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Father arrested in connection with girl's death

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The father of an 11-year-old girl who died from apparent hypothermia has been arrested on charges stemming from her death.

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murder and two felony counts of child endangerment, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Sage Aragon tried to walk 10 miles in the snow on Christmas Day to her mother's

house from her father's vehicle, which was stuck in a snow drift, according to the sheriff's office. Her body was found Friday following a search by Blaine County Search and Rescue workers.

Lincoln County authorities said Robert Aragon had turned off of Highway 75 near West Magic Road to take his two children to their mother's for

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— Jim Gay, chief deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Christmas, when his truck became stuck in snow. Aragon allowed his daughter and her 12-year-old brother, who survived, to walk to their mother's

house, deputies said.

"They should not have been allowed to leave the car in that

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Sage Aragon

Photo: Robert Thibault

Growth horizon

A new resort is under development on the slopes of Mount Harrison in the South Fork Snake River Forest at 8,000 feet.

Story by Damon Hanzeker
Photos by Ashley Smith
Times-News

Ketchum wasn't always a big deal. Neither was Aspen. Until the 1930s and 1940s, both were inconsequential mining towns that became international destinations for year-round recreation.

Could Albion be next?

For nearly 20 years, speculation has persisted that a new resort might join Pomerelle on the slopes of Mount Harrison, making Albion a resort town similar to Sun Valley or Park City, Utah.

While the conversations are still speculative, some recent developments in and around Albion show growing interest in developing the scenic area.

Growing speculation

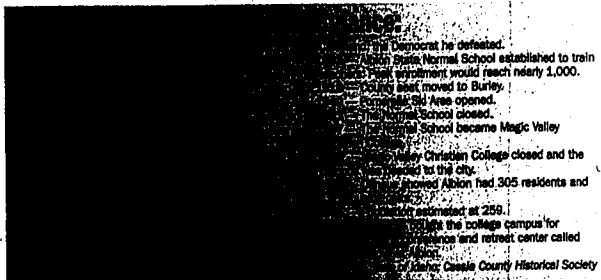
For years people have wondered what might one day happen to 3,500 acres of ranchland at the base of Mount Harrison owned by the Skaggs family, which made its fortune in retailing through the Safeway, Skaggs Drug and Osco retail chains, among others.

The ranch, it is said, would be the ideal location for development of a ski village with hotels, condos and a golf course at the base of Mount Harrison's north face. The mountain itself could be leased from the Forest Service and groomed as ski trails with a vertical drop comparable to Sun Valley's famed Bald Mountain.

Pat McCammon, manager of the Skaggs



Destin Stavros uses an ATV on Dec. 17 to plow in front of his house in Albion.



The Bald Mountain School established to train students in the area would reach nearly 1,000 students. The school would be moved to Burley. The school would be moved to Burley. The school would be moved to Burley.

Legal woes snag Adamson

Head of Idaho health-care company owes IRS \$7.5M

By Hala Popolino
Times-News writer

Northwest Bec-Corp was once a strong presence in the Magic Valley health-care scene. It ran a network of assisted living facilities and nursing homes, including Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl and Magic Valley Manor in Wendell. The entire area was covered by its in-home care network, but that network and those homes no longer belong to it.

Northwest's future

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View court documents from this case.

Israeli air assault on Hamas kills more than 200 people

By Ibrahim Barzak and Amy Talbot
Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli warplanes rained more than 100 tons of bombs on security installations in Hamas-ruled Gaza on Saturday, killing at least 230 people in one of the bloodiest days in decades of the mideast conflict. The government said the open-ended campaign was aimed at stopping rocket and mortar attacks that have traumatized southern Israel.

More than 400 people were also wounded. Most of the casualties were security forces, but Palestinian officials said at least 15 civilians were among the dead.

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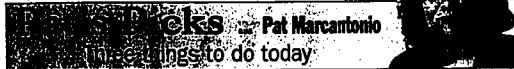
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To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.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



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Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. It's also a good place for lunch, as well as a meat market and grocery store. You can also watch the making of tortillas through the bakery window, and check out the wall of pastries. It will put your taste buds into overdrive.
• Bring finger food to share and pictures of your loved one in the military to the

Magic Valley Military Support Group open house from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of Roger and Sharon Gentert, 2202 E. 3300 S, Wendell.

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 point@magvalley.com.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Photo courtesy of the Twin Falls Public Library

The congregation of the Immanuel Lutheran Church dedicated their first chapel in August 1909. The church contained pews, an altar, a baptismal font and an organ. The parsonage was next door. By 1932 the congregation had outgrown the building, so it was moved from 501 3rd Ave. West to 9th Avenue West. Eventually, the Lutheran Church made its home on Filier Avenue. The first building was torn down during the 1970s.



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Legal

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seems uncertain. But its CEO, Dan Adamson, is likely headed for jail.

Adamson, 57 and a former gubernatorial candidate, pleaded guilty this fall in federal court to one count of willfully failing to send millions of dollars in taxes withheld from his employees to the Internal Revenue Service.

He couldn't be reacted for comment for this article, but one of his attorneys said that the problem started with the government.

Max D. Wheeler, Adamson's attorney in Salt Lake City, said his client's actions were prompted by a series of state and federal cutbacks in Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates for nursing homes. It meant less money for his patients, Wheeler said, and left the management CEO in a tough position.

Adamson couldn't reduce the level of care he provided, Wheeler said, and he didn't want to close his homes. So he diverted income tax withholdings from six homes in California to keep Northwest Adams from approaching the IRS right away to try to negotiate delayed payments.

Wheeler said Adamson told his company managers, but likely didn't consider the matter something that other employees needed to know. "That choice, obviously, was the wrong one for Dan, personally," Wheeler said, adding that Adamson's initial decision to be his own legal counsel also cost him. "I'm not so sure it was the wrong one for the patients."

Prosecutors filed one charge against Adamson on Oct. 20, the same day that a plea agreement was filed. U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill accepted Adamson's guilty plea on Nov. 17, about one month later.

Technically, Adamson only pleaded guilty to failing to pass along about \$468,000 in withholdings from the third quarter of 2001.

But court records show that one quarter was only part of a long-term pattern that started in the second quarter of 2001 and runs through the second quarter of 2007, for a total of \$7.5 million.

The plea agreement does not list discrepancies for 2004 — a time when business

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— Max D. Wheeler, Adamson's attorney

improved for Northwest. Adamson said he would attempt to pay the full \$7.5 million, plus fines and court costs, on or before March 9. Nothing in the agreement limits the IRS from collecting penalties or interest.

Achelle R. Mallard, assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Idaho, said Adamson pleading to just the withholdings from the one quarter is "typical of these cases."

Mallard declined to say much about the Adamson case, and would not comment when asked why the IRS waited so long to take action. She did say that the IRS will often try to work with business owners to give them time to catch up, and that criminal investigations can take "a considerable amount of time."

Adamson, born in Twin Falls, became prominent as the Jerome County prosecuting attorney in the 1980s and worked as a lawyer in Pocatello. He founded Northwest in 1991, which eventually grew to manage roughly 20 nursing homes and assisted-living centers in Idaho, California and Oregon. In addition, he branched out to work with a number of affiliates, including Helping Hands Sanctuary of Idaho, Northwest Pharmaceutical Inc. and a partnership with Indian company Promantra Synergy Solutions, which provides financial, billing and other services for health care providers.

Information from Northwest's corporate Web site — since taken down — stated that the company's

projected annual revenue for itself and its affiliates in fiscal year 2002 was more than \$54 million. It did not specify how much of that revenue, in one of the first years of the tax problems, would be considered profit.

In a biography released during the 2006 gubernatorial campaign, Adamson said he has experience in the federal court system, was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar and both the Utah and Idaho federal and state bars.

Over the years he made several attempts to enter politics, running twice for Congress in the '80s and for governor in 2006. In the last race, he faced now-Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and two others in the Republican primary and won 21 percent of the statewide vote to Otter's 70 percent. He paid for much of his race through nearly \$145,000 in loans to himself, and focused on issues such as revitalizing education and business in the state, as well as attacking Idaho Power for allegedly misusing its monopoly status.

His financial problems came to light during the 2006 campaign — when the Associated Press reported that six of his company's assisted-living facilities were delinquent on their property taxes by more than \$111,000. Adamson told the AP that Northwest's profit margins were less than 1 percent and that the taxes were always paid in the end. The withholdings issue remained below the public's radar.

Rising residential property taxes were a major topic during the campaign, and Adamson called it "the most unfair tax in the world" for its effects on the poor in an interview with the *Times-News* that spring.

Adamson's federal conviction has carried a strong cost for Northwest. Since the sale of a nursing

home in Gooding in February, Northwest has slowly and quietly been dismantled. Its Idaho assets have been transferred to companies whose leaders include Adamson's business partners and some of his family. Officials from those and its in-home care network, but did not take the hospice in Twin Falls. And B.R.P. Health Management Systems, incorporated in March and run by former Jerome County commissioner Jerome Gentert, took control of Northwest's management contracts for nursing homes in Burley, Buhl, Kimberly and Shoshone. Prescott, whose other group, Helping Hands, purchased the Gooding home, said the B.R.P. deals had been in the works for about five months.

Wheeler confirmed that the sale of Northwest's properties and management contracts is meant to raise "quite a bit" of the money owed to the IRS, though he said his client likely won't have the full sum by March. "I don't think the government expects him to," Wheeler said. "They know he doesn't have that kind of money."

Prescott also notes that as a convicted felon, Adamson may not be allowed to handle federal funding such as Medicare payments.

Wheeler, himself a former Justice Department prosecutor, said this isn't the first time he'd represented a nursing home company facing the Medicare crunch. But he said he thought Adamson's conviction was unusual and that he's unsure what his client will end up facing.

"I confess I have never seen in my career a criminal case brought under these circumstances," Wheeler said. "To me, it's a little disturbing that the government can put a taxpayer in a position like this."

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Death

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kind of weather," said Jim Gay, chief deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

The father and another adult passenger stayed behind with the truck to free it from the snow, the sheriff's office said.

The boy was found in a rest area's bathroom about four miles from Highway 75 and

the girl was found about one mile east towards Highway 75 from the rest area, deputies said. The girl was taken to St. Luke's Woodlark Medical Center in Ketchum, where she was pronounced dead. The boy was treated at the hospital and released.

"They had separated is my understanding," Gay said. "The boy" stayed in the rest

area bathroom and she tried to walk back to the car. At least, that's what it appeared to be.

Lt. Jay Davis of the Blaine County Sheriff's Office said that the boy was found Thursday night and the girl was found on Friday.

Robert Aragon's age and hometown were not provided by authorities Saturday. An autopsy was completed

on Saturday, and the preliminary results show that Sage Aragon died of hypothermia, said Blaine County coroner Russ Mikel. Additional work will take another week or so to complete, he said.

Robert Aragon remained in custody at the Blaine County jail on Saturday, where ball has been set at \$500,000. His first court appearance is scheduled for Monday.

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Albion

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 ranch, confirmed the general rumors but denied active participation on behalf of Mark Skaggs, who runs the ranch for his family.

"There's been talk of it for years, but it doesn't involve me," McCannan said. "I've been here for five years and haven't heard anything definite, and I'd be one of the first people to know."

Cassia County officials said they've heard rumors about resort plans but have never seen anything in writing or had any requests for permits or approvals.

Albion Mayor Don Bowden, acknowledging that he's heard the talk, said there's nothing to report and that talking about it is "a waste of time."

But while a major resort may only be gossip at this point, Albion appears poised for unprecedented growth.

Change in the air

With a population of less than 300, Albion has seen better days. It was the Cassia County seat from 1879 to 1918, and home to the Albion State Normal School, a teacher's college founded in 1893. In some years before its closure in 1951, the college had nearly 1,000 students.

While long ago eclipsed by Burley, Albion's mountain scenery and location near Pomerelle have made it an attractive alternative to more expensive, already-developed resort towns.

"The majority of property around here isn't bought for development — it's bought to keep people out of here," said Troy Mortensen, a key player in the investment group that last year bought and began redeveloping the Normal School campus as a new conference center and retreat.

Still, Mortensen says change is in the air.

"Something's going to happen here. I don't know how big it will be, but everybody expects that something will happen," he said. "When markets are down, one place that does develop are recreation areas. There are still people who have money, and they go after places like this."

With slightly more than 100 homes, the town could see rapid development in coming years even if a ski resort isn't in the making. Cassia County commissioners recently approved a 30-acre residential development on the east side of the town.

How many houses the developer may build is unclear, but that one project alone would dramatically increase the size of the town.

"The city of Albion was going to incorporate it and make a 60-lot development. The county is limited to approving one-acre lots, but cities can divide them into half-acre lots," Cassia County Clerk Larry Mickelsen said. "But what it'll turn into, I don't know."

Close to Pomerelle, the only private property on Mount Harrison itself is owned by Raymond Hohosh of Ogden, Utah. He has 11 five-acre lots in Howell Canyon, and is building a large home that has yet to be finished. A few months ago, when construction started, American Falls Realtor Nate Covington had the listing. He now says he is a consultant for developers he would not identify, but who have big plans for the area.

"All I know for sure is that the idea behind whatever happens is to make Albion similar to what Park City was 35 years ago," Covington said. "I also know that a guy from Vegas who wanted to put in some condos ... there's been quite a bit of interest in the area. There aren't many pieces of ground like that left in the country, and people from all over the country have been looking at it."

Covington cited several draws to the area aside from Pomerelle: "The City of Rocks is there. If they do more with the Albion Normal School, that would be great. And if they had an ice-skating rink in town, it would be ideal. Because now, you have to go to Sun Valley for that ... plus, it's centrally located between Salt Lake City and Boise."

Covington said he expects at least an expansion of

Pomerelle but added that he's talked to several investors about a golf course near the Albion Hills and plans for something called the Marsh Creek Estates.

"There are plans that are drawn up for all of this, but they're not ready to make an announcement," he said.

Some of the Howell Canyon property is now listed by Mountain West Realty agent Marlon Wadsworth.

"The developers would like to see it turn into a place for corporate retreats and things like that, being so close to a ski resort," she said.

Resort of the future

While technically a ski resort, Pomerelle pales in comparison to Sun Valley. With just 24 runs over 500 acres and two chair lifts, Pomerelle attracts mainly skiers from the Magic Valley and offers no amenities that would make it a national or international draw.

Woody Anderson, who has owned Pomerelle since 1973, said he's heard talk about a new resort for years and would welcome an infusion of development.

"It would be a year-round thing — more than Pomerelle is," Anderson said. "We have some mountain-biking and

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A scenic view near the Normal School in Albion.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times News

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— Troy Mortensen, a key player in the investment group that last year bought and began redeveloping the Normal School campus

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Resort

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weddings in the summer, but this would encompass much more. If something did happen, it would be good for the whole community."

While Pomerelle has limited drawing power, a more developed Mount Harrison has much to offer. The 4,000-foot north face, for example, would allow for runs with four times the vertical descent than those at Pomerelle.

The 9,200-foot mountain and nearly all of the surrounding area is part of the Sawtooth National Forest, and as far back as 1987 there were plans to turn the Albion area into something comparable in size and attraction to Sun Valley, said Minodoka District Ranger Scott Nannenga.

"There was an area to the west set aside in the forest plan in 1977 for a winter recreation area, but it's been removed ... It could be amended again just as easily, though," he said. "There would be a significant difference between a golf course and a ski area, because of the water rights."

"Any time somebody has a special-use permit (for use of Forest Service land), the federal government owns the water rights," Nannenga said. "Somebody who owns the ski resort would not have water rights — we would."

"The process would require years of federal involvement, Nannenga said, and any development requires cooperation with the Forest Service, even if it involves building a village on private land adjacent to the mountain.

"It would probably be a minimum of two years before even the environmental impact statement could begin ... then there's the market analysis," Nannenga said. "Can the area support another ski area? We wouldn't want to authorize somebody to make a large investment, abandon the improvements, and then we get stuck with cleaning it up. We want everyone to be successful."

Ready for the risk?

But not everyone would consider a big new tourist draw to be a success. An estimated 230,000 tourists each year flock to Sun Valley — nearly 1,000 times the population of Albion and 10 times the population of all Cassia County.

"I don't know that we need another Sun Valley there, but I've always considered it possible that it could happen," said Burley Mayor Jon Anderson. "Anything that brings people to the area is good for all of us."

While the prospect may be economically beneficial, not everyone agrees that it would be "good" in general.

"The people in Albion, in my estimation, have never been that eager for their town to change much," Anderson said.

Earl Warthen, who has lived in Albion for 40 years, mentioned the ongoing economic debacle of McCall's Tamarack Resort, which went into bankruptcy earlier this year after failing to secure financing for a massive expansion that was to include a European-style ski village and luxury condos.

"I'd hate to see us go through the same problems as the ski area in McCall. The people there locally who objected to that saw it coming," Warthen said. "The economy is crumbling all over the world because we've been on this recreation-tourist crap. You can't squander the resources any more ... Fun and games don't put food on your table."

"To be honest, I have no opinion," Bowden, the Albion mayor, said of the potential for massive growth. "Until I see a plan or a proposal, it's all speculation. Every project has an upside and a downside ..."

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A view of the Albion Cofis and other businesses along North Street.

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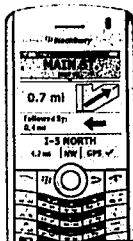
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Israel

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The unprecedented assault sparked protests and condemnations throughout the Arab world, and many of Israel's Western allies urged restraint, though the U.S. blamed Hamas for the fighting.

But there was no end in sight. Israel warned it might go after Hamas' leaders, and militants kept pelting Israeli tanks — killing at least one Israeli and wounding six. Hundreds of Israeli infantry and armored corps troops headed for the Gaza border in preparation for a possible ground invasion, military officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity under army guidelines.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said the goal was "to bring about a fundamental improvement in the security situation of the residents of the southern part of the country." He added, "It could take some time."

The Israeli airstrikes caused widespread panic and confusion, and black plumes of smoke billowed above the territory, ruled by the Islamic militant Hamas for the past 18 months. Some of the Israeli missiles struck in densely populated areas as students were leaving school, and women rushed into the streets frantically looking for their children.

"My son is gone, my son is gone," wailed Salil Masri, a 57-year-old shopkeeper, as he sat in the middle of a Gaza City street, slapping his face and covering his head with dust from a bombed-out security compound nearby.

He said he had sent his 9-year-old son out to purchase cigarettes minutes before the airstrikes began and could not find him. "May I burn like the cigarettes, may Israel burn," Masri moaned.

Militants often operate against Israel from civilian areas. Late Saturday, thousands of Gazans received Arabic-language cell-phone messages from the Israeli military, urging them to leave homes where militants might have stashed weapons.

The offensive began eight days after a six-month truce between Israel and the militants expired. The Israeli army says Palestinian militants have fired some 300 rockets and mortars at Israeli targets over the past week, and 10 times that number over the past year.

"There is a time for calm and there is a time for fighting, and now is the time for fighting," said Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, vowing to expand the operation if necessary.

In Gaza City's main security compound, bodies of more than a dozen uniformed Hamas police lay on the ground. Civilians rushed wounded people in cars and vans to hospitals because there weren't enough ambulances to transport all the dead and wounded.

"There are heads without bodies ... There's blood in the corridors. People are weeping, women are crying, doctors are shouting," said nurse Ahmed Abdel Salaam from Shifa Hospital, Gaza's main treatment center.

Military officials said aircraft released more than 100 tons of bombs in the first nine hours of fighting, focusing initially on militant training camps, rocket-making facilities and weapons warehouses that had been identified in advance.

A second wave was directed at squads who fired about 180 rockets and mortars at Israeli border communities in an attack early Sunday. Palestinians said Israeli aircraft bombed a mosque near Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, destroying it.

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni said Hamas' political leaders could soon be targeted. "Hamas is a terrorist organization and Israel is immune," she declared.

The campaign was launched six weeks before national elections. Livni and Barak hope to succeed Ehud Olmert as prime minister, and the outgoing government has faced pressure to take tough action.

Gaza's political leaders, who have been targeted in the past, went into hiding earlier this week. In a speech broadcast on local Gaza tele-

"We are stronger, and more determined, and have more will, and we will hold onto our rights even more than before."

— Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas' prime minister

vision, Hamas' prime minister, Ismail Haniyeh, declared his movement would not be cowed.

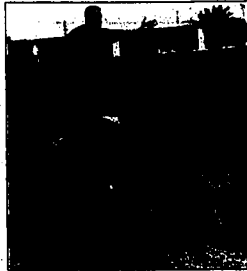
"We are stronger, and more determined, and have more will, and we will hold onto our rights even more than before," Haniyeh said. It was not clear where he spoke.

In Damascus, Syria, Hamas' top leader, Khaled Mashal, called on Palestinians to rekindle their fight against Israel. "This is the time for a third uprising," he said.

Israel withdrew its troops and settlers in 2005 after crushing the second

Palestinian uprising, but it has maintained control over the territory's border crossings.

Despite the overwhelming show of force, it was not clear the offensive would halt the rocket fire. Past operations have never achieved that goal.



A Palestinian man reacts over the body of a member of the Hamas security forces after an Israeli air strike Saturday, at the security headquarters in Gaza City.

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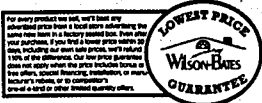
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The Seattleization of Idaho's drivers

Eight out of the past 10 Christmases have been brown in Twin Falls, and there has been snow on the ground on New Year's Day just three times in the past decade.

Which has turned Idaho drivers, once a well-seasoned, know-how-to-steer-out-of-a-skid crowd, into Seattle drivers.

The panic that grips motorists in Seattle when a flake of snow hits the ground cannot be contained. Theirs, after all, is a hilly city, criss-crossed by too few freeways and too many drivers. It's like bumper cars on ice.

Seattleites, like Portlanders and everyone else who lives along the Pacific littoral, are excessively fond of their brakes when freezing weather occurs. This tends to make their vehicles go around in circles for no apparent reason.

It's a habit, I'm sorry to say, that we've picked up here.

I was creeping along a particularly notorious piece of Interstate 84 recently — the stretch east of Mountain Home — and counted 17 vehicles in the narrow pit or the median. Sixteen of them had Idaho license plates.

The motorist in front of me braked to gawk at another rig that had slid off the road, spun around and wound up in the ditch as well.

I'm sorry to say it was an SUV with ZT tags. We're pathetic winter drivers and a menace when ever we slide behind the wheel. Have Swensen's deliver your groceries until spring, will ya?

Back in the day — the winter of 1949-50 specifically — snow piled up to the telephone lines across the Magic Valley and north-south roads closed for weeks at a time. The survivors of that winter learned some valuable lessons about winter driving that would stand you summer soldiers and sunshine patriots in good stead about now.

• Drive down the middle of the road. It'll keep you out of the snowdrifts.

• Brake only in an emergency; the proper way to stop on ice is to gear down — destroying your clutch if need be.

• Tie a red bandanna to the top of your car's aerial. That way, it'll be easier to find your remains before the snow melts.

• Sand trucks always have the right of way, even if it requires running over lesser vehicles.

• If the snow on the road melts to slush during the day and refreezes at night, stay home.

• Sterno is dandy for melting lead-up car door latches, but only if you light it first.

• The only thing you can count on to a moral certainty in wintertime is that tow chains will snap.

• Carrying plenty of blankets is a sensible precaution in case you get stranded, but they'll only keep you warm if supplemented by a flask of bourbon.

• There are no such things as snow days; if your kid gets snowed in at school, he or she can damn well stay there until spring. Happy motoring.

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Magic Valley banker dies

By Nate Poppino and Ben Borkin
Times-News writers

Another little piece of Magic Valley history has been lost.

Lyle A. Frazier, 98, born to two of the first settlers in Wendell, passed away Tuesday, family members reported. A banker by trade, Frazier was involved in a number of Magic Valley service groups over his life, helped bring the College of Southern Idaho to Twin Falls and cherished watching his biethplace grow and prosper.

Frazier graduated from Higginson High School in 1928 and went to the University of Idaho for two years, later graduating from the Central States School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1941, Frazier married his first wife, Dorothy R. Coulton of Twin Falls. The couple had three daughters, but lost one of them, Sandra, at an early age.

Frazier served with the 547th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion attached to the 95th Infantry Division in Europe. Upon his return in 1946, he continued his banking career, becoming assistant cashier at Fidelity National Bank and worked his way up to bank president by 1965. He became the secretary of the



Lyle Frazier

Read a full obituary, inside on page B6.

board of directors in 1954 and the director in 1957.

He saw the bank through a merger with Idaho First National Bank of Boise in 1970, and served as executive vice president of the joined company until retiring in 1975. Three years after Frazier retired, Dorothy passed away. He married Wilma Lincoln Burson the next year, 1979.

Curtis H. Eaton, executive director of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation, said that his father, Curtis T. Eaton, respected Frazier — even though the two worked at competing banks.

"They were pretty competitive all around the communi-

ty," Eaton said. "And I remember my father particularly talked to me about Mr. Frazier, saying it was a very honorable, friendly and honest conversation, and he had very high regard for him."

In June, Eaton visited with Frazier for the last time. While Frazier's age caused physical limitations, it didn't affect his alertness, Eaton said.

"Physically, he wasn't doing well," Eaton said. "He had difficulty standing and walking. The conversation was without any hiccup whatsoever. He was very alert. He remembered 40 years ago just as he remembered yesterday."

Eaton said he appreciated Frazier's support of the foundation and college.

"He was a very good supporter of the college through the foundation for many years," Eaton said.

L.C. Craig, who got to know Frazier when the Masons' Twin Falls Lodge No. 45 and Kayler Lodge No. 94 merged, said he remembered the banker as someone who would lend a hand at a moment's notice.

"Any time you asked Lyle to help, why, he was always right there to help," Craig said. "He was really a pretty nice guy."

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

PUC seeks comment on energy-credit proposal

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking public comments through Jan. 8 on an Idaho Power Co. proposal to let the electric utility "retire" its green tags, rather than sell them.

The tags, or known as renewable energy credits, are given to power companies for every megawatt-hour of electricity generated by eligible renewable resources. They can also be bought and sold over a market, as well as held on to and used under a set of

national standards to tell customers about the renewable sources.

Two Idaho Power projects — the Raft River geothermal plant and the Elkhorn Wind project in Oregon — generated more than 320,000 tags in 2007 and 2008, according to a PUC press release. The utility would like to hold on to them through "retirement" to use under the standards and to satisfy any possible future requirements for renewable power from the state, the

release states.

The commission plans to handle this request through written comments rather than conducting a hearing, unless the comments show a need for a public hearing. To comment:

http://www.puc.idaho.gov, click on "Comments & Questions," fill in the case number (IPC-E-08-24) and enter your comments; mail them to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074; or fax to 208-334-3762.

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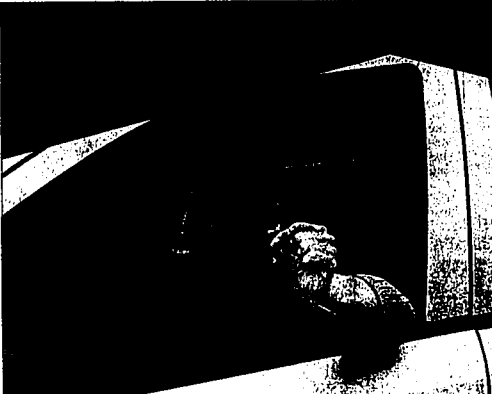
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(AP) The Dow ended last week down 36 percent for the year. On Friday, the dollar was down against other major currencies, while gold prices rose. Demand for government bonds increased. The three-month Treasury bill's yield fell to 0.01

percent from 0.02 percent late Wednesday, and the 10-year Treasury note's yield fell to 2.16 percent from 2.19 percent. Light, sweet crude rose \$2.43 to \$37.78 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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Still giving

Giving in tough times is a balancing act for companies

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press writer

CINCINNATI — She sat patiently in her wheelchair, as scurrying volunteers gathered ham, a turkey, canned goods, bread, and bags of potatoes, apples and pungent onions in a storeroom with sporadic blasts of frigid air from outside. But Patricia Jordan had a warm feeling as she considered the bounty that would help feed her cash-strapped household of 14, including her disabled-veteran husband, their children and her sister's family. She, like others who flocked to the FreeStoreFoodbank this week, were concerned about companies reducing donations this year because of the economy.

"I think a lot of us were worried about everybody cutting back, but so far it's panning out," Jordan said. "You can't ask for any more than that, that they're still willing to help."

The food bank opened 90 minutes early Monday, at 6:30 a.m., after workers found 200 people lined up, some waiting in near-zero cold since 4 a.m.

Across the nation, the needs are growing as the recession deepens and leads just to put food on the table. Feeding America, the largest domestic hunger-relief organization, says some 25 million people are going to such food banks, and the number is rising. And at the same time, many small donors are facing their own budget problems.

FreeStoreFoodbank expects to serve 16,000 households here this holiday season, and says demand has jumped 55 percent in the past two years, as jobless numbers rise and household budgets get stretched. But companies such as grocery Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. and Minneapolis-based SuperValu Inc.; Northfield, Ill.-based food maker Kraft Foods Inc.; and St. Louis-based bakery-restaurant chain Panera Bread Co., among others, have helped keep filling bags here.

"They get it," said John Young, the food bank's chief executive. "They understand that we're serving many more people this year. It's touching their customers, their communities."

Not all businesses are reacting in the same way, though. The New York Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy found that about a third of companies surveyed cut 2007 charita-

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— Charles Moore, executive director of the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy

ble giving in the slowing economy, and there are indications of more reductions this year. Sectors that showed declining giving in 2007 were financial, health care and utilities.

"It's a conflict, no question. How do you keep giving when you have laid off employees and are making other cost cuts?" said Charles Moore, the committee's executive director. But he stresses to corporate leaders the customer loyalty and connection to community they can build through giving — benefiting business in the long run.

"You can be sure the community won't forget that the company stepped up," Moore said. "There is business to be gained at all levels by companies digging deeper in difficult times."

Companies have been hit by slower sales, volatile energy prices and higher raw materials costs, and some charitable organizations acknowledge that business leaders are under pressure to make profits, not give away money. Some ailing companies such as Ford Motor Co., which donates refrigerated vehicles to help get food donations to rural areas, have cut reduced charitable programs, but at reduced totals.

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FreeStoreFoodbank volunteer Sharon Tebbe fills bags with food at the FreeStoreFoodbank in Cincinnati. FreeStoreFoodbank expects to serve 16,000 Cincinnati area households this holiday season, and says demand has jumped 55 percent in the past two years, as jobless numbers rise and household budgets get stretched.

Companies respond to needs

GIVE 'TIL IT HURTS: Big companies battling their own slower sales and rising costs are also seeing rising calls for relief help in the U.S. recession. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Kroger Co. and Procter & Gamble Co. are among those who are keeping up and adding charitable efforts this year.

CREATIVE GIVING: Companies have diverted year-end bonuses or holiday party funds to charity, and grocers have expanded cleaning efforts to find more food to donate. They're also using online donations and celebrity promoters.

GOOD BUSINESS: Philanthropy experts say corporations can earn long-term payoffs in customer loyalty and community connections by digging deeper to help in hard times.

— The Associated Press

Where did all of Bernard Madoff's money go?

Investigators look into possible scenarios

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It has become the biggest mystery to emerge from the \$50 billion Bernard Madoff scandal: Where did all the money go? Federal investigators are likely to take months trying to answer that question as they dig through the disgraced investor's records and attempt to unravel what may be the biggest financial fraud in history.

But several theories are being discussed among financial experts and at Wall Street watercooler. Palm Beach Country clubs and the offices of university accounting professors.

Among the theories: Madoff lost a bundle in bad investments; paid some of the money out to investors; stashed cash in foreign banks; and spent some on his lavish lifestyle. There is also the possibility he inflat-

ed his claim of \$50 billion in losses.

"He has plenty of houses and yachts, but not certainly enough to account for all this money," said Aswath Damodaran, a professor of finance at New York University. "It is tough to really lose 100 percent."

Madoff, 76, a former Nasdaq stock market chairman, has become one of the most vilified people in America since news broke Dec. 11 that he allegedly had been running a giant Ponzi scheme, paying returns to certain investors out of the principal received from others.

The scam included a global roster of investors, from retirees on Long Island to the international Olympic Committee, to charities worldwide. So far, investors have said that they have lost more than \$30 billion, according to an Associated Press calculation.

Here are some possible scenarios:

TRADED AWAY

What's unclear at this point of the investigation is when the scheme began, but reports have indicated that it had been going on for decades. In the criminal complaint against Madoff, he told investigators that he "had personally traded and lost money for institutional clients, and that it was all his fault."

That suggests he may have blown investors' money through a failed trading strategy, and at some point felt compelled to cover up the mistakes.

LOST IN THE FINANCIAL MELTDOWN

Madoff's scheme was partly undone by this year's crisis in the stock and credit markets. The Dow has lost nearly 36 percent since the start of this

year, and the credit market has largely been frozen.

In the complaint, Madoff said that investors were seeking approximately \$7 billion in redemptions. Madoff boasted of producing returns of about 10 percent for years, so individual investors who were getting battered in other parts of their portfolio might have taken some of those purported Madoff profits off the table.

At the same time, hedge funds were facing an unprecedented run on redemptions from their own investors. That meant the hedge funds may have had to quickly extract cash from their Madoff positions in order to pay their own investors back.

"People didn't stop believing in Madoff. They just needed the money, and that started this spiral," said Stephen Breitstone of the law firm Meltzer Lippe Goldstein & Breitstone, which is representing Madoff investors.

It is unclear how much of



Bernard Madoff at his firm's office in New York in December 1999.

that \$7 billion Madoff paid out to investors, but when things came crashing down, just \$200 million to \$300 million was left in the pot. Authorities say he intended to pay out that money to employees and friends before the alleged fraud was discovered.

WENT TOWARD THE LIFESTYLE

Madoff could have spent some of the money on his lifestyle, which included mul-

tle homes and yachts and memberships at some of the nation's most prestigious country clubs.

His three U.S. homes — a Manhattan penthouse, a beachfront mansion in the Hamptons and a home in Palm Beach, Fla. — together have an estimated market value of more than \$30 million, according to real estate experts.

The white-glove co-op in Please see MONEY, Page B2

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

2ND TIME AROUND



Courtesy photo

In November, 2nd Time Around at the Whistle Stop and the Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting/open house. Owner, Claudia Reese, and manager, Payson Reese, along with other vendors at the Whistle Stop were on hand to receive a welcome to the chamber certificate. The store is the second quality antique mall owned by Claudia. The first is located on Washington Street N. in Twin Falls. They offer great quality antiques, collectibles, quality furniture. They are also the official Lincoln County Chambers information center for what is happening around Lincoln County. Information: 886-7787 or www.idahoantique.com.

KEEPING ROOM



Courtesy photo

The Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce helped host an open house at the Keeping Room in Shoshone. Chamber President Rusty Parker presented owner Patty Nance with a welcome to the chamber certificate, along with other friends of The Lincoln County Chamber. The Keeping Room features antiques, natural goods, vintage jewelry, and quilts. The store is located at 114 N. Rail St. W. in Shoshone. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Information: 544-2480.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Courtesy photo

Habitat for Humanity cut the Red Ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors at the Habitat for Humanity home located at 420 W. Hitchcock in Twin Falls. Jim and Sarah Cardner and their four children, James, Kathleen, Violet and Serenah, will be spending the holidays in this home which was built in partnership with a grant provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This is the third home that the Thrivent Builders with Habitat Program has built in the Magic Valley. They will be partnering again in 2009 as they have granted HFH-MV \$130,000 towards a duplex that will break ground in the Spring. If you would like to donate or volunteer or for more information: 735-1233.

Money

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Manhattan where he lives requires residents to have at least \$100 million in liquid assets so that they can cover any expenses even if their business goes bust or the market is hit with declines, said Faith Hope Consolo, chairwoman of the real estate firm Prudential Douglas Elliman's retail leasing sales division. The firm has leased retail space in that building, and she said it is "the epitome of luxury."

The office rented by Madoff's firm was in New York City's Lipstick Building, where rents command about \$3 million to \$5 million annually for the space Madoff had, Consolo said.

There is also speculation that the money could show up in other spots — maybe

in offshore bank accounts, in family members' names or elsewhere.

"A lot of people have doubts about the family," said Jerry Reisman, a Garden City, N.Y., attorney representing 10 Madoff investors. "We don't know to what extent his wife benefited. She certainly benefited. She lived a Gatsby-style life."

J. Boyd Page, a partner at the Atlanta law firm Page Perry who has represented clients in previous Ponzi scheme cases, noted that a good portion of Madoff's business was done internationally, and said some of the money could have been moved there.

"The auditors will have a field day with this, trying to trace the bank accounts," he said.

WENT INTO INVESTORS' POCKETS

While many of investors lost everything, some of them must have received payouts from Madoff over the years.

Given that this was a Ponzi scheme, Madoff had to keep up his credibility by allowing people to tap their cash when they wanted.

Consider a couple with a \$20 million investment with Madoff. They might have pulled out 10 percent, or \$2 million, a year to use as income, basically living off the returns on their initial investment.

"They felt comfortable with this investment because Madoff was showing them steady returns year after year," Breitstone said.

DIABETES EDUCATION



Courtesy photo

In December, the Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce along with Southern Idaho Diabetes Education Program hosted an open house/ribbon cutting. Rusty Parker, president of Lincoln County Chamber Commerce and Wendy McNight, treasurer, presented a welcome to the chamber certificate to Dr. Keith Davis of Shoshone Family Medical Center and Kathy Pike RN/CDE program coordinator. Also pictured are friends of the chamber. Information: 944-4747.

SHEER EXCELLENCE



Courtesy photo

Sheer Excellence Hair Salon recently hosted a ribbon cutting and open house along with The Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce. Wendy McNight, treasurer of The Lincoln County Chamber, presented a welcome to the chamber certificate to the owner, Lisa Grissom, and also present was Deanna McElree. Sheer excellence is a full service salon. Come in and get a great hair cut, manicure, and pedicure or try out their tanning booth. Acrylic nail services are available as well. They are located at 112 N. Rail St. W. in Shoshone. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday and Saturday by appointment. Information: 886-7073.

GIRL'S GATHERING PLACE



Courtesy photo

Recently the Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce hosted an open house at The Girl's Gathering Place. Wendy McNight, chamber treasurer, presented Karen McClure, owner, with a welcome to the chamber certificate. The Girl's Gathering Place is a fiber art working studio. They offer classes, work space for all of your fiber projects, custom sewing and a friendly place to just come and hang out. The Girl's Gathering Place is located at 117 First Ave. W. Shoshone. Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. Information: Karen at 358-5279 or karenmcc@ms.com. Courtesy photo staged: 28.walitacloud

ABSOLUTELY FLOWERS



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Absolutely Flowers located at 285 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They are a new member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Absolutely Flowers proudly serves the Twin Falls area. They are family owned and operated with one location serving the Twin Falls area. They are committed to offering only the finest floral arrangements and gifts, backed by service that is friendly and prompt. Information: 734-2800 or visit www.twinfallsflowers.com. Pictured, Joey Payer, Gary Heidemann and Michelle Heidemann, owners.

