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The Blue Angels perform during the Air Magic Valley Air Show held in July at Jordan Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. The show drew more than 20,000 people to the airport, but added up \$21,513 in the red—a figure city and county taxpayers will have to cover, along with \$50,000 in security costs.

Employer: Jailed man is a good worker, father

Robert Aragon had two drug convictions

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Robert E. Aragon spreads manure for a living, trudging through a daily grind of dirty work to take care of his children because he is a good father, his employer says. Authorities from Lincoln County, however, say Aragon's decision to let his children walk nearly 10 miles in snowy, freezing weather to see their mother on Christmas led to the death of his daughter.

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Memorial for Sage

A memorial for Sage Jenks Aragon will be held at 4 p.m. today at Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B, with Bishop Lavar Butters officiating.

Sheriffs, structures and struggles marked the year's landscape

Times-News

The Magic Valley kept its eye on the future as time marched toward 2009. A landmark election reconfigured the face of law enforcement, as newcomers unseated longtime incumbents or their hand-picked successors.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints dedicated its 128th temple, both a spiritual harbor and catalyst for the church's growth in the Magic Valley. In July angels of a different sort flew high above Twin Falls, as the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels highlighted the Air Magic Valley Air Show.

Change came with new worries, as regional unemployment spiked and area companies shrank workforces when the nationwide economic crisis hit home.

Twin Falls County and St. Luke's Health System officials battled over building renovations, while injured national pride led to tensions at an area high school.

The growing pains were evident as the area strained and adjusted under the pressure of preparing for the future.

Those pains — and the victories of overcoming them — changed the Magic Valley in 2008.

ECONOMIC DOWNTURN HITS HOME

A nationwide economic recession caused by widespread mortgage defaults, bank failures and a lending freeze reached south-central Idaho in early 2008.

Though less hard-hit than other areas of the state and nation, the regional unemployment rate more than doubled from 2.2 percent to 4.7 percent compared to November 2007.

New home construction fell to record lows — the city of Twin Falls issued five residential build-

ing permits in October.

South-central Idaho also saw home sales plummet nearly 43 percent compared to the previous year.

Some of the region's largest employers such as Jayco Inc., Seastrom Manufacturing and Dell announced layoffs late in the year.

Newly unemployed workers kept state labor offices busy around the state — causing unemployment insurance payments to skyrocket. In December, Idaho Department of Labor announced that it set a new

record by paying out more than \$8.3 million in unemployment benefits to about 32,000 jobless workers.

Concerns about a growing nationwide recession pushed the key interest rate and mortgage rates down to a 25-year low — gas prices also fell from a record high of \$4.02 to \$1.52 in Idaho.

The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization responded to consumer cutbacks in the region by launching a campaign to let residents know that things will improve in the "near future."

NEW SHERIFFS DOMINATE AT POLLS

Local election news was dominated by hard-fought battles for sheriff in Jerome and Twin Falls counties.

Longtime Twin Falls Sheriff Wayne Tausley lost his job to Tom Carter, a former deputy whom he had fired.

While Carter easily out-poled

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Twin Falls County Sheriff-elect Tom Carter fields a phone call while talking down an election sign in November. Carter defeated incumbent Wayne Tausley in a landslide, and will be sworn in on Jan. 12.

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Israel mulls truce offer on Day 4 of Gaza assault

By Ibrahim Barak
and Jason Keyser
Associated Press writers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel, under international pressure, is considering a 48-hour halt to its punishing four-day air campaign on Hamas targets in Gaza to see if Palestinian militants will stop their rocket attacks on southern Israel, Israeli officials said Tuesday.

Any offer would be coupled with a threat to send in ground troops if the rocket fire continues.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert discussed the proposal — floated by France's foreign minister — and other possible next steps with his

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Anxiety, satisfaction in Israel over Gaza assault.

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Bedke, Cameron among possible lieutenant governor choices

By Neta Poppino
Times-News writer

At least two Magic Valley legislators are now officially on the list of candidates to replace Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, a representative of Gov. CL "Butch" Otter told the Associated

Press on Tuesday. State Sen. Dean Cameron and Rep. Scott Bedke are among the new faces on a list of more than 30 potential appointees Otter plans to interview to fill the part-time post. Bedke is assistant majority leader in the House.

Otter said he expects to make the announcement at a press conference at 11 a.m. Tuesday — after Risch is sworn in to replace outgoing U.S. Sen. Larry Craig.

Names on the list already mentioned include state Sens. Robert Geddes, Brad Little and John

McGee, and House Majority Leader Mike Moyle.

Otter spokesman Mark Warbis said other legislators Otter is considering include Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, Shawn Keough and Mike Jorgenson. Non-legislators include Mike Gwartyne, Otter's Department

of Administration director; former U.S. House candidate Sheila Sorenson; and Eagle, Idaho businessman C. Lloyd Mahaffey. Reached Tuesday afternoon, Bedke said he had received a call

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the incumbent, who had been criticized for loose financial management practices and arrogance, the battle between the two isn't over yet.

Tousley's office recommended Carter be decertified by the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training agency.

A hearing on that should have a date set by Monday, according to POST Director Jeff Black.

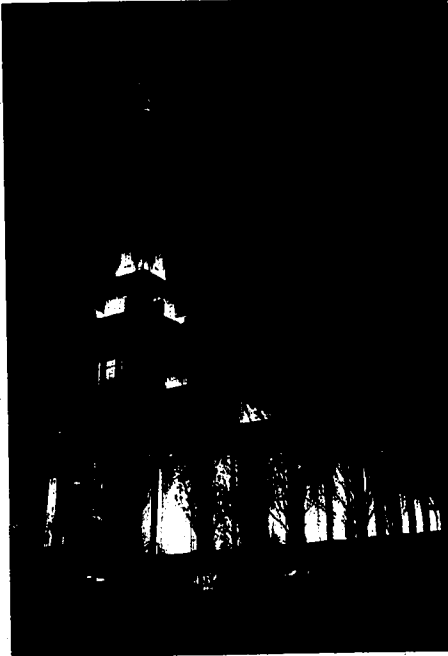
In Jerome County it was also out with the old and in with the new.

Jocelyne Nunnally said she trained to be sheriff for 12 years as undersheriff to Jim Weaver, and promised no major changes in the troubled office if elected to replace her retiring boss.

But voters wanted something new, and they overwhelmingly elected Doug McFall, a retired Idaho State Police sergeant.

In the wake of her loss, Nunnally will transfer to work at the Gooding County Sheriff's Office.

Tousley hasn't made his plans public, but has said he's proud of his long tenure and the campaign he ran.



The Twin Falls Idaho Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was dedicated in August. The temple on Eastland Drive is the 128th built worldwide and has already hosted numerous weddings and church-related activities in its four-month existence.

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FOUR-BLOCK PROJECT SHRINKS IN SCOPE

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency and city of Twin Falls scaled back a more than \$40 million four-block downtown redevelopment project to one block — with no set timeline or financing scheme on the horizon.

The decision came after the city and its redevelopment agency had paid \$350,000 to the Portland-based Leland Consulting Group for advice and \$200,000 for one property. City officials cited unfavorable economic conditions, a changing marketplace, and news coverage about legal and ethical issues related to the project.

The four-block project was initially to be between

Second Avenue South and Fourth Avenue South, and Shoshone Street South and Idaho Street South. The URA has for years been buying property in the area, but recently accelerated the plan

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ANGELS FLY OVER TWIN FALLS

The FA-18s of the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels performance team dazzled the crowds at the Air Magic Valley Air Show in July. The event, which also featured a number of other aircraft and performance teams, drew crowds of more than 20,000 people to Twin Falls' airport. But facing its biggest budget yet — largely because of the Angels — the show failed to attract as many spectators as expected. Rather than the projected \$317,000 profit, it ended \$21,500 in the red, with another \$50,000 in charges for security waived by local officials to keep the event from falling even farther into the red.

the health company in the face of rising remodeling costs.

The dispute came to a head in January when county officials tried to change four locks in the building, and the hospital called police on a county commissioner in response. Both sides are now in mediation to solve the issue.

TEMPLE DEDICATION DRAWS LDS FAITHFUL

On Aug. 24, Thomas S. Monson, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, visited Twin Falls to dedicate the church's 128th temple. The evening prior to the event, Monson watched youth from across the Magic Valley perform a cultural celebration called "Living Water," which dramatized in word, dance and song the church's pioneer heritage in south-central Idaho, the important role water played in the emerging valley, and the significance of Jesus Christ as the soul's Living Water.

Roughly 3,600 LDS youth performed in front of a

packed audience at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, where the celebration was held.

The next morning thousands of faithful watched temple dedication ceremonies, most via satellite in 14 stake centers across the valley, though about 700 turned out at the temple grounds for the first dedication ceremony.

The dedication followed a five-week open house that saw more than 150,000 visi-

tors — media and non-LDS clergy included — tour the temple.

Monson, accompanied by other church officials, spoke informally to members on the temple grounds before sealing the capstone. Inside the temple, Monson offered the dedicatory prayer. Dedication services were repeated throughout the day.

CLINICAL CLASH TURNS CONTENTIOUS

Twin Falls County and St. Luke's Health System officials were at odds for most of the year over how much the latter should pay for renovations to a downtown clinic building. The 2008 agreement that sold the county's hospital to St. Luke's required \$3 million of in-kind services to remodel office space, with a cap of \$45 per square foot. But county officials argued the contract calls for more from

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Write you were in 2008

We got letters — lots of them in 2008. The Times-News published 2,231 letters on our Opinion pages in the past 12 months, plus another 69 extended reader commentaries. That total of 2,300 eclipsed the previous record of 2,212 in 2004. All were valuable to the community conversation, but the following were our 10 favorites:

1 The ugliest bird is the turkey which, freed of its wattle while losing its head and cooked until dry, will become the dining table's centerpiece on Thanksgiving Day. Sojia and I will forego eating turkey on Thursday, as a result of Gov. Palin giggling chatter with a reporter, while behind her we viewers watch a hired hand pushing the mobile bird down a funnel at the bottom of which a guillotine severs its head.

Benjamin Franklin, the one on the hundred dollar bill, thought the turkey a more noble bird than the bald eagle, but most of us would rather eat crow than an eagle.

Abraham Lincoln, the ugliest president ever, shut government down to give thanks for his opportunity to be a war president. Southern Baptists ate peanuts and stole all they could in the Shenandoah Valley.

Today, school children under duress put on plays during autumn, giving Indians and invaders of America credit for the Thanksgiving holiday. The kids liked to play the role of Indians who pulled the invaders' bacon from the fire so to speak. The children knew the Indians were noble savages and the invaders England's worst.

Much later, when government got too big, Lincoln shut the dang thing down on Nov. 28, 1861. Republicans have since been doing the same from time to time. Sarah Josepha Hale liked Lincoln's attitude and figured that no government one day a year was better than a government every day of the year killing her relatives down South, so she convinced President Lincoln on Nov. 28, 1863, to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

At your Thanksgiving dinner, please remember we are one people, neither all good nor all bad. And remember our soldiers, sailors, Marines and Coast Guard serving in faraway places and thinking of home.

GRANT UPTAIN
Hagerman

2 Why do Mormons want to be known as Christians? Why can't they just be Mormons? They don't believe in the virgin birth, the very beginning of Christianity as I understand it. They don't believe in the Trinity as most Christian churches do. They believe that if they reach their highest award, the Celestial Kingdom, they will have their own planet, which they will rule as God with many benefits. NASA should check this out for life in outer space and forget Mars. Our former church pur-



chased the Mormon church in Hider. The first thing you had to do was install a cross as the Mormons don't install crosses on their churches as Christians do. They have wonderful family social programs so, I repeat, why can't they just be Mormons?
DWIGHT SHIAW
Twin Falls

3 Bipartisan gridlock is broken! Like a dam breach through which flows \$150 billion in liquid cash; \$600 to \$1,200 for couples! Why? Spend! Spend! And spend some more! It surely makes the god of capitalism happy. Recently, we borrowed \$4 trillion more to pour into the god's furnaces. The boilers of the Titanic are running full throttle. The god is happy.

I believe another faith, another god. Save. Be frugal with spending. Buy used. Harshly discipline your wants. Recycle. Live simple and cheap. Be a good steward. Love your enemy.

I weighed the "Lord's Day" newspaper — 85 percent ads; mostly full-color glossy. Is obscene too strong? Or perhaps I'm being un-American?

Every dollar I earn contributes to global pollution. I earn as few as possible. What if everybody earned one-half as much and spent one-half as much. Would we be OK? How about the earth? The capitalist god has no moral compass. Its only directive is buy, earn, spend. It doesn't care about divorce. That just creates more demand for jobs and houses; it doesn't care if you carry plastic debt, just assures you keep working and spending. Doesn't care if we make war, just creates more demand for goods and services. Illegal aliens? No problem, as long as they earn and spend. Abortions are fine too. Keeps more people in the workforce. Huge education budgets? Creates more spending and earning. Huge welfare expenditures? Just the cost of the rich to stay rich. Dollars still

spin if churches preach the gospel of wealth and tithing; this too makes the god of capitalism happy. Life in abundance! Is it about joy, peace, contentment, love, family — or earning and buying? Keep a close eye out for icebergs — or just get off the boat.
PHIL AULTI
Berger

4 With the way Burley's loitering laws now stand, Henry David Thoreau probably would have been charged with remaining idle in essentially one location, including the concept of spending time idly; being idylatory; lingering, staying, sauntering around and hanging around Walden's Pond (and loving it). Even though Thoreau authored the classic "Civil Disobedience," I am not sure that following his own advice would get him very far outside the prison bar. In these, our post-Thomas Fainet, wistful hobo days.

