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## Cattlemen, dairymen battle over herd reduction plans

### Federal dairy bailout could sink beef producers, cattlemen claim

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Dairymen will send a shockwave through the cattle industry within the year, as milk producers begin the removal of an estimated

400,000 cows from dairy herds across the United States.

The dairy industry wants to thin herds in order to cut milk production and boost raw milk prices, which have been declining.

Thinning herds and the likely closure of some small dairies could have broad economic repercussions for Idaho, the nation's third-largest milk producer with about 556,000 dairy cows, and the Magic

Valley, which produces about half of the state's dairy products.

No one knows exactly what the dairy downturn might do to the state's \$2-billion-a-year raw milk industry, but cattlemen say a surge in

dairy cows auctioned for beef production is sure to drive down already low beef prices.

And they're ready to fight any effort to help the dairymen at their expense.

High production costs at a time of dramatically reduced demand for beef and dairy

products is the main factor forcing the reduction in dairy herds.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, input costs such as transportation and feed increased nearly 60 percent from 2007 to 2008, while a deepening

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## Life below the

# POVERTY LINE

Story by Laurie Welch • Photos by Megan Thompson

As economic indicators continue to signal an overall decline in financial health for many Magic Valley residents, the face of poverty is becoming harder to recognize.

"It's really sad, you don't know how many children are going without food when they are not in school," said Judy Rast, a member of the Paul Methodist Church.

The church, in conjunction with Paul Elementary School and the Idaho Food Bank, is providing food packs to ease the hunger of several dozen Paul children each weekend.



Elaine Higley, 80, gives her husband, Ron, a helping hand out of his seat Jan. 16 at their home in Burley. The couple lives on a limited income. 'We get by on about a thousand dollars a month,' Elaine said. 'And I do pay the bills before I buy any groceries. We get by on what's left every month.'

### TRYING TO HELP

Rast said two families were selected to continue receiving the packs throughout the summer months last year because their circumstances were so dire.

"One of the families is a grandmother who is raising her grandchild," Rast said. "She said without it she does not know how she would stretch her Social Security check. Some of these families are in real need of the food."

Rast said the food bank donates items such as cups of applesauce, vegetables, cereals and soups along with milk that does not have to be refrigerated. The items are placed in donated backpacks for about 45 children at the school who are selected through teacher recommendations.

"This is one of the best things that could have been done for the community," Rast said.

Church member Ruby Onishi said one boy once asked if he could give some of the food to his younger brother. Now, the volunteers try to send a little extra home for children who do not attend school.

"I'm sure there are a few who slip through who don't really need it," Onishi said. "But for the most part these people just can't make ends meet."

Rast said that as children grow older embarrassment over poverty prevails and they feel humiliated at being singled out to receive the packs.

"So we really try to be discreet," Rast said.

Rast said a bigger issue may be continuation of food from the bank. Last December the bank ran dry and was not able to make its scheduled monthly delivery to the church.

"Thankfully, we had enough left over to get by with," Rast said.



Elaine Higley and her husband, Ron, are among the aging citizens struggling to get by as they face rising prices. 'It's not too bad unless you have a hospital bill pop up unexpected, you know that's a little extra,' said Elaine. 'You cut corners here and there and you pay your bills.'

### PERCENT RATES OF POVERTY IN THE MAGIC VALLEY

<b>6.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>12.8</b>
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2007 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

## Getting wired

### Despite support, Idaho Education Network seeks funding

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Before the Legislature could even consider funding a \$50 million statewide broadband network to serve local schools last year, the Idaho Department of Administration was drawing up a business plan and soliciting companies to participate.

The Idaho Education Network is designed to go beyond existing online courses, such as the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, to

See **EDUCATION**, Main 2

## Obama replacing force with diplomacy

By Robert Burns  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Diplomacy now trumps defense as the main instrument of American foreign policy.

### Analysis

At least that is the intent that President Barack Obama and his change-minded secretary of state, Hillary Rodham Clinton, spelled out on their first days. They made clear that the military will be a prominent — but no longer dominant — tool for achieving U.S. goals abroad.

The message was reflected clearly in Obama's decision, on his second full day in the White House, to close the military-run prison for suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and to include the State Department in a broad government study of how to proceed with terrorist detentions in the future.

In a subtler but equally telling way, the commander

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# MORNING BRIEFING



## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



**The nexStage Drama Club Winter Play Festival**, more than 30 Drama Club students from ages 4-15 perform three short plays, 6 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, no cost, 726-9124 or 721-7048.

### BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

**The 8th annual prime rib and salmon benefit dinner** hosted by friends and family of the late Jerome Sheriff's Deputy James Moulson and in his honor, 1 p.m. wine

tasting, appetizers, and a no-host bar; and 2 to 6 p.m. dinner with entertainment by College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement professor and "Crossfire" musician Brett Reid, Rock Creek Restaurant, Twin Falls, tickets: \$30, proceeds for needs of Magic Valley peace officers and for scholarships to Law Enforcement program at CSI, 732-6296.

### CHURCH EVENTS

**Seeds Family Worship Concert**, high-energy concert for entire family featuring songwriter Jason Houser, 6:30 p.m., Twin Falls Reformed Church Worship Center, 1631 Grandview Drive N., no cost, www.tfrc.org or 733-6128.

### EDUCATION

**Digital television awareness program**, question/answer sessions on the conversion to digital television provided by Brian Perkins of KSAW, noon, Buhl Senior Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl, no cost, 543-4577.

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

## Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to do today

- Prime rib and salmon dinner to honor the late James Moulson, the Jerome County deputy killed in the line of duty, will be held at Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls. Wine tasting and appetizers start at 1 p.m. with dinner from 2 to 6 p.m.
- There also will be entertainment. Proceeds go to meet needs of Magic Valley peace officers. Cost is \$30.

Information: 732-6296.

- What's up with digital TV? Find out at a question and answer session on the conversion to digital television provided by Brian Perkins of KSAW at noon at the Buhl Senior Center, 1010 Main St.

- The Seeds Family Worship Concert, featuring songwriter Jason Houser, will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Twin Falls Reformed Church

Worship Center, 1631 Grandview Drive N. Houser, formerly of Twin Falls, has worked in the Christian music industry for 20 years. Admission is free.

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

## Cattle

**Continued from Main 1** recession reduced demand for beef and dairy products.

Both milk and beef prices are now below the break-even point needed for smaller producers to stay in business, while larger operators are burning through equity to stay afloat.

"Producers in Idaho alone made \$225 million less during the first quarter of 2009 than they did in 2008," said Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

One popular solution is to pay producers to thin out their herds to reduce the amount of milk going to market, thus shoring up prices. The National Milk Producers Federation, an industry group, has operated a producer-financed cooperative pool to do just that. It has "retired" more than 85,000 dairy cows with more expected to be slaughtered this year.

Dairy industry lobbyists are also pushing Congress for a federally funded herd buyout in the overall economic stimulus package now in the U.S. Senate. The industry has also been discussing a bridge loan program that would help finance the liquidation of herds.

Dairy lobbyists are driving for resurrection of dormant federal programs to boost milk exports and to subsidize dairy products for low-income families.

The Idaho Dairymen's Association will continue to meet with Idaho congressional leaders to press their case for federal aid.

### BY THE NUMBERS:

- Idaho dairymen are losing about \$125,000 per month for every 1,000 cows.
- Idaho cattlemen are losing an average of about \$200 per cow.
- Estimated number of dairy cows that need to be removed from herds: About 400,000
- Estimated reduction in beef prices for 100,000 dairy cows placed on market: About 70 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture; Idaho Dairymen's Association.

The herd reduction proposal is opposed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which on Thursday sent a letter to all Senate members.

As described by the NCBA, the herd reduction program would use tax dollars to buy about 320,000 older dairy cows and take about 6.5 billion gallons of milk off the market.

Cevin Jones of Eden, president of InterMountain Beef in Idaho, said beef producers are already losing as much as \$200 per head, and could see beef prices fall as much as 70 percent if 100,000 dairy cows are sent to market, creating a beef glut.

"I definitely have empathy for the dairymen — some of my good friends are dairymen — but what they are experiencing is no different than what cattlemen are seeing," Jones said. "If there is a (dairy) buy-out we will absolutely see more cattlemen going out of business."

The last time the dairy industry sold off more than 400,000 cows was in 1985 — the USDA reported that over the next two years about 38 percent of beef producers in the United States went out of business.

"We understand as an

industry why cattlemen would be concerned, but right now dairymen are paying more for (production) than they are receiving," Naerebout said.

However, beef producers say they will oppose any legislation that provides federal dollars to support the dairy industry.

"We support a voluntary buy-out that is paid for by the (dairy) industry, but we don't support using tax dollars to bail out dairymen," Jones said.

Naerebout said it is unlikely that federal loans would be approved for the dairy industry. He said a more likely scenario will be some members of the Cooperatives Working Together — the largest dairy cooperative in the United States — receiving financial assistance to reduce herds.

But analysts say a herd buy-out alone will not solve the dairy industry's problems.

"Massive herd liquidation by itself will probably not be a long-term solution," said Eric Meyers, broker with Chicago, Ill.-based Downes O'neill LLC. "It will need to be combined with a rebound in market economies."

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

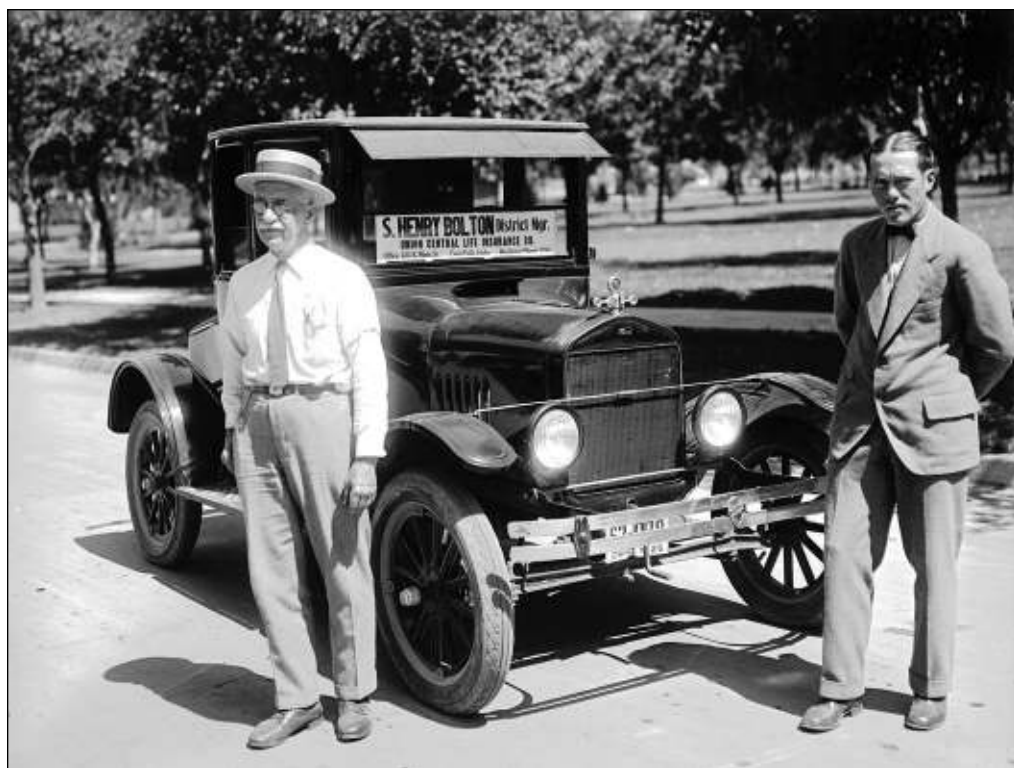


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## Education

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deliver a broader range of courses to newly wired Idaho classrooms.

In outlining IEN, officials often tout the possibility that youths in even the most remote Idaho schools would have access to an unusual range of courses — everything from instruction in Mandarin Chinese to an increase in dual enrollment for college credit and help meeting No Child Left Behind mandates.

"This network can do a lot of great things," said House Education Chairman Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene.

But while authorized without a single dissenting vote last year, the IEN project is still a concept in search of funding.

It has yet to win a dime from the current House and Senate, and the scramble for money to make it work could put the Otter administration at odds with legislative leaders.

### 'A legal way around'

Officials say 70 percent of the five-year, \$50 million IEN project will be reimbursed by the federal government, with the rest coming in matching funds from the state. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's 2010 budget request includes \$3 million to cover the state's share of the first phase. Lawmakers will spend several more weeks wrestling with that budget.

Right now, however, Department of Administration Director Mike Gwartney needs \$100,000 in the form of a current-year supplemental appropriation to beat a mid-February deadline to make an application for federal matching funds to keep the project on track.

In a tough budget year, that relatively small amount may be impossible to find.

"I frankly don't know where the money's going to come from," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations

Committee. "This is not the year to start new programs."

"It's a good plan. It should be done," echoed JFAC Co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, but "putting an additional amount of money into a budget is unrealistic."

Undaunted, Gwartney on Friday said he has found a "legal way around" the Legislature if it refuses the request. He said state law allows him to issue an executive order to enter a contract and accept bids if "it's in the best interest of the state."

"If I don't get the supplemental, I will take that action," said Gwartney.

Bell and Cameron both expressed surprise at Gwartney's statement. Cameron said appropriations are subject to the Legislature as expressed by the Idaho Constitution.

"He may think he's above the Constitution but I assure you he's not," Cameron said. "It would behoove him to

carefully think things through before taking that action."

### 11 alliances, two victors

IEN development is overseen by Gwartney's department because the project's bigger than its name implies. The infrastructure link classrooms, but it will also be used by economic development, public safety and other state agencies — provisions included in last year's legislation.

Last year, lawmakers directed Gwartney to begin implementing the system, using an open and competitive bid process to hire contractors to do the work. Gwartney said that he solicited all telephone companies operating in Idaho, which then formed 11 "consortiums" that submitted bids. Early last week, letters of intent to do business — effectively a bid award — went to two consortiums.

But Gwartney would not release details about the contracts — or even say how

much they are for. He said that information will be posted online only after the closure of a 10-day period in which losing firms are allowed to protest the awards.

The two consortiums are Education Networks of America (ENA) and Syringa Networks — operating as an alliance — and Qwest, representatives of the companies confirmed Friday. They said they only know they will be part of the proposed IEN, but do not know how much they will be paid.

### 'Do it cheaper'

Lawmakers, along with Gwartney and some lobbyists, say Idaho's system would be modeled after the Utah Education Network, which state officials visited at some point. The UEN, however, is publicly funded with its own budget. Idaho officials said a private-public partnership would decrease costs and avoid another layer of bureaucracy.

"We think we can do it cheaper," Gwartney said. "It's just a matter of doing it in-house or we outsource the contracts."

Qwest, however, is credited with bringing the IEN concept to the Legislature more than a year ago. And, like the other companies involved, holds a presence in Idaho politics through a strong lobbying

effort. In the two-year 2008 election cycle, Qwest and its affiliated political action committees contributed more than \$60,000 to Idaho political campaigns, including \$5,000 to Otter, according to the Idaho Secretary of State.

The other potential players in the IEN are also active in the statehouse.

For example, ENA has the influential and prominent C.A. "Skip" Smyser as its lobbyist and it contributed \$10,250 to campaigns during the two-year period, including \$2,500 to Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. During the same period, Syringa contributed \$20,500 to various candidates.

Though widely supported in concept, the IEN project could still fall victim to tight times. If so, Gwartney said initially, any contracts would be null, and the project would end.

But then he clarified his statement and said he is looking for alternative sources of funding. Cameron also said the telephone companies might be able to use their past investment in their existing infrastructure to match federal funding.

Legislators, however, will simply wait until the money is available.

"It's kind of like it's a great idea but we don't have any money to move forward," Nonini said.

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### CLARIFICATION

The \$4,538 salary paid during the first quarter of the Twin Falls Downtown Business Improvement District's fiscal year covered a portion of city staff wages and benefits to assist the BID with administrative and financial issues.

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Steve Crump



## Turns out Mr. Peanut doesn't care

Mark down Saturday, Jan. 17, as the day our national winter of discontent officially bot-tomed out.

That was the day the Food and Drug Administration advised consumers not to eat any peanut butter or peanut butter products because of the risk of food poisoning.

For generations, we Americans have held the banks at arm's length, never really trusted Wall Street and considered most federal regulators to be pale copies of Michael Brown, the director of the Federal Emergency Management Administration who presided over the destruction of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina four years ago.

But to be betrayed by our national icon, peanut butter? Where do we turn now?

For starters, we have a national addiction to our favorite comfort food. According to the Department of Agriculture, Americans wolfed down 1 billion pounds of peanut butter last year — since the last recession in the 1990s consumption has grown 28 percent.

But now six people have died nationwide — including one in Idaho — and 450 sickened in 43 states because they ate salmonella-infected peanut butter.

Salmonella doesn't thrive in peanut butter, but can remain dormant, according to the FDA.

That's just great. You know those packaged peanut butter-cracker snacks you bought to keep the kids quiet during the drive to Aunt Elva's in North Dakota but didn't eat? They could kill you next summer during your visit to Cousin Marva in North Carolina.

Fact is, peanut butter has a long rap sheet. It's been implicated in the development of Type 2 diabetes, and is prone to aflatoxins — among the most carcinogenic substances known — that are produced by a fungus. Some scientists claim that eating a peanut butter sandwich once every 10 days will give you a cancer risk of seven in a million.

Super. What now? Hummus and jelly?

President Obama has much on his plate these days, but I think it must include peanut butter in this season of peril. This is nothing less than a national crisis of confidence next to which the credit crisis, the subprime mortgage crisis and the auto industry crisis pale.

"If you can't control your peanut butter, you can't expect to control your life," the comic strip character Hobbes once told the comic strip character Calvin. And now we know that Charlie Brown — of "Peanuts," of course — got it wrong: "Nothing takes the taste out of peanut butter quite like unrequited love," the Round-Headed Kid said famously.

In truth, nothing takes the taste out of love like unrequited peanut butter.

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# Twin Falls mayor pursues his vision for downtown

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

It's been more than a year since Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow introduced Initiative 2010.

Over the months, his original 20 ideas for revitalizing downtown have been whittled down and consolidated, and on Thursday Clow held another town hall meeting to try to get volunteers and support.

Only a dozen or so Twin Falls residents attended the meeting, but Clow said he recognized some new faces and remains upbeat. People just need to buy into the vision of the city's future, he said.

"We just need to keep the focus on our vision," he said.

That vision includes creating destination opportunities

For information on Initiative 2010, call Twin Falls City Hall at 208-735-7287 or visit [www.tfid.org](http://www.tfid.org).

within or in close proximity to the downtown Business Improvement District. Ideas include construction of a memorial to highlight the diversity of American veterans and citizens promoting and defending civil liberties.

Downtown could also be enhanced by new street and sidewalk designs. These designs could include traffic-calming pedestrian safety islands and bulb-out intersections on Second Avenue.

Beacon Burger and Brew owner Kathy Schroeder said she liked the idea of drawing people downtown with a magic festival. The festival would feature street enter-

tainer-type magicians for storefront or sidewalk shows.

"The big thing with the events is that it would get foot traffic and I think the Magic Fest would do that," she said. "We really need more foot traffic."

Clow's other ideas include a kayak park in Rock Creek, outdoor summer movies, a haggler's market, public art and pocket parks.

Without willing volunteers the initiative may be no more than a list of ideas, and Schroeder said she hopes more people get involved.

"If you want to see change, make it happen," she said. "I grew up here and remember what downtown used to be ... we are fighting with the mall."

Even businesses outside the BID would see a positive impact if these destination events take flight, said Clow.

"If Twin Falls had a vibrant downtown people would drive by (other businesses) to get there," he said. "A vibrant downtown would be good for everybody."

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## Diplomacy

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in chief's decision to visit the State Department before stepping foot in the Pentagon indicated his intention to elevate the role of diplomacy.

Setting the stage for what amounted to Obama's first foreign policy address since his inauguration, Vice President Joe Biden told State Department employees on Thursday that Clinton's charter is to "put diplomacy back in the forefront of America's foreign policy," and to do so immediately.

"For too long, we've put the bulk of the burden, in my view, on our military," Biden said.

Obama put it this way: "A new era of American leadership is at hand, and the hard work has just begun. You are going to be at the front lines of engaging in that important work."

Biden didn't say so, but it will be difficult to bulk up the State Department's capacity for stronger diplomacy.

The reality is that the Defense Department is vastly better equipped, with far big-

ger budgets, greater reach and a more committed constituency on Capitol Hill. Thus it often will be called on first to take the lead abroad, even if Obama manages to begin to shift the balance back in favor of the diplomatic corps.

One measure of the disparity: The military has more band members than the State Department has diplomats. Or as Defense Secretary Robert Gates has noted, the 6,600 people in the foreign service equal roughly the number of personnel aboard a single U.S. Navy aircraft carrier strike group at sea.

Against that backdrop, Clinton's arrival at the State Department on Thursday was a feel-good moment for a diplomatic corps that felt neglected during the Bush administration. But she wasted no time warning all to temper their cheers with the sobering knowledge that the foreign policy road will be rough.

"I don't want anybody to leave this extraordinarily warm reception thinking,

"Oh, good, you know this is going to be great," she told a welcoming ceremony attended by hundreds of department workers. "It's going to be hard."

That includes not only the Guantanamo Bay headache but also others that the president and secretary of state will be confronting in the weeks ahead, from the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace effort to nuclear dangers in Iran and North Korea.

Then there are the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, where Obama has promised that diplomacy and perhaps development aid will play a more prominent role in seeking to stabilize those countries, not to mention the challenges of a rising China, an assertive Russia and a chaotic Horn of Africa.

In her caution against excessively high hopes, Clinton also cited her pledge to reinvigorate the State Department by grabbing more resources, expanding the diplomatic corps, widening the role of development aid and building a civilian capacity to work alongside the military overseas.

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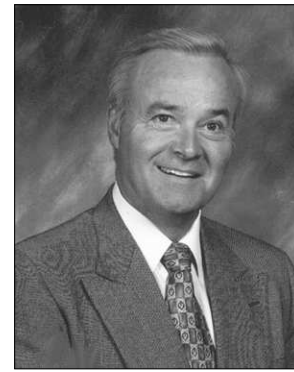
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## First Federal Charitable Foundation Contributions since 2003:

Organization	Grant	Project
Ageless Senior Citizens (Kimberly)	\$4,500	Dishwasher
Ageless Senior Citizens	\$1,000	New building excavation
American Red Cross	\$2,500	4-Wheel Drive Vehicle
Bickel Elementary	\$10,000	Playground Equipment
Boys And Girls Club	\$5,000	Kitchen Remodel
Buhl Arts Council	\$2,000	Season Sponsor
Buhl Centennial Commission	\$4,500	Community Benches/Trash Receptacle
Buhl Public School Foundation	\$3,000	Piano
Buhl Public Schools	\$2,500	Track Scoring System
Buhl Rotary	\$2,600	Triangle Park
Castleford School District	\$10,000	Bleachers
City of Buhl	\$11,000	Stage in Eastman Park
City of Burley	\$4,325	Trees
City of Eden	\$2,500	Playground Equipment
City of Heyburn	\$3,000	Park Outside Shelters
City of Paul	\$10,000	Public Park Development
City of Twin Falls	\$3,500	Movie Screen & Projector
Crisis Center of Magic Valley	\$6,000	Playground Equipment
CSI Adult Education	\$7,500	Staff Salaries
Family Health Services	\$23,057	Mobile X-Ray Unit
Fifth Judicial District CASA	\$5,602	Computers for Training
Filer Senior Haven	\$6,630	Kitchen Flooring & Stove
Friends of the Burley Public Library	\$2,105	Check Out System
Friends of Hospice	\$3,000	Mattress, Lift Chairs
Golden Heritage SR. CTR	\$5,000	Kitchen Appliances
Habitat for Humanity	\$6,500	Re-Store
Hagerman I.D.E.A.	\$2,432	City Entrance Sign
Hagerman School District	\$10,000	Playground Equipment
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Hansen School District	\$6,389	Bicycle Program
Hospice Visions	\$4,472	Computers & Phones
Ike Kistler Safe House	\$6,505	Bunk Beds & TV
Interfaith Caregivers	\$4,845	Office Rent & Volunteers
Jerome County Senior Citizen's Service Area	\$6,500	Kitchen Equipment
Jerome Public Library	\$2,500	Concrete Tables w/ Seats
Jerome School District	\$5,000	Indoor Practice Field
Kimberly School District	\$2,000	Sports Complex-Judges Stand/block
Magic Philharmonic Society	\$3,500	Orchestra Instruments
MC Reading Foundation	\$3,125	
MC Womens Shelter		Mobile Home for Shelter
Mercy Housing Idaho	\$2,500	Storage Shed, roof and frame
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women	\$8,163	Security Monitor, door and projector
Minico Spuds	\$2,000	Special Olympics Travel
Minidoka County Historical	\$3,000	2nd Phase of Addition
MT Harrison Heritage	\$1,000	Piano
Mustard Seed Ministries	\$10,000	Building
MV Symphony	\$3,500	Harpischord
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Scottish Rite	\$8,000	Curriculum Materials
Snake River Boy Scouts	\$6,000	Communication System
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St. Lukes/Safe Kids	\$5,000	Car seats and bike helmets
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TF County Historical	\$6,000	Remodel Basement
TF County Soccer	\$11,250	Plant Grass on 5 fields
Twin Falls County	\$12,489	Rock Creek Playground
Twin Falls School District	\$5,000	Perrine Playground
Twin Falls Youth Baseball	\$10,000	Harmon Park (Umbrellas)
Valley House	\$10,450	Monitoring System
Valley Recreation	\$7,500	Baseball/Soccer Field
Wendell School District	\$7,500	Sports Complex
West End Senior Citizens	\$8,000	Lighting
YMCA	\$2,500	Youth Programs

**Total Contributions: \$361,639.00**  
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 Ron Rasmussen, a Twin Falls native was a 1988 graduate of TFHS and a 1992 graduate of Boise State with a degree in Marketing. He began working for First Federal in 1993 and is currently Vice President, Sr. Commercial Loan Officer. He is President of the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club and resides with his wife and four children.



**Barbara Gietzen** – Barbara Gietzen, an Idaho native, was born in Twin Falls, and graduated high school in Buhl. She is a past president of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves as vice-president. In 1995 she received the Woman of the Year award, and an Excellence in Government award in 2006. She and her husband Bob owned and operated Gietzen Electric, Inc. for over 30 years before retiring in 2004. They have three children and five grandchildren.



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 Jan is an Idaho native and has lived in Twin Falls for the last 30 years. She and her husband Mike have three grown children. Jan has been an active volunteer while living in Twin Falls participating in the Twin Falls School PTO's Jr. Club, The Boys and Girls Club, PEO, Twin Falls Library Foundation, and Co-chaired the Ascension Church Design Committee. Jan recently completed a 6 year term with the Idaho Community Foundation Grant Board.



**Becky Curtis – Twin Falls**  
 I am currently employed with First Federal as the VP/Human Resources Director and SPHR (Senior Professional Human Resources). I have been with First Federal since 2003. Prior to coming to First Federal I was in private business for 6 years and prior to that in banking for 19 years. (combined banking experience - 25 years). I am a graduate of Northwest Intermediate Banking School. I have 3 children, two grandchildren and currently reside in Twin Falls with my youngest son Michael.



**Linda Watkins – Watkins Distributing**  
 My name is Linda Watkins and I was born and raised in Spokane, Washington, and graduated from the University of Washington with a BA in Speech Communications and Elementary Education. After teaching third grade for four years in Missoula, Montana we moved to Twin Falls in 1988 to purchase what is now Watkins Distributing. My husband Mitch and I have been blessed with 4 lovely children, with two presently in college. I served on the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation for six years, the State Elementary Accreditation Committee, and Co-Chaired the Twin Falls School District Bond Committee. Currently I serve on the Twin Falls Public School District Foundation, while working part time as a substitute teacher and doing some marketing/advertising for Watkins Distributing.



**Kevin Welch – First Federal - Burley**  
 I have worked for First Federal for 15 years, the last seven as the manager of the Burley Overland branch. I graduated from Boise State with double major of Finance and General Business Management. My wife Marianne and I have an 8 year old who attends St Nicholas School in Rupert. We enjoy golfing, skiing, 4 wheelers and generally trying to get our son to whatever activity he has going. I am really looking forward to serving on this Foundation Board and learning more about the great organizations in this area.



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At the Close of Business on December 31, 2008

ASSETS:	12/31/2008
Cash & Due from Banks .....	\$8,776,000
Mortgage, Commercial & Consumer Loans.....	394,843,000
Investment Securities .....	20,590,000
Office Buildings & Equipment (Net of Depreciation) .....	15,260,000
Other Assets .....	9,562,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$449,031,000</b>

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LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:	
Deposit Accounts.....	\$354,665,000
Commercial Sweep Accounts.....	3,703,000
Borrowings.....	40,960,000
Other Liabilities.....	5,445,000
Equity Capital .....	44,258,000
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$449,031,000</b>

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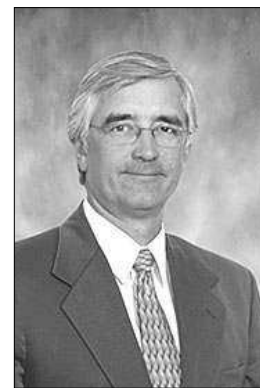
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# Life below the POVERTY LINE

Continued from Main 1

## HARD TIMES

News of food stamp cut-backs put a damper on the New Year for a Burley couple who are raising their grandsons, ages 9 and 13, on Social Security. Their 13-year-old grandson is legally blind and receives a Social Security check of about \$557 a month. The family's total income each month is \$1,635. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services guidelines for 2009 place the poverty level for a family of four at \$21,200, which is \$1,580 more than the Solises take in each month.

Vicky Solis takes care of her husband, Ruben, who is disabled, full time, while also caring for the two boys.

"It's rough," Vicky Solis said. "And sometimes it's scary. We pay our bills first and then get the boys what they need. Then we buy food."

Recently they had to sell a car to help support their household.

"We are having a real tough time," Solis said. "At Christmas I signed up to get a box from the (Mini-Cassia) Christmas Council. It didn't matter how embarrassed I was, I wanted the boys to have a Christmas."

## WHAT IS POVERTY?

In 2007, the U.S. Census Bureau defined the poverty threshold at \$10,787 in annual income for one person under the age of 65, \$9,944 for one person older than 65. For two people the threshold was \$13,540, and \$21,203 for a family of four.

University of Idaho Extension educator Grace Wittman, leader of the Horizons program in Albion, which is geared toward teaching the community to recognize poverty and find solutions as a group, said most people would not associate a recreational area like Albion, commonly known as a recreational haven, with a place where poverty exists.

The 18-month-long Horizons program is also being implemented in several other Magic Valley communities, including Heyburn, Hazelton, Eden and Shoshone.

But poverty can take on different faces in each community, often presenting itself as a lack of opportunity and resources, Wittman said.

"The thing about poverty that has surprised me the most is how many people don't realize they're living in it," Wittman said.

"As an Extension educator I like to think I have my eyes open to those kinds of things. But many of them had never stopped to look across their community to see what poverty really looks like there. There is poverty in Albion and it probably looks a lot different than it does in say, Heyburn."



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

The Higleys of Burley say between their medical costs and monthly bills there is no room for extra spending. 'We can't go without our medicine. If we don't take our medicine like we're supposed to we end up back in the hospital ... we're sick again. So you must take your medicine and it's pretty rough, sometimes you can't afford your medicine,' says Ron Higley, 77. 'And I think there's a lot of people that way.'

## TRACKING THE NUMBERS

Idaho Department of Labor Regional Labor Economist Jan Roeser said the agency is seeing higher unemployment numbers in the region across all sectors. The jobless rate for December 2008 in Mini-Cassia was at 6.1 percent compared with 3.3 percent in December 2007. Twin Falls' rate rose from 2.1 percent in December 2007 to 5.1 percent in December 2008.

Roeser said the unemployment rates include a variety of factors, including filed unemployment claims and phone surveys. They account for a percentage of people who have run out of unemployment benefits and fallen off the rolls.

"We try to make sense of a whole bunch of factors," Roeser said.

Roeser said the higher poverty levels occur in the Magic Valley and in Mini-Cassia in particular because they are rural communities.

"It has to do with the jobs there, quite frankly," Roeser said. "Poverty rates are lower where there are higher-paying jobs. White-collar jobs pay more and you don't have quite as many of those."

The Census Bureau's 2005-07 three-year estimates on poverty showed that 1,338 of Cassia County's 20,738 people live in poverty. Cassia County has the highest poverty level for a six-county area that includes Jerome, Gooding, Blaine, Twin Falls and

Minidoka counties. About one-third of Cassia's population living in poverty are under 18 years old, more than half are female, and nearly one-third are employed. But only 49 of the poverty-stricken residents have attained a bachelor's degree education level and 639 did not complete high school.

Comparatively, Roeser said, the wages in Mini-Cassia are much lower than in surrounding counties, and that figures into the quality of life. But the area does offer trade-offs such as abundant recreational opportunities and a lower cost of living.

While the Mini-Cassia region has a limited number of high-paying jobs, the area remains welcoming to new businesses, Roeser said.

"The community is there for business and new jobs are occurring," Roeser said.

Roeser said a look at the demographics in Mini-Cassia shows that it not only has higher poverty levels and lower wages but also a higher percentage of individuals who do not speak English as a first language.

"A lot of times, people who are struggling with English as a second language have to settle for jobs with lower wages," Roeser said.

The Idaho Department of Labor said in 2007 Minidoka County topped the six-county area with the highest percentage of Latino population at 29.3 percent, followed by Jerome County at 25.5,

Gooding County at 23.1, Cassia County at 22.2, Blaine County at 17.1 and Twin Falls at 11.9.

## FEWER RESOURCES

Like many other adversities in life, poverty strikes especially hard for the very young and the very old because of their limited resources.

Eighty-year-old Elaine Higley and her husband, Ron, 77, spend one-third of their \$900 monthly Social Security stipend on medication.

Ron, who is critically ill, does not have insurance and a good portion of what is left each month goes towards other medical bills.

"We have very little for groceries," Elaine Higley said. "We always have to skimp on food. I make my own bread and cook from scratch and we never buy anything pre-made."

Higley said they buy only the necessities and she hasn't purchased clothing for herself in the last four to five years.

"There have always been people on fixed incomes," said Kitty Andrews, East End coordinator for the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, which provides services to the valley's elderly population.

Andrews said although many people counter that phrase with the fact that just about everyone is on a fixed income, she said many of the clients she provides transportation services for live a meager existence on a Social Security check ranging from \$300 to \$500 a month.

"These people are really struggling," said Andrews. "Some seniors who may have turned to grown children for help are finding their children are also struggling and can't afford to give them any money."

Andrews said only one in

five senior clients she helps fill out Medicare Part D forms have enough money to live comfortably.

Andrews said the problem is compounded by the fact that many older people are reluctant to ask for handouts, even when in desperate need.

"They will skimp on food and medicine to keep a roof over their heads," Andrews said. "They are really old-school and the elderly just do not ask for help. And now even if they have a home they wanted to sell they wouldn't be able to with the housing market down like it is."

Even though they often qualify for food-bank programs, like those offered through South Central Community Action Partnership, seniors may not be able to get out of the house to fill out the applications or even pick up the food boxes.

When money is tight, other items that go by the wayside include small luxuries such as cable television, which often is the only diversion available. The lack of social interaction can lead to depression, which is rampant, and even suicide, which is rarely discussed, Andrews said.

Andrews said state funding for the Office on Aging's transportation program has already been cut and the

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department will likely face more cutbacks in light of the state's budget cuts.

"The governor is talking about more cutbacks and I don't know where that is going to go," Andrews said.

Andrews said seniors who exist on Social Security most often do not have any other resources to improve their conditions.

"They can't go out to Burger King and get a job," Andrews said.

Despite arguments to the contrary, she said, job discrimination against the elderly population is common.

Andrews said many people do not recognize poverty because they do not know what to look for and people who feel ashamed often try to hide their true circumstances.

"It's not always easy to see, but it's out there ... it's everywhere," Andrews said.

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The cord for Ron Higley's oxygen tank loops around on the floor where he and his wife, Elaine, are seated Jan. 16.

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# Filer school projects to enter bid process

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

If everything goes as planned, construction on a \$13 million expansion in the Filer School District could get under way in March.

Joe Reams, construction supervisor with Brennan Construction in Pocatello,

informed school board members Wednesday that a public bid opening for the \$11 million fourth- through sixth-grade intermediate school is scheduled for 2 p.m., Feb. 4 at Filer Elementary School.

A second public bid opening for the \$1.2 million high school expansion will be held in the school's band room on

Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

"The way the market is right now, we're going to be opening hundreds of bids," Reams said. "There are 23 individual bid packages that are part of the intermediate school and I've never seen more activity on a project in my career."

Voters approved the dis-

trict's second effort at a \$15 million bond levy last May with the required 66.6 percent super majority.

Additional items to be covered by the bond are approximately \$600,000 for roof repairs at the Filer Elementary and Hollister Elementary Schools, as well as about \$75,000 to resurface

the Filer Middle School west end parking lot and \$800,000 for football field lighting, restrooms, bleachers, concessions and a press box area.

"We'll have plenty of money set aside to cover the roofing and parking lot upgrades," Reams said. "We'll just bid those later."

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# Legislature getting busy

**B**OISE — The 2009 Legislature begins its third week Monday, but don't feel bad if you might've missed something. The top issue remains money — and the cuts to budgets — with fewer bills being introduced than usual. Only 46 bills so far — the lowest number at the two-week mark in at least five years. A year ago this time 78 bills had been introduced.

Here are some items that might not have made headlines.

- During Thursday's joint meeting of the House and Senate transportation committees, the Idaho Transportation Department outlined dozens of ways it is saving money, but said they'll still be short on money needed to fix roads.

However, not once during the 90-minute discussion did lawmakers or ITD officials bring up the proposal from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to raise \$174 million through taxes and fees.

"It's interesting but not surprising because we didn't set that up," said Transportation Committee Chairman Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell. He said the ITD will return to disclose details to raise revenue, which include a pitch to hike DMV fees by 75 percent to raise \$13 million.

- The seven-member Senate Democratic caucus disclosed at its weekly meeting the legislation it will push this year.

Among the ideas: a bill to allow publicly-funded elections; energy siting legislation, which would increase state involvement in deciding energy plant issues; increasing the homeowners property tax exemption to \$150,000 (up from about \$100,000) and prohibiting political contributions during the legislative session. Republicans in both houses hold closed caucuses.

- Just after the session began, Otter tapped Melinda Smyser to fill the District 11 Senate vacancy left by Brad Little's appointment as lieutenant governor. Smyser is married to one of the most influential lobbyists working the Legislature, Skip Smyser.

"There is no conflict per se, but there is potential for a conflict," Bill van Tegen, a



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deputy attorney general, said Friday.

- Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, said he is preparing legislation that would strengthen laws regulating companies who send automobile warranty offers in the mail. He said he's not sure they're all legitimate companies and said he's even gotten some robocalls.

- Sen. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise, was the only legislator — and among just a few dozen Idahoans — to attend Tuesday's inauguration for President Barack Obama. She said she was quite a distance away but still within viewing distance of the main ceremonial area in front of the Capitol.

"It was really amazing," said LeFavour. "You saw people who are really part of a presidency."

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Raisha Tsetsakis Morris, 31, Gooding; possession of a controlled substance; March 3 pretrial; \$500 bond; public defender appointed

Robert Berry, 31, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, resisting/obstructing; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed  
Jose Luis Lozano-Carhuallangui, 23, Twin Falls; DUI, driving without privileges, open container; \$2,500 bond; defense counsel waived; March 3 pretrial

**INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**  
Javier Rivera-Hernandez, 26, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; costs waived; 180 days jail, 150 suspended, credit for 18 served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol; one count open container dismissed  
Jose F. Cruz, 22, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence, excessive; \$1,000 fine, \$800 sus-

pending; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 65 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol; one count open container dismissed  
Levi R. Thorpe, 31, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

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## Delays in bank aid spur frustration

Lawmakers now become lobbyists for banks

By David Cho and Lori Montgomery  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A massive backlog of bank applications for emergency federal aid has provoked widespread frustration over how the Treasury Department is allocating rescue funds and raised suspicions among executives that political connections are playing a role, industry officials and regulators say.

The delay is pushing bank executives across the nation to lobby their lawmakers, financial groups and friends within the federal government to try to expedite their requests.

"I think there is a suspicion among a large number of our members that it's who you know rather than the merits of the application," said Camden Fine, chief executive of the Independent Community Bankers of America. "I don't know that to be a fact, but I know there is a strong undercurrent of suspicion among my members that you have to have some sort of connection before you get the golden touch or the blessing from Treasury to get money."

Since the Treasury announced the program in October to inject federal aid into banks in exchange for equity stakes, about 350 banks have received the money, a fraction of the 1,600 institutions that have asked, according to regulators.

Treasury officials have been secretive about why certain banks received the money first, citing the need to protect sensitive market information. But lawmakers and industry officials have widely criticized their decisions as opaque and inconsistent.

Those with easiest access to the initiative, known as the Capital Purchase Program, include the largest Wall Street firms that many community bankers blame for dragging down the entire financial system.

Community bank executives and industry officials said that while Bank of America and Citigroup executives are able to dial up senior officials at the Treasury and the Federal Reserve and quickly receive tens of billions of dollars in federal aid, the heads of midsize and smaller institutions must wait months.

"What I do have a (begin ital) huge (end ital) problem with is the double standard that my government is using," Tom Mork, chief executive of Lakeview Bank in Lakeville, Minn., wrote in a letter to financial associations and the congressional delegation from his state. The "public has no clue about what is happening behind the scenes. My hunch is that if they understood that their local bank declined their

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# Rising popularity

## Federal Housing Authority's the only option for some amid the national credit bust

By Terri Ruper  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Three years ago, the Federal Housing Administration was hardly doing any business, insuring less than 2 percent of all home-purchase loans.

