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### HOLDING UP DELIVERY

Trucking companies absorb additional cost of reroute.



# TIMES-NEWS

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

# **Frek to tragedy**



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

Innes-News writer

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

Robert E. Aragon. 55, is accused of felony hipury to a child and second-degree murder, after two of his children tried to walk nearly 10 miles on their own through fept of snow and freezing temperatures on Christmas to see their mom.

Aragon's family says he's a

eir mom. 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



Blaine and Lincoln county sheriff's office authorities say Robert Ara attempt to walk nearly 10 miles alor ad, where his car was caught in a sa this area of West Magic Road, where his less than a mile from Idaho Histoway 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 dod.' 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 lerome.

\$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 fax revenue collected in urban renewal area. By law, area urban renewal agencles keep a portion of the money, with the remainder split between cities and highway districts according to a formula set by the state and owerseen by the county. But a glitch in the state tax

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### Hamas hits Israel with dozens of rockets

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

roots of the extremist group ruling Gaza. Israel's defense minister promised a 'war to the bitter end against Harmse' and aillied militants.

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

able.

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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### Idaho renews contract with tutoring company

By Jessie L. Bonner Associated Press writer

NSE — The state artiment of Education has ROISE Department of Education na-renewed a one-year contract with PLATO Learning Inc., arter the Minnesota company brought its computer based public school tutoring pro-grams in line with Idahos math, reading and language requirements.

The state has paid PLATO least 80 percent of its promore than \$5 million during grams up to Idaho standards, the past four years for the programs in elementary, middle and high schools. Last "We basically told them we will be a state of the promote than the promote that the pro 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 exten-sions this year to bring at

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 flash 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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amber in Relt Labiya, in the northern Gaza Strip,

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

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

The flights are the EPAs way of inspecting CAFOs, which nation-wide are listed as priorities for compiliance 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 pro-gram rotates around the region: In Oregon last year, for example, agency employees spent a couple of days in the air and then performed 31 inspections on the ground. Peak was careful not to say much about when and where the EPA's planes might pass. But he sald spring

— when twer and canal runoff is high — is generally the best time of year for the inspections. The agent 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'il be talking with them, making sure they're in the loop," Peak said.

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# MORNING BRIEFING

### TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Burley Rotary Club, noon, Burley Inn, 878-8382. Rupert Rivanis Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W. 436-8124. Snake River Flats meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

Kids Winter Fitness Camps, fitness games, sports, snacks, nutrition classes and fun for chil-dren ages 9 to 13 years, 9 a.m. to noon, Jerome Recrection District, 2032 S. Lincoln Ave., \$8 per child, 324-3389.

#### GOVERNMENT

ome County commissioners, 9 a.m., court use, 300 N. Lincoln Ava., 644-2700. I Valley Planning and Zoning Commission

a.m., City Hall, 81 Elithom Road, 622-4438. Burley Public Library Board, 4 o.m., library C tublic Library Board, 4 p.m., library om, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

nEALTH AND WELLNESS

Ongoing exercise program for people with
Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley'
Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the
Regional Medical Center, 372-977.

Lath Children Anonymous (ACD) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional
family environment, 6 p.m., Carryon View
Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup
Ave. W. (vest entrance), Twin Falls, no cost. 30a.
5556.

ac Support Group of Magic Valley meeting, 6 Maxie's Pizza, 170 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin p.m., Maxie's Pizz Falls, 731-9079.

Halls, 731-9079. Mini-Cassla Domestic Violence Support growomen meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to sbrowne@magicvalley.com by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, TimesNews, RO.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 833030548. Deadline Is four days in advance of the event.

# Pates Picks ... Pet Marcantonio

Nordic skiers can polish skills with lessons beginning Monday through the Blaine County Recreation District. You can also learn to skate or improve your skills on the lee, John a women's only skate group. Irain for the Boulder Mountain Tour and more. For more information, call the recreation district, 788-2117, or go to berd.org.
For more winter fun, you'll find a new 20-foot "warming yurt" at Cugleyn Nordic Winter Park. The yur Is open during daylight.

hours and is furnished and offers compillmentary hot drinks. You can also test and hone skills on a new Nordic terrain park, as well as sledding hill and Nordic ski lesson area. You need a recreation district day or season pass for the groomed ski trails, but the sledding hill and the yart is free. A Oulgely day pass cost \$10. Children 12 and under are free, Call the Blaine County Recreation District for more info.

Recreation District for mo Don't want to exercise alone? Sign up for "Beginning Group Fitness," from 5:10 to 6 p.m. Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning Jan. 20 through May 14 at the College of Southern Idaho Gym. There's a wide range of ways to get your heart going. Cost is \$110. To register, 732-6442.

Have your own pick you ant to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by sur-prise? E-mail me at rise? E-mail me at atm@magicvalley.com.

A timeline to tragedy

Dec. 25

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9 a.m. — Vehicle became stuck in a snowdiff along West Magic Road, less than a fille from the cloth of the cloth

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959 p.m. — The male child, Bear Arigon, is found in a Bureau of Land Management bathroom, near the firesters of West Magic Road and the Magic Dean Road in Land Management Magic Road and the Magic Dean Road in Camas County. 4.5 miles from When the Bean walking. He had happened to the search of the Magic Dean Road in Proportional and was weening. He had happened to be the search of the sear

Dec. 26
2 a.m. — Sage is found unconscious and hypothermic next to a
barbed wire fence on the south
solid of West Magic Road, mostly
confered in snow and barely visible. She was wearing a down coa
block shirt, pelaime pants and
snow boots, according to the
RGSO.

snow boots, according to the BCSO.

415 a.m. — Sage is pronounced dead at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, according to the BCSO.

### Aragon

Confined from page A1
Eleven-year-old Sage Aragon died of suspected hypothermia after search and rescue dogs found her by a barbed wire fence the next day, covered in snow, at about

2 a.m.

The search didn't start until police were called by a friend of the children's mother, JoLeta Jenks, at about 7 p.m. and dogs were deployed around 10:20 p.m. Sage Aragon's brother, Bear Aragon, 12, was found alive at about 9:50 p.m. in a Bureau of Land Management bathroom, near the intersection of West Magle Road and the Magle Darm Road in Camas County. That was 4.5 miles from where the children began walking, and he had hypothermia, was wearing only long underwear, and was treated and released from a local hospital. Due to hypothermia related delusions, he discarded his jacket, pants and shoes, according to the Blaine County Sheriff's Office.

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papers.

Ouinatana sobbed Monday over a phone line, while

repeatedly defending Aragon.
"He didn't send those kids out there to die," said
Quintana. "He just wanted their mother to spend
Christmas with them."

Christmas with them."
Quintana says he and Aragon searched and yelled out for the children for at least four hours, with towels wrapped around their heads, but they stopped as hypothermia set in. He said he had no cell phone receptors.

hypothermia set in. He said he had no celi phone recep-tion in the search area.

"They found her (Sage Aragon) a mile and a half from where I turned around." Quintana said. "If we had kept going, we could have gotten her in time. I just couldn't go anymore. I was so tired. The whole time, we were yelling for the children, our eyes and throat were windburnt. Ultimately, the children separated, and Sage Aragon began walking back to the highway, according to the Blaine County Sheriff's Office.
"I just wish she would have tasyed with her brother," said Quintana.
Aragon asked the court to lower his bond on Monday.

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"I think that's way too high," he said in the Shoshone

courtroom.

And Quintana agreed his family can't afford that high

of a bond. Judge Ingram on Monday set a bond review hearing for Wednesday, appointed a public defender for Aragon, and scheduled a pretrial for Jan. 7.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380 or ajackson@magicvalley.com.

### SNOWMAN



rhich has se temperatures reached the 40s Teday's forecast of 35.

### CORRECTION

opening of "Between Fences," a Smithsonian

Institution traveling exhibit on display for six weeks at the Twin Falls Public Library.

The exhibit is delayed

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

FAMILY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Highway

Continued from page A1

commission's n's calculation - which is only some countles — In Twin Falls receiving too much money, according to the complaint. Urban renewal districts are not at issue, officials said noting that the tax commis-sion calculated how much highway districts were

shorted.
In Twin Falls, highway officials became aware of the glitch in May when they met with city, county and to commission Jerome highway officials heard about it in August.

neara about it in August.
The county and tax commission both agreed there was a software glitch and the formula is now different—and corrected. But the cities of Twin Falls and Jerome apparently disagree that any money is owed.

money is owed.
District officials said they simply want to be paid wh they say was mlsappropriated; there would not be any tax increase or rate hike to

them. We're just saying if we were wronged, we'd like to them. We're just saying if we were wronged, we'd like to be pald, "Twin Fails Highway District Director Dave Burgess said, noting the problem began in 1990. "If we are wrong and there is no money to come, then why did the tax commission and the county change the for-mula?"

the county change the formula?"
While the tax commission has adjusted its distribution formula, it's unclear why Twin Falls has refused to repay the money.
Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney deferred comment on the lawsuit to City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, who was out of town and could not be reached for comment. Jerome City Manager Ben Marchant said the problem was caused by the tax commission's faulty calculations, and the city received and spent its money accordingly. "The city is the wrong entity for the highway district to be pursuing," he said. The highway district has a better case against the state for screwing up their rev-

enue allocation, or the county for distributing against the formula. It's not the city's fault."

Alan Dornfest, a state tax commission tax policy supervisor, said most other. conflicts between cities and highway districts have been resolved. For example, the city of Burley settled with the Burley Highway District about two years ago, with the city paying \$1,000, said Mayor Jon Anderson.

But Dornfest described Twin Falls and Jerome as "major" conflicts.

"They disagreed with our interpretation." Dornfest said of Twin Falls city officials.

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Falls lawsuit are the Twin
Falls County commissioners, Clerk Kristina Glascock
and Treasurer Debbie

aufman. Kaufman said the county Kaufman said the county said there was a problem with the commission's soft-ware and agreed it's been resolved. She said she called the meeting in May where the issue was aired.

### Hamas

Continued from page Al and one seriously wounded by a rocket strike in the Negew desert community of Nahal Oz, closer to the Gaza border. Earlier, a missile killed a construction worker in the city of Ashkelon. In all, four Israelis were dead since the Gaza offensive began Saturday, bringing to 19 the number of people killed in attacks from Gaza since the beginning of the year.

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The targets chosen by Israel on Monday pointed to an intention to chip avous the targets of the target of target of the target of target of the target of the target of target of

One Israeli attack targeted a house in the Jebaliya refugee camp, killing seven people, but the Ilamas activist was not there, Ilamas security and relatives asid. Another hit the Jebaliya home of Abdel-Karim Jaber, a Hamas pollical figure who is a senior administrator at Gaza's Islamic University. He was not at home and it wasn't immediately clear if anyone was hurt in the strike. In another air assault, an Islamic Jihad commander was killed as he was walking near his house, said Abu Hamza, a spokesman for Islamic Jihad's military wing.

ing. Israel's airstrikes on more Israel's airstrikes on more than 320 sites since midday Saturday reduced dozens of buildings to rubble, over-whelmed hospitals with wounded and filled Gaza's deserted streets with smoke and fire. The military said Israeli naval vessels had also bombarded targets from the sea. also bombarded targets from the sea.

On Monday, aircraft pul-verized a house next to the

home of Ilamas Premier Ismail Hanlyeh, a security compound and a five-story building at a university closely linked to the Islamic group — all symbols of Hamas strength in the coastal territory it has ruled since June 2007.

since June 2007.

Israel's offensive has rattied the Middle East and
capitals around the world,
triggering street protests
and fiery speeches by
adversaries of Israel like the adversaries of Israel like the militant group Hezbollah in Lebanon. In the day's biggest outpouring of anger, tens of thousands of Hezbollah's supporters ezbollah's supporters ood in a pouring rain in a cirut square to condemn

Stone-throwing clashes broke out in about a half-dozen spots in the Palestinians West Bank ter-

Palestinians' West Bank ter-ritory as well as in several Arab-populated areas inside Israel. Israeli police and soldiers fired rubber bullets and tear gas at rioting youths, but it did not appear anyone was

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### wpac levels

Go to Magicvalley.com to find a ski report at the Snow Center.

### Jan. 5 Times-News regrets the error.

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

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.

of the board in November.
And Alan Homer, 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

guide policy, services and financial planning.

The 11-member system board helps advise the whole company, which employs

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 Gladiator Ridge.

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

Center.

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

Cope, who the boards of the Idaho Comm datic and the Colwith Luke's

since its 'Cope
Mountain
States Tumor Institute
opened in a wing of the Twin
Falls hospital. He was also
"deeply involved" in the 2006
sale of the then-countyowned hospital to St. Lukes,
according to a company summary.

according to a company sum-mary.

He acknowledged Monday that hospitals, like everyone else, have plenty to deal with In the current economic cli-

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

increases avalanche danger

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

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.

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The center warns that travel on steep slopes Is not advised, and any warning signs of cracking or collapsing should be heeded.

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

Area's warming weather

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

Cope said.
Horner, also a board member for the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization and involved in a number of business and bank in groups, said he loves the challenge of serving on the St. Luke's board, as well as seeing well as seeing what the

company's new hospital will

company's new hospital will provide to Twin Falls.

"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

boands and others together on the same page.

"Were 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 Chalirman Arthur "Skip" Oppenheimer, who is still a board member. Homer filled the seat of former College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Meychoffer, who retired from the board in August.

retired from the soundary August.
The system board has four Magic Valley representatives
— Brigette Bilyeu and Dr. Robert Lobb are the other two. One seat goes to Ed Dathberg, St. Luke's president and CEO who has announced he will retire by March 2010.

Nate Poppino may be wached at 208-735-3237.

Wendell

New Year

celebration

Vendell 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 linion 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: 536-6338.

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### Idaho, Guy Lombardo and rock 'n roll

n every New Year's Eve concert Guy Lombardo ever performed, the Royal Canadians played "Idaho" -- a two-verse ode to the wilds of ce Lombardo and most of his musicians had never

lts lyrics are familiar to lost folks who lived here

most folks who lived here awhile ...
"Away beyond the hills of Idaho, Where yawnin' canyons greet the sun. As it smiles above the trees in Idaho To say another night is done.
"Warm summer winds toss the wavin' grain, Callin' me back to my home again, To dream sweet memories of long age.

of long ago, Beyond the hills of Idaho.

What's less widely known is that its author, a black jazz musician from Kansas City

musiclan 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 amybody else," Alamtic Records founder Almet Errugen sald. Stone worked for Allantic sone worked for Allantic as a producer, songoriter, and arranger ... During a rip 1936s, he discovered that Allantic's records weren't sell-ing there because they lacked 1930s, he discovered riselling there because they lacked
a cerain danceable quality.
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in the joints down there, and
Concluded that the only
thing that was missing was the
stuff we were recording
was the rhythm. ...All we
needed was a bass line .... So I
designed a bass pattern, and
it sort of becaure identified
with rock 'n roll—doo, adDOO, DUM, doo, da-DOO,
DUM—that thing, I'm be
gulty person that started guilty person that started that."...

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

nand at the tegendary nightspot ... It helped, of course, that Stone's orchestra included Coleman Hawkins, anguably the greatest jazz saxophonist who ever lived ... Stone wrote "Idalto," a song

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

man, them's no trace of blues in the song ... Benny Goodman and his orchestra recorded it — Dick Haymes was the vocalist — and it peaked at No. 4 on the pop charts ... The Gay Lombardo version that followed sold 3 million copies. Sone wrote a little rhythm in blues ditty called "Shake, Battle and Rold." ... The rest is history ... Life was miserafor many black

Life was inserable in Jin Crow America for many black musicians, but Stone man-aged to like a happy, prosperois and productive life that ended in 1999 at age 97 ... And "daho"? ... Well, Lombardo has been dead for 300 New Yaar's Eves, but his orchestmendures ... And "daho" is still on the playlist ...



Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary Ken & Tammy Petersen

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### Scientists keep eye on unusual Yellowstone quakes

CHEYENNE, Wyo.

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

Swarms of small earth

Swarms of small earth-quakes happen frequently in Yellowstone. But Robert Smith, a pro-fessor of geophysics at the University of Utah, said it's very unusual for so many earthquakes to happen over several days.

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 precurso-"Could it develop into a bitmer fault or something.

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

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

age.
The strongest of dozens of tremors Monday was a magnitude 3.3 quake shortly after noon. All of the quakes were centered beneath the

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

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 awalanche 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 awalanches, when heavy snow loads released by warming temperatures can fall suddenly off roofs, injuring or possibly burying anyone underneath. Let a caution under eaves, or clear the snow from roofs to avoid this danger.

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.

years ago.

He said Yellowstone remains very geologically

active — and its famous geyers and hot springs are are minuter 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 nous. In 1959. a

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

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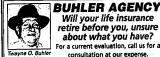
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# Celebrating police service

### Three senior officers to depart Cassia County Sheriff's office

The Cassia County Sheriff's office will have a changing of the guard at the first of the year as three high-ranking officers retire after more than 100 years of com-hined service.

hined service.
United States Marshal Patrick McDonald presented outgoing Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higens with letters from President George W. Bush and Sen, Mike Grapo, R-Idaho, 'outlining the outstanding service he provided during his nearly 39 years of service in law enforcement.

provided during his nearly 39 years of service in law enforcement. "Jim Higgs is an exceptional man to work with, said McDonald." We really value the relationship we have with the Cassia County Sheriff's office."

Higens also received notes from others he worked with and was presented his duty weapon.

"Tie will be sorely missed. McDonald said. But there is a good man waiting in the wings."

Higens began his career with the Burley Police Department in 1970 after spending four years as a U.S. Marine serving in Vietnam. He graduated from the state's fourth Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training class and went to work in investigations and Officers Standards and Training class and went to work in investigations and

narcotics.

In 1986 he went to work for the Cassia County Sheriff's office and was later appoint-



United States Marshall Patrick McDonald, left, congratulates retiring Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hi year career Monday as Cassia County Undersheriff Cary Bristol, who is also retiring, looks on.

ed undersperiff in 1998 and elected as sheriff in 2000. He also served as Cassia County's Emergency Services Coordinator, a position he held on Sept. 11, 2001.

2001.
"That became a really big job," Higens said. But one that became a source of satisfaction when he was able to secure hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants used to purchase emergency equipment.
"I am really proud of being able to upgrade the emergency services in this area," Higens said.
Cassia County Undersheriff Cary Bristol began his nearly 32-year career in law enforcement with the Burley Police Department.

Police Department.

He was a patrol officer for more than four years before going to work for the sheriff's

He worked in the jail and was the Declo resident offi-cer for nearly eight years and became the first sergeant in

the sheriff's office. In 1995 he became a second lieutenant and later was appointed undersheriff for Higens, a position he held for eight

years.
Sgt. Tim Little, who has been on duty for 33 years, also began his law-enforcement career in Mini-Cassla at the Burley Police Department. He worked at the lail and

He worked at the jail and later as a range officer, where he spent his days patrolling the backcountry.

"I loved that," Little said.
"If I was in a foul mood I would just hit the back roads

and patrol

and patrel."

After his stint as a range officer he hit the road in Burley for the next seven years as a sherffl's patrol officer and then took a position in investigations as a detective. During the past two years, Little has served as the public relations officer.

"I guess the thing I'm most proud of is the dive team. And that's not for what I've

done, but what the team has done. They have to work very closely together as a unit."
Little spearheaded the sheriff department's dive team, which has grown into a highly regarded professional team and he was instrumental in getting the department's new sheriff bout this way.

department's new sheriff boat this year.
Before moving to Burley, Little spent a year in the sheriff's office In Gem County, five years in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division and worked for one year in Washington D.C. for J. Edgar Hoover at the National Crime Information Center.

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### CAFO

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Overflights aren't new to ISDA — it uses the same tactic and has invited the EPA along in the past, Deputy Director Brian Oakey said.

The difference this time, he said, is the federal agency has taken a more active role than its last visit in 2006. It doesn't really matter if CAFOs know you're coming, he added.

"If a facility is not pre-pared for the wet weather season ... there's going to be a problem." he said.

In 2008. Peak said, 26 inspections resulted in 13 letters either warting nowners to take action or Just pointing out areas of concern 11 "thank-you" letters that found noting wrong and reminded owners that the agency would be back; one order requiring a facility to fix an issue and one line for a violation. CAFOs aren't the only hings the agency studies in Idaho, Peak nointed out. But the facilities have gained a certain amount of attention lately from the

gained a certain amount of attention lately from the EPA, with new rules issued and the agency working to finish a new general permit for the state.

The new rules released in November allow CAFO owners to get a discharge permit from the EPA or voluntarily determine that they do not, in fact, discharge anything from their properties.

Once the general permit is completed, officials will have a better idea which option owners will go for. Peak said. Since Idaho, unlike some other states, does not have the ability to run the federal permitting system, its permit will just reflect federal rules.

States with the ability can be stricter than that, he said.

Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, said his members don't see much difference between the state and EPA lights. More notable, he said, is the fact that the EPA can't focus on all states at all times.

"It shows the importance

"It shows the importance

of the state program when the EPA can only focus on one state at a time," one state at Naerebout said.

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### Tests

Continued from page A1
Many public schools now rely on the programs to help students in second through 12th grades do better on the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests. The Department of Education began supervising the programs in 2007, when I una discovered they had never been held up against Idaho requirements.

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requirements.
The department paid
PLATO Learning \$600.000
for a one-year contract that
ended in June 2008.
After finding only nine
of the 33 programs being
used in Idaho schools met

state standards, Luna refused to renew the con-

tract for another year.
Instead, he offered the company \$150,000 and a 90-day extension this summer to align the programs with state requirements. When that contract expired. Lama gave the company another 90-day extension and warmed school district superintendents in an Oct. 30 memo that the tutoring programs could be pulled. In a review of the programs eatlier this month, the state found the company thad aligned 84 percent of

the state found the compa-ny had aligned 84 percent of its language programs with statewide standards. In math and reading, at least 90 percent of the programs met Idaho criteria.

# Flooding the latest weather threat in Midwest

DITROIT — Utilities in Michigan scrambled Monday to restore power knocked out by a gusty weekend storm as ain and melting snow caused fooding there and in other parts of the Midwest.

About 132,000 customers were without electricity in Michigan, down from more than 400,000 on Sunday, according to the state's utili-

the tess Some could remain with-out power until Wednesday because of Sunday's storm, which carried winds gustling more than 60 mph. Nearly 50,000 customers from central New York to Buffloa daso lost power Sunday as wind gusts as high as 75 mph brought down trees and utility poles there. About 4,400 New York utility customers remained without power Monday. Flood warnings were posted

throughout the Midwest as temperatures rose after a week of heavy snowfall. Forecasters said flooding was possible in areas of lowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and northwest Ohio. In Michigan, roads in some Ottawa County subdivisions were under 2 to 3 feet of water, while the list floors of some homes were flooded, National Weather Service hydrologist Mark Walton said.

In southeastern Wiscon-sin,

the National Weather Service predicted the Fox River would crest about a foot over flood stage Tuesday in the town of Wheatland.

In northwest Missouri, the Grand River reached nearly 9 feet above flood stage in places over the weekend.

Winter storm warnings were issued throughout the Northwest, which has been hammered by storms in recent weeks.

The National Weather

Service said northeastern Washington and the idaho panhandle could expect 3 to 7 inches of new snow in the val-leys, and 6 to 10 inches in the mountains through Monday

mountains through Monday evening.
Spokane, Wash, already had received upward of 51 inches of snow this month — more than it sees in a typical winter — but nearly 10 more liches were expected Monday, accompanied by winds that gusted to 35 mph.

Roads were so clogged in the city that Spokane police asked semi-truck drivers to use chains after several trucks became stuck in giant snow-

became stuck in guant snow-banks.
Black ice was also causing many accidents on Interstate 90, officials said.
There were several roof col-lapses in the Spokane area, as well as incidents involving natural gas leaks where snow or ice fell and sheared off gas meters.

### 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in 5th District Court included the following:

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS Shane L. Diris, 20, Murtaugh; vehicle not registered for appropriate weight: \$300 fine, \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days jall, five suspended; three months probation.

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years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$2,500 fine; \$112.50 costs; \$507 court compliance costs; driving privileges suspendent for four years.

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Enc D. Berry, 37, Twin Falls; burglary; dismissed by prosecutor.

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### South Idaho elderly agencies brace for cuts

BOISE (AP) — Providers of services to the elderly say 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.

onna Waters, executive ctor of the Elderly Opportunity Agency in Emmett, said she is bracing for cuts of as much as 7 percent to its senior meal pro-gram and other programs in 2009.

gram and other programs in 2009.

The agency, which serves seniors in eight southwestern Idaho counties, is also preparing for a 49 percent cut to health promotion programs for flu clinics, hearing checkups, exercise classes and more.

But she sald most challenging of all is a 57 percent cut proposed in transportation general county of the county of that haul elderly clients to meals, doctor appoint-ments, 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.
"Senlors 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 senlor programs.
Russ Duke, director of the Central District Health Department, which provides similar services to seniors in Ada and Elmore countles, said his department also has sent the course of the country of the count

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

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 Hanian, the gowernor's spokesman, said the administration is aware of the people affected by the cuts and empathetic to the potential hardships. But Hanian also said Otter faces the harsh 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 mail massacre has been charged with unlaw-ful sexual misconduct with

aminor.
Ken Hammond was charged Monday in 2nd District Court with a third-degree felony count of unlawful sexual 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 DeCarlai decilined to comment on the case.

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 lan 27 before judge Pamela G. Hefferman.
Hammond, 35, has been an Ogden police officer for about eight years. On Feb. 12, 2007, he was credited with helping and Sulejman Talovice's shooting spree at the Trofley Square Manil in Sait Lake City.

Hammond was off-dury and having an early Valentine dinner with his wife at Trofley Square when he heard shots lired. He ran toward the gunfre and drew his weepon, engaging Talovic in a gunlight 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 tele-phone number is unlisted and he could not be reached for comment Monday. It was

A patrol officer, Hammond has been on paid leave pend-ing an internal police depart-ment investigation.

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### AROUND IDAHO

#### Idaho settles dispute with drug maker

BOISE — Idaho Atto... General Lawrence Wasden says the state has been paid more than \$171,000 by a pharmaceutical company to resolve allogations over company arrivating of three

improper marketing of three drugs.

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

Wasden says its always a concern when drug makers promote the use of their drugs for purposes ofther than those approved the Food and Administration.

The three drugs in question include: Provigil, used to treat sleep disorders; Gabirth, a treatment for selzures and Actin, designed for cancer patients.

Actiq, designed 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 care providers to file fraudulent claims to federal and state Medicald programs.

#### Nampa computer company closes doors

NAMPA — Executives with MPC Corp. say they are shut-ting down operations for good and are poised to liqui-date 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.

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

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Officials are blaming the

ailing economy and tight credit markets for their inability to secure financing from lenders to avoid a shut-

down.

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

#### Group plans icy plunge into N. Idaho lake

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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' Allene on New Year's Day, with temperatures dipping into the 20-degree range.

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### **EDITORIAL**

# Legislating by wishful thinking in state government

oes 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 518 million needed to start it won't be available and track.

Our view: Putting in

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What do you think?

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ble next year. We think he should wait until there's enough money in the

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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 emerge from the economic doldrums until 2012. Let's also
assume that the chairmen of the
Legislature's two education comintitees, Sen. Mike Jorgensen, RHayden Lake, and Rep. Bob
Moninni, 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 priortities 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 downtown lasts, the

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fall.

However long this economic downtown lasts, the state will spend years making up ground lost when the dollars weren't available to adequately fundersesential 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.

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# Beware the gift of money

he economic crisis has given Barack Obama an unexpected gifts spending money. The president-elect is dratting 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.

TIMES-NEWS . OPINION EDITOR STEVE CRUI



All across the nation, politicians and polley 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 \$375 billion of worthy ideas, from sewer repairs in Milwaukee to a beach parking to in Ventura, Calif. University presidents, mass-transity 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 goods and help seed as the favores are the seed as the seed as the favores are the seed as the seed as the favores are the seed as the seed as the favores are the seed as th All across the nation,

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 deflict 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. He money must get into the economy fost. One of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the properties of the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate tax rebate to the support of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the product of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebate to the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebates the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebates the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebates the control of the defects of this years in conner tax rebates the conner tax rebates t

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 parkins. But will it be

or sewers, or schools or beach parking. But will it be fast enough? That depends on how many of those show-el-ready projects are really ready to go and how many are just gleams in a gover-

ready to go and now premore systems in a govermore system and they're not only conomic.
The stakes are high, and
they're not only economic.
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of voters reared on Ronald
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run only until the economy recovers? If so, great. But the administration should-n't yield to the temptation to pay for long-term pro-grams out of the fund as well.

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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 tempration 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 refloating 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)

Idaho Statesman)

The recent editorial from the Times-News criticizing my opposition to the ommibus 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-



COMMENT Sen. Tom Coburn

READER

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 con-

I am not alone in my concerns. More than 100 organ-izations ranging from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to the National Wildlife Refuge Association oppose the bill.

our readers also should nelder that our nation is 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 fis-cal discipline in Congress and a real debate about pri-orities.

ortites.
One of the greatest threats to our long-term economic health is the culture of parochialism that pervades Congress and leads members are leads bills bers to write lands bills loaded with wasteful ear-marks 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 or Oklahoma but the entire country.

country.

Congress' parochialism
and short-term politicking

and short-term politicking is a major reason why we are facing a \$10 trillion national debt and an eco-nomic 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.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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# guys get it right

cople. They are appointed not elected — to top gov ernment Jobs, and what they do is not well understood. But they are enormously powerful, and in 2009, they may determine whether th global economy avoids

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Federal Reserve; lean-Claude
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Japan; and their counterpars
in China, India, Brazil.
Mexico and elsewhere.
Not since the early 1980s,
when high inflation plaqued
many advanced economies,
or perhaps the 1330s has
helr role been so crucial.
Global economic expansion
is slowing to a standstill.
Economists at Deutsche Bank forecast meager 0.2 percent growth in 2009 percent growth in 2009 — the worst year since at least 1980. In 2007, world growth was almost 5 percent. Without stronger growth, ils slump might feed on itself and fuel economic national ism.

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, equaling the lowest rate since its founding in 1694; and many other central banks also cut rates — China. India. Canada. & fraand December to spur China, India, Canada, As for the Fed, it's been cutting its key short-term rate from 5.25 percent in September 2007 to

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 altered short-term interest rates in the hope that long-term rates on home mort-gages and bonds would fol-low. Now, it has already announced that it may buy hundreds of billions of secu-rities 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

unanimity of purpose. In July, the ECB raised its key rate to 4.25 percent to pre-vent soaring oil prices fror increasing overall inflation 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

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



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Massive "swap" lines between the Fed and 14 other government central banks represent one sign 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 recent weeks — substitute for scarce pri-vate 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 of the proper of the state of t nina, muia and some pior nations) issued : statement forsaking protection and pledging parallel "economic stimulus" programs. Globalism, not nationalism. So far, then, so

nationalism. So rar, tuen, so good? Well, maybe. As Frieden points out, much of today's 'cooperation' is through press releases. Countries agree on broad principles but then go their separate ways. Germany's "stimulus-program, for instance, is much smaller than the one paperature Jananed by the apparently planned by the Obama administration.

