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School cuts could go beyond Luna's \$62 million

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Before outlining his plans Thursday to cut public schools funding next year by \$62 million, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna displayed the strip of paper from

his fortune cookie the night before. "I think it's appropriate for me to read to you the fortune inside," he told the Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee. "It said, 'You shouldn't overspend in the moment. Frugality is important.'"



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"And did you eat the whole cookie?" asked Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, JFAC Co-chairwoman. Responded Luna:

"We saved some for a rainy day." Luna soon might look for some more cookies. Budget

writers are pessimistic about January tax revenue figures being released this week, and Luna could be asked to return with ways to save money in addition to the 10 recommendations he unveiled Thursday. His plans to cut \$79 million — which include the use of

\$17 million from state reserves — might jump to \$130 million, legislators have said. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is supporting Luna's plan in its current form. "He's taking a very realistic look at the continuing

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By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — For decades, Sun Valley has attracted world-class skiers, celebrities, vacationers from across the globe, mountain bikers and hikers — all visitors to a small Idaho town with the cachet of history.

But for a town with so many guests, there are relatively few places to stay. There are two-thirds the number of hotel beds in Ketchum and Sun Valley as five years ago, and none of the luxurious, five-star hotels that attract the wealthy to other mountain resorts.

When big events are in town — like the Boulder Mountain Tour cross-country ski race and the Special Olympics World Winter Games, both of which hit the valley next weekend — the quest for a pillow becomes even more challenging.

"We have so few beds in the valley ... north and south, that whenever there is a major event or a major holiday they never meet the need. They're always sold out," said Jim Spinelli, executive director of the Hailey Chamber of Commerce.

SEE HOTELS, MAIN 6

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According to Mobil's Web site, there are no four- or five-star hotels in Idaho. Jackson Hole, Wyo., Aspen, Colo., and Park City, Utah, have Five-Stars though. At the Four Seasons Jackson Hole, rooms start at \$575, though cheaper packages are available. The average rate for rooms in the Wood River Valley last year varied by month between \$104 and \$222.

Source: Mobil Travel Guide

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Make that 14:

Octuplet mom already had 6 kids

By Thomas Watkins
and Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writers

WHITTIER, Calif. — How in the world does a woman with six children get a fertility doctor to help her have more — eight more?

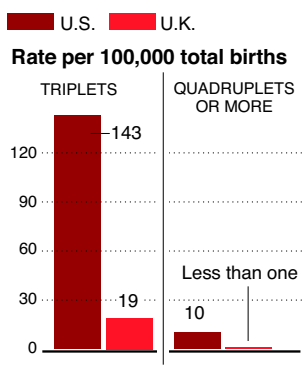
An ethical debate erupted Friday after it was learned that the Southern California woman who gave birth to octuplets this week had six children already.

Large multiple births "are presented on TV shows as a 'Brady Bunch' moment. They're not," fumed Arthur Caplan, bioethics chairman at the University of Pennsylvania. He noted the serious and sometimes lethal complications and crushing medical costs that often come with high-multiple births.

But Dr. Jeffrey Steinberg, who has fertility clinics in

Multiple births

There were 6,540 multiple births in the United States in 2006 and 152 in Great Britain.



SOURCES: (U.S.) National Center for Health Statistics; (U.K.) Office of National Statistics

Los Angeles, Las Vegas and New York, countered: "Who am I to say that six is the limit? There are people who like to have big families."

Kaiser Permanent

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Special Olympics press forward despite downturn



The Special Olympics Flame of Hope carried by torch runners departs Locomotive Park Friday in Lewiston as it continues the final leg of its journey to the Special Olympic World Winter Games in Boise.

AP photo

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Two years ago, organizers with the Special Olympics World Winter Games hoped to raise at least \$23 million in cash donations, hire a staff of around 100 people and bring as many as 3,000 athletes to Boise for the international event. Analysts with the Idaho Department of Commerce said the games could bring \$42 million to the state.

But since then everything, like the economy, has shrunk.

"Our situation is global, and it has impacted us," said Kirk Miles, the vice president of games and

events for the Special Olympics, a competition for athletes with intellectual disabilities. "Some of our less-developed programs around the world just financially can't bring as many people as they like. It's just a few more Special Olympics athletes around the world who had hoped to be at the games, but can't be because of the economic problems, and that affects us all."

At every games, not all the athletes who announced their intent to compete make it to the event, he said. But for the 2009 World Winter Games — which start on Feb. 7 in

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On the Net:

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MORNING BRIEFING



Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio Three things to do today

• If you aren't a Super Bowl fan, get in your car and head to the Thousand Springs and Box Canyon area to see lots of bald and golden eagles perching on trees. A state parks representative says the birds are stopping off in the Magic Valley on their migration route and they'll be around until mid-February. So grab a camera and check them out. The parks people counted more than 60 of the

magnificent birds last time out.
• While in the area, head to Oster Lakes at the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area to see hundreds of ducks and other waterfowl. They make for great photos and are just fun to watch. But bundle up. For more information, go to <http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/thousand-springs.aspx>.

• The U.S. Army Ground Forces Woodwind Quintet performs at 4 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 315 Falls Ave. W. in Twin Falls. It's 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.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.
U.S. Army Ground Forces Woodwind Quintet in performance, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 315 Falls Ave. W., no cost, 732-6767 or ghalsell@csi.edu.
Haydn's "Mass in Time of War," presented by Caritas Chorale, 5:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Warm Springs and Saddle roads, Ketchum, no cost (donations welcomed), 726-5123.

CHURCH EVENTS

Life Church of the Magic Valley in Jerome healing service, open to the general public and anyone who needs to be healed, 5 p.m. pre-service prayer with service at 6 p.m. (public may attend both services),

Life Church, 425 E. Nez Perce (100 South), Jerome, LIFECHURCHMV.COM or 208-324-5876.

TODAY'S MEETING MEMO

Feb. 2 meeting of Magic Valley Region of Idaho Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, guest speakers Starla Paulsen and Loretta Martins on Food Product Development - Glanbia Nutritionals, 7 a.m., Depot Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, 733-0874 or henri@lemoyne.com.

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.

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Photo Courtesy Twin Falls Public Library

In this unidentified photo, a group of 10 men pose among lava rocks and snow in a canyon area. If you have any information about this image, please contact us at frontdoor@magicvalley.com.

Olympics

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Boise — those numbers appear to be ticking upward as the economy declines. "They always see a 1 to 2 percent drop off and ours may be another percentage point or two above that," he said.

Currently, roughly 2,500 athletes are expected to attend, he said.

Meanwhile, cash donations have come in short, said Bruce Schreppe, CEO of the games. At one point, organizers were so optimistic that they anticipated raising \$31 million in cash and another several million of in-kind donations of labor, materials and facilities.

The new goal has been reduced to \$21 million in cash, with another \$11 million or so in in-kind donations. And with a week to go before the games, organizers are reviewing their back-up plans in case they fall short. The worst-case scenario includes a shortfall of roughly \$400,000, Schreppe said.

"We've made the investments to make sure the venues, communications, foods and sports events will be funded," Schreppe said.

"But there's open and closing ceremonies, the festival, the back-end cost and studies done after the games and those sorts of things where we could still make

some adjustments." Lots of adjustments have already been made: Only about 50 paid staffers are working on the event, and volunteers are being asked to take on additional duties to fill the gap. The Idaho National Guard is providing labor for events, and a local car dealership is loaning vehicles to help move all the people and equipment where it needs to go. Several food service providers have agreed to donate and deliver food to the athletes, and Northwest Nazarene University is assembling gift bags for the athletes. Local construction companies have donated labor to build the floor hockey arenas, award podiums and judging stands.

"It's a pretty lengthy list," Schreppe said. "We just asked folks to do more than what you usually do. In the end, I'm very confident, but a lot of us have had to work very hard to get this all done."

Schreppe said he's trying to save enough money to cover any last-minute expenses. But unfortunately, those expenses keep popping up.

"There's one particular food item that now looks like it won't get donated — lunch meat," he said. "And that has added almost \$28,000 to the bill."

Another shortage is with the organization's Host Town program, where local families agree to take in athletes and international delegations before the games. The accommodations allow the athletes to get acclimated to the climate and altitude, and allow for new friendships and cultural experiences to be built between families and athletes, he said.

Not enough homes have signed up for the Host Town program, however. That means the organization has to pay for hotel accommodations, food and transportation.

"It looks like we're going to be somewhere in the 900 range of people that we're going to have to put them up in hotels," Schreppe said.

Idaho taxpayers are pitching in \$3 million to pay for the games, and more than \$7 million more has come from the federal government.

Part of the challenge has been the short timeframe Boise organizers had to work with, Miles said. The 2009 Games were originally awarded to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, but the city backed out and Boise was selected as the new location in 2006.

"Between four and five years' notice would be more typical," Miles said.

Education

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economic downturn," Bell said Friday. "It may take all of that and a little more."

But when asked Thursday by JFAC how he'd plan to make additional cuts, Luna said he hasn't mapped that out yet. He did insist there's a limit before education will be severely impacted, though.

He later told reporters the "line is pretty close" because he reached a point where he had to tap into the Public Education Stabilization Fund. At the start of the session Luna opposed using any reserves at all, as Otter had originally proposed.

"I don't necessarily want to raid the stabilization fund, though, to find more money," he said. "I think we'd have to start considering other options and other sources of revenue."

He said if it gets worse he'll increase the "flexibility" in his recommendations given

to districts. He said local officials understand wages must be limited in dealing with the current economy.

Cameron said at Thursday's meeting he had a "nagging gut-ache" the economic situation would worsen. Afterward he said the goal is protecting student-teacher time together. The proposal to reduce three days' of pay and save \$15 million by combining half-days into full days, eliminating in-service days or attrition would help avoid layoffs, he said.

He said people losing jobs may be an issue for some districts, particularly if they suffer decreased enrollment or there are more cuts, but isn't sure the state has reached that point.

"I hope we're not getting to that point in the Magic Valley," he said. "I don't see that as being a problem now. Where that problem may

come in is if there are more significant cuts."

During Thursday's meeting, no lawmakers said they were opposed to any cuts, but many offered support for teachers and said their time with students needs to remain intact.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said three of the items directly impacting teachers — eliminating early retirement incentives; cutting three days' pay; and freezing salary increases based on experience — add up to a hefty amount.

"I've been involved with the meetings; I've seen the lists, talked to school people," she said. "I think I have some concerns about some of the items on the list but I don't think the final budget is going to look like that."

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AP photo

Nkem Chukwu, 29, right rear, her husband Iyke Louis Udobi, 41, center, and her mother Janet Chukwu, from Houston, Texas, pose with the couple's eight children in New York, Wednesday. Chukwu and Udobi were parents of the world's first octuplets in 1998, but one child died a week after birth. The seven surviving children are (middle row from left) Eche, Ikem, Gorom, Chidi, (front row from left) Chima, Jioke, and Ebuka, far right. Their little sister Favor, 6, second from right front, joined the family in 2002.

Octuplets

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However, the children's grandmother, Angela Suleman, told The Associated Press her daughter resorted to in vitro fertilization because "her fallopian tubes are plugged up" and she had trouble conceiving.

She said her daughter, who is unmarried, conceived all her children that way and has been obsessed with having children since she was a teenager. Fourteen grandchildren later, Angela Suleman expects her daughter is finished with fertility treatment.

"It's over now," she said. "It has to be. It can't go on any longer. She's got six children and no husband. I was brought up the traditional way. I firmly believe in marriage. But she didn't want to get married. So she got the in vitro."

Doctors at Kaiser Permanente said Nadya Suleman first came to the hospital when she was 12 weeks pregnant and rejected an offer from doctors to abort some of the embryos.

More common than in vitro among younger women is the use of fertility drugs that stimulate egg production;

doctors are supposed to monitor budding eggs and stop the drugs if too many develop.

Some medical experts were disturbed to hear that the woman was offered fertility treatment, and troubled by the possibility that she was implanted with so many embryos.

Dr. David Adamson, former president of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, said he was bracing for some backlash against his specialty.

In 30 years of practice, "I have never provided fertility treatment to a woman with six children," or ever heard of a similar case, said Adamson, director of Fertility Physicians of Northern California.

Women seeking fertility treatment are routinely asked to give a detailed history of prior pregnancies and births, and "it's a very realistic question to ask about someone who has six children: How does this fit into the concept of requiring fertility treatment?" Adamson said.

It was only the second time in U.S. history that eight babies survived more than a few hours after birth.

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Oakley	86%	55%	
Salmon Falls	101%	63%	

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



Don't ask me
Steve Crump

In dogged pursuit of another furry face

I've told you about my barely-contained obsession with acquiring more dogs (we only have three at our house at the moment), so for that reason my wife and I won't be watching the Super Bowl this afternoon.

Instead, we'll be viewing Puppy Bowl V on cable TV's Animal Planet.

The Puppy Bowl, for you cat lovers, is two hours worth of 54 puppies scampering around a 10-foot-by-19 foot "stadium" chewing on toys and each other, sitting in the field-level water dish (with a TV camera located underneath), and, yes, pooping — all with commentary by Harry Kalas, the narrator of NFL films and arguably the most familiar TV voice in America. (He says things like, "He's at the 20, he's at the 30! OK, now he's back at the 20, the 10.")

That may not sound like great television — a lot of tackling, but not much passing — yet it's an enormous hit, attracting 7.5 million viewers last year. And this year a parrot will sing the pre-game National Anthem and there will be a kitty half-time show.

Victoria, who's a sucker for a fuzzy face, can't get enough of it.

All of the dogs are from animal shelters in the Washington, D.C., area (Animal Planet is headquartered in Silver Springs, Md.), and this year viewers nationwide can adopt the, um, players.

So all my years of subterfuge in trying to get another mutt through our front door might — might — just pay off today.

"Baby, look at the fullback — isn't he cute!"
"He's homeless, you know."
"No!"
"We could change that, you know."

To help close the deal, I'm inviting all of the dogs in the neighborhood over to watch the show along with our three hounds. There will be Beggin' Strips for snacks.

Carmen, our heeler, and a couple of the neighborhood dogs are actually smart enough to pay attention to the "Puppy Bowl" on TV, so I'm hoping for a rapt audience of — oh — maybe five. My step-daughters aren't "Puppy Bowl" fans and our two dumber dogs, Annie the soft-coated wheaten terrier and Petunia, the Lhasa apso, will be sound asleep.

(Shoot, one more dog and we'll be some of those people you see on the 10 o'clock news.)

Still, I love it when a plan comes together, and I'm going into this afternoon with a fair degree of confidence I'll be able to increase our canine census.

But there are risks. Two years ago, for example, the players left the "field" a little early.

"You had two or three minutes of just a shot of an empty field — the dogs decided they were going to have halftime a little early," Rick Chandler, associate editor of the sports blog Deadspin, told *The New York Times* recently. "I thought it was very compelling TV."

My wife might not agree. Heck, she might get bored and switch back to the Super Bowl.

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County, health providers hash out clinic concerns

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County isn't likely to make any changes to its plans for its new Treatment and Recovery Clinic anytime soon.

But officials and local substance-abuse treatment providers may at least understand each other a bit better now, after representatives of several providers met with county commissioners on Thursday — though not clinic Executive Director Jaci Urie — over concerns the county has entered into direct competition with them.

The basic problem, the providers said, is that the county is wrapping up securing a state license for adult patients going through the state drug court. Such licenses are carefully handed out by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The providers said they feel there isn't a need for more adult outpatient services in the area, meaning a government agency will take away some of their business.

"All of us are struggling to make ends meet," said Sherri Molina, executive and clinical director of Sitman Inc., who also said the county's attractive benefits package had stolen away two of her employees.

Some were also upset at what they see as a change in priorities — closing Twin Falls' only teen residential treatment program, as St. Luke's Canyon View Behavioral Health Services did to the former county program in 2007, and then moving into the adult-care arena.

County commissioners said it's easier for the county to have its own employees provide jail services, and that Health and Welfare and the courts had told them they saw a need to help inmates and drug-court participants who don't qualify for state help but can't afford treatment themselves. The state license, they said, will obligate them to take in any clients who show up at their clinic's doors, and the money could help provide as much as one-third of its budget.

"If you would like to be taxed until you can't breathe again, then we can meet all the needs (of the community)," Commissioner Tom Mikesell said when asked about other needs.

The providers said they hadn't heard of the gap need, and questioned why they weren't asked to help with those services. Eric Jones with Preferred Child and Family Services said his company had approached former Sheriff Wayne Tousley with a proposal to

provide intake screenings for the jail a few years ago, but was rebuffed.

The county's license for adult drug-court clients is the result of a directive from the courts, said Bethany Gadzinski, Health and Welfare's state bureau chief for substance-abuse disorders. It's a move allowed under the law, but one she doesn't quite agree with.

"(The courts) said, 'We want this provider for our drug court.' And really, there's not really a need down there for that," Gadzinski said. "There's enough outpatient capacity in the Twin Falls area."

Gadzinski confirmed that the county does not need a license to serve any clients in the gap between state assistance and private-pay. Commissioners said during Thursday's meeting that they weren't even aware that was an option, but noted the state licensing also helps them apply for certain grants.

Commissioners also addressed concerns that Jaci Urie, Commission Chairman George Urie's daughter-in-law, had pushed the whole project and that the commissioner had used his position to benefit her. Mikesell noted that the idea of the clinic started in a 2004 conversation between her and Jaci Urie, and that she was

hired long before her father-in-law became a commissioner in 2006. George Urie has stayed out of votes involving her salary and other issues.

Commissioners said after the meeting that they were surprised to hear of the providers' concerns, but

would carry on with the project. Deborah Thomas with the Walker Center said she felt both sides had had "a good dialogue" that she expects to continue.

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Airport anticipates federal funding

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport is anticipating at least \$1 million this year in federal grant money to help with improvements at the facility.

Airport manager Bill Carberry will ask the Twin Falls City Council at its Monday meeting to accept a \$1 million grant offer from the FAA. The money will go toward new pavement for the airport's west ramp,

snow removal equipment and a pavement condition survey that will help the airport plan future improvements.


"It's over 20 years old and it's sort of in a crack-filled maintenance mode," Carberry said of the ramp. "It's just something it's at the end of its useful life. They need good, smooth pavements."

Because of the FAA's budget cycle, the airport will need to file paperwork later this year for the second phase of

the grant, which could be up to \$1.5 million more in funding in addition to the \$1 million.

Work on the ramp will take about six weeks and probably happen this summer, Carberry said, adding that the volume of air traffic will not be affected by the work.

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Homeless for a night

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Nearly 40 people spent Friday night living like the homeless.

They camped overnight in cardboard boxes at Twin Falls City Park in an event that the South Central Idaho Housing Council organized to raise awareness about homelessness.

On Saturday morning, they were inside the warmth of St. Edward's Catholic School adjacent to the park, eating a hot breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage patties. The breakfast began at 7 a.m., but many had woken up before then because of the low temperatures.

"It was cold," said Laurie Palmer of Jerome, who spent the night in a cardboard box with her husband Nick Palmer and their 10-year-old son Jacob. "My feet were frozen. I got in my car at 4 a.m."

Temperatures had dropped from 35 degrees on Friday afternoon to 19 degrees by about 4 a.m. Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

The experience helped the participants get a taste of what a life of homelessness brings.

"We all have a better understanding of what they go through," said Nick Palmer.

Ken Robinette, executive director of South Central Community Action Partnership, said his mustache froze at times during the night.

"It was intense," he said. "Outside the sleeping bag, it was cold."

For Robinette, his sleep lasted only an hour or so at a time because of the cold. While building his cardboard shelter, he wondered if the flimsy



Ken Robinette, executive director of South Central Community Action Partnership, eats breakfast Saturday morning after spending the night sleeping in a cardboard box at Twin Falls City Park. He volunteered for the event to raise homeless awareness, which was organized by the South Central Idaho Housing Council.

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Help the homeless

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Deb Lattin, another participant, agreed. Lattin works at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, where she helps people find resources and organizations for assistance.

"It was an adventure for us, but for them, it's a lifestyle," she said. "I have a warm house to go to. They don't."

AROUND THE VALLEY

Twin Falls tree commission, golf board have openings

Both the Twin Falls Golf Advisory Board and the Twin Falls Tree Commission have openings and are seeking applications. Applicants may stop by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department at 136 Maxwell Ave. for an application or call 736-2265 for information.

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Minnick selects locals to help with federal appointments

Congressman Walt Minnick, D-Idaho, has selected representatives from the Magic Valley to serve on three committees recommending finalists for pending federal appointments.

As ranking member of

the Democratic Party in Idaho, Minnick has been tasked by the new president to make recommendations to four positions in the state: U.S. Marshal, U.S. Attorney, Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency and State Director of USDA Rural Development.

On the committee for Agriculture positions are Brent Olmstead of Twin Falls, Bruce Newcomb of Burley, and Laird Noh of Kimberly.

On the committee for U.S. Marshal is Walt Femling, now serving as Blaine County sheriff.

The committees will sort through applicants and recommend finalists, who will be interviewed by Minnick prior to him making the final recommendation to the president.

"These positions are critical for Idaho, and making the best recommendations to the president is a great responsibility — one I take very seriously," Minnick said in a statement. "The committees will be a great help in not only helping me fulfill that responsibility, but also in finding the best possible candidates for recommendation."

— Staff and wire reports

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All patrons of South Side Electric are cordially invited to attend the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Members on **Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Multi Purpose room at Declo High School.

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EPA investigating Sand Creek Byway work

SANDPOINT (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is investigating whether the Idaho Transportation Department has done unauthorized work on the Sand Creek Byway in northern Idaho.

A site inspection was sparked by concerns about stormwater pollution resulting from work recently done on the byway, and the EPA is investigating whether the transportation department first obtained necessary waivers from the EPA to do the work.

In an e-mail sent on Thursday, the EPA told the transportation department that a waiver was still pending for work the department had

already completed that involved removing vegetation. Barbara Babic, spokeswoman for the department's District 1, said the EPA has taken no formal action against the state or the bypass contractor.

She said the e-mail from the EPA to the agency was a "staff-to-staff" communication.

"Their compliance status is under review and we don't know the outcome of that review yet," Kristine Karlson, a compliance and enforcement official with the EPA in Seattle, told the Bonner County Daily Bee.

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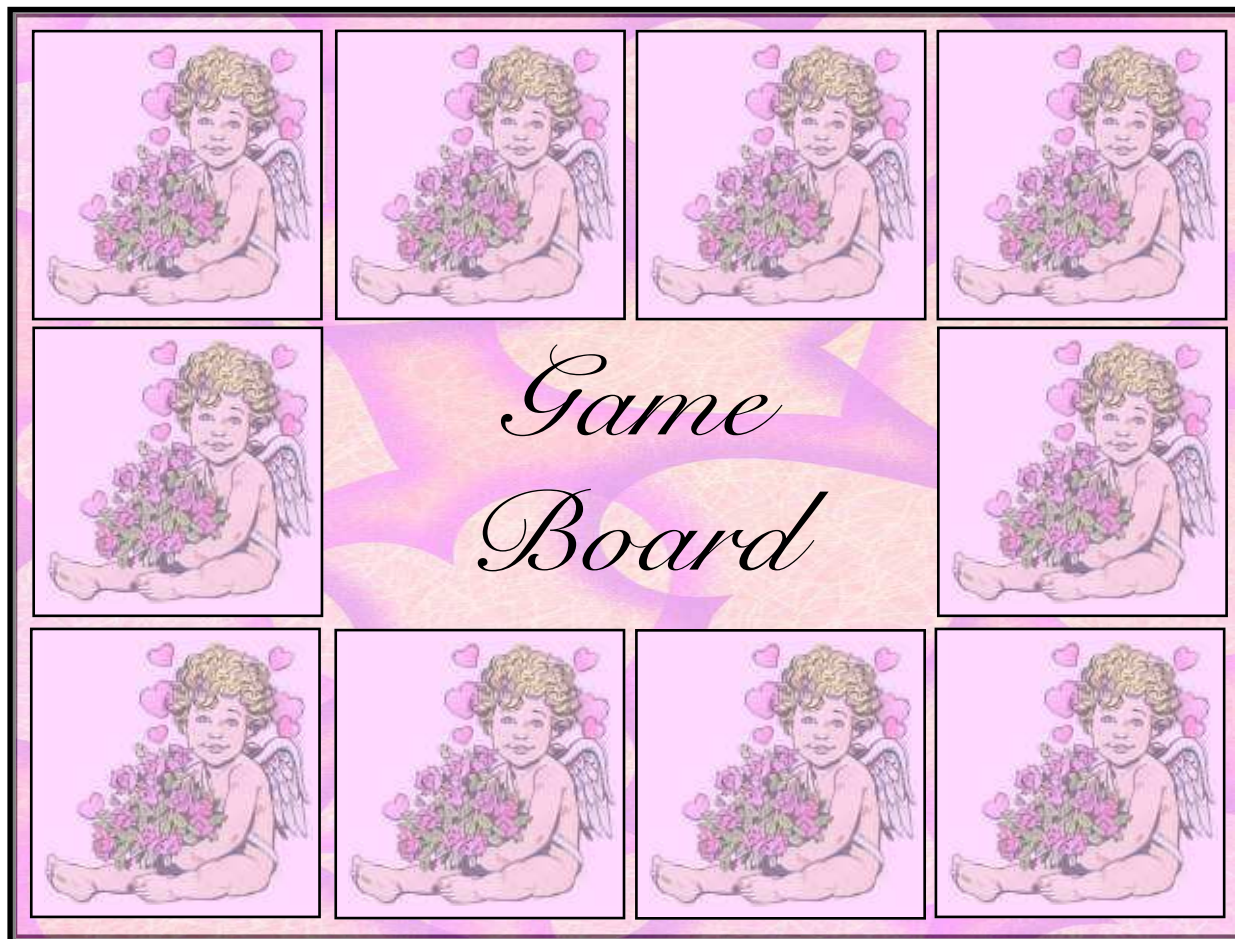
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At Capitol, legislators talk, money walks

BOISE — The 2009 Legislature finished its third week Friday, ending five days punctuated by state agencies' proposed budget cuts, lawmakers' pessimism about economic recovery and a reluctant proposal from the state's public schools chief to chop millions for education.

This week isn't looking much better.

Here are some other items from last week in the Capitol Annex.

• On Friday, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, announced to his committee it is about halfway through budget presentations by state agencies.

The daily hearings from state agencies end Feb. 18, and then chairmen for germane committees — those besides JFAC, such as the House Education Committee — will address budget writers, Cameron said. He said budgets will be set by March 13. Conventional wisdom has been for legislative sessions to end two weeks after budgets are set.

Meanwhile, lawmakers have expressed growing pessimism about January revenue numbers, which will be released in the coming days. A legislative economic outlook committee projected the 2010 budget to be about \$100 million less than economists for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

"It's a moving target," Cameron said of the budget JFAC will pick. "Things may worsen before they get bet-



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK
Jared S. Hopkins

ter, and we don't know what else is in store for us." He added: "a few of us have been through similar tough years, though nothing quite like this. There is no blueprint."

• Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna proposed Thursday chopping \$62 million from the public schools budget. But he asked lawmakers to look into some ideas for the 2011 budget should things worsen.

Among the ideas: consolidation of school district functions at the county level.

"Are there other things we can do to allow our communities to further the discussion?" asked Cameron.

Luna said it's time to have a "serious discussion" about combining things on the administrative level like human resources, transportation or payroll services. He said he's never "been a proponent of forced consolidation" but cited legislation that passed to provide incentives. In March a nonpartisan state study will be released on consolidation.

"If there's ever been a time when the Legislature and education has to look at consolidation, at least of services, I can't think of a better time," Luna said. "The consequences of not doing that may mean coming back and

"Things may worsen before they get better, and we don't know what else is in store for us."

— **Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, about Idaho's economic outlook**

cutting programs and teacher positions that we're trying to avoid today."

• Six pieces of legislation in the House have been referred to the Ways and Means Committee — essentially assuring their death for the session. House Speaker Lawrence E. Denney, R-Midvale, decides which committee bills go to. But the Ways and Means Committee is for leadership teams only and hardly meets; bills are sent there to kill them.

The bills are personal bills, which are usually introduced on the floor because chairmen are unwilling to address them in committee. The personal bill deadline was Jan. 23. One is a proposal by Rep. Branden Durst, D-Boise, to allow local-option taxing authority without a constitutional amendment.

Denney says he sends the bills to the committee to just save time because the chair-

men have already indicated they wouldn't see any time in committees.

• Quote of the week: "I hope the director (Cal Groen) heard that loud and clear and it can be filtered down the ranks ... so that when a livestock producer shows up and there's a pack of six or 10 wolves and wildlife services can go ahead and take out what's out there even before they know what's out there to get rid of what's out there." — Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terretton, an elk rancher and ardent critic of the federal government for its handling of the delisting of Canadian gray wolves from the Endangered Species Act, on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission's promise to be aggressive in controlling the animal.

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Hotels

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'A rising tide'

The chambers and economic development organizations in the valley are well aware of the problems room shortages can pose — and the economic benefits that more rooms would provide.

"We've really taken this on as an issue, to get more hotel rooms," said Bronwyn Patterson, public relations manager for the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber & Visitors Bureau. "There's kind of the mantra out there that if you build it, they will come."

"They" means tourists as well as workers — some for the hotels, but also for jobs that would be created when visitors and locals alike go out for shopping, dining and entertainment.

"It's the whole thing about a rising tide lifts all ships," said State Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, who previously was executive director for the Ketchum chamber.

In Ketchum, hotels are required to provide housing for a quarter of their employees (based on a standard number of employees per room), either by building affordable housing on site or providing equivalent housing elsewhere in the city. Five-star hotels, to provide the services that guests expect, have more employees per room than those with fewer stars.

"They're a huge economic engine for our community. They will provide a job base and increase our tourism and exposure to the outside world, and they'll increase vitality," said Lisa Horowitz, hotel planner for Ketchum. "We're all in this together, all the communities of Idaho. Improving the Ketchum economy helps the state as a whole; getting a better lodging base up here is good for all of us."

About a year ago, Ketchum created the Community and Economic Development Department, and hired Horowitz to head it. Although the department has other goals, facilitating more hotels in town is top priority.

The desire for luxury

There are two reasons that four- and five-star hotels are coming to Sun Valley and Ketchum: Visitors want luxury, and high-end rooms are the only structures developers can afford to build. Anything else wouldn't be profitable.

"Most of the areas that we compete with have very nice quality five-star hotels and the chamber will tell you they get calls from people who would like to stay at a comparable quality hotel in Sun Valley, and we really don't have that," said Dick Fenton, local coordinator for the developers of Ketchum Lodge, a high-end hotel proposal that is expected to come before Ketchum's planning and zoning commission in a few months. With 78 rooms, plus condos, fractional ownership condos, retail and restaurants, Ketchum Lodge will share plaza space with the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' new building planned for downtown Ketchum, Fenton said.

Ketchum Lodge is one of five active hotel proposals in Ketchum, Horowitz said. The others are the 80-bed Bald Mountain Lodge on South Main Street, which was submitted to the city last month; The Hotel Ketchum, a 70-bed building just across River Street from Bald Mountain Lodge, which was approved by the City Council last fall; the 120- to 180-bed Warm Springs Ranch Resort in Warm Springs, which the planning commission has approved; and Sun Valley Co.'s River Run Resort, with 100 to 200 beds, which has been proposed for annexation.

Many of the rooms in Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley's flagship hotel, have been remodeled to meet high-end guests' expectations, said Jack Sibbach, director of sales, marketing and public relations for Sun Valley Co. He said the company welcomes the coming wave of luxury hotels because of their potential to drive the economy, and he isn't worried that Sun Valley Lodge will lose business.

"We have a lot of people who can afford a lot more than this, who will come back

and stay here. We have people who've stayed here for 50 years, and they bring their children and grandchildren," Sibbach said. "We always are proud of our history and use it in our marketing."

All these planned rooms are likely just the first that will be proposed for Ketchum and Sun Valley, said Doug Brown, director of the Wood River Economic Partnership. "The marketers have determined there is a need for between 500 and 800 upscale hotel rooms that this market could support."

Is the money there?

That assumes hotel developers can get financing. And in a declining economy, money isn't falling from the sky like snow.

"It'll be very difficult for a lot of hotels to come in because of the price of land right now," Sibbach said. "To pencil out, it's almost impossible now."

Fenton, who works with other hotel developers in mountain resorts, said developers are adding saleable residential units — condos and houses — to help pay for the hotel rooms, and amenities such as spas, golf courses and convention facilities. The latter are especially important in resort towns because conventions help fill hotels during spring and fall, when tourism is low. However, these amenities take up expensive real estate.

"Up here, dirt and water are more valuable than platinum and gold," Spinelli said.

Fenton estimated that in downtown Ketchum, land is selling for \$250 to \$270 per square foot — meaning a city block would run more than \$10 million.

"In Hailey the same property is probably 70 to 80 bucks a foot," he said. "The other side of that same coin is if there was a comparable parcel in Aspen, it'd be some multiple of \$250."

And although the cost of land might appear to be the limiting financial factor, increasing construction costs can't be ignored. To make a hotel work when it costs so much to build, developers add those saleable units and amenities, but they also build up as well as out.

"It seems like each year you have to build higher or wider to get the same number of rooms," Brown said. "All these costs have escalated and the need for greater mass has increased."

The character issue

Greater mass often isn't so popular with the neighbors.

At the Ketchum planning commission meeting last month where the Warm Springs Ranch Resort was approved, Warm Springs resident Wally Limburg questioned the increases in building size the developers wanted.

"It's getting out of control," he said. "It's not in keeping with the neighborhood and it's getting worse."

Individuals with similar concerns have expressed them at hearings for other proposed hotels, and it's an issue planners are aware of.

"Their biggest issue on all of these hotels is their size, either the height or the bulk of the buildings. The reality is, if we want a hotel or a resort, we will probably need to accept some increase in size," Horowitz said.

Jaquet said she's confident city planners will take these concerns into account as they consider hotel projects.

"I think the community is really sensitive to making sure quality of life is preserved," she said. "You don't want to look like downtown Seattle, you want to look like Ketchum, Sun Valley. That's why people come to see us."

But town character isn't a stagnant thing, said the planners and developers. Horowitz noted that many former Ketchum residents have moved to Hailey or Bellevue because they can't afford to live in the ski town anymore.

"Most people who actually live here are very concerned about the 'dark windows' syndrome, that there aren't as many locals here in Ketchum as there once were," she said. By adding workers at the hotels and other businesses,

some of whom will live in town, as well as the tourists who will stay at the hotels, there will be more feet on the sidewalks even during slack seasons, she said.

Warm Springs homeowner Lee Chubb isn't so sure. He worries that large projects such as Warm Springs Ranch Resort will drive out full-time residents and tilt the economy toward a mono-culture of tourism.

"We're constantly reducing our year-round population, and now they're destroying the reason (that) people who were able to stay stayed for," said the 17-year Ketchum resident. "You're killing the goose that laid the golden egg."

He favors projects such as Ketchum Lodge that fit the city's character and accommodate resident concerns, but says Warm Springs Ranch Resort is too big for the neighborhood and he'll move when it's built.

A ticking clock

With financing increasingly difficult to come by as the

See **KETCHUM**, Main 7



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ABOVE: The Bald Mountain Lodge, which has just been submitted to the city of Ketchum for consideration, is one of several hotel projects proposed to increase guest accommodations in the Wood River Valley. All the projects feature luxury rooms, because that is what tourists are asking for and because lower-end projects are not affordable for developers.



LEFT: The Warm Springs Ranch Resort is a large resort hotel planned for the Warm Springs area of Ketchum. Next week, the Ketchum City Council will hold two final public meetings before likely approving the luxury hotel, which would add as many as 180 high-end rooms to the valley.

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Ketchum

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economy worsens, both developers and planners worry that projects won't go forward as planned.

"I'm concerned there are a lot of big projects proposed right now. I would like to see that once a project is pro-

posed, what's proposed gets built," said Vanessa Fry, executive director of Citizens for Smart Growth, an advocacy group in Ketchum. She noted that the community has to look for additional solutions to the economic situation it faces. "I don't want the hotels

to be thought of as the silver bullet that'll solve all our problems."

Through Ketchum's Community and Economic Development Department, the city has streamlined the process to get a project approved, which developers

said was a serious consideration when looking at the city for a hotel site.

"We're all very cognizant of the difficulties of putting the financing together today, and we're all spending tons of money to go through the planning and approvals process in the hopes of being able to finance them," Fenton said. "The expectation is that

as they wind their way through the approvals process, that the capital markets will improve and they'll be able to finance the projects."

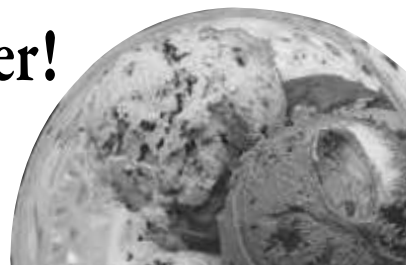
Even liberal estimates put the completion of the first new rooms at years — perhaps as many as four, Horowitz said — but the quicker the process, the

quicker results will be seen. "Being able to keep the ball rolling is really important, and the leadership seems to get that right now," Brown said. "Time is of the essence; the clock is ticking. We've got to get things going here."

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So, where's the money?

A stimulus bill that's not all that stimulating

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — They call it “stimulus” legislation, but the economic measures racing through Congress would devote tens of billions of dollars to causes that have little to do with jolting the country out of recession.

There's \$345 million for Agriculture Department computers, \$650 million for TV converter boxes, \$15 billion for college scholarships — worthy, perhaps, but not likely to put many Americans back to work quickly.

Yes, there are many billions of dollars in “ready-to-go” job-creating projects in President Barack Obama's economic stimulus bill. But there are also plenty of items that are just unfinished business for Congress' old bulls.

An \$800 billion-plus package, it turns out, gives lawmakers plenty of opportunities to rid themselves of nagging headaches left over from the days when running up the government's \$10 trillion-plus debt was a bigger concern.

There's \$1 billion to deal with Census problems and \$88 million to help move the Public Health Service into a new building next year. The Senate would devote \$2.1 billion to pay off a looming shortfall in public housing accounts, \$870 million to combat the flu and \$400 million to slow the spread HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia.

“I have communicated to the administration that there are parts of this package that don't meet the test that they themselves established of temporary, timely and targeted,” said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D. He wants Obama to weigh in to knock out the clunkers during House-Senate negotiations.

But nothing is in the legislation by accident. By including in the

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Illustration by David G. Klein/The New York Times

Boise and Sandpoint banks receive \$42 million in federal aid

State officials say more Idaho banks likely to join list

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The U.S. Treasury announced the names of three Idaho banks that have received federal government investments under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, also known as TARP.

Syringa Bancorp and Idaho Bancorp, both based in Boise, as well as Intermountain Bancorp, based in Sandpoint, were listed on the U.S. Treasury Department's Transaction Report — the report lists all financial institutions that are receiving federal investments.