But things have changed for the agency, created in 1934 during the Great Depression. In the year ended Sept. 30, it insured more than 8 percent of all home-purchase loans, as measured by total dollar volume. When refinancing is added in, the rise in FHA's business is even more dramatic, jumping to an estimated 26 percent of the loan market.

The FHA's backing can loosen the purse strings of lenders, which have become pickier as foreclosure rates have climbed and credit markets have tightened. Getting a loan without putting down as much as 20 percent has become increasingly difficult. FHA loans require a down payment of just 3.5 percent and are available to anyone who is buying or refinancing a house, although they might not always be a borrower's best bet.

The FHA does not make loans; it insures them. Borrowers are required to document their income and pay mortgage insurance. Loans are generally for 30 years, with fixed interest rates.

The mortgage insurance that makes FHA loans possible also can make them more expensive than conventional loans. But for some, these loans are now the only option.

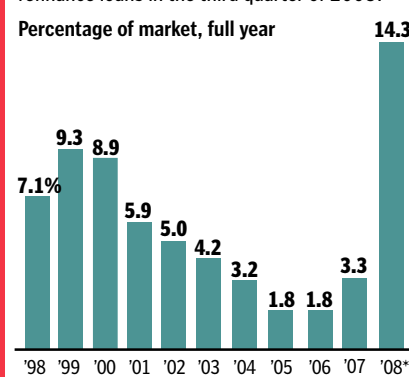
That has increasingly become the case as conventional lending has seized up, said Frank Donnelly, a member of the board of governors of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Metropolitan Washington.

"If your choices are between no contract and an FHA contract, FHA looks good," he said.

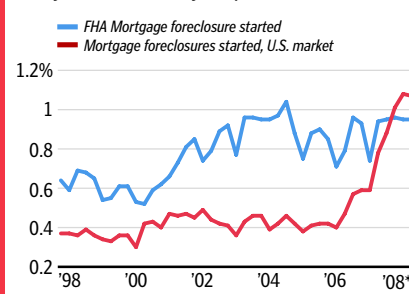
That was the situation for Bryan Kauffman and his fiancée, who found a home in Washington last fall. Although they have good incomes and decent credit scores, Kauffman said, they didn't have a big down payment. He hadn't

### FHA Resurgence

Federal Housing Administration loans weakened in popularity during the housing boom but have rapidly become more popular, constituting about 26 percent of all home purchase and refinance loans in the third quarter of 2008.



FHA foreclosure rate have historically been higher than that of the market at large, which lately has been hurt by subprime foreclosures.



researched FHA loans, but his lender, First Financial Services, brought it up as a good option.

Insurance on his loan is an extra \$200 a month, which he doesn't enjoy paying. But, Kauffman said, "it's much nicer to have a house and not have to pay rent at all."

The government insures the loans against default, making them safer bets for providers. That money comes from the borrowers' mortgage insurance payments — 1.75 percent of the purchase price upfront, and then usually 0.5 percent annually on the outstanding balance. The insurance premiums can be dropped when the amount owed falls to about 78 percent of the value of the home. With conventional loans, many lenders require

See **FHA**, Business 3

## No sale? No problem for goods prized by consumers

Prices don't fall on iPods and fancy footwear

By Ashley M. Heher  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The 60 percent off sign at Elan Fur isn't much different from the others filling the storefronts on Chicago's Michigan Avenue. But good luck finding a similar deal next door at Apple Inc.

Even as shops vie for customers by offering massive markdowns, shoppers are still lining up to pay top dollar for coveted goods from Apple's iPods to designer footwear.

The ever-popular Wii gaming console continues to sell out at the list price of \$249, Avon cosmetics just boosted prices, Nike is releasing its newest Air Jordan with an astonishing \$190 pricetag and designer water can still command as much as \$3.99 a bottle.

While almost everything goes on sale eventually, some products remain untouched by discounts, or nearly so, even in this dismal economy. The reasons fall mostly into three categories: old habits die hard, brand loyalty runs deep and the Economics 101 law of supply and demand means the most sought-after brands can command the best prices.

Beyond that, there are some items consumers stubbornly just won't forgo — sale or not — no matter how hard they're trying to stretch their budget.

"If you infuse enough values into the product, people will pay full price," said Candace Corlett, president of the consulting firm WSL Strategic Retail. "There are certain categories ... where there are no substitutes accepted. It's infusing your brand with those things that people then say 'I have to have the real thing.'"

But even companies with products that have traditionally held their value in tight markets are making some concessions, and the number of items that can charge a premium is dwindling as consumers make complicated and deeply personal choices about how they'll spend their money.

Beverly Bailey isn't buying clothes at full price. But the stay-at-home mother from Kenilworth, Ill., will still shell out top dollar for organic milk and fresh produce for her family.

"I'm shopping a lot less and I'm looking for bargains when I shop," she said. "(But) we have not cut back on those items because we think they're related to health, and we don't want to compromise on health."

Heather Fox, a 42-year-old waitress from Huntsville, Ala., scours stores for sales and clips coupons for food and clothing discounts. But she won't cut corners when it

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Despite a poor economy, the big bowl won't lose its luster.

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## MILESTONES



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Farm Bureau employees who attended the annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, included, from left, Gerald Marchant, Garth Steed, Jewelee Steed, Mike Gardner and Rick Pearson.

### Cassia Farm Bureau board members attend annual meeting

Cassia County Farm Bureau sent members of its board to the 90th Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of the meeting was "Forward! Farm Bureau." This shout was a rallying cry of the 1920s heard across the land as the American Farm Bureau Federation struggled against the headwinds of a farm depression, and later the Great Depression. The founders in 1919 wanted to build a federation that would last 100 years. Ninety years is a significant milestone on a path that will surely last

longer than their initial hopes and dreams.

There were many inspirational and upbeat classes offered to get farmers ready for this next, uncertain, farm year. One of the favorite classes was given by retired NBA player, Walter Bond. Jewelee Steed who attended the conference said, "Walter pretty much told us to pull-up our big boy and girl pants and move forward. Everyone in every occupation has trials. But it's up to you and only you if you will succeed."

Also at the conference, James Williams of Eastern Idaho won the National Discussion meet. He took home a brand new 2009 Dodge 2500 pick-up truck, courtesy of Dodge.

## H & R BLOCK



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H & R Block has a new office located at 975 S. Washington in Twin Falls, next to the new Swensen's Market. They held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Orchard Park is a new member. This is the third location to serve the Magic Valley and especially the South Park Area. They also provide second look review, tax audit support and bookkeeping services for their clients. Information: 734-8768. Pictured, Delbert Tree, owner; Katie Tree; Dallen Tree; Hayden Tree; Royce Abernathy; Joan Webster; Donna West; Ann Krieger; Joni Makayla; Derik Wolz; and Dawn Wolz.

## CAREER MOVES

### Juli Lee

Juli Lee has been awarded the Multi-Million Dollar Club for 2008 designation. She was one of three to be presented this prestigious award for real estate excellence recently at the office of Magic Valley Realty. She is a professional Realtor in Twin Falls and serves the southern Idaho region.



Lee

Lee is licensed to sell real estate in all of Idaho and can help buyers and sellers with commercial, industrial, residential, farms, ranches, re-locating, land, building lots, new home construction, and lease holds. Lee also provides property management. She has also been elected for the 2009 year with the Women's Council of Realtors, an arm of the National Association of Realtors, to serve on the governing board for South-central Idaho. Her office is located at 647 Filer Ave., Ste. 101 in Twin Falls.

by the Fire Department and started Jan. 5. He previously worked as a firefighter at Rock Creek Fire Department.

### Connie Herbert

Connie Herbert, broker of Silver Sage Realty Inc., has been accepted as a candidate in the nationally recognized CRB (Certified Real Estate Brokerage Management Certification Program). CRB, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, is the professional organization for brokerage management. The designation is recognized throughout the industry as the highest level of professional achievement, a symbol of excellence in brokerage management and is awarded to those individuals who successfully complete the requirements and demonstrate excellence in real estate brokerage management. Candidates must complete academic and professional courses covering such topics as finance, marketing, training, recruiting, and strategic planning.



Herbert

Herbert is the broker/owner of Silver Sage Realty Inc. located at 100 N. State St. in Hagerman, with a satellite office in Buhl. She graduated from ISU in 2004 with a Masters in Training and Development. A member of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors Board of Realtors and the Idaho Association of Realtors, Herbert also serves as a trustee on Gooding County Hospital Board and was the 2007 President and 2000 Realtor of the Year for the Northside Board of Realtors. In addition, she has served her community as a Hagerman School District Trustee, has served on the Board of Directors Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce and was 2007 President of Magic Valley Fly Fishers.

### Twin Falls Fire Department employees

Battalion Chief Gary Earl of the Twin Falls Fire Department retired on Dec. 30 after 30 years of service. Subsequently, the following individuals have been promoted:

Brian Cunningham has been promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief. He previously held the rank of Captain for nine years, and has been employed by the Fire Department since 1992.

Mitchell Brooks II has been promoted to the rank of Captain. He previously held the rank of Driver for five years, and has been employed by the Fire Department since 1999.

Tom McCully has been promoted to the rank of Driver. He previously held the rank of firefighter for seven years, and has been employed by the Fire Department since 2001.

Gerald Dillman was hired

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Student wins award from Zions Bank

Getting good marks in school means money in the bank for Gooding High School student, Cy Eames.

Eames won the Gooding-area drawing for a \$100 scholarship savings account from Zions Bank's Pays for A's program. He received the surprise news about the scholarship at a presentation at the Zions Bank's Gooding office from branch manager Vern Eames and customer service manager Sharon Seifert on Jan. 13.

Open to all Idaho and Utah students ages 13 through 18, Zions Pays for A's offers cash incentives for good grades. Students take their most recent term-end report cards from the current academic year into any Zions Bank

location and receive \$1 per "A" deposited into their Teengreen savings accounts, or .50 cents per "A" if they opt for cash. For each "A" on their report cards, students receive automatic entries into one of 182 drawings for scholarship money worth up to \$1,000.

Earlier this year, Eames brought his report card into Zions Bank's Gooding office. His name was selected randomly in a drawing among entrants from that branch.

### Safe Kids Magic Valley receives grant from Fred Meyer Fund

Safe Kids of Magic Valley, a department of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, announced that it has received a community grant totaling \$1958.47 from the

Fred Meyer Fund for the purchase of snow/snowboarding helmets and ATV helmets. Safe Kids will use the funds to purchase both types of helmets in conjunction with their mission of trying to prevent unintentional injury in children under age 18, in our eight county service area.

"The Fred Meyer Fund and its Advisory Committee Members were particularly impressed by the successful track record of Safe Kids Magic Valley and its' programs," said Glynda Brockhoff, philanthropy coordinator for Fred Meyer stores and The Fred Meyer Fund. "We hope this community grant will help Safe Kids continue the important work it is doing to enhance the welfare of the community. We are proud to be part of the Twin Falls community and are

committed to helping where we can."

The Fund's community grants program is driven by 29 Advisory Committees made up of local Fred Meyer associates from each Fred Meyer store, plant, and warehouse. The Advisory Committee members research nonprofit organizations in their communities and then award community grants. The community grants are funded by donations from Fred Meyer Associates and customer donations in the Make Change Count coin boxes at all check stands. The dollars collected through associate donations and coin boxes are combined and allocated by the Advisory Committees as community grants in the four western states where we have Fred Meyer operations.

## Banks

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loan request because the capital they require to continue growing is being unfairly distributed to the very institutions that caused this mess, they too would be outraged."

Mork added that the Treasury required his bank to raise matching capital from the private sector for his application for \$1.5 million in federal funds to be approved.

But community banks' access to the federal funds is inconsistent with the experience of some firms. Central Pacific Financial of Honolulu, for instance, has had little difficulty. In December, the Treasury approved the application of the ailing Hawaii bank for \$135 million without any such conditions. Contrary to the stated goals of the Capital Purchase Program, Central Pacific used most of the money to avoid censure by their regulators rather than lend to customers, bank officials said at the time.

The transition between presidential administrations has delayed matters. Former president George W. Bush's Treasury appointees left their posts when his administration ended Tuesday. No one was in the department's public relations office Thursday to field news media questions.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who leads the House

committee that wrote much of the bailout legislation, acknowledged yesterday that his intervention on behalf of a bank in his home state helped the firm win federal aid.

Frank successfully appealed to Treasury officials on behalf of OneUnited, which he described as the only African-American-owned bank in Massachusetts. When writing the legislation, Frank included language to make sure that banks like OneUnited would be eligible for some of the cash. The provision directed the Treasury secretary to consider giving funds to small banks that had been well-capitalized as of June 30, served low-income neighborhoods and lost capital after the federal government seized mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Frank's role in helping the bank was reported in The Wall Street Journal this week.

## Prices

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comes to her Marlboro Lights.

"You'll find that most smokers won't switch from the brand they have," she said after taking a puff.

Morningstar analyst Kim Picciola said customers often justify paying full price by cutting spending in other areas.

"People are making choices, there's no doubt about it," Picciola said. "They're making choices about how they want to spend their discretionary dollars, and in some cases they're still willing to pay full price for brands they're loyal to."

Corlett puts it differently.

"You may drink less Coke, but you're not giving up Coke," she said.

In some cases, however, full price is a subjective designation. Wal-Mart's

full price differs from those found at, say, J.C. Penney or Saks. Companies can also opt to drop prices on products instead of promoting a big sale. Luxury handbag maker Coach Inc., for example, said Wednesday it will lower its prices 10 percent to 15 percent while offering more items under \$300.

And many manufacturers now set minimum price requirements that keep merchants from marking items down to a bare minimum.

Many retailers tend to resist markdowns because they can threaten a brand's well-cultivated image and cost companies profits both now and years down the line. That's why discounts are infrequent at stores like

Abercrombie & Fitch and Apple, which this week said its profit climbed 2 percent in the last quarter as shoppers bought a record number of iPods. That helped boost sales 6 percent and helped the chain beat Wall Street forecasts.

Experts said retailers must also be careful not to set a risky precedent that gets shoppers accustomed to huge markdowns, making them less willing to spend on full-price merchandise.

Lori Hanlin, a 45-year-old

postal worker from Bridgman, Mich., is a good example. She is so used to getting items on sale that she won't splurge on much of anything.

"It's a game," she said. "Clothes, makeup, anything like that, things for your house. I'll never pay full price for those."

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# Beware simple 'fixes' to a complicated financial mess

One group is convinced that mortgage foreclosures are at the root of the crisis. Solve that, and the rest will take care of itself.



STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

Another faction is just as certain that toxic assets on banks' balance sheets are clogging the financial arteries, resulting in a credit crunch that is bringing down the economy. Their solution: have the government set up a "bad bank" to buy up all the toxic assets.

Still another has concluded that it's all hopeless and the only solution is for the government to nationalize the banking system, wipe out shareholders, fire all the executives, sell off all the bad assets at fire-sale prices and start again.

With all this conflicting advice, it's no wonder nobody can figure out what to do.

Most of the silver-bullet solutions are based on an oversimplified analysis or colored by the experiences, ideologies and self-interest of those who propose them. Regulators and other veterans of the savings-and-loan crisis like the bad-bank solution. Bankers favor anything that allows them to get rid of their bad loans. Conservatives like anything that holds out the hope of attracting private capital. Populists tend toward nationalization.

It's a guess — but probably a pretty good guess — that in the end we'll wind up doing some version of all of these proposals.

In thinking about all this, a good place to start is not with the banks themselves but with the "shadow" banking system — those markets in which packages of loans are sold off in pieces to investors. In the United States over the past several decades, this shadow system has come to provide roughly half of the financing for businesses and households, including many of the loans that are initially written by banks.

Now this shadow system has effectively shut down because investors lost confidence in their ability to know the risks involved in those loan packages. Until their confidence is restored, the credit crunch will continue.

Of all our problems, this one may be the easiest to solve. Banks, investment banks, rating agencies and regulators — the key players in the shadow banking system — have now been sufficiently chastened by their past mistakes and are unlikely to repeat them. So if the new loans are written and packaged to meet newly conservative standards, there are likely to be plenty of investors willing to buy them.

That would be particularly true if the packages came with a limited government guarantee against default, much as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac continue to do with conventional mortgage-backed securities. As it happens, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is already working on a plan to do just that, which could be funded through a modest contribution from the Treasury's \$700 billion bailout fund or fees charged to the participating banks.

Reducing mortgage fore-

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closures is also very doable, at a modest cost and without the political firestorm that would erupt were the government to directly bail out homeowners who took on more debt than they could handle.

The key is to induce lenders and mortgage servicers to renegotiate troubled mortgages rather than foreclose on them, which in most instances is in their financial interest anyway. The framework for those restructurings already exists in a program passed last year by Congress.

Now the FDIC's chairman, Sheila Bair, has proposed some reasonable changes that would make the program more attractive to lenders and servicers — things like paying a \$1,000 fee to cover the labor costs involved in modifications and providing a partial guarantee against re-default. What I like about the program is that it gives the government a share of any equity in a house if it is eventually sold for more than the value of the restructured mortgage.

Of course none of this addresses the thornier problem of what to do about all those bad loans, and unwanted packages of loans, weighing heavily on bank balance sheets. The list of troubled loans grows by the day and now takes in not only subprime mortgages but also commercial real estate loans, car loans, student loans and corporate takeover loans. At this point, even the Treasury can't borrow enough money to buy them all up.

Nor should it. The evidence right now is not that these assets are worthless, as many commentators have suggested, but rather just the opposite — that due to the absence of willing buyers, the "market" prices have been irrationally discounted from their long-term economic value. So the better approach would be to find ways for the banks to raise additional capital and hold on to the assets until the market recovers or the loans come due.

One approach is to have the Federal Reserve buy up some of these toxic assets or

take them as collateral for fresh loans to the banks. The Fed already has such a "facility" to deal with short-term commercial IOUs and stabilize that market and is about to launch others dealing with commercial and residential real estate loans and other categories of assets. The Treasury provides a modest amount of borrowed money as the equity, or risk capital, for these facilities, which the Fed leverages several times over with freshly printed dollars.

By increasing the number or size of these facilities, the government could inject considerable additional capital into the banking system at relatively little immediate cost.

At the same time, rather than using taxpayer dollars directly to recapitalize banks, the Treasury could help banks attract private capital by offering some sort of guarantee of any newly issued preferred stock, much as it has already done for newly issued debt.

As payment for its guarantee, the government could demand warrants for up to 49 percent of a bank's common stock, which could be exercised in the future if and when the stock price recovers.

Such a guarantee program would also avoid the market-roiling specter of nationalization, force shareholders to give up a sizable share of a company, and offer taxpayers a reasonable return on their investment and risk-taking.

There is a way out of this mess, if only we have faith in the people chosen to manage the process and the patience to see it through. It will almost surely require the commitment of additional funds beyond the original \$700 billion, and it will involve several more rounds of trial and error.

But most of all, it will require us to resist the fetching idea that there is a simple, quick and relatively painless way to put a complex financial system back together again.

Steven Pearlstein is a columnist for the *Washington Post*.

## FHA

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private mortgage insurance with a down payment of less than 20 percent.

Guy Cecala, publisher of Inside Mortgage Finance, said that, traditionally, FHA borrowers have been considered "A-minus" borrowers. Many lenders set a minimum credit score for FHA loans of 580, compared with the national average score of 723. A score as low as 580 could put a borrower into the subprime category, where little lending is now going on. The FHA is also more permissive than many lenders on the ratio of debt to income a borrower can have: Generally, the home loan can be up to 31 percent of gross income, while all of the borrower's debt can be up to 43 percent of income.

FHA loans traditionally have higher default rates than conventional prime




loans. In the third quarter of 2008, 3.7 percent of FHA loans were 90 days or more past due, compared with 2.2 percent of all loans and 1.27 percent of prime loans, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. However, on subprime loans, that rate was 7.22 percent. The foreclosure rate on FHA loans is also traditionally higher than that of the market as a whole, though that switched at the beginning of 2008. At that point, the broader market's rate of foreclosures started during the quarter exceeded 1 percent; FHA loans stayed below that level.


While borrowers' down payments and credit scores can be lower than what many conventional lenders are requiring, FHA loans have their own hurdles. Borrowers must fully document their income from the

past two years and explain any gaps in employment. If the down payment is a gift, it must be fully documented. Documentation rules like those largely went by the wayside with traditional lenders in the days of the boom.

The FHA also requires homes to be appraised. As recently as two years ago, Donnelly said, the rules were strict. But the FHA has lifted some of its more onerous rules, and almost no conventional loans are being made without an appraisal, making their requirements similar.

A number of lenders said that for home buyers without big down payments, particularly first-timers, FHA loans should be considered. They won't always be a better deal than conventional loans, but it's worth making the comparison.

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# Despite poor economy, Super Bowl won't lose luster

By Mitch Stacy  
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — The sagging economy has put a hit on plans for this year's Super Bowl, not that visitors to Tampa for the game and hundreds of millions watching on TV will be able to tell the difference.

America's bacchanalian bash in honor of football will still roll for the TV cameras with all its over-the-top glitz. Yet there are signs — fewer and smaller parties, maybe not quite so many reporters and traveling fans — that the shine will be a little less bright this year.

The game will still be sold out. The town will be crawling with party-hopping celebrities. Hotels will be busy, fans wearing Pittsburgh Steelers and Arizona Cardinals garb will be ubiquitous on the streets, and hundreds of media members will descend to cover the event, which will still likely be the nation's most-watched TV broadcast this year.

The impact of the nation's economic woes on the event are more subtle.

The Super Bowl Host Committee had to lower its fundraising goal by \$1 million. Corporations that are sponsoring the game are sending fewer bigwigs to town. A couple of the big Super Bowl parties and other events were bagged, others are downsizing, and some media companies — especially hard hit by the downturn and the changing habits of news consumers — are sending fewer scribes to cover the game.

"No one is immune from the economy, not the NFL, not the host committee for the Super Bowl," said Reid Sigmon, the host commit-



tee's executive director.

The committee lowered its local fundraising expectation from \$8 million to \$7 million after sponsorships lagged, but it will still meet its financial obligations to the NFL, Sigmon said. The committee started early and got a lot of the money raised before the economy took a hard turn in late summer, he said.

The auditing firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers predicted the economy would be a factor on game week, resulting in "fewer visitors and media, a shorter average length-of-stay per visitor, and less spending in the hospitality and related industries throughout the Tampa Bay area."

The projected \$150 million in direct spending tied to the game will be about 20 percent off what it would have been if the economy were stronger, the company said in a report Wednesday.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league tried not to spare any expense for this year's event, adding that "we're bullish on the Super Bowl and what it means to America."

If the NFL's private sponsors' party seems smaller this year, it's simply because some sponsors are sending fewer people to the game, which the league sees as its pinnacle event, McCarthy said.

As an "acknowledgment of what our fans are going

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through," a block of 1,000 game tickets were offered for \$500 each — \$300 less than the face value of most game tickets, he said.

Tourism officials say it's still too early to tell how well Steelers and Cardinals fans will travel and whether the area's more than 50,000 hotel rooms will fill up. Tampa Bay & Company, the area's tourism bureau, is reaching out to media outlets in the Pittsburgh and Phoenix areas to drum up business.

"We're still expecting 100,000 fans in Tampa Bay," visitors bureau spokesman Travis Claytor said, citing the estimated number of visitors expected for a typical Super Bowl.

The economic woes led Sports Illustrated and Playboy to pull the plug on their traditional high-end Super Bowl parties this year. Sports Illustrated spokesman Scott Novak said "it wasn't the right thing to do," given the state of the economy.

However, there will be no shortage of glitzy fetes and red carpet scenes around town in the days leading up to the game. Among the hosts and other big names: Kevin Costner, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Jenny McCarthy, Carmen Electra, Pamela Anderson and T-Pain.



Motorists pass signs hanging on a utility pole in Tampa, Fla. looking for area residents to rent out their homes to visitors for the Super Bowl. The sagging economy put a blind side hit on the plans for this year's game, but visitors to Tampa and the hundreds of millions of people watching on TV probably won't be able to tell the difference.

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Dover Bridge, Bonner County

## Notice of Proposed Amendment and Changes to Idaho's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

In January 2009, the Idaho Transportation Board met to consider a planned response to a proposed national economic stimulus package that may be passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. The projects noted below may be added to FY 2009 of the FY 2009-2012 STIP should Idaho receive sufficient stimulus funds for their construction.

Projects chosen to use stimulus funds must be "shovel ready" and under construction by the 2009 construction season. Projects chosen by the board meet these criteria, and will also help to distribute the benefits of stimulus dollars and jobs to each major region in Idaho. The board proposes to add or advance the following projects estimated to cost \$182 million, to the FY 2009 STIP:

### Advance Projects from FY 2010 to FY 2009:

- SH-48, Rigby High School to Yellowstone Highway (KN 09378), add lanes and retaining walls: \$5 million
- I-84, Vista Avenue Interchange (KN 09818), replace interchange: \$48 million
- US-95, Top of Whitebird Grade to Chain-up Area (KN 08073), major widening: \$4 million
- US-95, Moscow Mountain Passing Lanes (KN 11031), add passing lanes: \$5 million

### New Projects:

- US-2, Dover Bridge, Bonner County (KN 01222), bridge replacement: \$40 million
- US-20, Henrys Lake flat (KN 08624), add passing lanes: \$4 million
- I-86, Chubbuck Interchange to Pocatello Creek Interchange (KN 10518 and 09547), add lanes and bridge: \$25 million
- US-93, Twin Falls Alternate Route, Stage 2 (KN 10917), complete alternate route: \$51 million

### Comments concerning these changes to the STIP must be received by February 24, 2009.

Online comments can be submitted on the ITD website at: <http://itd.idaho.gov/planning/stip/>. Or you may send an email to: [TPSTIP@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:TPSTIP@itd.idaho.gov).

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# Year of the Ox looking very un-bullish, seers say

By Dikky Sinn  
Associated Press writer

HONG KONG — If the global economy fails to recover in 2009, the housing bubble or credit crunch may not be to blame. It could be a lack of fire.

Chinese fortunetellers say fire — one of the five elements mystics believe form the basis of the universe — is essential to financial well-being. And fire is nowhere to be found in the mythology of this coming Year of the Ox, the Chinese lunar year that begins Monday.

"Fire is the driving force behind economic growth. Without it, the market lacks momentum," said Raymond Lo, a Hong Kong master of feng shui, the ancient Chinese practice of trying to achieve health, harmony and prosperity through building design, the placement of objects and auspicious dates and numbers.

Chinese soothsayers see a deepening recession, millions more losing their jobs, and stocks and home prices continuing to fall. That's more or less in line with what some economists are predicting, but some fortunetellers are throwing in other dire predictions — massive earthquakes, rising U.S.-Russian tensions and trouble for President Barack Obama.

Obama, born in the Year of the Ox, is taking office in a particularly bad year for his Chinese astrological sign. The ox sign is in direct conflict this year with a traditional Chinese divinity called the "God of Year," considered a

bad omen. Obama also is the 44th president, a number the Chinese deem extremely unlucky, because "four" is pronounced the same as "death" in Chinese.

"The new U.S. president is not having good luck this year. His honeymoon will only be short-lived," said fortuneteller Alion Yeo, predicting Obama may even face impeachment in his first year in office. "The Year of the Ox looks slightly better and less dire than last year, but it will still be bumpy."

Yeo also predicted that the U.S. mortgage crisis would worsen and the stock market would plunge to new lows.

But Malaysian numerologist Weng Shi Ming suggested Obama's birth year would offset his bad luck. Weng said the symmetry of 1961 is "the perfect mix of ying and yang," rendering Obama "immune to the effects of 44."

The ox, one of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac, symbolizes calm, hard work, resolve and tenacity. According to legend, the ox allowed the cunning rat to ride on its head in a race to determine the animals' order. Shortly before the ox crossed the finish line, the rat leaped off to claim victory. The Year of the Rat was marked in 2008.

Among the world's luminaries born in the Year of the Ox: former U.S. President Richard Nixon (1913), former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (1925), Princess Diana (1961), and Hollywood actors George Clooney (1961) and Richard Gere (1949).

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# Idaho project collects and records state's legal history

Recording the people and events that shaped Idaho law

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Decades of Idaho's legal history sits in law libraries across the state, encapsulated in the case law and code books.

But the interesting stuff — the living, breathing side of the law — was disappearing as the state's most influential lawyers and judges grew old and died, says Boise attorney Deb Kristensen, president of the Idaho Legal History Society.

Inspired by the oral history projects of the 9th Judicial Circuit History Society and StoryCorps, Kristensen and other members of the Idaho Legal History Society decided to take depositions of their own. The 9th Judicial Circuit History Society's oral history project collects interviews with judges throughout the circuit, and StoryCorps is a national nonprofit project that records the stories of average Americans.

They compiled a list of 50 candidates and began recording interviews in 2007, as well as gathering oral histories taken by other individuals and groups in earlier years. Court reporters around the state pitched in, transcribing the



Kathy Hodges, an oral historian, poses at the oral history shelf of the Idaho State Historical Society Library archives, Friday in Boise.

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oral histories, and workers at the state Historical Society Library took on the painstaking work of indexing, cataloging and archiving the interviews.

Slowly, the personalities behind the state's legal traditions and culture began to take form.

"The cases are going to be preserved for ever and ever, but the people behind them, we really don't know much about them," Kristensen said. "Everybody can read a case, but this is really about the people and events that have shaped where we are today. They offer perspective about how things have changed, and why they became the way they are over the years."

Listening to the interviews gives a depth to the legal history that would be hard to grasp through written words alone, said Kathy Hodges, an oral historian with the state Historical Society who is assisting with the legal oral history project.

"What I find really interesting as I listen to the collection is the way people structure a story, the way they change the tone of their voice when they're about to launch into something important," Hodges said. "In the conversation, they use a lot of the same devices that we think of as being literary: Foreshadowing, surprise endings, pacing and tone. There's something about having that human voice."

The histories include anec-

dots that range from the heart-wrenching, such as one attorney's work on a case in which a toddler was accidentally poisoned after plumbers hooked up the wrong pipes in his trailer home, to the humorous, such as a judge's recounting of when members of a

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local civic group sold oranges to prisoners at the state penitentiary as a fundraiser. The inmates promptly turned the fresh fruit into homemade alcohol.

"It's like talking to your grandpa — if you ask him, he'll tell you these great stories, but otherwise you'll never know," Kristensen said.

The work will continue, and members of the Idaho Legal History Society are taking suggestions for interview subjects and volunteers to help with the interviewing, Kristensen said. The oral histories and transcripts are being kept at the state Historical Society Public Archives and Research Library.

M. Allyn Dingel Jr., an attorney with Elam & Burke in Boise, recounted in his interview that he entered New York University's law school in 1958 to avoid being drafted. He passed the bar in 1961, and worked for the Idaho attorney general's office before entering private practice.

Dingel would occasionally sing in the courtroom, and once the habit helped a judge decide a case, he said. Dingel was questioning a man who was suing the Sun Valley Corp. over their noisy snowmaking machines, and he sang out a note and asked if that was comparable to the noise.

The man said no, it was worse — prompting Dingel to sing a louder, higher note. The exchange happened again, and again Dingel sang louder and higher, trying to make a sound comparable to the snow machines.

"That's a true story," Dingel said. "The judge said, 'I find Sun Valley guilty,' with a smile."

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## E. Idaho man released after nearly fifteen years in prison dies

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An eastern Idaho man who spent nearly 15 years in prison before being freed after a federal judge ordered a new trial because of tampered evidence and prosecutor misconduct has died.

Rauland J. Grube, 45, died Tuesday at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, one day after he had a stroke.

"I was shocked and saddened to learn of Mr. Grube's death," Greg Moeller, Grube's lawyer, told the Post Register. "I know his family is grateful for the almost three years they had with him after his release from prison."

"They are also thankful he was able to clear his name

legally and have all charges against him dismissed before he died."

Grube was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced in 7th District Court to life in prison in 1991 in the slaying of 15-year-old Amy Hossner. She was found dead in her bed from a shotgun blast fired through the window of her basement bedroom in Ashton in June 1983.

Grube appealed and in the spring of 2006 U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill ordered that he be released or get a new trial. The judge found investigators had withheld a key witness at trial and that police logs had been

tampered with.

Grube was released on a \$250,000 bond. The Idaho attorney general's office decided to retry the case on a first-degree murder charge, but in August 2007 Grube entered an Alford plea to the lesser offense of aggravated assault in an agreement with prosecutors that was approved by the victim's family.

"It was done to let the state save face and for us to get the case dismissed," Moeller said.

Grube was sentenced to 14 years, 10 months, with credit for the nearly 15 years he had spent in prison and in the county jail.

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## Marjorie I. Crutchley

BOISE — Marjorie I. Crutchley, 87, of Boise and formerly of Jerome, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.



She was born March 13, 1921, in Jerome, the eldest of four children born to Richard and Inez Freeman. Marjorie graduated as valedictorian from Jerome High School in 1939 and married Carl (Pat) Crutchley on Oct. 17, 1940, also in Jerome. They lived in southern California and Boise before moving back to Jerome in 1949, where she was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Having worked as a bookkeeper for 11 years at Growers Warehouse, Marjorie worked another 14 years at Morgan Lindsey Inc. after they bought Growers Warehouse. She was well known for her sense of humor, uncanny wit, intelli-

gence and wise advice. She discovered a love of reading as early as first grade, was an avid Bridge Club participant and piano player. Marjorie is survived by a daughter, Lynda Barrett of Boise; by two sons, Edward Crutchley of Everett, Wash., and David Crutchley of Reno, Nev.; three grandsons; three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1982, her parents, a sister, two brothers and one grandchild.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Marquis Care and St. Luke's Hospice for their loving care. And a very special "thank you" to her granddaughter, Lana, for the love and special care she gave to her grandmother, Marjorie.

Condolences for the family may be submitted online at [www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com](http://www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com).

## Mionne Pennock Jarman

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Mionne Pennock Jarman of Huntington Beach, Calif., passed away Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, at her home after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.



It was a difficult and trying ordeal, and she gave it her best as she did in all aspects of her life. She will be dearly missed by her family and her extended family she nurtured and loved for many years.

Mionne was born Oct. 16, 1935, in Twin Falls, to James E. and Rachel Alta Powell Pennock.

She was born during the Depression into a loving family of parents and seven brothers and sisters, Pat, Colleen, Tom, Don, Marjorie, Bob and Bill. She was later joined by Jerry, Julie and Mike. With this large family and many friends and neighbors, Mionne explored the mysteries of Drury Park, Rock Creek Canyon and other delights of her childhood in Twin Falls. She attended Lincoln grade school and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1954.

College years were spent at Utah State University and Brigham Young University, where she met David Lee Jarman of Compton, Calif. They were married in Evanston, Wyo., on March 21, 1960. The marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

Mionne adopted Dave's daughter, Debbie. They were later joined by two sons, David Lee Jr. and Jerry Dee.

Mionne spent most of her married life in southern California and said many times she didn't miss the cold, windy winters of the Intermountain West. She enjoyed southern California and would host relatives and friends as they visited sites of her adopted state. She had a talent for teaching special needs students and did this for many years within the Orange County School District.

Survivors include her husband, Dave; daughter, Debbie (Ron) Webb of Manteca, Calif.; son, David Lee Jr., his wife, Karen, and their children, David Lee III, Brandon Riley and Hannah Ray Jarman, all of Temecula, Calif.; brothers and sisters, Thomas D. (Gae) of Layton, Utah, Don G. of Salt Lake City, Utah, Marjorie (Wayne) Haws of Provo, Utah, Robert E. (Fay) of Idaho Falls, William M. of Twin Falls, Julia E. Moss of Weaverville, Calif., and Michael L. (Jennifer) of Rexburg. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Jerry Dee; brothers, James E. Jr. and Jerry Dee; and sister, Colleen Patton.

She will be missed by her many nieces and nephews, who were continually cheered by her fun and uplifting spirit.

A service was held at the Hunting Beach Ward of the LDS Church. Interment followed at the Pacific View Memorial Park in Corona Del Mar, Calif.

## Betty L. Roy

Betty L. Roy passed away Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, in the company of her family.

Betty was born May 15, 1926, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Thomas and Aurelia Steinkoetter Moorehead.



Betty worked for a short time at Herrett's Manufacturing Jewelers, where she met her loving husband, Wilburt J. Roy. They were married in 1948. Betty was a homemaker and, in her younger years, she volunteered at St. Edward's Catholic School and Church. She enjoyed telling jokes, was an avid reader and, most importantly, loved spending time with her family.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilburt J. Roy; and sisters, Frances Machacek and Loretta May Moorehead.

Survivors include her sons, Thomas (Kris) Roy and Theodore (Bobbie) Roy; and

her grandchildren; Ted Roy Jr., Dacia (Garret Oppliger), Christopher, David, Melissa and Matthew Roy. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren; her brother, Wayne (Deloris) Moorehead; and her sister, Norma (Dutch) Mullinex.

A rosary prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Brian May reciting. A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Father Camilo Garcia from St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church officiating. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until the time of the rosary Monday at Reynolds Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Betty's name to the St. Edward the Confessor Catholic School.

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

## James Allan Wallace

James Allan Wallace, 45, of Twin Falls, passed away in the arms of his wife, DeNette, surrounded by his family after a valiant and courageous battle with esophageal cancer on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.



James loved fishing, boating, camping, arts and crafts, racing and spending time with friends and family. James was tender in heart, patient and kind, loyal and loving. He was a perfect soul mate, extraordinary husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend.

James is survived by the love of his life, DeNette; his children, Kayla, Katrina, Andrew and Dusten; his mom, Wanda Craig of Nampa; his brothers, Ron (Wanda) Wallace and Jeffrey Meads, all of Twin Falls; his sisters, Lorinda (Charles) Stout of Nampa and Michelle Meads of Twin Falls; as well as nine nieces, five nephews and three great-nieces.

Also surviving is his mother-in-law, Sharyn Justus of Twin Falls; father-in-law, Art Justus of Ojai, Calif.; brother-in-law, Jaycen Justus of Oxnard, Calif.; and his best

friends, Mike Connell and Jeff Walker.

James was preceded in death by his dad, Leonard Craig, and his maternal grandparents.

The family would like to thank Dr. Charles Smith and Dr. Richard Miranda and all the staff at MSTI. First Choice Hospice, Stacy, Laurell and Bobbie, for all of their compassionate, extraordinary care. Art Justus, Ron Wallace and Mike Connell for taking James on the trip of a lifetime. The support of friends, family, co-workers and new friends that have come into our life.

A celebration of life ceremony and video memorial will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

At James' request, there will be no public viewing. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in James' name to MSTI or First Choice Hospice.

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

## SERVICES

Rose G. Kratzberg of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Mike Thomas of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

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## Michelle Mencke

Michelle Mencke, 45, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at her home.

She was born June 30, 1963, in St. Charles, Mo., to Merlyn and Marilyn (Tucker) Mencke.



She attended her earlier years in Missouri and moved to Idaho in her freshman year, where she attended Idaho Falls High School and graduated in 1981. After graduation, she went to Idaho State University and received her teaching degree. After obtaining her degree, she worked at Wendell Middle School for 10 years, where she was known as "Miss Mencke" and was very well liked by all her students.

Michelle was a single mom who took great care of her son, Austin. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, doting on her nieces and nephews, bowling with her son, Austin, traveling and knitting blan-

kets for all her family and friends when they had new babies. As a child, she was a Girl Scout, where she earned many badges.

Michelle was a special mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend who kept everyone in touch.

She is survived by her son, Austin of Twin Falls; father, Merlyn of Yakima, Wash.; sister, Melissa (Richard) McAlister of Everett, Wash.; brother, Michael (LaWana) Mencke of Idaho Falls; niece, SaVanna Mencke; nephews, Aaron McAlister, Charlie Mencke and Robert Mencke; and companion, Brent Andrews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Marilyn; and grandparents, Sybil and Charles Tucker, and Harriet Olsen.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Ralph Hathaway

IDAHO FALLS — Ralph Raymond Hathaway, 90, of Idaho Falls and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at his home after a brief battle with cancer.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the service Friday at the funeral home.

### George D. Jesser

SUN CITY, Calif. — George Donald Jesser, 80, of Sun City, Calif., died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009.

Memorial arrangements will be announced by the family (Miller-Jones Mortuary in Sun City).

### Mable H. Sparks

BUHL — Mable Helen Sparks, 87, of Buhl, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at Gooding County Memorial

Hospital in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

### Verna M. Panopolos

Verna Marie Panopolos, 80, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### Frederick R. Baugh

Frederick Ray Baugh, 94, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### Joseph Kriauckas

BURLEY — Joseph Kriauckas, 93, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at Mini-Cassia Care Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

## Swett, World War II Marine Corps pilot, dies at age 88


Los Angeles Times

James E. Swett, a former U.S. Marine Corps pilot who was awarded the Medal of Honor after shooting down seven Japanese bombers in 15 minutes over the Solomon Islands during World War II, died Sunday of congestive heart failure at Mercy Medical Center in Redding, Calif. He was 88.

On the morning of April 7, 1943, Swett, then a 22-year-old first lieutenant on his first

combat mission, led his division of F4F-4 Wildcats to the skies over Guadalcanal in the western Pacific Ocean, where a wave of 150 Japanese bombers and fighter escorts was headed.

His Medal of Honor citation noted that Swett "unhesitatingly hurled his 4-plane division into action," engaging a formation of 15 Japanese aircraft and "with accurate and deadly fire" shooting down three planes in succession.



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# College financial aid system facing stiff test

By Dave Carpenter  
Associated press writer

CHICAGO — Finding financial aid for college this year promises to be tougher than any final exam.

The quest for money that begins for students and parents every January has taken on new urgency in 2009 amid fears that loans and grants will be scarcer than in the past due to the recession.

"The financing system for college is in real crisis," said Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. "Every one of the participants in the system is experiencing hardship — higher education institutions, states, aid donors and families all are cash-strapped."

Federal student loans remain readily available — with some funding even increased recently by Congress. But the prospect that grants and scholarships may be cut at many schools, combined with the shrinking availability of private loans, has fueled widespread angst at a time when more people than ever are seeking help. Applications for federal aid for the current academic year already are running 10 percent above last year's record pace, according to the Department of Education.