I wonder if it would help the cause of any weary Burley homeless to show that they held two-pole permits, while fishing behind Walden Pond — like Idaho waters. How can you be guilty of loitering when it is clear you are a multi-tasking fisherman? It's also interesting to note how being homeless now is either against the law, or on the cusp of being against the law. In some areas, we now have more foreclosed homes than we do homeless people. Fortunately, community leaders in a handful of places have seen that a crisis of our nation is in and gained enough empathy to lighten the laws and/or enforcement of laws regarding squatter's rights. Etc. Of course, a few bad squatters or actors portraying troublingmaking destitute could give these modern dot-bowl communities a name as dreadful as Detroit.

In Macomb County, Mich., the Republican Party chairman intends to use lists of foreclosed homes to

block people from voting. To counterbalance this unfairness, while lessening loitering rates, Burley civil justice legislators should contemplate improving their cloudy law by asking peace officers to direct our dispossessed to the nearest voter registration booths, to free themselves, poles apart, from the stagnant waters in which our murky country has been lingering.
JIM BANZHOLDER
Halley

5 Two of the founding fathers and our nation's first two presidents, George Washington and John Adams, warned us of the dangerous divisiveness of partisan politics. We are now bogged down in that divisiveness. Though I am running in this election as a Democrat, I am well aware of the pitfalls of partisan politics. Party politics gives both voters and candidates a place to hide, to not have to think. It is important to look beyond some perceived notions, to look at what is good for the whole, not just for the few, to vote for the person, not the party.

Though the founding fathers gave us a great foundation in regard to our rights, they were short on the notion of the responsibilities that of necessity go with those rights. Our current set of challenges are daunting and they will not be solved without the direct participation of each and everyone of us. The key to that participation is taking responsibility for our actions. It is impossible to provide health care to a people that don't take care of their health. We won't solve the energy problem if we, as individuals and businesses, don't take responsibility for our energy consumption. We can't provide a world-class education if both parents and students don't take responsibility for learning.

Another founding father, Benjamin Franklin, is quoted as saying, "The greatest of all evils is the open mind." Idaho may call itself the Gem State, but seems to

me we may be a bit lacking in the greatest of all jewels.
BILL CHISHOLM
Buhl

6 Back in December, this newspaper opined that I by ain no longer able to protect Idaho's interests in Congress. As an example, they pointed to the removal of language from an Interior appropriations bill that would have safeguarded the Nez Perce water agreement of 2005 from a judge seeking to "save the salmon."

The Times-News and I definitely agree that the Nez Perce agreement is worth safeguarding. The state of Idaho, the Nez Perce Tribe, various water users and federal agencies all came together in a spirit of collaboration to solve the water challenges facing the Snake River Basin, and I was approved by Congress and signed by the president. This accomplishment is something of which we can all be proud, and something to preserve. I'm committed to that effort. In showing its concern for the agreement, however, I think this paper may have rushed to the decision that it's past time for me to hang up my spurs.

On the day after Christmas, President Bush signed HR 2764, the omnibus appropriations bill that combined 11 of the 12 annual spending bills Congress must pass. In spite of the rough road I've had since August and September, a great number of Idaho projects I requested were included in the bill. Some of these projects are taking place right here in

the Magic Valley. Through the appropriations process, the Environmental Protection Agency gave funding (\$300,000) to the city of Buhl to improve arsenic removal from its water system. Hazelton received \$469,000 in EPA funding to improve its wastewater system, and Twin Falls received \$500,000 for the Auger Falls Project. When these projects are completed, they will have a direct, positive impact on the health of Magic Valley residents.

I was also proud to see funding for several projects that will help Idahoans enjoy the unique culture and heritage of the region. I was able to call down more than \$3.9 million to make improvements to the City of Rocks Backcountry Byway, and \$350,000 to help finish the renovation of the historic Wilson Theatre in Rupert. Both projects will help attract visitors to the area, yielding economic benefits to the surrounding communities for years to come.

The College of Southern Idaho (CSI) will also receive funding this year, with \$243,000 coming for the Pro-Tech Program, and \$480,000 to ease traffic congestion on and around Idaho State University. The main entrance to campus was designed about 40 years ago, and is no longer able to keep up with Twin Falls' growing population.

By coordinating with Congressman Mike Simpson, many Idaho communities were able to meet or address at least a portion of their critical needs. The Little Wood River Irrigation District, the Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station, wildfire mitigation efforts and sugar beet research at Kimberly all received funding to meet such needs.

While Congress worked on these appropriations for much of 2007, this funding wasn't finalized until December. I guess it's ironic then, that just days after Times-News editors finished writing about my perceived "weakness," President Bush signed the bill into law in which I had secured millions in federal funding for Magic Valley projects. There was no mad scramble to get the funding I had secured for Idaho.

Readers can rest assured that I haven't lost the old ways. Fighting for Idaho's water is something I have done since my first days in Congress and beyond. My spurs aren't on the hook just yet, and until they are, I'll keep fighting for Idaho.
SEN. LARRY CRAIG
Washington, D.C.

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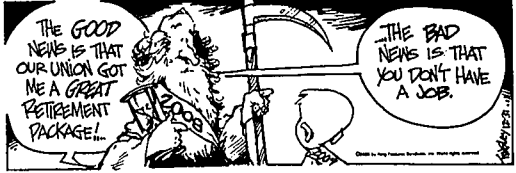
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Nampa mayor calls MPC's closure a tremendous loss

NAMPA (AP) — At one time, computer maker MPC Corp. was the largest employer in this southwest Idaho city with a payroll that exceeded 2,000 workers.

From 2004 to 2006, the company sponsored the MPC Computers Bowl — now the Humanitarian Bowl — at Bronco Stadium in Boise. But on Monday, the company announced it was shutting down operations for good.

"It's a tremendous loss," Nampa Mayor Tom Dale told the Idaho Statesman. "MPC was a good employer for the city and very active in the community. Everybody knew they were struggling. I was hoping they'd be able to restructure and go on."

The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November, a financial crisis that forced the layoff of hundreds of workers. Earlier this week it notified state officials it was shutting down for good, letting go 147 employees while holding on to 51 that will be phased out over the next few months.

Officials blamed the ailing economy and tight credit markets for their inability to

secure financing from lenders to avoid a shutdown. The company, in a news release, also said the abrupt departure of critical employees was a factor in the decision.

"Between Dec. 4 and Dec. 12, a substantial portion of MPC's sales force resigned without prior notice," the company said. "Their departure made it impossible for MPC to continue any viable business operations."

Cliff Long, director of Nampa's Office of Economic Development, said the city will need to find a company to replace MPC Corp.

"Our initial thoughts are for the folks who lost their jobs," said Long. "It's going to have a big impact on Nampa and throughout the Treasure Valley. We need to find a company who can take their place."

MPC was founded in 1991 and was a unit of Micron Technology before being sold in 2001. It made computers for mid-sized companies and government agencies.

MPC officials did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Calif. sues to block Bush endangered species rules

By Samantha Young
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California is suing the Bush administration to block last-minute endangered species regulations that are intended to reduce input from federal scientists, state Attorney General Jerry Brown announced Tuesday.

Brown said the president is trying to gut the Endangered Species Act before he leaves office next month.

"Unfortunately, the Bush administration has had an antipathy to using sound science," Brown said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "This is the latest assault as Bush goes out the door. It's intolerable."

The lawsuit was filed late Monday in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

The Interior Department issued the revised rules this month. They allow federal agencies to issue permits for mining, logging and similar activi-

ties without getting a review from federal wildlife biologists if their own research shows the project will not affect plants and animals. The changes also block agencies from using the Endangered Species Act to consider the effects of greenhouse gas emissions on ecosystems when reviewing projects such as new roads or coal plants on federal land.

Interior Department spokeswoman Tina Krelsher said the revised rules will continue to protect threatened and endangered species and noted that the law says federal agencies will ensure no listed animals are killed.

The lawsuit also names the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Marine Fisheries Service as defendants.

Brown is asking the court to block the new rules, which could give the incoming administration of President Barack Obama time to review them.

Obama has said he would work to reverse the changes. Because they take effect

before he is sworn in, Obama would have to restart a lengthy rule-making process that could last up to a year.

Three environmental groups also have filed lawsuits challenging the revisions, which they say erode protections for endangered species.

Current rules require biologists in the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to sign off on dams, power plants, timber sales and other projects even when it is determined they are not likely to harm species.

The revised rules will reduce the independent reviews that government sci-

entists have performed for 35 years. The idea is to accelerate a process that developers and other federal agencies have blamed for delays and cost increases.

Between 1998 and 2002, the Fish and Wildlife Service conducted 300,000 consultations for projects proposed for federal land. The National Marine Fisheries Service, which evaluates projects affecting marine species, conducts about 1,300 reviews each year.

California's lawsuit alleges that the Department of Interior failed to adequately consider public comments critical of the revisions before it finalized the rules.

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Group sues to reinstate firearms ban in national parks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence sued the Bush administration Tuesday in hopes of stopping a new policy that would allow people to carry concealed, loaded guns in most national parks and wildlife refuges.

"The Bush administration's last-minute gift to the gun lobby, allowing concealed semiautomatic weapons in national parks, jeopardizes the safety of park visitors in violation of federal law," said Paul Helmke, the group's president. "We should not be making it easier for dangerous people to carry concealed firearms in our parks."

An Interior Department spokeswoman refused to comment on the lawsuit, saying the department does not discuss pending litigation.

The Brady Campaign sued the Interior Department and its secretary, Dirk Kempthorne, as well as the

leaders of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service in U.S. District Court. They want a federal judge to issue an immediate injunction stopping the elimination of the 25-year-old federal rule that severely restricts loaded guns in national parks.

The Interior Department rule overturns a Reagan-era regulation that has restricted loaded guns in parks and wildlife refuges. The previous regulation required that firearms be unloaded and placed somewhere that is not easily accessible, such as in a car trunk.

But under a rule to take effect in January, visitors will be able to carry a loaded gun into a park or wildlife refuge — but only if the person has a permit for a concealed weapon and if the state where the park or refuge is located also allows concealed firearms.

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Idaho retailers see surge in snowmobile sales

Snow storms also boost sales of snow plow accessories

Times-News staff

Retailers in Idaho say sales of snowmobiles have taken off with the arrival of storms that dumped plenty of snow from the state's panhandle to the South Hills of south-

ern Idaho.

Abram Mingo, a sales associate with Action Cycles 'n Sleds in Twin Falls, said December is typically the month when retailers see an increase in snowmobile sales. "I don't know if it's because

of the Christmas holiday or because of the snow, but December is really when we see people buying the snowmobiles and snow plow modifications."

Wes Wall, owner of Adventure Motor Sports in Twin Falls, said sales of used snowmobiles have increased substantially, while new unit sales have been low compared to previous years. He said snowmobilers are

likely spending more time on the trails because of recent snowfall and low fuel prices. He said sales of snowplow accessories for ATVs have been particularly strong this year.

"Those have been really hot sellers, but the problem is that you can't find them anywhere anymore," Wall said. "Distributors seem to be run-ning out them."

have dominated among retailers in northern Idaho.

Mark Webb, general manager of Specialty Recreation and Marine in Coeur d'Alene, says the store has been "phenomenally busy since the first flake fall."

Jeremiah McEnany of Recycled Cycles in Hayden Lake says he's down to just two snowmobiles left to sell. The International Snowmobile Manufacturers

Association reports that there are 48,413 registered snowmobile users in Idaho.

Jessica Johnson of Edge Performance in Hayden says sales of Arctic Cats has increased with the snowfall.

She says, "once people see the snow on the ground, they get their snowmobiles out and get ready."

The Coeur d'Alene Press contributed to this report.



Daryl Patterson sings with a Kruger's bartender in 2006 in Twin Falls. After operating for nearly three years, Kruger's Nightlife will close its doors permanently.

Kruzer's to call it quits

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Kruzer's Nightlife will hold its last New Year's bash tonight. The owners, Kirk Johnson and Tonya James, said they are closing the nightclub — three years after starting the business. Johnson said the decision was not effected by the economic downturn, but rather because he and James "just decided to go their separate ways."

Johnson said he is selling the building and liquor license, and does not plan to reopen the business or any similar operation. During its three years of operations, Kruzer's was widely known for its concerts that attracted big names such as Neal McCoy, Great White and Bowling for Soup. More recently, the club's property has gained interest because of its location within the City of Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency's proposed four-block redevelopment area. City officials said they have no plans

to purchase the property, which is about a 5-acre lot with a 6,100 square-foot building. "It would be nice to have that property redeveloped, but the urban renewal board hasn't discussed buying the property," said Melinda Anderson, the city economic development director. However, realty Web sites are promoting the property as being "in the heart of downtown next to the upcoming City 1141."

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Economists see further decline, but rebound on the horizon

Weak economic performance in Idaho is expected during the new year, particularly during the first half of 2009, according to an economist at Zions Bank. Most economists also suggest that the national recession will have run its course by mid-to-late 2009, and Idaho should see a return to positive economic growth by late 2009. "Domestic and global financial contagion severely impacted the Idaho Economy in 2008, with the state falling into recession," said Jeff



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Thredgold, economic consultant to Zions Bank. "Even weaker economic performance seems likely during 2009's first half." Kruzing into the Humanitarian Bowl: Kruze Nationwide, a trucking company based in Filer, was featured on a commercial that aired

during the Humanitarian Bowl on ESPN. The company was highlighted by Internet Truckstop, a service that connects trucking companies with clients searching for a way to ship products. Internet Truckstop is also operated by an Idaho-based company. Twin Stop buys former 7-Eleven: Twin Stop, a Twin Falls-based gas station and convenience store chain, has added an eighth location to its line-up. Twin Stop purchased the former 7-Eleven convenience store on Kimberly

Road — the business is replacing the sign to reflect the new ownership. Why no Business the day after Christmas: A reader asked why the Times-News did not publish the Business section the day after Christmas. The answer: The Times-News usually does not publish the Business section the day after federal holidays when the markets are closed. We make an exception for Agribusiness. Joshua Palmer may be reached at 208-735-3231 or at jpalmer@magicalvalley.com

Soft shopping season puts store closures in play

By Andrea Chang
and Mark Medina
Los Angeles Times

After a dismal holiday shopping season marked by discounts that failed to lure buyers, struggling retailers face what could be a very unhappy New Year — one filled with thousands of store closings and a shakeout of weak players.

