

THE WATER WAR

CIVILITY MARKED STATE'S FIRST CURTAILMENT

THAT WASN'T



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Mike Heithecker cleans out dead fish from the Clear Springs Snake River fish farm Wednesday outside of Buhl. Even with this year's curtailment of groundwater users, Clear Springs still argues it hasn't received all the water it needs for operations.

BY NATE POPPINO | TIMES-NEWS WRITER

This summer marked a milestone for Idaho's top water regulators.

For the first time since the Idaho Department of Water Resources began managing groundwater and surface water together, the agency was forced to make about 250 junior groundwater users turn off their taps and leave water in the ground to fill a right belonging to Clear Springs Foods of Buhl.

Widespread well closures, also known as "curtailment," had been threatened for years, and groundwater users had warned of economic devastation if irrigators — the main water users affected — were denied water for crops.

The pumps were shut off for just less than a month for a slim .36 cubic-foot-per-second benefit. It wasn't easy for their owners. But the devas-

tation didn't arrive. And thanks to a good water year and the late-season timing, water users and state officials may remember Idaho's first curtailment mostly for the lessons it taught.

State officials learned they may just need to speak a little more clearly, said IDWR Interim Director Gary Spackman.

Groundwater pumpers were astonished when told they had violated an agreement meant to forestall the closures, leading to August's events. Better communication may help avoid such issues in the future, Spackman said.

"I think before the season is

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In Colorado, well closures affect thousands

BY NATE POPPINO | TIMES-NEWS WRITER

It's not easy to compare Idaho's water woes to those in other states — regulations can vary widely.

But a glance at one Rocky Mountain neighbor shows things could have been much worse when officials told about 250 Magic Valley residents to turn off their wells this summer.

Like Idaho, Colorado bases its approach to water on the prior appropriation doctrine — "first in time, first in right." Basically, whoever first puts the water to a beneficial, prop-

INSIDE

Comparing the calls: How Idaho and Colorado match up.

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er use gets first dibs on it. Recognizing early on the effects that groundwater pumping can have on senior surface-water rights, Colorado officials tried a proactive solution, said Dick Wolfe, state engineer and head of the

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Toys for Tots sees fewer donations this year

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

A toy drive on Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall netted fewer donations for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program than the event's promoters had hoped.

The amount that donations had fallen in the Magic Valley was unknown Saturday as attempts were unsuccessful to reach local representatives of the Marine Corps.

Donations are down by a reported 40 to 75 percent nationally.

Idaho Springs Water brought a truck with six 48-by-40-inch bays to the toy

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TOYS FOR TOTS

Drop donations at box at entrance to Shopko at the Magic Valley Mall or at Locally Owned Radio office, 21316 U.S. Highway 30.

Lying for asylum

Law firm's scam reopens asylum cases

By Stephen Magagnini
McClatchy Newspapers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — For years, Sacramento's Sekhon & Sekhon law firm was renowned as a beacon of hope.

The firm, boasting a 95 percent success rate, helped more than 1,000 immigrants from a half-dozen nations get political asylum in the United States based on a fear of persecution.

Many of those new asylees now stand to be deported, because as many as 700 — coached by the firm's lawyers and interpreters — told phony stories of torture and rape to immigration judges and asylum officers.

In June, following a three-month trial in Sacramento's federal court, three of the firm's lawyers and two

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THE MAKING OF AN IDAHO WATER CALL
A timeline of the Clear Springs call

- May 2, 2005: Clear Springs Foods files a water delivery call with IDWR, one of several filed that year.
- July 11, 2008: IDWR Director Dave Tuthill finds that one of two water rights belonging to Clear Springs was harmed by junior groundwater pumping.
- Aug. 7, 2009: The pumpers recover some conversions; Spackman shrinks the closures to 153 rights.
- July 22, 2009: Interim IDWR Director Gary Spackman finds that the pumpers have not maintained the conversions and threatens more well closures.
- March 5, 2009: After several months of debate over mitigation plans, Tuthill threatens to shut off 865 ground water rights on March 16.
- Dec. 7, 2009: All parties are set to debate the OTR plan before hearing officer and former Idaho Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder.
- Aug. 24, 2009: 5th District Judge John Melanson orders a stay on the closures, pending further measures and judicial review of Spackman's orders.
- July 31, 2009: Not satisfied by the pumpers' proposed solution, Spackman directs staff to shut off 315 water rights.
- May 15, 2009: Tuthill approves a two-year stay on most of the OTR plan, telling the pumpers to still maintain about 9,300 acres of land converted from groundwater to surface water.
- March 16, 2009: Tuthill cancels the closures after receiving another plan, known as the "over-the-rim" plan. He formally approves it 10 days later.



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Pat's Picks

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Pat Marcantonio



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- Bundle up for Christmas in the Park at 5 p.m. There will be holiday music and hot chocolate thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls. You can also donate to the Salvation Army to make somebody else's holidays brighter.
- If you have children or grandchildren, or just want to do something fun, make your own Christmas decorations. You have to love the Internet: just type in "how to make Christmas decorations" and a bunch of pages will come up with projects. Many of those use stuff around the house or recycled items. Have a good time.

Have your own pick to share? Something unique to the area that may surprise people? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Twin Falls Gun Club Turkey Shoots, for KMVT Toys for Tots; shoot for turkeys, hams, bacon, steaks and other prizes; guarantee cards and shells available; kitchen open, 11 a.m. starting time to 5 p.m., 230 Federation Rd, Twin Falls, 208-734-0639.

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HOBBIES AND GAMES

Twin Falls Poker League, 7 p.m., in the Blueroom, Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls, 732-0077.

SEASONAL EVENTS

Minidoka County Health Care Foundation's Caring and Sharing Christmas Festival, includes local entertainers with variety of musical and dancing performances; pictures with Santa Claus; Avenues of Wreaths; and a raffle for a quilt (tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5), noon to 5 p.m., Rupert Civic Auditorium, 505 Seventh St., Rupert, free admission, 436-0481, ext. 124.

The 25th annual Christmas in the Park Advent celebration, with message by Rev. Bruce Stevens and music by Burt Huish, hosted by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation & Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls, 5 p.m., Twin Falls City Park bandshell, coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies provided by Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls (donations for Salvation Army accepted), Trent.Stimpson2@sci-us.com.

TODAY'S DEADLINES

Lunch reservation deadline for Tuesday: Agape Interfaith Ministry luncheon, features Doulos and Checkers from Clown 'N' Ministry of Twin Falls on the true meaning of Christmas, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lincoln Inn, 413 Main Street in Gooding, Idaho, \$8.50 for lunch, no cost for noon program only, open to the public, 934-5700.

Meeting memo for Tuesday: NAIFA Southern Idaho meeting and no-host lunch, with Idaho State Sen. Dean Cameron on national and state legislative issues, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimerly Road, Twin Falls, application for one hour of continuing education will be made to Idaho Department of Insurance, 208-737-4112.

Reservation deadline for Tuesday: Magic Valley New Neighbors Christmas Brunch Party, 11 a.m., Turf Club, Twin Falls, \$12, 735-2422.

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@gmagicvalley.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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Tots

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drive at Shopko Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall with a goal of filling it with donated toys within two hours.

To help get the word out, 106.7 Canyon radio did a remote broadcast from the store. When the toy drive was over, donated toys filled about 30 percent of the space on the truck.

"We're going to give back to the community," said Idaho Springs General Manager Richie Thompson.

Later, he said it was a start considering 2009 was Idaho Springs' first holiday season involved with the project.

"It's our first year," Thompson said. "We just heard a big cry. Times are tough and we believe it's a great opportunity to do it."

Idaho Springs' owner Craig Bartschi concurred.

"We're excited to be here," he said. "I found out through some associates of mine that the need for Toys for Tots has been great this year."

Deb Vieu, a representative of Locally Owned Radio, which includes several radio stations, was at Shopko with 106.7 Canyon radio.

"I'm looking forward to doing it again next year," she said.

Shopko is a longtime participant with Toys for Tots.

"I've been here at Shopko in Twin four years and they've done it every year," said Manager Todd Stimpson, adding that he



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Richie Thompson, general manager of Idaho Springs Water, loads games into one of the company's trucks in front of Shopko, Saturday in Twin Falls. The toy drive was to help Toys for Tots, which nationally has seen fewer donations this year.



WANT TO HELP?

If you know of another charity that is seeking public donations for the holidays, contact Deputy Editor David Cooper at 735-3246 or dcooper@gmagicvalley.com

previously worked for the retail chain in Utah for six years and toys were collected every Christmas.

Shopko, Idaho Springs Water and Locally Owned Radio are among many



Craig Bartschi, owner of Idaho Springs Water, waits for Toys for Tots donations in front of Shopko at the Magic Valley Mall Saturday in Twin Falls.

businesses the Marines Stimson said. "In tough partner with nationwide. economic times it's great to see this."

Asylum

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interpreters were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government. Prosecutors call it one of the most brazen immigration scams in U.S. history.

In the months since, those who work in the asylum system have had to confront serious questions about a time-honored process that is based largely on trust: How did the firm get away with the fraud for so long? And how vulnerable is the process to liars and con artists?

The firm's founders, brothers Jagprit Singh Sekhon and Jagdip Singh Sekhon, along with attorney Manjit Kaur Rai and Romanian interpreters Iosif Caza and Luciana Harmath, return to court Dec. 17 for sentencing. Each faces up to 10 years in prison.

Between 2000 and 2004, the defendants filed hundreds of claims for Romanians, Indians, Nepalis and Fijians. They made more than \$1 million charging clients for bogus addresses, medical reports, notarized declarations and tales of rapes and beatings that never took place, court records show.

The case exposed a vulnerability that experts say is inherent in the system: With tens of thousands of refugees asking for asylum every year, overworked judges often rely on gut instinct about the evidence presented. That evidence frequently consists of little more than the applicant's testimony, so the detailed documentation presented by Sekhon & Sekhon swung the scales in their favor.

Dana Leigh Marks, president of the National Association of Immigration Judges and a veteran judge in San Francisco's immigration court, called the Sekhon case "the worst-case nightmare come true for people who are cynical about the asylum process to begin with."

"My colleagues have said it's very difficult to tell an asylum seeker with a good claim from a good liar," Marks said. "We're death penalty cases in traffic court settings. If somebody tells me he's going to be persecuted when he goes back home and I'm wrong, I'm sentencing him to death."

Marks said immigration judges typically have about 1,200 cases pending and need more time on each "to allow the story to be fleshed out so you can catch inconsistencies and implausibilities."

Often, she said, the applicant offers no supporting evidence.

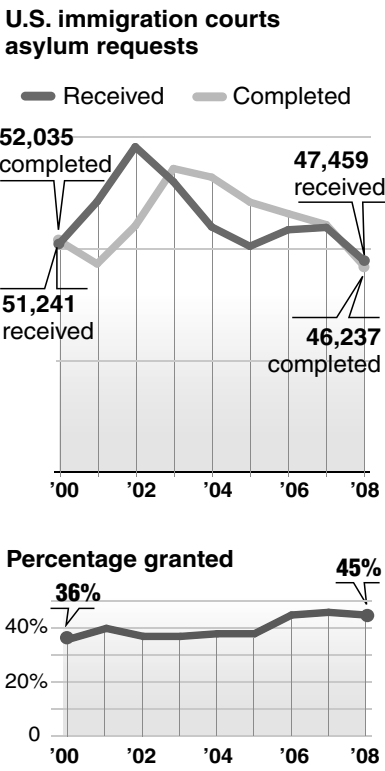
"What makes asylum cases tricky for immigration judges is people don't get notes from their dictators," Marks said. "You're trying to decide cases without traditional documents that court cases often rely on. We usually get one story from one vantage point."

That can work against some applicants who tell the truth but have no documentation, Marks said. "People can be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder that makes them terrible witnesses"

The Sekhon firm became an asylum

Asylum cases

Cases received by U.S. immigration courts, 2000-2008:



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factory, court records show. Lawyers and interpreters crafted fictional stories of persecution they thought would fly — in some cases even when their clients had true tales of persecution.

The firm's statement on behalf of a 51-year-old Romanian Pentecostal claimed that when he tried to bury a member of his congregation he was arrested, cursed as a "devil," and beaten by police "until I lost consciousness."

A 36-year-old Sikh from Punjab said she watched police beat her father, who had helped hide a member of the Punjabi independence movement. She claimed "police kicked me in my sides, stomach, back, buttocks and legs."

Those stories were fabricated, prosecutors said, but the firm backed up its cases with phony medical records and government documents, which made the stories harder to reject.

The case "reveals a systemic problem," said McGeorge School of Law professor Raquel Aldana. "The judges have heard so many sad stories, it's hard to say who's telling the truth and who's not. They may have liked these cases because they seemed well-substantiated."

Unlike refugees who generally are granted legal status in the United States after they've fled their homeland to a third country, those applying for asylum ask for refuge after entering the United States.

Applicants must convince asylum officers and judges they've been persecuted or have a well-founded fear they will be based on race, religion,

nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group.

In a typical year, U.S. immigration courts receive upward of 50,000 requests for asylum. The percentage of requests granted has risen from about a third early in the decade to almost half from 2006-2008.

Nationwide, more than 420,000 people were granted asylum between 1990 and 2008.