Savings held in Section 529 plans — the state-sponsored investment funds for college that are popular for their tax breaks — have been depleted by the worst bear market in



AP photo  
**Katie Kliphuis, a senior at Walt Whitman High School, poses Friday at the school in Huntington Station, N.Y. The quest for money that begins for students and parents every January has taken on new urgency in 2009 amid fears that loans and grants will be scarcer due to the recession.**

decades and home equity values have plummeted. That has sapped two sources most tapped by parents to fund their children's higher education. Colleges' endowments have been similarly walloped.

Private student loans are especially hard hit. Last year, 60 private lenders provided \$19 billion to students. Now, 39 of those have stopped lending to students and the remaining firms have made it harder to borrow, according to Finaid.org, a Web site that tracks the industry.

"The stress level is high," said Rod Bugarin, financial aid adviser for the New York-based college consulting firm IvyWise.

Numerous revenue-short states are likely to consider

cutting aid in one way or another, and public colleges and universities are expected to raise tuition — in some cases by double digit percentages — as they set rates for next year.

Scholarships from civic groups and local companies across the country also are likely to decline, Bugarin said, although it's too early to know the extent.

What it all means is that families and college counselors are having to hold difficult conversations about reduced savings and the need to take on more debt and lower sights to focus on more affordable schools.

"There are no sure answers because we're in new territory," said Bruce Hammond, a

Washington, D.C.-based college admissions consultant and co-author of "The Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College." "But students with high need and lesser credentials are going to have to brace themselves for less aid."

Jean Kliphuis, 46, of Huntington, N.Y., is concerned about the tightening of college costs and how to pay for them as she studies aid prospects for daughter Katie, a high school senior who has applied to six schools. Jean is a librarian and her husband Tim is self-employed in the office equipment business. As middle-income parents of three children, their tab for college could be overwhelming if they didn't do all their homework on aid options.

"There is money out there, but you have to jump through a lot of hoops to get it," Kliphuis said. "So my husband and I are jumping through the hoops."

The key to success in the "convoluted" financial aid process is good information, she said, and there's lots of it available through schools' aid offices and online at such sites as Collegeboard.com and Princetonreview.com.

Indeed, the news isn't all bad. The federal government has authorized some \$95 billion in grants, loans and work-study assistance to help almost 11 million students and their families pay for college this year, and its recent commitments mean that total will all but certainly be exceeded next year.

Among the encouraging developments for parents and students:

- The government broadened student borrowing in the midst of the credit crunch, ensuring the continued flow of federal loans that families depend on ahead of costlier private ones. Among other changes, annual borrowing limits for unsubsidized Stafford loans, which students can take out regardless of income, were raised by \$2,000 and parents can now defer repayment of federal loans until after their child leaves school.

Stimulus proposals that would give students more financial aid also are progressing through Congress.

"This certainly has been an unprecedented disruption in the student loan marketplace," said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of Finaid.org. "But Congress and the Department of Education have acted quickly to avert a crisis."

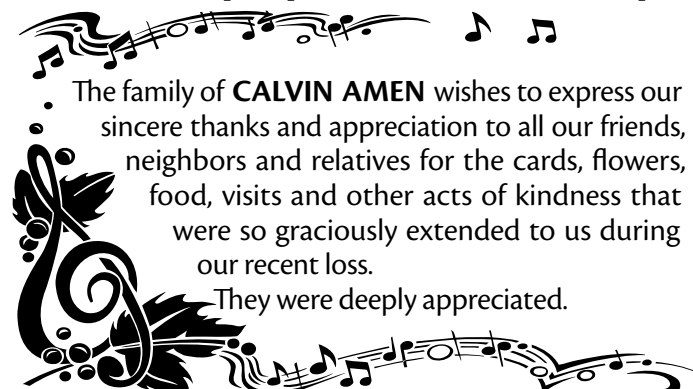
- No school is known to have withdrawn pledged financial aid this academic year despite financial setbacks that have prompted

them to make cuts elsewhere. A number of top institutions, from Harvard, Yale and Duke to smaller institutions with large endowments, announced expanded aid last year and have insisted they will stick to those commitments.

Aid can make a huge difference in affordability. The average list price of tuition and fees for the current academic year is \$6,585 for in-state students at four-year public universities and \$25,143 at private colleges, with some costing far more. But grants and tax breaks lower the average net price to about \$2,900 at public universities and \$14,900 at private schools, according to the College Board.

- Some students will benefit from the turmoil, especially at colleges with high tuitions and scarce resources.

"These places continue to jack it up," Hammond said of tuition increases, "so if you can pay the full outrageous fee in this economy, as long as you can walk and chew gum you will be admitted. And if you're pretty good — average, even — you might get a \$10,000 merit scholarship."



The family of CALVIN AMEN wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss.

They were deeply appreciated.

## Tips for finding college aid in hard times

Here are eight basics that parents of college-bound students who may not be doing all their financial aid homework should know:

**1. APPLY ASAP:** Parents with high school seniors or returning college students should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid now to have the best chance of receiving aid. This 102-question document is used to determine eligibility for federal aid, state aid and scholarships, and this year there are likely to be more applicants vying for less grant money.

"It's always a good idea to apply for aid early, but especially this year," said Lynn O'Shaughnessy, a personal finance journalist and author of "The College Solution: A Guide for Everyone Looking for the Right School at the Right Price." "The feed trough's going to be a lot more crowded, and schools may run out of money sooner."

Don't wait until your 2008 tax return to file; you can submit an online FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) using estimated tax information to speed the process.

**2. DON'T RULE OUT PRICEY SCHOOLS:** A high sticker price doesn't necessarily mean a higher out-of-pocket cost, especially at schools where significant merit aid might be available.

"Don't just apply to the local community college because you think it's all you can afford," said Lauren Asher of the Institute for College Access and Success.

**3. DON'T FORGET THE PROFILE:** Remember to also fill out the CSS/Financial Aid Profile, used by many private colleges and universities to determine aid eligibility. The form and more information are at the Web site of the College Board, [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

**4. LOOK AT LESS SELECTIVE SCHOOLS:** While you're shooting high, make sure you are applying to less selective schools than you might have otherwise to add to your margin of financial safety. Your student might qualify for a merit scholarship or get a good need-based package. Or it may just make more financial sense. "In a boom economy we allowed our children to apply wherever they wanted and we said, 'If you get in, we'll make it happen,'" said Rod Bugarin, financial aid adviser for college consulting firm IvyWise and a former financial aid officer at Brown University and Columbia University. "Now families are saying 'Maybe you should think about other schools, other opportunities.'"

**5. THE LOSS OF HOME EQUITY VALUE WON'T HELP:**

Newcomers to the aid process may assume or hope that a big decrease in their home value will put them in line for more financial aid. That's not likely. Household income counts by far

the most in the aid equation that also considers non-retirement assets, number of family members in the household, number of kids in college, and taxes.

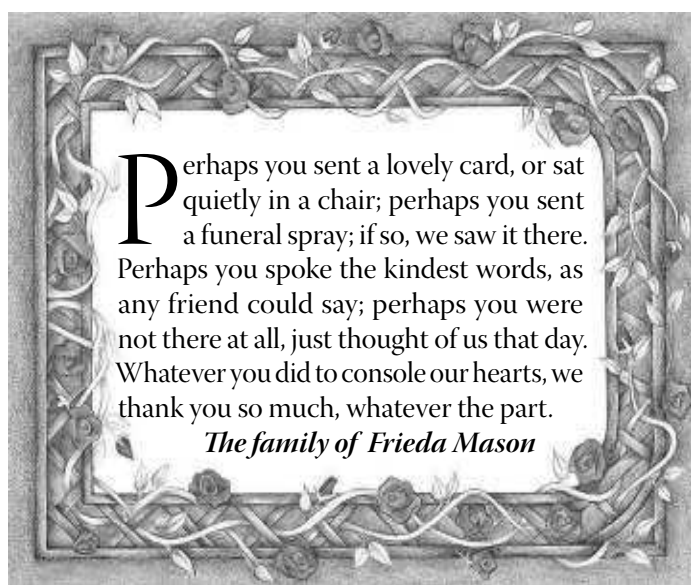
**6. LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ONLINE:** Private scholarships offered regionally and locally may help you fill the financing gap even if your student isn't brilliant. Some of the best-known scholarship search sites include Fast Web, Scholarships.com and the College Board's Scholarship Search (<http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch-ss/welcome.jsp>). Also check with your high school guidance office.

**7. CALL AID OFFICES:** Don't hesitate to call the financial aid

offices of schools your student is considering, for information on available aid or for assistance. A better financial aid offer from a similar school could also be valuable fodder to take back to the first-choice school this spring.

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— The Associated Press



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Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various cities including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, and Twin Falls. Includes a 'SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.' section with specific forecasts for that area.

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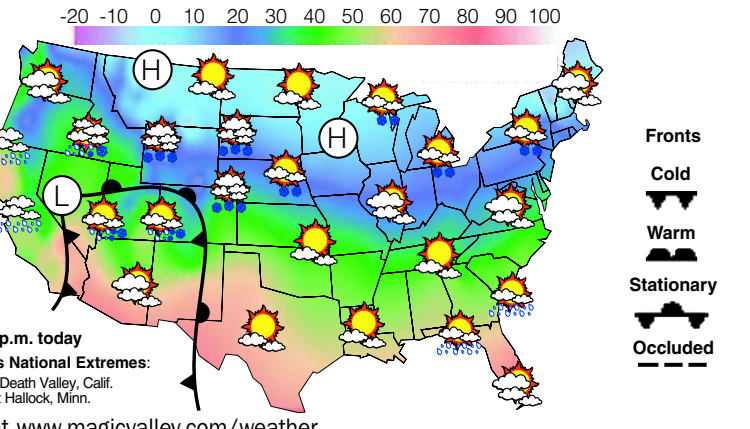
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Quote of the Day by Gregg Middlekauff: 'The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible - and achieve it, generation after generation.'

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Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities like Calgary, Cranbrook, Edmonton, etc.

Hudson River pilot to cheering crowd: We were just doing our jobs

DANVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Thousands of people holding signs and waving American flags cheered wildly Saturday to honor the pilot who safely landed a US Airways jetliner in the Hudson River. He told them he and his crew were only doing their jobs. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger was given a hero's homecoming, complete with a marching band, in Danville, the San Francisco suburb where he and his family live. Sullenberger said he was grateful for the outpouring of support since the Jan. 15 emergency landing, and that he and his crew were only doing their jobs. "Circumstance determined that it was this experienced crew that was scheduled to fly that particular flight on that particular day," he told the crowd. "But I know I can speak for the entire crew when I tell you we were simply doing the job we were trained to do." Sullenberger's brief comments were his first since he brought Flight 1549 to an emergency river landing in New York City. All 155 people on board survived. The pilot's wife, Lorraine Sullenberger, said through tears that she was amazed at the warm treatment the family has received. She said she was not surprised by her husband's heroism. "I have always known him to be an exemplary pilot. I knew what the outcome would be that day because I knew my husband," she said. "But mostly for me, he's the man that makes my cup of tea every morning." Around 3,000 people gathered under drizzly skies in the town square as Sullenberger was given a key to the city and named an honorary Danville police officer.

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EDITORIAL

# Idaho's bribery laws are a joke

Let's say you're a Republican public official in Idaho, serving on the commission that oversees the operations of the Division of Environmental Quality.

But you're also a candidate for the Legislature, and at a DEQ board meeting a lobbyist interested in a pending commission action says he plans to give you a campaign contribution.

But when you don't vote the lobbyist's way, the contribution falls through.

You could call it shady politics. You could also call it attempted bribery.

Yet it's not illegal — not in Idaho, which has the nation's most feeble bribery laws.

And the risk to the public's trust isn't just hypothetical.

Joan Cloonan, a chemist and former environmental officer at J.R. Simplot, was running for an open Ada County seat in the House of Representatives last year.

During a break at the environmental quality board's Oct. 8 meeting, Cloonan says she was approached by John Eaton, lobbyist for the Idaho Association of Realtors, who told her he would give her campaign a check at a fundraiser hosted by Gov. Butch Otter later that day.

Cloonan was part of a 6-1 majority that voted for a rule — opposed by the Realtors — concerning management of septic systems. Cloonan says she was told later by Eaton that her vote was a factor in the decision to withhold the \$500 check. She responded in a Nov. 14 letter, writing that she was "disappointed and insulted" by his statement.

Cloonan lost to Democrat Grant Burgoyne. On Election Night, she confronted Eaton.

"He says, 'Well, you didn't vote for me,'" Cloonan said. "I didn't vote for him, that's the bottom line. I think it was a little test."

Eaton argues there was no quid pro quo in his conversations with Cloonan. That's hard to believe.

Cloonan is convinced she was offered a bribe, and told the secretary of state and the attorney general as much. Both investigated, and said Eaton hadn't broken the law.

That puts the focus back on how well the law protects the interests of the people.

"I don't see any difference between offering a benefit in exchange for a vote and withdrawing a benefit if you don't get the vote," said state Rep. Raul Labrador, a Republican from Eagle who's drafting a bill to expand the bribery statute in a way that would make it a felony to offer a public official a benefit in exchange for official action.

Legislators should pass it. But then again, they should have passed it 40 years ago.

**Our view:**  
In Idaho, cash can — quite legally — grease the wheels of public policy.

# A free press needs to make a profit

GENEVA OVERHOLSER AND GEOFFREY COWAN

Newspapers are for sale across the country. National Public Radio and television news shows are laying off staff. The Tribune Co. (which owns the *Los Angeles Times* and other newspapers) is in bankruptcy. It's clear that journalism is in crisis, and in the current recession, things probably will get much worse.

That's alarming. A robust media is vital to our democracy. And while bloggers and other new-media news operations have enriched the public dialogue in important ways, their work still depends on the painstaking — and expensive — reporting supplied by traditional journalists.

Some conclude from the recent dire reports about the news business that people are no longer interested in serious journalism. In fact, more people than ever are consuming news. The *Los Angeles Times*, for example, still has nearly 750,000 subscribers to its daily print edition — and it also attracts more than 9 million visitors to its Web site each month.

What's broken is the economic model.

For decades, publishers and broadcasters operated as an indispensable source of news and advertising, with the advertisers paying most of the freight. Today, much of the classified advertising market has fled to sites such as Craigslist, and the Web gives other advertisers more targeted and less expensive options. Subscriptions too are down, as readers who used to pay for newspapers and magazines increasingly access them online for free. As a result, journalism — like music, cinema and other creative industries — is confronted with the question: Who will pay for creating content?

Serious news coverage is costly. *The New York Times* reportedly spends more than \$3 million a year to cover the Iraq war, for example. And the kind of investigative reporting that uncovers wrongdoing in government and business requires months-long commitments of reporters and editors. Yet as recent events demonstrate, we have a cru-



When newspapers seemed in jeopardy, Congress passed the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970, which allowed newspapers in the same market to pool resources for such things as printing and distribution. With a new administration and a new Congress seeking fresh solutions to other crises, we need to consider new possibilities to help ensure that journalism remains able to provide the information needed by a great democracy.

cial need for independent reporting that gets to the bottom of what's happening in Iraq and Afghanistan, in Israel and Gaza, in Washington, D.C., on Wall Street and at city hall.

Although a banking-style bailout would be rejected out of hand by people concerned with maintaining a free and independent press, there are other possibilities. Since the start of the republic, the government has found creative ways to support the press. Insisting that the far-flung American population needed to be connected and informed, George Washington and James Madison led the effort to pass the Postal Act of 1792, which heavily subsidized postal rates to encourage the dissemination of news throughout the land. In fact, federal officials lobbied for a totally subsidized delivery service, contending that there is "no resource so firm for the government of the United States." Since then, the government has found countless ways to encourage or subsidize journalism, including the Federal Communication Commission's requirement that broadcasters cover the news as a condition of obtaining a license. Today, we need to think anew about how government can ensure that citizens get the

information they need and want.

Journalism is starting to look toward new ventures and possibilities, from non-profit investigative reporting collaboratives to online community news start-ups. Citizens have begun contributing as well as consuming news, and many old-media companies have gained relevance in the age of new media. But it will take more.

Seventy years ago, with the advent of broadcasting, government insisted that the new medium include a rich array of news. In 1967, visionary leaders created the Public Broadcasting Act, giving us PBS and NPR. When newspapers seemed in jeopardy, Congress passed the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970, which allowed newspapers in the same market to pool resources for such things as printing and distribution. With a new administration and a new Congress seeking fresh solutions to other crises, we need to consider new possibilities to help ensure that journalism remains able to provide the information needed by a great democracy.

There are many areas for creative solutions. Congress could increase postal-rate subsidies for magazines. It could change tax policy to

remove barriers to philanthropies purchasing major news outlets. FCC policies, including rules against cross-ownership, could be reconceived to reflect the new realities of the information marketplace. Antitrust laws could be revised to allow publications to band together to charge for content. The founders understood that writers should be compensated for their work and included the copyright clause in the Constitution. We need to be equally aggressive in finding new ways to protect and reward journalism's intellectual property in this new era.

Some commentators have suggested more direct funding for journalism. Although we won't ever match the backing that the British Broadcasting Corp. gets from a tax on radios and television sets, we might increase support for public broadcasting and newer media through fees paid by commercial operators for use of spectrum licensed by the FCC. Others have suggested reviving the Federal Writers Project of the New Deal era. Research and development is needed too. Government-funded research created satellites, the Internet and other innovations that sowed the new-media landscape. A new initiative might help journalism earn more revenue from developing technologies.

Government action is no substitute for innovations in content and delivery mechanisms, or for fresh business models by news organizations. Nor is it a cure-all. Media owners, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, civic organizations, individual citizens and journalism schools all have a vital role to play. So do the consumers of news who might be asked to emulate listeners to public radio and pay to support the newspapers they read for free on the Web. But, as Washington and Madison recognized more than two centuries ago, the government has an indispensable role as well. This is the time to play it.

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## TIMES-NEWS

Brad Hurd . . . publisher Steve Crump . . . Opinion editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, James G. Wright, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Ruth S. Pierce.

# A brand new look for the top of the morning

You'll notice a new look at the top of our pages today.

For some time we've teased to articles inside the paper with small photos and boxes above, below and sometimes on and under the *Times-News* "flag" on the front page. The idea is that these design elements help show off what's in the paper, usually in sections like Sports or Entertainment that get high readership but seldom send anything to the front page.

The same philosophy drives the changes you see today, with a smaller number of more boldly designed teasers on the front page and section fronts.

One notable change is the way section names are shown. The Sports section, for example, will have a big white "S" in a field of blue in the upper left-hand corner, and the name of the section under it.

You may notice that the



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letters appear to be clipped on the left-hand side. That's no accident. It's art. Or at least that's what designer Bill



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Wambeke said when I asked him about it.

In addition to making the front page index a little bigger, each section will have an index incorporated in the blue bar in each page-top, which should help readers find their favorite features.

Finally, the daily weather-at-a-glance box will migrate back to the top of the front page from its recent purgato-

ry in the bottom index.

Perhaps the biggest change is that sections of the paper will no longer be listed as A, B, C, D and so on. Instead, they'll be known by the section name. For example, the "A" section will be "Main," meaning that if you're looking for the movies you would turn to "Main 7." If you were looking for the Scoreboard page in Sports, you would turn to "Sports 3."

The look of the paper will change a little more in March, when our post-holiday diet kicks in and the printed page becomes about an inch slimmer. Most American newspapers, and all of our sister papers in the Lee Enterprises empire, are shifting to the narrower page both to cut the cost of newsprint and to allow national advertisers to stop having to reshape their ads for each individual newspaper. In the long run, that'll help keep their overhead

down — something just about everyone is looking for these days.

Papers that have already adopted the narrower page say people either don't notice or actually like it better because it doesn't take up as much room on the breakfast table.

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A news story can come from anywhere — a government action, a hot crime or a big game. Sometimes they even fall out of the sky, like that jet in the Hudson River.

But often great stories result from a reporter's curiosity. When a story like that isn't pegged to a specific event, we call it an enterprise piece. Andrea Jackson's Jan. 4 story about the unexplained disappearance and death of Rose Migdal fell into that category.

Migdal, a Wyoming woman with mental problems, was staying in a

Jerome motel in 1993 when her car was found abandoned in the desert near Gooding. Her body turned up years later, not far from where the car was found, and it was widely assumed that she might have committed suicide or just wandered away and died after her car became stuck.

But Jackson revealed that long-retired Gooding County Sheriff Jim Jax has always thought Migdal was murdered and he even has a suspect and possible motive, though he never told anyone or left anything about it in his case file.

We didn't address in the article how Jackson came to revisit the nearly forgotten case, mostly because it wasn't pertinent to the story. But if you were left wondering, here's the inside story:

One slow evening I was surfing the Internet for information about caves in the region and happened across a reference to some bones

found in one near Gooding. The Web site said the bones were to be analyzed to determine their age and whether there may have been foul play, but there was no follow up and I couldn't find anything more in our electronic archives. Curious, I asked Jackson to find out more.

In tracking those bones — turns out they date to the 1800s — Jackson called current Sheriff Shaun Gough. Gough thought she was asking about Migdal and put her in touch with Jax, who then brought Gough into the loop about his theory and his suspect.

Gough is now taking a fresh look at the cold case. Time will tell if there's enough forensic evidence to close it. One way or the other, we'll report back to you when we know more.

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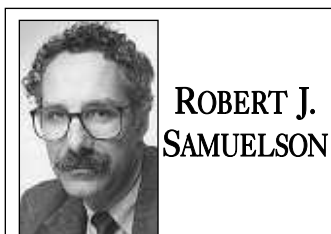
# The things Obama can't fix

WASHINGTON — We all want President Obama to succeed in reviving the economy, but that shouldn't obscure his long odds. We need to recognize that we're grappling with three separate crises that, though interwoven, are also quite distinct. The solution to any one of them won't automatically resuscitate the larger economy if the others remain untreated and unchanged.

Here are the three.  
 • First: the collapse of consumer spending. American consumers represent 70 percent of the economy. Traumatized by plunging home values and stock prices — which have shaved at least \$7 trillion from personal wealth — they've curbed spending and increased saving. That's led directly to layoffs. In December, vehicle sales were down 36 percent from year-earlier levels.

• Second: the financial crisis. Lower lending deprives the economy of the credit to finance businesses, homes and costly consumer purchases (cars, appliances). The deepest cuts involve "securitization" — the sale of bonds. Investors have gone on strike. In 2008, the issuance of bonds backing credit card loans fell 41 percent and those backing car loans 51 percent.

• Third: a trade crisis. Global spending and saving patterns are badly askew. High-saving Asian countries have relied on export-led growth that, in turn, has required American consumers to spend ever-larger shares of their income. Huge



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trade imbalances have resulted: U.S. deficits, Asian surpluses. As Americans cut spending, this pattern is no longer sustainable. Asia is tumbling into recession.

Overcoming any of these crises alone would be daunting. Together, they're the economic equivalent of a combined Ironman triathlon and Tour de France.

Consider consumer spending. The proposed remedy is the "economic stimulus" plan. This seems sensible. If government doesn't offset declines in consumer and other private spending, the economy might spiral down for several years. Last week, House committees considered an \$825 billion package, split between \$550 billion in additional spending and \$275 billion in tax cuts.

But in practice, the stimulus could disappoint. Parts of the House package look like a giant political slush fund, with money sprinkled to dozens of programs. There's \$50 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, \$200 million for the Teacher Incentive Fund and \$15.6 billion for increased Pell Grants to college students. Some of these proposals, whatever their other merits, won't produce many new jobs.

Another problem: Construction spending — for

schools, clinics, roads — may start so slowly that there's little immediate economic boost. The Congressional Budget Office examined \$356 billion in spending proposals and concluded that only 7 percent would be spent in 2009 and 31 percent in 2010.

Assume, however, that the stimulus is a smashing success. It cushions the recession. Unemployment (now: 7.2 percent) stops rising at, say, 8 percent instead of 10 percent. Still, a temporary stimulus can't fuel a permanent recovery. That requires a strong financial system to supply an expanding economy's credit needs. How we get that isn't clear.

The pillars of a successful financial system have crumbled: the ability to assess risk; adequate capital to absorb losses; and trust among banks, investors and traders. Underlying these ills has been the consistent underestimation of losses. Economists at Goldman Sachs now believe that worldwide losses on mortgages, bonds, loans to consumers and businesses total \$2.1 trillion. In March, the Goldman estimate was about half that.

All the new credit programs — the Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) and various Federal Reserve lending facilities — aim to counteract these problems by providing government money and government guarantees. Probably Obama will expand these efforts, despite some obvious problems: If government oversight becomes too intrusive or punitive, it might

deter much-needed infusions of private capital into banks. Again, let's assume Obama's policies succeed. Credit flows rise.

Even then, we have no assurance of a vigorous recovery, because the economic crisis is ultimately global in scope. The old trading patterns simply won't work anymore. If China and other Asian nations try to export their way out of trouble, they're likely to be disappointed. Any import surge into the United States would weaken an incipient American recovery and probably trigger a protectionist reaction. Down that path lies tit-for-tat economic nationalism that might harm everyone.

Indeed, if the rest of the world doesn't buy more from America, any U.S. recovery may be feeble. What's needed are policies that correct the imbalances in spending and saving. As Americans save more of their incomes, Asians should save less and spend more, so that they rely more on producing for themselves rather than exporting to us. The great trade discrepancies would shrink.

But this sort of transformation requires basic political changes in Asia. Whether China and other Asian societies can make those changes is unclear. The implications are sobering. The success of Obama's policies lies, to a large extent, outside his hands.

*Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Be aware of teen dating violence

Every teenager deserves to be in a healthy, respectful relationship. In recognition of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week, Feb. 2-6, I am writing to spread the word about the existence and prevalence of teen dating violence.

Dating violence is a pattern of abusive or aggressive behavior used in a dating relationship by one partner to exert control over another partner. Dating violence can happen to anyone. In fact, 1 in 3 teens in a dating relationship have been

abused by their partner. And just because you haven't been hit doesn't mean that you aren't in an abusive relationship. Abuse can be verbal, emotional, sexual or physical.

Parents should know that 89 percent of teens between the ages of 13 and 18 say they have been in a dating relationship. So even if you don't think that your child is dating, he or she may still be at risk of being in an abusive relationship. Teens who are victims of dating violence are not only at increased risk for injury but are also more likely to report binge drinking, suicide attempts, physi-

cal fighting and current sexual activity.

Signs that your child may be in an abusive relationship include losing interest in activities that he or she used to enjoy; worrying about making his or her partner angry or upset; or a change in weight, appearance or grades.

If you want to know more about teen dating violence or think you are in an abusive relationship, please contact the domestic violence program closest to you. Programs in Magic Valley are the Crisis Center of Magic Valley 733-0100 or 800-882-3236, the Advocates

for Survivors of Domestic Violence 888-676-0066 or Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children 436-0987 or 436-0332.

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 Twin Falls  
*(Editor's note: Deborah Gabardi is the executive director for the Crisis Center of Magic Valley.)*

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# Obama's mandate extends far beyond America's borders

At the end of Bill Clinton's presidency in January 2001, the Web site The Onion declared: "Our long national nightmare of peace and prosperity is over."

That was supposed to be satire, but in retrospect it proved a shrewd analysis. One measure of the bleak trajectory of the last eight years is that today The Onion looks equally astute when it says of the latest transition: "Black man given nation's worst job."

That man is making an excellent start, and news Web sites all over the world capture the globe's eagerness — even desperation — for American leadership.

"Let the remaking of America begin today," declared The Guardian, in Britain. The Independent called Inauguration Day "a day for hope."

In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel spoke of "a truly great hour for America" that offered "a multitude of opportunities." The Times of India welcomed "a new beginning." In Northern Ireland, The Belfast Telegraph asked: "Can Obama save us all?"

A BBC poll in 17 nations found that on average 67 percent believed that President Barack Obama would improve America's relations with the rest of the world; just 5 percent thought the opposite (or maybe feared that if they seemed critical of George W. Bush, they would be waterboarded).

Two themes were particularly reassuring in Obama's Inaugural Address. One was his inclusiveness, his effort to tug people into his big



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

tent, a huge contrast from Bush's years of governing from an ideological pup tent.

Obama's inclusiveness started with his celebration of America as a patchwork of "Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus — and nonbelievers." If you know of any other sitting president who has dared to embrace atheists (Thomas Jefferson did, but not while in office), post the information on my blog, nytimes.com/onthe-ground).

Obama was also the first president to use the word "Muslim" in an Inaugural Address. In an oblique olive branch that I took to be directed toward Iran and Syria, he said: "We will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

The second reassuring theme has to do with "hard power" and "soft power," in the terminology of Joseph Nye, a Harvard professor. In the Bush-Cheney years, America sought to rely overwhelmingly on military "hard power," and the result was setbacks around the world, from Iran's accelerated nuclear program to North Korea's processing of plutonium for a half-dozen nuclear weapons (compared with zero during the Clinton presidency).

As my colleague David Sanger documents in his superb new book, "The Inheritance": "We pursued a

path that has left us less admired by our allies, less feared by our enemies, and less capable of convincing the rest of the world that our economic and political model is worthy of emulation."

Obama's first attempt at soft power is the nifty new White House Web site, complete with a White House blog. In his Inaugural Address, Obama focused on soft power alongside hard power: "Our security emanates from the justness of our cause, the force of our example, the tempering qualities of humility and restraint."

Tempering qualities? Dick Cheney never wanted to temper anything, including his temper.

This mix of soft and hard power is what Nye calls "smart power" — an update of Teddy Roosevelt's notion of speaking softly and carrying a big stick — and it seems to be an emerging theme of the new administration. Hillary Rodham Clinton emphasized it in her confirmation hearings.

Nye said that Obama's inaugural was a perfect example of smart power. "That's not going to make our adversaries roll over, but it'll help in terms of mainstream Muslims and it'll help in terms of allies," Nye said. "And it'll give a very different tone to foreign policy."

Now the world will be watching to see if Obama's policy matches his rhetoric. The economy will be paramount, of course, but it will take months or years to judge results there.

In the meantime, there are two immediate litmus tests by which the world will

begin to judge Obama at once. The first will be his handling of Guantanamo and torture and it was reassuring that Obama promptly suspended action by military tribunals.

A second test is Middle East policy. The Bush policy of disengagement and obliviousness to Palestinian suffering has made it harder to achieve a peace that is the best hope for Israelis and Palestinians alike. Obama's calls Wednesday to Middle Eastern leaders were helpful, and he should immediately make clear that he wants Israel to halt the settlements and ease repressive restrictions on the West Bank.

These steps would reassure the world that its hopes for a new day in Washington just may be justified.

Nicholas Kristof is a columnist for The New York Times. Write to him at nkristof@nytimes.com.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Children should be involved in inauguration

What is wrong with our education system if it is not mandatory for schools to show our presidential inauguration?

I read an article on KTVB.com that said that some schools would not be showing the inauguration of our 44th president. And people wonder why our younger generation is so disconnected.

We have only had 43 presidents in our nation's history; this is a big deal. It's important. I've heard people say that elementary kids should not have to sit through it because it's "long and boring." Are you kidding me? Let the kids be bored for a little while, that doesn't change the significance of this moment. When they are 50, they will look back on that day and say, "I remember that speech, I was part of that moment."

If my children's school would not be showing the inauguration, then I would pick up my kids and take them home. I do not think it is too much to ask or expect for our schools to take an opportunity to educate our students on our political process. And yes, I do think

that elementary schools should be involved, too.  
SUNI LYBRAND  
Twin Falls

### Circuit City deserved to go under

Another fine American success story hits the headlines.

I am speaking of Circuit City. If you recall some time last year, the company laid off all the experienced help with the flimsy excuse that they made too much money and the company had to cut costs, and we all know that you should always cut the most experienced from your payroll. Then the chief executive officer was given more than a million in bonuses for helping save the company money and making the stockholders happy. Now a new day dawns and we see that Circuit City is now closing all its stores.

ing all its stores.

What have we learned? We have learned that, once again, a talented CEO and business owner has scammed millions from a company and the only ones that really pay for it are the thousands of people out of work.

I guess the only bright side is that after Obama is president, the former Circuit City employees, as well as the rest of us, will be employed building bridges and roads for the government. The bottom line is sad and pitiful.

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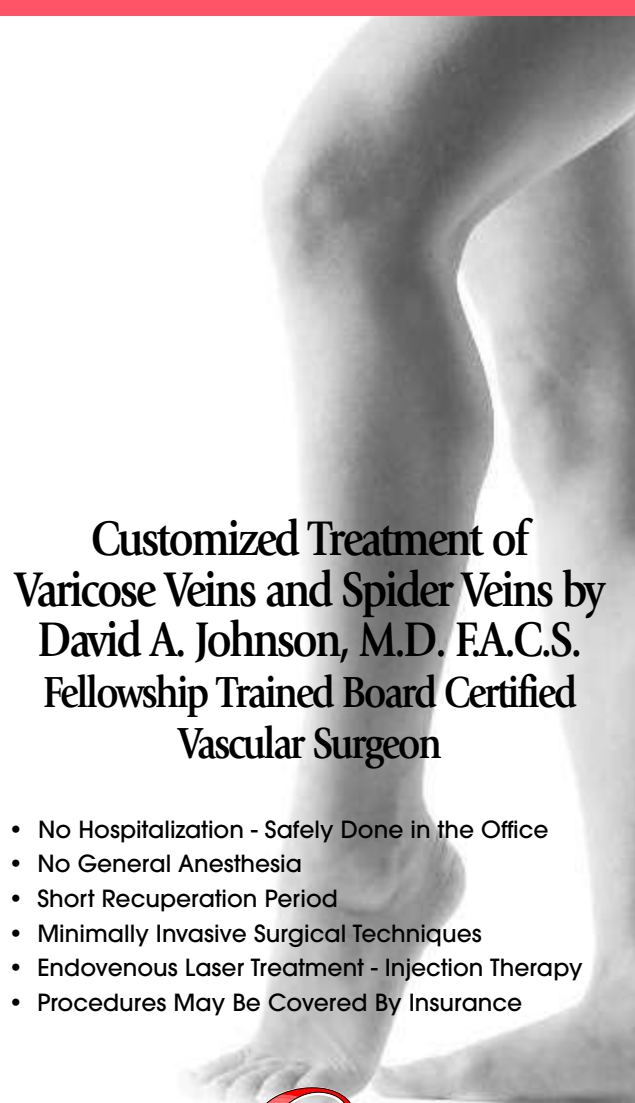
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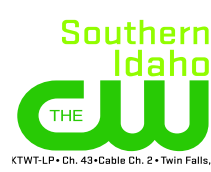
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# Obama touts impact of stimulus package on average Americans

By Philip Elliott  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama met with his economic advisers Saturday after he asked Americans to support his economic package as a way to better schools, lower electricity bills and health coverage for millions who lose insurance.

The two-hour session in the Roosevelt Room focused on the proposed \$825 billion economic stimulus package that Congress is considering. The group also discussed the federal budget, Obama's first chance to shape the country's spending amid a recession that lost 2.6 million jobs last year, the most in a single year since World War II.

"Our economy could fall \$1 trillion short of its full capacity, which translates into more than \$12,000 in lost income for a family of four. And we could lose a generation of potential, as more young Americans are forced to forgo college dreams or the chance to train for the jobs of the future," Obama said in a five-minute address released Saturday morning by radio and the Internet.

"In short, if we do not act boldly and swiftly, a bad situation could become dramatically worse."

It was the latest appeal from the new president for a massive spending bill designed to inject almost \$1 trillion into the economy and fulfill campaign pledges. Obama spent much of last week wooing reluctant legislators — many from his own Democratic Party — and weighing whether there's a need for a second economic package, which aides refused to rule out.

That sequel would be designed to assuage Democratic lawmakers who fret that too little of the money is going toward public works projects that would



AP photo

**President Barack Obama signs an order putting new limits on lobbyists in the White House and freezing the salaries of high-paid aides, in a nod to the country's economic turmoil, Wednesday. Obama said the steps, his first public act as president, "represent a clean break from business as usual."**

employ their constituents. Others aides are trying to work with Republican leaders to sustain the current bill's bipartisan flavor; the president planned to visit to Capitol Hill on Tuesday to meet privately with GOP lawmakers.

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said his party would continue to push for immediate tax cuts — "not slow-moving government spending programs" — in the weekly GOP address.

"We let families, entrepreneurs, small businesses and the self-employed keep more of what they earn to encourage investment and create millions of new private-sector jobs," he said.

Republicans also proposed a tax credit for home purchases, an end of taxation of unemployment benefits and tax incentives for small businesses to invest in new equipment and hire new employees. Boehner was scheduled to make the case for the GOP plan on Sunday morning talk shows; Vice President Joe Biden and Obama economic adviser

## Goals of Obama's economic plan

Obama's recovery package aims to:

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Larry Summers also planned interviews that morning.

"We cannot borrow and spend our way back to prosperity," Boehner said.

Both parties, though, agree something has to be done.

Manufacturing is at a 28-year low and even Obama's economists say unemployment could top 10 percent before the recession ends. One in 10 homeowners is at risk of foreclosure and the dollar continues its slide in value. On Friday, 1st Centennial Bank of Redlands, Calif., became the third U.S. bank to fail this year.

That harsh reality has dominated Obama's first days in office.

In addition to the president's speech, Obama aides released a report Saturday that outlined exactly what people could expect if Congress supported his proposed economic legislation.

Many of the ideas, such as shifting to electronic medical records and investing in preventive health care, were familiar from Obama's two-year campaign for the presidency. Other parts added specifics.

The plan would spend at least 75 percent of the total cost — or more than \$600 billion — within the first 18 months, either through

bricks-and-shovels projects favored by Democrats or tax cuts that Republicans have pushed.

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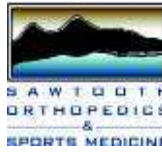


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**Waco cult leader's mom killed, aunt charged**

HOUSTON — The mother of infamous Branch Davidian sect leader David Koresh has been stabbed to death, and Koresh's aunt was in custody on a murder charge Saturday.

Bonnie Clark Haldemann, 64, was found Friday afternoon at the home of her sister, Beverly Clark, in a rural area near Chandler, Henderson County Sheriff Ray Nutt said. Chandler is about 175 miles north of Houston.



Haldemann

"It's still under investigation, and we really don't know what the motive was or what caused this to happen," Nutt said Saturday.

He said deputies were called to the home Friday and the two women were the only people in the house when deputies arrived. A knife believed to be the murder weapon was found.

Clark, 54, was being held without bail pending a court appearance. Jail officials said she did not yet have an attorney to speak for her.

fell in the toilet.

"They always say diamonds are a girl's best friend. In this case, a plumber is a girl's best friend," Roberts said. "She was just so excited, she had tears in her eyes. She gave us a hug and said 'Thank you so much.'"

The Mr. Rooter bill came to \$5,200 and the city's bill was \$1,000.

Berry, of Eureka, Calif., and her husband also tipped Roberts and the technician \$400 each and gave \$200 to a diner employee for staying late.

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**22-year-old Miss Indiana crowned Miss America**

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Stam

The 22-year-old student at the University of Indianapolis drew loud applause for her rendition of "Via Dolorosa" during the talent portion of the pageant at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

The Seymour native also strutted onstage in a black bikini and an off-the-shoulder, white lace evening gown. During the interview portion of the competition she decried the use of performance-enhancing drugs among professional athletes and discussed the definition of glamour.

"That beauty that you feel on the inside, it's that confidence, that radiance inside of you, that's what glamour is," Stam said.

Stam won a \$50,000 scholarship and hopes to obtain a bachelor's degree in communications and become a television news anchor. She began competing in pageants at age 15.

The first runner-up was Miss Georgia Chasity Hardman, who took home a \$25,000 scholarship.

**A R I Z O N A**

**Plumber finds \$70,000 diamond ring in toilet**

PHOENIX — Just a case of plumbing luck.

It took a plumber to retrieve a woman's 7-carat diamond ring after city workers failed in efforts to flush the gem out of the pipes of a restaurant toilet.

The \$70,000 wedding ring fell from Allison Berry's hand when she flushed the toilet in the restroom of the Black Bear Diner on Jan. 14, the plumber said. The ring plopped in and the water whisked it away, said Elena Castelar, the restaurant's shift manager.

City workers opened a pipe outside the restaurant and continuously flushed the toilet, hoping to push the ring out to the opening. When that didn't work, the city called the office in suburban Tempe of Mr. Rooter, a plumbing services franchise based in Waco, Texas.

Mike Roberts, general manager of Mr. Rooter, guided a tiny video camera into the pipe with an infrared light attached. He eventually spotted the ring just 3 feet down and 5 feet over from where it was flushed.

Then it took an hour-and-a-half of jackhammering and pipe removal before Roberts and a technician could recover the ring, eight hours after it

# Hudson crash survivors face life after near-death

By Mitch Weiss  
Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When US Airways Flight 1549 splashed down in the icy Hudson River, Mike Berkwits was too busy getting his wife off the slowly sinking plane and out of the swift-moving water to worry about dying.

Now that he's had a week to remember it, every time he tries to fall asleep, he can't think about much else.

He sees passengers crying and praying as the jetliner bound for North Carolina hit the river. The desperate scramble to escape as water filled the aisle. The look on his wife's face as they huddled cold on a wing, wondering if the ferries in the distance would arrive in time to save them.

"I haven't slept much. I keep thinking about it, replaying it in my head," said Berkwits, a 55-year-old business owner from Charlotte. "At the time, I was just focused on what I had to do to survive. I didn't think about dying. It just didn't register."

"But now, it's different. I think about it a lot."

The United States hasn't had a major fatal plane crash in more than two years, but the idea that all aboard the plane that landed in a river survived still seems absurd. Many of Flight 1549's 155 passengers and crew were still in wet clothes when New York Gov. David Paterson dubbed the landing the "Miracle on the Hudson."



AP photo  
**Michael Mills, left, embraces his wife Beverly, right, after she arrives at Charlotte Douglas International airport in Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 16. Beverly Mills was on US Airways flight 1549 that crash-landed in the Hudson River after takeoff.**

Survivors that went home after the sensational landing are now coping with a dual reality: They are celebrating the simple grace that they are alive, but also chilled by recurring memories of coming so close to death.