"That will mean fewer choices for consumers who have money to spend. "Overall, it was a very weak holiday season and it's going to flow over to the first half of next year," said Jeff Mintz, an analyst with Wedbush Morgan Securities. "Those that survive will be in a better position because the competition will be reduced, but for right now it's a very difficult time to be a retailer."

In the coming months of 2009, troubled retailers will take desperate actions to stay afloat, including shuttering redundant or underperforming locations and filing for bankruptcy protection to restructure business operations. Some retailers will join chains and exit the shrinking market altogether, analysts predict.

Roughly 73,000 retail stores might close in the first half of 2009, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

As store vacancies rise, small shopping centers also could be at risk, said Michael Niemi, the council's chief economist.

Retailers that don't have plans to close stores are taking other measures to weather the tough times ahead, including delaying store openings, hiring fewer workers and stocking less merchandise.

"We're running our inventories very lean because we're not sure what the consumer behavior is going to be in the

first quarter, and we're planning weekly promotions," Disney Store President Jim Fielding said. "Our mantra is to control the controllable. We can't control consumer behavior, and we can't control the micro-economy."

Target Corp. has reduced the number of stores it plans to open in 2009 and is heavily advertising the chain's low prices, spokeswoman Hadley Barrows said.

"Sales continue to be challenging, and consumers are really cautious," she said.

In the new year, "we're focusing more on the 'pay less' side of our 'expect more, pay less' brand promise," she said. "Retailers still have to fight for customers: In recent years, January has gone from being a clearance month to a revenue-generating month, led by gift-card redemptions and shoppers picking up items for themselves rather than gifts, said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst at market research company NPD Group.

But Cohen said many deals being rolled out by retailers "aren't that much better."

In some cases, markdowns are taken on merchandise that already had-been-discounted, he said.

"No matter how great the deal is, if I already have it, I don't need another one," Cohen said. "Traditionally at holiday time you have a fresh flow of new merchandise. That didn't happen this year."

Retail experts said a lack of compelling merchandise in many areas, including toys and electronics, further hurt sales. In the apparel sector, stores "went really conservative in terms of taking chances" on new styles, preferring to play it safe by stocking mostly basic items, Mintz said.

Business bankruptcy filings climb

The number of businesses that filed for bankruptcy in the third quarter is up nearly 61 percent from the same period a year ago.



NOTE: The sharp decline in the beginning of 2009 is due to a tougher federal bankruptcy law that went into effect.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	16.34	▲ .23	Dell Inc.	10.23	▼ .11	Idacorp	29.00	▲ .28
Lithia Mo.	3.40	▲ .15	Micron	2.44	▲ .08	Supervalu	13.53	▲ .85

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	85.387	▼ .10	Feb. oil	39.03	▼ .99
Jan. gold	869.30	▼ 5.30	Jan. silver	10.96	▲ .17

Today in business

WASHINGTON — Labor Department releases weekly jobless claims.

WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, releases weekly mortgage rates.

SHIJIAZHANG, China — Manager of Sanlu Dairy goes on trial for tainted milk scandal.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, MOST ACTIVE, GAINERS, and LOSERS. Includes stock symbols, prices, and volume.

INDEXES table showing Dow Jones Industrial, S&P 500, Russell 2000, and other market indices with their respective values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST table listing regional stocks like Albemarle, Amgen, and others with their prices and changes.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT
Market news are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not the abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES table listing various commodity futures such as wheat, corn, soybeans, and oil with their closing prices and changes.

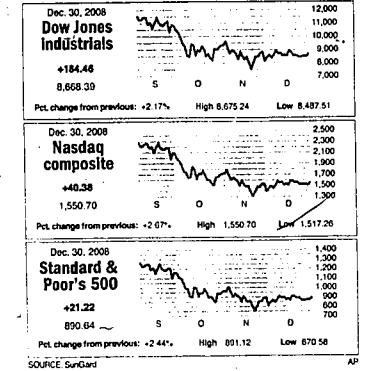
BEANS

Table listing various bean futures contracts and their market prices.

GRAINS

Table listing various grain futures contracts and their market prices.

A DAY ON WALL STREET



The Dow Jones industrial average rose 184.46, or 2.17 percent, to 8,668.33. Broader indexes also moved higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 21.22, or 2.44 percent, to 890.64.

Judge rules against Wal-Mart confidentiality request

By Randall Chase Associated Press writer
WILMINGTON, Delaware — A federal bankruptcy judge on Tuesday denied a request by Washington Mutual Inc. to keep details of certain asset sales secret.

McMahon added, "How are those bidders going to know what the sale price is if they look to the docket and get a sale notice with a mark across the purchase price?"

Kruzer's

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City officials have said they do not plan to pursue a new city hall as part of the redevelopment project, but may try to build mixed-use residential, office and retail buildings around a public square.

Valley did not provide further comment on the matter, saying only that he planned to move back to Boise.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Treasury Department said that it will provide \$5 billion to GMAC Financial Services LLC, the ailing financing arm of General Motors Corp., in a move that's expected to stave off a bankruptcy protection filing at the company but also severely limit GM's control over it.

sharpest annual rate on record in October and there are no signs the housing pain is over, according to a closely watched index released Tuesday.

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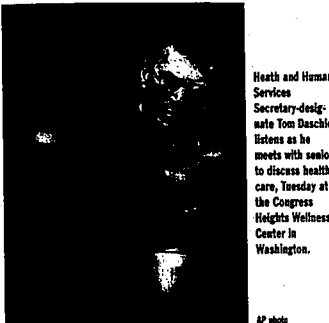
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Seniors give Daschle health reform ideas

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Note to President-elect Barack Obama: Health reform doesn't have to be all about expanding health insurance. It can be about the little things too, such as shorter waits in the doctor's office and putting in place incentives such as free checkups that catch little problems before they become big ones. That was the message Tuesday from two-dozen seniors who gave their views about what ails America's health care system to former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Obama's choice for secretary of health and human services. They listed a broad range of concerns, from four-hour waits to see a doctor, to the high cost of

prescription drugs, to lack of Medicare coverage for certain treatments and medical devices. Daschle said conversations like Tuesday's will put the new administration "on the right track" for overhauling the nation's health care system next year. Althea Campbell said she wanted more emphasis on medical research, particularly for Alzheimer's Disease. "My family is loaded with Alzheimer's. I feel like I'm going to be a victim of it," she said. "What is going to happen to me four or five years down the road. Who is going to take care of me?" Eugene Kinlow wants greater emphasis on helping people live more healthy lifestyles. "A major part of the cost problem is us. We keep driving up the cost of health



Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Tom Daschle listens as he meets with seniors to discuss health care Tuesday at the Congress Heights Wellness Center in Washington.

care, all of us, in our daily behavior and habits," he said. And Frederick Gore wants medical providers to be less concerned about how they're

going to be paid when a patient walks into their room with urgent medical conditions. "The other patients could see there was something wrong with me," he said. "I'm sitting there and can barely breathe and he's looking at how he's going to get paid." Some 8,500 meetings similar to the one at the Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center have been held around the country since Dec. 15. Daschle attended his second such meeting Tuesday, along with his mother, Betty. Obama's transition team will gather the information from these meetings and post the material on its Web site, <http://change.gov>. Daschle said the information would be used to help craft a health proposal.

Expert finds 9-year-old murder suspect incompetent

ST. JOHNS, Ariz. (AP) — A psychologist found a 9-year-old murder suspect incompetent to stand trial and determined the boy's age and intelligence kept him from understanding the premeditated murder charges he faces, the boy's defense lawyer said. The mental health expert nominated by the defense also said the boy could not be restored to competency within the time allowed by law, attorney Benjamin Brewer said this week. The attorney declined to discuss the evaluation further. It wasn't made public, nor has an evaluation conducted by an expert nominated by prosecutors.

The boy, whose birthday was Monday, is accused of using a .22-caliber rifle to shoot his father and another man on Nov. 5 at the family home in St. Johns. Killed were Vincent Romero, 29, and a co-worker, 39-year-old Timothy Romans, who was renting a room. The boy's competency is at the core of the case. The issue likely will be discussed at a hearing on a motion the father filed to suppress a police interview with the boy or during a competency hearing that could take place in January.

"That will be the biggest decision that will be made, for sure," he said. If a judge finds the boy is incompetent and unable to be restored to competency within 240 days, the case could be dropped with prejudice, meaning it could not be refiled. Prosecutors are worried the boy never will get the treatment he needs and the victims never will see justice if that determination is made.

If the boy is found fit to stand trial, Pinal County Superior Court Judge Michael Roca will hear arguments in a bench trial that attorneys say could wrap up by midyear. The attorney for Bradlyn said he expects the case to either go to trial or end with a plea deal by March or April, unless the boy is found incompetent with a chance of rehabilitation. That could delay the case by months.

Auction Calendar
Through January 17th

SATURDAY, JAN. 3, 10:00am
Public Auto Auction, Twin Falls
Cars • Trailers • Boats • RVs
Equipment • Pickups • Trucks
Phone 734-2548 • Fax 735-8175
HUNTS AUTO AUCTION

SATURDAY, JAN. 3, 1:00pm
Auction, Twin Falls
Furniture • Appliances • Tools
Collectibles • Garden Items
Phone 734-2548 • Fax 735-8175
HUNT BROS. AUCTIONS

MONDAY, JAN. 5, 5:30pm
Antiques & Collectibles, TF
Furniture • Tools • Guns
Appliances • Contemporary Home
734-1635 • 734-4667
IDAHO AUCTION BARN
www.auctionsidaho.com

TUESDAY, JAN. 6, 5:00pm
Household • Tools • Antiques
Outrageous Odds • Jerome
KLAAS AUCTION BARN
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SATURDAY, JAN. 10, 11:00am
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Innovators used ultra-fast lasers to imitate the microscopic properties of the surface of a lotus leaf, left, to achieve a self-cleaning, water-repellent surface, right.

Inventors find inspiration in natural phenomena

By Juliet Elperin
The Washington Post

For some, whale watching is a tourist activity. For Gunter Pauli, it is a source of technological inspiration. "I see a whale, I see a six-to-12-volt electric generator that is able to pump 1,000 liters per pulse through more than 100 miles of veins and arteries," he said. The intricate wiring of the whale's heart is being studied as a model for a device called a nanoscale arteriovenular bridge, which will undergo animal testing next year and could replace pacemakers for the millions of people whose diseased hearts need help to beat steadily. Pauli — who directs the Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives (ZERI) Foundation in Geneva — is an unabashed promoter of biomimicry, the science of making technological and commercial advances by copying natural processes. At a time when many are looking for ways to protect Earth's biodiversity and reduce the ecological impact of industrial products and processes, a growing number of business leaders and environmental activists

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— Janine Benyus, who leads the Biomimicry Guild, a Helena, Mont.-based consulting group

alike are looking to biomimicry as a way to achieve both ends. "The idea behind biomimicry is that life has already solved the challenges that we're trying to solve," said Janine Benyus, who leads the Biomimicry Guild, a Helena, Mont.-based consulting group. "There are literally as many ideas as there are organisms." In the past few years, entrepreneurs have developed and started marketing an array of inventions that imitate natural phenomena. For instance, the resurrection plant, a desert species common in Africa and Latin America, dries up and appears to be dead when water is scarce. It does so without breaking its cells' membranes, enabling it to revive when moisture returns. Researchers have learned to make some vaccines with a similar capability so they do not have to be

refrigerated. Other inventors are developing friction-free surfaces modeled on the slippery skin of the Arabian Peninsula's sandfish lizard, an advance that could eliminate the use of ball bearings in many products as well as industrial diamonds dust in automobile air bags. Knowing that the pearl oyster uses carbon dioxide to construct its calcium carbonate shell, a Canada-based company called CO2 Solution developed and patented a technology that converts carbon dioxide emissions into a water-based solution of bicarbonate ions, which can be turned into pure carbon dioxide gas or solid calcium carbonate. The firm has applied the process to cement production, reducing the large amounts of carbon dioxide that process releases. Oysters "see carbon dioxide as a building material," Benyus said.