CAREER MOVES

John Keady

John Keady, Twin Falls Project Manager for CH2M HILL OMI, has been appointed to serve on the Idaho State Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals.

Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter selected Keady for the position. The eight-member board oversees state certification requirements for water and wastewater professionals and advises on rules and policies that professionals must follow in the state.

Keady has worked for CH2M HILL OMI for 23 years. They operate the city of Twin Falls' wastewater facility, lift stations and industrial pretreatment program through a partnership that began in 1985.



Keady

not its limitations. He was the recent recipient of the fifth annual Doug and Ann Christensen Humanitarian Award which is an award honoring people whose work is an example of how nonviolent approaches transform and empower a community.

Along with his full-time position at Company of Foods, he serves as the Artistic Director of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony School of Music, the Assistant Conductor of the Caritas Choral, a Board member of the Hiley Chamber of Commerce, a member of the South Valley Merchants Alliance, the Musical Director at Light on the Mountains Spiritual Center as well as mentoring numerous young music students: such as the former and sophomore girls' vocal group, Enchanté.

R.L. Rowsey

Safeco Insurance, a member of Liberty Mutual Group, announced that Company of Foods' R.L. Rowsey is a recipient of its annual Community Hero Award. Thirty individuals from across the country have been selected to receive this award, and this year, Safeco has honored and designated Rowsey of Hiley for his extraordinary dedication to helping others and inspiring change within his community.

Nominated by Safeco agent Greg Bloomfield of Wood River Insurance for his tireless commitment to strengthening and enriching his community, Rowsey was presented with a \$15,000 check for Company of Foods, the nonprofit theatre company where he is a Core Company Artist.

Rowsey was chosen as a hero because he truly sees the world for its possibilities and



Rowsey

JW Ray and Ed Steffler

Idaho Milk Transport Inc. announced that they recently had two drivers, JW Ray and Ed Steffler, celebrate 20 years of service with Idaho Milk Transport Inc. in Borley.

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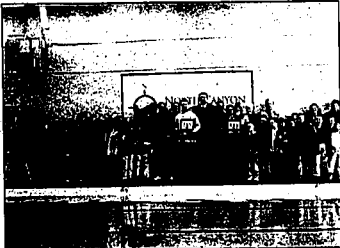
Courtesy photo
Cooper Norman Business Brokers and Advisors located at 163 Second Ave. W. in Twin Falls cut the red ribbon recently at their new location along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Anyone interested in buying or selling a business, or wanting a fresh approach to their current business are encouraged to give them a call. They are available to assist customers in every aspect of their business. They utilize the most up-to-date analysis tools available in our industry through research all aspects of your business sale or acquisition need. Information: 734-0448 or visit www.cnba.com. Pictured, Melissa Pease-Hilarides, Dave Buddecke, Cash Sigler.

WHITE CLOUD COMMUNICATIONS



Courtesy photo
White Cloud Communications cut the red ribbon recently at their new location at 663 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors were there to celebrate and assist with the ribbon cutting. White Cloud Communications was started more than 50 years ago in the Magic Valley. They specialize in the integration of Motorola wireless solutions and is changing with the wireless environment combining the talents of their partners to develop both microwave delivery and communication and data solutions. Information: 733-5470 or visit www.whitecloudcom.com. Pictured from left, Kelsey Speck, Joe and Stacey Shelton, owners; Pam Newberry; Kaliska Cesarres; Brad Mattison; Dany Crystal; and Terry Warsaw. Not pictured, Doug Hefner.

RENOVATED POOL



Courtesy photo
On Dec. 18, Partners in Healthcare Inc., also known as Gooding County Memorial Hospital, and the Gooding Recreation District held a ribbon cutting for the newly renovated indoor community pool in Gooding located at 315 14th Ave. W. on the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind School. The pool was recently renovated by Gooding County Memorial Hospital after four years of closure. The hospital rehabilitation department will utilize the pool on specific dates and times to provide aquatic therapy services. The pool will be managed by the Recreation District who will provide access for swim teams, lap swim and a variety of other community opportunities. Information: 934-4023.

NEW ASSOCIATES



Courtesy photo
Dr. Sara L. Johnson, MD, announced the addition of two new associates to her practice. Elena Catterer is a physician's assistant in family practice. She is returning to the Magic Valley after working at St. Alphonsus Medical group in Boise. Marie Rasch is a physician's assistant. She will be doing women's health and will be dividing her time between Dr. Miles Humphrey and Dr. Sara Johnson. They are now scheduling appointments for new patients and are located at 496 Shoop Ave. W., Suite E, Twin Falls. Information or to schedule an appointment: 733-2885. Pictured from left are Catterer, Johnson and Rasch.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CHAMBER ADULT LEADERSHIP CLASS




Courtesy photo
The 2008-2009 Twin Falls Area Chamber's Magic Valley Adult Leadership Class recently presented a check and toys to South Central Community Action Partnership. Pictured, Travis Wray, adult leadership co-chair; Holly Klosterman, adult leadership co-chair; Ken Roblaette, South Central Community Action Partnership administrator; Bobbi Pyle, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce; and Matt Hicks, adult leadership co-chair.

CURVES



Courtesy photo
Curves of Twin Falls recently donated gifts for TOYS for KIDS. Pictured is Lori Mace with her children heading the gifts over.

Your Business allows local businesses to announce employee changes, advancements and promotions. Business openings, closing and location changes are also welcome. To submit contributions to the YourBusiness section, send information and photographs to Times-News Business Editor Joshua Palmer at jpalm@magvalley.com or call (208) 738-3231. The deadline to submit an announcement for Sunday is Wednesday at noon.



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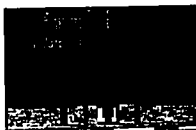
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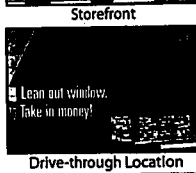
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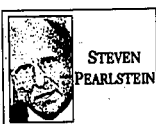
Any other time, the day that the federal government stepped in to rescue the domestic auto industry would be a turning point in the history of American capitalism. The only reason it is not is that it was immediately preceded by similar rescues of Bear Stearns, Fannie and Freddie, AIG, and Citigroup. It was just another day in Bailout Nation.

Let's be clear on one point, however: The story here is not that Americans have lost their stomach for the kind of "creative destruction" that is generated by open and competitive markets, which sometimes results in the big companies going under and thousands of jobs being lost. We never particularly relished it — who would? — but we tolerated it in the past, we are tolerating it now (Circuit City, Lehman Brothers), and we will undoubtedly tolerate it in the future. Moreover, even when the government steps in to rescue these companies, it invariably involves a serious and painful restructuring that results in the loss of thousands and even tens of thousands of jobs. That's not how you define bailout in French.

The real story here is that our economy has been so weakened by a financial crisis brought on by decades of national profligacy and misallocation of capital that the failure of certain companies threatens to turn a bad recession into a serious depression.

Do we know that for certain? Of course not. But what we do know is that it is a genuine risk, with very bad consequences for virtually every American if it happens and therefore something we need to insure ourselves against. The premium is steep, but it is still a lot less than what a depression means for us.

And the only insurer willing to offer the policy is the U.S. Treasury. Put another way, this isn't a change in policy or principles so much as a temporary change in circumstances. It is to our credit — and that of the free-marketters in the Bush administration — that we have decided to honor our great American tradition and put practically ahead of rigid ideology.



STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

It is also important to be honest about what's going on here, which is nothing less than a bankruptcy restructuring without the bankruptcy filing. Over the next 90 days, General Motors and Chrysler will meet with their unions and committees of their major unsecured creditors to negotiate how much each of them is going to give up so that viable companies can emerge.

During that time, the government has agreed to provide what in bankruptcy is called debt restructuring financing — a bridge loan to keep the companies going while the restructuring is negotiated. The hope is that at the end of the 90 days, a deal is reached among all the parties and it is possible to make it legally binding on all the stakeholders without resorting to the extraordinary powers of the bankruptcy court. If that is not possible, then the negotiated plan will be run quickly through the bankruptcy process as a "pre-packaged" reorganization.

Since October, it's been obvious that this is the way the story has to end. Unfortunately, everyone was too busy posturing in the hope of delaying the pain and gaining a bit of negotiating advantage. The companies denied that they were running out of money.

The union said it had made all the concessions it was going to make. The Michigan congressional delegation kept up the fiction about the "bridge loan" to get the companies through their temporary "liquidity" shortage. Southern Republicans harbored dreams of breaking the United Auto Workers union. And the White House couldn't get past worrying over which pot of money the auto loans came from, as if it made any difference.

If they'd all simply faced reality two months ago, it would have saved us a lot of unnecessary drama.

Giving

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Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the Bentonville, Ark.-based retail giant that has seen sales continue to grow in a discount-minded economy, has increased its giving of cash and food this year.

"We've made an extra effort to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our community partners and our customers who maybe need some extra help," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Deisha Galberth said. She said the company, which donated nearly \$300 million to charity last year, will top that this year. Wal-Mart last week gave \$400,000 in hard-hit

Ohio alone, to help feed families and pay utility bills this winter.

Ross Fraser, spokesman for Feeding America, said companies have been creative in keeping up donations such as by diverting holiday gifts and year-end bonuses to charities. Kroger encourages customers to "round up" their bills at checkout to donate, and grocers are coming up with more in gleaning efforts, in which food that would be pulled off retail shelves because it's at sell-by dates or for other reasons is donated because it's still good to eat.

EDITORIAL

Time to make local education local again

What's wrong with public schools in Idaho? Many things, but the most fundamental flaw is that there just are too many folks trying to run them. The state Department of Education, state Board of Education, the Legislature, individual school superintendents and local school boards all have a powerful say over what gets taught in our classrooms, who teaches it and how. That hybrid system virtually guarantees mediocrity.

The writers of the state constitution thought the job should go to locally elected school boards, which were the dominant force in public education for the first 100 years of Idaho's history. But as federal requirements — such as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 — increased and education funding shifted from local property taxpayers to the state, school boards have dwindled in importance.

Not that there aren't good local school trustees in Idaho; there just aren't enough of them. These unpaid jobs used to be filled by business leaders, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, accountants and newspaper publishers. Now school board members are mostly parents whose kids have had some noteworthy experience — good or bad — in the schools.

These folks are dedicated and hardworking, but they tend to have a narrow vision of what schools should and should not be doing. The "good government" school trustee — a member of the community with or without children who just thinks local schools are important — is in the minority nowadays.

As a consequence, many school boards have become more passive.

Strong superintendents — and nearly all the big districts in Idaho have them — tend to call the shots to the extent that trustees usually just rubber-stamp their decisions.

In smaller districts, personality conflicts sometimes interfere. Superintendents stay or go because they can get along with — or have run afoul of — trustees who've lived in the district for many years and have inflexible ideas about how things should be done.

What's needed are thoughtful, dispassionate members of the community willing to do their homework.

And make no mistake, homework is required of school board members these days. A local district is a complex stew of mandates and money that requires close attention by the people responsible for it.

On the state level, the bifurcated system of governance — a state Department of Education and a State Board of Education — often leaves confusion about who's in charge, as when the state board took responsibility for testing away from then-Superintendent Marilyn Howard with disastrous results.

And in the Legislature, it's really the members of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee that drive public education, overshadowing the two chambers' Education committees.

We'd like to see IFAC, the state Department of Education and the state Board of Education back to the extent that local school boards are clearly in control of local schools again.

In effect, that's what's happened with charter schools, where there is true freedom to innovate, take risks and try approaches that might not work in other schools.

Nothing will change until school boards — and the patrons who elect them — assert themselves. Trustees must take ownership of their schools again and demand a commitment to excellence by administrators, teachers, staff — and the Legislature.

That can't be done by showing up for a school board meeting once or twice a month and voting on a list of decision items. Trustees must get back into the schools, talk with teachers and students — and especially with parents.

One veteran school board member in eastern Idaho used to quip that patrons get what they pay for in school trustees. We must do better than that.

Our view:
The key to improving public schools in Idaho is attracting more activist, innovative school board members. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Great expectations

New canal company history is our story

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

To understand how improbable large-scale irrigated agriculture is in south-central Idaho, consider Scottish explorer Robert Stuart's first impression of the place when he passed through in the summer of 1812:



Nokkented

... a forest of wormwood," he wrote.

Niels Nokkented, a former Times-News reporter with long experience covering environmental news, chose that term for the title of his new history of the Twin Falls Canal Company.

"A lot of things had to happen in order for irrigated agriculture to develop in this place," said Nokkented, 61, now a Boise-based public affairs representative for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "I think the thing with stands out for me in this story is how much can be achieved when people work together."

"A Forest of Wormwood" was published with financial support from the canal company, but the 103-year-old organization is the largest privately funded irrigation system in the United States.

"A handful of young men with big dreams made it happen," he said.

Remarkably, for such a long-shot enterprise in such a remote place, some of the richest people in the country put their money into the project.

"And most of them stuck with it because a reality," Nokkented said.

The Twin Falls and Northside projects wouldn't have been tried without the Carey Act of 1894, which



Millar Dam, completed in 1905, is the heart of the economy and history of south-central Idaho.

Photo courtesy N.S. Nokkented

"Water can be an emotional issue. Especially if you happen to be a farmer whose crops are drying up and see all that water flowing right past your headgate."

— Niels Nokkented, author of "A Forest of Wormwood," a history of the Twin Falls Canal Company

gave federal land to folks willing to irrigate it.

The endeavor was hatched during the age of invention, but it traces its early history the canal company was a step or two ahead of the available technology.

"Somehow, whatever the challenge, they made it work," Nokkented said.

Ira Bert Perrine, an Indiana native who came west to mine silver and decided he wasn't cut out for it, was the father of irrigated agriculture in southern Idaho. A restless booster with a knack for making the right connections, he excelled at communicating his vision.

But there were other, largely forgotten figures who

A Forest of Wormwood

approach. Water and Idaho's Twin Falls Canal Company



Niels Nokkented

were critical to the enterprise, especially Charles Walgamott. The Iowa-born farmer and entrepreneur knew the raw Snake River country well and taught Perrine to think of its possibilities.

Their ideas weren't all original, though. A decade before, farmers Frank Riblett and John Hansen had come up with a plan to build a dam on the Snake River, the first step in a project that could eventually irrigate 300,000 acres. It failed for lack of financing. Riblett's vision was for an irrigation project that would stretch from Blackfoot on the east to the mouth of the Brunneau River on the west.

Then there was John Hayes, the man who laid out of the city of Twin Falls — and would soon become its leading citizen and the canal company's most important

"A Forest of Wormwood" sells for \$15 and is available at the Twin Falls Canal Company office and at Twin Falls area bookstores.

figure after Perrine. It was Hayes who picked the town's site — because of its proximity to Rock Creek Canyon — and planted the trees in City Park.

But "A Forest of Wormwood" is also about water law and water politics, about the irrigators' uneasy relationship with Idaho Power, and about the evolution of the struggle today between surface water users and groundwater pumpers over the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

"I think (former state Sen.) Laird Noh is right," Nokkented said. "There will always be a water war going on somewhere in Idaho."

For an organization that relies so heavily on mutual cooperation, the Twin Falls Canal Company has been remarkably successful, delivering enough water to keep irrigators going even in the driest years.

"Water can be an emotional issue," Nokkented said. "Especially you happen to be a farmer whose crops are drying up and see all that water flowing right past your headgate."

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And if there's a lot of news, we can throw caution to the wind and go a minute longer.

Andrea's primary duties here will remain as they are — covering police and court news — but she's a natural to kick off our new adventure in news on demand.

Her parents were both on-air TV reporters in Chicago back in the 1970s and '80s, so it's in her genes. Other Times-News journalists will make appearances, but Andrea will be the anchor.

Pat, who produces most of our online videos and herself no stranger to a local TV news report, will produce the Webcast, which

Involves running the studio camera as well as shooting video in the field, editing reports and a lot of the other technical wizardry that makes the Web happen.

The TNW is something of an experiment. We don't really know how well it will work, or how it will be received. But as the economics of the news business and Internet-based delivery systems continue to evolve, we're willing to try non-traditional ways to augment and maintain our position as the region's dominant news organization.

So mark your calendar. Maybe someday you'll be able to tell your great-grandchildren about how you were online for the birth of the TNW — back in the olden days, when the 'Net was powered by a waterwheel you were happy to have 10 gigabits of digital bandwidth with early backplane autonegotiation protocol and link training set with a three tap transmit equalizer.

They'll probably just roll their eyes and suggest that they're just pulling their holographic legs, again.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democrats and immigrants will ruin this country

Final days of America? With the election of Barack Obama and the appointment of Bill Richardson, Janet Napolitano and that new Secretary of Labor Linda Solis from California, all of whom are advocates of open borders, the North American Union and the flooding of America with millions of foreigners whom we don't need here at a time when so many Americans are out of work, the drug cartels from across the border must be jumping with joy right now at the stupidity of our politicians in Washington for wanting open borders which will enhance the profits from increases in drug flow into the United States.

The drug dealers saw how easy it was to get one truckload of drugs into New Jersey recently worth millions. With Obama's open-border policy, every city in every state will be awash in drugs.

TONY SALIERNO
Twin Falls

OTHER VIEWS

What other Idaho newspapers are saying about ... the human cost of cuts

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

Imagine your grandmother going without food, or having to wear dirty clothes because she can't get to her washing machine. Imagine her not being able to bathe because she doesn't have

help. With recent state budget holdbacks, that scenario is becoming a reality for many Pocatellans.

All cutbacks hurt, but this time they are affecting the most vulnerable of society. The Meals on Wheels program, which has already suffered cuts in recent years, will now be delivering 315 fewer meals per month. That is food which people with limited incomes depend on to get through the week.

More than 50 elderly people who relied on help with bathing, housekeeping and other daily tasks will no longer receive that help. For many of them, it could mean the difference between living at home and living in a residential care facility — hardly an economical option.

The developmentally disabled will be taking a major hit from state budget



cuts as well. Cut will be made to matching state funds for federal programs that help the handicapped. Agencies and disability advocates estimate that for every \$1 lost in state funds, another \$2.33 will be lost in federal funding.

For those who rely on the programs, tough choices loom. It could mean families are no longer able to care for loved ones in their homes and must turn to costly residential care facilities, or that parents can no longer work because they have to care for a developmentally disabled child. It hardly sounds like the recipe for a healthier economy.

And according to Gov. Butch Otter, it could be just the beginning. The recession won't likely be ending soon, and it doesn't look like tax revenue is on the rise.

In a tight economy, there is no doubt that everyone has

to tighten their belts. But for many, Idahoans, the cuts mean more than an extra pothole in the road or a longer wait for a government project. These are cuts that can affect lives.

Instead of across-the-board cuts to state budgets, tough times call for a more in-depth look at which programs we can live without, and those we can't. The funding that affects the lives of our most vulnerable — the elderly, children and disabled — should be the last to go.

... dueling governments

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum

... Whenever the dispute (among Blaine County and its cities over covering the costs of an emergency dispatch system) is settled, Blaine County needs to con-



duct an analysis of what went wrong with communication among the various government entities to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

Halley, Bellevue and Carey all claimed that they were surprised when they received bills for shares of costs based on the number of emergency calls each city generates each year. Blaine County commissioners claimed that they were surprised that the cities were surprised.

In the middle of all this surprise is a governing board of public employees, medical personnel and a single elected official. All were appointed by agreement by the county and the cities. The single elected official on the board, the Blaine County sheriff, is not in charge of the emergency dispatch system.

The appointed board members — who all served with good intentions — took cover when faced with accepting responsibility for the funding mess. The buck stopped nowhere.

That may be just fine in a Dilbert cartoon, but it's not fine when it comes to life-and-death matters like emergency dispatch. It's got to

change. Either the Blaine County sheriff or the Blaine County commissioners should be responsible for emergency dispatch operations. The system needs people in charge who can be held accountable at the ballot box.

... rising property taxes

Coeur d'Alene Press

Coeur d'Alene School District, Post Falls Highway District, and village of Fernan Lake: Please, take a bow.

Of 36 taxing entities in Kootenai County examined by Concerned Businesses of North Idaho, the three listed above are the only ones that aren't increasing taxes.

The remaining 33? They're all raising your taxes, from a low of 1 percent (city of Athol and Post Falls School District) to a stunning high of 35 percent (North Idaho College). NIC also has by far the highest actual dollar increase, according to Concerned Businesses: \$3,046,921 more in 2008-09 than in the previous year.

This holiday season, you're getting an education corridor in your stocking, like it or not.

Our largest taxing entities, Kootenai County and the city of Coeur d'Alene, have raised the tax bar 7 percent each. The city of Post Falls has the highest annual increase of any municipality, 9 percent.



We ask you, taxpayers: How many of you are seeing an increase in your household income of 7, 9 or 35 percent? We thought so. In the past year, the only increases you've seen that high have been in your expenses, like gasoline, food and heating.

And now, your taxes. Meantime, many of you are struggling with diminished income, reduced work hours, job loss and home foreclosures. You have to make do with less just to feed and clothe your family. And now, thanks to 33 tax entities in Kootenai County, that slippery, cold hill is getting even more slippery, even more cold.

We acknowledge that in some cases, federal mandates raise taxes locally. But that doesn't explain these startling jumps.

So what can you do? Demand that local government stop acting more fiscally responsible.

It's not too early to get involved in the planning process. And it's not too late to expect your elected representatives to consider the impact on taxpayers before they make decisions that obligate property owners without a vote in the process.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Global warming

is imaginary

Global warming — the new government cash cow.

Why do we the people let the government hoax us into believing in global warming. It is just another way for the government to get into our pockets. This earth has been changing for thousands of

years before humans, cars, industry, etc. There is nothing you or I can do to stop it.

The last few years, we have been in a cooling cycle. The ice caps in 2008 grew faster than any time ever recorded. Why let the government dictate our lives? The cap and trade on industries that government wants to impose

will not stop there. They are even talking about taxing cows and pigs for their carbon dioxide emissions.

We the people will be next. We need to stand up and fight for our rights. We need to take this great country back and get government out of our lives. KEVIN BRONER Kimberly

Inconsiderate adults ruin Christmas program

I attended the North Valley Academy's "Christmas Around the World" on Dec. 16. Thanks to all the hard work of faculty and staff, it was a great program.

I do have one complaint that is not the school's fault. It's the disrespect that several of the adults

had toward the program, talking and allowing smaller children to run, jump and even bounce a basketball, making it difficult to hear. You know who you are. What about a little respect for the students and teachers, or do you not know how to behave at an event?

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Jodie F. Pero

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Jodie F. Pero, age 31, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Jodie was born in Rupert on June 8, 1977, the daughter of Melvin Hanks and Joanne Rogers. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Nichols Road. She loved her family, was extremely close to her son and was close to her sisters. She loved to garden, loved nature and enjoyed people. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony, on Jan. 31, 2007; sister, Jana Hanks; beloved maternal grandparents, Mary and Bill Rogers; and beloved cousin, Billy Rogers. Jodi is survived by her son,

Benjamin Pero; her mother and stepfather, Joanne (Glen) Hollenbeck-Schenk; three sisters, Susan Hollenbeck of Richland, Mich., Esther Hollenbeck and Mary Hollenbeck, both of Rupert; the man and step-father who raised her, Larry Hollenbeck; two step-sisters, Terrie Sousa of Idaho, Sheila Trushel of Sturgis, Mich.; and paternal grandparents, Vernus and Sterling Hanks of Rupert. Family and friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Redmond Funeral Home, 4100 S. Westgrade Ave. in Kalamazoo, Mich., (269) 343-6156. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1601 Nichols Road in Kalamazoo, Mich. Pastor Michael Nickless officiating. Memorials may be made to the estate of Jodie Pero.

Lyle Frazier

Lyle A. Frazier, a lifelong resident of Magic Valley, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008. Surrounded by his loving family, Frazier died peacefully in his sleep at age 98. Frazier and his twin brother were born in Wendell on July 10, 1910. His parents, Dr. O. and Mary R. Frazier, arrived in Wendell from Hinsdale, Mont., in 1908. They were among the first settlers in the area and the house the twins were born in was one of the first built in the valley. While in Wendell, H.O. Frazier proved up on some farm land and was a subcontractor on the Thousand Springs Power Plant and a depot agent for the local railway. It was the family matriarch, Gooding, who Harry Frazier was appointed the first county treasurer of Gooding County when it was formed out of Lincoln County. The family moved again in 1920 when Frazier married the cash-ier of the First National Bank in Hagerman. Lyle Frazier graduated from Hagerman High School in 1928 and attended the University of Idaho for two years. He later graduated from the Central States School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. He took all the classes offered by the American Institute of Banking and later taught classes in Idaho. Lyle married Dorothy R. Coulton at the Twin Falls home of her parents (Arthur and Eva Belle Coulton) on June 7, 1941. They were blessed with three daughters: Judy Anne, Linda Jean, and Sandra Jean. Sandra passed away at an early age in 1958, and Dorothy died on Feb. 28, 1978. During World War II, Frazier served with the 547th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion attached to the 3rd Infantry Division in Europe. Frazier's banking career started at the First National Bank in Hagerman, where he worked as a janitor and part-time teller for a while. He was still in school. He was a farm worker during the summers. In 1930, he was forced to drop out of college, and he took a job at the First Security Bank in Gooding. He was later transferred to the First Security Bank of Jerome, where he worked as a teller and bookkeeper. He continued in Jerome until 1936 when he accepted a job as a teller and general bookkeeper with the Fidelity National Bank in Twin Falls, which at that time was one of only two banks in Twin Falls. During the next 40 years, he held nearly every position in this bank. When he returned to Gooding while he was still in school, he was assistant cashier. He was promoted to cashier in 1952, to vice president in 1958, to executive vice president in 1959, and to president in 1965. He became secretary of the board of directors in 1954 and director in 1957.

Billy Hargis Brown

WENDELL — Billy Hargis Brown passed away Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, at his home in Wendell, at the age of 91. Bill was born in Ashton, Idaho, to Charles Irvin and Mary Louise (Crab) Brown on May 13, 1917. He lived in Ashton until 1930, when he moved with his family to Gooding. He attended school in Ashton and in Gooding, but never graduated from high school. He was a self-educated man that could read on any subject and he had a memory that was amazing right up to his death. On Feb. 6, 1939, he married Pearl Edith Bryan. Bill had various jobs until 1946, when he worked for his family to Wendell and opened up Brown's Feed store. He ran the feed store until the fall of 1954. He bought an acreage outside of Wendell and had what we all called Daddy's or Mommy's pig farm. The pig farm was a favorite place for his grandchildren to tag Grandpa around and help him with the pigs. Bill also went to work for the North Side Canal Company and worked for them until he retired due to the ill health of his wife. Bill loved to hunt and fish, go coon hunting, chase wild horses with his good friend, George Benson, and to help his son-in-law David Slimus with rounding up and moving cattle. After the death of his wife of 63 years, he sold his house and moved to a senior citizen housing in Wendell and remained there until the time of his death. He was a member of the Wendell Presbyterian Church

for many years, seeing it change from the little white church on the corner to the large church which now is known as the Living Water Church. Being a member of this church was very important to him and he served it well through his years. He was the chairman of the Senior Citizens Center for several years and enjoyed being part of it. Bill's family was the most important thing in his life and always was interested in what they were doing and loved being a part of all the activities of the family. He was the best Dad and Grandpa and will be missed by all. Billy is survived by his children, Ruth Marie Chauvin of Forest Grove, Ore., Dixie (Lump) Lumpkin of Twin Falls, Idaho, Marilyn Peters of Prince George, Va., and Carolyn (David) Silman of Gooding. He had nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Demary Frazier, Mrs. Myrtle Bartholomew of Gooding and Lois Meseraole of Emmett; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; his wife, Pearl; one sister, Leona; four brothers, Owen, Clifford, Don and Glenn; one son-in-law and one great-grandson. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Living Water Presbyterian Church in Wendell. Interment will follow the service at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. A viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Demary Frazier Service, Wendell Chapel, in Wendell. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

Norman Arthen Jackson

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Norman Arthen Jackson, 65, of West Valley City, Utah, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2008, in West Valley City, Utah. He was born Aug. 15, 1943, in Twin Falls, the second of four children to Dr. Delwyn Arthen and Elizabeth Haynie Jackson. He grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls. He was a graduate from Twin Falls High School. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in finance. Norman was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He fulfilled his mission in New Zealand. He loved to talk about the wonderful Maori people he served there. On June 6, 1968, he married Carol Ann Larsen in the LDS temple in Mantoloking, New Jersey. They eventually settled in Mesa, Ariz., where they raised their five children. His professional experience varied and included areas of real estate, mortgage brokerage, insurance and trucking. His years as a trustee of the Utah State Board of Education allowed him to see his family and grandchildren more frequently. Norman enjoyed reading, woodworking and the beauties of the outdoors. Some of his fondest adventures were spending his summers blazing trails in Yosemite National Forest, which visitors continue to utilize to this day. He had a great sense of humor. He loved to laugh and tell interesting and funny stories. His love of the family farm in Twin Falls brought him some



of his most treasured memories. Norman is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his five children, Kolen (Bradley) Wiskietchen of Boise, Marc (Jeanette) Jackson of Mesa, Ariz., Scott (Susanna) Jackson of Spokane, Wash., Curtis Jackson of Mesa, Ariz., and Kenneth Jackson of Mesa, Ariz.; his brother, Robert (Sue) Jackson of Cloverdale, Calif.; and two sisters, Mary Anne (Don) Clark of Guatemala City, Guatemala, and Susan (Rick) Austin of Sandy, Utah. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Emily, Gwyneth, Chloe, Paige, Madelyn, Elyse, Jackson and Lauren. He will be greatly missed. The funeral service for Norman's life will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at the LDS Chapel, 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls. A private viewing for family will be from 8 a.m. until the time of the service. The service will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Eduardo Hernandez (Soto)

HEYBURN — Eduardo Hernandez (Soto) passed away peacefully at his childhood home in Chihuahua, Mexico, on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008, following a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Burial was in Mexico on Dec. 18. He was born March 14, 1961, in Chihuahua, Mexico, to Juan Hernandez Flores and Maria Luisa Soto Gonzalez. He completed his schooling in Chihuahua and came to the United States at a young age. He married his wife, Marie Martinez in December 1980, and they became the proud parents of five wonderful children. A "jack-of-all-trades" and master of quite a few, he worked hard at whatever he did, but was happiest when self-employed. He was a loving, kind, man who delighted in time spent with his children and, later on, grandchildren. He enjoyed farming and raising animals, but his real joy was in remodeling their home. His family jokes that they've lived in four different homes yet never had a change of address. He truly exemplified a Christ-like spirit by reaching out to others, but was whether they be two-legged or four-legged. It was not uncommon for him to bring home someone who was in need of a hot meal or a place

to stay for the night. Animals knew he was someone they could count on for kind words or a pat and some tasty table scraps. He is survived by his wife, Tina M. Hernandez of Heyburn; three daughters, Lucia Hernandez of Heyburn, Ana Luisa Hernandez of Logan, Utah, and Olivia (David) Westenskow of La Grande, Ore.; two sons, Juan (Amanda) Hernandez of Rexburg; and Eduardo N. Hernandez of Heyburn. He is also blessed with three grandsons, Preston David Westenskow, Eli Eduardo Westenskow and Christian Eduardo Hernandez. He is survived by his mother, Maria Luisa Soto; siblings, Luz Maria Hernandez Soto, Armando Hernandez Soto, Olga Hernandez Soto, Humberto Hernandez Soto, Hortencia Hernandez Soto and Ernesta Hernandez Soto; and several nieces and nephews, all of Chihuahua, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his father; his father-in-law; mother-in-law; three siblings; and a nephew. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive in Heyburn (across from the new Heyburn Elementary School), with Bishop Franklin Peterson officiating. There will be a visitation hour beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of one's choice.

Services

Lavinia B. Mort of Burley: celebration of life at 10 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Nellie Orvella Schultz of Fler, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl; visitation one hour before the funeral Monday at the mortuary. Blanche Frodsham Wilson of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Russmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary. Bonita Lu Powell Splers of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Albion, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Cherry Hill LDS 5th Ward Church, 135 E.

2000 S. Orem; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at the church (Memorial Mortuaries in Murray, Utah). Clara "Maxine" McCracken of Kimberly, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary. Floyd Samuel Thornton of Gooding, visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Demary's Gooding Chapel; memorial service in the spring will be announced later. Michael Lyn Kitchen Moon of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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Table of obituary notices for various individuals including William Stearns, Dawn Sobel, Roy Shaver, Shirley Sobel, Bob Shaver, Lynn Shaver, and others, with their respective funeral dates and locations.

Opal G. (Bean) Haux

MOBRIDGE, S.D. — Opal G. (Bean) Haux, of Mobridge, S.D., died Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, in Mobridge, S.D.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Myrtle M. (Stromer) Bean and Lock B. Bean; husband, Roy, W. Haux; daughter, Judy R. Wilcutt; three sisters; two brothers; and one brother-in-law. Opal is survived by three sons, Sidney R. (Pearl) Haux of Mobridge, S.D., Jay

V. (Patsy) Haux of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Fred C. (Sherry) Haux of Helena, Mont.; two grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Lish of Rupert; one half sister; and five half brothers.

Interment will be at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Two Rivers, S.D.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kessling Funeral Home in Mobridge, S.D.

Marie Green

BURLEY — Marie Blacker Green, age 83, of Burley, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She was born Sept. 17, 1925, in Rupert, the 12th child of Thomas and Hettie Mae Wilkes Blacker. She graduated from Rupert High School in 1944. She married Derald Lorenzo Green of Paul on Nov. 9, 1945, in the Logan LDS Temple and has four sons and two daughters. She lived in Rupert as a child and raised her children in Paul and Burley.

Marie was an active member of the LDS Church and was loved by many. She served in many callings, including the Primary and Relief Society. She sang with the Singing Mothers in the '70s and worked as a pink lady at the hospital in the '80s. She was always serving her friends and family. Her greatest joy was her family, music and cooking.

She is survived by her husband, Derald of Burley; her



19 great-grandchildren; one sister, Meritha Garner of Rupert; and a sister-in-law, Louise Blacker of Orem, Utah; her in-laws, Verl (Marge) Green of Burley, Jean, Jackson of Geneva, Utah, and Lucy Jensen of Burley. Marie was preceded in death by her parents; nine brothers; and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Burley 2nd and 4th wards LDS Church, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop Sheldon Sorensen officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Pastor W. Dean Grindstaff

JACKPOT, Nev. — W. Dean Grindstaff, 64, of Jackpot, Nev., died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008, at his home in Jackpot, Nev., following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Dean was born Aug. 12, 1944, in Mars Hill, N.C., the son of Walter Andrew and Hazel Ramsey Grindstaff. He grew up and attended schools in Mars Hill, N.C., graduating from Mars Hill High School in 1962. He furthered his education at the New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha, Wis. On May 29, 1964, Dean married Judy McCormick in Mars Hill, N.C. They served the Lord in many blessed areas including nine years in Panama serving the Chozen Indians. He served as pastor of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Shelton Laurel, N.C., for 10 years. For the last 1 1/2 years, he has served as the pastor of the Jackpot Baptist Church in Jackpot, Nev.



Walter in Jackpot. Dean served as chaplain for the Jackpot Fire Department and the pastor of the Three Creek Ministry.

Dean enjoyed fishing, hunting and wood working. His love was his family and the Lord. He loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren, as well as his surrogate children and grandchildren in the Jackpot area.

Dean is survived by his wife of 44 years, Judy Grindstaff of Jackpot, Nev.; his three sons, Dino (Lana) Grindstaff, John Hill, N.C., Brian (Cindy) Grindstaff of Weaverville, N.C., and David (Deborah) Grindstaff of Rogerson, Idaho; his mother, Hazel Grindstaff of Mars Hill, N.C.; one brother, Floyd (Barbara) Grindstaff of Hendersonville, N.C.; one sister, Ovel (Gordon) Ball of Weaverville, N.C.; as well as his sister-in-law, Judy (Bud) Roberts of Weaverville, N.C.; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Grindstaff; and one brother, John Grindstaff.

A celebration of Dean's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Jackpot Combined School gymnasium in Jackpot, Nev. Pastor David Grindstaff officiating.

Viewing for family and friends will be held from 1 p.m. until the time of the service Tuesday at the church. A family instrument will take place at a later date. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Dean's name to the Jackpot-Rogerson Camp Fund.

Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff at the service or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Jerrold L. Lange



BURLEY — Jerrold Leslie Lange, age 73, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008, at Highland Estates in Burley surrounded by his family.

Jerrold was born May 1, 1935, in Junolta, Neb., the son of Leslie George Lange and Marie Louise Potritz. He attended grade school at Trinity Lutheran School in Eden and graduated from Valley High School in 1953. Following graduation, he attended Idaho State University and was drafted. He joined the United States Army in April 1954 and spent time in Germany during his tour. He married Anna Genevieve "Genny" Methman on Nov. 8, 1957, in Buhl. Due to his job with the phone company, they were required to travel through-

ly and friends, playing his accordion and spending time with his children, siblings and grandchildren.

Jerrold was a devoted and faithful husband to his spouse of 44 years. He was a self-taught accomplished accordion player and shared his music with local retirement homes and his family. He was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Burley and attended the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls while living there.

He is survived by his four children, Sharon (Andrew) May of Boise, Lisa (Glen) Pozernick of Heyburn, Roxanne (Jay) Waters of Twin Falls and Eddie Lange of Burley; three sisters, Janice (Nicol) Baker of Twin Falls,

Arlliss (Claude) Champney of Twin Falls and Colleen-MeClure of Bakersfield, Calif.; nine grandchildren (two serving in the Air Force), seven step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. in Burley, with the Rev. Lawrence M. Vedler officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Pocatello man undergoes alternative surgery to remove brain tumor

By Casey Santos
Idaho State Journal



POCATELLO — Gabe Flicker has always enjoyed cross country skiing, but gliding through the snow beside his wife, Karen, was never sweeter than Dec. 22 at Mink Creek in southeastern Idaho.

Just nine weeks ago, the avid outdoorsman had a potentially fatal tumor — acoustic neuroma — surgically removed from the nerves near his brain stem using a procedure that dramatically reduced his recovery time.

His surgeon, Dr. Hrayr Shahinian of the Skull Base Institute in Los Angeles, removed the tumor using a tiny incision through a tube the width of a coffee straw. Prior to 2004, fixing the problem required a full craniotomy, the partial retraction of the brain and results that between four months and a year.

Gabe Flicker, center, sits for a portrait with his family at home in Pocatello on Wednesday. Flicker recently had surgery to remove a brain tumor and his recovery was much faster due to a state-of-the-art procedure.

After 55 hours in the hospital and three weeks recovering from the surgery, Flicker returned to his job as executive director of Grace Lutheran School.

"I truly feel blessed," he said.

His ordeal began last year when his hearing started to deteriorate. He had it checked, but the loss was minimal. It didn't worry much. By June, he was nearly deaf in his left ear. Flicker took his hearing chart and compared it with information he found on the Internet.

