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## Trek to tragedy



Robert E. Aragon, 55, appeared in court Monday on charges of felony injury to a child and second-degree murder. He was charged after his 11-year-old daughter, Sage Aragon, died after trying to walk nearly 10 miles in a snowstorm on Christmas Day.

## Aragon appears in court after daughter's hypothermic death

**By Andrea Jackson**  
Times-News writer

A father charged with the hypothermic death of his daughter cried and banged his head against a table Monday in a Shoshone court room after a judge read out each charge against him.

Robert E. Aragon, 55, is accused of felony injury to a child and second-degree murder, after two of his children tried to walk nearly 10 miles after a judge read out each charge against him.

Aragon's family says he's a

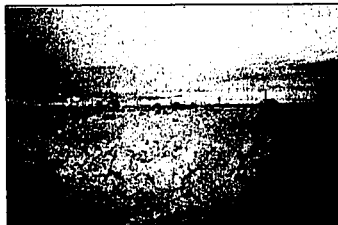
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**WATCH:** Robert Aragon's first appearance in court on charges connected to the hypothermic death of his daughter.

loving father who shouldn't be in jail for the tragedy.

Authorities from Lincoln and Blaine counties, however, say Aragon's daughter is dead because of his actions.

On Monday, the grieving father also lamented his legal woes.



Blaine and Lincoln county sheriff's office authorities say Robert Aragon allowed his two children to attempt to walk nearly 10 miles alone from this area of West Magic Road, where his car was caught in a snow drift, less than a mile from Idaho Highway 75.

As 5th District Court Magistrate Mark A. Ingram told Aragon he faces 10 years to life in prison for second-degree murder, he wept, rocked back and forth and quietly muttered, "Oh my god." Then he hit his forehead on the table in front of him.

Deputies from Lincoln County say Aragon let his kids walk after he got his car stuck in a snow drift on West Magic Road at about 9 a.m. — about 10 miles east of the Blaine County line.

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## Highway districts seek \$600K from Twin Falls, Jerome

**By Jared S. Hopkins**  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Highway District on Monday sued Twin Falls County and city, alleging that the city owes it more than \$350,000, and the Jerome Highway District is expected to file papers today to recoup about \$245,000 from the city and county of Jerome.

Due to an error in distribution of property tax revenues that went unnoticed for years, the city of Twin Falls received more than \$350,000 that should have gone to the highway district, according to the complaint the highway district filed Monday in 5th District Court.

In a related lawsuit, the Jerome Highway District is likely to seek \$245,000. While the city's urban renewal agency has existed only since 1998, there has been significant growth in the area, said Jerome Highway District Supervisor Leroy Lewis.

The problem stems from distribution of property tax revenue collected in urban renewal areas. By law, area urban renewal agencies keep a portion of the money with the remainder split between cities and highway districts according to a formula set by the state and overseen by the county.

But a glitch in the state tax

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## Hamas hits Israel with dozens of rockets

**By Ibrahim Barakat and Jason Meyer**  
Associated Press writers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian militants sent a deadly barrage of missiles flying deep into Israel on Monday, demonstrating that Hamas still had firepower three days into Israel's punishing air offensive in Gaza.

Three Israelis were killed and two seriously wounded. Palestinian health officials put the three-day death toll in Gaza at 364; the U.N. said the total included at least 62 civilians.

In Monday's attacks, Israel focused its bombing on the houses of Hamas field operatives in a campaign meant to tear at the

roots of the extremist group ruling Gaza. Israel's defense minister promised a "win to the bitter end against Hamas" and allied militants.

Intensified rocket strikes by Gaza militants, which triggered the Israeli offensive, have revealed the expanding range of missiles that are making larger cities farther inside Israel vulnerable.

In a barrage Monday night, a missile crashed into a bus stop in Ashdod, 23 miles from the Gaza Strip. A woman died and two others were wounded, one seriously — the first casualties in the city of 190,000 residents.

Another Israeli was killed

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Palestinians carry a wounded man after an Israeli missile strike hit the home of a Hamas member in Beit Lahya, in the northern Gaza Strip, Monday.

## Idaho renews contract with tutoring company

**By Jessica L. Bonner**  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The state Department of Education has renewed a one-year contract with PLATO Learning Inc., after the Minnesota company brought its computer-based public school tutoring programs in line with Idaho's math, reading and language requirements.

The state has paid PLATO more than \$5 million during the past four years for the programs in elementary, middle and high schools. Last year, public schools chief Tom Luna found fewer than one-third of the programs met statewide standards.

The Bloomington, Minn.-based company was given two 90-day contract extensions this year to bring at

least 80 percent of its programs up to Idaho standards, which PLATO Learning did earlier this month.

"We basically told them we will continue the contract," said state Department of Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath. "Every year it will be evaluated, like any other contract."

The state Board of Education originally signed

the contract with PLATO in 2004 to improve student test scores that determine how Idaho schools are performing under the federal No Child Left Behind law. PLATO indicated it had aligned the programs with Idaho standards, said Marilyn Davis, then the chief academic officer for the Board of Education.

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## Flying feds: EPA to once again survey CAFOs from the air

**By Mike Pappano**  
Times-News writer

Representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will take to the skies this spring, flying over confined-animal feeding operations across Idaho to watch for Clean Water Act violations.

The flights are the EPA's way of inspecting CAFOs, which nationwide are listed as priorities for compliance and enforcement, said Nick Peak, CAFO coordinator for the agency's Region 10.

Resources and staff are limited, he said. So the scientists use the flights to spot potential problems, and then

follow up on the ground. The program rotates around the region: In Oregon last year, for example, agency employees spent a couple of days in the air and then performed 33 inspections on the ground.

Peak was careful not to say much about when and where the EPA's planes might pass. But he said spring

— when river and canal runoff is high — is generally the best time of year for the inspections. The agency will respond to complaints year-round, he noted.

The EPA watches primarily for facilities discharging manure or other liquids into bodies of water, which requires a permit, Peak said.

The federal agency partners with its state counterpart for the work in this case, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

"We'll be talking with them, making sure they're in the loop," Peak said.

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# Cope, Horner receive positions on St. Luke's system board

By Nabe Poppino  
Times-News writer

Two local company CEOs gained new positions this fall on the board of St. Luke's Health System, the organization announced Monday.

Larry Cope, president and CEO of Clear Springs Foods Inc., was elected as chairman of the board in November. And Alan Horner, president and CEO of First Federal Savings Bank, moved from the organization's Magic Valley board to the system board this month.

A nonprofit, St. Luke's maintains four hospitals — including its Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls — and more than 30 outpatient centers and clinics. Each region it covers has a volunteer board of directors to help guide policy, services and financial planning. The 11-member system board helps advise the whole company, which employs

more than 7,500.

Cope, who also serves on the boards of the Idaho Community Foundation and the College of Idaho, has been involved with St. Luke's since its



Cope

Montain States Tumor Institute opened in a wing of the Twin Falls hospital. He was also "deeply involved" in the 2006 sale of the then-county-owned hospital to St. Luke's, according to a company summary.

He acknowledged Monday that hospitals, like everyone else, have plenty to deal with in the current economic climate.

But he said he thinks the Magic Valley is now fortunate to be involved "with a great institution with a great track record" that he characterized

as "very financially sound." "For me, it's an honor to be able to serve on that board," Cope said.

Horner, also a board member for the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization and involved in a number of business and banking groups, said he loves the challenge of serving on the St. Luke's board, as well as seeing what the company's new hospital will provide to Twin Falls.



Horner

"I don't think, without the county having made the decision to go to St. Luke's, that we would be getting a new hospital right now," he said. "I hope I can contribute something."

Cope said he's looking forward to continuing to grow the health-care system, and

talked about the value of bringing hospitals, health care providers, regional boards and others together on the same page.

"We're making great strides, great progress in doing that," Cope said. "It's really enjoyable to work with the knowledge base that we have in the St. Luke's system." Cope replaced former Chairman Arthur "Skip" Oppenheimer, who is still a board member. Horner filled the seat of former College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Meyerhofer, who retired from the board in August.

The system board has four Magic Valley representatives — Brigitte Bilyeu and Dr. Robert Lobb are the other two. One seat goes to Ild Dahlberg, St. Luke's president and CEO who has announced he will retire by March 2010.

Nabe Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237.

# Idaho, Guy Lombardo and rock 'n roll

In every New Year's Eve concert Guy Lombardo ever performed, the Royal Canadians played "Idaho" — a two-verse ode to the wilds of a place his musicians had never visited ...

His lyrics are familiar to most folks who lived here awhile ... "Away beyond the hills of Idaho, Where yavin' canyons greet the sun. As it smiles above the trees in Idaho ... To say another night is done. "Warm summer winds toss the swain's grain, Callin' me back to my home again. To dream sweet memories of long ago, Beyond the hills of Idaho. What's less widely known is that its author, a Black jazz musician from Kansas City named Jesse Stone, was the father of rock 'n roll ...

"Jesse Stone did more to develop the basic rock 'n roll sound than anybody else." Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ergun said in a 2007 interview. Stone worked for Atlantic as a producer, songwriter, and arranger ... During a trip to the South in the early 1950s, he discovered that Atlantic's records weren't selling there because they lacked a certain danceable quality ... Stone later told author Nick Tosches: "I listened to the stuff that was being done by those thrown-together bands in the joints down there, and I concluded that the only thing that was missing from the stuff we were recording was the rhythm ... All we needed was a bass pattern, and it sort of became identified with rock 'n roll — doo, doo, DUM, DUM, doo, doo, DUM — that thing. I'm the guy person that started that ...

In other words, Stone put the "roll" in rock 'n roll. ... So how did he end up writing "Idaho" about a place, as far as I know, that he never saw? ... Stone came from a musical family that put on minstrel shows, and he performed with a trained dog at age 4 ... At 25, he formed his own band and cut his first record, "Starvation Blues" ... Duke

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Ellington heard the song and got Stone a gig at Harlem's Cotton Club ... By 1939, he was the leader of the house band at the legendary nightspot ...

It helped, of course, that Stone's orchestra included Coleman Hawkins, arguably the greatest jazz saxophonist who ever lived ...

Stone wrote "Idaho," a song for piano, ukulele, guitar, banjo and accordion, in 1942 ... Although he was a blues man, there's no trace of blues in the song ... Benny Goodman and his orchestra recorded it — Dick Haynes was the vocalist — and it peaked at No. 4 on the pop charts ... The Guy Lombardo version that followed sold 3 million copies ...

Ten years later, Stone wrote a little rhythm 'n blues ditty called "Shake, Rattle and Roll" ... The rest is history ... Life with ensemble in film. Crow America for many black musicians, but Stone managed to live a happy, prosperous and productive life that ended in 1999 at age 97 ... And "Idaho" ... Well, Lombardo has been dead for 30 New Year's Eves, but his orchestra endures ... And "Idaho" is still on the playlist ...



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# Area's warming weather increases avalanche danger

Times-News

Rising temperatures around the region are raising something else — the chance of avalanche.

In the Sawtooth National Forest, there's high danger in the north valley, with widespread collapsing and cracking of the snowpack and several natural avalanches on Galena Summit and Gladiador Ridge.

A large and dangerous avalanche is possible, warns the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center.

Tread on slopes greater than 30 degrees is not advised. Any slope steep enough for backcountry skiing is at significant dan-

ger for avalanche, so most experienced backcountry recreationalists are staying out of avalanche terrain entirely, according to the center.

In the forest's south and central valley, the danger is rated "considerable." But with more snow, strong winds and warming temperatures in the forecast, the stress on the snowpack will continue to rise.

The center warns that travel on steep slopes is not advised, as any warming signs of cracking or collapsing should be heeded.

The greatest danger comes from deep slabs — where snow that fell before the recent storms provides

a poor base for the Christmas week snow.

Wind slabs are also an issue — wind on the exposed ridgeline above the Soldier Mountain ski area triggered an avalanche eight feet deep on Saturday.

Winds are expected to rise, so caution should be taken near affected slopes. The Avalanche Center also warns of roof avalanches, when heavy snow loads released by warming temperatures can fall suddenly off roofs, injuring or possibly burying anyone underneath it.

Take caution under caves, or clear the snow from roofs to avoid this danger.

# Wendell holds New Year celebration

Times-News

Wendell will hold its 2009 Centennial Kick-off event Wednesday night at the American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St.

Admission is a free-will donation, and events begin with a 7 p.m. pancake dinner, followed by Bingo and games from 8 p.m. to midnight. Snacks will be provided throughout the evening and various prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds will benefit youth programs. Information: 536-6358.

# Scientists keep eye on unusual Yellowstone quakes

By Mead Orver  
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Scientists were closely monitoring more than 250 small earthquakes that rattled Yellowstone National Park over the weekend and into Monday.

Swarms of small earthquakes happen frequently in Yellowstone.

But Robert Smith, a professor of geophysics at the University of Utah, said it's very unusual for so many earthquakes to happen over several days.

"This is an active volcanic and tectonic area and these are the kinds of things we have to pay attention to," Smith said. "We might be seeing something precursory."

"Could it develop into a bigger fault or something related to hydrothermal activity? We don't know. That's what we're there to

do, to monitor it for public safety."

Smith directs the Yellowstone Seismic Network, which operates seismic stations around Yellowstone National Park. He said the quakes have ranged in strength from barely detectable to one of magnitude 3.8 that happened Saturday. A magnitude 4 quake is capable of producing moderate damage.

The strongest of dozens of tremors Monday was a magnitude 3.3 quake shortly after noon. All of the quakes were centered beneath the northwest end of Yellowstone Lake. "They're certainly not normal," Smith said. "We haven't had earthquakes in this energy or extent in many years."

A park ranger based at the north end of Yellowstone Lake reported feeling nine quakes over a 24-hour peri-

od last weekend, according to park spokeswoman Stacy Vallie.

Vallie said no damage was reported. "There doesn't seem to be anything to be alarmed about," she said.

Smith said it's difficult to say what might be causing the tremors. He pointed out that Yellowstone is the caldera of an active volcano that last erupted 70,000 years ago.

He said Yellowstone remains very geologically

active — and its famous geysers and hot springs are a reminder that a pool of magma still exists five to 10 miles underground.

"That's just the surface manifestation of the enormous amount of heat that's being released through the system," he said.

Yellowstone has had significant earthquakes as well as minor ones. In 1959, a magnitude 7.5 quake near Hebgen Lake just west of the park triggered a landslide that killed 28 people.

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# South Idaho elderly agencies brace for cuts

BOISE (AP) — Providers of services to the elderly are bracing for recent cuts in state and federal funding will take a toll on a variety of programs, from Meals on Wheels to transportation services that shuttle seniors to clinics and hospitals.

Donna Waters, executive director of the Elderly Opportunity Agency in Emmet, said she is bracing for cuts of as much as 7 percent to its senior meal program and other programs in 2009.

The agency, which serves seniors in eight southwestern Idaho counties, is also preparing for a 48 percent cut to health promotion programs for flu clinics, hearing checkups, exercise classes and more.

But she said most challenging of all is a 57 percent cut proposed in transportation services, leaving a budget of just \$24,000 to pay for fuel, driver salaries and insurance. The agency owns more than 20 vans and buses that haul elderly clients to meals, doctor appointments, social events and the grocery store.

In a survey taken three years ago, seniors counted transportation as their most-valued service. It is key in a rural state like Idaho.

"Seniors don't have access to public transportation, so what happens is they just stay home and become more isolated than they already are," Waters said.

Waters' agency is not the only one facing difficult choices for senior programs.

Russ Duke, director of the Central District Health Department, which provides similar services to seniors in Ada and Elmore counties, said his department also has seen cuts.

"We're having to re-evaluate our core programs, and what are the necessities that we have to maintain," Duke said.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has ordered state agencies to cut 4 percent of their budgets, or about \$130 million, and delay spending another \$54 million, in case the state financial picture gets worse.

Jon Hanlan, the governor's spokesman, said the administration is aware of the people affected by the cuts and empathetic to the potential hardships. But Hanlan also said he has a hard time grasping the reality of balancing a budget in challenging economic times.

# 'Hero' police officer faces sex charge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An Ogden police officer called a hero for his role in helping battle a gunman in a 2007 mall massacre has been charged with unlawful sexual misconduct with a minor.

Ken Hammond was charged Monday in 2nd District Court with a third-degree felony conduct with a 16- or 17-year old. Charging documents say the allegation stems from a July 12, 2005, report.

No other details are included in the court papers. Weber County Attorney Mark DeCaria declined to comment on the case.

"I'm not talking about it," DeCaria told The Associated Press. "My concern is that because it's such a high profile matter and he's had such national exposure... I don't want to do anything to jeopardize our ability to seat a jury."

An initial appearance is set for Jan. 27 before Judge Pamela G. Heffernan.

Hammond, 35, has been an Ogden police officer for about eight years. On Feb. 12, 2007, he was credited with helping end Sulejman Talovic's shooting spree at the Trolley Square Mall in Salt Lake City.

Hammond was off-duty and having an early Valentine dinner with his wife at Trolley Square when he heard shots fired. He ran toward the gun fire and drew his weapon, engaging Talovic in a gunfight as other police officers arrived on the scene.

Five people died and four others were injured in shooting before the 18-year-old

Bosnian immigrant was gunned down by police.

Hammond's Ogden telephone number is unlisted and he could not be reached for comment Monday. It was unclear Monday if he has an attorney.

A patrol officer, Hammond has been on paid leave pending an internal police department investigation.

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## AROUND IDAHO

### Idaho settles dispute with drug maker

BOISE — Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden says the state has been paid more than \$171,000 by a pharmaceutical company to resolve allegations over improper marketing of three drugs.

Wasden and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare announced the deal with Cephalon Inc. Monday.

Wasden says it's always a concern when drug makers promote the use of their drugs for purposes other than those approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The three drugs in question include: Provigil, used to treat sleep disorders; Gabitril, a treatment for seizures and Acilia, designed for cancer patients.

But Idaho and other states alleged the company marketed the drugs for other uses. One problem with that strategy, they say, is that it caused some providers to file fraudulent claims to federal and state Medicaid programs.

But executives notified state officials Monday the company was shutting down for good.

The company notified the Idaho Department of Labor that it was letting go of 147 employees. The remaining workers will be phased out over the next few months.

Officials are blaming the ailing economy and tight credit markets for their inability to secure financing from lenders to avoid a shutdown.

The company was once one of the city's biggest employers and has a payroll that exceeded 2,000 workers.

Group plans key plunge into N. Idaho lake

COEUR D'ALENE — A group of about 500 people is taking an icy plunge into the frigid waters of Lake Coeur d'Alene in northern Idaho.

Rick Klin, a member of the Libby Montana Polar Bears, says the group hopes for a big reward as they dive into the lake, from the west end of Sanders Beach, on Thursday.

Klin says the cold water increases blood circulation, helps promote a stronger immune system and boost energy.

The group jumps into Libby Creek in western Montana every Sunday, between the months of October and April.

Forecasters predict some snow in Coeur d'Alene on New Year's Day, with temperatures dipping into the 20-degree range.

### Nampa computer company closes doors

NAMPA — Executives with MPC Corp. say they are shutting down operations for good and are poised to liquidate all company assets and letting go all but about 50 employees.

The Nampa-based computer maker filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November, citing a financial crisis that forced the layoff of hundreds of workers.

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EDITORIAL

# Legislating by wishful thinking in state government

Does merit pay for teachers make any sense if there's no money to pay them? Maybe, says Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, who's considering whether to ask the

Legislature to approve a pay-for-performance compensation system even though the \$18 million needed to start it won't be available next year.

We think he should wait until there's enough money in the kitty.

That's because for all the talk about the philosophy of pay-for-performance, this is a dollars-and-cents issue.

Let's pretend for the sake of argument that Idaho won't fully emerge from the economic doldrums until 2012. Let's also assume that the chairmen of the Legislature's two education committees, Sen. Mike Jorgensen, R-Hayden Lake, and Rep. Bob Nonimi, R-Coeur d'Alene, are serious when they say they may recommend an actual cut in public school appropriations for the first time in decades.

If those two things happen, there will be far more urgent priorities for education money after Idaho comes out of recession — curbing ballooning class sizes, for example, or buying textbooks.

That's one of the problems we had last legislative session, when lawmakers voted to repeal part of the state's business tax through economic triggers: Just when the economy picks up, tax revenues will fall.

However long this economic downturn lasts, the state will spend years making up ground lost when the dollars weren't available to adequately fund essential programs. Like the personal property tax exemptions, teacher merit pay — its total price tag is \$1.5 billion — would be a drag on state government recovering from hard times.

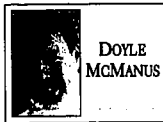
When teacher merit pay comes about in Idaho — and we believe it should — the program should be fully fundable and have the support of a significant number of teachers.

Neither is the case yet.

**Our view:**  
Putting in place a merit pay plan for teachers without actually being able to implement it is ridiculous. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

# Beware the gift of money

The economic crisis has given Barack Obama an unexpected gift: spending money. The president-elect is drafting a stimulus plan that will reach \$775 billion or more, enough to fund almost every project he mentioned during the campaign. But like many gifts, this one comes with dangers.