Many believe asylum saved their lives. Among them is Senait Bereket Ghebremariam, a former Eritrean journalist. In one of several windowless immigration courtrooms in downtown San Francisco, Ghebremariam, 38, told her story recently to Judge Loreto S. Geisse.

The judge warned her that if she lied, she would be barred for life from getting asylum.

Ghebremariam nodded, then said she and her five sisters were circumcised as babies, as is the custom of the Tigrinya ethnic group. She described a country hostile for women. While in the army, she said, she was raped by a brigadier general.

She told the judge she was jailed for treason stemming from her dialect. Once released, she fled. Her odyssey took her through Africa and South America. She asked for asylum at the Arizona border and ended up in San Jose, Calif., where she has relatives.

She testified the circumcision scarred her emotionally. She has no desire for physical intimacy, she said, and wishes she could have children, but "I'm so worried about my physical condition and the pain it creates"

She said she would be killed if forced to return.

Judge Geisse quizzed Ghebremariam about other Eritrean journalists, and she knew them. Prosecutor Scott Gambill had her recall dates and details, and interviewed a midwife about the extent of Ghebremariam's genital mutilation.

Ultimately, the judge granted her asylum.

Gambill said the government's role isn't to block people like Ghebremariam, who are deserving of protection.

"Asylum is a sacred trust, and my role is to weed out the ones who are not deserving and don't have a well-founded fear of persecution," he said.

In the wake of the Sekhon case, the San Francisco asylum office is interviewing each of the 700 people caught up in the scam to decide whether to revoke their asylum.

If the government ends up sending hundreds of cases back to immigration court, they're going to pose a tremendous challenge, Judge Marks said.

"These are going to be hotly contested cases as to whether or not the person who says he was prejudiced by an unethical lawyer deserves a second chance," Marks said. "We're going to have to work through them case by case, judge by judge, and it's the judge's job not to be cynical and burned out."

Curtailment

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halfway through, the water users need to know what is expected of them and have obligated themselves to whatever those commitments are," he said.

The director said he also learned that the pumpers can be extremely cooperative and understanding about IDWR's need to enforce a curtailment.

"They're the folks who are faced with the economic hardship that that might cause," Spackman said. "The civility they exhibited to (IDWR) staff was extraordinary."

It probably didn't hurt that the closures, when they happened, affected a much smaller group of people than had been threatened in the past. Many water users found alternate supplies, usually surface water, Spackman said. In other cases, IDWR officials allowed water users to stop irrigating other patches of land that were less valuable, minimizing any financial hit.

The key detail that took

some teeth out of the curtailment was the fact that it came as most farmers began harvest, said Lynn Tominaga, executive director of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators.

Some farmers probably lost their third cutting of hay, he said, or had to chop corn for use as silage rather than fully harvest it. But if the pumps had been shut off in June, more crops would have been lost and irrigators would have had fewer alternate sources of water to turn to.

He also commended groups such as the North Side Canal Co. — involved in another water call against pumpers — and IDWR for working together to deal with the closures.

"Folks were just trying to help each other to make sure there was the least amount of economic damage," Tominaga said. "Those were the stories that we heard."

On the other side, Clear Springs has seized on the

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DREW GODLESKI/Times-News

Employees at the Clear Springs Snake River fish farm perform their daily duties Wednesday outside of Buhl. There are more than a million pounds of swimming inventory at the company, which made a crucial water call leading to this year's first curtailment.

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Cindy Yenter of the Idaho Department of Water Resources checks a map this past summer near Jerome to see if farmers had complied with an order to stop using some groundwater rights.



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Becky Oatman cleans the race way at the Clear Springs Snake River fish farm Wednesday outside of Buhl. Even with this year's curtailment of groundwater users, Clear Springs still argues it hasn't received the full appropriation of water it needs for operations.

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Division of Water Resources since 2007. Junior well users since the early 1970s have generally had to file court-approved “augmentation plans” before they can operate, describing how they will replace the water they use in times of shortage.

The system worked — until a severe drought in 2002 pushed it to its limits. The ‘80s and ‘90s had been among the wettest on record for the South Platte Basin in northeast Colorado, the state’s largest basin in terms of water use. Then the drought hit, Wolfe said, and augmentation plans developed for shortfalls decades before were insufficient to handle the sheer level of need.

Stream flow only reached 25 percent of usual. Groundwater pumpers scoured the market for water supplies, competing with cities and other water users who were also reluctant to part with their extra water. Prices skyrocketed: What once cost only \$10 to \$50 per acre-foot commanded sums as high as \$700 per acre-foot, Wolfe recalled. Tension and conflicts rose with the increased competition for costly, limited supplies.

DWR employees were anything but welcomed

“Most of them aren’t usually very willing participants,” Wolfe said of the water users.

The agency faced the daunting task of examining about 8,200 physical, high-capacity irrigation wells, some of which would have to be completely shut down. Employees started with the wells along the main stem of the South Platte River, creating an inventory of several thousand in the curtailment’s first year and notifying the owners of wells that had to be shut off as they went.

Only 5,800 wells were legally able to operate after the first couple years of work. Many of those were still “severely” restricted due to the drought, Wolfe said.

Half of the remaining 2,400 wells were records errors and didn’t exist any more. At least 500 to 1,000 belonged to people who had no augmentation plan in place.

Despite the numbers, Wolfe argued the region’s economy has withstood the

closures, which have continued to this day. A full 86 percent of water used in Colorado still goes to agricultural purposes, he said. But his state’s diverse economy, as well as the scattered locations of curtailed wells, helped blunt the effects. Though many water users had surface rights to fall back on, the drought kept those supplies scarce as well; only a fifth of water users in the basin rely solely on wells.

“That doesn’t take away from the individual who had to shut down his farming operation because he didn’t have a water source,” Wolfe said, noting that the closures combined with financial pressures did take a toll on agricultural operations.

The inventories and inspections are still going on seven years later. And though water issues continue to be fought out in court, the basic process Wolfe follows has been upheld by the state Supreme Court.

Given the task his agency faced, he feels it’s been handled well — even quickly. And the work has only

strengthened his confidence in his state’s approach to water management.

Prior appropriation, he said, is “the system that works in times of scarcity.”

COMPARING THE CALLS:

Idaho’s first large well curtailment was a milestone of sorts. But it still pales in comparison to some closures imposed in other states:

CLEAR SPRINGS CALL, IDAHO:

- 250 junior water users, 315 rights. Shrank Aug. 7 to 120 users, 153 rights
- Nearly all complied, found other water
- July 31 to Aug. 24, 2009

SOUTH PLATTE BASIN, COLO.:

- 8,200 high-capacity irrigation wells
- 500 to 1,000 completely shuttered; 5,800 operate with restrictions
- Began in 2002; still going today



DREW GODLESKI/Times-News
Hundreds of automated fish feeders are seen at Clear Springs on Wednesday.

Water

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fact that the Magic Valley didn’t wither away as a sign that the world won’t end if the company gets its water. But despite the company’s earlier calls for curtailment in various legal filings, its officials still prefer other solutions to the issue, said Randy MacMillan, vice president for research and environmental affairs.

Now that the closures have ended and the issue is back before the courts and IDWR, the fish company is about back to where it started, he said — still not getting its water in what officials feel is a timely fashion. Even the well closures weren’t carried out as quickly as they should have been, he said.

“As I understand it, when a curtailment order is issued ... it shouldn’t take a long time for that curtailment to occur,” MacMillan said.

Depending on how events unfold, there’s always the chance that another curtailment could hit the Magic Valley, Spackman said — especially given the related legal and administrative issues that are still being resolved. Both the pumpers and Clear Springs are set to meet before a hearing officer Dec. 7 for a hearing on a proposed mitigation plan supplying water to the latter. But the fish company just this week filed a motion to dismiss the entire plan because the pumpers haven’t applied to transfer any water rights for it yet.

From a practical level, the true solution to water shortages may lie outside the hearing room, in collaborative efforts to fix the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. MacMillan argued that working together ahead of time on water issues leads to better and

more permanent answers.

“If you can work neighbor to neighbor,” he said, “then chances are you’ll be far better off.”

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Sure, it was a 20-pound bird, but I would remind you of the definition of the term cold turkey: "immediate, complete withdrawal from something on which one has become dependent."

To encourage you in that effort, I've compiled the worst turkey leftover recipes I could glean from the Internet and from the cookbooks on my wife's kitchen shelf:

- Stuffed peppers with Thanksgiving leftover turkey
- Leftover turkey carcass soup
- Leftover turkey surprise casserole! (always beware of recipes with "surprise" or an exclamation point in the title)

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- Leftover turkey blue plate special (there's probably a reason why the plate has turned blue)
- Incredibly cheesy leftover turkey meatloaf
- Leftover turkey and collard greens in a store-bought Alfredo sauce
- Leftover turkey Spam chowder
- Open-face hot Cajun turducken sandwiches with mashed yams and redeye gravy
- Mama's creamed leftover turkey over toast (beware recipes with "mama's" in the title)
- Betty's leftover turkey meatball soup
- Day-after Tex-Mex leftover turkey tacos.

It's likely to the point of moral certainty that someone you know will try in the next few days to foist turkey tetrazzini upon your good self — made, of course, with the remnants of last week's main course. Resist.

Tetrazzini, you see, is American — not Italian — fare containing fowl or seafood in a white sauce served over spaghetti. Invented by Ernest Arbogast, chef at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, the dish is named after Italian opera star Luisa Tetrazzini.

La Tetrazzini, a soprano who was as wide as she was tall, wouldn't touch the stuff. She had, you see, standards.

"I'm old, I'm fat, but I'm still Tetrazzini," she would say.

So this week, have a hot dog for lunch instead. And mind that it's not a turkey frank.

AROUND THE STATE

REXBURG Prosecutor to investigate open meeting laws case

REXBURG — A district judge has appointed a special prosecutor to investigate the Rexburg mayor and city council for possible violations of Idaho's open meeting laws.

The Madison County prosecutor's office has found enough evident to investigate and Bonneville County Prosecutor Penny North Shawl has been designated as a special prosecutor in the case to avoid any conflicts of interest.

A Rexburg resident this month requested an investigation into the council's selection process for a new mayor when it chose Richard Woodland to replace Shawn Larsen, who resigned in September.

In a letter to the city, Maria Nate accused the council of having one-on-one conversations about the mayor's job and skirting the open meetings law.

LEWISTON Officials urge caution at nixing soil commission

LEWISTON — Northern Idaho lawmakers are reacting cautiously to a suggestion to eliminate the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission.

"I think there would be strong opposition if a proposal comes forth — but at this point, there's no plan with specifics," Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, told the Lewiston Tribune.

And Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, said he wants to make sure administrative responsibilities for existing conservation grant and loan programs aren't dropped if the commission is eliminated.

"I don't want to see a situation develop in which federal grants disappear because of a lack of administration on the part of Idaho," he said.

An interim legislative task force is looking at the commission's scope of

responsibilities to see if those duties could be handled by some other agency. The task force is holding a hearing Dec. 10 in Boise to further consider eliminating the commission.

NAMPA Chamber to buy gift cards for homeless students

NAMPA — The Nampa Chamber of Commerce plans to donate half of the proceeds from a December fundraiser to benefit local homeless students.

Chamber President Georgia Bowman says she recently learned that nearly 500 students enrolled in the Nampa School District are homeless and her organization wanted to help.

The chamber hopes to raise about \$2,000 to purchase \$100 gift cards for the students during a Dec. 9 luncheon. The other half of proceeds from the event will go to the Nampa Rotary Club to help local families.