Vallie Collins, 37, of Maryville, Tenn., took her husband and two kids along to Los Angeles to join a group of survivors on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." While in L.A., she stopped a tourist at Universal Studios and asked him to take a family picture.

"When he took the picture, it just washed over me: It's amazing I'm here to be in this picture," Collins said. "It's those kinds of emotions that sometimes catch you. In the still moments, I guess, is when it

kind of hits me a little bit."

Talking about the experience — be it on TV or at home among family and friends — will help the survivors confront "something that was totally out of the normal," said Carolyn Coarsey, a psychologist who has studied aircraft accidents and is the co-founder of the Atlanta-based Family Assistance Foundation, a nonprofit that helps people following tragedy.

Sleepless nights amid endlessly looping memories of the crash are typical, she said, and some survivors will need professional counseling. But most will be fine as the memories fade with time.

"It's very unusual for someone to go through something like this and survive and not have some of these reactions," Coarsey said. "But it doesn't at all mean that anybody's sick. ... It's simply the brain's way of

trying to cope."

It's not just the passengers facing such feelings. Michael Mills learned his wife Beverly's plane had crashed while watching television at home, and for a frantic half-hour, he didn't know if his wife of 37 years was dead or alive. "I had this feeling like somebody had ripped away half of me," he said.

When she called from a rescue boat — using a borrowed cell phone dialed by someone else, her fingers too cold to strike the keys — the celebration was on.

Mills greeted his wife at the airport in Charlotte the next day with red roses. At home, a chilled bottle of champagne and other goodies were waiting. The couple didn't leave their house for two days, watching reruns of Battlestar Galactica and other science-fiction shows as they talked

about what had happened in New York.

"I think we're more aware of each other," Mills said. "For the first couple of days, I didn't want her out of my sight. Normally we're home a lot of

the time together ... she works from home when she's not

traveling on business. So now I take it less for granted. When I walk in the door I make sure I know where she is." The same feeling is there for Collins.

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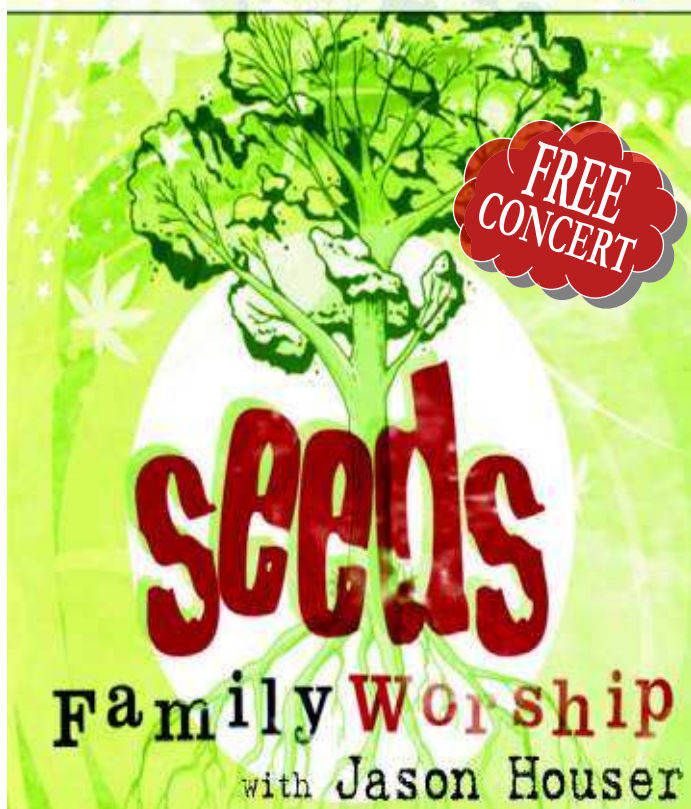


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# Deadly U.S.-led raid in Afghanistan sparks dispute over casualties

By M. Karim Faiez and Laura King  
Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — A fierce new dispute erupted Saturday over civilian deaths in Afghanistan, with village elders asserting that as many as 22 noncombatants were killed in an American-led raid and U.S. military officials insisting all 15 dead, including a woman, were Taliban fighters.

The U.S. military said it would carry out a joint investigation with Afghan authorities beginning today.

Civilian casualties are one of the most serious points of friction between Western forces and the increasingly unpopular government of President Hamid Karzai.

The Afghan leader repeatedly has accused coalition troops of failing to adequately safeguard civilians during combat operations, while commanders accuse the Taliban of deliberately putting innocents in harm's way.

Like many such disputed incidents, this latest one took place in the dead of night in a remote location, and involved the use of air power by American-led troops.

Saturday's raid took place between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. in

the Mehtar Lam district of Laghman province, about 40 miles northeast of Kabul. American and other coalition troops have focused their efforts lately on securing several provinces adjoining Kabul, after a series of attacks close to the city last year left many Afghans with the sense that insurgents were tightening a noose around the capital.

A statement by the U.S. military said the early-morning strike targeted a Taliban commander "known to traffic foreign fighters and weapons into the region." As coalition troops approached his compound, the statement said, they came

under fire from "multiple directions" by militants armed with AK-47 assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades.

"They were running around with weapons, firing at our people," said Army Col. Greg

Julian, a spokesman for U.S. forces.

Village elders provided a much different account to provincial officials, saying there were no Taliban in the area, which they described as a

hamlet populated mainly by shepherds. Women and children were among the 22 civilian dead, they said, according to Hamididan Abdul Rahmzai, the head of the provincial council.

## Gaza children return to school after war

By Ben Hubbard  
Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Tens of thousands of children returned to schools across Gaza on Saturday after three weeks of war, playing games for some relief from the devastation and telling friends and teachers about the explosions they heard and relatives they lost.

In one classroom, signs with the names of three 14-year-old boys killed in the fighting were set on their desks — and their deskmates sat with stunned expressions next to the empty seats as the teacher encouraged the class to talk about their experiences.

"It's very hard when one used to see 30 students in class, and after what happened, I see 27," their teacher, Bassam Salha told the class at the U.N.'s Fakhoura Elementary school. "We lived three weeks in sadness. I want you students to help me to get out of the sad mood I am in now."

Meanwhile, an Israeli foreign office official said President Barack Obama's newly-appointed special envoy to the Middle East is expected in Israel on Wednesday for talks on reviving Mideast peace negotiations after the Gaza fighting and on ensuring an arms blockade on the territory's Hamas rulers.

George J. Mitchell will meet with Israel's prime minister and other leaders, as well as the Palestinian president and prime minister in the West Bank, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because there has not yet been an announcement from Washington. The White House and State Department declined to comment.

Also Saturday, international aid organizations called for the unfettered entry of

humanitarian and building supplies into Gaza. The territory's borders with Israel and Egypt have remained largely closed since a cease-fire took hold earlier this week, though supply convoys have been able to come through.

In Israel, the defense minister was to propose to the Cabinet on Sunday that the government provide "moral and legal support" for officers in potential court cases related to the war's conduct.

The reopening of schools, a week after a tentative cease-fire, marked a small step back to normalcy for Gaza's 1.4 million residents. Israel had launched a 22-day air and ground assault, aimed at stopping rocket fire by Gaza militants on southern Israel.

Some 280 children were among the 1,285 Palestinians killed in the offensive, according to the Palestinian Center for Human Rights. Thirteen Israelis, including three civilians, were also killed during the fighting.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has expressed regret over the deaths of civilians, but Israel blamed the deaths on Hamas, saying its fighters used civilians, schools and mosques to shield themselves.

The scores of schools run by the United Nations — which are attended by 200,000 children — reopened along with Gaza's public schools, which Hamas has run since seizing the territory in 2007.

"Getting these children back to school was our absolute priority," John Ging, Gaza head of the U.N. agency that cares for Palestinian refugees, told the Associated Press.

In one school, first-grade girls with white ribbons in their hair swept shattered glass from the courtyard. More than 30 U.N. schools were damaged in the fighting.

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# Virulent infection takes Brazilian model's hands and feet — then her life

By Bradley Brooks  
Associated Press writer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — One month ago, 20-year-old beauty queen Mariana Bridi was living the dream of many young Brazilian women, trading her striking good looks for a modeling career that promised to lift her family out of poverty.

Then she contracted a seemingly ordinary urinary tract infection. The bacteria spread quickly and inexorably through her body, proving to be extremely drug resistant. In a desperate bid to save her life, doctors amputated her hands and feet. But by Saturday she was dead.

"God is comforting our hearts because he wanted her to be with him now," her father Aginaldo Costa told reporters outside the hospital where his daughter died. "I can't accept that my daughter left us so soon."

Bridi's Web site says she began modeling at age 14 with the hope of giving "a dignified life to her parents."

Her father is a taxi driver and her mother a house cleaner.

By the age of 18, she was well on her way: In 2007 and 2008, she was a finalist in the Brazilian stage of the Miss World pageant.

Her Web site said next month she was to participate in the second stage of a modeling competition held in Sao Paulo by Dilson Stein, the Brazilian model scout who discovered supermodel Gisele Bundchen.

Last year, she took fourth in the Face of the Universe competition in South Africa and she had won bikini competitions across the globe.

The Miss World Brazil organization said she was an example of someone "who knew how to intensely live her life."

Half a dozen memorial groups on Facebook had already sprung up just hours after her death. On Bridi's own page on Orkut — the most popular Web social networking site in Brazil — dozens of memorial messages were left.

The course of her illness was swift. In late December, she fell ill and doctors in her native state of Espirito Santo — northeast of Rio de Janeiro — initially diagnosed as having kidney stones.

She returned to a hospital

on Jan. 3 in septic shock — life-threatening low blood pressure — from the infection that would force doctors to amputate first her feet, then her hands. Doctors said there was little they could do but pump drugs into her and

hope for the best.

It was a nightmare scenario for anyone with an infection: Her body did not react to the latest and most potent drugs while the bacteria in her veins spread from head to toe.

In Bridi's case, the culprit was the bacteria *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, which is known to be drug resistant.

According to the January 2008 book "Pseudomonas: Genomics and Molecular Biology," edited by Pierre

Cornelis, a researcher at the Flanders Institute for Biotechnology in Brussels, the bacteria has the "worrisome characteristic" of "low antibiotic susceptibility." It also easily mutates to develop resistance to new drugs.



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## Alleged acid disposal man for Mexico gang nabbed

By Mariana Martinez  
Associated Press writer

TIJUANA, Mexico — A man accused of helping a Mexican drug kingpin dispose of hundreds of victims by dissolving their bodies in acid was arrested in the border city of Tijuana, authorities said Friday.

A Mexican military statement said Santiago Meza Lopez confessed to disposing of at least 300 bodies over a decade, but authorities provided no further evidence to back the claim. Officials contend he dumped the bodies in graves, poured acid on them and let them dissolve underground.

The victims are believed to be rivals of Teodoro Garcia Simental, an alleged former lieutenant of the Tijuana-based Arellano Felix drug cartel, authorities said.

Soldiers and police paraded Meza, 45, before reporters at a cement-block shack on the outskirts of Tijuana where he allegedly disposed of the bodies. Two grave-sized holes had been dug near the walls.

The security officers had Meza tell reporters how he allegedly got rid of the bodies, prodding him to speak up whenever he mumbled. Meza, who has not yet been charged, was arrested along with three other people Thursday at a Tijuana hotel. He told reporters Friday that he got paid \$600 a week for his work and repeated his claim that he had disposed of 300 bodies.

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# Eagle Errors

CSI men struggle down stretch in loss to No. 7 SLCC

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

Salt Lake Community College overcame a raucous crowd, foul trouble for its big men and the loss of head coach Norm Parrish to take a 78-73 win from the College of Southern Idaho Saturday night in Twin Falls.

While the 22nd-ranked Golden Eagles (16-4, 3-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference) put up a valiant fight, they didn't have quite enough poise down the stretch to knock off the No. 7 Bruins (18-1, 5-0 SWAC).

"We knew it was going to be a battle," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "It came down to executing, came down to free throws down the stretch and we made some little mistakes."

CSI took its final lead of the game at 71-70 on a free throw by Jamelle Barrett. From there, the Golden Eagles' possessions included two misses by Jay Watkins, a missed layup by Barrett and an airballed 3-pointer from Byago Diouf.

They still had one final chance after Salt Lake big man Nate Bendall missed two free throws with 17.4 seconds left and his team up 76-73. But Barrett traveled with 8.9 remaining and DJ

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The College of Southern Idaho's Jamelle Barrett dribbles the ball down the court during the first half of play against Salt Lake Community College Saturday evening in Twin Falls.

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Times-News

# Bruin boys win with defense

By Bradley Guire  
Times-News writer

Trailing by four points as they entered halftime of Saturday's game against Pocatello, the Twin Falls boys surged on defense during the second half to defeat the Indians 69-63 at Baun Gymnasium.

The Bruins earned their 10th victory, something they haven't done since 2007.

"It wasn't a pleasant locker room," Bruins coach Matt Harr said of halftime. "It was good to see them respond."

On defense, Twin Falls limited the Indians to just a single field goal during the third quarter in part by temporarily shutting down Michael

Decker, who ended the night with a game-high 30 points. Pocatello's eight-point period came mostly on free throws.

"We answered the call," Bruin guard Russell Crane said. "We played better fundamentally. They outscored us in the paint (during the first half), so we wanted to keep them out."

— Twin Falls guard  
Russell Crane

The Bruins regained the lead during the third quarter, led by a 12-point performance by Jon Pulsifer. The junior post finished with a 24-point, 22-rebound double-double.

"My teammates were making the plays," Pulsifer said. "They deserve every point I got."

Crane kicked in a dozen points for the Bruins, helping keep the team alive during the fourth when Decker went on a 3-point shooting spree, nailing three of his five treys. Of the 12 total field goals made during the final stretch, seven were launched from behind the arc. A continued presence inside allowed the Bruins to keep their edge for the victory.

With their three-game home stand over, the Bruins will hit the road twice next week. On Wednesday they will play Region Four-Five-Six opponent Idaho Falls, a team that pushed them to overtime when last they met. The Bruins travel to Century on Friday.

"I.E. will be a big one," Pulsifer said.

Twin Falls is 3-2 in region play with only three games left, including Idaho Falls, Madison and Highland.

	Twin Falls 69, Pocatello 63
Pocatello	15 14 8 16 - 63
Twin Falls	15 10 22 22 - 69
	POCATELLO (63)
	Brendon Johnson 2, Colter Morton 12, Ryan Pearson 3, Jason Matson 8, Michael Decker 30, Shae Andrews 8. Totals 20 15-19 63.
	TWIN FALLS (69)
	T.J. Ellis 7, Braden Box 5, Jake Hanchey 7, Jon Pulsifer 24, Marcus Jardine 8, Russell Crane 12, Grady Hegworth 2, Brad Davis 4. Totals 26 13-23 69.
	3-point goals: Pocatello 8 (Decker 5, Matson 2, Pearson); Twin Falls 4 (Ellis, Box, Hanchey, Crane). Total fouls: Pocatello 19, Twin Falls 18. Fouled out: Pocatello, Zac Korrell, Andrews. Technical fouls: none.

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# CSI women rock Salt Lake

Golden Eagles run winning streak to 13

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

Thus far, the College of Southern Idaho's challengers for the Scenic West Athletic Conference title have yet to provide much of a test.

The 15th-ranked Golden Eagles dispatched rival Salt Lake Community College 74-46 on Saturday, moving to 5-0 in SWAC play and 16-3 overall.

"It was a good win for us," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers, "especially with a little adversity."

The adversity: playing without do-everything sophomore LaCale Pringle-Buchanan, who was home in Seattle, Wash., for a

family matter. With Pringle-Buchanan out of the lineup, the Golden Eagles needed some extra juice on the offensive end. They got it from sophomore point guard Martina Holloway, who nailed six 3-pointers on her way to 20 points.

"I want her to look for her shot," said freshman forward Shauneice Samms, who had 11 rebounds, eight points and six blocks herself. "I love it when she shoots because she's a shooter, it's just that nobody knows about it."

Holloway added six assists and All-American post Soana Lucet

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College of Southern Idaho guard Nicole Harper drives to the basket during Saturday's game with Salt Lake Community College in Twin Falls.

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Times-News

# 2004 draft still paying off for Cardinals

By Andrew Bagnato  
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TEMPE, Ariz. — If the Arizona Cardinals always drafted as well as they did in 2004, they wouldn't be the Arizona Cardinals.

The 2004 draft is a big reason the NFL's longtime losers are in their first Super Bowl.

The Cardinals picked Pitt receiver Larry Fitzgerald in the first round, Auburn linebacker Karlos Dansby in the second, Florida State defensive tackle Darnell Dockett in the third and Oklahoma State defensive end Antonio Smith in the fifth.

"We definitely think that is the best class the Arizona Cardinals have ever had," Dockett said. "We are going to stick to that. If anybody



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wants to prove me wrong, I'm going to sit down and have a discussion with them."

As draft classes go, it's not as loaded as Pittsburgh's fabled 1974 draft, when the Steelers selected four future Hall of Famers in the first five rounds — Lynn Swann, Jack Lambert, John Stallworth and Mike Webster.

But everything's relative,

and given the Cardinals' spotty draft history, it's hard to overestimate the importance of the 2004 draft.

"That was an unbelievable class for us," said defensive end Bertrand Berry, signed as a free agent the same year. "Those guys have all paid huge dividends for us."

Because they were so bad for so long, the Cardinals have had many high draft picks. The list of disappointments could stretch the length of a football field.

In 1998, the Cardinals drafted Florida State defensive end Andre Wadsworth third overall. He lasted three years, recording eight sacks, before knee injuries shortened his career.

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# MAKING WAVES



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Kamille Juarez, a swimmer with the Magic Valley YMCA Marlins, competes in the 100-yard butterfly during the Igloo Pentathlon swimming event Saturday at the YMCA/City pool in Twin Falls. For results see page Sports 6.

# Wendell earns narrow win over Buhl

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Buhl was outscored 17-4 in the first quarter and never able to totally recovered, resulting in the visiting Wendell Trojans defeating the Indians 48-47 in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference action.

"We had the last shot but it just didn't fall," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. "We just dug ourselves into a deep hole. The kids executed what I asked them to do. There were just a lot of little things that hurt us."

J.D. Leckenby scored 25 points in the Buhl loss and Nathan Romans followed with 15. For Wendell, John Campbell and Nathan Ormond were in double figures with 17 and 10, respectively.

Buhl (2-11, 1-3) hosts Declo and Wendell travels to Glenns Ferry on Wednesday.

## Wendell 48, Buhl 47

**Wendell (48)**  
Jon Myers 2, Nolan Stouder 9, William Fien 2, Jordan Lancaster 2, John Campbell 17, Nathan Ormond 10, Gary Koopman 6. Totals 16 13-17 48.  
**Buhl (47)**  
Eric Sengvahnpheng 2, Nathan Romans 15, J.D. Leckenby 25, Gabe Jacobson 3, Cader Owen 2. Totals 19 7-15 47.  
3-point goals: Wendell 3 (Campbell 2, Koopman); Buhl 2 (Leckenby). Total fouls: Wendell 16, Buhl 23. Fouled out: Buhl Nick Hamilton. Technical fouls: none.

## FILER 57, GOODING 47

Filer used a 12-3 second-quarter edge to hold off Gooding 57-47 in Gooding on Saturday.

Bryce Beard scored 13, Nathan Karel added 12 and Nathan Hughes poured in 11 for the Wildcats.

Justin Parke led Gooding (1-13, 0-4) with 13 points.

"We let the pressure get to us a little bit (in the second quarter), stopped executing our offense and kind of played streetball. That came back to bite us," said Gooding head coach Max Piper. "But all of our conference games have been pretty tight, we're playing well. I'm happy to play well against the No. 2 team in our conference."

Gooding heads to Valley on Tuesday.

## Filer 57, Gooding 47

**Filer (57)**  
Bryce Beard 13, Chase Vincent 12, Nathan Hughes 11, Justin Orban 3, Andrew Wright 4, Terrell Bailey 7, Nathan Karel 12, Ryan Karel 5. Totals 23 5-10 57.  
**GOODING (47)**  
Devan McCool 2, Justin Parke 13, Tommy McMurdie 5, Austin Basterrechea 4, Colton Knopp 6, Tyler Rex 8, Cy Eames 3, John Jensen 6. Totals 17 10-15 47.  
3-point goals: Filer 6 (Beard 3, Orban, Bailey, R. Karel); Gooding 3 (Parke 2, Eames). Total fouls: Filer 16, Gooding 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

## VALLEY 47, CASTLEFORD 42

Montana Barlow scored a game-high 24 points to lead the host Vikings over the Wolves 47-42.

The Vikings outscored their visitors 22-8 in the final period.

"Give Valley credit, we had them on the ropes and they wouldn't go away," said Castleford coach Dan Winn. "They took it away in the fourth. We just had too many turnovers in the fourth quarter."

## Minico-I.F. called off

The girls basketball game between Idaho Falls and Minico scheduled for Saturday night in Rupert was called off due to weather concerns in the Idaho Falls area. A make-up date was not immediately confirmed.

Nick Howard had 13 points for the Wolves (7-6, 3-2 Snake River Conference South Division).

Castleford is on the road at Hagerman on Monday. Valley hosts Gooding on Wednesday.

## Valley 47, Castleford 42

**Valley (47)**  
Dylan Kinyon 4, Nick Howard 13, Oscar Vargas 8, Sam Chavez 2, Tony Proschka 2, Tyler Hansen 3, Ethan Tverdy 6. Totals 17 8-12 42.  
**CASTLEFORD (42)**  
Crystian Orozco 6, Matt Garr 9, Brogen Reed 2, Juan Zambrano 4, Montana Barlow 24, Jacob Mikesell 2. Totals 18 9-16 47.  
3-point goals: Valley 2 (Orozco, Garr). Total fouls: Castleford 16, Valley 14. Fouled out: Castleford, Tverdy; Valley, Zambrano. Technical fouls: none.

## HAGERMAN 67, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 26

Hagerman rolled over Lighthouse Christian 67-26 in Snake River Conference North Division play.

"Hagerman did a great job with dribble penetration," said Lighthouse Christian coach Ryan Franklin.

Tanner Owen led all scorers with 13 points for the Pirates, followed by Thomas Owsley with 12 and Jake Emerson with 10. Zane Jesser led the Lions with 10 points.

Hagerman hosts Castleford on Monday. Lighthouse Christian (1-13, 0-4) is at Challis on Tuesday.

## Hagerman 67, Lighthouse Christian 26

**Hagerman (67)**  
Dylan Brooks 9, Ryan Luttrell 3, Morgan Knight 3, Jake Lagle 4, Zac Reid 6, Jake Emerson 10, Thomas Owsley 12, Logan Daily 7, Tanner Owen 13. Totals 27 6-12 67.  
**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (26)**  
Ian Fadness 2, Evan Aardema 6, Sebastian Golder 3, Kevin McCullough 2, Chase Dille 3, Zane Jesser 10. Totals 11 4-6 26.  
3-point goals: Hagerman 7 (Brooks 3, Emerson 2, Luttrell, Reid). Total fouls: Hagerman 9, Lighthouse Christian 11. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

## RAFT RIVER 64, CHALLIS 58

Raft River held a 36-24 lead at the half on way to a 64-58 win over Challis.

"The first half we executed real well," said Raft River coach Jeff Greenwood. "The third quarter we were kind of sluggish and in the fourth we should have taken care of the ball better. Challis was scrappy."

The Trojans (5-8, 0-4) had four players in double figures led by Bridger Barrett and Taylor Thacker each with 14, followed by Cade Powers with 12 and Rio Manning with 11. Ricardo Alvarado scored a game-high 27 for the Vikings.

Raft River is at Shoshone on Wednesday.

## Raft River 64, Challis 58

**Challis (58)**  
Matt Helm 8, Dalton Crane 4, Ty Trithart 8, Ricardo

Alvarado 27, Dillon Savage 6, Paul Nigg 5. Totals 23 11-22 58.

**RAFT RIVER (64)**  
Cade Powers 12, Rio Manning 11, Taylor Thacker 14, H.D. Tuckett 6, Bridger Barrett 14, Jordan Scott 3, Braden Ottley 4. Totals 27 9-16 64.  
3-point goals: Challis 1 (Alvarado); Raft River 1 (Tuckett). Total fouls: Challis 17, Raft River 19. Fouled out: RR, Scott. Technical fouls: none.

## OAKLEY 60, HANSEN 57

Oakley took a hard-fought 60-57 road win over Hansen on Saturday, in Snake River Conference South Division action. Details were unavailable.

## TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN 45, ST. AMBROSE 29

Twin Falls Christian picked up a pair of wins in Boise over the weekend with a 45-29 win over St. Ambrose on Saturday that followed a 61-35 victory over CHAMP on Friday.

James Garrison led the Warriors with 28 points against CHAMP and Tommy Broadfield had a team-high 19 against St. Ambrose.

Twin Fall Christian (12-1) hosts Jackpot, Nev. on Monday.

## FILER 43, SNAKE RIVER 37

Lacie Heimkes and Natalie Hughes both scored 12 points to lead Filer to a 43-37 nonconference win over visiting Snake River on Saturday night.

Filer trailed by three points heading into the fourth quarter but outscored the Panthers 16-7 in the final eight minutes to take the win.

The Wildcats (9-8), who are locked into the No. 3 seed for the upcoming Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament, close the regular season at Gooding on Tuesday.

## Filer 43, Snake River 37

**Snake River (37)**  
Harker 17, Lund 2, L. Van Orden 2, Goff 11, E. Van Orden 5.  
**FILER (43)**  
Katie Vierstra 2, Lacie Heimkes 12, Ari Wight 3, Taylor Twitchell 5, Rocio Gutierrez 2, Charmaine Weatherly 5, Natalie Hughes 12, Darby Litter 2.

## Girls basketball

### JEROME 46, KIMBERLY 32

The Jerome girls basketball team beat Kimberly for the second time this season, taking a 46-32 road win on Saturday.

Carrie Thibault scored 13 points and Baylie Smith added 11 for the Tigers, who went 19 of 28 at the foul line.

Kimberly's Sarah Lentz did a solid job on Jerome star Aubree Callen, holding her to seven points and two field goals.

"I thought we played well defensively and did some good things, we just weren't able to convert on the offensive end," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop, who lauded Lentz's senior night performance.

Alex Pfeffler's 13 points paced Kimberly (14-3), which travels to Wood River on Thursday.

Jerome visits Burley on Tuesday.

## Jerome 46, Kimberly 32

**Jerome (46)**  
Aubree Callen 7, Haylee Burnham 2, Hailey Long 1, Carrie Thibault 13, Stephanie Bingham 2, Tinley Garey 9, Jordann Hollifield 1, Baylie Smith 11. Totals 13 19-28 46.  
**KIMBERLY (32)**  
Alex Pfeffler 13, Sarah Lentz 6, Nellie Makings 3, Whitney Carlton 3, Megan Crist 7. Totals 9 12-19 32.  
3-point goals: Jerome 1 (Smith); Kimberly 2 (Makings, Carlton). Total fouls: Jerome 20, Kimberly 22. Fouled out: none.

## HAGERMAN 36, GOODING 33

Amanda Regnier and Aubrey Goolsby each scored eight points to lead Hagerman to a 36-33 home win over Gooding on Saturday.

Brittany Wirth scored a game-high 21 in defeat for the Senators.

The two teams were matched evenly for the final three quarters but a 7-4 scoring edge in the opening period proved to be the difference.

The Pirates (10-8) head to Jerome for a matchup with Lighthouse Christian on Wednesday.

## Hagerman 36, Gooding 33

**Gooding (33)**  
Angela Vittek 6, Danielle Baker 2, Sammie Gonzalez 2, Fallon Turner 2, Brittany Wirth 21. Totals 13 4-9 33.  
**HAGERMAN (36)**  
Katelyn Nebeker 6, Kyia Coates 1, Sally Traugher 6, Haley Arriga 7, Aubrey Goolsby 8, Amanda Regnier 8. Totals 12 9-20 36.  
3-point goals: Gooding 3 (Vittek 2, Wirth); Hagerman 3 (Traugher 2, Goolsby). Total fouls: Gooding 17, Hagerman 16. Fouled out: Gooding, Mackenzie Stevens, Turner; Hagerman, Regnier. Technical fouls: none.

## DIETRICH 46, RIMROCK 28

Jesse Dill and Dayna Philips each scored 12 points to lead Dietrich to a 46-28 victory over Rimrock in non-conference play.

"Nakia (Norman) had a lot of energy and came alive and really helped the team," said Dietrich coach Acey Shaw. "We been struggling on moving the ball but the girls moved the ball well today."

Norman scored seven points and had six steals and eight rebounds for the Blue Devils (14-4, 10-1 Northside Conference). Anna Cantrell led Rimrock with 12 points.

Dietrich plays at Richfield on Wednesday.

## Dietrich 46, Rimrock 28

**Rimrock (28)**  
Kaile Murray 4, Sierra Ridley 3, Anna Cantrell 12, Shoni Gennett 9, Jackie Thurman 1. Totals 12 4-10 28.  
**DIETRICH (46)**  
Ellie Dalton 4, Nakia Norman 7, Shayla Porter 2, Jesse Dill 12, Halle Stoddard 5, Moriah Dill 4, Dayna Philips 12. Totals 19 5-8 46.  
3-point goals: Dietrich 3 (Norman, J. Dill, Stoddard). Total fouls: Rimrock 7, Dietrich 11. Fouled out: Dietrich, Porter. Technical fouls: none.

## BURLEY 39, POCATELLO 25

Teresa Waymont scored 10 points as Burley earned a road victory at Pocatello Saturday afternoon.

"It's a different style of game when you come over there," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs, referring to Pocatello's slow, methodical tempo. "We've always struggled over there, but we're happy to get out of there with a win."

Carli Parish and Kassi Kerbs each chipped in with eight points for the Bobcats.

Pocatello was led in scoring by Brenna Bingham with a game-high 15 points.

Burley (14-4 overall, 4-1 Great Basin Conference West) hosts conference foe Jerome on Tuesday, with the winner earning the No. 1 seed and home court advantage throughout the District IV tournament.

"We have to play better Tuesday against Jerome," Gordon Kerbs said. "We're expecting a typical Burley-Jerome game. Both teams defensively are pretty good so shots will be hard to come by. We're excited and I know that (Jerome's) excited."

## Burley 39, Pocatello 25

**Burley (39)**  
Carli Parish 8, Kassi Kerbs 8, Cheri Preston 3, Paige Andersen 2, Teresa Waymont 10, Kelsey Wassom 2, Shawna Pace 2, Sky Palomarez 4. Totals 12 10-17 39.  
**POCATELLO (25)**  
Beseris 3, Hennessey 2, Parker 4, Mower 1, Brigham 15. Totals 7 10-18 25.  
3-point goals: Burley 3 (Kerbs 2, Preston); Pocatello 1 (Brigham). Total fouls: Burley 15, Pocatello 15. Fouled out: Burley, Palomarez. Technical fouls: none.

## Wrestling

### GERRATT, JUAREZ WIN IN PARMA

Derek Gerratt solidified his ranking as the No. 1 135-pound wrestler at the Class 2A level with a victory at the Padilla Wrestling Invitational in Parma over the weekend. Andrew Juarez of Filer won the 103-pound division.

Valley finished eighth with 81.5 team points, 3.5 points and two places away from the combined team from Oakley and Raft River.

Nyssa, a Class 3A wrestling power in Oregon, won the team title.

### Padilla Wrestling Invitational At Parma

**Final team scores:** 1. Nyssa, Ore., 203; 2. Parma, 196; 3. Weiser, 140; 4. Emmett, 118; 5. Aberdeen, 116; 6. Homedale, 108; 7. Payette, 92; 8. Valley, 81.5; 9. Lincoln, Ore., 80.5; 10. Oakley-Raft River, 78; 11. Skyview, 65; 12. (tie) Vale, Ore., and Wendell, 62; 14. Baker, Ore., 51.6; 15. Marsing, 60; 16. McCall-Donnelly, 54; 17. Filer, 47.5; 18. Elgin, Ore., 21.5.

**Final bracket results**  
103 pounds: 1. A. Juarez, Filer; 2. E. Miller, Parma; 3. T. Wentz, Nyssa; 4. L. Walker, Emmett; 112: 2. R. Evans, Marsing; 2. R. Garcia, Nyssa; 3. K. Duffin, Aberdeen; 4. F. Baham, Homedale; 119: 1. L. Hartley, Nyssa; 2. C. Gerrard, Valley; 3. C. Short, Emmett; 4. D. Decroo, Weiser; 125: M. Gonzales, Nyssa; 2. J. Enselly, Homedale; 3. J. Urrutia, Nyssa; 4. T. Egbert, Wendell; 130: 1. K. Schroll, Nyssa; 2. T. Peck, Aberdeen; 3. M. Svendin, Weiser; 4. S. Ortiz, Oakley-Raft River; 135: 1. D. Gerratt, Valley; 2. M. Moore, Marsing; 3. C. Clark, Greenwell, Oakley-Raft River; 4. A. Benson, Wendell; 140: 1. M. Flores, Payette; 2. J. Iverson, Nyssa; 3. A. Cornelius, Lincoln; 4. J. Romero, McCall-Donnelly; 145: 1. A. Gettle, Baker; 2. T. Morinaka, Nyssa; 3. S. Warren, Aberdeen; 4. D. Zenor, Homedale; 152: A. Tolman, Vale; 2. M. Moore, Marsing; 3. C. Clark, McCall-Donnelly; 4. T. Ezzell, Lincoln; 160: 1. J. Ferguson, Parma; 2. D. Reynolds, Payette; 3. A. Fry, Emmett; 4. B. Moore, Nyssa; 171: 1. A. Funk, Weiser; 2. L. Johnson, Parma; 3. B. Babbitt, Oakley-Raft River; 4. T. Elizando, Nyssa; 189: 1. R. Riley, Parma; 2. T. Shaw, Baker; 3. J. Theurer, Weiser; 4. J. Brubon, Payette; 215: 1. E. Coy, Vale; 2. C. Boyd, Lincoln; 3. J. Weigand, Emmett; 4. K. Ables, Homedale; 285: 1. A. Vasi, Skyview; 2. K. K. Riley, Parma; 3. J. Spence, Weiser; 4. B. Valadez, Homedale.

## Late Friday Boys basketball

### CAREY 63, DIETRICH 59, OT

Trevor Peck scored 23 points and Dillon Simpson had 17 to lead the host Panthers over the Dietrich Blue Devils 63-59 in overtime in Northside Conference play on Friday.

"It was not a very pretty game for either team," said Carey coach Dick Simpson. "We hit 5-of-7 free throws in the overtime and Dietrich

was 2-for-2."

Heith Adamson pulled down 13 rebounds and Wacey Barg had 11 for Carey (11-3, 7-2).

Scott Perron had a team-high 21 points for Dietrich followed by Luke Hubert with 15 and Andrew Rocha had 10.

Dietrich is at Richfield and Carey on the road at Community School on Tuesday.

## Carey 63, Dietrich 59, OT

**Dietrich (59)**  
Dylan Perron 2, Jaren Stoddard 7, Walter Hansen 2, Scott Perron 21, Kolton Hubert 1, G.W. Bailey 1, Andrew Rocha 10, Luke Hubert 15. Totals 20 18-29 59.  
**CAREY (63)**  
Dillon Simpson 17, Brett Adamson 8, Trevor Peck 23, Gonzalo Zarate 2, Wacey Barg 5, Jacey Baird 2, Heith Adamson 6. Totals 24 12-26 63.  
3-point goals: Dietrich 1 (Rocha); Carey 3 (Trevor Peck 3). Total fouls: Dietrich 20, Carey 21. Fouled out: Carey, Adamson, Dietrich, Rocha. Technical fouls: none.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL 44, CAMAS COUNTY 41

Community School beat Camas County 44-41 on Friday night in Northside Conference play. No details were available.

## Girls basketball

### RICHFIELD 63, MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 4

Michelle Kent registered her first career triple-double, scoring 18 points to go with 10 rebounds and 10 assists in just 2 1/2 quarters of action as Richfield strolled past Magic Valley Christian 63-4 in Jerome on Friday night.

Lea Piper added 12 points and 10 boards for the Tigers (20-0, 11-0 Northside).

### SHO-BAN 70, OAKLEY 55

The host Chiefs defeated the Hornets 70-55 in Snake River Conference South Division play on Friday night.

"My girls played pretty good except for the first quarter," said Oakley coach Kristen Jones. "After that it was a matter of playing catchup. They got up 20 plus points and we narrowed the game to four. We need to learn how to play four quarters."

Sabrina Wybenga scored a team-high 19 points and Saless Terry added 17 for the Hornets (3-14, 1-6). Sho-Ban was led by Jill Graves with a game-high 21 and Tyree Smith followed with 15.

Oakley (3-14, 1-6) hosts Hansen on Tuesday.

## Sho-Ban 70, Oakley 55

**Oakley (55)**  
Whitney Smith 6, Kaylani Setoki 1, Saless Terry 17, Sabrina Wybenga 19, Jordan Leirman 5, Kori Poulton 2, McKenzie Zollinger 5. Totals 20 12-22 55.  
**SHO-BAN (70)**  
Samantha Bear 9, Jill Graves 21, Tyree Smith 15, Corianna Honena 6, Elise Metz 1, Saless Nappo 1, Kelsey Bear 5, G. Yokoyama 6, S. Johnson 6. Totals 28 11-19 70.  
3-point goals: Oakley 3 (Smith, Leirman, Zollinger); Sho-Ban 3 (Smith 3). Total fouls: Oakley 17, Sho-Ban 18. Fouled out: Sho-Ban, Samantha Bear. Technical fouls: none.

## CAMAS COUNTY 29, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 16

Camas County defeated Community School 29-16 on Friday night. No details were available.

## CSI

Continued from Sports 1  
Wright capped his 20-point, 14-rebound night with a pair of free throws to seal it for the Bruins.

"Our kids played a great game," said SLCC assistant coach Todd Phillips, who coached the Bruins after Parrish went to the hospital at halftime with a severe nosebleed. "They answered the bell. We've got some strong sophomore kids that have been there before and they got it done."

Phillips knows the rivalry well. He grew up in Twin Falls and his father and sister played for the Golden Eagles. He called the win "huge."

Watkins said the difference on the scoreboard came down to "experience. We're still a young team even

though we're halfway through the season. (Salt Lake) has a lineup of sophomores and we've got a lineup with 10 freshmen."

Bendall scored all of his 14 points in the second half after being limited to 2 minutes in the first half due to foul trouble. Wright played the final 5 minutes with four fouls.

Dathan Lyles added 10 points and hit two free throws to give the Bruins the 76-73 lead with 34.5 seconds left.

Wendell graduate Kael Pope added six points and three rebounds for Salt Lake.

Daequon Montreal paced CSI with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Four others scored in double figures, including Barrett with 11.

Watkins, Diouf and Romario Souza each added 10. But it wasn't quite enough.

"I think these freshmen need to realize that the freshman excuse is over," said Gosar. "This is January. We need to start playing with more composure."

Salt Lake started strong as Wright scored eight points during a 12-2 Bruin run that left CSI trailing 17-8. But Souza scored eight consecutive CSI points to keep the Golden Eagles close. Eight straight makes at the foul line helped CSI surge to a 33-30 lead, but Lyles scored five quick points late to give Salt Lake a 39-35 halftime edge.

Trailing 56-50, the Golden Eagles ripped off a 9-0 spurt to take the lead. A block by Aziz Ndiaye keyed a CSI

break that Montreal capped with a layup for a 57-56 lead. CSI led 63-60 on a slam by Watkins, but Salt Lake soon knotted the score to set up an intense final stretch.

"We're not going to let this keep us down," said Watkins. "We're going to work at it, get better and learn to finish."

## No. 7 Salt Lake CC 70, No. 22 CSI 73

**SALT LAKE CC (18-1, 5-0 SWAC)**  
Dathan Lyles 3-11 3-4 10, Logan Magnusson 4-8 0-0 8, Ricky Shoff 3-3 0-1 6, Nate Bendall 4-8 6-10 14, D.J. Wright 9-21 2-2 20, Drew Robinson 2-3 2-2, Davis Emery 2-7 0-0 5, Ben Walker 0-0 0-0 0, John Pressley 0-0 0-0 0, Kael Pope 1-3 4-4 6, Krispin Banks 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 28-64 19-25 78.  
**CSI (16-4, 3-2 SWAC)**  
Byago Diouf 4-10 1-2 10, Jay Watkins 5-11 0-1 10, Daequon Montreal 5-13 5-8 15, Aziz Ndiaye 2-4 3-5 7, Charles Odum 2-2 0-0 4, Cheyne Martin 1-2 0-0 3, Jamelle Barrett 2-5 7-12 11, Louis Garrett 0-0 0-0 0, Romario Souza 3-4 4-5 10, Max Carrier 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-51 23-33 73.  
Halftime: SLCC 78, CSI 73. 3-point goals: SLCC 3-13 (Lyles 3, Wright 0-4, Robinson 1-1, Emery 1-3); CSI 0-9 (Diouf 1-4, Watkins 0-1, Montreal 0-1, Martin 1-2, Barrett 0-1). Rebounds: SLCC 38 (Wright 14); CSI 38 (Montreal 15). Assists: SLCC 18 (Magnusson 5); CSI 19 (Barrett 6). Turnovers: SLCC 11; CSI 15. Total fouls: SLCC 27; CSI 23. Fouled out: none.



CSI guard Charles Odum looks for an open teammate during Saturday's game against Salt Lake Community College in Twin Falls.