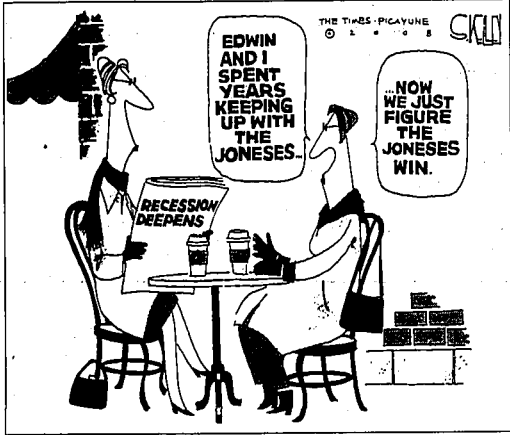


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All across the nation, politicians and policy wonks are happily making lists of what they hope to find under a post-Christmas stimulus tree. State governors have asked for \$136 billion for construction projects they have declared — in Washington's favorite new term — "shovel ready." Mayors have chimed in with \$97 billion of worthy ideas, from sewer repairs in Milwaukee to a beach parking lot in Ventura, Calif. University presidents, mass-transit proponents and national park advocates all have their hands out. Obama, too, has talked about using the stimulus package to help pay for his favorite priorities — not only for traditional infrastructure projects such as roads and bridges but for promoting alternative energy, modernizing schools, improving health care, even expanding access to the Internet.

The danger is not just the obvious hazard of running up a deficit that becomes a burden after the economy recovers; Obama has promised to be vigilant on that score. The more subtle problem is that as stimulus spending grows, it could become less focused — and less effective.

For a stimulus plan to be effective, the money must get into the economy fast. One of the defects of this year's income tax rebate was that it took months to



reach taxpayers, and when it did, relatively few spent the money on consumer goods. Instead, many used it to reduce debt — wise for them, but not as good for the economy.)

A virtue of infrastructure spending is that it creates both jobs and public benefit in the form of better roads, or sewers, or schools or beach parking. But will it be fast enough? That depends on how many of those shovel-ready projects are really ready to go and how many are just gleams in a governor's eye. The stakes are high, and they're not only economic. If Obama can fashion a stimulus plan that works, he'll be claiming a huge political prize. A generation of voters reared on Ronald Reagan's dictum that government is the problem will instead see the federal government acting as a solution — just when they needed one most.

If he fails, he'll reinforce citizens' skepticism of the government's ability to solve problems — skepticism that has often made them mistrust Democratic proposals that smacked of

big government. "There's a trust issue in the middle of it," says William A. Galston, a former Clinton administration official. "Why should we take tens of billions of dollars of our money and pour it down a rathole?"

As he designs the stimulus plan, Galston argues, Obama should use it as a vehicle not just to heal the economy but also to restore citizens' trust in the federal government's ability to act effectively and efficiently. That means starting with projects that will make a visible difference in people's lives. (Expect to see President Obama next year with a shovel in his hand.) But it also means imposing real restraint on spending, because if the stimulus plan looks like a collection of pork-barrel projects or a traditional liberal wish list, the ghost of Reagan will suddenly reappear. Obama hasn't yet drawn clear boundaries around what kind of spending belongs in the stimulus package, and he should.

Here's a question he should ask: Is the project temporary and designed to

run only until the economy recovers? If so, great. But the administration shouldn't yield to the temptation to pay for long-term programs out of the fund as well.

Take the long-standing proposal to expand state health insurance for children. It's a worthy cause, and Congress should fund it. But not as part of an economic stimulus package, because it's not meant to be temporary.

When a locomotive is leaving the station, there's a natural temptation to hitch as many cars to it as possible," Galston says. "It'll be a real challenge to the president to maintain his focus and credibility."

Fiscal conservatives will argue as a matter of course that the stimulus package should focus only on retooling the economy, not on expanding the reach of the federal government. Liberals who want to restore the standing of activist government should put away their wish lists and agree.

Doyle McManus is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times.

# Wilderness bill would have squandered taxpayers' money

(Editor's note: This letter originally appeared in the Idaho Statesman)

The recent editorial from the Times-News criticizing my opposition to the omnibus lands bill in Congress ignored key flaws in the legislation.

For instance, I would suspect many Idahoans don't want their tax dollars squandered on a plan to erect new barriers to energy exploration. One provision in the package takes 8.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 300 million barrels of oil out of production in Wyoming. The energy resources walled off by this act alone would match our domestic natural gas pro-



READER COMMENT  
Sen. Tom Coburn

duction for 15 years. I would also suspect Idahoans don't want their money wasted on pork-barrel projects outside of Idaho, such as \$5 million on botanical gardens in Hawaii and Florida or \$1 billion on a project in California designed to save 500 salmon.

I am not alone in my concerns. More than 100 organizations ranging from the

U.S. Chamber of Commerce to the National Wildlife Refuge Association oppose the bill.

Your readers also should consider that our nation is not suffering from a lack of wilderness areas. Our nation currently has more wilderness area (107 million acres) than developed land (106 million acres). What we are lacking, however, is fiscal discipline in Congress and a real debate about priorities.

One of the greatest threats to our long-term economic health is the culture of parochialism that pervades Congress and leads members to write lands bills loaded with wasteful earmarks and special interest

provisions. Members defend one another's right to bring home the bacon even if that practice undermines the long-term economic health of not just Idaho but the entire country.

Congress' parochialism is a major reason why we are facing a \$10 trillion national debt and an economic crisis.

The Times-News would better serve its readers by taking a critical look at this culture rather than blindly defending business as usual in Congress.

Tom Coburn is a first-term Republican U.S. senator from Oklahoma.

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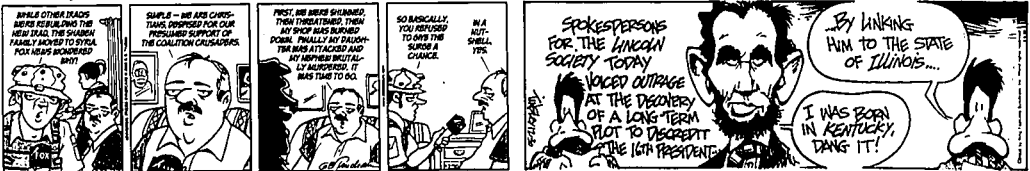
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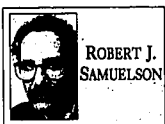
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By Bruce Tinsley



# Let's hope these guys get it right

**WASHINGTON** — They're technocrats, schooled in subjects that bore most people. They are appointed — not elected — to top government jobs, and what they do is not well understood. But they are enormously powerful, and in 2009, they may determine whether the global economy avoids calamity.



**ROBERT J. SAMUELSON**

"They" are central bankers: Ben Bernanke of the U.S. Federal Reserve; Jean-Claude Trichet of the European Central Bank (ECB); Masaaki Shirakawa of the Bank of Japan and their counterparts in China, India, Brazil, Mexico and elsewhere.

Not since the early 1980s, when high inflation plagued many advanced economies, or perhaps the 1930s, has their role been so crucial. Global economic expansion is slowing to a standstill. Economists at Deutsche Bank forecast meager 0.2 percent growth in 2009 — the worst year since at least 1980. In 2007, world growth fell almost 5 percent. Without stronger growth, the slump might feed on itself and fuel economic nationalism.

Superficially, central bankers seemed poised to deliver a revival. As if on cue, major central banks cut interest rates in November and December to spur growth and prop up their financial systems. The ECB reduced its key rate to 2.5 percent; the Bank of England went down to 2 percent, equalling the lowest rate since its founding in 1694; and many other central banks also cut rates —

China, India, Canada. As for the Fed, it's been cutting its key short-term rate from 5.25 percent in September 2007 — last week — a range of zero to 0.25 percent.

With short-term rates so low, the Fed has embarked on a strategy of trying to reduce long-term interest rates by directly purchasing bonds and other securities that had been off-limits. Before the crisis, the Fed altered short-term interest rates in the hope that long-term rates on home mortgages and bonds would follow. Now, it has already announced that it may buy hundreds of billions of securities backed by mortgages and credit card, auto and small business loans.

All this bespeaks central banks' new aggressiveness. Until recently, there was little unanimity of purpose. In July, the ECB raised its key rate to 4.25 percent to prevent soaring oil prices from increasing overall inflation. "Europe was in denial (about the crisis) until Lehman's bankruptcy" on Sept. 15, says Fred Bergsten of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. But Lehman's failure — and a parallel fall of oil prices — changed attitudes.

In a crisis, history counsels cooperation. Its absence in the 1930s was disastrous. Consider the bankruptcy in May 1931 of Creditanstalt, then Austria's largest bank. That failure had been prevented if Germany and France had agreed on a rescue package. They couldn't. Bank panics spread to Hungary, Poland, Germany and Britain — and the rest of the world," says Harvard political scientist Jeffrey Frieden.

Massive "swap" lines between the Fed and 14 other government central banks represent one part of today's cooperation. These swaps provide other central banks with dollars, which then can be lent to local banks.

Companies, investors and banks in Europe, Asia and Latin America have borrowed huge amounts in dollars. As U.S. credit markets seized up, renewing their dollar loans became harder. The Fed's swaps — roughly \$500 billion in origin — substitute for scarce private credits, minimizing defaults.

It also seems encouraging that central bank cooperation reflects a broader political consensus. After meeting in November, the G-20 nations (the United States, the European Union, Japan, China, India and some other major nations) issued a statement forsaking protection by making larger "economic stimulus" programs. Globalism, not nationalism. So far, then, so good?

Well, maybe. As Frieden points out, much of today's "cooperation" is through prearranged channels. Countries agree on broad principles but then go their separate ways. Germany's "stimulus" program, for instance, is much smaller than the one approved by the European Union administration.

Countries renounce protectionism, but there are signs that China — with a massive trade surplus — might relax its policy of currency appreciation.

By making the renminbi cheaper, China would give its exports an added price advantage. If the United States inserted "Buy American" provisions in any stimulus legislation, it too would be embracing protectionist nationalism.

The dangers compound the pressures on central banks to restore economic growth. There is not so much cooperation among them as there was in the widely accepted scholarly conclusions about the Great Depression of the 1930s. Government blunders, it is widely believed, worsened the slump. Lessons seem plain: Do not panic during the financial system; public lenders must advance when private lenders retreat.

These responses seem plausible but beg a troubling question. What if this downturn is following a different script and defeats central banks' aggressiveness?

*Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.*

# N.Y. governor's right: Tax soda pop

**W**hen the human body was evolving, almost the only things we drank were breast milk for the first few years, and then water, water and more water.

It would obviously have been bad if we had evolved to feel full when water was sloshing about our stomachs, because then we wouldn't have eaten our fill the next time we spilled a mastodon. Today, the unfortunate result is that if you drink a bottle of 7-Up, you still don't feel full — the body treats the liquid as empty calories, like water — and so you won't eat any less the next time you spear a Big Mac.

That has presented a huge problem in an age of sugary drinks. Many scholars believe they have become a major source of obesity. That's why the new soda tax proposed by Gov. David Paterson of New York is such a breakthrough.

Paterson suggested the tax — an 18 percent sales tax on soft drinks and other nondiet sugary beverages — to help raise \$100 million a year to plug a hole in the state budget. But it's also a landmark effort that, if other states follow, could help make us healthier.

Let's break for a quiz: What was the biggest health care breakthrough in the last 40 years in the United States? Heart bypass? CAT scans and MRI? New cancer treatments? No, it was the cigarette tax.



**NICHOLAS KRISTOF**

Every 10 percent price increase on cigarettes reduced sales by about 3 percent overall, and 7 percent among teenagers, according to the 2005 book "Prescription for a Healthy Nation." Just the 1983 increase in the federal tax on cigarettes saved 40,000 lives per year.

In effect, the most promising cure for lung cancer didn't emerge from a medical research lab but from money-grubbing politicians. Likewise, the best cure for obesity may turn out to be not a pill but a tax.

These days, sugary drinks are to American health roughly what tobacco was a generation ago. A tax would shift some consumers, especially kids, to diet drinks or water.

"Soft drinks are linked to diabetes and obesity in the way that tobacco is to lung cancer," says Barry Popkin, a nutrition specialist at the University of North Carolina and author of the excellent new book, "The World Is Fat." He warns that the cola industry will spend every penny fighting the proposed tax.

One of industry's objections is that soft drinks aren't

the only problem. That's true, and I'd love to see a "Twinkie tax" as well. But evidence is accumulating that sugary drinks are a major contributor to obesity because of the evolutionary heritage I mentioned at the outset: Except for soups, liquid calories don't register with the body, according to Popkin and other specialists.

If you have a snack, even something unhealthy like potato chips, you'll eat less at your next meal. But have a Coke, and despite all these calories, you'll still eat just as much. Indeed, according to some studies, you'll actually eat more.

"These findings raise the possibility that soft drinks increase hunger, decrease satiety and thereby calibrate people to a high level of sweetness that generalizes to preferences in other foods," said a peer-reviewed article last year in the American Journal of Public Health. The average American consumes about 35 gallons of nondiet soda each year, and gets far more added sugar from soda than from desserts.

Barack Obama has a plan to move toward a system of universal health coverage, and Democrats mostly see health care reform as a matter of providing access to doctors. Access and universal coverage are indeed essential, but there's only so much doctors can do in this environment.

One priority must be a public health campaign to

change the environments and social behavior. A starting point is to recognize that risky teen behavior these days can involve not just alcohol, drugs or sex but also extra-large Cokes.

One new study estimates that 24 million Americans now have diabetes, more than four times the number in 1980. The total direct and indirect cost to Americans is \$218 billion each year — an average of \$1,900 per American household. Each year, diabetes contributes to the deaths of more than 200,000 Americans.

Part of the solution must come from reforming agriculture so that we stop subsidizing corn that ends up as high-fructose corn syrup in soft drinks. Unfortunately, Obama on Wednesday appointed former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, who has longstanding ties to agribusiness interests, as agriculture secretary — his latest appointment is so far.

The soft-drink industry will throw enormous resources into defeating the proposed New York tax on sugary drinks. We should instead have a secretary who would stand up to the industry. He is blazing a path that other states should follow.

Losing weight is never easy, but one of the most effective diets would start with a soft drink tax.

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# CIA is making love, not war!

**O**ne of the chants to come from the Vietnam anti-war movement was the memorable "make love, not war." That sentiment has resurfaced in a different but equally stimulating context, thanks to some creative people within the CIA.

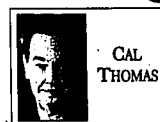
Government is famous for the ways in which it wastes our tax money, but this one expenditure appears to be well spent. Officers with the Central Intelligence Agency have been handing out little blue Viagra pills to Afghan tribal leaders.

According to a story in the Washington Post, a CIA officer gave four of the pills to an Afghan leader in his 60s who has four wives. "Take one of these," said the CIA man, "you'll love it."

The officer who described the meeting said that he returned four days later to an enthusiastic reception, and the Afghan chief had had a big grin on his face. The officer said the man gave up lots of information about Taliban movements and supply routes. He then asked for more pills.

"Whatever it takes to make friends and influence people, whether it's building a school or handing out Viagra," said one longtime CIA operative.

This is surely a better approach to extracting infor-



**CAL THOMAS**

mation than waterboarding. Not many would describe consensual sex as torture.

Handing out Viagra pills to aging Afghan warlords is a strategy for reducing uh, tension. If Afghan leaders are in bed, they are less likely to be helping the Taliban, or firing weapons.

This is the opposite approach to that described in the ancient Greek comedy "Lysistrata," in which women on both sides of a war withheld sex from their husbands until they make peace. Human nature being what it is, that only works in fiction. But in our sex-obsessed culture, frequent sexual activity might render warring males incapable or unwilling to fight. As that great philosopher Mae West once observed, "Too much of a good thing can be wonderful."

The CIA had the wrong strategy for eliminating Cuban dictator Fidel Castro in the early 1960s. Instead of hiring Mafia members to assassinate Castro, they should have slipped sex-enhancement drugs in his food and drink.

Would Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad be as big a bother if he were popping Viagra? He might then not feel the need to develop nuclear weapons. And by the way, have you noticed that most of the world's dictators throughout history have been short men? Short men are also generally believed to lack other physical attributes about which men are overly self-conscious. Such men sometimes seek to overcompensate by bullying others to prove they have what, in fact, they lack. If they were better able to perform in the bedroom, perhaps they would be less bombastic on the world stage.

Adolf Hitler was 5 feet 8 inches tall. Josef Stalin was short and variously reported to be between 5-4 and 5-6. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is 5-4. Mao Zedong was 5-11.

possibly the tallest of the modern despots. Could all dictators share the same problem? Would Viagra, or something similar, have lessened the possibility of forced famines, war, the Holocaust and other mass killings? Were there some, at least in part by bent-up feelings of sexual inadequacy?

The alternative to mass distribution of Viagra is to let women run the world for a while and see if they can make something better of it than the men have done. Meanwhile, "Viva Viagra!" if it keeps Afghan warlords off the battlefield and in the bedroom while providing, in between sessions, useful information about the Taliban.

I wonder how Osama bin Laden would react to those little pills? He probably wouldn't take them. He's reported to be 6 feet 5 inches tall.

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# Hard to hear at holiday parties? Blame your brain

By Malcolm Ritter  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** — It's almost New Year's Eve, a time for plunging into boisterous crowds bathed in loud music. And for some of us, that means turning to an old friend and hearing things like this:

"Did you know (BOOM-dada-BOOM) went over (Bob)? You look wonder-") so she said (clink-clink) and then I (here, have another one) what would you do?"

Huh? Too noisy to hear? But wait — how come these younger people understood what she said? What's wrong with your ears?

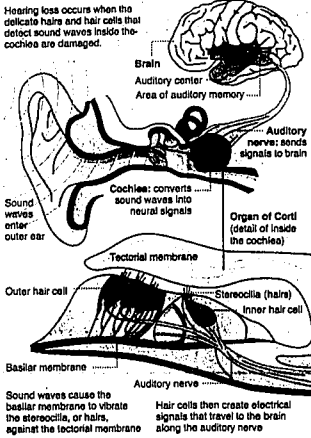
Actually, part of the problem may be your brain. In fact, it may lie in your brain's dimmer switch for controlling the input from your ears. That bit of brain circuitry appears to falter with age, and scientists are getting some clues about why.

If you have trouble understanding conversation in a noisy room, you're experiencing what's sometimes called the cocktail party problem.

That can be one of the first signs of an age-related hearing loss — a more general problem that can creep in during middle age, and

## Sound waves to brain waves

Hearing loss occurs when the delicate hairs and hair cells that detect sound waves inside the cochlea are damaged.



SOURCE: Baylor College of Medicine

affects one-third of adults ages 65 to 75.

Scientists are still trying to piece together why our hearing goes downhill with age, with the goal of trying to slow

it or even reverse it.

When it comes to the cocktail party problem, the dimmer switch is a piece of that story, though it's not clear just how big a factor.

"I think it's a significant player," said Robert Frisina of the University of Rochester in New York, who is studying it.

Scientists have long known that the brain not only receives signals from the ears, but can also talk back to them. And when there's too much noise, this dimmer-switch brain circuitry tells the ears to reduce their flow of signals to the brain.

This helps the sensitive auditory system handle loud sounds that otherwise would overwhelm it and become distorted, as when a radio is turned up too loud for the speaker to handle. In addition, since background noise at a party tends to be lower-pitched than speech sounds, the dimmer switch probably can block out that distracting noise more than it does the speech, Frisina said.

The brain has an added trick for focusing on a particular person's speech rather than competing conversations, Frisina said. Since you're probably facing the person you want to hear, his words arrive at both your ears at the same time and at the same volume. The brain can use that, along with the dimmer switch, to home in on that person's speech, Frisina said.

Frisina and colleagues pub-

lished evidence in 2002 that the dimmer switch effectiveness declines with age. The drop-off showed up in middle-aged people (ages 38 to 52) and was even worse in people past age 62.

Then they showed the same thing happens in mice, which meant they could study those animals to get clues to what's going on in people. Just last year, they found a possible cause in mice for the decline: reduced supplies of a key structure on the surfaces of the nerve cells in the dimmer-switch circuitry.

Now Frisina hopes to use genetically altered mice to focus his studies on particular parts of the dimmer switch circuitry. There is some evidence that shortcomings in this wiring harm the inner ear as well, he said.

The hope, of course, is to understand the details of the problem and find a way to intervene to slow down the age-related hearing problem, he said.

While it is not yet clear how big a role the dimmer switch plays in the cocktail party problem, Frisina's work makes a good case that it's got to be one of the important factors," said Charles Liberman, who directs a research laboratory at the

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Another crucial element lies within the inner ear, where sound is converted to nerve signals. That's accomplished by cells that use delicate hairs to detect sound waves. These hair cells can be damaged by aging and by long hours in loud environments like rock concerts.

Loss of those cells makes it harder to understand speech in noisy rooms. For example, it can hinder one's hearing of high sound frequencies, like those of certain consonants. Losing those consonant sounds can make words hard to understand in noisy situations.

"What you're hearing is more of a mumbling sensation than actual clear speech," said Anne Oyster of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

While scientists continue to study hearing problems, people who have trouble understanding their fellow partygoers can take some steps to help themselves.