— The Associated Press



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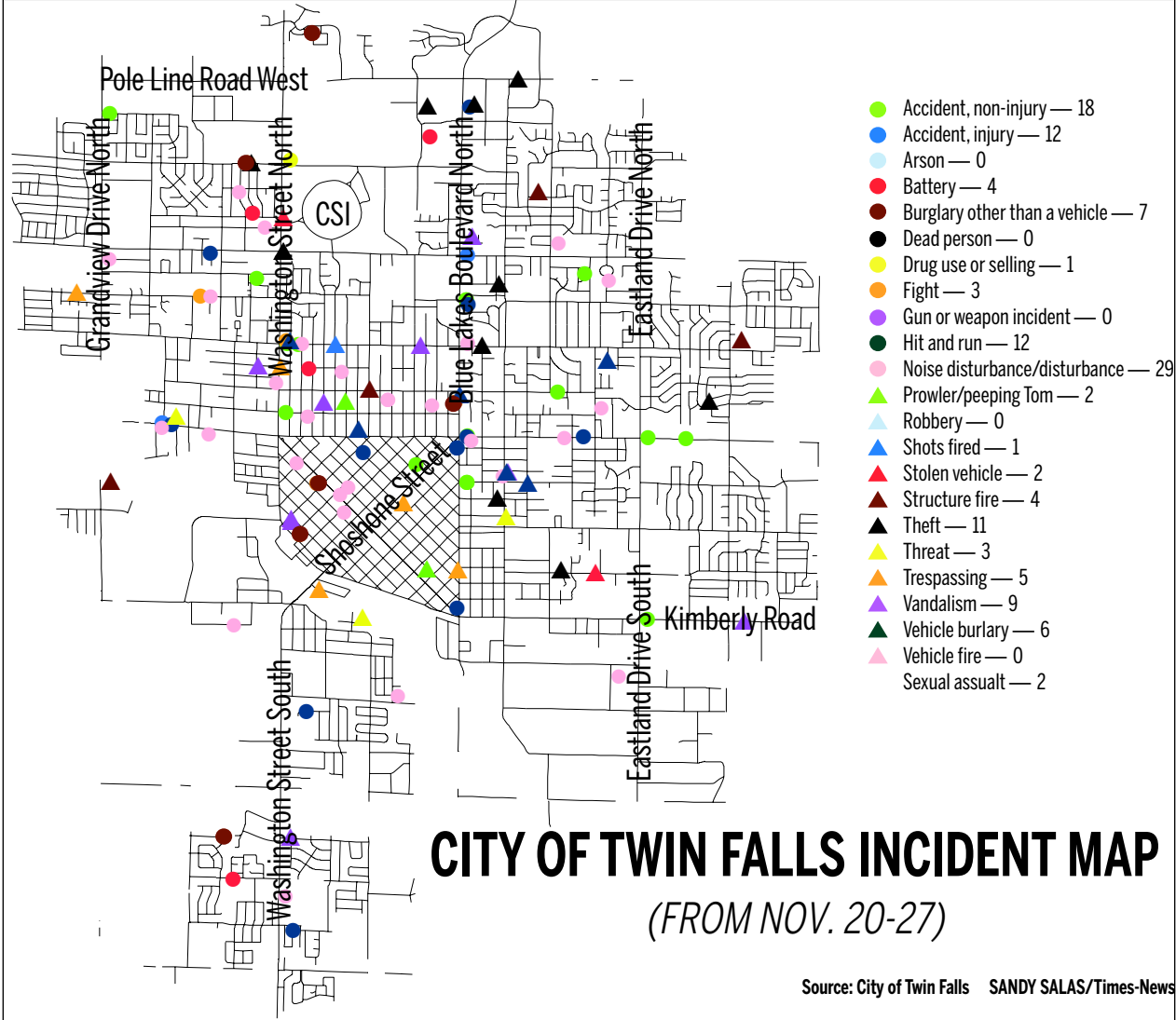
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Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From Oct. 22 police reports:
Aggravated assault:
Two men — one 50 years old, the other 27 but with a tattoo that reads “REAL BIRTHDATE IS 03-12-1945,” the report notes — said they were hunting near Sublett when they were approached by a male, accompanied by five other males, who told the men that they were trespassing and “pulled a gun on them and held them at gun-point.”
According to the report, the suspect took both of the alleged victims’ rifles and took pictures of the men. He also reportedly took a deer tag from one of them.
“He said that the males took him to a yellow and white colored double-wide trailer that he believed was at an old mine of some sort,” Deputy Mark Merrill’s report reads.
The alleged victim, according to the report, said he was held at the trailer for about an hour and a half and was “afraid for his life.”
The report was forwarded to Idaho Fish and Game.
Suspicious activity:
A 20-year-old Greyhound employee in Burley reported that she received a call from an unidentified male who asked her for the price of a bus ticket from Twin Falls to Winchester, Mass.
The complainant, according to the report, told him she was in Burley, not Twin Falls. The caller then allegedly asked for her name, her age, and what she was wearing.
Deputy Doug Welch called the number, which was from Ketchum, and spoke to a 41-year-old man who, according to the report, “had a friend of a friend named Jake” who was traveling from Twin Falls to Massachusetts but that he didn’t know Jake’s last name and had no way to contact him.

— Damon Hunzeker



5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Jessica M. Clark, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; \$75 public defender fee; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
Benjamin O. Redlich, 22, Ontario, Ore.; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; open container; two days jail, credit for one day served, one day house arrest; concurrent.
Melissa N. Dominguez, 30, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 120 days jail, 100 suspended, credit for one day served, 19 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; driving without privileges; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$132.50 costs; 180 days jail, 160 suspended, credit for one day served, 19 days house arrest;

WANTED in Mini-Cassia

Richard Chancey Carroll Jr.
Age: 34
Description: 6 foot, 1 inch; 160 pounds; brown hair; hazel eyes
Wanted for: Concealment of evidence; \$25,000 bond
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\$75 public defender fee; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Cassandra D. Aullman, 32, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$700 fine, \$500 suspended; \$102.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 87 suspended, credit for one day served, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation;

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Melissa Gay Umbaugh
Age: 42
Description: 5 foot, 4 inches; 106 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes
Wanted for: Probation violation; original charge possession of a controlled substance; \$75,000 bond
The Twin Falls County Sheriff’s Office asks anyone with information pertaining to Umbaugh to call 208-735-1911, or Crime Stoppers at 208-732-5387, where tipsters can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

possession of a suspended driver’s license; \$100 fine; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; two days work detail; failure to appear; \$100 fine; two days work detail; concurrent.
Lawanda K. Seeley, 33, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended; \$102.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 120 days jail, 110 suspended; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; \$500 restitution.
Michael J. Sherman, 24, Twin

Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver’s license; \$100 fine; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.
Jessica P. Thomas, 19, Murtaugh; driving without privileges; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$102.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.
Quinn J. Hall, 18, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$700 fine, \$500 suspended; \$102.50

costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.
Jade M. Richardson, 20, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to disturbing the peace; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 82 suspended, credit for six days served, two days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol; no contact with victim.

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BUSINESS 3

VYING FOR ATTENTION

GPS cell phone applications challenge standalone devices

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AP photos

A Garmin GPS unit is shown inside a vehicle in Tampa, Fla. The growth of cell phones with global-positioning technology is making life uncertain for the makers of personal navigational devices that help drivers figure out where they are and where to go.

The growth of cell phones with global-positioning technology is making life uncertain for the makers of personal navigational devices that help drivers figure out where they are and where to go.

Manufacturers of standalone GPS products will have to move quickly and smartly to transform their dumb map readers into intelligent devices that can provide a host of services such as traffic avoidance.

Otherwise, they risk obsolescence in a future in which customers view navigation as simply one more application for their phones. Some of the newer apps already closely match what basic, dashboard-mounted gadgets can do.

“You have to redefine the category somewhat, like what Apple did with the iPod Touch,” said Ross Rubin, technology analyst for research firm The NPJ Group. “That turned it from something that was just a media player into something that accessed the Web.”

Garmin, TomTom and other makers of satellite navigational devices could take a lesson from camera makers, which have convinced consumers that they still need standalone devices because there is a significant drop in quality with cameras built into cell phones.

Those GPS manufacturers now must make a similar argument for their devices or add enough extra services to give shoppers a reason to buy.

But there are unique challenges for gadgets primarily used while driving.

“The driver’s attention

should be on the road, not checking his or her Facebook,” Rubin said.

Manufacturers already have begun broadening their GPS products, adding wireless technology to some of their top-end devices to provide up-to-the-minute traffic data, nearby gas prices and weather information. Research firm Berg Insight estimates that more than 80 percent of navigational devices will have wireless capability by 2015.

Other products, particularly pricey units built into a vehicle’s dashboard, are coming with the ability to play digital audio files or act as an Internet hub for the driver and passengers.

These features could give manufacturers new revenue streams, as they’d be able to justify monthly subscription fees, which they don’t currently charge for basic mapping and directions.

Satellite navigation devices have changed in recent years from being \$1,000-and-up toys mostly for the affluent technorati to tools costing less than \$200 and used by truckers, rental car customers and errand-running parents.

Although the economic slowdown has hampered sales somewhat, those devices are still popular.

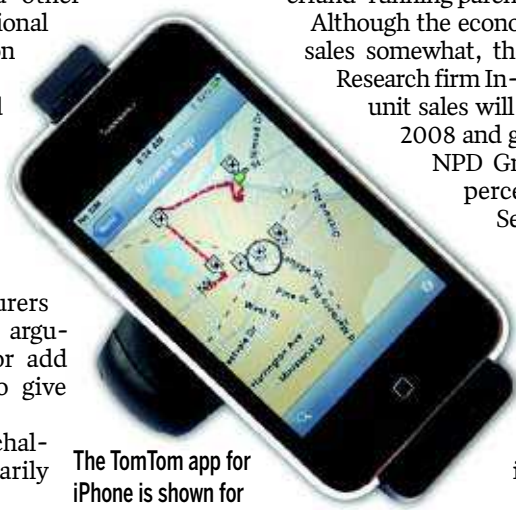
Research firm In-Stat estimates that worldwide unit sales will rise 19 percent this year from 2008 and grow 13 percent next year. The

NPJ Group says U.S. sales are up 4 percent to 4.7 million through September from the same nine months in 2008.

But cell phones are now offering similar GPS-based navigational features — for free on devices with software from one of the Internet’s top brands.

Google Inc. recently introduced a free application

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The TomTom app for iPhone is shown for Philadelphia.

For the online community, Cyber Monday grows up and out

By Alex Pham
Los Angeles Times

As long as there has been online shopping, there has been Cyber Monday. But is that now more virtual than real?

Online retailers for the past decade have counted on the Monday after Thanksgiving to deliver for Web merchants what Black Friday does for brick-and-mortar stores — a turbo boost into the holiday shopping season.

With more than 60 percent of U.S. homes sporting high-speed Internet, more people can flip through those online catalogs at home, said Ken Cassar, vice president of The Nielsen Co.’s online research division.

As a result, more online stores aren’t waiting until Monday to get the party going. They’re throwing their own Black Friday events. Some, including Amazon.com, were doing deals every day last week.

But Cassar expects sales to be flat this holiday after falling 6 percent last year.

“There is high optimism among larger retailers,” he said, “but very low optimism among smaller online retailers who tend to struggle more.”

A Nielsen survey found that fewer people are planning to buy online this holiday, 63 percent this year compared with 71 percent last year. Of those who are planning to shop online, 31 percent said they plan to spend more than \$300, down from 42 percent last year.

Research company comScore, which tracks online spending, is projecting a 3 percent growth in holiday spending online, to \$28.8 billion from \$28 billion last year. From Nov. 1 through Nov. 22, online sales have ticked up just 2 percent compared with a 4 percent decline in the same period last year.

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As sales soar, eBooks face season’s crucial test

By Ylan Q. Mui
The Washington Post

Technology is stalking your bookcase.

It has already taken over your photo albums and emptied your film canisters. It overwhelmed your music collection and flooded Goodwill with CD towers.

And now, it’s on the verge of supplanting that dusty, yellowed book collection.

Sales of electronic books jumped 68.4 percent last year and skyrocketed 177 percent to \$96.6 million for the year through August, according to the Association of American Publishers. That’s not counting the millions downloaded for free at public libraries, where e-books are fast becoming one of the most popular features. And Amazon has said that its e-book reader, the Kindle, has become the best-selling product on its Web site.

But despite the staggering growth, e-books remain just a sliver of the overall publishing industry, at 1.5 percent of the \$6.8 billion in sales this year — about on

par with audiobooks. And some experts believe that the \$200-plus price tag for e-book readers will keep the market from exploding the way MP3s did.

This holiday season will be a crucial test of whether e-books can cross over from geeky novelty to mass-market must-have. Major retailers are pushing the format — and, of course, the gadgets they’ve developed to display it. Barnes & Noble unveiled its first electronic book reader last month, with access to all of the retailer’s titles and then some. Amazon and Sony, which make the two best-selling e-readers in the country, have introduced new versions just in time to stuff your stocking. And this holiday, for the first time, Best Buy is devoting store space to educating shoppers about e-readers.

All told, about 1.2 million e-readers are expected to be sold in the last three months of the year — roughly 40 percent of the entire year’s stock. By the end of 2010, industry

See **eBOOKS**, Business 2

Whose side is Obama on when it comes to Wall Street?

There is much to be thankful for during the holidays, including the fact that we live in a country that has been remarkably good-natured, generous and pragmatic in the face of a nasty economic crisis. The rates of unemployment and underemployment have already hit a combined 17 percent. Household wealth has been significantly diminished. Reluctantly, we agreed to take on more public debt to finance a massive bailout of a financial sector that badly let us down. We stepped up our household savings and embraced the new frugality.

What really sticks in our craw, however, is that while most of the country is hunkered down, Wall Street



Steven Pearlstein

continues to feast on a bounty of trading profits. You’d expect that a new liberal Democratic president would find a way to give voice to this populist outrage and constructively channel this public anger. But too often, the response from the administration has been to try to convince us that there’s little we can do, or should do, to ensure that the economic harvest is more equitably distributed. Now, the White House and congressional leaders find

themselves scrambling to get ahead of a growing political backlash that threatens to upend their carefully calibrated agenda, not to mention their political fortunes.

Fairly or unfairly, the official who has come to personify this let-them-eat-stuffing attitude is Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, who can’t seem to decide whose side of the buffet table he’s really on. It was Geithner who, at the height of the financial crisis last year, was able to best articulate the unpleasant truth that we could save the financial system or we could punish the banks but we couldn’t do both at the same time. But now that the system has been saved, he

Only by taking steps to assure the nation that the economy will no longer be rigged in Wall Street’s favor can the president regain the political high ground and push through a new jobs agenda.

seems to have lost his appetite for retribution.

A telling moment came at the meeting of finance ministers in St. Andrews, Scotland, earlier this month, when Geithner gave a back-of-the-hand to the idea of a global tax on financial transactions as a way of raising money for economic stabilization while also discouraging high-volume, short-term speculation. In the past, the problem with

this idea was that if any country imposed such a tax, trading would simply move somewhere else. But with most industrial countries now willing to act in concert, a transaction tax could have been a viable option — until, that is, Geithner dismissed it as a desperate political gambit by an unpopular British prime minister and vowed that the United States would never go along.