The three state-chartered banks received nearly \$42 million, and several other banks that do business in

Idaho are on the list.

No banks based in the Magic Valley area were on the list.

Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance, said more Idaho banks will likely choose to participate in the program in coming months.

“It is important that the banks' customers, shareholders, and all Idahoans be clear on what it means if a bank participates, or decides not to participate, in the (program),” Gee said. “The term ‘bailout’ does not apply to this program, and its use does a disservice to the banks that participate, and is misleading to the public.”

The program was created by the U.S. Treasury Department to restore confidence in the financial sys-

tem and to encourage banks to increase the flow of financing to businesses and consumers.

Gee said the the TARP program is voluntary.

“Whether or not a bank participates in the (program) should not be interpreted by the public as any indication of the bank's condition,” Gee said. “Each bank necessarily reached a decision based on the best business interests of the bank, its shareholders, and its community.”

He said some of the factors that the banks had to consider were:

- The results of the federal government investing in the bank, meaning that the government would be a shareholder.
- The program comes

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— Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance

with strings attached, including limits on executive compensation, and restrictions on share repurchases and dividend payment increases.

• Participating banks must pay the federal government dividends. The initial dividend rate is 5 percent annually until the fifth year, before it increases to a rate of 9 percent annually.

• The U.S. Treasury also reserves the right to purchase either common or preferred stock depending on whether the financial

institution is a public or privately held organization.

As opposed to a bailout, the TARP program creates an opportunity for federal government investment in healthy banks, Gee said.

The investments will be repaid. Until repaid, the banks will pay dividends to the government.

“Idaho's banks have a long history of meeting the credit needs of their communities...,” Gee said. “I expect this will be true for their use of any federal investment money.”



Go to Magicvalley.com to see an Associated Press video of the many attachments to the stimulus package

Soaring insurance costs are a blow, even when employers cover more of the tab

By V. Dion Haynes
The Washington Post

INSIDE

A breakdown of changes in healthplan coverage since 1988.

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veyed nearly 2,000 large corporations in a representative poll and found that 44 percent planned to increase employee-paid portion of premiums in 2009, compared with 40 percent in 2008.

The economic slowdown, according to analysts, is making it more difficult for many employers to subsidize health care costs at previous levels. On average, experts say, benefit packages contain the biggest increases for workers since the recession of 2001. Workers' health costs are rising much faster than wages.

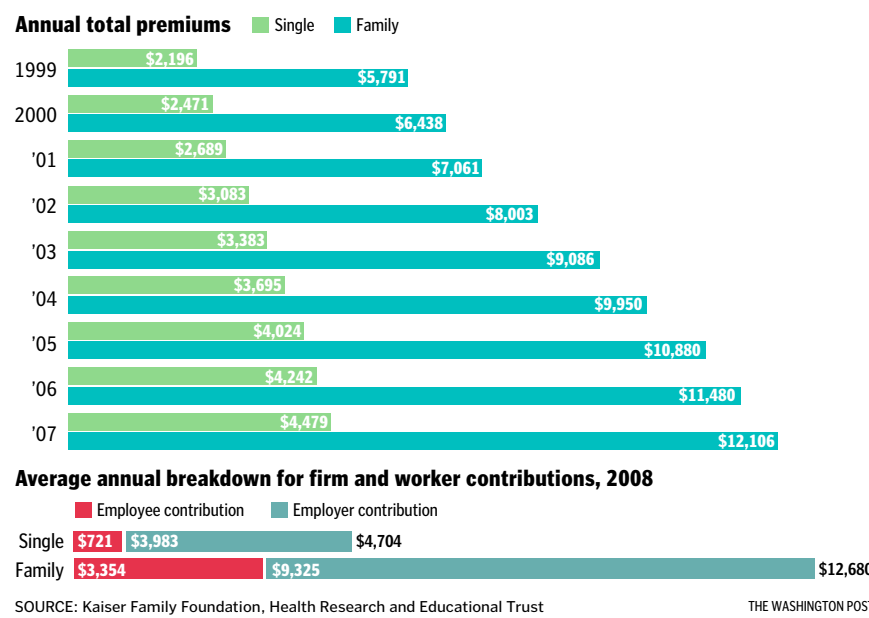
The cost-shifting is one more piece of bad news battering consumers, analysts said, reducing their spending power and giving them one more reason to hold on to their money. Adding to consumers' financial squeeze is the plummeting stock market, which has crushed retirement funds. Many companies, including Sears, Starbucks, FedEx and GM, have stopped matching workers' 401(k) contributions.

To cut costs, employers increasingly are introducing high-deductible “health savings accounts” and focusing on wellness programs aimed at keeping workers healthy through diet and exercise.

Ten years ago, employers on

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Steadily increasing health insurance costs are taking an ever-larger bite out of company and employee budgets.



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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Diane J. Peavey

The American Sheep Industry Association has selected **Diane Josephy Peavey** of Flat Top Sheep Co. in Carey for its Shepherd's Voice Award for Broadcast Media. It is one of six industry awards the organization conferred at its 2009 national convention in January and the only one in broadcast media. The Shepherd's Voice is given in recognition of outstanding broadcast coverage of the sheep industry locally, statewide and/or nationally.

She was nominated for the award by the Idaho Wool Growers Association. For 17 years, Peavey has been writing and reading her stories for the Boise State public radio network. Her book "Bitterbrush Country," based in part on these radio pieces, has been described as a love story of the West. She also has been a contributor to numerous regional journals, magazines and anthologies.

Peavey, with her husband, third generation owner of Flat Top Sheep Co. and former State Senator, John Peavey, also created the nationally renowned Trailing of the Sheep Festival. Peavey, who also shares her stories through the Idaho Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau, accepted the industry award at the American Sheep Industry Convention in San Diego, Calif. on Jan. 23.

Lauralee Rose

The designation of Certified Insurance Service Representative has been conferred upon **Lauralee Rose** of Starley-Leavitt Insurance in Twin Falls, after her successful completion of five one-day courses covering all areas of insurance risks and exposures, followed by extensive examinations. She has been with Starley-Leavitt since 1995 as receptionist.

The CISR Program, available to insurance professionals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, is distinguished from other programs of its kind by an annual continuing education requirement, which ensures that designees stay current on the important policy changes and trends within the industry.

Lou Coopman

Lou Coopman, a long time dairyman in the Hagerman Valley, is retiring from Farmers National Bank's board of directors.

Coopman served 31 years on Farmers board and brought a vast amount of experience to the table during his tenure. His dedication and knowledge is appreciated and will be missed.

Jyl Beveridge and Greg Baer

The Land Group, Inc. announced that **Jyl Beveridge** and **Greg Baer** have passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination. They are both now registered landscape architects in the State of Idaho.

Beveridge graduated from

the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture and has over three years experience in commercial, parks, and institutional projects.

Baer has over eight years of landscape architecture and irrigation experience. He specializes in golf course irrigation, commercial irrigation and pump station design.

Richard Schafer

Richard Schafer, a Twin Falls Allstate agent, was recently awarded an Agency Hands in the Community Award for his commitment to volunteering in the local community. With this award comes a \$500 grant from The Allstate Foundation to the non-profit organization at which he volunteers.

Schafer volunteers with the City of Rupert where he has helped raise funds for a community swimming pool.

The grants are part of Allstate's "Agency Hands in the Community" program. Allstate agents and financial specialists are recognized for their outstanding commitment to community service with a \$500 donation to the charitable organization where they volunteer. To qualify for the grant, agents must show evidence of volunteer work that has had a positive impact on the local community.

Brant "Buz" Vanskike

Assistant Fire Management Officer **Brant "Buz" Vanskike** has retired from the Sawtooth National Forest after 36 years of service.

For Vanskike, enjoying retirement will mean teaching a new generation of leaders on the finer points of emergency management operations with the Institute of Emergency Management of Idaho State University, keeping busy with carpentry projects, and taking more time for hunting and golfing.

In 1972 he began working at the Shake Creek Ranger Station on a range and timber project crew on the Fairfield Ranger District, the district where he spent most of his career.

In 1973, he transitioned into range management, where he stayed until 1984. Seizing an opportunity, Vanskike was promoted to minerals program manager and was kept busy administering mining claims from 1985 through 1993.

In 1994, he became the fire management officer on the Fairfield District until 2002, before finally moving to Twin Falls and accepting the position of assistant fire management officer for the Sawtooth National Forest.

For more than 20 years, Vanskike also has been active on the national and Great Basin Fire Management Teams during which he attained the position of deputy incident commander.

Austin Franks

Jensen Jewelers announced that **Austin Franks** has graduated from the Master Jewelry Salesman Program.

Franks, who works at the Magic Valley Mall location, completed the required 12-week course involving extensive training in all aspects of customer needs in areas of diamonds, genuine stones, watches, and all facets of jewelry making and repair.

MILESTONES

LIBERTY TAX



Courtesy photo

Liberty Tax, located at 1563 Fillmore St., Ste. 2E, in Twin Falls cut the red ribbon recently along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They are a new member of the Chamber. In the fall of 2008, Jennifer and Matthew Johnson purchased the Liberty Tax Service on Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls and moved it to its new location. They currently own all three Liberty Tax Service locations in the Magic Valley area, two in Twin Falls and one in Jerome. Liberty's offers income tax preparations with fast, accurate service with money back guarantee. They provide computerized income tax preparation, electronic filing and refund loans. Audit assistance and free checking of income tax returns is part of their commitment to service. Information: 733-5525 or www.libertytax.com. Pictured from left, Lady Liberty, Barb Meyers, regional developer; and Jennifer and Matthew Johnson, owners.

CANYON FLORAL



Courtesy photo

Canyon Floral, a new family owned business, has opened in the Magic Valley. It is located at 1563 Fillmore St., North Bridge Plaza, Unit 1-C, in Twin Falls. Pictured are the business owners, Elizabeth Lehmann, Iona Lehmann, Robin Routt, and Jennifer Lehmann. They have more than 20 years experience and are master designer certified. Canyon Floral is a full-service fresh floral and live plant store. They will be holding a ribbon cutting later this month. Information: 733-9292.

Officers, board elected for irrigation group

Elections for the 2009 officers and board of directors for the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association were held recently in Idaho Falls. Third generation IIEA member Blake Fischer, B.A. Fischer Sales Co. Inc., Boise, was elected as president. Kasey Garrett, Rain For Rent, Nampa, will serve as vice president and Jerry Troy, Western Supply, Boise, was given the nod as treasurer.

Three board members were elected to two-year terms: Kent Kidd, Valmont Industries, Declo; Bill Rawlings, BD Sales & Supply, Preston; and Pat Purdy, Precision Pumping Systems, Boise. These new board members join Clay Smith, G&S Sales, Salt Lake City, Utah; Quentin Nesbitt, Idaho Power Co., Boise; and Tad Barrie, Butte Irrigation Inc., Paul; who have one more year on their terms. Clint Eshelman, Mitchell, Lewis and Staver, Boise will serve as past president.

The following members will serve as committee chairs for association activities this year: Education Chair: Howard Neibling, University of Idaho, Twin Falls; Scholarship Chair: Trade Bedke, Butte Irrigation, Paul; Ag Membership Chair:

Brent Wickel, Senninger Irrigation, Albion; Turf Membership Chair Ryan Bushman, Inman Interwest, Riverdale, Utah; Summer Meeting Chair: Wayne Haffner, Fresno Valves & Castings, Jerome; and Golf Tournament Chair: Bernie Fischer, B.A. Fischer Sales Co. Inc., Boise.

The chairmen for the 2009 Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show in Nampa will be Dan Meeker, United Pipe & Supply, Boise and Jason Beckman, Valley Irrigation Service & Supply, Caldwell; and Tondee Clark, Boise, has begun her 13th year as secretary.

DR. AMY J. KAUFFMAN



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at Dr. Amy J. Kauffman, PLLC at 1945 Hiland Ave., Burley, to commemorate their grand opening. The practice is owned by Dr. Kauffman and managed by Kevin Kauffman. Dr. Kauffman, Kevin, and their daughter Mallory are pictured cutting the ribbon. Alpha Mahler, nurse practitioner, is also pictured in the photo. Business hours are 8 a.m. 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information: 678-0900.

CLEARWATER MORTGAGE



Courtesy photo

Clearwater Mortgage has a new address, 963 Blue Lakes Blvd. Twin Falls. They celebrated recently with the Twin Falls area Chamber's Ambassadors with a ribbon cutting. Jerry Russo is ambassador emeritus. They want to thank everyone for the past 10 years and look forward to serving you at their new location. Stop by their office today for help with your financial needs. Information: 732-6022 or visit their website www.clearwatermortgage.com. Pictured from left, Christy Bush, Candace Wright, Shelly Cameron, Jerry Russo, Brad Bellem, and Lisa Williams.

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average paid about 90 percent of their workers' health costs, said Shub Debgupta, senior director of the Benefits Roundtable at the Corporate Executive Board. That is down to 73 percent, Debgupta said, and is expected to drop to 70 percent over the next few years.

Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland, Calif., which previously charged workers nothing for health insurance, this year is requiring nonunion employees to pay up to \$225 a month for dependents and is increasing deductibles by \$100, a spokeswoman said. The hospital is losing millions of dollars on public-assistance patients whose care is not fully reimbursed by the federal government, a situation that worsened when the state's unemployment rate soared to 8.4 percent.

Some small businesses, which lack financial reserves to offset revenue losses and have fewer workers to spread the insurance risk, are shifting even more to employees.

Officials at Maloney & Fox, a marketing firm in New York, opted this year to reduce the employer-paid proportion of health coverage from 80 percent to 50

percent as an alternative to laying off workers. "We've had two clients drop off (and remaining clients are) being conservative with their marketing dollars," said Margie Fox, co-president.

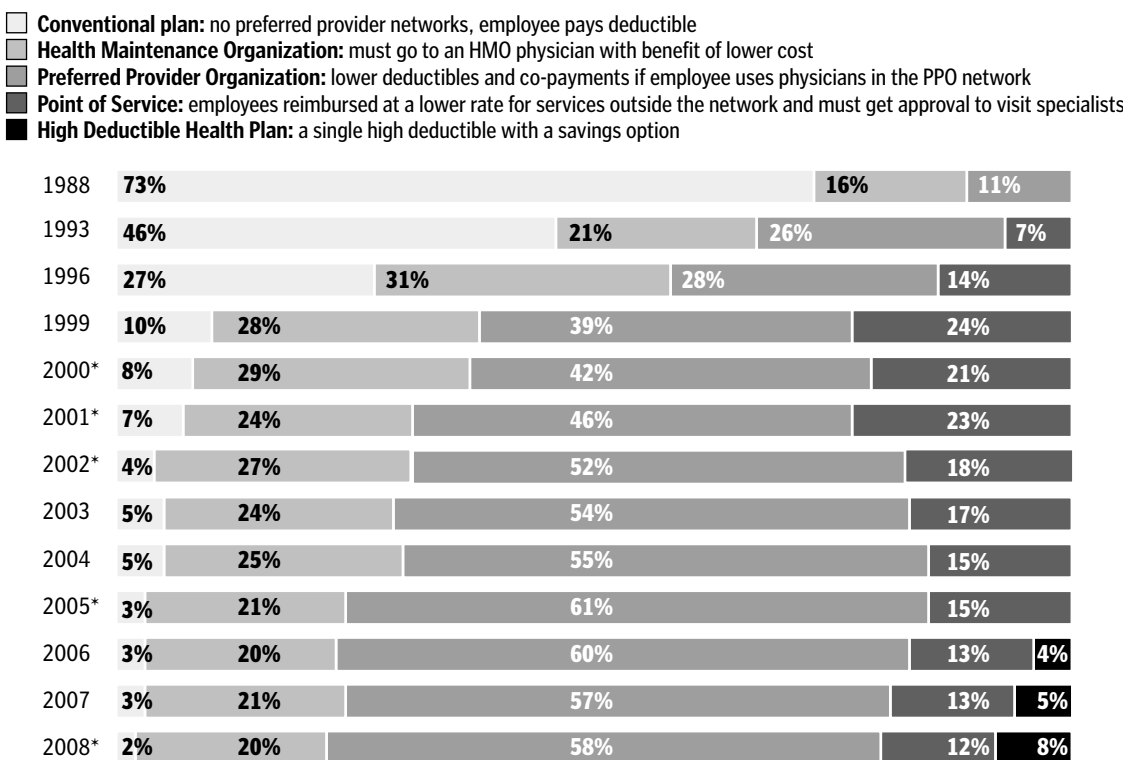
Even government employees are feeling the pain.

"I'm hearing from (federal workers) across the country that once their January pay raise is implemented they will take home less because of the increase in their health insurance premiums," said Colleen Kelley, national president of the 150,000-member National Treasury Employees Union based in Washington. The workers on average will get a 3.9 percent raise, but, depending on the plan they have, their health care premiums will increase 7 to 13 percent, Kelley said. Premiums in 2008, she added, rose between 2.1 percent and 8.5 percent.

Premiums for employer-sponsored plans over a decade on average have risen to \$12,680 a year from \$5,791, according to the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. The median deductible for the plans was \$1,000 in 2008, compared with \$500 from 2001 to 2007, according to a survey of 2,900 employers conducted by Mercer.

Changes in Coverage

Health plan enrollment for covered workers, by plan type, 1988-2008



SOURCE: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1999-2008; KPMG Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1993-1996; The Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA), 1988

THE WASHINGTON POST

Latest merger is not what the doctor ordered

WASHINGTON — Three things are indisputably true about the pharmaceutical industry:

Over the past decade, there has been significant cross-border consolidation, involving major pharmaceutical companies and promising biotech firms.

Whatever operating efficiencies that consolidation may have generated, none of it was passed on to consumers in the form of lower prices.

During the same period, there has been a steady decline in the number of important new drugs flowing from company research labs.

All of which ought to raise serious questions about why the government's antitrust regulators should approve the latest industry mega-merger in which No. 2 Pfizer proposes to buy No. 11 Wyeth in a deal valued at \$68 billion.

The impetus for this merger couldn't have been clearer: In 2011, the patent will expire on Pfizer's blockbuster cholesterol-lowering drug, Lipitor, which now



STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

accounts for a quarter of the company's revenue, and there is little in Pfizer's development pipeline to replace it.

Unable to stop the slide in its stock price by creating new drugs, Pfizer has concluded that the next best way to keep shareholders happy is through financial engineering. The company will borrow \$22 billion at steep interest rates and pay a 29 percent premium to pick up Wyeth, which has been more successful moving from chemical compounds into biotech products and has a few high-potential products in development.

As they always do, the companies argue that the deal should sail through antitrust review. Using traditional antitrust analysis, that's exactly what would

happen. The two companies have few, if any, overlapping products and the combination is expected to generate \$4 billion in savings over the next three years. Even after the merger, there will be at least 10 large global players in the industry.

But pharmaceuticals is an industry that doesn't lend itself to traditional market analysis. Because the bulk of profits in the industry come from temporary monopolies — government-granted patents — the current marketplace is not where the important competition takes place. Rather, the real rivalry takes place "upstream," as companies compete to innovate, either by developing medicines in their labs or by buying up promising patents and biotech start-ups. And in that "market for innovation," it is hard to see how further consolidation would be good for consumers.

It is important to remember that, like many industries, the pharmaceutical industry divides itself into sub-markets — cancer drugs, heart drugs, painkillers, vaccines — and

that because not all companies compete in all markets, there are only a few players in each. Eliminating one of the global players, therefore, risks reducing to a handful the number of players in each sub-market.

It is also important to remember that this is an industry that deserves to be treated with deep suspicion by antitrust regulators because of its congenital distaste for competition.

It is an industry that spends lavishly on lawyers and lobbyists to protect and extend its patents and throw up endless challenges to approvals of competitive drugs.

It is an industry in which companies rarely compete on the basis of price, both because its patents give it near-monopoly pricing

power and because the people who decide which drug to use (doctors) are not the ones who pay the bills (insurers and consumers).

It is an industry in which companies facing expiration of lucrative patents routinely pay millions of dollars to potential rivals to delay the introduction of lower-priced generic drugs under the guise of "joint ventures" — payments that the Federal Trade Commission has described as kickbacks designed to lessen competition.

And it is an industry that, when all else fails, would always rather buy a rival than compete against it.

Consider Ovation Pharmaceuticals of Deerfield, Ill. Back in August 2005, Ovation bought from Merck a drug called Indocin IV, which at the time was the

only approved product to treat a life-threatening heart condition in prematurely born infants. Unfortunately for Ovation, Abbott

Laboratories was in the process of winning approval from the Food and Drug Administration of a product that would compete with Indocin. So in January 2006, Ovation purchased the rights for the second drug, NeoProfen. According to a complaint filed in December by the FTC, Ovation then raised the price of Indocin by nearly 1,300 percent, from \$36 per vial to nearly \$500. When NeoProfen eventually hit the market, it was priced at roughly the same level.

(For the record, Ovation says it has done nothing wrong and that it priced its drugs appropriately.)

Official: GOP senator tops list for commerce post

By Philip Elliott
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama appeared Saturday to be leaning toward appointing a third Republican to his Cabinet, a move that would place the fiscally conservative Sen. Judd Gregg at the head of the Commerce Department even though a liberal Democrat was initially tapped for the post.

The appointment of the New Hampshire Republican — his family has close ties to the family of former President George W. Bush — also could bring the Senate closer to the 60-vote majority Democrats need to thwart Republicans seeking to filibuster legislation. However, there was no guarantee that New Hampshire's independent-minded governor would replace Gregg with a Democrat.

Republicans privately hoped Gregg would negotiate a deal that would allow the GOP keep the seat. Some suggested party elders Warren Rudman or Walter Peterson while others pointed to Doug Scamman, a former speaker of the New Hampshire House and one of Gov. John Lynch's Republican allies.

Gregg is the leading candidate to become commerce secretary, an Obama administration official said Saturday.

A decision could come as soon as Monday, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official wasn't authorized to discuss

administration deliberations.

Gregg's spokeswoman had no comment Saturday. The senator acknowledged Friday that he was being considered to lead the Commerce Department, though Republicans were urging him to think carefully about what changing jobs would mean to the GOP.

Gregg, who devised the \$700 billion banking bailout package last year, would be a strong ambassador to the business community. He would also have huge sway over the 2010 Census that lawmakers will use to redraw congressional districts to reflect states' populations and determine their electoral votes in future presidential contests.

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Bonuses no luxury for some Wall Street workers

By Madlen Read
and Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — To President Barack Obama, Wall Street's \$18.4 billion in bonuses is "shameful." To thousands of bank employees who don't sit in corner offices, that money helps pay the bills.

Outrage over the bonuses reached as high as the White House this past week following news that financial firms were rewarding employees even as they were being bailed out with billions of taxpayer dollars. The feelings are understandable: The average Wall Street bonus of \$112,000 was about twice the average American's income.

But the issue is a complicated one.

While Wall Street investment banks and other financial firms make headlines for the millions paid out to certain executives, more modest bonuses go to workers from human resources representatives to secretaries as well as employees who actually made money for their companies last year.

Jason Weisberg, vice president of the Wall Street brokerage Seaport Securities, said bank employees count on performance bonuses like salesmen count on commissions.

"What are you supposed to pay them?" Weisberg asked. "Or are you not supposed to pay them? And if you don't pay them, how do you expect that employee to stay employed at that company?"

A product manager at one investment bank said she is cutting corners after her 2008 bonus fell by 38 percent, even though her job performance exceeded expectations and her division posted a profit. To save money, she's raising the deductible on her health insurance to lower the premium, shopping around for less expensive car insurance and cutting back on small luxuries.

"My bills haven't gone down by 40 percent," said the worker, who isn't being named because talking to the media is against her employer's rules.

Many argue that anyone who works at a bank right now should feel lucky to be employed — after all, hundreds of thousands of their colleagues have been shown the door over the past year.

Most compensation experts say bonuses will be much lower in the coming years, but that some sort of bonus system should stay in place at these institutions to separate the strong performers from the laggards.

Part of the problem with bonuses for 2008 stem from many of them being contractually guaranteed before the banks' troubles escalated.

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If you never worked on Wall Street, it is hard to wrap your head around the idea that a company that lost billions of dollars in a single year, as Citigroup did in 2008, can still pay its employees billions of dollars in bonuses. On Friday, Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) proposed a bill to cap workers' pay at banks that received bailout money at \$400,000, including bonuses.

Relief Program," or TARP, required compensation for senior executives to be subject to "clawbacks" — where the companies would recoup pay if it was based on inaccurate information, or if the employee's actions hurt the company. But it did not give the government authority to scrap bonus contracts.

Consultant Vicki Elliott said she expects the banks will make fewer guarantees going forward. Elliott leads the global financial services industry consulting group at the business consulting firm Mercer, a subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Cos.

"The landscape is changing," she said. If it were up to James Reda, a compensation consultant who has testified on Capitol Hill, bonuses would not be cut to zero, but instead brought down to about \$8 billion or \$9 billion. That would be about half of the 2008 Wall Street bonus pool and about a

quarter of what it was in 2007. The base salaries of most secretaries and information technology workers on Wall Street are comparable to other industries, anyway, he said.

The \$18.4 billion doled out in Wall Street bonuses last year was down 44 percent from the previous year. Per person, the average bonus dropped 36.7 percent to \$112,000. (It's a smaller drop because the investment banks laid off so many workers last year.)

All the very top executives at the major banks — including Citigroup, AIG, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Bank of America and Merrill Lynch — gave up their bonuses.

And many major banks have been modifying their bonus policies. Both Morgan Stanley and Citigroup said late last year they plan to tie compensation for employees eligible for bonuses more closely to performance, and allow for clawbacks.

Europe's UBS AG also added a clawback provision.

Managers argue that while Main Street views bonuses as extra money, the annual incentive often represents a big chunk of compensation for most Wall Street workers. That means banks would risk of losing their smartest and most productive employees if the bonuses were trimmed too dramatically.

Executive compensation consultant Steven Hall said he knows of at least one firm, which he wouldn't name, that already has drawn up a list of potential employees to poach if they are unhappy with their bonuses.

Although many people might say good riddance to any defector against this backdrop, Hall argues taxpayers should want banks to retain the cream of the crop given that the federal government has become a shareholder in so many banks.

"The reality is good people will always be able to get a job someplace else if they are unhappy," Hall said. "So do you want to own stock in a company that is filled with people who can't get a job anywhere else?"

But even to some Wall Street workers, the pay has gotten out of hand.

Gordon Charlop, managing director at the Wall Street brokerage Rosenblatt Securities, called the president's criticism "fair."

"I can't disagree with the president here," Charlop said, adding that there's a "disconnect" between pay structures on Wall Street and the companies' responsibility to the country and shareholders.

A Wall Street veteran at one financial services firm said he was notified that his bonus will be slashed by 30 percent. He would not disclose the amount, but said he isn't losing any sleep over it.

"You could absolutely make an argument that we shouldn't be getting any bonuses this year," said the worker, who also requested anonymity because of his company's restrictions on talking to the media.

"If you are going to have a pay-for-performance system, you have to take the lows with the highs," he said. "This just happened to be a really low year."

He said he feels sorry for clerks and other people making less than \$60,000 per year who are also having their annual bonuses lowered through no wrongdoing of their own.

But this worker has had so many good years that he usually just earmarks his annual bonus for his retirement nest egg.

"All this means for me," he said, "is that I am going to have to work a little longer."

Stimulus

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Senate stimulus bill such far-ranging ideas as \$40 million to convert the way health statistics are collected — from paper to an electronic system — lawmakers are able to thin out their in-boxes, even if they aren't doing much to create jobs.

There's also \$380 million in the Senate bill for a rainy day fund for the Women, Infants and Children program that delivers healthful food to the poor. WIC got a \$1 billion infusion last fall.

At the same time, putting items in the stimulus bill that really should be handled in annual appropriations bills creates more room in the latter for pet projects and other programs.

It creates "headroom," a top Senate GOP budget aide said, for things senators didn't have room for in the regular process but still want to do.

Some lawmakers are sounding warnings.

"I suggested ... less spending and especially less spending for those items that are not stimulus and should be funded through the regular appropriations process," said Rep. Jerry Lewis of California, top Republican on the Appropriations Committee.

Part of the reason so much non-stimulus spending has made it into the stimulus bill is that there are only so many traditional jobs-heavy public works projects that can get started quickly. As it is, most of the money in the bill for road building, water projects and mass transit probably won't be spent until the economy has turned around and is back on a recovery path.

For example, just one-third of \$30 billion proposed by the House for highway construction would reach the economy in the next year and a half, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Democrats are going ahead with Obama's \$500 tax credit for most workers and \$1,000 for couples even though there's wide agreement that last year's rebate checks weren't effective in sparking recovery.

Defenders of the package said that once experts determined it would take \$800 billion to start to pull the country out of recession and emphasized the urgency, details took on less importance.

"If the house is burning, you're not going to worry about which hose you grab, so long as you get water on the fire," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., one of the chief authors of the House package as chairman of its appropriations committee.

But some Democrats, like Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, think the \$3.5 billion in the stimulus package devoted to health research, or the \$14 billion-\$15 billion for boosting Pell Grant college scholarships by \$400 to \$500 would be better spent on additional brick and mortar infrastructure projects.

"You don't want to be against Pell Grants," Nelson said. "But the question is, how many people go to work on Pell Grants? Should it be in this legislation if it's about jobs?"

Record jobless claims lead sour economic indicators

Analysts say recession is gearing up to be worst since Great Depression

By Maura Reynolds
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The bad economic news keeps piling up.

On Thursday, three milestones showing the depths of the downturn were reached: The number of workers filing unemployment claims hit an all-time high, sales of new homes fell to an all-time low and production of durable goods dropped for the fifth consecutive month, boosting inventories to their highest level since at least 1992.

And it's not over yet. Friday, the Commerce Department is scheduled to release its initial estimate of the U.S. gross domestic product — the value of all goods and services produced by the economy — for the fourth quarter of 2008. The report essentially will wrap into one sobering number all the grim developments that have been accumulating for weeks and months.

Many economists think the economic output declined in the quarter at an annual rate of 5 percent or more — which would make it the worst quarter for the U.S. economy since 1982.

"It will be bad," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight, a forecasting company in Lexington, Mass. He estimated that the economy shrank at a 5.3 per-

cent annual rate in the three months that ended Dec. 31.

Moreover, he added, Thursday's data indicate that the current quarter "will be just as bad."

"It's going to confirm what we already know, and that is that we're in a severe recession," said Ben Herzon, senior economist with forecasting company MacroEconomic Advisers in St. Louis, who expects the report to show a decline of 5.5 percent.

President Barack Obama met Thursday with his economic advisers at the White House and pledged that his administration was working on a three-part plan to pull the economy out of the doldrums.

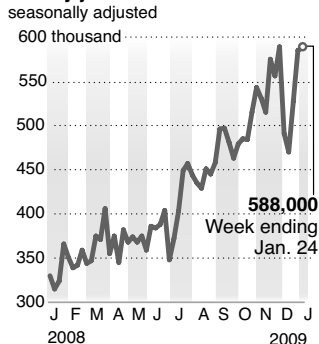
The plan includes the \$819 billion fiscal-stimulus package under consideration in Congress, an effort to shore up the fragile financial system and a program to address the housing and foreclosure crisis, which helped trigger the recession that began about a year ago.

The stimulus plan is "only one leg of the stool," Obama said after the Oval Office meeting. "These other legs of the stool will be rolled out systematically in the coming weeks so that the American people will have a clear sense of a comprehensive strategy designed to put people back to work, reopen businesses

Jobless claims

Initial claims for unemployment benefits increased by 3,000 in the fourth week of January.

Weekly jobless claims



SOURCE: Department of Labor AP

and get credit flowing again."

The stock market tumbled on the grim economic data, giving back nearly all of the gains it made the day before. The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 226.44 points, or 2.7 percent, to 8,149.01. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite index each gave up more than 3 percent. Financial stocks were the biggest losers.

On the job front, the Labor Department reported that the number of workers receiving unemployment benefits jumped 159,000 last week to 4.78 million, the most since the government began keeping records in 1967. As a proportion of the work force, which has grown substantially since the 1960s, the number of people on unemployment was the highest since 1983.

There was no sign of improvement in the housing

market. The number of new homes sold in the U.S. plummeted 15 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 331,000, nearly half of the number a year earlier, the Census Bureau reported.

Based on that sales rate, it would take almost 13 months to eliminate the backlog of unsold new homes, suggesting that construction — already at a near standstill — is unlikely to pick up any time soon.

And orders for durable goods — big-ticket purchases such as automobiles and home appliances — dropped 2.6 percent. Excluding a huge increase in military purchasing, the drop was 4.9 percent. Inventories of durable goods rose to their highest level since the government began keeping track in 1992.

"It's looking like it's going to be the most severe recession since the Great Depression, or at least one of the most severe," Herzon said.

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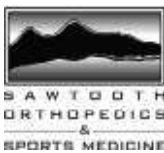
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When you watch these ads, they watch back

Cameras in screen can measure viewer response

By Dinesh Ramde
Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Watch an advertisement on a video screen in a mall, health club or grocery store and there's a slim — but growing — chance the ad is watching you too.

Small cameras can now be embedded in the screen or hidden around it, tracking who looks at the screen and for how long. The makers of the tracking systems say the software can determine the viewer's gender, approximate age range and, in some cases, ethnicity — and can change the ads accordingly.

That could mean razor ads for men, cosmetics ads for women and video-game ads for teens.

And even if the ads don't shift based on which people are watching, the technology's ability to determine the viewers' demographics is golden for advertisers who want to know how effectively they're reaching their target audience.

While the technology remains in limited use for now, advertising industry analysts say it is finally beginning to live up to its promise. The manufacturers say their systems can accurately determine gender 85 to 90 percent of the time, while accuracy for the other measures continues to be refined.

The concept is reminiscent of the science-fiction movie "Minority Report," in which Tom Cruise's character enters a mall and finds that retinal scanners identify him and

prompt personalized ads that greet him by name.

But this technology doesn't go nearly that far. It doesn't identify people individually — it simply categorizes them by outward appearances.

So a video screen might show a motorcycle ad for a group of men, but switch to a minivan ad when women and children join them, said Vicki Rabenou, the chief measurement officer of Tampa, Fla.-based TruMedia Technologies Inc., one of the leaders in developing the technology.

"This is proactive merchandising," Rabenou said. "You're targeting people with smart ads."

Because the tracking industry is still in its infancy, there isn't yet consensus on how to refer to the technology. Some call it face reading, face counting, gaze tracking or, more generally, face-based audience measurement.

Whatever it's called, advertisers are finally ready to try it, said advertising consultant Jack Sullivan, a senior vice president of Starcom USA in Chicago. "I think you're going to see a lot of movement toward it by the end of this year in the top 10 markets," he said.

Because face tracking might feel reminiscent of Big Brother, manufacturers are racing to offer reassurances. When the systems capture an image of who's watching the screen, a computer instantly analyzes it. The systems' manufacturers insist, however, that nothing is ever stored and no identifying informa-



Shoppers walk past an advertising kiosk Jan. 15 at the Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem, N.C. Small cameras can now be embedded in the screen or hidden around it, tracking who looks at the screen and for how long.

AP photo

tion is ever associated with the pictures. That makes the system less intrusive than a surveillance camera that records what it sees, the developers say.

The idea still worries Lee Tien, a senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil-liberties group in San Francisco. Tien said it's not enough to say some system is "not as bad as some other technology," and argues that cameras that study people contribute to an

erosion of privacy.

In general, the tracking systems work like this: A sensor or camera in or near the screen identifies viewers' faces by picking up shapes, colors and the relative speed of movement. The concept is similar to the way consumer cameras now can automatically make sure faces are in focus.

When the ad system pinpoints a face, it compares shapes and patterns to faces that are already identified in a

database as male or female. That lets the system predict the person's gender almost immediately.

"The most important features seem to be cheekbones, fullness of lips and the gap between the eyebrows," said Paolo Prandoni, chief scientific officer of Quividi, a French company that is another player in face-tracking technology. Others include Studio IMC Inc. in New York.

The companies say their systems have become adept

at determining a viewer's gender, but age is trickier: The software can categorize age only in broad ranges — teens, younger to middle-aged folks and seniors. There's moderate demand for ads based on ethnic information, but the companies acknowledge that determining ethnicity is more challenging than figuring out gender and age range.

Prandoni provided The Associated Press a limited version of Quividi's software, which uses an ordinary webcam to stream video to a computer. The trial version tracked gender only, using color-coded circles to distinguish male and female faces.

The sample size was too small to be statistically significant, but it was accurate about 80 to 90 percent of the time.

That might be as precise as the systems ever get, said Deborah Mitchell, a professor of consumer psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Even the human brain can't always determine gender, age or ethnicity.

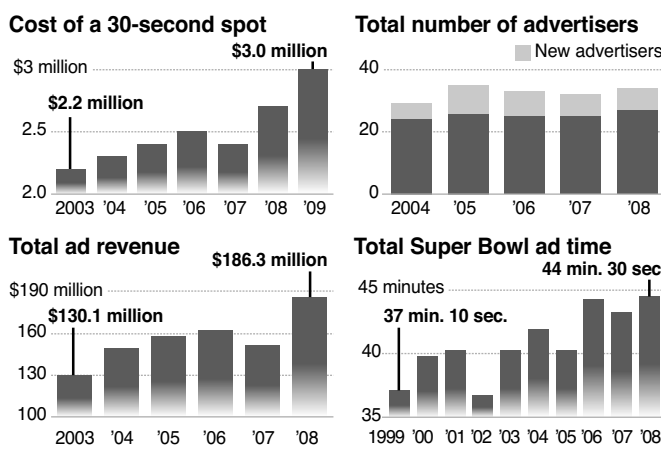
Still, "even if it gets to 70 percent accuracy, that's still giving you a wealth of information," said Mitchell, who teaches in the Wisconsin School of Business.

That information is certainly valuable to Bill Ketcham, the chief marketing officer of Adspace Networks Inc. His New York company sells video advertising on 1,400 video screens at 105 malls around the nation.

Adspace is testing six TruMedia systems at malls in Winston-Salem, N.C., Pittsburgh and St. Louis. The kiosks display a daily list of top 10 sales at the mall, as well as paid advertising that comes largely from movie studios and TV networks.

Selling Super Bowl Sunday

The Super Bowl endures as the premier venue for advertising. Although ad rates are expensive, the commercials shown in conjunction with the event have proven to engage and hold viewers.



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AP

NBC sells out Super Bowl ads for record \$206M

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — NBC said on the eve of Sunday's Super Bowl that it has sold the last two of the 69 advertising spots for the game, pushing total ad revenue for the event to a record \$206 million.

The network said its total of \$261 million in ad revenue for all of Super Bowl day also is a record, calling it an especially impressive feat in the middle of the economy's steep downturn.