Oyster suggests facing the speaker directly to get facial cues that might fill in some blanks. And don't be shy about admitting the problem and suggesting a move to a quieter place.

## Obama makes third trip to golf course in Hawaii

KAILUA, Hawaii (AP) — Staying out of the public eye during an extended vacation doesn't mean staying away from the golf course for President-elect Barack Obama.

Into the second week of a getaway in his native Hawaii, Obama and a group including friends and an aide on Monday visited a private golf club near his \$9 million rented, beach-front vacation home.

It was Obama's third trip to a course while on holiday. Accompanying him were Bobby Tuomb, a friend from high school in Hawaii, friends Martin Nesbitt and Greg Orme, and aide Eugene Kang.

Earlier in the day, Obama returned to a military gym where he has exercised every morning except Christmas since beginning his 12-day vacation on Dec. 20.

Obama, his wife, Michelle, and Nesbitt visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Semper Parit Center. Obama did not speak with reporters, but greeted about two dozen visitors after his workout. He also posed for pictures.

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## Palin's daughter gives birth

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The 18-year-old daughter of former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin has given birth in Alaska to a son.

People magazine reports that Bristol Palin gave birth to Tripp Easton Mitchell Johnston on Sunday. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Relative Colleen Jones tells the magazine the baby is fine and Bristol is "doing well." Jones is the sister of Bristol's grandmother.

The father is Levi Johnston, a former hockey player at Alaska's Wasilla High School. He has said he and Bristol plan to marry.

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Fuel prices in south-central Idaho are nearing a two-year low. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region fell 2 cents to \$1.56, while the average price for diesel declined about 1 cent to \$2.27. The regional average price for gasoline fell below the national average of \$1.62 per gallon, but remains slightly higher than the state average of \$1.52. Conflict between Israel and Hamas leaders in Gaza also drove oil prices up \$2.31 to settle at \$40.02 a barrel. It was the first finish above \$40 in a week.

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Ogden	\$6.73		
Pocatello	\$5.65		
Burley	\$6.00		
Hay (Mid/Ton)			
Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low \$165	High \$165	
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$135	High \$135	
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$135	High \$135	

\* Prices unavailable.

### Small grain

Soft white wheat	Ask	N/A
Rangen	\$5.05	+ .08
Ogden	\$4.22	+ .22
Pocatello	\$4.10	
Burley	\$4.10	

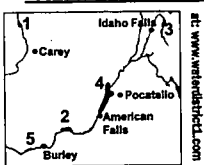
### Livestock

Lambs and hogs	Low	High
Feeder lambs	Low \$94	High \$116
Fat lambs	Low \$89	High \$98
Breeder ewes	Low \$6	High \$121

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

More commodities on B2

## RESERVOIR LEVELS



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Trucks make their way along Highway 30 Monday afternoon east of Twin Falls. Snowstorms delayed or rerouted many trucks last week, causing inventories in some stores in south-central Idaho to dwindle.



By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Snowstorms that closed Interstate arterials prevented more than just families from reaching their destination on time last week. Road closures caused by heavy snow and ice delayed or rerouted several trucks that were hauling products from Oregon, Washington and Utah. The effects of the delays became visible at some grocery stores in Twin Falls and Burley during the weekend as produce and other items started to dwindle. Store managers said the delay in shipments was temporary, and that inventories are fully stocked — they also said that no products were "sold out" due to lack of inventory. Trucking companies reported that several trucks were either rerouted or delayed last week —

and early into the weekend — until roads were cleared. "It cost me a lot of money," said Lorie Kruse, co-owner of Kruse Nationwide Inc. in Filer. "We made sure that all our deliveries reached their destination, but to do that we had to reroute our trucks up and around Pocatello." She said the shipment added 60 miles onto a depot headed to Ogden, Utah — an additional cost that the company absorbed. Officials with WOW Logistics, also said that some trucks were delayed because of dangerous driving conditions. However, some trucking companies delayed shipments rather than rerouting them around closed roads, citing concerns for their

drivers' safety and additional costs — shipping contracts usually require trucking companies to absorb additional travel costs. Those delays translated into declining inventories as inbound products were held up on the Idaho border. Part of Interstate 84 to Utah were closed early last week and part of the weekend because of low visibility and ice. Parts of Interstate 15 from Pocatello to Ogden were also closed Dec. 25. "Trucks are delayed or rerouted during the winters, but it seems to be pretty bad this year," Kruse said. Joshua Palmer may be reached at 208-735-3231 or at [jpalm@magvalley.com](mailto:jpalm@magvalley.com).

## Trucking companies absorb additional cost of reroute

## Twin Falls Canal Company holds annual meeting

The regular meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. in the Rick Allen Room in the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho. Directors from District 1 And 5

will be elected for three year terms. Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the company's general manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2009

water supplies, water call, and other matters of interest. The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on Dec. 31. Proxies must be filed with the assistant secretary at the TFCC office on or before Jan. 9.

## Tips from the trade Grain market analyst shares management rules

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

COEUR D'ALENE — Raleigh Curtis has been marketing business for years, most recently with Mid-Columbia Producers, an Oregon-based grain cooperative — he will retire in June. Curtis shared his business management rules with grain producers during the joint Oregon-Idaho Grain Producers Association annual convention.

The rules apply to businesses, agricultural and otherwise:

1. Profit has only three uses: measurement, growth and retirement.
2. Treat employees like owners in terms of responsibility, decision making and compensation.

In reality, we're all working on commission," Curtis said. "Hourly pay is just a draw on profitable results." If an employee is overhauling a tractor, but his time could be better

spent doing something else, then send the tractor to town to be overhauled. "Make sure you and your employees are working on the critical few," he said. 3. Grow your working capital. 4. Fixed asset replacement should come from profits and working capital, not borrowing. 5. Profit and growth are the result of market place satisfaction. 6. Profits without man-

aging market risk will always go lower. 7. Use predictive intelligence about projected costs for the current year and into the future, and use that predictive intelligence to make marketing decisions. All marketing plans should have "If.... then...." when.... statements. He suggests counting bushels in a bin, looking up the price and multiplying it by the bushels in the bin to get a dollar amount — repeat the next day.

## Idaho grain growers have high hopes for new ag secretary

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

COEUR D'ALENE — A veteran farm policy watcher is pleasantly surprised by the path the president-elect is taking, and thinks it bodes well for agriculture.

"I think (Barack) Obama is very much a pragmatist," said Barry Flinchbaugh, a professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University. "If we've ever needed a pragmatist, it's now." While Obama campaigned by catering to his base, he seems to realize that he needs to govern from the middle. If his appointments to cabinet positions are any indication of how the Obama administration will handle ag policy and the farm bill, Flinchbaugh thinks agriculture will fare well.

Former Iowa governor Tom Vilsack will be nominated Agriculture Secretary, while Colorado Senator Ken Salazar will be nominated Interior Secretary. Salazar is a cattle rancher who also grows wheat and potatoes in southwest Colorado. Salazar's appointment as Interior Secretary amuses Flinchbaugh.

"We have never had a farmer and rancher at the head of the Interior Department," he said in a phone interview after the appointments were announced. He believes Vilsack, a moderate Democrat and former governor of a farm state, was a good choice to head the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "Apparently being governor of a farm state is a prerequisite for being Secretary of Agriculture," Flinchbaugh said. The last three agriculture secretaries have been governors of farm states, but he sees it as a positive trend. "They know agriculture and they've dealt with it on the ground level," Flinchbaugh said. Vilsack is considered a supporter of alternative energy, but he also told television anchor Larry Kudlow last year that he would support the repeal of the Brazilian ethanol tariff, as well as supporting stringent carbon caps.

"All that Flinchbaugh doesn't expect the Obama administration to reopen the farm bill, which was finally passed in June, many of the rules and regulations governing farm bill programs have yet to be written. The new administration will be able to exert its influence as those rules are finalized. One area that Flinchbaugh expects the new administration to target is payment limits. A Government Accounting Office report found \$49 million had been distributed to farmers who were not eligible for the payments because their income was above the threshold.



President-elect Barack Obama looks on at left as Agriculture Secretary-designate, former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, speaks at a news conference in Chicago.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, MOST ACTIVE, GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, and Volume. Includes stock names like SPDR, iShares, and various mutual funds.

Table with columns for INDEXES and STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST. Includes Dow Jones Industrial, S&P 500, and various Idaho-based stocks like Albemarle, Amstar, and Boise Cascade.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT
Market Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name. First column shows the stock's ticker symbol.

AGRI-BUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY Far West Agribusiness association to meet
Far West Agribusiness, which works to enhance the business and safety environment for the fertilizer and agricultural industry...

Jackpot, Nev. The three-day conference will feature Tom Philbin, vice president of the association. Philbin will speak about reallocation of crop nutrient markets with a focus on phosphorous and potassium.

University of Idaho Department of Animal and Veterinary Science and University of Idaho Extension, the event will help producers get back to cost-cutting basics.

Cow symposium and beef school planned
The annual Internormintan Cow Symposium and Magic Valley-Wetland School will meet Jan. 14 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Change. Includes Soybean, Corn, Wheat, and various oil prices.

CHEESE

Chicago cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. BLS 3.2075, MC 3.2475, -0.025

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) - USA - There were no price reports for the major potato markets from...

LIVESTOCK

International Livestock LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Twin Falls Livestock Commission on Wednesday. 1070 head and calves...

BEANS

Valley Beans Prices for green, 100,000 lbs. U.S. 1. Beans, little higher on bid and average Chicago...

METALS/MONEY

For currency exchange NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates Monday compared with Friday in New York...

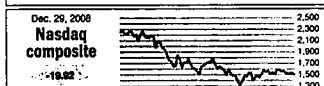
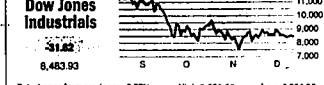
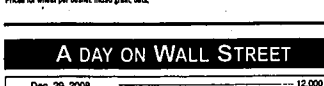
GRAINS

Valley Grains Prices for wheat per bushel, mill grade, cents.

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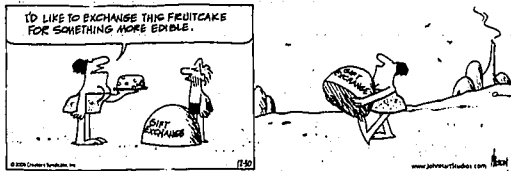
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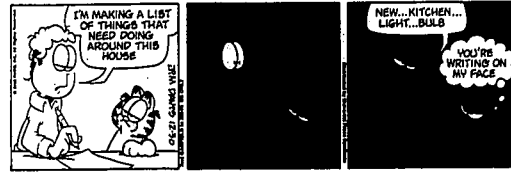
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### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

**Today:** Partly to mostly cloudy with light winds. Afternoon highs 40 to 35.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Lows 20 to 25.

**Tomorrow:** A chance of snow, mixing with rain in the afternoon. Highs 35 to 40.

### BOISE FORECAST

**Today:** Partly to mostly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy tonight with a slight chance of snow. Lows near 20.

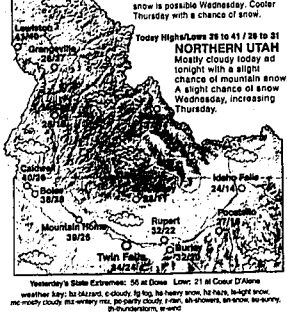
**Tomorrow:** Breezy again with a chance of snow, mixing with rain in the afternoon. Highs 35 to 40.

### IDAHO'S FORECAST

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
A few snow showers are possible today, mainly in the higher elevations. Snow spreads into the valleys tonight and Wednesday as clouds increase. Periods of snow well common Thursday and Friday.

**Today Highs:** 18 to 28  
**Tonight's Lows:** 6 to 10

**BOISE**  
Partly to mostly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy tonight with a slight chance of snow developing. Mixed rain and snow is possible Wednesday. Cooler Thursday with a chance of snow.



**REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
"Personal relationships are the fertile soil from which all success, all achievement, all growth, all life in real life grows."

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	City	High	Low	Prev. Day
Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow	Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow	Snow, mixed with rain by afternoon	Cooler with a chance of snow	Better chance of snow, mixed with rain	Mostly cloudy with snow showers	Boise	38	20	38
High 34	Low 24	37/25	32/23	37/30	35/29	Burley	42	26	42
						Blackfoot	40	24	40
						Blaine	36	21	36
						Camden	38	22	38
						Challis	30	18	30
						Donnerstag	32	19	32
						Elgin	34	20	34
						Hamlet	36	21	36
						Heppner	38	22	38
						Homegard	30	18	30
						Idaho Falls	38	22	38
						Jerome	36	21	36
						Malheur	34	20	34
						Mayfield	32	19	32
						Minidoka	36	21	36
						Mountain Home	34	20	34
						Northwood	38	22	38
						Payson	36	21	36
						Shoshone	34	20	34
						Timberline	32	19	32
						Townsend	36	21	36
						Wilder	34	20	34
						Woodbury	32	19	32

### ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 20 Yesterday's High: 34 Record High: 64 (1980) Record Low: -18 (1980)	Month to Date: 1.23" Year to Date: 3.23" Normal Year to Date: 3.89"	Yesterday's Maximum: 72% Yesterday's Minimum: 46% Today's Minimum: 67% A 4-day year save from Oct. 1 to Sept. 20	6 pm barometer: 30.02 in. Yesterday: 29.92 in.	Today: 8:06 AM Yesterday: 8:06 AM Tomorrow: 8:06 AM Friday: 8:06 AM Saturday: 8:06 AM

### MOON PHASES

Phase	Time
4th Quarter	Jan 4
Full Moon	Jan 11
1st Quarter	Jan 18
New Moon	Jan 25

### REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Idaho Falls	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Shoshone	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Timberline	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Wilder	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Woodbury	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

### NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Chicago	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Denver	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
New York	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
San Francisco	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Seattle	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

### CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Edmonton	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Halifax	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Montreal	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Ottawa	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Vancouver	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy



# The latest buzz for beekeepers is federal crop insurance

By Blake Nicholson  
Associated Press writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — The buzz in the honeybee industry these days is about crop insurance — now available to beekeepers for the first time.

Some say the new program is expensive and amounts to betting on the weather. Others say it's better than having no protection at all.

"In general, we think it's great," said Troy Fore, executive director of the American Beekeeping Federation. "We've been trying to get this for years."

The federal Risk Management Agency's experimental apiculture program uses either a rainfall or vegetation index, depending on the particular area of the country. Whether beekeepers get a payment would depend on the amount of rainfall or the amount of greenness.

"We're not insuring the bees. We're not insuring the honey. We're insuring the bee's health," said Shirley Pugh, spokeswoman for the Risk Management Agency, which is part of the U.S. Agriculture Department.

"We're ensuring the conditions that the bees might require for expected (honey) production."

North Dakota beekeeper Will Nissen is skeptical. He would rather the government find a way to insure actual production, as it does for other crops.

"It's like going to Vegas," he said of the experimental program.

whether it's a crashpout on grain that they'd exclude California. Maybe they think the loss potential is greater in California.

The deadline already has passed for beekeepers to sign up for the insurance program for the 2009 crop year.

## Agriculture futures rise on Chicago BOT

CHICAGO (AP) — Agriculture futures rose in midday trading Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for March delivery jumped 1.475 cents to \$6.14 a bushel, while March corn added 7.25 cents to \$4.195 a bushel. March soybeans gained 4.5 cents to \$2.355 a bushel, and March soybeans climbed 18.5 cents to \$9.75 a bushel.

Meanwhile, beef and pork futures mostly rose on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

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## Your winter garden

### How to grow edible plants indoors

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

**KETCHUM** — Remember that fresh, just-picked tomato last summer, how good it tasted?

Peggy and Dale Bates can get that taste in their Ketchum kitchen all year round, from a plant that has grown to dominate the small garden bed they built between their counter and window.

Although not as easy as planting outdoors during the summer growing season, even in the heart of winter it's possible to supplement your salads and season your soups with fresh, homegrown food.

"Why not, if you're in your kitchen, eat right out of your window?" Peggy said. "You're starting them from seed, so you get to experience that miracle. That's the really fun part, and then eating the food, of course."

The Bateses went further than most to get an indoor garden, installing a copper-lined bed 12 inches wide and 18 inches deep between their kitchen counter and a large set of southeast-facing windows with blinds that are lowered at night. They sweep small bits of food directly into the bed, while a compost pile outside supplies the rich soil. Watering is easy with a faucet sprayer.

"When I make

brushing the crumbs off onto the floor and getting in trouble, I brush them into the soil," said Dale with a laugh.

About 13 months ago, a tomato seed must have been brushed into the bed along with the crumbs, because a plant began to grow. It hasn't quit since, and it is now more than 6 feet tall, and has produced — as of mid-December — 106 tomatoes, with two more nearly ripe. Next to the tomato plant are a dozen small sprigs of red-veined chard and a tall, branched basil.

The couple also does more traditional indoor gardening, bringing plants started in spring and summer inside when the weather cools. The ceramic pots are loaded with rosemary, Italian parsley, more basil and other herbs.

Herbs are an easy way to start indoor winter gardening, said Dick Springs of Picabo.

"They're the most forgiving," said the farmer, who with his wife, Melinda, will teach a gardening class through the College of Southern Idaho this spring. He emphasized that

edibles need more care than the average houseplant.

"All your vegetables need more light than any of the houseplants," he said. A window with extra grow lights would work, or a windowbox that has glass panels above as well as in front of the plants.

Windowboxes like these are available at home supply stores for installation in a standard window space, or they can be built into a home, like the Bateses did. Don't forget to pull down the blinds or otherwise insulate the glass during winter nights, or plants can freeze.

At this time of year, don't expect to start a summer plant like a pepper or tomato and have it grow well — even indoors there isn't enough light. Try those hardy herbs instead, or dark greens like chard, bok choy and spinach.

"Spinach is very

nutritious, and it'll survive a lot of missteps," Springs said. "You can almost freeze it and it'll be OK."

Once you've experienced the joy of harvesting when there's snow on the ground, you'll be ready to plan for next year. You might plant your tomatoes in pots instead of beds, then bring the pots indoors when the chill hits, or start lettuce in early November to top off your Christmas salads. You could also wait until late February, then sprout your spring greens before the outdoor weather's warm enough to plant in the ground.

No matter how you do it, the Bateses and

Springs are advocates of growing things — families learn about the miracle of life and food tastes better.

"To me, every student should be exposed to planting a seed, nurturing a seed, harvesting and preparing the food," Springs said. That might be a little harder in the middle of winter, but as the tomatoes growing in the Bateses' kitchen prove, it's certainly not impossible.

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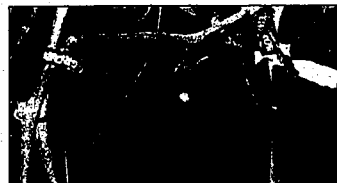


Photos by ANNE HANSEN/Times-News

Peggy, left, and Dale Bates of Ketchum maintain their giant volunteer tomato plant Dec. 19. The plant, which emerged in their kitchen garden bed 13 months ago, has produced more than 106 tomatoes. The Bateses credit several things with the success of their kitchen plants: lots of light, humidity created by cooking and water features, and a house built to be healthy for everything that lives in it.



Peggy Bates cycles a variety of plants through the garden bed that she and her husband built into their kitchen. In the winter she turns to herbs like basil and dark greens like chard.



Though a little too firm yet to harvest, this bright red globe hangs like a Christmas ball on the foliage that dominates the Bateses' kitchen.



With many ceramic pots that she brings inside during the winter and pots outdoors in summer, Peggy Bates is able to grow herbs like Italian parsley year-round.

## Art Deco furniture, always popular, has a revival

By Kim Cook  
For The Associated Press

Art Deco was one of the shortest-lived design periods in history.

All about sensational, free-wheeling modern living and daring new designs, Deco was hit hard by the looming Second World War. It was time to pack up the Charleston records, put away glamorous accoutrements and face harsh reality.

But the style never seems to go quietly, or for long.

The reason Art Deco furni-

ture is popular again now is easy to figure, says James Caughman, senior marketing director for Chicago-based Baker Furniture, part of the Kohler Interiors Group.

"Art Deco designers synthesized simple forms, exquisite materials and luxurious finishes to create a truly modern expression. We're comfortable with the familiar shapes and proportions," he says. "That's why Art Deco resonates and endures."

Art Deco complements both modern minimalism and classic traditionalism.

Many of today's interior and furniture designers, such as Nancy Corzine, Barbara Barry, Jeffrey Bilhuber and Richard Mishan, use its elements in their work.

When we think of Art Deco home furnishings, we envision voluptuous leather or velvet upholstered club chairs, sleek lacquered cabinets, gleaming martini sets and mirrored boudoir vanities. Hallmarks include geometric or rounded silhouettes, inlays and veneers, ornamentation such as starbursts and zigzags, and

machine age materials such as aluminum, plastic and steel.

Barry has created a collection for Baker Furniture that epitomizes the grace and clan of Art Deco. Look for her curvy upholstered chairs, metallic-leafed tables, and a group of smartly tailored yet sexy cabinets and desks ([www.kohlerinteriors.com](http://www.kohlerinteriors.com)).