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# SCOREBOARD

## BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	36	9	.800	—
Philadelphia	20	21	.490	13½
New Jersey	20	24	.455	15½
New York	18	25	.419	17
Toronto	17	28	.378	19
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	33	10	.767	—
Atlanta	26	16	.619	6½
Miami	23	19	.548	9½
Charlotte	18	25	.419	15
Washington	9	33	.214	23½
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	8	.810	—
Detroit	24	18	.571	10
Milwaukee	22	20	.524	12
Chicago	18	26	.409	17
Indiana	16	27	.372	18½
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	13	.690	—
New Orleans	26	14	.650	2
Houston	27	17	.614	3
Dallas	25	18	.581	4½
Mempis	11	32	.256	18½
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	28	15	.651	—
Portland	25	17	.595	2½
Utah	25	19	.568	3½
Minnesota	11	37	.294	13
Oklahoma City	9	35	.205	19½
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	34	8	.810	—
Phoenix	23	18	.561	10½
Golden State	13	31	.295	22
L.A. Clippers	10	32	.238	24
Sacramento	10	34	.227	25

**Friday's Games**  
 Charlotte 98, Phoenix 76  
 Indiana 107, Houston 102  
 Dallas 112, Detroit 91  
 Atlanta 117, Milwaukee 87  
 New York 108, Memphis 88  
 Minnesota 116, New Orleans 108  
 Toronto 114, Chicago 94  
 San Antonio 94, New Jersey 91  
 L.A. Clippers 107, Oklahoma City 104  
 Cleveland 106, Golden State 105

**Saturday's Games**  
 Philadelphia 116, New York 110  
 Miami 103, Orlando 97  
 New Jersey 99, Memphis 88  
 Milwaukee 106, Sacramento 104  
 Cleveland 102, Utah 97  
 Washington at Portland, late

**Sunday's Games**  
 Dallas at Boston, 11 a.m.  
 San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 1:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Atlanta, 2 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Toronto, 4 p.m.  
 Houston at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Minnesota, 5 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Indiana, 5 p.m.  
 Utah at Denver, 6 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 7 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 Phoenix at Washington, 5 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Miami, 5:30 p.m.  
 Houston at New York, 5:30 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at New Orleans, 6 p.m.  
 Portland at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

Chalmers 6. Total Fouls—Orlando 24, Miami 21. Technicals—Howard 2, Johnson, Orlando Coach Van Gundy, Ejected—Howard. A—19,600 (19,600).

**Nets 99, Grizzlies 88**  
 Nets 99, Grizzlies 88  
 Simmons 4-8 0-0 10, Anderson 4-10 3-5 12, Lopez 3-8 2-2 8, Carter 9-15 2-2 23, Harris 6-14 5-7 17, Boone 1-5 0-0 2, Hayes 3-5 0-0 7, Ross 0-1 0-0 1, Warwick 3-9 7, Okafor 1-4 2-3 4, Douglas-Roberts 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 38-83 14-18 99.

**MEMPHIS (88)**  
 Gay 4-17 4-5 12, Arthur 5-9 0-0 10, Gasol 3-7 5-6 11, Mayo 8-14 4-6 23, Conley 3-5 0-0 8, 14-5-7 17, Boone 1-5 0-0 2, Harris 0-3 0-0 7, 2-3-9, Miles 1-3 0-0 2, Janic 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 30-70 22-30 88.

**New Jersey (99)**  
 Simmons 4-8 0-0 10, Anderson 4-10 3-5 12, Lopez 3-8 2-2 8, Carter 9-15 2-2 23, Harris 6-14 5-7 17, Boone 1-5 0-0 2, Hayes 3-5 0-0 7, Ross 0-1 0-0 1, Warwick 3-9 7, Okafor 1-4 2-3 4, Douglas-Roberts 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 38-83 14-18 99.

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 Simmons 4-8 0-0 10, Anderson 4-10 3-5 12, Lopez 3-8 2-2 8, Carter 9-15 2-2 23, Harris 6-14 5-7 17, Boone 1-5 0-0 2, Hayes 3-5 0-0 7, Ross 0-1 0-0 1, Warwick 3-9 7, Okafor 1-4 2-3 4, Douglas-Roberts 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 38-83 14-18 99.

**Cavaliers 102, Jazz 97**  
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 Cleveland 102, Jazz 97  
 James 14-27 4-23, Wallace 2-3 0-0 4, Varejao 7-8 2-0 14, Pavlovic 4-7 2-4 13, M.Williams 8-20 4-4 25, Hickson 4-5 0-3 8, Szczerbiak 4-2-1-4, Gibson 0-5-2-1, Kinsey 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 40-79 12-20 102.

**CLEVELAND (102)**  
 James 14-27 4-23, Wallace 2-3 0-0 4, Varejao 7-8 2-0 14, Pavlovic 4-7 2-4 13, M.Williams 8-20 4-4 25, Hickson 4-5 0-3 8, Szczerbiak 4-2-1-4, Gibson 0-5-2-1, Kinsey 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 40-79 12-20 102.

**Utah (97)**  
 Miles 3-6 3-3 9, Millsap 12-18 0-0 24, Okur 1-9 2-3 4, Brewer 4-6 0-2 8, D.Williams 5-14 6-9 17, Fesenko 1-1 0-0 2, Korver 6-11 1-1 15, Hought 0-3 0-0 0, Koufos 3-9 1-2 7, Harrpring 5-7 1-1 11. Totals 40-84 14-21 97.

**Cleveland 33 34 34 21 - 102**  
 Utah 23 26 24 21 - 97

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 10/27 (M.Williams 5-11, Pavlovic 3-6, Szczerbiak 1-1, James 1-6, Kinsey 0-1, Gibson 0-2), Utah 3-14 (Korver 2-5, D.Williams 1-4, Brewer 0-1).  
 Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 45 (James 14), Utah 53 (Millsap 15). Assists—Cleveland 23 (James 9), Utah 28 (D.Williams 16). Total Fouls—Cleveland 22, Utah 19.  
 Technicals—M.Williams, Cleveland defensive three second, Utah defensive three second. A—19,911 (19,911).

**Friday's Late NBA Boxes**  
 Cavaliers 102, Warriors 105

**CLEVELAND (106)**  
 James 10-20 16-32, Wallace 2-4 0-0 4, Varejao 3-0 2-2 8, Pavlovic 3-7 0-0 8, M.Williams 6-17 1-2 14, Szczerbiak 3-5 2-2 10, Gibson 3-6 0-0 9, Hickson 3-6 4-5 10, D.Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, Kinsey 3-5 5-7 11, J.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-85 24-34 106.

**GOLDEN STATE (105)**  
 Azubuike 2-9 2-2 6, S.Jackson 6-15 10-12 24, Biedrins 3-5 0-1 6, Morrow 7-10 2-3 19, Ellis 8-19 3-5 20, Maggette 6-6 11-11 23, Watson 1-4 1-2 3, Turf 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 35-80 29-36 105.

**Cleveland 28 27 29 22 - 106**  
 Golden State 26 28 27 24 - 105

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 10/20 (Gibson 3-4, Szczerbiak 2-2, Pavlovic 2-4, James 2-5, M.Williams 1-5), Golden State 6-15 (Morrow 3-4, S.Jackson 2-5, Ellis 1-1, Maggette 0-1).  
 Watson 0-2, Azubuike 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 58 (James, Varejao, Pavlovic 9), Golden State 53 (Biedrins 13). Assists—Cleveland 23 (James 8), Golden State 16 (S.Jackson 8). Total Fouls—Cleveland 25, Golden State 26. Technicals—Cleveland defensive three second 2. A—19,596 (19,596).

**Clippers 107, Thunder 104**  
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 Jefferson 8-19 4-6 20, Villanueva 7-13 3-3 18, Gadsuzic 0-1 0-0 0, Reid 5-10 4-4 14, Ridnour 3-11 0-7, Mbah a Moute 4-6 5-7, Elson 5-11 0-2 10, Sessions 4-9 6-8 14, Lue 2-4 0-0 4, Allen 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 40-87 23-32 106.

**SACRAMENTO (104)**  
 Jefferson 8-19 4-6 20, Villanueva 7-13 3-3 18, Gadsuzic 0-1 0-0 0, Reid 5-10 4-4 14, Ridnour 3-11 0-7, Mbah a Moute 4-6 5-7, Elson 5-11 0-2 10, Sessions 4-9 6-8 14, Lue 2-4 0-0 4, Allen 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 40-87 23-32 106.

**OKLAHOMA CITY (104)**  
 Jordan 14-22 1-2 3, Gordon 12-19 12-14 34, Collins 1-0 0-0 2, Jones 5-10 0-12, Hart 1-2 0-0 2, Novak 4-8 0-10, Samb 1-7 0-0 2. Totals 38-79 20-24 107.

**L.A. CLIPPERS (107)**  
 Jordan 14-22 1-2 3, Gordon 12-19 12-14 34, Collins 1-0 0-0 2, Jones 5-10 0-12, Hart 1-2 0-0 2, Novak 4-8 0-10, Samb 1-7 0-0 2. Totals 38-79 20-24 107.

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**Men's College Scores**  
**Far West**  
 BYU 96, Houston 90, 0T  
 Arizona 77, San Diego St. 71  
 Boise St. 58, Louisiana Tech 53  
 Cal Poly 77, UC Davis 75  
 California 76, Oregon 69  
 Denver 78, W. Kentucky 74  
 Gonzaga 93, Loyola Marymount 60  
 Idaho 67, New Mexico St. 57  
 Kansas St. 77, Colorado 75, 0T  
 Oregon St. 77, Stanford 62  
 Portland 73, Pepperdine 58  
 Portland St. 83, E. Washington 61  
 Southern Cal 45, Washington St. 44  
 UNLV 75, Utah 65  
 Utah Valley St. 55, Savannah 39  
 Washington 86, UCLA 75  
 Weber St. 59, N. Arizona 54  
 Wyoming 83, Colorado St. 74

**Southwest**  
 Ark.-Pine Bluff 58, Texas Southern 56  
 Arkansas St. 62, Florida Atlantic 60  
 Auburn 73, Arkansas 51  
 East Carolina 80, SMU 74  
 Lamar 71, Texas St. 65  
 New Mexico 69, TCU 52  
 Oklahoma 95, Baylor 76  
 Oral Roberts 67, S. Utah 51  
 Sam Houston St. 78, Texas-Arlington 74  
 Texas 67, Texas A&M 80  
 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 80, Texas-San Antonio 66  
 Tony 66  
 Troy 63, UTLEP 74  
 Tulsa 78, UTTEP 70

**Midwest**  
 Akron 68, Kent St. 54  
 Bowling Green 52, Ohio St. 56  
 Bradley 68, Indiana St. 56  
 Buffalo 76, Miami (Ohio) 64  
 Butler 78, Wis.-Milwaukee 46  
 Cent. Michigan 58, N. Illinois 45  
 Chicago St. 103, N. Central 63  
 Connecticut 69, Notre Dame 61  
 Drake 74, Creighton 62

## GAME PLAN

**TV SCHEDULE**  
**AUTO RACING**  
 5 a.m.  
 SPEED — Rolex Sports Car Series, 24 Hours of Daytona, finish of race, at Daytona Beach, Fla.

**BOWLING**  
 10:30 a.m.  
 ESPN — PBA, Tournament of Champions, at Las Vegas

**EXTREME SPORTS**  
 Noon  
 ESPN — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo.

7 p.m.  
 ESPN — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo.

12:30 a.m.  
 ESPN2 — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo. (delayed tape)

**FIGURE SKATING**  
 2 p.m.  
 NBC — U.S. Championships, at Cleveland

**GOLF**  
 7:30 a.m.  
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Qatar Masters, final round, at Doha, Qatar (same-day tape)

2 p.m.  
 TGC — PGA Tour, Bob Hope Classic, final round, at La Quinta, Calif.

5:30 p.m.  
 TGC — Champions Tour, Mitsubishi Electric Championship, final round, at Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 11:30 a.m.  
 IU/PUI 84, IPFW 57  
 Illinois 64, Wisconsin 57  
 Illinois St. 70, S. Illinois 63  
 Kansas 82, Iowa St. 67  
 Loyola of Chicago 72, Detroit 66  
 Marquette 79, Belmont 67  
 Michigan 68, Northwestern 59  
 Missouri 97, Texas Tech 86  
 Oakland, Mich. 86, W. Illinois 46  
 Oklahoma St. 76, Nebraska 74, 0T  
 W. Michigan 53, E. Michigan 45  
 Wis.-Green Bay 83, Valparaiso 76  
 Wright St. 57, Ill.-Chicago 31

**South**  
 Alabama A&M 91, Alcorn St. 76  
 Alabama St. 64, Southern U. 60  
 Appalachian St. 76, W. Carolina 70  
 Austin Peay 86, Jacksonville St. 80  
 Belmont 75, Kentucky 66  
 Bethune-Cookman 60, Delaware St. 56  
 Cent. Arkansas 58, McNeese St. 54  
 Centenary 83, UMKC 75  
 Coastal Carolina 78, Winthrop 69  
 Coppin St. 61, Hampton 60  
 Duquesne 79, Wofford 56  
 Duke 85, Maryland 44  
 Elon 86, Chattanooga 85, 20T  
 Florida St. 73, Virginia 62  
 Gardner-Webb 86, Charleston Southern 70  
 Georgia Southern 69, Furman 53  
 Hofstra 69, James Madison 68  
 Jackson St. 68, Grambling St. 58  
 Kentucky 61, Alabama 51  
 Lipscomb 84, Mercer 68  
 Longwood 61, N.J. Tech 51  
 Louisiana-Lafayette 67, South Alabama 65  
 Louisiana-Monroe 81, Fla. International 64  
 MSU 87, Prairie View 49  
 Md.-Eastern Shore 54, Florida A&M 50  
 Memphis 54, Tennessee 52  
 Mississippi St. 67, Georgia 61  
 Morehead St. 68, E. Kentucky 64  
 Morgan St. 78, Howard 56  
 N.C. Central 107, South Florida 57  
 N. Carolina A&T 73, Winston-Salem 60  
 New Orleans 69, Middle Tennessee 65  
 Nichols St. 68, Northwestern St. 69  
 Norfolk St. 68, S. Carolina St. 62  
 Northeastern 58, Old Dominion 42  
 Radford 94, Liberty 82, 20T  
 SIU 87, Prairie View 49  
 Samford 76, UNC Greensboro 61  
 South Carolina 82, Mississippi 71  
 Southern Miss. 68, Montana St. 60  
 Stephen F. Austin 60, St. Louisiana 49  
 Tenn.-Martin 65, E. Illinois 51  
 Tennessee Tech 86, Tennessee St. 78  
 The Citadel 72, Coll. of Charleston 63  
 UAB 78, Rice 40  
 UNC Asheville 68, Presbyterian 58  
 VMI 92, High Point 85  
 Va. Commonwealth 76, George Mason 71  
 Villanova 70, South Florida 61  
 Xavier 80, LSU 70

**East**  
 Boston College 79, N.C. State 68  
 Bryant 57, Long Island U. 55  
 Bucknell 64, Colgate 62, 0T  
 Cent. Connecticut St. 59, Quinnipiac 55  
 Dartmouth 75, Harvard 66, 0T  
 Delaware 60, Georgia St. 48  
 Drexel 62, William & Mary 49  
 Holy Cross 71, American U. 62  
 Iona 71, Manhattan 51  
 La Salle 52, Massachusetts 54  
 Lehigh 60, Lafayette 57  
 Mount St. Mary's, Md. 70, Monmouth, N.J. 52  
 Penn St. 63, Iowa 59  
 Robert Morris 74, Fairleigh Dickinson 40  
 Saint Joseph's 80, Penn 68  
 Siena 82, Niagara 58  
 St. Francis, N.Y. 58, St. Francis, Pa. 57  
 St. John's 70, Rutgers 59  
 Temple 80, Charlotte 53  
 UNC Wilmington 103, Towson 98, 20T

**Champions Tour Mitsubishi Electric Championship**  
**First Round**  
 At Hualalai Resort Golf Club  
 Kaupelehu-Kona, Hawaii  
 Purse: \$1.3 Million  
 Yards: 7,107 - Par 72

**FOOTBALL**  
**NFL Playoffs**  
 All Times MST  
**Conference Championships**  
 Sunday, Jan. 18

**AFC**  
 Arizona 32, Philadelphia 25  
 **NFC**  
 Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 14

**Super Bowl**  
 Sunday, Feb. 1  
 Tampa, Fla.  
 Arizona vs. Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.(NBC)

**GOLF**  
**PGA Tour Bob Hope Classic**  
 Saturday  
 La Quinta, Calif.  
 Purse: \$5.1 Million  
 Played On Four Courses All Par 72  
**First Round (Palmer Course) 6,924 Yards**  
**PGA West (Nicklaus Course) 6,924 Yards**  
**Bermuda Dunes CC 7,017 Yards**  
**Silver Rock 7,403 Yards**  
**Fourth Round**

Player	Score
Steve Stricker	65-67-61-62-255 -33
Tom Pernice Jr.	67-65-64-66-262 -26
Robert Garrigus	62-69-68-63-262 -26
Bubba Watson	63-67-64-68-262 -26
Vaughn Taylor	68-65-67-63-263 -25
John Merrick	65-63-67-69-264 -24
Chris Stroud	68-66-64-66-264 -24
Wesley Simpson	63-65-68-67-262 -26
Samuel S. Johnson	66-65-65-68-264 -24
Tiger Clark	66-69-63-66-264 -24
Tim Clark	65-67-65-68-265 -23
D.J. Trahan	63-64-68-70-265 -23
David Berganio, Jr.	67-63-69-66-265 -23
Tom Pernice, Jr.	66-68-69-265 -23
Mathew Goggins	66-70-62-67-265 -23
Mike Weir	62-70-67-66-265 -23
John Mallingier	66-67-65-68-266 -22
Jason Dufner	63-65-67-71-266 -22
John Senden	66-66-69-65-266 -22
Scott Piercy	66-65-68-67-266 -22
Scott McCarron	66-68-63-69-266 -22
Chris Stroud	67-68-62-69-266 -22
Casey Wittenberg	69-66-64-68-267 -21
Kevin Sutherland	64-67-67-69-267 -21
Ryan Palmer	70-65-66-66-267 -21
Scott Piercy	66-66-70-65-267 -21
Charley Hoffman	72-66-64-65-267 -21
Charlie Weir	68-67-61-71-267 -21
John Huston	69-70-64-64-267 -21
Chris Dimarco	64-68-69-66-267 -21
Jason Bohm	66-70-65-67-268 -20
Steve Marino	68-68-64-70-268 -20
Lucas Goggin	65-68-67-67-268 -20
Ryuji Imada	67-65-69-67-268 -20
Bryn Baird	63-63-70-72-268 -20
David Toms	68-65-68-67-268 -20
Chez Rebecq	66-66-68-69-269 -19
Woody Austin	66-68-68-67-269 -19
Brad Adomonis	67-62-71-69-269 -19
Dean Wilson	67-71-66-65-269 -19
Peter Lonard	65-67-68-69-269 -19
Rick Pierce	64-67-66-69-269 -19
Brian Gay	65-70-72-63-270 -18
Heath Slocum	65-67-73-65-270 -18
Bill Haas	68-68-67-67-270 -18
Justin Leonard	72-67-63-68-270 -18
Jerry Kelly	66-71-65-68-270 -18
Chad Campbell	66-71-68-65-270 -18
Jeff Klauk	67-67-67-69-270 -18
Colt Knost	69-88-70-63-270 -17
Fred Couples	68-72-64-68-270 -16
Stephen Ames	71-63-70-66-270 -18
Ken Duke	68-68-64-71-271 -17
Steve Lowery	67-65-71-68-271 -17
Cliff Kresge	68-63-67-73-271 -17
Glen Day	65-68-71-67-271 -17
Martin Laird	67-68-68-68-271 -17
Fred Couples	68-72-64-68-270 -16
Joe Ogilvie	70-73-67-62-272 -16
Nicholas Thompson	66-70-68-68-272 -16

**NHL All Times MST EASTERN**

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	29	15	3	61	145	118
N.Y. Rangers	28	16	4	60	127	125
Philadelphia	25	12	9	59	151	137
Pittsburgh	23	21	4	50	144	146
N.Y. Islanders	13	29	5	31	115	164
NORTHEAST	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	34	8	5	73	168	106
Montreal	27	13	6	60	145	127
Buffalo	24	18	5	53	135	138
Toronto	17	22	8	42	136	163
Ottawa	16	21	7	39	108	129
SOUTHEAST	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	30	15	3	63	153	138
Carolina	23	20	5	51	121	142
Florida	21	17	8	50	129	142
Tampa Bay	16	21	4	40	121	145
Atlanta	17	26	3	39	144	172
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	31	9	6	68	173	133
Chicago	25	12	6	58	152	114
Columbus	22	20	5	49	129	133
Nashville	20	23	4	43	111	134
St. Louis	19	23	4	42	133	149
NORTHWEST	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	28	14	4	60	146	138
Edmonton	24	19	3	51	132	138
Vancouver</						

# James, Cavs slam Jazz in SLC

SALT LAKE CITY — LeBron James scored 33 points, pulled down 14 rebounds and was just one assist short of a triple-double as the Cleveland Cavaliers held off the Utah Jazz 102-97 on Saturday night.

Mo Williams added 25 points and four assists, including three alley-oops to James, as the Cavs closed out a four-game road trip with their third straight win.

Cleveland's Anderson Varejao finished with 14 points and seven rebounds, going 7-for-8 from the floor while filling in for injured center Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

Deron Williams had a season-high 16 assists and scored 17 points for Utah, which had won seven straight at home.

## 76ERS 116, KNICKS 110

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Iguodala scored 24 points and Andre Miller added 21 as the Philadelphia 76ers welcomed the return of Elton Brand to the lineup with a 116-110 victory over the New York Knicks on Saturday night.

Brand, who missed 16 games after dislocating his right shoulder on

Dec. 17, had six points in 13 minutes off the bench. He entered the game for the first time with 1:26 left in the first quarter.

Thaddeus Young added 17 points, Willie Green had 14 and Samuel Dalembert had 10 points and 17 rebounds for the Sixers, who won for the eighth time in nine games and moved back to .500 at 21-21.

Nate Robinson scored 26 points for the Knicks, whose three-game winning streak ended.

## HEAT 103, MAGIC 97

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 27 points, Mario Chalmers added 20 and the Miami Heat snapped a 10-game losing streak against the Orlando Magic.

Udonis Haslem added 12 points — including two huge baskets down the stretch — for Miami, which wasted a 15-point lead entering the fourth quarter, but ultimately held on. The Heat finished with four turnovers, an all-time franchise low, and dealt Orlando its second straight loss.

Dwight Howard had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Orlando before get-

ting ejected with 1.1 seconds remaining.

## NETS 99, GRIZZLIES 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Vince Carter scored 23 points and Devin Harris added 17 points and eight assists as the New Jersey Nets snapped a five-game losing skid. The game was close early in the fourth quarter, but the Nets outscored Memphis 27-18 in the period, sending the Grizzlies to their ninth straight loss.

O.J. Mayo scored 23 points to lead the Grizzlies, who were playing their second game under interim coach Johnny Davis, who took over when Marc Iavaroni was fired Thursday. Memphis is scheduled to introduce new coach Lionel Hollins at a press conference Sunday.

## BUCKS 106, KINGS 104

MILWAUKEE — Luc Richard Mbah a Moute hit a free throw with 3.3 seconds to go and Richard Jefferson scored 20 points for the Milwaukee Bucks.

The win came despite Andrew Bogut missing his sixth consecutive game with back spasms and leading



AP photo  
Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) sails to the basket against Utah Jazz center Kyrlo Fesenko, of Ukraine, during the first quarter of the NBA basketball game Saturday in Salt Lake City.

scorer Michael Redd leaving with a knee injury in the third quarter.

Sacramento's Brad Miller, who finished with 14 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists, had his jumper

from the top of the key bounce high off the back of the rim at the buzzer that would have sent the game to overtime.

— The Associated Press

# BSU edges La. Tech



AP photo  
Boise State's Mark Sanchez, left, La'Shard Anderson and Aaron Garner triple team Louisiana Tech's Jamel Guyton, center, in Boise on Saturday.

# Broncos improve to 11-1 at home

BOISE — Ike Okoye led Boise State with 16 points as the Broncos defeated Louisiana Tech 58-53 on Saturday in a Western Athletic Conference game.

Okoye's layup with 1:42 gave Boise State (14-5, 5-2 Western Athletic Conference) its first lead since it owned a 27-26 advantage with 1:10 gone in the second half.

Anthony Thomas scored 12 points and had 10 assists and, Paul Noonan and Kurt Cunningham each scored eight points for the Broncos.

Magnum Rolle led Louisiana Tech (8-12, 2-5) with 23 points and 10 rebounds. The Bulldogs lost for the fifth time in six games.

Boise State won its second straight game to improve to 11-1 at home this season and 4-0 in conference games at Taco Bell Arena.

## IDAHO 67, NEW MEXICO ST. 57

MOSCOW — Mac Hopson scored 23 points to lead Idaho to a 67-57 win over visiting New Mexico State in Western Athletic Conference action. Brandon Wiley netted 16 for the Vandals (9-10, 3-3 WAC).

Jahmar Young's 14 points topped the Aggies.

Idaho hosts in-state rival Boise State on Thursday.

## SACRAMENTO STATE 72, IDAHO STATE 69

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Junior Justin Eller's 12 points and 12 rebounds helped Sacramento State end a 14-game losing streak with a 72-69 win over Idaho State on Saturday night.

Senior Loren Leath led the Hornets with 22 points and Randy Adams added 15 for the Sacramento State Hornets (2-19, 1-7 Big Sky), who gave first-year



AP photo  
Idaho forward Luis Augusto (44) fights for a rebound with New Mexico State guard Jonathan Gibson (22) during the first half Saturday in Moscow.

coach Brian Katz his first conference victory.

Amorroz Morgan had 19 points and Donnie Carson scored 14 points for the Idaho State Bengals (7-14, 4-3 Big Sky), which ended a three-game winning streak.

The Hornets built an 18-point lead early in the second half, but the Bengals fought back, cutting the margin to 68-65 on a basket by Carson with 22 seconds to play.

Two free throws each by Leath and Antonio Flagg with 30 seconds left in the game sealed the win for the Hornets.

## BYU 77, SAN DIEGO ST. 71

PROVO, Utah — Jonathan Tavernari and Lee Cummond scored 16 points apiece to lead BYU to a 77-71 win over San Diego State on Saturday night.

The duo combined to make 7-of-11 from 3-point range for the Cougars (15-4, 3-2 Mountain West), who shot 56 percent from the field and 52 percent from behind the arc. Lamont Morgan Jr. came off the bench to add 12 points and five assists for BYU.

The Cougars took a 41-32 lead into the break, but San Diego State (13-5, 3-2) closed the margin to 70-66 late in the second half. A 3-pointer by Tavernari with 1:30 remaining helped seal the win for the Cougars.

Lorenzo Wade led San Diego State with 18 points, while Mehdi Cheriet added 14 points and Tim Shelton finished with 11.

The Aztecs' leading scorer, Kyle Spain, scored five points to give him 999 for his career. He sat out the final eight minutes after yelling at assistant coach Mark Fisher and then arguing with head coach Steve Fisher.

## UNLV 75, UTAH 65

LAS VEGAS — TreVon Willis scored a career-high 22 points to lead UNLV over Utah 75-65 Saturday.

Wink Adams and Rene Rougeau added 14 points each for the Runnin' Rebels (16-4, 4-2 Mountain West). Adams had 12 points in the second half, when the Rebels rallied after trailing 38-30 at halftime.

Luke Nevill led Utah (12-7, 3-2) with 14 points and seven rebounds.

— The Associated Press

# UConn outlasts upset-minded Irish

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Jerome Dyson scored 15 points and No. 3 Connecticut held 19th-ranked Notre Dame to a season-low 33 percent shooting in a 69-61 victory Saturday night, ending the nation's longest home winning streak at 45 games.

The Huskies (18-1, 7-1 Big East) also prevented the Fighting Irish (12-6, 3-4) from breaking the conference record with their 21st straight league win at home.

UConn put the game away with a 13-1 run despite a big game from Luke Harangody, who had 24 points. The Huskies started the run with four straight baskets inside, highlighted by a slam from Hasheem Thabeet and a basket by Gavin Edwards on a 2-on-1 break.

## NO. 2 DUKE 85, MARYLAND 44

DURHAM, N.C. — Gerald Henderson scored 17 points and Jon Scheyer scored 12 for Duke.

The Blue Devils (18-1, 5-0 ACC) dominated from the opening tip and led 40-15 at halftime. From there, the lead grew to 60-20 less than 4 minutes into the second half.

## NO. 6 OKLAHOMA 95, BAYLOR 76

NORMAN, Okla. — Blake Griffin had 20 points and 17 rebounds for his 16th double-double of the season, and the Sooners rolled to their seventh consecutive win.

## NO. 11 MARQUETTE 79, DEPAUL 70

MILWAUKEE — Jerel McNeal scored 21 points, Wesley Matthews had 20 and Lazar Hayward added 16 points and 17 rebounds as Marquette remained undefeated in the Big East.

## WASHINGTON 86, NO. 13 UCLA 75

SEATTLE — Freshman Isaiah Thomas scored 24 points and Justin Dentmon returned from foul trouble

to spark the decisive late run that sent resurgent the Huskies into the Pac-10 lead.

## NO. 14 TEXAS 67, TEXAS A&M 58

AUSTIN, Texas — Damion James scored 28 points, including 11 in a two-minute stretch of the second half to lead the Longhorns.

## NO. 15 XAVIER 80, LSU 70

BATON ROUGE, La. — Derrick Brown scored 22 points to help the Musketeers hand LSU its first home loss of the season.

## NO. 16 BUTLER 78, WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE 48

INDIANAPOLIS — Reserve Shawn Vanzant scored a career-high 20 points and Butler won its 10th straight game.

## NO. 20 VILLANOVA 70, SOUTH FLORIDA 61

TAMPA, Fla. — Dante Cunningham scored 14 points and Scottie Reynolds made four free throws over the final 1:07 for Villanova.

## NO. 22 MEMPHIS 54, TENNESSEE 52

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tyreke Evans scored 17 points, including a free throw with one second remaining that helped the Tigers fend off Tennessee.

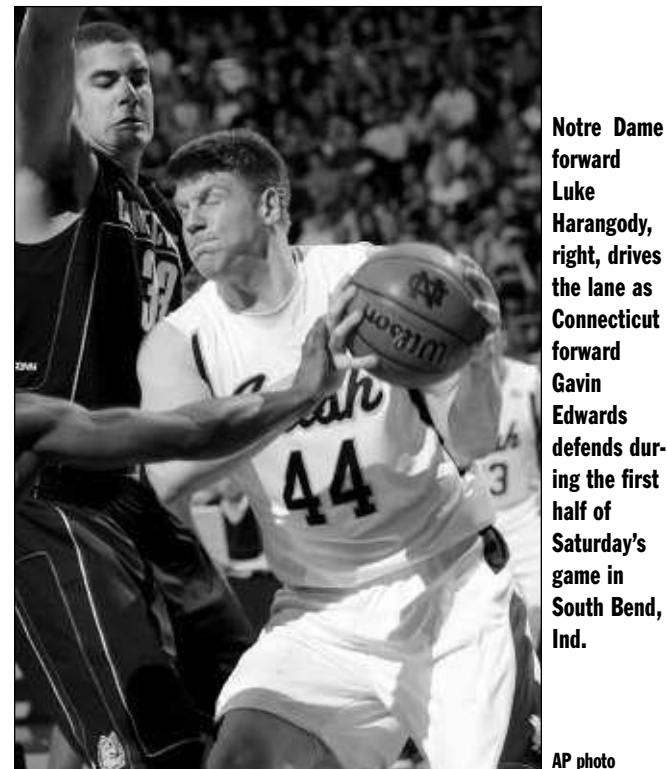
## NO. 23 GONZAGA 93, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT 60

LOS ANGELES — Matt Bouldin hit five 3-pointers and scored 18 points to lead the Zags. The Bulldogs (14-4, 5-0 WCC) hit 12 3s in winning their sixth straight game.

## NO. 25 ILLINOIS 64, WISCONSIN 57

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Demetri McCamey scored 25 points and the Illini used a big second-half run and lockdown defense to hand the Badgers their fourth straight loss.

— The Associated Press



AP photo  
Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody, right, drives the lane as Connecticut forward Gavin Edwards defends during the first half of Saturday's game in South Bend, Ind.

# Top-seeded Jankovic out in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Top-seeded Jelena Jankovic was knocked out in the fourth round of the Australian Open, and will have to search elsewhere for her first Grand Slam title.

Frenchwoman Marion Bartoli, the 2007 Wimbledon finalist, broke Jankovic's serve twice in the first set en route to a 6-1, 6-4 win Sunday and a place in the quarterfinals.

"I tried to not think about it for the whole match," Bartoli said of Jankovic's No. 1 ranking. "This is my first time playing in Rod Laver Arena. I think I just played amazingly today and I'm so glad to put on a good performance."

The 16th-seeded Bartoli had not been past the second round in seven previous trips to Melbourne Park.

Critics questioned whether Jankovic could convert her numeric ranking into a victory in the championship match at a major. She was a semifinalist at the Australian Open and French Opens last year before losing the U.S. Open final to Serena Williams.

When Bartoli turned up the pressure, Jankovic tightened up again.

Bartoli was the aggressor, repeatedly sending Jankovic serves back faster than they came over and standing two steps inside the baseline for second serves.

Bartoli hits two-fisted, flat and hard from both sides, and she peppered the lines and corners. Jankovic, repeatedly covering her face or looking to her mother for support and guidance, seemed shellshocked after falling behind 5-0 in the first set despite shouts of "Let's go JJ!" from the crowd.

Jankovic fended off two set points while serving at 1-5, but Bartoli easily held in the next game, finishing off the set with a deft drop shot that caught Jankovic behind the baseline.

Increasingly tentative and bewildered, Jankovic twice lost points early in the second set by stopping play on Bartoli shots that she thought were long but replays showed caught the line. She used up her last challenge of the set in the sixth game.

Bartoli broke to pull ahead 5-4 in a game that went to deuce six times, with Jankovic netting a backhand on breakpoint.

Jankovic wanted to challenge Bartoli's winner in the next game but couldn't.

The Frenchwoman went on to hold despite a twitchy double fault at 40-15, whacking a forehand winner down the line and raising her arms in jubilation.

Last Saturday night, men's No. 1 Rafael Nadal ripped 53 winners in a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 victory against Tommy Haas.

Nadal kept his unforced errors to a frugal eight — and to just one in the 43-minute second set.



Marion Bartoli reacts after a point on her way to upsetting No. 1-seeded Jelena Jankovic in the fourth round of the Australian Open today in Melbourne, Australia. AP photo

"I played one of my best matches here at the Australian Open," said Nadal, who has improved by one round in each of his five trips to Australia. To continue that sequence, he'll have to make the final.

Andy Murray won 11 straight games during a 7-5, 6-0, 6-3 win over Austrian Jurgen Melzer.

And the 21-year-old Murray thought he'd been miserly with his 10 mistakes against No. 31 Melzer.

He was broken when serving for the match at 5-1 and wasted two match points in the subsequent game before finishing off with an ace.

Right now, fourth-seeded Murray isn't Nadal's major concern.

He's got 2007 Australian Open finalist Fernando Gonzalez next. The 28-year-old Chilean rallied from two-sets down and saved match point en route to a 3-6, 3-6, 7-6 (10), 6-2, 12-10 win over Richard Gasquet of France.

Fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, losing finalist last year, joined fellow Frenchmen Gael Monfils and No. 6 Gilles Simon in the fourth round. He next faces No. 9 James Blake, the second American to reach the final 16 after Andy Roddick.

No. 7 Roddick has a match against Spaniard Tommy Robredo on Sunday night.

Roger Federer's quest for a record-equaling 14th major continues when he plays 20th-seeded Tomas

Berdych in an afternoon match on Rod Laver Arena.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic has the closing match on center court.

On the other side of the women's draw, Serena Williams had 6-1, 6-4 win over China's Peng Shuai on Saturday, moving closer to a 10th Grand Slam title.

Williams next faces No. 13 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, who ousted 2006 Australian Open and Wimbledon champion Amelie Mauresmo.

Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva extended her women's winning streak to 13 matches, coming back from 2-5 in the first set to oust Australia's Samantha Stosur.

# Steve Stricker takes charge of Bob Hope Classic

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Steve Stricker shot a 10-under 62 on PGA West's Nicklaus course Saturday to overtake Pat Perez and rewrite a couple of PGA Tour records in the birdie-fest known as the Bob Hope Classic.

Eight shots behind Perez after 36 holes, the 41-year-old Stricker shot 61 during the third round to move into contention, and his sparkling play on the fourth day gave him a three-shot lead over Perez in the 90-hole tournament.

On another of what has been a string of warm, windless days in the desert, Stricker reached 33-under 255, bettering the tour's 72-hole mark of 31 under set by Ernie Els in winning the 2003 Mercedes Classic. Stricker's 61-62 also was a tour low for consecutive rounds. Mark Calcavecchia set the record by shooting 60-64 in the 2001 Phoenix Open, and Perez tied it with his 61-63 start.



Steve Stricker chips onto the No. 8 green during the fourth round of the Bob Hope Classic in La Quinta, Calif. AP photo

As a yardstick of how low the scoring has been in the always par-as-a-memory Hope, the cut came at 15 under, lowest ever for a tour event. Jesper Parnevik, the 2000 champion, shot 61 in the

fourth round and missed the cut by a stroke.

Tommy Armour holds the record for lowest 72-hole score, winning the 2003 Texas Open on a par 70 course at 254, which was 26 under. Joe

Durant set the tour mark for 90 holes when he won the 2001 Hope at 36 under, a 324 total.

Perez played at Bermuda Dunes and had his second consecutive 67, leaving him alone in second at 258. Bubba Watson (63), Robert Garrigus (66) and Vaughn Taylor (68) were tied for third, seven shots back at 26 under.

## BRYANT LEADS IN HAWAII

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii — Brad Bryant shot a 7-under 65 to take a one-shot lead over Bernhard Langer after two rounds in the Champions Tour's season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship.

Bryant, who birdied nine holes in the opening round, set the pace early by birdieing six of his first 10 holes and capped his round with a 10-foot birdie putt on 18 for a 15-under 129 total.

Langer, the player and rookie of the year, made his

move on the back nine, again, birdieing four of the final six holes for a 66. Jay Haas, the 2007 player of the year, was third at 13 under after a 66. Hale Irwin, at 63 trying to become the oldest winner in the tour's 30-year history, had a 67 to join Jeff Sluman at 12 under.

## QUIROS HOLDS SLIM LEAD IN QATAR

DOHA, Qatar — Spain's Alvaro Quiros shot an 8-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead over South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen into the final round of the Qatar Masters.

The long-hitting Quiros had a 16-under 200 total on the Doha Golf Club course. Oosthuizen, three strokes ahead at the start of play, shot a 69. Dutchman Maarten Lafeber (66) and Sweden's Henrik Stenson (66) were 12 under.

Sergio Garcia (67) was 10 under.

— The Associated Press

# Streak

Continued from Sports 1  
chipped in 23 points and 11 rebounds to help bury the Bruins (11-9, 2-3 SWAC) as CSI pushed its winning streak to 13 games.

Lucet was held to four points and three rebounds in the first half, but scored seven during an 11-0 run early in the second half.

That burst, capped by a 3-pointer from Noelle Milicic, gave CSI a commanding 50-30 lead with 15:41 remaining. The Bruins never drew

closer than 16 the rest of the way.

Salt Lake freshman guard Mina Jovanovic played five early minutes before aggravating her foot injury on a driving layup. She left the game for good, her foot wrapped with ice as she sat on the bench.

Her last bucket was the only one for SLCC during a 12-2 CSI run, highlighted by six points from MeChel Hunt, as the Golden Eagles took their first double-digit

lead at 20-10. Holloway's fourth 3-pointer of the opening half made it 35-20.

As for Hunt's surprising offensive contribution, the freshman said it's part of just doing what Rogers has been telling her to do.

"I just need to go out and play well and let the game come to me," she said.

Nicole Brady and Marquina Gilliam-Hicks led the Bruins with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

But CSI won the rebound-

ing battle 46-33 and tallied 10 blocks in the win.

Rogers is hopeful that Pringle-Buchanan will rejoin the team before next week's trip to North Idaho College. Her teammates certainly noticed her absence Saturday.

"It was different," said Hunt. "There was no one to intimidate the other team."

As it turned out, the Golden Eagles' dominating play was all the intimidation CSI needed.

## No. 1 CSI 74, Salt Lake CC 46

SALT LAKE CC (11-9, 2-3 SWAC)  
Marquina Gilliam-Hicks 4-15 0-2 10, Dayna Burgess 1-11 0-0 2, Nicole Brady 4-8 2-2 11, Arnie Jensen 3-9 1-2 8, Tilisa Vakalahi 0-1 0-0 0, Kate Pawlowski 0-1 0-0 0, Vanna Cox 1-1 0-0 0, Mina Jovanovic 3-3 0-1 6, Amanda Hansen 0-2 0-0 0, Kelsey Sparkman 2-5 3-4 7, Marcellina Grayser 0-0 0-0 0, Allie Lunt 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-57 6-11 46.

## CSI (16-3, 5-0 SWAC)

Martina Holloway 6-11 2-2 20, Cassie Wood 0-3 1-2 1, Nicole Harper 1-6 0-0 2, Shauneice Samms 2-4 4-6 8, Soana Lucet 10-16 2-4 23, Emiliya Yancheva 2-2 0-0 4, Kalika Tullock 0-5 2-2 2, MeChel Hunt 2-4 2-2 6, Noelle Hunt 3-5 0-0 7, Kiara Tate 0-2 1-4 1.

## Total 26-58 14-22 74

Halftime: CSI 37, SLCC 25. 3-point goals: SLCC 4-14 (Hicks 2-4, Burgess 0-4, Brady 1-1, Jensen 1-3, Pawlowski 0-1, Lunt 0-1); CSI 8-20 (Holloway 6-9, Wood 0-1, Harper 0-1, Lucet 1-4, Tullock 0-1, Hunt 0-1, Milicic 1-2, Tate 0-1). Rebounds: SLCC 33 (Sparkman 6); CSI 46 (Samms, Lucet 11). Assists: SLCC 15 (Burgess 9); CSI 15 (Holloway 6); Turnovers: SLCC 22; CSI 17. Total fouls: SLCC 21; CSI 18. Fouled out: SLCC, Jensen. Technical fouls: none.

# White leads South to 35-18 Senior Bowl win

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Local hero Pat White passed for 95 yards and a touchdown and directed two scoring drives to lead the South to a 35-18 win over the North Saturday in the Senior Bowl, a showcase game for many of college football's top prospects.