He discovered that people suffering from an acoustic neuroma experienced many of the same symptoms. The odds of developing such a tumor are one in 100,000.

"I thought we don't have anything to worry about," Karen Flicker said. "It's such a long shot that it would be that."

Besides the long recovery time, nearly one in five patients suffers spinal fluid leaks, the loss of facial and balance, and persistent headaches. Flicker again turned to the Internet. His research led him to the Skull Base Institute and Dr. Shahinian, who had developed a less invasive procedure and performed it more than 600 times since 2004.

Shahinian drilled a small hole through Flicker's skull behind his left ear and inserted the tube containing the camera and surgical tip. The doctor controlled the equipment with a robotic device and watched himself work on a high-definition television screen.

While Flicker was in surgery, his friends from Grace Lutheran Church gathered back in Pocatello. The group usually meets for coffee every Thursday morning to discuss Christian books or Bible passages. They met a day early and prayed for Flicker with Grace Lutheran's pastor, Jonathan Dluger. Students at his school sort him about 400 get-well-soon cards.

The only complication Flicker experienced was trauma to his vestibular nerve, which controls balance. His son Tim, a physical therapist at Portneuf Medical Center, provided him with a regimen of exercises that proved helpful.

Calif. family finds \$10,000 in box of crackers

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — The box of crackers Debra Rogoff bought from the grocery store had some crackerjack in it — an envelope stuffed with \$10,000.

Yet the Irvine woman was more curious than ecstatic about her daughter's find. After all, who would leave money in such a place?

"We just thought, 'This is someone's money,'" she said. "We would never feel good about spending it."

But that's not what she was doing. The family called police and was initially

told the money could be part of a drug dump.

Police later heard from store managers at Whole Foods in Tustin that an elderly woman had come in a few days earlier, hysterical because she had mistakenly returned a box of crackers with her life savings inside. In a mix-up the store restocked the box rather than composting it.

The Lake Forest woman, whose identity was not released, had last faith in her bank and decided the box would be a

safer place for the money.

Luckily for her, the box of Annie's Sunn Cream and Onion Cheddar Bunny crackers were bought by the Rogoffs, who discovered the crisp \$100 bills in an unmarked white envelope on Oct. 10.

The Rogoffs never heard from the woman and didn't receive a reward, but Rogoff did return to Whole Foods a couple weeks later.

"I asked them if I could have another box of crackers," she said with a laugh. The store obliged.

DEATH NOTICES

Lois Stephenson

RUPERT — Lois Elaine Stephenson, 90, of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 18th St. Services will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Wanda J. Dye

BUHL — Wanda Joyce Dye, 72, of Coeur d'Alene and formerly of Buhl, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2008, in Coeur d'Alene.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Patricia M. Runyon

PAUL — Patricia M. Runyon, 76, of Paul, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Dixie Reeves

KIMBERLY — Dixie Reeves, 63, of Kimberly, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic

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TWIN FALLS FOUR CAST

Today: A low light snow showers and windy at times. Highs, mild to upper 30s.
Tonight: Near steady temperatures with a little more light snow. Lows, upper 20s to lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Windy with a rain/snow mix at times. Highs near 40.

BOISE FOURCAST

Today: Light snow. Highs, lower 30s.
Tonight: Breezy with light snow continuing. Lows, upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Mixed showers or all wet snow. Highs, 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tonight | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Windy with a little light snow | Light snow showers | Windy with light mixed showers | Overcast | Snow showers | Colder with snow |
| High 36 | Low 33 | 40 / 25 | 34 / 23 | 35 / 27 | 28 / 23 |

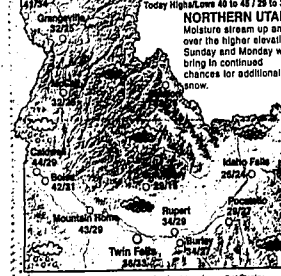
Yesterday's Weather

| City | Hi | Lo | Prev. |
|---------------|----|----|----------|
| Boise | 31 | 26 | overcast |
| Burley | 27 | 16 | thunder |
| California | 32 | 26 | clear |
| Coeur d'Alene | 32 | 23 | 0:07 |
| Idaho Falls | 31 | 17 | thunder |
| Lawton | 40 | 23 | trace |
| Lowell | 29 | 0 | 0:07 |
| Malad | 30 | 20 | no obs |
| Mohave | 29 | 13 | overcast |
| Princeton | 34 | 13 | thunder |
| Shoshone | 33 | 16 | overcast |
| Starley | 17 | 0 | 0:07 |

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 More snow is expected for the second half of the weekend. The snow will be heavy at times, especially above 6,000 feet where up to ten inches of snow are expected by this afternoon.

Today Highs 20 to 24 Tonight's Lows 10 to 16
BOISE Due to the cloud cover, temperatures will not change much on a day to day basis. There will also be daily chances for showers, mixed showers or all snow at times today and Monday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 40 at Lewiston. Low: 0 at Starley. weather key: bc blizzard, b-cold, h-heavy snow, h-n hail, light snow, m-moderately cloudy, no-w no wind, p-precipitation, sh-showers, snow, snow, th-thunder, tw-twister.

AT MANAC TWIN FALLS

| Temperature | Precipitation | Humidity | Barometric Pressure | Sunrise and Sunset |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Yesterday's High 31 | Yesterday's Trace | Yesterday's Mid 81% | Yesterday's 30.12 in. | Today Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:13 PM |
| Yesterday's Low 15 | Normal 0.8" | Yesterday's Min 59% | | Today Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:13 PM |
| Normal High/Low 36 / 19 | Month to Date 0.9" | Today's Mid 59% | | Today Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:13 PM |
| Record High 68 in 1978 | Year to Date 2.9" | Today's Min 59% | | Today Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:13 PM |
| Record Low -7 in 1988 | Normal Year to Date 2.81" | A winter year from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. | | |

Temperature & Precipitation valid from 5 pm yesterday

Moon Phases

Jan 4 Full Moon Jan 11 Last Old Jan 18 New Moon Jan 26 Full Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | Today | Tomorrow | City | Today | Tomorrow | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|---------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| Boise | 32 | 36 | 25 | 21 | Chico | 52 | 57 | 38 | 32 |
| Burley | 34 | 37 | 27 | 23 | Idaho Falls | 38 | 42 | 23 | 18 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 42 | 45 | 35 | 31 | Lowell | 31 | 35 | 20 | 15 |
| Ellensburg, OR | 46 | 49 | 45 | 40 | Mountain Home | 37 | 41 | 26 | 20 |
| Heppner, OR | 42 | 45 | 38 | 34 | Shoshone | 34 | 38 | 23 | 18 |
| Malheur | 44 | 47 | 39 | 35 | Starley | 17 | 21 | 6 | 1 |
| Ontario | 48 | 51 | 42 | 38 | Trinidad | 35 | 39 | 24 | 19 |
| Princeton | 38 | 42 | 31 | 27 | Victor | 36 | 40 | 25 | 20 |
| Timpanoh | 40 | 44 | 35 | 31 | Wendover | 33 | 37 | 22 | 17 |
| Ulam | 42 | 46 | 37 | 33 | Wilder | 35 | 39 | 24 | 19 |
| Walla Walla | 46 | 49 | 41 | 37 | Worley | 34 | 38 | 23 | 18 |
| Wendover | 33 | 37 | 26 | 22 | | | | | |
| Wilder | 35 | 39 | 28 | 24 | | | | | |
| Worley | 34 | 38 | 27 | 23 | | | | | |

NATIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | City | Today | Tomorrow |
|------------------|-------|----------|----------------|-------|----------|
| Albany | 52 | 57 | Boston | 42 | 47 |
| Anchorage | 52 | 57 | Boulder | 48 | 53 |
| Annapolis | 45 | 50 | Chicago | 40 | 45 |
| Asheville | 52 | 57 | Cincinnati | 48 | 53 |
| Ashland | 52 | 57 | Cleveland | 42 | 47 |
| Aurora | 45 | 50 | Dallas | 48 | 53 |
| Bakersfield | 52 | 57 | Denver | 35 | 40 |
| Baltimore | 48 | 53 | Detroit | 42 | 47 |
| Baton Rouge | 52 | 57 | Fort Worth | 48 | 53 |
| Birmingham | 48 | 53 | Houston | 48 | 53 |
| Bismarck | 48 | 53 | Indianapolis | 42 | 47 |
| Bozeman | 48 | 53 | Jacksonville | 52 | 57 |
| Buffalo | 42 | 47 | Little Rock | 48 | 53 |
| Burlington | 48 | 53 | Los Angeles | 68 | 73 |
| Casper | 48 | 53 | Madison | 42 | 47 |
| Charleston, SC | 52 | 57 | Manila | 82 | 87 |
| Chattanooga | 52 | 57 | Milwaukee | 38 | 43 |
| Chattanooga, TN | 52 | 57 | Minneapolis | 38 | 43 |
| Chesapeake | 48 | 53 | Mobile | 58 | 63 |
| Chicago | 40 | 45 | Monterey | 58 | 63 |
| Chico | 52 | 57 | Mountain View | 48 | 53 |
| Cincinnati | 48 | 53 | New Orleans | 62 | 67 |
| Cleveland | 42 | 47 | New York | 42 | 47 |
| Colorado Springs | 48 | 53 | Oakland | 48 | 53 |
| Colorado Springs | 48 | 53 | Omaha | 42 | 47 |
| Denver | 35 | 40 | Oregon | 42 | 47 |
| Des Moines | 48 | 53 | Portland | 48 | 53 |
| Detroit | 42 | 47 | Raleigh | 48 | 53 |
| Dallas | 48 | 53 | Reno | 48 | 53 |
| Dayton | 48 | 53 | San Diego | 62 | 67 |
| Dayton | 48 | 53 | San Francisco | 62 | 67 |
| Dayton | 48 | 53 | Seattle | 42 | 47 |
| Dayton | 48 | 53 | Tampa | 78 | 83 |
| Dayton | 48 | 53 | Washington, DC | 48 | 53 |
| Dayton | 48 | 53 | Wichita | 48 | 53 |
| Dayton | 48 | 53 | Yonkers | 48 | 53 |

Moonrise and Moonset

Today Moonrise: 8:11 AM Moonset: 6:23 PM
 Tomorrow Moonrise: 8:42 AM Moonset: 7:28 PM
 Monday Moonrise: 9:08 AM Moonset: 8:30 PM

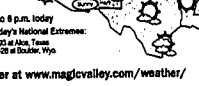
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WORLD FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | City | Today | Tomorrow |
|-------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|----------|
| Akron | 48 | 53 | Hong Kong | 78 | 83 |
| Albuquerque | 48 | 53 | Istanbul | 52 | 57 |
| Albany | 52 | 57 | Jaipur | 78 | 83 |
| Albuquerque | 48 | 53 | Jakarta | 82 | 87 |
| Albuquerque | 48 | 53 | Jakarta | 82 | 87 |
| Albuquerque | 48 | 53 | Jerusalem | 78 | 83 |
| Albuquerque | 48 | 53 | Kuala Lumpur | 82 | 87 |
| Albuquerque | 48 | 53 | Kuala Lumpur | 82 | 87 |
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Fronts
 Cold
 Warm
Stationary
Occluded

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 People who consider themselves victims of their circumstances always make victims unless they have a vision for their lives."

CANADIAN FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | City | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------|-------|----------|----------------|-------|----------|
| Calgary | 32 | 37 | Salt Lake City | 32 | 37 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 30 | San Francisco | 62 | 67 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 30 | Seattle | 42 | 47 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 30 | Tampa | 78 | 83 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 30 | Vancouver | 48 | 53 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 30 | Victoria | 48 | 53 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 30 | Winnipeg | 32 | 37 |
| Edmonton | 25 | 30 | Winnipeg | 32 | 37 |


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GOP chairman 'shocked' that Obama parody sent out

By Natasha T. Meizer
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Republican National Committee said Saturday he was "shocked and appalled" that one of his potential successors had sent committee members a CD this Christmas featuring a 2007 parody song called "Barack the Magic Negro."

In spite of RNC Chairman Robert M. "Mike" Duncan's sharply negative reaction, former Tennessee GOP leader Chip Saltsman said that party leaders should stand up to criticism over distributing a CD with the song.

He earlier defended the tune as one of several "lighthearted" political parodies that have aired on Rush Limbaugh's radio show.

Saltsman, who managed former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's presidential campaign, is seeking the RNC chairmanship. During the presidential campaign, GOP officials denounced efforts by those in the party who criticized or mocked Democratic nominee Barack Obama along racial lines. Obama was vying



Saltsman

to be the nation's first black president.

A spokesman for Obama, now the president-elect, declined to comment on the matter.

The ditty by conservative comedian Paul Shanklin refers to a March 2007 opinion piece in the Los Angeles Times by David Ehrenstein headlined "Obama the 'Magic Negro.'" In the article, Ehrenstein argued that voting for Obama helped white voters alleviate guilt over racial wrongs in the past.

Shanklin's parody is sung to the music of "Puff, the Magic Dragon." Among other Shanklin tunes on the 41-track CD that Saltsman sent with

a Christmas message: "I Can Talk Like a Coal Miner's Daughter," "Love Client #9" and "Down on the Farm with Al Gore."

"Barack the Magic Negro" calls into question Obama's racial identity. Born to a black father and white mother, the president-elect was raised primarily by his white grandparents.

"The 2008 election was a wake-up call for Republicans to reach out and bring more people into our party," Duncan said in a statement. "I am shocked and appalled that anyone would think this is appropriate as it clearly does not move us in the right direction."

In a statement that followed Duncan's, Saltsman said: "Liberal Democrats and their allies in the media didn't enter a word about David Ehrenstein's irresponsible column in the Los Angeles Times last March. But now, of course, they're shocked and appalled by its parody on the Rush Limbaugh Show."

"I firmly believe that we must welcome all Americans into our party and that the road to Republican resurgence begins with unity, not division. But I know that our party leaders should stand up against the media's double standards and refuse

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Hospitals on life support

Hospitals fall ill from more bad debt, credited troubles

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press writer

TRENTON, N.J. — Galnesville's first community hospital has been on life support since the Shands HealthCare system in northern Florida bought it a dozen years ago.

Now, because of the recession, the plug is being pulled on 80-year-old, money-losing Shands ACH. Next fall, its eight-hospital, not-for-profit parent company will shut the 220-bed hospital and shift staff and patients to a newer, bigger teaching hospital nearby as part of an effort to save \$65 million over three years across the system.

Like many U.S. hospitals, Shands is being squeezed by tight credit, higher borrowing costs, investment losses and a jump in patients — many recently unemployed or otherwise underinsured — not paying their bills.

All that has begun to trigger more hospital closings — from impoverished Newark, N.J., to wealthy Beverly Hills, Calif. — as well as layoffs, plant-closing and delaying building projects.

More closings and mergers are on the way, industry consultants predict.

"They'll get swallowed up by somebody else, if they need to exist, as if they don't, they'll just close," said Tuck Crocker, vice president of the health care practice at management consultant BearingPoint.

Most endangered are rural hospitals and urban ones in areas with excess hospital beds and a lot of poor, uninsured patients.

Hospitals, which employ 5 million people, are reporting that donations and investment returns and inpatient visits are flat and profitable diagnostic procedures and elective surgeries are declining as people with



Dr. Steven Yacki, right, talks with emergency room patient Eugene Brown, left, at Shands ACH Hospital in Gainesville, Fla., Friday.

inadequate insurance delay care. But those patients are turning up later at ERs, seriously ill, making it tough for hospitals to lay off nurses and doctors.

All those problems are aggravating long-standing stresses: slinky reimbursements from commercial insurers, even-lower payments that generally don't cover costs for Medicare and Medicaid patients, and high labor and technology costs.

Hospital executives and consultants say the growing number of people with high-deductible health plans is boosting unpaid patient bills.

Many worry health reform efforts by the Obama administration could bring cuts in Medicare reimbursements and many cash-strapped states already have begun cutting payments for poor people covered by Medicaid.

In the past few months, patients and insurers have been paying hospital bills more slowly.

As a result, some think hospitals will start demanding up-front payments for elective procedures.

Symptoms are many and varied for health industry

Issues cited by U.S. hospital executives, industry consultants and other experts include:

- More patients aren't paying their bills or are taking longer to do so. Reasons include increases in people who are unemployed and have lost their health insurance, employers increasing workers' co-payments and premiums, and more people getting insurance plans that carry very high deductibles.
- More patients are putting off care until illnesses are very serious, then showing up at emergency departments, unable to pay.
- Patients are delaying diagnostic procedures and elective surgery such as joint replacements, which generally are more profitable.
- Overall admissions are down at many hospitals, also cutting revenues.
- Government subsidies for uncompensated or charity care have been cut in some states due to their budget problems, and some states are starting or expected to cut reimbursements for

In November, Moody's Investors Service changed its 12- to 18-month outlook from "stable" to "negative" for nonprofit and for-profit hospitals, citing "prospects of a protracted recession," bad debt and the credit crunch.

of borrowing will likely be higher — and may be nonexistent for lower-rated hospitals." Moody's noted a problem because hospitals borrow for everything from expansions and equipment, to payroll and supplies.

Since October, there's been a "dramatic slowdown" in plans for new wings and building upgrades, with many delayed indefinitely, said Paul Kackley of the Deloitte Center for Health Solutions.

"It probably means we won't have as many new things in the hospital," he predicted.

Obama's Hawaii retreat lost power for 11 hours

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — President-elect Barack Obama's Hawaiian vacation was darkened for 11 hours Friday night and early Saturday when a power outage enveloped the island of Oahu.

Obama, wife Michelle, and daughters Malia and Sasha are staying in a \$9 million, five-bedroom oceanfront house near downtown Honolulu. Power to the compound went out around 7 p.m. Friday and was restored just before 6 a.m. Saturday, about the time as that of the neighbors, Obama spokesman Ben LaBolt said.

"The Obama family is grateful for the offers of assistance from local officials," LaBolt said.

Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann said three generators had been installed earlier for Obama's rented compound. A fourth generator sent by Hawaiian Electric Co. was turned away, he said.

"He replied he didn't need anything was grateful for our offer and was going to put his family to bed," said Hannemann, who did not talk with Obama directly.

Transition officials would not say if generators had been installed, but an aide said no generators were used and the Obamas spent the evening in the dark.

Obama aides initially refused to release a timeline of events, such as when power was lost and restored. They have declined to discuss specific preparations for the president-elect's 12-day visit, citing security concerns.

A White House spokesman said Saturday that officials would brief Obama on the situation in the Middle East.

Flooding could follow ice storms in Midwest

By Caryn Roseman
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Rain and rapidly rising temperatures accompanied by thick fog threatened to cause flooding Saturday in the Midwest after days of Arctic cold, heavy snow and ice down-patients visits are flat and profitable diagnostic procedures and elective surgeries are declining as people with

Transportation. "We're getting rid of one problem, the ice, but we're getting another problem with the flooding."

The National Weather Service posted flood watches and warnings Saturday for parts of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri as much as 2 inches of rain fell in two hours during the night in west-central Illinois, the National Weather Service reported Saturday.

And as warm air collided with cold, the weather service posted tornado watches for parts of

Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Kansas.

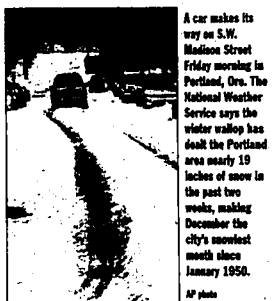
A powerful storm swept across a wide swath of south and central Illinois during the afternoon, packing wind gusts of 60 to 70 mph, said National Weather Service meteorologist Patrick Bark. Storms also produced hail, and the weather service office in St. Louis received reports of funnel clouds.

In the Chicago area, repairs to some power lines were being slowed by flooding at ComEd substations, said spokesman Jeff Burdick.

Winds knocked out power to 63,600 ComEd customers Saturday, Burdick said. Of those, 55,000 had power restored by Saturday evening.

High winds left 42,000 people in western Missouri without electricity power had been restored to most by Saturday evening.

After subzero temperatures in place earlier in the week, Saturday morning readings were in the 40s as far north as Cheboygan, Mich., at the top of



A car makes its way on S.W. Madison Street Friday morning in Portland, Ore. The National Weather Service says the winter wallop has dealt the Portland area nearly 19 inches of snow in the past two weeks, making December the city's snowiest month since January 1950.

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Facing cash shortage, states consider selling off roads, parks

By Mariga Lohn
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota is deep in the hole financially, but the state still owns a premier golf resort, a sprawling amateur sports complex, a big airport, a major zoo and land holdings the size of the Central American country of Belize.

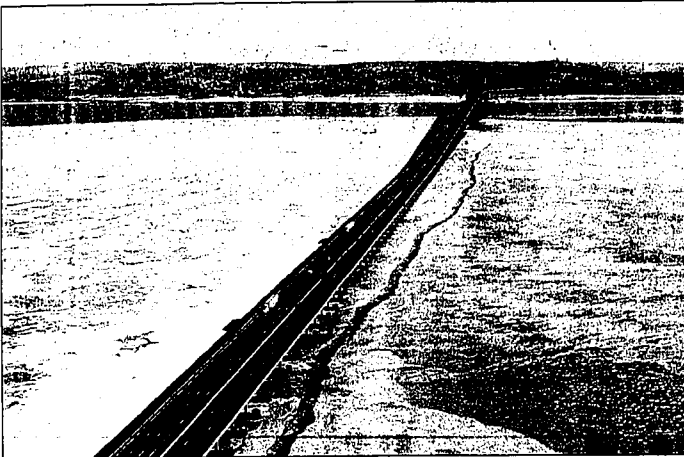
Valuables like these are in for a closer look as 44 states cope with deficits.

Like families pawning the silver to get through a tight spot, states such as Minnesota, New York, Massachusetts and Illinois are thinking of selling or leasing toll roads, parks, lotteries and other assets to raise desperately needed cash.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty has hinted that his January budget proposal will include proposals to privatize some of what the state owns or does. The Republican is looking for cash to help close a \$5.27 billion deficit without raising taxes.

GOP lawmakers are pushing to privatize the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the state lottery. Both steps require a higher authority — federal legislation in the case of the airport, a voter-approved constitutional amendment for the lottery.

But state lawmakers are considering putting the state's \$2.5 billion, and the lottery \$500 million. Massachusetts lawmakers are considering putting the state's \$1.4 billion deficit, while also saving on highway



The Tappan Zee Bridge, which connects New York's Westchester and Rockland counties, carries traffic across an icy Hudson River in South Nyack, N.Y., in February 2005. New York Gov. David Paterson has appointed a commission to look into leasing state assets, including the bridge, the lottery, golf courses, toll roads, parks and beaches.

operating costs. In New York, Democratic Gov. David Paterson appointed a commission to look into leasing state assets, including the Tappan Zee Bridge north of New York City, the lottery, golf courses, toll roads, parks and beaches. Recommendations are expected next month.

Such projects could be attractive to private investors and public pension funds looking for safe places to put their money in this scary economy, said Leonard Gilroy, a privatization expert with the market-oriented Reason Foundation in Los Angeles.

"Infrastructure is more attractive today than ever," Gilroy said. "It's tangible. It's a road. It's water. It's an airport. It's something that is — you know, you hear the term recession-proof."

Unions don't like privatization deals out of fear that worker wages and benefits will be squeezed as private operators try to boost their profit by streamlining services.

Phineas Baxandall, a researcher with the consumer-oriented U.S. Public Interest Research Group in Boston.

Some states struck major privatization deals well before the economic crisis hit.

Indiana, for example, brought in \$3.8 billion in 2006 by leasing the Indiana Toll Road for 75 years. Chicago stands to collect \$2.5 billion by leasing Midway Airport. If the federal government approves, and has raised an additional \$3.5 billion since 2005 through deals for the Chicago Skyway toll road, parking ramps and parking meters.

But in September, investors walked away from a \$12.8 billion bid to lease the Pennsylvania Turnpike for 75 years after legislators failed to act on the deal. And Texas lawmakers uneasy over a proposed private toll road system approved a two-year moratorium on such contracts last year.

David Fisher, who managed Minnesota's state-owned properties a few years ago under former Gov. Jesse Ventura, warned that the state has a hard time finding buyers for properties such as old mental institutions.

Fisher said some public properties belong in private hands, such as Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, a top-rated getaway in Blavik, and Ironworld, a museum and library in Chisholm. Both are owned and subsidized by Iron Range Resources, a state agency.

Weather

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the state's Lower Peninsula, the weather service said. However, up to 7 inches of snow is possible in the state Sunday, the agency said.

The weather service said the Chardon River was overflowing and causing minor flooding in Chardon, Iowa. Flood stage is 15 feet; the river was at 16.6 feet at 3 a.m. Saturday and expected to rise a bit more. It said road flooding was reported in parts of Missouri.

By late Saturday, the rain had stopped and an ice storm swept across much of Interstate 90 near Grinnell was closed for a while because of traffic accidents.

Around Chicago, Cook County authorities offered sandbags to communities that needed to fortify low-lying areas, a county spokesman Sean Howard said.



Traffic moves slowly through high water from heavy rain and melting snow Saturday in Davenport, Iowa.

Hundreds of people spent the night at Chicago's Midway Airport, where all 82 flights Friday evening were canceled as the thick fog rolled in. There were also more than 400 flight cancellations at O'Hare International Airport, the nation's second busiest.

Operations returned to near normal Saturday at Midway, although 36 flights were canceled because aircraft were out of position following Friday's weather problems. More than 100 flights were called off Saturday at O'Hare.

Temperatures also were rising in the Pacific Northwest, which has been pummeled by deep snow. In Portland a couple inches of rain through Saturday was expected to wash away much of the 19 inches of snow that by one measurement had made December the city's snowiest month since January 1950.

"Once we start to see rain, it'll really melt down," weather service meteorologist Charles Dalton said. In Seattle, meteorologist Johnny Burg was optimistic there wouldn't be any major flooding in Western Washington Saturday despite warming temperatures and melting snow that fell in the area in the week before Christmas Day.

In Eastern Washington, 4 to 7 inches of new snow fell overnight in the Spokane area, where it began snowing a week before Christmas.

Parody

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to pander to their desire for scandal," he said.

According to a story posted Saturday on CNN's Web site, Peter Yarrow, who co-wrote "Puff the Magic Dragon," called Salsman's decision to distribute the parody tune "offensive," and "shocking and saddening in the extreme."

"It is almost unimaginable to me," Yarrow said in a statement sent to CNN, that Salsman "would seriously be considered for the top post of the Republican National Committee. Puff, himself, if asked, would certainly agree."

One of Salsman's competitors for the GOP chairmanship, former Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, didn't refer directly to Salsman or the parody. Blackwell, who co-black, contended in a statement Saturday that "there is hypersensitivity in the press regarding matters of race" because of Obama's election, and he concluded, "All of my competitors for this leadership post are fine people."

The Hill, a Capitol Hill newspaper that published a story about the ED on Friday, reported that Salsman said members of the GOP committee have "the good humor and good sense" to see Shanklin's tunes as "lighthearted political parodies."

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CALIFORNIA

Killer's mother copes with shooting aftermath

LOS ANGELES — Nancy Windsor broke into violent sobs and tried to speak through them as she described her struggle to cope with her son Bruce Jeffrey Pardo's Christmas Eve massacre, in which he killed his wife and eight members of her close-knit family.

"I have to be honest with you, I'm having trouble holding myself together," Windsor said Saturday in a brief telephone interview with the Los Angeles Times from the hotel where she is staying.

But Windsor, 72, said she had talked with her former daughter-in-law Sylvia Pardo's son Sal, who reassured her that the family had no animosity toward her.

"I will say this to you," Windsor said. "It would have been so easy for that family to hate me. And Sal was just so wonderful. He said, 'We love you, and you're family.' I love them so much. And I've very hard this has happened."

Windsor said she wanted to set up a fund for her former daughter-in-law's family. Sylvia Pardo, who divorced Bruce Pardo in February, had three children from a former marriage. "Anything that our family realized from Bruce's vehicle, from the money on him, whenever that's released, everything is going to my grandchildren. I want it for my grandchildren," Windsor said.

PENNSYLVANIA

3 kids, 4 adults killed by Philadelphia house fire

PHILADELPHIA — Dozens of Liberian immigrants mourned Saturday at a house where seven members of their community died in a fire that firefighters said started when a Xenogene heater spilled fuel and exploded as it was being moved outdoors.

Authorities have not released the names of all the victims, but fire survivor Joseph Murphy said he was trapped in the basement blaze were part of the large Liberian enclave in southwest Philadelphia.

The blaze broke out around 10:45 p.m. Friday in a three-story brick duplex and killed three adults and four children, including a 1-year-old boy, fire department spokesman Chief Daniel Williams said.

Fire officials said six victims were found huddled together in the front of the basement, none of them cradling the baby. The seventh was found near

the basement door. The boy was later pronounced dead at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The medical examiner said three of the children died of smoke inhalation and one adult died of smoke inhalation and burns.

Police: Man shot for being noisy during movie

PHILADELPHIA — A man annoyed by a noisy family sitting near him in a movie theater on Christmas night shot the father of the family in the arm, police said.

James Joseph Ciarella, 29, of Philadelphia, told the man's family to be quiet, then threw popcorn at the man's son, police said. The victim told police that Ciarella was walking toward his family when he stood up and was shot.

Detectives called to the United Artists Rivecourt Stadium theater in South Philadelphia found Ciarella carrying the weapon, a .380-caliber handgun, in his waistband, police said.

Ciarella faces charges that include attempted murder and aggravated assault. He remained in custody Saturday. Police said ball had been set, but they did not know the amount.

Lt. Frank Vanore called the incident "scary that it gets to that level of violence from being too noisy during a movie."

NEW YORK

Man sells calendars for Bubble Wrap fans

NEW YORK — A New York City man has designed a calendar that will drive Bubble Wrap fanatics popping mad. The Daily News of New York reports in Thursday editions that Stephen Turbek is selling a poster-size calendar covered with the plastic bubbles. Customers can pop a bubble each day to mark the passage of time.

The Brooklyn man says he has sold thousands of Bubble Calendars. A handmade calendar with paper backing is available online for \$30 and a plastic version costs \$50.

Turbek says it makes a perfect gift for obsessive people — as long as they don't pop the whole year on the first day they get it.

ARIZONA

Two boys die after severe beating in park

PHOENIX — The suspect in a brutal and apparently random attack of two young boys at a park will face murder charges after both victims

died Friday, police said.

Edwin Pollock and Jesse Ramirez suffered severe head injuries when they were repeatedly bludgeoned Tuesday afternoon, Phoenix

police Sgt. Tommy Thompson said. Seven-year-old Jesse died early Friday and his 10-year-old cousin, Edwin, was pronounced dead hours later.

Police arrested Joe Saucedo

Gallegos, 36, within hours of the attack on Tuesday.

A first-degree murder charge was added after Jesse's death and a second planned after Edwin died, Thompson

said. He was charged earlier with two counts of child abuse and dangerous crimes against children. Bail was set at \$1 million.

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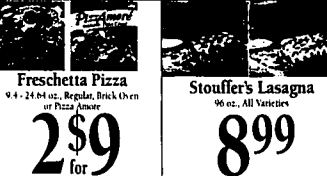


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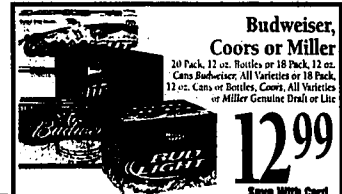


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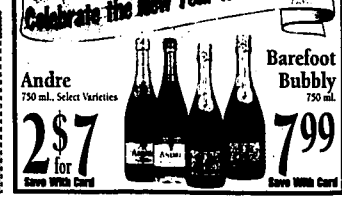


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AUSTRALIA

Activists throw rotten butter at whalers

SYDNEY — A radical conservationist group on Saturday said it lobbed 25 bottles of rotten butter at Japanese whalers in the remote and icy Antarctic Ocean, but denied accusations they rammed their vessel in a violent attack.

Protesters aboard a boat operated by the anti-whaling group Sea Shepherd threw the bottles — containing butyric acid, produced by rancid butter — Friday night at the Kaiko Maru whaling ship, which is conducting Japan's research whaling program.

Japan's Tokyo-based Institute of Cetacean Research described the protesters as terrorists and accused them of "menacing" and ramming the Kaiko Maru, causing minor damage to the whaling vessel. No one was injured in the showdown, said Glenn Inwood, the New Zealand-based spokesman for the Institute, a Japanese government-affiliated organization that oversees the hunt.

But renegade activist Paul Watson, captain of the Sea Shepherd's ship, said his boat — the Steve Irwin — only lightly brushed the whalers' vessel and defended the bottle-throwing as harmless.

"Our tactics are designed to not hurt anybody, so we make the deck as slippery as possible," Watson told The Associated Press by satellite phone from his ship.

The Japanese are allowed to harvest a quota of whales under a ruling by the International Whaling Commission, as long as the mammals are caught for research and not commercial purposes. Opponents say the research expeditions are simply a cover for commercial whaling, banned in 1986.

SWITZERLAND

MP3 player lights way to missing skiers

SAVOGINN — Swiss rescue officials say they have found two missing skiers after spotting the light from their MP3 music player.

The Swiss air rescue association Rega says it received a distress call from the French tourists late Friday but the skiers' phone battery went dead before they could be reached.

Rega spokesman Gery Baumann says the two men were eventually found after midnight in steep, wooded terrain by a helicopter crew that spotted the light from their digital music player.

Baumann said Saturday that the two 22-year-olds suffered from mild hypothermia despite enduring temperatures as low as 5 degrees Fahrenheit.

MEXICO

Feds detain presidential guard in drug case

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's drug corruption scandals reached into the presidential game as authorities identified an officer who served in the unit as a possible spy for the country's violent drug cartels.

An official of the federal prosecutor's office who was not authorized to be quoted by name identified Arturo Gonzalez Rodriguez on Saturday as an army major who was assigned to a unit of the presidential guard.

Prosecutors announced on Friday that Gonzalez Rodriguez had been placed under house arrest for 40 days while he is investigated.

The prosecution official said there are allegations that the officer passed information to the Beltran Leyva drug cartel in exchange for payments of as much as \$100,000.

The prosecutor's office could not confirm what type of information the major purportedly passed to drug traffickers.

But an official of President Felipe Calderon's office said that Gonzalez Rodriguez wasn't part of the elite section of the guard that takes care of Calderon's personal security or logistics.

The official, who was not authorized to be quoted by name, stressed that Gonzalez Rodriguez never had access to

any information about Calderon's activities.

CHINA

Dairies to compensate melamine victims

BEIJING — Chinese dairy companies that sold melamine-tainted milk are

ready to pay compensation to the families of the nearly 300,000 children who became ill or died from drinking contaminated infant formula, a state news agency reported Saturday.

Twenty-two dairy producers will make a one-time cash payment to the victims' families, China's Dairy Industry Association announced,

although it did not disclose an amount, the official Xinhua News agency said.

BRITAIN

Police: Woman may have been in trunk for 10 days

LONDON — A woman found bound in the trunk of

her own car may have been there for well over a week, police said Saturday.

Officers found Magdaline Makola, dehydrated and suffering from hypothermia, on Friday.

Police said the 38-year-old nurse had been restrained so she couldn't escape and was wearing pajamas when two officers discovered her. The

officers had heard cries coming from the car and then broke in to free her.

Police had been searching for Makola in Airdrie because they had tracked transactions made with her bank card to the area.

Tague said there was no apparent motive for the abduction.

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Vietnam whistle-blower suffers for war on graft

By Ben Stocking
Associated Press writer

HANOI, Vietnam — The things came after dark, as Do Viet Khoa and his family were getting ready for bed.

He says they punched him, kicked him, stole his camera and terrified his wife and children. Khoa, a high school math and geography teacher, thinks the message was clear: Stop blowing the whistle on school corruption — or else.

For several years, Khoa has been fighting the petty bribery and cheating that plagues schools across Vietnam, where poorly paid teachers and administrators squeeze money out of even poorer parents. Vietnam's leaders approved a sweeping anti-corruption law in 2005, but implementation is uneven. The country still ranks poorly on global corruption surveys, and for ordinary Vietnamese, who treasure education, school corruption is perhaps the most infuriating of all.

Few dare to fight it, for fear of retaliation. A slight, ordinary-looking man from a farming village, 40-year-old Khoa made a dramatic entrance onto the national scene two years ago. He videotaped students cheating on their high school graduation exams while their teachers watched and did nothing. State-owned TV stations played the tape repeatedly.

With TV cameras in tow, Vietnam's education minister went to Khoa's house to hand him a certificate praising his courage. Khoa appeared on Vietnam's version of the Larry King show. The principal of the Van Tao High School, where Khoa has taught since 2000, was transferred.

But back in his farming village of Van Hoa, about 15 miles outside Hanoi, Khoa got anything but a hero's welcome.

Teachers and administrators resented the unflattering spotlight. Even among parents and students, who stood to gain most from Khoa's efforts, few came to his defense.

All the parents wanted was to get their children through school and into jobs, even if that meant to cheat to pass their exams, Khoa said.

"The entire community has shunned me," Khoa said. "They harass me on the phone, they send me letters. They say I put my thirst for fame ahead of their children's welfare. Some of them even threatened to kill me."

Think Van Nam, 27, a teacher at the school, thinks Khoa has brought his problems on himself.

"Khoa says we isolated him, but it is not true," Nam said. "When someone feels ostracized by his peers, he needs to ask himself why."

Matters escalated last month, when the four men came to Khoa's house — two of them guards at his school, according to news reports. Police are still investigating.

Khoa has also run afoul of the new principal, Le Xuan Trung, after sending a letter to national and local officials alleging that Trung imposed various unfair fees to enrich school staff at parents' expense.

One of Khoa's biggest complaints is the "extra classes" implemented at his school and others across the country, in which regular school teachers tutor students for money. "If they don't go, the teachers give them bad grades," said Khoa.

A teacher can triple a salary by packing students into the sessions. These cost parents about \$6 a week — nearly as much as they earn farming rice.

Principal Trung did not respond to an interview request. But he was quoted in the People's Police newspaper as saying enrollment in the classes is voluntary.

Trung reportedly said Khoa "did not always concentrate on his teaching and follow the school regulations," and he used his camera and recorder too much, so people did not feel comfortable talking to him.

One man defending the teacher is Vu Van Thuc, whose son goes to the school. "I'm using his voice against these absurd requirements

imposed by the school," he said.

"He is really brave," said Glang Xuan Dung, a math teacher. "I admire him for his courage and patience."

Other schools have offered to hire Khoa. "I thought we should support him," said Van Nhu Cuong, a Hanoi headmaster who tried to hire him. "We really need people who dare to speak out."

Khoa refused because the school is too far from his home. His wife, Nguyen Thi Nga, worries about her husband's crusade.



Do Viet Khoa, a high school math and geography teacher, sits in his home Dec. 10 in Thong Thia district in Hanoi, Vietnam.