Corzine's chic desks and vanities would look right at home in Carole Lombard's suite; at the same



CI Starling & Son's 4-Arm Chandelier. Art Deco complements both modern minimalism and classic traditionalism.

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# Knowing and using your 'green' firelogs

**DEAR JIM:** I have a regular fireplace I like to use, but I hate the hassle of using firewood. I was thinking of using the composite firelogs. Instead, are they a good alternative for a nice fire, and do they pollute a lot? — Christie L.



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**DEAR CHRISTIE:** Using real firewood in a fireplace can get messy and be a lot of work storing and handling the logs. Often when you buy firewood which is called "split and seasoned," the pieces are really too large to get started. Unless you are unusually strong and can swing an axe and maul over your head, these pieces are difficult to split.

Using artificial firelogs is a reasonable alternative to burning real firewood. Firelogs have a unique contour on the top of the log to produce realistic-looking flames. The only drawback to using them often and for long periods is the cost will be

greater than using real firewood. For the occasional or short fire, the cost difference is not significant.

Burning real firewood can contribute to air pollution, and in some communities, it is controlled. Firelogs burn much cleaner than real firewood. They typically produce 70 percent less particulate matter, 85 percent less carbon monoxide and 50 percent less smoke.

Until recently, firelogs were made from sawdust and petroleum waxes.

Some of the heat content comes from the burning sawdust, but most comes from the waxes. The sawdust functions somewhat similar to the



An all-external firelog produces bright flames and very little smoke. For more efficiency, cover the fireplace opening with glass doors.

wick of a candle. These firelogs produce a significant amount of heat per pound, and they are a good use for waste sawdust from wood mills and other woodworking companies.

Today, with more concern for the environment and higher costs of petroleum

products, many firelogs are now made with natural vegetable waxes instead of petroleum waxes. Since the vegetable waxes are a form of biochemicals, the firelogs are almost greenhouse-gas neutral.

Another new type of environmentally friendly firelog,

Java-Log, is made from recycled coffee grounds. If you accidentally tear open the bag around the log, the coffee odor is very apparent. Coffee grounds have a high heat content, so these logs produce 25 percent more heat than standard sawdust firelogs. Also, the flames are more brilliant from the coffee.

All-wood, compressed sawdust firelogs and bricks are available in some areas. These can be burned identically to real firewood because they are 100 percent wood. Waste sawdust is compressed causing the particles to bond together into a hard block.

Firelogs also produce much less creosote than real firewood. Have your chimney checked and cleaned if necessary. Special firelogs are available which are made in the chimney. Saver Systems ([www.saversystems.com](http://www.saversystems.com)) offers an anti-creosote spray liquid for logs.

**DEAR JIM:** I plan to buy an electric space heater for a small bedroom.

All the models I find recommend several feet of clearance around the heater for safety. Is this really important or just overkill for insurance reasons? — Pat J.

**DEAR PAT:** It is not just "overkill" and you should always follow the manufacturer's or your fire department's recommendations. The electric elements in most electric space heaters get hot enough to ignite combustible materials.

The heating elements in true ceramic space heaters tend to stay cooler than other types. You will notice they do not glow red hot. Even so, always keep combustible materials at the recommended distance from the heater.

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## Green options for apartment dwellers

By Alex Velja  
Associated Press writer

**LOS ANGELES** — Environmentally conscious condo and apartment dwellers can't be blamed for feeling a bit, well, green over those living in detached homes. Free to make just about any Earth-friendly renovations they like.

Unless they live in a building with a homeowners association that has embraced the Earth-friendly way, condo owners are decidedly limited by comparison in the range of upgrades they can make to enhance their energy savings.

And renters — often times they're just lucky if they can get permission to paint, much less rip out flooring, countertops and cabinets.

But that's no reason not to take advantage of the trove of products that are now on the market to whittle down that carbon footprint, eradicate airborne toxins and beef up the use of recyclables, experts say.

First the basic stuff: Russell Albanese, president of the Albanese Organization, which has built several green residential high-rises in New York City, says among the first things condo and apartment residents should do to cut their energy costs is

test out the greenest of light bulbs and replace them with compact fluorescent bulbs or LEDs, light-emitting diodes. Compact fluorescent light bulbs can range between \$4 and up, with many models about \$10. LEDs with comparable light output to household lamp incandescent lights are typically around \$30.

The next move for condo owners (and for apartment renters, if they can) is use only Energy Star-rated appliances.

Another energy-saver is using programmable thermostats. They can be used to manage when the air conditioning or heat turns on, so that they're on for less time during the day when the unit is empty.

"It can save you a lot of energy if you're away from home a lot," says Jay Hill, a technical consultant for the U.S. Green Building Council, an industry trade group.

Indoor air quality can be a significant problem in residential buildings, particularly for renters whose apartments

have carpeting. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified filters for air conditioners can help snatch up small particles of dust and other allergens not captured by conventional filters.

A medical-grade Hepa air filtration unit that can absorb chemicals and odors and wipe out nearly all airborne particles. Prices of Hepa-rated air purifiers vary, with models typically around \$100 and up.

Another way to make the condo cleaner is to repaint the walls with low-volatile organic compounds, or low-VOC paints.

Many are increasingly available and often don't cost a lot more than regular paint. Low- or no-VOC interior wall paints can run about \$36 a gallon, while comparable regular

paint are around \$20 a gallon. To help save water, condo owners can try dual-flush toilets (with prices starting around \$400) which give users two options on how much water to use per flush.

For those thinking about redoing their flooring have more environmentally sustainable choices than ever, including reclaimed wood, bamboo, cork and natural linoleum, which is made out of flax seed, linseed oil and other biodegradable materials.

Bamboo and cork flooring come in a variety of finishes. They typically start at around \$3.50 a square foot, with some styles going for twice that or as low as \$2 at some retailers.

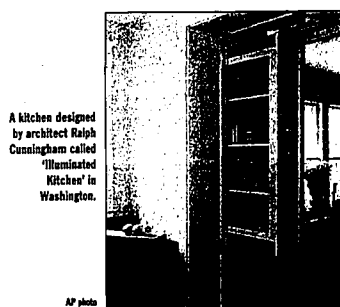
Kitchen cabinets can also be redone with similar alternatives to wood, including composite veneers which can

be made to look like exotic woods. The options for swapping out kitchen counters for more eco-friendly materials now include using recycled bottles and glass recovered from landfills.

Metal, reclaimed wood and stone are also good alternatives, says Sarah Beatty, founder of New York-based Green Depot, a green home building retailer.

IceStone, one brand of recycled glass used to create countertops for kitchens and bathrooms, generally ranges between \$100 and \$150 a square foot.

"There's no longer any type of compromise with these green products," Beatty said. "They are beautiful, there's much more of a range, (and) they're easier as far as installation goes."



A kitchen designed by architect Ralph Cunningham called "Illuminated Kitchens" in Washington.

AP photo

## Making the most of a small kitchen space

By Alan Zibel  
Associated Press writer

If you love to cook, but are afraid of buying or renting a place with a kitchen the size of a phone booth, fear not. A small kitchen doesn't have to be a big drawback if you use your space creatively.

How to design and outfit a cramped or narrow kitchen is a common quandary. You can use small appliances, cabinets that extend to the ceiling, multipurpose furniture and simple additions like wall shelves to make use of the limited space you have. In fact, being small can actually be an advantage as it discourages excess.

"Too often kitchens just become bloated," said David Eisen, principal with Abacus Architects + Planners in Boston. "Small kitchens aren't necessarily bad."

Whether you're doing a full-fledged kitchen remodeling project or just trying to make the best use of the space you have, experts say you need to get creative. Use a drop-leaf table if you don't have much room to sit. Or the low end. Target sells a drop-leaf table and two mission-style chairs for \$240.

Or, you can be more elaborate. One high-end Manhattan kitchen that Eisen designed has an island with flip-down seats like an old-fashioned taxicab that were custom-made by a steel fabricator for around \$500.

The most important piece of the kitchen is often the refrigerator. Units sold in the U.S., which range from \$350 to more than \$3,000 generally are between 30 and 48 inches wide, are between 24 and 33 inches deep and are 60 to 84 inches high. Which fridge works for you depends on the size of your space and how it is staged.

One good option for narrow kitchens is a "counter-depth" refrigerator that only extends about 24 inches, creating a built-in appearance. Makers like KitchenAid, General Electric, Whirlpool and LG sell them for about \$2,000.

"Once you figure out where you put the refrigerator, then the rest of it falls into place pretty easily," said

Byron Buck, owner of National Capital Kitchens in Washington, who specializes in kitchen designs for narrow row-houses and small condos.

In one particularly tiny kitchen in a Capitol Hill condominium, Buck removed the wall between the kitchen and living room, replaced 30-inch cabinets with ones that were 36 and 42 inches high and created more counter space with a peninsula that protrudes into the living room.

Another space-saving option is the "microwave drawer oven" introduced by Sharp this year. It sells for around \$700 and allows the microwave to fit under the counter, saving precious space.

When putting together your kitchen, be sure to keep as much as you can off the counter, because counter space is at a premium in a small space, advises Susan Serra, who runs her own kitchen design business in Long Island, N.Y.

How often do you really heat your bread, make rice or cook? Can you put them away somewhere else? Also, take stock of how much stuff you really need.

"Be tough on yourself. Get rid of what you can get rid of," she said. A good strategy is to place items you don't use much — like your holiday dishes — up high on shelves or built-ins, so they don't get in the way. Cabinets that go all the way to the ceiling can be a good option.

"You need to really look at the height of the room as well as the width and the length," says architect Ralph Cunningham. "There's usually space to be found up in the air."

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 time, they're fresh and contemporary (www.nancy-corzine.com).

That's certainly Art Deco's appeal to consumers: its versatility.

Pieces originally designed for the dining room or bedroom can now be used anywhere. Wireless devices and laptops give clients even more freedom when choosing furniture, says Lorlai Francis of Naples, Fla., who has been selling Art Deco furniture since 1998 through her online store, www.decodame.com.

Art Deco cabinets have become very popular to place under the wall-mounted TV, giving people a place to store audio and video equipment," she said. "Now a collector can enjoy a period Art Deco desk without cutting holes into it for cords."

For those interested in buying vintage as well as

reproduction furniture from the period, Decodame's collection includes a pair of crimson and black club chairs, and several vanities and sideboards crafted of lacquer, zebra wood or burl walnut.

One iconic Deco piece, the self-contained bar cabinet, is finding favor with young urbanites. It fits nicely in a smaller apartment. Pottery Barn introduced their version this year; the mahogany lacquered City Bar. With space for beverages, glassware, mixing equipment and room for serving, it even features a pop-up mirror.

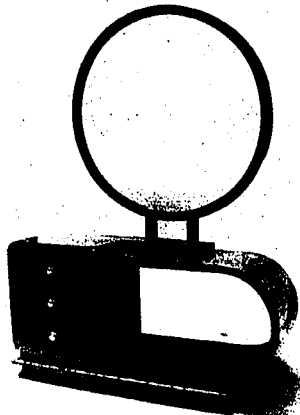
HomeGoods offers a smart mirrored chest that could serve multiple purposes, as well as chunky crystal candlesticks and a variety of vanity items that echo the style.

Also look for reproduction and antique doorknobs, cabinet pulls and lighting fixtures.



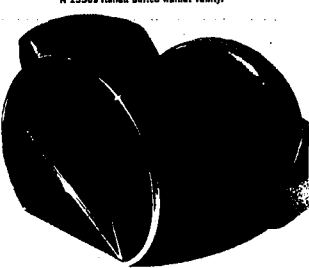
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House of Antique Hardware's Art Deco Door Set.

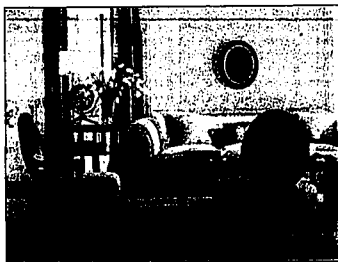


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A 1930s Italian burl walnut vanity.



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The X-back Oval Chair from the Barbara Barry Collection for Baker Furniture.

The Streamline Art Deco Leather Club Chair.

# Protecting turnips from pests

By Scott Aker  
 Special to The Washington Post

Q. My 98-year-old father has been gardening all his life but is having trouble controlling insects now that many of the insecticides that he used before are no longer available. He is particularly concerned about his turnips. As the turnips mature in the fall, something is eating them and tunneling through them. He has to cut away half of the turnip to eat them. In some cases, the turnips are completely hollowed out.

A. The pest in question is the root maggot fly. Cover the seedlings with a floating row cover to keep the flies from reaching the soil surface, where they lay eggs near the young plants. The row cover will also keep out flea beetles, the other major pest of turnips.

The fly is the same pest that tunnels in the roots of the cole crops. In the case of cabbages and related plants, a standard treatment is to place tar paper around each plant to keep flies from reaching the soil surface. Since turnips are typically sown and then thinned, the tar paper trick is not really feasible for them.

Temperatures higher than 95 degrees will kill the eggs of root maggots. In September, cover the row with clear plastic for a few days after the seedbed is prepared but before seeds are planted to kill eggs that might be present. Then use the floating row cover as the turnips develop.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

# To personalize your garden, think beyond plants

By Joel M. Lerner  
 Special to The Washington Post

When homeowners cut their landscaping budgets, they typically get rid of things such as garden pools, fountains, walls, seating, sculpture, containers and lighting. But these elements, which can be grouped together as "site amenities," contribute to the impact of a garden.

These additions can cost thousands of dollars, or they can cost nothing. Whether you are scavenging for a light sculptural element, such as a rock, log, shell or driftwood, or commissioning a \$200,000 work of art, the investment can be worth it. Even pink flamingo lawn ornaments can look good with the right placement, perhaps by a pool.

• Garden pools. Position garden pools in sunny areas so plants will thrive and the water won't collect a lot of leaves and debris. Bring the pool into balance by creating a complete, living, breathing ecosystem. Install flowering aquatic plants. They will shade the algae and subdue its growth. Snails will clean the pool and a pump will recirculate and aerate the water.

• Fountains. The appeal of water is so strong that almost every garden has an area that can benefit from a fountain. In addition to beauty, fountains add sound. Self-contained, freestanding units are available in fiberglass, metal, ceramic, stone, bamboo, glass and concrete.

• Walls. Walls add stability to a site. Retaining walls can provide level areas for seating, water retention and plants. Stone walls can serve as sculptural elements, too. Building a low rock retaining wall can be a simple garden project for cool weather. Natural fieldstone walls can add appeal to a property, especially one located on a slope.

• Seating. A comfortable place to sit provides function, rest and somewhere to relax in your garden. Lash a hammock between two trees for the classic picture of summer laziness or attach it to a self-standing frame so you can move it around from patio to pool to perennial garden. Anything can serve as a seat — rocks, walls, tree stumps. You can sit on simple



Photos for the Washington Post by Sandra Lawitt Lerner

Almost any garden can benefit from a fountain.



Sculptural elements can make a plain space special.

folding chairs or ornate stone benches. Place a bench in a separate area off the path and you have a destination.

• Sculpture. Objects that add ornamental interest are excellent accents to your garden. Sculptural elements can



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branches, creating a moon-lighting effect and a play of shadows on the ground. Aim lights up into small flowering trees for a dramatic effect. Backlight to silhouette a plant and accentuate its form.

Lighting the garden can

bring romance and mystery and completely change a landscape's identity. Just as the gleam of copper or glass can add a new dimension to a well-furnished room, so can the addition of site amenities to a well-planted garden.

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# Gardeners can learn to attract and keep bees

By Dean Fostick  
For The Associated Press

Wild honeybees have all but disappeared from yards across America. Many kinds of butterflies also are becoming scarce, but gardeners have options if they need pollinators to help produce a healthy food supply.

No cause has been found for the worldwide decline in pollinators, but contributing factors include pesticides, habitat loss, pollution, disease and pests.

An estimated 200,000 species act as pollinators, transferring pollen grains from one flower to another, facilitating fruiting and seed production. About 1,000 are birds, bats, and small mammals like mice and voles. The rest are insects: bees, hornets and wasps, butterflies and moths, ants and beetles, even houseflies and mosquitoes.

On nearly every continent, native bee populations have seen dramatic declines, said Gary Mast, a deputy undersecretary with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"In China, many fruit growers are pollinating flowers by hand because improper pesticide use has killed the bees in the orchards," Mast said. "And nearly two-thirds of Britain's 25 species of bumblebees are in decline."

Pollinator species that are disappearing in North America include some butterflies, bees and hummingbirds, as well as honeybees, the most efficient pollinators, according to a report by the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council.

Mast estimates that bees pollinate one-third of the world's crops, a service calculated to be worth around \$70 billion a year.

So what can gardeners do



Milkweed is one of the most popular flowering plants for pollinators as well as a favorite food source for monarch butterfly larvae. Foraging bees and wasps also seek it out for its pollen and nectar supplies.

to help pollinators? Landscaping with plants that appeal to them can secure a season-long series of visitors. Artificial shelters like bee condominiums and bat houses could encourage them to stay.

Pollen- and nectar-rich flowering plants like butterfly weeds (*Asclepias tuberosa*), black-eyed susans (*Rudbeckia species*), coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*), milkweeds (*Asclepias speciosa*), phlox (*Phlox paniculata*, Carolina), Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus carota*), sedum and sunflowers (*Helianthus species*) appeal most to bees and butterflies, said James Dill, an entomologist with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

Hummingbirds prefer cardinal flowers (red Lobelia), Columbian (especially the red *Aquilegia* species) and trumpet vines (*Campsis*).

"Red, trumpet-shaped flowers are the most popular thing you can put in your yard to attract pollinators," Dill said. "Even though they're small, phlox have a nice supply of nectar. They also have shallow trumpets

and even small insects can reach into those."

Some other plant-centered suggestions for attracting pollinators:

- **Succession planting.** Food plants should be available from early spring well into autumn. Bees need nectar and pollen to survive. "You especially want flowering plants for butterflies during mid- to late season, when butterflies are most prevalent," Dill said.

- **Provide water.** A dripping faucet, birdbath or mud puddle attracts bees and butterflies. Change the water frequently to discourage mosquito breeding and to avoid chemical contamination.

- **Plant native perennials.** These hardy flowers provide many colorful returns and produce large nectar supplies.

- **Sunny sites.** Bees are more active when warm, and most flower varieties require several hours or more of sun per day to produce nectar and pollen.

- **Add food plants for the juveniles.** "Think of the life cycles of the insects you're trying to attract," Dill said.

"Figure out their food sources."

**Avoid:**

- **Herbicides and insecticides,** which are especially harmful to bees and butterflies. Choose non-chemical solutions for insect problems. "One of the things we tell our farmers is be careful when spraying," Dill said. "If you're an apple grower, look at the tree's underneath the tree. Be mindful about time of day, wind conditions, bee activity and whatever else is around."

- **Many "horticultural plants"** such as marjoram, mums and roses bred as doubles contain little or no pollen. Their many petals make it impossible for bees and other pollinators to gather nectar, entomologists say. Select single petal flowers like strawflowers, carnations (geraniums) and daisies that provide easier access.

- **Cleaning up.** The casual look is in if you want pollinators to take up housekeeping on your property. Bees often visit in undisturbed shrubs or grass.

- **Condition yourself to the beauty of natural areas,** said Laurie Adams, executive director of the Pollinator Partnership, a San Francisco-based nonprofit group that promotes pollinators and biodiversity. "Put up a sign that says 'pollinator garden if it looks a little unkempt. Ground nesting bees need some debris nearby.'"

Learn all you can about plants native to your area and observe which beneficial insects are visiting the garden, Adams said.

"Diversify with flowering plants known to attract particular pollinators," she said. "That reduces the pesticide load, creates something attractive that will last for years and benefits the environment."

# Bee houses can encourage helpful insects

By Dean Fostick  
For The Associated Press

It's one thing to attract roving honeybees, butterflies or hummingbirds to your flowering plants or trees. It's another to keep them.

Trying to lure a few butterfly houses, bee blocks or hat houses around your yard to encourage these hard-working pollinators to become long-term tenants.

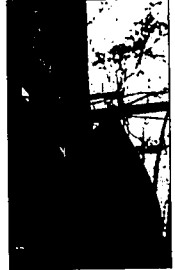
Inexpensive (\$15 range) bee houses are proving popular with gardeners looking for pollinators, particularly the ground-dwelling kind.

The four habitat requirements for luring wildlife — food, water, shelter and space — apply to beneficial insects, too. It pays to know something about the life cycle of pollinators if you're to succeed at attracting them.

Take orchard mason bees, for example. They can be found across North America for flowers and flowering fruit trees. Some entomologists believe the docile mason bees are more efficient than their larger cousins, the honeybees, although they don't produce centralized honey supplies.

"They're so industrious, you only need three to pollinate an ornamental tree," said Kathy Lalibert, director of gardening at Cardenover's Supply Co. in Burlington, Vt.

These solitary bees tend to place their pollen, nectar and eggs in hollow reeds or holes in trees that have been drilled by woodpeckers or beetles. The female then places a plug made of mud to protect the nest before building another. Mature bees emerge from the tubes the next spring.