The West Virginia quarterback is a native of Daphne just outside Mobile. The most prolific running quarterback in major college football history, and projected to be a receiver in the NFL, White stood out among a group of high profile signal callers and was the most valuable player of the game that featured many top NFL prospects.

If there were doubts about the strength of White's arm, he tried to erase them in the third quarter when he stretched the South's lead with an impressive 39-yard scoring toss to Mississippi's Mike Wallace in the corner of the end zone.

Alabama's John Parker Wilson also played well, completing 7-of-13 passes for 56 yards and scoring on a four-yard scamper in the first quarter.

Wilson was named offensive player of the game, while Robert Ayers of Tennessee was named the game's outstanding defensive player.

The South led 21-10 at halftime and stretched it to 28-10 with White's scoring pass midway through the third quarter.

The North narrowed the lead to 28-18 early in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Eric Kettani of Navy and a 2-point conversion run by Oregon's Jeremiah Johnson. But any hopes of getting closer were dashed with 8:47 to play when All-American defensive tackle Peria Jerry of Mississippi fell on a fumble in the North end zone for the final South score.

The South dominated in the first half as three different quarterbacks directed impressive scoring drives.

Wilson started the scoring with a 4-yard run from out of the shotgun formation with 7:28 to play in the first quarter. Wilson's score ended a 16-play, 80-yard drive in which he completed four passes for 37 yards.

The first quarter ended with the South ahead 7-3 after the North got on the board with a 38-yard field goal by Utah's Louie Sakoda.

White showed what he could do early in the second quarter, leading an eight-play, 68-yard touchdown drive that ended with a 1-yard touchdown run by Quinn Johnson of LSU. The drive included a 33-yard pass from White to North Carolina State running back Andre Brown.

Then it was Clemson's Cullen Harper's turn behind center and he took the South 59 yards in eight plays, with Brown scoring on a 1-yard run with 3:35 to play in the half. The drive was sparked by a 32-yard pass from Harper to Arizona's Mike Thomas.

The North narrowed the South's lead to 21-10 with 1:02 to play in the half as Central Arkansas quarterback Nathan Brown completed a 4-yard pass to Johnson.

Neither team was able to launch much of a running attack. The leading rusher was the South's Rashad Jennings of Liberty College in Virginia, who carried nine times for 41 yards.



South quarterback Pat White, of West Virginia, looks for a receiver in the fourth quarter of the Senior Bowl Saturday in Mobile, Ala. AP photo



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Swimmers make their way across the YMCA/City pool during the Igloo Pentathlon Saturday morning in Twin Falls.

# Twiss leads M.V. Marlins at Igloo

## Times-News

Parker Twiss of the Magic Valley Marlins won three races in the boys 11-12 year division at the Igloo Pentathlon, held at the YMCA City Pool in Twin Falls on Saturday.

Matt Twiss and Zach Malina also did well for the Marlins in the 9-10 division, which was dominated by out of area swimmer Brandon Palmatier.

Results follow.

### 2009 Igloo Pentathlon

#### Saturday's results

##### Top 5 plus local swimmers only

#### Boys

##### Age 6 and under

**25-yard butterfly:** 1. Landry Vereeken, STP, 58.19.

**25-yard backstroke:** 1. Landry Vereeken, STP, 34.45.

**25-yard freestyle:** 1. Landry Vereeken, STP, 34.45.

##### Age 7-9

**25-yard butterfly:** 1. Thomas Roark, BY, 18.57; 2. Mason Johnson, Magic Valley, 20.96; 3. Hamish Thompson, BY, 24.77; 4. Jacob Johnson, Idaho Falls, 25.53; 5. Jakob Hansen, EST, 25.73; 6. Michael Ashby, Magic Valley, 26.05; 7. Kekona Ream, Magic Valley, 30.63.

**50-yard backstroke:** Thomas Roark, BY, 19.49; 2. Mason Johnson, Magic Valley, 21.56; 3. Michael Ashby, Magic Valley, 24.87; 4. Jakob Hansen, NST, 27.05; 5. Hamish Thompson, BY, 27.49; 7. Kekona Ream, Magic Valley, 28.74; 11. Dylan Morris, Magic Valley, 40.83.

**100-yard freestyle:** 1. Thomas Roark, BY, 22.54; 2. Jakob Hansen, EST, 25.59; 3. Hamish Thompson, BY, 25.69; 4. Mason Johnson, Magic Valley, 28.38; 5. Noah Hounshel, Idaho Falls, 30.41; 6. Michael Ashby, Magic Valley, 31.03; 8. Dylan Morris, Magic Valley, 40.83.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Thomas Roark, BY, 1:35.58; 2. Mason Johnson, Magic Valley, 1:44.01; 3. Jakob Hansen, EST, 2:05.18; 4. Michael Ashby, Magic Valley, 2:13.74; 5. Jacob Johnson, Idaho Falls, 2:17.79.

##### Age 9-10

**25-yard butterfly:** 1. Brandon Palmatier, BY, 32.44; 2. Matt Twiss, Magic Valley, 38.07; 3. Rees Launer, BY, 42.13; 4. Elijah Beck, NST, 49.07; 5. Jordan Beers, NST, 50.42; 6. FreddyJim Atwood, Magic Valley, 50.91; 7. Reilly Jones, Magic Valley, 51.70; 8. Landon Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 51.88; 9. Matthew Wirtz, Magic Valley, 1:11.53; 10. Benjamin Custer, Magic Valley, 1:16.98.

**50-yard backstroke:** 1. Brandon Palmatier, BY, 35.94; 2. Zach Malina, Magic Valley, 37.26; 3. Rees Launer, BY, 37.35; 4. Matt Twiss, Magic Valley, 39.19; 5. Jordan Beers, NST, 42.92; 6. Ethan Rovig, Magic Valley, 47.20; 9. Landon Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 47.20; 11. Reilly Jones, Magic Valley, 53.57; 12. Matthew Wirtz, Magic Valley, 56.54; 15. Ethan Hodges, Magic Valley, 1:08.59; 16. Benjamin Custer, Magic Valley, 1:10.22.

**100-yard freestyle:** 1. Brandon Palmatier, BY, 29.99; 2. Matt Twiss, Magic Valley, 31.94; 3. Rees Launer, BY, 33.06; 4. Ethan Rovig, Magic Valley, 36.76; 5. Jordan Beers, NST, 37.33; 7. Landon Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 40.56; 8. FreddyJim Atwood, Magic Valley, 40.87; 9. Reilly Jones, Magic Valley, 41.01; 10. Bryer Jones, Magic Valley, 46.45; 15. Benjamin Custer, Magic Valley, 58.64; 16. Ethan Hodges, Magic Valley, 1:01.84.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Brandon Palmatier,

BY, 1:16.22; 2. Matt Twiss, Magic Valley, 1:25.22; 3. Rees Launer, BY, 1:25.39; 4. Ethan Rovig, Magic Valley, 1:28.83; 5. Jordan Beers, NST, 1:39.75; 7. Landon Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 1:47.66; 8. FreddyJim Atwood, Magic Valley, 1:52.50; 9. Reilly Jones, Magic Valley, 1:54.05.

**300-yard butterfly:** 1. Blake Krupa, Idaho Falls, 32.27; 2. Parker Twiss, Magic Valley, 32.91; 3. Alex Watt, BY, 33.30; 4. Marcus Bartolome, BY, 33.40; 5. Brian Beatty, STP, 33.85; 7. Erik Steinke, Magic Valley, 36.46; 9. Colton Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 47.04; 12. Kepano Ream, Magic Valley, 51.88.

**50-yard backstroke:** 1. Alex Watt, BY, 34.21; 2. Marcus Bartolome, BY, 35.22; 3. Blake Krupa, Idaho Falls, 35.23; 4. Ryan Van Buren, BY, 35.56; 5. Parker Twiss, Magic Valley, 35.58; 7. Erik Steinke, Magic Valley, 36.72; 11. Kepano Ream, Magic Valley, 47.88.

**50-yard freestyle:** 1. Parker Twiss, Magic Valley, 33.44; 2. Marcus Bartolome, BY, 41.34; 3. Ryan Van Buren, BY, 41.35; 4. Blake Krupa, Magic Valley, 41.43; 5. Erik Steinke, Magic Valley, 42.70; 8. Evan Brock, Magic Valley, 44.76; 12. Kepano Ream, Magic Valley, 1:00.18.

**100-yard butterfly:** 1. Parker Twiss, Magic Valley, 28.01; 2. Ryan Van Buren, BY, 29.02; 3. Alex Watt, BY, 30.00; 5. Marcus Bartolome, BY, 30.55; 6. Blake Krupa, Idaho Falls, 31.17; 7. Erik Steinke, Magic Valley, 31.69; 9. Evan Brock, Magic Valley, 33.25; 10. Colton Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 33.50; 12. Kepano Ream, Magic Valley, 40.73.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Parker Twiss, Magic Valley, 1:11.09; 2. Alex Watt, BY, 1:17.21; 3. Brian Beatty, STP, 1:17.74; 4. Ryan Van Buren, BY, 1:18.28; 5. Marcus Bartolome, BY, 1:18.73; 7. Erik Steinke, Magic Valley, 1:22.95; 10. Kepano Ream, Magic Valley, 1:50.73.

##### Age 13-14

**100-yard butterfly:** 1. Forrest Davis, SV58, 1:03.68; 2. Dempsey Rogers, STP, 1:03.87; 3. (tie) Rhett Southard, BY and Chaney Boyle, Idaho Falls, 1:04.62; 5. Jake Lewis, BY, 1:11.78; 12. Luke Burgett, Magic Valley, 1:26.41.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Forrest Davis, SV58, 1:03.68; 2. Dempsey Rogers, STP, 1:12.16; 3. Chaney Boyle, Idaho Falls, 1:05.09; 4. Kevin Fanter, BY, 1:09.63; 5. Stuart Boyd, BY, 1:09.96; 7. Luke Burgett, Magic Valley, 1:13.76; 10. Brandon Hoard, Magic Valley, 1:16.17.

**300-yard freestyle:** 1. Forrest Davis, SV58, 1:05.60; 2. Dempsey Rogers, STP, 1:12.16; 3. Chaney Boyle, Idaho Falls, 1:12.69; 4. Kevin Fanter, BY, 1:19.40; 5. Joseph Davis, Idaho Falls, 1:22.24; 6. Luke Burgett, Magic Valley, 1:26.41; 10. Brandon Hoard, Magic Valley, 1:29.40.

**500-yard freestyle:** 1. Dempsey Rogers, STP, 53.89; 2. Chaney Boyle, Idaho Falls, 56.07; 3. Rhett Southard, BY, 1:00.47; 4. Kevin Fanter, BY, 1:02.06; 5. Luke Burgett, Magic Valley, 1:02.57; 10. Brandon Hoard, Magic Valley, 1:09.93.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Forrest Davis, SV58, 1:20.61; 2. Dempsey Rogers, STP, 1:23.40; 3. Chaney Boyle, Idaho Falls, 1:24.90; 4. Joseph Davis, Idaho Falls, 2:36.20; 5. Kevin Fanter, BY, 2:37.20; 9. Luke Burgett, Magic Valley, 2:49.45; 11. Brandon Hoard, Magic Valley, 2:52.83.

##### Age 15 and over

**100-yard butterfly:** 1. Tim Wayland, Idaho Falls, 59.25; 2. Chase Willdon, STP, 1:00.60; 3. Wes Walton, Magic Valley, 1:00.91; 4. Matt Miller, Idaho Falls, 1:01.45; 5. Ricky Swearingin, Idaho Falls, 1:02.07; 6. Joshua Wirtz, Magic Valley, 1:07.20; 1. Wes Walton, Magic Valley, 59.56; 2. Matt Miller, Idaho Falls, 1:02.42; 3. Chase Willdon, STP, 1:02.56; 4. Tim Wayland, Idaho Falls, 1:03.13; 5. Austin Adams, STP, 1:04.11; 16. Joe Renaldi, Magic Valley, 1:14.54.

**100-yard backstroke:** 1. Tim Wayland, Idaho Falls, 1:04.50; 2. Nathan Tolman, STP, 1:07.65; 3. Matt Miller, Idaho Falls, 1:09.18; 4. Justin Adams, STP, 1:10.25; 5. Wes Walton, Magic Valley, 1:12.31; 10. Joshua Wirtz, Magic Valley, 1:17.00; 12. Mason Malina, Magic Valley, 1:18.52; 16. Joe Renaldi, Magic Valley, 1:24.26.

**200-yard freestyle:** 1. Matt Miller, Idaho Falls, 50.04; 2. Tim Wayland, Idaho Falls, 53.00; 3. Chase Willdon, STP, 53.78; 4. Tyler Boddy, STP, 53.92; 5. Wes Walton, Magic Valley, 54.97; 12. Joshua Wirtz, Magic Valley, 1:00.74; 14. Joe Renaldi, Magic Valley, 1:04.63; 16. Mason Malina, Magic Valley, 1:05.99.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Tim Wayland, Idaho Falls, 2:10.45; 2. Wes Walton, Magic Valley, 2:11.56; 3. Matt Miller, Idaho Falls, 2:17.62; 4. Chase Willdon, STP, 2:18.09; 5. Nathan Tolman, STP, 2:24.35; 11. Joshua Wirtz, Magic Valley, 2:26.31; 13. Joe Renaldi, Magic Valley, 2:44.74; 14. Samuel Fittz, Magic Valley, 2:49.96.

##### Girls

##### Age 6 and under

**25-yard butterfly:** 1. Josie Havlicek, Idaho Falls, 27.75; 2. Joey Miller, Idaho Falls, 36.81.

**25-yard backstroke:** 1. Josie Havlicek, Idaho Falls,

25.29; 2. Piper Newton, Magic Valley, 28.13; 3. Olivia Hall, Magic Valley, 29.69; 4. Joey Miller, Idaho Falls, 30.93; 5. Kaitlyn Shelley, STP, 31.04; 6. Kylie Willie, Magic Valley, 33.24; 8. Velma Keller, Magic Valley, 37.83.

**25-yard freestyle:** 1. Josie Havlicek, Idaho Falls, 31.37; 2. Joey Miller, Idaho Falls, 40.30; 3. Violet Rademacher, unattached, 52.19.

**25-yard backstroke:** 1. Josie Havlicek, Idaho Falls, 23.27; 2. Kaitlyn Shelley, STP, 23.49; 3. Joey Miller, Idaho Falls, 28.13; 4. Velma Keller, Magic Valley, 29.43; 5. Piper Newton, Magic Valley, 30.48; 8. Kylie Willie, Magic Valley, 36.04.

##### Age 7-8

**25-yard butterfly:** 1. Sammie Eyoifson, BY, 20:13; 2. Annie Bartolome, BY, 22:15; 3. Hunter Scott, BY, 23:43; 4. Jady Stroh, BY, 23:97; 5. Caralee Brashar, Idaho Falls, 24:83; 9. Emma Wirtz, Magic Valley, 26:7.

**25-yard backstroke:** 1. Hunter Scott, BY, 20:88; 2. Annie Bartolome, BY, 21:03; 3. Sammie Eyoifson, BY, 22:74; 4. Caralee Brashar, Idaho Falls, 23:99; 5. Savannah Southwick, BY, 24:07; 8. Estell Malina, Magic Valley, 26:52; 10. Emma Wirtz, Magic Valley, 29:29; 11. Kyra Schroeder, Magic Valley, 31:57; 14. Kendelynn Willie, Magic Valley, 35:11; 15. Lara Maccabee, Magic Valley, 42:42.

**25-yard freestyle:** 1. Annie Bartolome, BY, 24:47; 2. Sammie Eyoifson, BY, 24:60; 3. Savannah Southwick, BY, 25:13; 4. Jady Stroh, BY, 25:31; 5. Brynlee Howell, Idaho Falls, 25:37; 7. Estell Malina, Magic Valley, 27:44; 11. Emma Wirtz, Magic Valley, 40:63; 12. Kyra Schroeder, Magic Valley, 42:39; 13. Kendelynn Willie, Magic Valley, 49:37.

**25-yard backstroke:** 1. Sammie Eyoifson, BY, 17:87; 2. Savannah Southwick, BY, 18:30; 3. Annie Bartolome, BY, 18:59; 4. Bridgette Equist, EST, 19:25; 5. Hunter Scott, BY, 19:43; 10. Emma Wirtz, Magic Valley, 22:99; 11. Estell Malina, Magic Valley, 23:02; 13. Kyra Schroeder, Magic Valley, 25:08; 15. Kendelynn Willie, Magic Valley, 35:98; 17. Lara Maccabee, Magic Valley, 40:09.

**100-yard individual medley:** 1. Sammie Eyoifson, BY, 1:51.91; 5. Jady Stroh, BY, 1:55:07; 6. Estell Malina, Magic Valley, 2:03:50.

##### Age 9-10

**50-yard butterfly:** 1. Taylor Anderson, BY, 31:54; 2. Kayla Stanley, Idaho Falls, 35:51; 3. Maddie Johnson, Magic Valley, 38:24; 4. Cameron Kendrick, Magic Valley, 40:15; 5. Jazmyin Callahan, BY, 40:27; 9. Caitlin Crist, Magic Valley, 43:14; 19. Emily Pilling, Magic Valley, 59:11.

**50-yard backstroke:** 1. Taylor Anderson, BY, 32:69; 2. Maddie Johnson, Magic Valley, 36:48; 3. Kayla Stanley, Idaho Falls, 38:42; 4. Randi Anderson, BY, 40:01; 5. Jazmyin Callahan, BY, 40:14; 6. Cameron Kendrick, Magic Valley, 40:25; 12. Caitlin Crist, Magic Valley, 44:24; 20. Jayden Stoddard, Magic Valley, 51:42; 21. Olivia Johnson, Magic Valley, 52:33; 24. Emily Pilling, Magic Valley, 56:38; 25. Kathryn Morris, Magic Valley, 57:45; 27. Clara Reed, Magic Valley, 1:00:22; 29. Hollie Maccabee, Magic Valley, 1:16:20.

**50-yard freestyle:** 1. Ashley Davis, Idaho Falls, 38:10; 2. Taylor Anderson, BY, 41:50; 3. Kayla Stanley, Idaho Falls, 43:23; 4. Maddie Johnson, Magic Valley, 43:54; 5. Cameron Kendrick, Magic Valley, 43:82; 10. Caitlin Crist, Magic Valley, 49:74; 18. Kaitlyn Morris, Magic Valley, 59:50; 20. Clara Reed, Magic Valley, 1:01:37; 21. Olivia Johnson, Magic Valley, 1:04:58; 23. Emily Pilling, Magic Valley, 1:05:29.

**50-yard backstroke:** 1. Taylor Anderson, BY, 28:56; 2. Maddie Johnson, Magic Valley, 31:07; 3. Kayla Stanley, Idaho Falls, 31:72; 4. Randi Anderson, BY, 33:31; 5. Cameron Kendrick, Magic Valley, 33:77; 14. Caitlin Crist, Magic Valley, 39:36; 22. Jayden Stoddard, Magic Valley, 47:61; 24. Kaitlyn Morris, Magic Valley, 47:77; 25. Emily Pilling, Magic Valley, 50:22; 26. Clara Reed, Magic Valley, 54:80; 28. Hollie Maccabee, Magic Valley, 1:17:87.

**100-yard individual medley:** 1. Taylor Anderson, BY, 1:15:48; 2. Kayla Stanley, Idaho Falls, 1:23:86; 3. Cameron Kendrick, Magic Valley, 1:25:63; 4. Randi Anderson, BY, 1:27:28; 11. Caitlin Crist, Magic Valley, 1:39:63; 19. Kaitlyn Morris, Magic Valley, 1:02:39; 20. Emily Pilling, Magic Valley, 2:02:90.

##### Age 11-12

**50-yard butterfly:** 1. Kaedi Fry, SV58, 31:08; 2. Kerri Starr, BY, 31:32; 3. Darbie Armstrong, STP, 31:45; 4. Jade Irick, Idaho Falls, 32:81; 5. Jade Miller, Idaho Falls, 33:06; 11. Amanda Crist, Magic Valley, 37:16; 16. Christin Hoard, Magic Valley, 39:06; 18. Katelynn Baumer, Magic Valley, 42:76; 23. Rebecca Ashby, Magic Valley, 46:47; 25. Allie Hansen, Magic Valley, 48:85.

**50-yard backstroke:** 1. Kaedi Fry, SV58 31:73; 2. 27.75; 2. Joey Miller, STP, 32:86; 3. Kelsey Nelson, STP, 32:87; 4. Kerri Starr, BY, 33:09; 5. Emilee Gessell,

STP, 33:39; 12. Amanda Crist, Magic Valley, 37:84; 18. Christin Hoard, Magic Valley, 42:59; 20. Katelynn Baumer, Magic Valley, 43:67; 23. Allie Hansen, Magic Valley, 46:86; 24. Hanna Dishaw, Magic Valley, 46:87; 25. Kristen Johns, Magic Valley, 27. Rebecca Ashby, Magic Valley, 49:18; 28. Brittany Jennings, Magic Valley, 1:05:19.

**50-yard freestyle:** 1. Kaedi Fry, SV58, 35:53; 2. Ashley Adams, STP, 32:73; 3. Kelsey Nelson, STP, 38:38; 4. Jeanne Rogers, STP, 39:12; 5. Amy Leuks, BY, 39:17; 9. Amanda Crist, Magic Valley, 40:90; 16. Katelynn Baumer, Magic Valley, 45:43; 17. Kristen Johns, Magic Valley, 45:88; 19. Christin Hoard, Magic Valley, 48:75; 23. Hanna Dishaw, Magic Valley, 54:57; 24. Allie Hansen, Magic Valley, 55:20; 27. Lydia Rice, Magic Valley, 1:13:15.

**50-yard backstroke:** 1. Kerri Starr, BY, 27:68; 2. Kaedi Fry, SV58, 27:82; 3. Kelsey Nelson, STP, 29:00; 4. Jade Miller, Idaho Falls, 29:94; 5. Ashley Adams, STP, 30:65; 11. Amanda Crist, Magic Valley, 32:74; 16. Christin Hoard, Magic Valley, 35:35; 19. Katelynn Baumer, Magic Valley, 35:74; 22. Kristen Johns, Magic Valley, 39:21; 23. Rebecca Ashby, Magic Valley, 39:58; 26. Hanna Dishaw, Magic Valley, 45:73; 27. Lydia Rice, Magic Valley, 46:50; 28. Brittany Jennings, Magic Valley, 48:26.

**100-yard individual medley:** 1. Kaedi Fry, SV58, 1:09:71; 2. Kelsey Nelson, STP, 1:12:23; 3. Kerri Starr, BY, 1:13:69; 4. Jade Miller, Idaho Falls, 1:15:17; 5. Ashley Adams, STP, 1:16:48; 11. Amanda Crist, Magic Valley, 1:23:89; 19. Christin Hoard, Magic Valley, 1:34:46; 20. Katelynn Baumer, Magic Valley, 1:38:64; 24. Rebecca Ashby, Magic Valley, 1:49:67; 25. Lydia Rice, Magic Valley, 2:03:75.

##### Age 13-14

**100-yard butterfly:** 1. Erin Fuss, unattached, 1:03:43; 2. Ashlyn Krupa, Idaho Falls, 1:08:56; 3. Elizabeth Fry, SV58, 1:08:91; 4. Allison Seadall, STP, 1:13:79; 5. Mia Goodwin, BY, 1:14:00; 14. Whitney Hoard, Magic Valley, 1:23:61; 16. Hannah Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 1:25:08; 21. Kamille Juarez, Magic Valley, 1:37:55.

**100-yard backstroke:** 1. Erin Fuss, unattached, 1:04:37; 2. Lena Friesen, SV58, 1:06:53; 3. Mia Goodwin, BY, 1:11:11; 4. Mariah Southwick, Magic Valley, 1:15:08; 21. Kamille Juarez, Magic Valley, 1:37:55.

**100-yard freestyle:** 1. Erin Fuss, unattached, 1:04:37; 2. Lena Friesen, SV58, 1:06:53; 3. Mia Goodwin, BY, 1:11:11; 4. Mariah Southwick, Magic Valley, 1:15:08; 21. Kamille Juarez, Magic Valley, 1:37:55.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Erin Fuss, unattached, 1:04:37; 2. Lena Friesen, SV58, 1:06:53; 3. Mia Goodwin, BY, 1:11:11; 4. Mariah Southwick, Magic Valley, 1:15:08; 21. Kamille Juarez, Magic Valley, 1:37:55.

##### Age 15 and over

**100-yard butterfly:** 1. Megan Hayes, SV58, 1:04:39; 2. Gavy Pora, NST, 1:04:91; 3. Cidnee Maggart, Idaho Falls, 1:04:95; 4. Michael O'Donnell, unattached, 1:05:23; 5. Jesse Irick, Idaho Falls, 1:09:48; 8. Ashley Twiss, Magic Valley, 1:18:65; 14. Abby Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 1:19:26.

**100-yard backstroke:** 1. Megan Hayes, SV58, 1:00:94; 2. Gavy Pora, NST, 1:04:63; 3. Michael Coiner, SV58, 1:05:94; 4. Cidnee Maggart, Idaho Falls, 1:06:03; 5. Michael O'Donnell, unattached, 1:07:30; 15. Ashley Twiss, Magic Valley, 1:18:48; 17. Abby Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 1:20:29.

**100-yard freestyle:** 1. Michael O'Donnell, unattached, 1:13:69; 2. Abby Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 1:16:9; 3. Rachel Van Orden Idaho Falls, 1:17:15; 4. Lexie Tew, Idaho Falls, 1:19:95; 5. Cidnee Maggart, Idaho Falls, 1:21:74; 10. Ashley Twiss, Magic Valley, 1:28:47.

**200-yard individual medley:** 1. Megan Hayes, SV58, 2:19:66; 2. Cidnee Maggart, Idaho Falls, 2:23:35; 3. Taylor Coiner, SV58, 2:23:54; 4. Michael O'Donnell, unattached, 2:26:84; 5. Lexie Tew, Idaho Falls, 2:28:95; 9. Abby Biedenbach, Magic Valley, 2:42:22; 11. Ashley Twiss, Magic Valley, 2:45:06.

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# Economy has NFL feeling less than Super

By Mark Maske  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Super Bowl buildup, traditionally a week-long round of parties and corporate opulence in the host city, could have a different feel this year.

Next Sunday's game between the Arizona Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers in Tampa will be played against the backdrop of the national economic crisis, with the leaders of the National Football League still unsure about how deeply the country's financial woes will affect a sport that for decades has been a benchmark for popularity and prosperity.

"I still don't think we have a complete answer," New York Giants owner John Mara said. "Obviously, a number of teams have taken steps to

control their costs. A number of teams have made decisions about ticket prices. But we still don't know what the total picture is, and I don't think we will for some time."

Playboy and Sports Illustrated announced in recent weeks that they would not be holding their annual Super Bowl parties. A celebrity golf tournament and party that was to be hosted by Tampa Bay Buccaneers players Warrick Dunn and Derrick Brooks was canceled because of a lack of sponsors, according to local media reports in Tampa. A few talent agencies also scrapped their party plans. Other big corporate parties, including the highly celebrated bash by Maxim magazine, are still on.

Visitors to the Tampa area this week are projected to spend upward of \$150 mil-

lion, a sizable sum but about 20 percent less than they would have spent under a healthier economy, according to a report by accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. Visitors will have shorter stays and will spend less in the hospitality industry and related businesses, the report said. The host committee has lowered its private fundraising goal from \$8 million to \$7 million.

"No one is immune, not the NFL or the Super Bowl or the host committee," Reid Sigmon, the executive director of the Tampa Bay Super Bowl Host Committee, said in a telephone interview.

Just how much different Super Bowl week will look and feel remains to be seen, however. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said that while the league wants to retain the excitement surrounding

pro football's annual championship game, it recognizes it must guard against too much showmanship at a time of economic hardship.

"I think the word I would use is extravagant," Goodell said in a telephone interview Friday. "You don't want that. We understand that. That's not what the NFL is about. But we do want the event to be exciting."

Sigmon said the host committee has not revised its estimate that 100,000 people will visit the Tampa area this week. "We still expect our hotels to be full," Sigmon said. "We still expect our restaurants to be full. We will fulfill all of our obligations to the league and to the community."

NBC, which has set a top asking price of a record \$3 million per 30-second advertisement during the game,

still had not sold 10 percent of its available spots as of the middle of last week. Last year's game drew 97.5 million viewers, the second-largest television audience ever, behind the final episode of "MÅÅÅÅH." The nine most-viewed TV shows since 2000 are Super Bowls.

According to the NFL, the number of media organizations with Super Bowl credentials is actually up, due in large part to Internet media companies, the international press and a large local contingent in the Tampa area. However, others say they expect most newspapers to send smaller-than-usual contingents.

The NFL, which reduced its average ticket price for this season's playoffs by about 10 percent, cut prices for a limited number of tickets to the Super Bowl, reduc-

ing the prices for 1,000 tickets by \$200 apiece, to \$500 each. All 72,500 seats at Raymond James Stadium have been sold, with approximately one-quarter of the tickets priced at a record \$1,000 apiece. Most of the tickets were priced at \$800.

Goodell said that fans might find ways to cut costs but he nevertheless expects the Super Bowl to be undiminished as an event. "What we're seeing with the response and the demand for tickets is that there's extreme interest and excitement around the game," he said. "The hotel room demand is probably not as strong as it's been in the past, and that's probably a reflection of the economy. People might be staying with friends or things like that. But I don't think it will affect the event at all."



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) pulls on his helmet while listening to offensive coordinator Bruce Arians during football practice in Pittsburgh, Thursday. AP photo

## Draft

Continued from Sports 1

In 2002, they chose Wisconsin defensive tackle Wendell Bryant with the 12th overall pick. Bryant started nine games in his career and had 1 1/2 sacks.

Their luck turned in 2004, thanks in part to Dennis Green, who had just been hired as coach and was also involved in personnel matters.

Green introduced the concept of the "120 board." The Cardinals ranked the top 120 prospects in the order they would select them if each one was available.

On draft day, club officials crossed players off as soon as they were drafted. When it came time for the Cardinals to choose, they picked the top remaining name on their board, regardless of their roster needs.

"We had given long discussion on that group, and we had committed our-

selves to that order, and so it really took all discussions on draft day out of it," general manager Rod Graves said.

After San Diego picked quarterback Eli Manning first overall and the Oakland Raiders took Iowa offensive lineman Robert Gallery, the Cardinals snapped up Fitzgerald.

Other options were quarterbacks Philip Rivers and Ben Roethlisberger, wide receiver Roy Williams, tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. and defensive back Sean Taylor. But Graves said there was "no question" the Cardinals would choose Fitzgerald, whose family had ties to Green from his days with the Minnesota Vikings.

"There was no doubt that we all felt like he was the best player in the country at the time," Graves said. "We felt that Larry gave us an opportunity for the greatest margin of improvement."

It turned out to be a brilliant pick.

The rangy, athletic Fitzgerald was picked to his third Pro Bowl this year, and he has exploded onto the national stage this postseason. In three games, Fitzgerald has 23 catches for an NFL-playoff-record 419 yards and five touchdowns.

Dockett and Dansby haven't received the same attention as Fitzgerald — starting with draft day, when their selections elicited little more than shrugs from many fans.

"As it turned out, Karlos Dansby, Darnell Dockett, those were the highest-rated players left," Graves said. "We had first-round grades on those guys, and it was just our good fortune that they were still available at the time."

"For various reasons, those players may have been left on the board that long, but for us, we stayed true to our system and it yielded those players," Graves said.

## Stable Steelers win by staying the course

PITTSBURGH (AP) — When Dan Rooney gave his welcome to training camp speech to the Pittsburgh Steelers last summer, the message was different from any he or his late father Art previously delivered in the club's 76-year history.

The franchise that has been a benchmark of NFL stability in good times and bad, won five Super Bowls, spawned the careers of Terry Bradshaw, Jack Lambert and Ben Roethlisberger and gained a coast-to-coast following was a bit unsettled.

Rooney, the team chairman, and son Art II, the president, were working to keep the team following months of family negotiations, but the outcome was uncertain. The news then was that Dan Rooney's four brothers might sell their shares to Wall Street billionaire Stanley Druckenmiller, and the Steelers could be out of family control for the first time since their founding, except for a few brief months in 1941.

It was a rare unsettled moment for one of the NFL's cornerstone franchises, one that has stayed the course — and stayed successful — for generations. Some clubs are known for being the team of the decade; the steady-as-they-go Steelers are a team for every decade.

Despite receiving the kind of news that might have disrupted a less-grounded team's season, the Steelers accepted the challenge Rooney gave them: Don't worry about this, we will. You guys go win football games.

"I think they did a wonderful job of not letting it become a distraction, because it was a big deal," defensive end Brett Keisel said, revealing the meeting for the first time. "You don't know if your owners are going to stay the same or not. They came to us and said, 'We hope it comes out

the way we would like, and we want you to concentrate on football because we have a tough schedule, and that's what's important.' That's what we did."

Turns out both the owners and players kept their end of the deal.

The Steelers shook off a difficult schedule and numerous injuries to reach the Super Bowl for a seventh time. If they beat the Arizona Cardinals on Feb. 1 in Tampa, Dan Rooney doesn't need to be reminded what that will mean.

"If you win six, nobody else has ever won six," Rooney said. "We're going to Tampa with the idea of playing well."

How's this for contrast in a Super Bowl matchup of old but very dissimilar teams: the Cardinals have been in three cities since 1960. The Steelers have had three coaches since 1969.

The Steelers are going to Tampa with their structure virtually unchanged, too, something the Rooney family wasn't certain was possible not long ago.

After nearly two years of inner-family negotiating, some of it in raised voices, Dan Rooney's brothers voted two months ago to sell all or part of their shares to him. Dan Rooney will bring in some outside investors to partly fund the buyout, but the settlement satisfies an NFL requirement that the primary owner has at least a 30 percent stake. Two brothers who held racetrack and gaming interests not permitted by the league won't own any shares.

The deal also satisfies NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, who gathered the brothers in New York in late August and made it clear the league wanted one of the most successful, stable and well-run franchises in pro sports to

remain in Rooney family control.

"They've run a model franchise," Goodell said. "I think everyone in Pittsburgh recognizes how proud they are of the Steelers. We in the NFL recognize how fortunate we've been to have Dan Rooney's leadership and now Art's leadership."

There were no win-one-for-the-Rooneys rallying cries in their locker room, at least any that were heard by outsiders, but it's evident the Steelers wanted to play well for owners they consider to be friends as well as employers.

"He (Dan Rooney) actually told us, 'There's a situation going on with the ownership right now but, you know what, if we win, it will take care of everything,'" All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu said. "And you know everything's happened the way he predicted."

Dan Rooney, a Pro Football Hall of Famer like father Art Sr., is one of the few owners recognized with legislation named after him. The Rooney Rule requires teams to interview minorities for key positions.

The way the Rooneys rule the Steelers is relatively simple: spend wisely. Don't throw big money at players who are productive but may be past their prime early in their new contracts. Hire good people. Be patient, because patience often pays off in production.

The Steelers list 104 full-time employees, from Rooney to the ticket sellers. The Dallas Cowboys list 209, or twice as many.

"They do a great job of letting their personnel do their jobs," Keisel said. "They take care of things on their end and let the people they've hired for their positions do their job. That's what's special."

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# Few coaches won more, none won more gracefully

Kay Yow was around at the start of the debate. It's just one measure of how influential she was to women's sports that three decades later, even at the moment of her passing at age 66, Yow's insistence that how you win was as important as whether you win never seemed more relevant.

She was two years out of graduate school and just beginning to carve out a career as women's basketball coach and athletics coordinator at tiny Elon College in North Carolina when the groundbreaking piece of legislation known as Title IX was passed in 1972. But to pioneers like Yow, just as important as the promise of equal opportunity was the sense of responsibility women owed one another in developing a game of their own.

Some argued in favor of following the model long provided by men, focusing on competition, skill development and winning at all costs, the faster the better. Others argued for taking the high road, stressing cooperation, character-building and slow growth.

Both by example and through the force of her personality, during her long tenure on the bench at North Carolina State and her long fight against cancer, Yow proved over and over there was a middle ground. Few coaches won more and none, arguably, exhibited more grace doing it.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who was a great friend as well as a great rival, recalled being only 32 and in need of some experienced help when she was named coach of the 1984 U.S. Olympic team.

"When I decided who my No. 1 one assistant would be, I knew that I had to choose someone who would be loyal, who knew the game, someone I could trust and someone with great wisdom. When it came time to make that decision, I picked Kay Yow.

"Kay had great wisdom. She had a special way of telling you things that you really didn't want to hear but needed to," Summitt said. "Kay was not a 'yes' woman."

A reminder of that didn't make it into the statement Summitt released Saturday, but it's recounted in a fine tribute on ESPN's web site.

Summitt had chosen two Lady Vols, Lea Henry and Cindy Noble, for the 1984 team and she rode them mercilessly in practice to let the rest of the players know that she meant business. One day after practice, Yow walked over and quietly asked Summitt "how much more do you think they can possibly do?"

"I remember shaking my head and saying, 'Good point,'" Summitt said. "And I backed off both of them. She was right. She made me a better coach just in subtle ways, in things she'd say to me."

It's no coincidence that as the women's college season is just beginning to hit its stride, one of the stories still generating headlines has to do with one Texas high school girls' team notching a 100-0 win on an opponent.

It's a sign that while young women are enjoying the same benefits from playing sports that their male counterparts have known for many more years — getting into shape and staying fit, the self-esteem that comes with mastering skills and accom-



JIM LITKE

plishing goals — the debate still rages over whether the cutthroat competitiveness that boys learn at an early age should be part of girls' games.

Embarrassed by the margin of victory in that Dallas-

area high school game, officials at The Covenant School apologized and asked conference officials that the game be recorded as a forfeit.

"It is shameful ... that this happened," Kyle Queal, the head of the school, said in a statement. He added the forfeit was requested because "a victory without honor is a great loss."

Anybody who knew Yow knew exactly what he was talking about. She had a headstart on many of her contemporaries, growing up in a corner of North Carolina

where women's basketball had taken root well before Title IX and once scored 52 points in a high school game herself.

But Yow always considered herself a teacher first and a coach second; standing out was always less important to her than pulling up everyone else struggling alongside. She never forgot the days when dollars for women's sports were so tight that she had to account for every towel her team took on the road.

When cancer intruded into her life, beginning in 1987

and stealing her strength, time, family and friends, she fought it without giving quarter or complaint. Such was Yow's standing among her peers that after she began the Kay Yow-WBCA Cancer Fund, she convinced both Summit and her archrival, UConn coach Geno Auriemma, to serve on the board of directors. Yow's longtime oncologist, Dr. Mark Graham, would have been surprised by anything less.

Impressive as her accomplishment on the court were

— 700 wins in college, a gold medal of her own at the 1988 Olympics, induction into the Hall of Fame — they may be overshadowed by her tireless contributions to the fight against cancer. Naturally, Yow conducted that campaign the same way she coached.

"She could have tried to come into the clinic and be completely anonymous," Graham said. "She just wanted to be another patient. She was very open to sharing her experiences with others and being encouraging to others."

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North Carolina State head coach Kay Yow watches her team during practice at Reynolds Coliseum Nov. 1, 2007 in Raleigh, N.C. Yow, 66, died Saturday after a decades-long fight against breast cancer, according to the university.



# JUST ANOTHER

# HACK JOB?

Ajay Choudhary, 16, a resident of Mumbai's Juhu slum, shows off his shanty with its pink-painted concrete and tin roof, two rooms for a family of seven. It is one of many such dwellings in the dense shantytowns depicted in the award-winning movie 'Slumdog Millionaire.' 'The foreigners came, and they filmed our place!' he says proudly.

Washington Post photo

## Not all Indians cheer film 'Slumdog Millionaire'

By Mark Magnier  
Los Angeles Times

MUMBAI, India — Even as American audiences gush over "Slumdog Millionaire," some Indians are groaning over what they see as yet another stereotypical foreign depiction of their nation, accentuating squalor, corruption and resilient-if-impoverished natives.

"Slumdog," which earned 10 Oscar nominations this week, including one for best picture, is set in Mumbai, is based on an Indian novel and features many Indian actors. Yet the sensibility is anything but Indian, some critics contend. They attribute the film's sweeping international success in large part to its timing and themes that touch a chord with Western audiences.

"It's a white man's imagined India," said Shyamal Sengupta, a film professor at the Whistling Woods International institute in Mumbai. "It's not quite snake charmers, but it's close. It's a poverty tour."

The story of an orphaned street urchin, Jamal Malik, overcoming hardship to win a fortune on a game show and walk away with his childhood sweetheart — capped by a Bollywood ending of dance, song, love and fame — provides a salve for a world beset by collapsing banks, jobs and nest eggs, some people here say.

The film, which bagged four Golden Globe awards this month, was released in the U.S. days before Mumbai came under attack by a team of militants. That might have strengthened its connection with foreign viewers, analysts said.

Mumbai was an ideal backdrop for the international production, wrote Vikram Doctor, a columnist in India's



Fox Searchlight pictures/AP photo  
Dev Patel, left, and Freida Pinto are shown in a scene from 'Slumdog Millionaire,' which was nominated for an Academy Award for best picture Thursday.

Economic Times, because it is a "cutting edge, if rather crummy, place" that has slums along with the sort of posh restaurants favored by the global glitterati. "Who after all is interested in unremitting squalor, sameness and sadness?" the column said.

"Slumdog's" mix of Indian and foreign talent, and English and Hindi dialogue, has sparked a debate here over whether it's an Indian or foreign film. It was based on a novel by Indian diplomat Vikas Swarup, directed by Briton Danny Boyle, best known for "Trainspotting," adapted by British screenwriter Simon Beaufoy of "Full Monty" fame and acted by Indians and foreigners of Indian descent. Fox Searchlight and Warner Bros. are handling distribution in India.

"These ideas, that there are still moments of joy in the slum, appeal to Western critics," said Aseem Chhabra, an Asia Foundation associate fellow and culture critic.

Others, such as Shekhar Kapur, who directed "Elizabeth" (1998), say that for all intents and purposes it's Indian. "What's most relevant is that 'Slumdog' is the most successful Indian film ever," he said. "It was directed by a British director and funded by a European company but so what? ... Foreign crews are very common in Indian films now."