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

might relax its policy of cur-rency 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 eco-nomic nationalism.

would be embracing eco-nomic nationalism.

The dangers compound the pressures on central banks to restore economic growth. There is not so mu cooperation among them a shared fears grounded in widely accepted scholarly conclusions about the Gre Depression of the 1930. Depression of the 1930s Depression of the 1930s.
Government blunders, it is
widely believed, worsened
the slump. Lessons seem
plain: Don't let panie destroy
the financial system; public
lenders must advance when
private lenders retreat.
These responses seem
plausible but beg a troubling
question. What if this down-

m is foll s following a different and defeats central nks' aggressiveness?

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson write about economics.

## Let's hope these | N.Y. governor's right: Tax soda pop

hen the human body was evolving, almost the only things we drank were breast nilk for the first few you ter, v

It would obviously have been bad if we had evolved to feel full when water was to feel full when water was sloshing about our stomachs, because then we wouldn't have eaten our fill the next time we speared a mastodon. Today, the unfortunate result is that if you drink a boutle 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, and some scholars believe they have become a major source of obesity.
That's why the new socia tax proposed by Gov. David Paterson of New York is such a breakthruch. a breakthrough

Paterson suggested the tax
— an 18 percent sales tax on
soft drinks and other nondisoft drinks and other nondi-tet sugary beverages — to help raise \$400 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 healthler.

Let's break for a quiz: What was the biggest health care breakthrough in the last 40 years in the United States? years in the United States Heart bypasses? CAT scans and MRI's? New cancer



Every 10 percent price increase on cigarettes reduced sales by about 3 percent overall, and 7 per-cent 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.

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

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

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 was industry will spend vast sums 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 evolution

because of the evolutionary heritage! mentioned at the outset: Except for soups, liq-uid calories don't register with the body, according to Popkin and other specialists. If you have a smack, even something unheathy like potato chips, you'll eat less at your next meal. But have a Coke, and despite all those calories, you'll still eat just as much, Indeed, according to some studies, you'll actually eat more.

eat more.
"These findings raise the possibility that soft drinks increase hunger, decrease satiety or simply 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

Ramek Ohama has parack Obama has pledged to move toward a system of universal health coverage, and Domocrate 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

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ing point is to recognize that risky teen behavior these days can involve not just alcohol, drugs of 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 321 billion each year — an average of \$1,900 per American boushold. 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 symple inside soft drinks.

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Inside soid utilisis. Inside soid utilisis and inside soid utilisis. Informatically, Obama on Wednesday appointed former lowa Gow, Tom Vilsack, who has longstanding tiles to agribusiness interests, as agriculture sceretary—lise weakest appointment so far. The soft-drink industry will throw enormous resources into defeating the proposed. New York tax on sugary drinks. We should stand behind Patterson's bodg gesture. He is blazing a path that other states should follow.

w. Losing weight is never

Nicholas Kristof is a columnist for The New York Times, Write to him at

# CIA is making love, not war!

ome from the Vietnam anti-war movement was the memo-rable "make love, not war." That sentiment has resur-faced in a different but equally stimulating context, thanks to some creative peo-ple within U.S. intelligence. Government is famous for

the ways in which it wastes our tax money, but this one our tax money, but this one expenditure appears to be well spent. Officers with the Central Intelligence Agency have been handing out little blue Vlagra pills to Ajthan tribal leaders. According to a story in the Washington Post, a ClA officer gave four of the pills to an Affant leader in his 60s who has four wives. Take one of these," said the CLA man, "you'll love it."

The officer who described the meeting said that he

the meeting said that he returned four days later to returned four days later to an enthusiastic reception, and the Afghan chleftain had a big grin on his face. The officer said the man gave up lots of information about failbian 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 Vlagra," said one longtime CIA operative.



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

"Lystsrata." In which women on both sides of a war withhold see 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 sood thing can be wont on a soon that can be worth.

The CIA had the wrong strategy for eliminating Cuban dictator Fidel Castro in the early 1960s. Instead ohiring Malia members to assassinate Castro, they ro they

niming main intensives to assassinate Castro, they should have slipped sexenhancement drugs in his food and drink. Would Inn's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad be as hig a bother if he were popping Viagra? He might then not feet 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. ally believed to lack

generally believed to lack other physical attributes about which men are overly self-conscious. Such men sometimes seek to overcom-pensate by bullying others to prove they have what, in 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 ne world stage.

Adolf Hitler was 5 feet 8

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

uncations state the symbol problem? Would Viagra, or something similar, have less-ened the possibility of forced famines, war, the Holocaust and other mass killings? Were these caused at least in part by pent-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 then the men have done. Meanwhile, "Viva Viagra!" If it keeps Afghain warlords off it keeps Afghan warlords off the battlefield and in the troom while providing, in ween sessions, useful between sessions, used information about the

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 inch-es tall.

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## Hard to hear at holiday parties? Blame your brain

NBW YORK — It's almost New Year's Eve, a time for plunging, into boisterous prunging, 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 (BODM-da-da-BOOM) went over (BoDF you look wonder) so she said (clink-clink) and then I (Here, have another one) what

foli look wonters, so she sain clink, clink, and then I (ffere, have another one) what would you do?"
Huhi 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 your ears. That bit of brain circuttry appears, to falter with age, and scientists are getting some clues about why.

If you have trouble understanding conversation in a

If you have trouble under-standing conversation in a nolsy room, you're experienc-ing what's sometimes called the cocktail party problem. That can be one of the first signs of an age-related hear-ing loss — a more general problem that can creep in during middle age, and

affects one-third of adults ages 65 to 75. Scientists are still trying to piece together why our hear-ing goes downhill with age, ing goes downhill with age, with the goal of trying to slow

it or even reverse it.

When it comes to the cock-tail party problem, the dim-mer switch is a piece of that story, though it's not clear just how big a factor.

player," said Robert Prising 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 dimmerswitch brain circularly 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. Scientists have long kn

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 sald.

The brain has an added rick for focusing on a particular person's speech rather than competing conversations, Frisina sald. Since you're probably facing the person you want to hear, his words arrive at both your east 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 mer switch, to home in on that persons speech, Frisina

said. Frisina and colleagues pub-

lished evidence in 2002 that the dimmer switch effective-ness declines with age. The drop-off showed up in mid-

ness occurred with age. The drop-off showed up in mid-die-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 circuit-ry.

Now Frisina hopes to use genetically altered mice to focus his studies on particular focus his studies on particular parts of the dimmer switch circuitry. There is some evidence that shortcomings in this wiring harm the inner ear swell, 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 problem, Frisina's work "makes a good case that it's got to be one of the important factors," said Charles 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 aways. 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,

narder 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 situa-

tions.

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

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

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### Obama makes third trip to golf course in Hawaii

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 Hawali, Obama and a group including friends and an aide on Monday visited a private golf club near his 59 million rented, beach-front vacation home.

ed, beach-front vacation home.

It was Obama's third trip to a course while on holiday. Accompanying him were Bobby Titcomb, a friend from high school in Hawali, 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 Hawali's Semper Fit Center, Obama did not speak with reporters, but greeted about two dozen visitors after his workout. He also posed for pictures.

Obama has sought to stay out of the public eye while here, opting for private meals at his vacation home or at a friend's house.

### Palin's daughter gives birth

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— The IB-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 Lie weldend 7

o Tripp Easton Johnston on He weighed 7 Sunday. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Relative Colleen Jones tells

Relative Collegen 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 REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho are Treating a (wo-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 for dies \$2,27.

\$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.

51.02. 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

### Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Mayerik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. W.: \$1.57 Jarome: Mayerik Country Store, 352 Lincoln Ave.: \$1.57 Burley: Mayerik Country Store, 1209 E. Main St.: \$1.55

### **Diesel prices**

- Twin Falls: Fil mart Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd.: \$2.27 Jerome: Flying J Travel Plaza, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$2.27
- Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 E. Main St.: \$2.27
- Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at

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Pocatello	\$4.22	+.22
Burley	\$4.10	-

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rice quotes as of Monday afternoon.
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To be included in this table, call
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### RESERVOIR LEVELS



Trucks make their way along Highway 30 Monday afternoon east of Twin Falls. Snowstorms d

Trucking companies absorb additional cost of reroute

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 Iteh

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 -

and early into the weekend —
until roads were cleared.

"It cost me a lot of money," said
Lorie Kruse, co-owner of Kruse
Nationwide line. 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 detour added 60
miles onto a shipment 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. Parts of Interstate 84 to Utah

Parts of interstate 84 to Utah were closed early last week and part of the weekend because of low visibility and lee. 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 sald.

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### Twin Falls Canal Company holds annual meeting

The regular meeting of the stock-holders 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

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 lan. 9.

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

### By Cindy Snyder Times-News correspondent

COEUR D'ALENE — Raleigh Curtis has been In the grain marketing business for years, most recently with Mid-Columbia Producers, an Oregon-based grain cooperative -- he will retire in June. Curtis shared his busi-

curtis snared his busi-ness management rules with grain producers during the joint Oregon-Idaho Grain Producers Association annual con-vention.

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.

making and compensa-tion.

"In reality, we're all working on commis-sion." Curtis said. 'Hourly pay is just a draw on profitable results."

If an employee is over-hauling a tractor, but his time could be better

"Make sure you and

"Make sure you and your employees are working on the critical few," he said.

3. Grow your working capital.

4. Fixed asset replace-ment should come from profits and working capi-tal growth, not borrow-ing.

ing.
5. Profit and growth are the result of market place 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.

ments.

He suggests counting bushels in a bln, looking up the price and multiplying it by the bushels in the bin to get a dollar amount — repeat the

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

COEUR d'ALENE — A veter-an farm policy watcher is pleasantly surprised by the path the president elect is tak-ing, and thinks it bodes well for agriculture.
"I think (Barack) Obama is

very much a pragmatist," sald Barry Flinchbaugh, a professor

very much a pragmatist," sald Barry Flinchbaugh, a professor of agricultural economics at Kansass State University. "If we've ever needed a pragma-tist, 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 cabine to govern from the middle. If his appointments to cabine positions are any indication of how the Obama administra-tion will handle ag polley and the fairm bill, Flinchbaugh thinks agriculture will fare well. Former lowa governor Tom Vllsack 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.

Salazar's appointment as nerior Secretary amuses

Colorado.

Salazar's appointment as Interior Secretary amuses Hinchbaugh.

"We have never had a farmer and rancher at the head of the Interior Department," he said in a phone interview after the appointments amounced.

It be 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 prerquisite for being Secretary of Agriculture." Ilinchbaugh 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 sup

Vilsack is considered a sup-porter of alternative energy, but he also told television anchor Larry Kudlow last year that he would support the repeal of the Brazilian ethanol turiff, as well as supporting stringent earbon caps. Although Hinchbaugh does-nt expect the Obama adminis-tration 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 writ-ten. The new administration will be able to exert its influ-ence as those rules are the first programs and the sup-tion.

ence as those rules are final-ized.

One area that Flinchbaugh expects the new administra-tion to target is payment limits. A Government Account-ability Office report found \$49 million had been distributed to farm-ers who were not eligible for the payments because their income was above the thresh-old.



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#### Far West Agribusiness association to meet

Far West Agribusiness, which works to enhance the business and safety environment for the fertilizer and agrichemical industry, will meet on Jan. 5 at Cactus Pete's Casino and Resort in

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

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Members will also participate in workshops on subjects related to professional development, soil fertility, soil and water issues, pest

management and crop pro-duction.

For more information: www.fwaa.org

#### Cow symposium and beef school planned

The annual Intermountain Cow Symposium and Magic Valley Winter Beef School will meet Jan. 14 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Conducted

University of Idaho
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The early registration fee is
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Shu-Fly Arena is starting up a roping club. Details at ways a roping ciuo. Octans at 825%. shutkarena com reoma e dubi II.html

y Saturday (12:00-2 pm) Magic py Pony Club meetings at the hwind Ranch in Jerome, klaho agenchebag or call 324-1496 nore details.

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ery Sunday (10am) The Idaho Every Sunday (10m) The Idaho Regulators have practice at Danny Mechams. Any one interested in Riding and shooting can call Kent Spaulding 532-4553. The Idaho Regulators are part of the Cowbay Mounted Shooting Association.

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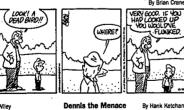
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### The latest buzz for beekeepers is federal crop insurance sense that they'd exclude California. Maybe they think the loss potential is greater in California." The deadline already hat passed for beekeepers to sign up for the insurance program for the 2009 crop year.

By Blake Nicholson Associated Press writer

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BISMARCK, N.D. — The buzz in the honeyhee 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

"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 greenness.

"We're not insuring the bees. We're not insuring the honey. We're not insuring the honey. We re not insuring the bees' health," said Shirley bugh, 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 pro-

gram. "It's like a crapshoot on whether it's going to rain or not. It has nothing to do with the honey crop, and that's what we're all about — the honey crop." Texas beckeeper Daniel Weaver, who has worked for

Weaver, who has worked for years to get an insurance pro-gram for beekeepers, said basing a program on produc-tion history would be almost impossible because of the nomadic nature of bee-

colonies.
For example, beekeepers in North Dakota, the nation's top honey-producing state, typically move their bees during winter to California, where the bees pollinate such crops as almonds.
He said having farmers document yield data that could be used for insurance purposes would overwhelm the RMA and insurance companies.

panies.
"We felt this (the pilot pro-"We telt this (the pilot pro-gram) was a very simple pro-gram conceptually," he said.
"You basically get a payment if there's a deviation of rain-fall. At least it will allow bec-keepers to get some risk pro-tection for one of the chief influences of honey produc-tion.

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The new program is avail-able in North Dakota and 20 other states. It is not available in California, which irritate Bob Miller, a central California beckeeper whose state is the nation's No. 2 honey producer.

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"We desperately need something like that," he said. "To me it just doesn't make

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### **Agriculture futures** rise on Chicago BOT

CHICAGO (AP)
Agriculture futures rose in midday tradling Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade.
Wheat for March delivery jumped 14.75 cents to \$6.14 a bushel, while March corn added 7.25 cents to \$4.195 a bushel. March oats gained 4.5 cents to \$2.355 a bushel, and March soybeans climbed IB.5 cents to \$9.75 a bushel. March with the corn of th

futures mostly rose on the Chicago Mercantille Exchange. February live cattle gained 0.55 cent to 86.65 cents a pound, while March feeder cattle added 0.85 cent to 92.60 cents a pound. February lean hogs traded up 0.40 cent to 59.35 cents a pound, but February pork bellies lost 0.45 cent to 88 cents a pound.

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# four winter garden How to grow edible plants indoors

KETCHUM — Remember that fresh, just-picked tomato last sum-mer, how good it tasted? Peggy and Dale Bates can get that taste in their Ketchum kitchen

Peggy and Dule Bates can get that taste in their Kerchum 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 growning 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 windowslill" 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 flood 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 alarge 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. Waterfing is easy with a faucet sprayer.

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

About 13 indition ago, a commot 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 tail, and has produced — as of mid-December — 106 tomatees, with two more nearly ripe. Next to the tomato plant are adozen small sprigs of red-velned chard and a tail, branched basil.

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

mari inside when the weather cools. The ceramic pois 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, 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

nutritious, and it'll survive a lot of missteps," Springs said. You can almost freeze it and it'l be O.K. 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 bods, then bring the pots instead of bods, then bring the pots instead of bods, then bring the pots read 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.

enough to plant in the ground. No matter how you do it, the

Springses are advocates of growing things — families learn about the miracle of life and food tastes bet-

miracle of life and food tastes bet-ter.

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

Ariel Hansen may be reached at 208-788-3475 or ariel.hansen@lee.net.