The United Nations Environment Program and the International Union for Conservation of Nature have joined the Biomimicry Guild and ZERI to develop a list of Nature's 100 Best — the most prominent innovations inspired by natural processes. UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner said such technologies will be essential to more sustainable development in light of global warming. "There is simply a transformation challenge... that needs new ideas and new solutions to unlock the potential of nature and reinforce the planet's natural carbon storage capacity," he said. "If you can have 7.8 billion people living comfortably with one-tenth, one-thousandth of the amount of energy, that opens up a new realm of possibility." Some biomimicry products are still in the pipeline, but

Influx of black renters raises tension in SF Bay Area

By Paul Elias
Associated Press writer

ANTIOCH, Calif. — As more and more black renters began moving into this mostly white San Francisco Bay Area suburb a few years ago, neighbors started complaining about loud parties, mean pit bulls, blaring car radios, prostitution, drug dealing and muggings of schoolchildren. In 2006, as the influx reached its peak, the police department formed a special crime-fighting unit to deal with the complaints, and authorities began cracking down on tenants in federally subsidized housing. Now that the police unit is the focus of lawsuits by black families who allege the city of 100,000 is orchestrating a campaign to drive them out. "A lot of people are moving out here looking for a better place to live," said Karen Coleman, a mother of three who came here five years ago from a blighted neighborhood in nearby Pittsburg. "We are trying to raise our kids like everyone else. But they don't want us here. But city officials deny the allegations in the lawsuits, which were filed last spring and

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— Karen Coleman, a mother of three

seek unspecified damages. Across the country, similar tensions have simmered when federally subsidized renters escaped run-down, violent neighborhoods by moving to nicer communities in suburban Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles. But the friction in Antioch is "hotter than elsewhere," said U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development spokesman Larry Bush. An increasing number of poor families receiving federal rental assistance have been moving here in recent years, partly because of the housing crisis. A growing number of landlords were seeking a guaranteed source of revenue in a city hard-hit by foreclosures. They began offering their Antioch homes to low-income tenants in the HUD Section 8 housing program, which pays about two-thirds

of every tenant's rent. Between 2000 and 2007, Antioch's black population nearly doubled from 8,824 to 16,519. And the number of Antioch renters receiving federal subsidies climbed almost 50 percent between 2003 and 2007 to 1,582, the majority of them black. Longtime homeowners complained that the new arrivals brought crime and other troubles. In 2006, violent crime in Antioch shot up about 19 percent from the year before, while property crime went down slightly. "In some neighborhoods, it was complete madness," said longtime resident David Gilbert, a black retiree who organized the United Citizens of Better Neighborhoods watch group. "They were under siege." So the Antioch police in mid-2006 created the Community Action Team, which focused on complaints of trouble, at low-income

renters' homes. Police sent 315 complaints about subsidized tenants to the Contra Costa Housing Authority, which manages the federal program in the city and urged the agency to evict many of them for lease violations such as drug use or gun possession. Lawyers for the tenants said 70 percent of the eviction recommendations were aimed at black tenants. The housing authority turned down most of the requests. Coleman said the police, after a complaint from a neighbor, showed up at her house one morning in 2007 to check on her husband, who was on parole for drunk driving. She said they searched the house and returned twice more that summer to try to find out whether the couple had black tenants. The housing authority then argued that could lead to eviction. The Colemans were also slapped with a restraining order after a neighbor accused them of "continually harassing and threatening their family" according to court papers. The Colemans said a judge later rescinded the order. Coleman and four other families are suing Antioch,

accusing police of engaging in racial discrimination and conducting illegal searches without warrants. They have asked a federal judge to make their suit a class-action on behalf of hundreds of other black renters. Another family has filed a lawsuit accusing the city's leaders of waging a campaign of harassment to drive them out. Police referred questions to the city attorney's office. City Attorney Lynn Tracy Nerland denied any discrimination on the part of police and said officers were responding to crime reports in troubled neighborhoods when they discovered that a large number of the troublemakers were receiving federal subsidies. "They are responding to real problems," Nerland said. Police Villareal, the housing authority chief, said the problems in Antioch mirror tensions seen nationally when poor renters move into neighborhoods they can afford only with government help. "One of the goals of the programs is to de-concentrate poverty," Villareal said. "There is just some people who don't want to spend public money that way."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Highs near 35.
Tonight: Overnight snow showers. Lows 25 to 30.
Tomorrow: Snow possible. Highs 35 to 40

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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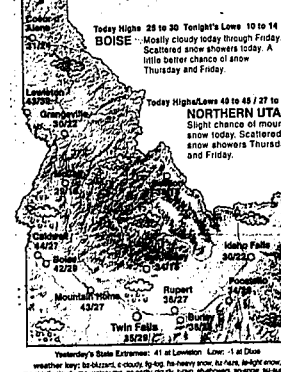
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RUBLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Highs near 35.
Tonight: Overnight snow showers. Lows near 25.
Tomorrow: Snow possible. Highs near 35.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly cloudy through Friday. A chance of snow today and Thursday. Increasing snow chances Friday.



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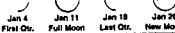
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Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Sunset. Lists sunrise and sunset times for today and tomorrow.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Lists moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

U.V. INDEX: Low, Moderate, High. Note: The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

I want to achieve something that is big, so exciting that it excites you when you see it on some stage. It must be a good thing that everybody can look at it with your eyes and see it.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for various Canadian cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Caroline Kennedy's 'you knows' become political fodder

By Jennifer Peitz, Associated Press writer



Caroline Kennedy responds during an interview, Friday in New York. Kennedy is one of the candidates in the running to replace Senator Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) after Clinton is confirmed as Secretary of State in President-Elect Obama's administration.

NEW YORK — If Caroline Kennedy had, you know, only known. Tracking the would-be New York senator's verbal tics has become a political pastime game in the days since she gave her first round of in-depth interviews, even spawning a hip-hop-style mash-up online blending her "you knows" with President-elect Barack Obama's "ohs."

Such conversational fillers are, of course, as common as, like, speech itself. But the buzz about Kennedy's "you knows" illustrates how problematic a few extraneous syllables can be for a public figure, especially in an era when today's verbal foibles is tomorrow's viral video.

"It really did a huge disservice to her," said communications training coach Matt Erentoff, a partner in Princeton Public Speaking in Princeton, N.J. Rather than focusing on Kennedy's views, he said, "people are going to spend time deconstructing the 'you knows.'"

Bloggers have torn into President John F. Kennedy's Harvard- and Columbia-edu-

both have been dubbed the "Wizard of Uhs"; a Boston radio host has held contests in which callers would count the number of "uhs" in a clip of the senator speaking. Former presidential candidate and ex-Sen. Bob Dole was noted for his "whatevers," former Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich for his use of "obviously." More recently, GOP presidential candidate John McCain's "my friends"

three "uhs," "uhs" and the like per minute. But they started getting irked once the number crept up to five to seven.

Besides being distracting, these little locutions can make a speaker seem ill-prepared or unsure of his or her point. "It becomes a big detriment to the speaker's credibility," said Becker, co-founder of The Speech Improvement Company Inc., based in Boston.

Dick Clark, 79, still rockin' New Year's Eve

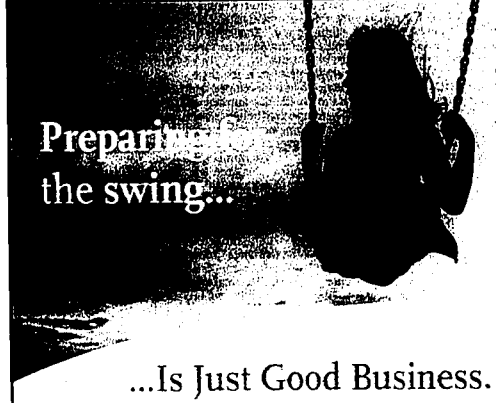
By Jeff Wilson, Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Four years after a stroke, Dick Clark is relishing the prospect of another New Year's Eve, determined to help host his 36th celebration from the Times Square and his TV surprised by the current state of the music industry he helped build — he predicted this, after all.

Clark, who turned 79 last month and has been in front of the cameras for 61 years, said in a recent interview by e-mail that his appearance on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2009," diminished though it may be, is a labor of love and "not really a job."

up on a platform and interacting with the crowds in Times Square" in New York, Clark wrote. "Thank goodness my friend Ryan Seacrest is able to handle that end of the activity on the show these days.

ABC-TV's 3 1/2-hour live extravaganza will include performances by Natasha Bedingfield, Fall Out Boy, Jesse McCartney, Ne-Yo, Pussycat Dolls, Solange and Robin Thicke. Fergie hosts the Hollywood segments. Clark woke up with right-side paralysis on Dec. 6, 2004 — "Your life changes overnight," he said. (Regis Philbin filled in for Clark on the New Year's Eve show that year.) Clark still uses a walker and a wheelchair, and speaking is difficult. "I am one of the fortunate ones who survived and have



...Is Just Good Business.

Do you remember being pushed in a swing as a child? Did you ever stop to think that in life, you never really get off that swing. Up and down, back and forth, you just took it for granted that the swing would go both ways.

That's a lesson sometimes forgotten as adults. To keep the swing moving, you had to lean back, pump your feet, and hold on for dear life. During an economic down-turn, you have to lean back a little farther, pump a little harder, and hold on a little tighter. It's the only way you can ride it back to the top.

In southern Idaho, we're lucky things are a little more stable here than other places, but that's because we keep pumping when others don't. We never stop looking for new business opportunities, we push each other to make sure everyone keeps swinging and we constantly prepare for the up-turn. Because, if you're not prepared when the swing changes direction, you're likely to fall out. And that's the best way we know of to miss out on the ride.





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She's no quack

Meet Vicki Patterson, Hagerman's duck doctor

By Melissa Devlin
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — They call her the Duck Lady, and for good reason.

Vicki Patterson, owner of The Riverboat Restaurant in Hagerman, is a master at cooking wild duck. Her cookbook — "I Can't Believe It's Duck!" — has devotes all over the country and a sponsorship from hunting personality Buck Gardner.

And now southern Idahoans can get a taste of her gourmet offerings.

Patterson cooks wild game dinners for her hunting customers at her restaurant, offering up everything from duck stir-fry to duck stroganoff. While the customers have to provide their own ducks, those who do are treated to a delicious new way to look at the oft-scorning waterfowl.

Before her duck adventures began, Patterson operated the first incarnation of The Riverboat Restaurant, situated on the Snake River. After years of success, one of her customers suggested she try cooking duck.

"I said, 'I hate duck. I've never had any duck that I liked,'" she said.

But her persistence took over, and after multiple experiments, she developed more than 100 diverse recipes to be proud of.

"Nothing leaves me until it tastes good," she said. From there, her efforts snowballed into a cookbook and a nationwide tour, showing off her duck savvy.

Soon, she was

inseparably labeled the Duck Lady.

Patterson designed "I Can't Believe It's Duck!" to be user-friendly for hunters and their families. One section lists must-have ingredients that home cooks should stock their cupboards with. Her recipes are versatile — her breaded duck strips can be used in a menagerie of dishes, like hunter's fajita salad and pasta.

Patterson uses her personal-copy cookbook to prepare meals at her restaurant. The pages of hers are well-worn from years of cooking, but the food they deliver is still as delicious.

Many of her recipes call for Patterson's blend of herbs and seasonings, called Champion's Choice. The seasonings have very little salt and no MSG — a point Patterson takes pride in — and are designed to tighten the duck's texture with natural tenderizers. The result: a flavorful duck with a steak-like texture and no hint of gaminess.

In October, she reopened The Riverboat Restaurant in a new location on Hagerman's State Street, where she offers catering and wild game dinners.

While she embraces her title as the queen of duck, she doesn't mince words about the unadorned bird.

"I still don't like duck," she said.



Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Vicki Patterson, chef at Riverboat Restaurant in Hagerman, demonstrates some of her cooking tips for duck recipes. Patterson recently reopened her restaurant after completing a tour for the promotion of her cookbook focusing on duck.

Your fowl friend

Vicki Patterson's cookbook "I Can't Believe It's Duck!" is available online at buckgardner.com for \$24.99. Champion's Choice, her signature line of seasonings, is available at Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls and at buckgardner.com.



Caramelized onion and duck pear bread. "My daughter calls it duck pizza," says Vicki Patterson, adding that the dish is great for formal and informal settings. The layered taste of sweet pear with tender meat mixes with garlic, cheddar and a hint of blue cheese that make the taste buds jump for joy. "I set out not to cover (the duck) up," says Patterson.



Riverboat pasta salad. Vicki Patterson suggests making this quick and easy dish for any meal, but says it would work especially well in summer because it doesn't have a mayonnaise base.

Holiday duck salad. Served with fresh fruit and mint and topped with either grilled or breaded duck. Patterson calls this dish a versatile way to use duck.



Duck scallopini.

Vicki Patterson says area hunters first approached her to see whether she would cook the ducks from their hunting trips. She didn't even like duck but was not willing to admit she couldn't cook something that tasted great. She tried various approaches for cooking the wild game and finally found the perfect medley of spices to make the meat's flavor sing.

DUCK SCALLOPINI

Recipe courtesy of Hagerman chef Vicki Patterson

- 2 duck breasts
- 1 cup Italian bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons butter, halved
- 1 ripe slicing tomato, diced
- 2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons green capers, with juice reserved
- White wine
- Salt, pepper and garlic granules, to taste
- Parmesan cheese, for garnish

To prepare duck: Heat olive oil and 2 tablespoons butter in pan. Butterfly the duck breast. To butterfly, slice each breast down the center and open it up like a butterfly. Pound each breast until very thin, then season with salt, pepper and granulated garlic to taste. Dredge in Italian bread crumbs and sear breaded duck breast in hot butter and olive oil until medium.

To make sauce: Combine diced tomato and capers in reserved caper juice and set aside. In the remaining 2 tablespoons butter, lightly saute mushrooms and chopped onions, and splash with white wine. Add tomatoes and capers, being careful not to overcook. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve sauce over duck breasts, and garnish with shredded Parmesan cheese.



Ham a roast-pork alternative

The Washington Post

Fresh ham is a delicious, cost-effective roast-pork option. It does take a little more time to cook than a loin or shoulder of pork because it has less marbling, so the meat has a tighter and denser texture.

Your options when purchasing a fresh ham are a whole leg, which can weigh from 8 to 20 pounds; the smaller pig, the more tender the meat will be. Or the ham can be sectioned in slices or as a steak from the rump end or the shank end. The rump end is leaner and meatier; the shank end is covered with a layer of fat and rind that keeps the meat moist and delicious.

The cut used in this recipe comes from the rump end of the ham.

The meat is best served the same day it is made. From chef Rls Lacoste.