The Super Bowl is the premier advertising event with an U.S. audience of 100 million viewers, many of whom watch closely during game breaks for the debut of entertaining, big-budget commercials. The ads have sold for between \$2.4 million and \$3 million per 30-second slot this year.

"These advertising milestones show the power of the NFL brand and the strength of the Super Bowl as a TV property in this economic climate," said Jeff Zucker, president and CEO of NBC Universal, a unit of General Electric Co.

"The Super Bowl has become one of our country's biggest holidays, a uniquely American day, and advertisers recognized the value in being a part of it."

Thirty-two advertisers in all will showcase their products during Super Bowl coverage.

NBC said the ads featured during the game also will be available for viewing almost immediately after they air at Web sites including NBC.com, Hulu.com and Superbowl.com.

Halftime acts see Super growth in 42 years

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Way before Prince, Paul McCartney or the Rolling Stones ever stepped onto a Super Bowl stage, there was Shirlee Bertolini. In her donkey costume.

So much has changed since she paraded around the Los Angeles Coliseum field for that very first halftime show.

Truth is, she wouldn't mind seeing things more like they were in 1967.

"We put on a band show. A fantastic band show," she said this week by telephone from Tucson, where she's in her 54th year as the University of Arizona's twirling coach. "You want to go to a concert, go to a concert."

"Now they're going to have Bruce Springsteen. So what? You could get a marching band, and it wouldn't cost you \$10 million. I'm sorry, but that's ridiculous."

Will Bertolini watch The Boss and a cast of thousands in Sunday's extravaganza?

"I might," she said. "Or maybe I'll get up and have a beer."

In all ways, the Super Bowl has morphed from a curiosity to a behemoth.

A ticket cost \$6 when Bart Starr, Vince Lombardi and the Green Bay Packers beat

Kansas City 35-10 in that first game. The top ticket for this weekend's matchup between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Arizona Cardinals goes for \$1,000.

Now, the game is by far the biggest sporting event in America, a semi-national holiday. But back then, before the original National Football League and upstart American Football League merged, many fans weren't sure how to view it. Or watch it, really, since CBS and NBC both televised the first one.

In fact, it was officially the AFL-NFL World Championship Game in the 1960s. Commissioner Pete Rozelle preferred "The Big One" but that got nixed. The late Lamar Hunt, among the AFL's founders, suggested "Super Bowl" as a temporary fix. He got the name idea after seeing his daughter bounce a SuperBall.

The halftime shows have mirrored that growth.

Even after Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." tour in 1984 made him a stadium smash, he kept his distance from the No. 1 sports show.

"Initially, it was sort of a novelty and so it didn't quite feel right," Springsteen said this week in Tampa. "It's a great spot now."

Springsteen said he began to change his mind after a random conversation.

"I was with a young musician one night at dinner and

we got to talking about Super Bowls and he said, 'Hey, why don't you play the Super Bowl?'" Springsteen said. "He said, 'Man, I hope one day we're big enough to play the Super Bowl' and I got to thinking about that."

OK, it also helped that Springsteen and his E Street Band released a new album this week.

Top entertainers now covet the 12-minute Super Bowl spot, seen by nearly 100 million viewers in the United States and a worldwide TV audience.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers rocked last year in Glendale, Ariz. Sting, U2, Stevie Wonder and Britney Spears are among the other stars in the last decade. Janet Jackson gave the most memorable performance — her "wardrobe malfunction" in 2004 sparked a national debate.

Things were a little haywire in the first one, too.

In 1967, a Disney official asked Jack Lee, the director of the Arizona marching band and composer of the school's "Bear Down" fight song, to

put together a halftime show. A salute to American music was planned, but there was one problem: Even with 250 band members, Lee needed more people.

He invited the Grambling band to join them, and that helped when it came time to form a map of America that stretched from end zone to end zone. A local high school band joined in. Lee also found a few other volunteers.

"He used everybody in our family," recalled his son, John, a future drum major in the Arizona band. "My brother, my sister and my mom. I was 8 then. I got to lead the procession to form the crack in the Liberty Bell."

All over the field, there were acts. Two astronauts wearing jet packs shot out of a giant football. Al Hirt blew his trumpet. Cowboys restaged the gunfight at the OK Corral, albeit with a little hitch.



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Mary Louise Linzy

HEYBURN — Mary Louise Linzy, 82, passed away Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.



Mary was born March 22, 1926, in Buhl, to Milton L. and Doris Piercy Hill. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Buhl. She attended schools in Buhl and Jerome, where she played basketball and served as student body president. She graduated from Jerome High School in 1944.

Mary married Clyde A. Linzy of Buhl, on Dec. 6, 1945, at Elko, Nev. They lived most of their life in the Magic Valley and made their home in Heyburn for the past 44 years.

Mary was an active member of the Heyburn Lady Lions. She participated with vision screenings in the local schools for 37 years and was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Mary was an avid bowler. She won numerous awards and was honored by being inducted into the WIBC Hall of Fame. Mary also enjoyed traveling and spending time in the outdoors. She especially loved the roses and hummingbirds in her backyard. But Mary's favorite activity was spending time with her family. She took great pleas-

ure in supporting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at baseball games, rodeos, music recitals and any other activities they were interested in.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Lloyd Hill, Robert "Bob" Hill and Milton J. Hill.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 63 years, Clyde A. Linzy; two daughters, Doris (Mike) Bott of Rupert and Vicki (Bo) Isaak of Burley; a son, Richard "Rick" (Susan) Linzy of Rupert; 10 grandchildren, Bret (Andrea) Bott, Brian (Kelli) Bott, Amy (DJ) Jensen, Russ Isaak, Emily (Brent) Suchan, Cassie (Adam) Warr, Angie (Broden) Matthews, JT Linzy, Nick (Olivia) Rodriguez and Shasta Rodriguez; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Rose Mary Hill of Rupert; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Wendell L. Wells and his staff; to the doctors and staff of Cassia Regional Medical Center Emergency Department; and to the staffs of Rosetta Assisted Living and Highland Estates.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. At Mary's request, there will be no service at this time. Cremation is under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Marguerite Ryan

RICHARDSON, Texas — Marguerite Phillips Ryan died Friday morning, Jan. 30, 2009, in a Richardson, Texas, hospital after battling renal cell cancer.



She was born Oct. 10, 1933, in Twin Falls to Elmer and Elva Phillips, their only child.

Marguerite attended Bickel School and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1951. She attended Idaho State University and graduated with a journalism degree in 1955, going to work for a Twin Falls radio station. She married William J. Ryan on Dec. 28, 1955, in Twin Falls and they left immediately for Milwaukee, Wis., where he was attending graduate school at Marquette University. They moved to Bountiful, Utah, in 1958, and to Pocatello in 1960. She was active with her college sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi.

Marguerite joined the Pocatello School District in

1971 as public relations officer and retained that position until 1977, when she moved to Texas with her husband and family. In the Dallas area, she was a lecturer for Weight Watchers, was with Richland College, and was a sales associate for Nordstrom for some time.

Renal cell cancer struck her in 1990, a kidney was removed, and she was cancer-free until 2005, when it returned. She fought bravely until the last days of January 2009, when it got the best of her.

Surviving are her husband, Bill Ryan of Richardson, Texas; and sons, John of Garland, Texas, Jim (Beth) and children, Rebecca and James of Arlington, Texas; sons, Dana of San Francisco and William J. (Gloria) of Boise.

A service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Wildwood Chapel at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

She leaves behind many friends and family in Idaho and Texas who will miss her greatly.

State checks are not in the mail

California stops making many of its regular payments

By Patrick McGreevy and Jordan Rau
Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Wendy Hansen, a 52-year-old single mom in Monrovia, east of Los Angeles in the San Gabriel Valley, says she cannot afford a delay in her anticipated state income tax refund of \$1,800.

Without the check, Hansen said, she will have to delay debt payments, long-needed repairs on her house and treatment for a back problem that she believes has been aggravated by stress over finances.

An estimated 2.7 million Californians expecting income tax refunds in February won't receive them then, because the state's prolonged budget impasse has emptied its treasury.

"It's horrendous," said Hansen, an office manager for a doctors' office. "I'm someone who counts on that refund every year to make ends meet."

State Controller John Chiang's decision to conserve

cash by withholding nearly \$2 billion in tax refunds, among other scheduled payments, starting Sunday means thousands of people and businesses that rely on state money will not be paid as usual.

With Chiang delaying for at least 30 days a total of \$3.5 billion in state payments, county welfare agencies and universities are scrambling to make up the difference. They're trying to avoid interruption of tuition grants for students, child care for poor families, services for the disabled and treatment for Californians with mental health and drug abuse problems.

But local officials say that although they can cover one month's delay in payments, they might not be able to fill in the gaps beyond February. Meanwhile, companies that supply the state with goods and services also are bracing for a painful month.

The state pays about \$250,000 a month to Western Mixers Inc., a Los Angeles company that provides pro-

duce to prisons, according to Jeff Foster, a sales manager at the company. He said the enterprise might have to delay paying its own suppliers because it won't get that money.

The cash crunch is even hitting close to Chiang's own office: It will not be paying \$240,000 it owes to a company hired to help ensure that the controller's computers and databases operate smoothly.

That company, Sacra-

mento Technology Group, might have to put off paying its own vendors, said George Usi, the company's president. "It can impact our credit negatively."

Usi said he has enough capital to weather delays as long as 90 days, but if there is not a resolution by then, "It will be financial catastrophe" that would force him to lay off workers.

Most of the money the controller is withholding is an estimated \$1.9 billion in personal income tax refunds and \$81 million in bank and corporate refunds.



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David Leroy, chairman of the Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, stands next to the life-sized statue of Abraham Lincoln located in the Idaho State Historical Society Artifact Storage Center on Thursday in Boise. The statue will be erected and unveiled on the Feb. 12 bicentennial of Lincoln's birth.

Western states remembering Abraham Lincoln, too

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press writer

DENVER — When you think of Abraham Lincoln, you think of ... Idaho?

As the nation prepares to commemorate the Feb. 12 bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, Western states that didn't exist until after Lincoln's 1865 assassination, much less his 1809 birth near Hodgenville, Ky., are grabbing a piece of the famous birthday.

Problem is, the connection between the architect of the Emancipation Proclamation and the nation's post-Civil War states is sometimes thin. In Idaho, for example, officials claim their state is closer to Lincoln than any other — because he helped choose Idaho's name when he signed an order making it a territory in 1863.

"More than any other state, Idaho is related to Abraham Lincoln," argued David Leroy, chairman of the Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. "That sounds astounding, I suppose, if you're from Kentucky, Indiana or Illinois. But we think we have a pretty good claim."

Western states, which like their older sisters have state panels marking the event, insist that the 16th president played a vital role in the region's development by preventing the expansion of slavery, authorizing the Transcontinental Railroad and signing the 1863 Homestead Act.

"Lincoln had an enormous impact in the West — even though he never stepped foot in what are now the mountain West and far West states," said Syd

Nathans, a chairman of Colorado's Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

In 1860, Lincoln defeated Democrat Stephen A. Douglas, who advocated "popular sovereignty" in which Western states could decide for themselves whether to allow slave labor. Lincoln's presidential victory assured there would be no formal expansion of slavery into the far West.

After war broke out, the West was forged by the conflict thousands of miles away. Gold from California and Colorado, and silver from Nevada, bankrolled the Union's efforts. In Hawaii, sugar cane plantations replaced a commercial whaling industry as whaling ships were diverted to the fight and northerners looked for a non-Confederate sugar supply.

Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act, which led to the completion of the nation's first Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory, Utah, in 1869; the Homestead Act, which ultimately opened 1.6 million homesteads in the West; and the Morrill Land Grant Colleges Act, setting up public land-grant universities such as the first University of California in Berkeley.

Lincoln appointed Idaho's first territorial governor and signed off on the name "Idaho," thought at the time to come from a Shoshone Indian word meaning "gem of the mountains."

Historians now say the name has no such origin and was simply made up by a lobbyist, a claim known as the "Idahoax."

SERVICES

Judy A. Hardison of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Marlene Evelyn Fredrickson of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; 710 Sixth St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Monday at the chapel.

Alice MacKenzie Rose-

crans of Boise and formerly of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Cemetery (Summers Funeral Home in Boise and Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Lloyd L. Kadel of Paul, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Rupert First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Faye A. Nussbaum

Faye Aldene Nussbaum, 79, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008, at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls.

A memorial celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.

Velva J. Rodabaugh

JEROME — Velva Joy Rodabaugh, 77, of Jerome, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009,

at St. Benedicts Long Term Care Center in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Salvador Becerra

WENDELL — Salvador Becerra, 80, of Wendell, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

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Bus crash near Hoover Dam kills 7 Chinese tourists

By Felicia Fonseca and Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press writers

DOLAN SPRINGS, Ariz. — Investigators looking into a deadly tour bus crash on a highway near the Hoover Dam said Saturday that it may take up to a month to figure out why the vehicle overturned, killing seven passengers and injuring 10 others.

Arizona Department of Public Safety Sgt. Danny Hannigan said the National Transportation Safety Board was assisting in the probe of Friday's crash. The bus had been taken to Kingman where investigators will scour it over the next week, department spokesman Lt. James Warriner said.

Six people were pronounced dead at the scene and a seventh died at a hospital, said Cmdr. Dean Nyhart of the public safety department. The driver was among those in serious condition, he said.

The passengers were Chinese nationals who had flown from Shanghai to San Francisco and had most recently been in Las Vegas, according to DPS. They left Las Vegas early Friday for a trip to the Grand Canyon and were returning when the accident occurred Friday on U.S. 93.

Shanghai's municipal government contacted a U.S. travel agency for help in identifying the victims, the official Xinhua News Agency said Saturday. It said the bus was carrying a driver and 15 people from a 20-member group.

There was no immediately word on the identity of the 17th person on the bus.

The bus was traveling north on the four-lane highway — the main route between Phoenix and Las Vegas — when it veered right, overcorrected, crossed the median and rolled at least once before stopping, Nyhart said.

Warriner said the crash occurred on a "nice, clear day."

Several people at a nearby diner rushed to the scene.

Sheila Larsen, who works at Rosie's Den, said she went outside after hearing a loud crash and screams and found people lying on the roadway, with paper and money strewn across the area.

She said the best she could do for the victims was take them blankets, towels and water. "The woman I was trying to comfort didn't speak English. I was trying to comfort her and she died," Larsen said.

According to DPS, the bus belonged to D.W. Tours of San Gabriel, Calif. A recording on the company's phone line said the mailbox was full and that no messages could be left. The company didn't respond to an e-mail from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Six people were taken to University Medical Center in Las Vegas, where one died. Spokesman Rick Plummer said two remained hospitalized in critical condition: a 35-year-old woman and a woman whose age was unknown but was believed to be in her 40s. The 48-year-old driver was in serious condition, and an 8-year-old boy and a 61-year-old man were in fair condition.

Plummer said the victims' injuries ranged from spinal and serious head injuries to bone fractures.

John Fildes, director of UMC's trauma center, said some of the patients have been able to speak.

"They're mostly concerned with their friends and families," he said. "Some of them lost friends or family members."

The boy's parents joined him after being released from Arizona's Kingman Regional Medical Center, Kingman spokesman Ryan Kennedy said. A 41-year-old woman was in fair condition at Kingman on Saturday.

Air Force combat docs to use acupuncture

By Kamala Lane
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Chief Warrant Officer James Brad Smith broke five ribs, punctured a lung and shattered bones in his hand and thigh after falling more than 20 feet from a Black Hawk helicopter in Baghdad last month.

While he was recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, his doctor suggested he add acupuncture to his treatment to help with the pain.

On a recent morning, Col. Richard Niemtzw, an Air Force physician, carefully pushed a short needle into part of Smith's outer ear. The soldier flinched, saying it felt like he "got clipped by something." By the time three more of the tiny, gold alloy needles were arranged around the ear, though, the pain from his injuries began to ease.

"My ribs feel numb now and I feel it a little less in my hand," Smith said, raising his injured arm. "The pain isn't as sharp. It's maybe 50 percent better."

Acupuncture involves placing very thin needles at specific points on the body to try to control pain and reduce



A plastic ear has a tiny gold acupuncture needle in it, circled, in comparison to a more traditional acupuncture needle at right, at the acupuncture clinic on Andrews Air Force Base, Md., in December 2008. The tiny gold needles are used by the clinic to help patients manage their pain.

AP photo

stress. There are only theories about how, why and even whether it might work.

Regardless, the ancient Chinese practice has been gradually catching on as a pain treatment for troops who come home wounded.

Now the Air Force, which runs the military's only acupuncture clinic, is training doctors to take acupunc-

ture to the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. A pilot program starting in March will prepare 44 Air Force, Navy and Army doctors to use acupuncture as part of emergency care in combat and in frontline hospitals, not just on bases back home.

They will learn "battlefield acupuncture," a method Niemtzw developed in 2001

Northern Idaho military recruiters having more success in down economy

HAYDEN (AP) — Military recruiters in northern Idaho say the tough economy is making it easier to find people to sign up.

"For the quarter January through March, our goal was 22," said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Mason, commander for the Army's recruiting station in Hayden. "We have already put in 17."

He said a shortage of jobs has brought in more candidates, a trend reflected in other parts of the nation.

While the services have reported exceeding their recruiting goals in the past

year, the Pentagon remains under pressure to find a constant flow of recruits. The Defense Department has announced plans to boost the active duty Army by 65,000 to a total of 547,000 soldiers by next year, and grow the Marines from 175,000 to 202,000 by 2011.

Pvt. Jacob Gray, 19, just returned to northern Idaho from three months of boot camp with the Marine Corps in San Diego, Calif.

Before the Marines, he said he had a dead-end job loading trucks.

"I didn't have a good job,"

Gray told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

So he signed up to become a combat engineer. After fulfilling his four-year obligation with the Marine Corps, he can rejoin or use his skills in the civilian work force.

"He will get certified as a journeyman carpenter," said Marine Corps Sgt. Charles Wahl.

Wahl said it has been easier for the Marines to meet their quota because of good marketing as well as sales training for recruiters.

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Today: Scattered clouds. Highs, 30s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, 20s.
Tomorrow: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs, 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A few clouds with cool conditions. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Fair to mainly clear skies. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: A few degrees warmer with partly cloudy skies. Highs, 30s.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 The most recent cold front has left the region, but has brought in some chilly temperatures that will stay in place today. The weather will be dry through at least Tuesday.

BOISE
 The weather will not change much on a day to day basis between now and Tuesday. Expect a variety of clouds, dry conditions and seasonal temperatures for this time of the year.
 Today Highs 20 to 25 Tonight's Lows -1 to 9

NORTHERN UTAH
 Dry, quiet weather conditions are expected for the next several days in a row. Expect partly cloudy to variably cloudy skies.

Today Highs/Lows 37 to 42 / 25 to 30

Yesterday's State Extremes: 46 at Lewiston Low: -7 at Stanley
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-wintery mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy	Fair skies	Scattered clouds	Sunny	A mix of sun and clouds	More clouds, chance of night light snow
High 37	Low 26	38 / 23	39 / 22	40 / 28	41 / 27

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	33	20	0.00"
Burley	39	12	Trace
Challis	44	8	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	34	21	0.00"
Idaho Falls	27	-1	Trace
Jerome	28	11	0.00"
Lewiston	46	40	0.00"
Lowell	46	29	0.01"
Malad	not available		
Pocatello	43	21	0.00"
Rexburg	31	5	Trace
Salmon	28	3	0.00"
Stanley	35	-7	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 39 Yesterday's Low 20 Normal High/Low 37 / 19 Record High 56 in 2003 Record Low -13 in 1985	Yesterday 0.00" Month to Date 0.56" Normal Month to Date 1.30" Year to Date 3.89" Normal Year to Date 4.36"	Yesterday's Maximum 93% Yesterday's Minimum 61% Today's Maximum 78% Today's Minimum 67%	6 pm barometer Yesterday 30.18 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 5:52 PM Monday Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 5:53 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM Thursday Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM

Moon Phases

Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 25
First Qtr.	Full Moon	Last Qtr.	New Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	39 27 mc 40 26 pc	43 24 su	43 24 su
Bonnars Ferry	28 22 c 33 24 c	38 26 su	38 26 su
Burley	31 21 pc 37 22 pc	45 21 su	45 21 su
Challis	34 9 pc 28 12 pc	32 15 su	32 15 su
Coeur d'Alene	29 24 c 34 26 c	39 28 su	39 28 su
Elko, NV	38 21 pc 39 20 pc	40 23 su	40 23 su
Eugene, OR	46 34 pc 49 42 fg	54 44 pc	54 44 pc
Gooding	39 27 pc 40 24 pc	41 23 su	41 23 su
Grace	27 14 pc 30 12 pc	36 34 su	36 34 su
Hagerman	40 25 pc 41 22 pc	42 21 su	42 21 su
Hailey	27 13 mc 33 13 mc	40 15 su	40 15 su
Idaho Falls	23 15 pc 25 13 pc	34 16 pc	34 16 pc
Kalispell, MT	31 18 c 34 24 c	35 27 pc	35 27 pc
Jackpot	42 18 pc 43 18 su	41 19 su	41 19 su
Jerome	30 14 mc 36 14 mc	43 16 su	43 16 su
Lewiston	38 2 mc 44 3 mc	45 25 su	45 25 su
Malad City	31 15 pc 34 13 pc	40 15 su	40 15 su
Malta	28 18 pc 34 19 pc	42 18 su	42 18 su
McCall	28 11 pc 28 12 mc	24 12 su	24 12 su
Missoula, MT	33 20 pc 36 23 c	37 25 pc	37 25 pc
Pocatello	30 19 pc 33 17 pc	39 19 su	39 19 su
Portland, OR	45 35 mc 48 40 pc	52 42 pc	52 42 pc
Rupert	31 23 pc 37 24 pc	45 23 su	45 23 su
Rexburg	21 13 pc 23 10 pc	31 14 su	31 14 su
Richland, WA	40 26 pc 41 29 pc	38 30 pc	38 30 pc
Rogerson	37 27 pc 38 24 pc	39 23 su	39 23 su
Salmon	36 10 pc 30 13 pc	34 16 su	34 16 su
Salt Lake City, UT	38 26 pc 39 26 pc	44 28 hz	44 28 hz
Spokane, WA	35 27 mc 38 29 mc	42 30 mc	42 30 mc
Stanley	30 2 c 37 7 pc	35 3 su	35 3 su
Sun Valley	34 4 pc 41 9 pc	39 5 su	39 5 su
Yellowstone, MT	18 0 mc 25 7 c	34 12 pc	34 12 pc

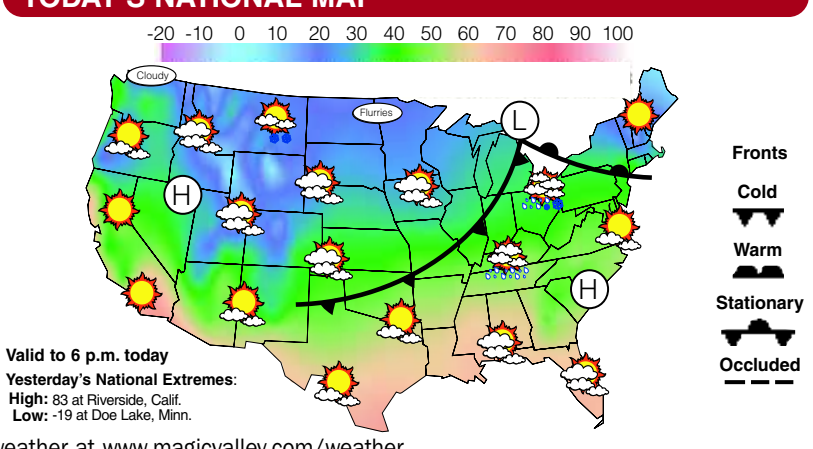
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	61 41 pc 54 31 r	66 49 pc 67 48 th
Atlanta City	43 35 pc 43 35 pc	46 29 pc 47 28 mc
Baltimore	48 33 pc 43 28 r	51 33 pc 51 33 pc
Billings	36 21 sh 43 28 pc	40 27 mc 39 28 mc
Birmingham	63 44 pc 50 27 r	60 37 su 58 34 r
Boston	37 31 pc 41 31 mc	39 28 su
Charleston, SC	60 43 su 59 38 sh	60 43 su 59 38 sh
Charleston, WV	52 34 pc 37 23 ls	52 34 pc 37 23 ls
Chicago	38 18 mc 25 12 ls	38 18 mc 25 12 ls
Cleveland	38 24 ls 31 18 ls	38 24 ls 31 18 ls
Denver	36 16 mc 43 21 su	36 16 mc 43 21 su
Des Moines	34 17 pc 24 2 pc	34 17 pc 24 2 pc
Detroit	39 22 pc 32 15 ls	39 22 pc 32 15 ls
El Paso	66 32 pc 60 30 su	66 32 pc 60 30 su
Fairbanks	-6 -21 mc -4 -24 mc	-6 -21 mc -4 -24 mc
Fargo	23 -6 ls -3 -14 ls	23 -6 ls -3 -14 ls
Honolulu	79 69 pc 77 65 pc	79 69 pc 77 65 pc
Houston	63 49 th 57 34 sh	63 49 th 57 34 sh
Indianapolis	36 23 pc 31 17 ls	36 23 pc 31 17 ls
Jacksonville	64 41 su 63 36 sh	64 41 su 63 36 sh
Kansas City	44 20 pc 35 15 pc	44 20 pc 35 15 pc
Las Vegas	66 43 su 67 44 su	66 43 su 67 44 su
Little Rock	60 35 r 47 26 pc	60 35 r 47 26 pc
Los Angeles	71 52 su 75 52 su	71 52 su 75 52 su
Memphis	61 33 pc 42 26 mc	61 33 pc 42 26 mc
Miami	69 59 sh 75 58 sh	69 59 sh 75 58 sh
Milwaukee	34 17 pc 25 14 ls	34 17 pc 25 14 ls
Nashville	59 35 pc 40 25 ls	59 35 pc 40 25 ls
New Orleans	67 52 sh 60 36 sh	67 52 sh 60 36 sh
New York	43 32 pc 41 29 sh	43 32 pc 41 29 sh
Oklahoma City	52 29 pc 49 24 pc	52 29 pc 49 24 pc
Omaha	38 18 pc 27 14 pc	38 18 pc 27 14 pc

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	85 71 pc 86 72 pc	Moscow 15 11 pc 18 16 pc			
Athens	55 50 sh 60 51 sh	Nairobi 79 51 sh 75 50 pc			
Auckland	76 63 pc 77 57 r	Oslo 28 24 pc 28 22 pc			
Bangkok	96 76 pc 95 77 pc	Paris 35 26 pc 39 27 ls			
Beijing	38 24 pc 43 22 pc	Prague 31 29 pc 34 33 ls			
Berlin	33 31 ls 34 33 pc	Rio de Janeiro 85 68 sh 80 68 sh			
Buenos Aires	83 62 pc 77 67 sh	Rome 48 46 r 56 55 sh			
Cairo	70 40 pc 75 45 pc	Santiago 81 53 pc 81 53 pc			
Dhahran	81 64 pc 73 59 pc	Seoul 44 34 pc 47 33 r			
Geneva	40 32 ls 37 33 r	Sydney 83 68 pc 82 64 pc			
Hong Kong	68 66 r 69 67 pc	Taipei 62 61 sh 64 62 pc			
Jerusalem	60 45 sh 68 44 pc	Tokyo 44 31 pc 46 34 pc			
Johannesburg	76 61 sh 74 62 th	Vienna 33 31 pc 34 34 r			
Kuwait City	76 55 sh 70 52 pc	Warsaw 31 26 pc 31 29 pc			
London	34 29 pc 35 27 ls	Winnipeg 29 6 ls 10 6 pc			
Mexico City	67 40 pc 66 45 pc	Zurich 35 27 pc 38 32 pc			

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	28 15 ls 23 19 pc	Saskatoon 26 16 pc 29 23 pc			
Edmonton	22 19 pc 27 24 pc	Toronto 33 22 pc 30 18 ls			
Halifax	34 17 ls 28 19 ls	Vancouver 35 35 ls 40 37 r			
Kelowna	25 21 ls 30 28 ls	Victoria 40 39 ls 47 39 r			
Lethbridge	34 17 ls 26 19 ls	Winnipeg 29 6 ls 10 6 pc			
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 William James
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Change in distress beacons may strand boaters

BOSTON (AP) — Like callers dialing 911 and getting no answer, boaters could end up stranded — or worse — if they haven't upgraded their emergency distress beacons by this weekend. But the improved technology will speed rescues and spare agencies from many false alarms.

Beginning today, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will stop using its satellites to monitor the 121.5 MHz frequency used by older analog boater distress beacons.

NOAA and the U.S. Coast Guard, which responds to maritime distress calls, will instead limit their watch to newer digital signals coming across the 406 MHz frequency.

The signals come from devices known as Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons, or EPIRBs. Signals to NOAA satellites from such devices have been used to rescue more than 11,000 people since the program began in 1982.

For recreational boaters, EPIRBs are not mandatory equipment like life vests, but they are considered a good idea for anyone boating alone or beyond the sight of land. They are required in commercial vessels operating more than three nautical miles offshore.

Kentucky deploys full Guard for storm cleanup

By Bruce Schreiner and Betsy Taylor
Associated Press writers

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear deployed every last one of his Army National Guardsmen on Saturday, with his state still reeling after a deadly ice storm encrusted it this week.

More than half a million homes and businesses, most of them in Kentucky, remained without electricity from the Ozarks through Appalachia, though temperatures creeping into the 40s helped a swarm of utility workers make headway. Finding fuel — heating oil along with gas for cars and generators — was another struggle for those trying to tough it out at home, with hospitals and other essential services getting priority over members of the public.

The addition of 3,000 soldiers and airmen makes 4,600 Guardsmen pressed into service. It's the largest call-up in Kentucky history, which Beshear called an appropriate response to a storm that cut power to more than 700,000 homes and businesses, the state's largest outage on record. Many people in rural areas cannot get out of their driveways due to debris and have no phone service, the governor said.

"With the length of this disaster and what we're expecting to be a multi-day process here, we're concerned about the lives and the safety of our people in their own homes," Beshear said, "and we need the manpower in some of the rural areas to go door-to-door and do a door-to-door canvass ... and make sure they're OK."

Staff Sgt. Erick Duncan of Murray said he and his colleagues have been putting in long shifts to open tree-littered roads. Duncan, who manned a chain saw, said he expects the assignment to last quite a while.

"It's a mess and we're just in the city limits," he said. "We're not even out in the county yet. And there's plenty of cities and counties to go to."

Thousands of people were staying in motels and shelters, asked to leave their homes by authorities who said emergency teams in some areas were too strapped to reach everyone in need of food, water and warmth. The outages disabled water systems, and authorities warned it could be days or weeks before power was restored in the most remote spots.

That uncertainty had many appealing for help and officials urging those in dark homes to leave, if they could — many were stuck in place by blocked roads and other obstacles.

The storm that began in the Midwest had been blamed or suspected in at least 42 deaths, including at



Vehicles drive near a power pole that fell on a sidewalk, in Paducah, Ky., on Saturday. AP photo

least 11 in Kentucky, nine in Arkansas, six each in Texas and Missouri, three in Virginia, two each in Oklahoma, Indiana and West Virginia and one in Ohio. Most were blamed on hypothermia, traffic accidents and carbon monoxide poisoning. In Kentucky, Beshear said late Saturday that officials believe the storm may have been responsible for as many as 21 deaths.

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EDITORIAL

Luna apportions the pain fairly in public school budget

It's raining, all right. Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna presented an education budget to the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on Thursday that would have been unthinkable to his predecessors Marilyn Howard, Jerry Evans and Del Engelking.

Luna recommended cutting \$62 million. Howard, Evans and Engelking — who presided over Idaho education during the recessions of 2001-03, 1982-86 and 1973-75, respectively — never had to work with a public school budget that was smaller than the previous year's.

The scope and depth of Luna's recommendations are startling. Support for building maintenance would be reduced by one-third, state outlays for textbooks and supplies would be slashed, and teachers' and administrators' paychecks would take a hit.

But it's not that the state's schools chief had a lot of choices. Sixty-four cents of every dollar the Idaho spends goes to education, and the recession is sapping tax revenue at an escalating rate.

Lawmakers, who already forecast about \$100 million less revenue for next year than Gov. Butch Otter did, are not optimistic about January tax revenue figures that are coming. JFAC has already slashed more than 4 percent, about \$150 million, from this year's budget, and could do more.

The superintendent was right to recommend using some of education's rainy day fund — \$17 million — to blunt the worse of the impact. Perhaps it's time to consider tapping some of the \$40 million that would remain.

Luna's spending blueprint — backed by Otter — mostly gets the priorities right, and we're inclined to agree with state Sen. Jim Hammond, a former principal, that retaining teachers should be a priority.

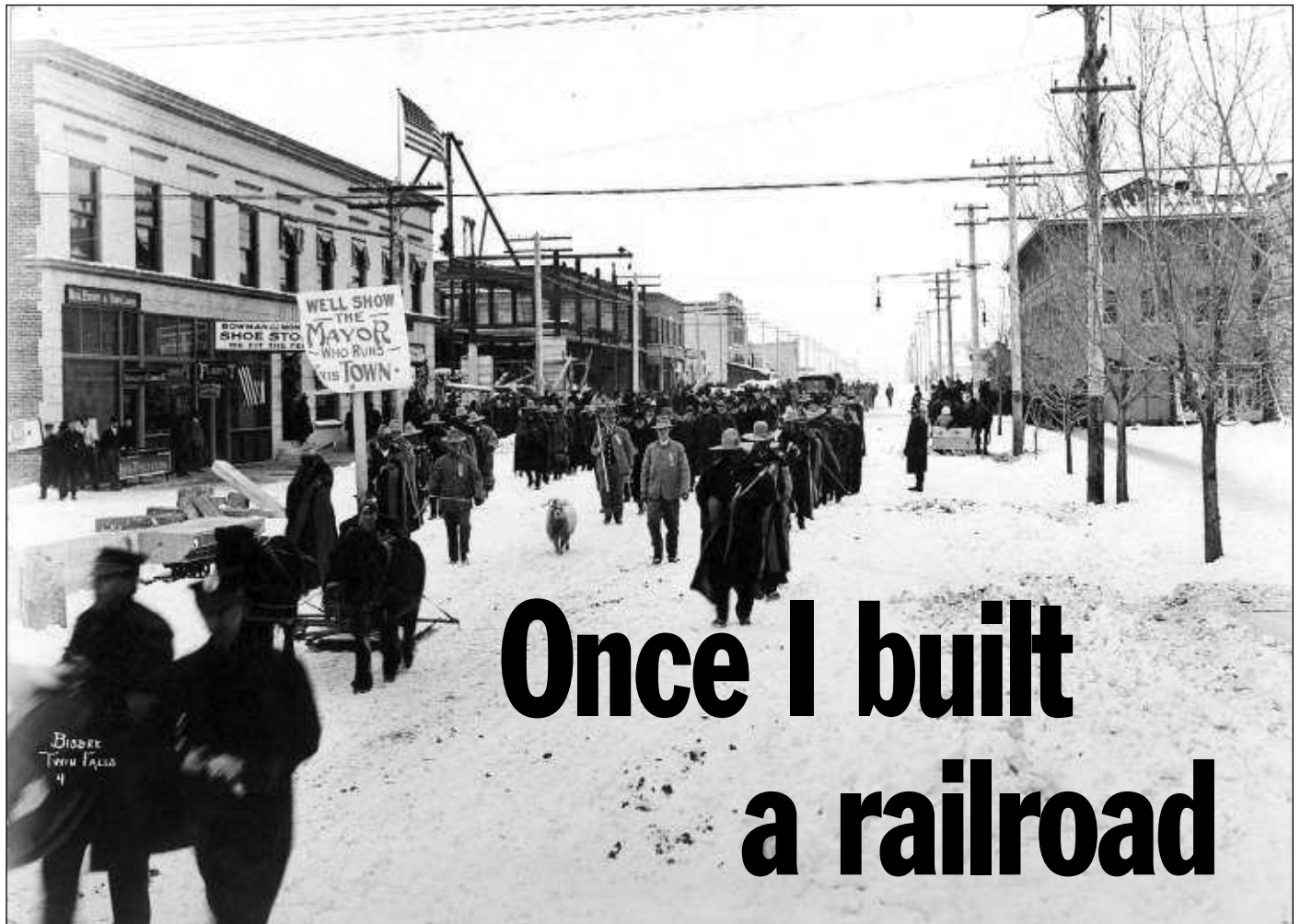
"I can live without the new textbooks for a year or two or the computer replacements or other equipment purchases," the Post Falls Republican said. "But I can't live without the people."

Our biggest concern is the cuts' impact on small school districts. "Larger districts have larger budgets," JFAC Co-Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said. "They have more cushion by which they can handle some of the reductions."

We don't see how a lot of smaller Idaho districts can survive cutbacks of this magnitude without combining services with other districts — or consolidating the districts themselves. The day is fast approaching when high operating costs and duplicated infrastructure will be luxuries we can't afford.

As we've said before editorially, cuts should be made in ways that will be easier to restore when the economy improves. Grim as they are, Luna's recommendations make that possible.

Our view: It was a gruesome public school spending plan that Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna put before the Legislature last week, but reasonable under the economic circumstances.



Twin Falls Public Library

More than 500 men — who were out of work — took to the streets of Twin Falls in March 1933 to protest foreclosure on their property. Franklin Roosevelt was inaugurated as president that month, beginning the New Deal.

Once I built a railroad

How Twin Falls survived the Great Depression

JIM GENTRY

Today's economic turmoil stimulates curiosity about surviving in Twin Falls during the early 1930s.

Although the boom of the late 1920s temporarily insulated the city from the stock market crash of 1929, the Depression devastated the area in 1931 when the value of agricultural crops dropped 49.4 percent from two years earlier. The Twin Falls County Potato Growers Association organized in August 1931 to better market its products. During farm-foreclosure auctions some neighbors refused to bid, so a team of horses sold for \$1.50 only to be returned to the original owner.

All three banks were shaken. Two failed in late November and early December 1931; while not failing, Twin Falls Bank and Trust was closed for reorganization over a two-month period in late 1932. During that time checks had to be cashed in smaller surrounding smaller towns! The situa-

tion was further exacerbated by the drought of 1933 when the county had only 3.97 inches of moisture. That problem continued in 1934.

With these disasters, jobs were hard to find! Salaries were cut; gender and ethnic tensions followed as married women with working husbands were asked to give up their jobs. Competition developed between Mexican and American-born "white" laborers for harvesting jobs.

After fewer car and truck registrations in 1932 provided less money for the county budget, money for the county fair was dropped. Marriage and divorces declined. Seemingly people could not afford to marry or get a divorce. Library use increased!

As in the past, mining increased in the Snake River Canyon as other jobs declined.