A mason bee house and a hat house are seen in New Market, Va. Designing a garden attractive to pollinators may attract some foraging bees and wasps, bats and hummingbirds. Adding some shelters may help keep them around.

A typical mason bee house can or may be built around 30 or more bamboo tubes. After laying eggs in the tubes and leaving behind some pollen and nectar, the female deposits a mud plug and then repeats the procedure a half-dozen times per tube.

Growers can do many things to enrich their surroundings even if space is limited, said Kimberly Winter, habitat program manager for the National Wildlife Federation.

"One thing is stop spraying pesticides," Winter said. "Use biological products like tobacco and soybean mixtures on insect pests." The small steps people can take will help all wildlife, not just pollinators. That's good for the natural world and good for the growers, too.

# Vetting a contractor is important in tough times

By Melissa Kossler Dutton  
Associated Press writer

With the economy on shaky ground, it's more important than ever for homeowners to carefully screen the contractors they hire for home improvement projects.

Consumer protection experts say that when work slows down, some contractors may bid on jobs outside their area of expertise; let their licenses and insurance lapse; or fall behind on payments to their suppliers. Contractors operating on narrow profit margins might find themselves in danger of shutting down.

To protect yourself, ask about the company's financial stability, said Shari Purves-Heller, outreach manager for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industry. The last thing a homeowner wants is to hire a contractor on the brink of bankruptcy.

Just ask Steve Ludlum. The contractor he hired to build a pool at his Tucson, Ariz., home went bankrupt midway through the job.

"He talked a good game," Ludlum recalled. "We had a lot of personal references. We thought we did our homework."

When the company went under in October 2007, Ludlum was left with an unfinished pool and a yard



Steve Ludlum, left, and friend Richard Gallick work to clean up the backyard and finish the electricity and plumbing for the Ludlums' pool in Tucson, Ariz. The contractor the Ludlums hired to build a pool at their home went bankrupt midway through the job.

full of trenches. Fortunately for him, he and the contractor had agreed on a payment schedule in which Ludlum paid after tasks were completed, so he had money available to finish the job. Still, the pool cost more than his original budget of about \$45,000, and he did much of the work himself.

"It's no horror story," the 33-year-old said. "We did a lot of swimming last summer."

While it's impossible to

gauge a company's financial situation with certainty, there are red flags, the experts said.

"Do some fact-checking on the front end," said Angie Hicks, founder of Indianapolis-based Angie's List, which offers online consumer reviews of contractors and other services.

And once you've selected a company to do the work, request a written contract

with lots of specifics, added Kip Morse, a regional governor for Better Business Bureaus. If the scope of the project changes, be sure to add new information to the contract, said Morse, who also is president of Central Ohio BBB.

Morse, Hicks and Purves-Heller offered these suggestions for choosing and hiring contractors:

- **Ask for a list of their suppliers.** Call those companies and check whether the contractor has been paying bills. Contractors who are behind on their accounts or no longer have a line of credit with the company might be in financial trouble.

- **Consult with any subcontractors** who will be working on the project. Ask them whether the contractor pays them promptly. Unpaid subcontractors are another sign of money problems.

- **Check the company's rating** with Better Business Bureau, www.bbb.org, or a consumer rating service such as Angie's List, www.angieslist.com. These organizations may offer the opportunity to run a credit report on the company or may use other financial considerations when evaluating the company. They also may review court filings, including any lawsuits or liens against the company.

- **Interview previous clients.** Ask whether the company performed work on time and to their satisfaction. Find out whether supplies were being delivered as promised, or subcontractors were charged. Ask whether the contractor tried to add charges to the final bill.

- **Verify whether the company is licensed and insured.** Call the contractor's insurance company and check whether coverage is up to date. Check with whatever local agency regulates contractors and see whether the company has a valid license, and that it is for the type of work they've offered to do. For example, a general contractor may not be licensed to do plumbing or electrical work.

- **Get it in writing.** Once you've selected a contractor, draft a document that details the job and its price. Insist that the contractor include a start and end date.

- **Make sure you understand the entire contract.** Do not sign it if you don't, as contracts can be written to favor you're over another.

- **Set a payment schedule.** Negotiate a down payment; down payments are typically 10 percent to 15 percent of the total job. The future payments to complete a work not time on the job. Withhold at least 10 percent of the total until you are satisfied with the job.

- **Pay suppliers directly for materials.** This prevents contractors from using your agency to pay for other jobs. If you're unable to do that, ask for detailed receipts and verify them with the companies before reimbursing the contractor.

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## Sun Valley gives pumper to Carey Fire Department

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

The North Pole shifted several hundred miles to the south for the townspeople of Carey last week.

The town of 400 got an early Christmas present this past weekend when the city of Sun Valley bequeathed Carey Engine 60, a fire pumper.

"This is better than Christmas," said Fire Chief Dennis Patterson as he ran around the yellow-green fire truck, opening each door to see the hoses and other materials inside. "This is the true meaning of Christmas to me. It brings us into the modern firefighting age."

Engine 60, which has been replaced in Sun Valley with a new Pierce Fire Truck, has been a part of Sun Valley since 1980, said Sun Valley Fire Chief

"This is better than Christmas."

— Carey Fire Chief Dennis Patterson

Jeff Carnes. It was the city's first structural fire engine to use compressed air foam.

Carnes first saw what compressed air foam could do during the Yellowstone fire when it was used to help save Old Faithful Lodge. He knew then that he wanted it.

The fire engine has been used on every large fire in the Wood River Valley in the past 28 years, including last year's Castle Rock Fire and a disastrous fire on Kothum's Main Street a few months ago.

It also has been sent to fires across the West, including fires near Santa

Barbara and Sacramento Calif., in Northern Idaho and near Stanley, Lowman and McCall.

"Most fire trucks use a large volume of water to put out fire. You don't need a large amount of water when you have compressed foam," said Carnes. "This is the best way to fight a fire today. You don't make a mess pouring tons of water on things."

As the convoy of firefighters and city dignitaries pulled near to Carey Saturday afternoon, Sun Valley firefighters Mal Prior and Joe Richardson moved out of the engine cab to make way for Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich and City Councilman Nils Ribb.

Willich drove the fire truck down Carey's Main Street as Ribb flipped the switch to activate the flashing red lights and siren. Motorists pulled over



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News  
Carey Fire Chief Dennis Patterson, left, and Sun Valley Fire Chief Jeff Carnes talk near the fire engine Sun Valley donated to Carey recently.

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KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News  
Actress Jamie Lee Curtis signs a book for 3-year-old Rufus Smith, of Bellevue, during her Dec. 21 book signing at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum.

## New Curtis book helps young readers understand big words

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis issued a challenge in sweeping letters on the inside cover of her new children's book: "Use big words."

The message went to 3-year-old Rufus Smith, of Bellevue, who will presumably one day read the book his mother

bought him at Iconoclast Books on Dec. 21.

The book, in fact, is titled "Big Words."

"I wrote it because they wouldn't let me use the word 'consequences' in my first book," she said. "The editor told me it was too big. I said, 'Well, let's just make a book about big words then.' And there you have it."

Curtis, who has been spending Christmas in Sun Valley since she could fit into Santa hats, has penned eight children's books.

Her latest book, illustrated by New York illustrator Laura Cornell, is designed to help little people communicate in a big person's world.

It takes words like "privacy," "persevere," "intelligence"

and, yes, "consequence" and sets them to rhyme.

"Inconsiderate is the word Dad would pick if you wake up Mom when she's feeling sick ..." writes the Golden Globe-winning actress who has appeared in such movies as "True Lies" and "Freaky Friday."

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## GOODING CENTENNIAL

# Fighting Gooding's first fires

By Coy Jones  
For the Times-News

The early 1900s were a time of not only great growth, but grave concern for the recently incorporated community of Gooding. A building boom that brought newly constructed homes and businesses to the community also brought with it fire concerns.

Efforts of businessmen and articles published in the *Gooding Leader* raised awareness of those concerns and a meeting was held Nov. 2, 1908 at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, presided over by village Chairman W.J. Gooding. After a short yet lively discussion the Gooding Fire Company was formed. Donations were accepted to get the company its fire engine. In six weeks a 1908 Scammon fire truck arrived from Portland, Ore., at a cost of \$750.

The first engine was housed in a tent. A lantern was kept lit at night to allow for faster response time. A horse was later purchased to pull the hose reel. Up to this time, the hose reel had been pulled by a four-man crew.

Funds to operate the Gooding Fire Company were scarce. It was decided that the Gooding Fire Company would raise money for its operation through fundraisers. The first firemen's dance was held on May 29, 1909. The money raised was used to purchase rubber boots, axes and ladders.

The first indoor fire station was at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Washington Street, where NAPA Auto Parts is now located. The building also housed Smith Auto Company.

Alerting the volunteer department of a fire in the early days of Gooding was difficult. Word of mouth was the only way to alert the men. The first fire for the Gooding Fire Company was reported on Feb. 12, 1909 at the ranch of Frank R. Gooding. A haystack caught fire, causing \$100 in damages. The first commercial fire came on the Feb. 21, 1910 at the Delmonico cafe.

Learn more about Gooding's history at the Gooding County Historical Society's Web site, [www.gchsgooding.blogspot.com](http://www.gchsgooding.blogspot.com).

## Living vs. existing: Choosing quality over quantity

DEAR DR. GOTT: Too often now, it is possible to keep an individual existing for years with feeding tubes and breathing machines, whether the patient wants them or not. That's not my definition of living. Is it for the benefit of the patient or family? No! Life is completely on hold. Is it for the benefit of nursing homes, doctors and hospitals? Oh, yes. Doctors just



ASK DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

stick their heads in my room once a day or week and get paid. By somebody.

When I reach the state of not being able to respond and eat on my own for one week, I want to pull the plug. That is not living but only existing. I see it all around. Don't allow that to happen to me. I'm 86 years old and have had a good life and lovely family. Let me go.

DEAR READER: You present a very compelling argument. I agree that quality of

life is much more important than quantity of life.

I hope you have shared your feelings with your family or the appropriate people in charge. A simple health care proxy, living will or other document recognized by your state should be in place to protect you and honor your wishes. If you haven't taken this step, do so at once. If you are in a nurs-

ing home, you probably already have everything in order.

You appear to be of sound mind and able to express your feelings. I hope that means you continue to read, watch the news on television, participate in social events to the best of your ability and gain pleasure from family and friends. We all must make concessions

as we age, myself included. While it's difficult to recognize initially, the changes allow us to look at life through a different perspective, and that's not all bad. In fact, it's called maturity.

Fluff up that pillow behind your head, put a smile on your face, and keep the letters coming my way. I like

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Students from Gooding Elementary School gather for a group photo with presents they purchased for needy children in the holiday season.



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# Gooding students learn about giving

Gooding Elementary School students learned about the rewards of giving this holiday season. Students at Gooding Elementary School participated in several community service projects in December and learned about generosity and the importance of giving to others. Gooding Schools recently hosted a time capsule event to celebrate the City of Gooding's 100th birthday.

Students at all grade levels participated in the celebration on Dec. 5, with projects focused on students giving back to the community and remembering the contributions of Gooding citizens throughout the community's history. Many of the elementary classes focused on how they can be generous to those in the Gooding community. Kindergarten students collected 100 pairs of mittens and gloves to give

to the less fortunate. Another project involved fourth graders collecting 100 recipes and traditions from families in Gooding. The students and their teachers compiled recipes collected for the Centennial Celebration and created a cookbook that they sold for \$5 each. The students raised more than \$1,000 from the sales and as a class decided to buy Christmas presents to donate to a community organization. Helping

Hearts and Hands, to distribute to less fortunate children. The money from the cookbook sales was evenly distributed among all fourth graders and then the class, all 87 students, took a trip to the local King's store to purchase gifts. Cookbooks are still available for purchase at Gooding Elementary School or you can call the Gooding School District office at 208-934-4321.

# Fire

Continued from page C5 and those who braved the subzero wind chill on foot were... "Carey has only a handful of fire hydrants so that makes this truck all the more valuable," noted Carnes. While Engine 60 has outlived its usefulness for Sun Valley, it is very useful to Carey, noted Carey's assistant fire chief John Adamson. "This will enable us to fight fires better with less water and less damage to a structure," he said. "We don't have a very many

structure fires here, but there's always that potential." After a round of thanks, Sun Valley officials left with assurances from Carey firefighters that they hoped they would never have to bring Engine 60 back to Sun Valley to battle a real fire. "That was so neat," Ribbi said, pumping his chest with his fist as he left Carey. "There's nothing that warms the heart more than when you can make someone so happy like we've done here today. That's what this is all about."

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# ERC holds climate change course

In response to an enhanced awareness of a climate change influenced by human factors, the Environmental Resource Center (ERC) is hosting a four week long discussion course titled Global Warming: Changing course. With the carbon footprints of Blaine County, Halley, Ketchum, and Sun Valley hav-

ing recently been calculated now is the perfect opportunity to continue the climate change discussion with these updated readings. Beginning Jan. 22, participants will meet weekly at Iconoclast Bookstore in Ketchum at 6 p.m. The hour-long discussions will focus on readings from the Northwest

Earth Institute and will explore the history and science of global warming, help participants examine their personal values and habits as they relate to climate change, and empower them take action to curb global climate change. The discussion workbook is \$19 and the classes are free.

Those interested are asked to sign up by Jan. 12 so that participants can pick up the books before classes begin. Ideal class size is 8-10 people so sign up now before spaces fill up. To register for the discussion group or for more information: Megan, 726-4333 or [megan@ensv.org](mailto:megan@ensv.org).

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# Curtis

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"I've got all her books. They're just wonderful books — so creative and illustrated so beautifully," said Martha Bolliger, of Halley. Bolliger was one of dozens who trudged through falling snow to stand in a line that stretched across the length of Iconoclast's block-long store on Sun Valley Road. "I've got 13 grandchildren but I don't think I'll be getting books for all of them," said Jesse Fishman, of Ketchum. "Some of them are in college and I hope they

would know these big words by now." Curtis swept into the store dressed in her trademark black sweater and slacks as if she hadn't yet been able to shake the fast-paced lifestyle of her home in southern California. "My 12-year-old son Tom is alone for the first time," she said, breathlessly. "There are few places my son can have real freedom and Sun Valley is one of them. I had more freedom here than anywhere else in the world, and that's what I'm trying to

give my son. "Of course, I have this close at hand," she said patting her cell phone. Lively and animated, Curtis multi-tasked as she signed books. There was a kiss on the cheek for an old friend and a hug for another. She drew a stick figure to demonstrate why she doesn't draw her own illustrations and took a moment to show the laboriously slow way her mother, actress Janet Leigh, used to sign her signature.

And, when asked, she put her pen down to pose for a picture. "Her books are something that are never going to wear out," said Maryanne Williams, of Los Angeles. "The kids that are getting these books today will be able to pass them on to their kids. And they'll be able to pass them on to their kids."

# Dr. Gott

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your spunk and straightforward approach. DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently put on Lipitor for high cholesterol. I developed awful leg cramps. My doctor reduced the dose, so I take one pill every other day. My pain has decreased in frequency but hasn't disappeared. Would you associate the pain with the medication? The leg pain was tied to my sciatic nerve. DEAR READER: Lipitor has been connected with severe leg cramps and pain that can appear anywhere in the body, but most commonly in the calf muscles, which are used so often. Co-Q10 is a naturally occurring enzyme in the body. Reports have revealed a deficiency of more than 50 percent in less than a month by patients on Lipitor. The deficiency causes pain. Purchase Co-Q10 over the counter and continue the reduced dose of Lipitor. Bring my recommendation to your phys-

ician's attention for an opinion. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167,

Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title. Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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**Linda Wiggins**  
Linda has been employed at GCMH for 15 years. She has worked in several departments of the hospital but has spent the majority of her years at GCMH in the Dietary Department. She has spent the last 11 years serving as the Dietary Services Director. Linda has an Associates Degree from the College of Southern Idaho and has completed numerous Food Service courses at Idaho State University and Boise State University. She is also certified in Serve Safe and Food Safety and Sanitation. Linda and her staff work diligently to provide patients with satisfying, nutritious food that will enhance the patient's recovery and overall wellness. They focus on addressing patient concerns and desires and spend time learning about each patient's special dietary needs. This focus helps them create a menu, specific to each patient, that meets their dietary & health needs along with the patient's personal preferences. In addition to caring for the patients at GCMH, Linda and her staff can be found at many hospital functions catering their wonderful food. Linda has one son and two grandsons. She is involved in her community and currently serves as a member of the Gooding Lions Club where she devotes time on projects such as eye testing at schools, and road side trash pick up. She is also the current Secretary of the Dietary Managers Association of Idaho. 1120 Montana Street, Gooding ID - (208) 934-4433 - [www.goodinghospital.org](http://www.goodinghospital.org)

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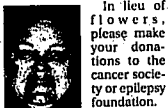
**Valeria Hobday**

Valeria Hobday has gone to rest with her Father after a brief but courageous battle with cancer; she passed away Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008.

Valeria was born Oct. 24, 1959, in Jerome, to John and Gerie Dixon. Val held many tough and technical jobs throughout her life. She was the talk of the town when she married her husband, Casey, on horses 26 years ago on Aug. 7, 1982. Val loved the outdoors, hunting, camping and fishing.

She is survived by her mother, Gerie; two brothers, Wally and John; two half sisters, Kay and Rita; her husband, Casey; and son, John.

She was preceded in death by her father, John; and half brother, Steve.



In lieu of flowers, please make your donations to the cancer society or epilepsy foundation. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Cremation is under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

**John L. Kornher**

BOISE — John L. Kornher, 83, of Boise, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008. He was born July 21, 1925, in Gooding, to John and Emma Kornher. After high school in Gooding, John received a Navy ROTC scholarship; to the University of Colorado and graduated in the electrical engineering program. Returning to Gooding, he met and married Meryl Kinney. As newlyweds, they had a go at bee-keeping in the Buhl area and then John began his career for Idaho Power Company.

John served many years in the engineering field in many parts of the country. His field of expertise was well known and appreciated. His last project before retiring was the Swan Falls project. He worked on the project in Washington, D.C., for the Urban-Transit systems. He was also on the San Francisco Rapid Transit system (Bart) project. He worked as a concrete and soils engineer for Brownlee.

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He enjoyed figuring out the little things and how you could do them better. He always had a thinking cap on and never missed a chance to help others. He also liked working by the water and could take advantage of fishing. He was an avid fisherman and he wasn't fishing if he wasn't planning the next trip. Many stories and fun were always shared about fishing. He was a 50-year member of the M.W. Grand Lodge AF and AM of Idaho. John and Meryl celebrated their 60th anniversary June 6 of this year.

He is preceded in death by a sister, Helen Sampson; and son, Gordon. John is survived by his wife, Meryl; brother, Ken of Washington, D.C.; son, who lives and does custom construction in Mexico; daughter, Karen, who is a structural engineer in Wenatchee, Wash.; grandson, John; and six great-grandchildren in Mississippi. A memorial service will be held for John next summer on the Snake River.

**William 'Bill' Henry Bolster**

William "Bill" Henry Bolster, 89, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.



A much-loved husband, father and grandfather, he was the second of three children born to George W. and Anna Erickson Bolster in Plentywood, Mont., on April 30, 1919. He attended several schools in Montana. He joined the Army in 1943 and spent three years in the Pacific Far East Theater. Bill was proud to be an American and proud to serve his country in the Army. Bill and Shirley Anne Morrison were married on June 29, 1947, in Portland, Ore. They raised four sons together. After 30 years of service, he retired from the credit department of John Deere. For years, Bill enjoyed playing golf with his friends every weekday at 11 a.m. Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley; his sons, Barry (Gail) Bolster of Spokane, Wash., David (Lawnie) Bolster of Twin Falls, Clay (Lisa) Bolster of Seattle, Wash., and Ward (Kam) Bolster of Bend, Ore.; and seven grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Pastor Phil Price will officiate. Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Thomas E. Fain**

GLENN'S FERRY — Thomas "Tommy" Eugene Fain, 20, of Glenn's Ferry, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2008. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the VFW Hall in Glenn's Ferry (Rust Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home).

**Irene Moses**

WENDELL — Irene Moses, 56, of Wendell, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Jewell F. Bublitz**

BURLEY — Jewell F. Bublitz, 85, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at the Parkview Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

**Elwood W. Becker**

JEROME — Elwood W. For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The email address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

Becker, 65, of Jerome, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Willadean C. Nielsen**

Willadean C. Nielsen, 80, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Jessie Hazard**

Jessie Hazard, 61, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, in Reno, Nev. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Thomas H. House**

BURLEY — Thomas Howard House, 51, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

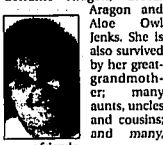
**Sage Martha Jenks Aragon**

JEROME — Sage Martha Jenks Aragon, 11, of Jerome, passed away Friday, Dec. 26, 2008, at St. Luke's Women's Medical Center in Ketchum.