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ety of plants through the garden hed that she o their litchen. In the winter she turns to herbs



Though a little too firm yet to harvest, this bright red globe hangs like a Christmes half on the foliage that dominates the Batases' kitches.





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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

Charleston records, put away glamorous accourrements 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 oriector for Chicago-based Baker Furniture, part of the Kohler Interiors Group.

"Art Deco designers synthesized simple forms, exquisite materials and huurious 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 traditionally.

Many of ioday's interior and furniture designers, such as Nancy Corzine, Barbara Barry, Jeffrey Bilhuber and Richard Mishaan, 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 cabinetry, gleaming martnis sets and mitrored boundur vanies. Hallmarks Include geometric or rounded silhoutettes, inlays and veneers, ornamentation such as starbursts and zigzags, and

machine age materials such as aluminum, plastic and steel. Barry has created a collec-tion for Baker Furniture that

tion for Baker Furniture that epitomizes the grace and elan of Art Deco. Look for her curvy upholstered chairs, metallic-leafed tables, and a group of smarrily tailored yet exey cabinets and desks (www.kohlerinteriors.com). Corzine's chie desks and vanities would look right at home in Carole Lombard's suite; at the same

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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? — Christle

DEAR CHRISTIE: Using real firewood in a fireplace can get messy and be a let 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 eant swing an axe and mund over your head, these pieces are difficult to split.

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



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greater than using real fire-wood. For the occasional or short fire, the cost difference is not significant. Burning real fire-wood can contribute to air pollution, and in some communities, it is controlled. Firelogs burn purch cleance than real firemuch cleaner than real fire

much cleaner than real flrewood. They typically produce 70 percent less particulate matter, 85 percent less carried tess carried tess carried tess smoke. Until recently, firelogs were made from sawdust and petroleum wates. Some of the heat comes from the burning sawdust, but most comes from the sawdust from the water. The sawdust functions somewhat similar to the



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ogs produce a significant amount of heat per pound and they are a good use for waste sawdust from wood nills and other woodworking

ay with more concern er costs of petroleum

ducts, many firelogs are made with natural veg-ole waxes instead of petro leum waxes. Since the veg-etable waxes are a form of blomass, burning these natu ral firelogs is alm ost green house-gas neutral.

Another new type of envi-ronmentally 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 fifelogs. 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. Pirelogs also produce much less creosote than real firewood. Have your chimney

firewood. Have your chimney checked and cleaned if necessary, Special firelogs are available which help to reduce creosote in the chim-ney, Saver Systems

DEAR JIM: I plan to buy an electric space heater for a small bedroom. All the models I find rec-ommend several feet of clear ance around the heater for

ance around the heater for safety, is this really importany 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 justice combustible materials.

The heating elements in

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 not glow red hot. Even so, always keep combustible materials at the recommend ed distance from the heater.

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by architect Raipi Cunningham calle Kitchen' in



### Making the most of a small kitchen space

By Alan Zibel Associated Press writer

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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 celling, multipurpose furniure and simple additions like wall shelves to make use of the limited space you have. In fact, beling small can actually be an adventage as it discourages excess.

Too often kitchens just become blusted, said David

"Too often kitchens just become bloated." said David Elsen, 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 project with the progression was a proper say the progression of the project of the project say the progression was a project to the project say the pro

with flip-tlown seats like an old-fashtoned taxdeab that were custom-made by a steel fabricator for around \$500. The most important piece of the kitchen is often the u.s., which range from \$550 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 aligned. 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, Whichpool 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 4, sily," said

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

dos.

In one particularly thry the 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 countertop space with a peninsula that protrudes into the living room.

la that protrudes into the liv-ing 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 saving precious counter.

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

How often do you really need your bread maker or rice cooker? Can you put hem 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.

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A good strategy is to place items you don't use much — like your holiday dishes — up high on shelves or builtins, so they don't get in the way. Cabinets that go all the way to the ceiling can be a good online.

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

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

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 whitted down that carbon footprint, eradicate alriborne toxins and beef up the use of recyclables, experts say, First the basic stuff; Russell Albanese, president of the Albanese Organization, which has

Organization, which has built several green residen-tial high-rises in New York tial high-rises in New York City, says, among the first things condo and apart-ment residents should do to cut their energy costs is toss out their incandescent bulbs and replace them with compact fluorescent bulbs or LEDs, light-emmitting diodes.

Compact fluorescent

light-enmitting diodes.
Compact fluorescent light bulbs can range between \$4 and up, with many models above \$10. LEDs with comparable light output to household lamp incandescent lights are typically around \$30. The next move for condowners (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

appaintes.

Another energy-saver is using programmable thermostats. They can be used to manage when the alr 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 lay Hall, a technical consultant for the U.S. Green Building Council, an industry trade group.

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Indoor air quality can be a significant prob-lem in residential build-ings, particularly for renters whose apartments

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A medical-grade Hepa air filtration until that can absorb chemicals and odors and wipe out nearly all airborn particles. Prices of liepa-rated air purifiers vary, with models typically around \$100 and up. Another way to make the air inside an apartment or condo-cleaner is to repaint the walls with low obtaile organic compounds, or low-VOC paints.

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

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.

als.

Bamboo and cork flooring come in a variety of finishes. They typically start at around \$3.50 a square foot, with some syles 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 veneer, which can

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

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 counterops 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 easiler as far as Installate.

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", 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 Lorial Francis of Naples, Fia., who has been selling Art Deco furniture since 1998 through her online store, www.decoher online store, www.deco

her online store, www.deco-dame.com.
"Art Deco cabinets have become very popular to place under the wall-mount-ed TV, glving people a place to store audio and video equipment," she said. 'Now a collector can enjoy a peri-od Art Deco desk without cutting holes into it for cords."
For those interested in

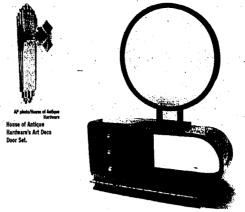
For those interested in buying vintage as well as

reproduction furniture from the period, Decodame's col-lection includes a pair of crimson and black club chairs, and several vanities and sideboards crafted of lacquer, zebrawood or burled walnut. One iconic Deco piece, the

buried walnut.
One iconic Deco piece, the self-contained bar cabinet, is finding favor with young urbanties. 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 can desticks and a variety of vanity ltemis that echo the style.

vanity items that echo the style.

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



A 1930s Italian buried walnut vanit



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## 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. Gountains, walls, seating, sculpture, containers and lighting. But these elements, which can be grouped together as "site amentites," contribute to the impact of a garden.

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These additions can cost thousands of dollars, or they can cost nothing. Whether you are scavenging for the right 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, between the policy of the property of the property

available in fiberglass, metal.
cernalic, stone, bamboo,
glass and concernalic, stone, bamboo,
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glass and concernality and conprovide 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

aud appear to a property, especially one located on a slope.

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



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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 gar-

foertals.

make a plain space special.

Use one to grace an entry.

Integrate a favorite found

plece or statue into the garden or in some way use ornamentation that reflects its

surroundings. Back up sculpture with shrubbery.

• Containers. For thousands of years, urns and

vases have been used as

sculptural elements. Ornate

containers are probably most

ornamental without plants,

so keep greenery simple in

these.

• Lighting. Lighting

extends the time the martien

these. Lighting Lighting extends the time the garden can be used and offers an element of security and safety, such as top-lighting stairs, walks and entries. It adds enormous value to your property. Try different combinations. Graze walls with light fere above through ht from abo



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

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 amentities to a well-planted corton.

### **Protecting** turnips from pests

By Scott Aker Special to The Washington Post

Q. My 9B-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 matter in the fail, something is eating them and tunneling through them. He has to cut away half of the turnips are completely hollowed out.

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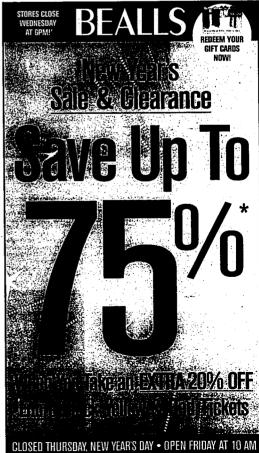
compared to compitetely holowed out.

A. The pest in question is the root maggot fly.
Cover the seedlings with a floating row cover to keep the files 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 files from reaching the soil surface. Since turnips are typically sown and then thinned, the tar paper trick is not really feasible for them.

Tomperatures higher than 95 degrees will kill the eggs of root maggots. In September, cover the row with clear plants for a few days after the seeds are planted to kill eggs that might be present.

eggs that might be present Then use the floating row cover as the turnips devel-



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### Gardeners can learn to attract and keep bees

By Dean Fosdick For The Associated Press

Wild honeybees have all but disappeared from yards across America. Many kinds, of lutterfiles also are becom-ing scarce. But gardeners have options if they need pol-linators to help produce a healthy food supply. No cause has been found for the worldwide decline in publications but contributing

pollinators, but contributing factors include pesticides, habitat loss, pollution, dis-

habitat loss, pollution, dis-case and pests.

An estimated 200,000 specles act as pollinators, transferring pollen graits from one flower to another. facilitating fruiting and seed production. About 1.000 are birds, bats, and small marn-mals like mice and voles. The rest are insects bees, homest and wasps, butterfles and moths, ants and beetles, even housefiles and mosqui-toes.

On nearly every continent, native bee populations have seen dramatic declines, said

native bee populations have seen dramatic declines, said Gary Mast, a deputy under-secretary with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "In China, many fruit growers are pollinating flowers by hand because improper pesicited use has killed the bees in the orcharlst." Mast said. "And nearly two-thirds of Britains 25 species of burn-blebees are in decline." Pollinator species that are disappearing in North America include some but-terflies, bats and humming-birds, as well as honeybees, the most efficient pollinators, according to a report by the National Academy of Sciences Mational Research Cauncil.

Mast estimates that bees.

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

billion a year. So what can gardeners do



Milkweed is one of the most popula well as a favorite food source for M well as a favorite food source for Monarch butterify larvae. For bees and wasps also seek it out for its pollen and nectar suppl

to help pollinators?

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 could encourage

bee conformations and bat houses could encourage them to stay. Pollen- and nectar-rich flowering plants like buttersh, black-eyeld susers, black-eyeld fludbeckly species, cone-flowers (Echinacea pur-pure), milkweeds Valeeplas species), phiox (Phlax panicu-tata, Carolina, Queen Annels lace (Daicus carota), sedum and sunflowers (Heliantius species) appeal most to bees and butterflies, said James Dill, an entomologist with the University of Maine Cooperalive Extension.

Dill, an .... the University or ... Cooperalive Extension.
Hummingbirds prefer cardinal flowers (red Lobella), Columbines (especially the red Aquillegia species) and mampet vines (Campsis).
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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, plox have a
ice supply of nectar. They
also have shallow trumpets

and even small insects can reach into those." Some other plant-centered suggestions for attracting

suggestions for attracting pollinators:

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

• 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.

mical contamination. Plant native perennials se hardy flowers provide many colorful returns and produce large nectar sup-

piles.

Suny 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."

sources. Avoid:

Nethiclase and insecticides, which are especially harmful to bees and butterflies. Choose one-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 and see what's underneath the tree. Be mindful about time of day wind conditions." time of day, wind conditions, bee activity and whatever else is around."

else is around."

Many "hortlcultural plants" such as marigolds, 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, entrounderists say. and other pullinators to gather nectar, entomologists say, Select single petal flowers like strawberries, eraneshill (geraniums) and dalsles that provide easier acress. • Cleaning up. The casual look is in if you want pollinators to take up hoüsekeeping on your property, Bees often nest in undisturbed shrubs or grass. • Condition wayself to the

or grass.
"Condition yourself to the beauty of natural areas," said Laurie Adams, executive director of the Pollinator Partnership, a San Francisco. director of the Pollinator
Partnership, a San Franciscobased nonprofit group that
promotes pollination and
biodiversity. "Put up a sign
that says pollination starder 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.
That reduces the pesticula
pollinations, she said.
"That reduces the pesticule
load, creates something
attractive that will last for
years and benefits the enviroument."

### Bee houses can encourage helpful insects

It's one thing to attract rov-ing honeybees, butterfles or hummingblids to your flow-ering plants or trees. It's another to keep them. Try placing a few butterfly houses, bee blocks or that houses around your yard to encourage these hard-work-ing pollinators to become

ong-term tenants. Inexpensive (\$15 range)

Inexpensive (S15 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 and are great pollinators for flowers and flowering fruit rees. Some entomologists believe the docile mason bees are more efficient than their larger cousins, the honey supplies.

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

These solitary bees tend to place their pollen, nectar and eggs in hollow reeds roles in trees that have been dirilled by woodpeckers or beetles. The fermale then places a plug made of multiprotect the nest before building another. Mature bees energe from the tubes the next spring. Take orchard mason bees



enn has bones and a had house are seen in New Market, Va Designing a garden attractive to linators may attract some forag ing bees and wasps, bats and hun ing bees and wasps, bats an mingbirds. Adding some she may help keep them around.

A typical mason bee house that you can buy is built around 30 or more bamboo tubes. After laying eggs in the tubes and leaving behind some pollen and nectar, the female deposits hand place and then repeat the procedure a half-dozen times per tube.

Growers can do many hings to earlie their surroundings even if space is limited, said kimberly Winter, habitats program manager for the National Wildlife Federation.

'One thing is stop spraying

Wildlife Federation. "One thing is son spraying pesticides," Winter said. "Use biological products like tobacco and solpty intxures on (insect-stressed), plants. "The small steps people can take will help all wildlife, not just pollirations. That's good for the ratural world and good for the growers, too."

# Vetting a contractor is important in tough times

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.

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 or their suppliers. ments to their suppliers. Contractors operating on narrow profit margins might find themselves in danger of

initial themselves in danger of shutting down. To protect yourself, ask about the company's financial stability, said Shari Purvis-Fleire, 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 bankraptey. Just ask Steve Ludlum. The contractor he hired to build a pool at his Tucson, Ariz., home went bankrupt midway through help job.

Tie talked a good game, a Ludlum realled, "We hand," Ludlum realled, "We hand,"

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

Work.

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



Steve Ludium, left, and friend Richard Guillek weing for the Ludiums' pool in Tucson, Ariz. The co bankrupt midway through the lob.

full of trenches. Fortunately for him, he and the contractor had agreed on a payment schedule in which Ludlum pald 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."

gauge a company's financial situation with certainty, there are red flags, the experts said. "Do some fact-checking on the front end," said Angle flicks, founder of Indianapolis-based Angle'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-Reiter 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 sub-contractors who will be working on the project. Ask them whether the contractor

working on the project. Ask them whether the contractor pays them promptly. Unpaid subcontractors are another sign of money problems. — Check the company's rat-ing with Better Bushiess Bureau, www.bb.org, or a consumer rating service such as Angle's List, www.angles-list.com. These organizations may offer the opportunity or company or may use other financial considerations when evaluating the compa-ny. They also may review court filings, including and lawsuits or lieus against the company.

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• 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 changed. Ask whether the contractor tride to add charges to the final bill.

• Verify whether the com-

charges to the final bill.

• Verify whether the company is licensed and insured.

Call the contractor's ansur-ance company and check whether coverage is up to date. Check with whatever local agency regulates con-tractors and see whether the tractors 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 con-tractor may not be licensed to do plumbing or electrical

tractor may not oe iteensed 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 surp you understand the entire contract. Don to sign it if you dorn, as contracts can be written to favor noe party over another.

Set a payment schedule. Negotiate a down payment, down payments are typically 10 percent to 15 percent of the total job. Tie future payments to completed 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 money 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

Times-News correspondent

The Morth Pole shifted several hunder miles to the south for the townspeople of Carey has week.
The 'luown 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 true heaning of Christmas to me. It brings us into the modern firefighting age.