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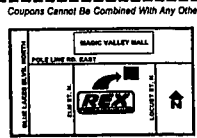
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A man uses his mobile phone to take a picture Saturday in front of a poster of slain former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, at her mausoleum in Garhi Khinda Bakhsh, Pakistan.

AP photo

150,000 Pakistanis mourn one-year after Bhutto killed

By Ashraf Khan Associated Press writer

GARHI KHUDDA BAKHSH, Pakistan — Wailing and beating their chests, tens of thousands of people paid homage to Benazir Bhutto Saturday on the first anniversary of her assassination. Bhutto, who had dashed U.S. hopes the moderate Muslim politician would regain power and galvanize the campaign against al-Qaida.

The commemoration came amid heightened tensions with India over the Mumbai terror attacks and a Pakistani troop buildup along their shared border, though Pakistan's leaders used the occasion to call for peace.

"We don't want to fight, we don't want to have war, we don't want to have aggression with our neighbors," Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said in a televised speech.

Tensions rose between the nuclear-armed neighbors after Delhi blamed Pakistani militants for last month's three-day rampage in India's financial capital and edged higher Friday with Pakistani intelligence officials saying the army had deployed troops toward the Indian border.

"India's foreign minister urged Pakistan to focus on fighting homegrown militant violence and avoid 'war hysteria,'" said a Reuters agency.

"I appeal to Pakistan and Pakistani leaders, do not unnecessarily try to create tension," Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said, according to the Press Trust of India news agency. "Do not try to deflect the

issue. A problem has to be tackled face to face." Mukherjee has accused Pakistan before of trying to divert attention away from what many analysts say is a halfhearted attempt to rein in homegrown militant groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, which India accuses of masterminding the Mumbai attacks.

Bhutto's widow, President Asif Ali Zardari, did not mention the troop movement in a speech honoring his wife, but insisted Pakistan was battling the "cancer" of terrorism.

"We ourselves have accepted that we have a cancer. Yes we will cure it," said Zardari. "They (terrorists) are forcing their agenda on us."

Zardari took over the party after Bhutto's death and was elected president in September, vowing to maintain her legacy and return the country to democracy after almost ten years of military dictatorship. "We will take Pakistan forward following the path of our martyr Benazir Bhutto," Zardari told a gathering of party activists and her family close to the mausoleum.

Many of Bhutto's mourners were battling for hundreds of miles in the bitter Pakistani winter to her family mausoleum, where they jostled for a chance to kiss her grave or toss rose petals.

"We have an unconditional attachment and love for Benazir," said Nazir Ali, a 35-year-old donkey cart driver, who had hiked for 15 days. "I am tired, but will keep trying to get into the mausoleum to have a glimpse of her tomb."

She was killed in a gun-and-suicide bomb attack on Dec. 27, 2007, as she was

leaving a campaign rally in the garrison town of Rawalpindi, just outside the capital of Islamabad.



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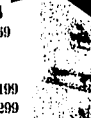


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Car bombing kills at least 22 in Baghdad

By Ernesto Londoño and Amr Hames The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — At least 22 people were killed and more than 50 wounded in a car bombing in northwestern Baghdad on Saturday, the deadliest attack in one of the deadliest weeks, Iraq officials said.

The attack occurred at 12:15 p.m. in the predominantly Shiite neighborhood of Kadhimiyah, which has been relatively safe in recent months.

An explosives-laden sedan blew up on a busy street just as a bus passed nearby, witnesses said. The bus caught fire, killing women and children inside.

All Abdul Ameer, 28, stayed behind at the scene after his wife and daughter were loaded into ambulances.

"There is no security," he said, standing near his wrecked car. "How come a car like this full of explosives could enter this area?"

The number of mass-casualty attacks in Baghdad has declined sharply in recent months as the city has been partitioned into walled-off sectors, sectarian tensions have ebbed and Iraqi security forces have become more skilled.

spokesman. The attacks occurred on a day that Iraq Body Count, a group that has sought to track the number of violent deaths in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, issued a report showing that the number of casualties dropped noticeably in its year, most significantly in Baghdad.

Between 8,300 and 9,000 people were killed in Iraq this year — or about 25 per day — compared with more than 25,000 in 2006 and 22,000 in 2007, according to the group's data, culled from media reports and other sources.

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Pigskin pedigree

Jerome clan has sent eight to NCAA Division I football

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Eight men in the family can boast of earning a spot on an NCAA Division I football roster — the last three came through the Jerome High program — so it would be fair to consider the Swans the Magic Valley's first family of football.

Maybe it's good genes. Maybe it's good fortune. Maybe good coaching, or good work ethic. Maybe it's all of that and more.

Regardless of cause, the Swans — beginning 90 or so years ago with Mac and continuing through Clayton (nicknamed "Biff"), who wrapped up his senior season at Weber State earlier this month — have proven to know what it takes to churn out high-level football players.

Ask any of the football-playing Swans, and they'll say they're just like any other family that loves football.

"It was just like any other family where you played a lot of backyard football ... and it usually turned into 1-on-1 tackling drills," says Shay Swans, eight years older than little brother Biff and a Boise State alumnus who was the offensive coordinator this season at Caldwell High.

In some ways they've got it down to a regiment, and in some ways it's pretty loosey-goosey. From father John on, all of them were No. 44 in high school — it's a tribute not only to the family, but to John David Crow and Ernie Davis, two of John's idols in football.

"But it's not just regiment. I never felt like I was forced to play football. I just wanted to," said middle brother Colton Swans, three years Shay's junior. "Even going back to Kwanis football, sixth grade, I remember I was so excited. I'd get those pads sized up on me, and I'd wear those pads



RUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Colton, John and Clayton "Biff" Swans, from left, are three of eight members of the Swans family to play NCAA Division I college football. Colton and Biff played at Weber State, John at Utah State, and Shay (not pictured), Colton and Biff's brother, played at Boise State. The other four all played at the University of Utah.

around everywhere."

It's just what the men of the family have done for as long as they can remember.

Bill Swans, John's dad, was a standout player at the University of Utah in the late 1930s and was named the All-Skyline Conference first team quarterback in 1939. Bill's brother Thornley also played at Utah, as did their uncle Mac before them.

With tickets readily available to go watch the Utes play, and Bill's football buddies hanging around regularly, sons John and George practically developed their love of football by osmosis.

"I always thought it was great, how the players were so revered," John said. "And all my dad's buddies were football guys, so we always wanted to grow up to be football players."

George would go on to play collegiately at Utah, just like his father, uncle and great uncle. John, however, would venture away from the 'U' and settle in up in the Cache Valley at Utah State, starting a trend of breaking away from the past traditions.

All three of his sons started at different schools, each electing to forge his own identity in college rather than be tied to anyone who had gone before him.

But paths are more circuitous than linear when it comes to football.

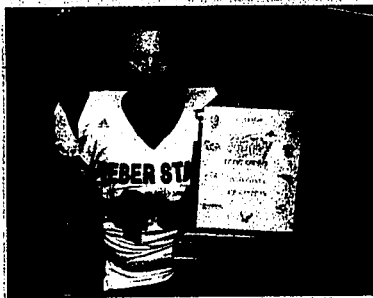
John coached football in Wellton, Ariz., at Class 2A Antelope Union High School. He also picked up a coaching gig at Jerome for a while after moving to Idaho. His kids would follow suit, even if while Shay did it by intent, Colton did so at least in part by accident.

"I was planning to finish out my credits to teach PE and coach, and the field experience class required 20 hours of coaching. So I asked to come out for summer ball and help out to fulfill my hours, and the next thing I knew I was in staff meetings every day and all that," Colton said, before noting that he was working on his Masters degree at the same time.

"It was tough, because I had to literally sprint from practice to class, and everyone would be wondering what I was doing wearing my coaching gear to class. I'd even get there with my whistle still around my neck."

A graduate assistant position turned into a full-time assistant position. Now, with Weber State's success, a new opportunity has arisen.

Baby Biff



Weber State linebacker and former Jerome High School football player Clayton "Biff" Swans holds the Big Sky Championship Trophy after the Wildcats clinched a share of the title with a victory over Idaho State in Pocatello.

Clayton photo

Biff, the youngest, just finished his senior season at Weber State. The Wildcats had one of their most successful seasons ever with 10 wins and a Big Sky championship. They also reached the NCAA Football Championship Series quarterfinals, and Biff was a part of that success.

Biff picked Weber State after falling out at Utah State, but he still has nothing bad to say about his experience in Logan.

"I didn't want to go to Boise State because Shay had gone there, and I didn't want to go to Weber because Colton had gone there. I just wanted to do my own thing. I liked the staff at Utah State, that's when I decided to go there, but then all those guys got fired," he said.

"The school's a good school, and I had fun going there, but the football thing just wasn't going the way I wanted it to. At the end of my sophomore year, a bunch of guys were leaving, and my best buddy was leaving, so I said it was now or never."

Giving up what would have been a full ride at Utah State to transfer to Weber State was among the best situations he could have hoped to fall into. Due to injuries, he moved to middle linebacker from the outside and was an honorable-mention All-Big Sky selector.

"But those other two guys (the first- and second-team picks) will probably play in the NFL. Colton, an ex-player and now assistant coach at Weber State, is quick to point out.

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Nevada champ CSI's first volleyball signing

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

In its goal of recruiting players capable of leading the team back to national championship contention, the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team could hardly have started in a better place than with someone who knows a thing or two about winning titles.

CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser confirmed her first signing of the 2009-10 freshman class on Saturday, announcing that 6-foot-1 right-side hitter Dama Cox of Yerington, Nev., signed a National Letter of Intent to join the Golden Eagles volleyball program next fall.

Cox was a two-year starter at Yerington High School, which won its third consecu-

tive Nevada Class 3A volleyball championship in November. She projects to the college level as a right-sided hitter.

Cartisser said that while Cox had experience playing at a high level for the Lions, she didn't play too much club volleyball. As a result, Cartisser reckons there is even more potential to be extracted from Cox's "extremely raw" talent.

"Dama hasn't played a ton of club ball, but she's very effective. She's going to be fun to coach, and what she has right now is that she's already doing things without having all that much experience," Cartisser said. "She has a ton of upside to her. Coupled with her athleticism and being surrounded by great volleyball, she's really going to take off."

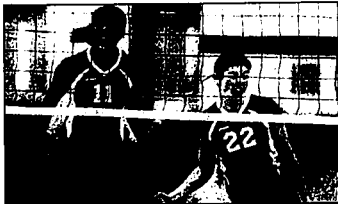


Photo courtesy Heidi (Dama) Cartisser-Journal

Yerington (Nev.) High School's Dama Cox (left) celebrates a point with teammates during the Class 3A state semifinals earlier this season. Cox signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at CSI next fall.

Cartisser said that one more signing was currently in the works, and that she hopes to bring in a total of five or six new faces to go with the nine players she anticipates will return from last season's

Seahawks spoil Holmgren as end nears

The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Mike Holmgren always said that when the 2008 season was over he wanted to return to his home in the Phoenix area and ride his motorcycle.

"Thanks to the club for which he walked the sideline for the last 10 seasons he'll have a new bike to break in.

After Holmgren's final full practice as coach of Seattle on Friday, eight-year Seahawks veteran Bobby Engstrom stood up to address the team.

As Engstrom was talking, injured guard Mike Wahle roared into the indoor practice complex on a brand

new, limited edition 2009 Screamin' Eagle Harley-Davidson to the cheers of the players.

"They told me (Engstrom) wanted to talk to the team at the end of practice," Holmgren said. "I thought it was going to be a pep talk. I didn't think it was this."

Holmgren then hopped on the bike for a short test drive with the team roaring in approval. Each position group then circled around the bike for a photo with the coach.

"It's a good thing to be a part of and coach deserves it," Engstrom said. "As a guy who has been around him a lot, just talking to these

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Jerome girls can't find rhythm in loss to BK

Time-News
 Maybe it was the one-week layoff. Maybe it was Bishop Kelly's defense. Maybe it was a bit of both.
 Whatever the reason, Jerome's girls basketball team couldn't find its rhythm in Boise on Saturday evening, and the No. 1 Tigers went down to defeat 45-42 at the hands of their hosts.
 Aubree Callen led Jerome

(10-3) with 13 points, while JoAnn Hofffield added eight.
 Jerome coach Brent Clark suggested it was a game that featured two teams that looked like they had some time off before this one.
 "I think both teams lacked energy tonight, for some reason. It was really a slow-paced, sluggish game offensively and defensively," Clark said. "Might have been a little

bit of rust, but it just didn't seem like we got into a good flow on offense."
 Jerome is at Kimberly on Jan. 7.

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Boys basketball
JEROME 67, BISHOP KELLY 55
 Gus Callen had what Jerome coach Joe Messick called his best game of the year, out-leading the Tigers with 18 points as they beat Bishop Kelly on the road Saturday 67-55.
 Logan Parker also scored 17 for Jerome (8-1), which got 14 and six assists from Kameron Pearce. But the dif-

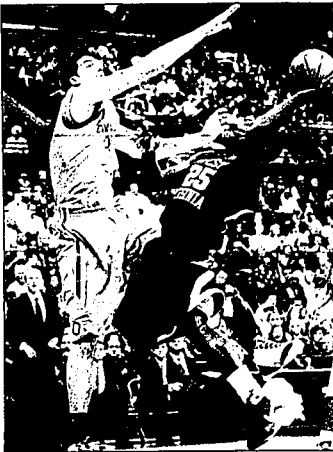
ference was a stingy middle two quarters from the Tiger defense, as Jerome outscored the Knights 40-20 over the second and third quarters.
 "The biggest key was our defensive intensity in the second and third quarters. I thought we got great minutes from our bench, they came in and did a nice job clamping down on the defensive end," Messick

said. "We also did a nice job executing on the offensive end."
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West Virginia rips No. 15 Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Alex Ruoff scored 17 points, leading West Virginia and coach Bob Huggins to a 76-40 victory over No. 15 Ohio State on Saturday.
 Da'Sean Butler had 16 points, all but two in the first half, with Darryl Bryant adding 11 and Devin Ebanks 10 for the Mountaineers (10-2), who handed Ohio State its first defeat of the season. West Virginia has won four in its last five games, including a 68-65 loss to Davidson in the Jimmy V Classic on Dec. 9.
 Up by seven at halftime, the Mountaineers extended the lead to more than 20 midway through the second half and then poured it on the rest of the way.
 William Buford and Jerome Simmons each scored 11 points, and Evan Turner had 10 for Ohio State (9-1).



West Virginia's Darryl Bryant (25) shoots over Ohio State's B.J. Mullens (32) during the first half of Saturday's game in Columbus, Ohio.

The loss not only ended Ohio State's perfect start, it wiped out a 14-game winning streak overall, including last season's five-game run to the NIT in March. The Buckeyes had also won their last 54 games in Columbus against unranked teams.
 The Mountaineers held the Buckeyes (31 percent) below 40 percent shooting for the first time this season. The 40 points were also the fewest by Ohio State this season.

10 rebounds and seven assists and Samardo Samuels added 17 points and 11 boards to help No. 19 Louisville and its revamped lineup ease up by UAB.
 Earl Clark — who didn't start for the first time this season after Pitino chastised him for inconsistent play — had 12 points, four rebounds and three assists as the Cardinals (8-2) bounced back from a disappointing loss to Minnesota last week.
 Robert Vaden led UAB (8-4) with 22 points. Lawrence Kinard had 19 points and eight rebounds and Paul Delaney III added 16 points and four assists for the Blazers.

No. 11 MICHIGAN STATE 82, OAKLAND, MICH. 56
AUBURN HILL 15, Mich. — Goran Suton had 16 points and nine rebounds to help Michigan State beat Oakland.
 Suton made his first start in over a month. He missed six games with a knee injury, then came off the bench in Michigan State's next two games.
 Kalin Lucas added 15 points for Michigan State (9-2), while Travis Walton had 14.
 Keith Benson led Oakland (8-7) with 20 points, while Erik Kangas scored 15.

No. 19 LOUISVILLE 82, UAB 62
Louisville, Ky. — Rick Pitino's title experiment seemed to get his struggling team's attention.
 Terence Williams had 21

points, 10 rebounds and seven assists and Samardo Samuels added 17 points and 11 boards to help No. 19 Louisville and its revamped lineup ease up by UAB.
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Pitino promised changes to the Cardinals looked lost during a loss to the Golden Gophers, saying he felt his veterans needed to snap out of an early season lull. He benched Clark and senior guard Andre McGee in favor of freshman Jared Swopshire and sophomore Preston Knowles instead.
 The tinkering paid immediate dividends, as

Swopshire hit a couple of baskets early and finished with eight points and four rebounds in 14 inspired minutes. Knowles — usually the top reserve coming off the bench — had eight points, five rebounds and two assists for the Cardinals.
NO. 25 MISSOURI 57, SU-EDWARDSVILLE 107
COLUMBIA, Mo. — DeMarre Carroll had 21 points and 10 rebounds to help No. 25 Missouri cruise past SU-Edwardsville.
 Carroll, averaging 16.5 points a game, tweaked his ankle early in a 75-59 loss to Illinois and scored only six points in his first single-digit scoring effort of the season.
 Gaston Miguel Paul scored 12, while Kim English and Laurence Bowers each had 10 points for the Tigers (10-2), who had six players in double figures. Leo Lyons and Marcus Demmon each added 11 points.
 Mark Yelovich led SU-Edwardsville (2-11) with 13 points.

— The Associated Press

Yao, Artest carry Rockets past undermanned Jazz

HOUSTON — Ron Artest scored 10 of his 28 points in the second overtime and the Houston Rockets recovered from blowing a 26-point lead in the second half to beat the Utah Jazz 129-115 on Saturday night.
 Yao Ming had 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who led 59-43 early in the third quarter, then went 3-for-18 from the field in the fourth to fuel Utah's comeback.
 Ronnie Brewer scored 23 and Deron Williams had 14 points and 11 assists for the Jazz, who played without their top three scorers and rebounders — Carlos Boozer, Mehmet Okur and Paul Millsap — for the second straight game.
 The game was tied at 96 at the end of the regulation, and at 101 after the first overtime.



Houston Rockets center Yao Ming has his shot blocked by Utah Jazz forward Andre Kirilenko (47) during the second overtime period of Saturday night's game in Houston.

Artest went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the first minute of the second extra period to give the Rockets a 105-101 lead. On Houston's next trip, Luis Scala cut inside for a layup, was fouled by Kyrie Fesenko and finished the three-point play to put Houston up 108-102.
 Kyle Korver sank a 3-pointer before Artest scored in the lane to put the Rockets up 110-105. The Jazz got no closer than five after that, and the crowd started chanting Artest's name before he made two free throws with 1:14 left to stretch the Rockets' lead to 114-107.

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PISTONS 87, BUCKS 76
MILWAUKEE — Tayshaun Prince scored nine of his 19 points in the decisive third quarter, and Allen Iverson added 18, lifting the Pistons to a victory over the Bucks.
 The Pistons beat Milwaukee for the 10th time in 13 meetings since the 2005-06 season.
 Linde and Wallace had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Rodney Stuckey added 16 points for Detroit, which has won three straight and six of eight.
 Andrew Bogut had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Milwaukee.

HAWKS 129, BULLS 117
ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored a season-high 41 points, Josh Smith also set a season high with 24, and Atlanta outshood Ben Gordon's 3-point barrage.
 Johnson finished one point shy of his career high. The Hawks, who normally prefer a lower-scoring pace, topped their previous season best by 10 points.
 Gordon scored 33 points and was 6-of-8 behind the arc to pass Steve Pippen and become the Bulls' career lead in 8-9 points. Rookie Derrick Rose added a career-high 27 points.
 The Bulls matched their season high for points and shot 54 percent from the field but still were not close at the end.

NETS 114, ROBERTS 103, OT
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Vince Carter scored 28 points and the Nets pulled away in overtime to beat the Bobcats.
 Devin Harris added 26 points, Jarvis Hayes 14 and Josh Boone 12 for the Nets, who lost to the Bobcats 95-87 in East Rutherford, N.J., just 24 hours earlier.
 Gerald Wallace scored 32 points for the Bobcats, who rallied from an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter to tie it at 96 and force overtime.

WIZARDS 104, THUNDER 95
WASHINGTON — Antawn Jamison scored 29 points, Andray Blatche had 19 points and tied his career high with 15 rebounds, and the Wizards beat the Thunder in a matchup of teams with the two worst records in the NBA.
 The Wizards broke an eight-game losing streak, their longest since 2001, with just their fifth win against 23 losses. Oklahoma City fell to 3-28.
 The Thunder entered with an NBA-worst 3-27 record, with the Wizards at

MAGIC 118, TIMBERWOLVES 94
MINNEAPOLIS — Hedo Turkoglu scored 11 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter, and the Magic slowly pulled away to beat the Timberwolves.
 Rashard Lewis added 24 points, Jameer Nelson 20 and Dwight Howard 17 for the Magic, who won their seventh straight and 11th in 12 games — all against the Western Conference.
 Rashad McCants scored 21 points for Minnesota, which ended a 13-game losing streak Friday in New York. Al Jefferson had 16 points and Ryan Gomes 14 for the Timberwolves, who have lost nine

Nevada outlasts Idaho State to continue Bengals' streak

RENO, Nev. — Luke Babbitt hit two key jump shots down the stretch, and the Nevada Wolf Pack outlasted the Idaho State Bengals 98-93 in a three-point thriller at Lawlor Events Center.
 Babbitt, who finished with a team-high 16 points, connected on a 15-foot jumper from the right side to give Nevada (7-5) a 62-57 lead with 1:30 to play. The 6-foot-9 freshman also drained an 18-footer from the top of the key for a 64-60 lead with 53 seconds to go.
 Idaho State (2-10), which has now lost five in a row, led the game 52-53 in the second half in a three-point play by Amorrow Morgan with 5:47 to play. Morgan led all scorers with 19 points.
 Nevada had led by as many as 12 (45-33) in the second half and 13 (26-13) in the first half.
 Nevada went on a 15-2 run midway through the first half to seemingly take control of the game. Armon Johnson,

Ray Kraemer and former College of Southern Idaho player Joey Shaw each connected on 3-pointers during the run as Nevada took a 32-23 halftime lead.
 Idaho State jumped out to a 7-2 lead on a 3-pointer by Kal Bay just three minutes into the game. Nevada, though, took its first lead at 10-9 on a jumper in the lane by Brandon Fields with 13:25 to go in the first half.

15 points, but Irvine (2-10) cut its deficit down to six points at 56-50 with 1:26 left on a jumper by Derrick Stringer. Utah guard Luka Drack sank four free throws in the finals 1:20 to put the game out of reach.
 Kevin Bland scored 21 points with 13 rebounds and Eric Vise added 13 points and six rebounds to lead the Anteters.
 Utah took the lead on a free throw by Tyler Kepkay with 5:41 left in the first half to make the score 19-18. The Utes went on a 10-4 run to take the half with a 29-25 lead.
 Vise and Bland accounted for 21 of Irvine's 25 first half points. The duo shot a combined 10-for-18 from the field in the half, with their teammates shooting 4-for-11 from the field.
 Irvine shot 17 percent (20-for-56) from the field for the game.

UTAH BEATS UC IRVINE 60-52
IRVINE, Calif. — Lawrence Borha scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half to lead visiting Utah to a 60-52 victory over UC Irvine on Saturday.
 Borha hit a pair of three-pointers to open the second half and gave the Utes (7-5) a 12-point lead.
 Carlon Brown had 13 points with nine rebounds and Luke Nevill added 11 points with 10 rebounds for Utah.
 The Utes led by as much as

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Gators promote OL coach Addazio to offensive coordinator

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer picked offensive line coach Steve Addazio to succeed Dan Mullen as offensive coordinator.

Mullen became the third former offensive coordinator under Meyer to become a head coach elsewhere. Former Utah offensive coordinator Mike Sanford was hired at UNLV, and former Bowling Green offensive coordinator Gregg Brandon was hired at Bowling Green.

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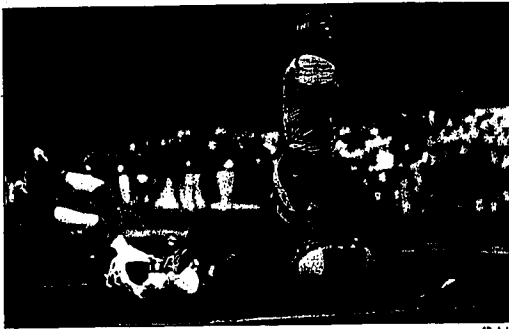
Cal freshman's first catch wins Emerald Bowl

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Zack Follett forced a fumble by Jacory Harris deep in Miami territory with 3:28 left, and Anthony Miller scored the go-ahead touchdown on his first career catch moments later in California's 24-17 victory in the Emerald Bowl on Saturday night.

Jared Best rushed for a bowl-record 186 yards and two touchdowns, yet the Golden Bears (9-4) still needed a big defensive play and an unlikely hero to hold off the Hurricanes (7-6) in front of a Bay Area crowd teeming with screaming Cal fans.

Harris played well in the freshman's second career start, going 25-of-41 for 194 yards and two TDs while substituting for the suspended Robert Marve. Harris had won 31 straight starts dating back to his high school career in South Florida, but his fumble cost the Hurricanes in their first bowl game under coach Rudy Shamon.

Nate Longshore shook off a



California running back Jahrid Best reacts as he scores a touchdown during the Bears' 24-17 win over Miami in the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco on Saturday.

dismal 10-for-21 performance in his final college game with that sharp scoring pass to Miller for Cal. The Golden

Bears won for the fifth time in a school-record six consecutive bowl appearances under coach Jeff Tedford.

Laron Byrd and Thearon Collier caught Harris' scoring passes for Miami, which tied it on Matt Bosher's 22-yard field

goal with 9:13 to play. After Cal's Giorgio Tavechio missed a 34-yard field goal with 4:24 left, Follett knocked the ball away from Harris while dropping the quarterback from behind on third down: Cameron Jordan recovered and returned it to the Miami 2, where Longshore connected with Miller, a freshman who hardly played this season.

Tedford chose Longshore, the oft-booped senior, to start his final college game instead of Kevin Riley, the Bears' starter for most of this year and the hero of last season's comeback victory in the Armed Forces Bowl. If Riley is injured, the Bears didn't acknowledge it — and Longshore struggled all the way until his final throw.

Marve was among five Miami players suspended in the days leading up to the game for violating team rules, and starting tight end Dedrick Epps was a last-minute scratch from the lineup with a

bruised leg. Graig Cooper rushed for 63 yards and Lee Chambers added 60 for Miami, and tight end Craig Zellner made eight catches for 48 yards in Epps' place. Bay Area fans clad in blue and gold filled all but a few thousand spots in the sold-out stadium, turning the San Francisco Giants' waterfront ballpark into a cross-Bay rendition of Strawberry Canyon with a bowl-record crowd of 42,268. The Bears' campus is roughly 12 miles from San Francisco, yet the team stayed in a hotel in the city during its week of preparation, crossing the Bay Bridge for daily practice in Berkeley.

Best finished the season with 1,580 yards rushing, which means Oregon State freshman Jacquizz Rodgers would need 828 yards in the Sun Bowl against Pittsburgh on Wednesday to overtake Best for the Pac-10 rushing title. Best all but locked up his first conference rushing crown with 311 yards.

Florida State tops Wisconsin in Champs Bowl

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Derek Nicholson and Dekoda Watson returned fumbles for touchdowns, Christian Ponder threw two TD passes and Florida State routed Wisconsin 42-13 Saturday in the Champs Sports Bowl.

Florida State (9-4) finished with more than eight wins for the first time since 2004.

Nicholson had two fumble recoveries, including one he returned 75 yards for a first-quarter touchdown. Punter Graham Gano averaged 48.2 yards on five and had three downed inside the Badgers' 5 to earn game MVP.

EJ Hill ran for 140 yards on 15 carries for the Badgers (7-6), but quarterback Dustin Sherer completed only four of nine for 55 yards through the first three quarters. His fumble early in the fourth quarter was returned 51 yards for a score by Watson to put FSU up 35-6.

It was an ugly finish to a disappointing season for Wisconsin, which was ranked as high as No. 8 early and was expected to contend in the Big Ten.

Ponder completed 18 of 31 passes for 159 yards. Hill broke runs of 46 and 43 yards, both setting up Philip Welch field goals. But he fumbled deep in FSU territory late in the third quarter and Nicholson recovered to end the threat.

Florida State, playing in its NCAA-leading 27th-straight bowl game, improved coach Bobby Bowden's career record to 21-10-1.

Antone Smith scored on a 6-yard run off right tackle to put the Seminoles up 21-6 in the third quarter and make the power running

Badgers have to go to the pass to catch up. Gano placed three first-quarter punts inside the 4, including two inside the 1. The Seminoles couldn't turn that field position edge into points, though, and when Sherer hit Garrett Graham on a slant for a gain of 43, the game seemed to turn.

But on second-and-9 at the Seminoles 19, Sherer took a one-step drop and tried to hit Hill on a quick screen. The ball, clearly a lateral, was deflected by end Neffoy Moffett and picked up by Nicholson, who ran 75 yards for a score, high-stepping about 20. FSU led 7-0 with the last 12 minutes left in the first half.

Nicholson's celebration was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct and after a short squib kick, Wisconsin took over at the Seminoles' 46. Sherer, though, was sacked by Moffett on third-and-2 at the 38 and the Badgers had to punt.

Hill broke a 46-yard run around right end on the Badgers' next possession, leading to a 31-yard field goal by Welch with 4:46 left in the first half to cut the lead to 7-3.

FSU forced Wisconsin to punt deep in its own territory with less than a minute left and took over at the Badgers' 47 with 40 seconds left. Ponder hit Louis Givens on a swing pass for 26 yards and then found Greg Carr on a fade route in the right corner for a one-handed 15-yard TD catch with 7 seconds left that put the Seminoles up 14-3 at halftime.

Wisconsin came out running the ball in the second half, with Hill's 43-yard burst setting up a 41-yard field goal by Welch.



West Virginia quarterback Pat White (5) runs past North Carolina's De'Norris Saucy (21) during the first half of the Meineke Car Care Bowl in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday.

W. Virginia tops N. Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — During a record-breaking season at West Virginia, Pat White made comeback victories and bowl wins routine. His grand finale, though, was unique. The most prolific running quarterback in college football history had the best passing game of his career, cementing his status as one of the best players in school history and perhaps showing he can take his game to the NFL, too.

White threw for 332 yards in his final college game, including the game-winning 20-yard touchdown pass to Atric Arnett midway through the fourth quarter in West Virginia's 31-30 victory over North Carolina on Saturday in the Meineke Bowl.

The senior was voted MVP

of a bowl for the third straight year and finished 4-0 in post-season games, helping West Virginia (9-4) end a disappointing season on a positive note.

"I'm sitting by the greatest winner in college football today," West Virginia coach Bill Stewart said of White. "He's the greatest to ever wear the old gold and blue. It's a fitting tribute that this man's the MVP."

It took a great performance to beat out Hakeem Nicks, who caught eight passes for 217 yards and three touchdowns for the Tar Heels (8-5). But T.J. Yates' otherwise strong game was marred when he was intercepted by Pat Lazarus with under 2 minutes left, ending coach Butch Davis' hopes of a bowl win to

complete his turnaround season at North Carolina.

"It's disappointing to lose this game, but I'm very proud of this football team and the strides we've made," said Davis, whose team was 4-8 last year and playing in their first bowl since 2004.

As Davis spoke, Stewart was leading the crowd in cheers in a sweet ending to the tumultuous season for the much-maligned replacement for Rich Rodriguez.

Entering the season as prohibitive favorites, to win the Big East, the Mountaineers started 1-2. They recovered to win five straight, only to go 2-2 over their final four games to end their BCS bowl hopes.

White made sure they went out a winner.

"Half those people out

there in the old gold and blue, they all love him," Stewart said, looking at White.

"About half of them would like to hang me. But I'm not mad. They have such a passion in West Virginia. All they want us to do is be the best."

North Carolina routinely put eight men on the line of scrimmage to stop the NCAA's all-time leading rushing quarterback. White was held to 55 yards rushing, finishing with 4,480 in his career.

Facing questions about whether he can be an NFL quarterback, White made a strong case. He completed 26 of 32 passes with three touchdowns, one interception, and a clutch fourth-quarter drive.

Louisiana Tech, Northern Illinois reap unexpected bowl spoils

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Northern Illinois coach Jerry Kill has played for championships in a playoff format at every level.

In his first season in the Football Bowl Subdivision, he's quickly formed an education in the playoffs vs. bowl debate as the Huskies prepare to face Louisiana Tech on Sunday in the Independence Bowl.

"I'm all for the bowl system. I really am," Kill said. "I don't think we should ever get away from the bowl system in college football."

Kill is now an interested party of course. Without that system — no matter how flawed critics say it is — Northern Illinois (6-6) and

Louisiana Tech (7-5) wouldn't be in the postseason, after all. Both teams looked like they would be shutting it down in November after stumbling in their season finales.

Neither the Southeastern Conference nor the Big 12 was able to fulfill a commitment to the Independence Bowl, however, creating openings for the Huskies of the Mid-American Conference and the Western Athletic Conference's Bulldogs.

Northern Illinois defensive end Larry English remembers thinking after a 16-0 loss to Navy that he was stripping off his black and red uniform for the last time.

"Our chances, to be blunt, were honestly bleak at 6-6 in

that conference," said English, the MAC defensive player of the year and the Bowl Subdivision's career sacks leader with 31.5. "I can't really stress how happy we are to be here."

There was plenty of griping about how the current postseason structure rewards mediocrity when the matchup was announced, but Louisiana Tech and Northern Illinois were rewarded for milestones.

Kill moved over to DeKalb from Southern Illinois, where he led the Salukis to five straight Football Championship Subdivision playoff appearances. The Huskies made a giant step, improving from 2-10 a year

ago to set a school mark for biggest turnaround, and were just a handful of plays from making a real splash after four-point losses at Minnesota and Tennessee. But after winning five of six during a midseason stretch, Northern Illinois lost three of its last four.

Louisiana Tech coach Derek Dooley, the son of Georgia coaching great Vince Dooley, led the Bulldogs to a 22-14 upset of Mississippi State to start the season. They stumbled after that, losing four of six, before rallying to win four of their last five to earn the trip to the bowl, which is about 70 miles from Ruston. The Bulldogs hadn't played in the postseason since 2001.

Independence Bowl



Northern Illinois (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Line: Pick 'em. Series Record: Louisiana Tech leads 5-1. Last Meeting: 1996, Louisiana Tech, 40-14.

What's At Stake: Given the gift of an unexpected bowl appearance, Louisiana Tech and Northern Illinois want the spoils that usually go to representatives

of the Southeastern Conference and Big 12. The extra practices are a definite bonus, as is the payout. But the real perk here is the boost a nationally televised victory would give resulting for a couple of teams who'd like to join the growing ranks of formidable mid-majors.

Key Matchup: Northern Illinois DE Larry English vs. the Louisiana Tech offensive line. The Bulldogs linemen and quarterback Ross Jenkins haven't seen anything like English, an athlete and strong edge rusher destined for the NFL. English had eight sacks this season and is the active career Football Bowl Subdivision leader with 31.5.

Pennington's Dolphins win away from AFC East title

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins have been one of the NFL's surprising success stories, turning around the fortunes of a franchise marred by a one-win flacco a year ago.

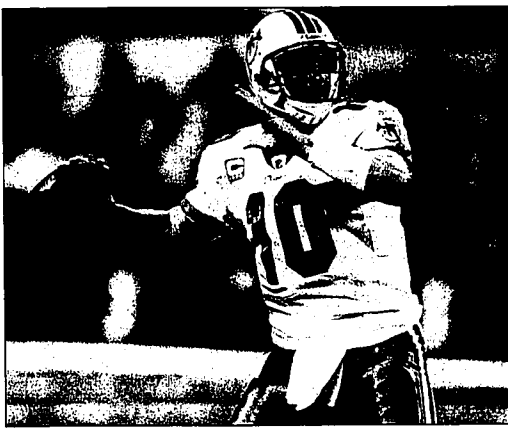
Sure, they feel pretty good about themselves these days. Just don't mistake that for satisfaction.

"Our story is not done," Dolphins center Samson Satele said. "We haven't written the ending yet. Right now, we are just trying to make it a good ending, not a bad ending. We just have to work hard and get this win."

After going 1-15 last season, the Dolphins are 10-5 and on the verge of winning the wacky AFC East. They'll get their first division title since 2000 with a victory Sunday against the New York Jets (8-6).

"This is for it all," defensive end Vonnie Holliday said. "You've got to approach this game that way. If we win, we play next week. If we don't, we pack our stuff, we pack up and get ready for the offseason program."

After a win, Miami would tie the 1999 Indianapolis Colts, who went from 3-13 to 13-3, for the only 10-game



Miami Dolphins quarterback Chad Pennington (10) looks to pass the ball during the second quarter of a Nov. 30 game in St. Louis.

improvements in NFL history. Despite all that, the Dolphins still aren't being discussed among the AFC's elite teams.

"It really doesn't matter whether they take us seriously or not," linebacker Joey Porter said. "We're a game away from

winning the division and hosting a playoff game. Whether they take us seriously or not, we're in a great situa-

N.Y. Jets at Miami
2:15 p.m., CBS

tion to where we control our own destiny."

The Jets were able to say the same thing until a week ago, when they lost at Seattle and dropped out of first place. Just a month earlier, New York was being mentioned as a potential Super Bowl contender. Now, it needs to win Sunday and hope either New England or Baltimore loses just to make the playoffs.

"Everything that's come previous to this game is the past," linebacker Calvin Pace said. "We just have to make it happen, man. It's one game. We have no reason to hold anything back."

While the Jets have struggled down the stretch by losing three of their last four since impressive road victories at New England and Tennessee, the Dolphins have been terrific. They've won four straight and eight of their last nine to put themselves a win from their first playoff appearance in seven seasons.

"You dream about these days," cornerback Will Allen said. "It's one game and everything is riding on it." The teams have been bitter

rivals for decades and an already juicy story line this time around is intensified by Miami quarterback Chad Pennington's return to Meadowlands.

"You can't just say it's any other game because we all know what's happened," Dolphins tight end David Martin said.

For anyone needing a new perspective, Pennington spent his first eight seasons with the Jets, becoming a fan favorite before undergoing two serious shoulder operations and constant criticism of his arm strength. He was benched last season in favor of Kellen Clemens, entered training camp in a competition for the starting job, and was released in early August when New York acquired Brett Favre from Green Bay.

Pennington was signed by Miami less than 48 hours later and has since developed into a bona fide MVP candidate. His 96.4 quarterback rating is second in the NFL, and his 3,453 yards passing are a career high. He also has 17 touchdowns and just seven interceptions, showing the efficiency and smart decision making that made him so effective at times with the Jets.

Patriots may be rooting for rival Jets in finale

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The Patriots success this season without Tom Brady has been a surprise. Here's another surprise: they actually may root for the Jets on Sunday despite a history of bad blood between the teams.

New England's chances of making the playoffs could depend on a win by their longtime rivals over Miami. But the Patriots avoid talk about it like quarterbacks try to sidestep sacks. If they lose at Buffalo, no other games will matter the three-time Super Bowl champions would miss the postseason for the first time in six years.