By itself, perhaps, the incident could have been written off as a difference of opinion about means rather than ends. But it seemed to be of a piece with Geithner’s determination to avoid upsetting markets or upending the Wall Street order.

This was the same Geithner, after all, who has pushed not only to preserve but expand the powers of a Federal Reserve that had been the regulatory handmaiden of Wall Street banks and investment houses.

It was Geithner and the Treasury that proposed to enshrine the doctrine of “too big to fail” into law, rejecting calls to break up

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Reinke Manufacturing, Inc., a leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation systems, said Northwest Territory Manager Kermit Cochran, of Jerome, was recognized as the Reinke territory manager with the largest total sales increase in the United States and Canada. Cochran was honored with this award during Reinke's annual convention held Oct. 25 in Austin, Texas. 'It's our privilege to recognize Kermit for his superior sales and service efforts during this past marketing year,' said Tim Goldhammer, vice president of marketing for Reinke.

JUST 4 U



Courtesy photo
The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting to commemorate the grand opening of Just 4 U located at 220 E. Ellis in Paul. The business is owned and managed by Faye Patten, pictured cutting the ribbon. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday. The business number is 208-438-8552.

TND COLLECTABLES



Courtesy photo
The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting to commemorate the grand opening of TnD Collectables located at 1231 Oakley Ave. in Burley. The business is owned and managed by Tom and Denise Tolness. They are pictured cutting the ribbon with their granddaughter Jazi Thomas. Business hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The business number is 208-678-1458.

DENNY & CO. CHTD. CPAS



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From left: Allison Lang, Tina Lee, Nicole Wilson, Jan Denney, Riker. Back row: Scott Denney. Denney & Co. Chtd. CPAs, 1096 Eastland Drive N. Suite 200, Twin Falls, cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors at their new location in Twin Falls. They are a member of the Chamber. Denney & Company is a certified public accounting firm dedicated to providing the highest quality accounting, tax and wealth building ideas and services available. Call them at 208-733-3223.

PAM'S STAINED GLASS



Courtesy photo
Pam Yates has moved her studio and workshop, Pam's Stained Glass Art Etc., to downtown Twin Falls. The new, easy to find, location is: 148 Main Avenue North, in the Orpheum Theater Building, across from Rudy's: A Cook's Paradise. Offering 'made to order' stained glass artwork or choose from Pam's timeless designs. Hand-woven and Knitted items are for sale as well. Pam's is also your retail outlet for Equal Exchange coffee and Fair Trade chocolate.

ON THE SPOT



Courtesy photo
On The Spot team members attended a Fire & Smoke Restoration and an Odor Control class in Salt Lake City. The class was taught by Joe Dobbins, an IICRC-approved instructor since 1993. All team members completed and met the requirements needed to earn their certifications. Team members that attended the classes are, from left: Zach Hollibaugh, Lily Kirst, Tina Albert, Tyler Haynes, and Chance Bean.

MULTI CARE HOME HEALTH



Courtesy photo
Multi Care Home Health & Personal Care Service Inc., 1061 Blue Lakes Blvd N Ste 210, cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. The business is a new member of the Chamber and a new business to the Magic Valley. MultiCare is a privately owned full service agency providing traditional home health and personal care services. Services range from companion and personal care services to skilled nursing and therapy services. For more information call 208-733-1050. From left: Sharon Anitoc, administrator; Tracy Hodges, LSW office manager, Melissa Gross.

Precision Aviation to open facility

Mark Doerr, owner of Precision Aviation, announces the opening of Precision Aviation Maintenance, Inc. in Twin Falls. The facility will provide aircraft maintenance services for piston, turbo-prop and jet aircraft including regular maintenance, annual inspections and phase inspections. Its mechanics have over 40 years of combined aircraft maintenance experience on piston and turbine aircraft. At Precision Aviation Maintenance you can expect the highest level of customer service, quality maintenance and competitive pricing. The Precision Aviation Maintenance office and hangar are located at the Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls. To schedule maintenance, call the director of maintenance at 208-736-

3374 or via email at mx@paviation.com.

Sun Valley Pavilion receives award

The Sun Valley Pavilion has received a Merit Award from the American Institute of Architects in the 2009 Northwest & Pacific Region Design Awards. The AIA presented the award to Sun Valley Company, Sun Valley Summer Symphony, Ruscitto/Latham/Blanton Architecture and FTL Design Engineering Studio. The pavilion won in the "Best of the Best" competition. The jury cited the project as a "powerful landmark and excellent integration of engineering." It also praised the utilization of natural light sources, incorporation of the outdoors and "simple, but bold concepts."

CAREER MOVE

Michelle Carpenter has teamed up with Gem State Realty. Michelle has been actively involved in real estate for 13 years. She takes pleasure in working with first time home buyers as well as investors, and enjoys being able to assist those going through challenging times. She is determined to offer results to meet homebuyers' needs. Home staging is an added strength she possesses, and she will provide ideas to help your house go from active to sold. You can contact Michelle at Gem State Realty 208-734-0400.



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BOX TOPS COMPETITION



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General Mills and Swensen's Markets partnered this fall in a competition to see how many 'box tops' could be collected by participating Magic Valley schools. The school with the most "box tops" was awarded an additional \$500 cash prize from Swensen's to go along with the value of the 'box tops' redeemed through General Mills (typically, each 'box top' has a 10 cent redemption value). The runner-up school received 2,500 bonus 'box tops' certificates from Swensen's worth \$250 when redeemed through General Mills. Filer Elementary School emerged as the winning school with over 10,000 individual ten-cent box tops. The first runner-up was Bickel Elementary, followed closely by the second runner-up Sawtooth Elementary. The fourth place finisher was Lincoln Elementary.

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"Online spending this holiday season will likely be tempered by the stark reality of 10 percent unemployment and less disposable income in many consumers' wallets," comScore Chairman Gian Fulgoni said. That doesn't mean Cyber Monday will evaporate, however. That's because some people still shop at work, away from the prying eyes of family members. It's become more of a marketing hook that retailers want to keep alive. "Retailers liked the marketing focus," Cassar said. "It remains a big shopping day, but it's now fueled more by retailer marketing and promotion." That means online merchants will be out in force trumpeting Cyber

Monday specials. More merchants say they plan to offer some type of promotion such as free shipping or extra discounts Monday, 87 percent compared with 83 percent last year, according to a survey by Shop.org, the online division of the National Retail Federation. Shop.org's Web page this year lists Cyber Monday specials offered by 650 of its member merchants. The shipping promotions figure to come with fewer strings, said Scott Silverman, Shop.org's executive director. Half of the online merchants planning to eliminate shipping charges said they will not impose conditions, such as minimum order amounts, up from 25 percent of retailers in 2005.

eBook

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experts predict, 10 million people will be carrying e-readers. As for the number of e-books that people have read, they've lost track. E-readers come with a wide range of options — depending on the manufacturer. Amazon's newest Kindle, which is the largest selling e-reader with a price tag of \$259, is about the size of a hardback book and as thin as a pencil. It offers WiFi capabilities that allow users to download books in less than 60 second. Sony's eReader, which sells for roughly the same price, also offers MP3 capabilities for users who also want to listen to music. All e-readers on the market use 'electronic ink' displays, which resemble traditional ink-on-paper reading. Amazon officials say they are working on creating color displays. But, as of now, all e-readers are limited to black and white displays.

Consumers buy roughly as many printed books online as they do at chain bookstores. Each claims more than 20 percent of the market and alternates at the top spot, while independent sellers claim just 5 percent of the market, according to PubTrack, a survey conducted by publishing industry research firm Bowker. If it only takes one click to buy a book, why should we have to wait to read it? Amazon executives have made near-instantaneous content a company goal. The latest Kindle, which began shipping last month, holds 1,500 titles and can wirelessly download books in 60 seconds. The company envisions a day when any book ever printed in any language can be downloaded in one minute. According to Bowker, the average price of an e-book this year is \$8.30. The cost of a hardcover book — the most profitable format for publishers — is \$14.55. The difference is particularly painful for publishers because e-book buyers tend to be readers who used to be hardcover buyers, says Kelly Gallagher, vice president of publishing services for Bowker.

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Bernanke makes case for strong Fed role on banks

By Eileen AJ Connelly
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The chairman of the Federal Reserve is concerned that congressional efforts at financial reform could weaken the central bank's ability to handle future crises and may politicize monetary policy.

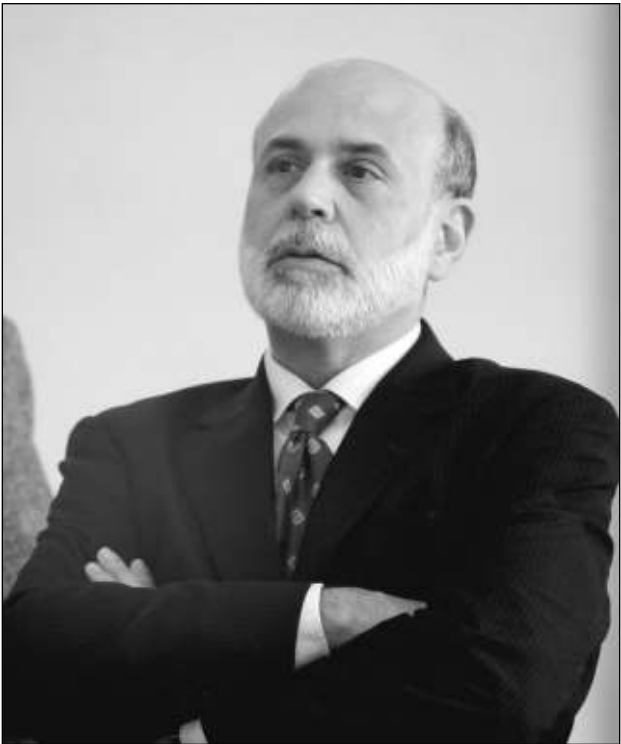
Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke made the comments in an Op-Ed piece to appear in today's Washington Post, five days before the Senate Banking committee holds a hearing on his nomination for a second term. His current four-year term expires Jan. 31.

Bernanke wrote that the nation is challenged to design a financial oversight system that will "embody the lessons of the past two years and provide a robust framework for preventing future crises and the economic damage they cause."

But two proposals being considered "are very much out of step with the global consensus on the appropriate role of central banks, and they would seriously impair the prospects for economic and financial stability in the United States," he said.

The first item in question is a bill before the Senate that would strip the Fed of its bank regulation authority and give the Senate a role in selecting the 12 regional Federal Reserve bank presidents, proposed by Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd, D-Conn.

Dodd says his measure would return the Fed to its core mission of setting monetary policy, claiming it proved itself "an abysmal failure" by not cracking



AP photo

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke listens to businessmen following an address on Oct. 23 in Chatham, Mass. Bernanke is concerned that congressional efforts at financial reform could weaken the central bank's ability to handle future crises and may politicize monetary policy.

down on risky lending practices that led to the financial meltdown.

Bernanke countered that the Fed played "a major part in arresting the crisis."

In what will likely be seen as an implicit defense of Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who was president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank last year, Bernanke said some government actions may have been "distasteful and unfair" but were needed to avoid a global economic catastrophe rivaling the Great Depression.

"My colleagues at the Federal Reserve and I were

determined not to allow that to happen," Bernanke wrote.

Notably, he makes no mention of the bill's language that would strip the Fed of consumer protection authorities, which he has previously opposed. That may indicate a concession to political and populist demands for a new pro-consumer agency.

The second piece of legislation Bernanke comments on is an amendment from Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, in a House financial regulatory bill that would repeal a 1978 ban on congressional audits of Fed interest-rate decisions.

Paul maintains the repeal would bring more transparency and accountability, and notes it contains language that states it should not be construed as interference in or dictation of monetary policy by Congress.

Bernanke said the Fed's ability to set interest rates and provide stimulus through lending and asset-purchase programs depends upon being able to operate independently of political influence. Opening monetary policy decisions to the scrutiny of Congress "would undermine the confidence the public and the markets have in the Fed to act in the long-term economic interest of the nation."

The Fed chairman recognized that the proposals are in part born of public anger over the financial crisis and the rescues of big financial firms. He said he strongly supports measures to ensure that such interventions never happen again. He wants tougher oversight of large, complex financial firms to make sure that no one company is "too big to fail," and that the costs of future failures are not borne by taxpayers.

"There is a strong case for a continued role for the Federal Reserve in bank supervision," he said, citing expertise needed to supervise "highly complex financial firms" and the information gleaned from regulating banks that is used to set monetary policy. He also pointed to the results of the "stress tests" done on banks earlier this year, maintaining they helped restore public confidence in the banking system.

Black Friday store spending edges up; online soars

By Ashley M. Heher
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Shoppers who endured long lines and sometimes-frigid temperatures spent only slightly more during their Black Friday shopping sprees than they did last year, according to data released Saturday by a research firm.

At the same time, their pajama-clad counterparts, a much smaller group that accounted for only a fraction of overall sales, shopped online from the warmth of their homes and dramatically boosted their spending.

More than a year after the economy's collapse began rattling shoppers, industry observers said Friday's shopping sprees offered a strong start to the holiday season.

