the potential than to fish and organize many forms to the expression of the support of the process of the

Desire suggested any contact the university of totalo extension cinces in Gooding or Twin Falls for additional Information. The group discussed the idea of logging as a homeowness association.

PROSECUTORS

John Horgan and LaVen Shull, deputy prosecutors joined the meeting to discuss the proposed curiew ordinarios. They highlighted the changes which included the ability for the patients to give the permission for a minor to be out after designated curiew time.

Commissioner Edwards moved to adopt Ordinance 897 establishing control over children under the age of eighteen (18). Commissioner Williams secneded the motion. Roll call voils: Edwards Aye, Williams Aye, Faulton Aye, Faulton Aye, Faulton Ayer of Continuation of the Control Co

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 97. Ordinance in their entirety are on file in the office of the Gooding County Clerk.

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PLANNING AND ZONING

Commissioner Williams moved to allow the chair to stop the final plot of the Billingsey Creek Estate subdivision. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Into Brochman, Chairman of Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission and Judy Darie, Planning and Zoning Admiristrator, shared a letter than 100 country of the Country Clerk.

The group discussed the Conesting Station subdivision issue regarding the road change and the change to lot 1. The Clid Stage Road was changed for safety reasons.

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Commissioner Edwards and Williams moved and seconded to recess for funch. Motion carried.

SHERIF-REGIONAL JAIL

IDOC, Director Periok, reported that census of Idaho immake are on a decline. The significant reduction in these numbers will not allow the State to guarantee occupancy in a regional jail. He levels that the regional jail reposition should be postponed for 24-35 months.

Bill Altred, Regional Administrator of the DEC discussed to DEP ANTINEMY EXYSTONIAETHY A OLAL THE ADMINISTRATION OF A CONTRIBUTION O

on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

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Chairman Faulkner opened the public hearing on the PYO9 Budget. No persons were present at the hearing. Commissioner Williams moved to close the hearing. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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COUNTY OF GOODING, STATE OF IDAHO
This is a summary of resolution 69-69-25. Resolution in their entitiety are on like in the diffice of the Gooding County Clerk.
AMBULANCE DISTRICT
Chairman Faulkner opened the public hearing on the PYO9 Gooding County Ambulance District. No persons present at hearing. Commissioner Edwards moved to close the hearing. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RESULUTION STATE OF IDAHO
TO THIS IS A summary of resolution 09-08-25b. Resolution in their entirety are on file in the office of the Gooding County Clerk.
MINUTES
Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the minutes from August 11, 2008. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.
//To This is a summary of resolution 09-08-25b. Resolution in their entirety are on file in the office of the Gooding County Clerk.
MINUTES
Commissioner Faulkner moved to approve the minutes from August 11, 2008. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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This is a summary of the September 8, 2008 Gooding County Board of County Commissioner meeting. Minutes in their entirely are on file in the office of the Gooding County Cerk.

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John Horgan, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Richards Bigeons, Attorney Bigeons, Laboration and September 10, 2008 Bigeons, Attorney Richards Albert 10, 2008 Bigeons, Attorney Richards Albert 10, 2008 Bigeons, Attorney Richards County Bigeons, Laboration Fitzgerald, David Sliman, Grag Wokarsein & Joe James joined the meeting to discuss the Wood Priver National Control of Control o

Assessor Bauscher and Deputy Assessor Garrett joined the meeting. Ms. Garrett questioned assessing solid waste fees on feedlots. The Board feet that the ordinance states if they have a CAFP germant feet joined to be the decordingly. Commissioner Edwards motion to allow the tax cancellation on pancel RP09513E071800. Commissioner Edwards motion to allow the tax cancellation on pancel RP09513E071800. Commissioner Williams seconder Mean Motion carried. Chairman Faultere abstained.

Lori Copps, P&Z Administrative assistant, gave the schedule on the comprehensive plan workshops. The group discussed posting property for public

Treasurer Wines reported that the Sherilf's Department will be serving the warrants of distraint and adding a \$20,00 service fee. Sue So owner, does not want to pay their assessment; they would rather have the county issue the warrant of distraint and hauf of the cid mobile h missioner Faukner moved to canced \$39.37 for MH7514(255338EA. Commissioner Edwards seconded motion. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Chairman Faukner declared old deak from Assessor's office as surplus property with no value. Commissioner Edwards seconded motion. field.

COMPUTER ARTS, INC.

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TOTAL: \$253,962.95

Commissioner Edwards and Williams moved and seconded to recess for brinch. Motion carried.

GOODING COUNTY, AMBULANCE DISTRICTS

BUDGET-RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Edwards moved and seconded to adopt resolutions 08-09

WHEREAS, Board of County Commissioners adopted a budget for the Gooding County Ambulance

Ambulance District for Fiscal year 2007-2008 at a

WHEREAS, Board of County Commissioners adopted a budget for the Gooding County Ambulance Dathet for Fiscal year 2007-2008 at a determined amount, and This is a summary of resolution 08-09-08a. Resolutions in their entirely are on the the office of the Gooding County Clerk.