Citizens switched from the Republican Party to the Democrats, already voting for Democrat C. Ben Ross for governor in 1930. Two years later, with many new registered voters, all Republicans except William Borah were

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Once I built a railroad, I made it run, made it race against time.

Once I built a railroad; now it's done. Brother, can you spare a dime?

Once I built a tower, up to the sun, brick, and rivet, and lime;

Once I built a tower, now it's done. Brother, can you spare a dime?

— "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?" by Yip Harburg and Jay Gorey

removed from legislative and county offices. Roosevelt defeated Hoover 6,339 to 4,788 in the county.

The New Deal impacted Twin Falls almost immediately. The Agricultural Adjustment Act sought to restore farm purchasing power to where it existed between 1909-1914. Between May 1933 and December

1934, the AAA pumped over \$670,000 into Twin Falls farmers' pockets through subsidies for wheat, corn and sugar beets. Meanwhile the Production Credit Association, organized by counties, provided loans to farmers. By July 1935 the average local PCA loan was \$1,313.

At the same time Civil Conservation Corp men came to the Porcupine Springs Camp in the South Hills in June 1933. Later Rock Creek Camp would be developed as well. That local companies received contracts to feed the men provided economic stimulation. The Civil Works Administration provided jobs, but matching funds had to be provided from state governments. John E. Hayes, who played such a key role in surveying the Twin Falls townsite in

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Declining an invitation to offer free advertising

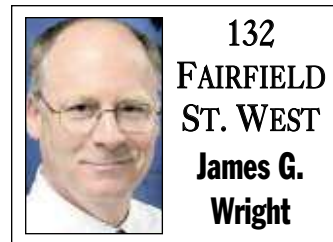
Last week a fellow named Ron sent in a letter to the editor covering his funny comments about a television ad for a Web site that runs "free" employment ads.

The fact that Ron managed to mention the name of said Web site three times in two paragraphs makes me suspect that he was trying to do some guerilla marketing — a technique for generating word-of-mouth without having to pay for ads or promotion — much in the way that I might make repeated gratuitous references to our own Web site, www.magicvalley.com, in a column.

I bounced Ron's letter back to him, explaining that it's against our policy to run letters that are essentially free advertising for our competition. We don't even accept paid ads from our competition.

Ron was not amused. His response:

"You must be afraid of something. A humorous letter making fun of your 'competition' is not acceptable. I no (sic) that censoring is a big part of the newspaper industry whether big or



small. I see a lot of people during the course of a day so I guess I will just carry a copy and let them read what you feel is unacceptable to print. YOU HAVE A NICE DAY."

Ouch. Ron, it seems, HAS FOUND ME OUT!

I am, indeed, afraid — afraid that I'll have to tell a young sportswriter with two kids and a mortgage that he no longer has a job, and then tell a lot of parents why we don't have anyone to cover Johnny's basketball game anymore.

And, eventually, someone would have to tell the 100-odd full-time employees of the Times-News that they don't have jobs anymore. Of course, if that happens there won't be anyone around to tell the general public why their taxes just went way up to pay for someone else's

development, how much public money a local pol blew on a long lunch at a resort hotel, or why the police took little Johnny off to jail last week. All of that information is now available both in print, and at www.magicvalley.com, you know.

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Ron, if you think I'm being unfair to reject your letter try this experiment: Go down to Albertsons and tell them you want to set up a booth near the bakery and give away coupons for free bread at Smith's, just because you think it would be a real hoot. What do you think the store manager would say to you?

And do you think that your "free" ad site is really free? They offer some freebies to get people to visit the site, but they charge for other ads. That's how they

pay their bills, which don't include salaries for 100 of your neighbors and coverage of news and events in your community. In fact, I have it on good authority that their money goes to Los Angeles, where it is spent on fast cars, cocaine and hookers.

I can anticipate the snarky comments that this column will generate when it's posted on our Web site, which is www.magicvalley.com, by the way. Some people out there think life would be just peachy if there were no independent news organizations to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, or to present facts that might run counter to their own political bias.

But even if you think this is a lousy newspaper and journalists in general are a bad lot, look deep in your heart and ask yourself if you would be better off with no news at all.

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Times-News (and www.magicvalley.com) Editor James G. Wright may be reached at 208-735-3255 or james.wright@lee.net.

OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... Otter and the local-option tax

Idaho Statesman

Well, this doesn't clarify much — and apparently, that's the way Gov. Butch Otter likes it.

In the "lost" passage of his Jan. 12 State of the State address, Otter expresses support for local-option taxes. But his wording is so vague that people on both sides of the debate disagree about what Otter means.

We enjoy a good mystery, but this isn't the time or the place. The local-option issue is confused and contentious enough — and would do with a little clarity from (Otter).

The debate isn't about whether to allow local option — voter-approved sales taxes that could pay for public transit, roads or other purposes. The debate is a rerun of last year's local-option impasse. Local governments and transit advocates want to simply pass a law allowing local option. Some key legislators ... want to lock local-option language into the Constitution. An amendment passed the House but stalled in the Senate.

Last year, Otter sided with the House and preferred an amendment. This year? Here's what Otter meant to



say — before the language was pulled from his speech:

"I also encourage you to come together in agreement that cities and counties must have the option — with the consent of voters — to provide financially for their own community infrastructure needs. If local folks in a given jurisdiction want to impose a tax on themselves, they should have that opportunity.

"We must not let our own views cloud our commitment to self-determination and enabling people to be the architects of their own destiny."

Let's see. Last session Otter insisted on an amendment. This year, he isn't — at least in these remarks. So has Otter changed his mind?

He's not saying ... Otter will continue to sit out the debate, spokesman Jon Hanian said ... but reserves the right to weigh in "when it's appropriate."

Three weeks into a legisla-



tive session seems plenty appropriate. It beats keeping everybody guessing ...

... punishing pedophiles

Post Register, Idaho Falls

Three years ago, Paul Steed of Pocatello persuaded a unanimous Idaho Legislature to strip away a statute of limitations law protecting pedophiles from criminal prosecution once their victims reached the age of 23.

Two years ago, Steed advanced the cause of justice by holding institutions and individuals responsible when children in their care were abused ...

Steed is back before the 2009 Legislature. This time, however, his proposals involve a series of agonizing trade-offs. Still being written, his bills call for serving at least:

- Seven years in prison for lewd conduct with a minor younger than 16. The offense

carries a maximum life term. • Five years for sexual abuse of a child younger than 16. The maximum penalty is 25 years.

Both mandatory minimum sentencing laws would require lengthy periods of heavily supervised parole upon release ...

Judges have handed Steed all the arguments he needs to limit their authority. Seventh District Judge Brent Moss initially ordered sexual molester Michael Nef to a six-month stay at Idaho's minimum-security prison at Cottonwood ... a subsequent investigation ... found Moss ... lenient in 90 percent of his pedophile cases. Even the toughest judges in eastern Idaho sent pedophiles to prison no more than 58 percent of the time.

Where's the deterrent in that?

To some, Steed's bill doesn't go far enough. In Florida, Jessica's law carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 25



executives appointed by a more caring President Obama.

Though some environmentalists are wary of some decisions in his home state of Colorado and as a U.S. senator, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is expected to attack and reverse many of the Bush policies and decisions that trampled on decades of environmental progress. As Colorado's Natural Resources director and state attorney general, he created an environmental crimes unit and a sweeping land conservation program. The League of Conservation Voters scores him as a 100 percent supporter.

... Salazar wants to end the Bush-instigated antipathy toward environmental scientists and restore their leading roles in policymaking. One example that has wildlife groups ecstatic is his announcement that the effect of climate change on wildlife needs to be considered ...

Extraction industries that found easy going with ... Interior Secretaries Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne will find no such rubber-stamp mentality in ... Salazar.

Salazar's other major mission is to enforce integrity ... at the scandalized department. Though only a small part of Interior's 67,000-employee force was involved, some 20 workers managing oil royalties were found to have been involved in drug, sex and bribes with firms they supposedly oversaw ...

... new sheriff in town

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum

Second only to the appalling human rights abuses involved in kidnapping and torture of Muslim detainees, the Bush-Cheney administration's violence to the land and environment remains as its most abominable act of betrayal of the public interest.

Western states, which have endured so many of these harsh policies, can rejoice that the Interior Department and Environmental Protection Agency are in the hands of more responsible

Obama must do something about health care now

The whole world is in recession. But the United States is the only wealthy country in which the economic catastrophe will also be a health care catastrophe — in which millions of people will lose their health insurance along with their jobs, and therefore lose access to essential care.

Which raises a question: Why has the Obama administration been silent, at least so far, about one of President Obama's key promises during last year's campaign — the promise of guaranteed health care for all Americans?

Let's talk about the magnitude of the looming health care disaster.

Just about all economic forecasts, including those of the Obama administration's own economists, say that we're in for a prolonged period of very high unemployment. And high unemployment means a sharp rise in the number of Americans without health insurance.

After the economy slumped at the beginning of this decade, 5 million people joined the ranks of the uninsured — and that was with the unemployment rate peaking at only 6.3 percent. This time the Obama administration says that even with its stimulus plan, unemployment will reach 8 percent, and that it will stay above 6 percent until 2012.



PAUL KRUGMAN

Many independent forecasts are even more pessimistic.

Why, then, aren't we hearing more about ensuring health care access? Let me address three arguments that I suspect Obama is hearing against moving on health care, and explain why they're wrong.

First, some people are arguing that a major expansion of health care access would just be too expensive right now, given the vast sums we're about to spend trying to rescue the economy.

But research sponsored by the Commonwealth Fund shows that achieving universal coverage with a plan similar to Obama's campaign proposals would add "only" about \$104 billion to federal spending in 2010 — not a small sum, of course, but not large compared with, say, the tax cuts in the Obama stimulus plan.

It's true that the cost of universal health care will be a continuing expense, reaching far into the future. But that has always been true, and Obama has always claimed that his health care plan was affordable. The

temporary expenses of his stimulus plan shouldn't change that calculation.

Second, some people in Obama's circle may be arguing that health care reform isn't a priority right now, in the face of economic crisis.

But helping families purchase health insurance as part of a universal coverage plan would be at least as effective a way of boosting the economy as the tax breaks that make up roughly a third of the stimulus plan — and it would have the added benefit of directly helping families get through the crisis, ending one of the major sources of Americans' current anxiety.

Finally — and this is, I suspect, the real reason for the administration's health care silence — there's the political argument that this is a bad time to be pushing fundamental health care reform, because the nation's attention is focused on the economic crisis. But if history is any guide, this argument is precisely wrong.

Don't take my word for it. Rahm Emanuel, the White House chief of staff, has declared that "you never want a serious crisis to go to waste." Indeed, FDR was able to enact Social Security in part because the Great Depression highlighted the need for a stronger social safety net. And the current crisis presents a real opportunity to fix the gaping holes that remain in that safety

net, especially with regard to health care.

And Obama really, really doesn't want to repeat the mistakes of Bill Clinton, whose health care push failed politically partly because he moved too slowly: by the time his administration was ready to submit legislation, the economy was recovering from recession and the sense of urgency was fading.

One more thing. There's a populist rage building in this country, as Americans see bankers getting huge bailouts while ordinary citizens suffer.

I agree with administration officials who argue that these financial bailouts are necessary. But I also agree with Barney Frank, the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, who argues that aid to bankers has to be linked to a strengthening of the social safety net, so that Americans can see that the government is ready to help everyone, not just the rich and powerful.

The bottom line, then, is that this is no time to let campaign promises of guaranteed health care be quietly forgotten. It is, instead, a time to put the push for universal care front and center.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't trade freedom for security

There is a moral paradox that lies within the structure of modern economics.

Those who argue against capitalism emphasize that it is based on selfish individualism and, therefore, they assume that it lacks any moral integrity whatsoever when, in reality, the hope for personal gain is the motivation that produces the innovation to create new products and services that benefit all. While socialism may, on the surface, appear to take the high moral ground, with the concept of sharing the wealth, socialism, in application, robs the individual of the incentive to produce until, all too soon, there is no wealth to be shared.

In my lifetime, I have seen the effects of nationalized education standards which have taken from local jurisdictions the ability to choose what they feel is in the best interest of their children. We have heard the rumblings of national health care for quite some time. Now we hear of nationalizing the banking and auto industry, which would allow someone to mandate to a greater degree who has access to capital and what kind of cars we will drive rather than letting the market determine which products succeed or fail. It may sound like some futuristic poli-sci-fi movie but what next, the "Fashion Police."

It's a sad day when "We the People" are willing to give up freedom for what some deem to be security. Don't be fooled by the outward appearance of a wolf

in sheep's clothing.
DEE YEAMAN
Albion

Geithner is not qualified

To Sen. Mike Crapo: I see you voted yes on Timothy Geithner for United States Treasury secretary. This man could not even fill out a TurboTax and you voted for him to be in control of all that Monopoly money the government is printing. So I guess it is OK with you for certain citizens not to pay taxes. So if I do not pay my taxes for the next four years, could I get one of those "Get Out Of Jail Free" cards too, like Geithner?

I also would like to know when we the taxpaying citizens will be receiving our stock certificates for AIG, Citigroup, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, plus the many other recipients that you as a U.S. senator does not even have a clue where the TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) monies are going. I really think the name should be changed to Community Chest, better yet TARP (Take Advantage Raping Population).

By the way I way, I own Boardwalk and Park Place, Marvin Gardens and Pennsylvania Avenue, and I really need a bailout, too. Can you help me? I need a spa vacation, a new company jet and my office needs to be redecorated! You can send my shares to the above address. I will expect a real answer. Do not reply with a form letter. Now I have to go write Sen. James E. Risch and thank him for voting no on Timothy Geithner.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Raft River Bookmobile raising money

The Raft River Bookmobile is raising money for the coming year. Last year, we were successful in raising enough money to increase bookmobile service to every other week in Malta and added stops in Elba, Juniper and Sublett. The bookmobile also services the rural communities of Almo, Bridge and Standrod. Nearly 10,000 books were checked out last year, and bookmobile usage continues to increase.

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edge the generous donations last year from the Lex and Celia Kunau Foundation through the Idaho Community Foundation, D.L. Evans Bank, King's, Bake Central and ATC Communications. Many patrons and friends also con-

tributed to our fund. Without their help, we would not have been able to provide bookmobile service.

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and neighbors in order to raise the money that we need to continue this valuable library service. Checks should be made out to Cassia County for the Bookmobile.

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JANIS DURFEE
Almo

(Editor's note: Janis Durfee is a member of the Cache Peak Civic Association Raft River Bookmobile Committee.)

QUOTABLES

"We were not able to vote during the 2005 elections because of the deteriorating security situation. But now we feel safe enough to go out and vote."

— **Ahmed Jassim, 19, as Iraqis headed to the polls to vote in provincial elections.**

"I think her speech was not directed to us but right over our heads to a national audience. ... There were days when she walked around the building with (her daughter) Piper, handing out bagels. I think those days are gone."

— **Rep. David Guttenberg, D-Fairbanks, on Gov. Sarah Palin's return to the Capitol after her failed vice presidential bid.**

"I absolutely, clearly, love playing here. You guys root for me so much. I don't get that everywhere. So thank you so much."

— **Serena Williams after she defeated Dinara Safina in the final of the Australian Open.**

Railroad

Continued from Opinion 1

1904, was the supervising engineer for CWA projects in Twin Falls. Projects included road repairs and 18 draining projects for the Twin Falls Canal Company. Between November 1933 and March 1934, CWA projects provided over \$290,000 in wages to local people.

The Federal Employment Relief Act, working through the Idaho Employment Administration, provided labor to construct a city-park band shell in 1934.

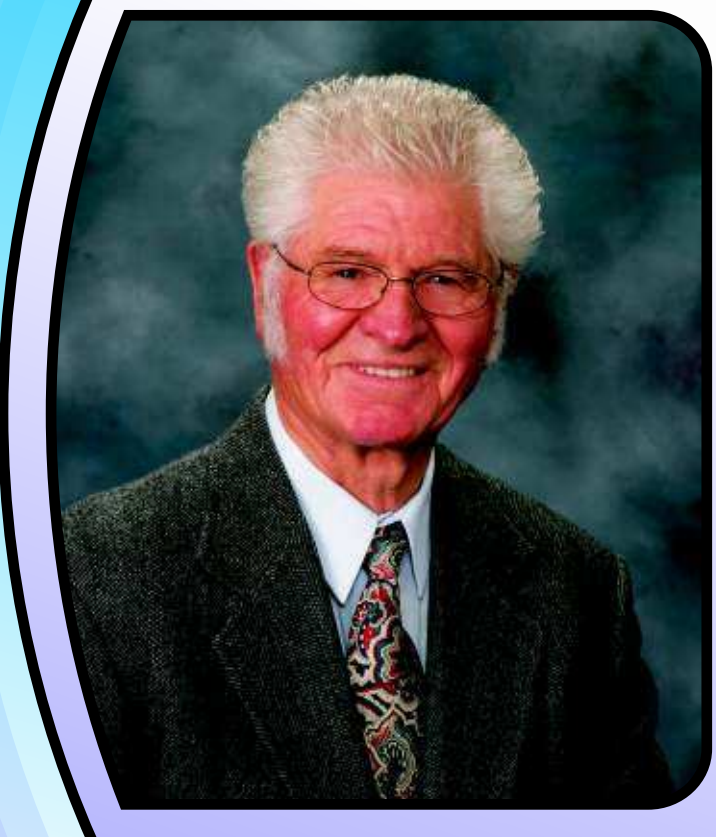
Unfortunately there was always a shortage of Idaho state funds for matching money.

After a devastating period, the Twin Falls economy improved with a massive infusion of capital from New Deal programs. Even then state matching funds were necessary. A new era emerged in 1935 when the Works Progress Administration provided federally financed jobs without state matching funds.

Jim Gentry is a professor of history at the College of Southern Idaho. For further background, consult "In the Middle and on the Edge. The Twin Falls Region of Idaho," Chapters 11 & 12 available in the CSI Bookstore for \$14.95.

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NATION & WORLD

GOP governors press Congress to pass stimulus

By Beth Fouhy
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Most Republican governors have broken with their GOP colleagues in Congress and are pushing for passage of President Barack Obama's economic aid plan that would send billions to states for education, public works and health care.

Their state treasuries drained by the financial crisis, governors would welcome the money from Capitol Hill, where GOP lawmakers are more skeptical of Obama's spending priorities.

The 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, planned to meet in Washington this weekend with Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and other senators to press for her state's share of the package.

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist worked the phones last week with members of his state's congressional delegation, including House Republicans

"For governors, it's free money — they get the benefits and they don't have to pay the costs... Senators and representatives get only some credit for the expenditures, and they have to pay the bill."

— Clyde Frazier, professor of political science at Meredith College in North Carolina

Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas, the Republican vice chairman of the National Governors Association, planned to be in Washington on Monday to urge the Senate to approve the plan.

"As the executive of a state experiencing budget challenges, Gov. Douglas has a different perspective on the situation than congressional Republicans," said Douglas' deputy chief of staff, Dennise Casey.

Not a single Republican voted with the majority last week when the House approved Obama's \$819 billion

combination of tax cuts and new spending. The president's goal is to create or preserve 3 million to 4 million jobs.

Republicans led by House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio complained that the plan is laden with pet projects and will not yield the jobs or stimulate the economy in the way Obama has promised.

The measure faces GOP opposition in the Senate, where it will be up for a vote in the week ahead.

But states are coping with severe budget shortfalls and mounting costs

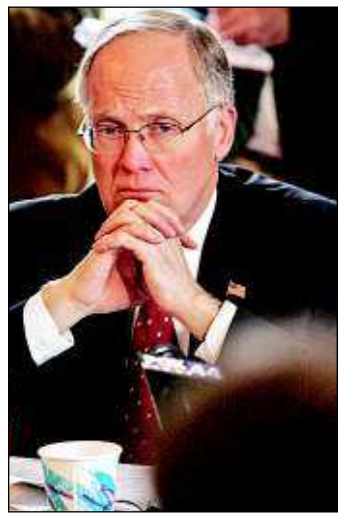
for Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor. So governors, including most Republicans, are counting on the spending to help keep their states afloat.

This past week the bipartisan National Governors Association called on Congress to quickly pass the plan.

"States are facing fiscal conditions not seen since the Great Depression — anticipated budget shortfalls are expected in excess of \$200 billion," the NGA statement said.

Clyde Frazier, a professor of political science at Meredith College in North Carolina, said it wasn't politically inconsistent for Republican governors and members of Congress to part ways on the stimulus plan.

"For governors, it's free money — they get the benefits and they don't have to pay the costs of raising the revenues," Frazier said. "Senators and representatives get only some credit for the expenditures, and they have to pay the bill."



AP file photo
Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas listens to tough economic news during a meeting of the Emergency Board in Montpelier, Vt., in January 2008. Douglas is one of a number of Republican governors who have broken with their GOP colleagues in Congress and are pushing for approval of President Barack Obama's stimulus plan.

4 GENERATIONS AT GM



AP photo
From left, United Auto Workers family members Mike Green, Rollin Green and Richard Green stand in front of UAW Local 652 in Lansing, Mich., in December. Over seven decades, the Green family has poured nearly 300 years into building Chevys, Olds, Buicks and Cadillacs.

Will family's latest generation of auto workers be its last?

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press writer

LANSING, Mich. — As a 10-year-old, Rollin Green was awestruck when he saw the line of hulking orange-and-silver robotic arms swinging with rhythmic precision during his first visit to an auto plant. But something impressed him even more:

His dad worked there. As a fifth grader, Rollin didn't daydream about becoming a baseball player or an astronaut. He wanted to be an autoworker. Just like his father, Mike.

And grandfather, Richard. And great-grandfather, Kenneth. And step-grandmother, Connie. And aunt, Cindy. And great uncles, Bob and Tom, among others.

Over seven decades and four generations, the Greens have together poured nearly 300 years into building Chevys, Oldsmobiles, Buicks, Pontiacs and Cadillacs. They've shared holidays, deer hunting trips, even the same 160 acres of land 25 miles away (they jokingly call it 'Green Acres'). They've traveled the same path with almost clockwork precision — making a beeline from high school graduation to a General Motors plant.

Through layoffs and strikes, births and deaths, boom times and bust, the family survived — and thrived — thanks to autos.

Until now. With GM's future uncertain — the automaker received \$13.4 billion in rescue loans and faces a Feb. 17 restructuring plan deadline — Rollin Green may represent the end of the line.

He was recently laid off from the Cadillac plant.

"It's tough," he says, studying a photo of four generations of Greens (and GM workers) as he sits in the office of his father, the president of United Auto Workers Local 652. "It's always been the family business. A great-paying job, with great benefits, close to home. It was pretty much everything I ever wanted. ... It's provided me with whatever I had growing up."

Rollin started working for GM straight out of high school. With overtime and night shifts, he earned \$37,000 in about nine months. Four years later, he bought a four-bedroom house. Now 23, he still holds out hope of returning — hope that "things turn around. I'd like to be there to see it happen."

The next few months, he figures, will determine his future — as well as that of GM.

The story of the Green family offers a glimpse into the ups and downs of the American auto industry over a half-century — from symbol of the nation's industrial might to the brink of collapse.

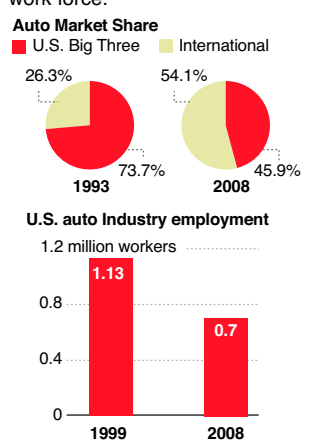
The Greens were around when GM was on top of the world, when Toyotas and Hondas were not yet a fixture on the nation's highways. They built Cutlasses, Skylarks and Grand Ams, they bought Camaros and Silverados, their union grew stronger, their paychecks got bigger.

But they were there, too, when the energy crisis took hold, the demand for smaller cars increased, foreign automakers started building plants in this country — and buying American lost its luster.

Today, as GM fights for survival, the Greens are emblematic of so many autoworkers who worry about the future and mull over the mis-

Shrinking giants

Ford, GM and Chrysler once dominated the auto market. Today, they account for less than half the sales and a retracting work force.



takes of the past — even as they acknowledge they're not surprised by the latest turn of events.

"It's been coming a long time, I saw it 25 years ago," declares Richard Green, who spent nearly 40 years at GM and the UAW before retiring in 1993.

"There's enough blame to go around," the 73-year-old says, choosing his words carefully. "The quality dropped. We lost the loyalty of the customers. They stand for the national anthem, but they're not as patriotic as they should be. A lot of people will wave the flag ... but not buy an American-made car. If they can save 2 cents on an item made in China, they'll save that 2 cents."

His wife, Connie, another former GM worker, sees the problem through a wider lens.

"I wish I could come up with some magic solution to start building things here...," she says. "Steel's gone. Textile's gone. And now autos."

Not quite. The auto industry still employs hundreds of thousands of workers in this country, with much of the growth coming from foreign carmakers based in the nonunion South.



One sign of the times: UAW membership

ship, which peaked at 1.5 million in 1979, was about 465,000 by the end of 2007 — the first drop below a half-million since World War II.

As the Big Three slashed their work force by about 40 percent — to 241,000 — from 2001 to 2007, foreign automakers in the United States boosted employment by nearly a third, to more than 113,000, according to the Center for Automotive Research.

While 2008 was a disastrous year all around for the auto industry, GM marked its centennial in a sea of red ink: Shares plunged 87 percent.

More than \$21 billion in losses were recorded in the first three quarters of the year.

"Being a blue-collar worker in a highly competitive environment is not a very pleasant place to be in a world that has gone flat," says Douglas Baird, a University of Chicago Law School professor and bankruptcy specialist who follows the industry.

"Auto assembly-line jobs don't put you on the trajectory to the middle class anymore."

AROUND THE WORLD

CHINA

Bar fire kills 15, injures 20 in southern China

BEIJING — Revelers celebrating a birthday set off fireworks inside a bar in southern China, triggering a blaze that killed 15 people and injured 20, state media said.

The fire in Changle, a city in the southern province of Fujian, started just before midnight on Saturday, when 10 people lit the fireworks at their table, the Xinhua News Agency said. Fireworks are sold and set off everywhere during Lunar New Year festivities, which lasted all week and ended Saturday. Also known as Spring Festival, it is the country's biggest holiday.

The explosion "set the ceiling on fire and the entire place was soon engulfed in flames," Xinhua said, citing a city government spokesman.

W. VIRGINIA

Reporting low fuel, plane crashes in snowstorm

KENOVA — Federal officials said Saturday a small plane struggled to stay on course in snowy weather and its pilot reported being low on fuel before it crashed in West Virginia, killing all six on board.

The twin-engine Piper PA-34's pilot issued a mayday call on the radio Friday afternoon reporting it was low on fuel shortly before witnesses said it struck a power line and crashed in a wooded area near the Ohio and Kentucky state lines.

The plane was destroyed, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Brian Rayner said. Investigators have not identified any of the plane's occupants, nor determined the flight's origin or destination.

CALIFORNIA

Google users get bogus warning on searches

MOUNTAIN VIEW — Computer users doing Google searches during a nearly one-hour period Saturday morning were greeted with disturbing but erroneous messages that every site turned up in the results might be harmful.

The company blamed the mistake on human error and apologized for any inconvenience caused to users and site owners whose pages were incorrectly labeled.

The glitch occurred between 7:30 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. MST, Google Inc. said in an explanation on its company blog. Anyone who did a Google search during that time likely saw the message "This site may harm your computer" accompanying every search result, the company said.

— The Associated Press

It's a catastrophe for the apostrophe in Britain

City of Birmingham bans punctuation mark from signs

By Meera Selva
Associated Press writer

LONDON — On the streets of Birmingham, the queen's English is now the queens English.

England's second-largest city has decided to drop apostrophes from all its street signs, saying they're confusing and old-fashioned.

But some purists are downright possessive about the punctuation mark.

It seems that Birmingham officials have been taking a hammer to grammar for years, quietly dropping apostrophes from street signs since the 1950s. Through the decades, residents have frequently launched spirited campaigns to restore the missing punctuation to signs denoting such places as "St. Pauls Square" or "Acocks Green."

This week, the council made it official, saying it was banning the punctuation mark from signs in a bid to end the dispute once and for all.

Councilor Martin Mullaney, who heads the city's transport scrutiny committee, said he decided to act after yet another interminable debate into whether "Kings Heath," a Birmingham suburb, should be rewritten with an apostrophe.

"I had to make a final decision on this," he said Friday. "We keep debating apostrophes in meetings and we have other things to do."

Mullaney hopes to stop public campaigns to restore the apostrophe that would tell passers-by that "Kings Heath" was once owned by

the monarchy.

"Apostrophes denote possessions that are no longer accurate, and are not needed," he said. "More importantly, they confuse people. If I want to go to a restaurant, I don't want to have an A-level (high school diploma) in English to find it."

But grammarians say apostrophes enrich the English language.

"They are such sweet-looking things that play a crucial role in the English language," said Marie Clair of the Plain English Society, which campaigns for the use of simple English. "It's always worth taking the effort to understand them, instead of ignoring them."

Mullaney claimed apostrophes confuse GPS units, including those used by emergency services. But Jenny Hodge, a spokeswoman for satellite navigation equipment manufacturer TomTom, said most users of their systems navigate through Britain's sometime confusing streets by entering a postal code rather than a street address.

She said that if someone preferred to use a street name — with or without an apostrophe — punctuation wouldn't be an issue. By the time the first few letters of the street were entered, a list of matching choices would pop up and the user would choose the destination.

A test by The Associated Press backed this up. In a search for London street St. Mary's Road, the name popped up before the apostrophe had to be entered.

There is no national body responsible for regulating

place names in Britain. Its main mapping agency, Ordnance Survey, which provides data for emergency services, takes its information from local governments and each one is free to decide how it uses punctuation.



A street sign naming St. Paul's Square without an apostrophe is seen in Birmingham, England, Thursday. The city's government has decided to stop using apostrophes in its street signs, saying they are confusing, old fashioned and interfere with modern GPS systems.

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Murdering a newspaper

Fear and mourning over reporter slayings in Russia

By Mike Eckel
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — The dead loom over the morning editorial meeting at Russia's leading investigative newspaper. Novaya Gazeta's staff is trying to plan the next issue and editor-in-chief Dmitry Muratov is in an understandably foul mood.

In a corner hang photos of four reporters he has lost in the past eight years — one beaten to death, one allegedly poisoned, two shot — the most recent on Jan. 19.

It's not easy to put a paper out these days, Muratov says.

"There's usually a lot of jokes, laughing, talk about ideas. But our batteries are totally spent," says Muratov, 47, billows of pipe smoke filling the long pauses. "How can there be any sort of (normal) frame of mind when a journalist is being buried?"

That journalist was Anastasia Baburova, a 25-year-old cub reporter. She and a human rights lawyer were shot execution-style by a masked man with a silenced pistol as they walked together a few blocks from the Kremlin.

In a country considered one of the most dangerous for journalists, no Russian newspaper has suffered like Novaya Gazeta. In a country where most media have been cowed into submission, no other newspaper publishes such probing investigative articles and acid commentary about government corruption, police-state politics and Chechnya war abuses.

"Every two or three years, we lose someone," says Elena Kostyuchenko, a 21-year-old investigative writer for the paper. "But you just have to write, write, write and keep writing. You have to."

Some 16 journalists have died in contract-style slayings or under suspicious circumstances in Russia since 2000. Many more have been assaulted or threatened.

Under Vladimir Putin, who became president in 2000 and now is prime minister, the TV networks watched by most Russians were taken over by the state, their news operations highly sanitized. Big-selling newspapers are either sympathetic to the Kremlin or owned by Kremlin-allied business groups.

Of the many free-spirited papers that sprang up when the Soviet Union collapsed, Novaya Gazeta — mean-



Larisa Baburova grieves over the casket of her daughter, Anastasia Baburova, seen in framed photo, who was shot to death with human-rights lawyer Stanislav Markelov, in Sevastopol, Ukraine, on Monday. Anastasia Baburova, a reporter for Novaya Gazeta newspaper was accompanying Markelov when they were fatally shot by a masked assassin on a street near the Kremlin.

AP photo

ing New Newspaper — is a rare survivor.

Its most high-profile loss was Anna Politkovskaya, a reporter who savaged the Kremlin for its conduct of the war on Chechen separatists. Her shooting outside her Moscow apartment in 2006 provoked worldwide condemnation and major embarrassment for the Kremlin.

Three Chechens — two brothers and a former police officer — are on trial but the prosecution is not offering a motive or identifying any mastermind, leading Novaya Gazeta and others to claim the trial is a cover-up. Putin has claimed the killing was hatched abroad to discredit Russia.

The paper's first fatality, in 2000, was Igor Domnikov, who wrote about regional corruption. He was attacked with a hammer. Seven members of a criminal gang were convicted of his murder in 2007. The lead defendant claimed a regional governor had Domnikov killed for criticizing him. The governor was not charged.

In 2003, Yury Shchekochikhin died of a severe allergic reaction, but colleagues claimed he was poisoned. Shchekochikhin, 53, wrote about high-level corruption and investigated the deadly 1999 bombings of apartment blocks.

In the latest killing, it appears lawyer Stanislav Markelov, who specialized in defending Chechens, environmentalists and human rights activists, was the primary target and Baburova may have been killed after she tried to intervene.

Many at Novaya Gazeta are convinced that nationalist or fascist groups are behind the latest attacks and the paper's own blog is full of anonymous postings celebrating the killings. Others suspect the involvement of security agencies, citing past incidents when Novaya Gazeta's phones were tapped or in 2000, when its computer hard drives were stolen.

Novaya Gazeta writers and editors have attended self-defense classes and keep their notes hidden or stored on secure computer servers. Some use pseudonyms. At least one has bodyguards because of death threats. Others take precautions they won't discuss. Alexander Lebedev, a billionaire ex-lawmaker who is part-owner of the paper, is demanding that authorities allow its reporters to carry guns.

Not all the paper's staff support the idea. Muratov, the editor, does. "Either we defend ourselves or we go write about nature and birds ... and all positive things. We become a tabloid," he says. "And then we don't

write about the security services. We don't write about corruption. ... We don't write about fascism."

Yulia Latynina, a radio show host and Novaya Gazeta columnist who is relentlessly critical of Putin, blames fascist gangs for the killings and accuses police agencies and security forces of sympathizing or even cooperating with them.

Like Politkovskaya, her name appears regularly on death lists circulating on the Internet. Is she afraid? Latynina demurs, saying: "The Kremlin doesn't need another Politkovskaya."

Vera Chelysheva, who writes for the paper's Web site, says most Russians are indifferent to the murders.

"This is a country that lived through the gulag camps, through Stalin, they know how to kill people. That's why no one is taking to the streets in protest," she says. "This is a country that's forgetting its history."

Founded in 1993, Novaya Gazeta is published thrice-weekly and its circulation has climbed to 270,000, — less than the state-run or pro-Kremlin newspapers but strong among Russians who seek an independent voice on touchy issues such as government corruption or Chechnya.

Leaders call upon nations to keep trading

By Bradley S. Klapper and Matt Moore
Associated Press writers

DAVOS, Switzerland — Global leaders had a simple message for the world on Saturday: Keep trading.

If nations instead choose to barricade their economies behind new commercial barriers, they risk making the global economic crisis even worse, leaders said.

"Trade is the best economic stimulus," said Doris Leuthard, the Swiss economics minister who hosted trade chiefs from the world's most powerful countries on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum.

Their talks, however, offered no renewed hopes for a long-awaited deal in the Doha round of trade talks that many see as a necessary bulwark against the threat of economic protectionism, which devastated the world during the Great Depression.

The meeting did not produce a timeframe for action in the Doha talks, now in their eighth year with no completion in sight.

Hundreds of anti-capitalist, anti-globalization protesters in Geneva violently rebutted the free trade argument, lobbing bottles at riot police, who responded with tear gas and water cannons. The Geneva protest — about five hours by train from the gathering of 2,500 business and political leaders in Davos — had been peaceful until police blocked a crowd from entering the city center.

At a smaller protest in Davos, police said 120 people marched through the town, and a few lobbed snowballs.

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Iraqi elections avoid violence but complaints loom

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Passing through razor-wire cordons and police checkpoints, Iraqi voters Saturday took another step in the nation's quest for stability in provincial elections that were carried off without major violence but tarnished by claims of flaws and threats of challenges.

Even before a single ballot was counted, Iraqi officials were basking in the successes — watching millions of voters wave the purple-tinted fingers that have become symbols of the country's hopes for a workable democracy.

President Barack Obama hailed the elections as significant, peaceful and important steps toward Iraqis taking responsibility for their future.

But election observers and others were examining a growing list of complaints, including claims that hundreds of people — perhaps more — were wrongly omit-

ted from voting lists in areas across Iraq.

"There was huge amount of confusion," said Afram Yakoub, a Belgium-based election monitor who visited polling sites in the Mosul area in northern Iraq. "Names were on the center voter registry but did not appear on the (polling) station registry."

The leader of the second largest Sunni bloc in parliament, Saleh al-Mutlaq, accused the Shiite-led government of a deliberate campaign to keep the minority Sunnis "on the sidelines."

It was unclear whether the alleged problems were isolated or could cast doubts on the entire election.

But any political bitterness could further complicate another difficult task ahead for Iraq's leaders: getting hundreds of factions to accept the results as credible and then start hammering out alliances from among 14,000 candidates for the influential regional posts.

The overall picture, however, was close to the goals set by Iraqi officials desperate to portray a sense of order and confidence nearly six years after the U.S.-led invasion.

A vast security operation faced no major confrontations or attacks. Meanwhile, Sunni groups — that boycotted provincial balloting four years ago — were deeply involved in this election, anxious to claim a share of power they had given away to Shiites and Kurds.

"The purple fingers have come back to build Iraq again," said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in a nationwide address shortly after the polls closed — referring to the ink used to identify those who cast ballots.

Results are not expected before Tuesday. But possible challenges were already leaking out.

A senior Sunni leader in the western Anbar province — where former anti-insurgent militias were seeking political

gains — alleged that voters couldn't reach polling stations because of the traffic ban and others in Fallujah found the door shut.

"We expect fraud ... Some will try to fill these blank ballots," said Sheik Dari al-Arsan. "We will complain about these violations."

In the southern Shiite city of Basra, voter Hadi Thegil stared angrily at election workers when he was told he wasn't on the registration list, which is compiled using information from Iraq's ration card system. He left muttering: "I feel robbed."

In Karmah, about 50 miles west of Baghdad, local election observer Sabah Hussein said he found ballots marked in advance for the Iraqi Islamic Party, a Sunni bloc that's a partner in al-Maliki's government. It was unclear whether any others were cast.

But a U.N. election observer, Said Arikat, described the election in mostly positive terms.