"We have struggled for a long time and one of the ways for the economy to get going again is for the consumer to begin to spend more freely," said Bill Martin, co-founder of research firm ShopperTrak, which released its sales figures Saturday. "And I think this is an indication they were willing to do that."

Preliminary sales data from Martin's organization, a Chicago research firm that tracks sales at more than 50,000 stores, showed shoppers spent \$10.66 billion when they hit the malls on the day after Thanksgiving. That's only

0.5 percent more than last year when Black Friday sales rose a striking 3 percent.

The traditional shopping spree — dubbed Black Friday because it often was the day when a surge of shoppers helped stores break into "the black," or profitability, the full year — has marked the kickoff of holiday shopping for many consumers.

But its importance has faded in recent years as merchants started hawking the deep discounts usually reserved for that day well in advance.

For example, last year's Black Friday spending grew from \$10.3 billion to about \$10.6 billion. But the overall holiday spending fell 4.4 percent as shoppers slowed spending as the holiday season went on.

Still, the day is often used as an important barometer of shoppers' mindset: what kinds of items they're buying and what kind of discounts will lure them.

Stores offered deals on more practical items to woo recession-weary shoppers who more than ever might want gifts that the recipients will really appreciate.

"I know what they want, but I've been looking for a deal to make sure I get a good price," Jude Leeper, 49, of Hanover, Pa., said as she shopped for gifts for family members Friday at a Maryland mall. "I'm going to buy that gift that I know is going to get used, not stuffed in a closet."

Navigation

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that calls out turn-by-turn directions, just like the standalone devices do, letting motorists concentrate on driving without having to constantly look at the phone for written directions. The app was launched on the Droid phone for Verizon Wireless a few weeks ago and expanded this past week to include myTouch 3G and the GI for T-Mobile.

The three main wireless providers, AT&T Inc., Verizon Wireless and Sprint Nextel Corp., also sell their

own turn-by-turn mapping applications for \$9.99 per month — or include the apps in an unlimited data plan.

Besides helping wireless carriers poach potentially thousands of customers, cell phones will likely also accelerate the decline in prices for navigational device — already down 25 percent from last year to an average of \$175, according to NPd.

Normally, that means the standalone devices pay for themselves in about a year and a half, as consumers avoid monthly fees for the

basic features.

Google's freebie changes the dynamics.

Investors are certainly spooked, greeting Google's Oct. 28 announcement by hammering shares of Garmin Ltd. and TomTom NV. Garmin shares have fallen 22 percent from a high of \$39.58 a little more than a month ago. TomTom shares are about half their 52-week high of \$13.65.

Company officials acknowledge the increased competition but say their devices still enjoy distinct

advantages over cell phones: They have easier-to-use controls and screens that are bigger and can include more information. Maps also are built into the machines and won't suddenly disappear when the wireless network goes hazy.

Standalone devices "will still be an important way for consumers to get directions," said Ted Gartner, a spokesman for Garmin, which is based in the Cayman Islands but has its headquarters in Olathe, Kan. "We're not going anywhere."

Pearlstein

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the biggest banks and designing certain institutions for this special status. Treasury also opposed language that would have required creditors and counterparties of these institutions to take losses if some form of government receivership were required.

And it has been Geithner who, for all his talk about reforming the structure of Wall Street pay, has never been able to bring himself to declare the simple truth that Wall Street pay is absurdly high.

It's fair to say that Geithner's credibility has been so tarnished in the eyes of Congress and the public that President Obama will now have to devote more personal attention to these issues.

Obama could start by instructing the Justice Department to launch an antitrust inquiry to determine why Wall Street continues to earn the extravagant profits from which the bonuses are derived.

The president could press Congress to close the tax loophole that allows managers of hedge funds and private-equity funds to pay lower tax rates than their secretaries. He could ask the country's largest pension plans, mutual funds and endowments to come up with voluntary pay standards for their own managers and traders, but also for any banks or money managers they do business with.

And Obama could ask the Group of 20 to put the transaction tax back on the agen-

da, and vow to use the \$50 billion a year in revenue that it would generate here to finance the much-needed transportation infrastructure improvements that the president himself has proposed.

In truth, none of this will create the jobs the country now desperately needs. But governing is as much about symbolism as it is about substance. Only by taking

steps to assure the nation that the economy will no longer be rigged in Wall Street's favor can the president regain the political high ground and push through a new jobs agenda.

Steven Pearlstein is a columnist for the Washington Post. He writes about issues affecting business and economic policy.

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Senate report: Bin Laden was ‘within our grasp’

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden was unquestionably within reach of U.S. troops in the mountains of Tora Bora when American military leaders made the crucial and costly decision not to pursue the terrorist leader with massive force, a Senate report says.

The report asserts that the failure to kill or capture bin Laden at his most vulnerable in December 2001 has had lasting consequences beyond the fate of one man. Bin Laden's escape laid the foundation for today's reinvigorated

Afghan insurgency and inflamed the internal strife now endangering Pakistan, it says.

Staff members for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Democratic majority prepared the report at the request of the chairman, Sen. John Kerry, as President Barack Obama prepares to boost U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

The Massachusetts senator and 2004 Democratic presidential candidate has long argued the Bush administration missed a chance to get the al-Qaida leader and top deputies when they were holed up in the forbidding mountainous

area of eastern Afghanistan only three months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Although limited to a review of military operations eight years old, the report could also be read as a cautionary note for those resisting an increased troop presence there now.

More pointedly, it seeks to affix a measure of blame for the state of the war today on military leaders under former president George W. Bush, specifically Donald H. Rumsfeld as defense secretary and his top military commander,

Tommy Franks.

"Removing the al-Qaida leader from the battlefield eight years ago would not have eliminated the worldwide extremist threat," the report says. "But the decisions that opened the door for his escape to Pakistan allowed bin Laden to emerge as a potent symbolic figure who continues to attract a steady flow of money and inspire fanatics worldwide. The failure to finish the job represents a lost opportunity that forever altered the course of the conflict in Afghanistan and the future

of international terrorism."

The report states categorically that bin Laden was hiding in Tora Bora when the U.S. had the means to mount a rapid assault with several thousand troops at least. It says that a review of existing literature, unclassified government records and interviews with central participants "removes any lingering doubts and makes it clear that Osama bin Laden was within our grasp at Tora Bora."

On or about Dec. 16, 2001, bin Laden and bodyguards "walked unmolested out of Tora Bora and disappeared into Pakistan's unregulated tribal area," where he is still

believed to be based, the report says.

Instead of a massive attack, fewer than 100 U.S. commandos, working with Afghan militias, tried to capitalize on air strikes and track down their prey.

"The vast array of American military power, from sniper teams to the most mobile divisions of the Marine Corps and the Army, was kept on the sidelines," the report said.

At the time, Rumsfeld expressed concern that a large U.S. troop presence might fuel a backlash and he and some others said the evidence was not conclusive about bin Laden's location.



Bin Laden

Govt plans new efforts on home foreclosures

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration, battling a foreclosure crisis that shows no signs of relenting, will step up pressure on mortgage companies to do more to help people remain in their homes, officials said Saturday.

The administration will announce its expanded program on Monday, Treasury spokeswoman Meg Reilly said.

"We are taking additional steps to enhance servicer transparency and accountability," Reilly said. She said the goal was to increase the rate that troubled home loans were converted into new loans with lower monthly payments.

Industry officials said the new effort would include increased pressure on mortgage companies to accelerate loan modifications by high-lighting firms that are lagging in that area.

The Treasury is also expected to announce that it will wait until the loan modifications are permanent before paying cash incentives to mortgage companies that lower loan payments.

Under the \$75 billion Treasury program, companies that agree to lower payments for troubled borrowers collect \$1,000 initially from the government for each loan, followed by \$1,000 annually for up to three years.

The government support, which is provided from the \$700 billion financial bailout program, is aimed at providing cash incentives for mortgage providers to accept smaller mortgage payments rather than foreclosing on homes.

The program has come under heavy criticism for failing to do enough to attack a tidal wave of foreclosures. Analysts said the foreclosure crisis is likely to persist well into next year as high unemployment pushes more people out of their homes.

Rising foreclosures depress home prices and threaten the sustainability of the fledgling economic recovery.

Recession sends older Americans to food banks

By Valerie Bauman
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Older Americans who were raised on stories of the Great Depression and acquired lifelong habits of thrift now find themselves crowding soup kitchens and food pantries in greater numbers for the first time after seeing retirement funds, second jobs and nest eggs wiped out by recession.

"What we see in line is lots of gray hair, lots of walkers," said Marti Forman, CEO of The Cooperative Feeding Program in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The help is crucial for many fixed-income seniors, who can't always keep up with rising food prices.

"It's a lifeline. It just means that you can function," said Ronald Shewchuk of Ithaca, N.Y. "Otherwise we would have to sell our house. I don't know what we would do. Go to an old age home?"

The number of seniors living alone who seek help from food pantries in the U.S. increased 81 percent to 408,000 in 2008, compared to 225,000 in 2006, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Overall, 4.7 million house-



AP photo

Ronald Shewchuk gets a plate for himself and his wife, Helen, Wednesday at the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen in Ithaca, N.Y. The Shewchuks have been eating many of their meals at the soup kitchen since losing most of their retirement savings during the economic downturn. Serving Shewchuk is volunteer Jennifer Mason.

holds used American food pantries in 2008, compared to about 3.7 million in 2006.

"Seniors thought they were OK, but they're not OK," said Virginia Skinner, director of Development at The Association of Arizona Food Banks in Phoenix, citing the downturn in the area's housing market.

Catholic Charities USA, which has 170 agencies

across the country helping the needy, issued a 2009 third-quarter report that found a 54 percent increase in requests for food and services from seniors nationwide compared to the same period last year.

Despite the increased need, it can be difficult for some older people to come forward and seek help.

"They're of a generation that feels they took care of

themselves, and now in these desperate straits they don't want to acknowledge it," said Catholic Charities spokesman Roger Conner. "With seniors and retirees — people that were planning for that period of their life — they are often very proud and very private, and they want no one to know of the difficulties they might be experiencing."

Shewchuk, a 72-year-old

retired technician, said he's been struggling to pay his bills and keep up with rising food costs. He said he and his wife Helen, 75, never needed charity before and used to volunteer at their local soup kitchen. This year, they started using it five days a week and getting assistance from food banks and the state. They have no children.

"We just have Social Security and a small pension, and we just can't make it with the mortgage payments and the gas and electric and so forth," Shewchuk said. "It's just draining our resources."

At St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix, 64-year-old Sherry Whittemore was collecting her monthly box of canned juice, pasta, beans and vegetables.

She began coming to the food bank in January after losing her customer relations job at a Fry's Electronics store.

"I thought I would be able to get a job soon, but that's just unrealistic," Whittemore said.

Even with a temporary job helping people with vocational training and unemployment payments, she has had to tap into about \$14,000 in savings.

For celebrities, Twitter and Facebook gaffes are hard to hide

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — So, you fail to take a deep breath and to count to 10 — and you post something you probably shouldn't on Twitter or Facebook, or somewhere else online.

Hopefully, it blows over without doing too much damage. But what if you're famous and have thousands, if not millions of virtual followers?

NFL star Larry Johnson was released by the Kansas City Chiefs after questioning his coach and posting gay slurs for all the world to see. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was criticized for pulling out a big knife in a video that was posted as a "thank you" to constituents for suggesting ways to cut the state budget.

Those are but two of the recent controversies that social networking helped ignite — and far from the last in an era when fans and gawkers are just waiting for sports stars, celebrities and politicians to say some-

thing embarrassing or naughty. New technology makes it that much easier for stars to do that.

"Yes, I get that this is a great promotional tool. It can also be a dagger if not used properly," says Matthew Pace, a New York attorney who works with agencies that manage athletes and who cautions them about the damage social networking can do to a career.

Syracuse University star receiver Mike Williams discovered those pitfalls when he was suspended from the school's football team this fall, and then quit shortly after saying he hated college on his Facebook page.

"I can't see me doing this for long ... hint, hint," Williams also wrote, according to the Syracuse student newspaper.

Those kinds of posts are causing more universities, pro teams and even some movie studios to try to clamp down on the off-the-cuff content their stars put online.

Or, at the very least,

celebs of all kinds are being encouraged to think before they post.

Sometimes, it's about protecting reputations. In other cases, it's about keeping sensitive information from leaking.

One could argue that some celebrities, athletes and politicians have done a pretty good job of making fools of themselves for a long time without social networking.

"But there may be a tendency even for really high-profile people to forget that any content you post online is a public statement — and that it is as public as any television or print interview," says Nancy Flynn, a corporate consultant who heads the Ohio-based ePolicy Institute. "It's in your words, so you can't say, 'Well, I was misquoted.'"

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Ski resorts fight global warming; Utah gov. unsure

By Brock Vergakis
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Ski resorts across the country are using the Thanksgiving weekend to jump start their winter seasons, but with every passing year comes a frightening realization: If global temperatures continue to rise, fewer and fewer resorts will be able to open for the traditional beginning of ski season.

Warmer temperatures at night are making it more difficult to make snow and the snow that falls naturally is melting earlier in the spring.

In few places is this a bigger concern than the American West, where skiing is one of the most lucrative segments of the tourism industry and often the only reason many people visit cash-strapped states like Utah during winter.