"There are a lot of scenarios that need to happen for us to get in the playoffs," running back Sammy Morris said. "But they're all irrelevant if we lose."

The Patriots (10-5) would win the AFC East and play their first playoff game at home if they and New York (8-6) win. They would earn a wild-card berth in Baltimore (10-5) if they and the Dolphins win and the Ravens lose to Jacksonville. In that case, Miami (10-5) would win the AFC East.

Wins by Miami and Baltimore would eliminate the Patriots, no matter what they do.

Both the New York and Baltimore games are scheduled to start 3 hours, 15 minutes after New England's game begins at Buffalo.

"Once our game is over, then you can start worrying about that stuff," NFL receptions leader Wes Welker said, "but for right now, we're just concentrating on Buffalo."

The Patriots might not even stick around Buffalo to watch the Jets-Dolphins game on television.

"We'll probably be on a plane home and we'll worry about it when we land," offensive lineman Russ Hochstein said.

The animosity between the teams began more than a decade ago.



New England Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker (83) breaks away from Arizona Cardinals defensive back Ralph Brown (20) on route to a touchdown reception during second quarter action of last Sunday's game in Foxborough, Mass.

New England at Buffalo
11 a.m., CBS

Bill Parcells left as coach of New England after its Super Bowl loss to Green Bay to coach the Jets in 1997. Bill Belichick was named to succeed Parcells with the Jets on Jan. 3, 2000, but resigned a day later and became coach of the Patriots on Jan. 27 that year.

Eric Mangini left after just one year as Belichick's defensive coordinator to take over the Jets in 2006, a move that upset Belichick and led to frosty postgame handshakes between the two.

Early in the 2006 season, the Patriots filed a tampering complaint with the NFL over the Jets' pursuit of a trade for Deion Branch, whom New England sent to Seattle.

The next year, Mangini reported Belichick to the

NFL for videotaping defensive signals in the season opener between the teams. Belichick was fined \$500,000, and the team was fined \$250,000 and lost a first-round draft pick.

But there is little evidence that any current Patriots players harbor a grudge. Besides, there is too much at stake and nothing they can do about the Jets-Dolphins game.

"Whatever's best for the Patriots, I'm going to go with that route," quarterback Matt Cassel said.

Players are spouting Belichick's party line — focus only on preparing to win their game and don't let any distractions interfere. But they understand this: They may be rooting for the Jets to save them.

"I'm sure they do that quite a bit secretly, really, really deep down," Mangini said with a smile. "They just hide it well."

Broncos, Bolts go for bust in AFC West showdown

SAN DIEGO (AP) — This one's for all the mediocrities.

More than three months after referee Ed Hochuli's blown call allowed Denver to beat San Diego, the increasingly bitter rivals will play for the title of the awful AFC West in prime time Sunday night in the last regular-season game.

Will it be Jay Cutler's bumbling Broncos (8-7) — who had a three-game lead with three to play — who hold on and win the division wire-to-wire?

Or will Philip Rivers' energized Chargers (7-8) win their third straight division title after being written off when they were 4-8?

It's quite the story line for the finale in the mild, mild West, whose winner gets to host a playoff game. Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts.

The loser is sure to be reviled.

Denver, which managed to lose to both Kansas City and Oakland, is trying to avoid a huge collapse. The Broncos could become the first team since division play began in 1967 to miss the playoffs after having a three-game lead with three weeks to go.

The Chargers, who've won three straight, don't want to be remembered for monumental underachieving when they're supposed to be one of the NFL's most talented teams. They could become the first team to go from 4-8 to the playoffs, although they certainly expected a season with double-digit wins.

Put these teams' records



Denver Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler, right, runs for a touchdown as Buffalo Bills safety Bryan Scott comes in to cover in the first quarter of last Sunday's game in Denver.

Denver at San Diego
6:15 p.m., NBC

together and they've won just two more games than the Tennessee Titans, who have the NFL's best record. Together, they've lost as many as the Detroit Lions.

Chargers fans who bood early and often this season are back on the bandwagon. It's a hot ticket and the Chargers are expecting their biggest crowd of the season.

It's their something less than appetizing about teams that are 8-7 and 7-8 in a "showdown" for a division title. Yes, these teams have explosive offenses, but their defenses are prone to pitfalls.

"It says the two teams at the top have been inconsistent, really," said Rivers, who leads the NFL with a 104.0 passer rating and 32 TDs. "Denver has lost some

tough games, as well as we have. We've won some big games. You hear about how not very good the AFC West is, but we've beat a lot of teams in some other conferences that are at the top of their divisions as well."

True, the Chargers routed New England and the New York Jets. On the flip side, they had to rally two weeks ago for their second one-point win over the lowly Colts.

"I know it's two teams that are capable, that's for sure," Rivers said. "It'll be exciting, two teams that obviously are good enough to win the division because we're in the position. Regardless of coaches, it's clear that we are the two best teams in the division, right there at the top, and it's good that it's going to get to come down to being decided out there on the field."

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guys, we felt we had to do something special."

Engram signed with Seattle in 2001 when Holmgren was both coach and general manager and has been part of all four of the Seahawks' West titles.

According to a local Harley-Davidson dealership, the model retails for close to \$40,000.

"It's just a token of our appreciation and just thank you," Engram said.

After practice last Friday, before his final home game last Sunday, the team presented him with the Steve

Largent Award, an honor usually given to a player.

"I thought the Largent Award was enough, that was plenty," Holmgren said. "That itself was enough, but this was — I don't know what to say — it's really something."

"His players felt that he deserved more."

"What do you give a guy who you feel has it all?" Engram said. "We didn't want to give him anything cheesy, but something that can be remembered and something memorable that he's going to honestly appreciate for a lot of years and

think about it.

"I wanted him to have that association with this organization and these guys and what we kind of went through and what we accomplished together."

The Seahawks made the playoffs in six of Holmgren's 10 seasons as coach and reached the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history in 2005. His 54.1 winning percentage is second in team history only to Chuck Knox among coaches with at least one full season.

"I'm touched by it," Holmgren said. "This is really a nice Christmas present."

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Difficult battle waged to save China's Olympic baseball venue

BEIJING (AP) — Baseball, may eventually have a future in China. It seems the same can't be said for the baseball venues built for the Beijing Olympics.

But as temporary structures, the two Olympic baseball stadiums and a practice facility are likely to be razed next year unless baseball backers devise a plan to make the game profitable on a high-priced slice of land in west Beijing.

The venues were built on a 125-acre site that's slated to become a shopping mall and a sports/entertainment complex with 5,000 parking spaces. Development already includes a 3 million-square-foot retail complex and the 18,000-seat Olympic baseball venue. Baseball doesn't seem to have a place.

"We've had some baseball officials come for a visit, but nobody really has had a proposal," said Jessica Guo, vice general manager of ACEC, the majority owner and developer of the site.

"The baseball market is not there. I don't think anyone can have a seri-



The Beijing Olympic Basketball Gymnasium, top, and the Beijing Wukesong Sports Center Baseball Field are seen in Beijing on July 3.

ous proposal. It has to be a proposal that makes sense and guarantees activities to bring people to the site. It can't be a proposal to come once or twice a year to play games."

The previous two Olympics were also played in nontraditional baseball countries — Australia and

Like all businessmen, baseball officials see a giant, untapped market in China. Millions of new fans could be won over and many scouts figure they are bound to come up the kind of major league talent that is produced by smaller Asian neighbors Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

Yet Guo said the three baseball venues were almost certain to be torn down next year, clearing the huge site for development of soccer fields, a running track, perhaps a cinema complex and an unspecified type of "theme park." She said the development could take three to five years to complete.

She seemed unimpressed by two exhibition games played 10 months ago by the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres. Both games drew sellouts of about 12,000, as did the Olympic gold medal game between South Korea and Cuba, which the Koreans won 3-2.

"There is almost no baseball played in China and most of the people at the Olympic events were foreigners or from Taiwan," Guo

said. Guo was echoed by several elderly men who fly kites almost daily at the sprawling, treeless tract. On a recent day, a dozen kites hovered high over the baseball fields. Below a few workmen loitered outside the empty venues.

"There needs to be more space here for people," said Peng Xing, a white-haired man wearing a blue and white jacket.

"The baseball fields take up a lot of space and nobody here plays baseball. It's not like the basketball venue, which is smaller and will be used."

Comments like these could discourage baseball officials who, in addition to struggling to get baseball started in China, are lobbying to have the game reinstated as an Olympic sport.

Baseball won't be included in the 2012 London Olympics, but could be voted in for the 2016 Summer Games. A favorable vote may hinge on European voters, and on Major League Baseball releasing its stars to participate as the NBA and NHL have done.

Nordic skier un-retiring

Lodwick makes bid for 5th Olympics

MIDWAY, Utah (AP) — It took Todd Lodwick about a year and a half to realize he wasn't ready for retirement.

Lodwick was the most successful U.S. skier in Nordic combined history when he left the sport in 2006, a veteran of four Olympics who thought he had accomplished all he could on the snow — soaring over it and trading through it in the skiing discipline that combines jumping and cross-country.

Retirement gave Lodwick time to reflect and there was a growing feeling that something was missing from his days of competitions. Four Olympics, zero medals.

"I finished my career without finishing a goal of mine," said Lodwick, who has come out of retirement and is focused on reaching the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

"I enjoyed the time off. Don't get me wrong," he said. "I enjoyed being away and not doing anything, but again, some goals were left unfinished. That's what really motivated me to get back. I wanted to fulfill those. To hang some hardware around my neck."

Bronze, silver, gold. It doesn't matter. Lodwick just wants a spot on the podium during an Olympic medal ceremony, something he has seen many times but never experienced.

The more he thought about the lack of a medal, the more it bothered him and got him thinking about whether he had retired too early.

Lodwick vacillated about coming back, prompting him to joke that his wife, Sunny, encouraged him to do it only so she wouldn't have to hear him complain.

"He would talk about it, then he wouldn't talk about it for a few months. Then he finally said 'OK, I'm going to do it,'" she said. "Hardly anybody gets that opportunity in



Todd Lodwick competes in the FIS Continental Cup Nordic combined race on Dec. 13 at Soldier Hollow in Midway, Utah.

their life to ski and compete at the level that he is, so I'm totally supportive of him to do that."

Lodwick made up his mind last spring and approached the U.S. Ski Team about coming back this season. Lodwick, who had a reputation when he was younger for being brash and outspoken, said he wanted to be a part of the American lineup in Vancouver.

A six-time winner on the World Cup, Lodwick could have returned immediately to the top circuit, but agreed to work his way back through the Continental Cup and get the U.S. Team an extra spot.

"I wanted to earn my place back with the team and not just some gimme — some freebie," Lodwick said. "That's where we stood the whole time."

Lodwick showed right away that he was serious about the comeback, winning three of the four

Continental Cup events in December. He led an American sweep in the first, blowing out the rest of the field with a dominant cross country leg through blowing snow at Soldier Hollow, site of the 2002 Olympic Nordic events.

Lodwick was scheduled to return to the World Cup in Germany after Christmas, but was named Americans Bill Demong and Johnny Spillane, giving the U.S. three contenders in a sport that is dominated by the Europeans.

"He was very understanding. He said 'I don't want to take away, I want to add,'" said John Farris, the U.S. Ski Team's Nordic director. "I think the growth of the program helped him realize he's not going to come back and be the only superstar on the team."

Demong, who finished third overall in the World Cup last season, Lodwick and Spillane are expected to fill three of the four spots in the

team competition in Vancouver, which could be America's best chance at claiming the first U.S. medal in a Nordic combined event.

Lodwick was part of the 2002 team that finished fourth in the Salt Lake City Games. He was also fifth in the sprint that year and placed seventh in the individual, both all-time bests for an American.

Then came Turin in 2006, which was supposed to be his Olympic swan song but turned into a disaster. After a disappointing seventh-place finish in the team competition, Lodwick lashed out at teammate Carl Van Loan, accusing him of being out of shape and calling him the "weakest link." Lodwick apologized and acknowledged that he should have kept his feelings within the team and not gone public in a moment of frustration.

He capped it all with a disappointing ninth-place finish in the sprint.

"You give your heart and soul into something like that and you cross the finish line in a certain place and knowing that that's it, it was pretty hard to take," Lodwick said. "I needed to get away and really enjoyed the time off. I think I appreciate the sport more and what I've accomplished since I've been away from it. I feel like I'm in the best shape now that I've ever been."

Lodwick said the U.S. has its strongest Nordic combined team he has seen and wanted to be part of it for the World Championship in February and again a year later for his fifth Olympics.

At 32, Lodwick has mellowed and matured from his early years. He and Sunny have daughter Charley, born shortly before the Turin Games, and baby boy Finn. His family life is certainly busier than ever, but Lodwick trained hard over the summer and has shown he is still able to compete with younger athletes.

Summitt's coaching tree keeps adding branches

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The arena was filled with 11,000 fans and decorated with eight championship banners.

Playing at Tennessee was difficult enough for Western Carolina coach Kelle Harper. And then she looked down at the court and caught sight of her former coach, one of the greats of college basketball, Pat Summitt.

"Sometimes it's a little surreal and you look down at the other end of the court and you realize your coach is down there," said Harper, who was a Lady Vol from 1995-99.

Harper, remembered by Tennessee fans as point guard Kelle Jolly, is part of a Summitt coaching tree that has spread across the country at all levels of competition.

Summitt has 70 former players, assistant coaches, operations directors, graduate assistants or team managers coaching basketball.

By the end of the 2008-09 regular season, she will have faced 11 of them as opposing head coaches or assistants.

They've touched every level of women's basketball, from the WNBA to major college basketball to high school leagues. Zandra Montgomery Morris, who played in Summitt's early years as coach, even spent time in charge of the Cleveland (Tenn.) High School boys basketball team.

No former Tennessee player has ever beaten the 56-year-old Summitt. Three assistants have: Carolyn Peck was the first, with a win in 1998 at Purdue. Mickie DeMoss got her first win as a coach and another last weekend as a Texas assistant, and Sylvia Hatchell has done it twice at North Carolina.

It's a testament to the way Summitt coaches, relishing her role as a teacher. As Tennessee associate coach Holly Warlick, also a former Lady Vol, says, "We don't want to just tell you you've got to do it, we want to say why you've got to do it."

Players who also, gotten accustomed to success under Summitt.

Tennessee's eight national titles have all come during her 35-year tenure, meaning many Lady Vols have a championship ring and medal. All have played in the Final Four. No NCAA basketball coach has won more games than Summitt, and she is less than 10 games from reaching 1,000 wins.

And they don't lose Summitt as a mentor when they leave Tennessee. Many check in with her on a regular basis.

The Final Four has become a sort of family reunion for the Summitt coaching tree. Many of the players who come to watch the cream of women's basketball play, and nearly all of them show up in their Tennessee orange and white.

Former NBA forward Calvin Natt assists grieving parents with funerals

DENVER (AP) — Calvin Natt delicately clutched the body of 4-year-old Aeliana French against his chest, slipping it into her hand in plaster as he prepared her for burial.

A former NBA forward who now owns a funeral home, Natt had become accustomed to death.

The passing of a child, though, choked him up, tears cascading down his face as he held the tiny parents to remember their little girl after she was killed in a car accident just a few days before Christmas two years ago.

He then took care of all the funeral arrangements, complete with a release of doves and balloons.

With a little girl's death, a noble gesture began.

Natt launched a foundation when he handled the arrangements for Aeliana French, creating a way to remove the financial burden of a funeral for parents who lose a child.

"For One On One For One," a nonprofit organization pays for a casket, embalming or cremation, a limousine, flowers, programs, thank-you



Rev. Calvin Natt stands in a room at the New Hope Baptist Church in east Denver on Dec. 15.

cards and a service so parents can concentrate on just one thing — mourning.

For that, French's mother, Crystal Mangus, was truly appreciative.

"He didn't know me or my family or my daughter and he was still willing to help out," said Mangus, who keeps the mold of her daughter's hand on her dresser. "I'm thankful for what he did. If I had every dime to give him back I would — just so he could help someone else."

Natt has often seen the devastation a child's death has on a parent — burying and cremating kids who've died of cancer, SIDS and AIDS, as well as children who've perished in fires and car accidents.

So far, he has assisted in laying to rest nine children through the foundation, plus another 25 kids out of his own pocket. Each funeral costs close to \$7,000.

His goal is to start a similar foundation for grieving parents in every NBA city, even reaching out to players to get them to help, often show-

ing up at the Pepsi Center to deliver his pitch for his program in person.

Natt, a former forward Kenway Martin and ex-New York Knick Patrick Ewing have contributed to his cause.

The son of a Baptist minister, Natt grew up playing basketball on the family's property in Bastrop, La. The hoop was an olive-wood rim staked to a piece of plywood. He and his younger brother, Kenny, who was recently named the interim coach of the Sacramento Kings, used to have some epic tussles on the dirt court near the hog pen.

Natt played for New Jersey, Portland, Denver, San Antonio and Indianapolis, even making the All-Star team in 1985, before creaky knees forced his retirement in 1991.

Contributions trickle in. Just the other day, a man approached Natt at the gym and handed over a check for \$1,000, then snatched away.

Natt could do funeral services for less, but he refuses to skip. He believes the families deserve the finest.

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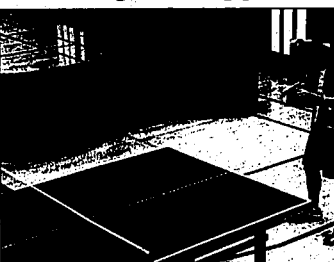


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Table tennis looking for bigger collegiate role

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A different drumbeat



Bill Swan, pictured in a newspaper clipping during his stint at the University of Utah in the late 1930s, was an All-Skyline Conference selection at quarterback for the Utes.

After finishing his career at Utah, Bill Swan pursued the opportunity to play football professionally in favor of pursuing a career in law. It was an endeavor interrupted by World War II. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in North Africa before returning home and passing the bar exam, only to take charge of the family ranch instead.

But marching to the beat of a different drummer wasn't unusual for Bill. "He went to Utah on a basketball scholarship, but he wanted to play football as well. The first year he did both, but the next year he had to choose and he chose football," John said of his father. "He got drafted by the Bears, but he wanted to get his law degree instead. Being a football player then wasn't like what it is today. ... He had a good career, and they played a couple of bowl games including the Sun Bowl.

"They played at Hawaii once, and that was quite the trip. They took the train to Los Angeles and then got on a ship to go to Hawaii—it was a two-week trip." That love of football never waned from the family's forefront. It carried through John and George and straight down to John's three sons, Shay, Colton and Bliff. Much like John and Bill, each son wanted to go his own way even if it all revolved around football.

Rodeo and a Geo Metro

Colton went from an afterthought walk-on to the leading tackler and is considered one of the school's true success stories on the football field.

He came to Weber State on a rodeo scholarship, but had different ideas in mind when he got to Ogden in 1999.

He wanted to play football, his love above all other sports.

"But you're scared to ask the coach," Bliff teased, trying to get under Colton's skin as only a younger brother can.

Colton laughed. He knew it was irrelevant either way. "I asked if I could come down for fall camp, and I slept in my Geo Metro for a couple of days until they

could get me into the dorms," Colton said.

Bliff snickered, amused at the idea of a guy the size of a linebacker sleeping inside that minivan of a car.

Colton just continued telling his story.

He told about how they finally got him in the dorms, and how he made the team and redshirted his first year.

And he recalled the fact that he led the team in tackles his junior year, improved his total his senior year, and was an all-conference selection in both seasons.

But what ever happened to his college career in rodeo, the sport that got him to Weber State in the first place? "I never did rodeo for the school," he confessed.



Colton Colton, a former All-Conference selection in both seasons, led the team in tackles his junior year, improved his total his senior year, and was an all-conference selection in both seasons.

Boise sidestep



Shay Swan reacts after scoring for Boise State University.

Shay is the only one out of all eight not to play two Big West seasons at the Division I level in college in Utah. He played one year at Dixie State College in 1996 — it was still a junior college then — before transferring to Boise State in '97.

"I was out of Dixie, and then I had a lot of friends and people's knowledge at Boise State. And of course, at that time, freshmen don't really get a little home-state Boise was right next to my house."

So he was a transfer, being close to home, and still having Division I football. "It was a move that worked out for me. He was part of the Broncos' first two Big West championships, their first two Big West seasons at the Division I level in college. But two bowl game victories."

A fullback, he caught a touchdown pass in BSU's first bowl win, a 34-31 victory over Southern Miss in the Sun Bowl. "I was a fullback, and then I went to playing in college, and that allowed me to get into teaching and coaching jobs," Shay said. "The game of football has really helped me out in life."

Pigskin

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Defensive coordinator Kevin Clune was plucked away to join Utah State's new staff, and in total the Wildcats just have two defensive assistants on the staff — Colton is one of them. So head coach Ron McBride promoted the two to co-defensive coordinator status, with Colton in charge of the linemen and linebackers.

"That means he's just one step away from possibly becoming the head coach of a college program. It's certainly not where Colton saw himself when he started his stint in Ogden, but now he's working in the possibility."

"It's a hard gig. You have to know how to handle the media, how to handle money. All the decisions basically go through the head coach. You have to know the problems and the solutions to those problems," Colton said about the rigors of being a head coach, before assessing his own prospects. "I didn't ever think I'd be at this level. Last year I thought I was getting fired ... I'd like to be a head coach someday."

The Swans know they've been blessed with athleticism and ability, as well as good coaching and good fortune. To have otherwise would render the odds of having eight members of the same family play at such a high level to virtually nil. But there are no high expectations, no undue pressures to be great.

Just the desire to be part of something they know is truly special.

"Football is the ultimate team game. Unlike basketball or soccer where one good player can kind of take over, you have to have all 11 players executing to have success," John said. "You build camaraderie with the guys that you play with because it's such a tough game."

You go back to high school reunions and it's not usually the basketball players that are all hanging out together. It's the football players.

Colton, in fewer words, summed up what his father's indomitable. "It's a fraternity."

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After the tsunami

Victim rebuilds his life four years after tide devastated Sri Lanka

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press writer

PETTYADICHCHENI, Sri Lanka — Every morning and evening, Velmurugu Kangasuriyam gathers his 2½-year-old daughter and his wife and confronts the wreckage of his former life.

His wife, Thaya, lights an oil lamp on the mantle of a dark, bare concrete room. Kangasuriyam presses his hands together and closes his eyes. Little Theresa follows in imitation. For a long minute his new family stands in silent prayer.

Thaya places orange flowers in front of pictures of Hindu gods. She lays several more before a picture of Kangasuriyam's parents.

The last flowers sit in front of a photo of a woman in a striking red bridal sari: Devi, who was Kangasuriyam's wife for just 10 months before she died, along with his parents, three of his sisters and a brother, four years ago Friday.

The tsunami that crashed over south Asia on Dec. 26, 2004, and killed 230,000 people washed away nearly everything Kangasuriyam held dear. Sixteen close relatives were killed. His seafaring village was razed, his house demolished, his business destroyed.

Four years later, with International aid and prodding from his remaining family, the 30-year-old has rebuilt his life. He has a new family. He has a bigger house in a resettlement village set back from the ocean.

He opened a new bicycle repair shop to replace the one where he worked alongside his father from boyhood.

A quiet man, Kangasuriyam says he is finally getting his life back in order.

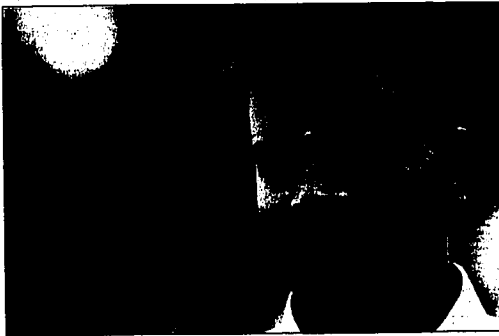
"I want to be happy with what I have, and get over it," he said.

About 35,000 Sri Lankans died in the tsunami. More than half a million were left homeless.

Aid groups have since built more than 100,000 new homes, though several thousand families still remain homeless, according to the United Nations. Many of the survivors have worked to rebuild their lives and carry on, though nearly all bear deep and permanent scars of the disaster.

For Kangasuriyam, the reminders are hard to escape.

Every Friday, he returns from prayers at the Hindu temple, Kangasuriyam stops at the remnants of his old village, Passikudah, a few hundred yards from the beach in the Batticaloa district on Sri Lanka's east coast.



Velmurugu Kangasuriyam visits the site of his parents' house in the eastern coastal town of Passikudah, Sri Lanka on Nov. 25. When he thinks of his first wife, his eyes sink to the ground. She was 4 months pregnant when she died in the tsunami that struck four years ago Friday.



Kangasuriyam and his daughter Theresa are seen at their home in Pettyadichcheni, Sri Lanka, on Nov. 25. In May 2005, just five months after the tsunami, he re-married. Theresa was born the following April.



Kangasuriyam, left, and his brother are seen at their bicycle repair shop in Pettyadichcheni, Sri Lanka. Growing up, he and his brothers all worked in their father's bicycle repair shop, learning how to rebuild bikes.

The house he lived in for 10 months with Devi is little more than two red bricks leading to a cracked foundation and a jagged shard of wall.

His parents' home next door is a slab of concrete covered in thick black mud, rotting coconut husks and a tangled bush and vines. He tries to keep the foundation clean, he said, but the jungle keeps reclaiming it.

His four sisters and three brothers lived nearby as well.

They were a close-knit family, Kangasuriyam said. After school, his nieces and nephews would play together outside. After dinner, everyone would converge on his parents' home to drink tea and gossip.

Growing up, he and his brothers all worked in their father's bicycle repair shop, learning how to rebuild a bike

that had been dismantled down to its ball bearings. Eventually one brother left to become a postmaster, another a Hindu priest.

The third started his own bike shop, leaving Kangasuriyam, the youngest son, to drop out of school and help his father in his shop.

As his parents grew frail with age, he fell to Kangasuriyam to care for them. He couldn't do it alone, he said, so he asked his parents to arrange a marriage. He met Devi, from a village five miles away, on their wedding day.

She was a good cook, always smiling and happy. She was kind and took such good care of his parents that when the newlyweds got into an argument, his mother took her side and hit him, he said.

Devi was a gifted storyteller and their nieces and nephews flocked to their house. It didn't hurt that she snuck them treats.

"He was extremely happy," said his brother, Sarawanamattu. "In our whole village there was no one as good as her."

As Kangasuriyam thinks of his first wife, his eyes sink to the ground. He rubs his chin and scratches his lip in silence.

She was 4 months pregnant, he said.

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Winding down the VHS era

Last analog tapes fight losing battle against digital invasion

By Geoff Boucher
Los Angeles Times

Pop culture is hitting the eject button on the VHS tape, the once ubiquitous home video format that will finish this month as a creaky ghost of Christmas past.

After three decades of steady if unspectacular service, the spinning wheels of the home-entertainment stalwart are slowing to a halt at retail outlets. On a crisp Friday morning in October, the final truckload of VHS tapes rolled out of a Palm Harbor, Fla., warehouse run by Ryan J. Kugler, the last major supplier of the tapes.

"It's dead, this is it, this is the last Christmas, without a doubt," said Kugler, 34, a Southern California businessman. "I was the last one buying VHS and the last one selling it, and I'm done. Anything left in warehouse we'll just give away or throw away."

Dumped in a humid Florida landfill? It's an ignominious end for a product that redefined film-watching in America and spawned an entire sector led by new household names like Blockbuster. Major chains gave up on VHS a few years ago but not Kugler, who casually describes himself as "a bottom feeder" with a specialization in "distressed inventory."

Kugler is president and co-owner of Distribution Video Audio Inc., a company that pulls in annual revenue of \$20 million with a proud nickel-and-dime approach to fading and faded pop culture. Whether it's unwanted "Speed Racer" ball caps, unsold Danielle Steel novels or unappreciated David Hasselhoff albums, Kugler's company pays pennies and sells for dimes. If his firm had a motto, it would be "Buy low, sell low."

"It's true, one man's trash is another man's gold," Kugler said. "But we are not the graveyard. I'm like a heart surgeon — we keep things alive longer. Or maybe we're more like the convalescence home right before the graveyard."

The last major Hollywood movie to be released on VHS was "A History of Violence" in 2006. By that point major retailers such as Best Buy and

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Police say beauty queen's beau was powerful drug trafficker

By Arturo Perez
Associated Press writer

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — A Mexican beauty queen arrested in a truck filled with weapons was dating a suspected leader in the powerful Juarez drug cartel, police said Wednesday.

The boyfriend of Miss Sinaloa Laura Zuniga is Angel Orlando Garcia Urquiza, a top operative in the Ciudad Juarez-based cartel, which at one point was considered Mexico's largest drug ring, said Jalisco Public Security Secretary Luis Carlos Nájera.

The couple was traveling with six alleged bodyguards in

Zapopan, outside the colonial city of Guadalajara, when soldiers stopped their two trucks at a military checkpoint on Monday, police said.

Inside, authorities found a large stash of weapons, ammunition and \$53,300 in U.S. currency.

The alleged relationship between Garcia and Mexico's well-known reigning beauty queen shows how deeply drug gangs have penetrated society, stretching well beyond bribing police and officials.

Mexican media report that traffickers with their visible wealth often have their pick of women in states like Sinaloa, where Zuniga is from and the

home of the cartel of the same name. The popular musical genre "Barrero-corridos" glorifies traffickers' exploits and gangs often have preferred bands who play their private parties. A number of Mexican musicians linked to cartels have been murdered in recent years.

Zuniga won the Miss Sinaloa pageant this year. She placed third in the Miss Mexico contest, whose winner competes for the Miss Universe title, and was crowned Miss Hispano-Americana, beating out contestants across Latin America.

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At left, Laura Zuniga is crowned Miss Sinaloa state in Mazatlan, Mexico, July 8. At right, Zuniga is shown to the press with unidentified guards after her arrest in Zapopan, Mexico, Tuesday.

Tsunami

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"Every time I remember that, it's very painful," he said. His memories of the tsunami are confused, but Saravanamuttu says the brothers were working together in his bicycle shop when villagers ran by screaming that the sea was coming.

Saravanamuttu says he grabbed his daughter and ran for safety, while Kangasuriyam ran back toward the village to get his family.

His other surviving brother, Ganeshamurthi, the priest, says he was in the temple when the screaming started and saw Kangasuriyam running to the village. He grabbed him, but Kangasuriyam broke free and tried to get home.

Kangasuriyam says he ended up unconscious, hanging from the branches of a tree 30 feet off the ground, and was taken to the hospital. It took days for the scale of his tragedy to emerge.

He habbled down to the mosque and saw his father's body. Then, two of his sisters' bodies were brought in. The next day, they found his wife, and in the days after, the bodies of nieces and nephews began appearing, he said. His mother was never found.

He stopped eating, talking and washing his clothes, Saravanamuttu said. He would see his surviving nieces and nephews and wouldn't recognize them, he said. From their village of 800, 250 people died.

"He would cry from time to time, it wasn't only him. It was everybody," said his sister-in-law, Kamudawathi. "There was nobody to pay attention to him because everybody lost people and everybody was crying. There was no one to talk to and calm people down because everybody lost someone."

Kangasuriyam moved with 2,000 other homeless to the yard of a Pentecostal church. His surviving sister and brothers kept him going, he said.

They pushed him to apply for housing in a resettlement village being built by an international aid group, and within months he became secretary of the residents' committee.

In lieu of payment for his new house, he had to help build it, and he threw himself into the work, he said. When it was done, he continued making bricks for his neighbors.

More international aid enabled him and Saravanamuttu to open a new bike shop together. With aid groups donating hundreds of bicycles to tsunami victims, they suddenly were swamped with bikes to tune up.

The long hours of work on

the house and in the shop helped Kangasuriyam cope with his loss. Saravanamuttu said. "Those things got him involved in life again," he said. But, "it's not back to normal, and sometimes he talks nonsense," the brother said.

He spent so much time at work that his brothers and sister decided he needed a new wife to care for him. They found Thaya, a woman from their village who had always had a crush on Kangasuriyam, seven years her junior.

In May 2005, just five months after the tsunami, they were married.

Theresa was born the following April.

The toddler struts around the house in the new neighborhood of Pettiyadichcheni, about half a mile from the beach. As her father sits in one of the brown plastic chairs lining the living room walls, she stands between his legs and bumbles playfully.

Many have told him Theresa looks just like 2-year-old Dilani did, and he thinks, maybe, she is the reincarnation of his lost niece.

Ganeshamurthi says the little girl has restored some of his brother's faith and happiness.

"He is beginning to forget his old life," he said.

But every day, at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., the family enters the shrine room and offers prayers at the photos of his lost family. Kangasuriyam says it is important for Theresa to know what happened, and it's important that his parents and Devi not be forgotten.

Thaya, who lost her own mother in the flood, says she understands her husband's feelings and is not bothered. Kangasuriyam and his brother spend their days working side by side in the bike shop. They never speak of the tsunami, Saravanamuttu said.

"Everybody knows what happened to everybody. There is no point in talking about it," he said.

Looking out over the ruins of his old village, Kangasuriyam said he once led a carefree life. Every weekend, he played volleyball or cricket, then headed to the beach for a swim. Since the ocean turned on him four years ago, he has not gone back. Even the distant crash of waves rattles him.

Theresa is scared as well. He told her the sea killed her family, and when the wind blows especially hard, she shivers in fear of another tsunami. "I'm still scared of the sea," he said. "People have called me many times to go, and I say, 'No, I'll never go back.'"

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She was expected to represent Mexico in an international contest in January.

Pageant organizers say they are awaiting the results of the investigation before deciding whether to strip her of her crowns.

Garcia's brother, Ricardo, was arrested in 2005 and police said he was responsible for 20 percent of Mexican narcotics sold on U.S. streets at the time. He reportedly

earned nearly \$1 billion a month smuggling Colombian cocaine and marijuana into the United States through corridors near Ciudad Juarez, which lies across the border from El Paso, Texas.

The Juarez Cartel was considered the country's largest drug ring under the leadership of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, known as "Lord of the Skies" because the gang flew planes packed with cocaine directly into U.S. territory.

Carrillo died in 1997 from botched plastic surgery to alter his appearance and investigators say control of the cartel fell to his brother, Vicente.

The gang split in 2004 after other powerful smugglers tried to move in on its trade, and Vicente, fearing for his life, went into hiding.

In his absence, according to federal prosecutors, Ricardo Garcia Unzueta took control of a faction after forging contacts

with Colombian drug producers while studying to become a surgeon.

After being arrested, Zuniga told police they were planning on traveling to Bolivia and Colombia to go shopping.

Zuniga's father, Jesus Esteban Zuniga, said her daughter had told him she was going to a Christmas party in Guadalajara. He told The Associated Press that he does not believe his daughter is involved in drug trafficking.

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Videos

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Wal-Mart were already well on their way to evicting all the VHS tapes from their shelves so the valuable real estate could go to the sleeker and smaller DVDs and, in more recent seasons, Blu-ray discs. Kugler ended up buying back as much VHS inventory as he could from retailers, distributors and studios; he then sold more than 4 million VHS videotapes over the past two years.

Those tapes went to bargain-basement chains such as Dollar Tree, Dollar General and Family Dollar, and Kugler's network of mom-and-pop clients and regional outlets, such as the Gabriel Bros. Stores in West Virginia or the Five Below chain in Pennsylvania. If you bought a Clint Eastwood movie at the Flying J Truck Stop in Saginaw, Mich., or a "Care Bears" tape at one of the I.E. Butts Grocery stores in Texas, Kugler's company probably put it there. He also sells to public libraries, military bases and cruise ships, although those clients now all pretty much want DVDs.

Kugler estimates that 2 million tapes are still sitting on shelves of his clients' stores but they are the last analog soldiers in the lost battle against the digital invasion. "I'm not sure a lot of people are going to miss VHS," he said, "but it's been good to see."

The VHS tape never really had a chance once the DVD arrived in the late 1990s with all its shiny allure — higher

quality image, nimble navigation and all that extra content. After a robust run at the center of pop culture, VHS rentals were eclipsed by DVD in 2003. By the end of 2005, DVD sales were more than \$22 billion and VHS was slumping badly but still viable enough to pull in \$1.5 billion. Next year, that won't be the case.

Just before Halloween, JVC, the company that introduced the Video Home System format in 1977 in the United States, announced that it no longer would make standard videocassette recorders. The electronic manufacturer still produces hybrid VHS-DVD players, but it's not clear how long that will last.

Kugler's firm does the majority of its business today with big-box retailers including Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Sears, where the company sets up displays of its discounted DVDs, such as "Superman Returns" and "Proof of Life," which are often priced at \$10 or less. Plenty of customers see that price as an invitation to build their DVD collections.

But Kugler, with a sly smile, offered a warning to consumers thinking of putting up their noses to handle their burgeoning libraries.

"The DVD will be obsolete in three or four years, no doubt about it. Everything will be Blu-ray," Kugler said, anticipating the next resident at his pop culture retirement home.

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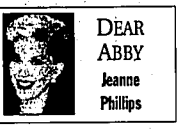
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DEAR ABBY: A few months ago I moved into a new apartment. The complex, while not luxurious, is quite nice. A few weeks after I moved in, one of my neighbors informed me that the woman who lives across from me is running a business from her home. Her "services" are illegal, if you know what I mean. I have noticed that whenever I have my apartment, or return to it, there is yet another strange man entering or leaving.

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Jeanne Phillips

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have told me, including the fact that this woman is giving out the code to the security gate willy-nilly. This is a serious breach of security for every tenant who lives there, and you have a valid reason for concern.

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DEAR ABBY: My 20-year-old son, "Gabriel," is suffering from the onset of psychosis. His mother and I have been working with local mental health officials to have him committed to a hospital so he can receive the treatment so desperately needs.

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Since then, Gabe has begun talking about his "adventure," which involved walking more than 200 miles. At the time he fled,

he was wearing only a shirt, shorts, slippers and a hat. He had \$10 on him. He said he made his way through swamps and woods, and was covered with mud and ticks.

After walking for two days, a woman asked if walking beside him and asked if she could help. Her name was Gay. She took my son into her home, where he was welcomed by her husband and daughter. They also gave him some food and money when he left.

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Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Limit challenges and competitions to table games. No matter how ambitious you are, the only way you can build a monopoly this week is with cardboard deeds. Gamble with matches, not money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Knowledge of rodeo techniques might help you this week. It may be wise to study how to hogtie something firmly, so that any unthinking brute is completely under your control and can't harm you.