MUSTARD-AND-MOLASSES-GLAZED HAM

12 servings

1 (8 1/2-pound) fresh ham, whole or cut from the rump end or shank

5 medium cloves garlic, cut in half lengthwise

2 to 3 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more to taste

3 teaspoons freshly cracked black pepper, plus more to taste

2 cups red or white wine, homemade chicken stock or water

1 large (12 ounces) sweet onion, cut into very thin slices

1/2 cup molasses

1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard

1/2 ounce sage leaves, minced (3 tablespoons)

2 tablespoons flour

2 tablespoons water

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.

Place the ham on a rack inside a large roasting pan. (If using the shank end, use a sharp knife to score the rind/fat layer and place the ham on the rack with the fat side up.) Make 10 slits in the top and insert the 10 half-cloves of garlic. Season all over with the salt and pepper; then cover the top with the sliced onions.

Depending on the size of the roast, plan for 20 to 30 minutes' cooking time per pound, until the internal tem-



A fresh ham glazed with mustard, molasses and sage can be the center of a comfortable, cost-conscious dinner.

perature reaches 160 degrees; baste every 20 minutes or so. (There will be few juices to baste with during the first hour of cooking.)

After 1 hour, add the wine, stock or water to the bottom of the pan, which will make subsequent basting easier and create juices for the gravy.

When the ham has 30 minutes left to cook, scrape the onions down to the bottom of the roasting pan. Combine the molasses, mustard and sage in a liquid measuring cup to form a glaze; then brush it on the meat.

Once the ham is done, transfer it to a large serving platter; discard any string tied around it. Let the meat rest while you make the gravy: Combine the flour and water in a liquid measuring cup to form a slurry.

Place the roasting pan over a burner on the stove top and heat over medium-high heat, or pour the cooking liquid into a medium saucepan (strain the onions, if desired); heat over medium-high heat until it just comes to a boil. Add the slurry, whisking constantly; both scraping the bottom of the pan and to form a thick gravy. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes until slightly thickened. Taste; it shouldn't need salt and pepper, but you can adjust as needed.

Per serving with gravy: 774 calories; 61 g protein; 15 g carbohydrates; 50 g fat; 17 g saturated fat; 212 mg cholesterol; 799 mg sodium; 0 g dietary fiber.

Ketchum chef teaches tapas in Twin Falls

Times-News

Argentina-born chef Nadina Keller will teach a cooking class titled "Tapas Small Plates for Entertaining" in downtown Twin Falls next week.

It's set for 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 8 at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

Tapas are appetizers for interactive entertaining or for serving together to make an eclectic meal. Keller brings experience from Cristina's and the prestigious Les Maison in her native Argentina to this traditional Spanish cuisine, a

Rudy's announcement said. The class menu: empanadas; calamari in saffron; flank steak with chimichurri; piquillos with serrano ham; and Manchego gratin with quince paste.

Over the past two decades, Keller has traveled and trained in South America and the U.S., and has lived in Ketchum for the past 10 years. After serving as head of the catering department for Cristina's Restaurant, Keller is now chef and owner of Savour, a catering and personal chef company.

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These breadsticks are a simple, flavorful addition

Los Angeles Times

These breadsticks are easy to flavor: Add 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary to the dough; or add freshly cracked black pepper, thyme, caraway or other spices or herbs; or sprinkle the grissini with sea salt or other specialty salt just before baking.



KIM HICKOY/Los Angeles Times

GRISSINI
1/2 cup warm water
1 package active dry yeast
1 teaspoon sugar
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon sea salt

In a large bowl, combine the water with the yeast, the sugar and 1/2 cup of the all-purpose flour. Set aside for 10 minutes, until bubbly.

Stir in the remaining all-purpose flour, wheat flour, olive oil and salt and knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Wash out the bowl and coat it with a thin layer of olive oil. Place the dough in the bowl, cover with plastic wrap and allow to rise in a warm place for 1 hour.

Remove the dough from the bowl and divide into four pieces on a floured surface. Roll out each piece into a

rectangle, 4 by 12 inches. Cut the dough lengthwise into 1/3-inch-wide strips. Place the strips about 1/2 inch apart on a greased baking sheet or a baking sheet lined with parchment. Repeat with the remaining dough. Allow the grissini to rise until puffed, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Bake the grissini, in batches, on the top shelf of the oven until lightly browned, about 10 minutes, rotating halfway through. Cool on a rack, then store in a sealed bag, being careful not to break any.

Total time: 55 minutes, plus rising time. Servings: Makes 4 dozen breadsticks.

Each breadstick: 22 calories; 1 gram protein; 4 grams carbohydrate; 0 fiber; 1 gram fat; 0 cholesterol; 48 milligrams sodium.

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THE RESTAURANT ROUNDS

What's new in the dining scene? Here's a look at some of the new places opening in the area.

Flexible but fabulous: Pear and white chocolate

The Washington Post

This is a fabulous and flexible dessert created by pastry chef Terri Horn. The fruit can be changed with the seasons. Here, chef Ris Lacoste added Poire Williams, a pear-flavored liqueur, to the custard, but that is optional. She uses extra-large eggs to create enough custard for a creme Anglaise sauce. (Creme Anglaise is traditionally made with egg yolks and not whole egg, and is heated to thicken from a warm state. When the chef heats this remaining custard for a sauce, from a not-so-warm state, the eggs often curdle. No problem: She purees the warmed custard in a blender, where it becomes smooth, frothy and light.)

You will need a dozen 4- to 6-ounce ramekins, or you can use large-muffin tins with deep wells.

MAKE AHEAD: The puddings can be assembled and baked, cooled and kept at room temperature in their ramekins. The custard can be made 1 day in advance and refrigerated. It may happen that there is no remaining custard to make a creme Anglaise sauce; this could be due to the dryness of the bread or how much the ramekins will hold. It is more important that the puddings are well saturated than having custard left over for sauce. If that happens, make a separate small batch of creme Anglaise sauce or serve the puddings just with the sweetened whipped cream.

PEAR-WHITE CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

12 servings
1 20-ounce loaf challah or

briccho, cut into 3/4-inch cubes; makes 12 cups (may substitute brioche)

3 Bosc pears, 2 1/2 of them peeled and cut into 3/4-inch chunks; makes 3 cups (1/2 pear wrapped tightly in plastic wrap to prevent oxidation, reserved for garnish)

12 ounces white chocolate, cut into 1/2-inch chunks

1 1/2 cups heavy cream (1/2 cup reserved for garnish)

1/2 vanilla bean, split with seeds scraped

9 extra-large eggs, at room temperature

1 scant cup (granulated) sugar

2 tablespoons pear-flavored liqueur, such as Poire Williams (optional)

1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar, for garnish and for sprinkling (optional)

12 sprigs mint, for garnish (optional)

Have ready a 2-inch roasting pan large enough to place twelve 4- to 6-ounce ramekins inside, with space around each one for even cooking. (Two small baking dishes may be substituted.) Use a floured baking spray to coat the inside of the ramekins.

Fill each ramekin halfway with the bread cubes. Use all the pear chunks to create a layer on top of the bread cubes, pressing them down. Use all but 1 cup of the remaining bread cubes to overstuff the ramekins as a third layer. Reserve (freeze) any remaining bread cubes for another use.

Stud each pudding with a proportionate amount of white chocolate chunks.

Combine the cream, vanilla bean and scraped seeds in a medium saucepan; bring just to the point of scalding over medium or medium-

high heat. Watch closely so it does not boil over.

Meanwhile, whisk the eggs and (granulated) sugar together in a large bowl.

Remove the cream from the heat. Discard the vanilla bean (or rinse, dry and save for another use). Whisk a little of the cream into the egg-sugar mixture to equalize the temperature of the eggs, then slowly whisk in the remaining cream to form a custard. For best results strain through a fine-mesh strainer to remove any bits of curdled egg. Add the pear-flavored liqueur, if using.

Transfer the custard into a vessel with a spout; a squeeze bottle or baster may be used as well. Fill each ramekin to the top with the custard, poking holes to make sure to get to the bottom of the ramekins. Let the unbaked puddings rest for 30 minutes to absorb the first round of custard.

About 15 minutes before you are ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Boil a kettle of water for the roasting pan water bath (bain marie).

Top off each pudding with a bit more custard so the ramekins are filled; the puddings will be glistening and may overflow slightly. Turn OK. Reserve any remaining custard (at room temperature) to make sauce.

Place the roasting pan on the middle rack and fill with boiling water so that the water comes halfway up the sides of the ramekins. Bake for 20 minutes, then carefully turn the pan front to back. Bake for 10 to 20 minutes, or until the puddings are puffed, set and golden brown.

Let them rest in the water-filled roasting pan until just cool enough to handle.



Pear-White Chocolate Bread Pudding can be part of a budget-minded but elegant dinner.

(At this point, the ramekins can be removed from the water bath and cooled to room temperature before covering and refrigerating for up to 1 day. To serve, run a knife through the inside edge of each pudding and invert to unmold. Place the unmolded puddings, browned side up, on a baking sheet. If they are not still warm when ready to serve, place them in a 350-degree oven until just warmed through.)

Just before serving, combine the remaining 1/2 cup heavy cream and the confectioners' sugar in the bowl of stand mixer or hand-held electric mixer; beat for a few

minutes until soft peaks form. Unwrap, then cut the remaining 1/2 pint into 24 very thin slices.

Heat any remaining custard in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon until warmed through and slightly thickened to form a sauce. (If the eggs curdle, transfer the custard to a blender and puree until smooth.)

Place a warm pudding on each plate. Spoon some of the creme Anglaise around the puddings. Garnish the plate with a dollop of the sweetened whipped cream, studding it with 2 fanned

pear slices and a sprig of mint, if desired.

Dust the tops of the puddings with confectioners' sugar, if desired.

Per serving: 483 calories, 24g fat, 12g saturated fat, 239mg cholesterol, 266mg sodium, 59g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, 11g protein.

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Paula Wolfert's prunes in Armagnac with ice cream.

Soak your prunes in Armagnac

Los Angeles Times

You will need a sterilized 1 1/2-quart, wide-mouth glass jar for this recipe. Superfine sugar can be found in the baking section of many grocery stores; alternatively, place granulated sugar in the bowl of a food processor and blend until very fine. Armagnac, a type of French brandy, can be found in many liquor and grocery stores, including Trader Joe's.

Adapted from "The Cooking of Southwest France" by Paula Wolfert.

PRUNES IN ARMAGNAC

3 1/2 cups water, divided
6 tea bags (camomille, linden or orange pekoe)
2 pounds extra-large prunes (dried plums), about 6 cups
1 cup superfine sugar

About 3 cups Armagnac

In a small saucepan, bring 3 cups of water to a boil, add the tea bags and remove from the heat. Step 5 minutes. Place the prunes in a medium heat-proof bowl and cover with the tea. Soak overnight at room temperature.

The next day, drain the prunes, discarding the tea. Roll the prunes in paper towels to dry well and place them in a sterilized 1 1/2-quart, wide-mouth glass canning jar.

In a small saucepan, combine the sugar with 1/2 cup water. Bring to a boil over high heat and boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool completely.

Pour the cooled syrup over the prunes. Completely cover the prunes with the Armagnac, then stir the mixture. If the prunes rise above

the line of the liquid, add more Armagnac.

Let the prunes in Armagnac soak a minimum of 2 weeks in a cool, dark place or in the refrigerator. The soaked prunes will keep for up to one year.

Total time: 30 minutes, plus 2 weeks soaking time. Servings: 6 cups soaked prunes.

Each 1/8 cup: 66 calories; 0 protein; 11 grams carbohydrate; 1 gram fiber; 0 fat; 0 cholesterol; 0 sodium.

Sustainable foods discussion course begins soon in Hailey

Times-News

With an increasing awareness about the impacts of their food choices, consumers have begun to ask pertinent questions about where food comes from, how their food decisions affect farmers, and how nutritious their food actually is, say organizers of upcoming discussions in Hailey.

The Environmental Resource Center will host a second six-week discussion group about sustainable food systems, titled "Menu for the Future."

Beginning Jan. 20, participants will meet weekly at the Community Campus in Hailey at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. These hour-long discussion groups will focus on readings from the Northwest Earth Institute. Topics will include the effects of modern eating habits, the shift from family farms to industrial agriculture, small-scale sustainable alternatives,

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B.C. By Johnny Hart

THOR GOT ME A BRACELET FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR.

HE GOT ME A DIAMOND NECKLACE.

I'D LIKE TO EXCHANGE THIS FOR A BOY CAR.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

GO IF THERE ARE 32 OZ. OF SUGAR IN AN 80 OZ. BAZAR OF COOKIE DOUGH, THAT MEANS THE COOKIES WOULD BE 40% SUGAR.

UH-OH!

WHAT?

THAT'S OVER THE LIMIT. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE LESS THAN 25% SUGAR.

I GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SUGAR.

I CAN TRY SALT.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

DON'T YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, GIZMO?

NO.

DON'T YOU NEED A GIRL TO SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH? SOMEONE TO LOVE?

SHHH!

GOES TO WORK

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I JUST REALIZED THIS IS THE LAST SANDWICH I'LL EVER MAKE THIS YEAR.

THAT'S PRETTY SAID, ISN'T IT?

OH WELL. TIME MARCHES ON, DOESN'T IT?

TRY TO BE STRONG, BOB.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

TED, PROFITS ARE FALLING. I HAVE TO DOWNSIZE YOU.

YOU WORTHLESS SACK OF MONKEY SPIT! I HOPE THE BIRDS THAT ATE YOUR BRAIN REGURGITATE PELLETS DOWN YOUR NECK!

I HAVE LOTS MORE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BURN ANY BRIDGES.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

What's up, Professor's boy?

Professor's getting a visit from his sideshow brother.

Dusty!

He's a human giant in a traveling circus.