But even as world leaders descend on Copenhagen next month to figure out a way to reduce carbon emissions blamed in global warming, the industry is still grappling with leaders in some of their own ski-crazy states who refuse to concede that humans have any impact on climate change.

Chief among them is Republican Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, who says he will host what he calls the first “legitimate debate” about man’s role in climate change in the spring.

While the world’s leading scientific organizations agree the debate was settled long ago, the former Realtor who took office when Jon Huntsman resigned to become U.S. ambassador to China maintains that it wasn’t.

“He’s said to me that the jury is out in his mind whether it’s man-caused and he thinks and believes that the public jury is still out,” said Herbert’s environmental adviser, Democrat Ted Wilson.

Herbert’s reluctance to acknowledge that greenhouse gases contribute to global warming quietly frustrates Utah ski resorts that depend on state marketing money, but it openly infuriates industry officials elsewhere who liken it to having a debate about whether the world is flat.

“That’s just kind of raging ignorance,” said Auden Schendler, executive director of sustainability for Aspen (Colo.) Skiing Co. “We’re not environmentalists, we’re business people. We have studied the hell out of the climate science. To have a neighboring governor not believe it ... It’s absurd.”

A climate study by the Aspen Global Change Institute is forecasting that if global emissions continue to rise, Aspen will warm 14 degrees by the end of this century, giving it a similar climate to that of Amarillo, Texas.

Many ski companies and the mountain towns they’ve created have been working to reduce their carbon footprints and advocating for significant policy changes for years. In California, the ski industry was one of the first groups to support legislation requiring the state to reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 emission levels by 2020.

Aspen Skiing Co. is widely recognized as a national leader, but Schendler readily acknowledges that the nation’s ski resorts can do little on their own to affect climate change.

He said company resorts like Aspen and Snowmass are at their best when they educate their highly affluent — and politically connected — guests about global warming’s effects.

“You need federal legislation in the U.S.,” he said. “You need it to help drive an international agreement.”

Herbert and Utah’s senior U.S. Senator, Orrin Hatch, recently teamed up to oppose federal cap and trade legislation that many in the ski industry support, saying it could cost jobs in a state that’s heavily dependent on coal for energy.

In the posh ski resort town



Angeli VanLaanen of the U.S. performs during the ladies freestyle World Cup ski halfpipe competition on Jan. 31 in Park City, Utah. Ski resorts across the country are using the Thanksgiving weekend to jump start their winter seasons.

of Park City, a former mining town that played host to the 2002 Winter Olympics, Mayor Dana Williams says some state leaders don’t seem to grasp how important the ski industry is to the state and what a threat global warming is.

Tourism is a growing \$7 billion a year industry in Utah and the state’s 13 ski resorts are directly responsible for roughly \$1 billion of that. Williams says the very future of the city that hosts the Sundance Film Festival each winter is at stake with rising temperatures.

A consultant’s report released by the nonprofit community Park City Foundation this fall warned that by 2030 the decrease in snowpack caused by global warming could lead to the loss of more than 1,100 jobs and a \$120 million economic loss in that community alone. By 2050, the report says those figures could

jump to more than 3,700 lost jobs and a \$392 million economic loss as fewer and fewer slopes in the area are able to open and lure visitors from around the world.

The CEOs of Park City’s three resorts — The Canyons, Deer Valley and Park City Mountain Resort — have teamed up to educate anybody who will listen about how global warming threatens their businesses, with Park City Mountain Resort taking the lead.

That resort’s corporate parent, POWDR Corp., owns resorts in and near Las Vegas, Killington, Vt., Lake Tahoe, Calif. and central Oregon.

Brent Giles, POWDR Corp.’s director of environmental affairs, says regardless of what anyone believes about global warming, it makes good business sense for everyone to become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

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— Auden Schendler, executive director of sustainability for Aspen (Colo.) Skiing Co., on Utah Gov. Gary Herbert’s reluctance to acknowledge that greenhouse gases contribute to global warming

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Frieda O. Schenk

PAUL — Frieda Ottilia Plocher Schenk, age 89, of Paul, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert, after a dignified encounter with Alzheimer's.

Frieda was born Dec. 23, 1919, on a Northside homestead near Adelaide. Her parents were Edward and Magdalena (Dietz) Plocher. She received her education in Rupert, graduating from Rupert High School. She married Victor J. Schenk on June 16, 1940, in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Frieda lived in Minidoka County all of her life.

Frieda worked for nearly 10 years at JC Penney's in Rupert. Her greatest and most satisfying work was accomplished alongside her husband on the family farm. She was a wonderful and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She used her homemaking skills in creating a loving environment filled with her talents in gardening and flowers.

Following retirement, she and her husband, Vic, spent countless time traveling throughout the United States. They enjoyed collecting bottles and rocks and Frieda especially enjoyed the sightseeing adventures.

She is survived by her children, Joyce Kofoed of Rupert, Lynn (Anne) Schenk of Burley and Jean (Randy) Fife of Rupert; a daughter-in-law, Dixie Schenk of Rupert; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Maggie (Marvin) Hirsch; two brothers,



Richard Plocher and Ray Plocher; and a brother-in-law, Robert Dockter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Clifford Schenk and Jerry Schenk; a son-in-law, Ken Kofoed; four brothers, Herbert Plocher, Albert Plocher, Edward Plocher and Elmore Plocher; and three sisters, Emma McCall, Erna Dockter and Ester Schenk.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert, with the Rev. David L. Poovey officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to Frieda's extended family at Vista Assisted Living in Rupert, for the kind and compassionate care provided these past years.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, in memory of Frieda.

Aloha Hatch Hall

RUPERT — Our mom, Aloha Hatch Hall, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, due to a full 90 years of life and a tired body.

Mom was born in Wendell, Idaho, on June 24, 1919, to Walter A. and Harriet Anderson Hatch. At the age of 2 years old, her family along with her grandparents and their family moved back to Oxford, Idaho, where she spent her youth. She had three brothers, Lynn, Alma and Jerald, and one sister, LaRayne.

Mom has been a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held various church callings.

Mom attended grade school in Oxford and graduated from Downey High School in 1937. She married Rolan D. Hall in Saint Anthony, Idaho, on Jan. 25, 1941. There are four of us kids, Bruce (Kay) Hall, Loy (Larry) Mettler, Sylvia (Dee) Bailey and Joe (Debbie) Hall, all of the Mini-Cassia area.

She was grandma to 18; great-grandma to 44; and great-great grandma to three.

Mom was a hard worker all her life. With three kids in tow, she joined Dad in the mountains for many summers helping with the sheep business.

Mom and Dad parted ways in 1959. With four kids at home, she took on the Mom/Dad role and finished raising her kids.

She worked at the Rupert Laundromat, I.P.P.I. and



Magic Valley Foods from which she retired.

With declining health, Mom had trouble with her speech, but she had a clear "No," "Oh Hell" and never

quit shaking her fingers at us!

Mom enjoyed her yard and flowers. Her pride was the white hydrangeas and roses. She loved sitting on her front porch, watching all that was going on. She enjoyed quilting and made many quilts for and with family and friends.

She was greeted in heaven by her parents; her brothers, Lynn and Jerald; her sister, LaRayne; and grandson, Micky Hermansen.

We were with Mom when she slipped from this life. We loved her dearly and will miss her always. She had a twinkle in her eyes, a smile on her lips and a little laugh for us all.

Mom, enjoy the reunion!
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Yard by yard
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A special thanks to Amanda Ottley-Scott for her love and compassion she showed to Mom and to us.

Viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at the Clifton LDS Ward Chapel in Clifton, Idaho. Committal will follow at the Oxford Cemetery.

In loving memory

Pat Czebator, age 77, passed away Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, in Colorado.

Born Dorothy Virginia Turney on June 26, 1932, in Fulton, Ky., to Sarah Elizabeth and Lee William Turney, she moved with her family to Burley when she was a girl, and returned to Idaho in 1985 to assist her ailing mother.

Pat is preceded in death by her husband of nearly 30 years, Edward Czebator; her mother, father, and brother, Charles.

She is survived by her sister, Sibyl (Ray) Priest of



Idaho Falls; and brother, Jim (Vicki) Turney; her children, Kathleen (Roger) Compton of Kentucky, Mitchell (Linda) Tracy of California, Sylvia (Edward) Doolos of Colorado, Melissa (Donald) Jensen and Edward (Tomara) Czebator Jr., both of Washington; and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Rock Creek Community Church in Twin Falls.

We thank God for the time we had with Pat in our lives!

DEATH NOTICES

Harry A. Blackmon

RUPERT — Harry A. Blackmon, 80, of Rupert, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, in Pocatello.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 324 E. 18th St.; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Eva D. Archuleta

HEYBURN — Eva D. Archuleta, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

Harold Pharris

HAZELTON — Harold "Pat" Pharris, 93, of Hazelton, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Ellen L. Gorringe

BOISE — Ellen Lee Gorringe, 90, of Boise and formerly of Oakley, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at a

Lester Shubin, developer of Kevlar vest, dies at 84

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Lester Shubin, the Justice Department researcher who turned a DuPont fabric intended for tires into the first truly effective bulletproof vests, saving the lives of more than 3,000 law enforcement officers, died Nov. 20 after a heart attack at his Fairfax, Va., home. He was 84.

Shubin was working at the National Institute for Justice, the research and development branch of the Justice Department, in the early 1970s when DuPont came out with a fabric that was to replace steel-belting on high-speed tires.

Nicholas Montanarelli, who worked for the Army's Land Warfare Laboratory at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, told about this new substance, Kevlar, which was said to be "stronger than steel, lighter than nylon." Montanarelli obtained a couple of samples of what Shubin called "this funny yellow fabric," and the men took it and some handguns to a firing range.

"We folded it over a couple of times and shot at it. The bullets didn't go through," Shubin later told a Justice Department report on the National Institute for Justice's accomplishments.

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Ranch takes on study of pronghorn migration

By Jon Duval
Idaho Mountain Express

CAREY — Since it was founded 10 years ago, Lava Lake Land and Livestock has become well known for both its organic lamb and land conservation efforts, which have garnered the Carey-based ranch numerous national awards.

And while its actions to restore rangeland habitat and reduce conflicts with gray wolves remain priorities for the local sheep outfit, its also beginning to make some notable contributions to scientific research, most recently participating in a study on pronghorn antelope migration.

In the decade since Brian and Kathleen Bean purchased the ranch, this commitment to scientific study is evidenced by nearly two dozen field studies, including research on rare plants, noxious weeds, water quality and sage grouse, and the establishment in 2004 of the ranch's educational and research arm, the Lava Lake Institute for Science & Conservation.

Tess O'Sullivan, the institute's program director, said a critical factor in its success has been collaboration with other nonprofit conservation groups, as well as federal agencies.

This volume of work should only grow, as there's no shortage of ecological material for the institute staff and visiting researchers. The ranch owns 24,000 acres and has grazing permits on more than 800,000 acres of federal allotments that include sagebrush steppe, aspen groves, willow-lined creeks and Douglas fir forests.

With help from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society, one of the oldest conservation groups in the U.S., the institute just completed the first year of a survey of long-distance pronghorn migration habits.

O'Sullivan said that through working on the ranch and collecting anecdotal evidence from neighboring ranchers, researchers determined that between 100 and 200 pronghorn use a thin strip adjacent to the northern edge of Craters of the Moon National Monument as a migration corridor. Part of the route runs along the southern border of the Lava Lake Ranch headquarters, which sits just north of a lonely stretch of U.S. Highway 20 east of Carey.

However, O'Sullivan said there was no definitive knowledge of the herd's summer or winter ranges.

To figure that out, 10 pronghorn does were attired with specialized GPS collars designed to automatically fall off after one year. While the collars aren't able to provide real-time location information, they can be used in the same manner as a radio telemetry unit, allowing the researchers to track the animals during the year and then find the collars at the end of the cycle.

Once recovered, the collars provide the researchers data as to where the pronghorn had traveled over the course of the year.

According to Lava Lake President Mike Stevens, the results were surprising.

"Most people think of a migration as going north to south," Stevens said.

In fact, the pronghorn herd was moving west to east, summering in the Muldoon Canyon area, southeast of Bellevue, and then traveling east to the Little Lost River, near the northwestern end of the Idaho National Laboratory property.



AP photo

Duane Neuschwander foreman of the isolated Juniper Ranch on the boundary of Malheur and Harney counties in Oregon, talks to Malheur County Deputy Bob Wroten about the disappearance of 33 cattle. A rash of horseback rustling in the vast 'ION country,' where Idaho, Oregon and Nevada come together, has prompted reward posters and patrols by sheriff's deputies and ranchers.

Cattle rustlers sought on Ore.'s western border

By Richard Cockle
The Oregonian

JORDAN VALLEY, Ore. — They were spotted from a small airplane, two cattle rustlers on horseback hazing 125 white-faced cows across Malheur County's forbidding empty quarter in Oregon's far southeast corner.

The men, sighted last spring, were pushing the stolen herd south through a high-desert tapestry of chaparral, manzanita, juniper and sagebrush. They looked like ordinary cowboys.

The pilot descended for a closer view but the men didn't look up, said brand inspector Rodger Huffman of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The pilot finally had to break away, and the Malheur County Sheriff's Office didn't hear about the sighting until a week later.

It was one of the few glimpses anyone has caught of men suspected of stealing 1,240 cattle worth \$1.2 million over the past three years from Malheur County ranches. Hundreds more cows have been taken in neighboring areas of Idaho and Nevada.