In some way, widen your horizons and become better educated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Treat certain situations in the week to come like a game. Three strikes and you're out. When you pitch in baseball, don't keep pitching to someone you've struck out with previously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you are impressed by someone who seems to be completely in control this week, think again. When people speak truth to power, be aware they are only doing so from the safety of their own backyards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Shake off a mental straightjacket in the week ahead. You might find time to explore new ideas through books, the media or the Internet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everyone knows the golden rule. In some instances it has changed to read that those who have the gold make the rules. You could be challenged by someone who tries to control your actions this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you're feeling like you're not doing what you're supposed to be doing, then it's time to change your dreams structure. This is a good week to develop some ambition and make some resolutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Recession-proof your life. This is the week when resolutions are formed, and one who is growing skin as fast as a rhinoceros will be to look to remain solvent in the face of any uncertainty. Consider building contingency reserves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Handle your money with care. Get through this week best by growing skin as fast as a rhinoceros that will deflect demands on your wallet. These same old routines don't work in your favor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't repeat mistakes in the week to come. You have probably heard the saying, "Foot me once, shame on me. Fool me twice, shame on me." Remain skeptical of things too good to be true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A little suspicion is a good thing to have in the week to come. A wily fox might offer you a good deal. The only reason a fox barbers with chickens is to ensure that he can eat more chickens.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't shoot the messenger, but don't become beguiled by one either. This is the week to let a messenger's charming ways disarm your critical faculties. Use your sharp eye for detail to straighten out messes.

Today is Sunday, Dec. 28, the 363rd day of 2008. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Dec. 28, 1908, a major earthquake followed by a tsunami devastated the Italian city of Messina, killing about 70,000 people, although some estimates are much higher.

In 1894, Queen Mary II of England died after more than five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Andrew Jackson.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening

TODAY IN HISTORY

Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary," a facetious, as well as flippant, essay by H.L. Mencken recounting the history of bathhouses in America.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1958, the Baltimore Colts won the NFL championship, defeating the New York Giants 23-17 in overtime at Yankee Stadium.

In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system.

In 1987, the bodies of 14 relatives of Ronald Gene Simmons were found at his home near Dover, Ark., following a shooting rampage by Simmons in Russellville that claimed two other lives. (Simmons was later executed.)

Ten years ago: American warplanes exchanged missile fire with Iraqi air defenses; President Bill Clinton said there would be no

letup in American and British pressure on Saddam Hussein. Four people were killed when fierce gales struck during an Australian yacht race. Two other people disappeared and are presumed to have drowned.

Five years ago, Libya for the first time allowed U.N. nuclear officials to inspect four sites related to its nuclear weapons program.

One year ago, President George W. Bush used a "pocket veto" to reject a sweeping defense bill because he objected to a provision that would have exposed the Iraq government to expensive lawsuits seeking damages from the Saddam Hussein era. Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was laid to rest as the country's army tried to quell a frenzy of rioting in the wake of her assassination. Six French charity workers who had been sentenced to eight years' forced labor in Chad for allegedly trying to kidnap 103 children were transferred to French custody. (The workers were later pardoned by Chad's president and set free.)

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Dear Mr. Wolff: Recently you ran a deal where responder to an opening bid of two clubs had an ace and four reasonable hearts, together with four small spades. Is this hand good enough for a heart bid? If not, would you outline the minimum requirements for a positive response? Edgar the Unratty, Little Rock, Ark.

ANSWER: If declarer asks dummy to play any card, the defenders can select ANY card — rational, irrational, or just plain inferior. So in this case, the diamond six must be played. Declarer cannot argue that he knows the diamond six would be good. If he did know, he would not have let dummy choose the card to throw.

ANSWER: Facing a two-club opening bid, one normally responds in a decent five-card or longer suit. A response of two diamonds is therefore just a waiting bid consistent with a bad hand or one with values but no long suit worth bidding. That allows the two-club opener to describe his hand first; the other hand can almost always catch up.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ A-J-4, ♥ Q-4, ♦ K-J-4-3, ♣ J-10-8-2, and opened one diamond in second seat. What was I supposed to do when my LHO made a one-heart overcall and my partner doubled? I can see a case for one spade, one no-trump or two clubs. Options Culture, Dayton, Ohio

ANSWER: All three choices would be considered by an expert panel. I suspect that at pairs more would go for one spade than two clubs, despite your only having three trumps. The 4-3 fit might play well here. But since you have the heart queen against silent opponents, who have not raised hearts, bid one no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff: You discussed a noncompetitive auction that went pass - one club - one heart - one spade - two hearts, the heart bidder holding A-J-10-3-2 in the suit. You said that the two-heart bid promised a six-carter. Why? I would not bid two hearts with that hand, but wouldn't a somewhat stronger hand justify that call even with a suit as weak as this? With Heart in Hand, Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Mr. Wolff: We play weak twos and weak jump overalls. Some of us like to play strong jump shifts in response to an opening bid though we have been told that one cannot mix the two systems. Thoughtful! Also, we have been told that no duplicate player uses the strong jump shift anymore, but I have seen it used in your columns. Mixed Pickles, Fredericksburg, Va.

ANSWER: A suit that is rebid by responder is normally either six, or five playable facing a singleton. Partner will bid on now only with extreme extra shape, or extra high-cards. Here A-J-10-3-2 looks too weak for responder to insist on the suit as trumps; however, A-J-10-8-2 might be just enough.

ANSWER: It makes sense to use pre-emptive weak twos and pre-emptive overalls (to mess up the opponents) and equally to use weak jumps in response to partner IN COMPETITIVE AUCTIONS. However, jumps in noncompetitive auctions should be strong. Equally, by passed hands or in response to overalls, I prefer to use jumps to show good suits and a fit for partner. You can't pre-empt when so much information has already been exchanged. Pre-empting means getting in first, not last!

Dear Mr. Wolff: Declarer was playing a two-spade contract, and we were all down to three cards. I had the Q-J of spades and the diamond two, while the board had two irrelevant hearts and the master diamond — the six. Declarer led the spade king and called for anything to be thrown from the board. She next played a winning heart, which I could trump. As a defender, could I have mandated that the diamond six be played under the spade king? Hitting Class, Jackson, Tenn.

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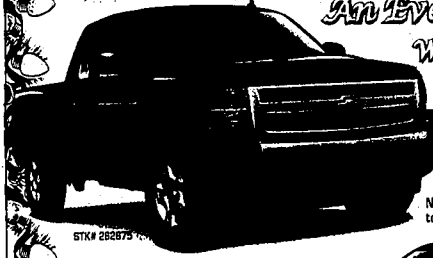
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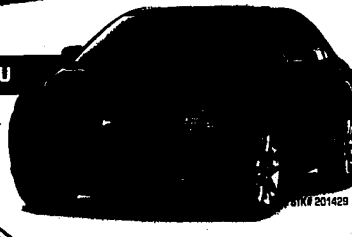
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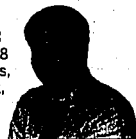
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Reasons to feel good about living in Magic Valley

By Dennis Dyer
Times-News writer

In times like these, it's easy to feel glum. The economy is faltering, the weather is gray, and most people are suffering from a holiday hangover. So what's there to feel good about? Well, there are a lot of reasons to feel good about living in Magic Valley. From its beautiful landscape, great outdoor activities, access to local food and low crime rates, southern Idahoans have it pretty good.

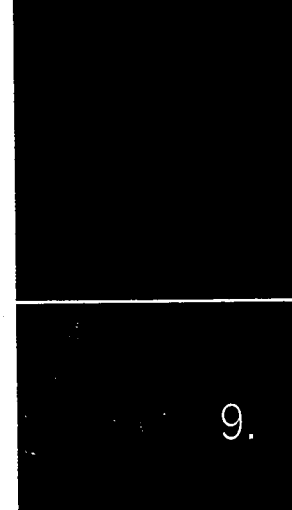
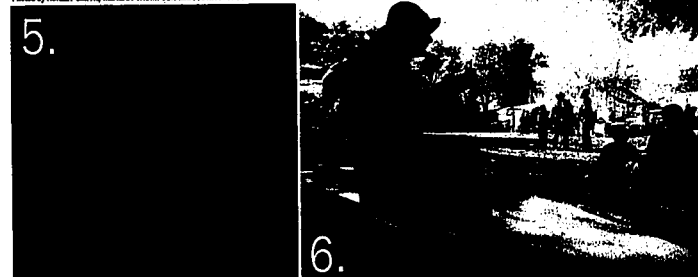
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So stand tall, Idahoans! Be proud of your state. And the next time your New York City buddy complains about traffic or your Los Angeles acquaintance grouches about air quality, just smile and show them the face of Magic Valley.

Even if you're not a math whiz, Idaho scored an average of 229 on the National Assessment of Educational Progress mathematics test. The national score was 280. With the addition of Canyon Ridge High School, set to open in fall 2009, some of our regional test scores will be higher than that.

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1. The Idaho Power Corp. is planning to build a new power plant near the Lake Park water plant.

2. A ball game is seen off the side of the road just west of Bendville Springs north of Idaho Falls.

3. A horseman rides down a trail in the mountains of the Snake River valley north of Idaho Falls.

4. A group of people are seen at a community event in the town of Pocatello.

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College of Southern Idaho parenting classes promise healthier families

Times-News

If you want to start the new year learning to do an important job better, consider a series of parenting classes offered by the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center.

The instructor is Summer Stout.

• "Secrets of Successful

Parenting I — This class answers questions concerning sleep, tantrums, punishments and sibling rivalries, and looks at views concerning punishment vs. rewards and ways to elicit cooperation and self-discipline.

Class is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 24 and 31 in Aspen 145. Cost is \$35.

• "Secrets of Successful

Parenting II — This class will assist you in determining the outcome of your child's development through your parenting and teaching examples, organizers said, and will teach you how to identify challenges and positively manage such issues as developmental stages, nutrition, sexuality and toilet training.

Class is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 and 21 in Aspen 145. Cost is \$35.

• "Secrets of Successful Families I" — This class looks at what makes families successful, healthy and happy. Learn about parenting styles and how your own methods may be affected by the way you were raised. Expect discussions on spoiling children and labeling children, along

with ideas about becoming a healthier member of your family.

Class is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 7 and 14 in Aspen 145. Cost is \$35.

• "Secrets of Successful Families II" — Exploring deeper into the family unit, the class will examine why some families have healthier relationships than others,

organizers said. Gain insight on ways to make parenting easier and fun, methods for a playful parenting approach, how to encourage self-esteem and tactics in handling anger — yours and your children's.

Class is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 4 and 11 in Aspen 145. Cost is \$35.

Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.



Matthew Nelson and his mother, Anna, at their home in Lorton, Va. Behind them is his father, Jason, holding brother JJ and sister Emily. It was his mother's instincts and his father's insistence that saved baby Matthew, diagnosed with an asthma-like condition, from almost certain catastrophe.

It wasn't asthma; it was worse

By Sandra G. Goodman
Special to
The Washington Post

"There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Martin saved his life. We were one of the lucky ones."
— Jason Nelson, whose son Matthew was diagnosed and treated for a rare disease

WASHINGTON — From his hotel room in Kansas, 1,000 miles from his suburban Washington home, Jason Nelson, a human resources manager on a three-week business trip, struggled to control the helplessness he felt listening to the panic and exhaustion in his wife's voice.

"Something is really wrong," Anna Nelson told her husband during one of their increasingly frequent telephone conversations in April 2005. For two weeks, Anna had been administering breathing treatments round-the-clock to 4-month-old Matthew. Their son had been battling an asthma-like condition for several weeks, the aftermath of a cold he brought from his 2-year-old brother, JJ.

Their pediatrician, thinking it might be caused by acid reflux, prescribed medication. After several weeks, the crying largely ceased.

At 3 months, Matthew began wheezing. The pediatrician diagnosed bronchiolitis, an inflammation of the small passages in the lungs caused by a virus.

Bronchiolitis can be a precursor to asthma, which is common in Anna's family. The doctor told her Matthew would probably have the airway disease when he got older and prescribed medicine to be administered in aerosolized form through a nebulizer.

Several pediatricians and changes of medicine later, the Nelsons were sent to the hospital for blood tests and a chest X-ray. The radiologist noted that the baby's heart was slightly enlarged, which disturbed Anna. Doctors, she said, assured her it was nothing to worry about.

Jason departed on his long-planned business trip, leaving Anna to juggle an active 2-year-old and a sick 4-month-old who seemed to be worsening. Matthew was not interested in eating and wheezed continuously; Anna was going to the pediatrician every other day.

Anna had shuttled the baby to the pediatrician's office every few days, seeing a different doctor in the large group practice each time. But Matthew seemed unimproved, even though blood tests found nothing wrong and a chest X-ray had shown no sign of pneumonia, only a heart that was slightly large but within the normal range.

The pediatricians didn't seem worried that the nebulizer treatments weren't working. At Anna's request, they had referred the baby to a lung specialist whom the Nelsons could not afford because he did not accept their insurance. Now the triage nurse was talking at calling a specialist at Children's National Medical Center, which was in their health plan. Without a referral, Anna told her husband, the wait for an appointment was six months — and Matthew couldn't wait.

Jason assured his wife he would handle it. After a tense exchange with the pediatrician's office, Matthew received an appointment at Children's Hospital's outpatient clinic in Fairfax, Va., the following week.

"I was exhausted and getting maybe two hours of sleep at a time," she recalled, saying that she "lost it" when the office balked at telephoning Children's for an appointment. "I called Jason and said, 'I don't know what to do and I need help.'"

At the Fairfax outpatient center the next week, both a nurse practitioner and a pulmonologist agreed that the nebulizer treatment wasn't helping. After listening to the description of Matthew's illness and scrutinizing the X-ray that had ruled out pneumonia, the pulmonologist asked Martin, the cardiologist, to look at the baby.

"It was just unbelievable," Jason recalled.

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It was Jason's insistence and Anna's instincts, coupled with a serendipitous appointment on a day that the hospital's chief cardiologist, Gerard Martin, happened to be seeing patients at the Fairfax office, that helped avert almost certain catastrophe. In an unusual coincidence, Martin had diagnosed the same problem in his own nephew: a malady so rare and lethal it is typically discovered during an autopsy.

Anna remembers that Martin checked briefly with them, then "just stared at the baby for two minutes. I thought, well, that's weird," Jason remembers Martin asking three questions: Did Matthew scream a lot when he came home? Did the screaming stop after a while? Is he getting better or worse?

Martin then scooped up the baby, saying he'd be back shortly. Martin recalls he was all but certain he knew what the problem was, but when he confided his suspicion to his colleagues before tests confirmed it, "Everyone looked at me like I was a little bit insane."

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Matthew had gone home three days after his November 2004 birth, a day later than normal because he had had a seizure during circumcision. Doctors kept him for observation and decided the seizure was probably related to the anesthesia.

"He was like a healthy baby," his father recalled. But unlike his brother, Matthew seemed to cry uncontrollably beginning about 1 month. "He was really inconsolable," said Jason, who was home with the baby at the time. "I thought maybe he missed his mother."

Less than 10 minutes later he came home, looking somewhat better.

"I'm going to be blunt," he told the Nelsons, according to Jason's recollection. "Your son does not have asthma. He's had a heart attack and is in heart failure, and he's going to have surgery within 24 hours." Matthew had "cardiac asthma," wheezing associated with heart failure. The seizure he'd had during

circumcision was actually a heart attack. Martin explained that a team was en route to whisk the baby to Children's Hospital, where Richard Jonas, the cardiothoracic pediatric surgeon who had operated on Martin's nephew for the same problem, would try to save the baby's life.

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Matthew had another heart attack while being readied for surgery, Jason said. The couple was told their son had an 80 percent chance of surviving the 6 1/2-hour operation, in which the artery was removed from its incorrect location and connected to the aorta. There were other worries, too, about postoperative infection and the inevitable long wait to see whether he would develop normally.

Those concerns have been laid to rest. "He's a loud, typically obnoxious 4-year-old who plays football," his father said. Matthew now sees Martin once a year; he has no restrictions and seems unscathed by his ordeal.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Martin saved his life," Jason said. "We were one of the lucky ones."

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Chef salad
Wednesday: Barbecue pork
Thursday: Center closed
Friday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2
Quilting, 8 a.m.
SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Saturday: Magic Valley Bridge, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

Monday: Turkey dinner
Wednesday: Center closed
Friday: Center closed

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

Monday: Beef stew
Tuesday: Hash brown casserole
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Center closed
Friday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday:

Monday: Salmon casserole
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Center closed
Thursday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Turkey roast dinner, 1 p.m.
Few & The Faithful Band
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Friday: No SilverSneakers exercise program

Silver and Gold Senior Center
210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Monday: Pork roast
Thursday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Center closed, no bingo

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. W., Kimberly. Lunch and full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken
Friday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. A-Anon meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

Monday: Sauerkraut and Wieners
Wednesday: Center closed
Friday: Baked potato bar

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center
308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Tuesday: Ham dinner
Wednesday: Salad bar
Thursday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 5 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Wednesday: New Year's Eve

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5,

non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Thursday: Center closed
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

Monday: Center closed

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday: Ham and beans
Tuesday: Potato bar
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Center closed
Friday: Chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Friday: Pool, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Spagetti
Tuesday: Baked ham
Wednesday: New Year's Eve luncheon
Thursday: Center closed
Friday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: Center closed

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Election, board of directors

Richfield Senior Center
130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Baked turkey
Thursday: Center closed

Vaca
Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Valley

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opportunities will increase for Twin Falls students, regardless of which high school they attend, said Beth Pendergrass, community relations specialist for the Twin Falls School District. Those opportunities include more art, music, drama and athletic programs.

"Basically, you double all of those opportunities when you add a high school," Pendergrass said.

Low crime rates

Idaho's violent crime rate is much lower than the national average. For every 100,000 people in Idaho, 247.2 violent crimes were reported in 2006 — one of the lowest rates in the nation. Compare that with the national average of 473.5 violent crimes per 100,000 people. In the same year, Idaho saw 20.5 robberies for every 100,000 people, compared with the national average of 149.4.

While Twin Falls County saw the highest murder rate in Idaho last year, almost all of the victims were acquaintances with their alleged murderers — meaning there is little need to worry about random violence.

"Yeah, it's a safe place to live," said Lt. Craig Stotts of Twin Falls Police Department. "However, you still need to do those things that are common sense so you don't become a victim of crime."

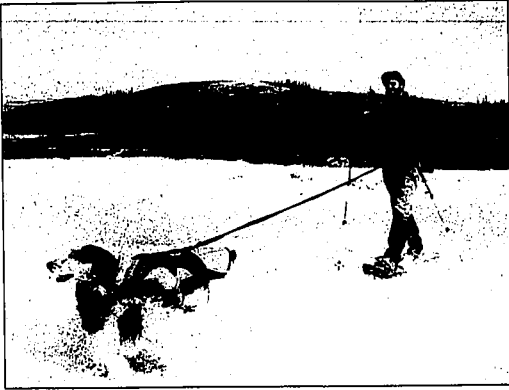
Course, but don't stay awake at night, worrying about your safety.

Local food

Forget settling for old, unripe produce shipped from California. We have local food, thank you very much.

We have local cheese, local meat, local fish, local eggs and, during the summer, enough local produce to feed a small potato-loving army. Fresh local milk and cream, glass bottles is available at stores in town, and hunting is easily accessible for those who want to fetch their own food.

"We have lots of local



Jerrod Kaerth of Twin Falls, with his dogs Elvis and Murphy, spends an afternoon snowmobiling in the South Hills on Dec. 11. Kaerth, who is self-employed, took the day off work to enjoy the outdoors.

homegrown food just within a few miles of where we live," said Diane Stevens, an organizer for the Twin Falls Farmers Market. "As far as the value-added products, we also have absolutely wonderful bakers and cooks and food artisans in general."

Whether you hunt and grow your own food or depend on the farmers market to fill your pantry, eating has never been so rewarding.

Fantastic recreation

Southern Idaho is an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

From the center of any Magic Valley city, you can drive to the middle of nowhere within 30 short minutes. Want to go hiking or camping? Try the South Hills. How about fishing? Take your pick between Snake River, Magic Reservoir and the Thousand Springs area, to name a few. Don't forget the trout capital of the world.

For the more extreme adrenaline junkies, Twin Falls' Perrine Bridge is the only bridge in the country from which people can jump year-round without a permit (with

a parachute, of course). To the east, there's killer rock climbing at City of Rocks. To the west, there's whitewater rafting near Hagerman. With Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort near Albion and Magic Mountain Ski Area in the South Hills, snow junkies don't have to go far to get their fix.

And that doesn't take into account the wealth of outdoor recreation that can be found two hours north in the Wood River Valley. It's a skier's paradise in winter and a hiker's utopia in summer.

Dan Hadley, a Twin Falls hunter and outdoorsman, said he loves the array of animals available to southern Idaho sportsmen. Between mule deer, elk, moose, antelope, birds, coyotes and rabbits, "you could actually hunt for months on end and probably still not get every animal that's available to go hunting for," Hadley said.

Even when he's not hunting, Hadley enjoys the landscape.

"We have some of the best canyons I've ever seen, anywhere," he said. "I just love to go out and be in that."

Dam good weather

With all the slush, snow and ice, it's hard to remember how good we actually have it. Sunny Florida beaches are looking mighty good right about now.

But consider this: We rarely have tornados, and they're nothing like those elsewhere in the country. Winters are mild compared with those of our friends in northern Idaho, who get an average of 46.0 inches of snow per year. Twin Falls gets only 26.3 inches. Our hot summers aren't so bad, either.

Humidity is low during July and August, making the dog days of summer a whole lot more bearable.

John Jannuzzi, meteorologist in charge at National Weather Service in Boise, said that while Magic Valley gets "some pretty interesting wind events," our weather is much nicer than that found in Eastern states. We don't see severe thunderstorms, and we rarely stay below 0 degrees for long.

Also, Idaho has never had a documented hurricane. Take that, Florida.

Surviving '08 home repairs, sopping wet

As 2008 winds down into a memory, I can honestly say this was as fulfilling a year as any — all thanks to finished home renovations. Unfortunately, that fulfillment came at an enormous cost, to both my pocketbook and my sense of pride.

Many of my co-workers can testify of my renovation ordeals, six years in the making. With each weekend project, I would return to work and tell them of my perils with hardware. Each tale — all of them 100 percent true — would evoke laughter, which would give way to pity and eventually evolve — to borrow an unfortunate phrase — into shock and awe.

Impressing back now, the final tally sheet is less impressive as it was expensive. Two new bathrooms both with new tile, a replaced shower stall, and three new sink basins. New carpet through most of the house, new windows and frames in the bedrooms, sanded wood floors, a new sliding patio door, fresh paint in every room. And on the outside, three dead trees removed and a new patio job on the house.

Our house is a spill-level, with one bathroom directly above the other. The renovation became necessary one day after I saw water dripping from the ceiling while someone showered. After numerous attempts to apply quick fixes, we found that the shower was installed with no shower pan, necessitating that the entire bathroom be knobby.

I could regale you with many amazing stories — the time my dad almost burned his pantsuit with a blow torch is especially riveting. But it is the bathroom plumbing that best suits my storytelling.

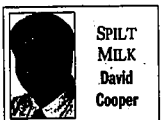
In the course of all these projects, I had become quite efficient at turning off the main water valve outside before replacing plumbing fixtures. That is, except for one afternoon, while preparing to remove a toilet for new fittings.

When did I realize my mistake? At the last moment, of course, just as I began making the final turn of a wrench and noticed: Hey, that bead of water doesn't look right.

In that instant, a burst of water streamed from the wall and blew the hardware across the bathroom floor. Sitting there like the Dutch boy at the leaking dike, I hollered for my wife's help and was astounded that such a small orifice could deliver so much water.

(Side note: When my reporters ask about the irrigation term "cubic feet per second," I can now give them an authoritative answer.)

Within seconds, the bathroom floor was covered an inch deep. In



SPLIT MILK David Cooper

Within seconds, the bathroom floor was covered an inch deep, in spite of my efforts to shove something, anything, into the running pipe. In my panic and sweat, I distinctly remember telling myself that maybe the plumber's estimate wasn't so bad after all.

In spite of my efforts to shove something, anything, into the running pipe. I ran outside to shut off the main, only to realize I didn't have a T-bar to twist the valve. In my panic and sweat, I distinctly remember telling myself that maybe the plumber's estimate wasn't so bad after all.

My next-door neighbor, who did have a T-bar, wasn't home. In a brief moment of clarity, I spotted my garden hose. I grabbed it and raced back upstairs to my wife and a scene that resembled something from "The Poseidon Adventure."

Together, she and I managed to hold one end of the hose to the streaming pipe and drape the other out the window. I held it in that position until she found a way to shut off the main.

We were drenched — but soaked with relief and proud of our ingenuity at a moment's notice. That pride all disappeared when my son ran up to tell us the downstairs bathroom had an open window. The hose, he said, had simply run from one window down to the next.

Sure enough, we found exactly what he had described. Instead of one flooded bathroom floor, we were now looking at two.

A couple of lessons were learned from that day's experience. One, a wet-vac is worth its weight in gold. Two, the DIY Network is produced by pot-licking liars. And three, to make home repair effective, don't plan on getting it right — just on everything that can go wrong.

Trust me on that last one. I'm an expert.

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Baby dolls raise a stink

By Bridget Schulte
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — So long, Betsy Wetsy. Baby dolls just got a whole lot more real.

Put her on her potty, pink plastic toilet. Press the purple bracelet on Baby Alive Learns to Potty. "Sniff sniff," she chirps in a singsong voice. "I made a stinky."

This season's animatronic Baby Alive — which retails for \$59.99 — comes with special "green beans" and "bananas" that, once fed to the doll, actually, well, come out the other end. "Be careful," reads the doll's promotional literature. "Just like real life, sometimes she can hold it until she gets to the 'potty' and sometimes she can't!" (A warning on the back of the box reads: "May stain some surfaces.")

The mess made by the \$39.95 Little Mommy Real Learning Baby Gotta Go Doll, ("Over 60 phrases and fun sounds!") is more hypothetical. Once she is placed on her little toilet, a magnet triggers a presto, change-o in the plastic bowl: "The water in the toilet disappears, with the expected 'potty waste' appearing in its place," says manufacturer Mattel. "Your child can then flush the toilet. The water will reappear, while the toilet makes a very realistic flushing sound, and then comes the applause."

The dolls, heavily advertised on television, were expected to be the season's big sellers. Since the dolls were introduced to stores this fall, managers at Wal-Mart, Target and Toys 'R Us have reported trouble keeping them in stock. And Baby Alive, listed as one of the Hot Toys of 2008 by Hottoys2008.com, was sold out at Wal-Mart, eToys.com and the AOL shopping site a week before Christmas.

But not everyone thinks dolls need to be this real. Some things, they argue, are

better left to the imagination. This battle over whether pooping dolls are an appropriate toy is only the latest skirmish in a long war between child development experts and toy makers.

Psychologists say the best toys encourage children to pretend and use make-believe (witness the fact that children often love the boxes their expensive toys come in more than the toys itself). Toy makers want to use the latest technology to make and sell ever-more realistic toys. (Baby Alive's movements are the result of sophisticated robotics controlled by the same kind of microprocessor that navigates satellites and runs nuclear power plants.)

"Retailers have bought heavily into these dolls," said Reyne Rice, trend specialist with the Toy Industry Association. "They feel that these are some of the more popular items for girls this year." Although most baby dolls are sold in the last six weeks of the year and firm sales figures won't be available until early next year, Rice said, indicators looked good for big Christmas sales.

The buzz is on parent online discussion groups across the country. As with the Tickle Me Elmo and Cabbage Patch Kids crazes of Christmas past, the mother was so distraught that the pooping dolls were sold out online just after Thanksgiving that she prepared to rise at 5 a.m. to scour stores in a 100-mile radius of her house. At a Toys 'R Us in Northern Virginia this month, Selma Bangoura filled her shopping cart with stainless steel pots and pans for her 7-year-old daughter's play kitchen. Her daughter desperately wanted the Baby Alive, she said. "She wants the toilet," she said, shrugging. "It's so interesting. It comes with its own food. It's not gross, as long as it's not real."



Photo courtesy Mattel
This season's animatronic Baby Alive comes with special 'green beans' and 'bananas' that, once fed to the doll, actually come out the other end.

BE A PART

OF A 100-MAN CHORUS

to sing the National Anthem at a CSI basketball game
Saturday, January 24th

All male singers are invited to participate, including those from area schools and churches.

Since The Star Spangled Banner will be sung in four-part harmony, two short rehearsals will be held at First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls at 7:30pm Tuesday, Jan 13, and Tuesday, Jan 20

All singers will be admitted free to both women's and men's games on January 24th. For more info, call Chuck: 543-5480 or Fred: 324-5365.

CLEANING CORNER

Question:
My shower doors are heavily coated with hard water buildup. It's embarrassing. Lori! Do you have a product that will prevent this from happening?
—Hard Up with Hard Water

Answer:
Yes! Your hard water-stained days are over thanks to our multi-surface polish and protectant product called DAZZLE. It is a superior blend of silicones, detergents and lemon oil designed to polish and protect. After cleaning your shower door, polish with DAZZLE. It will cause the water to run off, leaving your shower shiny and clean!

For more information, visit our website at www.dazzlecleaning.com

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(Corner of Washington St. N. and Piler Ave.)

Ideas to help your kids beat vacation blahs

The Associated Press

The holiday break can seem never-ending. Some ideas on how to get the kids (and you) through it.

• **A palama day.** It's totally lazy, says Melissa Stanton, a mom of three and author of the "The Stay-at-Home Survival Guide." Don't even get dressed. Cook together, watch movies, play board games. "I find that if we have a day when we don't leave the house we don't spend money that day," she says.

• **Playdates.** Let your kids invite their friends over for the day or to sleep over, says Stanton. "It is a hard day for mom, but at least we're in the house and everyone is occupied," she says. "I hopefully another parent will reciprocate and take my one, two or three kids."

• **An obstacle course.** Build one inside or set up a scavenger hunt using furniture and household objects, says softball star Evan Longoria, spokesman for The Sports Baseball DVD, which teaches children about baseball.

• **A game day.** Set up several board games, such as Monopoly, Risk, Battleship, and rotate every 10 minutes from game to game, says Jen Singer, creator of MommaSaid.net.

• **Some exercise.** Take family walks, jog or races around the neighborhood every morning or afternoon, says Longoria. Leave the car at home and, if possible, walk to the mall or movie theater instead — or ride bikes, he says.

• **Play outside.** Have the kids organize a soccer or football game outside. If there's snow, build a snowman and get creative, says Longoria. If there isn't, let your kids sell hot chocolate like a lemonade stand — with your supervision, said Singer.

• **Bowling.** It's a great thing to do during the holidays especially in areas where outdoor weather pushes more people inside, says Mark Miller, spokesman for the United States Bowling Congress. "It also is a very reasonably-priced, value conscious activity that doesn't take up a large amount of time," he says. Some bowling alleys are even open on New Year's.

• **Volunteering.** Habitat for Humanity has opportunities for children as young as 5, according to Desiree Adaway, senior director, Volunteer Mobilization Habitat for Humanity International. While children under 15 are not allowed to build homes, younger children can put together welcome baskets for new homeowners or help with the non-profit's newsletter.

Some high school and college students participate in the Collegiate Challenge, spending a week building a house with a Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Adaway recommends checking to see if your local affiliate is building during the winter break. Find it at www.habitat.org.

New American Girl Chrissa represents 2009's tween

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The American Girl of 2009 is a newbie at school, lives in an extended-family household and loves to swim and work on crafts. And she's learning to stand up to a bully.

She'll also be the first contemporary American Girl character brought to life in a movie, which previously were centered on girls from other eras.

"Chrissa" is the latest creation of the Mattel-owned American Girl brand that includes dolls, mega stores with restaurants and theaters, books and a monthly magazine. The company offers a new Girl of the Year each January.

While the movies have covered such eras as the Great Depression and colonial times, the annual dolls are always contemporary, created to reflect the always changing interests and lifestyles of tweens, says Shawn Dennis, senior vice president of marketing.

"The Chrissa doll has a bouncy medium-brown hairstyle, blue eyes and an overall free-spirited look that reflects her creativity with some patchwork and floral prints. Like those before her, she is a fourth-grader.

On Jan. 5, a full-length

DVD of her story, "An American Girl: Chrissa Stands Strong," will debut on HBO and then be available for sale the next day.

The young actress Sammi Hanratty, who has appeared on TV's "Pushing Daisies" and "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody," will bring Chrissa to life on screen.

Even though she's a bit older — an eighth grader! — Sammi sees similarities between her life and Chrissa: They love animals, they've both been "the new girl" and they both learn to stand up for themselves and their friends.

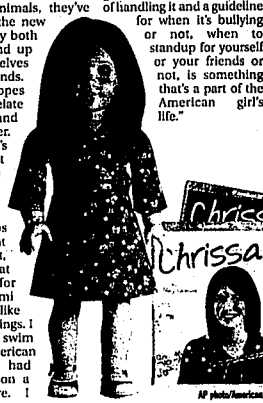
She hopes other girls relate to Chrissa and learn from her.

"I think it's good to get out there and be active, and to be in good groups of friends that you can trust. Friends that are good for you," Sammi says. "And I like to try new things. I was on the swim team in 'American Girl' but I had never been on a team before. I

love swimming, and I play tennis all the time with my cousins, but now I'd think about being on a team for something."

Team sports resonate with American Girl test groups, says Dennis, and so does the bullying theme.

"Bullying isn't something that was invented this year, but it is something that in some ways has gotten more difficult," she says. "Giving girls tools and different ways of handling it and a guideline for when it's bullying or not, when to stand up for yourself or your friends or not, is something that's a part of the American girl's life."



Actress Sammi Hanratty plays Chrissa during a scene from "An American Girl: Chrissa Stands Strong," the first American Girl film based on a contemporary character.

Parental guidance, with help from the president-elect

By Deleen L. Brown
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sherry Jones was driving son Malcolm, 13, to school recently when he mentioned something about some kid he didn't like.

Something about the kid being "erk."

Jones told him that wasn't kind. When you speak of people, she said, always speak well of them.

"Look at Barack ... During the campaign, no matter what Obama always took the high road," she told him. "During the debates when John McCain would say a dig, Barack would never react. ... He was always positive."

Malcolm, who likes a good debate, was, for that moment, quiet.

In that silence, Jones realized that something about her spontaneous, wrapped-in-the-car lecture was troubling. "If my son didn't agree, he would let me know," says Jones, an accountant in suburban Silver Spring, Md. "He always has something else to say. ... Usually, he will say, 'Yeah, but ...' When I use Barack Obama as an example, I can see up him. He's quiet. He may sit up a little straighter."

"He hasn't gotten to the point where he says, 'You are right.'" But there is something to be said for his saying nothing.

Parenting can be like that. You take what you can get. Any acknowledgment of the parental lecture. Not getting the "yeah, but" can be the change a mother waits for, silent proof that her nagging isn't going in one ear and out the other. So some parents are summoning up Obama at the breakfast table to motivate a dawdling, recalcitrant child.

Get up? Do you think Obama would have slept late and not made it to school on time?

Why don't you guys share? Don't you think Obama would want you to share?

How much did you read? Obama would have finished the book.

Do you think Obama would sneak cigarettes? (Oops.)

Parenting is lonely, irritating, often maddening work. Parents are often second-guessing themselves. Never

sure whether their standards are set too high or not high enough. Never sure that the child who seems fine now won't be a mess at 30.

So they reach for help: an ancestor, a cousin, a historical figure — somebody to look up to. Their latest presidential friend has become the president-elect, a person held to such high standards that if you parented just right, your child could end up like that, too. We know this is fantasy. But Obama's mother probably didn't think she was raising a future president either. So you grab at what strings are out there.

"It's the third-party thing," says Jill Miller Zimron, a freelance writer and mother of three school-age children. "Lots of times when a child won't do something for you, you will ... pretend a third party said it was a good thing to do. If you say the doctor said you needed to do this, or your teacher said you needed to do this, it has more impact than Mom and Dad." They perform better for other people. "Because they are more comfortable around Mom and Dad, it is easier to act up because they know there is unconditional love."

In his autobiography, "Dreams From My Father," Obama describes his mother's emphasis on education. "Five days a week, she came into my room at four in the morning, forced-me-eat breakfast, and proceeded to teach me my English lessons for three hours before I left for school and she went to work. I offered still resistance to this regimen, but in response to every strategy I concocted, whether unconvincing ('My stomach hurts') or indisputably true (my eyes kept closing every five minutes), she would patiently reiterate her most powerful defense: 'This is not picnic for me either, buster.'"

Avis Jones-DeWeever, director of research at the National Council of Negro Women, bought her two children a room at the Obama's childhood. "They see it as real. I look at the picture of Barack on the tricycle. They can see themselves in him. I tell them all the time, 'You are brilliant, but brilliance necessitates



The Rev. Thomas Hagin, shown with his wife, Tammy, and daughter Amber in their Washington home, uses stories about President-elect Barack Obama to his children and those in his congregation. Because of Obama, says Amber, 14: "I see myself studying harder. I stay more focused."

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hard work to get to the level he reached," she says.

There was a point near the end of the presidential campaign when Obama's perseverance rang clear for Jones-DeWeever. "Both he and McCain were in Pennsylvania on a rainy day, McCain canceled, but Barack was there in the rain. The rain was pouring, and he was speaking, and the crowds were there," Jones-DeWeever said. "He did not get kissed by the sun. At that moment, I knew he would win. It is that sense of determination that I want to impart to my children. That being good is not enough. You also have to have that drive."

She talked to them about Obama's "Yes We Can" speech in New Hampshire. "To me, that was inspiring about that speech — that was not a victory speech. He gave that speech after he lost," she says. "What does that tell you?" she asked her kids. "When you lose, you can still come back."

Her 12-year-old son, Guy, memorized the speech and delivered it last semester to his sixth-grade class.

The Rev. Thomas Hagin, pastor of Brightwood Park United Methodist Church in Washington, uses the stories on his children and those in his congregation. "We say: No more excuses. All things are possible. But it comes through hard work. ... No one can say just because we have been kissed by the sun, we can't reach the presidency."

His wife, Tammy, has a social worker, says she has made a more conscious effort to go over school assignments with their daughter. "Even in Amber, I have seen a push to do better because of the reality of Obama." She turns to the eighth-grader. "I asked you what you wanted to be, she says, 'and you said you wanted to be a judge. Does that feel more doable now?'"

"Yes," says Amber, 14, "because Obama can do it. I

see myself studying harder. I stay more focused. I take more notes. I am asking a lot more questions."

Kids relate to Obama in a way that they say they have not related to other politicians. He might be the president-elect, but he's cool, he's young, he speaks a language, they understand.

Harlan Jones, director of the New Sewell Methodist Conservatory in Washington, is sitting in his office talking about Obama with daughter Nia, 12, a sixth-grader whose grades have slipped from first to second straight As.

"You have to get back on page, just like he did," he tells Nia.

"We know you are better, because you exemplified that, through past studies. Suppose he had gotten down? With that in mind, Nia, please straighten up. Look at his strategy. He surrounded himself with people who were hardworking."

"Who are your supporters?" "My parents," Nia says, smiling to the lecture.

"I'm glad you said that. You have a support system to do what?"

And Nia, tidy in her blue-and-khaki school uniform, obediently answers, "Success."

Should you buy creature comforts for your dog?

By Lara Kocenas
The Washington Post

Does your dog need a coat in this cold weather?