An Iraqi girl holds up an ink-stained finger after her parents voted in the country's provincial elections in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, Iraq, Saturday.

AP photo

Children unwrap a bronze statue of a shoe created as a monument to the shoes thrown by an Iraqi journalist at former U.S. President George W. Bush, Friday in Tikrit, Iraq.



AP photo

Iraq sculpture honoring Bush shoe-thrower removed

BAGHDAD (AP) — The director of an Iraqi orphanage says a sculpture honoring an Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at former President George W. Bush has been removed.

Fatin al-Nassiri says Iraqi police told her the statue had to be removed from the orphanage in Tikrit because government property should not be used for something with a political bias.

She says the sofa-sized statue of a shoe was taken down Saturday after being unveiled on Thursday.

Iraqi journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi threw his shoes during a Dec. 14 news conference in Baghdad. Throwing shoes at someone is a sign of extreme contempt in Arab culture. The attack spawned a flood of Web quips, political satire and street rallies across the Arab world.

The sculpture — a single copper-coated shoe on a stand carved to resemble flowing cloth — was formally unveiled to the public Thursday in the hometown of the late Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein.

Officials and visitors walked around the outdoor sculpture during the brief ceremony, pondering on its eccentricities — such as a tree poking up from the shoe's interior.

Its sculptor called it a fitting tribute to al-Zeidi and his folk hero reputation in parts of the Muslim world and beyond.

The Baghdad-based artist, Laith al-Amari, said the work "is a source of pride for all Iraqis." He added: "It's not a political work."

But its location in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit is a point of reference for prewar nostalgia among some Iraqis.

The sculpture also includes an ode to al-Zeidi and mentions the virtues of being "able to tell the truth out loud."

Al-Zeidi had shouted in Arabic as he pulled off his

shoes and heaved them at Bush during the conference. "This is from the widows, the orphans and those who were killed in Iraq," screamed al-Zeidi, who was working for a Cairo-based TV station.

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Scientist shot by robbers in Mexico City dies

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A French scientist who was shot in the head during a robbery near Mexico City's airport died on Saturday.

Christopher Augur died at a Mexico City hospital four days after his assault, the fourth such incident near the airport involving foreigners in a year, the Mexico City prosecutor's office said.

Augur was a member of France's Institute of Research for Development, or IRD, and had been working with Mexico's Metropolitan Autonomous University's biotechnology department for several months, according to a statement from French Ambassador Daniel Parfait.

He helped to train French and Mexican researchers, and Parfait

said he had a great love for Mexico. The embassy did not confirm Augur's age.

"Mr. Augur was respected and esteemed as much in scientific circles as by the numerous friends that he made during his trips, which took him often to Mexico," Parfait said.

Mexican police on Friday said they'd arrested two suspects, aged 19 and 29.

A string of at least 17 airport robberies, including the four involving foreigners, could be the work of two or more crime gangs, or one organization with several cells, city prosecutor Luis Vasquez said. Victims in all the attacks appear to have been followed after changing money at the airport and then robbed outside the terminal.

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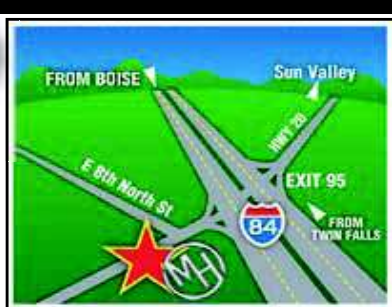
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Hruza leads four local winners at Halverson

Bruins finish sixth to lead local teams

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Whenever he steps on the mat, Minico's Jake Hruza has a workmanlike, no-nonsense approach.

"I do what I do," Hruza said.

What the Spartan senior does is win.

Hruza breezed into the 140-pound championship round of the Red Halverson Invitational with three consecutive pins, and then capped the tournament with an 11-0 major decision over Sammy Metz of Lewiston on Saturday.

For his efforts, Hruza (28-2 season record) received the lower weights Most

Outstanding Wrestler award.

In the team standings, Pocatello won on the strength of having four individual champions, including the higher weights' most outstanding wrestler, 152-pounder Abner Cook. The Indians finished with 188.5 team points, enough to edge out Day 1 leader Highland at 178.5.

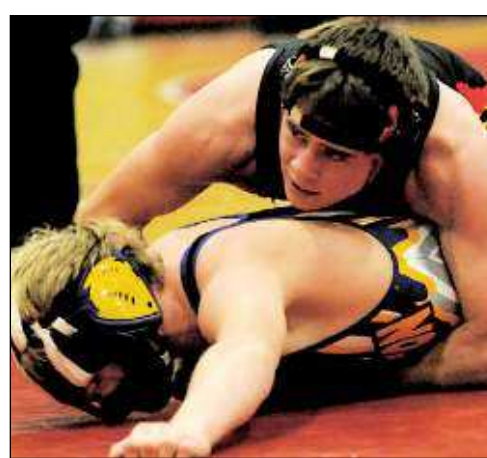
Twin Falls placed six wrestlers in the top six, which was good enough for sixth place overall to lead area

schools. Minico and Jerome followed at eighth and ninth, respectively.

Hruza's first-place victory was one of four for area wrestlers during Saturday's championship round. Will Keeter (135 pounds) of Twin Falls, Miguel Simental (171) of Minico and Wade Bennett (189) of Jerome each took home first-place medals.

"I've been wrestling pretty good, I haven't been giving

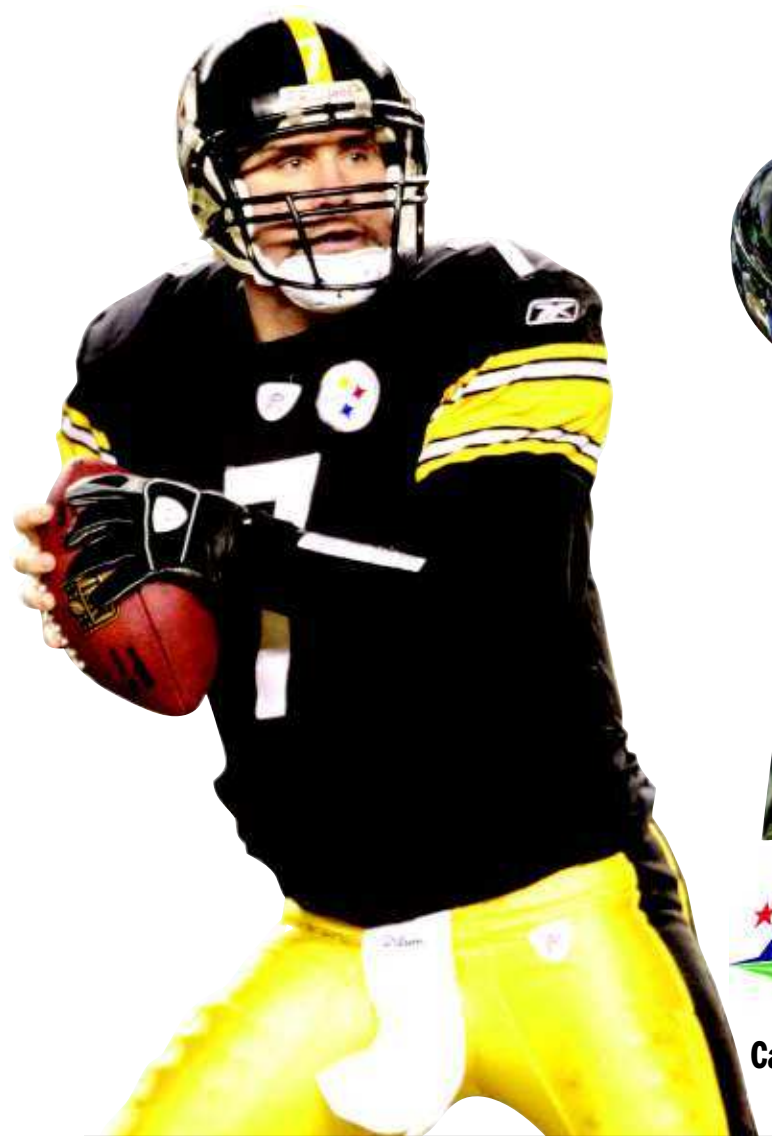
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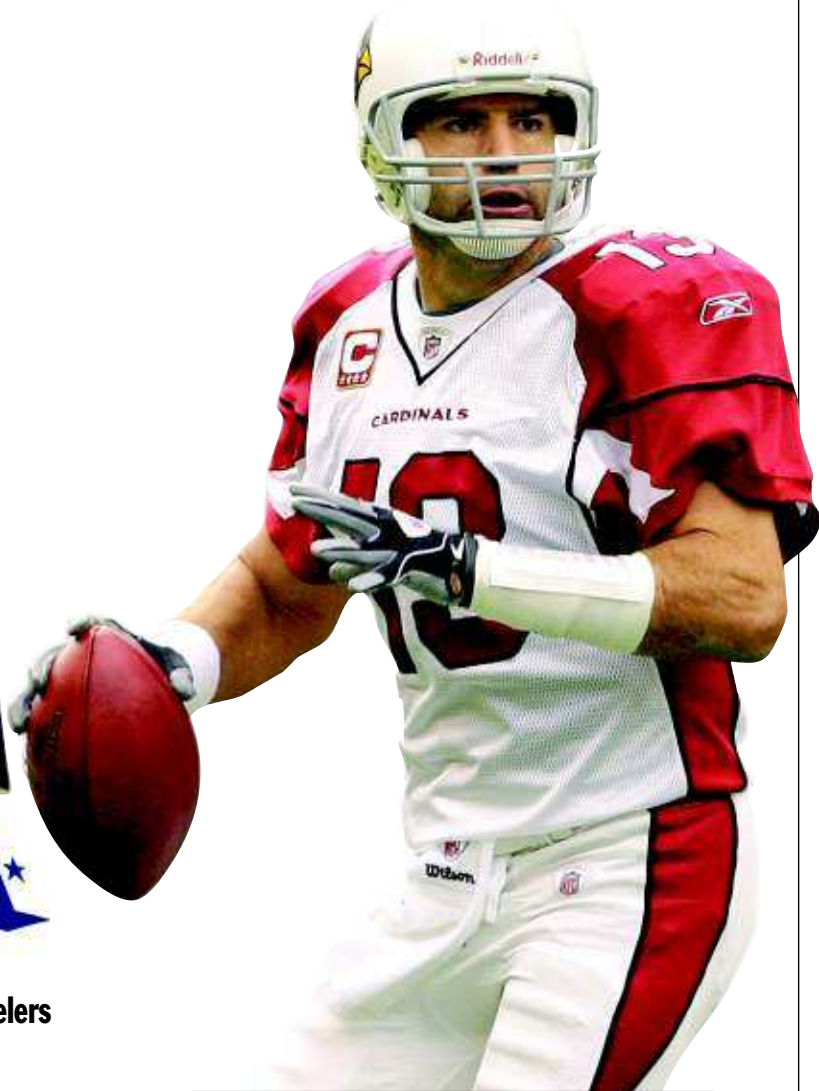
Minico's Jake Hruza, top, wrestles with Sammy Metz of Lewiston during their 140-pound championship bout of the Red Halverson Invitational Saturday at Minico High School. Hruza won by major decision, 11-0.

RYAN HOWE/Times-News

TODAY'S SUPER BOWL XLIII IS A MATCHUP OF DYNASTY vs. DOORMAT



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Steelers try for record sixth title against surprising Cardinals

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Dynasty vs. doormat.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have signified success in the Super Bowl era with their stable ownership, brilliant coaching and throwback style. A victory Sunday will give them a record sixth Super Bowl title, and they are 6½-point favorites to get it against the Arizona Cardinals.

Yes, those Cardinals — a franchise

that has defined dysfunction since the 1950s.

If it's easy to believe the Steelers are back in the big game three years after winning one for the thumb against Seattle, it's just as difficult — nearly impossible, actually — to believe the Cardinals are providing the opposition. This is a classic yin and yang setup: the defensively miserly AFC champs against the offensively potent NFC winners. The team with

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the proud history against the club with the forgettable past.

As if any of that matters now.

"Legacies are something you kind of worry about after the season," Steelers All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu said.

When that season ends Sunday night, the Steelers will be judged by a commitment to excellence — sorry, Al Davis — established by the Steel

Curtain teams of Chuck Noll in the 1970s and carried on through the Bill Cowher years. It is not something they can ignore, even if their coach, Mike Tomlin, has been on the job only two years and has few ties to Noll or Cowher.

Indeed, when they look around Raymond James Stadium and see all those fans waving Terrible Towels, the players will readily accept that extra burden every Steeler has

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Heartbreak: CSI men fall to N. Idaho

Golden Eagles lose on 75-foot buzzer-beater

Times-News

An incredible second-half rally nearly gave the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team an improbable win at North Idaho College on Saturday.

Instead, an even more unlikely 75-foot buzzer-beat by NIC's Melvin Jones left the Golden Eagles with a heartbreaking 69-66 defeat and a sub-.500 record in Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

"It's hard to swallow," CSI head coach Steve Gosar told 1270 AM KTFI. "This is a tough one."

Down 19 in the second half, CSI (16-6, 3-4 SWAC) rallied to take a 66-64 lead on a dunk by Daequon Montreal with 1:45 to play.

After NIC's Renado Parker tied the game, CSI turned the ball over with 39.1 seconds remaining. From there, the teams traded misses and the ball went out of bounds on CSI's end with 1.5 seconds left.

The officials awarded the ball to NIC after a brief discussion and Jones knocked down the three-quarter court shot to send the home fans into a tizzy.

"He made a heck of a play," said Gosar of Jones' shot.

Jamelle Barrett scored 17 of his game-high 20 points after intermission to key the Golden Eagle rally. Jay Watkins added 16 points and Aziz Ndiaye netted 13.

North Idaho (20-2, 5-2 SWAC) jumped out to a quick 14-5 lead. While the Golden Eagles fought to stay close through much of the first half, NIC built a 40-29 edge at intermission. That margin ballooned to 19 in the second half until CSI found some life.

A 3-pointer by Watkins and a driving layup by Barrett brought the Eagles within nine at 55-46 with 11:53 to play. The rally continued behind Barrett's aggressive play. He brought CSI with two at 60-58 and 64-62. A breakaway slam by Byago Diouf knotted the score at 64-all with 2:45 left.

"I couldn't be more proud of the guys. They just fought back," said Gosar. "They started getting stops and converted (on the other end)."

Shawn Henderson led the Cardinals with 16 points. Jones and Lateef Williams each scored 11, while Parker tossed in 10.

CSI played without freshman point guard Charles Odum, who was sidelined by injury. That left all the minutes at the important position to Barrett.

"Jamelle had a whale of a game," said Gosar. "... He can make some

See **CSI**, Sports 2

CSI BOXING SMOKER



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Royce Barlow, of Layton, Utah, right, lands a blow to Kurt Trowbridge of Twin Falls during the 32nd Annual CSI Cowboy and Cowgirl Boxing Smoker Saturday night in Twin Falls. Barlow earned the win in the fight, which was part of a busy evening of bouts at Eldon Evans Expo Center. The Smoker serves as the primary fundraiser for the CSI rodeo team.

CSI women rebound, hammer No. 18 NIC

Transition game key as Eagles roll

Times-News

That's how you bounce back.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team rebounded from its first conference loss of the season by pounding No. 18 North Idaho College 70-56 on Saturday.

The host Cardinals (18-4, 5-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference) beat CSI 59-58 on Friday, but had no answers for the No. 13 Golden Eagles (17-4, 6-1

SWAC) on Saturday afternoon.

Trailing 8-7 in the early going, CSI engineered an 18-2 spurt, taking a 25-10 edge.

"The transition game was much better," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1270 AM KTFI.

The Golden Eagles recorded 17 steals, forced NIC into 28 turnovers and held the Cardinals to 39 percent shooting.

CSI point guard Martina Holloway distributed the ball beautifully, recording eight assists. Soana Lucet scored 23 points, Noelle

See **REBOUND**, Sports 2

CSI goes 1-1-1 on second day in Arizona

Times-News

It wasn't exactly a line shot to win it, but it achieved the same effect.

With two runners out in the bottom of the seventh inning, the game tied 4-4 and Megan Zimmerman on third base, Erin Olander squibbed a shot toward Pima (Ariz.) Community College's second baseman and fell down in

the batters box. But the ball had enough English on it to evade the defender long enough for Zimmerman to score and Olander to recover and reach first base safely as the 27th-ranked College of Southern Idaho softball team capped its second day at the Arizona Western tournament in Yuma, Ariz., with a 5-4 win

over No. 23 Pima.

Cassie Merrill led off the inning with a triple and scored to tie the game on Zimmerman's single, setting up the bizarre final sequence.

"It was a crazy game, so that was a fitting end in a way," said CSI head coach Nick Baumert. Dani Grant tripled twice

and Zimmerman added a three-bagger of her own in the win.

It rounded out a day that saw CSI (3-2-1) pull off a split of three games: the win over Pima, a 5-1 loss to Eastern Arizona and a 2-2 tie with Phoenix College — in the tournament, games are simply ruled a tie after seven innings rather than going to extras.

"It was a good day," Baumert said. "Phoenix College is a quality club, and to give up two early to them and fight back and tie that game was good. It was exciting to see that we were able to come back in a couple of different situations."

CSI plays Glendale (Ariz.) Community College and host Arizona Western today in the final day of the tournament.

No. 27 CSI 2, Phoenix College 2

CSI 000 010 1 - 2 5 3
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Genetra Nielson and Megan Zimmerman: Rerout and Goodman.
Extra-base hits - 2B: CSI, Brittany Gonzales. 3B: Phoenix, Rosenberg.

Eastern Arizona 5, CSI 1

Eastern Arizona 100 300 1 - 5 9 0
CSI 000 100 0 - 1 3 0
Brentley and Whitmore: Srie Diamond, Kyle Bryant (7) and Chelsea Nix. W: Brentley, L: Diamond (0-1).
Extra-base hits - 2B: CSI, Ashley Chappel.

5, Pima (Ariz.) CC 4

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CSI 110 010 2 - 5 9 3
Trujillo and Siegall: McKensy Hillstead and Megan Zimmerman. W: Hillstead (1-0). L: Trujillo.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Pima, Siegall. 3B: CSI, Dani Grant (2), Cassie Merrill, Zimmerman.

Hagerman boys outlast Gooding in double OT

Times-News

Tanner Owen scored 25 points and Morgan Knight went 6-for-6 from the foul line for the fourth quarter on as Class 1A Division I No. 4 Hagerman outlasted its Class 3A host from Gooding 54-51 in double overtime on Saturday afternoon.

Knight finished with 13 points for the Pirates (14-3), while Gooding (1-15) was led by 16 from Tyler Rex and 13 from Austin Basterrechea, who also pulled in 18 rebounds.

Gooding coach Max Piper was pleased with his team's effort despite coming out on the short end, citing the commitment to four quarters — and then some — of strong defense against a potent offense.

"To only give up 54 points to a really good basketball team in double overtime is awesome. I was really pleased with the intensity, the effort and the heart ... it was one of our best games of the year," Piper said. "I can't complain about losing, really, even though everyone wants to win. We played a solid game against a great team and that's all I can ask for."

Gooding plays Buhl in the Senators' home finale on Friday.

Hagerman 54, Gooding 51, 2 OT

Hagerman 40 6 14 9 7 8 - 54
Gooding 9 12 6 12 7 5 - 51
GOODING (54)
Ryan Luttmier 4, Morgan Knight 13, Zac Reid 2, Jake Emerson 6, Thomas Owensley 2, Logan Dailly 2, Tanner Owen 25. Totals 20 12-15 54.
GOODING (51)
Devan McCool 3, John Jensen 4, Justin Parke 7,

Austin Basterrechea 13, Colton Knopp 2, Tyler Rex 16, Tommy McMurdie 6. Totals 21 7-14 51.
3-point goals: Hagerman 2 (Emerson 2); Gooding 2 (McCool, Parke). Total fouls: Hagerman 13, Gooding 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: Hagerman, Dylan Brooks.

POCATELLO 55, MINICO 52

Pocatello outscored Minico by four points in the final period to take a 55-52 win in Pocatello on Saturday. Mark Leon led the Spartans (7-9) with 16 points while Coltin Johnson added 15 in defeat.

Michael Decker led the Indians with 17, while Colter Morton added 15.

Minico is at Burley on Wednesday.

Pocatello 55, Minico 52

Minico 13 17 9 18 - 52
Pocatello 6 10 19 20 - 55
MINICO (52)
Kalen Knopp 5, Mark Leon 16, Coltin Johnson 15, Shad Hubsmith 9, Tyson Crane 7, Kevin Jurgensmeier 3. Totals 18 15-22 52.

POCATELLO (55)

Brendan Johnson 2, Zac Korrell 2, Colter Morton 15, Ryan Pearson 9, Jason Matson 3, Johnathon Hancock 2, Michael Decker 17, Shae Andrews 2. Totals 18 14-24.
3-point goals: Minico 4 (Johnson 2, Leon, Knopp); Pocatello 5 (Decker 2, Morton, Pearson, Madsen). Total fouls: Minico 18, Pocatello 19. Fouled out: Minico, Jurgensmeier; Pocatello, Decker. Technical fouls: Minico, Johnson.

JEROME JUNIORS 56, SHOSHONE 37

Nolan McDonald scored nine of his 13 points in the third quarter and Jerome's junior squad outscored Shoshone 23-10 in the period on the way to a 56-37 win in Shoshone on Saturday.

Cameron Stauffer scored 12 for Jerome, while Shoshone (10-6) was led by 19 points from Josh Olsen.

Shoshone is at Oakley on Tuesday.

Jerome Juniors 56, Shoshone 37

Jerome 12 10 23 11 - 56

Shoshone 11 12 10 4 - 37

JEROME (56)
Cameron Stauffer 12, Ross Hillier 4, Austin Clegg 2, Spencer Parker 3, Nolan McDonald 13, Bryan Harper 2, Chase Capps 6, Garrett Amos 8, Jake Hohlfield 6. Totals 23 7-10 56.

SHOSHONE (37)

Nell Valencia 3, Andrew Sotol 6, Sigi Juarez 3, Ryan Sotol 5, Josh Olsen 19, Edwin Pinon 1. Totals 13 5-12 37.
3-point goals: Jerome (Amos 2, Parker); Shoshone (Olsen 4, R. Sotol 1, Valencia 1). Total fouls: Jerome 13, Shoshone 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Girls basketball

SRC TOURNAMENT

OAKLEY 61, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 30

Saless Terry scored 17 points to lead four Oakley players in double figures as the Hornets eliminated Lighthouse Christian 61-30 in the Snake River Conference play-in game Saturday night in Shoshone.

Kori Poulton added 12 points while McKenzie Zollinger and Sabrina Wybenga each scored 10 for the Hornets (4-13), who outscored the Lions 19-4 in the third quarter to pull away.

Josena van Vliet led Lighthouse Christian (4-15) with eight points.

"The girls started to anticipate and we were able to use our defense to create offensive opportunities," said Oakley coach Kristin Jones, whose team pilfered 28 steals and forced 43 total turnovers. "We're glad that we're getting in (to the SRC Tournament proper) and we look forward to having a good tournament."

Said Lighthouse Christian coach Andrew Paz: "I thought Oakley's trap dis-

rupted our offense. They did a good job on trapping the ball and converted well in the transition. Their defense created a lot of opportunities and I thought that was the difference for them."

Oakley faces Cassia County rival Raft River in Wednesday's first round at Shoshone. Tip-off is set for approximately 6 p.m.

Oakley 61,

Lighthouse Christian 30
Oakley 16 17 19 9 - 61
Lighthouse Christian 10 9 4 7 - 30

Whitney Smith 2, Kaylani Setokii 4, Saless Terry 17, Sabrina Wybenga 10, Jordan Leirman 6, Kori Poulton 12, McKenzie Zollinger 10. Totals 23 15-33 61.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (34)
Rachel Wendland 1, Kyanna Jones 6, Alex VerHoven 3, Josena van Vliet 8, Sarah Hilbert 5, Elisa Schrey 2, Ashley Hinton 5. Totals 11 8-18 30.
3-point goals: none. Total fouls: Oakley 19, Lighthouse Christian 21. Fouled out: Lighthouse Christian, van Vliet. Technical fouls: none.

DIETRICH 52, MINICO JV 38

Shayla Porter scored a season-high 19 points and Jesse Dill added 15 and Dietrich used a strong second-half effort to beat Minico's junior varsity 52-38 in Rupert.

The win lifted the Blue Devils 15-4 overall. They wrap up the regular season at 8 p.m., Monday against unbeaten Northside Conference leader Richfield. If Dietrich (9-1 Northside) can beat the Tigers, the two teams will share the regular-season conference crown.

Dietrich 52, Minico JV 38

Dietrich 17 18 11 12 - 52
Minico 12 14 9 - 38
DIETRICH (52)
Ellie Dalton 2, Nakia Norman 6, Jesse Dill 15, Moriah Dill 1, Jessica Perron 7, Shayla Porter 19, Dayna Phillips 2. Totals 21 10-17 52.

MINICO (38)
Foreman 3, Peterson 8, Bingham 10, Pfeifer 12, Phillips 5. Totals 17 2-7 38.
3-point goals: Minico 1 (Foreman). Total fouls: Dietrich 10, Minico 15. Fouled out: none.



AP photo

Kenny Perry watches his shot from the No. 5 tee during the third round of the FBR Open golf tournament Saturday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Perry surges to FBR Open lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — After erasing a four-stroke deficit in five holes, Kenny Perry wanted to be alone atop the FBR Open leaderboard.

All it took was a 33-foot putt on the 18th hole Saturday. When the putt dropped into the cup, it brought a roar from the massive TPC Scottsdale gallery and gave Perry a one-stroke lead over Scott Piercy through three rounds.

"Good time to make one," said Perry, who shot a 5-under 66.

Despite stumbling down the stretch, Piercy thought he had a one-stroke lead when he reached the clubhouse.

"They've still got to catch me right now," Piercy said after his 66.

Perry already had. Perry erased a four-stroke deficit between the 13th and 17th holes. He birdied the 17th to catch Piercy and birdied the 18th to surge past him.

"Supper's going to taste good tonight," Perry said. "Great day."

Kevin Na (66), Brian Gay (67) and Charley Hoffman (69) were tied for third, two strokes off the lead. Perry's rally set up an intriguing Sunday duel between Perry, who turned pro in 1982, and Piercy, a rookie.

The 48-year-old Perry has 12 tour victories. The 30-year-old Piercy is playing in his 23rd PGA Tour event, and he's here on a sponsor exemption.

Na will join Perry and Piercy in the final group.

Perry's rally actually began Thursday, after he struggled through the first 14 holes.

"I was out of here," Perry said. "I'm 4 over with four to play on Thursday and just pretty much mad, basically, going into 15."

But Perry smashed a 3-wood from 275 yards out and birdied the par-5 15th, and he's been rolling ever since.

"You know what, it's amazing what one shot can do for you in a tournament," Perry said. "You can either go one way or another with one golf shot."

Counting the 15th, Perry has an eagle, 16 birdies and only two bogeys in the 40 holes since that shot.

MCILROY LEADS

SUSPENDED DUBAI EVENT

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy made a 2-foot eagle putt on the par-5 10th to take a two-stroke lead when third-round play in the Dubai Desert Classic was suspended because of darkness.

The 19-year-old McIlroy, seeking his first tour victory, was 15 under. He finished off a second-round 68 in the morning with a 25-foot eagle putt on No. 18.

South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen and Australia's Richard Green were tied for second. Oosthuizen also completed 10 holes, and Green played 11.

The European tour event has been affected by morning fog that has resulted in the loss of six hours of play.

— The Associated Press

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up a lot of points," Keeter said.

Keeter had given up just six points through the first four rounds. But in his championship bout with Bonneville's Bryce Howard, Keeter fell behind 2-0 right out of the gate on a take-down. But Keeter recovered and controlled the match the rest of the way, winning by a 10-4 decision.

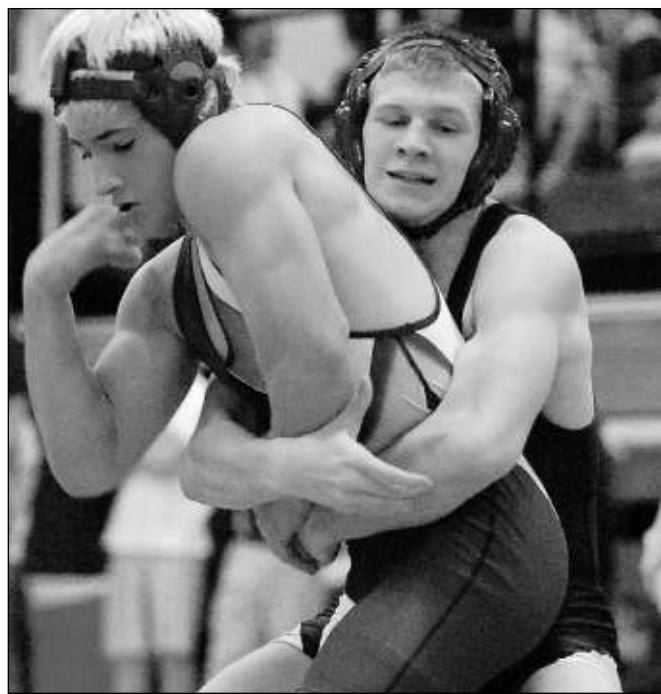
"I knew I could come back from it, but I still wish it didn't happen," Keeter said of Howard's early take-down. "I had to stay solid and not let him do it again."

At 171, Simental had his hands full with Scott Jones of Snake River. Just when it appeared Jones had Simental on his back, the Minico senior made a quick Houdini-like move to escape and reverse Jones for the pin.

"It means a lot because this is the last tournament before regionals and state," Simental said. "Overall I feel pretty good, but I still need to get better. I've been practicing with two of our (assistant) coaches who were state champions a while ago, and they've been helping me get better."

At 189, Bennett led 5-0 after two rounds and wound up winning the title over Tanner Hall of Meridian, 7-2. The Jerome senior is now 29-1 on the season.

Joe Hamilton of Twin Falls reached the 119-pound championship match, but defaulted due to injury.



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Will Keeter of Twin Falls, right, holds on to Bryce Howard of Bonneville during their 135-pound championship match of the Red Halverson Invitational Saturday at Minico High School. Keeter won by a 10-4 decision.

2009 Red Halverson Memorial

Wrestling Invitational

Senior's results

1. Pocatello, 188.5 points; 2. Highland, 178.5; 3. Lewiston, 148.5; 4. Kuna, 136; 5. Bonneville, 135; 6. Twin Falls, 133.5; 7. Borah, 132; 8. Minico, 131; 9. Jerome, 112.5; 10. Snake River, 98; 11. Centennial, 94.5; 12. Nampa, 89; 13. Sandpoint, 65; 14. Meridian, 62.5; 15. Preston, 50.5; 16. Eagle, 48; 17. Rocky Mountain, 45.5; 18. Kimberly, 38; 19. Buhl, 30.5; 20. Madison, 29.5; 21. Middleton, 27; 22. Timberline, 26; 23. tie, Burley, 14; Rigby, 14.

Championship match results

103 pounds: Mac Buhrey, Centennial, dec. Brennan Bell, Highland, 7-3; 112: Tyler Praska, Pocatello, pinned Jonathan Turpin, Snake River; 119: Kody Hansen, Nampa, default; Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls; 125: Taylor West, Borah, major dec. Taylor Bird, Bonneville, 13-0; 130: Tracey Huffman, Lewiston, dec. Shane Washburn, Borah, 8-1; 135: Will Keeter, Twin Falls, dec. Bryce Howard, Bonneville, 10-4; 140: Jake Hruza, Minico, major dec. Sammy Nietz, Lewiston, 11-0; 145: Cody Lords, Kuna, tech fall Dalton Skelton, Lewiston, 24-9; 152: Abner Cook, Pocatello, pinned Ben Lott, Snake River; 160: Dallas Warren, Pocatello, pinned Ryan Festag, Eagle; 171: Miguel Simental, Minico, pinned Scott Jones, Snake River; 189: Wade Bennett, Jerome, dec. Tanner Hall, Meridian, 7-2; 215: Trevor Rupp, Pocatello, pinned Nick Martin, Snake River; 285: Jared Richardson, Bonneville, dec. Gavien Edmo, Highland, 10-3.

Third-place match results

103 pounds: Garret Belgrade, Sandpoint, dec. Ryan Slater, Borah, 9-4; 112: Anthony Espin, Highland,

dec. Keenan Allen, Jerome, 5-1; 119: Casey George, Lewiston, pinned Cory Cummins, Jerome; 125: George Crawford, Rocky Mountain, tech fall Colter Sigman, Sandpoint, 24-8; 130: Tyler Hine, Twin Falls, dec. Kerek Hansen, Nampa, 6-2; 135: Paton Nolan, Kuna, dec. Kyle Oldenmeyer, Borah, 9-6; 140: Todd Andersen, Twin Falls, dec. Mark Malmgren, Centennial, 10-3; 145: Dylan Brigham, Pocatello, dec. David Borden, Minico, 8-4; 152: Mike Sawin, Borah, dec. Ethan Hall, Highland, 9-7; 160: Blake Finney, Buhl, pinned Riley Argyle, Jerome; 171: Zak Sletten, Twin Falls, dec. Creed Richardson, Bonneville, 6-3; 189: Adam Boone, Bonneville, pinned D.J. Maloney, Kuna; 215: Nate Barclay, Minico, dec. Kyle Novis, Jerome, 7-5; 285: Wes Howard, Pocatello, dec. Ruben Martinez, Nampa, 3-2.

Fifth-place match results

103 pounds: Zac Cobb, Kuna, pinned David Tovar, Nampa; 112: Connor Newman, Kuna, dec. Kyle Ciszmar, Sandpoint, 11-4; 119: Bren Scheiss, Highland, dec. Eddie Millward, Pocatello, 7-0; 125: Jacob Hall, Highland, pinned Skyler Jeppson, Preston; 130: Josh Wornack, Preston, major dec. Colton Frost, Meridian, 13-5; 135: Nathan Nielson, Highland, major dec. Liam Smith, Centennial, 10-1; 140: James Espin, Highland, dec. Tyler Powell, Jerome, 5-3; 145: Nolan Ward, Kimberly, dec. Nolan Crawford, Rocky Mountain, 6-4; 152: Brandon Delao, Kuna, major dec. Landon Barnes, Minico, 11-2; 160: Justin Allen, Highland, dec. Colby May, Minico, 6-0; 171: Corey Dondoro, Kuna, tech fall David Mullner, Timberline, 17-2; 189: Curtis Shuey, Lewiston, pinned Patrick Evans, Borah; 215: D.J. Bush, Centennial, pinned Kevin Hurd, Twin Falls; 285: Tommy Hansen, Centennial, default; Cory Harvey, Middleton.

Rebound

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Milicic 14 and Shauneice Samms 12.

The win gives CSI sole possession of first place in the SWAC once again and also give the Eagles the tiebreaker against North Idaho with a 2-1 edge in the season series.

"We're in the driver's seat," said Rogers.

Lauren Boyd-Miller scored 10 to lead the Cardinals, while Lindsay Wimett added nine. But Idaho State transfer Bianca Cheever was held scoreless in 25 minutes.

After giving up 26 offensive rebounds and shooting 38 percent at the foul line in Friday's loss, CSI fared much better in both categories on Saturday.

Milicic's 3-pointer with 8:47 left in the game made it 62-37 and CSI coasted home from there.

The Golden Eagles return home this week for a pair of games against Eastern Utah, a team CSI beat 95-56 in Ephraim, Utah, on Jan. 10.

No. 13 CSI 70, No. 18 North

Idaho 56

CSI (17-4, 6-1 SWAC)
Soana Lucet 23, Noelle Milicic 14, Shauneice Samms 12, Martina Holloway 8, LaCale Pringle-Buchanan 7, Cassie Wood 6. Totals 30-62 6-10 70.

NORTH IDAHO (18-4, 5-2 SWAC)

Lauren Boyd-Miller 10, Natalie Nichols 8, Shanaya Valdez 8, Lindsay Winmett 9, Kia Gibson 8, Brigitte Boucher 6, Marielle McKeane 4, Lindsey Stark 3. Totals 22-57 8-10 56.
Halftime: CSI 40, NIC 23. 3-point goals: CSI 4-13; NIC 4-12.

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Smith, Woodson lead Hall of Fame selections

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Bruce Smith, Rod Woodson and Derrick Thomas, all witnesses for the defense. All Pro Football Hall of Famers.

The three were elected on Saturday along with long-time Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson, who at age 90 will be the oldest person ever inducted; former Minnesota guard Randall McDaniel; and the late Bob Hayes, a standout wide receiver for Dallas and the 1964 Olympic 100 meters gold medalist.

Inductions will be Aug. 8

in Canton, Ohio.

The only candidate among the seven finalists who didn't get in was former Falcons and Eagles defensive end Claude Humphrey.

Former commissioner Paul Tagliabue was denied entry for the third straight year, not even making it past the first round of cuts.

Tagliabue, who retired in 2006 after 17 years in the job, has met strong resistance in his three years of eligibility despite the profitability and labor peace the league enjoyed during his tenure.

No such problem for Smith and Woodson in their first year on the ballot.

"I am overjoyed," said Smith, the career sacks leader (200) who spent most of his career with the Bills.

"It's a great honor, a great feat," said Woodson, the former defensive back who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, among other teams. "I'm still pinching myself a little bit, thinking it's surreal."

The moist poignant moment, however, came when Hayes' sister, Lucille Hester, read from a thank-

you letter Hayes left in case he made the hall. He died in 2002.

"It didn't matter how long it took. ... The day is here, and it is historic," she said.

Wilson and the Titans' Bud Adams are the only original AFL members who still own their franchises. Their teams will meet in the Hall of Fame game the day after the inductions.

Thomas, who died nine years ago after an auto accident while still an active player, also was in the 1990s all-decade team and was the 1989 defensive rookie of the

year. He is 11th in career sacks with 126½.

A rushing outside linebacker who also had responsibilities in pass coverage for Kansas City, Thomas set an NFL mark with seven sacks in one game against Seattle on Nov. 11, 1990, a year in which he paced the NFL with 20 sacks.

"Derrick Thomas was the cornerstone of the modern era of the Kansas City Chiefs and one of the most feared performers of his era," Chiefs owner Clark Hunt said. "Every head coach and offensive coordinator who

faced the Chiefs during the 1990s knew when they came to Arrowhead Stadium they had to account for Derrick Thomas."

McDaniel was that rare guard as effective in pass protection as run blocking and could handle even the best defensive linemen singlehandedly. He missed only two games in his 14-season career and was yet another member of the 1990s all-decade team.

"Randall was a beast," Smith said. "Once he locked on to you, you couldn't go anywhere."