The Board reviewed a letter from Action Collections Service, In regarding Lorens Kely' dispute letter. The Board requested a letter be sent to Action Collection informing them that Ms. Kely received services normally provided by Gooding Ambulance Dathet that she willingly aboved to be transported and treated. Chairman Faulkner moved to switte-off account 448 and 11876. Commissioner Edwards seconded motion. Motion carried.

NOTIFIED TO THE COMMISSIONER Williams moved to approve the minutes from August 25, 2008. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes from August 25, 2008. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

International Part of Commissioner Terrell Williams, Commissioner Faulkner seconded motion. Motion carried.

International Commissioner Terrell Williams, Commissioner Tom Faulkner, Chairman

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Chairman Faulkner convened the regular session with Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Edwards and Clerk, Denies Gill.

Commissioner Faulkner moved to go into an executive session pursuant to IGS1-874 to consider indigent matiers and conduct apper to the Commissioner Edwards and Clerk, Denies Gill.

The Board discussed Idaho Power's request for a 7D TESPASSING ORDHANCE.

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Case No. CV-2008-0005263 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. §15-3-801 In the Matter of the Estate of DOUGLAS SCHOW,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KAREN KASTER has been appointed personal representative oil the above-named decedent. All persons having dalms against the decedent or the estate are required to present their dalains within lour (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or sald claims will be lottered barred.

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PHEN, KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR tussell G. Kvanvig inoys for Personal Representative By Russell S. . . . Attorneys for Personal re-PO Box 83 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083 Tahohone: 208-733-2721

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on January 13, 2009, a Tuesday, at the hour of 6.00 oclock, P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Fells, Idaho, to hear a request by:

Fells, (alho, to hear a request by:

Requests a Special Use Permit to establish an inhome dayter to ficially on properly located at
1225 6th Avenue East.

A complete description is on file with the Twin
Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at
324 Hanson Street East, 735-750 commonis may
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Idaho Code 45-1505 Today's date December 4,
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TWIN FALLS COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF
IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
TWIN FALLS SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT Case No. CV 08-5512

SUMMONS WILSON-BATES, INC. Plaintiff(s)

CHRISTIAM A. PEREZ, SONIA A. RUIZ Defendant(s).

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

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TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV 2007-0005031
ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR
HEARING.
In the interest of:
MARIAH PETERSEN
d.o.b. 8/1807
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A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child

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THE JEROME COUNTY PLANNING AND
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDANO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOXA MAGISTRATE DIVISION Caso No. CV. 2009-849 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Interest of the Estate of VIRGINIA SLIPPEY, Deceased.

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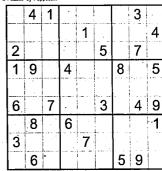
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Dear Miss Regan: Wherever you are now, I hope you can read this, I was that cutiy-haired kid in your third- and fourth-grade class in lirooklyn many years ago. I remember your love of animals and books. At the end of each school day you used to read the Dr. Doollittle stories to us. In my home there was almost no reading, but to the library, checked out the Dr. Doollittle stories of your influence, I went to the library, checked out the Dr. Doollittle stories of your influence, I went to the library, checked out the Dr. Doollittle stories of your library. I remember how, when kids misbenaved, you held mock trials in which student volunteers played the part of the judge, the lawyers, the jurors, etc. Because of it, igained a deep respect for law and order not only in the classroom but also in the outside world.

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also in the outside world.
You made us draw maps of New
York City over and over. I appreciated knowing the geography of the
city so well. And you taught the
boys as well as the girls how to crochet. I never used that skill, but it was nice to have been exposed to

it.

Now that I am a teacher, I often wonder if I make a difference in my students' lives. But when I do, I think back to your class and am reminded that, yes, the children do walk away with lifetong gifts.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne **Phillips** 

Thank you for all you did for me - HOWARD

IN RRIDGEWATER, N.I. IN BRIDGEWATER, NJ.
DEAR HOWARD: I am pleased
to print your letter. I am often
asked for gift suggestions for
teachers. Your message illustrates
that one of the most meaningful
gifts a teacher can receive is a letter from a former student, recalling a memory or life lesson learned in his or her classroom. These letters are more precious inese tetters are more precious than anything money could buy because the most meaningful thing we have in life is knowing that during the time we spent on this Earth we were able to make a

DEAR ABBY: I attend a nu DEARABS! I attent a humor of women's events, and a pet peeve of mine is when one or more of the women immediately pull out pictures of their grand-children, their children's weddings, or their pets and proceed to show them to everyone.

I know these women are proud,

but they should realize that not everyone wants to look at these photos. There are times when I then to say something, but I'm afraid they would reply with something like, 'Oh, you're just jealous 'because you don't have grandchildren.'

One woman dominated the entire conversation at one luncheon. No one knew her daughter and son-in-law or her realities, and I imagine they were looking at the pictures just to be polite, as was I. I resented her standing behind me while delivering her lengthy discription of each one to

being the Walle delivering her lengthy description of each one to the person sitting next to me. What should I do when I find myself in this situation again — as l know I will?