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."

Jeff Carnes. It was the city's first struc-tural fire engine to use compressed air

foarn.

Carnes first saw what compressed air foam could do during the Vellowstone 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 years Castle fook Fire and a dissatrous fire on Kethum's Main. Street a few months new.

nonths 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.

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, Stu Nalley fire-fighters Mal Prior and Joe Richardson moved out of the engine cab to make way for Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich and City Councillman Nils Ribl. Willich drove the fire truck down Carey's Main Street as Ribi flipped the switch to activate the flashing red lights and siren. Motorists pulled over

Please see FIRE, Page C6



Carry Fire Chief Denais Patterson, left, and Sun Valley Fire Chief Left Carne talk near the fire engine Sun Valley donated to Carry recently.

# **New Curtis book helps young** readers understand big words

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

The message went to 3-year-old Rufus Smith, of Bellevue, will presumably one day 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 consequenced in my first book," she said. "The editor told me it was too big! as do." ("Well, let's just make a book about big words then." And there you have it."

Curtis, who has been spending Christmases 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 Comell, is designed to help little people communicate in a big person's world.

It takes words like "artivacy."

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 Sick ... Writes the Golden Globe-winning actress who has appeared in such movies as "True Lies" and "Freaky Friday."

GOODING CENTENNIAL

# **Fighting** Gooding's first fires

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.

Elforts 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. Donaltons were accepted to get the company its fire engine. In six weeks a 1908 Seagness fire truck arrived from Porland, Ore. at a cost of \$750.

The first engine was housed in a tent. A lantern was

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 ralse money for its operation through hundruisers. The first firemen's dance was held on May 29, 1909. The money ralsed 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

Fourth Avenue and Washington Street, where NAPA Auto Parts is now located. The building also housed

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. 1993 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 sile, 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 if or the benefit of the patient or family! No! Life is completely on hold, is if 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 buy only existing. I see it all around. Don't allow that to happen to me. I'm 89 years old and have had a good life and lovely family. Let me go.

DEAR READER: You present a very compelling argu-

life is much more important than quantity of life. I hope you have shared your feelings with your fami-ly or the appropriate people in charge. A simple health care proxy, living will or other document recogn other document recognize by your state should be in place to protect you and honor your wishes. If you haven't taken this step, do at once. If you are in a nur

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 the 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 no 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 res coming my way. I like

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## Gooding students learn about giving

Gooding Elementary School students learned about the rewards of giving this holiday season.

Elementary School parter-pated in several community service projects in December and learned about generosity and the importance of giving to oth-

ers.
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 sudents collected 100 pairs of mittens and gloves to give

dren.

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.

the local kings 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 CS and those who braved the subzero wind chill on foot waved.

waved.

"Carey has only a handful of fire hydrants so that makes this truck all the more valuable," noted Carnes.

While Engine 60 has out-Willed its usefulness for Sun Valley, it is very useful to Carey, noted Carey's assis-tant fire chief John

tant fire chier room.
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 poten-

there's always that poten-tal.

After a round of thank-yous, Sun Valley officials left with assurances from Carey firefighers that they hoped they would never have to bring Engline 60 back to Sun Valley to battle a real fire.

That was so neat," Ribi said, pumping his chest with his fist as he left Carey. "There's nothing that warms the heart more than when you can make some-one so happy like we've done here today. That's what this is all about."

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Students at Gooding
Elementary School partici-

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 \$S 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 donate to a community organization, Helping

# 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 foutprints 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 houlong discussions will focus on readings from the Northwest

Earth Institute and will explore the history and sci-ence of global warming, help participants examine their personal values and habits as they relate to climate change. they relate to climate change, and empower them take action to curb global climate

change.
The discussion workbook is
\$18 and the classes are free.

sign up by Jan. 12 so that par-ticipants can pick up the books before classes begin. Ideal class size is 8-10 people

ideal class size a lo people so sign up now before spaces fill up.

To register for the discus-sion group or for more infor-mation: Megan, 726-4333 or megan@ercsv.org.

### **Curtis**

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Confused from page CS

Tive got all her hooks.
They're just wonderful books
— so creative and filustrated
so beautifully," said Martha
Bolliger, of Halley.
Bolliger was one of dozens
who trudged through failing
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,"
-aid Bose Fishman, of
Ketchum. "Some of them are
in coilege and I hope they

would know these big words

would know these big words by now.

Cards swept into the store dressed in her trademath black sweater and slacks as if she hadn't yet been able to shuck 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 more freedom here than anywhere lese 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 check for an old friend and a hun for another.

hug for another. She drew a stick figure to

demonstrate why she does-n't draw her own illustra-tions and took a moment to show the laboriously slow way her mother, actress Janet Leigh, used to sign her

Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure

Peter Gott is a retired

And, when asked, she put her pen down to pose for a picture. "Her books are something

"Her books are sometiming 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."

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### Dr. Gott

#### Continued from page C5 your spunk and straightfor-

your spunk and straightfor-ward approach.
DEAR DR. GOTT: 1 was recently put on Lipitor for high chalesterol. I devel-oped 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 dis-appeared. Would you asso-ciate the pain with the med-ication? The leg pain was tied to my sclatte nerve.
DEAR READER: Lipitor has been connected with

has been connected with has been connected with severe leg cramps and pain that can appear anywhere in the body, but most com-monly in the calf muscles, which are used so often. Co-Q10 is a naturally occurring enzyme in the

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 Lipito. Bring my recommendation to your physi-

ian's attention for an opin-

ion.
To give you related information, I am sending you a nation, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers

who would like a copy should send a selfaddressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167,

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physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," avail-able at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

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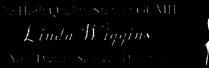


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Linda has been employed at GCMH for 15 years. She has worked in several dephosolial but has spent the majority of her years at GCMH in the Dietary Departs

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 diligeally 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 patients special dietary needs. This focus helps them create a means, specific to each patient, that meets their dietary & health needs along with peatients 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.

Linds has one son and two granthons. She is involved in her community at a member of the Gooding Lions Club where she devotes time on projects schools, and road tide treats pick up. She is also the current Secretary of the Dietary Managers Association of Idaho.

Becker, 65, of Jerome, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, at his

Arrangements will be announced by Parke'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

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

Valeria Hobdey has gone to rest with her Pather after a brief but courageous battle with cancer; she passed away Saturday, Dec. 27.
Valeria was born Oct. 24,
1959, in Jerome, to John and Gertie Dixon. Val held many tough and technical jobs throughout her life. She was the talk of the town when she talk of the town when she 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, Gerdie; two brothers, Walley and John; two half isters, Kay and Ritar her husband, Casey; and son, John.

### John L Kornher

Oxbow, C.J. Strike and Bliss Power plants. ower plants.

He enjoyed figuring out the

thinking cap on and never chance to help others. He also liked working by the water and could take advantage of fishing. He was an avid fisherman and, if he was 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 weddling anniversary June 6 of this year.

year.
He is preceded in death by a sister, Helen Sampson; and son, Gordon, John is survived by his wife, Meryi; brother, Ken of Washington, DC; son, Steve, who lives and does custom construction in Mexico.

daughter, Karen

structural engineer Wenatchee, Wash.; gran

Bryan, Kathryn and Lauren Grover Robert (Diane)

Grover Robert (Dlane)
Newman and their children,
Robbie and Margie: John
William Newman: and
Marjorie Grace (Jake) Jones
and their children, Allissa
(Nate) Smith, Anthony,
Andrea and Peter. Also surviving are three nleces and five
nephews. She was preceded
in death by her husband,
Grover; her brothers, John
and Robert; and her parents.

in death by her husband, forover her brothers, John and Robert; and her parents. A service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, on the corner of Suxh and H streets.

The family e-presses their sincere thanks and appreciation to the very capable employees at the Daulta Dialysis Center in Burley and to the cairing staff and owners of Autumn Haven in Rupert who made her last year, an extraordinary gift to all of us. For those with wish, memorials may be made to the Rupert United Methodist Church or, to the Wilson Theater Renovation project. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary

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He always had his

had his thinking cap

BOISE — John L Komher, 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

Colorado and graduated in the electrical engineering program. Returning to Gooding, he met and married Meryl, Künney. As newlyweds, they had a go at bee-keepling in the Buhl area and then lohn 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, preliminary work for the updating the existing dam and power house. He was also project manager for Brownlee No. 5 generating unit in Hells Canyon. He was the project manager for the American Falls replacement of the Dam and Powerhouse. He worked on the project in Washington, DC. for the Hahan-Transit on the project in Washington D.C., for the Urban-Transit D.C., for the Orban-Transit systems. He also was on the San Francisco Rapid Transit System (Bart System). He worked as a concrete and soils engineer for Brownlee,

Wenatchee, Wash; grandson, John; and six great-grandchil-dren in Missippi. A memorial service will be held for John next summer on the Snake River. Marjorie Lee Glenn Newman

on the Rupert Library Board, the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, and was a member and planist for the Rupert Kiwanis Club. At the time of her death, she was president of Newman Investment 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 (Kent) Stephens and their children, Bryan, Kathyn and Lauren: RUPERT — Marjorie Lee Glenn Newman passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008, at Minidoka

Memorial
Hospital after
suffering a
major stroke.
She was

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Chicago, Ill., to John

Baltzell Glenn, but spent most of her early years in Waycross, Ga., where she graduated with the great class of 1940. She then attended 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 sooridy, in November 1942, she met Lt. Grover R. Newman, who was stationed at the Waycross Army Alrifeld during Wordt War II. and they were married Dec. 16, 1942, before his deployment to Europe. After his discharge from the Army, they settled for the control of the control o

many beautiful places.

She was a 50-plus-year member of the PEO Sisternood Chapter BS, have a many capacities. ing served in many capacities including state president and as a member of the PEO International Nominating Committee. She also served

### **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.

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. Bessie McCleary Irons; and her father, Frank McCleary, both of Twin Falls. She Is survived by her husband. Jack

D. Young, formerly of Young Ford in Burley; her daughter, Jeanne Stettler (Mick) Grant of Ripley, Ohlo; her granddaughter, Ingrid Dekauwe (Mike) Gabbard; and two great-grandchil-dren, Laura and Matthew Dekauwe of Mount Vernon.

Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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

### 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

In lieu of flowers, please make your dona-Center Twin Falls. Twin Falls.

Bill, a much-loved husband father and grandfather, was the second of three children to George W and your dona-tions to the cancer socie-ty or epilepsy foundation. oundation.
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 Democratic Service Chapel.



born to
George Wand 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, June 29, 1947, in Portland, Ore. They raised four sons together. After 30 years of service, he retired from the

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 its survived by his wife of 61 years. Shirley, his sone, Barry (Gall) Bolster of 61 years. Shirley, his sone, Barry (Gall) Bolster of Spokane, Wash., David (Lawnic) Bolster of Twin Falls, Clay (Lisa) Bolster of Seattle, Wash., and Ward (Kami) Bolster of Bend, Ore; and seven grandchildren.

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

### Sage Martha Jenks Aragon

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

Ketchum.

She was born Dec. 15, 1997, in Jerome, the daughter of Robert E. Aragon and JoLeta M. Jenks. Sage was a sixth-grader at Summit JoLeta M. Jenks. Sage was a stath-grader at Summit Elementary School in Jerome. She was a hoppy girl who was always helpful, loved swimming, camping and being outdoors. She will be remembered as a "social butterfly" who loved her flends of all ages.
Sage is survived by her parents; two brothers, Bear Moonshining Aragon and



er; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and many, many friends.

A memorial service will be

A memorial service win conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapet, B25 E. Ave. B, with Bishop Lavar Buttars 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 moth-

this earth, our E er, Lois Elaine Sewell Stephenson joined her He a venly family. After a brief ill-ness, she passed away peacefully at the Minidoka Memorial Hosi

the Minidoka
Memorial Hospital in Rupert
with family at her side.
Lois was born Sept. 8, 1918,
to Elaine and Bill Sewell in
Driggs, he second of six siblings. She and her siblings
were raised and schooled in
Driggs, Lois treasured many
fond memories of her elementary and high school
years in Driggs. She was a
straight A student and an
accomplished
showth of the siblings
high school, so were
high school was traight as wellower during
high school in
high school in player during high school, playing in a band for school

dances.
After graduating from high school, Lois attended business college in Utah. She then moved to Petcatello to begin her career as a secretary. It was there she met and fell in love with Delbert I. Stephenson. On Nov. 29, 1939, Lois married and was sealed to her eternal companion. Delbert i. Stephenson. in the Logan LDS Temple. Lois and Delbert were blessed with three loving children. Karyl. Julene and Mile.

In 1954 after living many years in Pocatello, Lois and Delbert moved their family to Rupert. after Delberts name was drawn in the veteran's farm land drawing. This is where they liyed and mised their family Lois spehmany years as a very competent secretary for various Rupert law firms. She also spent several years working at the I.R. Simplot Company in Heyburn and the employment office in Burley. She reited from the employment office in the early 1980s.
Mom will always be remembered for her gorgeous yard and gardens. She loved spending early mornings and cool evenings working in her yard. It brought her great joy when she was able to share her flowers and vegetable garden with others. She was happlest in her garden with others.

tomatoes and a few petunias at her new home in Rupert. Mom had a special place in her heart for her cats.



brought the fort and Joy over the years. Morn was an accomplished buplicate Bridge player. She spent many years enlyoling the friends and relishing the game of bridge. Her mind was remarkably sharp and, even at 90, she could play an antierful game of bridge. Over the years, moor has also loved reading boolets, badding recipes and cooking big meals and booky desserts, and playing beautiful music on he organ for

desserts, and playing ocauming the music on her organ for hours at a time. But above all, she loved her family.

Lols is survived, and will be greatly missed, by her children. Karyl Yelverton of Rupert, Julene Cox of Meridian and William with the control of the cox of Meridian and William and William of the cox of Meridian and William of the cox of the greinty inner and william Michael (Trish) Stephenson of Carson Clty, Nev; seven of Carson City, Nev.; seven grandchildren, Marc Yelverton, Michael (Kellie) Yelverton, Jeni (Drew) Yelverton, Michael (Kellie) Velverton, Jeni (Drew) Ranstrom, Jami (Jon) Harris, Ashlee (Kipp) Chambers, Tyson (Abby) Stephenson, and Kara Stephenson; ask great-grandchildren, Lexie Velverton, Hunter, Briggs and Halley Ranstrom, and Allie and Regan Harris; and two of her siblings, Donna Dimick of Portland, Ore, and James Sewell of Salt Lake City, Utah. Lols was preceded in death Lois was preceded in by her husband, Delbert; both parents; one brother, Bill; and two sisters, LaRue

both parents; one brother, Bill; and two sisters, LaRue and Amy.

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 P. Poter of B

Please see service notices on page C8

#### DEATH NOTICES

### Thomas E. Fain

GLENNS FERRY —
Thomas "Tommy Eugene
Faln, 20, of Glenns Ferry,
died Friday, Dec. 26, 2008.
A memortal service will be
held at 11 a.m. Wednesday,
Dec. 31, at the VFW Hall in
Glenns Ferry (Rost Funeral
Home, McMutrey 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, 83, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

### Elwood W. Becker

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### Family of missing cruise woman believes she jumped

MIAMI (AP) — The family of a missing cruise ship pas-senger 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.

Christmas night.

The U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search Monday for Jennifer Ellis Seitz, a Florida journalist, after combing more

The U.S. Coast Guard suspende clernifer Elils Seltz, a Florida journe than 4,200 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. Seltz had 'previous emotional issues,' yet there were no outward signs of distress while on the seven-night cruise from Manni, her family said in a statement given to one of her former employers, The News Chief in Winter Haven. Seltz's Winter Haven, Seltz's mother joined her daughter and son-in-

mother joined her daughter and son-in-law on the cruise. "Jennifer was in a very happy and uplifted mod 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 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 overbard at 8 p.m. Christmas night, authorities said. About eight hours later, Raymond Scitz 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."