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	9	.813	—
Philadelphia	23	23	.500	16
New York	22	27	.457	17
New Jersey	21	27	.438	18
Toronto	19	29	.396	20
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	35	10	.778	—
Atlanta	27	20	.574	9
Miami	25	21	.543	10½
Charlotte	19	28	.404	17
Washington	10	37	.213	26
CENTRAL				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	36	9	.800	—
Detroit	25	20	.556	11
Milwaukee	24	27	.471	15
Chicago	22	27	.457	16½
Indiana	19	29	.396	18½
WESTERN				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	32	14	.696	—
New Orleans	28	16	.636	3
Houston	29	19	.604	4
Dallas	27	19	.587	5
Memphis	11	35	.239	21
NORTHWEST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	31	16	.660	—
Portland	28	17	.622	2
Utah	26	21	.553	5
Minnesota	16	29	.353	14
Oklahoma City	33	23	.591	20
PACIFIC				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	37	9	.804	—
Phoenix	25	20	.556	11½
Golden State	15	33	.313	23
L.A. Clippers	10	37	.213	27½
Sacramento	10	38	.208	28

Friday's Games				
Indiana 114, Miami 103	Milwaukee 96, Toronto 85	Boston 86, Detroit 78	Philadelphia 104, Washington 94	Atlanta 105, New Jersey 88
Cleveland 112, L.A. Clippers 95	L.A. Lakers 132, Minnesota 119	Denver 124, Charlotte 99	Utah 110, Oklahoma City 90	Golden State 91, New Orleans 87
Chicago 109, Sacramento 88	New York 122, Indiana 113	New Jersey 85, Philadelphia 86	Phoenix 111, Miami 103	L.A. Lakers 115, Memphis 98
Washington 106, L.A. Clippers 94	Milwaukee 110, Atlanta 107	Houston 110, Golden State 93	San Antonio 106, New Orleans 93	Chicago 122, Phoenix 111
Utah at Portland, late				

Saturday's Games				
Orlando at Toronto, 10 a.m.	Minnesota at Boston, 10 a.m.	Cleveland at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.	Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 1 p.m.	
Monday's Games				
Dallas at Orlando, 5 p.m.	Memphis at Washington, 5 p.m.	L.A. Clippers at Miami, 5:30 p.m.	L.A. Lakers at New York, 5:30 p.m.	Portland at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 7 p.m.	Charlotte at Utah, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.		

NBA Clippers				
Wizards 106, Clippers 94				
L.A. CLIPPERS (94)				
Thomton 21.0-1.5	Skinner 7-11.0-0.14	Cambry 2-5.2-2.6	Gordon 8-15.6-6.25	Jones 1-2.0-2.2
Jordan 0-1.0-0.0	B.Davis 5-10.5-6.7	Novak 6-12.0-1.7	R.Davis 3-8.1-1.8	Totals 34-74.15-18.94
WASHINGTON (106)				
McGuire 0-3.2-2.2	Jamison 8-16.7-9.25	Songaila 4-10.0-0.8	Butler 6-22.4-5.16	James 3-8.0-0.9
McGee 8-15.2-3.18	Crittendon 0-3.4-4	Young 8-11.5-6.22	Stevenson 1-2.0-2.2	Totals 38-90.24-31.106
L.A. CLIPPERS				
Washington	26	32	25	— 106
3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 11-26	(Novak 5-10)	Gordon 3-7	B.Davis 2-2	R.Davis 1-5
Thomton 0-1	Jones 0-1	Washington 6-11	James 3-5	Jamison 2-3
Young 1-2	Stevenson 0-1	Fouled Out—None	Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 44	(Skinner 10)
Washington 58	(Butler 13)	Assists—L.A. Clippers 21	(B.Davis, Jones 6)	Washington 22
(Butler 7)	Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 22	Washington 17	A—18, 227	(20,173)

BUCKS 110, Hawks 107				
ATLANTA (107)				
Williams 1-4.6-8	Smith 8-16.2-4.18	Pachulia 3-4.5-11	Johnson 8-23.4-4.22	Bibby 8-15.4-6.24
S.Jones 0-5.0-0.0	Evans 2-3.0-0.6	Murray 7-25.1-1.18	Law 0-0.0-0.0	Totals 37-85.22.107
MILWAUKEE (110)				
Jefferson 4-10.11-12.2	Villanueva 8-15.7-7.27	Eason 3-3.0-6	Sessions 8-16.4-5.20	Ridnour 4-8.4-4.12
Bogut 4-7.1-2.9	Mbah a			

MOUTE 0-2.0-0.0				
Bell 7-12.0-0.16	Totals 38-71.27.30.110			
ATLANTA				
Atlanta	22	26	33	— 107
Milwaukee	29	24	34	23 — 110
3-Point Goals—Atlanta 11-24	(Bibby 4-8)	Murray 3-6	Evans 2-2	Johnson 2-6
S.Jones 0-1	Williams 0-1	Milwaukee 7-13	(Villanueva 4-7)	Bell 2-2
Jefferson 1-4	Fouled Out—None	Rebounds—Atlanta 50	(Smith 11)	Milwaukee 41
(Eason 8)	Assists—Atlanta 20	(Johnson 9)	Total Fouls—Atlanta 26	Milwaukee 19
Technicals—Bibby, Bogut, A—15,881	(18,177)			

SPURS 106, Hornets 93				
NEW ORLEANS (93)				
Stojakovic 2-6.0-0.4	West 8-21.0-0.16	Armstrong 3-5.1-2.7	Butler 4-8.0-0.8	Paul 15-22.3-5.38
Marks 1-2.0-0.2	Posey 1-4.0-0.2	Brown 4-7.1-2.10	Daniels 1-3.2-2.4	Wright 1-3.0-0.2
Totals 40-81	7-11.93			
SAN ANTONIO (106)				
Thomas 0-0.0-0.0	Mason 3-12.4-5.10	Parker 12-18.1-1.25	Ginobili 7-15.6-6.22	Bonner 5-6-0-0.13
Bowen 0-2.0-0.0	Hill 1-3.0-0.2	Oberlo 1-1.0-0.2	Hairston 0-0.0-0.0	Udoka 0-0.0-0.0
Totals 47-77	13-15.106			
PHILADELPHIA (89)				
Simmons 1-1.0-0.3	Anderson 1-9.0-0.2	Lopez 10-20.4-4.24	Carter 3-9.1-1.7	Harris 6-14.3-8.17
Hassell 4-8.0-0.8	Hayes 4-8.1-2.1	Dooling 3-8.5-11	Boone 0-3.0-0.0	Douglas-Roberts 1-1.0-0.2
Najera 0-0.0-0.0	Totals 33-81	14-20.85		
NEW JERSEY (85)				
Simmons 1-1.0-0.3	Anderson 1-9.0-0.2	Lopez 10-20.4-4.24	Carter 3-9.1-1.7	Harris 6-14.3-8.17
Hassell 4-8.0-0.8	Hayes 4-8.1-2.1	Dooling 3-8.5-11	Boone 0-3.0-0.0	Douglas-Roberts 1-1.0-0.2
Najera 0-0.0-0.0	Totals 33-81	14-20.85		

Knicks 122, Pacers 113				
NEW YORK (122)				
Harrison 14-28.0-0.31	Lee 8-15.7-9.23	Jeffries 1-3.0-0.2	Richardson 5-11.0-0.15	Duhon 4-8.3-4.13
Chandler 6-13.3-4.16	Robinson 5-10.2-4.14	Thomas 1-3.0-0.2	Gallinari 2-5.0-0.6	Totals 46-94
15-21.122				
INDIANA (113)				
Granger 13-3.19	Murphy 2-6.2-2.6	Foster 2-5.3-4.7	Dunleavy 6-18.0-0.14	Ford 14-23.8-10.36
Jack 0-3	Fouled Out—None	Rebounds—New York 41	(Lee 17)	Indiana 55
(Murphy 1)	Assists—New York 29	(Duhon 7)	Indiana 16	(Ford 5)
Total Fouls—New York 21	Indiana 18	A—15,067	(16,165)	

Lakers 115, Grizzlies 98				
L.A. LAKERS (115)				
Walton 2-5.2-4.6	Gasol 9-14.6-6.24	Bynum 2-3.3-3.7	Bryant 10-20.5-2.25	Fisher 6-7.0-0.14
Odum 5-6.3-4.13	Ariza 5-10.1-1.11	Farmar 1-4.1-1.3	Vujacic 2-5.2-2.7	Mihm 1-5.0-0.2
Radmanovic 1-3.0-0.3	Totals 44-82	23-28.115		
MEMPHIS (98)				
Gay 9-18.5-2.3	Arthur 5-11.1-1.11	M.Gasol 9-8.5-13	Mayo 8-23.3-2.11	Conley 5-9.0-2.5
Lowry 1-4.0-0.2	Miles 0-1.0-0.0	Warrick 13-10.1-2.11	Ross 1-4.2-2.4	Jaric 0-1.0-0.0
Totals 39-76	14-21.98			

Mavericks 111, Heat 96				
DALLAS (111)				
Howard 7-13.0-0.15	Nowitzki 12-14.5-5.30	Dampier 1-2.2-4	Wright 1-5.2-2.6	Hadi 3-5.0-0.7
George 2-3.0-0.7	Terry 9-17.0-2.0	Bass 5-8.1-3.11	Barea 5-7.0-0.11	Singleton 1-3.0-0.2
Hollins 0-0.0-0.0	Totals 47-78	10-12.111		
MIAMI (96)				
Dwairwa 0-1.0-0.0	Haslem 3-5.4-8.10	Magloire 1-2.0-0.2	Wade 13-23.2-4.30	Chalmers 4-1.6-7.17
Cook 1-9.0-0.2	Beasley 7-15.4-4.18	Quinn 3-6.4-5.10	Jones 1-1.2-3	Blount 2-4.0-0.4
Banks 0-0.0-0.0	Anthony 0-0.0-0.0	Totals 35-77	21-30.96	
DALLAS				
Dallas	25	28	26	— 111
3-Point Goals—Dallas 7-16	(Bryant 3-5)	Kidd 1-1	Nowitzki 1-1	George 1-2
Howard 1-3	Singleton 0-1	Miami 5-15	(Chalmers 3-5)	Wade 2-4
Beasley 0-1	Quinn 0-1	Blount 0-1	Diawara 0-1	Cook 0-2
Fouled Out—None	Rebounds—Dallas 40	(Nowitzki 7)	Miami 44	(Beasley 10)
Assists—				

GAME PLAN

LOCAL COLLEGE SOFTBALL

CSI at Arizona Western Tournament, at Yuma, Ariz.

TV SCHEDULE

GOLF
6:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Dubai Desert Classic, final round, at Dubai, United Arab Emirates (same-day tape)
11 a.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, FBR Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.
1 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, FBR Open, final round, at Ariz.

Dallas 22 (Kidd 11), Miami 11 (Quinn 4). Total Fouls—Dallas 22, Miami 12. Technicals—Wade, Miami defensive three second 2. A—19,600 (19,600).

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PHILADELPHIA (89)
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YOUTH CHEERLEADING Planet Cheer sweeps titles at Cheer Explosion event

Times-News

Planet Cheer's Tiny, Mini, Youth and Senior Co-ed teams took first-place honors Jan. 17 at the Cheer Explosion competition in the Idaho Center in Nampa. The Senior team also took home the grand champion award.

Individual award winners included Anthony Carr (individual best and first place in youth male division jumps and youth male tumbling), Savannah Fitzgerald (first place in duo best and second in mini jumps) and Joeylyn Carr (first in mini tumbling,

second in duo best). Kiyanna Cox and Keely Davis were second and third, respectively, in youth division jumps, while Grady Carlton took first in senior male division jumps. Jaielyn Gartner, Autumn Burdick and Kori Gartner took second through fourth in mini tumbling. Brooke Fitzgerald (second), Ashley McClure (fifth) and Ashley Long (sixth) placed in youth tumbling.

Larissa Stewart and McKayla Luper finished second and third in junior tumbling, while Kameron Fischer was first in senior male tumbling.



Senior Co-ed team

Members of the Planet Cheer Senior Co-ed team include Gabbi Cutrer, Clara Comer, McKayla Luper, Jessica Child, Ryley Hazen, Kelsey Schutz, Carli Lutz, Destiny Hall, Jacinea Gummow, Emiko Freeman, Miyoko Freeman, Alaina Davis, Britni Budd, Carissa Clements, Larissa Stewart, Brianna Hoskinson, Candice Hendry, Ashley Nail, Lexi Bingham, Kameron Fischer, Bobbie Jo Evans, Grady Carlton, Vanessa Northcutt, Josh Hall, Sarah Pak, Brooke Fitzgerald, Kandice Johnson and Tayler Stimpson.



Youth team

Members of the Planet Cheer Youth team include Ashley McClure, Joeylyn Carr, Kiyanna Cox, Kassidi Hiedemann, Keely Davis, Savannah Fitzgerald, Jaielyn Gartner, Kelsey Jarolimek, Taylann Eldredge, Ashley Long, Brittany Robinson, Leah Stewart, Bailee Price, Alexis Kiesig, Royce Moreno, Sage Swan, Lyndsey Stoneberg, McKynlee Bingham, Jane Petruzzelli, Patricia Devries, McKaylah Nielson, Kynlee Stevenson, Autumn Burdick and Anthony Carr.



Tiny team

Members of the Planet Cheer Tiny team include Hannah Aguirre, Alexis Mendoza, Karlee Long, Jady Baker, Breanna Abram, Aubrie Ellison, Savannah Slagel, Carson Hazen, Paige Fields, Kaydence Poulson, Gabie Carter and McKenna Stallones.



Mini team

Members of the Planet Cheer Mini team include Abbey Hansen, Jake Petruzzelli, Madison Rencher, Jaylee Bingham, Kandyce Pope, Chanel Chandler, Kori Gartner, Hannah Cooper, Shelby Veenstra, Emily Aguirre, Karlee Price, Madison Cargile, Arianna Moreno, Jehandra Brown, Aylah Strong, Tinlyi Plew, Kaleigh Baker, Morgain Baker, Madison Schutz and Giovanni Villasenor.

Courtesy photos



Filer's Jones to play Down Under

Filer High School varsity football player Mat Jones was selected to represent Idaho in the 21st annual Down Under Bowl this summer. It is a part of the Down Under Sports Tournaments, held in Australia and New Zealand. Jones, 18, was a senior wide receiver for the Wildcats. His parents are Jack and Janie Jones of Filer.

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MEN'S SERIES: Cobey Magee 656, Bob Leazer 563, Doug Sirucek 561, Ward Westburg 531.

MEN'S GAMES: Cobey Magee 258, Doug Sirucek 202, Bob Leazer 201, Ward Westburg 195.

LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 522, Suzi Leon 478, Ludy Harkins 475, Leanna Magee 456.

MON. MIXED FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Dennis Seckel 615, Dan Shepherd 593, Rick Morrow 562, Ken Hodges 554.

MEN'S GAMES: Dennis Seckel 215, Dan Shepherd 212, Jerry Moses 212, Kevin Hamblin 211.

LADIES SERIES: Kay Puschel 546, Georgia Randall 540, Sylvia Wood 537, Michele Seckel 529.

LADIES GAMES: Michele Seckel 213, Georgia Randall 213, Kay Puschel 212, Sylvia Wood 196.

SH-BOOM

MEN'S SERIES: Blake Kondracki 677, Dale Rhyne 617, Kelly Jeroue 604, Mike Olson 602.

MEN'S GAMES: Dale Rhyne 267, Kelly Jeroue 246, Mike Olson 246, Blake Kondracki 245.

LADIES SERIES: Julie Shull 545, Shannon Kondracki 530, Diana Brady 521, Michelle Baughman 503.

LADIES GAMES: Shannon Kondracki 213, Julie Shull 196, Diana Brady 190, Barbara Reynolds 179.

MID MORN. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Matt Baysinger 679, Dick DeRoche 599, Ed Dutry 589, Tom Glass 578.

MEN'S GAMES: Ed Dutry 245, Matt Baysinger 234, Dick DeRoche 217, Mike Devine 215.

LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 584, Gail Cederlund 542, Ada Perrine 496, Jeane Miller 491.

LADIES GAMES: Gail Cederlund 226, Kim Leazer 214, Ada Perrine 192, Doris Brown 178.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Ella Mae Jorgenson 506, Gail McAllister 494, Barbara Frith 482, Evelyn Haslam 478.

GAMES: Evelyn Haslam 189, Barbara Frith 187, Charm Petersen 181, Kathy Salisbury 179.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Lisa Allen 603, Terry Keegan 536, Charm Petersen 511, Gail McAllister 501.

GAMES: Lisa Allen 229, Terry Keegan 187, Helen McCord 186, Sherry Blass 186.

TUES. MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Tyler Black 711, Anthony Vest 527.

BOYS' GAMES: Tyler Black 258, Anthony Vest 202, Adam Craig 179.

GIRLS' SERIES: Miranda Curtis 462, Koti Jo Moses 447, Erica Reeves 437, Megan McAllister 327.

GIRLS' GAMES: Miranda Curtis 193, Koti Jo Moses 164, Erica Reeves 154, Megan McAllister 129.

CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Jene Prudent 685, Neil Welsh 684, Denny O'Brien 683, Daniel Wade 651.

GAMES: Tony Everts 266, Jene

Prudent 264, Denny O'Brien 257, Rick Morrow 244.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Ed Dutry 529, Jim Vining 525, Gerald Leis 519, Myron Schroeder 509.

MEN'S GAMES: Ed Dutry 195, Steve Hall 194, Darryl Cameron 191, Ralph Hann 189.

LADIES SERIES: Dee Hall 546, Linda Vining 524, Lavona Young 476, Sandy Schroeder 473.

LADIES GAMES: Dee Hall 227, Shirley Kunsman 180, Linda Vining 179, Barbara Frith 176.

LADIES CLASSIC

SERIES: Georgia Randall 524, Jeanette Johnson 515, Angel Campbell 511, Joelle Moses 508.

GAMES: Kena Collins 205, Jeanette Johnson 200, Sharon Simmons 191, Kay Puschel 186.

SUNSET

SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 670, Julie Shull 633, Kim Leazer 566, Leanna Magee 550.

GAMES: Kristy Rodriguez 25, Mary Doerr 240, Kim Leazer 238, Julie Shull 235.

SOMETHING ELSE

MEN'S SERIES: Chad Kepner 553, Joel Johnston 549, Dave Gyory 537, Daryl Easterly 497.

MEN'S GAMES: Joel Johnston 202, Chad Kepner 200, Dave Gyory 192, Mark Warren 187.

LADIES SERIES: Anita Nowak 454, Judy MacClean 43, Pam Kubik 416, Susan Kepner 415.

LADIES GAMES: Pam Kubik 186, Kim Ward 175, Judy MacClean 162, Anita Nowak 154.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 659, Bill Boren 612, Ed Dutry 607, Blaine McAllister 601.

MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 259, Blaine McAllister 255, Bill Boren 245, Ed Dutry 234.

LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 542, Bonnie Draper 511, Carolyn Harson 507, Sondra Hill 497.

LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 223, Sondra Hill 190, Carolyn Hanson 185, Shirley Kunsman 184, Anita Merrick 184.

MOOSE

SERIES: Todd Fiscus 582, Jim Bails 666, Kerry Klassen 659, Zach Black 652.

GAMES: Zach Black 268, Cory Moore 267, Jim Bails 267, Todd Fiscus 267.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Deanna Heil 535, Tana Beehler 521, Hilarie Smith 450, Jackie Webb 424.

GAMES: Deanna Heil 192, Tana Beehler 189, Beth Mason 155, Hilarie Smith 154.

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SUNSET SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Ed Hanna 518, Al Kooiman 508, Gene Schroeder 507, Tom Kinnett 482.

MEN'S GAMES: Gene Schroeder 197, Ron Fugate 187, Jim Kodesh 183, Al Kooiman 183.

LADIES SERIES: Verna Kodesh 502, Lois Tomlinson 436, Carol Ruhter 408, Bonne Sligar 388.

LADIES GAMES: Verna Kodesh 172, Phyllis Callen 162, Lois Tomlinson 157, Bonne Sligar 157.

MON. YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Rick Stoltenburg 400, Joe Strotenburg 257, Chaz

Hicks 198, Adam Mings 93.

BOYS' GAMES: Rick Stoltenburg 148, Joe Strotenburg 92, Chaz Hicks 74, Adam Mings 47.

GIRLS' SERIES: Julie Anne Nejezchleba 224, Sarah Thompson 212, Alexis Breck 157.

GIRLS' GAMES: Julie Anne Nejezchleba 82, Sarah Thompson 79, Alexis Breck 66.

LUCKY STRIKERS
SERIES: Mandi Olson 609, Lois Tomlinson 544, Darla McCallister 493, Katie Rippee 474.

GAMES: Mandi Olson 215, Dannielle Kennison 199, Lois Tomlinson 197, Megan Anthonie 190.

MASON TROPHY
SERIES: Verna Kodesh 547, Lois Tomlinson 518, Nancy Bright 494, Dianne Davis 466.

GAMES: Verna Kodesh 202, Dianne Davis 189, Nancy Bright 187, Lois Tomlinson 179.

PINBUSTERS
SERIES: Bob Wagner 710, Bob Fields 638, Dustin McCallister 627, Brandon Bartolo 626.

GAMES: Dustin McCallister 257, Robert Compton 247, Bob Wagner 247, Pat Russel 243.

SPARE PAIRS
MEN'S SERIES: Harvey McCoy 641, Curt Quaintance 577, Josh Kennedy 577, Tom Wiggs 560.

MEN'S GAMES: Harvey McCoy 233, Ron Romero 231, Bob Fields 223, Cody Hicks 222.

LADIES SERIES: Darla McCallister 541, Lois Tomlinson 528, Claudene Stricklan 505, Jeri Quaintance 495.

LADIES GAMES: Stephanie Leitch 211, Darla McCallister 210, Lois Tomlinson 195, Claudene Stricklan 182.

STARLITE
MEN'S SERIES: Drew Foster 632, Jordan Hicks 610, Chuck Hicks 580, Cody Hicks 574.

MEN'S GAMES: Cody Hicks 238, Drew Foster 226, Jordan Hicks 225, Josh Kennedy 220.

LADIES SERIES: Mandi Olson 580, Diana Griffin 554, Dorothy Moon 547, Debbie Graham 489.

LADIES GAMES: Mandi Olson 214, Dorothy Moon 211, Diana Griffin 208, Teresa Boehm 197.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS
SUN. ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Rick Frederiksen 701, Dave Wilson 615, RD Adema 603, Steve Hart 593.

MEN'S GAMES: Rick Frederiksen 266, RD Adema 234, Stan Visser 233, Dave Wilson 230.

LADIES SERIES: Amanda Crider 566, Ashlee Rackham 555, Ann Shepherd 548, Ida Countryman 543.

LADIES GAMES: Amanda Crider 232, Ann Shepherd 204, Nicole Trump 199, Stephanie Debaeke 191.

COMMERCIAL
SERIES: Tony Brass 681, Leon Klimes 650, Zach Black 644, Matt Olson 643.

GAMES: Tony Brass 246, Trevor Wakley 242, Dirk McCallister 233, Rick Frederiksen 233.

MASON
SERIES: Skeet Donaldson 543, Kathy Gray 530, Marie Bruce 524, Rosie Pope 511.

GAMES: Jean Stokesberry 213, Skeet Donaldson 206, Kathy Gray 201, Rosie Pope 197.

PIONEER

SERIES: Amber Blackwell 587, Julie Shaffer 584, Cindy Morrison 583, Georgia Ranall 574.

GAMES: Amber Blackwell 222, Julie Shaffer 218, Julie Shull 217, Shirley Brill 211.

VALLEY
SERIES: Mike Tackett 703, Leon Klimes 698, Cobey Magee 674, Ron Dawson 665.

GAMES: Mike Tackett 269, Leon Klimes 269, Bruce Quale 248, Ron Dawson 246.

FIFTY PLUS
MEN'S SERIES: Howard Harder 601, Blaine Ross 577, Roy Couch 561, Chelcie Eager 557.

MEN'S GAMES: Blaine Ross 243, Howard Harder 234, John McCandless 222, Roy Couch 215.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Smith 601, Vi Crowsaw 516, Charm Petersen 497, Jean Stokesberry 490.

LADIES GAMES: Barbara Smith 224, Jean Stokesberry 190, Charm Petersen 183, Vi Crowsaw 179.

THURS. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Charles Lewis 645, Robert Watkins 565, Brent Lasure 551, Jeff Whittemore 543.

MEN'S GAMES: Charles Lewis 248, Steve Ramirez 230, Brent Lasure 201, Brian Olsen 199.

LADIES SERIES: Edie Barkley 547, Nancy Lewis 456, Kathy McClure 450, Cheryl Kerr 447.

LADIES GAMES: Edie Barkley 199, Dani Sue Irish 178, Kathy McClure 170, Danita Johnson 165.

EARLY FRI. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Robbie Watkins 636, Jody Bryant 619, Tad Capurro 613, Todd Dickenson 607.

MEN'S GAMES: Robbie Watkins 246, Jody Bryant 236, Joe Lamana 236, Norm Hatke 233, Trevor Wakley 233.

LADIES SERIES: Bobbie Thompson 627, Tawnia Bryant 592, Julie Capurro 554, Glenda Barrutia 544.

LADIES GAMES: Bobbie Thompson 223, Tawnia Bryant 215, Alyce Wasko 205, Julie Capurro 205.

SAT. YABA
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Brady 600, Dominic Curtis 599, Kyle Mason 565, Rhett Bryant 508.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Brady 235, Dominic Curtis 228, Rhett Bryant 216, Kyle Mason 193.

GIRLS' SERIES: Jessica Jenkins 603, Marissa Eggleston 495, Ali Churchman 432, Chelsey Brady 407.

GIRLS' GAMES: Jessica Jenkins 232, Ali Churchman 183, Marissa Eggleston 173, Chelsey Brady 157.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 592, Tyler Black 558.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 225, Tyler Black 215.

GIRLS' SERIES: Jessica Jenkins 542, Kaitlynn Simpson 510, Marissa Eggleston 508.

GIRLS' GAMES: Jessica Jenkins 232, Marissa Eggleston 205, Kaitlynn Simpson 189, Kelsie Bryant 75.

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SUPER BOWL XLIII:



INSIDE THE MATCHUP

STEELERS VS. CARDINALS

4 p.m., NBC



Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger



Cardinals defensive ends Antonio Smith (94) and Bertrand Berry

When the Steelers have the ball

Just as the Steelers of the 1970s evolved from a run-it-down-your-throat offense to a more versatile mode, this group has balanced its attack. Indeed, when RB Willie Parker (39) couldn't find much room against Baltimore in the AFC championship game, QB Ben Roethlisberger (7) took control. And the Cardinals' defense, while quite stout for most of three postseason victories, hardly is on the level of the Ravens.

Pittsburgh will turn to Parker early, particularly seeking to draw Arizona's standout safety, Adrian Wilson (24) closer to the line. If successful, the Steelers will keep pounding Parker, Mewelde Moore (21) and Gary Russell (33), but also will mix in some medium-range and deep throws to playmaker Santonio Holmes (10). Holmes' 65-yard

catch and run TD was the major offensive play in the AFC title game, and his contributions would be even more vital should fellow wideout Hines Ward (86) be limited or out with a knee injury.

More likely, the warrior Ward will play — and play well. He was the MVP of Pittsburgh 2006 Super Bowl win.

Arizona's secondary has performed inconsistently in the playoffs, but has made seven interceptions, led by two each from Rod Hood (26) and rookie Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (29). ARC could wind up with lots of solo coverage on Holmes, particularly if Ward is hobbled.

Steelers TE Heath Miller (83) has been a clutch performer and favorite target for Roethlisberger. His matchups with Wilson,

Antrel Rolle (21) and Aaron Francisco (41), plus the linebackers, might be telling.

Arizona's LBs have been very active in the playoffs, notably Karlos Dansby (58) and Gerald Hayes (54). Again, though, they aren't in Baltimore's class.

Roethlisberger often holds the ball too long, and he was sacked four times by the Ravens. Arizona has seven sacks in its three playoff games, with DEs Bertrand Berry (92) and Antonio Smith (94) providing the best pass rush and DT Darnell Dockett (90) being disruptive in all phases. They should find ways of pressuring Big Ben against an inconsistent offensive line that includes tackles Willie Colon (74) and Max Starks (78), guards Darnell Stapleton (72) and Chris Kemoeatu (68).



Steelers linebacker James Harrison



Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner

When the Cardinals have the ball

First priority: Keep Kurt Warner (13) upright.

While their running game has been revived behind veteran Edgerrin James (32) and rookie Tim Hightower (34) — both key contributors to the win over Philadelphia for the NFC crown — the Cardinals won't survive if Warner doesn't get time to pass.

Warner heads to his third Super Bowl owning the two most prolific passing days in the game's history. He had 414 yards in the 2000 win over Tennessee when he was with the Rams, and 365 when St. Louis lost to New England two years later.

Expecting that many yards against the best, most intimidating defense in the

league since the Ravens of eight years ago is dreaming. That doesn't mean Arizona has no chance, because Warner remains a superb, clutch player with excellent touch. If tackles Mike Gandy (69) and Levi Brown (75) and guard Reggie Wells (74) give him time, he will produce.

Arizona certainly has the edge in receivers with the uncoverable Larry Fitzgerald (11), who already has set a record for postseason yards receiving (419) and has five playoff touchdowns, three against Philly. Even if Fitzgerald is double-teamed, he will find ways to be productive, so cornerbacks Ike Taylor (24), Deshaea Townsend (26) and Bryant McFadden (20) will need plenty of

support from hard-hitting Ryan Clark (25) and All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu (43), who has been sensational in the playoffs.

Limiting Fitzgerald somewhat is critical, and even then Anquan Boldin (81) and Steve Breaston (15) are dangerous. Both joined Fitz as 1,000-yard receivers this season.

The best way for "Blitzburgh" to keep the Cardinals from soaring is with a strong pass rush. Defensive Player of the Year James Harrison (92) is complemented in the line-backing corps by James Farrior (51), LaMarr Woodley (56) and Larry Foote (50). Up front, Aaron Smith (91) and Casey Hampton (98) are formidable against the pass and the run.



Steelers coach Mike Tomlin



Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt

Coaching

A pair of second-year coaches who competed for the Steelers job after Bill Cowher retired in early 2007.

Mike Tomlin got the Pittsburgh gig, has led the Steelers to two AFC North titles and now to their second Super Bowl in four years. A disciple of the 4-3 defense, he stood behind coordinator Dick LeBeau and the 3-4 because that's the best

scheme for the talent on hand, and it's paid off.

Tomlin wants to be physical in all aspects and has the right roster for it. He gives Roethlisberger just enough freedom for Big Ben to display why he's a big winner.

Ken Whisenhunt was Cowher's offensive coordinator when Pittsburgh won the 2006 Super Bowl. He was bypassed by Steelers

management and took the job in Arizona, bringing another '06 candidate, Russ Grimm, with him.

Whisenhunt's best work has been erasing a losing culture in the Valley of the Sun — helped, of course, by veteran leaders such as Warner, Wilson and James. His game-planning, particularly on offense, is strong. And, like Tomlin, he delegates well.

Special teams

Arizona's kicking game is solid. Neil Rackers (1) made 25 of 28 field goals, which is excellent, but Pittsburgh's Jeff Reed (3) is the superior place-kicker and one of the best clutch kickers around.

Ben Graham (5) fared well since he took over the punting duties late in the season for Arizona, while J.J. Arrington (28) and Breaston are dangerous on kick runbacks.

But the Cardinals weren't

exactly brilliant in this area last weekend.

Pittsburgh always seems to get a huge play from Holmes, whose punt return for a score got the Steelers back into their divisional round win over San Diego. He can be hit or miss, though, and prone to bad decisions.

The Steelers are decent on kickoff returns, but their special teams strength is in coverage.

Intangibles

The Cardinals are in their first Super Bowl — they've never even come close before and already have surpassed their all-time victory total in the post-season (2) with their three wins this year. They have not gotten tight because they have been underdogs throughout, as they are for this game.

Their strong leadership and experience in key positions has served them well in the playoffs, never more so than in the 72-yard drive to winning TD against Philadelphia. Pittsburgh's latest Steel

Curtain is among its most impressive, and this team won't ever back down.

It wants a rugged, field-position type of game featuring tough play on every down. Rarely does it get away from the style that has been so defining in Steel City since the invention of football.

The Steelers could become the first franchise with six Super Bowl titles, a strong motivator.

Then again, winning it for a first time is just as energizing for Arizona.

Facts and Figures

AT STAKE — National Football League Championship for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

PARTICIPANTS: Arizona Cardinals (NFC) and Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC). This is the first appearance for the Cardinals and the seventh appearance for the Steelers.

SITE: Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla. This is the fourth Super Bowl played in Tampa and the second at this Stadium.

SEATING CAPACITY: 70,500.

DATE: Feb. 1, 2009.

GAMETIME: 4 p.m. MST.

NETWORK COVERAGE: By NBC-TV to more than 200 stations throughout the United States.

Westwood One Radio to 500 stations within the United States. The Armed Forces Television will also provide broadcast to 180 countries throughout the world.

The game will be distributed internationally by the NFL and NFL International to more than 220 countries and broadcast in 30 different languages.

PLAYERS SHARE: Winners: \$78,000 per man. Losers: \$40,000 per man.

PLAYER UNIFORMS: Arizona will be the home team and use the West bench. The Cardinals have their choice of wearing its colored or white jersey.

SUDDEN DEATH: If the game is tied at regulation time 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden death overtime. The team scoring first (by safety, field goal, or touchdown) will win.

At the end of regulation playing time, the referee will immediately toss a coin at the center of the field, in accordance with rules pertaining to the usual pre-game toss. The captain of NFC team (the visiting team) will call the toss. Following a three-minute intermission after the end of the regular game, play will continue by 15-minute periods with a two-minute intermission between each such overtime period with no halftime intermission. The teams will change goals between each period, there will be a two-minute warning at the end of each period.

OFFICIAL TIME: The scoreboard clock will be official.

OFFICIALS: There will be seven officials and two alternates appointed by the Commissioner's office.

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Super Bowl Lineups



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Arizona Cardinals

Offense

WR — 11 Larry Fitzgerald, 85 Jerheme Urban, 87 Sean Morey
LT — 69 Mike Gandy, 72 Brandon Keith
LG — 74 Reggie Wells, 61 Elton Brown
C — 63 Lyle Sendlein, 70 Pat Ross
RG — 76 Deuce Lutui, 61 Elton Brown
RT — 75 Levi Brown, 68 Elliot Vallejo
TE — 82 Leonard Pope, 89 Ben Patrick, 84 Jerame Tuman
WR — 81 Anquan Boldin, 15 Steve Breaston, 80 Early Doucet
QB — 13 Kurt Warner, 7 Matt Leinart, 2 Brian St. Pierre
RB — 32 Edgerrin James, 34 Tim Hightower, 28 J.J. Arrington
FB — 45 Terrelle Smith, 46 Tim Castille

Defense

LDE — 94 Antonio Smith, 91 Kenny Iwebema
NT — 97 Bryan Robinson, 98 Gabe Watson, 78 Alan Branch
UT — 90 Darnell Dockett, 93 Calais Campbell
RDE — 55 Travis LaBoy, 92 Bertrand Berry
SLB — 56 Chike Okeafor, 57 Victor Hobson
MLB — 54 Gerald Hayes, 52 Monty Beisel
WLB — 58 Karlos Dansby, 51 Pago Togafau
LCB — 26 Rod Hood, 20 Ralph Brown, 25 Eric Green
RCB — 29 D. Rodgers-Cromartie, 27 Michael Adams
SS — 24 Adrian Wilson, 47 Aaron Francisco
FS — 21 Antrel Rolle, 22 Matt Ware

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K — 1 Neil Rackers
P — 5 Ben Graham
LS — 48 Nathan Hodel, 84 Jerame Tuman
H — 5 Ben Graham, 87 Sean Morey
KR — 28 J.J. Arrington, 15 Steve Breaston, 87 Sean Morey
PR — 15 Steve Breaston, 21 Antrel Rolle, 26 Rod Hood

Pittsburgh Steelers

Offense

WR — 86 Hines Ward, 85 Nate Washington
LT — 78 Max Starks, 79 Trai Essex, 69 Jason Capizzi, 66 Tony Hills
LG — 68 Chris Kemoeatu, 65 Jeremy Parquet
C — 62 Justin Hartwig
RG — 72 Darnell Stapleton, 79 Trai Essex
RT — 74 Willie Colon, 78 Max Starks
TE — 83 Heath Miller, 89 Matt Spaeth, 49 Sean McHugh
RB — 39 Willie Parker, 21 Mewelde Moore, 33 Gary Russell
FB — 38 Carey Davis
QB — 7 Ben Roethlisberger, 4 Byron Leftwich, 2 Dennis Dixon
WR — 10 Santonio Holmes, 14 Limas Sweed

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LDE — 91 Aaron Smith, 90 Travis Kirschke, 96 Orpheus Roye
NT — 98 Casey Hampton, 76 Chris Hoke, 71 Scott Paxson
RDE — 99 Brett Keisel, 93 Nick Eason
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LILB — 51 James Farrior, 57 Keyaron Fox
RILB — 50 Larry Foote, 94 Lawrence Timmons
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WHY THE CARDINALS WILL WIN

Cards will at least cover spread

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It's not easy being red. Ask any Arizona Cardinals fan here for the Super Bowl, if you can find one. Rumor is some are supposed to be here, but if so, they're apparently masquerading as Terrible Towels.

Hard to blame them if they don't show up. The economy is terrible, and for the last 61 years the Cardinals have been, too.

Their pitiful history is by now well documented. So is the improbable story of the past few weeks that put them in this game.

They entered the playoffs as the worst surviving team and, though they may not be the worst to make the Super Bowl, they're certainly in the top five.

Las Vegas bookies seemed to take pity on the Cardinals by making them only a touchdown underdog to the Pittsburgh Steelers. The new president of the United States is openly rooting against them.

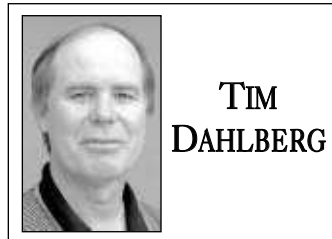
Who in their right mind thinks they're going to be Super Bowl champions?

None of the hundreds of writers and television types who interviewed Arizona defensive end Bertrand Berry this week, apparently. They quizzed him on everything from what he ate in the morning to whether he prayed at night, but until Thursday they had not popped the most obvious question of all.

"No one has asked me if we can win this game," Berry said.

Tell 'em, Bertrand. Tell 'em. "If we execute our game plan a little bit better than they do, then I feel we have just as good a shot as anybody of winning this."

Execution, of course, is what all football coaches preach from the moment they wake up until they turn off game film for the last time at night. Follow the game plan, do the things you're supposed to do, and you'll



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walk off the field with a win most of the time.