That's enough, cowboy.

What sorta freak can he do? He can pluck a cat from a tree?

Could he get man prize off the top?

That'd be a tall order!

...NNNG!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

5-4-3-2-1... HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELL, GIRL... LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR.

LET'S GO BACK TO BED, LIZ... THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT SPENDING THE NIGHT...

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

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SHORTNESS OF BREATH, DIZZINESS, COLD SWEATS... YEP, YOU'RE AN INVESTOR ALL RIGHT.

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Garfield By Jim Davis

THIS YEAR I RESOLVE TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE...

WHICH WILL REQUIRE EFFORT, DETERMINATION...

AND BEING MUCH BRISKER.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

OKAY, MEN - THE PLAN IS TO ROYAL UP ON THEM SILENTLY...

AS MUFFLE YOUR CARS!

HEY! MY MUFFLER HOOKS IN MY CLOSET!

MINE TOO!

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US SOONER, HAGAR!

YEAH! WHEN WAS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

NO ONE DOES ANYONE ELSE!

NO ONE LIKES US AS MUCH AS WE DO!

Hi and Lois By Chance Brown

GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU LOOK 10 YEARS YOUNGER!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY THAT?

COLOR MY HAIR?

GREEN WOULD LOOK NICE WITH THAT GREATER.

Luann By Greg Evans

WELL, IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE. A BIT LATE TO PUT TOGETHER A PARTY.

YEAH, EVERYONE ELSE HAS MADE PLANS.

SEEMS WE'RE NOT PART OF ANYONE'S PLAN.

JUST EACH OTHER'S.

SO LET'S PARTY TOGETHER! THE 3 OF US!

YEAH! VERY EXCLUSIVE. NO ONE ELSE WANTED.

YOU GUYS ARE WHO I WANNA PARTY WITH ANYWAY.

WHY DO WE NEED ANYONE ELSE?

NO ONE LIKES US AS MUCH AS WE DO!

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

NEW YEAR? DON'T ASK ME!

DOGS CAN'T TELL ONE YEAR FROM ANOTHER.

I KNOW I HAVE MY SUPPER IN THE RED DISH AND MY DRINKING WATER IN THE YELLOW DISH...

BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT YEAR THIS IS...

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

HELLO, RAT... IT'S ME, THE CHRISTMAS TREE GIRL... I'M GOING TO A PARTY AND I'D LIKE YOU TO COME.

CAN'T I STUCK IN A BIG, FAT LOAD OF DEPRESSION.

WELL, THAT'S SNAKY. IF YOU'RE DEPRESSED, A PARTY IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED. COME. TALK TO PEOPLE.

PAKISTAN HAS THE BOMB AND WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE.

LET'S GO.

Pickles By Brian Crane

HAPPY NEW YEAR, DEAR!

SMOOCH!!

IT'S NOT THE NEW YEAR NEXT YEAR... IT'S ONLY 4 HRS.

AH... DO YOU THINK THE CHOROPHORES MIGHT STILL BE OPEN?

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

ROSE, IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT!

KEEP FOLDING!

WE'RE STARTING THE NEW YEAR FREE FROM LAUNDRY OBLIGATIONS!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

WELL, IT'LL BE A NEW YEAR WARDEN, BOB.

A REAL TON-SITHRAL WARDEN.

SURE TO.

THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO RECONSIDER THINKING TO AVOIDS WHAT'S WORDED AND WANT WANT WANT TO CHALLENGE OLD, STRENGTH BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES.

IT HELPS TO KEEP MINDS QUIET DURING BOUTE GAMES.

WELL, A GOOD TIME TO DROP SOME MORE WARDEN.

HE HAD ANOTHER "JUNIOR" MOMENT."

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

YOU'D BETTER LET ME DRIVE.

HICCP HICCP HIC HIC

MAYBE WE SHOULD GET A TOW.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

OH MY GOAH!

I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!

WHEN JEREMY LEFT FOR SCHOOL THIS MORNING HE KISSED ME AND SAID "THANK YOU FOR BREAKFAST, MOM."

GOOD MANNERS... SCARY!

IF THAT WENT ACHY FORWARD I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!

Anxiety, satisfaction in Israel over Gaza assault

By Aron Heller
Associated Press writer

SDEROT, Israel — This working-class border town has been pummeled with several thousand missiles fired out of Gaza since 2001. Now anxiety is mixed with satisfaction that Israel's military is finally getting even with its tormentors.

"It's about time," said Victor Turjeman, a 33-year-old electrician. "We've been waiting for this for eight years."

In that time, rockets have killed eight people here, injured hundreds more and made daily life unbearable. Turjeman said his four children have been traumatized by the near daily attacks, his home has been damaged and his brother had a heart attack after a rocket exploded nearby.

He fears escalation, but said he was pleased that the militant group Hamas was finally being punished.

"We should keep pounding them until they beg for mercy," — Victor Turjeman, a 33-year-old electrician

Israeli warplanes have struck furiously at Hamas positions in Gaza since Saturday, killing about 300 people, according to Palestinian health officials.

Elsewhere in southern Israel, however, people were increasingly fearful, and many followed army instructions to begin preparing bomb shelters. Four Israelis were killed

by rockets since the Israeli offensive began, some in attacks that struck farther into Israel than ever before.

In Beersheba, the largest city in southern Israel, streets and malls were alive with movement, even after the Israeli military extended its rocket warning system to include the city Monday.

Ortal Levy, a 30-year-old mother of two, said she had never even entertained the idea that her bustling city could be within rocket range. Now she was preparing her bomb shelter.

Outside the central bus station, Mazal Ivyl, 62, said she couldn't believe their city, 20

miles from Gaza, would be hit. "When the first 'boom' comes, we'll have to get used to a new situation," she said.

That first attack on Beersheba came Tuesday. One long-range rocket hit it in an open area outside the city, and the mayor told Israel television that a second missile struck an empty kindergarten.

Unlike the new targets of Gaza's militants, the residents of Sderot are well versed with life under fire. Sderot Mayor David Buskila said his 24,000 citizens were still scared but mostly overjoyed that something was being done to strike at Hamas.

"We felt abandoned for so long, that our despair was ignored. We felt like we weren't even a part of Israel," he said. "Now we feel like the army is actively protecting us."



An Israeli security officer examines damage to a house hit by a rocket, fired by Palestinian militants, in the town of Sderot southern Israel, Tuesday. Israeli aircraft kept up a relentless string of assaults on Hamas-ruled Gaza on Tuesday, smashing a government complex, security installations and the home of a top militant commander as thousands of Israeli ground troops, backed by tanks and artillery, massed along the border, waiting for a signal to attack.

NASA reports details of Columbia deaths

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Seat restraints, pressure suits and helmets of the doomed crew of the space shuttle Columbia didn't work well, leading to "lethal trauma" as the out-of-control ship lost pressure and broke apart, killing all seven astronauts, a new NASA report says.

At least one crew member was alive and pushing buttons for half a minute after a first loud alarm sounded, as he futilely tried to right Columbia during that disastrous day Feb. 1, 2003.

In fact, by that time, there was nothing anyone could have done to survive as the fatally damaged shuttle streaked across Texas to a landing in Florida what would never take place.

But NASA scrutinizes the final minutes of the shuttle tragedy in a new 400-page report released Tuesday. The agency hopes to help engineers design a new shuttle replacement capsule more capable of surviving an accident.

An internal NASA team recommends 30 changes based on Columbia, many of them aimed at pressurization suits, helmets and seat-belts.

As was already known, the astronauts died either from lack of oxygen during depressurization or from hitting something as the space-

craft spun violently out of control. The report said it wasn't clear which of those events killed them.

And in the case of the helmets and other gear, three crew members weren't wearing gloves, which provide crucial protection from decompression. One wasn't in the seat, one wasn't wearing a helmet and several were not fully strapped in. The gloves were off because they are too bulky to do certain tasks and there is too little time to prepare for re-entry, the report notes.

Had all those procedures been followed, the astronauts might have lived longer and been able to take more actions, but they still wouldn't have survived, the report says.

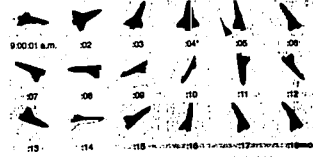
The new report comes five years after an independent investigation panel issued its own exhaustive analysis of Columbia, but it focused heavily on the cause of the accident and the culture of NASA.

The new document lists five "events" that were each potentially lethal to the crew: Loss of cabin pressure just before or as the cabin broke up; crew members, unconscious or already dead, crashing into objects in the module; being thrown from their seats and the module; exposure to a near vacuum at 100,000 feet; and hitting the ground.

Report details Columbia's final seconds

A new report details five "events" that were potentially lethal to Columbia's space shuttle crew. In one, the crew, unconscious or already dead, was exposed to the shuttle's rotation without proper helmets and upper body restraint.

Entry simulation sequence over Texas, Feb. 1, 2003 (EST)



"Report shows left wing of orbiter departing track. It actually shed debris over time." SOURCE: NASA

Just a second

International time keeps adding extra second to year so Earth can catch up

By Rayhae G. Satter and Jamey Keaton
Associated Press writer

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA
MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — In the year 2009,

It's going to take a little longer to get possible to the west coast than it will for those on the east.

The extra bit of time will be in the "See you in the future" leap second, says the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service. The leap second has been used sporadically at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, including an adjustment that the International Atomic Time took into account should be placed by international Atomic Time, a computerized world time.

Some events, like the AFL should be played by international Atomic Time, a computerized world time. However, not all businesses have adjusted to the time, and some will still show the time as local time.

That opportunity will come from a system measurement, they say, would change one year of time forever as atomic clock could one day compare the number of seconds and more.

The time warp could be made able for the first time since 1982. In human terms, the leap second is worth the one-eighth of a second. It would occur around 11:59:59 in terms of thousands of years, the sun would be days behind the human calendar.



A visitor steps over the Greenwich Meridian line at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London, Tuesday. Scientists will mark the end of 2008 by ticking a second onto the clock, even so slightly slowing the annual of the year. The addition of the 'leap second' has been used sporadically since 1972 to help keep 'atomic time' and 'earth time' in closer union.

That bothers people like Steve Alton, an analyst at the University of California at Santa Cruz's DRI Observatory.

"I don't see any advantage with respect to less or less to the clock and to the time, when this is the highest in the 45, Alton said.

Atomic time advocates argue that leap seconds are unnecessary because they're impractical.

Defiant Ill. governor names Obama replacement

Opposition abounds for choice
By Deanna Bellandi
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — A defiant Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Tuesday named a black political trailblazer to Barack Obama's Senate seat, a surprise move that put the governor's opponents in the uncomfortable position of trying to block his choice from becoming the Senate's only black member.

Blagojevich's appointment of former state Attorney General Roland Burris injected rare into the drama sur-

rounding the embattled governor, who repeatedly sought to distance his selection from charges that he tried to sell the seat to the highest bidder.

"Please don't allow the allegations against me to taint a good and honest man," the governor said, turning to the smiling 71-year-old standing by his side.

"This is about Roland Burris as a U.S. senator, not about the governor who made the appointment."

Burris was the first African American elected to major statewide office in Illinois, serving as comptroller and running for governor three times — the last time

losing to Blagojevich.

He said he has no connection to the charges against Blagojevich, who was arrested earlier this month.

Even before the announcement, which was leaked several hours before the governor's move ran into opposition, Illinois' Secretary of State Jesse White, who must certify the appointment, said Tuesday he will not do so. And Senate leaders reiterated that they would not accept anyone appointed by Blagojevich.

In a statement Tuesday, Senate Democrats maintained that Blagojevich should not make the appointment because doing so would be

unfair to Burris and to the people of Illinois.

"It is truly regrettable that despite requests from all 50 Democratic senators and public officials throughout Illinois, Gov. Blagojevich would take the imprudent step of appointing someone to the United States Senate who would serve under a shadow

and be plagued by questions of impropriety," the statement said. "Under these circumstances, anyone appointed by Gov. Blagojevich cannot be an effective representative of the people of Illinois and, as we have said, will not be seated by the Democratic caucus."



Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich announces his choice of former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris to fill President-elect Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat Tuesday, in Chicago. Obama struck the same tone. Roland Burris is a good man and a fine public servant, but the Senate Democrats made it clear weeks ago that they cannot accept an appointment made by a governor who is accused of selling this very Senate seat. I agree with their decision," the president-elect said in a statement.

Opponents protest Kremlin's presidential term effort

By Philip P. Pan
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — One of Russia's opposition parties has challenged the Kremlin's whirlwind legislative campaign to extend the term of the Russian president, saying it violates a law requiring parliament to wait a year before ratifying a constitutional amendment.

The protest by the pro-democracy Yabloko party could prove an unexpected hurdle for President Dmitry Medvedev's plan to extend the presidential term from four years to six years — a proposal that has prompted widespread speculation that his

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, is preparing to return to the nation's top post. The Kremlin has moved unusually quickly to enact the amendment, pushing it through both houses of parliament and all 83 of the nation's regional legislatures in less than 50 days. The upper house of parliament confirmed the votes from the regions and sent the measure to the Kremlin for Medvedev's signature last week.

In a statement issued the same day, Yabloko objected to the move, pointing out that a clause in the 1998 law setting procedures for amending the constitution says the regions must be given a year to consider proposed amendments.

Loser rejects results in Bangladesh election

By Farid Hossain
Associated Press writer

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Bangladesh's first election in seven years was called largely free, fair and the most peaceful in decades Tuesday, but the bitter feelings between the two women who have dominated politics re-emerged as the loser rejected her archrival's win.

The vote returned former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to power in a landslide. But her rival's accusation of vote fraud indicated Hasina will find it difficult to escape paralyzing power struggles in a country long plagued by corruption and misrule. Both women faced recent corruption charges.