She was born Dec. 15, 1997, in Jerome, the daughter of Robert E. Aragon and JoLeia M. Jenks. Sage was a sixth-grader at Summit Elementary School in Jerome. She was a happy girl who was always helpful, loved swimming, camping and being outdoors. She will be remembered as a "social butterfly" who loved her friends of all ages.

Sage is survived by her parents; two brothers, Bear Moonshining Aragon and

Alex Aragon; three sisters, Lorraine Aragon, Breezi Aragon and David Jenks. She is also survived by her great-grandmother, many aunts, uncles and many, many friends.



A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B, with Bishop Lavar Butters officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Lois Elaine Sewell Stephenson**

RUPERT — On Christmas Day 2008 after 90 years on this earth, our beloved mother, Lois Elaine Sewell Stephenson justly left her

home. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert J. Stephenson, in 1954. She is survived by her children, Karyl, Julene and Mike. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Karyl, Julene and Mike. She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert J. Stephenson, in 1954. She is survived by her children, Karyl, Julene and Mike. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Karyl, Julene and Mike.

tomatoes and a few petunias at her new home in Rupert.

Mom had a special place in her heart for her cats. They were her "babies" and she treated them with great love and care. They brought her great comfort and joy over the years. Mom was an accomplished Duplicate Bridge player. She spent many years enjoying her friends and relishing the game of bridge. Her mind was as sharp as ever, and even at 90, she could play a masterful game of bridge. Over the years, mom has also loved reading books, reading recipes and cookbooks, cooking big meals and lovingly listening to her favorite classical music on her organ for hours at a time. But above all, she loved her family.

Lois is survived, and will be greatly missed, by her children, Karyl Yelvertson of Burley, Janie Jones of Meridian and William Michael (Trish) Stephenson of Carson City, Nev.; seven grandchildren, Marc Yelvertson, Michael (Kellie) Yelvertson, Jeni (Drew) Ranstrom, Jami (Tony) Hanks (Ashley Kipp) Chambers, Tyson (Abby) Stephenson, and Kara Stephenson; six great-grandchildren, Lexie Yelvertson, Hunter, Briggs and Hailey Ranstrom, and Allie and Regan Harris; and two of her siblings, Donna Dimick of Portland, Ore., and James Sewell of Salt Lake City, Utah. Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert; both parents; one brother, Bill; and two sisters, LaRue and Ann.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St. in Rupert, with Bishop Richard E. Potocz officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

The family wishes to convey their deep gratitude to the many friends who have been so kind and caring to mother over the years and especially Lilliana Saunero-Navas for her miraculous care of mother during the last few years.

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**Marjorie Lee Glenn Newman**

RUPERT — Marjorie Lee Glenn Newman passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital after suffering a major stroke.

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Chicago, Ill., to John Richard and Grace Baltzell Glenn, but spent most of her early years in Waycross, Ga., where she graduated with the great class of 1940. She then attended the University of Georgia at Athens, where she was affiliated with the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In December 1942, she met Lt. Grover R. Newman, who was stationed at the Waycross Army Airfield during World War II, and they were married Dec. 16, 1942, before his deployment to Europe. After his discharge from the Army, they settled in Rupert, where she quickly became known for her many musical talents. She was an accomplished pianist, also vocalist, piano teacher and superb accompanist. She played piano at the Rupert Methodist Church for 30 years, teaming with Lois Lehman and Doris Burns for many beautiful piano-organ duets.

She was a 56-plus-year member of the PEO Sisterhood Chapter BS, having served in many capacities including state president and as a member of the PEO International Nominating Committee. She also served

on the Rupert Library Board, the Mindoka Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, and was a member and pianist for the Rupert Kiwanis Club. At the time of her death, she was president of Newman Investments Co., a commercial and residential real estate business she co-owned with her husband.

She is survived by her four children and nine grandchildren, Georgia Lee (Ken) Stephenson and her children, Bryan, Kathryn and Lauren; Grover Robert (Diane) Newman and their children, Robb and Margie; John William Newman; and Marjorie Grace (Jake) Jones and their children, Natalie Smith, Anthony, Andrea and Peter. Also surviving are three nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover; her brothers, John and Robert; and her parents.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, on the corner of Sixth and H streets.

The family expresses their sincere thanks and appreciation to the very caring employees at the Davita Dialysis Center in Burley and to the caring staff and owners of Autumn Haven in Rupert who made her last year an extraordinary gift of all of us. For those with memorials, they may be made to the Rupert United Methodist Church or, to the Wilson Theater Renovation project.

Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Ethel Martha Lee McCleary Young**

Ethel Martha Lee McCleary Young, 86, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Ethel was born in Twin Falls on Feb. 21, 1922. Ethel was a graduate of Twin Falls High School Class of 1940.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beatrice McCleary, Frank and her father, Irvin McCleary, both of Twin Falls. She is survived by her husband, Jack

D. Young, formerly of Young Ford in Burley; her daughter, Joanne Settler, and her grandchild, Ripley; her granddaughter, Ingrid Dekauwe (Mike) Gabbard; and two great-grandchildren, Laura and Matthew Dekauwe of Mount Vernon, Ky.

No service will be held at her request. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park, in Twin Falls.

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# Family of missing cruise woman believes she jumped

MIAMI (AP) — The family of a missing cruise ship passenger said Monday that they suspect the woman "chose an unfortunate ending to her life" and jumped from a cruise ship balcony into the waters off Mexico's coast on Christmas night.

The U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search Monday for Jennifer Ellis Seitz, a Florida journalist, after combing more than 200 square miles off the coast of the popular resort area of Cancun, where the ship had just visited. Mexican authorities said they would continue their search for another 48 hours.

Seitz had "previous emotional issues," yet there were no outward signs of distress while on the seven-night cruise in Miami, the family said in a statement given to one of her former employers, The News Chief in Winter Haven. Seitz's mother, Jennifer Seitz, said she and her father joined the search for her daughter on the cruise.



AP photo  
Jennifer Seitz poses for a photo in October 2003, in Melbourne, Fla. She may have jumped from a cruise ship balcony into the waters off Cancun, family members say.

"Jennifer was in a very happy and uplifted mood both before and during the cruise," the Ellis family said in the statement. "She was excited about starting a new job and her future career with a local newspaper. She and her husband had been talking about starting their family. The family suspects that Jennifer chose an unfortunate ending to her life. She was a beautiful and caring person and will be truly missed by all who love her."

Seitz and her husband, Raymond, were celebrating their one-year anniversary on the Norwegian Pearl cruise ship. A surveillance camera showed someone falling overboard at 8 p.m. Christmas night, authorities said. About eight hours later, Raymond Seitz reported his wife missing. FBI spokesman Mike Leverock says agents met the ship at the dock in Miami on Sunday, collected materials and "are still trying to determine if a crime occurred."

Norwegian Cruise Line said it is "cooperating fully" with the FBI.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the guest during this difficult time," the company said in a news release. Raymond Seitz has not been charged with any crime, authorities said Monday.

The couple met in a weight loss support group; both had undergone bariatric surgery. She chronicled her weight loss journey for an Orlando TV station. She was also a freelance writer, having written articles for The Tampa Tribune, The Ledger in Lakeland, and an online article titled, "Batting the Bulge Onboard," about how not to gain weight while aboard a ship.

On her Web site, Seitz described herself as an "avid traveler and an amateur chef." Raymond Seitz was arrested in April on a charge of domestic violence after being accused of beating his wife. The charge was dropped after he entered a pretrial diversion program. Records show that she asked the prosecutor not to pursue the case.

# Pilot killed in jet crash near N.C. Marine air base

HAVELOCK, N.C. (AP) — A Marine fighter jet crashed Monday about six miles east of an eastern North Carolina air base, killing the pilot, a Marine Corps spokesman said.

The single-seat plane was returning to the base after a training flight when it crashed about 12:30 p.m. in an unpopulated area, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point spokesman

Mike Barton said. No one else was hurt, Barton said.

Local authorities said the crash, about a mile east of the base off N.C. Highway 101, did not affect the few homes in the area.

The pilot's identity was being withheld until next-of-kin was notified and an investigation had begun, Barton said. The AV-8B Harrier jet was assigned to Marine Attack Training Squadron 23.

# Some retailers face struggles after slow holiday sales

By Anne D'Innocenzo Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The fallout from the horrific holiday season for retailers has begun, with the operator of an online toy seller filing for bankruptcy protection and more stores are expected to do the same — meaning more empty storefronts and fewer brands on store shelves.

A rash of store closings, which some experts predict the retail industry's most dire is likely to come across from electronics to apparel, shrinking the industry and leading to fewer niche players and suppliers.

The most dramatic pullback in consumer spending in decades could transform the retail landscape, as thousands of stores and whole malls close down. And analysts expect prolonged woes in the industry as the dramatic changes in shopping behavior could linger for another two or three years amid worries about the deteriorating economy and rising layoffs.

"You are going to see a substantial retrenchment in the retail industry," said Rick Chesley, partner in the global bankruptcy and restructuring group at international law firm Paul Hastings. "The downturn has been catastrophic."

A number of stores could even make it to Christmas. Circuit City Stores Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection last month. It plans to keep operating, but toy seller KB Toys, which filed for bankruptcy earlier this month, is considering closing its stores and will shut down.

The survival prospects for many more stores are dimming as more sales data



AP photo  
Holiday shoppers make their way through the Northshore Mall in Peabody, Mass., on Dec. 20. Fallout from the dismal holiday sales season promises to have a lasting impact on how the retail industry operates.

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comes in about the crucial holiday shopping season, which can account for up to 40 percent of a retailer's annual profit.

Holiday sales fell from 2 percent to a year ago, according to SpendingPulse, a division of MasterCard Advisors. Excluding gas and car sales, they dropped between 5.5 percent and 8 percent from Nov. 1 through Dec. 24, as key categories from luxury to electronics posted double-digit sales declines. Sales of electronics and appliances fell almost 27 percent, for example.

The retail casualties, which were first among

home furnishings stores and then many apparel stores over the past year or so, are expected to cut across all sectors as shoppers have slashed their spending on non-essentials, from TVs to jewelry.

About 160,000 stores will have closed this year and 200,000 more could shutter next year, said Burt P. Flickinger III, managing director of consulting firm Strategic Resource Group. That would be the industry's biggest contraction in 35 years. In March and April of next year, Flickinger expects 2,000 to 3,000 malls to shutter.

major consulting firm, predicts that 25.6 percent of 182 major retailers it tracks are either facing major financial distress or will face a significant risk of filing for bankruptcy in either next year or 2010 — the highest level in the 10 years that the firm has been compiling the figures. That compares with the 4 percent to 7 percent that it predicted would face financial woes in the previous two years.

Among the most vulnerable are retailers that have debt coming due soon and had relied on solid holiday sales to generate cash, said Matthew Katz, managing director in the firm's retail performance improvement practice. But he said he's watching merchants whose debt is not due until later in 2009 or 2010, but are paying big interest payments as they struggle with high debt loads and shrinking revenues.

# Blagojevich lawyer says impeachment not justified

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's lawyer said Monday that a vast array of charges and evidence doesn't merit removing the governor from office, and he urged a House committee not to recommend impeachment.

Attorney Ed Genson complained bitterly that lawmakers had "investigated" him with tape-recorded conversations that are quoted in a criminal complaint against the Democratic governor. He said no one knows the full content of those remarks or what he said; they are quoted accurately.

"We are fighting shadows, and that's not right," Genson said.

Monday's hearing was the first time Genson has comprehensively responded to the impeachment charges. Blagojevich was arrested by the FBI Dec. 9 on a variety of corruption charges, including scheming to benefit from naming President-elect Barack Obama's replacement in the U.S. Senate.

The governor denies any wrongdoing and has vowed to fight both impeachment and the criminal charges.

It was clear from the lawmakers' questions that they had little sympathy for Blagojevich or for Genson's arguments.

At one point, Genson grew so frustrated that he pleaded for help.

"Isn't anyone here going to stand up for the governor, or is it going to be one (article) after the other?" he asked. "This is the impartial panel!" Meanwhile, federal prosecutors filed a motion Monday asking for court permission to release four of the Blagojevich conversations caught by wiretaps.

A judge will hear the motion next week. Genson said he hadn't seen the fed-

eral request and didn't know whether he would support the release of the recordings.

Genson told the committee that the quotes from the federal complaint reveal talk but no action. They include the governor talking, sometimes practicing, but he said he's watching merchants whose debt is not due until later in 2009 or 2010, but are paying big interest payments as they struggle with high debt loads and shrinking revenues.

"It's just talk. That's what it is. Unfortunate talk, talk that shouldn't have been made, perhaps. But not actions," Genson said.

# Hollywood's happy, even without a record year

By David Germain Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood was had one breaking box-office records, yet studio executives aren't griping that their 2008 lineup will fall a bit shy of the all-time high set a year earlier.

With the overall economy in the doldrums, moviegoers are just glad to have weathered the year with faithful audiences that continued to crowd into theaters.

"Last year was the record of all time. The economy's tough. Things are bad out there, and I think if we can have another record-breaking year or close to it, I figure we'll all be happy," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released the year's biggest hit, "The Dark Knight" (\$531 million).

Through New Year's Eve, 2008 domestic revenues are expected to come in just shy of 2007's record of \$9.7 billion, according to box-office tracker Media By Numbers.

Factoring in higher admission prices, the total number of tickets sold in 2008 is running 5 percent behind last year's, when admissions totaled 1.4 billion.

Hollywood historically survives recessions better than many businesses because movies remain relatively cheap compared with sporting events, live theater and other forms of entertainment.

While consumer belt-tightening no doubt costs studios some cash, the list of 2008 blockbuster is a sign of a healthy business delivering the goods across every genre. With a \$158.4 million debut, the Batman sequel "The Dark Knight" shattered the record for best opening weekend and has put Heath Ledger on track for a possible posthumous Academy

Award as the maniacal villain the Joker.

Paramount and Marvel Studios' "Iron Man" was the second-highest-grossing with \$318.3 million haul. Old-school hero Harrison Ford cracked his whip again as Paramount's "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" followed closely with \$317 million.

Among other smashes: Sony's Will Smith adventure "Hancock" and James Bond thriller "Quantum of Solace"; Universal's action tale "Wanted"; and a rush of anti-bullying comedies led by the Disney-Pixar charmer "WALL-E."

While young males remained Hollywood's core audience, girls and women flocked to theaters for the Warner Bros. comedy "Sex and the City 2"; Summit Entertainment's vampire romance "Twilight"; Universal's musical "Mamma Mia!"; and Disney's "Hannah Montana" concert disc.

Quality-wise, the summer blockbuster came in a cut above the usual lineup of silly action and lowbrow comedy. Critics liked "Iron Man," the new "WALL-E" and "The Dark Knight," the latter heading toward Jan. 22 Oscar nominations with best-picture buzz.

The 2008 lineup showed that hit movies do not "have to be a mindless concept," said Rob Moore, vice chairman of Paramount, whose 2008 successes also included the comedy "Tropic Thunder," featuring fresh and wildly different performers from "Mamma Mia!" Robert Downey Jr. and Tom Cruise. "If you tell a compelling story, you can get an audience to show up."

With a huge Christmas weekend, Hollywood continued to serve up must-see movies from 20th Century Fox's family tale "Marley & Me" to a surge of awards contenders such as "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Doubt," "Revolutionary Road" and "Gran Torino."

# SERVICES

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

Jerrold Leslie Lange of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. In Burley, visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

W. Dean Grindstaff of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Jackpot Community Center gymnasium in Jackpot, Nev.; visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the school (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Disle Ann Reeves of Kimberly, memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Patricia "Pat" Monice Runyon of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the

Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Jodie R Pero of Kalamazoo, Mich., and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1601 Nichols Road in Kalamazoo, Mich.; visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Kalamazoo, Mich.).

Billy Hargis Brown of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the "Living Waters" Presbyterian Church (Wendell); visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Marie Blacker Green of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley 2nd and 4th wards LDS Church, 515 E. 16th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. In Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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AP photo/The Idaho Statesman, Shawn Roesch

Air force Staff Sergeant Jeremy Kirk, 29, from Hillsboro, Ore., got a special visit while being a patient at Sallet Alphonso Regional Medical Center in Boise on Monday morning. Nevada Wolf Pack mascot 'Alpha' jokes around with Kirk during a special visit that included a few star football players like running back Luke Lippincott, quarterback Colin Kaepernick and safety Uche Ayaanwa. Kirk was to be deployed to Iraq a couple days ago with the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron from Mountain Home AFB but developed some complications that needed treatment. When asked by someone in the group who his favorite team was Kirk smiled and said Boise State.

## 2008 HUMANITARIAN BOWL

# Terps and Pack meet for the first time in Boise

By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

**BOISE** — If the Maryland Terrapins and the Nevada Wolf Pack were looking forward to playing on snow this afternoon they must be disappointed by the balmy weather. The snow and ice of Christmas are gone.

Maryland (7-6) is one of six teams to finish 4-4 in the party-filled Atlantic Coast Conference, a league with no single power, no top-10 team. But 10 of the 12 teams in the ACC will play in bowl



Nevada vs. Maryland  
TV: 2:30 p.m., ESPN

games this season. The Terps face a rugged Wolf Pack defense, adept at stopping the run. Da'Rel Scott led the team with 959 rushing yards (4.9 ypc, six

TDs). As a team, Maryland gains 134.5 yards per game on the ground. Scott joined center Edwin Williams on the ACC First Team Offense. Nevada's stingy front ranks No. 2 in the nation against the run (74.5 ypg).

The Nevada defense doesn't have that one guy who dominates the line of scrimmage, but the defense is littered with solid tacklers. Uche Anyanwu led the team with 65 tackles, but 12 players recorded at least 30 tackles for the team. Maryland should be able

to make plays against Nevada in the passing game. Nevada is dead last in the nation against the pass (321.08 ypg). Maryland quarterback Chris Turner isn't going to dazzle anyone... but he is consistent (201-for-347, 11 TD, 10 INT). Darrius Heyward-Bey is Turner's favorite target, leading the team with 38 receptions and five scores. Heyward-Bey is also a weapon in the running game, using his speed to get around the corner on

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# Nevada's unique offense gets shot at Maryland

By Tim Booth  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — The wash of blue that engulfs Bronco Stadium on game days is supposed to be a sea of intimidation for opponents.

Not for Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

The first time Kaepernick set foot on the famous blue turf here, he nearly engineered one of the biggest upsets in Nevada history before falling in a wild 69-67 four overtime loss to Boise State a year ago — in his first college start.

It's his back for Tuesday's Humanitarian Bowl against Maryland, hoping that another standout performance can be the catalyst for a big 2009 that might finally get Kaepernick recognized outside the Western Athletic Conference.

"We definitely have potential to be a great team with all the young athletes that we have," Kaepernick said. "But at the same time, we have to fulfill that potential to become a great team."

A victory against Maryland would be a step toward fulfilling that promise and potentially rising to the same level of WAC rival Boise State. Nevada (7-3) has won only two games against BCS conference teams since making the move from Division I-AA to major college football in 1992.

Certainly everyone in the WAC is aware of Kaepernick's rare talents running and throwing, enough that the sophomore was conference offensive player of the year, only the second Nevada player to win the award since the Wolf Pack joined the league in 2000.

Kaepernick ended the regular season with 2,479 yards

passing, another 1,115 yards on the ground and a combined 35 touchdowns. When Nevada coach Chris Ault implemented his "pistol" offense three years ago, he could only dream of it being run with the type of efficiency Kaepernick has shown.

"It's learned the offense this year," Ault said. "Last year he played and he played by the seat of his pants... The nuances of the offense he is still picking up, but he has a much, much better feel of what we want to accomplish with it."

What makes the Wolf Pack offense so unique and difficult to defend is deception, especially when it comes to running the option out of their hybrid shotgun formation. Unlike typical formations where the running back comes outside the quarterback, Nevada tailback Vai Tuiua will be aligned behind Kaepernick. That keeps the defense from being able to key on what direction the play might be going.

That tactic is a big reason why Kaepernick has already recorded the 24th best season in yards rushing by a quarterback in Football Bowl Subdivision history. Tuiua, who started the season fourth on the depth chart, has rushed for 1,420 yards and 14 touchdowns. When the Wolf Pack decides to throw, Marko Mitchell has 1,011 yards receiving and another nine scores.

"It makes the defense more sit back and read and when you are an aggressive defense it's a pain," Maryland defensive end Jeremy Nevare said.

It's a formidable offense scheme Ault has developed and one that's still evolving. Yet for all the impressive

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# No. 19 CSI handles Odessa

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team nearly doubled up Odessa College (Texas) by the half Monday and held on to a wide lead for a 77-55 victory at the Central Arizona Tournament in Coolidge, Ariz.

The Golden Eagles finished the first half leading 39-22 as Soana Lucet scored 14 of her 20 points during the game's first 20 minutes. LaCale Pringle-Buchanan followed added 18 points.

Fellow starters Nicole Harper and Martina Holloway finished with six and five points, respectively. The Golden Eagles improved to 9-3 with their sixth straight victory. They will face the University of British Columbia at noon today, and then face Yavapai College at 5 p.m., Thursday.