But Kurt Warner isn't going to complete every pass to Larry Fitzgerald, and Edgerrin James may find nowhere to go running up the middle against the Steelers. And while the Arizona defense has played well lately, it may get worn out in the second half pursuing Ben Roethlisberger and Willie Parker.

Meanwhile, there are a hundred reasons why the Steelers should win their sixth Super Bowl, most of them revolving around a defensive line that makes quarterbacks tremble and two safeties who seem to get a little extra kick from knocking guys silly. Pittsburgh is allowing less than two touchdowns a game, and only two of its last seven opponents have scored more than 10.

Not only that, they've got 20 players who won Super Bowl rings three years ago, so it's not like they're going to freeze on the big stage.

What the Steelers don't have is destiny on their side. That belongs squarely to the long-downtrodden Cardinals, who stumbled into the playoffs after losing four of their last six regular season games — three of them in blowouts.

Somehow, a franchise with no real pedigree to draw on managed to beat Atlanta at home, crush Carolina on the road, and edge Philadelphia after blowing a big lead. They were the underdog each time, and by now they're used to the idea of playing as if they have nothing to lose.

No one expected them to get this far, and not many expect them to win now. It's

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— Arizona defensive end Bertrand Berry

the perfect way to go into a Super Bowl, as the New York Giants certainly proved.

Give Warner just a few seconds of protection and he's got an uncanny way of finding an open receiver. Get Fitzgerald isolated one-on-one enough and he'll not only find a way to catch any ball within 20 yards of him, but will end up in the end zone once or twice, too.

You want physical? Sure Ryan Clark can knock people out and Troy Polamalu likes to launch himself like a missile at a ball carrier. But Anquan Boldin could flatten either one if they try to meet him head-first flying down the field. Boldin is so tough he missed only two games after having seven plates and 40 screws installed on his fractured face this year, and he likes nothing better than running over safeties trying to tackle him.

The Cardinals can hold their own in a slugfest, and can strike quick with finesse. They've already scored two touchdowns in the playoffs on trick plays so if all else fails they might even dust off the old Statue-of-Liberty play.

No, the Cardinals aren't supposed to win this game. But they weren't supposed to be here to begin with.

They're a team of destiny. And right now destiny awaits.

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WHY THE STEELERS WILL WIN

Easier to break it than build it

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Even Rod Blagojevich would have a tough time explaining away what's going to happen to the Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl come Sunday.

One reason even smart people believe the old saw about defense winning championships is because it's always been easier to break something than build it. And that's never been more true about the NFL than during this decade. It began with ravenous Baltimore defense orchestrated by maestro Ray Lewis in 2000 and segued almost seamlessly to the ferocious New York Giant front four anchored by Michael Strahan.

The only team that successfully bucked that trend was the 2006 Indianapolis Colts. And while Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner was at the controls of the last team to turn the trick before that, the 1999 St. Louis Rams, he's not Peyton Manning nor as young as he used to be. By the time the Steelers get through pummeling Warner, he'll be happy to feel his age.

Pittsburgh's defense was ranked No. 1 overall, allowing the fewest points, total yards and passing yards. So while Larry Fitzgerald may be enjoying one of the finest postseason runs of any wide receiver in NFL history and almost impossible to cover one-on-one, there isn't a quarterback alive who can consistently complete passes lying flat on his back.

It's true the Steelers slipped to No. 2 against the run, but don't expect the Cardinals to exploit that little sliver of daylight, either. They finished dead last in rushing during the regular season. Plus, dominating as those numbers look, what they don't reveal is how hard Pittsburgh's defenders hit people.



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They knocked out three Baltimore Ravens, widely considered the second-nastiest team in pro football, in the AFC Championship game, beginning with the opening kickoff. The reason the NFL's "greatest-hits" highlight reels could be mistaken for Steelers game film begins with guys named Jack Lambert and Joe Greene and continues today with James Farrior and Troy Polamalu.

Small wonder, then, that just seconds after the Steelers drafted cornerback William Gay from Louisville last year, he answered his phone only to hear his uncle screaming, "You got to start hitting now!"

Pittsburgh has been called "a drinking town with a football problem," so it's no coincidence it boasts a Super Bowl tradition second to none. The Steelers have brought the Lombardi Trophy back home five times, the last time in 2006 — tying them with the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers. And as quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said earlier this week, fans who have taken to yelling "Six-Pack" at him aren't simply ordering the local brew.

They want — make that demand — another title.

Contrast that with the Cardinals, whose laid-back fans haven't seen a championship in 61 years and didn't expect to anytime soon. They aren't just happy to be here, but downright surprised.

That isn't an option for the Steelers. As if expectations weren't sky-high already, President Barack

Obama jumped on the bandwagon and Mike Fincke, who grew up in a suburb of Pittsburgh and is commander of the NASA expedition en route to the international space station, recently took advantage of the gravity-free atmosphere to unfurl his Terrible Towel.

If Fincke can only break away from his duties for a few minutes, we'd recommend tuning in for the third-quarter. If the game isn't over by halftime, it will be soon.

The blueprint for the Cardinals' offense during the regular season was to start slow and gradually pick up steam. They were the league's deadliest unit in the third quarter. One big reason for their playoff success, however, is starting games hot instead of finishing that way.

But if Arizona doesn't load up on points early against the Steelers, pickings will be slimmer the longer the game goes on. The Steelers were the league's stingiest defense over 60 minutes, but never more miserly than during the third quarter. By then, the Cardinals will have abandoned any hopes of running. The more predictable the passing situation, the more likely the Steelers' blitzes — different combinations coming from different angles on every play — will find their mark. The hits won't stop coming.

"We try to play football the way it is meant to be played," defensive end Aaron Smith said. "It's a tradition when you come in here. Since I got here, a few teams we played have taken it to us, but I don't know if I've come off the field and felt like we got outthit — outplayed, but not outthit."

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Title

Continued from Sports 1 carried for decades.

"Well, there are really a lot of reasons. Success has had something to do with it," Steelers owner Dan Rooney said. "The fact that they have had difficult times ... in Pittsburgh and we sort of filled the void — they could have something for their pride."

The Steelers could have something for the ring finger on the other hand after filling up five fingers following the 1974, '75, '78, '79 and 2005 seasons. They currently are tied with Dallas and San Francisco at five Super Bowl titles, but unlike the Cowboys and 49ers of late, the Steelers (14-4) have been regulars in the postseason.

Which is something the Cardinals could only have dreamed of. Since moving to Arizona in 1988, they've had two winning seasons. In 1997, they were a wild-card qualifier and beat Dallas in the playoffs, which merely was the

franchise's second postseason victory. Ever.

The other came in the 1947 NFL championship game, and the Cardinals didn't even host a playoff contest again until last month's wild-card win over Atlanta.

They followed with victories over Carolina and Philadelphia, all as underdogs, to surpass their all-time postseason victory total — and shockingly get into the Super Bowl.

A wonderful story, with only one acceptable ending for the Cardinals (12-7).

"Nobody remembers the Super Bowl loser," defensive tackle Darnell Dockett said. "I don't believe in losing."

"We are definitely the underdogs. We all play with the underdog mentality. Once we got in the playoffs and we realized we were going to be the underdogs no matter what or who we played, we thought we would shock the world."

"One more step." But any steps forward

against Pittsburgh's league-leading defense come with a price. The Steelers allowed the fewest points (223) and ranked first in nearly every defensive category, led by Defensive Player of the Year James Harrison and James Farrior at linebacker, Polamalu in the secondary, and the brilliant coordinating of Dick LeBeau. When Tomlin, steeped in the 4-3 defensive alignment, was hired, he wisely didn't toy with Pittsburgh's 3-4 setup, and he gave LeBeau all kinds of leeway.

The result is a unit as fearsome as any previous Steel Curtain, even if LeBeau downplays the dominance.

"We try to level the field a little bit for your guys, that's all," he said. "We're always going to be a stimulus-response type of situation, but hopefully by moving and bringing some different people in different combinations, we can deter some of the things they want to do."

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Serena 10th Slam moves her to No. 1

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams always selects a special outfit to bring to Australia for a victory celebration. Every second year, she gets to wear it.

Williams' 6-0, 6-3 rout of Dinara Safina on Saturday earned her a 10th Grand Slam title, a fourth Australian title — coming each odd-numbered year since 2003 — and the No. 1 ranking.

"I actually forgot until the end when I was saying hi to my box. They're like, 'Hey, you're No. 1.' I was like, 'Oh, yeah,'" she said.

Not that a number means everything.

"I always believe I'm the best, whether I'm No. 1 or 100," she said. "Just having that extra bonus is pretty cool."

Williams set aside a stylish black top to wear for the big occasion this time. In between the match, doping tests and media commitments, she changed into it.

"I always bring an outfit for the championships," she said. "I always try to think positive, and I think it helps me be able to win."

Williams was so dominant that Safina, a 22-year-old Russian playing in her second major final, didn't feel worthy of being on the same court.

"It was first time for me to play not only for the Grand Slam, but also for No. 1 spot," said Safina, the 2008 French Open runner-up. "I never been through this situation, and she was already."

"Serena was too good ... I was just a ballboy on the court today," added Safina, apologizing to the Rod Laver Arena crowd after the 59-minute match.

After Melbourne's hottest three-day heat wave on record, conditions were a relatively mild 79 degrees for the tournament's first women's final at night.

Safina had been hoping to emulate two feats her brother, Marat Safin, achieved. He won the 2005 Australian Open — the day after Serena won her second title here — and held the No. 1 ranking.

"She played exactly the way she had to play and she was much more aggressive and she just was taking time out of me," Safina said.

"She didn't give me a chance."

Williams' win at the U.S. Open in September gave her the No. 1 ranking for the following four weeks, her first stint at the top since a 57-week stretch from July 2002.

She started this year at No. 2 and slowly worked her way through the tournament. She was struggling with her serve at times and had to fend off Svetlana Kuznetsova in the quarterfinals when the Russian was serving for the match.

"I was playing lazy tennis in the beginning and I was doubting myself," she said. "I'll thank my mom for hanging in there this week. The first week was tough, but we got through it."

She lifted herself in the semis to snap Olympic champion Elena Dementieva's 15-match winning streak and was overpowering from the first game of the final, losing only eight points and winning 18 of the last 20 in the 22-minute first set.

Williams finished with 23 winners and just seven unforced errors, winning more than twice as many points as Safina.

In '07, when Williams was ranked No. 81, she beat six seeded players en route to the final, where she beat top-ranked Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-2.

In her two earlier runs to the Australian title, she'd had to save at least two match points in the semifinals. This was more straightforward.

"It was definitely one of my most dominant performances, especially considering it was a final," Williams said. "I was able to just lift the level of my game."

The first set was only the third 6-0 setline in the Australian Open final in 47 years. On the court after the match, Williams commended Safina for never giving up and being a good advertisement for women's tennis.

In a news conference later, she was asked if fans should

Men's final

The Australian Open men's final between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer took place at 1:30 a.m. (MST) this morning. For a full story, visit magicvalley.com/sports or check out Monday's print edition of the Times-News.

be surprised or worried about a 6-0 set in a final.

"Uhm, hmmm. I don't know ... You should never be surprised by anything that I do."

Williams win here gave her

back-to-back majors for the first time since winning the Australian title in 2003 to complete her "Serena Slam" of four consecutive majors. The only other woman since then to win back-to-back majors was now-retired Justine Henin, who won the 2003 U.S. Open and 2004 Australian title.

By making the singles and doubles finals, she already had become the all-time leading money winner in women's sports. And her \$1.3 million for the singles title lifted

her career earnings above \$23.5 million.

She planned to spend a little of it in a double celebration with men's doubles champions Bob and Mike Bryan. She and sister Venus won the women's doubles final Friday — their eighth Grand Slam doubles title.

American twins Bob and Mike Bryan won their seventh Saturday, beating Mahesh Bhupathi of India and Mark Knowles of the Bahamas 2-6, 7-5, 6-0 to regain the No. 1 ranking.



Serena Williams embraces the trophy after defeating Dinara Safina to win the women's singles final match at the Australian Open Tennis Championship in Melbourne, Australia, Saturday.

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Choosing Your Resume Strategy
Should You Be a Specialist or Generalist?
 by Larry Buhl, for Yahoo! HotJobs

In a buyer's (and increasingly *picky* buyer's) market, you may be tempted to throw all your skills on the resume, praying that the sheer variety of your experiences will overwhelm an employer. After all, you wouldn't want a potential employer to overlook that one gem in your background that could really set you apart.

But does the generalist resume work best today? Not necessarily. Recruiters say emphasizing the breadth of your experience depends on what you're looking for.

The Generalist's Advantages
 Positioning yourself as a generalist could be effective if you:
Target small companies. "A company with than 500 employees may see a job-seeker with a broad base of skills as giving them more for their money," Dave Upton, founder and CEO of ExecuNet, tells Yahoo! HotJobs. At tiny companies or start-ups, a broad array of skills is often essential due to the need to wear different hats, Upton added.
Target downsizing companies. Organizations that consolidate functions will often want someone who can do many things, such as a single HR generalist who can handle compensation and benefits as well as recruiting functions, says Stefanie Cross-Wilson, co-president of recruitment and talent management at Hudson.
Will take any job. Recruiters agree that the scattershot approach yields scattershot results even in the best of times. But if you simply want a foot in the door of a company — any company, doing anything, anywhere — selling yourself as a jack-of-all trades could pay off.
The Specialist Positioning
 Selling yourself as a specialist is preferable if you:
Know exactly what you're looking for. If you're sure about what you want and know how your skills match up to the requirements, make the case that you're the one they need and don't muddy your resume with a variety of unrelated skills.
Work in a competitive industry. These days, employers who used to receive dozens of resumes for a position may see hundreds or thousands. The person who fits the job best, particularly in a competitive field, is more likely to get the job than someone who can do a bit of everything, recruiters say.
Seek a job requiring specialized skills. An employer filling a job that requires deep knowledge of industrial automation, forensic accounting, or video game design, to name a few, can usually find a candidate with the exact skills to match the job. If you don't have the specific skills, your knowledge of gardening, accounting, or music theory, while nice to have, won't make up that deficit.
The Best Approach
 • Still not sure which approach is best? Recruiters recommend playing it safe by positioning yourself as a "specialist, with breadth." To do this:
 • Research a job opening and the company to find out exactly what skills are needed, and what other skills might be useful.
 • Emphasize the depth of your expertise in the most necessary job skills — the ones that actually match the job description — and add your compatible skills at the bottom of the resume.
 Don't send out a hodgepodge resume. You're more likely to confuse the recruiter or the hiring manager, who may think of you as a dabbler without depth.
 This tactic, recruiters say, will cover your bases by showing the breadth and depth of your skills, and that could be a winning combination in a tight job market.
 "When more people are vying for the same jobs it's even more important to show your skills fit well," says Lindsay Olson, partner and recruiter, Paradigm Staffing. "If you are a generalist, then you should be able to tweak your resume to fit the position. A resume should show me how you fit the requirements, not make me guess."
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DEAR ABBY: Last year, my elderly father fell, suffering a head injury that caused his death. Dad had a chronic illness that kept him housebound during the last year of his life.

Prior to his death, my mother began corresponding with, and inviting, an old high school boyfriend to visit. (He lived six hours away.) This man, "Milton," moved in with Mother while my father was still alive.

Mom has been with Milton ever since, first at her home and now at his winter home down south. My siblings and I are aghast at her behavior. She phones and sends cheery e-mails as if she were on an extended holiday and having the time of her life. Meanwhile, we are still mourning our father's loss.

We have tried to share our feelings with her, but she refuses to acknowledge them. She says she "understands," but we don't think she does. Otherwise, why would she move away from her children at this sad time?

— LOST OUR MOTHER, TOO

DEAR LOST: Your mother may have done it because she went through much of the grieving process long before your father actually passed away. She does understand your feelings, but in an emotional — and now physical — sense she has moved on. I don't know the circumstances of your parents' marriage, but if she made



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

your father happy while he was alive, then try to be happy for her now.

DEAR ABBY: I am only 24, but consider myself an old-fashioned parent. My wife and I have three daughters who are the center of our lives. Everywhere we go, we are complimented on how well-behaved our children are. When asked for our "secret," we tell the truth — we use the belt to keep our children in line. When I was a child, my mom did the same with me, and I know it's more help than harm.

The problem is, as soon as people hear it they assume we simply beat our kids into submission. How can I help people understand that discipline and abuse are two different things?

— JOHN IN SAVANNAH

DEAR JOHN: Abuse and discipline ARE two different things. Abuse is punishment. Discipline teaches — and helps a child to eventually become self-disciplined. Using a belt on your little girls shows them that violence is

acceptable — and that they can expect it from you, just as you learned it was acceptable from your parents.

There are more effective ways to communicate with children than by hitting them with belts. Grounding them, taking away toys, cell phone and television privileges are effective, nonviolent and preferable means of letting a child know that certain behaviors are unacceptable.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever my husband, "Jim," and I are talking to friends or family and they ask me a question, Jim always answers "for" me. If I am talking with one of my girlfriends, he will jump right in before I have finished my sentence. He does this all the time. I have told him I don't like it, but he won't stop. What can I do to shut him up?

— TRYING TO BE HEARD IN OHIO

DEAR TRYING TO BE HEARD: Obviously, your husband feels that what he has to say is more important than what you have to offer. Because you have told him that it bothers you and have been ignored, enlist the help of friends and family in a team effort. When it happens again, they should immediately respond, "No, Jim. I asked your WIFE that question. Wait your turn." Hearing it may shock him into silence, but he needs it because he has an obnoxious habit.

IF FEBRUARY 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You know they always say that you should be careful about what you wish for. Your prayers may be answered in the next six weeks. If someone you are ardently interested in disappears, then you know that person isn't good for you. However, the people who are beating down your door and under your feet probably have your best interests at heart. Accept whatever comes your way, whether it is a job offer, proposal or favor. Be confident about starting anything important, as you have plenty of blessings and protections during this time period.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Goals can goad you into accomplishment. For a few days early in the week, you might doubt your abilities or feel that you haven't achieved as much as you could. Don't change anything of significance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It could be back to the drawing board for you this week. Something could fail, falter or frustrate your ambitions. Remain calm in the face of any storm and concentrate on being a friend in deed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): They say that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. That homily, however, is not good

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

advice during the week ahead. If the going gets tough, just bide your time and avoid controversy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Red tape rules. A work in progress might not make much progress during the early part of the week. It could be that the roadblock has to do with a lack of trust or a suspicion that a rule has been broken.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Rome wasn't built in a day. It is easy to become frustrated or impatient when there are things you want to see completed that are held up by rules and red tape. Keep your cool during the first half of the week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Danger, Will Robinson! Like the robotic warning system of the TV classic you will receive ample warning when things are going wrong this week. Remain alert and steer clear of obvious pitfalls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Reduce recreation and retreat from retribution. Your love for fun and desire for entertainment may temporarily behave like those Shrinky Dink toys. Don't blame

others for your lack of interest this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your chin up. Find inspiration through a friend who offers optimism, patience and support. This is especially important during the first half of the week when an aura of gloom might prevail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You don't have to do it all on your own. Don't be afraid to rely on others in the week to come. The ability to discover capability in others and to trust them to do the right thing is the true test.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Tensions can test tenacity. It might feel as though popular opinion is against you or that you are pressured by others to change your ways. Avoid yielding to suggestions the first part of the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rocky road is a flavor of ice cream and shouldn't be a term used to describe your life. If you want to stick to the smoothest path, don't make any detours, changes or crucial decisions this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Break a leg. Certain theatrical types might send their best wishes, but offer them in a perverse manner. In the same vein, you don't need to tempt fate or jinx yourself by being overconfident this week.

TODAY IN HISTORY

vote by a more than 2-1 referendum margin. (Swiss women gained the right to vote in 1971.)

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene recorded by The Associated Press and NBC News. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

Ten years ago: With the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Bill Clinton proposed a \$1.77 trillion budget for fiscal

2000. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky gave a deposition that was videotaped for senators weighing impeachment charges against Clinton.

Five years ago: Twin suicide bombers killed 109 people at two Kurdish party offices in Irbil, Iraq. A stampede during the annual Muslim pilgrimage in Mina, Saudi Arabia, killed at least 251 worshippers. The New England Patriots won their second Super Bowl in three seasons with a 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers; during the halftime show, Janet Jackson's breast became exposed, resulting in a \$550,000 FCC fine against CBS. (A federal appeals court threw out the fine in July 2008.) Roger Federer beat Marat Safin 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2 to win the Australian Open.

One year ago: Exxon Mobil posted the largest annual profit by a U.S. company — \$40.6 billion — and the biggest quarterly profit to that time, breaking its own records. Microsoft announced an unsolicited bid for Yahoo, which later rejected it. Remote-controlled explosives strapped to two women killed nearly 100 people in Baghdad.

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Dear Mr. Wolff: Am I allowed to use Stayman and sign off in three of a minor if my partner does not show the suit(s) I was interested in?
Dying Swan, San Francisco, Calif.

cards); partner raises with four. Accordingly, a jump by responder to two spades shows six diamonds and five spades, strong. A reasonable alternative is to play one spade shows four, but is not a game-force.

ANSWER: The short answer to your question is no. It is FAR more efficient to play Stayman followed by three of either minor as game-forcing with at least five cards in that minor and an unbid four-card major. To sign off in a minor, use a transfer to that suit and pass the response. On invitational hands with a minor and a four-card major, use Stayman, then raise the response or bid two no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I picked up ♠ Q-6-4, ♥ A-Q-9-2, ♦ K-10-5, ♣ A-8-3. When my RHO opened one club, I doubled because my club stopper was weak. We ended up in two diamonds, but might have made three no-trump, played from partner's side. Was I wrong to double?
Artful Dodger, Staten Island, N.Y.

ANSWER: I won't go that far, but bear in mind that the opening bid of one club does not SHOW clubs, and the the opening bidder's partner does not know if he is facing clubs or a balanced hand. Although you have to be careful with the overcall of one no-trump over any other suit, bid one no-trump over one club any time your high cards and shape are correct.

Dear Mr. Wolff: In one of your columns, you mentioned Ogust. What do you think of his scheme of responses to weak two-bids? How is his name pronounced?
Julian Calendar, Jackson, Miss.

ANSWER: I always called him OH'-gust. Because pre-empts are sometimes light or are based on a weak suit, his step responses to a two-no-trump inquiry after a weak two-bid takes this into account. I recommend this approach to anyone but the most disciplined of souls!

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kgylw@att.net. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.
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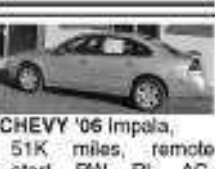


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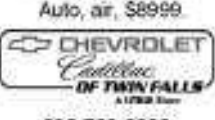
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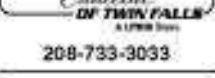
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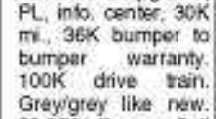
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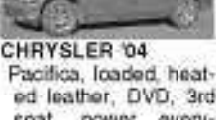
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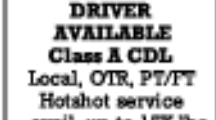
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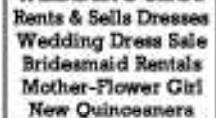
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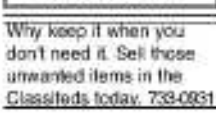
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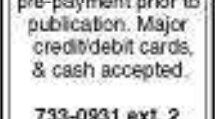
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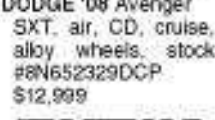
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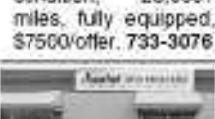
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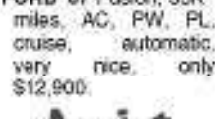
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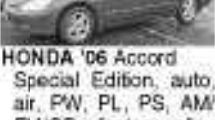
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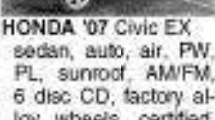
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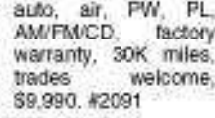
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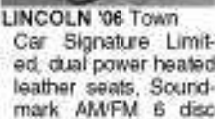
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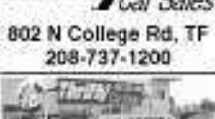
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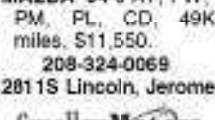
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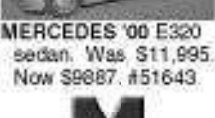
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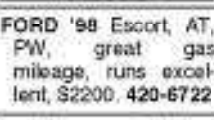


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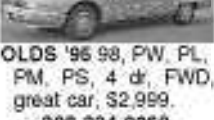
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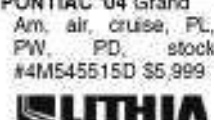
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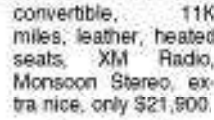
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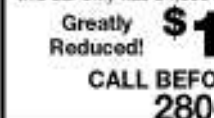
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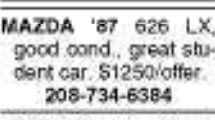


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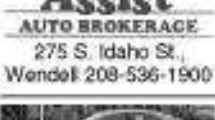
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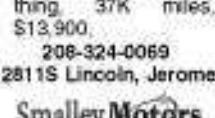
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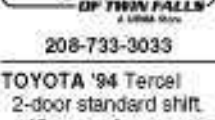
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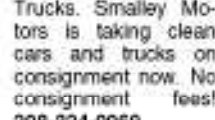
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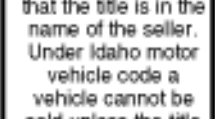
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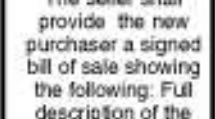
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Plan a Valentine adventure

4 unusual dates with your dear



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Stargazing indoors or out

Is your love as endless as the universe? Then cross your fingers for clear skies and spend Valentine's Day celebrating space.

At 3 p.m., head to The Herrett Center for Arts and Science, at 315 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, for the unveiling of the new "Great Observatories" display, which will show off views from the Hubble, Spitzer and Chandra space telescopes.

Or, if you'd rather, save the trip to the Herrett for after sunset — the pictures will still be there. Catch the new "Bad Astronomy" Faulkner Planetarium show at 7 p.m., then head upstairs to the Star Party in the Centennial Observatory for an up-close look at the stars. Planetarium tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors 60 and up. The Star Party is free and goes from an hour after sunset until midnight.

Feel like being alone? For some good views of the sky, drive south toward Jackpot, Nev., said Chris Anderson, the planetarium's production specialist and observatory coordinator.

"Most of the really good stuff tends to be in the southern skies, so you want to put the light pollution to the north," he said.

This time of year, the planet Venus is especially prominent — which is appropriate, considering that Venus is the Roman goddess of love. It should be the second brightest object in the sky, after the moon.

If you're really serious about stargazing, you'll have to get far away from the light-filled city for the best view — think City of Rocks, or Craters of the Moon. Then again, if you're spending that much time looking at the sky, you're missing the point of the date.

— Melissa Davlin



Photo courtesy NASA



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Downtown date on foot

Bundle up, because this date is going to take you outside on Valentine's Day.

Start at Twin Falls City Park and stroll hand-in-hand to the Twin Falls Public Library, at 201 Fourth Ave. E. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Browse the stacks together and pick up some cheesy romance novels in the second-floor fiction section. If you're feeling especially intellectual, seek out some Shakespeare sonnets, which can be found at call number 822.33. (Pay special attention to Sonnet 116 if you really want to impress.)

Walk down the street to Frederickson's Candy, at 209 Hansen St. E. Frederickson's isn't usually open on Saturdays, but it's making an exception for V-Day (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Make sure you

snag some of the sinfully delicious chocolate-covered cherries. Eat a couple now, then save the rest for later. A sack of cherries is \$12.70, and a box is \$14.15.

Make your way up Main Avenue and stop by Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise for a bottle of wine to take home. The staff at Rudy's know their wine — they have tasted every variety in stock — so feel free to ask for recommendations. Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W., is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays.

If all this romantic nonsense is making you feel a little frisky, pick up some lingerie at adult shop Enchantress and take the fun home. Enchantress, at 622 Main Ave. N., is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

— Melissa Davlin

Act like teenagers in Burley

Who says kids get to have all the fun?

Pay tribute to your high school, pre-bar-scene days and act like a teenager with a crush. Make it a group date, or keep the fun between you and your sweetie.

To start, split a pizza at Papa Kelsey's Pizza & Subs, at 1061 Overland Ave. Why Papa Kelsey's? This Idaho-based company makes its dough fresh every day, resulting in amazing pizza crust and sandwich bread. Make sure to grab an order of the delish Garlic Cheese Bread — \$2.39 for a half order and \$3.99 for a whole. Papa Kelsey's in Burley is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Valentine's Day.

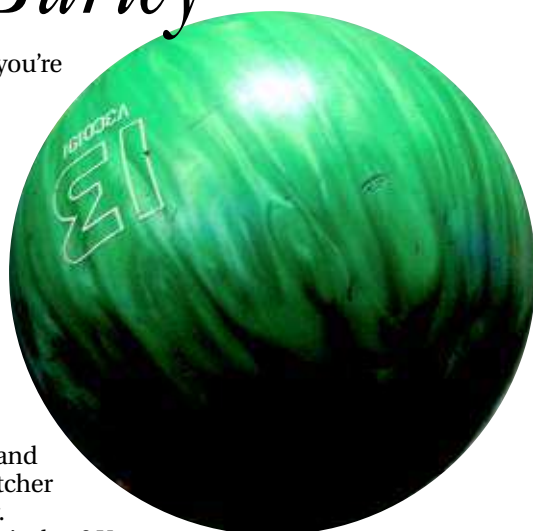
Then it's off to Snake River Bowl, at 725 Minidoka Ave., open 11 a.m. to

11 p.m. that day. While you're waiting for your lanes (\$3.95 per person, per game), grab your shoes (rentals are \$2.95) and challenge your date to a game of pool. There are three pool tables, and games are only 75 cents apiece.

After bowling, head to the arcade and play some video games with your main squeeze. Compete in air hockey and make the loser buy a pitcher of soda at the snack bar.

The best part about this date? You don't have to call your mom to pick you up at the end of the night.

— Melissa Davlin



The solitude of a yurt

If you'd like to see the stars with your lover, you could step outside and look up. But then a cell phone rings, you remember your favorite TV show is about to come on, and the kids holler for you from the kitchen.

Or, you could rent a night in a yurt. There, the snowy quiet of the forest is interrupted only by the hoot of an owl. With no lights around, the stars look brighter than you've seen them in years. And when you go back inside to

stoke the fire, your love isn't busy doing laundry or checking e-mail.

"It's incredibly quiet and remote, and it's an opportunity to get away from all the electronic

See YURT, Family Life 3



Courtesy photo

James Foster, right, carries his new bride, Wendy Pabich, into the Honeymoon yurt near Galena Summit. The Hailey pair married on the mountain in December, then housed themselves and their guests in yurts that night.

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: Wet burrito
Tuesday: Creamed chicken
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: Roast chicken

ACTIVITIES:

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 Exercise class, 1 p.m. Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2
Quilting, 8 a.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1 p.m.
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: Potato soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Fried fish
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour pork
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m.
Haak's Band
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 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. Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Bingo, 7 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.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.



Butch Stolzman of Gooding, accompanied by grandson Brandon Zeltner, 4, takes pictures of mule deer near King Hill. 'I like to take Brandon along just to have someone along to talk to, and believe me he can talk,' Stolzman says. 'The time together is priceless.'

Photo courtesy of BUTCH STOLZMAN

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:

Today: Roast pork
Monday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Sweet-and-sour pork
Friday: Roast beef

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. every one 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. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 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: Chicken a la king
Tuesday: Sausage stir-fry
Wednesday: Soup and salad bar
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Soup and sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.

Share your best shots of active seniors

On this page, the *Times-News* showcases 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.

Wild one, 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.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.

Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.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: Ribs and sauerkraut
Wednesday: Chicken
Friday: Meatloaf

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: Salisbury steak

Tuesday: Ham

Wednesday: Barbecue ribslets
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Tater Tot casserole

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Dick and John Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Free Will Baptist Church luncheon

Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. AARP, 1 to 4 p.m. Kids Club, 4 to 6 p.m.

Saturday: Youth Club meeting, 9 a.m. to noon

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: Cheese sandwich and soup

Thursday: Salmon patty

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: Sausage pizza
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich
Friday: Chicken alfredo

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: Soup and sandwich
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Chicken fried steak

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: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas
Friday: Turkey dinner

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: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Yoga, 5:30 p.m.

Win on Wednesday

Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Silver jewelry party, 5 to 7 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Thursday: Turkey dinner

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.

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 Schwindman 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.

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.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Sausage gravy and biscuits

Thursday: Ham sandwich and lentil soup

A generation stands ready to get us back on track

By Abigail Trafford
Special to The Washington Post

My friend and I sit on the sofa and catch up after the holidays. We are two healthy, 60-something women; we talk about our children and grandchildren, we share our dreams. And then I say: "I think more about death now."

"You, too?" she replies, at first surprised and then reassured. "I think about it all the time."

Not just because we're aging. It's because of the toxic economy. Like many Americans, we are suffering from a strain of financial illness that targets older men and women. We are too old to start over and rebuild a nest egg; we are too young to depend on what is left in our retirement savings to sustain us for the nearly 30 years that statisticians estimate we are likely to live.

As a result, a dark angst spreads among us. My friend tells me about her sister, who went to the doctor for a repeat mammogram because she had a suspicious lump: She was half hoping for a cancer diagnosis so she could say to herself, "Finally it will be over."

What a dangerous mind game of desperation! The lump proved benign. The woman has moved on. But the global epidemic of financial illness has prompted a common complaint: I cannot afford to live too long. I cannot afford to live out my normal life expectancy.

This is crazy, given that older people are healthier and more active and have more options than in previous generations. My friend and I ought to be excited about being longevity pioneers.

But we're not dancing. We're scared.

At the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America a few months ago, the title of a symposium warned: "New Economic Woes Hit Boomers, Seniors Hardest." More recently, a conference at the International Longevity Center in New York explored the "Impact of Economic Crisis on Older Adults."

There is an effective treatment, the experts agree: Keep working, put off "retirement." If unemployed, get a new job.

But that's like telling a patient there is a cure but it's probably out of reach. In the current crisis, there are few jobs for anyone, and even fewer for older people. "We're seeing an increase (in unemployment) at older ages," Richard W. Johnson of the Urban Institute said at the Gerontological Society meeting. Studies also show that older men and women take

longer to find jobs and usually face a substantial pay cut.

One reason is ageism. The plight of the older worker was dire even before this meltdown. In 2006, a 62-year-old man in Ohio chose an unorthodox financial plan: He robbed a bank, waited for the police to arrest him, then asked the judge for a three-year prison term (a wish that was granted) because he hadn't been able to find a real job with benefits in several years and he could no longer support himself on the outside.

"There is age discrimination out there," Timothy J. Bowers told the judge, according to news reports.

How much worse is it now that companies are shedding hundreds, thousands of workers at a time?

We voted for change. President Obama has called for an era of responsibility. So I have a dream: the creation of

jobs in a major initiative of public service aimed at people over 50 to build America's social infrastructure. A Peace Corps-type program to harness the talents of older people to upgrade the nation's schools, improve services for the needy, support families raising children and enhance a culture of creativity.

Many excellent programs already exist, such as Experience Corps and Senior Corps, but they make up a relatively small proportion of opportunities. The new initiative alone could not wipe out all financial ills, but it would enable older people to participate in the reconstruction of the economy.

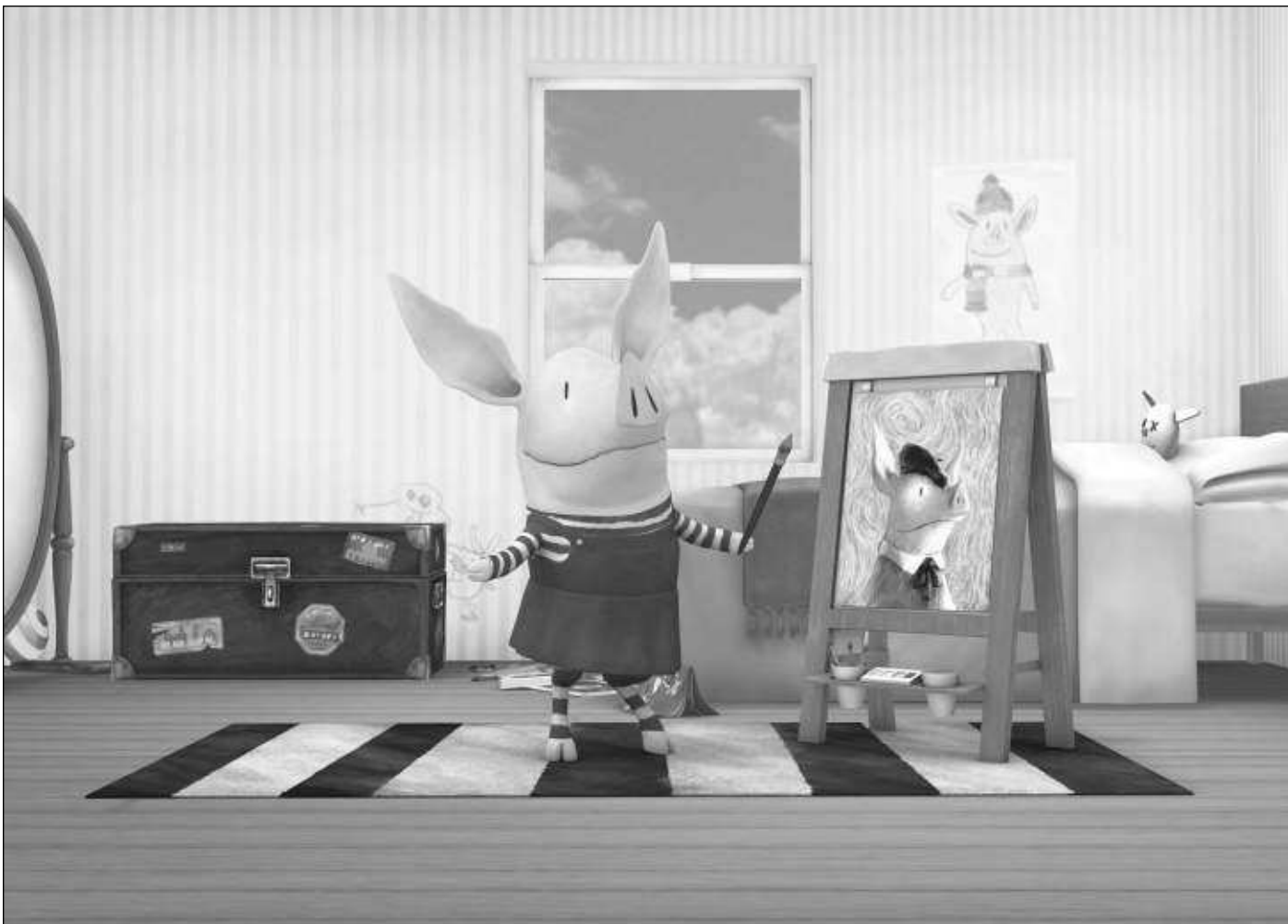
Studies show that most people plan to work at least part time in their retirement years. Many want to "give back" and do community service. And now more than ever, to have dignity in retire-

ment they need a paycheck, even if it's a small, supplemental one to add to their Social Security income.