Cattle rustling did not fade away with the Old West. What makes these thieves unusual, investiga-

tors said, is the scale and duration of their operations, their use of horses to reach areas inaccessible to car or truck, and the fact that they sometimes drive their plundered herds for days, carefully sweeping around ranches and people.

Ranchers are circulating wanted posters offering a \$47,500 reward for information that leads to a conviction. Some are also spending spare time on horseback, ATVs and in pickups and airplanes trying to hunt the rustlers down, Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe said.

Malheur County sheriff's Deputy Bob Wroten and others suspect the thefts are the work of one group of four to six men who are well-acquainted with the territory.

"The way these cattle are ending up missing, those guys grew up tough," he said. "They lived the life all their lives. They aren't outsiders."

The losses have been devastating. Most of the stolen cattle were females that each year produce calves worth \$600 apiece.

About 20 Oregon ranches have been hit, with a dozen taking the brunt of losses, Huffman said. In Humboldt County in Nevada, at least 500 cattle are missing, and

still more have been stolen in Owyhee County in Idaho. Rand and Jayne Collins had 150 cows swiped from their remote Malheur County ranch three years ago.

"The people who stole them had to know this many cattle would be beyond a hardship; it was a catastrophe," said Jayne Collins, 59, of the \$150,000 hit. She cried and had a lot of sleepless nights. Lots of sleepless nights.

The cattle were taken from an area so isolated that it's reachable from most of Oregon only by a road that winds into rural Nevada, said Rand Collins, 60. The couple spent hours searching canyons in a friend's airplane without finding a trace.

"I'd like to find them and talk to them for a few minutes," said Jayne Collins, taking a break last week at the Old Basque Inn restaurant in Jordan Valley. "I felt like cutting their ears off."

The rustlers' theater of operations is roughly bounded by Oregon's 30-mile-long Steens Mountain to the west, Winnemucca, Nev., to the south and Murphy, Idaho, to the east. After stealing a herd, the gang sometimes moves across 50 miles of Oregon desert into Idaho, then Nevada.

Man challenges gun ban in Seattle parks

By Susan Gilmore
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — A Seattle man who took a gun into a Seattle community center to challenge the city's ban on guns in city parks filed a lawsuit Friday against the city and Mayor Greg Nickels.

Bob Warden, 44, an attorney, said the right to bear arms is guaranteed by the Second Amendment and that states and local governments cannot ban the carrying of handguns for self-defense. Warden said he's had a concealed-weapons permit since the early 1990s and is a certified pistol instructor.

He carried his Glock pistol into the Southwest Community Center — run by Seattle Parks and Recreation — on Nov. 14 and immediately was asked to leave, which he did. But he vowed to file a lawsuit over Nickels' new ban on carrying guns in certain park facilities.

The ban went into effect in October, and since then the National Rifle Association and other gun-rights organizations and individuals have filed suit against the city.

But Warden said those plaintiffs might not have

standing because they haven't been denied admission to a city facility.

The Second Amendment allows states to regulate the manner of carrying handguns, says Warden's lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Seattle. And state Attorney General Rob McKenna said after the gun ban was announced that state law generally pre-empts local authority to adopt firearms regulations. McKenna's opinion was included in Warden's suit.

Nickels argues state law does not prohibit a property owner from imposing conditions on the possession of firearms on his or her property. The mayor contends a municipal property owner such as Seattle can impose limits on firearms as a condition of entry or use of particular facilities, especially those where children are likely to be.

Warden had announced earlier that he planned to test the law by trying to carry his gun into the West Seattle community center, and officials were ready for him.

Warden said he is seeking "nominal damages" of \$1, plus attorney fees and court costs.

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Five charged with running casino at Utah cyber cafe

MURRAY, Utah (AP) — Prosecutors have charged five people with using a Murray cyber cafe as a front for a gambling operation.

The five, who range in age between 20 and 32, were charged in 3rd District Court with felony counts of money laundering and having a pattern of unlawful activity.

According to court documents, an undercover Murray police officer purchased computer time at the Fortune Cyber Cafe on several occasions between June and August.

He was able to play "games of chance"

on any one of 50 computers and could redeem his winnings for cash from a teller.

The documents allege other patrons also purchased Internet time to play games and were able to redeem their winnings in cash.

Jackie Martin, Solomon Remo, William Dangel, Debby Kerr and Matthew Marquart also were charged with misdemeanor counts of gambling, gambling promotion and possessing a gambling device.

In August, Murray police arrested or cited six employees and more than 45 patrons for alleged gambling-related offenses after a raid at the cafe.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds. Highs near 40.

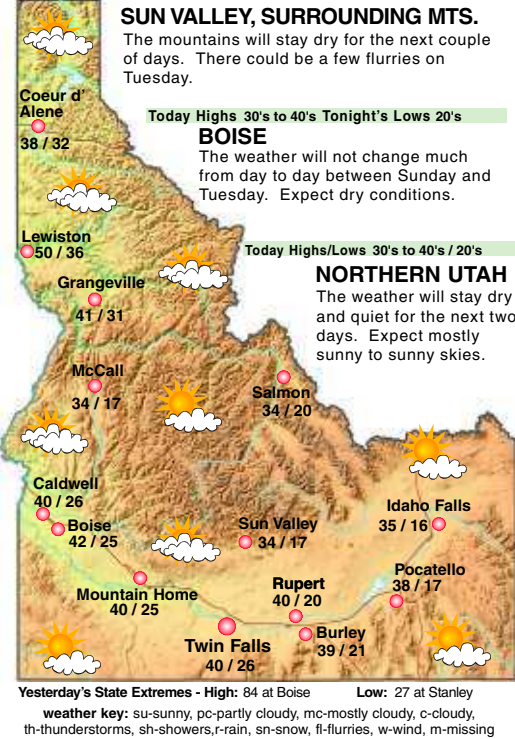
Tonight: Dry with a few clouds. Lows, lower 20s.

Tomorrow: A touch warmer. Highs, 40s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 37°	Yesterday's 0.00"
Yesterday's Low 30°	Month to Date 0.14"
Normal High / Low 40° / 22°	Avg. Month to Date 0.95"
Record High 57° in 1953	Water Year to Date 1.14"
Record Low -7° in 1952	Avg. Water Year to Date 1.59"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy	A few clouds overhead	A mix of sun and clouds	Scattered clouds	Sunshine	Mostly sunny and still dry
High 40°	Low 26°	45° / 25°	42° / 25°	43° / 27°	42° / 23°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 37°	Yesterday's 0.00"	Yesterday's High 88%	5 pm Yesterday 30.18 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 5:06PM
Yesterday's Low 30°	Month to Date 0.21"	Yesterday's Low 64%		Monday Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:05PM
Normal High / Low 38° / 22°	Avg. Month to Date 1.09"	Today's Forecast Avg. 68%		Tuesday Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 5:04PM
Record High 50° in 1986	Water Year to Date 1.40"			Wednesday Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 5:04PM
Record Low 3° in 1976	Avg. Water Year to Date 1.83"			Thursday Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 5:05PM



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	42 25 pc	44 23 pc	43 23 pc
Bonniers Ferry	40 33 mc	39 30 mx	37 30 pc
Burley	39 21 pc	46 23 pc	42 23 pc
Challis	33 18 pc	35 21 pc	34 21 pc
Coeur d'Alene	38 32 r	40 29 r	36 29 pc
Elko, NV	39 12 su	47 13 pc	46 13 pc
Eugene, OR	46 34 hz	44 37 hz	49 37 pc
Gooding	34 24 pc	39 21 su	39 21 pc
Grace	37 16 pc	41 21 pc	39 21 pc
Hagerman	41 24 pc	45 21 su	44 21 pc
Hailey	35 21 pc	38 21 pc	41 21 pc
Idaho Falls	35 16 pc	43 19 mc	37 19 pc
Kalispell, MT	41 28 ls	41 28 pc	33 28 sn
Jerome	37 25 pc	42 25 su	41 25 pc
Lewiston	50 36 pc	54 37 pc	46 37 pc
Malad City	34 17 pc	35 13 pc	33 13 sn
Malta	41 19 pc	45 22 pc	41 22 pc
McCall	34 17 pc	35 13 pc	33 13 sn
Missoula, MT	40 28 mc	39 27 pc	32 27 sn
Portland, OR	38 17 pc	40 21 pc	41 21 pc
Rupert	40 20 pc	43 23 pc	43 23 pc
Rexburg	29 15 pc	34 19 mc	36 19 pc
Richland, WA	45 32 pc	42 35 r	40 35 pc
Rogerson	36 22 pc	45 25 pc	43 25 pc
Salmon	34 20 pc	37 17 pc	33 17 sn
Salt Lake City, UT	43 31 su	46 31 su	45 31 pc
Spokane, WA	42 32 pc	42 29 pc	39 29 pc
Stanley	32 13 pc	35 15 pc	31 15 pc
Sun Valley	34 17 pc	38 15 pc	35 15 pc
Yellowstone, MT	25 9 pc	33 12 pc	27 12 pc

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	65 47 pc	59 38 r
Atlantic City	56 45 pc	57 44 r
Baltimore	59 43 pc	52 34 r
Bellmore	59 43 pc	52 34 r
Birmingham	65 51 pc	57 38 r
Boston	52 42 pc	51 33 r
Charleston, SC	61 42 pc	46 31 r
Charlotte, WV	61 42 pc	46 31 r
Chicago	47 34 r	43 30 mc
Cleveland	50 38 r	43 32 r
Denver	40 19 ls	50 27 su
Des Moines	43 28 mc	47 30 pc
Detroit	48 35 r	40 32 sn
El Paso	56 36 th	41 32 mx
Fairbanks	11 -10 ls	23 22 pc
Fargo	36 23 pc	41 24 pc
Honolulu	93 69 r	62 68 pc
Houston	77 56 th	57 44 th
Indianapolis	52 34 r	44 30 pc
Jacksonville	73 48 pc	76 56 pc
Kansas City	47 30 mc	50 31 pc
Las Vegas	61 45 pc	61 44 su
Little Rock	61 41 r	53 35 r
Los Angeles	68 49 su	73 49 su
Memphis	61 45 r	51 36 r
Miami	80 63 pc	82 68 pc
Midwaukee	45 31 mc	40 31 pc
Nashville	61 43 r	50 34 r
New Orleans	73 60 pc	68 50 th
New York	54 45 pc	54 43 r
Oklahoma City	50 32 pc	53 32 pc
Omaha	41 26 pc	48 30 pc

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	43 25 pc	47 16 pc
Crabbrook	30 28 ls	30 11 ls
Edmonton	37 24 ls	40 18 sn
Kelowna	34 25 pc	34 15 ls
Lethbridge	42 28 pc	45 20 pc
Regina	34 29 pc	40 24 pc
City	Today	Tomorrow
Saskatoon	35 29 pc	37 23 pc
Toronto	41 30 r	40 29 pc
Vancouver	47 41 r	46 31 r
Victoria	53 45 pc	50 37 r
Winnipeg	34 27 pc	39 26 pc

Yesterday's Weather				
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp	
Boise	46	30	0.08"	
Challis	39	18	Trace"	
Coeur d'Alene	37	26	0.00"	
Idaho Falls	44	27	0.00"	
Jerome	30	28	0.00"	
Lewiston	41	28	0.00"	
Lowell	48	37	0.08"	
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"	
Malta	37	32	n/a"	
Pocatello	45	32	0.00"	
Rexburg	42	21	0.00"	
Salmon	37	21	0.00"	
Stanley	33	3	0.02"	
Sun Valley	43	24	0.00"	

Barometric Pressure

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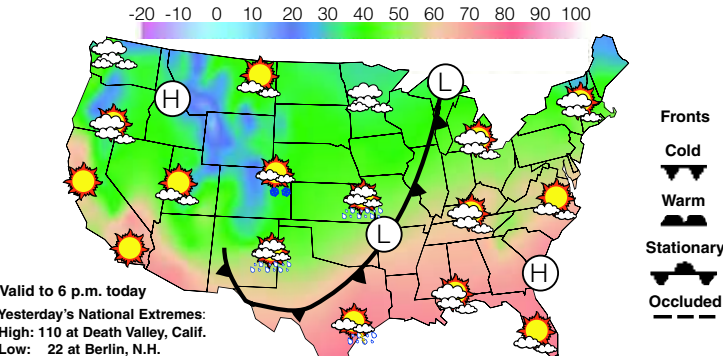
Today's U. V. Index



WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	86 75 pc	85 71 pc
Athens	67 62 pc	66 63 pc
Auckland	72 60 pc	74 59 th
Bangkok	85 69 pc	86 68 pc
Beijing	48 27 pc	45 31 pc
Berlin	52 42 pc	51 35 pc
Buenos Aires	85 53 th	73 50 pc
Cairo	74 48 pc	73 51 pc
Chengdu	74 61 pc	74 61 pc
Geneva	47 28 r	43 25 ls
Hong Kong	71 64 pc	71 65 pc
Jerusalem	68 49 pc	68 52 pc
Johannesburg	83 59 th	75 53 r
Kuwait City	66 53 pc	67 52 pc
London	46 34 r	40 31 r
Mexico City	67 43 pc	66 44 pc
City	Today	Tomorrow
Moscow	40 36 pc	39 34 pc
Nairobi	74 53 r	72 53 r
Oslo	36 35 pc	38 26 sn
Paris	50 39 r	44 38 r
Prague	48 40 pc	56 35 pc
Rio de Janeiro	79 69 r	85 72 th
Rome	62 54 pc	64 51 r
Santiago	74 51 pc	84 48 pc
Santo Domingo	46 32 pc	45 33 pc
Sydney	67 56 r	66 57 r
Tel Aviv	68 65 pc	68 65 r
Tokyo	46 39 r	53 38 pc
Vienna	50 45 pc	53 40 r
Warsaw	48 40 pc	49 46 pc
Winnipeg	34 27 pc	39 26 pc
Zurich	42 22 pc	40 21 th

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't.