"Slumdog" cost \$15 million to produce but has earned more than \$50 million in the U.S. and other countries. It saw its Indian premiere Thursday, in Mumbai, and began screening in English and Hindi (dubbed) on Friday in 400 theaters in 81 cities.

At the star-studded premiere Boyle responded to criticism here that the film focused too much on prostitution, crime and organized begging rackets, saying that he sought to depict the "breathtaking resilience" of Mumbai and the "joy of people despite their circumstances, that last for life."

For some, the underdog theme is not so much irrelevant as passe. Rags-to-riches tales dominated Bollywood from the late 1950s through the early 1980s as India worked to lift itself from hunger and poverty.

With India's rising standard of living and greater exposure to foreign culture, Bollywood increasingly has turned its attention to relationships and other middle-class concerns.

"Within the film world, there's a desire to move beyond the working class and lower sectors of society," said Tejaswini Ganti, an anthropologist and Bollywood expert at New York University.

The ambivalence some Indians feel toward the movie doesn't preclude it from becoming a roaring commercial success in India, experts

said. "There is still a fascination with seeing how we are perceived by white Westerners," said Sengupta, the Mumbai film professor. "It's a kind of voyeurism."

Many workers in Bollywood also have transferred onto "Slumdog" their hopes for an "Indian" Oscar after hometown favorite "Taare Zameen Par" failed to garner a nomination. "Taare," about a dyslexic child who finds an outlet through art, was the latest in a string of Oscar letdowns dating to 2002.

Between rolls of their eyes, critics here point to other foreign depictions over the years they consider inaccurate, distorted or obsessed with poverty and squalor, including "Phantom India," "Salaam Bombay" and "City of Joy," in which a Western doctor played by Patrick Swayze arrives to save India.

Some people add that the criticism of "Slumdog" might be less about getting it wrong than its focus on issues some people in India would rather minimize.

The world's second-most populous country after China has seen enormous benefits from globalization. But "Slumdog" raises questions about the price paid by the people left behind and the cost in eroding morality, seen in the portrayal of Salim, Jamal's gangster-in-training brother. For India, this hits a nerve, after a top Indian IT outsourcing enterprise, Satyam, reported this month that it had faked profits.

"A lot of people felt it was bashing India, but I disagree," said Rochona Majumdar, an Indian film expert at the University of Chicago. "We're too quick to celebrate 'Incredible India,' she said, referring to an Indian tourism slogan. "But there is an underbelly. To say we don't have problems is absurd."

## Rwanda arrests Congo rebel leader

By Eddy Isango and Todd Pitman  
Associated Press writers

KINSHASA, Congo — In a stunning reversal of alliances, Rwandan troops captured Congo's most powerful rebel leader, a longtime ally who the Congolese government says was at the heart of years of war in the east, officials said Friday.

Congo applauded the surprise arrest, hoping it would herald a new era of peace and mark the end of the Central African nation's Tutsi rebellion.

But few believe the country's problems are over and many fear the unprecedented and unpopular deal with former enemy Rwanda is a risky gamble that could unleash more bloodshed.



Nkunda

Rwanda detained Laurent Nkunda apparently as part of an agreement with Congo that opened the way for thousands of Rwandan soldiers to cross the border this week in a joint operation to hunt down Rwandan Hutu militiamen.

The region has been mired in conflict since Rwanda's 1994 genocide spilled war across the border and Hutu militias sought refuge here. Rwanda has invaded twice to eradicate the militias — though it was accused of plundering Congo's great mineral riches instead. The militia's presence also gave birth in 2004 to Nkunda's rebellion, whose raison d'être was defending minority Tutsis against Rwandan Hutus.

It was a remarkable fall from grace for once-powerful Nkunda, who only weeks ago had forced Congo's embattled government to the negotiate at peace talks in Kenya after his fighters advanced to the outskirts of the regional capital, Goma, forcing more than 250,000 people from their homes.

Analysts say Rwanda was under intense international pressure to use its influence over the Tutsi rebellion to end the crisis. At the same time, Rwanda and a clique of rebel commanders had grown disenchanted by Nkunda, who they increasingly regarded as a flippan, authoritarian megalomaniac who allegedly embezzled money from rebel coffers.

Late Thursday, Rwandan and Congolese troops converged on Nkunda's stronghold in the tiny electricity-less town of Bunagana on the Ugandan border, said government spokesman Lambert Mende. Nkunda's forces resisted and briefly opened fire before fleeing farther south and crossing into Rwanda, he said.

## Germans buy up Nazi news reprints

## Bavaria orders seizure of newspaper reproductions

By Melissa Eddy  
Associated Press writer

BERLIN — Justice officials in the southern German state of Bavaria have ordered reprints of a Nazi-era newspaper seized pending an investigation into whether they violate copyrights and laws banning Nazi symbols.

Bavaria's justice ministry says the reproductions of the Nazis' Voelkische Beobachter that appeared in a publication called Zeitungszeugen are not allowed. It ordered all copies removed from circulation Friday.

German law prohibits reproduction of Nazi symbols

except for education or research.

Bavaria holds the rights to the Voelkische Beobachter and other Nazi publications, including Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

Publishers of Zeitungszeugen insist the reproductions are legal because the paper includes commentary and analysis by historians.

A headline proclaiming "Huge Fire in the Reichstag" greeted Germans at newsstands Thursday — and although the story was more than 70 years old, customers snapped it up.

Dieter Grosche, who runs a newsstand at Berlin's busy

Friedrichstrasse station, said he has sold about 600 copies of Zeitungszeugen since its first edition went on sale Jan. 8.

But the project has drawn criticism from Jewish organizations and officials in Bavaria, who fear the reproductions could be misused by neo-Nazis.

Stephan Kramer, general secretary of Germany's Central Council of Jews, argues the project is dangerous because the historical context printed along with the original newspaper pages is not strong enough to prevent abuse by extremists.

"These copies are nothing more than examples for the

neo-Nazis ... and I do not think they should be allowed to be sold in German newsstands," Kramer said.

Zeitungszeugen, a word play on the German words for "newspaper" and "witness," focuses on newspapers from the years the Nazis were in power — 1933 to 1945.

Thursday's second edition featured a reproduction of the March 1, 1933, front page of Voelkischer Beobachter newspaper, including a column by chief Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels blasting Communists for setting the national parliament, the Reichstag, alight. Adolf Hitler seized on the event to consoli-

date his power.

Zeitungszeugen includes a spectrum of publications from far left to far right, and prints commentary and analysis by historians to explain their significance.

Kesslin Nowak, who is studying to become a history teacher, said she thought the publication could be a useful teaching tool.

"I think that it is helpful to be able to show students with this paper what the originals really looked like," Nowak said after purchasing the second edition.

The London-based publisher Albertas Limited says the paper is meant to provide a historical overview of the

events leading up to and throughout World War II.

It says the project was targeted to coincide with this year's 60th anniversary of the founding of Western Germany and the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, which paved the way for German reunification.

But officials in Bavaria vowed to take legal action to block further editions from appearing on newsstands, saying it violates copyright and post-World War II German laws stating it is illegal to display or reproduce symbols used by the Nazis, unless for scientific or educational purposes.

# Mexican agents charged with favoring drug cartel

By Mark Stevenson  
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — President Felipe Calderon's war on drug trafficking has led to his own doorstep, with the arrest of a dozen high-ranking officials with alleged ties to Mexico's most powerful drug gang, the Sinaloa Cartel.

The U.S. praises Calderon for rooting out corruption at the top. But critics say the arrests reveal nothing more than a timeworn government tactic of protecting one cartel and cracking down on others.

Operation Clean House comes just as the U.S. is giving Mexico its first installment of \$400 million in equipment and technology to fight drugs. Most will go to a beefed-up federal police agency run by the same people whose top aides have been arrested as alleged Sinaloa spies.

"If there is anything worse than a corrupt and ill-equipped cop, it is a corrupt and well-equipped cop," said criminal justice expert Jorge Chabat, who studies the drug trade.

U.S. drug enforcement agents say they have no qualms about sending support to Mexico.

"We've been working with the Mexican government for decades at the DEA," said Garrison Courtney, spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration. "Obviously, we ensure that the individuals we work with are vetted."

Agents who conduct raids have long suspected Mexican government ties to Sinaloa, and rival drug gangs have advertised the alleged connection in banners hung from freeways. While raids against the rival Gulf cartel have netted suspects, those against Sinaloa almost always came up empty — or worse, said Agent Oscar Granados Salero of the Federal Investigative Agency, Mexico's

equivalent of the FBI.

"Whenever we were trying to serve arrest warrants, they were already waiting for us, and a lot of colleagues lost their lives that way," Salero said.

The U.S. government estimates that the cartels smuggle \$15 billion to \$20 billion in drug money across the border each year.

Over the last five months, officials from the Mexican Attorney General's office, the federal police and even Mexico's representatives to Interpol have been detained on suspicion of acting as spies for Sinaloa or its one-time ally, the Beltran Leyva gang. An officer who served in Calderon's presidential guard was detained in December on suspicion of spying for Beltran Leyva.

Gerardo Garay, formerly the acting federal police chief, is accused of protecting the Beltran Leyva brothers and stealing money from a mansion during an October drug raid. Former drug czar Noe Ramirez, who was supposed to serve as point man in Calderon's anti-drug fight, is accused of taking \$450,000 from Sinaloa.

Most of such tips are coming from a Mexican federal agent who infiltrated the U.S. embassy for the Beltran Leyva drug cartel. No such infiltrators have been found for the Gulf cartel, which controls most drug shipments in eastern Mexico and Central America. Sinaloa controls Pacific and western routes.

The DEA's Courtney agrees that there has been a greater crackdown on the Gulf Cartel in both the U.S. and Mexico, with more than 600 members of the gang arrested in September. But he declined to answer questions about Mexico favoring Sinaloa.

Calderon has long acknowledged corruption as an obstacle to his offensive, which



AP file photo Mexican federal police officers escort Alfredo Beltran Leyva upon his arrival at Mexico City's airport in January 2008. Beltran was allegedly in charge of transporting drugs, bribing officials and laundering money for the Sinaloa drug cartel, led by Mexico's most-wanted alleged drug lord Joaquin Guzman.

involved sending more than 20,000 soldiers to battle drug trafficking throughout the country. The U.S. aid plan includes technology aimed at improving the way Mexico vets and supervises police.

The president vows to create a "new generation of police," consolidating agencies under Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna, who heads all federal law enforcement.

That's what worries Granados Salero and other agents. So many of Garcia Luna's associates are under suspicion of Sinaloa ties that many wonder how he could not have known.

Calderon has publicly backed Garcia Luna, calling him "a man of great capacity."

"Obviously, if there was any doubt about his honesty, or any evidence that would call into question his honesty, he would certainly no longer be the secretary of public safety," the president said recently.

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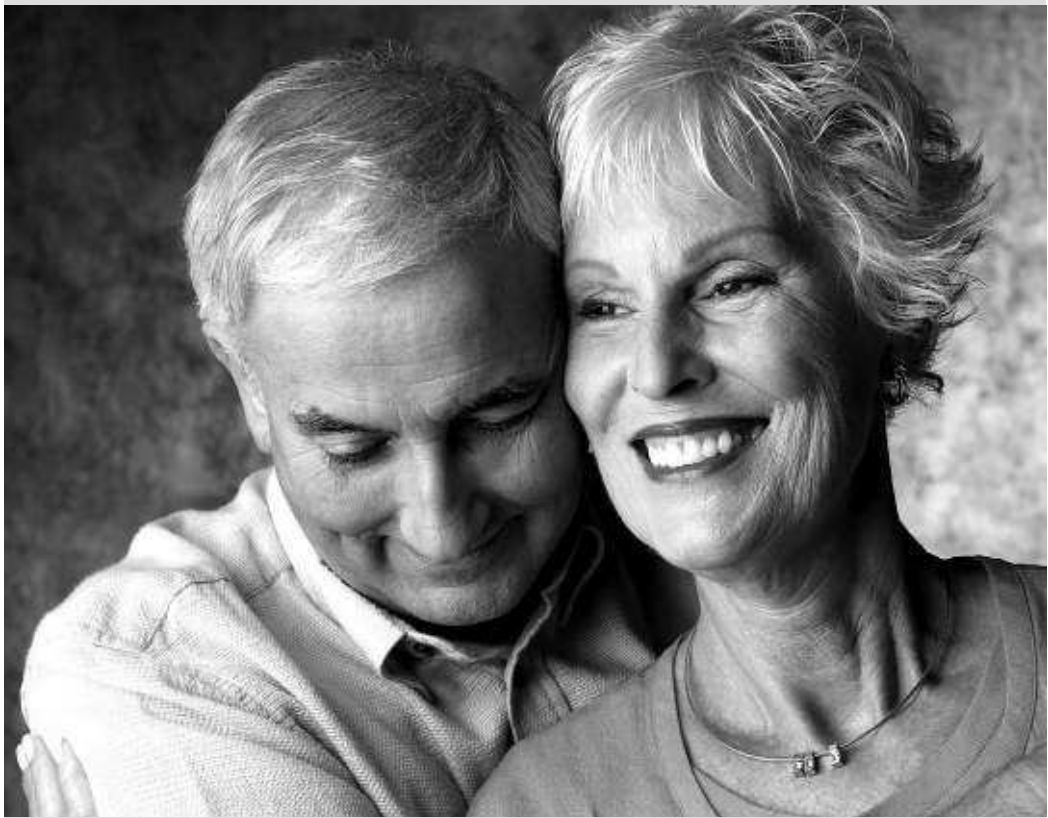
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# For Cuba and U.S., making up is hard to do

By Niko Price  
Associated Press writer

HAVANA — Raul Castro says Barack Obama seems like a good guy, and his brother Fidel says no one can doubt his sincerity. The new U.S. president wants to sit down and negotiate, and is in a better position to do so than any other since Eisenhower.

But making up is hard to do. To restore relations and end the U.S. embargo, Obama would have to drop demands for democracy on the island, or Cuba would have to accept them — both unlikely scenarios.

Never since a young Fidel Castro traveled to the United States in 1959 have hopes for U.S.-Cuba relations been higher, nor the obstacles to closer relations fewer. Among the positive signs:

- An ailing Fidel Castro handed the presidency to his brother Raul in 2006, removing a symbolic hurdle to closer ties.

- Obama didn't need the anti-Castro vote in Florida, once thought indispensable. In any case, a recent poll indicates most Cuban-Americans in the heart of Florida's exile community want an end to the embargo that bars most U.S.-Cuba trade and travel.

- A stream of Latin American leaders has visited Havana in recent weeks, and the region is beginning to speak with one voice against the U.S. embargo.

- Obama took heat during the campaign for saying he'd sit down with a Castro — and won anyway.

- And the Castros, who covered Havana with images of former President George W. Bush as a bloody-fanged vampire, actually seem to like the new president.

"No one can doubt the sincerity of his words," Fidel Castro wrote Thursday evening in an online essay, saying Obama's "intelligent and noble face" has become "a living symbol of the American dream."

As for Raul Castro's take: "He seems like a good man."

Obama's Cuba policy appears clear: He'll quickly end limits imposed by the Bush administration on the number of trips Cuban-Americans can make to see relatives, and on the amount of money they can send home. He signed an order Thursday to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, which Cubans considered to be an affront to their patrimony — the U.S. naval base was built on land permanently leased from Cuba under terms imposed when American troops occupied the island in 1903.

But Obama said during the presidential campaign that he would keep the embargo in force, using it as a bargaining chip for democratic change in Cuba.

"The road to freedom for all Cubans must begin with justice for Cuba's political prisoners, the rights of free speech, a free press and freedom of assembly, and it must lead to elections that are free and fair," Obama said as he outlined his Latin America policy last May.

Cuban officials recoil at the thought of a U.S. president telling them how to run their country.

"It would cost us our dignity. Under pressure we won't do anything," Miguel Alvarez, senior adviser to the president of Cuba's National Assembly, told The Associated Press. "That's very Cuban."

One problem, says Dan Erikson of the Inter-American Dialogue in Washington, is that there is no high-profile figure in the United States with a background in Cuba to lead the charge for normalization, like war veterans John Kerry and John McCain did for U.S.-Vietnamese relations.

Erikson said it will be hard to overcome the "inertia" of U.S. policy, which for 50 years has been based on the increasingly improbable hope that isolating the island and draining it of foreign capital will weaken the government's hand and allow an opposition to flourish.

"This despite the fact that almost no one thinks this policy will be successful at its goal: achieving democracy in Cuba," he said.

Many observers suggest the

## Analysis

U.S. could have far more impact by unilaterally ending the embargo and removing the sanctions Cuba's government uses to explain away the island's poverty and other restrictions on what Cubans can say or do. That way, Cubans would be able to judge their rulers on their own merits.

"I don't see any downside to ending the embargo. The embargo at this point is an anachronism that makes us look foolish," said Wayne Smith, the former chief of the U.S. mission in Havana.

Ending the embargo would require backing down from entrenched positions neither side seems ready to abandon. It would also require an act of Congress, since lawmakers wrote key parts of the restrictions into law in 1992 and 1996.

But relations also could be revolutionized if either side takes smaller steps that carry minimal political cost.

Cuba, for example, could free political dissidents from its prisons. Raul Castro said last month he'd be willing to send them and their families to the United States in exchange for the freedom of five Cubans locked up in U.S.

prisons as spies.

The United States could lift restrictions that bar most Americans from traveling to Cuba, sending a million ambassadors of democracy fanning out across the island every year. Cuban officials say they'd happily take in the tourists, for the hard currency they would bring to the economy.

"If you remove the travel restrictions, the embargo becomes irrelevant," a Cuban official said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss policy.

While the politicians mull their next moves, ordinary Cubans are infused with a

hope the island hasn't seen in quite some time.

"Everything changed over there today," Havana resident Roberto Gonzalez marveled as Obama took the oath of office Tuesday. Gonzalez, 40, mugged for tourist photos with a dachshund wearing an "Obama-Biden" pin, hoping he might make a few dollars in tips.

"I can see the day that Barack Obama will step onto Cuban soil," he said. "That day isn't very far off."

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Argentine President Cristina Fernandez poses with Cuba's former president Fidel Castro in Havana, Wednesday. Castro said Thursday he doubts he'll make it to the end of Barack Obama's four-year term.

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# Iraq forced to cut spending as oil prices fall

By Robert H. Reid  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government will have dramatically less money to spend this year than expected because of plunging oil prices — a dire economic situation that's already forced the country to slash rebuilding plans by 40 percent, The Associated Press has learned. As the U.S. seeks a timetable for withdrawal, cutbacks on spending and jobs could trigger heightened violence.

U.S. commanders have repeatedly warned that without speedy economic development and reconstruction, the sharp improvements in security since the U.S. troop surge of 2007 could be at risk in a country where about 38 percent of the work force is estimated to have no job or just part-time employment.

But rebuilding requires money. And with oil prices plummeting, the government has been forced to cut planned spending — by one-third overall and 40 percent for rebuilding, Iraqi officials told the AP — and to consider even deeper reductions.

It's an ironic turnaround from just months ago when U.S. lawmakers complained that Iraq was swimming in cash from high oil revenues and should do more to help itself, rather than spend U.S. taxpayer money to rebuild.

Iraq is almost entirely dependent on oil money. More than 90 percent of the government's revenues come from oil sales. The government says it earned about \$60 billion from oil sales in 2008 but hasn't said publicly how much it expects to take in this year.

Iraq's government has in the past often used money to create jobs and projects as a way to keep different political groups happy, such as the money it threw into Baghdad's Sadr City district last summer to ease Shiite tensions there. That will become harder now that revenue expectations have fallen sharply.

The government has already been forced to scale back its 2009 budget twice. The budget now is set for \$53.7 billion, down from the original planned \$79 billion and from an interim cut to \$68.6 billion, according to the Finance Ministry.

The reductions have cut the money earmarked for reconstruction projects from \$21



Iraqi women pass the ruins of a building destroyed by a 2007 car bomb in central Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday. With oil prices plummeting, the Iraqi government has been forced to cut planned spending on reconstruction.

billion in the original budget to \$12.54 billion in the latest revision, a member of parliament's budget committee, Alaa Saadoun, told the AP. That figure had not previously been disclosed.

Officials warn that more cuts may be necessary if oil prices continue to fall. On Thursday, Iraq's finance minister urged Iraqis to save money and prepare for "hard days to come" but pledged that government salaries would not fall at least this year.

The most recent Iraqi budget was based on an assumption that oil prices would average \$50 a barrel this year. This week, oil prices fell below \$34 a barrel but recovered to about \$44 Thursday. That is down from the high, just last summer, of \$147 a barrel.

The sharp, fast decline in oil prices "has serious implications for the Iraqi

economy," deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh said recently.

Iraqi officials told the AP recently that some reconstruction projects may have to be delayed though they would provide no details. They insist no project will be canceled long term.

Instead, the Iraqis are gambling that oil prices will recover and the country's oil production will increase in coming years so they can eventually finish all planned projects. Iraq could fairly quickly bring in big revenues again if oil prices bounce back, but that may be wishful thinking in the short term because the global economic crisis has reduced demand for oil and could last a significant amount of time.

Iraq also has a cushion of about \$32 billion in unspent development money from recent years, accord-

ing to the Central Bank. That could help ride out the price collapse if oil prices remain low.

The country currently produces about 2.4 million barrels of oil per day, and the Oil Ministry hopes to boost exports from 1.8 million to 2 million barrels per day this year to generate more revenue. But that may be too optimistic, according to World Bank experts, because Iraq's oil industry is too dilapidated to quickly ramp up production.

"The question will be what happens if oil stays depressed going into 2010 and even beyond," U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said Thursday. "This country is and will remain for some time really hydrocarbon-dependent."

Because of that, Finance Minister Bayan Jabr and other officials have warned that Iraq may need to take

further austerity measures this year, unless oil prices recover.

For now, the prospect of even a slowdown in reconstruction money holds dire security implications. It is not clear if the United States would change its still-evolving plans to draw down American troops if violence in Iraq worsened. President Barack Obama said in his inaugural address that the U.S. would begin leaving Iraq to its people.

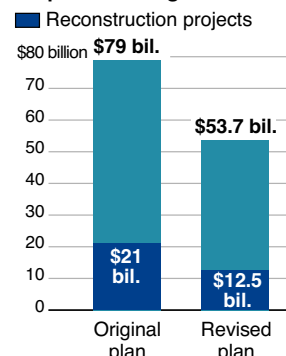
Key key danger areas include the shell-pocked streets of Mosul, where Sunni militants are still holding out; Anbar province, where Sunni tribes turned against al-Qaida; and the southern city of Basra, where U.S.-backed Iraqi forces broke the grip of Shiite militias last spring.

In those areas and more, U.S. commanders have warned that security

## Cutting back

Iraq's government cut its projected 2009 budget by nearly a third, including a 40 percent reduction in rebuilding plans.

### Iraq's 2009 budget reduction



SOURCE: Iraqi Finance Ministry AP

improvements are fragile, and badly need economic development and rebuilding money to boost them.

In Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city of nearly 2 million people, police Gen. Khalid Soltan said last month that "half of the terrorists" in the city could be defeated "if we defeat unemployment," now estimated at more than 60 percent.

That's no small task in a city filled with abandoned and bullet-riddled shops, ratted streets, bomb-shattered buildings and heaps of uncollected garbage from past fighting.

Overall, Iraq still needs significant rebuilding. The U.N. estimates that more than half the country's 27 million people lack access to one or more essential services such as clean water, electricity and health care.

When oil prices were high, the Iraqi government was the target of complaints by members of Congress that the country was relying on U.S. money rather than spending its own surplus.

Last summer, the U.S. Government Accountability Office — Congress' watchdog arm — estimated that soaring oil prices and the laggard pace of Iraqi government spending could leave Iraq with a cumulative budget surplus as high as \$79 billion by the end of 2008.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Tictoc! You could feel like an old-fashioned alarm clock — and early in the week suspect that you must wind down a bit. You can crank the key and get back on track with financial plans in a few days.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Deepening ambitions could develop this week. Your partner or significant other might become obsessed with a passion that you share. The focus during the upcoming month may revolve around other people.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** It may be time to make concessions. This week you could be faced with a choice that revolves around your job or your health. Bending a little will prevent you from losing sight of long-term goals.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can be bitter or you can be better. Adopt a rational approach to your love life and if someone doesn't live up to your expectations this week, consider changing the your expectations, not the

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** There is a saying that if triangles invented a god, they would make it three-sided. You may worship money, love or success, but this week you will be passionate about what most closely resembles yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Pull off the blinders. This week you might experience a temporary blind spot that prevents you from understanding what is said and meant. There is nothing wrong with asking for explanations.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Every choice moves us closer to or farther away from something. Your brilliant and so far successful financial plans are worth pursuing. This week avoid making unnecessary changes to them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** There is a new moon and solar eclipse in your sign this week. Perhaps you will be more reflective and introverted as you get a sense of your own personal power. Concentrate on ambitions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Think about a yo-yo on a string this week. Falling dangerously in love doesn't necessarily guarantee a ring on the finger. Someone new and fascinating could have you wrapped around his or her finger.



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**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Jan. 25, 1759, Scottish poet Robert Burns was born in Alloway.

**On this date:**  
In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.  
In 1858, Britain's Princess Victoria, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, married Crown Prince Frederick William (the future German Emperor and King of Prussia) at St. James's Palace.  
In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio. Reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes.  
In 1909, the opera "Elektra" by Richard Strauss premiered in Dresden, Germany.  
In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service between New

### TODAY IN HISTORY

York and San Francisco.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1959, American Airlines began jet flights between New York and Los Angeles on the Boeing 707.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

In 1969, Vietnam War peace talks resumed in Paris, with the inclusion of representatives from South Vietnam and the Viet Cong.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

**Ten years ago:** The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the 2000 census could not use statistical sampling to enhance its accuracy. In Louisville, Ky., a man who'd lost his left hand received the first hand transplant in the United States. A

powerful earthquake rocked Colombia, killing more than 1,000 people.

**Five years ago:** NASA's Opportunity rover zipped its first pictures of Mars to Earth, showing a surface smooth and dark red in some places, and strewn with fragmented slabs of light bedrock in others. Outgoing U.S. weapons inspector David Kay told National Public Radio his inability to find illicit arms in Iraq raised serious questions about U.S. intelligence-gathering. Mikhail Saakashvili was inaugurated as Georgia's president. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" snared best dramatic film at the Golden Globes; HBO's six-hour adaptation of "Angels in America" won best miniseries or TV movie.

**One year ago:** President Bush urged Congress to quickly pass an economic stimulus package void of extraneous spending, saying only quick action would kickstart the sputtering economy. Democrat Dennis Kucinich abandoned his presidential bid to focus on a tough race for re-election to Congress.

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  - Beagle: tri, female-Park Ave (blue collar)
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High Roller, Mitchell, S.D.

**ANSWER:** Speaking as someone who recently took a sacrifice for minus 300 against a vulnerable slam at rubber bridge, I can tell you that bidding as high as you can with a fit is a good idea. While sacrificing at rubber is not as much fun as at pairs, bidding to the maximum with a fit does not always result in minus scores.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I held ♠ J-7-4, ♥ 9-6-2, ♦ Q-8-3, ♣ A-J-9-8. After my partner opened one club and my RHO doubled, I did not know what to do. I elected to raise to two clubs and stay out after that. It turned out that we could have made three clubs, but my partner thought I was weak and did not want to bid further.

Scrambling, Sacramento, Calif.

**ANSWER:** Your hand is not easy to describe. The choice is to bid one no-trump (suggesting a balanced 7-10 but not guaranteeing four clubs) or to follow the route you actually did. I prefer the no-trump response because it gets the values across and suggests your approximate shape. You might miss a 4-4 club fit, but I'm not sure you need to find it at the three-level.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
What should happen if my RHO makes an insufficient bid and I pass without realizing that it was insufficient? Must the player correct the call, and do I have any rights?

Slow Dawning, Calgary, Alberta

**ANSWER:** No, you have no rights. Once the insufficient bid is condoned by your pass, the auction

continues as if the bid were legal and you had passed in normal fashion. There are no penalties to the opponents.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I held ♠ K-10-7-3, ♥ A-J-4, ♦ J-7-5, ♣ Q-9-3. When my partner opened one heart in third seat, I was lost. Should I raise to three although he might have a weak opener, or underbid with a raise to two — or even temporize with spades?

Every Which Way, Pueblo, Colo.

**ANSWER:** One solution is to use Drury. This is a passed hand's two-club response to a major-suit opening to show a maximum pass and three-plus trumps. Opener can sign off with a minimum, bid game with a maximum, or develop the hand naturally with a game- or slam-try. Failing that, jump to three hearts and let the chips fall where they may.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
In answering a lead problem, you advocated leading from the Q-8-3 of an unbid heart suit against no-trump. You did not say, however, which heart to lead. I would lead the queen to try to unblock the suit for later play. It might also trap the king in my LHO's hand. If I led the three, would it suggest to my partner that I held four?

Tough Choice, Bellingham, Wash.

**ANSWER:** I'm not a big fan of leading the honor from a three-card suit, even when partner has bid them, either against no-trump or against suits. It may build declarer a second stop if he started with A-J-x or K-J-x. Do NOT be afraid to lead low from honor-third; partner will know that this is the normal lead from that holding. He may hope you have four, but it is unlikely much harm will come to you if it is the right suit to lead. And if it is the wrong suit, it is probably too late already!

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**Concepts Sudoku**

By Dave Green

3								4
	4	5		8	1			
5			1					3
2	1				6			7
9	7				5			1
	9		7					8
		3	4		6	9		
1								2

**Answer to previous puzzle**

4	2	1	8	5	3	9	7	6
6	7	8	2	1	9	3	4	5
9	5	3	7	6	4	2	1	8
2	4	5	6	3	8	7	9	1
3	6	9	1	4	7	8	5	2
1	8	7	5	9	2	6	3	4
7	9	2	4	8	1	5	6	3
5	3	4	9	2	6	1	8	7
8	1	6	3	7	5	4	2	9

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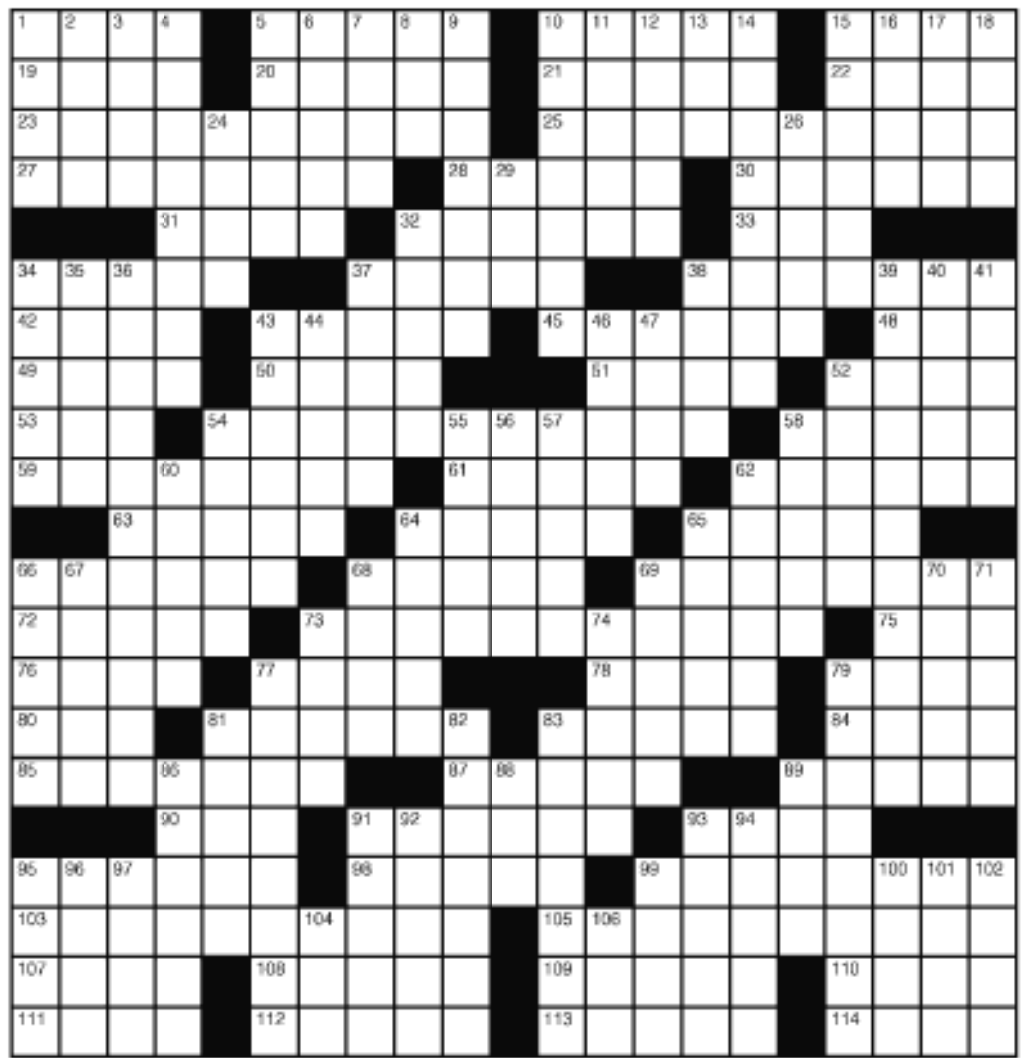
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# Sunday Crossword

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 1 Reclaimed  
 5 Butcher's stock  
 10 Colorado resort destination  
 15 Identical  
 19 Great review  
 20 Point of view  
 21 Classic Alan Ladd western  
 22 Successor to Cinerama  
 23 Flirtatious signal  
 25 Snop-for-hire  
 27 Battlers  
 28 Pitchman's speech  
 30 Trucks  
 31 Last word in an ultimatum  
 32 Fruits with hard rinds  
 33 And also not  
 34 Geometric calculations  
 37 Dried fruit  
 38 Backslide  
 42 Afternoon gatherings  
 43 Reconniter  
 45 Emphasis  
 48 Bagel topping  
 49 To be, in Toulouse  
 50 Part of a leg  
 51 Sorrows  
 52 Leafy veggie  
 53 River island  
 54 Reporter's talent  
 58 Vestibule  
 59 Offered for sale  
 61 Theater sections  
 62 Most tender  
 63 Solidarity  
 64 Capital of Morocco

65 Interest free?  
 66 Caravan transportation  
 68 Capital of Vietnam  
 69 Like laptops  
 72 Ins and outs  
 73 Meager  
 75 Craving  
 76 Bellicose deity  
 77 Titled  
 78 Abominable snowman  
 79 Form droplets  
 80 "Addams Family" cousin  
 81 More rosy  
 83 Author of "Siddhartha"  
 84 Relaxed condition  
 85 Small cooker  
 87 Georgia university  
 89 Whittled  
 90 "Brokeback Mountain" director Lee  
 91 Jargon  
 93 Cordelia's king  
 95 Herschel's planet  
 98 Idyllic places  
 99 Crashes together  
 103 Scarves and such  
 105 Sweater style  
 107 Domesticated  
 108 Handed  
 109 Related on mom's side  
 110 Ex-Spice Girl  
 111 Pundit's Halliwell  
 111 Pundit's newspaper pg.  
 112 Sea eagles

113 Matt of "Good Will Hunting"  
 114 Tater **DOWN**  
 1 Took a straw  
 2 "Divine Secrets of the Sisterhood"  
 3 Perpetually  
 4 Diminution  
 5 Manuel's hands  
 6 \_\_\_ nous (just between us)  
 7 Former Turkish leaders  
 8 Pampering letters  
 9 Hits the trail  
 10 Is ambitious  
 11 Reduce to tatters  
 12 Beach toys  
 13 Ltr. container  
 14 Tidy state  
 15 Humphrey Bogart film, "High \_\_\_"  
 16 Iowa State city  
 17 BLT topper  
 18 Former spouses  
 24 Lubricates  
 26 Workbench items  
 29 Word play  
 32 Surly  
 34 Best players  
 35 Anatomical networks  
 36 Old hearing devices  
 37 Propelled a raft  
 38 Jed of "The Chris Isaak Show"  
 39 Performed without a score  
 40 Boot parts  
 41 Put forth effort  
 43 Sir Walter and Randolph  
 44 Mudville batter

46 Nestling's call  
 47 Squabbles  
 52 "M\*A\*S\*H" locale  
 54 Young and Simon  
 55 Man who portrayed Chan  
 56 Mechanical man  
 57 Marsh of mysteries  
 58 Out into view  
 60 Genuflection  
 62 Combat mission  
 64 Extent  
 65 Fights  
 66 Diet guru Jenny  
 67 Major artery  
 68 Looped  
 69 bundle of yarn  
 69 Rhyming verse  
 70 Tenacity period  
 71 Cut off  
 73 Dangle  
 74 "Wayne's World" star Mike  
 77 Boxing proximity

79 Awareness of one's position  
 81 Cheesecake pic  
 82 Examines again  
 83 Lifted up  
 86 Positioned  
 88 Sun, follower  
 89 Blanched  
 91 Pie nut  
 92 Designer  
 93 Numbers game  
 94 Barkin  
 95 John Ruskin's "\_\_\_ This Last"  
 96 Harvest  
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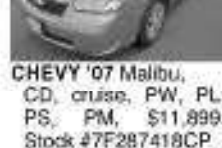
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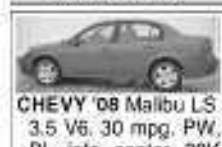
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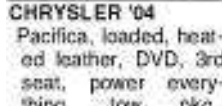
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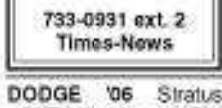


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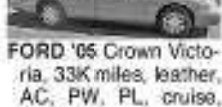
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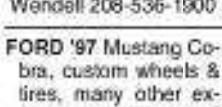
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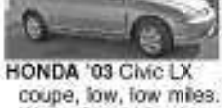
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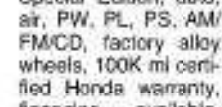
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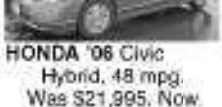


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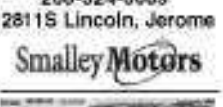
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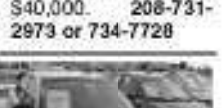
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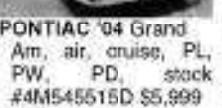
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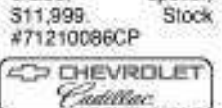
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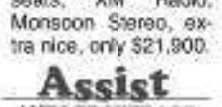


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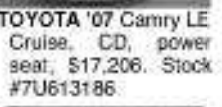
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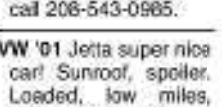


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# 'Security' in language



Hosanna Kabakoro holds up a flashcard and demonstrates a silent 'l' as Narayan Regmi from Nepal pays close attention during an English lesson Jan. 14 in Twin Falls.

Story by Erica Littlefield  
Photos by Justin Jackson

## Refugees learn more than ABCs from volunteer tutors

On most Wednesday nights, the home of the Kabakoro family in Twin Falls is abuzz with lively conversations.

Adults gather in the inviting living room, while teenagers and young adults talk around the large dining table. Earlier this month, they chatted about everything from the nicest person in their family to their favorite sports.

These aren't idle conversations. They are part of a series of English lessons for refugees organized by 16-year-old Hosanna Kabakoro. The group meets in the Kabakoros' home and has students of all ages from places from Nepal to Thailand to Burma. Through the classes, the students are not only learning English, but integrating into the community.

"There's a need and a want to be accepted," Kabakoro said. "In doing these classes and getting involved in the community, it gives them a sense of security. It's all about empowerment."

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ABOVE: Peter Mee from Burma jokes with a friend during an English lesson Jan. 7 in Twin Falls.

TOP RIGHT: Hari Regmi, from Nepal, smiles during an English exercise Jan. 7.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Padma Upreti from Nepal discusses an English word with fellow students Jan. 14 in Twin Falls. Despite being in a warm house, he and other refugees kept on their coats and hats throughout the evening session.



## Feeling a need for speed

### Quickie dating pays off for this couple

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

Julia Fustos and Chad Brownfield spent Christmas celebrating their engagement, just two months after they met at a speed-dating session.

Perhaps their commitment is encouraging news for participants of the College of Southern Idaho's second round of speed dating, set for Feb. 7.

Speed dating originated in California in 1998 and has since spread across the country. At the gatherings, singles rotate between dates and have between three and eight minutes to interview potential matches in their own age groups. After each meeting,

the participants write down who they're attracted to, and if two people are interested in each other, they receive each other's contact information from the organizers later.

Fustos, 33, and Brownfield, 35, met at CSI's first Twin Falls speed dating event, held Oct. 18 at Pandora's restaurant in Twin Falls. Fustos, who had been trying to date since her divorce three years ago, said she felt attracted to Brownfield the first time she saw him.

#### Meet your match?

Speed dating, presented by College of Southern Idaho Community Education:

- **When:** 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 7.
- **Where:** Pandora's, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls.
- **Who:** Participants must be 21 years or older, and single.
- **Cost:** \$35, includes coupon for drink.
- **Register:** 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

At their brief first date, Brownfield and Fustos found that their paths had crossed many times before. They lived in the same neighborhood and had daughters in the



Chad Brownfield and Julia Fustos pose for a portrait in their front room Jan. 17 in Twin Falls. The couple, now engaged, met during a speed dating event at Pandora's restaurant in October.

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same class at school.

"We always were passing and missing each other, but we never really knew it," Fustos said.

The following week, while still waiting for results of the matchmaking event, Fustos recruited her daughter to find out which of her classmates was Brownfield's child. The two girls had a sleepover, and Fustos was able to see

Brownfield just before finding out that they had, in fact, been a match.

The rest followed in quick succession. After dating for two months, the lovebirds got engaged.

"You can't let the one go," Brownfield said.

So when is the big day?

The two haven't agreed on a date, or a theme, but Fustos has her heart set on a

summer wedding.

"I want to do it in August," she said.

In the meantime, she will cross her fingers for her sister, who is attending the February speed-dating session after seeing how much luck Fustos had last year.