These men and women belong to the grandparent generation: those who have paid their dues, raised their families, worked all their adult lives. Call them the Grand Generation. They may not have the muscle to build bridges in a public works program. But they have the wisdom to help others in a public service program.

As C. Eugene Steuerle, vice president of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, pointed out at the gerontological symposium: Older men and women are the "largest under-used resource" in the U.S.

Mr. President: Remember what your grandparents did for you. Ask now what the Grand Generation can do for the country.



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Olivia the little girl pig is stepping out of her picture book world into a much more colorful life.

Olivia, spunky girl pig, gets her own Nickelodeon series

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press writer

NEWYORK — Olivia, the little girl pig with the big imagination, is stepping out of her picture book world into a bold, new and much more colorful life on Nickelodeon.

The twirly drama queen and fashionista seems more mature at the ripe old age of 6 3/4 in the eye-popping animated series that preserves her can-do spirit and love of red stripes while broadening her social life.

Gone is a bit of Olivia's squirm in Ian Falconer's award-winning, huge-selling books. The large-headed piglet still wants what she wants — and wants it yesterday — but there's a touch more patience as she navigates the day-to-day with friends and family.

The babyish voice of Olivia — with just a hint of whine — is pitch-perfect thanks to 12-year-old Emily Gray, a sixth-grade newcomer from San Diego, Calif. Emily vaguely remembers reading the books in her preschool days but said she grew fond of the popular porcine after voicing 26 half-hour episodes for the weekday show that premiered Monday. "I like how outgoing she is and how she tries new things and doesn't worry about what everyone else thinks about her and just wants to be happy with herself," Emily said.

Falconer, who based the character on a real Olivia — his niece — worked closely with creators of the series, said Megan Laughton, the supervising producer in New York for a London-based brand management firm, Chorion.

The production company Brown Bag Films in Ireland was chosen to expand Olivia's basic look beyond red, white and black but preserve her spunk and physical humor. Animated Olivia remains as she looks in the books — with red jumper or red sweater with her signature stripes — but she's set against a subdued color palette that grows richer when she's daydreaming — something she still loves to do.

"Really more than anything it was how to best showcase our little girl and these charac-

ters, and to pop them off the background and not have it be distracting," Laughton said.

Falconer did no interviews leading up to the launch of the show, but Laughton said he considers Olivia's essence both on screen and off "just this little girl who has this huge imagination and turns the everyday goings on of life into this incredibly big adventure. But it's not for accolades. It's not for stardom. It's just how she is."

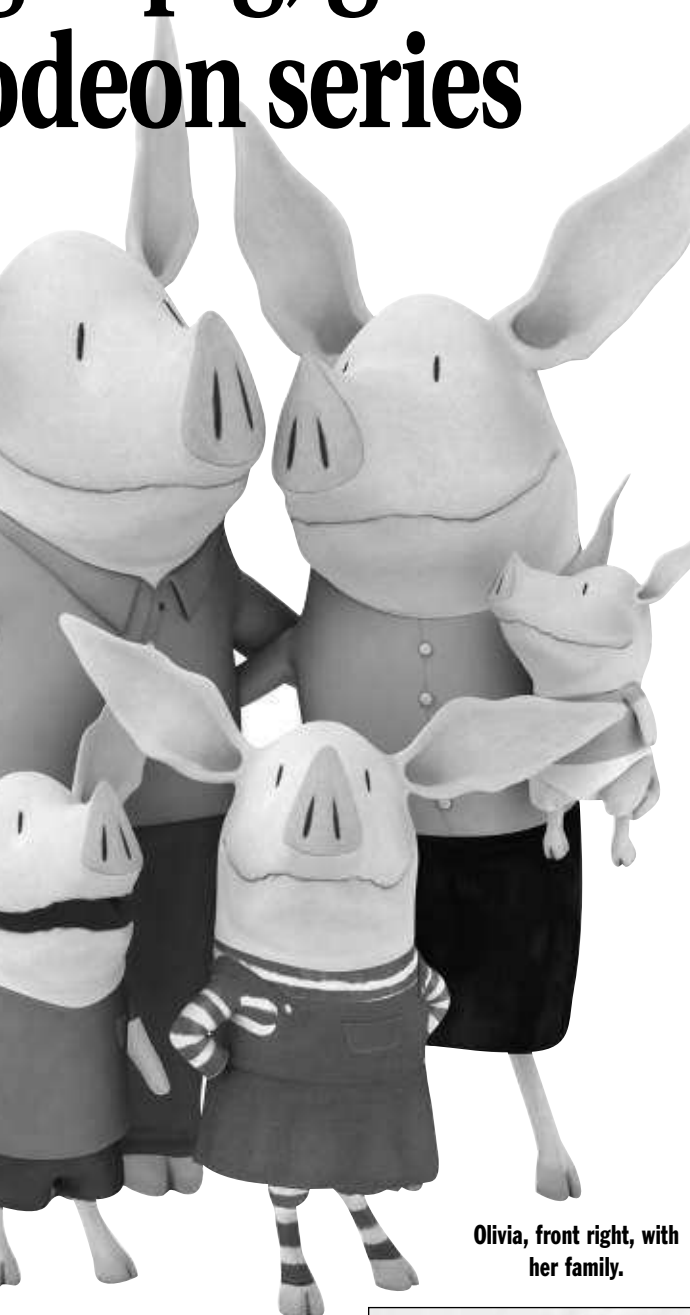
Brown Johnson, president of Nickelodeon's animation unit, said the series is different from the heavy educational hand of "Blue's Clues," "Dora the Explorer" and other popular Nick shows. Olivia, she said, is "really about storytelling" without being too "story-booky."

The show's creators wanted the TV characters to look like the characters from the books. But Nick lost the white background of the books to avoid the show looking "like she lived in a gulag," Johnson said.

There were lengthy discussions about Olivia's voice, she said. The creators decided to use a girl rather than a grown-up to help keep the character funny and opinionated with a child's capacity to imagine in sequences that briefly land her in Egypt, the Wild West and outer space.

Falconer, 49, wrote and drew the books with an illustrator's eye that he has also lent to 30 covers of The New Yorker magazine. He has designed costumes and sets for the New York City Ballet, San Francisco Opera and the Royal Opera House in London, but Olivia made him a star.

His first Olivia book was an instant hit in 2000, selling



Olivia, front right, with her family.

1 million copies its first year and earning a Caldecott Honor in 2001. Five books followed for more than 6 million more in worldwide sales, accompanied by spin-offs and lots of merch. The books are now published in 40 countries and translated into 20 languages.

In 2006, Olivia even got her own U.S. postage stamp in a series honoring favorite children's book animals.

Olivia is a girly-girl in Falconer's books. On TV, she acquires some boys as friends and classmates, including the sweatsuit-wearing Julian, a pig with a darker skin tone.

"Diversity in general is really important to us," Johnson said. "Pigs do come in lots of colors."

While the books might appeal more to girls, Laughton said kids of both genders have responded positively to the series.



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"You never really know until you put it in front of the intended audience," she said. "They've been really engaged with it and really, really connected to Olivia."

How to raise kids based on Chinese zodiac

We're looking at what could be an ugly year in 2009. Recession, job losses, bad weather, natural calamities.

That's not me talking, either. It's the Chinese, and what they're predicting for the Year of the Ox, which officially arrived Monday.

Perhaps you don't believe in the Chinese zodiac, the 12-year cycle in which each year is named after an animal that imparts characteristics to that year. That's not my description; it comes from the placemat commonly found at your favorite Chinese cafe.

For my kids, these rudimentary lessons of culture and cuisine lead to a thousand questions, not only about their birth year, but also their birth traits. I don't know why my daughter was born in the Year of the Monkey, but maybe it could explain her antic behavior and love of bananas.

First a disclaimer: Our study of the Chinese zodiac is by no means thorough. The Chinese lunar calendar is centuries old and was used by kings and dynasties to divide and conquer most of Asia. So while the ancient Chinese believed the calendar reveals the fate of nations and individuals, for our family it's just a conversation topic until the crab Rangoon arrives.

One of the boys is a Snake, and Snakes are wise with a tendency toward physical beauty. They're also vain, high-tempered and intense, which doesn't fit, considering he's as laid-back as an old basset hound.

As for my Monkey daughter, the zodiac says she's "very intelligent and able to influence people." I'd have to agree, since she's just 4 and basically runs the household. Another daughter is a Dragon, which is eccentric and complex and has a passionate nature. I do not see this melancholy side of my sweet girl — but I expect some kind of creature to erupt when she becomes a teenager.

The oldest child was born an Ox, which will be the label for all children born in the rest of 2009. They are bright, patient and make great parents. I'm going to remind him of that the next time he tries to stick his brother in the laundry dryer.

My wife is a Rabbit, meaning she is lucky, talented and a peacekeeper. As for myself, I come from the Year of the Rat. Rats are ambitious yet honest. They also are prone to spend freely, a trait my wife is urging me to demonstrate.

Most intriguing about rats is that they "seldom make lasting friendships." I find it hard to believe that such a label would stick to everyone born in a single year. But maybe it explains why nobody ever goes to the high school reunion.

One peculiar thing about the Chinese zodiac is how it matches compatible animals for companionship. If you're a Monkey (born in 1956, 1968 or 1980), you're most compatible with a Dragon (born in '52, '64, '76) or a Rat ('60, '72 or '84). In other words, your best mate is someone born four years prior to, or after, your birth year. Those who are least compatible are animals six years apart — in other words, someone on the opposite side of the 12-year cycle.

The exception appears to be those born in the Year of the Boar, and Boars are advised to avoid other Boars. But then again, the zodiac says Boars "are prone to marital strife" anyway. So regardless of whom you marry, be prepared for nights sleeping on the couch.

Do I believe in these lunar signs and characteristics? Not on your life. Although I did enjoy this bit of wisdom from my fortune cookie: "An unexpected visitor will bring you good blessings."

Some visitor. Two weeks later, the flu arrived in our house, laying me out for at least five days.

Consider this your warning for the rest of the Year of the Ox, and skip the fortune cookie.

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Yurt

Continued from Family Life 1

leashes we all own, to have some time with the significant person in your life," said James Foster, who spent his honeymoon night in a yurt with his wife, Wendy Pabich, after they were married near Galena Summit in December.

The companies that rent yurts caution that they aren't accessible from a road, so visitors must be ready to hike in carrying their belongings, usually by snowshoe or cross-country ski. For outdoor enthusiasts like Foster and Pabich, that's an advantage — not only do they get away from civilization, they get their blood moving. And what's more attractive than pink in the cheeks?

—Ariel Hansen

The yurt facts

- **Where:** Three companies in the Wood River Valley area rent yurts: Galena Lodge, Sun Valley Trekking and Sawtooth Mountain Guides. Their yurts are between Ketchum and Stanley, and vary in their distance from a road. Other yurts may be available throughout south-central Idaho.
- **When:** All these companies' yurts are rented for Valentine's Day, so if you and your lover find the idea of a yurt appealing, choose a different night. Operators recommend making reservations a few weeks before you'd like to stay, and more than a month before a weekend stay.
- **Cost:** Each company has different fees. Sun Valley Trekking's range from \$175 to \$350 for private rentals (fees are less if you

don't mind sharing your yurt with others, but the company requires that anyone who has never stayed at a yurt before engage the services of a guide for \$100-\$150). Sawtooth Mountain Guides' two yurts rent for \$35 per person per day, with an 8-person minimum (a guide may be required, depending on the group's experience). Galena Lodge's yurts are \$125-\$145.
- **Information:** Galena Lodge, 726-4010 or galenalodge.com; Sun Valley Trekking, 788-1966 or svtrek.com/huts.php; Sawtooth Mountain Guides, 774-3324 or sawtoothguides.com (click "winter" and "Williams Peak yurt"). The various yurts have different amenities available — some have hot tubs, others have kitchens.

Unhappy development: The death of the Polaroid

By Neely Tucker
The Washington Post

Scientists tell us that about 90 percent of all organisms that have ever lived on Earth are now extinct, so it should not be surprising that the laws of nature also apply to technology.

But we are still sad. Polaroid instant film, the little white-bordered photo shards of our American lives for half a century, ceased production in December, according to the company. The fabled 10-packs of film already on shelves might take six months, perhaps a year, to sell out. Then, it's the way of the dodo bird.

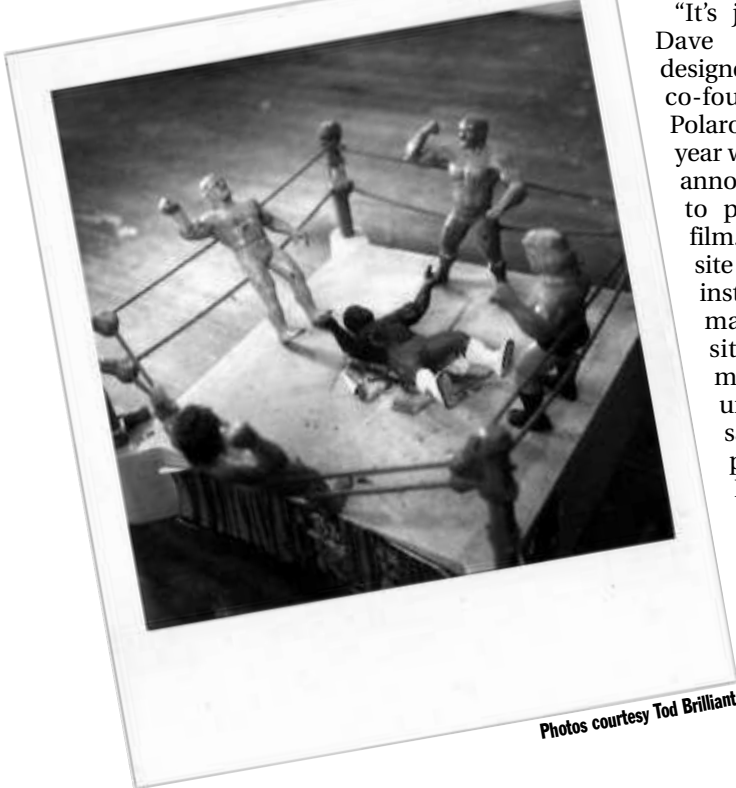
Sigh. You woke up one day and Polaroids were just *there*, like they had been waiting for some doofus to get around to inventing them — like television, like Google. (And just like those, nobody at the dinner table can ever explain, really, how the contraptions actually work.)

In 1948 Polaroid unveiled its Model 95 camera and Type 40 film. For the first time in history, you could take a picture and have it in your hand a minute later. More than a million packs of film were on the shelves in the first two years; more than a million cameras in six years.

By 1963 there were 5 million cameras and who knows how much film. There were a gazillion variations of both. The Model 80 Highlander, the Winklight 250, the Model 900m, the Automatic 100, 101, 102 — and we haven't even gotten to the Swinger yet.

The Swinger! Who can forget, man, 1965! "The Sound of Music," Malcolm X, the first U.S. combat troops in 'Nam, "Like a Rolling Stone." The Swinger sold 4 million units in two years. It was the hip new thing. It was photography's "White Album."

The Polaroid — the



Photos courtesy Tod Brilliant

Polaroid instant film, the little white-bordered photo shards of our American lives for half a century, has ceased production. Artists such as Tod Brilliant still use Polaroid photos. 'You cannot digitally alter it later,' Brilliant says. 'You really have to learn to compose.'

camera manufacturer and its instant film were synonymous — became part of the fabric of every family gathering, holiday, vacation and, er, other kinds of interpersonal documentation. (In writing "The Joy of Sex," Alex Comfort took Polaroids of himself and a lady friend in various positions for artists to then sketch for publication.)

But it's the childhood moments that became universal. A late summer afternoon, cooling, the shadows coming on; tanned, you feel the heat emanating from your body — a good feeling, safe, happy. Your dad comes over, puts that boxy camera to his face, the soft ringed rubber over the extended body, and he presses the red button — *gadjiitttt* — and the film emerges. Lemmee do it, Dad! Lemmee! The white plastic cardlike thing in the hand, kind of wet, you shake it — *thacka thacka thack* — peel it apart and see an image of your goofy face emerge from the blackness.

Sure, the colors were off as often as not. Sure, there were streaks. That was the beauty of the thing. It produced an instant artifact. They were the most spontaneous images ever recorded. You were never sure how it was going to turn out.

By the early 1970s, the Polaroid was ubiquitous. Andy Warhol and others used them for art. Cops discovered they were of great help at crime scenes. Casting directors found them indispensable.

There was the SX-70, the instant camera. No more wet film. The camera just spit out a print, right in front of you. You didn't have to shake it dry, though people would continue to do so for years. James Garner and Mariette Hartley, those witty television commercials, she was always giggling. "The simplest camera you ever used," Garner assured us.

"It's just iconic," says Dave Bias, a graphic designer in New York who co-founded Save Polaroid.com early last year when the company announced it was going to phase out instant film. (The name of the site is a reference to instant film, not the manufacturer.) The site has registered more than 250,000 unique visitors, he says. More than 500 people have taken Polaroid pictures of themselves and sent in stories of why they love the film.

A woman who identifies herself as "Cait"

writes that she began using a Polaroid after her husband was murdered in 2004. "My biggest fear by far was that I would forget. Not the big things, but all those little moments that go toward the building of a life. I was the sole caretaker of a decade of memories. What if I lost them? What had I already forgotten?"

Artists still use Polaroid photos.

"You cannot digitally alter it later. You can't work it in a darkroom. You have to get your image in the camera. No lenses. Your tool set is very small. You really have to learn to compose," says Los Angeles photographer Tod Brilliant, who works almost solely with the medium.

Today, is there anybody in this great land who has not held a Polaroid instant print? Shoe boxes in a closet, pictures spilling out, faces from a forgotten Christmas, an awkward birthday party, the day you pulled your first tooth, your mother at Easter — a month before she died, you remember.

Yes, we know Fuji is still making some instant film.

Yes, we know that Polaroid has a new gizmo, the PoGo, that can instantly print pictures from a cellphone. "Two hundred billion images a year captured on cellphones," says Jon Pollock, Polaroid's vice president of digital imaging. What a market that would be, he's saying, if the company could capture even a fraction of those.

And yes, we know that digital cameras show a picture the instant you take it. But you can't hold that photo. You don't watch it develop right before your eyes, a bit of chemical magic.

Polaroid's instant film was not the photographic equivalent of the eight-track, or vinyl records, or the Hula Hoop, for that matter. It was not technology that got outdated. It was part of who we were in the second half of the 20th century, something we had that got left behind. Something to be missed.



A mom's proud moment: My son has 'bagel manners!'

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A friend recently gave me the ultimate compliment about my kid. She said he has good bagel manners.

I was as thrilled about this as I am about a good report card.

What are bagel manners, exactly?

Well, a variety of bagels were being served — sesame, poppy, cinnamon raisin and the like. But instead of just grabbing the one he wanted, my son asked my friend which was her favorite, to make sure he didn't take the last of the type she liked.

My friend expressed sur-

prise that a teenage boy would have such good manners, and to tell you the truth, it surprised me too, because like a lot of parents, I don't always see good manners at home.

I could only respond that I've basically spent the last 16 years walking around my house mumbling about the selfish, ungrateful, inconsiderate nature of the average child, and maybe some of that actually sunk into my children's immature brains to the point where they can sometimes pretend to be civilized — at least in other people's houses if not always their own.

"Our children learn a great deal from what they see us say and do," said Paula Levy,

a family therapist in Norwalk, Conn., and mother of four ages 16-23. "They internalize these lessons even if they don't acknowledge what we are teaching them. When they are in the comfort of their own home they relax and act as they wish. When they are with others, they want to be accepted and impress, so they use all the skills they have learned."

I wonder if the selfish behavior parents sometimes witness in their children has an evolutionary component. Maybe the only way children ever survived to adulthood among cavemen and wandering tribes was by whining so much that somebody finally threw them some food or gave them a warm place to sleep by the fire.

And maybe that hard-wired instinct is what surfaces when they start bugging us for something.

It's our job, of course, to mitigate the animal instinct by teaching manners, but it's just so hard to know why our lessons sometimes stick and sometimes don't. Levy said one

way to increase the likelihood of getting kids to do what we want is to "be a consistent role model. They are taking everything in. Use good manners when dealing with your children."

My mom, who grew up in rural Maine, was not a particularly religious person, but whenever we did something she was proud of, she'd smile and nod and quietly say to herself a line from Ecclesiastes: "Cast your bread upon the waters."

Which I always took to mean that when it comes to raising kids, you give them your all, then you send them out into the world. And if you did your job right, maybe some day they will repay your love by behaving in ways that make you proud.

Like, for example, bagel manners.

Beth J. Harpaz is author of several books, including "13 Is the New 18."

Internet dating sites flourish in winter

By Ellen McCarthy
The Washington Post

Gyms aren't the only institutions to see membership spikes in January.

Internet dating sites flourish in these dark days of winter, too. New Year's resolutions and the echo of needling questions from well-meaning relatives impel thousands of singles to fill the post-holiday lull with a little online love.

And this year, maybe more than ever.

The bad economy had already started having a positive effect on the Internet romance industry. In November, Match.com had its biggest one-month jump in membership numbers in the past seven years.

To some extent, it's a security thing: An eHarmony-sponsored study found that 57 percent of all Americans are stressed about their love lives because of their financial situation.

And folks who are stressed were 14 percent more likely to say they intend to be in a committed relationship by

the time the year is through.

People cutting back on big nights out means spending more time at home on the Internet perusing the profiles. Twenty-degree temperatures have the same effect.

"It's the perfect storm," says Sam Yagan, founder and chief executive of OkCupid, an online dating site that doesn't charge fees. Since early fall the site's traffic has risen steadily, even through the holidays, when numbers normally flatten.

In September, fewer than 400,000 users a day conducted searches for potential partners on OkCupid. By last month the average number of searches surged to more than 600,000. Messages sent between interested parties rose from 100,000 in September to 120,000 at the beginning of January. And just in the first few weeks of January that number skyrocketed to 150,000.

All of which is to say: If you're going to do it, now's the time. When better to wade into the online waters than when the pool of candidates is at its peak?

FINANCIAL RESCUE MISSION

A Filer family gets household budgeting help.

NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENT

CRIDER-ZYLSTRA

Mark and Darla Crider of Eden announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Noel Crider, to Steven Paul Zylstra, son of Len and Sue Zylstra of Longview, Wash.

Crider will graduate from University of Idaho in May with a double major.

She works at the U of I as a tutor.

Zylstra graduated from U of I in December with a major in English. He works



Steven Zylstra and Sarah Crider

at the city of Pullman, Wash.

The wedding is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Twin Falls. A reception will follow.

WEDDINGS

CAPPS-GREENWOOD

Leah Danielle Capps and Benjamin Hartley Greenwood were married Oct. 11 at The Linen Building in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Brad and Marsha Capps of Jerome. The groom is the son of B.H. and Annette Greenwood of Boise.

Officiating was Dr. John H. Livaudais of Dallas, uncle of the bride.

Becca Keller, friend of the bride, was maid of honor; Kimber Morley, friend of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Carrie Hickerson, Jamie Ramsay, McKenzie Arnold, Nichole Ganguet and Julie Carcamo, friends of the bride, and Amber Capps, sister-in-law of the bride. Amelia Sisk and Evie Sisk, cousins of the bride, and Taylor Morley, friend of the bride, were flower girls.

B.H. Greenwood, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Auston Holmes, Jeremiah Long, Manny Salazar and Paul



Benjamin and Leah Greenwood

Stewart, friends of the groom, and Ryan Capps, brother of the bride. Braden Greenwood, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

A reception followed with music by Clint Harris, cousin to the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Boise State University and works for United Heritage of Boise. The groom is a graduate of BSU and is a certified public accountant for Eide Bailly.

After a honeymoon in Fiji, the couple resides in Boise.

KIDD-KIRKHAM

Liz Kidd and JW Kirkham were married at a private ceremony Sept. 2 at Christian Cowboy Fellowship in Cleveland, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Royden and Shellie Eaton of May and John Kidd of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of David Kirkham and David and Debbie Young, all of Cleveland, Texas.

The couple will reaffirm their vows Feb. 12 with family and friends in a beach ceremony in Onemana, New Zealand.

A reception will be held at 3 p.m. March 21 in Conroe, Texas, followed by a crawfish boil and dance at 7 p.m. at the Kirkham ranch in Cleveland, Texas.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Challis High School and attended College of Southern Idaho, majoring in equine business. She models



Liz and JW Kirkham

with Whilhelmina Models in South Beach Miami, Fla.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, with a bachelor's of business administration in accounting.

He is a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association calf roper and is a senior auditor at Hereford, Lynch, Sellars & Kirkham.

The couple resides in Cleveland, Texas.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Cooper Jaymes Gier and Olivia Jentri Gier, twin son and daughter of Kari Anne and Terry Alan Gier of Buhl, were born Dec. 21, 2008.

Aurelia Renee James, daughter of Kindy Ann Combe of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2009.

Aunika Jane Zamora, daughter of Andrea Aileen Vollmer of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 16, 2009.

Iaancarlo Lopez, son of Elizabeth Gonzalez and Julio Alberto Lopez of Wendell, was born Jan. 17, 2009.

Elsie Maurice Nebeker, daughter of Simone Sylevt Nebeker and Thane Spencer Nebeker of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 18, 2009.

Alexander Mason Brown, son of Lorena Mureene and David W. Brown of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 19, 2009.

Lucy Rose Christensen, daughter of Lindy Marie and Neil Dustin Christensen of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 19, 2009.

Edward Omar Paramo-Hernandez, son of Rosalia Hernandez-Garcia and Raudel Paramo of Wendell, was born Jan. 19, 2009.

Luis Eduardo Quiroz-Rosas, son of Lilita Rosas and Luis Antonio Quiroz of Shoshone, was born Jan. 19, 2009.

Jenilynn Isabel Rodriguez, daughter of Jennell Lynn and Joel Ivan Rodriguez of Buhl, was born Jan. 19, 2009.

Maximo Xavier Canchola, son of Alma Anne Canchola

and Angel Canchola-Solorio of Buhl, was born Jan. 20, 2009.

Fisher LaRue Robinson, son of Tashina May and Walter LaRue Robinson of Jerome, was born Jan. 20, 2009.

Marah Michelle Estep, daughter of Sumer Ann Krauskopf of Jerome, was born Jan. 21, 2009.

Jose Alfredo Jimenez-Guerrero, son of Alejandra Jimenez-Guerrero and Victor Alfonso Jimenez-Hernandez of Jerome, was born Jan. 21, 2009.

Davion McKade Spang, son of Amber Rose Shields of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 21, 2009.

Perla Cortes, daughter of Ana Luisa Navarro and Santiago Cortes Orosco of Gooding, was born Jan. 22, 2009.

Ty Johnson DeFord, son of Jenny Lynn and Edward Johnson DeFord of Filer, was born Jan. 22, 2009.

Chloe Dawn Pearson, daughter of Amber Dawn and James Michael Pearson of Wendell, was born Jan. 22, 2009.

London May Rodriguez, daughter of Lisa Marie and Vincent James Rodriguez of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 23, 2009.

Braelyn Dawn Duffy, daughter of Dana Marie and Jeremiah Patrick Duffy of Jerome, was born Jan. 24, 2009.

Valerie Emily Martinez, daughter of Maria Del Socorro Chavez of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 24, 2009.

Tricks to transforming old sweaters into new treasures

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

A favorite sweater is like an old friend — warm and cozy. But when it's worn to tatters, then what?

You can't simply throw it away. (You wouldn't toss out an old friend, right?)

Designer Stefanie Girard, 39, of Burbank, Calif., works with many materials — beads, fabric, yarn, to name a few — but her current passion is turning old wool sweaters into fun new clothing and home accessories. As a designer of crafts for books, television and the Web, she is a woman bitten by the crafting world's recycling bug.

"Cutting up a sweater, you can have instant satisfaction," she says.

Girard proves there are many ways to slice a sweater. Her book, "Sweater Surgery: How to Make New Things with Old Sweaters" (Quarry Books, 2008), has instructions for 35 projects, including purses and pillows, mittens, scarves, hats and stuffed animals. The projects include two whose no-sew instructions are below: a tissue-box cozy and felted beads.

Don't stop at these two, simple projects. Hit the thrift stores for wool sweaters, no matter how outdated, because this book will beckon you back to try another craft. Martha Stewart Living's Web site also includes several recycled-sweater projects.

TISSUE-BOX
TURTLENECK COZIES

This project requires no sewing. The stretchy fabric's cut edges are not likely to unravel.

Supplies:

Small, square tissue box
Knit turtleneck (thin and super-stretchy works best)
Sharp scissors

Assembly:

From cuff, measure 12 to 14 inches and cut off the entire sleeve. Slip this stretchy tube, cuff up, over the tissue box. Roll the cuff down about 1½ inches to create a turtleneck at the top of the tissue box. Keep fabric beneath the tissue box to a minimum, and it ought to stretch flat.

Notes: If the preferred design element is elsewhere on the sleeve, you can omit the cuff. Simply roll the fabric twice, as in instructions above, to create the new "turtleneck." Also, if the turtleneck has a seam, place it along a corner or back edge of the tissue box.

SWIRL BEADS

Note: You will need to felt the wool sweaters, a process that may take several hours.

Supplies:

Wool sweaters in different thicknesses and coordinating colors
Zippered pillow protector (or use a pillowcase and safety pins)
Straight pins
20-gauge wire
Needle with eye large enough to thread the wire
Needle-nose pliers
Wire cutters

Assembly:

1. First, the sweaters must be felted: Place them in a zippered bag or pillowcase (depending on the size of the sweaters, you may need more than one pillowcase) in a washing



AP photos/Quarry Books

ABOVE: The Swirl Necklace project from 'Sweater Surgery,' by Stefanie Girard.

LEFT: The Tissue Box Turtleneck Cozies project from Stefanie Girard's 'Sweater Surgery.'



machine with plenty of hot water, one or more clean towels and some laundry detergent (the towels help speed the felting process). The longer the sweaters are in the wash, the more compact the wool fibers will become, and the stiffer the sweaters will be. Check the sweaters after a few minutes. If you like what you see, remove them and air dry them flat on dry towels, blocking (or smoothing) them out. Otherwise, wash them longer, until they felt to your desired thickness. (Note: The zippered bag or pinned pillowcase helps keep wool fibers from clogging your washing machine.)

2. Cut strips of felted sweaters about 1/2-inch wide and as long as possible. For swirl beads about 1 inch in diameter, you'll need strips 4 to 5 inches long.

For larger swirls, about 2 inches in diameter, you'll need strips that are 11 to 13

inches long.

3. To form the swirl, wrap the end of one strip over the edge of the second strip and coil it until the swirl is the desired size. Cut the outside strip 3/8 inch longer than the underside strip. Use a straight pin to hold the swirl closed. Repeat, making as many swirls as you want.

4. Using the needle, insert a length of wire and crimp it onto the needle. Insert the needle and wire into the top of a swirl bead and pull it through, leaving wire at each end of the bead. Use the pliers to form a loop at each end of the wire and cut the wire. (Note: It helps to spin the needle as you poke it through the swirl bead.)

5. Use swirl beads in jewelry-making or other crafting projects. Try alternating them with glass beads and chain links to make a necklace.

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Kids Only

Kids, parents and teachers disagree on how much homework is too much

By Valerie Strauss
The Washington Post

Backpack bulging, worksheets galore, read this, study that ... all after seven hours in school already.

Homework. If you think kids are the only ones who disagree with teachers about the need for homework, you may be surprised to learn that many parents don't like homework any more than their kids do.

A new survey shows that parents and teachers don't always agree on why homework is assigned — or how involved parents should be in helping their kids get it done.

Ask kids about the dreaded "H" word and you'll hear something similar to what Sabrina Martin, a third-grader at Wood Acres Elementary School in Bethesda, Md., told us.

"I'd rather not do it, but I know I have to," said Sabrina, 8.

Teachers say homework is important in the learning process and can help kids develop study and organizational skills. They say kids need to practice what they've learned in school so that the material sticks in their brain.

Some teachers say they give homework to get parents involved in the learning process. "My hope is that they will have a conversation with their kids about the homework so it is not just a drill," said Sue Ann Gleason, a first-grade teacher at Cedar Lane Elementary School in Ashburn, Va.

There is a big debate among educators about how much homework, and what kind, really helps kids learn.

Homework history

For parts of the 20th century, many educators in the U.S. thought homework was bad for children, and some school systems even banned it!

Source: www.family-homework-answers.com/history-of-homework.html

Harris Cooper is a professor of education and psychology at Duke University who is an expert on homework. He said there is very little evidence that most homework in elementary school helps kids learn.

Reading is important, he said. There are some studies showing that kids in grades 2 through 5 do better on tests when they complete short assignments that practice basic skills that will be on the test, he said.

Those skills can be in any subject, he said, including math and spelling. Young kids should not get homework in areas that haven't been completely explained in school.

But a survey of parents and teachers showed that many parents believe teachers give homework to kids on subjects they haven't learned well in school.

In fact, 68 percent of the parents surveyed said that teachers use homework to cover material they haven't had time to teach in class.

Only 17 percent of teachers said that is why they assign homework.

The survey also showed that a lot of parents wish they were less involved in homework. But most teachers don't think parents are involved enough.

Sabrina said she doesn't ask her parents to help her much at all — and that's the way her teacher wants it.

"We are not allowed to ask our parents" for help, Sabrina said, "unless it is a challenge. She wants to see what we can do by ourselves."

One of the big homework issues is exactly how much makes sense to help kids learn.

Researcher Cooper says studies show that up until fifth grade, homework should be very limited. Kids in middle school shouldn't be spending more than 90 minutes a night on homework.

In high school, the limit is two hours, Cooper says.

Cooper also has a little advice for elementary school teachers doling out homework to kids: Make the assignments fun. Teacher Gleason agrees.

"The best homework is when I choose a piece of literature for a particular child because it will tickle his or her funny bone," she said. "Learning should be fun."



The homework disconnect

Some of the results of an online survey of U.S. parents and teachers show they have different views of homework:

PARENTS

35 percent: Parents who wish they did not have to be involved in homework as much as they are.

31 percent: Parents who said that their school did not offer any type of homework help (informal, formal, free, after-

school study clubs or tutoring)

TEACHERS

62 percent: Teachers who say that parents should be more involved in homework.

19 percent: Teachers who said that their schools did not offer homework help.

Sources: Sylvan Learning, National Education Association

(Sylvan Learning is the leading provider of in-center and live, online tutoring at home to students of all ages, grades and skill levels. The National Education Association is the nation's largest professional employee organization, representing 3.2 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals and school administrators.)

Things to do before age

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The Washington Post

Are you hitting the big 1-0 this year? Reaching double digits is a time for any self-respecting kid to look at his life and say, "What have I done with my first decade?"

Here are suggestions of things all kids should have tried before their 10th birthday. How many have you done? How much time do you have to get the rest done? If you're looking for more ideas, check out two great books: "The Dangerous Book for Boys" and "The Daring Book for Girls." And remember, have fun: That's what being a kid is really all about.

- Feed a farm animal.
- Pick strawberries.
- Recognize five bird species.
- Find worms.
- Ride a bike through a puddle.
- Make and fly a kite.
- Plant a tree.
- Build a nest out of grass and twigs.
- Find 10 different leaves in the park.

10-year-olds trivia

Ten-year-olds like to know how and why things work and are critical of themselves, child development experts say. And when their parents ask them if they have done their homework, they like to say, "Leave me alone."

- Make breakfast in bed for your parents.
- Create an obstacle course in your garden.
- Roll on your side down a grassy bank.
- Make your own modeling dough.
- Make perfume from flower petals.
- Make a papier-mache mask.
- Make a painting using your hands and feet.
- Organize your own teddy bear picnic.
- Bury a friend in the sand.
- Bake bread.
- Make snow angels.
- Camp out.

Source: KOL

Talking with WWE star Rey Mysterio

By Tyrell Feaster, Malika Khelawan and Dresh Sukhram
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We interviewed WWE star Rey Mysterio at the Toys 'R' Us store in Manhattan. His video game "Smackdown vs. Raw 08" was one of the best games we had played.

Question: After your knee surgery were you worried about hurting your knee when you returned to wrestling?

Answer: Yes. I think I am always afraid to get hurt. This knee surgery that I had is just one. I will show you my scar. Every time I step into the ring I pray that I don't get hurt; for myself and for my opponents. I just want to go out there and perform and make the audience feel good. When they walk out of the building and have them say, "Wow, that was really good. Rey Mysterio really tore it up tonight."

Q: Besides yourself, who is your favorite wrestler?

A: Growing up I had many. My uncle. I am a second-generation wrestler, you have Rey Mysterio Sr. He has always been an inspiration to me. I love watching WWE. I used to love watching Shawn Michaels. Shawn Michaels has always been one of my favorites.

Q: How did you learn to do the move 619?

A: That is the move I have been practicing for almost 10 years now. I have been wrestling for 18 years, and that move I think was first



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done by a wrestler named Tiger Mas who is a Japanese wrestler. I am talking about almost 25 years ago. Sometimes you see something and you just want to learn it. I don't want to say that I stole it, I just wanted to do a variation of that. The next thing I know I was putting opponents on the rope and I was doing the 619. I named it after the area code for San Diego, which is where I grew up.

Q: Why did you want to cover your face with a mask?

A: The mask has a lot of history. Growing up south of San Diego and in Tijuana, Mexico, I got to see a lot of Mucho Libre, that is what I grew up with. I have to say that 98 percent of the wrestlers in Mexico wear masks. They cover their identity because it is a tradition. It is because the Aztec warriors used to wear them in battle. When I first came to the United States, the fans thought it was really cool with my style, my size and my physique — I wasn't really big, but there was some-

thing special about Rey Mysterio, and that came with the mask.

Q: Do you perform all your moves on the video game?

A: Yes. I think it is close to what you would get on TV. The only thing is, you get to do the moves that you want. That is pretty cool.

Q: Do you play the video game "Smackdown" with your children?

A: Why did you have to ask me that? I play against my son! We have a PSP, PlayStation2 at home. We have the Xbox and the Wii. It seems that my son spends more time playing than I do, because every time I sit down and play with him he always beats me. It is frustrating and it gets me mad!

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