"It is a farcical election," Khaleda Zia, also a former



Supporter of Awami League party wait to congratulate party President Sheikh Hasina, portrait seen background, as a security personnel stands guard outside her residence in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tuesday. Hasina's political alliance won a landslide victory in elections aimed at restoring democracy to the troubled South Asian nation, an election official said Tuesday.

prime minister, said in a televised news conference

early Wednesday, claiming the results did not reflect the

people's opinion.

Monday's election heralded the Muslim country's return to democracy after two years of military-backed rule, which was put in place after failed elections in 2007 dissolved into street riots.

While Zia's party charged that Hasina's new two-thirds majority in Parliament was the result of widespread vote fraud, both Bangladeshi and international observers expressed satisfaction with the voting process.

"This has been a very free and fair election," said Election Commission Secretary Humayun Kabir, who had 20,000 observers monitoring the vote.

"The process appears to have yielded a result that accurately reflects the will of Bangladesh voters," said Constance Berry Newman, head of a 65-person delegation from the International Republican Institute, a Washington-based group that promotes democracy.

The United States welcomed the successful vote.

"All Bangladeshis can take great pride in the success of these elections," said a State Department statement, noting the high voter turnout.

But Zia's party filed complaints with the Election Commission, charging ballot-rigging and forgery at 220 polling stations, including election officials registering fake votes.

Pakistan closes U.S. supply route to hit militants

By Rizaz Khan
Associated Press writer

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Pakistan suspended truck shipments of U.S. military supplies through the famed Khyber Pass on Tuesday after launching an offensive against militants who are trying to cripple Washington's war on a resurgent Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan.

The U.S. military said a temporary closure of the key supply line was not a problem, and praised the campaign in the rugged hills of northwestern Pakistan where al-Qaida leaders — including Osama bin Laden — are believed hiding.

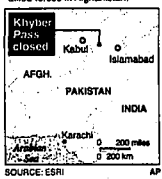
The operation came amid tensions between Pakistan and its eastern neighbor, India, triggered by last month's terror attack in Mumbai, which the Indian government and Washington have blamed on Islamic extremists based in Pakistan.

Pakistan urged India to pull back troops that it claimed had been sent near their border after Islamabad began moving troops toward the frontier. India said it had done nothing to aggravate tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbors. Both countries also appealed for calm.

Militants in the Khyber

Major pass closed

Pakistan has closed the Khyber Pass following repeated attacks by militants seeking to cut the main supply line to U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan.



Pass have vowed to choke off supplies heading across Pakistan's western border to

American and NATO troops in Afghanistan, where fighting is escalating seven years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled a Taliban regime.

Western forces in landlocked Afghanistan rely on the winding, mountainous road for delivery of up to 75 percent of their fuel, food and other goods, which arrive in Pakistan via the port city of Karachi. Ammunition and weapons are flown in.

With the U.S. preparing to almost double the number of its soldiers in Afghanistan next year, the Western forces already were looking for alternate supply routes.

Last month, The Associated Press reported

that NATO was close to reaching deals with Central Asian countries north of Afghanistan that would allow the alliance to truck in "non-lethal" supplies from there.

NATO has reached a similar agreement with Russia that remains in force despite tensions triggered by the fighting in the former Soviet republic of Georgia this year, alliance officials said.

Tariq Hayat Khan, the top administrator in the Khyber area, said Pakistani security forces were striking at militants using helicopter gunships and heavy artillery. Another official in the region said the road was closed because of the offensive.

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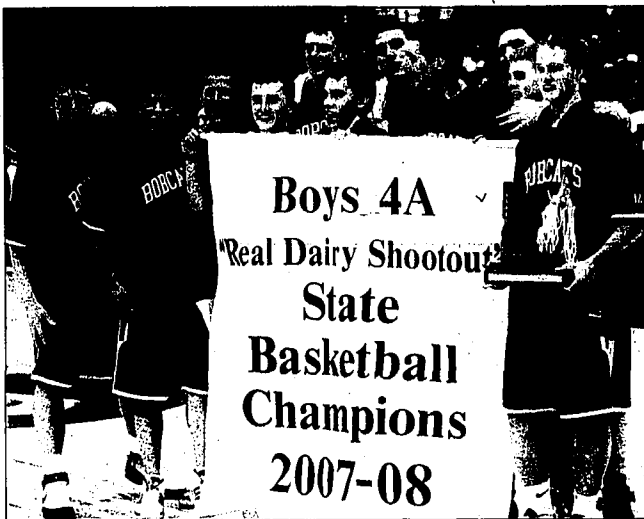
Burley's Band of Brothers

1 Their legend began in the fifth grade when they began beating teams of older kids. There was always something special about this group. As they grew, so did their determination and savvy. The Burley High boys basketball team closed the final chapter of their collective high school basketball careers with an undefeated season that culminated with their second-consecutive Class 4A state championship trophy last March.

The Band of Brothers could possibly be the greatest high school hoops team ever assembled in Idaho. They dominated with a 53-1 record over two seasons, including a 46-game winning streak. The only thing more impressive than the on-court dominance was their off-court character.

Burley didn't have a soloist — it had the whole symphony. And point guard Colton Moon was the conductor. But he didn't do it alone. The Band of Brothers succeeded with balanced, team-oriented play. Casey Miller was a center and Kyle Hepworth was a year younger. The meat of the team was 2008 graduates Jordan Hosteen, Braeden Clayton, Matt Baker, Ben Searle, Marcus Hoskins, Brad Casenia, and Kaden Smith.

Their legend ended just as it began: Unified. Dignified. And certainly something special.



Times-News file photos; Minico football photo courtesy Idaho State Journal

Terps rally to bowl win over Nevada

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

HOISE — Ralph Friedgen's initial reaction was to put Da'ell Scott and the six other Maryland players who broke curfew leading up to the humanitarian bowl on a bus with a one-way ticket back to College Park, Md.

Instead of being run out of town, Scott stuck around and ran over Nevada.

Bounced for 2½ quarters for his curfew violation, an inspired Scott became an unstoppable running force for the final 20 minutes. He carried 14 times for 174 yards and scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns as Maryland held off the Wolf Pack 42-35 on Tuesday.

"I just felt as though I had to fix with a purpose," Scott said.

And run Scott did, blowing through a worn down Nevada defense in the final quarter. He sprinted 49 yards nearly untouched to stop a 28-all tie early in the fourth, then added a 2-yard TD gallop to put the Terps up 14 points with 7:44 left.

But until he got his first carry midway through the third quarter, doubt lingered in Scott's mind as to if his transgression would keep him off the field. He

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Get previews for all of today's bowl games.

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CSI men's collapse

2 They started 26-0. They spent much of the season ranked No. 1. But in the biggest game of the season, the Golden Eagles came up short. The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team suffered an 81-77 loss to Salt Lake Community College in the Region 18 Tournament championship game March 8, with late turnovers costing them a chance at victory. The Bruins went on to finish as national runner-up, while the Golden Eagles were left with a 30-2 record and a feeling of what could have been.



Escape from Spartanville

3 It was The Stop, followed by The Drive, punctuated by The Catch. Minico and Jerome were facing off for the second time in the season with a shot at the Class 4A state football championship game on the line. The Spartans had the ball with a three-point lead and less than four minutes to go, set up with first-and-goal from the Jerome 4. Jerome's defense held, allowing the offense to drive 38 yards the other way. As time expired, Cameron Stauffer threaded a pass through three defenders to Ross Hillier to win.



Four in the finals

4 The Maple Valley's final four, Jerome, Declo, Oakley and Carey. Each reached the state football championship games of their respective classifications. Only Carey was able to bring home the top prize in Class 1A Division II. Of the others, Jerome overcame three tough road games and losing its starting QB to reach the 4A title game. Declo's 21 championship game appearance was the first in school history. Oakley played for its second straight 1A Division I title after winning 25 consecutive games.



Barret's Bunch

5 The CSI men's basketball team had a record nine sophomore sign with NCAA Division I teams following a 30-2 campaign. Among the headliners, forward Juan Kevinillo joined Oklahoma, while point guard Bertin Galloway headed to Kentucky and shooting guard Joey Shaw joined WAC power Nevada. Head coach Barret Peery also moved on, joining the University of Utah as an assistant coach, with CSI assistant Steve Gosar taking over the head coaching job for the Golden Eagles.



TFHS repeats for golf, XC team titles

6 Twin Falls High School brought home two more state championships in 2008, one in girls golf and one in boys cross country. The girls golf team earned its seventh team title this decade, beating Caldwell by nearly two dozen strokes. Despite having no runners finish in the top 10, the Bruin boys cross country team won its second straight Class 5A team championship. The Bruins finished 19 points ahead of runner up Boise.



Minico football goes national

7 The Minico Spartans made school history by making their national television debut in September, defeating Colfax, Calif., in the Rocky Mountain Rumble at Holt Arena in Pocatello. The heroes of Skylar "Poke" Morgan and company was broadcast by Altitude Sports, which is seen in 10 states via cable providers and nationally on satellite services like Dish Network and DirecTV. The Spartans won 28-6 against a team whose program had posted a all-time record of 123-21 prior to the contest.



Highs and lows for CSI women's teams

8 No one had touched Salt Lake pitcher Lindsey Palmer all season. She was 28-0 heading into the Region 18 semifinal, but CSI touched her up twice. The capper was a 21-1 romp in the region title game, handing the Golden Eagles their first crown in the program's second season. The CSI women's basketball team also won the region title and placed in the top 10 at the national tournament. CSI's volleyball team sank in an opening-round defeat at the Region 18 Tournament after being ranked as high as No. 2.



Buhl beats Kimberly for 3A softball title

9 The tournament in Coeur d'Alene was supposed to be Kimberly's coronation, a fairly easy path to the championship game for freshman pitcher Nellie Makings and the Bulldogs. But when they lost in the first round, their SICR rivals from Buhl took full advantage, getting through to the title game. Kimberly managed to force a second championship game, but the stress of having to play six games in three days proved too big a mountain to climb, and Leslie Hunter and the Indians took home a state title.



Fourth time's a charm for track stars

10 Diana Blauer sailed over the high-jump bar to win her fourth state high-jump championship with ease, then she went on to break her own Class 4A state meet record to boot. Zandra Nelson finished second in the two Class 2A events in which she was expected to, losing out narrowly in the 100- and 200-meter dash to Ellen House of Croftone yet again, but she rebounded to win the event she owned all four years in high school, the 400 meter dash.

Best of the rest: Autumn Yurbe surpasses 150 career soccer goals • Oakley football's 25-game winning streak • Kimberly girls hoops' perfect regular season • Class 1A split into two divisions for volleyball, hoops • New Great Basin Conference set • Canyon Ridge begins construction, hires AD • TF softball 5A state runner up • Jerome boys soccer team's perfect regular season • State wrestling champs: Todd Anderson, TF; Cory Cummins, Jerome; Nate Crane, Minico; David Burgara, Minico; Jerod Hammond, Burley

CSI women make it 7 straight

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team won its seventh straight game Tuesday with a 59-41 victory against the University of British Columbia (Canada). It was the No. 19 Golden Eagles' final game at the Central Arizona Tournament.

Both offenses dragged during the opening half, with British Columbia taking mere 29-20 lead by halftime. While the Thunderbirds managed to only score a dozen points during the final half, the Golden Eagles rallied for nearly 40. Soana Lucet led with a game-high 25 points, hitting 9 of 11 free throws. Noelle Millicic contributed 16 as she started in place of Shaleece Samms, who injured her ankle late in Monday's game against Odessa College. LaCale Pringle-Buchanan had a quiet game on offense, scoring only four points, as she led the defensive effort to shut down the Thunderbirds.

CSI's Kim Gamblin did not make the trip to Arizona because she was involved in an accident while returning from the holiday break. She was not seriously injured.

The Golden Eagles have today off and will face Yavapai College in Prescott, Ariz., Thursday at 5 p.m.

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Wrigley Field almost set for the next NHL Winter Classic

CHICAGO -- The mix of baseball and hockey in the Winter Classic makes for odd distances at Wrigley Field: It's 112 feet from home plate to the center-ice faceoff dot, then another 284 feet to the center-field wall. The penalty box is just to the second base side of the pitcher's mound, and the goalposts are the first and third base lines. Now it's nearly time to see a puck fly where a baseball usually whizzes by.

Isn't the best thing? But Chelios knows the fans will enjoy the game and his family and friends could get to watch him play in a unique setting, even though his ice time has been limited this season by injury.

Sports Shorts

Houston roster has missed games due to injury this season and Yao has sat out at least 25 games because of injuries over the past three seasons. COLLEGE FOOTBALL UCLA's Walker picked as NMSU head coach LAS CRUCES, N.M. -- UCLA defensive coordinator DeWayne Walker has been hired as New Mexico State's new head coach. M.L.B. Diamondbacks, Snyder agree to 3-year extension PHOENIX -- Looking to lock up another regular, the Arizona Diamondbacks have agreed to a three-year contract with catcher Chris Snyder.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL PREVIEWS

Pitt's McCoy takes aim at Oregon State in Sun Bowl



Oregon State vs. Pittsburgh Noon, CBS

EL PASO, Texas — Comparisons are inevitable for Pittsburgh tailback Lescan McCoy...

Yet through it all, McCoy has been his own man, head coach Dave Wannstedt said...

McCoy ranked No. 10 nationally this fall, averaging 116.9 yards rushing per game...

Oregon State, meanwhile, is still giddy about a thrilling 38-30 victory over Missouri two years ago in the Sun Bowl...

This is the 75th Sun Bowl, marking the nation's second-oldest postseason game behind the Rose Bowl.