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## SENIOR CALENDAR

## Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Stuffed peppers  
**Tuesday:** Ham and beans  
**Wednesday:** Birthday dinner, roast beef  
**Thursday:** Lasagna  
**Friday:** Cube steak

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Today:** Let's Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.  
**Monday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1  
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon  
Oil painting, 4 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$20  
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2  
Quilting, 8 a.m.  
Cliff Haak Band  
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.  
Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1  
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Oil painting by Don Oman, 4 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$20  
**Friday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Chicken noodle soup and egg sandwich  
**Tuesday:** Ham  
**Wednesday:** Hot dog sandwich  
**Thursday:** Chicken a la king

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Today:** Pork roast dinner, 1 p.m.  
Few & Faithful band  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
Foot clinic  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.

**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

## Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Ham loaf  
**Wednesday:** Sloppy Joe  
**Thursday:** Birthday dinner, fried chicken

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Chili  
**Wednesday:** Chicken pot pie  
**Friday:** Oven-fried chicken

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome  
**Wednesday:** Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Meatloaf  
**Tuesday:** Tacos  
**Wednesday:** Grilled ham and cheese  
**Thursday:** Birthday dinner, corned beef  
**Friday:** Soup and sandwich

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 5 p.m.

## Share your best photos of seniors

On this page, the *Times-News* will begin showcasing some of our readers' best photographs of south-central Idaho's senior citizens leading active lives.

So round up your great shot of Grandpa feeding the calves, or that picture of your buddies from the senior center laughing it up over a game of pool. We aren't offering payment, but we'll share our favorite photos here each week.

The guidelines:

- **Photos must be** taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.
- **Stick to recent** photos, please. Nothing older than approximately one year.
- **Submit prints** (they can be plain-paper printouts or standard photo prints) for our

ease of handling. Then *after* we choose photos for publication, we'll ask the photographers to e-mail high-resolution digital versions.

- **Identify** the people in your photograph, their ages and where and when the picture was taken. And, of course, tell us who shot the photo. (If you aren't the photographer, you must include the photographer's written permission for publication in the *Times-News*.) If you like, include a few extra comments.
- **Include** your address, phone number and e-mail address.
- **Mail prints to:** Virginia Hutchins, Features Editor, *Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. Antique roadshow, 3 to 5 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

## Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Trout  
**Wednesday:** Farmer's casserole  
**Friday:** Pork roast

## Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Chicken a la king  
**Tuesday:** Liver and onions  
**Wednesday:** Chili mac  
**Thursday:** Tater Tot casserole  
**Friday:** Chicken-fried steak

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Dick and John  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Roast beef  
**Thursday:** Barbecue chicken  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Wednesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.

## Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Hamburger gravy over biscuits  
**Wednesday:** Tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwich  
**Friday:** Fried chicken

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo  
**Wednesday:** Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

## Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Lasagna  
**Wednesday:** Shepherd's pie  
**Friday:** Roast beef

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Thursday:** Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Chef's choice  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti  
**Friday:** Roast pork

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Yoga, 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

## Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Fried chicken  
**Thursday:** Egg salad sandwich and split pea soup

## Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

**MENU:**

**Thursday:** Roast pork

## Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** French dip sandwich  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti  
**Wednesday:** Birthday dinner  
**Thursday:** Chicken nuggets  
**Friday:** Chicken or fish

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.  
SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwedeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments  
**Friday:** Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

## Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Cheeseburger casserole  
**Tuesday:** Fishburger  
**Wednesday:** Oven-fried chicken  
**Thursday:** Barbecue on a bun  
**Friday:** Meatballs over rice

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise  
**Tuesday:** Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise  
Community bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise  
**Thursday:** Pool Exercise Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

## Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Spaghetti  
**Tuesday:** Beef stroganoff  
**Thursday:** Pork roast

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Tuesday:** Foot clinic  
**Saturday:** Tax aid, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## A school for kittens and their humans

By Linda Lombardi  
Associated Press writer

For the kittens dashing and tumbling around the room, the Washington Humane Society's first Kittengarten class is all about the playtime.

But for the humans and the shelter there's a bigger goal: making sure that cats are healthy and happy in their adoptive homes — and that they stay there.

Kittengarten is just like what it sounds, a class for kittens and their owners. Along with kitten socialization and grooming, the four-week class covers basic health and behavior facts, including nutrition. While dog owners have long taken their charges for training, cat owners don't always know that they and their pets could use some guidance too, organizers say.

Even those knowledgeable about cats can really benefit from some hands-on practice, as when trainer Hanna Lentz demonstrates the most important grooming basic for a pet with needle-sharp claws: the nail trim.

Lentz crouches on the ground, holding a kitten with its back to her, and touches its shoulders. "A cat's natural instinct when you touch them up here is to back up," she explains, "so they have nowhere else to go." Next, she clips a nail. "Do that: one nail,



AP photos

Alyson Burgess, left, and Mary Farran, right, prepare to walk two kittens after adjusting their leashes during a Kittengarten class at the Washington Humane Society Behavior and Learning Center on Nov. 8. Kittengarten is just like what it sounds, a class for kittens and their owners.

treat, relax in between," she says. "Taking it slow can really make a huge difference."

The students, sitting at the table with piles of treats in front of them, attempt to follow her example on the squirming, reluctant little felines.

"They're not born liking to get their nails trimmed," Lentz observes. "It's so important to start when they're kittens."

While kitten kindergarten is new in Washington, the idea has been around for a while. Elise Gouge of the Houston SPCA, where they've been offering a course since early 2007, says she wishes she could get

everyone to take it.

"Cats don't raise themselves," she says. "They don't instantly love people, they don't know not to scratch the furniture."

The first kitten kindergarten is generally acknowledged to have been the idea of Kersti Seksel, a veterinary behaviorist in Australia. Cat behavior consultant and veterinarian Ilona Rodan brought the idea to this country in 2004 and held classes at her cat practice in Madison, Wis., for a while; she's now working on a CD that presents the information for cat owners who don't have the opportunity to take a class.

Beyond the basics of cat



Kaitlyn Serota walks a kitten during Kittengarten class.

care and behavior, people also need to know how to play with their pets and provide a mentally enriching environment.

"As a feline specialist I see people who are crazy about their cats. This cat means everything to them, but do they do the right thing for them?" says Rodan. "They don't, because they don't understand them."

Rodan is enthusiastic about the idea of holding these classes in shelters. Often, those adopting cats don't think that cats need regular preventative health care, she says. The class is a place to make that connection.

For the shelters, these



Joan Schaffner holds a kitten on a leash during a Kittengarten class in Washington.

classes are a way to keep cats in homes, by helping people to understand they can often deal with behavioral issues rather than returning a cat to the shelter.

"People underestimate how willing a cat will be to work with you," says Gouge. "They're not motivated by just our love. You'll have to do a little better than that — maybe a little cheese or a little piece of shrimp." Gouge says that training

and education can help people keep their cats by solving specific problems, but there's more to it than that: working with their pets creates a bond that results in more of a commitment.

"We'll teach them how to sit and how to give paw," she says. "I've had cases with people who were thinking of surrendering their cat. We taught them some of that stuff and it's saved the relationship."

## A TV program worth missing

It probably doesn't rank up there with the polio vaccine or disposable diapers, but the digital video recorder may be one of the coolest inventions ever made if you're raising kids.



**SPILT MILK**  
**David Cooper**

Go ahead and laugh. I know I did when my sister told me about her DVR. I can still remember her boasting about it with a sly smile.

"Trust me, it makes you a better parent," she said.

For those of you who still may be using rotary dial telephones at home, a DVR is a device that records television programs to a hard drive similar to one on your computer. Unlike a VCR — video cassette recorder — the DVR has no tapes that need rewinding or fast-forwarding and, in my family's case, no need to feed the magnetic tape back into the cassette after the dog chews on our original video copy of "Star Wars."

The first convenience comes with the TV schedule, programmed right into the DVR's listings. I know when a show is on, how frequently to record it, not to mention whether it has any material not suitable for the kids or family. Given today's offerings, even if you have limited cable stations like we do, that removes about half of the programs.

Next comes the space-age quality for TV watching that would have made your grandpa envious. With a DVR you are able to pause the TV program for any kind of interruption in your viewing experience. This is enormously handy for a parent.

Next week during the Super Bowl, for instance, our family will use this function at least 25 times in the course of the game to break up kids' fights, change diapers, eat dinner, find a runaway dog, plunge the toilet, put out a fire or two, reset the smoke alarm and respond when police knock at the door.

Best of all with a DVR, when you watch a pre-recorded program, you can fast-forward through all the commercials and ads. This basically reduces your favorite one-hour program to just about 40 minutes.

Consider this your way of getting back at Madison Avenue for its loud and intrusive pattern of advertising every widget and toy. No wonder then, that advertising executives are no big fans of DVRs.

Eventually, the entire family learns the convenience of having programs easily at its pre-recorded disposal. This also leads to an accumulation of TV shows on a DVR hard drive. A CNN story that aired earlier this winter categorized this as "TiVo guilt."

As with other media, such as Internet, movies and newspapers, TV programs require your time. But with so many offerings, it boils down to what economists call "opportunity costs" and how you'll choose among infinite options for entertainment or information.

For the DVR owner, this means acquiring a pile of episodes you never really get to watch, and you feel obligated to do so.

"You want to watch TV, and what do you have? You turn on your DVR and you have a homework assignment," one media analyst told CNN.

TV as homework may sound ridiculous, but the expert is right as rain. Eventually the DVR owner comes to a crossroads: whether to save an entire afternoon or catch up on all six recorded episodes of "Heroes."

And so, I'm glad to say my sister was right. The DVR does make you a better parent, for the simple reason that it helps your family watch less TV. As the proverb goes, "an inch of gold will not buy an inch of time."

Now, if I could just spend less time looking for the remote control.

## Security

Continued from Family Life 1

Kabakoro started the program three months ago after a chance encounter. One evening in October her father, Ratu, ran into a refugee family trying to use the pay phone at a gas station. He was able help them make their call, but their plight struck a chord with his daughter. The ambitious teenager decided to start a series of English classes for refugees as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award.

With the help of her mother, Summer, a former English professor, Kabakoro came up with a program. She soon had a group of students wanting to work on their English and a few volunteer tutors — mostly her own family members — lined up to help teach them. Kabakoro said they usually have at least 25 people at the sessions, divided into two groups — one for teens and young adults, and one for adults.

The sessions are low-key, informal and fun. On a recent Wednesday the students laughed as Kabakoro explained the meaning behind American idioms like "dude" and "what a trip," and clarified the difference between the words "smug" and "smuggler."

"English is crazy," said 18-year-old student Chandra Upreti.

"Kinda like me," Kabakoro joked back.

Kabakoro and her tutors use everything from flashcards to simple conversation to help teach about the English language and American customs. As Kabakoro went through a stack of flashcards with her students, she came up with fun ways to help them remember the words and concepts they cover.

"Every time you take a drink of water, say 'splash,'" Kabakoro suggested as they went over a flashcard with words starting with "spl."

### Be the teacher

For information or to volunteer as an English tutor for refugees, call Hosanna Kabakoro at 410-1916. Her effort to coordinate language lessons is an informal one. Volunteers and students meet at her family's home weekly, but she'll also welcome volunteers who can't help that frequently.

They also talk about particular frustrations or difficulties the students face. For most of the students, the biggest challenge in learning and speaking English is pronunciation.

"When I speak, people don't understand," said Upreti, who came here from Nepal with his family three months ago. "But when they speak, I understand."

The students are putting what they learn in the classes to use out in the community. Kabakoro said they visited a local farm, went shopping in Boise and plan to volunteer at Twin Falls' animal shelter. Many of them are also working on finding jobs, getting GEDs so they can go to college, or starting their own businesses.

"We're learning about the culture and how to survive," said Chandra Upreti's



Hosanna Kabakoro describes an English word to her students Jan. 14.



Photos by JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Narayan Regmi from Nepal, left, gains clarification on the meaning of a word from Hosanna Kabakoro during an English lesson Jan. 14 at her family's Twin Falls home.

brother Purna Upreti, 19.

Kabakoro believes one of benefits is that her students will be able to help other refugee families assimilate. One of the flashcards Kabakoro used with her students this month highlighted words that end in "ture," like picture, pasture and future.

"Your future when you came here was, well, you

didn't know," Kabakoro said to her students. "Is it looking better?"

The answer was the same around the table, a simple English word, probably one

of the first the students learned: yes.

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The Henry L. Wills Families  
Hank, Steve, Jeanette,  
Greg, Sue, and Kathy

## Squirt of memory

By Karen Kaplan  
Los Angeles Times

It's the hormone that makes people bond with mates and helps mothers fall in love with their babies. Now researchers have shown that oxytocin plays a key role in forming social memories.

A dose of oxytocin, administered by nasal spray, made Swiss men much more likely to recognize faces they had seen briefly the day before. But the hormone made no difference when it came to recalling pictures of houses, landscapes or sculptures, according to a study published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*.

Scientists from the University of Zurich recruited 41 volunteers and administered three puffs

per nostril of either oxytocin or a placebo. After giving the hormone time to reach the brain, volunteers watched 84 photos of faces and 84 images of inanimate objects flash onto a computer screen for 3.5 seconds each.

One day later, volunteers were shown the same pictures mixed in with additional images and were asked to identify which were new and which they had seen before.

The 22 men who inhaled the hormone had an overall "recognition memory rate" of 46 percent for faces. That compared with only 36 percent for the 19 men who got the placebo. But both groups scored an identical 44 percent for pictures of houses, landscapes and sculptures, according to the study.

See what's new online at [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com)

## CLEANING

### Question:

Over the holidays I had a dish of red hot candies on my end table.

My cat knocked them off onto the floor. Then my dog (who will eat anything), gobbled them all up. This made the dog sick and he vomited up the candies, leaving a big red stain on my carpet! Lori, do you have a product to remove such a horrible stain!

### Answer:

Oh my! Dr. Doolittle I am not, but I do have the solution for your barfing barker. JUICE OUT is specifically made to lift colored dyes found in kool-aid, popsicles, lipstick, red wine, and in your case red hot candy dog spit! It works safely on carpet, upholstery and fabrics.

Frustrated with a stubborn cleaning problem? Write or e-mail your questions to: [lchandler@cleaningcenters.com](mailto:lchandler@cleaningcenters.com)



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# Happy 100th Birthday!

Mom

Grandma

## Great Grandma Golda Watkins

Come help us celebrate  
**Sunday • February 1st • 11:00 am-1:00 pm**  
 Gooding Senior Center  
 308 Senior Avenue • Gooding  
*Serving Cake, Coffee and Punch*  
*Cards and "fun" stories are welcome*  
*No gifts, please*

**Love you...Don & Elaine, Kelle & Doug,  
 Sandy & Tim, Craig & Linda, Tim & Becky,  
 Tawnee, Timmy & Lyndsay, Melissa**

# First U.S. count finds 1 in 200 kids are vegetarian

By Mike Stobbe  
Associated Press writer

Sam Silverman is co-captain of his high school football team — a safety accustomed to bruising collisions. But that's nothing compared with the abuse he gets for being a vegetarian.

"I get a lot of flak for it in the locker room," said the 16-year-old junior at Westborough High School in Massachusetts.

"All the time, my friends try to get me to eat meat and tell me how good it tastes and how much bigger I would be," said Silverman, who is 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds. "But for me, there's no real temptation."

Silverman may feel like a vegetable vendor at a butchers' convention, but about 367,000 other kids are in the same boat, according to a recent study that provides the government's first estimate of how many children avoid meat. That's about 1 in 200.

Other surveys suggest the rate could be four to six times that among older teens who have more control over what they eat than young children do.

Vegetarian diets exclude meat, but the name is sometimes loosely worn. Some self-described vegetarians eat fish or poultry on occasion, while others — called vegans — cut out animal products of any kind, including eggs and dairy products.

Anecdotally, adolescent vegetarianism seems to be rising, thanks in part to YouTube animal slaughter videos that shock the developing sensibilities of many U.S. children. But there isn't enough long-term data to prove that, according to government researchers.

The new estimate of young vegetarians comes from a recent federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study of alternative medicine based on a survey of thousands of Americans in 2007. Information on children's diet habits was gleaned from about 9,000 parents and other adults speaking on the behalf of those under 18.

"I don't think we've done a good job of counting the number of vegetarian youth, but I think this is reasonable," Amy Lanou, a nutrition scientist at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, said of the government estimate. She works with the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a vegan advocacy group.

Vegetarians say it's animal welfare, not health, that most often causes kids to stop eating meat.

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Case in point is Nicole Nightingale, 14, of Safety Harbor, Fla. In 2007, Nightingale was on the Internet to read about chicken when she came across a video on YouTube that showed the birds being slaughtered. At the end, viewers were invited to go to the Web site [peta.org](http://peta.org) — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Nicole told her parents she was going vegan, prompting her mother to send an angry letter to PETA. But the vegan diet is working out, and now her mother is taking steps to become a vegetarian, too, said Nightingale, an eighth-grader.

She believes her experience was typical for a pre-adolescent vegetarian. "A lot more kids are using the Internet. They're curious about stuff and trying to become independent and they're trying to find out who they are," she said.

Vegetarians are most often female, from higher-income families and living on the East or West coasts, according to previous studies. One good place to find teen vegetarians is Agnes Scott College, a mostly white, all-women's private school in suburban Atlanta with about 850 students. Roughly 5 to 10 percent of Agnes Scott students eat vegetarian, said Pete Miller, the college's director of food service.

Frequently, the most popular entree at the college dining hall is a fresh mozzarella sandwich with organic greens. And the comment board (called "the Beef Board," as in "what's your beef?") often contains plaudits for vegetarian dishes or requests for more. "They're very vocal," Miller said of his vegetarian diners.

Eating vegetarian can be very healthy — nutritionists often push kids to eat more fruits and vegetables, of course. For growing children,

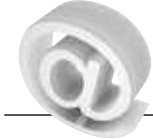


Sam Silverman, 16, of Westborough, Mass., poses for a photograph during a break from working out. Silverman, co-captain of his high school football team, and a vegetarian, says he's pleased with his health and has no problems sticking to his diet.

AP photos



Sam Silverman, 16, works out at the YMCA gym in Westborough on Jan. 7.



## On the Web:

The CDC report: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

however, it's important to get sufficient amounts of protein, vitamins B12 and D, iron, calcium and other important nutrients that most people get from meat, eggs and dairy.

Also, vegetarian diets are not necessarily slimming. Some vegetarian kids cut out meat but fill up on doughnuts, french fries, soda or potato chips, experts said.

"Vegetarian doesn't mean low-calorie," said Dr. Christopher Bolling, who directs weight management research at Cincinnati

Children's Hospital Medical Center. He said roughly 10 to 15 percent of the overweight kids who come to his medical center's weight loss program have tried a vegetarian diet at some point before starting the program.

Rayna Middlebrooks, 15, last year started a weight-loss program offered by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a nonprofit hospital organization. She said she's been on a vegetarian diet for four years and now carries about 250 pounds on her 5-foot-3 inch frame.

Her mother confirmed that, and said that although Rayna does a great job of cooking vegetable-rich stir-fried meals for herself, the girl also loves pasta, soda and sweets. "I have to watch her with the candy," said Barbara Middlebrooks, of Decatur.

On the flip side is Silverman, the Boston-area football player. He's pleased with his health and has no problem sticking to his diet. Rather than try to negotiate the school cafeteria line, he brings his lunch to school. It's the same lunch every day — rye bread, some chicken-like tofu, cheese, a clementine and an assortment of NutriGrain, Cliff, granola and Power Bars.

## Nutrient diligence needed for vegetarian kids

Children who want to be vegetarians need to "fill in the blanks" of their low-protein diets by eating alternatives to red meat, fish and poultry, experts say.

Good examples are soybeans, fortified soy milk and nuts. Those are important sources of the protein, iron, zinc, calcium and vitamin D that most kids get from meat.

Nutritional yeast — which has a cheesy flavor — has the much-needed vitamin B-12. And flaxseed is good for linolenic acid.

Vegetarian children who eat eggs and dairy products will most likely get all the nutrition they need. But those who become vegan — abstaining from dairy — need to be more diligent, said Dr. David Ludwig of Children's Hospital Boston, a specialist in pediatric nutrition.

"It really requires much more attention to avoid nutrient deficiencies," Ludwig said. Children can start on a vegetarian diet from birth, said Sarah Krieger, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association who is a registered dietitian at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. Breast milk or an iron-fortified formula are necessary in the first six months, she said, adding that soy-based formula is an option.

## The things teens post online

By Stacey Garfinkle  
[washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

WASHINGTON — These days, there are virtually no teens who aren't using social networking sites to connect with friends and share details of their lives. And the majority of those teens are sharing information publicly that may hurt their chances of getting admitted to colleges or securing a desirable job.

That's the word out of two studies on adolescent revelations of risky behaviors on MySpace and on reducing the display of those behaviors on MySpace.

The studies were conducted by the Center for Child Health, Behavior and Development at Seattle Children's Research Institute and the University of Washington.

For the first study, researchers targeted 500 random teenager profiles on MySpace and found that 54 percent of the teens discussed and/or posted photos revealing sexual behavior, substance abuse or violence. In the study, girls were less likely to display

violent information than boys, and teens who reported a sexual orientation other than "straight" showed increased displays of references to sexual behaviors. Profiles that demonstrated engagement in sports, hobbies or religious involvement were associated with fewer displays of risky behaviors.

"In the '90s we talked about a digital divide that separated rich from poor. That divide is quickly narrowing, but a new one is emerging rapidly: The 21st century digital divide separates too many clueless parents from their Internet-savvy children," says study co-author Dimitri Christakis.

In discussing the study, Christakis encourages parents to become Internet savvy and stay ahead of their kids' Internet knowledge base.

Parents need to monitor kids' activity online just as they do in the real world, he says, noting that teens historically lack judgment, something that hasn't changed with this medium that makes the "coolness"

of risky behaviors more potent.

The second study on these risky behaviors gives parents an easy solution to the current social networking scene — send an e-mail to the teen referencing the publicly available information on the teen's MySpace or Facebook page. When lead author Megan Moreno did just that to 190 teens, 42 percent of them either changed their pages or made them private. Moreno and Christakis also recommend Googling a teen's name with them and talking about what you find.

A recent incident in Michigan illustrates their point. A middle school student in Farmington faced disciplinary action at school after posting a threatening message on a Facebook page.

A parent saw the message and alerted the school district, which locked down the school for a short time while police investigated.

Stacey Garfinkle writes the *On Parenting* blog for [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), from which this article is adapted.

## Herrett Center science camp features teen animal expert

Times-News

Third- through fifth-graders who sign up for Science Camp-In '09 at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science are in for a night full of hands-on science displays as well as a visit from one of America's best-known young stars in the field of animals and reptiles, Corbin Maxey.

Maxey, who heads up the Cyprus Hill Reptile reserve in Meridian, has had guest appearances on several nationally televised programs, including "Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. His reserve is also affiliated with Sea World and Busch

Gardens — quite an accomplishment for a 19-year-old. Cyprus Hill Reptile specializes in rescuing and fostering unwanted, injured or abandoned reptiles.

Students who sign up for the evening's activities will list their top choices of workshops from a lineup that includes biology, chemistry, astronomy, archaeology, health and animal sciences and more. Maxey will do a presentation for the entire group. The group will also enjoy a show in the Faulkner Planetarium, sky viewing in the Centennial Observatory, snacks, a new T-shirt and an adult-supervised sleepover

in the Herrett galleries.

The event begins at 6 p.m. Feb. 6. Registration is \$38 per student, limited to the first 140 who sign up. No late registrations at the door the night of the event.

Information and sign-up: Herrett Center education facilitator Darcy Thornborrow, 732-6664 or [dthornborrow@csi.edu](mailto:dthornborrow@csi.edu).

Information on Maxey: [thereptileguy.com](http://thereptileguy.com).

## UNPREDICTABLE DATES

Creative places to take your valentine on that special day.

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## Game worlds, real world

Do you — or someone you know — love online gaming worlds like Second Life, World of Warcraft or Everquest? If you think in Linden Dollars or find yourself planning a quest in your dreams, we want to hear from you. Contact *Times-News* reporter Ariel Hansen at [ahansen@magicvalley.com](mailto:ahansen@magicvalley.com) or 208-788-3475 this week.



# Navigating a friendship breakup

By Julia Feldmeier  
Special to  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — According to WikiHow, the online how-to manual, the recipe for breaking up with friends and burning bridges in the process requires a handful of ingredients: popsicle sticks, glue, personal friendship mementos and lighter fluid. Also, a friend with whom you no longer want to associate.

The popsicle sticks, instructions say, are used to build a bridge that symbolizes the good days of your friendship, decorated with related artifacts. Call the person with whom you're about to sever ties and explain, in harsh detail, why he or she is no longer your friend. Lastly, the site says, set the bridge on fire and "release joyous laughter" after you have "simplified your life by trimming the fat of an unwanted friend."

If only it were that easy. Breaking up, after all, is hard to do. Especially with friends. Sure, there are clean, organic breakups. Childhood pals who eventually — and understandably — grow apart. Or freshman hall-mates who befriended each other on the first day of college but gravitate toward different parties, different social networks.

But what about when it's one-sided? When you've decided that a friendship is toxic — more destructive than beneficial — how do you end it? And when you value some friends more than others, what happens to those on the bottom rung of your friendship ladder? A romantic breakup is socially accepted; the need to sever ties is understood. So, too, is a natural demise to friendship, a petering out over distance and time. But when there are no ordinary circumstances to facilitate a friend breakup, what does it mean to decide you've given up on someone? Is there an active way to cut yourself loose — without burning bridges?

First, an unreturned phone call and an ignored text message. Then a delayed e-mail, mildly apologetic, but, alas, life has been so hectic, so busy. You'll get together soon, really! The use of exclamation points is intended to suggest sincerity, earnestness.

This, of course, is misleading. It's the phaseout, the nonconfrontational and oft-preferred method of ending relationships. Patti Kelley Criswell, co-author of "A Smart Girl's Guide to Friendship Troubles" (American Girl, 2003), recommends this approach. "To make it less formal is always preferable, because then there's not formal rejection," she says. "You're not wounding, you're just slowly pulling away and being busy."

All well and good, but when this tactic is used in romantic relationships, it's considered heartless. What gives? Presumably, "we only have one person that we're sleeping with," Criswell says. Friendships, by contrast, "are not monogamous; this isn't your one person."

As one 25-year-old D.C.

resident recently discovered, the phaseout hinges on the other person's taking the hint. Emily, who spoke on the condition that her last name not be used, realized that a friendship had turned toxic when the woman repeatedly insulted her boyfriend and offended her other friends. So she began ignoring phone calls, texts and e-mails, hoping avoidance would signal the relationship's demise. It didn't.

"Every once in a while, she would dupe me into feeling like a terrible person, and I would invite her to a party or just to hang out, and each time, she made me and everyone else uncomfortable," Emily says.

The last time they spoke was when the friend called her at work from an unknown phone number. "I picked up not knowing who it was. I made some random excuse to get off the line and then never called back," she says. "You would think a person would get the hint, but clearly, no."

Technology has added layers to the friendship conundrum. Although cellphones and social networking sites keep us more connected, tech companies are increasingly adding features that enable us to "rank" our buddies. T-Mobile launched a Fave 5 phone plan that allowed customers to choose five phone numbers to which they could apply unlimited minutes of service — ostensibly, to their favorite friends. Facebook added a "comparison" feature that allows users to rate friends, so Joe X may be listed as "kinder" than Sally Y.

But what about when friends don't get the message? When they refuse to acknowledge their new status as former friend? Then a more active approach to "unfriending" may become necessary.

"Nobody wants to take responsibility for hurting someone else's feelings," says Marni Kamins, co-author of "The Breakup Repair Kit: How to Heal Your Broken Heart" (Conari Press, 2003). "You're trying to do something good for yourself by not hanging out with this person, but you'd probably serve her best by saying, 'Hanging out with you doesn't make me feel good, and here's why.'"

Feedback can be helpful, Kamins says. If, for instance, you're inclined to shed a friend because they're perpetually disenchanted with their job and thus unable to be fun, or to be a good listener, or to fulfill any of the duties associated with friendship, then an honest explanation of why you no longer want to hang out with them may serve them well — as long as they recognize the need to address their job dissatisfaction.

Such honesty is good, provided that you don't mean to hurt the person.

"Is your intention based in helping them live a better life? If the answer is yes, then talk to them," Kamins says. "It might be uncomfortable, but you can say it with kindness. But if you have anger or resentment, then your intention probably is to hurt the person."

Hurt is only the beginning of what Jessica, a 30-year-old

## 5 toxic types to avoid

Ah, friends. They're our cohorts, our confidants — we can't live without 'em, right? But what of our pals who, instead of empowering us, make us feel a little less confident or a little more aggravated? That's toxic. Here are five types to watch out for in your social circle:

### 1. The Naysayer.

You have a great idea for a new business venture: a piano bar cum sports pub. It's a pipe dream, you know; you'll probably never get the start-up capital to go forward, but the idea excites you anyway. Your friend laughs and says you must be kidding. Who would want to go to a piano bar to watch sports? Huh. "They're not supportive. They tell you the ways it could possibly fail," Marni Kamins, co-author of "The Breakup Repair Kit," says of this kind of friend. "They're a negative person."

### 2. The Passive-Aggressive.

Meet the classic underminer. This is the friend who notes aloud that you just got a new haircut but says nothing about whether it looks nice. "It's the friend that strikes when you're talking about your love life or when you've just achieved something," says Mike Albo, author of "The Underminer: Or, the Best Friend Who Casually Destroys Your Life" — and instead of making you feel good about yourself, he subtly shoots you down.

### 3. The Peer Pressurer.

You know the one. You've got to get up early Sunday morning to study for the LSAT. Your friend knows how important this test is to you, knows how much you need to study. Yet when you try to exit the bar at midnight on Saturday so you can get some rest, she calls you lame — stay for just one more beer! And then maybe a late-night jumbo slice, too? (Never mind that you just told her how diligently you've been adhering to your new diet.) "They don't respect your boundaries," Kamins says. "They only want to do what's best for them."

### 4. The Plan Breaker.

The two of you are on for Saturday night dinner: pizza and beer while you test out your Nintendo Wii. Whoops, no, you're not: A co-worker has invited him to a Nats game. Box seats. Sorry — those dinner plans weren't definite, were they? "They say they have plans with you, and then they're subject to change at the last minute," Kamins says. "They cancel on you because something better came along."

### 5. The "You're Making Me Into a Bad Friend" Friend.

It's hard to place, but something doesn't feel right when you're with her. You feel anxious or competitive. "Do you silently cheer when bad things happen to her?" asks Patti Kelley Criswell, co-author of "A Smart Girl's Guide to Friendship Troubles." "Do you feel guilty afterward because you said things or thought things that you know are not what good people do? A toxic relationship is one that brings out the worst in you."

living in California, felt when her best friend of 23 years announced that they were no longer friends.

"It was like being walked out on," says Jessica, who also asked that her last name not be used. "It'd be like having your husband come home and tell you that he doesn't love you anymore and is leaving and has his bags packed and you're never allowed to ask a question. My heart was completely broken."

A month earlier, Jessica had been the maid of honor in her friend's wedding. Everything had seemed fine. They'd both just moved to California from the East Coast, where they'd been roommates. They got together for what Jessica thought would be a fun girls' night out catching up.

Instead, her friend talked about their friendship — specifically, about how it was over. She outlined the reasons she no longer liked Jessica, handed over the necklace she'd borrowed for the wedding and left. No opportunity for Jessica to ask questions, to find out what went wrong so she could make amends. No resolution.

Two years later, Jessica figures her friend just decided

that she could no longer have a best friend and a husband. They still see each other occasionally in shared social circles, though Jessica tries to avoid interaction when possible.

"I can't believe you can put so much trust and love in someone and then have them take it away from you in one snap," she says. "It seems strange to do anything like that to anyone that you once cared for."

A big part of breaking up with friends, then, is self-reflection. Why the decision to pull out of this friendship? Is it them? Or is it you?

No matter how unsatisfying or destructive our friends may have become, we've invested in them. Bound to us by shared experiences and memories, they're hard to delete from our lives. Nostalgia is difficult to shake loose.

Perhaps that's why so many of us hope for the subtle phaseout: a way to distance ourselves without burning bridges. We keep the door open for the small possibility of reconciliation, the chance that they'll change, that we'll change — or that circumstances will find us together again, in need of company, if not friendship.

## ENGAGEMENT

### O'CONNOR-POTTS

John and Dawn O'Connor of Hunt announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Dawn O'Connor, to Daniel Allen Potts, son of Greg and Cindy Potts of Washington, Mo.

O'Connor is a 2005 graduate of Valley High School and will graduate in December from University of Idaho with a degree in child life specialist.

Potts is a 2005 graduate of Washington High School in Missouri and will graduate in May from Concordia Irvine



Katie O'Connor and Daniel Potts

with a degree in theological studies and pre-seminary.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 23, at Blue Rock Winery in Buhl.

## STORK REPORT

### St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Stormy Jo Ekker, daughter of Jamie Ekker and Scott Edward Thompson of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 7, 2009.

Natalie Alvarado Manzo, daughter of Blanca Vanessa Manzo and Leonardo Alvarado Esquivel of Jerome, was born Jan. 7, 2009.

Riley Deschain Foster, daughter of Ruth Lorene Klinkenborg and Jordan Tyler Foster of Hagerman, was born Jan. 9, 2009.

Jessie Antonio Angel Ortiz, son of Chandra Alyssa Danae Rooney and Angel Ortiz of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 9, 2009.

Adan Christopher Ramos, son of Edlin Sena and Christopher Lawrence Ramos of Filer, was born Jan. 9, 2009.

Bailey Rose James, daughter of Jennifer Marie Bettencourt and Cody William James of Wendell, was born Jan. 10, 2009.

Joshua Dale Hettenbach II, son of Sara Beth Siegers of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 11, 2009.

Toby Leander Lewis, son of Alyce Leanne and Joseph Clifford Lewis of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2009.

Cole Kent Willsey, son of Erika Lynn and Shawn Patrick Willsey of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2009.

Christian Isai Penuelas-Leyva, son of Graciela Leyva and Carlos Ivan Penuelas-Espinoza of Jerome, was born Jan. 12, 2009.

Lahlia Josephine Mitchell, daughter of Laura Lynn and Aaron James Mitchell of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2009.

Brian Moises May-Navarrete, son of Ligia Margarita Navarrete-Santos and Moises Aristeo May-Puc

of Jerome, was born Jan. 12, 2009.

Cody Mitchell Mondragon, son of Jennifer Marie and Jacob Mitchell Mondragon of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2009.

Yocelin Cano-Navarro, daughter of Julia Navarro-Rio and Jose Santos Cano-Sierra of Hazelton, was born Jan. 13, 2009.

Sawyer Elizabeth James, daughter of Danielle Marie and Justin Callen James of Kimberly, was born Jan. 13, 2009.

Sofia Rendon, daughter of Behnaz Naghdi Far and Fabian Rendon of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 13, 2009.

Cooper Jeffery Eldredge, son of Stormy De Ann and Jeffery Jason Eldredge of Wendell, was born Jan. 14, 2009.

Grace Leeann Gates, daughter of Melissa Ann and Gordon Richard Gates of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 14, 2009.

Brielle Anne Wray, daughter of Shelley Sue and Tanner James Wray of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 14, 2009.

Giana Elizabeth Renaldi, daughter of Sarah Ann and Anthony Albert Renaldi of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 15, 2009.

Ian Uriel Borrayo, son of Flora Janette Borrayo of Jerome, was born Jan. 16, 2009.

Adrianna May Griggs, daughter of Tanya May and Joseph Adrian Griggs of Buhl, was born Jan. 16, 2009.

Alacia Kristelle Thomas, daughter of Melissa Lynn and Robert Andres Thomas II of Buhl, was born Jan. 16, 2009.

Treysen Arie Vanderham, son of Shay Marie and Adam Jon Vanderham of Wendell, was born Jan. 18, 2009.

## Soothing a lonely cat

By Jura Koncius  
The Washington Post

Older cats can be very vocal during the night hours. Is there anything you can do when your cat's 5 a.m. wake-up meows start driving you crazy?

Experts say cats sometimes feel lonely at night, and it's not uncommon for senior cats to suddenly start yowling. Here are some ideas to help soothe your pet:

- **The best solution** is to create a bed for your cat in your bedroom, so you can be there to reassure her when she starts meowing.
- **Talking to your cat** in soothing tones may do the trick.
- **If your cat sleeps** in another part of the house, put a T-shirt you've worn in the cat basket or bed and let your cat sleep with it. See if that doesn't calm her down.
- **Some pet owners** have found that leaving a radio on can entertain a lonely cat.
- **Spend as much time** with your pet as you can.
- **If your cat** is displaying unusual behavior, it's always best to check in with your vet.

### Weekly deadline

To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magicvalley.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

## National Guard and Reserve families invited to winter camp

Times-News

A winter camp for Idaho's National Guard and Reserve families will give these Idahoans the opportunity to mingle in the mountains Feb. 27-March 1 near Sun Valley.

They'll build snow caves, track animals, ride in a horse-drawn sleigh, learn survival skills, go night tubing and take a trek on either snowshoes or cross-country skis at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp.

"We're planning activities that will help parents and youth strengthen their communication and team-building skills while having a memorable outdoor experience," said program director Sue Philley of University of Idaho's 4-H Military Partnership Program, Operation: Military Kids, which is sponsoring the event.

The \$35-per-person cost includes lodging, meals, snacks, equipment, activities and a bus ride from Gowen

Field and Mountain Home. A recent \$1,000 grant from TriWest Healthcare Alliance is helping underwrite the weekend.

The camp is open to deployment-affected service and family members of Idaho's National Guard and Reserves, including spouses who are on their own.

Active-duty personnel may apply for a wait list.

Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by adult family members.

The pre-registration deadline is Feb. 6. About 50 people may attend. Information: Philley at 208-334-2328 or philley@uidaho.edu.

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# Kids Only

## A CROWDED DOGHOUSE

### Why are there more kinds of dogs than cats?

By Valerie Strauss  
The Washington Post

Have you ever wondered why there are more kinds of dogs than cats?

First off, let's define what we mean by "kinds." There are animals that are purebred and ones that are mixed breeds. A breed is a group of related dogs or cats with similar characteristics. Humans maintain animal breeds over generations by making sure that only animals of a given breed mate with one another.

"Purebred" means that an animal comes from two parents of the same breed and has the traits of its parents. Some dog breeders consider a dog a member of a breed only if both parents are entirely of the same breed. But others allow a dog to be only 75 percent "purebred" to be considered part of the breed.

As a result, how many breeds there are depends on whom you ask. For example, the World Canine Organization, based in Belgium, recognizes nearly 400 dog breeds around the world. But the American Kennel Club, which started in 1884 with nine dog breeds on its registry, now recognizes 161 breeds.

In the United States, the most popular breeds have long included Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, German shepherds, dachshunds and beagles.

"Designer dogs," the result of putting two completely different breeds together, have become popular in recent years. This is often done to create animals that do not shed. The result is a different kind of dog, but not a new breed.

Now let's talk about cats, where there is the same kind of disagreement over breed. The International Cat Association recognizes 54 breeds of cats. But the Cat Fanciers' Association recognizes 40.

So why are there more breeds of dogs than cats? One big reason is that dogs have been bred to do different things, such as hunting, guarding and herding. Cats have not.

Persian and Siamese cats remain among the most popular breeds. But a new addition to the feline world are "designer cats" — animals bred for a particular market.

One of the best-known designer cats is called an Ashera, a mix of an African serval, an Asian leopard cat and a specific kind of domestic cat. The result is a cat that looks like a small leopard — and costs between \$22,000 and \$125,000!

Sources: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County; American Kennel Club; Dog Breed Info Center; International Cat Association; Lifestyle Pets



## Through the years, many U.S. presidents got game

By Fred Bowen  
Special to  
The Washington Post

### Presidential athletics fact

A number of U.S. presidents were wrestlers. George Washington won a county championship in Virginia at age 18, and Abraham Lincoln was a champion wrestler at age 21 in Illinois.



the White House so he can keep working on his game.

You don't have to like sports to be president, but many presidents have enjoyed sports. Our last president, George W. Bush, is a big baseball fan. He owned a Major League Baseball team, the Texas Rangers, before he became president, and he hosted T-ball games on the White House lawn.

Bush's father, President George H.W. Bush (president from 1989 to 1993), was captain of his college baseball team at Yale University. The two Bush presidents enjoy other sports, including tennis and golf.

President Bill Clinton (1993-2001) jogged and was an avid golfer. Several presi-

dents have played golf, but no one played as much as President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961). According to the book "Eisenhower and Golf: A President at Play," by David Sowell, Eisenhower played almost 900 rounds of golf during his eight years as president.

President Richard Nixon (1969-1974) played football in high school and was such a big football fan that he suggested plays for the Washington Redskins while he was president.

The best football player, and probably the best athlete, to live in the White House was President Gerald

Ford (1974-1977). Ford played center and linebacker for the University of Michigan in 1932 and 1933, when the Wolverines won two national titles.

President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) was probably the first president to emphasize the importance of sports and physical activity. Because he had often been sick as a child, Roosevelt believed in what he called the strenuous life. He hiked, rowed, played tennis and was

an expert horseman. He even boxed when he was governor of New York, and as president.

According to author Betsy Harvey Kraft, who wrote "Theodore Roosevelt: Champion of the American Spirit," Roosevelt also loved football but worried that the early college games were too rough. So as president, he brought together coaches from the top colleges to enforce stricter safety standards for the game.

## Jokes for kids

### Newsday

What would you do without your memories?  
Forget.

What did one fan say to the other fan?  
You blow me away.

Student: Would you punish me for something I didn't do?  
Teacher: Of course not.  
Student: Good, because I did not do my homework.

Why did the elephant eat the candle?  
He wanted a light snack.

What has 10 letters and starts with gas?  
An automobile

What has two eyes but can't see?  
An icicle

Knock knock  
Who's there?  
Police  
Police who?  
Police, open the door, it is cold out here.

Why do you go to bed?  
Because the bed won't come to you.

Why was the plumber depressed?  
His career was going down the drain.

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