Because most urban dogs don't spend as much time outdoors as dogs in the country,

their coats may not grow as thick. And freezing temperatures can be uncomfortable. A coat, raincoat or sweater can keep a dog warm and dry.

Experts say small dogs and those without thick fur can be more comfortable wearing a coat

if it's under 40 degrees. Even larger dogs may need extra protection as they leave the cocoon of their heated apartment or house.

Be mindful of coats made with Velcro closings as they can get caught in your pet's fur. Make sure coats aren't too tight. And it's

best to buy washable styles.

If your dog is shivering, it may be time to invest in a sweater or coat for those really cold mornings. Talk to your veterinarian about any concerns you have about your pet's well-being in the winter months.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer to mentor the children of Idaho prisoners.

NEXT WEEK IN
FAMILY LIFE

WEDDINGS

— CRAIGO-BLAUER

Libby Craigo and Ryan Wignington Blauer were married Dec. 19 in the Columbia River LDS Temple in Richland, Wash.

The bride is the daughter of Clayton and Delynn Craigo of Kennewick, Wash. The groom is the son of Michael and Shauna Blauer of Declo and the late Leslie Blauer.

A reception followed in Kennewick. An open house will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at View LDS Ward Church.

The bride is a graduate of Kennewick High School and will graduate from Brigham Young University-Idaho in February with a bachelor's degree in health science. She works at Homestead Assisted



Ryan and Libby Blauer

Living Center in Rexburg.

The groom is a graduate of Declo High School and served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nashville, Tenn. He works at Balanced Rock Electric in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Rexburg.

ROLIG-BERKSON

Allison Rolig and Kyle Berkson were married May 30 at Christian Life Fellowship Church in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff Rolig of Twin Falls and Diana Rolig of Boise. The groom is the son of Mike and Diane Berkson of Robie Creek.

A reception followed at the Linen Building in Boise.

The bride is a graduate of University of Idaho. The groom is a graduate of Boise State University and works



Allison and Kyle Berkson

at Nampa Christian School. The couple resides in Boise.

TAYLOR-DEXTER

Tressie Taylor and Jay Dexter were married Oct. 18 at the LDS Stake Center in Jerome.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Nell Taylor of Murphy Hot Springs. The groom is the son of the late Jack Dexter and the late June Dexter.

Bishop Joel Prince officiated. Joanne Haddox was pianist. Robert Taylor escorted the bride down the aisle.

Sheri Martinat, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Jesse Dexter, son of the groom, was best man.

Special guests were Dorothy Clark and Elmer Kissing, grandparents of the bride; Jerry and Kathy Dexter, brother and sister-in-law of the groom; Judy Dexter, sister of the groom; Heidi (Joe) Miller, Jamie Farr and Denise Dexter, daughters of the groom; and Barbara (Gary) Helmsin, cousin of the bride.

A family dinner followed at the stake center with Cody, Shellee and Kayla Miller, grandchildren, and Judy Dexter and Kathy Dexter serving.

A reception was held with Iris Stone, Betty Winterholler



Jay and Tressie Dexter

and Bev Harrison, friends of the bride, serving. Jake Schiesinger, son of the bride, and Charles Cooner from Jerome High School were the DJs and provided music for the reception.

The bride is a graduate of Simi Valley High School in California and Simi Valley Vocational/Technical assisting program.

The groom is a graduate of Sauk Rapid High School in Minnesota and served a mission in Portland, Ore., for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a graduate of Lewis-Clark State College and Walla Walla University. He works for Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Jerome.

After a honeymoon to the Oregon Coast, the couple resides in Jerome.

DELONG-FUEHRER

Elaine DeLong and Richard Fuehrer were married Nov. 15 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Kelso, Wash.

The bride was attended by her daughters, Topaz, Trista and Tembre DeLong.

The groom was attended by his sons, Jason and Alex Fuehrer, and his brother, Michael Fuehrer.

The bride was a hair stylist for more than 30 years in Alaska and is seeking an Idaho stylist license. The groom is a graduate of the



Elaine and Richard Fuehrer

University of Idaho and is a research assistant for Sakata Seed America in Filer.

The couple resides in Filer.

PERRON-YOUNG

Melanie Ann Perron and Douglas Allen Young Jr. were married Dec. 20 in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. A reception followed in Dietrich.

The bride is the daughter of Lari and Terry Perron of Dietrich. The groom is the son of Doug and Candl Young of Twin Falls.

An open house will be held 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Young Trail Way in Twin Falls.

The bride is a graduate of Dietrich High School and a recent graduate of the College of Southern Idaho with a licensed practical nursing degree.

The groom is a graduate of



Douglas and Melanie Young

Twin Falls High School and served in the Germany Hamburg Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in teaching and coaching.

The couple will reside in Provo.

ENGAGEMENT

DOXEY-LUSK

David and Stacey Doxey of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Doxey, to Logan Edward Lusk, son of Brent and Colleen Lusk of Arco.

Doxey is a graduate of Filer High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho.

Lusk is a graduate of American Falls High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nashville, Tenn. He works at Balanced Rock Electric in Twin Falls.



Heather Doxey and Logan Lusk

The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 2, at the Twin Falls LDS Temple. A reception will follow 6-8 p.m. at the Filer LDS Stake Center.

ANNIVERSARY

THE BEALES

Ross and Velma Beale of Burley will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Ross Beale and Velma Thurston were married Dec. 30, 1948. They owned and operated A&W Root Beer drive-ins in Boise, Jerome and Burley. They have been retired about 23 years.

They have four children, Karma (Bobby) Muhlsholt of Boise, Lana Clark of Nampa, Kelly (Pat) Beale of Boise and Lyle (Shelly) Beale of Burley.



Ross and Velma Beale

The couple has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Curt Dennis Weeks III, son of Sasha Rae Chute and Curt Dennis Weeks Jr. of Jerome, was born Dec. 14, 2008. Christanna Joanne Clay-

baugh, daughter of Wendy Sue and William Raymond Claybaugh of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 16, 2008.

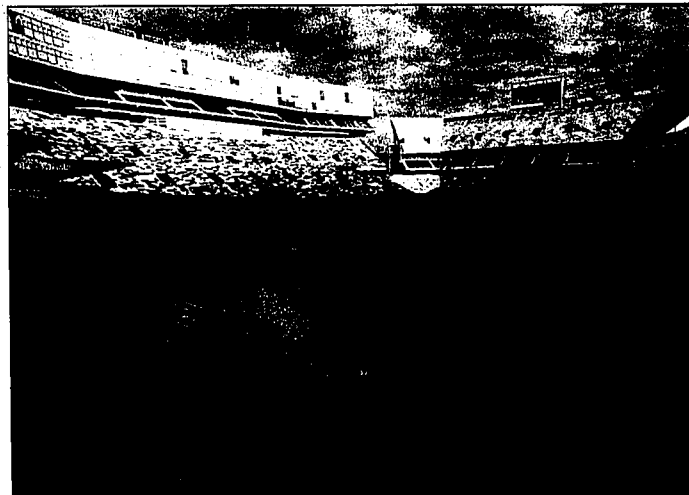
Fernando Cordero-Ugarte, son of Alma Christina and Armando Cordero of Jerome, was born Dec. 16, 2008.

Shayna Layne Hopkins, daughter of Whitney Layne and Timothy Ted Hopkins of Kimberly, was born Dec. 16, 2008.

Katdee Lydia Carson, daughter of Shanda Dawn and Kevin Alan Carson of

Twin Falls, was born Dec. 17, 2008.

Monica Banuelos Hernandez, daughter of Maricela Hernandez Banuelos and Emilio Banuelos-Guzman of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 17, 2008.



Allison and Mike Hightower sit in the University of Florida's Ben Hill Griffin stadium Dec. 5. The two UF students took advantage of a university offer where students can apply to get an additional season football ticket for their spouse, but the marriage license has to be on file by April 1. Their wedding date wasn't until May 4, so they got married early.

The couple at the altar may already be married

By Melissa Kossler Dotson
For The Times-News Press

Mike Hightower teased his wife about forgetting their first wedding anniversary, but Allison Hightower had a good reason for being confused: The couple had agreed to mark the day they exchanged vows in front of friends and family, rather than the day they legally wed.

The Hightowers are among a small but growing number of couples who tie the knot before their wedding ceremony.

Reasons vary, including insurance benefits, living arrangements, religion, citizenship requirements or marriage license restrictions. The practice also is common among members of the military, who may want to marry before they are deployed or to guarantee that their partner can travel with them to an assignment.

In the Hightowers' case, it was all about football. Being married allowed Mike to purchase an extra season ticket for University of Florida football games. If the Gainesville, Fla., couple

had waited until their wedding date, in May 2006, they would have missed the deadline to apply.

So they wed in March at the courthouse, with her parents and some close friends attending.

"Most of our family understood our love of football," said Alison, 28, who came up with the plan.

A family friend officiated at the May ceremony, which included the exchange of rings, the bridal party and other traditional elements of a wedding.

"It's really pretty common" now to marry days or weeks before the ceremony, said Rebecca Dolgin, executive editor of the wedding Web site, TheKnot.com. "It definitely is accepted."

An infected tooth led Maria and Mory Thlaw of Camp Hill, Pa., to the altar three months early. Mory, who did not have dental insurance, had an untreated cavity that was causing a fever.

"He was getting sick. It was awful," recalled Maria, 34, who wanted to get him on her insurance plan. "I said, 'I'm not letting you go

through this.'"

Their minister readily agreed to perform both weddings. "He told me this happens all the time," she said.

The Thlaws opted not to tell friends and family before their formal ceremony last August. But they will celebrate their anniversary in May, the day they became legal.

"It's not like the 85 wedding guests going to be at our anniversary dinner," Maria said.

Two weddings are the norm for Chinese Americans who want a traditional Chinese wedding, said Cathy Luo of Brooklyn, N.Y., who planned two ceremonies in 2007.

The U.S. government does not recognize the Chinese tea ceremony as a wedding, so couples also go through a civil ceremony.

Luo's marriage license says she married Gary Mah on Oct. 19, 2007, but the couple treats Dec. 8, the day of their tea ceremony, as their anniversary.

For Mary and Anthony Baszkowski, the decision to have two weddings was all about their anniversary date.

They wanted to marry on Oct. 18, the 10th anniversary of their first date, but the hall they wanted for the ceremony was booked that day.

"So they got married Oct. 18 in front of 50 people in Central Park, in New York City. Six days later, the couple, from Toms River, N.J., got married again, with 180 people in attendance."

"The first time, it was small and intimate," said Mary, 26. "For the second one, we wrote our own vows. It was perfect."

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The National League. The American League. The Hot Stove League?

Baseball's season of trades heating up

By Fred Bowen
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—There's a baseball league where no games are played. But every year this league helps determine who will be the World Series champion.

It's called the hot stove league. It's the time during the off-season when teams make trades and players sign with new teams.

How did the hot stove league get its name? Years ago folks heated their homes with big potbellied stoves and baseball was the most popular sport. Fans would gather around the warm stove during the cold months and talk baseball. Things are heating up. Let's talk about the big news from this year's hot stove league.

Mark Teixeira: The Los Angeles Angels first baseman is this winter's big prize. Several teams, including the Washington Nationals and the Baltimore Orioles, are trying to sign the free agent slugger.

Is Teixeira worth it? He is young (28 years old) and a consistent hitter who has averaged more than 30 home runs and 100 runs batted in (RBI) during his six-year career. So Teixeira would greatly improve any team, especially a team like the Nats, which lost 102 games last season.

But signing one player for lots of money is always a big gamble. Just ask the Washington Wizards. They signed Gilbert Arenas to a big contract. Arenas got hurt, and now the Wizards are one of the worst teams in pro basketball.

The Yankees: The Yanks are always big news in the hot stove league. This year they have signed frontline starting pitchers CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett.

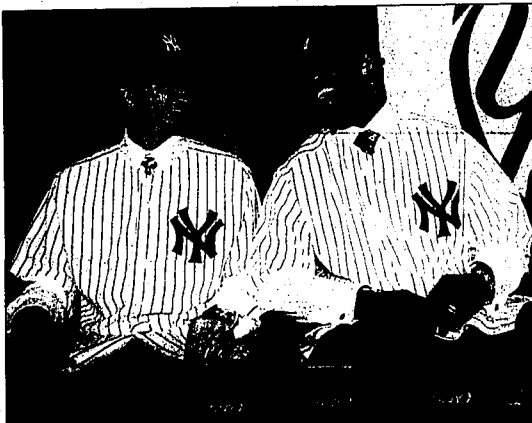
The risk in signing pitchers is that pitchers get hurt. At 6 feet 7 and almost 300 pounds, Sabathia looks indestructible. He has averaged more than 30 starts every year and has never been seriously hurt. Burnett, on the other hand, has had a history of arm problems. If they stay healthy, Sabathia and Burnett should help the Yanks get back in the playoffs.

K-Rod: The most important free agent signing so far this winter may be the New York Mets getting the Los Angeles Angels' ace reliever, Francisco "K-Rod" Rodriguez. The Mets bullpen was terrible last season, allowing opponents to come back and win 29 games. Rodriguez, who had a major league-leading 62 saves in 2008, should put an end to that nonsense.

Tampa Bay Rays: One team that is not trying to sign any expensive, big-name free agents during the hot stove league is last season's surprise American League champs. The Rays have been winning with a formula of finding good, young players and letting them play.

Maybe the best way for a team to play the hot stove league is not to play at all. You might get burned.

Fred Bowen writes sports novels for kids.



LEFT: New York Yankees pitchers A.J. Burnett, left, and CC Sabathia share a laugh after they were introduced to the media Dec. 18 at Yankee Stadium in New York.



BELOW: Francisco Rodriguez, the new pitcher for the New York Mets, is helped in getting on his Mets uniform by manager Jerry Manuel, as Jeff Wilpon, the Mets' chief operating officer, looks on at right, Dec. 17 in New York.



BELOW: In this Oct. 23 file photo, Philadelphia Phillies' Brad Lidge, left, and Carlos Ruiz react after their victory in Game 5 of the baseball World Series in Philadelphia. The Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 to win the series.

Talking with author Eoin Colfer

By Matt Cusano and Tara Franco
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We met with author Eoin Colfer while he was in Manhattan recently. His latest book is "Airman."

Question: We read on your Web site that you were a teacher first. Was it a difficult decision to leave teaching?

Answer: It was difficult because I really enjoyed teaching. It can be very good fun and it can also be very hard work. What had happened was I had written six books and they were published in Ireland.

But when I wrote the first *Arcanis Fowl* book, other countries wanted me to come and visit them, so I had to stop teaching. So I said I would stop for five years to see how it goes. I am still stopped!

Q: Did you think your first book was going to be a good one?

A: Well, I hoped it was. When you write your first book, you are just hoping it will get published. But you never know what is going to happen, whether it is going to be a big hit or a big flop.

Q: When you start a book do you have the whole story planned?

A: When I begin a book, I do a plan. Once I have the plan finished, then I start the book. But once I have started the book, I often go away from the plan. Having the

plan there is like a safety net. Some writers don't do any plans.

Q: Where did you get the idea for your book "Airman"?

A: "Airman" was a very personal book. The book is set very near where I lived in Ireland, near the Sallee Islands, which I could see from my parents' bedroom. They always looked mysterious because they were usually covered in a mist. I always thought this would be a great place for a pirate or adventure book. The characters in the story evolved over the years. I put a lot of my friends in that book as prison guards or corporals. I made some a bit more horrible than they really are and some a little less horrible.

Q: Out of all your books, who is your favorite character?

A: There is a book I wrote called "Half Moon," and the character of Fletcher Moon is one I really liked because he is a brainy guy but he is not a superhero. He is just a smart guy living in a small town.

He has no confidence around girls, a normal teenager, I really like him for that. I think anyone can identify with him.

Q: If you could have another job besides writing what would it be?

A: I think I would go back to being a teacher.

Jokes for kids

Newsday

Why is it dangerous to do math in the jungle?

Because if you add 4 plus 4, you get "ate."

What animal is best at hitting a baseball?

A bat!

Why don't traffic lights ever go swimming?

Because they take too long to change!

What did the skeleton say to the cook?

Can I have spare ribs?

Why didn't the chicken cross the road?

Because he was chicken.

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I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE IN THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM OR NOT...

ALL RIGHT, THEN, DON'T!

IF HE CAN'T MEMORIZE A SIMPLE LITTLE PIECE, WHY SHOULD I CARE? WHY SHOULD I ALWAYS HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM?!

HE'LL BE THE ONE WHO GETS IN TROUBLE, NOT ME! WHAT DO I CARE?

I'LL LEAVE WITHOUT HIM, THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO!

BOY, THE SIDEWALKS SURE ARE ICY TONIGHT...



BROTHERS ARE A REAL NUISANCE! HE COULD HAVE MEMORIZED THAT PIECE IF HE HAD WANTED TO!

I DON'T CARE IF HE STAYS HOME! I DON'T CARE IF...

"SO THE WORDS THROUGH JEREMIAH THE PROPHET WERE FULFILLED: 'A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMA, WAILING AND LOUD LAMENTATIONS; IT WAS RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN, AND REFUSING ALL CONSOLATION, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.' MATTHEW 2:17!!

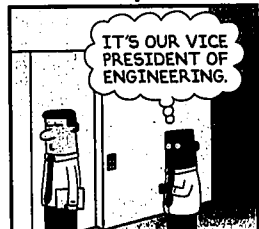
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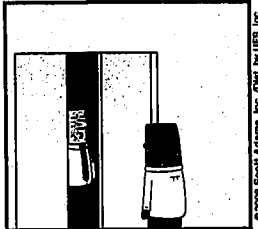
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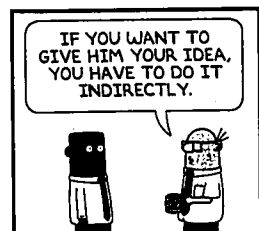
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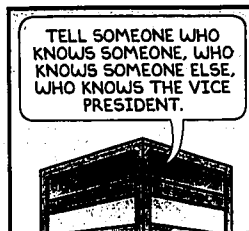
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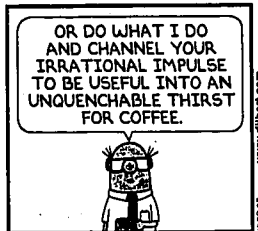
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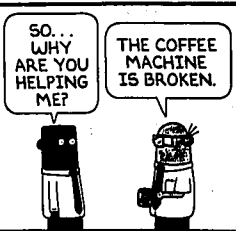
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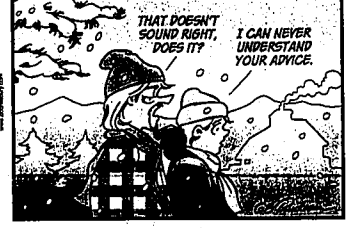
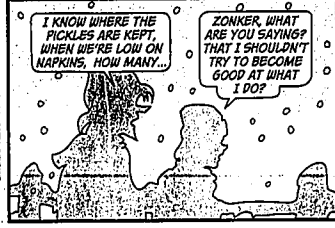
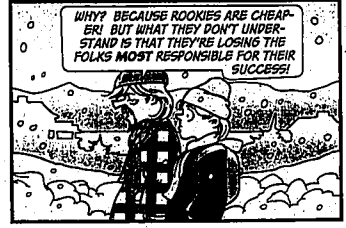
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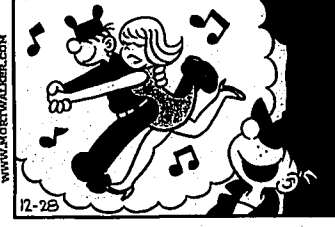
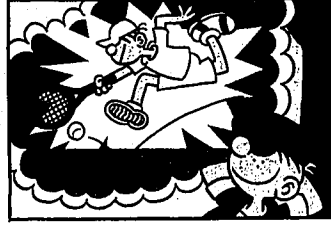
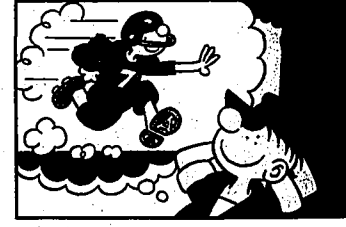
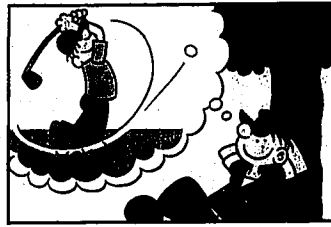
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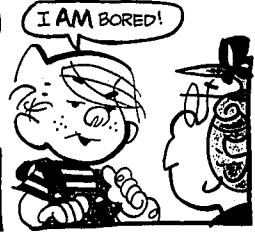
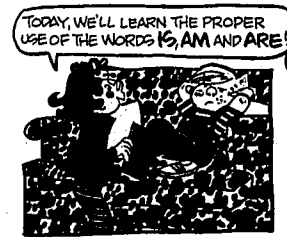
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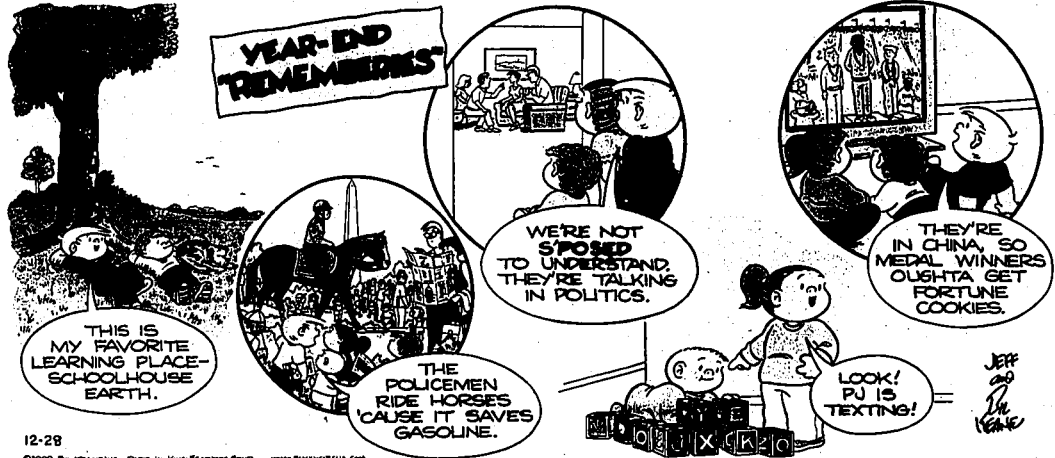
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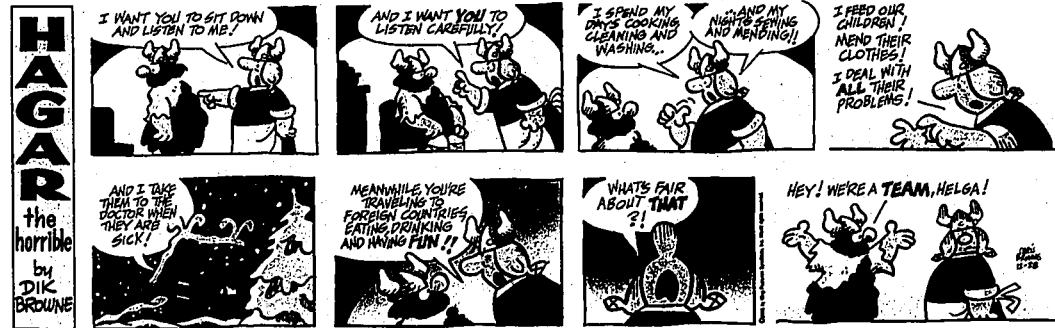


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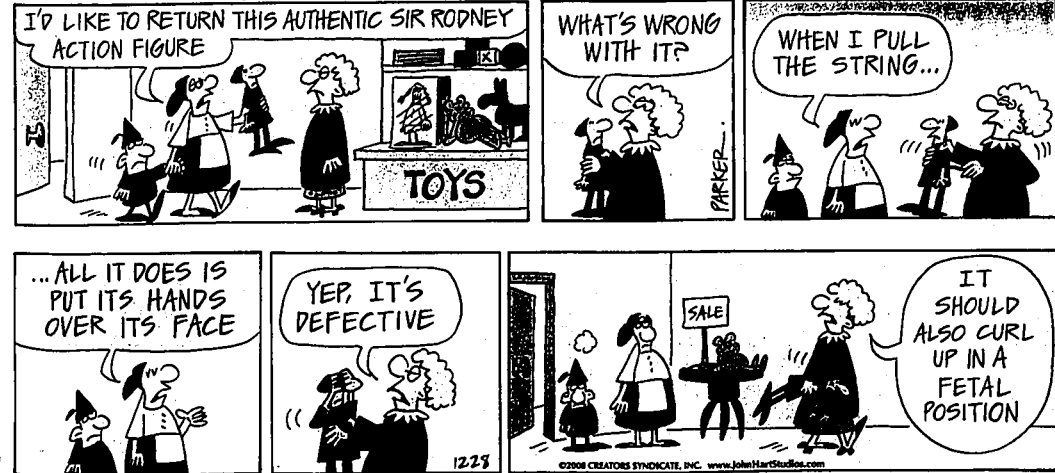
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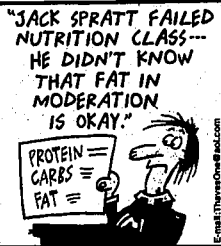
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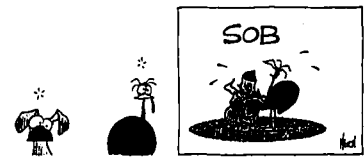


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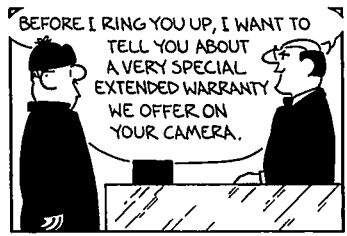
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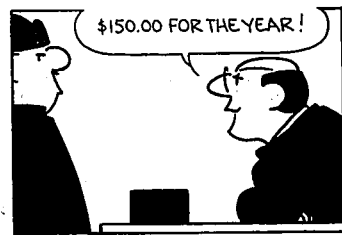
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HGTV aims for a new you in the New Year

On New Year's Day, it's traditional for many people to reflect on their lives and resolve how to make things better in the coming months. Most folks opt by losing weight or quitting cigarettes, while others may opt to improve their minds by learning a foreign language or strengthen their spirits by helping others less fortunate than they are.

And then there are the homeowners who look around their living spaces, heave a sigh and vow to improve their homes in 2009. Fortunately for them, HGTV has just the ticket, as the channel kicks off the New Year with a lineup of new series and specials on Thursday, Jan. 1.

Fans of HGTV's competitive reality series "Design Star" will be happy to see the season three winner back in her own special, "Paint-Over" with Jennifer Bertone, a woman which the vivacious blond host accosts unsuspecting homeowners in various locales to let her come home and repaint one of their rooms. The New

Cover story

Show time

What: "Dear Genevieve"
When: January 1
Channel: HGTV

Year's Day lineup also includes the launch of five new real estate series — "The Unsellables," "Desperate to Buy," "Income Property" and "The Property Shop" — as well as an hour-long prime-time special that kicks off IGTV's Dream Home 2009 Sweepstakes.

If there's an especially high-profile offering in this lineup, however, it's "Dear Genevieve," a new series in which popular former "Trading Spaces" designer Genevieve Gorder wades through e-mails from distressed homeowners before surprising one lucky couple or person each week with a personal visit and makeover of the problem space.

Gorder, who also appears during HGTV's annual telecast of the Rose



Genevieve Gorder hosts 'Dear Genevieve' Thursday on HGTV.

Parade 2009 earlier in the day, says she couldn't be more delighted with the timing for her new series launch.

"It's their highest-rated day, and everyone's at home, so it's a wonderful day to launch," she says, "especially since it will come off me commenting at the Rose Bowl Parade, so it will be a perfect segue. I am ecstatic. It's the perfect time, because everyone is wanting to make over something in their life. It's like spring cleaning, yet at

the start of a new year."

Gorder says she is all too familiar with unhappy people who have lived with a "broken room" for so long that they become paralyzed with fear at the prospect of trying to change it.

"That fear holds people back and keeps them living in rooms that make them frustrated and unhappy, even over small things, like a door that doesn't work in a room to clear so it keeps knocking into the table," Gorder says. "The first step is to figure out: 'What

function does this space provide for me? Does it just need to provide me refuge, or does it need to be a combination of things? What kind of mood does it need to provide for anyone who enters this space?'"

Once you decide that answer, she says, you're halfway home already. The other half of the equation involves aesthetic choices that will make your home beautiful and appealing, and above all, reflective of your tastes and personality.

"It shouldn't just look like something that came off a showroom," Gorder says firmly. "It also should look lived-in,

approachable and yours, all at the same time. Too much stuff looks cold and austere, and it could be so long that they become paralyzed with fear at the prospect of trying to change it."

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designer can give you that, but did you think of this, or this or this? I'll give you 10 extra things you couldn't have thought of on your own."

That's one of the reasons the big "reveal" at the end of each episode is such a surprise for her TV clients, although they've been with Gorder for half of the filming and think they know exactly what it's going to look like.

The scale and budget for the projects varies from episode to episode, depending on what the homeowners need done and how much they want to pony up for the project.

"What they're getting for free, obviously, is all of our services and getting a kitchen done over the course of a week and a half rather than the three or four months it would normally take to have contractors come in and do custom cabinetry," Gorder explains. "For example, one family invested about \$27,000 of their own money, and they probably got about a \$70,000 kitchen."

'Hills' spinoff takes Whitney Port to MTV's 'The City'

For Whitney Port, it's a long way from "The Hills" to "The City."

Like, an entire continent. Introduced to viewers as a co-worker and comforting shoulder for "Hills" heroine Lauren Conrad in Los Angeles — and, in side trips, also in New York and Paris — aspiring fashionista Port returns to the Big Apple for a longer stay in the same producers' latest unscripted series for MTV, premiering Monday, Dec. 28.

The fourth season of "The Hills" recently ended by setting up Port's move as she landed a job with famed designer Diane von Furstenberg, necessitating her cross-country leap. In establishing herself anew, she encounters people she met on previous visits (including a long-distance



Whitney Port stars in 'The City' Monday on MTV.

romantic interest, Jay) while also making new connections both personal and professional.

"It's been so surreal," Port says of getting her own show. "I never saw myself being in such a position, with all this

attention, but it's great for me. It's a great career opportunity, so I'm having fun with it."

The same night "The City" begins, MTV unveils another new vehicle for a "Hills" alum, Brody Jenner's "Bromance"

Show time

What: "The City"
When: Monday
Channel: MTV

(made by Ryan Seacrest's company).

"I didn't go into this looking for this kind of attention or wanting to be famous," Port maintains. "I got the job on 'The Hills' because I'd wanted an internship with Teen Vogue, then MTV approached me and said, 'We're doing a show with them. Would you mind making a casting tape?'"

"Initially, all I wanted was the fashion career, then it kind of progressed into this whole situation. It's been strange to adjust to this world I never saw myself in, but I just have to take it one step at a time."

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- TV 17 Children 17 and older
- TV All audiences
- TV-P Parental guidance suggested
- TV-14 Programs for children under 14
- TVMA Mature audiences only
- (CC) closed caption
- (I) in stereo
- (R) repeat
- G general audiences
- G parental guidance suggested
- QR Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian
- NC-17 No one 17 and under admitted

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MONDAY

5:00 a.m. (LEI) DIARY OF A MAD WOMAN *** (1988, Home Video) Vincent Price, Nancy Kovack.

5:25 a.m. (SHOW) COLOR OF JUSTICE (1991, Drama) Bruce Davison, F. Murray Abraham, TV-14.

5:30 a.m. (SHOW) GRENDELIMS *** (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galifianakis, Phillip Carlo.

6:00 a.m. (TMG) FOREBIDDEN WARRIOR *** (2004, Adventure) Marie Malou, Robert Patrick.

(SHOW) FIRE: NATURE UNLEASHED (2001, Suspense) Bryan Genesse, John Cohen.

(SHOW) SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY *** (1947, Comedy) Danny Kaye, John Hodiak.

6:05 a.m. (ONIE) THE HISTORY BOYS *** (2006, Comedy-Drama) Richard Griffiths, Frances de la Tour, "Onie" Tom Courneyl, Martin Short, Danny Glover. *

6:15 a.m. (SHOW) THE OTHERS *** (1998, Suspense) Michael J. Fox, Jeffrey Tambor.

6:45 a.m. (PLEO) REAR WINDOW *** (1988, Suspense) Christopher Reeve, Dorothy Handlin.

7:00 a.m. (SHOW) CALIFORNIA DREAMING (2007, Comedy-Drama) Doree Finkelz, Lisa Thornhill. *

(SHOW) THE LAST MINUTE *** (2007, Fantasy) Joey McIntyre, Timothy Hutton. *

7:25 a.m. (MIG) CANVAS *** (1990, Drama) Joe Pantoliano, Marcia Gay Harden. *

7:50 a.m. (THE) GREAT OUTDOORS *** (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, John Candy. *

8:00 a.m. (SHE) INTERSECTION *** (1994, Drama) Richard Gere, Sharon Stone. *

(SHOW) MALIBU PLACE UNLEASHED (2004, Action) Andrew Lee Adamson, Adam Carolla. *

(AMG) GREMLINS 2: THE NEW BATCH *** (1990, Suspense) Zach Galifianakis, Probie Cashe.

(TB) JUNGLE J JUNGLE *** (1987, Comedy) Tim Allen, Martin Short.

(SHOW) GUILD *** (1946, Drama) James Raynward, Glenn Ford.

8:10 a.m. (STAR) THE SANTA CLAUSE *** (2006, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Burt Lancaster, Dixie Carter.

8:20 a.m. (LEI) THE YOUNG SAVAGES *** (1961, Adventure) Burl Lancaster, Dixie Carter.

8:30 a.m. (SHOW) PUCCINI FOR BEGINNERS *** (1938, Romance-Comedy) Elizabeth Roemer, Justin Kirk. *

9:00 a.m. (DME) HEART CONDITION *** (1990, Suspense) Bob Hobsley, David Westhead.

9:15 a.m. (TMG) THE JAZZ SINGER *** (1980, Musical) Paul Diamond, Laurence Olivier.

9:30 a.m. (SHOW) PROBLEM CHILD *** (1991, Comedy) John Ritter, Michael O'Keefe.

9:45 a.m. (STAR) UNWANTED *** (2007, Fantasy) Amy

Playtime in movies

Adams, Patrick Dempsey, " (SHE) NOTES ON A SCANDAL *** (2008, Drama) Cate Blanchett, Judi Dench. *

10:00 a.m. (SHOW) MARINE LIFE *** (2000, Comedy-Drama) Joey Shephard, Peter Onorati.

(SHOW) EVERYONE'S HERO *** (2006, Adventure) Louis L'Amour, Woodrow Parfrey.

(SHOW) ROAD-NATURE UNLEASHED (2004, Suspense) Daniel Bernhardt, Robert Taylor.

(TMG) THE GORGEOUS HUSSY *** (1938, Historical Drama) John Crawford, Robert Taylor.

10:05 a.m. (LEI) THE ABBESS *** (1989, Science Fiction) Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. *

10:20 a.m. (AMG) THE KARATE KID, PART TWO *** (1986, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki Kilyama. *

11:00 a.m. (FO) FAT ALBERT *** (2004, Fantasy) Konan Tami, John Schneider. *

(AMG) THE SASQUATCH GANG (2007, Adventure) Robert Taylor, Justin Long.

11:10 a.m. (SHE) CATCH ME IF YOU CAN *** (2007, Comedy-Drama) Jennifer Garner, Timothy Olyphant. *

11:15 a.m. (SHE) DESPERADO *** (1995, Action) Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek. *

(SHOW) HOUSE *** (2005, Suspense) Elizabeth Rohm, Stacy Dash. *

11:20 a.m. (DME) ALICE IN WONDERLAND *** (1951, Fantasy) Voices of Kathryn Bell, Ed Wynn. *

11:35 a.m. (STAR) SPIDER-MAN 3 *** (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. *

11:45 a.m. (SHOW) CLOSE YOUR EYES *** (2003, Suspense) Goran Visnjic, Steve Buscemi. *

(TMG) THE PRESIDENT'S ANALYST *** (1967, Drama) James Coburn, Geoffrey Cambridge.

12:00 p.m. (SHE) UNLEASHED (2004, Suspense) Frant Mackinnon, Tom Wilkinson. *

(LEI) CAKE (2005, Romance-Comedy) Heather Graham, David S. Jordan.

12:30 p.m. (LEI) SEPARATED BY MURDER *** (1954, Drama) Glennie Livie, Steve Railsback. (TVPG) *

1:00 p.m. (SHE) DIARIES 2: ROYAL ENGAGEMENT *** (2005, Drama) Anne Hathaway, Julia Andrews. *

(SHOW) THE INVASION *** (2007, Science Fiction) Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig. *

(MIG) THE UNWANTED (2004, Suspense) Dennis Hopper, Gina Gershon. *

(SHE) NANCY DREW *** (2007, Mystery) Emma Stone, " (SHE) HANNIBAL *** (2007, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore. *

1:00 p.m. (SHE) STOMP THE YARD *** (2007, Drama) Columbus Short, Meagan Good. *

1:30 p.m. (SHOW) AMERICAN DRUG WAR: THE LAST WHITE HOPE (2007, Documentary) " (TMG) BOING, BOING *** (1965, Comedy) Tony Curtis, Jerry Lewis. *

1:55 p.m. (STAR) GRIDIRON GANG *** (2006, Drama) The Ronettes, Robert Taylor. *

2:00 p.m. (SCT) NATIONAL TREASURE *** (2004, Action) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. *

2:10 p.m. (LEI) CHARADE (1963, Mystery) Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn. *

2:45 p.m. (SHOW) NOUNS 'n' HOUSE *** (2000, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Cedric the Entertainer. *

2:50 p.m. (LEI) DOGGYDAYS *** (1998, Action) Bryan Brown, Glenn Close. (TV-14) *

3:00 p.m. (SHOW) ANYWHERE BUT IN THE HOUSE *** (2007, Comedy-Drama) Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman. *

3:15 p.m. (TMG) THE GUNS OF NAVARONE *** (1961, War) Gregory Peck, David Niven. *

(SHE) BACK TO THE FUTURE *** (1985, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. *

(SHOW) AMERICAN GUN *** (2006, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Forest Whitaker. *

4:00 p.m. (AMG) FARGO *** (2007, Suspense) Martin DonOVAN, Steve Buscemi. *

4:05 p.m. (LEI) THE SANTA CLAUSE *** (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen, Martin Short. *

(SHE) SHADOW AND FOG *** (1992, Comedy) Woody Allen, Val Pileggi. *

4:20 p.m. (SHE) MICHAEL CLAYTON *** (2007, Drama) George Clooney, Tom Wilkinson. *

(SHOW) CANVAS *** (2006, Drama) Joe Pantoliano, Marcia Gay Harden. *

5:00 p.m. (SHE) THE SILENT VOICES *** (2007, Comedy) Frances de la Tour, Antonio. *

(SHE) BANDITS *** (2001, Comedy) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton. *

5:15 p.m. (SHOW) BACK IN THE DAY (2004, Drama) Ja Rule, Vinnie Jones. *

5:20 p.m. (SHE) FREQUENCY *** (2000, Drama) Scott Bakula, Jim Caviezel. *

5:25 p.m. (LEI) THE LADY

VANISHES *** (1978, Mystery) Ernest Borgnine, Cyndi Sheppard.