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PICTURES
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
DEAR BORED: It would not be
rude to suddenly have an 'ungent
call of nature' and excuse yoursel'
to go to the restroom. I'lb bet i'll you
do, others at the table will join you.
And should you see a friend on the
way back, it also isn't rude to stop
and chat for a moment. When you
get back to the table, raise another
topic of conversation.

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: A very Merry Christmas one and all!

# ★ HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

reindeer hooves may have inter-rupted your sleep. You may wake up today and be amazed by some-one's generosity or thoughtful-

IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BRITHDAY. You've got a tiger by the tall during the year sheed. You have probably read that luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity. During the next six months, be prepared to embrace any offer that will fatten your wallet or improve your life—specially during January when good fortune is headed in your combrace any plans you put into motion or offers you accept that month will eventually be of benefit even if you can't see it clearly and the time. Next May your business instincts are sharp as a razor and you can shave off some of the cream for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Playing Santa Caus can bantsh a race of frost where your lovellife's concerned. However, the unfettered joy of gift giving could be hampered if you force someone to reciprocate from a sense of obligation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): one's generosity or thoughtfulness.

CANCER (lune 21-July 22):
Hold an open house that fulfills all your social obligations. Juggle new friends with old one or make a few phone calls to extend holiday greetings far and wide to create glowing circle of good will.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Holday background music and the flattering glow of Christmas lights easily create a heartwarming setting for any family gathering. Don't forget to hang plenity of mistetoe so you can grab extra kisses.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Turn holiday happenings into permanent memories by taking photos or showing off your special tainest. Your tact and diplomacy are valuable commodities to employ if you run Into Mr. or Mrs. Scrooge.

LIBBA (Scen. 23-Oct. 22): Plant reciprocate from a sense of obliga-tion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Your significant other may prove to be your best friend in more ways than one. Find ways to delight and amuse the most important person in your life. Time-tested traditions may require your respect. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You once thought it was just a holiday myth, but the pitter-patter of tiny

Scrooge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plant yourself right under the mistletoe, as you might attract more than the expected kiss. A charming someone might be full of romantic

ideas, rather than visions of sug-arplums, and sweep you off your feet. el. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You

score for the happiness and joys of this season with a calculator. Be proud of your loved ones, wherever they may be, and take joy in the little things in life that ean so much. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

mean so much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21): Iloliday magic brings smiles.

to children's faces and intensifies the harmony with your soul mate.

Create happy memories by building a snowman or taking a drive to enjoy seasonal displays.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Deck your halls with loads of Jolly. This season of miracles gives you a chance to indulge your fondness for generous gestures and fill a virtual treasure decis with warm holday memories.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If life hands you snow, make snowbuilds, Even someone with a personality that has all the warmth of Prosty the Snowman can't interfere with your ability to enjoy the holiday in a careffree manner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

They say it is more blessed to give

They say it is more blessed to ghe than to receive. You don't have head off to church or spend a lot in order to act like a Christmas angel

or to let your wings flap with con-tentment wherever you go.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 25, the 380th day of 2008. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day. Today's Highlight in History. On Dec. 25, 1818, 'Silent Night,' written by Franz Gruber and Father Joseph Mohr, was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria. On this date:

Obermoon, Austria.
On this date
In A.D. 336, the first recorded
clebration of Christmas on Dec.
25 took place In Rome.
In 1066, William the Conqueror
was crowned king of England.
In 1776, Gen. George
Washington and his troops
crossed the Delaware River for a
surprise attack against Hessian
forces at Trenton, N.J.
In 1928, Hirohito became
emperor of Japan, succeeding his
father, Emperor Yoshihito
(Hilrohito was formally enthroned
almost two years later.)

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at Hong Kong. In 1946, cor

nedian W.C. Fields In 1946, comedian W.C. Fields died in Pasadena, Calif., at age 66. In 1977, comedian Sir Charles Chaplin died in Switzerland at age 89.

age 88.
In 1989, ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were executed fol-

his wife, Eicha, were executed to lowing a popular uprising. In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leaders of the property of the statement of the der of a communist superpow-that had already gone out of

er that had already gone out of existence.
In 2006, James Brown, the 'Godfather of Soul,' died of heart failure in Atlanta at age 73.
Ten years ago: British mogul Richard Branson, American milionaire Steve Fossett and Per Lindstrand of Sweden gave up their attempt to make the first non-stop, round-the-world bai-

loon flight seven days into their journey, ditching off llawali. Five years ago: Sixteen people were killed by mudsildes that swept over campgrounds in California's San Bernardino Valley, Pakistani Praident Pervez Wusharraf survived a second assassination bid in I days, but 16 other people, including three suicide bombers, were killed. A plane crashed after taking off from Benia, killing talest 130 of the 161 people aboard. Europes tiny Mars lander, the Bengle 2, was supposed to go into orbit around the fied Planet, but the

around the Red Planet, but the craft was lost.

One year ago: A liger at the San Francisco Zoo escaped her enclosure and killed a park visitor, two brothers also were matuch, but survived. Russias military successfully test-fired a new intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying multiple nuclear warheads. A ruptured gasoline pipeline exploded near Nigerias main city of Lagos, killing at least 40 people. 

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