## Central Arizona Tournament

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http://athletics.csi.edu/



Missouri quarterback Chase Daniels (10) scramble as he is pursued by Northwestern's Brian Peters, right, Monday during the first quarter of the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio.

AP photo

# Missouri wins Alamo Bowl, tops Northwestern in OT

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Chase Daniel threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Maclin in overtime and Missouri rallied to beat Northwestern 30-23 in the Alamo Bowl on Monday night.

After the 25th-ranked Tigers scored on the opening possession of overtime, their defense deflected, too. Missouri sacked a backuppunting C.J. Bacher, forcing a fumble that left

Northwestern with fourth-and-goal from the 32-yard line.

Bacher's desperation heave into the end zone was knocked down, and Daniel rushed off the sideline with his teammates to celebrate.

The win gave Missouri (10-4) double-digit victories in consecutive seasons for the first time in school history. The No. 22 Wildcats (9-4) fell to 1-6 in bowl games, with their only win coming in their first bowl appearance in 1949.

# Teel leads Rutgers to 29-23 win in Papajohns.com Bowl

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Flitting that Rutgers would end the 2008 season with a come-from-behind win.

After winning only one of their first six games, Mike Teel and the Scarlet Knights erased an 11-point second half deficit to defeat North Carolina State 29-23 in the Papajohns.com Bowl on Monday.

"As the whole year went, we were able to fight through adversity and stick to it, stick to the plan," coach Greg Schiano said. "This game was very much indicative of our season. They stuck with it. You make your own breaks, and they did."

Leading the comeback — as he did all season — was Teel, who passed for 319 yards, made two touchdowns, including a 42-yard scoring toss to Kenny Britt to give the Scarlet Knights the lead for good in the fourth quarter.

"We knew that somehow, somehow, we could get out of that hole. You looked around that locker room, there wasn't one ounce of panic or doubt," Teel said. "It was just a matter of continuing to do what we've done to get us into this position."

Teel's pass to Britt with 8:30 to play proved to be the winning touchdown.



Rutgers players celebrate with coach Greg Schiano, center, after defeating North Carolina State 29-23 Monday in the Papajohns.com Bowl in Birmingham, Ala.

Teel, a senior, was the game's most valuable player. He ended his career on a seven-game winning streak after being booted at home when he was struggling earlier in the season.

Schiano said he didn't have to give his team much of a pep talk at the half. "I had to say very little about what we were going to do in the second half. Our seniors stepped up, really throughout the game.

It was probably the most relaxed I've seen our guys as far as just playing football," Schiano said.

NC State (6-7) held a 17-6 halftime, led by quarterback Russell Wilson who was 11-for-23 for 186 yards and a score. But Wilson left the game with a strained knee late in the first half and did not return.

His replacements were mostly ineffective and threw three interceptions to aid the Rutgers comeback. Wilson threw one interception all season.

North Carolina State coach Tom O'Brien said doctors recommended that Wilson not play in the second half.

"There's no politicking when the doctor recommends you don't play," O'Brien said.

But O'Brien would not blame the loss on the injury.

"You can't blame it on injuries. We had our opportunities in the third quarter and couldn't seem to make a play," O'Brien said.

The Scarlet Knights scored 10 consecutive points in the third quarter on a 31-yard field goal by San Te Te and an 11-yard pass from Teel to Tiquan Underwood.

Rutgers took a 19-17 lead with 13:31 to play on a 28-yard punt. After a 10-play 70-yard drive,





# Road teams favored to win in playoffs

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

The Indianapolis Colts ended the regular season on a nine-game winning streak, earning the designation as a team no one would want to meet in the playoffs.

But they got the worst possible break when Denver folded and San Diego came late to win the AFC West. That's because over the years, the Chargers have troubled the Colts more than any other rival, including New England.

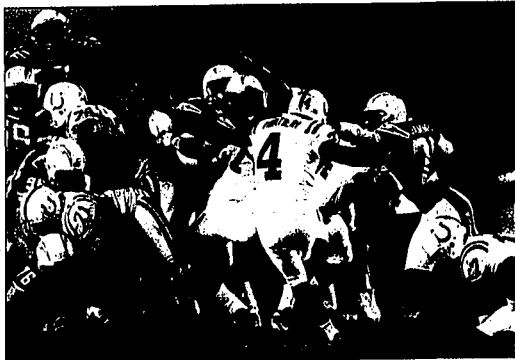
Nonetheless, the Colts remain the favorites by one point when they go to San Diego, a reflection of their 12-4 record to the Chargers' 8-8. San Diego had to win its last four to get there and have Denver lose its last three in the AFC West.

In fact, in an oddity reflecting the imbalance in the divisional alignment this year, all four road teams, the wild cards, are favored in the first round of the playoffs.

It also may reflect what has happened in two of the last four seasons, when wild-card teams won the Super Bowl: The New York Giants, the top seed in the NFC this season, won last year, and Pittsburgh won as a sixth seed in the 2005 season.

"We can do it, New York did it last season, so we know it can be done," Donovan McNabb said after Philadelphia had everything break right Sunday to make it in the hardest possible way: Tampa Bay and Chicago lost, then the Eagles crushed Dallas 44-6.

Jerry Jones and Wade Phillips had been saying the same thing about the



In this Nov. 23, 2008, file photo, Indianapolis Colts' Adam Vinatieri kicks a 51-yard field goal on the last play of the game to give the Colts a 23-20 victory over the San Diego Chargers on Nov. 23 in San Diego. The Colts and the Chargers meet Saturday in the first round of the AFC playoffs.

Cowboys since midseason, not imagining they'd end up finishing out of the playoffs after losing their last two games to Baltimore and the Eagles.

The Giants (12-4) and Carolina (12-4) are the top seeds in that order in the NFC, and Tennessee (13-3) and Pittsburgh (12-4) are at the top in the AFC. All will be idle next weekend.

This is how the first-round games look:

**AFC**  
Indianapolis (12-4) at San Diego (8-8) (6 p.m. MST Saturday)

The Colts broke a three-game losing streak to the Chargers by winning 23-20 in

San Diego on Nov. 23 on Adam Vinatieri's 51-yard field goal as time expired. That was the second of three losses in a row by the Chargers. The kick made up for a 29-yard miss by Vinatieri a year ago that cost the Colts a game in San Diego.

That November game was decided in part by what might decide this one: Indy's coaching superiority with Tony Dungy over Norv Turner.

The biggest mistake the Chargers made may have been calling timeout with 1:30 left before Nate Kaeding's tying field goal. That gave Peyton Manning time to get into field

goal range, which he did with a 14-yard pass to Marvin Harrison on fourth-and-inches.

Indianapolis also should be healthier after resting folks the last week. The Chargers pulled out two key players who were hurt during the win over Denver, but running back LaDainian Tomlinson and tight end Antonio Gates say they will play against the Colts. If Tomlinson is healthy, he and Darren Sproles could make life difficult for the often tepid Indy run defense.

Baltimore (11-5) at Miami (11-5) (11 a.m. MST Sunday)  
This matchup features two rookie coaches who got their jobs without being coordinators or members of the "hot

list." Tony Sparano of the Dolphins and John Harbaugh of the Ravens. And some history:

The Ravens won in Miami 27-13 on Oct. 19, starting a run of nine wins in their final 11 games. They also were the only team to lose to last season's 1-15 Dolphins, who started 0-13, then beat the Ravens 22-16 in Miami.

Baltimore may be too physical for the Dolphins. While Ray Lewis and Ed Reed get the notice, Haloti Ngata, 350 pounds of defensive tackle and linebacker, can destroy offenses single-handedly. He could probably play safety, too.

One other thing: After they beat the Jets to win the AFC East on Sunday, the Dolphins seemed very much like a "just happy to be here" team. After 1-15, who could blame them?

**NFC**  
Arizona (9-7) (2:30 p.m. MST Saturday)

The Falcons belong in the playoffs, the Cardinals don't. They are there only by virtue of a weak division and possibly because the 49ers started the season with Mike Nolan as their coach and J.T. O'Sullivan as their quarterback instead of Mike Singletary and Shaun Hill. The latter combination went 5-4 and might have won the division if they'd been there all season.

Yes, it's a matchup of a rookie quarterback, Matt Ryan, against a two-time MVP Kurt Warner. But when Warner and his Arizona teammates went on the road to places like Philadelphia and New England, they came back beaten by scores like 48-

20 and 47-7. To put it another way, the Cardinals were 6-0 against their division, 3-7 against everyone else.

Sure they can win because they are home, where they were 9-2. And Ryan might get rookie playoff lifters. But the visitor is definitely the better team.

Philadelphia (9-6-1) at Minnesota (10-6) (2:30 p.m. MST Sunday)

The Eagles are certainly the most enigmatic team in the playoffs. Their rout of Dallas came a week after a 10-3 loss in Washington in which they played terribly and seemingly knocked themselves out of the playoffs. They beat the Colts last week (dominant, actually), but tied the Bengals in the game in which McNabb acknowledged he didn't know there could be ties.

At their best, the Eagles are certainly better than the Vikings, who needed a last-play 50-yard field goal to beat the Giants' JV — New York, already assured of the No. 1 seed, played much of the game with guys it had picked up off the street.

But one game could help Minnesota against the Eagles. Tarvaris Jackson was beleaguered by the Giants' blitzing schemes, which are very similar to the ones Philadelphia runs. Steve Spagnuolo, New York's defensive coordinator, came from Philly, where he worked for Jim Johnson, the Eagles' coordinator. And, of course, Vikings coach Brad Childress used to be the Eagles' offensive coordinator, so he knows a lot of things about Philly.

So this one will depend on whether the Eagles choose this week to throw in a clink-

## Crennel, Mangini, Marinelli fired day after season's end

The Associated Press

Lofty expectations did in Eric Mangini and Romeo Crennel as their teams' seasons crumbled from high hopes to demoralizing finishes.

Little was expected of the Detroit Lions, though nor was the worst season in NFL history. That cost Rod Marinelli his job. "You can't go 0-16 and expect to keep your job," Marinelli said.

Now two interim coaches who breathed some life into downtrodden clubs — the Rams' Jim Haslett and the Raiders' Tom Cable — await word on their fates.

Three NFL clubs fired coaches Monday, less than 24 hours after the regular season ended. Out were Marinelli, the New York Jets

Mangini and the Cleveland Browns' Crennel.

Only Mangini's firing came as a bit of a surprise. The Jets harbored Super Bowl aspirations after an 8-3 start that followed an off-season spending spree, including the trade for Brett Favre. But they didn't even make the playoffs, losing four of their last five games.

"I don't think it was one thing," owner John Elia said. "We had to go in a different direction. There's nothing specific. It's just a call we made. Hopefully, it's correct."

The Browns' search to replace Crennel is already off to a disheartening start: Bill Cowher told owner Randy Lerner on Saturday that he doesn't intend to coach in 2009.

Cleveland was rewarded with five prime-time TV appearances this season after going 10-6 in 2007 and placing six players in the Pro Bowl. But the Browns collapsed to 4-12 amid injuries and didn't score an offensive touchdown while losing their last six games.

"Tommy was a gentleman through and through," Lerner said. "He was gracious to a fault."  
The Lions became the first NFL club to go 0-16 with their loss to the Packers on Sunday. Marinelli won only one of his last 24 games.

Three coaches were fired during the regular season: Mike Nolan in San Francisco, Scott Linehan in St. Louis and Lane Kiffin in Oakland.



## Ducks, Cowboys should provide lively Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As Holiday Bowls go, this could be a pretty good one.

"It may be the best matchup in college football right now," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said of Tuesday night's matchup between his No. 15 Ducks and the No. 13 Oklahoma State Cowboys. Both are 9-3.

Bellotti would certainly get an argument from national title contenders Florida and Oklahoma, and Rose Bowl participants USC and Penn State, but he does have a point.

The Holiday Bowl has a history of high-scoring games and wild finishes, and the Ducks and Cowboys should fit right in.

Oklahoma State and Oregon combine to average about 84 points per game — the Ducks 41.9 and the Cowboys 41.6 — behind two of the strongest running games in the country.

"I think it's a great matchup of two great football teams that know how to move the football and obviously are challenged on defense and special teams to stop a great offense," Bellotti said.

OSU's Kendall Hunter led the Big 12 in rushing with 1,518 yards on 228 carries, an average of 6.7 yards per carry. He's scored 14 touchdowns.

The Cowboys also feature All-American wide receiver Dez Bryant, who has 74 catches for 1,313 yards and 18 touchdowns.

For Oregon, senior Jeremiah Johnson and junior LeGarrette Blount are joining to become the second duo in school history to each have 1,000 or more rushing yards. Johnson has 1,082 yards and Blount has 928 yards.

Johnson missed several practices due to hamstring and stomach problems but said he'll be ready for the game.

"We both run the football," Bellotti said. "As our goal, we set the tone that way, and certainly the team that runs the football best in this game is going to have a leg up because it allows you then to do play action and the other things that you want to do to



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## Owls, Broncos look for milestone win at Texas Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — Not exactly steeped in tradition, Rice or Western Michigan will add a milestone victory to their modest football histories Tuesday at the Texas Bowl.

The Owls (9-3) haven't won a bowl game in over 50 years, while the Broncos (9-3) are winless in three previous bowl appearances. Western Michigan is trying to secure its first 10-win season, while Rice is trying to reach double-digit wins for the first time since 1949.

"A lot of people aren't going to look at this and say, 'Look at that matchup,'" said Rice senior quarterback Chase Clement. "But I know we've got a great opportunity, because of the season they've had, and for us to get to 10 wins. We have a great oppor-



**Western Michigan vs. Rice**  
TV: 6 p.m., NFL Network

tunity to accomplish a lot, just by winning this game."

Rice lost to Troy in the 2006 New Orleans Bowl, ending a 45-year postseason drought. The "Owls' last bowl victory came Jan. 1, 1954, a 28-6 win over Alabama in the Cotton Bowl.

Western Michigan lost to Cincinnati in the International Bowl after the 2006 season, two years

removed from a 1-10 campaign. The Broncos have reached nine wins for just the second time since 1988, the year they lost to Fresno State in the California Bowl. The only other bowl appearance came in 1961, and the current players have talked about what a victory in Houston would mean for the program.

"We'd love to be remembered as the best team ever to go through Western," junior quarterback Tim Hillier said.

The matchup at Reliant Stadium — home of the NFL's Houston Texans — figures to be one of the highest-scoring games of the bowl season. Both teams pass about 40 times per game and rank among the top 25 nationally in total offense.



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## Life under fire



AP photo  
Volunteers with the Ferrie Search and Rescue team prepare to head out for search for eight missing snowmobilers Monday in Ferrie, Canada.

### Canadian police recover 6 bodies after avalanches

FERRIE, British Columbia (AP) — Police say six bodies have been recovered from the scene of two avalanches that struck in southeastern British Columbia.

They say that Monday's recovery left two other snowmobilers still unaccounted for. The six bodies were being removed from the scene near Ferrie by helicopter.

Three other men from the group pulled themselves free Sunday and tried to claw through the snow for their companions, but gave up in anguish as they feared another slide.

Search efforts had been delayed by the need to bomb snow in the area to reduce the chance of more avalanches impeding rescuers.

### Pakistani army chief looks to avoid conflict with India

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's army chief stressed Monday the need to "avoid conflict" with India, days after he began moving troops toward the rivals' shared border as tensions rose over last month's terror attacks on Mumbai.

Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani's remarks were believed to be his first about the strained relationship and could reassure a jittery region that Pakistan does not intend to escalate the crisis further. On Friday, Pakistani intelligence officials said thousands of troops were being shifted toward the Indian border, though there has been no sign yet of a major build-up at the frontier.

Without referring specifically to the tensions, Kayani "highlighted the need to de-escalate and avoid conflict in the interest of peace and security," a brief army state-

ment said. Kayani made the statement in talks with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei, who is visiting Pakistan, the release said.

India blames Pakistani militants for the slaughter of 164 people in its commercial capital and has not ruled out the use of force in its response. Pakistan's civilian leaders have said they do not want war, but will retaliate if attacked.

Despite being under civilian control, analysts say Pakistan's army and intelligence agencies wield enormous influence on decision-making. Some say they are more powerful than the country's elected leaders.

Nuclear-armed Pakistan and India have fought three wars since 1960 — two over Kashmir, a majority Muslim region in the Himalayas claimed by both countries.



AP photo  
A Palestinian girl wounded in an Israeli missile strike is carried into the emergency area at Shifa hospital in Gaza City, Saturday. Dozens of Gaza civilians have been injured during Israeli strikes despite Israel trying to avoid harming bystanders.

### Israeli airstrikes kill dozens of Gaza civilians

By Ibrahim Bizrak and Dina Radid  
Associated Press writers

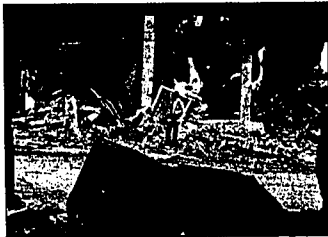
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel's three-day aerial bombardment of the Gaza Strip has killed dozens of civilians, along with Hamas fighters, and has paralyzed life in a territory already battered by blackouts and supply shortages during 18 months of border closures.

Israel has stressed that the vast number of deaths and injuries were Hamas fighters and says it's careful to avoid harm to bystanders. But the nonstop attacks have caused widespread power outages, terrified residents and left aid agencies unable to feed thousands of needy people.

By Monday, the death toll rose to 364, with some 1,400 reported wounded, according to Palestinian medical officials.

The United Nations reported that at least 62 of the dead were civilians and medics said eight children under the age of 17 were killed in two separate strikes overnight.

Israel launched its campaign, the deadliest against Palestinians in decades, on Saturday in retaliation for rocket fire aimed at civilians in southern Israeli towns. Israel, which has also allowed limited humanitarian supplies into the strip, is attacking Hamas-run organizations, homes of activists



AP photo  
Palestinians inspect the rubble of a building used by the security forces of Hamas, following an Israeli missile strike in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, on Monday.

and security posts — all scattered in densely populated areas. Gazans say most strikes come without warning.

However, Israeli forces offered a general warning by dropping leaflets and recording brief announcements that interrupt radio broadcasts. They also reached other homes by telephone, telling Gaza residents to flee their homes if they were hiding weapons or militants.

"Civilian casualties are almost impossible to avoid, and that's particularly true when so many locations are being targeted," said U.N. humanitarian chief John Holmes, who cautioned that the number of civilian deaths includes only women

and children. He said there are definitely male civilian deaths, but the U.N. has not been able to determine how many.

The U.N. said Sunday that one Palestinian U.N. employee, and eight trainees were also among the dead.

"We don't know where they'll shell next," said medic Mohammed Azayzeh, 27. His family lives near a Hamas institution that residents fear will be bombed, but they aren't budging — because they don't know if the next place they will flee to will be any safer.

On Monday, eight children were killed in three separate airstrikes, targeting the homes of senior Hamas activists.

### Iranian group recruits volunteers to fight Israel

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A group of influential conservative Iranian clerics launched an online registration drive on Monday seeking volunteers to fight against Israel in response to its air assault on the Gaza Strip.

About 3,550 people registered Monday with the Combatant Clergy Society's Web site. The weeklong online campaign gives volunteers three options on ways they can fight Israel: military, financial and propaganda.

The group, which has considerable political and economic power in Iran, did not provide further details on the program including how it would contact the volunteers or implement the program.

The conservative clerics decided to sign up volunteers after Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, issued a religious decree on Sunday that said anyone killed while defending Palestinians in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip against Israeli attacks would be considered a martyr.

Khamenei's religious decree was not considered a government decision and did not obligate the government to launch attacks against Israel.

### Report: N. Korea's Kim cheered at state orchestra appearance

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Kim Jong Il attended a concert by North Korea's state orchestra, state media said Monday, the latest official report to portray the reclusive leader as healthy amid speculation he suffered a stroke in August.

The official Korean Central News Agency said that when Kim appeared in the auditorium, "the whole audience broke into the rousing cheers

of 'hurrah!' and enthusiastically welcomed him."

It did not say when the performance took place.

The North's state media have stepped up a campaign apparently aimed at projecting an image of Kim as healthy and active.

South Korea's progressive Hankyoreh newspaper said last week that Kim appeared in public 94 times this year, citing KCNA dispatches.

### Nine go on trial over China's tainted milk scandal

BEIJING (AP) — Nine people went on trial Monday in connection with China's tainted milk scandal, state media reported, following the announcement of charges against the families of hundreds of thousands of children of children with contaminated infant formula.

Hearings were held in the northern city of Shijiazhuang, where the company at the heart of the scandal — Sanlu Group Co.

— is headquartered, along with three other cities in surrounding Hebei province, according to state broadcaster CCTV and the Xinhua News Agency.

The first trials in the case began for six men on Friday.

All 15 on trial have been charged with producing and selling melamine. The industrial chemical was added to raw milk because — like protein — it can make protein levels appear higher.

### Japanese 'tenant' of Mexico City airport leaves mysteriously

Hiroshi Nohara, of Japan sits in Mexico City's main international airport on Nov. 27. Nohara had been living in Terminal 1 of the Benito Juarez International Airport since Sept. 2.



MEXICO CITY (AP) — Easy come, easy go.