5:40 p.m. (STAR) SUPERHERO BROTHERS *** (2008, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera. *

TUESDAY

5:00 a.m. (TMG) SWE GIRLS (2000, Horror) Ron Pearlman, Jennifer Miller. *

(SHE) THUNDERHEAD *** (1992, Mystery) Val Kilmer, Graham Greene.

(SHE) I WANT TO LIVE *** (1988, Drama) Lindsay Wagner, Martin Balsam. *

5:30 a.m. (SHE) AIRPLANE! *** (1980, Comedy) Robert Downey Jr., Julianne Moore. *

6:00 a.m. (SHE) STOMP THE YARD *** (2007, Drama) Columbus Short, Meagan Good. *

6:15 a.m. (STAR) ONE *** (2007, Action) Jiri T. Curtis Gustin. *

(SHOW) WRITER A GO-GO (1995, Musical) Comedy) James Stacy, William Shatner. *

6:25 a.m. (SHOW) CROSS CREEK *** (1983, Action) Jett Li, Betty Gurel. *

(SHOW) MARY STEUBENSPUN, Pip Tom. *

6:40 a.m. (TMG) GHOST IMAGE (2007, Suspense) Elizabeth Rohm, Stacy Dash. *

(LEI) TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD *** (1960, Drama) Gregory Peck, Phyllis Diller. *

7:00 a.m. (SHE) SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL *** (1987, Romance) Eric Slezak, Mary Stuart Masterson. *

7:10 a.m. (TMG) FIREHOUSE DOG *** (2007, Comedy) Josh Hutcherson, Bruce Greenwood. *

7:45 a.m. (STAR) 102 DALMATIANS *** (2000, Adventure) Glenn Close, Joan Gruffield. *

(SHE) RED CORNER *** (1957, Suspense) Richard Gere, Bill Linn. *

(TMG) FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE SILENT VOICES OF JULIA ROBERTS, DANIEL PATRIK KALAFORIS, AND... (1994, Comedy) James Dornan, Patricia Richardson. *

8:00 a.m. (SHE) JUMANJI *** (1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Kirsten Dunst. *

8:05 a.m. (SHE) HIGH SCHOOL HIGH *** (1996, Comedy) Glenn Livni, Tina Turner. *

8:20 a.m. (SHOW) THE WORLD'S BEST FRIEND *** (2005, Biography) Timothy Hopkins, Bruce Greenwood. *

8:30 a.m. (SHE) JUNPI (2007, Documentary) " (SHE) BROKE BRISTEN (1982, Action) John Travolta, Christopher Slater. *

9:00 a.m. (SHOW) WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S *** (1985, Fantasy) Jonathan Demme, Robert De Niro. *

9:05 a.m. (STAR) DADDY DAY CARE *** (2005, Comedy) Dudley Moore, Jaye Poppel, Bob Odenkirk, Adam Carolla. *

9:30 a.m. (STAR) ARE WE ONE YET? (2007, Comedy) Comedey Inc. Cuba, Nia Long. *

(TMG) IT'S A BIKINI WORLD *** (1967, Musical) Deborah Walley, Tommy Kirk. *

9:40 a.m. (SHE) REIGN OVER ME (2007, Drama) Adam Sandler, Don Cheadle. *

10:00 a.m. (SHOW) SLEEP EAST, THUNDER HITES *** (2000, Suspense) Steven Weber, Steve Kutz. (TVPG) *

(SHE) THE GOLDEN GIRLS *** (2007, Fantasy) Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest, Patricia Richardson. *

10:05 a.m. (SHOW) THE GOLDEN GIRLS (2007, Fantasy) Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest, Patricia Richardson. *

10:30 a.m. (SHE) JET LI'S FEARLESS *** (2006, Action) Jet Li, Betty Gurel. *

(TMG) HIGH SCHOOL HIGH *** (1996, Comedy) Jon Gruffield, Tina Turner. *

(AMG) THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER *** (1990, Suspense) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. *

10:35 a.m. (LEI) BOYS *** (1986, Action) Walter Ryer, Lukas Heas. *

11:00 a.m. (TMG) RIDE THE WILD SURF *** (1964, Drama) Fabian, Hal Hunter. *

(LEI) RADIO *** (2003, Drama) John Gooding, Jr., Ed Harris. *

(SHE) BANDITS *** (2001, Comedy) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton. *

11:05 a.m. (STAR) DAN IN REAL LIFE *** (2007, Romance-Comedy) Steve Conn, Juliette Binoche. *

11:45 a.m. (SHOW) CHARLOTTE'S WEB *** (2005, Children) Emily Blunt, Robert Duvall. *

11:50 a.m. (SHE) UNF*RT *** (1990, Suspense) John McConaughey, Bill Paxton. *

12:00 p.m. (TMG) MIGHTY APRILOVE *** (2005, Comedy) Woody Allen, Helena Bonham Carter. *

(SHE) STRIPES *** (2005, Comedy) Bruce Greenwood, Hayden Panettiere. *

(LEI) IT WAS ONE OF US (2007, Action) John Lone, Alex Donivan. (TV-14)

12:10 p.m. (LEI) DUFF (2007, Comedy) Robert Redford. *

12:15 p.m. (SHE) BRAZIL *** (1985, Fantasy) Jonathan Pryce, Robert De Niro. *

12:45 p.m. (STAR) DADDY DAY CARE *** (2005, Comedy) Dudley Moore, Jaye Poppel, Bob Odenkirk, Adam Carolla. *

1:00 p.m. (SHE) RETURN TO FANTASY (2007, Fantasy) Voices of Harriet Owen, Bayne Weaver. *

(SHE) THE HISTORY BOYS *** (1991, Action) Steven Seagal, William Forsythe. *

1:20 p.m. (SHE) THE HISTORY BOYS *** (1991, Comedy) John Leguizamo, Jeffrey Jones. *

1:35 p.m. (SHE) HISTORICAL DRAMA (2006, Historical Drama) James Franco, Martin Henderson. *

1:45 p.m. (SHE) DISTURBIA *** (2007, Suspense) Shia LaBeouf, David Morse. *

2:00 p.m. (SHE) SAMUEL L. JACKSON *** (2000, Comedy) Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson. *

2:15 p.m. (SHE) RESURRECTING THE CHAMP *** (2007, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Josh Huettner. *

2:30 p.m. (TMG) BEACH PARTY *** (1964, Musical) Frankie Avalon, Annette Funicello. *

2:45 p.m. (SHE) QUEEN OF THE DAMNED (2002, Horror) Stuart Townsend. *

3:00 p.m. (TMG) LEFT BEHIND *** (2006, Suspense) Robert De Niro, Bruce Campbell. *

(SHOW) CHUCK & KICK (2000, Comedy-Drama) Sam Killee, Chris Weitz. *

(SHE) MADAME SOUSATZKA *** (1968, Drama) Shirley Maizland, Helen Cowley. *

3:30 p.m. (AMG) RIDE WITH THE DEVIL *** (1999, Historical Drama) Stuart Townsend, Ulrich Tukur, Magda. *

4:00 p.m. (TMG) HOLE IN THE WALL *** (2006, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Jessica Biel. *

(SHE) CATCH AND RELEASE *** (2006, Comedy-Drama) Jennifer Garner, Timothy Olyphant. *

4:10 p.m. (STAR) P2 (2007, Suspense) Wes Bentley, Stacy Dash. *

4:15 p.m. (TMG) MUSCLE BEACH PARTY *** (1964, Musical) Frankie Avalon, Annette Funicello. *

4:30 p.m. (SHE) TURKISH *** (2007, Drama) Sam Daniel, Melissa George. *

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| 33 | 11:30 | KTWT CW | (11) The Top Leads Show | Reasons | Reverence | The Ellen DeGeneres Show | Judge Jesse Perez | The Jamie Foxx Show | The Wayne | Bill Standing | Bill Standing | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | 11:30 | 12:00 | 12:30 | 1:00 | 1:30 | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KSBW CW | (11) All My Favorites | One Life to Live | General Hospital | Paid Program | So a Millionaire | The Bonnie Hunt Show | Trivial Pursuit: America Plays | Trivial Pursuit: America Plays | News | World News | World News | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KIPT KIBU | Worldwide | Callan | Bonny & Clyde | It's a Big Big World | Zoboomafoe | Between the Lines | Revealed | Caroline George | WorldStar | Says & Hopes | Cyberchase | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KATF CW | (11) Judge Mathis | The People's Court | Judge Judge | Judge Joe Brown | Judge Joe Brown | Hall & Hall | My Wife and I | According to Jim | Frasier | Frasier | One on One | George Lopez | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KTFP CW | Live With Regis and Kelly | Days of our Lives | Days of our Lives | Family Feud | Judge Judy | The Doctors | The Doctors | Oprah Winfrey | News | ABC Nightline | ABC Nightline | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KTD CW | Model M | The Martha Stewart Show | Eye for an Eye | Eye for an Eye | The Tyra Banks Show | Hollywood | The Insider | Friends | Friends | Raymond | Raymond | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KTD CW | (11) Rachel Ray | So a Millionaire | The Bold and the Beautiful | Guiding Light | As the World Turns | Dr. Phil | Dr. Phil | TMZ | TMZ | Jeopardy! | Jeopardy! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KATY CW | The Bold and the Beautiful | Rachel Ray | Guiding Light | Guiding Light | As the World Turns | Dr. Phil | Dr. Phil | TMZ | TMZ | Jeopardy! | Jeopardy! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KXAB CW | News at 5:30 | Movie | Movie | Paid Program | Var. Programs | Planet X | Var. Programs | Paid Program | Mary Daly | Var. Programs | Paid Program | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs |
| 43 | 11:30 | KYTL CW | Popade | Cambio de Vida | Escandalo-en-Vida | Escandalo-en-Vida | Var. Programs | Actuar | Warrior | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | |
| 43 | 11:30 | KCTF CW | Urban Video | U-Report | Real Videos | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Movie Videos | Movie Videos | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs |
| 43 | 11:30 | KXLY CW | Urban Video | U-Report | Real Videos | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Movie Videos | Movie Videos | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs | Var. Programs |
| 43 | 11:30 | YELR CW | Var. Programs | Case Chocolate | Case Chocolate | Varied Programs | Case Chocolate | Case Chocolate | El Gordo y la Foca | AI Role Viro-Maria Celeste | Los Patafuegos | Hot-Tatamoni | 12 Corsarios | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | UNI CW | Karvid - Fin | Madachusetts Coms To | Madachusetts Coms To | Varied Programs | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | IGSPN2 | U.S. Senate | Madachusetts Coms To | Madachusetts Coms To | Varied Programs | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | El Gordo y la Foca | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | PNC CW | (11) The Live Desk | News | News | News | News | News | News | News | News | News | News | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | MRBC CW | MRBC News | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | MRBC News Live | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | CHBC CW | Power Lunch | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | Street Signs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | EBPN CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | EPN2 CW | First Take | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | FPT CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | AMC CW | (11:30) Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | TCM CW | (11:45) Movie | (12:45) Movie | (12:45) Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | DSC CW | Cash Cab | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | TLC CW | Varied Programs | Carla's Ovee! | Carla's Ovee! | The Crocodile Hunter | Growing Up... | The Most Extreme | Untamed and Uncut | Untamed and Uncut | Untamed and Uncut | Untamed and Uncut | Untamed and Uncut | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | ANAL CW | Animal Cops | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | TRAV CW | Travel | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | INCE CW | English | English | English | English | English | English | English | English | English | English | English | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | DSH CW | Shirley & Lola | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | Doodlebugs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | TOON CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | TYLAND CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | FAM CW | (11) The 700 Club | Glenns Girls | Varied Programs | Fall Hoese | Fall Hoese | Hogan Heroes | Hogan Heroes | Loose-Sevier | Loose-Sevier | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | Amy Griffith | |
| 43 | 11:30 | MGTV CW | Design-Desk | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | DESP CW | (11) Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | Desperado | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | LIFE CW | Life | Life | Life | Life | Life | Life | Life | Life | Life | Life | Life | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | FOOD CW | Var. Programs | Entertaining | Quick Meals | Home Cooking | Every-Italian | Minute Meals | StarCost | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | CAE CW | (11) Can Case | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | HST CW | (11) Modern Marvels | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | HSP CW | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Var. Programs | Celtic Maze | Charmd | Charmd | Charmd | Charmd | Charmd | Charmd | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | TNT CW | (11) Without a Trace | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | BPIKE CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | USA CW | Varied Programs | Just Shoot Me | Just Shoot Me | Yes, Dear | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | TBS CW | Home Improvement | Just Shoot Me | Just Shoot Me | Yes, Dear | The King of Queens | The King of Queens | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | FX CW | Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | BRAVO CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | SCI-FI CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | COM CW | (11) Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | ET CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | CH2 CW | (11:30) Can't Music! | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | VH1 CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | MTV CW | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | MTV CW | Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | MTV CW | (11:15) Movie | (12:15) Movie | (12:15) Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | SHOW CW | (11:45) Movie | Movie | Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | CTM CW | (11:15) Movie | Movie | Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | 11:30 | CTM CW | (11:30) Movie | Movie | Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 43 | 11:30 | CTM CW | (11:30) Movie | Movie | Movie | Varied Programs | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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More movies
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1:00 pm (LIVE) AMERICAN GANGSTER *** (2007, Crime Drama)
1:15 pm (LIVE) PLANET OF THE APES *** (1968, Science Fiction)
1:45 pm (LIVE) COYOTE

UGLY + (2006, Romance)
2:00 pm (LIVE) BRING IT ON ALL OUT NORTH *** (2006, Comedy)
2:10 pm (LIVE) IRISH JAM (2006, Comedy-Drama)
2:15 pm (LIVE) THE AWFUL TRUTH *** (1957, Comedy)
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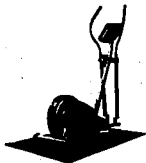
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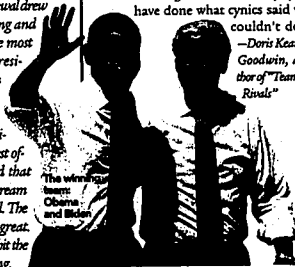
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2008 A WORLD OF CHANGE

An economic meltdown of global proportions and a war on two fronts made 2008 a difficult time for many. Yet it was also an uplifting year. A passion for change and renewal drew America's young and old to one of the most fascinating Presidential races in memory. The election of an African-American to the highest office reaffirmed that the American dream is alive and well. The work ahead is great. On Jan. 1, we hit the ground running.



The winning team: Obama and Biden

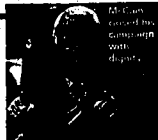
CAMPAIGN HIGHS & LOWS FROM PARADE'S POLITICAL EXPERTS

HIGH Obama's win in the Iowa caucuses. This early triumph showed that an overwhelmingly white state was ready to vote for an African-American for President. As Obama said in his victory speech, "At this defining moment in history—you have done what cynics said we couldn't do."
—Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of "Team of Rivals"

LOW People shouting, "Terriorist!" and "Kill him!" when Obama's name was mentioned at some John McCain-Sarah Palin rallies. While this was neither McCain's nor Palin's fault, it revealed the thin membrane separating civility from mob rule in politics today.—Jonathan Alter, NBC News analyst and author of "Between the Lines"

HIGH The third McCain-Obama debate. Both candidates went out of their way to speak respectfully about the other. That's what politics should be.—Bill O'Reilly, Fox News Channel anchor and author of "A Bold, Fresh Piece of Humanity"

HIGH Some 3.2 million Americans gave to Obama's campaign, with an average donation of less than \$90. Whatever one thinks about Obama, that's a good thing for democracy.—Jonathan Alter



At the heart of the campaign with dispatch

HIGH Obama's speech on race. He gave a candid, calming explanation of his relationship with Rev. Wright, embedding it in a larger discussion about racial anxiety in America. His speech reassured supporters and quieted critics.—George Stephanopoulos, ABC News chief Washington correspondent

LOW McCain repeated his boilerplate talking points—"The fundamentals of the economy are strong"—after financial markets collapsed on Sept. 15. He appeared out of touch, and a tied race became a rout.—George Stephanopoulos

HIGH McCain's concession speech. With his gracious words and sincere pledge to work with his opponent, he reminded Americans why we all admire him so much.—Leticia H. Gels, president emerita of the Council on Foreign Relations

ECONOMIC CRISIS HITS

The overheated economy spiraled downward, leaving devastation on Wall Street and Main Street. In the first three months of 2008, housing prices fell by 6.7%, and foreclosure filings increased by 23%. The subprime crisis exposed a financial house of cards built on too much borrowing and too little regulation. When the government allowed Lehman Brothers to fail in mid-September, it precipitated an international financial crisis that bailouts of AIG and several banks later that month couldn't stem.

The crisis proved how interlocked the world's economies now are. Credit froze, as lending institutions lost trust in each other. After 11 consecutive months of job losses, the unemployment rate rose to 6.7% in November, a 15-year high. While many people may not have understood the intricacies of the economic disaster, most felt the chill of disappearing retirement funds and the anxiety over jobs in jeopardy.

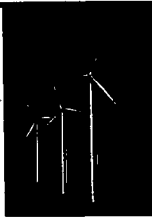


Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson tinkered with relief plans. By early this month, banks—which had received \$300 billion of the \$700 billion bailout package passed by Congress—still weren't lending. But everyone was lining up for a handout. American automakers, facing bankruptcy, made their case for cash before a Senate panel.

A national belt-tightening began. The words "frugal" and "thrifty" came back in style. Bargains were everywhere, yet November retail sales were the weakest in 35 years. Some estimated that spending could drop by at least \$450 billion, and the market continued to swing wildly—falling more than 4500 points during the year.

GREEN GOES MAINSTREAM

The clean-energy movement gained momentum in ways big and small. Consumers turned to reusable shopping bags, and automakers sold about 340,000 hybrid cars (led by Toyota's Prius). Solar power grew by at least 30% in 2008. Wind energy had a banner year as well. New projects that began in Texas, Utah, and elsewhere will create 9000 new jobs. Green industries now generate up to 8.5 million jobs in the U.S., and President-elect Obama has promised an ambitious program to develop an additional 5 million jobs in renewable energy. The Green Jobs Act of 2007, expected to be funded next year, will authorize \$125 million to train new workers in needed skills.



TERROR IN MUMBAI

Terrorists killed more than 160 people over a three-day period at multiple locations in the vibrant Indian city, including two luxury hotels and a Jewish center. The discovery that killers were linked to the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba escalated tensions between India and Pakistan.



NEWSMAKERS HOW THEY CHANGED THE YEAR



SARAH PALIN (COVER) Whether she was the best or the worst of the year is a matter of opinion. A few years ago, Governor Palin was mayor of tiny Wasilla, Alaska (pop. 7028). Her selection as John McCain's Vice Presidential running mate appalled some and energized others. With her eye on 2012, Palin could become the future of the Republican Party—or just a blip on the national memory.

HILARY RODHAM CLINTON Winning 18 million votes in Democratic primaries, Clinton came closer than any other woman to securing her party's nomination. Her smarts and toughness won over former rival Barack Obama, who offered her the job of Secretary of State.



WARREN BUFFETT As financial headlines go, carter, the world's richest man became the voice of reason for Main Street. Insisting that he would continue to invest in American stocks, Buffett set a confident note. Meanwhile, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, long a hero on Wall Street, said of his 18 years of preaching deregulation: "I made a mistake."

TURNING POINTS ON TWO BATTLEFRONTS

As the war in Iraq moved into its sixth year and the number of U.S. dead surpassed 4000, security in Baghdad finally improved. Violence dropped by as much as 80%. Military analysts credited the "surge" of 30,000 fresh U.S. troops that began in 2007 and the emergence of the Sons of Iraq—a group of about 90,000 Iraqis, many of them former insurgents paid by the U.S. to help protect neighborhoods and provide intelligence.

Meanwhile, the situation in Afghanistan deteriorated with a sharp increase in violence along the country's eastern border with Pakistan. There were more than 140 American deaths in 2008, the highest number of annual deaths since the 2001 invasion. Looking ahead, President-elect Obama has said he will focus more American resources in Afghanistan.

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KENNEDY ENDURES



Ted Kennedy, a veteran of 46 years in the U.S. Senate, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in May. Following surgery, he walked onto the stage at the Democratic Convention, where he gave a stirring endorsement of candidate Barack Obama that left Democratic Party loyalists in tears. In November, Kennedy returned to the Senate, ready to work on universal health care.

RUSSIA VS. GEORGIA

War broke out between Russia and Georgia in August, but who started it was less clear. Georgia, supported by the U.S. in its bid to join NATO, directed an artillery barrage on the disputed area of South Ossetia accusing Russia of a massive troop buildup there. Russia, in turn, accused Georgia of provoking the attack through its brutal treatment of pro-Russian civilians in the area. The U.S. and European Union condemned Russia's actions.

AN OLYMPICS TO REMEMBER

China hosted an impressive Olympics, estimated to have cost \$43 billion. The U.S. team took the most medals, 110 in all, though China led in gold. Swimmer Michael Phelps won a record-breaking eight gold medals, and his nail-biting performances helped attract 214 million American TV viewers, the largest number ever. China's gymnasts sparked controversy, when charg-

Phelps wins men's 100-meter butterfly by .01 seconds



es were made that some of the young athletes were under age. Meanwhile, American gymnast Nastia Liukin won the gold in the women's all-around event.

\$4 GASOLINE

Gasoline prices rose steeply during the first half of the year, forcing Americans to use their automobiles less. Prices hit a peak in July, averaging \$4.11 a gallon nationally, then began to drop again. By late fall, the cost of gasoline had slipped below \$2 for the first time since 2005. By then, many commuters said they'd continue conserving gas to help pay off their debts.

GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS ARRESTED

Charges that Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich had tried to sell President-elect Obama's now-vacant Senate seat to the highest bidder disgusted even those familiar with the state's history of political corruption. The Illinois governor, 52, whose administration had been under investigation, was arrested this month for conspiracy and soliciting bribes. Much of the brazen scheming was captured in profanity-laced FBI wiretaps.

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THE QUIRKIEST STORIES OF THE YEAR

Not all the news in 2008 was serious. Here are some of the wackier stories from all over the country that got us smiling.

UP, UP, AND AWAY!

Riding a green lawn chair supported by more than 150 helium-filled party balloons, Kent Couch flew from central Oregon to Idaho last July. Couch kissed his wife and kids goodbye, parted their Chihuahua, and rose out of the parking lot of his gas station into the morning sky. He was cheered by spectators. "If I had the time, I'd do this every weekend," Couch said of his 230-mile, 9-hour trip. "He's crazy," said his wife, Susan. "It's never been a dull moment since I married him."



12,774 MILES TO DINNER

Researchers have reported that a female leatherback turtle swam at least 12,774 miles from the nesting beaches of Indonesia all the way to the Oregon coast and then back out into the Pacific, setting a record for sea turtles. She probably swam back to Indonesia, but her tracking device failed before she got there. What's so special about Oregon that she'd go that far? Food, of course. Jellyfish.



HOLD THE MILK

An Austin, Tex., man paid \$1350 for a cornflake on eBay—but not just any cornflake. This one is shaped like Illinois, home of the new President-elect. "I'm starting a collection of Americana items," said Monty Kerr, who wants to add it to a traveling museum. "This one is fantastic." Kerr said he would send someone to pick up the flake by hand, so it won't be damaged.

BUFFY THE P.H.D.

Aristotle. Nietzsche. Buffy? The heroine of the campy TV series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* was the focus of an academic conference at Arkansas' Henderson State University. Since it ended, the series, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, has spawned enough books to fill 15 feet of bookshelves at the college, said Kevin Durand, a professor of philosophy. "Buffy never really leaves you with nice, pat answers," he said. "You have even more questions than when you started." Think you know Buffy? Test your knowledge at Parade.com/buffy

THIEVES GET THE BOOT

Tired of losing about \$1000 a month to thieves, Durango, Colo., liquor-store owner Gabe Fidanque told the shoplifters he'd caught that they had two choices: Give him one of their shoes, or he'd call the cops. The problem: The police ordered Fidanque to return the shoes or face charges himself. Now he just has to find the owners.



FRANKLIN, ROSS PURSUE HAPPINESS

Ben Franklin impersonator Ralph Archibold, 66, met Linda Wilde, 50, last fall when she asked him to do a toast at a friend's wedding. Linda is a Betsy Ross impersonator. After a bit of Colonial courtship, they fell in love and tied the knot, with Philadelphia Mayor Nutter presiding. A Thomas Jefferson impersonator was best man. "He stole my heart," said Linda about her new husband. Ralph replied: "You're beautiful no matter what. I love the real you."



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SPOOKY TOWN

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PONY EXPRESS LANE

When U.S. gas prices soared to an all-time high, the staff at Dr. Keith Leonard's Arlington, Wash., dental office figured it was time to pony up. Since more than half of the dental assistants and office staff own horses, the crew saddled up and rode in to work. "We decided that when gas got to \$4 a gallon, we would all ride in," Dr. Leonard said. City officials in Arlington granted them a special permit to ride in a group. "We can't dictate how much oil companies charge, but today we're not buying," Leonard said. "We're using one-horse power."

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DOG'S BEST FRIEND



Greg LeNoir was operating on pure instinct when he dove into the water off a pier in Islamorada, Fla., to attack the shark that had snatched his rat terrier, Jake. LeNoir said he punched the 5-foot shark as hard as he could to get the animal to loosen its grip on the pup. Fortunately for Jake, Greg's bare-knuckled pounding worked, and the shark released the dog. Jake suffered numerous puncture wounds, but his medical prognosis is good.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

A Wisconsin man's trusty Chevy pickup has now been on the road for 1 million miles. "It's exhilarating," said owner Frank Oresnik, who calls his truck "the old girl." "This engine is a real marvel." Oresnik bought the 1991 truck in 1996 and has used it for his job distributing seafood and steaks in the upper Midwest. He credits oil changes and regular maintenance with helping to keep the truck going so long. He's had the oil changed more than 300 times.



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DEALER AIMS TO SELL CARS

With car sales struggling, salesmen at one Missouri car dealership are trying something new. Buyers at Max Motors in Butler get a \$250 coupon good for either a handgun purchase or gasoline. General manager Walter Moore said that most buyers choose the gun, adding that he suggests they opt for a semiautomatic model "because it holds more rounds." Moore said his sale might draw protests in some places—but not in Butler. "Down here, we all believe in God, guns, and guns," he said.

A SERIOUS BIG MAC ATTACK

A Wisconsin man said he has now eaten more than 23,000 Big Macs. Don Gorske of Fond du Lac said that his culinary obsession began May 17, 1972. "I enjoy them every day," he added. "I need two to fill me up." Gorske has kept every burger receipt in a box. He used to order fries as well but cut back on them in the '90s. "Sometimes people call me a freak, but it doesn't bother me," he said. "I just say to respect people as they are."



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BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR

SPACE CLUB EXPANDS

India and China, two ascending global powers, affirmed their prowess with major achievements in space. India launched its first unmanned lunar spacecraft in October, placing a probe on the moon. China conducted its first space walk in September. Earlier in 2008, the U.S.'s Phoenix probe found evidence of water on the surface of Mars. The year ended with the publication of the first images ever taken of planets orbiting stars beyond our solar system.

India's Chandrayaan-1 ("moon craft" in ancient Sanskrit) takes off



NET GAIN AGAINST MALARIA

The World Health Organization reported that widespread distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, along with a new drug, had sharply decreased deaths from malaria in Rwanda and Ethiopia. Also, in December, researchers called a new vaccine for infants and toddlers "a major milestone." Experts hope the new treatments will eradicate malaria, which kills an estimated one million children a year worldwide.

NEW TREATMENTS CAN SAVE 1 MILLION CHILDREN

A FIRST IN CANCER RESEARCH

For the first time, scientists mapped all the genes of a person with cancer. Both cancerous and normal cells were donated by a woman who later died of acute myeloid leukemia. Study of the cells already has helped scientists track mutations and may lead to better treatments for leukemia.

FOOD SAFETY ON THE MENU

- California became the first state to prohibit the use of trans fats in products sold by restaurants and bakeries.
- The Food and Drug Administration approved the radiation of fresh lettuce and spinach to kill bacteria and extend shelf life.
- The FDA said bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical found in baby bottles and other plastics, does not pose a health risk, but its own advisory board wasn't sure.



GAMES GO HIGH-TECH

- Ninety-four percent of the swimmers who won gold medals in Beijing wore the same Space Age swimsuit: the LZR Racer, which was co-designed by NASA experts and features "ultrasonically bonded" seams that help reduce drag by 25 percent.
- In Major League Baseball, the new instant-replay system allows teams to contest controversial home-run calls for the first time. Using ballpark monitors, umpires now can review a homer from many different angles.

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Disputes That Threaten Our Security

Last month's attacks in Mumbai have been linked to the feud between India and Pakistan over the Himalayan region of Kashmir—just one of many disputed lands that threaten global stability. Regions without stable governments can be breeding grounds for terrorism, and when conflict erupts, U.S. forces often are called upon to restore the peace. Here are four of the most historically contested regions and their prospects.

| CONFLICT | U.S. POSITION | CHANCES OF RESOLUTION |
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| <p>India and Pakistan have fought over Kashmir since 1947. The two countries' forces regularly exchange fire over the line of control that divides the region.</p> | <p>Neutral. A U.N. peacekeeping force has been in place since 1949.</p> | <p>Poor. Kashmir is so critical to identity and security for both countries that neither will give it up easily.</p> |
| <p>Israel won the Golan Heights from Syria 40 years ago in the Six Days War. Both countries want Golan because of its strategic importance for security.</p> | <p>The U.S. has tried to broker a settlement between the two nations. Leaders met unsuccessfully in 2007.</p> | <p>Moderate. Israel says it will not cede its claim unless Syria stops sponsoring terrorism and guarantees security along the Syrian-Israeli border.</p> |
| <p>Ethnic Kurds want to secede from Turkey. Long persecuted under Saddam Hussein, neighboring Iraqi Kurds now have a semi-autonomous government within Iraq. Turkey refuses to make any such concessions.</p> | <p>The U.S. supports some autonomy for Iraqi Kurds but does not want to divide Iraq or strain relations with Turkey.</p> | <p>Mixed. Iraqi Kurdistan is relatively stable, but tension remains high along the border between Turkey and Iraq.</p> |
| <p>China has occupied Tibet since 1950 and claims it as a province. Violence erupted again this spring when Tibetan monks demonstrated for autonomy and Chinese troops forcibly subdued them.</p> | <p>The U.S. has condemned China's abuses but has not offered outright support for an independent Tibet.</p> | <p>Unlikely in the near future... Talks continue between the Dalai Lama—Tibet's leader in exile—and the Chinese government.</p> |

NEWSMAKERS

Supporting Our Troops



A 1975 West Point graduate, Sloan Gibson is CEO of the nonprofit United Service Organizations (USO), which supports U.S. troops abroad.

How has the USO changed to meet the needs of soldiers in the current wars?

Today, many troops are stationed in small, isolated units, so we've had to find ways to reach them. We came up with a portable entertainment center about the size of a picnic cooler. It holds electronic gaming systems, movies, DVD players, and sports equipment, and we can drop it in via helicopter.

What help do you have for the family members of troops stationed overseas?

We know that it's important for troops to stay as close to their families as possible, so we've expanded Internet capacity on bases and brought in WiFi. We've also started a program where we videotape moms or dads reading a story to their child. Then we send the book and DVD to the soldier's family. We hear that kids sometimes watch these DVDs six times a day for months on end.

The USO is known for bringing entertainers to perform at bases. Given the security risks, can you still do that?

Yes. Repeat performers—like Toby Keith, Robin Williams, Gary Sinise, and Kid Rock—have been going into remote parts of Iraq and Afghanistan by helicopter. Because there are weight restrictions on choppers, we can only fly Toby in with a few musicians and acoustic guitars—not the equipment for a real stage show. But it still means so much to the troops.

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EDUCATION

Should College Wait?

Along with home values and IRAs, the recession has scuttled college funds. About one in six high school seniors is planning to postpone college because of financial problems, according to a recent study. Some students are going ahead with higher education but reducing the financial burden by choosing community colleges or taking fewer classes so they can work part-time jobs. Others are joining the military to earn the tuition credit provided by the GI bill. Schools are struggling to respond. "I'm shocked at how fast some schools are being forced to cut costs," says Andrew Gillen, research director at the Center for College Affordability and Productivity. "A silver lining is that it might ultimately make college more affordable."



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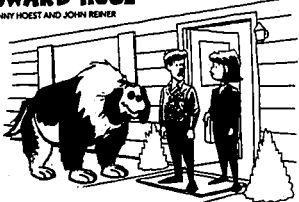
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Two main reasons: 1) Many people do not want to—or cannot—be hypnotized; and 2) most studies of hypnosis and weight loss have found only modest, temporary results.

Yet hypnosis is a real phenomenon with many useful applications, such as managing chronic pain and dealing with the common fear of dental procedures or other phobias.

If you wish to try it, seek out a licensed hypnotherapist. Ask your physician for a recommendation. But don't expect a one-session boost for your willpower. To get results, you'll need to spend time and money.

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Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with purchase of real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that help slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of winter rush forces household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 8¢ electric an hour, so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, the popular HEAT SURGE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today with purchase of mantle.

The only thing readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline with their purchase of the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happening to offer the HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn down your thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

Just in time for winter weather, portable Amish encased fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These remarkable fireplaces are being called a miracle because they have what's being called the "Fireless Flame" patented technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The Fireless Flame looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away for free. Now that it's really cold outside, everyone's trying to get them. Amish



■ **GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA:** Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just \$298 because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-800-239-3675 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time to save a lot of



■ **JUST ANNOUNCED:** The Heat Surge miracle fireplace has earned the prestigious Good Housekeeping Seal. The product has earned the Seal after evaluation by the Good Housekeeping Research Institute.

money," confirms Timothy Milton, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Joette Holland, Home Makeover Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully

hand-rubbed, stained and varnished. You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for just \$298 since the entire cost of the miracle heater is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm through the dead of winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zone heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 8 cents of electric an hour on the

HEAT SURGE® Fireless Flame

How It Works: The HEAT SURGE miracle heater is a work of engineering genius from the China coast so advanced, you simply plug it into any standard wall outlet. It uses only about 8¢ of electric an hour on the standard setting. Yet, it produces up to an amazing 5,119 BTU's on the high setting. An on board Powerful hi-tech heat turbine silently forces hot air out into the room so you feel the bone soothing heat instantly. It even has certification of Underwriters Laboratories coveted UL listing. It also comes with a limited full year replacement or money back warranty plus a 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee.



Hot air comes out



Hi-tech silent heat turbine takes in cold air

standard setting, the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we are turning away all dealers in order to let readers have two per household just as long

as they call before the deadline," confirms Milton.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on your monthly

How to get free heaters

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 48-hour order deadline to cover the cost of the Amish made Fireplace Mantle and shipping get the HEAT SURGE miracle heater free.

A strict limit of 2 per household has been imposed. Since some home woodworkers want to build their

own mantle piece, they are letting people get the imported miracle heater alone for just \$249. Or, with the Amish made mantle you get the miracle heater free.

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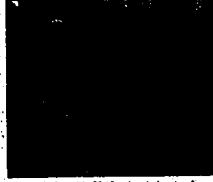
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■ **SAFER:** The Fireless Flame looks so real it fools everybody but there is no real fire. That makes the flame safe to the touch yet children should always be supervised. It's where the kids will play and the cat and dog will sleep.



■ **FREE:** Get this \$249 miracle heater free. It is being given away free to all who beat the 48-hour order deadline for your choice of the oak or cherry finish Amish Mantles. The free heater comes already encased.

InStepWith® Lisa Kudrow by James Brady

WHEN THE MEGAHIT TV series *Friends* ended in 2004, cast members "would still get together for an annual dinner from time to time," Emmy Award-winning actress Lisa Kudrow told me. "But someone was always on location and couldn't be there." That often included Lisa, who went right back to work, doing TV and

making movies. She's been as busy and happy as ever.

Lisa has a new film out next month, *Hotel for Dogs*, starring alongside gorgeous young Emma Roberts, Don Cheadle, and Matt Dillon's brother Kevin. Lisa described it as "a

When we spoke, Lisa was in New York promoting *Hotel* but also working on two independent flicks. One is called *Paper Man* and is being shot in the Hamptons on Long Island. The second—*Love and Other Impossible Pursuits*—co-stars Natalie Portman. Lisa also has an intriguing new deal with NBC to participate in a show called *Who Do You Think You Are?*

"It's a historical documentary about how

film for kids that we played for laughs.

"I play the mom," she told me. "The kids are trying to protect their own dog and then, by extension, they try to save some other dogs, taking over a vacant building to house them."

Is Lisa an animal person? "I grew up around dogs," she said. "I think our dogs at home like me best."

Lisa's husband, Michel, is a French businessman whose family lives in the South of France. "It's beautiful and right across the bay from Saint-Tropez," she said. "We go there every summer on a real vacation." Michel and Lisa have a son, Julian, who at 10 is already looking beyond college to a graduate degree in business. "Julian says he wants to own a mall," Lisa told me with pride and obvious awe.

history shapes your family tree," she said. "They chose six people, all celebrities. I'm the least-impressive of them, but I am not allowed to tell you who the others are. They trace back our family trees and film us against those actual backgrounds. So they took me back to Belarus to

find a cousin who survived the Holocaust but is dead now."

Her husband and son didn't go along. "It was all work," she said. "Pretty hectic, and not a vacation."

Fast Facts
Born July 30, 1963, in Encino, Calif.
Married to Michel Stern since 1995; one son, Julian, 10.

Why You Know Her

She played the kooky songwriter Phoebe on the long-running sitcom *Friends*.

What You Don't Know

Her last name means "curly hair" in Belarusian.

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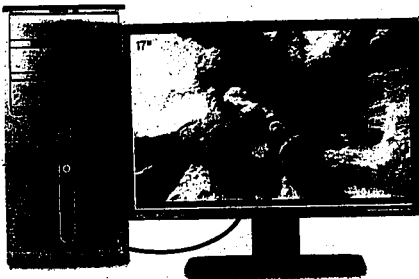
Despite a more-than-respectable Hollywood movie résumé (she shared the screen with Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal in one comedy and worked with Meg Ryan, John Travolta, Val Kilmer, and Diane Keaton in other movies), Lisa Kudrow doesn't rule out talking on another television series.

"I got a lot of scripts," she said. "They send me pilots, and I always look at them." As a college student, did she ever consider any different career tracks? "Yes," Lisa told me. "I thought about going to work for my father [a physician]. I thought about getting into evolutionary biology. There were many options. I was a bit overwhelmed in my head."



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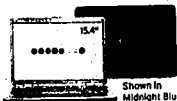
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