Jennifer Seltz poses for a photo in October 2003, in Melbourne, Fla. She

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 bariartic surgers, 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, "Fastling the Bugo Cinboard," about how not to gain weight while aboard a ship.

On her Web site, Seltz described herself as an "avid traveler and an amateur chef."

Raymond Seltz was arrested in April on a charge of domestic violence-battery after being accused of headbutting 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.

# near N.C. Marine air base

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

# HOLIDAY FALLOUT

### Some retailers face struggles after slow holiday sales

By Anne D'Innocenzio Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The fallout from the horrific holiday sea-son for retailers has begun, with the operator of an online toy soller filling for bankruptcy protection and more stores are expected to do the same — meaning more empry storefronts and fewer brands on store shelves.

fewer brands on store shelves. A rash of store closings, which some experts predict will be the most in 35 years, is likely to come across areas from electronics to appa shrinking the industry and leading to fewer niche play-

ers and suppliers.
The most dramatic pull-The most dramatic pull-back in consumer spending in decadrs 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.

riorating economy au-layoffs.
"You are going to see a substantial retrenchment in the retail industry," said Rick Chesley, partner in the global bankruptcy and restructur-ing group at international law firm Paul Hastings. "The downturn has been cata-trophic."

strophic."

A number of stores couldn't even make it to
Christmas. Circuit City
Stores Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection last
month. It plans to keep operating, but toy seller ktl Toy,
which filed for bankruptcy
earlier this month, is luddating its stores and will shut
down.

down.
The survival prospects for more stores are dim-as more sales data



Holiday skoppers make their way through the Northshore Mall in Peabody, Mess., on Dec. 20. Fallo

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— Rick Chesley, partner in the global bankruptcy and restructuring group at international law firm Paul Hastings

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

which can account for up to do percent of a retailer's annual profit.
Holiday sales fell from 2 percent to 4 percent to 4 percent compared 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 Now. 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.

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home furnishing 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

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.

ter. AlixPartners LLP, a turn-

around consulting firm, predicts that 25.8 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 soild holiday sales to generate cash, said Matthew Katz, managing director in the firm's retail performance improvement practice. But he said he's also 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. Among the most vulnera-

## Pilot killed in jet crash

HAVELOCK, N.C. (AP) — Mike Barton said. No one clse was hurt, Barton said. Local authorities say the mile short of a runway at an eastern North Carollina air base, killing the pilot, a Marine Corps spokesman said.

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 203.

Blagojevich lawyer says impeachment not justified SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) —
Gov. Rod Blagojevich's lawyer
said Monday that a vague
array of charges and evidence
doesn't merit removing the
governor from office, and he

governor from office, and he urged a House committee not to recommend impeachment. Attorney Ed Genson com-plained bitterly that lawmak-ers were considering snippets of tape-recorded conversaof tape-recorded conversa-tions that are quoted in a criminal complaint against the Democratic governor. He said no one knows the full context of those remarks or whether they are quoted accurately. "We are fighting shadows, and that's not right," Genson said.

Mon-hearing was the first time son has

nded to sponded to the impeachment Blagoges. jevich

arrested by the FBI Dec. 9 on 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.

Blagolevich

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

or instructed that he pleaded for help.

"Isn't amyone here going to stand up for the governor, or is it going to be one (critic) 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 sald he hadn't seen the fed-

eral request and didn't know whether he would support the release of the record-

ngs.
Genson told the committee that the quotes from the fed-eral complaint reveal talk but no action. They include the governor talking, sometimes no actuon actuon governor talking, sometimes using foul language, about how to benefit from appointing a senator, withholding

how to benefit from appointing a senator, withholding state money from a children's hospital unless he got a political donation, and pressuring the Chicago Tribune to fire didiorial writers.

"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 loves 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

carlier. with the overall economy

With the overall economy in the plts, movie moguls 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 well all be happy." said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bross, which released the year's biggest hit with "The Dark Knight" (\$531 million).

ough New Year's Eve. expected to come in just shy of 2007's record of \$9.7 billlon, according to box-office tracker Media By Numbers.



Factoring in higher admission rices, the ber of tickets sold in 2008 is running 5 percent behind last

heath Ledger as the loker year's, when 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 belitightening no doubt costs studios some cash, the list of 2008 blockbusters 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.

the Joker.

Paramount and Marvel
Studios' "Iron Man" was the
superhero runner-up with a
S318.3 million haul. Oldschool hero Harrison Ford
cracked his whip again as
Paramount's "Indiana Jones

cracked his whip again as Paramounts' 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 animated comedies led by the Disney-Pixar charmer 'WALL-E'.

While young males remained Hollywood's core audience, girls and women locked to theaters for the Warter Bros. comedy 'Sex and the City''. Sumit Entertainment's vampire comance. "Twilight", Universal's musical 'Mamma Mial''; and Disney's "Hannah Montana" concert flick.

Quality-wise, the summer

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blockbusters came in a cut above the usual lineup of silly action and lowbrow comedy. Critics liked "Iron Man" and adored "WALI-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 performances from "Iron Man" star Robert Downey Ir. and Tom Cruise. "If you tell a compelling story, you can get an audlence 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 Buttom." "Doubt," "Revolutionary Road" and "Gran Torino."

Ann Reeves "Revolutionary Road" and "Gran Torino."

### SERVICES

Michael Lyn Kitchen Moon of Twin Falls, memori-al service at 10 a.m. today at Parke'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 Butley).

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

Kimberly, memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Patricia "Pat" Monelce 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 pm. and 6 to 8 pm. today at Redmond Funeral Home, 4100 S. Westnedge Ave. in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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

Marie Blacker Green 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.



Boise on Monday morning, Nevnda Wolfpack muscot 'Alphie' like running back Luke Lippincott, quarterback Colin Kaeper the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron from Mountain Home AFE the group who his favorite team was Kirk smiled and said Bo

2008 HUMANITARIAN BOWL

# **Terps and Pack meet for** the first time in Boise

BOISE — If the Maryland Terrapins and the Nevada Wolf Pack were looking for-ward to playing on snow this afternoon they must be dis-appointed by the balmy weather. The snow and ice of

weather. The snow and ice of Christmas are gone. Maryland (7-6) Is one of six teams to finish 4-4 in the parity-riddled 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 Pirst Team Offense. Newda'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 Newada in the passing game. Newada is dead last in the nation against the pass 321.08 ypgl. Maryland quarterback Chris Turner in't going to dazzle anyone, but he is consistent (201-for-347, 11 TD, 10 INT). Darrius Heward-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

## Nevada's unique offense gets shot at Maryland

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

be a sea of intimidation for opponents.
Not for Nevada quarter-back 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 bis first college start.

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Now he's 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 (7-5) 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 MCS is away of Kaepernick.

1992. In 1992. In 1992. In 1992. In 1992. In 1992. Certainly everyone in the WAC is awar of Kaepernick's rare talents running and throwing, enough that the sophonore 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 Nevnda 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.
"He's learned the offense this year," Ault said. "Last year he played and he played by the seat of his paunts.... The natures of the offense he is still picking up, but he has a much, much better feel of what we want to accumplish with it."
What makes the Wolf Pack

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 will line up to one side of the quarterback, Newada tailhack Vai Taua will be aligned behind Kapernick. That keeps the defense from being able to key on what direction the play might he goling. That tacted is a big reason why Kapernick has already recorded the 24th best season in yards rushing by a

recorded the 24th best ser-son in yards rushing by a quarterback in Foothall Bowl Subdivision history, Taua, 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 mukes the defense more sit back and read and when

sit back and read and when

sit back and read and when you are an aggressive defense it's a pain," Maryland defen-sive end Jeremy Navarre said. It's a formidable offensive 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 basketabil dann mearly doubled up Odessa College (Texas) by the half Monday and held on to a wide tead for 77.7-55 victory at Lean Tournament in Coollidge Atte.

The Colden Eagles flinished the first half leading 39-22 as Soama Lacet scored 14 of her 20 points during the game's first 20 minutes. LaCale Pringle-Buchann, followed addled 18 points.
Fellow starters Nicole larper and Martina Holloway flinished with six and five points, respectively. The Colden Eagles Improved to 9-3 with their sixth straight victory. They will face the University of British Columbia at noon today, and then face Yavapal College at 5 pursues.

### **Central Arizona**

**Tournament** 

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Monday
No. 19 CSI 77, Odessa
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Today's game
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Columbia (Canada), noon

Today's game will be broad-cast live on 1270 AM KTFI o



Missouri quar-terback Chase Daniels (10) Hortkwestern Brian Peters,

### Missouri wins Alamo Bowl, tops Northwestern in OT

SAN ANTONIO — Chase Daniel threw a 7-yard

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

and-goal from the 32-yaru line.
Bache'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. with their only win coming in their first bowl appear-ance in 1949.

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

The Associated Press

BIRMINGIIAM. Ala. —
Fitting that Ruigers would and 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 side to it, stick to the plan," coach Greg Schlano 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

they did."

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

for good in the fourth quar-ter.

"We knew that somehow someway, 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 con-tinuing 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.



coach Greg Schiano, center, at defeating North Carolina State 29-23 Monday in the 23 Monday in the salohus.com Bowl in mingham, Ala.

a third-team

Britt, a third-team All-American, made a juggling catch as he crossed the goal line and finished with six catches for 119 yards. Teel, a senior, was the game's most valuable play-er. He ended his career on a seven-game winning streak after being booed at home when he was struggling ear-lier 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 halfitime. Led by quarterback Russell Wilson who was 11-for-25 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 add the Rutgers comeback. Wilson threw one interception all season.

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

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ond half.
"There's no politicking when the doctor recom-mends you don't play," O'Brien said.

But O'Brien would not blame the loss on the

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 San Te and an 11-yard pass from Teel to Tiquan Underwood.
Ruttgers took a 19-17 Jean

Onderwood.
Rutgers took a 19-17 lead with 13:31 to play on a 28-yard field by Te after a 10-play 70-yard drive.

# Williams leads short-handed Jazz over 76ers

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Milliams scored 27 points to telp the short-handed Utah azz beat the Philadelphia 76ers 112-95 on Monday

neup tue snort-nanded Utah Jazz beat the Philadelphia 76ers 112-95 on Monday night.

With two of Utah's top three scorers out with injuries and Mehmet Okur limited with a sore back, the normally unselfish Williams made 11 of 18 shots, including four 3-pointers. The Jazz had lost three of four.

Okur, who missed the last two games with back spasms, dild not have any explosiveness but was crafty enough to score 19 points and grab 10 rebounds.

Andrel Ktrlienko, filling in for injured power forwards Carlos Boozer and Paul Millsap, had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and changed a number of shots in the lane.

Andre Iguodala and Thaddeus Young each scored 17 points for Philadelphia, which dropped its fourth straight and is winless on its six-game road trip with three more remaining.

BULS 100, NETS 87
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
Rookie Derrick Rose had
12 points and a season-high
13 assists. Ben Gordon
scored 24 points, and the
Chicago Bulls beat the New
Jersey Nets 100-87 on
Monday night.
The Nets continued their
poor play at home, falling to
5-12, the second-worst mark



Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams, left, takes a layup to the basket past Philadelphia 7Gera forward Thaddeus Young, right, Monday during the first half of their game in Salt Lake City.

in the Eastern Conference. The Nets (15-16) are 10-4 on

the road.
Andres Nocioni and Larry
Hughes each added 17

points for the Bulls (14-17), who won for only the fourth time in 18 road games this season. Vince Carter scored 31

#### HAWKS 109, NUGGETS 91

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 25 points and the Atlanta Hawks beat the Denver Nuggets 109-91 on Monday night to close out an important homestand with a long-awaited mile-

stone. Atlanta completed an eight-game homestand, its longest of the season, with a 7-1 record, including five straight wins. Its only loss was to Boston.

The Hawks (20-7) reached 20 wins before New Year's Day for the first time since the 1987-88 season. Atlanta in its final game of 2008. Seven teams won 20

Seven teams won 20 games this season before the Hawks. Even relatively modest accomplishments are est accomplishments are noteworthy in Atlanta, which won only 13 games in the 2004-05 season and made the playoffs last sea-son for the first time since 1999.

PISTONS 88, MAGIC 82
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. —
Rodney Stuckey led a balanced attack with 19 points
and the Detroit Pistons won
their fourth straight with an
98-82 victory over the 88-82 victory over the Orlando Magic on Monday

night.
The Magic had won seven straight and were playing a

Detroit team that was miss-ing Richard Hamilton (groin), but they trailed for

(groin), but they trailed for nearly the entire game. Tayshur will read to the Tayshur wallace each scored 16 points and Allen lerson had 15 to lead flev Pistons in double figures. Rashard Lewis led the Magic with 23 points while Dwight Howard added 18 points and 18 rebounds.

#### WOLVES 108, GRIZZLIES 98, OT

WOUYES 108, CRIZZIES 98, 0T
MINNEAPOLIS — AI
Jefferson scored a seasonhigh 38 points, including
nine in overtime, and
grabbed 16 rebounds to lead
the Minnesota
Timberwolves to a 108-98
victory over the Memphis
Grizziles on Monday night.
Jefferson scored the
Timberwolves first seven
points in overtime, helping
them overcome the efforts of
rockie scoring leader O.J.
Mayo — who was picked andtraded by Minnesota on
draft night.
Mayo had 23 points and
Kyle Lowry finished with a
career-high 12 assists, but
Memphis lost its second
consecutive overtime game

Memphis lost its second consecutive overtime game and sixth in its last seven

SUNS 110, THUNDER 102
OKLAHOMA CITY —
Shaquille O'Neal had 28
points and 12 rebounds to
help the Phoenix Suns overcome the loss of two-time
MVP Steve Nash and snap a

four-game road losing streak with a 116-102 victory over the Oldahoma City Thunder on Monday night. Nash played only 9 min-utes before leaving with back spasms and Amare Stoudemire was hounded by foul trouble, but the Suns still had plenty of firepower to overwhelm the NBA-

worst Thunder.
Jason Richardson scored

Jason Richardson scored 20 points and reserve Matt Barnes had 19 for Phoenix. Rookie Russell Westbrook scored a career-high 31 and Jeff Green 22 to lead Oklahoma City, which fiz-zled after a hot start.

wrance se, Rockets 87
HOUSTON — Antawn Jamison scored a seuson-high 30 points, Andray Blatche added 16 points and eight rebounds and the Washington William Wi

## No. 11 Georgetown beats No. 2 Connecticut 74-63

HARTFORD, Conn. —
Dajuan Summers scored 18
points and No. 11
Georgetown won the first of
many matchups 'between
ranked Big East teams this
season, beating No. 2
Connecticut 74-63 on Monday night for its seventh straight win.

Chris Wright and freshman

Greg Monroe both had 16 points for Georgetown (10-1, 1-0), and Austin Freeman added 13.

added 13.

A.J. Price had 16 points and leff Adrien added 15 for the Huskies (11-1, 0-1), who cut a 12-point deficit early in the second half to three twice but couldn't get any closer.

NO. 19 BAYLOR 79,
PORTLAND STATE 66
WACCO, Texas — LaceDurlus
Dunn scored 22 points to lead
four players in double figures
for No. 19 Baylor in a 79-66
victory over Portland State on
Monday night.
Curtis Jerrells and Kevin
Rogers added 16 points
apiece, and Henry Dugat had
11 for Baylor (11-1).
Dominic Waters led
Portland State (10-4) with 16
and Jamie Jones 12. Jeremiah
Dominguez, Portland State's
leading scorer at 13.3 points
per game, was held to two on
1-of-9 shooting.
Baylor took a 35-22 lead
with 3:20 left in the first half
on a 9-0 run that included
consecutive 3-pointers by
Dunn.