A Japanese man who had been living in Terminal 1 of the Benito Juarez International Airport since Sept. 2 — for no apparent reason — left under equally mysterious circumstances.

Authorities searched the terminal for Hiroshi Nohara on Monday but he was nowhere to be found. An airport official who was not allowed to be quoted

by name.

The daily Reforma newspaper ran photos of the scrutiny man getting into a cab Sunday at the airport.

Nohara's three-month residency at the airport made him a local celebrity whose life drew comparisons to that of Viktor Navorski, a character portrayed by Tom Hanks in the 2004 movie "The Terminal."

But there was one major distinction: Navorski was

forced to stay at a New York City airport after war broke out in his Eastern European country and officials said they could neither allow him into the U.S. nor deport him.

Nohara had a tourist visa that allows him to stay in Mexico — anywhere in Mexico, not just the airport — until early March. He also possessed a ticket home.

The middle-aged foreign national, whose exact age

was not known, speaks little Spanish and never did explain his motives for staying when asked by an interpreter hired by the television stations that documented his daily activities and tourists who asked for his autograph and posed with him for pictures.

Reforma reported that he left Sunday with a woman who had visited him at least twice at the airport. But no one is sure who she is.

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On Thursday, the 21st day of April, 2009, at the hour of 10:30 AM of said day at the front entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, DAVID A. COLEMAN, as Successor Trustee, will sell public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following enclosed real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: to-wit: Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Section 10: A parcel of land in the SE1/4SW1/4, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SE1/4SW1/4.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1250

Ordinance No. 1250 was adopted by the Burley City Council on December 29, 2008. This summary is a verbatim description of the ordinance excepting Exhibit B, which is not attached. The full text of the ordinance, together with its exhibits is available at the Burley City Hall. The real property described on Exhibit A is depicted on the attached map.

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Burley, Idaho (hereinafter the "Agency") was established on September 8, 1998, by Resolution No. 10 - 08 of the City Council of the City of Burley; and WHEREAS, on October 7, 2008, the City Council of the City of Burley, Idaho (the "City"), by Resolution No. 8-06 designated the property described on Exhibit A to be a deteriorated area or a deteriorating area or a combination thereof and designated the area as appropriate for an urban renewal project; and WHEREAS, on October 7, 2008, the City Council of the City of Burley, Idaho, by Resolution No. 9-08 made a finding of necessity for the City of Burley to acquire the property described on Exhibit A; and WHEREAS, on October 8, 2008, the Agency met and considered the Urban Renewal Plan for the Third Burley Urban Renewal Project by the Burley Development Authority (BDA) for the City of Burley (hereinafter, the "Plan") and by unanimous vote adopted the Resolution No. 11-08, recommending to the City Council the adoption of the Plan (Exhibit "B", attached hereto); and WHEREAS, on October 8, 2008, the Burley Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Plan, issued Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and has approved the Plan by Resolution finding the Plan is in conformity with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, on November 27, 2008, the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Times News the official newspaper for publication in the City, and also was sent to the governing bodies of the City of Burley, Cassia County, School District No. 151, North Cassia Fire District, and the Burley Highway District, North Cassia fire District, and Flood Control District No. 18 setting the date for a public hearing to be held on Monday December 29, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., for consideration of the plan and the Plan; and WHEREAS, on December 29, 2008, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., the Burley City Council held a public hearing on consideration of the adoption of the Plan; and WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Idaho has enacted Chapter 29, Title 55, as amended (the "Act") authorizing certain urban renewal agencies (including the Agency) to adopt revenue allocation financing provisions as part of the urban renewal plan; and WHEREAS, the Plan presented by the Agency contains a revenue allocation financing provision; and WHEREAS, as required by applicable law, the Plan contains the following information which was made available to the general public by publishing the Plan in the County of Burley, Idaho at least thirty days (30) prior to the December 29, 2008 of the City Council:

- (a) a statement of the objectives of the municipality in undertaking the urban renewal project;
(b) an estimate of the cost of the urban renewal project;
(c) the sources of revenue to finance these costs, including estimates of revenue allocation under the Act;
(d) the amount of bonded or other indebtedness to be incurred;
(e) the duration of the project's existence;
(f) a description of the revenue allocation areas; and;
(g) a statement of the estimated impact of revenue allocation financing on all taxing districts within the Revenue Allocation Area.

- (h) the kind, number and locations of all proposed public works in the area;
(i) an economic feasibility study;
(j) a description of the methods of financing estimated project costs and the time when such costs and monetary obligations are to be incurred;
(k) a termination date for the plan and revenue allocation area; and
(l) the location of the disposal of any assets of the Agency at the termination date.

WHEREAS, appropriate portions of the Plan and the revenue allocation provisions contained therein has been made available to the taxing districts and to the public as required by Idaho Code & Section 50-2906; and WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of the citizens of the City to adopt the Plan, including revenue allocation financing provisions, in order to finance the urban renewal project to be completed in accordance with the Plan (as now or hereafter amended) in order to encourage private development in the Project Area; to prevent and arrest decay of the Project Area due to the inability of existing financial methods to provide needed public improvements; to encourage taxing districts to cooperate in the allocation of future tax revenues arising in the Project Area in order to facilitate the financing of their common tax base with taxpayer private investment within the City and to further the public purposes of the Agency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLEY, IDAHO: SECTION 1. That it is hereby found and determined that:
(a) the project area, as defined in Resolution No. 9-08, continues to be deteriorated or a deteriorating area as defined in the Act and qualifies as an eligible urban renewal area under the Act;
(b) the rehabilitation, conservation, and redevelopment of the Project Area pursuant to the Plan is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Burley, Idaho;
(c) There is no other person or organization who has the right to be considered for the Project Area;
(d) the Plan conforms to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Burley, Idaho;

SECTION 2. That the said Plan gives due consideration to the provision of adequate open space, park and recreation areas and facilities that may be desirable for neighborhood improvement and shows conformance for the health, safety and welfare of any children residing in the general vicinity of the Project Area covered by the Plan.
SECTION 5. That said Plan affords maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the City as a whole for the rehabilitation and development of the Project Area by private enterprise.
SECTION 6. That the Agency does not intend to acquire any open land in any widespread basis, and that the Project Area is planned to be redeveloped in a manner that will provide nonresidential uses. Provided, however, that the City Council does find that the Project Area and Revenue Allocation Area are "open land" the criteria set forth in the Act and the said Plan. In such event, the Agency may acquire any land in the Project Area which is identified for non-residential uses as necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development standards in accordance with the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan to overcome economic distress, the need for improved traffic patterns and the need for improved infrastructure and facilities in the area.

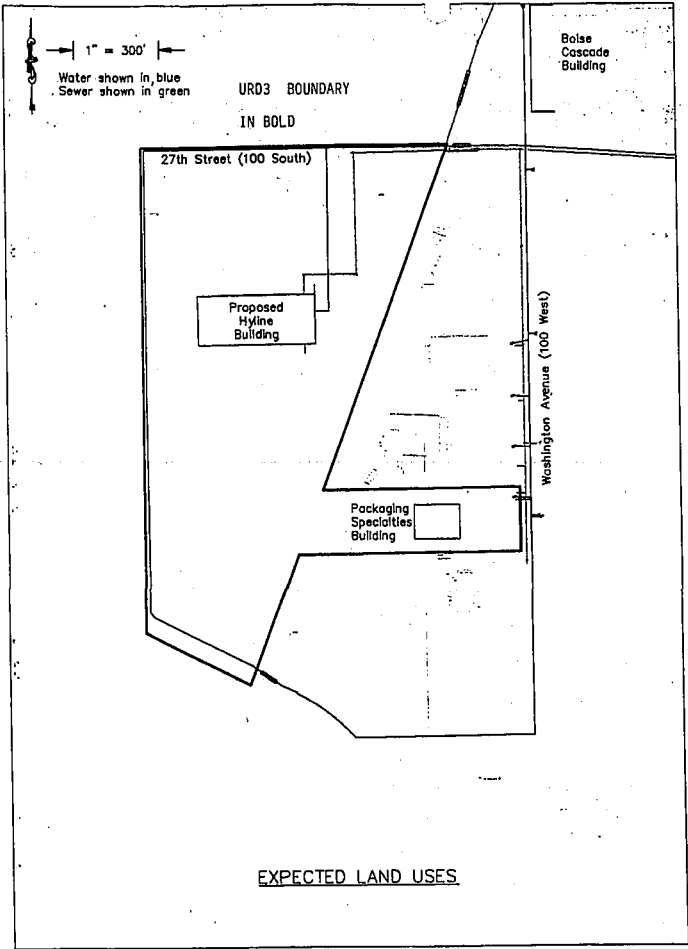
SECTION 7. That the said Plan, which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B" is made a part hereof by attachment, and the same hereby is approved.
SECTION 8. That upon the effective date of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit to the county auditor and tax assessor of Cassia County, and to the appropriate official of School District No. 151, Burley Highway District No. 2, and to the Flood Control District No. 18 and to the State Tax Commission a copy of this Ordinance, a copy of the legal description of the boundaries of the Revenue Allocation Area, and a map or plat indicating the boundaries of the Revenue Allocation Area.

SECTION 9. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the Revenue Allocation Area as defined in the Plan is the same as that defined in the Eastern Idaho Railroad. The acquired assessed valuation of which the Council hereby determines as and as part of the Plan is fifty (50) acres. No direct or collateral action attacking the Plan shall be brought prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or after the elapse of thirty (30) days from the date and after the effective date of this Ordinance adopting the Plan.
SECTION 11. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this Ordinance.
SECTION 12. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.
Passed by the City Council of the City of Burley the 29th day of December, 2008.
Attest:
Mellanie Haynes /s/ Jon Anderson
City Clerk Mayor

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part of the NE1/4E4 and part of the SE1/4NE4 of Section 36 and part of the SE1/4E5 of Section 25 of Township 10 South, Range 22 East of the Boise Meridian, Cassia County, State of Idaho. Beginning at the NW corner of the NE1/4NE4 of Section 36, T. 10 S., R. 22 E. B.M. said corner marked by a 5/8" rebar on top of a 4" x 4" concrete footing. From said corner, go North 89 degrees 06 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 25.00 feet to the north right of way of the 100 South Road;
THENCE North 00 degrees 06 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 25.00 feet to the north right of way of the 100 South Road;
THENCE North 89 degrees 06 minutes 05 seconds East along said right of way for a distance of 1069.35 feet to the westerly right of way of the Eastern Idaho Railroad;
THENCE South 21 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West along said railroad right of way for a distance of 26.99 feet to the north line of Section 36;
THENCE South 21 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West (S 21°46'13" W, rec.) along said railroad right of way for a distance of 1069.35 feet to the centerline of the Canal;
THENCE North 89 degrees 34 minutes 29 seconds East for a distance of 687.57 feet to the west right of way of the 100 West Road;
THENCE South 00 degrees 04 minutes 26 seconds West along the west right of way of the 100 West Road for a distance of 214.00 feet to the south line of the NE1/4E4;
THENCE North 89 degrees 32 minutes 29 seconds West along the south line of the NE1/4E4 for a distance of 773.04 feet to the westerly right of way of the Eastern Idaho Railroad;
THENCE South 21 degrees 46 minutes 13 seconds West (S 21°46'13" W, rec.) along said right of way for a distance of 483.67 feet to the centerline of the Canal;
THENCE North 83 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West (N 83°54'55" W, rec.) along said canal centerline for a distance of 396.84 feet (396.8 8/100' E, rec.) to the west line of the SE1/4E4;
THENCE North 00 degrees 06 minutes 05 seconds East (N 0°06'05" E, rec.) along the west line of the SE1/4E4 and SE1/4E5 for a distance of 1565.56 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property contains 32.12 acres or less.

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 Loan No. 005868282 T.S. No. 057-003466 On 4/24/2009, at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: Lobby of The First 100 Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83301, Transaction Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee on behalf of Lender/Trustee OneStop, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 17 IN BLOCK 1 OF VILLA WISTA SUBDIVISION NO. 8, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 20 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 40-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 476 LACASA LOOP, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by TERESA OLSEN & GARY OLSEN, WIFE & HUSBAND as Grantor/Trustor, in which WORGEMS ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. is named as Beneficiary and TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW, Inc. is named as Trustee and recorded 8/28/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-021766 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantees are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/24/2006. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,201.17, due per month for the months of 1/1/2006 through 12/1/2008; and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$178,000.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.50000 per cent (%) per annum from 12/1/2007. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation, if the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/15/2008 Transaction Title & Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation By: THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 2852038

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**101 Lost and Found**

**FOUND** Black Lab & Shih-Tzu on Flier/lost. Call 404-2719 or 494-8456 to claim.

**FOUND** Dog, small, running down street between Albertson's & Goodie Motor, in Burley. No collar. Call to identify 208-407-8547

**FOUND** German Short-hair, young, north of Paul. Call 208-431-5282 or 435-8967.

**FOUND** Lab, chocolate, female, young, north of Buhl. Call 300-0108.

**FOUND** Puppy, small female, around Alameda by High School. Call to identify 735-0054 or 731-0763

**FOUND** Unique earring at Home Depot 2 weeks ago. Call to identify, 731-3842

**LOST** German Short-haired Pointer, female. Lost 12/24 at Travelers Oasis Truck Stop/Garden of Eden area. Reward! 208-308-1179

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E-8.

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**103 Lost and Found**

**LOST** Shin Tzu, white and brown female dog with short hair. Her name is Addy and was wearing a red, striped sweater. Please call if you have seen her at: 208-492-3884.

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Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008

**THE ACES ON BRIDGE®** Bobby Wolff

admiring more  
The riches of heaven's pavement,  
In shrouds of gold,  
Than gazing divine or holy else  
enjoyed  
In vision beatific."

— John Milton

Far too many contracts are defeated because declarer suffers a rush of premature euphoria. Don't be a victim today on your contract of six no-trump!

With 10 top winners, you only need to generate two more tricks from the diamond suit. But don't make the (natural) mistake of taking a diamond finesse. If you do, you will go down if East holds all the outstanding cards in the suit. There is a 100 percent safety play in diamonds: your first play in the suit should be small toward the J-10-2. If East has all the diamonds, you later need to lead up to your hand again to ensure your four tricks; if West has all five diamonds, he will win the jack with his queen, but you later cash the 10 and lead low to dummy's eight.

Well—done if you spotted this, but that is not the whole story, since communications may be a problem. Suppose you win the heart queen at trick one and lead a low diamond to your jack, which holds. Now cross back to the spade ace and play a second diamond. If East rises with the queen and plays a second spade, you no longer have an entry to the long diamonds.

The answer is to win the heart lead in hand, cross to a spade, and play a low diamond. Then go back to another spade and play another low diamond. Now there is nothing East can do, because he cannot knock out dummy's heart entry.

WEST		NORTH ♠ A Q ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ A K 8 6 4 ♣ 7 6 3	EAST ♠ 10 7 6 5 ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q 7 5 3 ♣ J 5	
SOUTH ♠ K 9 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ A K 10 2				

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
South: West: North: East:  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
2 NT Pass 6 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart jack

**BID WITH THE ACES** 12 30 B

South holds:  
♠ A Q  
♥ Q 5 3  
♦ A K 8 6 4  
♣ 7 6 3

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
?			

ANSWER: Your partner's transfer followed by a new suit shows spades and clubs. Temperize with three diamonds, showing values and tending initially to be a probe for three no-trump (though it may be based on a club fit). If partner bids three no-trump, you will pass. If he bids three hearts, the fourth suit, as a try for no-trump, you can raise spades and will have painted an accurate picture of your hand.

For details of Bobby Wolff's syndicated, "The Love Wolff" column, call 733-0931 or write to Bobby Wolff, c/o The Times-News Classifieds, 357 S. Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

# Man not sure of his love is not ready for marriage



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 24-year-old male who has been in a relationship with a great woman, "Hayley," for three years. She has excellent qualities, a good job, she's super loving and would be a wonderful wife someday.

My family loves Hayley—but my buddies don't, and it is causing me to have mixed feelings. Some days I love her, but on others I want to break up. Then I think of how fantastic our lives would be together. It's weird because I don't necessarily change her personally—it's totally my issue. I'm scared that if I break up with her it could be the worst mistake of my life, and I'll regret it.

Please give me some guidance and point me in the right direction to find the love I have for her.

— **SENSITIVE GUY**  
MILWAUKEE

**DEAR SENSITIVE GUY:** Hayley may make a wonderful wife someday, but from your letter, YOU are nowhere near ready for marriage. Mature love doesn't blow hot and cold, and the feelings you finally experience for the woman you marry won't be dictated by the impression she makes on your buddies. If you need me to point the love you have for Hayley, then I don't think it is there to begin with. And the honorable thing to do is to level with her.

Although you are no longer a child, one day you might have one. Forewarned is forearmed.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I are expecting our first child in a few weeks. While we could be more excited, one thing is really eating at me. When discussing what to name our child, we have come up with "Grandma," "Nanny," "Grams," etc. — my father-in-law said he wants to be called "Pop."

I think the name "Pop" is for dad, not a grandfather—like in "Mom and Pop business." My dad's name was also already being used in the family.

Other than on this issue, my laws and I get along great. I know it seems petty, but are there any grandfathers out there who are called "Pop"? Do you have any suggestions for any other names? Or should I not make a big deal of this?

— **CALL ME DADDY**,  
PORT JERVIS, N.Y.

**DEAR DADDY:** Congratulations on your pending matrimony, but please don't do much preplanning regarding the name game. These things have a way of working themselves out, so don't sweat the small stuff. When your little one reaches the talking stage, it's very possible that he or she will call the grandfather by a name that he or she invents.

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

**IF DECEMBER 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Make some important birthday wishes as well as New Year resolutions, since the year ahead promises to offer you plenty of chances to get ahead. If your hopes revolve around career, you may attain a major success, you may receive a promotion or be promoted by the middle of the year. But in the meantime, don't pass up a splendid opportunity in March to make your life a little bit better. Accept an offer or favor from a well-wisher and you will benefit in some unintended way for a long time to come. If you have doubts or reservations about a new romantic partner you will find out if it is the real thing in March, too.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): A significant someone might keep you at arm's length for a while, but don't be fooled. They may be trying to play hard to get, but they really mean to stay with you. If you are unsure, they will give you a clear sign by the end of the month. You will find out if it is the real thing in March, too.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Perhaps the most interesting news you will receive this month concerns your financial affairs. You may find yourself in a difficult financial situation, but with a little help from a friend, you will be able to get yourself back on track. You will receive a letter from someone you know in the next few weeks. It will be good news.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Stay motivated. Since you will be reminded that a new year is just

around the corner, it is a good time for writing down your goals, aspirations or wishes. Make it a priority to find ways to "make it so."

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Tackle practical matters in a pragmatic way. However, you should also have fun. Do what is necessary to stay on top of social obligations, but don't do it all.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Ask the right questions to receive the right answers. Mysteries that have bled you in the past will become clearer if you dig a little deeper now. Your observations about someone close will be right on target.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Perhaps there are some secrets that you have kept carefully hidden, but it's time to let them out. Be sure to share them with someone you trust. You will receive a letter from someone you know in the next few weeks. It will be good news.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't forget to employ split and go. You may be called upon to attend to a number of different matters, but you will maintain a professional image. Apply a careful balance of genuine

friendliness and dignity.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There will be an opportunity to set the record straight and achieve a certain level of respect and admiration by being forgiving toward someone who has crossed an imaginary line.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rely on facts, not feelings. What seems like casual advice may prove to have immense value in the days ahead. Someone could be impressed by your enthusiasm and lend a helping hand.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When your scope, if after careful deliberation, you judge that you have been underperforming, then step up to honor up on your subject by reading a few good books or signing up for a seminar or class.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Perfect harmony with a friend or partner will bring a smile to your face. A healthy mix of fun and serious good feelings is just around the corner. You could be made to feel like a superhero.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): In tough times, success often requires sacrifices. Excellent judgment coupled with superb intuition will give you the edge, even if you have to give up something in order to achieve a viable compromise.

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 30, the 365th day of 2008. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 30, 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase. (The area covered by the agreement is located in present-day southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico.)

In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the recently opened Troqueux Theater in Chicago.

In 1907, the Mills Commission issued its final report concluding that Abner Doubleday invented baseball, a finding that few sports historians embrace.

In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike, at the Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich.

In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway, connected Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.

In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1984, a nun walked into a place of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees and wounding five other people. (John C. Salvati III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 2006, Iraqis voted to elect Saddam Hussein as head of state.

deceades of autocratic rule took to the streets to celebrate.

Ten years ago, Week that radiant with pride. Nkem Chukwu, the mother of the Houston octuplets, went home from the hospital.

Five years ago: The Bush administration announced it was banning the sale of ephedra, and urged consumers to immediately stop using the herbal stimulant linked to 155 deaths and dozens of heart attacks and strokes. Author John Gregory Dunne died in New York City at age 71.

One year ago: Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki was declared the winner of an election that opponents and observers alleged was rigged; violence flared in Nairobi slums and coastal resort towns, killing scores in the following days. The 19-year-old son of assassinated opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, was named symbolic leader of her Pakistan Peoples Party, while Bhutto's widower took effective control.

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