Chick-fil-A Bowl



LSU vs. Georgia Tech 5:30 p.m., ESPN

ATLANTA — LSU is unranked and wants to prove its live-loss regular season was an aberration...

One year ago, the Tigers were preparing to beat Ohio State in the BCS national championship game...

LSU lost five games in a regular season for the first time since a 3-8 finish in 1999...

Before this season, Georgia Tech (9-3) was usually the team with something to prove in a bowl game...

Insight Bowl



Kansas vs. Minnesota 4 p.m., NFL Network

TEMPE, Ariz. — After opening 7-1 and cracking The Associated Press Top 25, Minnesota dropped its last four games...

Interception 48 yards for a touchdown with 12 seconds left to stun the Gophers 24-17...

"We didn't finish the season the way we wanted," Minnesota head coach Tim Brewster said...

To snap their skid, the Cougars may have to figure out a way to control KU quarterback Todd Ilesing...

Music City Bowl



Boston College vs. Vanderbilt 1:30 p.m., ESPN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt wants to clear up any misconceptions...

The Commodores are not simply satisfied with being the first Vanderbilt team since 1982 to play in a bowl game...

"We all know that in the back of our minds... that we're playing for a lot more than just for the guys in that span that couldn't make it or didn't have a chance to play in a bowl game..."

Vandy's first postseason trip in 26 years is a short one: a 3.7-mile drive from campus to NFL Field...

Armed Forces Bowl



Houston vs. Air Force 10 a.m., ESPN

FORT WORTH, Texas — Houston is trying to avoid matching Notre Dame's NCAA-record nine-game bowl losing streak...

The Cougars haven't won a bowl game since 1980. Air Force is in back-to-back bowl games for the first time since 1997-98...

The Cougars are a high-scoring (41.2 ppg) and pass-happy (414.1 passing yards/game) offense...

Falcons' Matt Ryan wins Offensive Rookie award

NEW YORK (AP) — Matt Ryan found a quick way to make Falcons fans forget Michael Vick, Bobby Petrino and all the ugliness of Atlanta football...

The quarterback led a sensational turnaround from laggard stock franchise to Super Bowl contender...

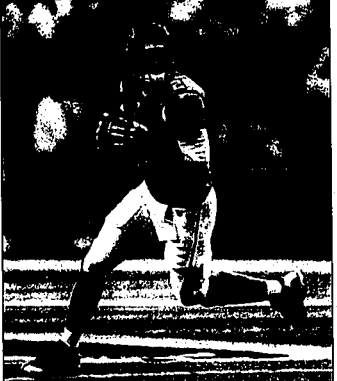
And he did it in a year loaded with outstanding offensive rookie performances...

"I'm certainly flattered," Ryan said. "There's a number of guys who had great rookie seasons this year..."

What the Falcons did was go 11-5 and make the playoffs after a dismal 2007 that saw Vick incarcerated for dogfighting and Petrino leave after 13 games...

The Falcons can take pride in the foundation he has laid. "The season seems like a blur, without question," Ryan said...

"I think that's the biggest thing. We had success and we were able to get a wild-card spot, so that was the



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan looks to throw against the Chicago Bears during an Oct. 12 game in Atlanta.

huge thing for us this year. Now that we're in we have a chance like everybody else...

Few quarterbacks make so much out of their first NFL seasons. Since 1957, when the award was first given...

Ryan was a landslide winner in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 voters...

the things that they wanted to do, I was impressed with him. And frustrated and ticked off at the same time.

Ryan ranked 11th in passer rating at 87.7, and had 16 touchdowns to go with 11 interceptions...

"Obviously the big question was how well Matt would perform as a rookie quarterback..."

The balloting doesn't depict the outstanding depth of the rookie class on offense...

cover the league. He collected 44 votes, far in front of Titans running back Chris Johnson...

Another rookie quarterback, Joe Flacco of Baltimore, helped lead his team into the playoffs...

Broncos fire head coach Mike Shanahan

DENVER — Mike Shanahan became the latest and most stunning victim of the NFL coaching purge...

Shanahan joined Eric Mangini, Rod Marinelli and Romeo Crennel on the unemployment line...

Despite that, and the 52-21 loss to the Chargers that ended Denver's season Sunday, this was a shocker...

The ouster of a 14-year coaching veteran who won two Super Bowl titles for Denver and was considered my many in this town to be a lifer...

"After giving this careful consideration, I have concluded that a change in our football operations is in the best interests of the Denver Broncos..."

Shanahan's record was 146-89, but the Broncos remained stuck at only one postseason victory since John Elway retired in 1999...

The 39-year-old Favre routinely underthrew receivers and appeared to

lose some velocity on his throws late in the season as the Jets went 1-4 down the stretch...

Lerner has set up an interview for Wednesday with Scott Pioli, New England's vice president of player personnel...

Favre, who also reportedly has some qualification in the area of the injury is expected to take several weeks to decide whether he will return to the Jets...

JETS PLAN TO SPEAK WITH COWHER ABOUT COACHING JOB

NEW YORK — The New York Jets will talk to Bill Cowher about their vacant coaching job...

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area, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the interview.

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49ERS FIRE OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR MARTZ

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Tuesday as offensive coordinator by the San Francisco 49ers.

The firing of Martz, who joined the 49ers at the beginning of the season, was not unexpected.

He had installed journeyman I.T. O'Sullivan as his quarterback under head coach Mike Nolan at the start of the season...

— The Associated Press

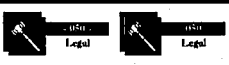


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mindoka County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2009...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CUSTER
Case No. CV-08-104
SUMMONS
SCOTT JOHNSON, Plaintiff,
vs
CORY ANSLIE, Defendant.

ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT - CITY OF KIMBERLY
This certified report of dedicated funds is hereby submitted to the State Auditor as required by 40-700, Idaho Code.

PUBLISHED: December 31, 2008

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 417.205, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare gives notice of the following changes:
Effective January 1, 2009, the Department proposes to institute a reduction of in-patient and out-patient interim reimbursement rates by ten percent (10%) for all hospital providers.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW:
You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

Loan No 0081073904 T 50 N 057-005143 ON 4/28/2008, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location: The County of Gooding, State of Idaho: Lobby of Land Title & Escrow 708 Main Street, Gooding, ID 83330.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

On Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave. E., Suite 1315, Twin Falls, Idaho County, Idaho, USA.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. 08-0110799 Title Order No. 08007877DIAND Parcel RPF85B1D03009DA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in cash, on 04/13/2009 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 10/02/2008 as instrument Number 2007-02504-4.

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Total Federal Funding 248,665
STATE FUNDING SOURCES
Highway user revenue 104,441
Total State Funding 104,441

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Grid for sudoku puzzle:
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-6.

The Times-News Classifieds will be closed Thursday January 1st for New Years Day
All of us at the Times-News wish you a happy and safe holiday.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MINIDOKA COUNTY
COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minidoka County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday January 15th, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Minidoka County District Court Room, Rupert ID, for the purpose of considering the following zoning matter: A Confined Animal Feeding Operation application for WG Farms LLC. Located at 1400 N 500 E, Rupert ID 83350.

This property is also known as NW ¼ of the N1/2 of SW1/4 Sections 8, Township 7 South, Range 25 East, Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend said hearing and give comment on the proposed zoning matter. Dated this 28th day of December, 2008
 Cassie Walton, Secretary

PUBLISH: December 31, 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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101
Lost and Found

FOUND Black Lab & Shih Tzu on Fliberty-cust. Call 404-2710 or 404-6455 to claim.

FOUND Cal, large orange & white, very tame, wearing leopard collar, at 775 Falls Ave. W. 733-7587

FOUND Cow dog, Black & white. Found in the Pelecan Point Subdivision in Rupert. Call 208-436-3400.

FOUND Dog, small, running down street between Albertson's & Goode Manor in Burley. No collar. Call to identify 208-407-8547

FOUND Golden Retriever/Lab mix on 3rd Ave. W. in Twin Falls. 1 1/2 year old neutered male. 208-308-8005

FOUND Lab, chocolate, female, young, north of Bull. Call 300-0108.

101
Lost and Found

FOUND Puppy, small female, around Alturas St. by High School. Call to identify 735-0054 or 731-0783

FOUND Schnauzer by Flying J in Jerome on Christmas Eve. Call 208-324-2479

FOUND Unkine earring at Home Depot 2 weeks ago. Call to identify 731-4142

FOUND Black Lab, female, 3 yrs old, silver chain collar, "Zoozy". Lost on 12222 north of Paul. 208-532-4253 or 208-251-4139.

LOST German Short-haired Pointer, female. Lost 12/24 at Travelers Oaks Truck Stop/Garden of Eden area. Rewards 12/29

LOST Hearing aid small, gray, over the ear. LOST Christmas shopping in Twin Falls. 208-631-8927

LOST SHIH Tzu, white and brown female dog, with short hair. Her name is Addy and was wearing a red, striped sweater. Please call if you have seen her at 208-862-2884.

LOST Standard Schnauzer, kid's dog, lost in Gooding on 12/24. REWARD. Call 208-961-0228.

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Child Care Services

Young loving grandma. Will provide activities, meals, & snacks. Any age. Come to "grandma's house" 829-4227

Clerical

CERICAL
 FT Chel in Jerome. Must have 3yrs experience, be very organized, have knowledge of excel and excellent phone skills with multiple lines. Will be working for a very fast paced company. Bring resume to 1201 Falls Ave E STE 24

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 Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center has a position available for an individual with excellent computer and communication skills. Responsibilities include answering telephones, record keeping, assisting with scheduling, and any other clerical duties as assigned. This position is part-time 18-20 hours a week. Apply in person at 2000 Parke Ave, Burley, Idaho.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
 Case No. 0708-5392

A Petition to change the name of Lucy Wondolyn Purn, born July 12, 1980, in Los Angeles, California, residing at P.O. Box 1465, Ketchum, Idaho, has been filed in Blaine County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Lucy Wondolyn Guzman. I want to change my name because my step-parent raised me. The petitioner's father is living and his address is unknown.

The petitioner's mother is living and her address is P.O. Box 1465 Ketchum, Idaho 83340.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock A.M. on January 14, 2009, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: December 5, 2008
 By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: December 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2008

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
People for Pets-
 Magic Valley Humane Society, Inc.
 Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 6:00PM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Open Public Meeting of People for Pets- Magic Valley Humane Society, Inc. will be held on Wednesday January 14, 2009 at 6:00 PM at 420 Victory Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho. There will be a financial report given, and other business conducted as may come before the group. Kathleen Olmstead
 People for Pets- Magic Valley Humane Society, Inc.
 Vice President/Secretary

PUBLISH: Wednesday December 31, 2008 and January 7, 2009.

EMPLOYMENT

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Employment

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
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CERICAL
 Twin Falls County is seeking FT Records Clerk for Court Services. \$12/hr with full benefits package. Go to www.twinfallscounty.org for job listing and application form. Application deadline 1-5-09. VETSEEED/Drug Free Workplace

The Times-News will be closed Thursday January 1st for New Years Day
 Classified deadlines will be as follows:

To place an ad for Thursday January 1st
 The deadline is: **Wednesday December 31st at 10am**

To place an ad for Friday January 2nd
 The Deadline is: **Wednesday December 31st at 11am**

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Pregnancy Alternatives

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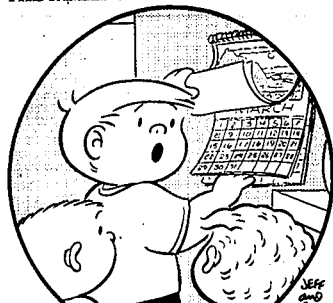
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



12-31-08
How did you get pictures of 2009 when it's still 2008?"

601 Furnished Homes

FILER Small but complete...
FILER Country 3 bdrm, bath, large rooms...

602 Unfurnished Homes

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HAZELTON Country home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath...

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Man's fashion statement draws derision from family members



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My problem is unusual, but I'm hoping if you will address it in your column it will help. I'm a married man, confident in who I am, who wears skirts for comfort...

DEAR ABBY: In PENNSYLVANIA the province of small-minded people, and it is sad that your relatives have used the fact that you have chosen to be different as an opportunity to spread malicious falsehoods...

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine bought me a bathrobe. I had told her a while ago that my favorite one had become old, ragged and faded. I also mentioned that I'd had a hard time finding one to replace it that was lightweight enough because most are too warm...

DEAR ABBY: Apologize to her again, and tell her you're sorry her feelings were hurt. Then ask her what she would have preferred — to have her gift hanging unused in your closet because it wasn't comfortable, or to have her gift used emotionally vested as she may have been in the bathrobe she selected, if she has a practical bone in her body, she should see it your way.

DEAR READERS: From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2009. And please, if you're driving tonight, don't drink; and if you're drinking tonight, don't drive. Stay safe, everyone! —Love, ABBY

IF DECEMBER 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You could become the top dog in the world of business due to your unerring instinct for successful negotiation in the next few weeks...



HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

ideas and is fascinated by your chatter. The clation felt in the presence of that certain someone is the real thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The prospect of staying home tonight might seem utterly boring. But there may be a chance to cuddle up with a special someone. A peaceful night as a couch potato may be the perfect way to end the year.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Kill them with kindness. Even the most insufferable antagonist will melt like butter under the warmth of generous benevolence. Be just as generous with casual acquaintances as you are with your loved ones.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Maybe your New Year's resolution is to hit the ground running. You possess loads of ambition but often hesitate because you are afraid of making a mistake. Remember that practice makes perfect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Blow a party horn. You might have some time for romantic frolics in the evening ahead. It remains to be seen...

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 31, the 366th and final day of 2008. Today's High/Low in History: On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

Today in History
1916: President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II. In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

1978: Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the U.S. In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

1919: Holocaust survivor and Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal was born in Brzezina in what was then Austria-Hungary.

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