ARIZONA 71, WEBER STATE 65
TUCSON, Ariz. — Nic Wise
scored a career-high 23
points as Arizona overcame a
slow start and the absence of

leading scorer and rebounder Jordan Hill to beat Weber State 71-65 Monday night. Hill sat out with a lower left

leg injury sustained in prac-tice a few days ago but should be ready when Arizona (9-3) plays its Pac-10 Conference opener Jan. 2 at

Conference opener Jan. 2 at California. Kellen McCoy had 16 points to lead Weber State (6-7) in the battle of the Wildcats. Chase Budinger finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for Arizona, which trailled 36-33 early in the sec-ond half.

ond half.

Budinger had only one field goal before dunking a half-court lob pass from Wise to give Arizona a 58-49 lead to give Arizona a 50 with 9:30 remaining.

with 9:30 remaining.
McCoy's 3-pointer and his
short follow-up with 25 seconds brought Weber State
within 69-65 before lamelle
Horne hit two free throws to
seal Arizona's win.

#### Women

WOMEN

NO. 9 AUBURN 87, DUQUESNE 67

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Alli
Smalley scored 21 points and
Whitney Boddie added 14
points and 13 assists to help
No. 9 Auburn remain unbeaten with an 87-67 victory over
Duquesne on Monday.

The Tigers (13-0) are off to
help best start since 1988 ab
when they won their first 29
games before losing 10
Tennessee late in the scasson.

That year, Auburn won the
SEC title, went to the Flaal
Four and finished with only
wool losses.

DeWanna Bonner and Sherell Hobbs each had 13 and Keke Carrier added 11 as

nve Tigers reached double figures. Auburn started with a 9-0 run in the first half and only allowed Duquesne to get within four points through-

out.
Rachel Frederick led
Duquesne (9-4) with 12
points.

### LOUISVILLE 95, CENT. MICHIGAN 72

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Keshia Hines scored 18 points to lead No. 10 Louisville to a 95-

Hines scored 16 points to lead No. 10 Louisville to a 95-72 win over Central Michigan on Monday night.

Becky Burke added 17 points, Candyce Bingham had 14, and Brandie Raddie 13 for the Cardinals (12-1).

Shonda Long led the Chippewas (7-5) with 18, and Kathla Szunko had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Louisville's All-American and 10 rebounds.

Louisville's All-American Angel McCoughtry was limited by foul trouble and poor shooting. She played only 15 minutes and left the game for good with four fouls, with the Cardinals leading comfortably in the second half. She had four points, all from the Cree-throw line, and was of 67-9 from the floor.

The Cardinals and Chippewas played in the second half.

Chippewas played in the sec-ond game of the night in Louisville's Marriott Classic.

### NO. 14 MARYLAND 90, UNC ASHEVILLE 57

MIC ASHEVILLE 57

COLLEGE PAIRK, Md. —
Marah Strickland had a career-high 21 points and 10 rebounds. Lynetta Kizer added 18 points and No. 14 Maryland defeated UNC Asheville 90-57 Monday in the first round of the Terrapin Classic.

- The Associated Press

## Will wild Vancouver weather disrupt games?

VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, British
Columbia (AP) —
Thousands of airline passengers stranded. Roads
impassable because of
snow. Power failures by the

impassatic occases of dozen.

The last two weeks have been a winter nightmare for Vancouver — huge dumps of snow followed by rain, leavy stush and flooding. All over the city, people are griping about the toil storm after storm has taken on their holiday season.

They're also asking another question: What if this happens during the 2010 Winter Olympies?

Vancouver airport, transit and city officials say they crising the recent storms as a learning opportunity vancouver in the last week on 5,000 flights, the current volume of airport traffic is close to what it will be during the games, said Don Ehrenholz, vice president of operations for Vancouver International Airport.

He promises improve-

He promises improve-ment by the time the games

"In our planning for 2010 we are planning that there will be a snowstorm of a fair-ly large magnitude at the worst possible time—either at the very first couple of days or the very last day or two, which is one of the more difficult times for getting people out on time," Ehrenholz said.

"We are definitely planning for those circumstances. We have already ordered a couple of extra pieces of snow-clearing equipment for 2010 and we have already been working with the airlines to improve the deciding process . . . to improve that capacity." The city's transit system will be different in 2010, with more buses and a new subway line that won't be affected by weather because most of it runs underground, said Ken Hardie, a spokesman for TransLink, which handles public transit in B.C.'s Lower Mainland. Car-free lanes on venue routes also mean less chance of snow-related traffic congestion.

routes also mean less chance of snow-related traffic congestion. The SkyTrain elevated rail system has been shut down in conditions far less severe than those in Vancouver the last week, Hardie sald.

1 understand that the type of weather that we've had ever the past week or so is a one-in-i0-year event. He said. \*Let's hope we've gotten it out of our system for another 10 years.

Events will be divided between the area in and around Vancouver, which is known more for rain than snow, and the ski resort of Whistler, which usually has plenty of the white stuff each winter. The communities are connected by Highway 98, also known as the Sea-to-Sky highway—a narrow, winding route with

plenty of steep hills.

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Services Canada, which is providing weather services for the 2010 Olympics. He said a weather-control project is not in the works for 2010, mostly because it has not been proved to actually

Vancouver's Vancouver's Olympic committee acknowledges that while it has command over virtually every aspect of the games, the weather is one thing it simply can't control — even if it is one of the most critical elements of standing a suc-

If it is one of the most critical elements of staging a successful Winter Olympics.

"It could either work with you or really work against you," said Tim Gayda, vice president of sport for the organizing committee, known as VANOC. "Right from the get-go, we've always planned to deal with the worst."

always planned to deal with the worst."

When the games were awarded to Vancouver in 2003, Environment Canada and Meteorological Services were immediately brought on board. Weather stations have been installed at each venue and along the Sea-to-Sky corridor to help monitor everything from wind speed to moisture.

### Boise

Continued from page D1 end-arounds. He has a 76-

yard TD run this season.
If the game comes down
to special teams, the Terps
have mixed confidence in
placekicker Obli Egekeze. He
is only 15-of-24 kicking field
goals this season. Anything
over 40 yards is questionable for the senior. Neither
team has returned a kick or
punt for a touchdown this
season. TD run this season.

season. Nevada placekicker Brett lackle is only 14-of-17, also 50/50 from beyond 40 yards. Jackle also took over the punting duties for Nevada during the loss to Boise State in November. Jackle made the All-WAC First Team. The Wolf Pack doesn't hide its offensive aims. This team

will run the football. Both tailback Vai Taua and quarterback Colin Kaepernick run for 1,000 yards this season. Taua gained 1,460 yards and 14 touchdowns. Kaepernick totaled 16 touchdowns and 1,115 yards.

touchdowns and 1,115
yards.

The team marks No. 3 in
the nation, averaging 291.42
yards per game. The attack is
a mix of straight power and
isolation plays on the edge
and the read-option, all
exercised out of the pistol
offense (a short shotgum).
Maryland has better
speed than most of the WAC
teams Nevada played this
season, but the Wolf Pack
should still be able to be
productive in the run game.
The big question is what

Chris Ault's team will do to

Chris Ault's team will do to keep drives moving. If Maryland can get Nevada into long third downs, force Kaepernick to throw to make first downs, Nevada will have problems.

The Wolf Pack may feel slightly more comfortable in Bronco Stadium, having made the trip before, and lost every time against BSU and loss 21-20 to Miami (Fla.) in the 2006 MPC Computers Bowl.

These two teams have never played each other. This is only the eighth bowl game in Nevados 112 years of football. Maryland has more history (1953 National Championship, nine ACC titles). Both teams have losing records in bowl games.

### Nevada

Conference the grape 10 numbers Nevadad posted this season, it continues to be overshadowed by John State — this week by the massive new skyhox complex on the west side of Bronneo Stadium. Maryland's task is not only slowing down Nevada's offense, but alse finding the motivation to reverse a late season slide. The Terrapins (7-5) lost a short at playing in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game by losing their final two games. The Terps were 7-3 and had just knocked off No. 17 North Carolina 17-15 to keep their

ACC title game hopes alive when they came out flat and were routed by Florida State at home 37-3, then lost at Boston College 2B-21 to close out the regular season. "It sounds dumb, but we just didn't play well." Maryland quaretraback Chris Turner said, "We just played very boorly."

Turner sald, "We just played very poorly."

The task for Turner and running back Da'Rel Scott will be trying to match Nevada on the offensive end. Auth believes Maryland is the most balanced team list squad will have faced all year, which might be wel-

come for the Wolf Pack con-sidering how they were biltzed by Missouri, Texas Tech and Boise State for 1,230 yards passing during the season. the season.

the season.
Scott's ability to run might be most crucial in keeping the Wolf Pack offense on the cold sidelines. Scott was second in the ACC in rushing, but topped 100 yards only once in the final four games, and was held to 11 yards by Virginia Tech and 19 by Boston College.
"When we're elleking, we can be pretty potent," Turner said.

### **SCOREBOARD**

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# Vegas odds favor Giants, Titans to make Super Bowl

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas sports books favor the New York Glants over the 11 other teams in the NFL playoffs to win the Super Bowl, giving 2-to-1 odds on the NFC's No. 1 seed to repeat as champions.

The Tennessee Titans are the favorite among AFC teams to win a title at 4-1. Oddsmaker Mike Seba of Las Vegas Sports Consultants says the Glants have the easiest road to get to the Super Bowl on Feb. 1, while the AFC teams are more evenly matched. The Arizona Cardinals are the biggest longshots for the title at 40-1; in the AFC. the Miami Dolphins have 30-1 odds.

Before the season, the two teams that opened with the longest odds to win the Super Bowl were the Dolphins (250-1) and the Falcons (200-1). Now they're both in the

playoffs.

The two preseason favorites — the New England Patriots (2-1) and Dallas Cowboys (7-1) — failed to reach the playoffs.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#### Alabama suspends Andre Smith from Sugar Bowl

Andre Smith from Sugar Bown
NEW ORLEANS — Alabama All-America
left tackle Andre Smith has been suspended
from the Sugar Bowl for violating team rules.
Coach Nick Saban announced the suspension Monday, and it could signal the end to
the Outland Trophy winner's college caree.
The junior is expected to be one of the top
players selected in the NFL draft if he opts to
skip his final season at Alabama.
Smith has been noncommittal about his

future plans.

He has allowed only one sack this season.

No. 4 Alabama plays No. 7 Utah on Friday

#### Utah's Whittingham gets 5-year, \$6M extension

NEW ORLEANS — Utah coach Kyle Whittingham has agreed to a five-year contract extension worth \$5 million.

The deal was announced Monday in New Orleans, where the Utes (12-0) are preparing to face Alabama in the Sugar Bowl on Friday sights.

to face Alabama in the Sept.

Ight. Whittingham was the Mountain West Conference coach of the year and a finalist for several national coach of the year honors. He has won 36 games in four years as Utah's head coach, including three bowl games. Whittingham was Utah's defensive coordinator from 1995-2004 before replacing Urban Mewer.

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Butler cracks AP Top 25

North Carolina remains the unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25, and the week's lone newcomer is Butler at No. 25. The Bulldogs (10-1), who move in Monday coming off their upset win at Xavier, are no strangers to the poll. Butler was ranked all last season, except for the preseason poll, and reached as high as No. 8. Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Oklahoma, Duke, Wake Forest, Notre Dame, Texas, Purdue and

## **Sports Shorts** including 8-10 with a 5.25 ERA in 30 starts this year.

Michigan State round out the top 10.
Missouri (10-2), which moved in at No. 25
last week for the first time in five years then
lost 75-59 to Illinois, was the only team to
drop out of the rankings this week.

#### MLB

### Cabrera passes physical,

gets one-year deal from Nats

WASHINGTON — Pitcher Daniel Cabrera
formalized his one-year, \$2.6 million contract with the Washington Nationals after
passing a physical Monday.
Cabrera and the Nationals reactive contin-

Cabrera and the Nationals reached a pre-liminary agreement one week earlier, conti-gent upon Cabrera proving his health. The 6-foot-7 right-hander underwent MRI exams on his throwing shoulder and elbow as part of his physical.

Cabrera went on the disabled list with the Baltimore Orioles in September after experi-encing pain and tingling in his right elbow during a side session.

The Orioles, who called the injury a sprained elbow, declined to offer the pitcher a contract for 2009, making him a free agent.

Cabrera went 48-59 with a 5.05 ERA in 147 games over five seasons in Baltimore. He went 12-8 as a rookie in 2004 but has had four consecutive losing seasons since,

### MAGIC VALLEY Holiday open gym in Twin falls

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will offer holiday basketball open gym at Robert Stuart Junior High from 6 to 9 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Open gym is free. from noon to 4 p.m. .... free. Information: 736-2265.

### Local travel volleyball team seeking members

LEAIN SCENING MEMBERS
TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho
Volleyball Club is seeking girls 16-18 years of
age for its 18 and under traveling volleyball
team. The club competes within, the
Intermountain Volleyball Association and
will begin tournament play in mid February
of 2009.
Information: Jay Bride at 420-2524 or jaybridecpa@magiclink.com.

### Idaho Prep Basketball holds tourney

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Prep Basketball will hold youth tournaments Jan. 17 and Feb. 14 for boys and girls in grades 4-8 from Twin Falls and Buhl.

Falls and Buhl.
Information: Call (360) 885-7810 or visit http://www.idahoprepbasketball.com for more information.

Staff and wire reports

# Road teams favored to win in playoffs

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 on 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 had to win its afour to get there and have penver lose its last free in the AFC West.

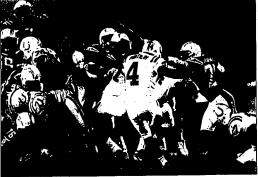
In fact, in an oddity reflect-

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 may also reflect what has happened in two of the last four seasons, when wild-card teams won the Super Row! The New York Giants, the top seed in the NFC this season. The New York Giants, the top seed in the NFC this season. "We can do it. New York did it last season, so we know it can be done," Donowan 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 Jalas 44-6.

Jerry Jones and Wade

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Jerry Jones and water Phillips had been saying the thing about the



In this Nov. 23, 2008, file photo, Indianapolis Colts' Adam Vanatieri 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

games to Baltimore and the Eagles.
The Glants (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.

games look:

AFC
Indianapolls (12-4) at San
Dlego (8-8) (6 p.m. MST
Saturday)
The Colts broke a threegame losing streak to the
Chargers by winning 23-20 in

San Diego on Nov. 23 on Adam Vinatier's 51-yard field goal as time expired. That was the second of three 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

the Cons - Diego.

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

Three.

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 Indy into field

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

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 LaDalainan Tomilisson and tight end Antonio Gates say they will play against the Coits. If Tomilinson is healthy, the and Darren Sproles could make life difficult for the office tepid fully 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

of the Ravens. And some his of the Ravens. And some his of 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 recent to loss to last sensors. 1-15. Dolphins, who wanted 0-13, then beat the Ravens 22-15 in Miami.

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

ediy. 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?

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NFC
Atlanta (11-5) at 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 quarriback instead of Mike Singletary and Stauter of Mike Singletary and Stauter of Mike the state of the state of

division il tneyd been mere 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 anotine, way, the Cardinals were 60 against their division, 3-7 against everyone else. Sure they can win because they are home, where they were 6-2. And Byan might get rookie playoff jitters. But the visitor is definitely the better team.

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Philadelphila (9-8-1) at Minnesota (10-8) (2-30 p.m. MST Sunday).

The Eagles are certainly the most enigmatic team in the most enigmatic team in the most enigmatic team in the layoffs. Their rout of Dallas came a week after a 10-3 loss in Washington in which they played terribly and seeming knocked themselves out of the playoffs. They beat the Giants on the road (dominated them, actually), but tled the Bengals in the game in which McNabb acknowledged he didnt 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' IV — New York, already assured of the No. 1 keed, played much of the game with guys it had picked up off the street.

But that game could help Minnesota against the Eagles. Tarvaris Jackson was beleaguered by the Giants' bilizing schemes, which are very similar to the ones Philadelphia truns. Steve Spagnuolo, New Yorks defensive coordinator, came fron Philly, where he worked for lim Johnson, the Eagles' coordinater And, of course

sive 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' offen-sive coordinator, so he knows, a lot of things shout Philly. So this one will depend on whether the Eagles choose this week to throw in a clink-

## Crennel, Mangini, Marinelli | Ducks, Cowboys should fired day after season's end

Lofty expectations did in

sons crumb hopes to demoraliz-ing finishes. Little was expected of the Det-roit Lions, though nor was the

was the worst season in NFI.
history. That cost Rod
Marinelli his job, too.
"You can't go 0-16 and
expect to keep your job,"
Marinelli said.

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

taiders' forn 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 offseason spending spree, including the trade for

didn't even didn't even
make the
playoffs,
losing four
of their last
five games.
"I don't
think it was
one thing,"
o w n c r

Brett Favre.

owner Woody Johnson

said. "We had to go in a differ-ent direction. There's noth-ing specific. It's just a call we made. Hopefully, it's cor-rect."

replace Crennel is already off to a disheartening start: Bill Cowher told owner

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# 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 Bollotti said of Tuesday night's matchup between his No. 15 Ducks and the No. 13 Oklahoma State Cowboys. 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 have a

State, but ne udes nave 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. games in the co untry.

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

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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 Des Bryant, who has 74 catches for 1,313 yards and 18 touchdowns.

For Oregon, senior LeGarrette Blunt are alming feremial plohnson and junior LeGarrette Blunt are alming 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 boath run the football,"

game.
"We both run the football,"

We both run the footbal, 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



Oregon

to the box."

Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy is the only person to play in a Holiday Bowl and then return as head coach. The Cowboys' only other appearance in the Holiday Bowl came in 1988, when Gundy completed 20 of 24 passes for 315 yards and two touchdowns in a 62-14 rout of Wowning. of Wyoming.
Of course, that was the

game Barry Sanders ran for 222 yards and five TDs.

### Owls, Broncos look for milestone win at Texas Bowl removed from a 1-10 cam-

HOUSTON (AP) — Not exactly steeped in tradition, Rice or Western Michigan will add a milestone victory to their modest football his-

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 howl appearances. Western Michigan is trying to secure is first 10-win season, while flice is trying to reach double-digit wins for the first lime since 1949.

"A tot of people arent going to look at this matchup," said Rice sentor quarterback Chase that matchup," said Rice sentor quarterback Chase Clement. "But I know we've got a great opportunity, because of the season they cause of the season they because of the season they 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 accompilish a lot tunity to accompilish a lot tunity by winning this game." Ricci lost to Troy in the 2006 New Orleans Bowl, ending a 45-year postseason drought. The Owls last bowl victory came lan. 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 Bronces have reached nine wints 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.

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Well love to be remembered as the best team ever to go through Western. Junior quarterback Tim Hiller said.

The matchup at Reliam 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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nteers with the Fernie Search and Rescue team prepare to bead out to ch for eight missing snowmobilers Monday in Fernie, Canada.

## Canadian police recover 6 bodies after avalanches

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

the scene of two avalanches that struck in southeastern British Columbia.

They say that Monday's recovery left two other snow-mobilers still unaccounted for.

The six bodies were being removed from the scene near Fernie 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 anotherslide.

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

### 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,

stressed Monday the need to avoid conflict" with India, days after the 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 litery 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 descalate 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 retailate if attacked.

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ttacked. Despite being under civil-an control, analysts say lan control, analysts say Pakistan's army and intelli-gence agencies wield enor-mous influence on decision-

mous influence on decision-making. Some say they are more powerful than te-country's elected leaders. Nuclear-armed Pakistan and India have fought three wars since 1950 — two over Kashmir, a majority Muslim region in the Himalayas claimed by both countries.

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

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Kim Jong II attended a concert by North Koreas 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 'hurah' and enthusiasti-cally welcomed him."
It did not say when the per-formance 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 Hankyorch newspaper said last week that Kim appeared in public 94 times this year, citing KCNA dispatches.

# Life under fire



A Palestinian giri wounded in an Israeli missile strike is carried leto the emergency area at Gaza civilians have been injured during Israeli strikes despite Israel trying to avoid barmin

### Israeli airstrikes kill dozens of Gaza civilians

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 durfing 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 did 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 GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip-Israel's three-day and

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 deadlest against Palestinians. In decades, on Saturday in retaliation for rocket fire aimed at civilians in southern Israeli towns.

ocket fire almed at civilians i southern Israeli towns. Israel, which has also llowed limited humanitariallowed limited humanitari-an supplies into the strip, is attacking Hamas-run organ-izations, homes of activists



Palestinians inspect the rubble of a building used by the security forces of Hamas, following an igraeli missile strike in Rafali, southern Gaza

and security posts — all scat-tered in densely populated areas. Gazans say most strikes come without warn-

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

"Civilian casualites 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

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

deaths, but the U.N. ass not been able to determine how many.

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

We don't know where they'll shell heat, 'sold medic Mohammed Azayzeh, 27. His family lives near a Hamss 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 saler.

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

### Iranian group recruits volunteers to fight Israel

TO fight Israel

THIHAN, Iran (AP) — A
group of Influental conservative Iranian clerics launched
an onflue 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
Cambatant Clergy Society's
Web site. The weeklong
online campaign gives volunteers three options on
ways they can fight Israel;
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ways they can fight Israel; inflitary, financial and propaganda. The group, which has considerable political and economic power in fran, did not provide further details on the program including how it would contact the volunteers of implement the program. The conservative cleries decided to sign up voluncers after Iran's supreme leader. Ayatollah Ali fishamenel; issued a rehigious decree on Sunday that said anyone killed while defending Palestinians in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip against Israeli attacks would be considered a marty. Khamenel's religious decree was not considered a government decision and did not oblige the gowernment to launch attacks against Israel.

### 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 steps to compensate the families of hun-

dreds of thousands of children harmed by contaminated infant formula.

Hearings were held in the northern city of Shijlazhuang, where the company at the heart of the seandal — 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 indus-trial chemical was added to raw milk because — like pro-— it is high in nitr and can make appear higher.

### Japanese 'tenant' of Mexico City airport leaves mysteriously

international air-port on Nov. 27. is Yerminai 1 of the Besito



MEXICO CITY (AP) -

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 Iliroshi
Nohara on Monday but he
was nowhere to be found,
said an airport official who
was not allowed to be quot-

dby name.

The dally Reforma newspaper ran photos of the scruffy man getting into a cab Sunday at the alrport. Nohara's three-month residency at the alrport made him a local celebrity whose. Iffe drew comparisons to that of Viktor Navorski, a character portrayed by Tom I lanks 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. I leal so
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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 stay-ing when asked by an inter-preter hired by the televi-sion stations that docu-mented his daily activities and tourists who asked for his autograph and p 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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#### AARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1250

Plant and M.
WHEREAS, on November 27, 2008, the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Times News the official newspaper for public notice in the City, and also was sent to the governing bodies of the City of Burley, Casala County, School Datrict No. 151, North Casala Fire Datrict, and Flood Control Datrict No. 151, North Casala Fire Datrict, and Flood Control Datrict No. 152, setting the date for a public hearing to be had on Monday December 29, 2009, at 7:00 octock, p.m., for consideration of the adoption of the Plant Edistrict Plantched herelois, p.m., the Burley City Council held a public hearing on consideration of the adoption of the Plant; and, M. WHEREAS, on December 29, 2008, at 7:00 officials, p.m., the Burley City Council held a public hearing on consideration of the adoption of the Plant; and, M. WHEREAS, the Regislature of State of Hadro has encaded Chapter 29, Title 50, as amended (the \*ACT) authorizing certain update repeated approaches (including the Agency) to adopt revenue allocation financing provisions as part of the urban renewal

Turban network agencies (including the Agency) to adopt revenue allocation financing provisions as paut or an experiment of the Agency contains a revenue allocation financing provision; and, WHEREAS, the Plan presented by the Agency contains a revenue allocation financing provision; and, WHEREAS, the Plan presented by applicable law, the Plan contains the following information which was made evallable to the general public and all taxing districts with taxing authority in the Project Area at least thirty days (30) prior to the December 29, 2008 of the Cxy Octure). The Cxy Octure of the cody electives of the municipality in undertaking the urban renewal project. (c) the sources of revenue to finance these costs, including estimates of revenue allocation under the Act (c) the unmount of broaded or other indebtodness to be incurred.

(a) a statement of the description of the revenue allocation retains and of the project of the action of the revenue allocation retains and (g) a statement of the destinated impact of revenue allocation financing on all taxing districts within the Revenue Allocation Area.

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(i) a description of the methods of financing estimated project costs and the time when such costs and monetary obligations are to be incurred.

(i) a description of the disposition of any assets of the Agency on the termination date.

WHEREAS, appropriate notice of the Plant and the revenue allocation provisions contained therein has been given to the taxing districts and to the public as required by lidaho Code & Socion 50-200s; and,

WHEREAS, a necessary and in the best interest of the citizens of the City to adopt the Plant, including revenue allocation will help finance the under renewal project to be completed in accordance with the Plant as now or hereefiter amended jin order: to encourage triated development in the Project Area in content development in the Project Area in cord or to carried the plant of the project Area in order to facilitate to concurred extend development in the Project Area in order to facilitate the long-time growth of their common tax base; to encourage triated provision and the Project Area in order to facilitate the long-time growth of their common tax base; to encourage private investment within the City and to harber the public purposes of the Agency.

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BE IT ORDANIED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEY, IDAHO: SECTION 1. That it is hereby found and determined that

(a) The project Area, as defined in Resolution No. 9-68, continues to be deterforated or a deteriorating area as defined in the Act and qualifies as an eligible urban renewal area under the Act.

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— SENSITIVE GIV: Hayley may make a wonderful wife someday, but from your letter, YOU are nowhere near ready for marrayee. Mature love doesn't blow hot and cold, and the feelings you finally experience for the woman you marry worth be dictated by the impression she makes on you buddles. If you need me to point you in the right direction to 'Bud' he love you have for Italye's, then I don't think it is there to begin with. And the honorable thing to do is to level with her.

thaw quickly when you turn on the charm. Keep your head focused on business and investi-

focused on business and investigate facts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
There are two sides to every coin.
Operating under the restrictions of suff formality is necessary when dealing with business matters.
You will get a chance to let your bear down at home.

hair down at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stay motivated. Since you will be reminded that a new year is just



DEAR ABBY **Phillips** 

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DEAR ABBY: When I was 6, my stepfather molested me repeated by Heseroed seven years in prison, got lots of therapy and came out a much better man. I am now 20, and he recently e-malled me and apologized for everything.

I forgave him a long time ago and let him know. We are now on speaking terms via e-mail only, but my boyfriend, my best friend and my mother all tilnk I'm stupid for forgiving him. Abby, what should I tell these people?

DEAR FORGIVING: Tell them that carrying a load of hatred and resentment toward your abuser was more of a burden than forgiving him. HOWEVER, forgiving your molester doesn't mean that you must have a continuing disonewith him.

If mel it extremely inapproriate than he's trying to insinuate himself into your life now. If you have any intention of allowing it. I urge you to first discuss it with a psychotherapist who specializes in sexual impulse disorders.

Although you are no longer a child, one day you might have one. Forewarned is forearmed.

one. Forewarned is forearmed.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and 1 are expecting our first child in a few weeks. While we couldn't be more excited, one thing is really eating at me. When discussing what our journess should be called—like "Grandma." Nanny. "Gramps, etc.— my father-in-law safe wasns to be called "Pop." I think the name "Pop is for a dad, not a grandfather—like in a Mom and Pop business. I recommended "Pop-Pop." but they told me that name was already being used in the family. Other than on this issue, my In-laws and I get along great. I know it seems petity 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 abje deal of this?

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DEAR DADDY: Congratulations
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please don't do too much preplanplease don't do too much prepian-ning regarding the name game. These things have a way of work-ing themselves out, so don't swel-the small stuff. When your little one maches the talking stage, it's very possible that he or she will call the grandfather by a name that he or she invents.

IF DECEMBER 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Make some important birdady 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 success, you may attain a major milestone by the middle of the year. But In the meantime, don't bester. Accept an offer or favor from a well-wisher and you will benefit it some unintended way for a long time to come. If you have doubts or reservations about a new romantic partner you will indo out If it is the real thing in March, too.

ABIES (March 2) Anul 181- A ► HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders 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

aspirations of wastes, make it so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tackle practical matters in a pragmatic way, Holiday festivities may have become a chore rather than a joy, Do what is necressary to stay on top of social obligations, bud ont add to them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Ask the right questions to receive the right answers. Mysteries that have baffed you in the past will become clear if you dig a little deeper now. Your observations about someone close will be right on track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Perhaps, there are some secrets that you have kept carefully hidden. If people start digging to deeply, distract them with another set of facts you are willing to share you possess good judgment how. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Dorit Onget to employ spit agd polish. You may be called upon to attend functions where it is necessary to maintain a professional Image.

March, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A significant someone might keep you at arm's length, but don't be dismayed. That frosty reserve will

maintain a professional Image. Apply a careful balance of genuine

TODAY IN HISTORY

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged Its Itst 'St-down' strike, at the Fisher Body Plant No. In Flint, Mich.
In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.
In 1948, the Cole Porter musical 'Kiss Me, Kate' opened on Broadway.

Broadway. In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North

Kiss

riendliness and dignity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
There will be an opportunity to set the record straight and achieve a truce. Even better, you can earn respect and admiration by being forgiving towards someone who has crossed an Inneglany line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rely on facts, not lancles. 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): Widen your scope. If, after careful deliberation, you judge that you have been underperforming, then it is time to bone up on your subject by reading a few good books or signing up for a seminar or class.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

class.

AQUAIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

AQUAIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Perfect harmony with a friend or partner will bring a smile to your face. A heady mixture of fun and general good feelings is just around the corner. You could be made to feel like a superhero.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In tunch times, success to fiten to the partner with the properties of the properties.

riscus (ren. 19-March 20): In tough times, success i often requires sacrifices. Excellent judgment coupled with superbinution will give you the edge, even if you have to give up something in order to achieve a viable compromise.

decades of autocratic rule took to the streets to celebrate. Ten years ago: Weak but radiant with pride. Nicem Chukwu, the mother of the flouston octuplets, went home from the hospitul. Five years ago: The Bushadministration announced it was damaing the sale of ophedra, duryed consumers to immediately stop using the herbal stimulant linked to 155 deaths and dozens of heart attacks. Author heart attacks and strokes. Author heart attacks and strokes. Author John Gregory Dunne died in New York City at age 71.

One year ago: Kenya's President Mwal Kibaki was declared the

Mwal Kibaki was declared the winner of an election that oppo-nenis and observers alleged was rigged; violence flared in Nairobi stums and coastal resort towns, killing scores in the following days. The 19-year-old son of assassinated opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, Blawal Zardari, was named symbolic leader of her Pakistan Peoples Parry, while Bhutto's widower took effective control.

Its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.
In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees and wounding five other people. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder, he died in prison, an apparent suicted). In 2006, Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged; victims of his three 24/7 Classified Ad Placement magicvalley.com

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