Jerry Rice

MIDDLEKAUFF

Suspicious device found on N. Idaho road

LEWISTON (AP) — Officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in northern Idaho say they found a device apparently designed to damage tires of vehicles illegally using a closed road near Soldier's Meadow Reservoir.

"It is in an area that is being used by people off-roading or mud-bogging," Senior Conservation Officer Mark Hill told The Lewiston Tribune.

"It is an unlawful act by somebody to take the law in their own hands to deter people from off-roading. At least that is what it appears to be."

The device is a concrete-filled tire with three rebar spikes sticking out. Hill said the device was not buried when officials found it, but it appears to have been buried at one time with just the rebar spikes protruding into the road.

"It could cause tremendous damage to somebody," said Hill. "That is the thing about it. It could have extreme circumstances if someone were to hit it."

The agency is seeking information about who might have placed the device and about anyone illegally off-roading in the area.

"We understand the public's frustration with those who don't follow the motorized rules, but this is taking it too far by putting public safety at risk," said Justin Barrett, the Idaho Fish and Game habitat biologist who manages the Craig Mountain Wildlife Habitat Area where Soldier's Meadow is located.

In September, The Nez Perce Tribe in northern Idaho closed Six Mile Canyon to the public after homemade nail strips and road spikes were found on

roads and trails.

Hill said the device found near Soldier's Meadow is not a similar design.

"Without knowing, it appears to be different in nature," he said. "The thought is similar but I'm sure there (are) different incentives for different types of sabotage, call it what you want. I couldn't link the two other than to say (the intent) is somewhat similar."

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Tebow goes out a winner in final college home game.

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Idaho falls short in regular-season finale

USU torches Vandal defense for 52 points

By Josh Wright
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — They met a few feet outside the media room, the backup quarter-

back pressed into action and the coach who had just finished trying to express his jumbled emotions.

When Robb Akey saw backup quarterback Brian Reader, all he could think to do was provide a bear hug and words of consolation.

"I thought it would be a fantastic finish," the Vandals coach said to Reader. "I thought you would be the hero of the day."

But no, the late-game thrills that had come to define Idaho's season inside the Kibbie Dome didn't materialize Saturday. The Vandals coughed up the ball twice in the fourth quarter and absorbed a 52-49 loss to Utah State in their regular-season finale. Idaho recovered from a



24-point deficit to take leads of 35-31 and 42-38. But after starting quarterback Nathan Enderle re-injured his throwing shoulder early in the fourth quarter, the Vandals failed to capture their usual fourth-quarter Dome magic.

"We needed five more

minutes to win this game, which we didn't have," right guard Adam Juratovac said.

At 7-5, Idaho is all but guaranteed a bowl berth when announcements are made next week. But Juratovac and 10 other contributing seniors finished their home careers pondering a menagerie of miscues and missed chances in a game that was viewed by just 8,532.

The Vandals once again got off to a bumbling start, falling behind 31-7 midway through the second quarter. Utah State quarterback Diondre Borel tossed TD passes of 85, 48 and 22 yards in a 10-minute span, with all the connections coming against Idaho defenders left alone in man coverage.

The last two scores in the

See **IDAHO**, Sports 2



Oakley's
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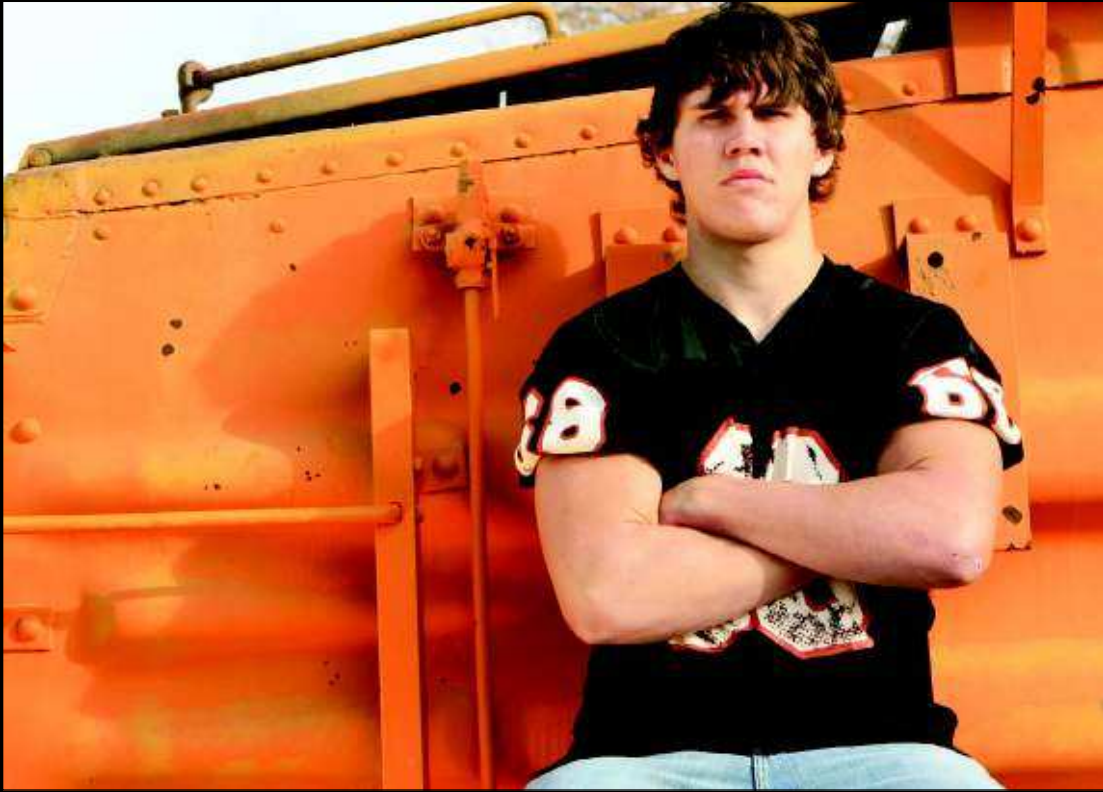


Wood River's
CHASE CAULKINS



Jerome's
MIKESELL CLEGG

FALL SPORTS MVPs



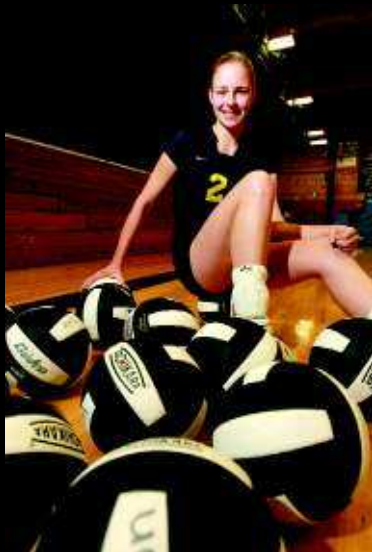
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Times-News honors 2009 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Plus, find all-conference lists SPORTS 4-5

Brown's triple-double keys CSI rout of Northwest

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

On Friday night she flirted with it. Saturday night, she got it.

College of Southern Idaho freshman point guard Daidra Brown recorded a triple-double with 15 points, 10 assists and 10 steals in the Golden Eagles' 87-58 rout of Northwest College (Wyo.) to conclude the Boise Office Equipment Tournament.

Midway through the second half, CSI coach Randy Rogers approached Brown on the CSI bench and informed her she was just one assist shy of the mark. As soon as she got the news, Brown's face broke into a smile.

"I asked him, 'Can I go get it,'" said Brown. "And I went out and got it!"

Brown hit sophomore



College of Southern Idaho guard Daidra Brown defenders Valerie Lesu of Northwest College (Wyo.) during Saturday's game in Twin Falls.

DREW GODLESKI/
For the Times-News

Shauneice Samms with a nice post feed and Samms put it home with 6:25 remaining to give Brown her second-ever triple-double.

Her first came as a senior at Seattle's Kennedy High School.

"She brings so much to the team, for her to have a triple-

INSIDE

CSI men battle Riverside CC.

See Sports 2

double is just great," said Rogers. "It shows the other kids on the team that effort and hard work pays off and that's all she does is work."

Brown wasn't the only Eagle sharing the ball as CSI had 30 assists to just 19 turnovers. Brown's 10 thefts helped CSI (6-3, 1-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) to 19 steals as the Eagles led 51-26 at halftime and coasted in the second half as the lead hovered in around 30 throughout.

Sophomore Maddy Plunkett had her best game of the season, showing improved

See **WOMEN**, Sports 2

No. 6 Boise St. puts schmooze on BCS

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A glow streamed from athletic director Gene Bleymaier's suite high above Boise State's funky blue turf.

Not because his team was about to win its 24th consecutive regular-season game. He was inside schmoozing BCS bowl executives wearing garish, brightly colored blazers.

It seemed to be working. "This is a great scene," Orange Bowl chief executive Eric Poms said at half-time outside the suite, his smile as bright as his orange sport coat.

Below him, Boise State's

band spelled out "BCS 2010" on that fake blue grass.

After the No. 6 Broncos (12-0, 7-0 WAC) won at least a share of their seventh conference championship in eight seasons with a 44-33 win over Nevada late Friday night, coach Chris Petersen strayed for his usual, tempered BCS talk of "it will all work out." He was campaigning.

"We've got one more game (against lowly New

See **BSU**, Sports 2

Indians blow by Burley

By **Ryan Howe**
Times-News writer

BURLEY — After starting its season 4-1 against a mediocre early schedule, the Burley girls basketball team received its toughest test on Saturday against a young, talented Preston squad.

Even if this test were graded on a curve, it still wouldn't look good for the Bobcats.

The Indians, whose roster is made up of primarily juniors, steadily built a lead through three quarters then slammed the door by holding Burley to two fourth-quarter points in a 54-34 win Saturday at Burley High School.

"They exposed us," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs. "We had a little bit of fight the first half. Second half,



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Burley's Shawna Pace, left, grabs a rebound away from Preston's Elise Keller during their girls basketball game Saturday at Burley High School.

there was no fight." Kerbs said that perhaps his team's early season success has caused a false sense of security and confidence. "I don't know if it was intimidation or what.

Preston's a good team, but they're not 20 points better than we are," Kerbs said. "We didn't have the fight that I've seen (earlier this season)." Brooke Beckstead drained four of Preston's eight 3-pointers on her way to a game-high 18 points.

Burley trailed 39-32 heading into the fourth quarter, but MaKenzie Wilcox scored eight of her 12 points in the final period for Preston (3-1).

Meanwhile, Burley made just one field goal and was 0-for-5 from the free throw line in the fourth.

"We turned the ball over too much," Kerbs said. "And so much of it was forcing the ball into the post."

Teresa Wayment almost single-handedly kept Burley in the game with her scoring, defense and overall hus-

tle. She scored the Bobcats' first nine points and finished with a team-high 15. About her only flaw was her 3-for-11 shooting from the foul line, where the rest of the Bobcats also struggled, shooting just 5 of 17.

Burley (4-2) will try to get back on track as it begins Great Basin Conference play at Minico on Thursday.

"We've got a lot to do," Kerbs said. "When you get exposed like this, we need to take care of some things in these next three days of practice."

Preston 54, Burley 34
16 11 12 15 - 34
13 9 0 7 - 34
PRESTON (54)
Jessica Tews 6, Brooke Beckstead 18, MaKenzie Wilcox 12, Shelby Schvaneveldt 2, Elise Keller 2, Kira Miller 9, Ashley Coats 3, Kallie Brackin 2, Totals 21 4-6 54
BURLEY (34)
Cheri Preston 9, Brandee Potts 4, Yilana Daniel 3, Teresa Wayment 15, Sky Palomarez 1, Shawna Pace 2, Totals 13 5-17 34
3-point goals: Preston 8 (Tews 2, Beckstead 4, Miller, Coats), Burley 3 (Preston 3). Total fouls: Preston 14, Burley 7. Technical fouls: none.

Burley boys win opener over Preston

By **Ryan Howe**
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The unintentional misspelling of Bill Blauer's name on Burley's score sheet proved appropriate.

"Bull" Blauer.

The senior post player bulled his way to 13 points and 13 rebounds as the Burley boys basketball team opened its season with a 49-44 win over Preston Saturday at Burley High School.

"(Blauer) worked really hard inside and played a lot of minutes. That's what we need

him to do," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "If he can have a double-double for us every game, I'm going to be really happy."

Burley led 25-13 at halftime as Blauer scored eight of his 13 and the Bobcats' defense devoured Preston, holding the Indians to 13.8 percent shooting.

The Indians outscored Burley in the final two quarters, however, and made a game of it late.

"We didn't keep our composure," Blauer said. "We were doing really good the first two quarters, then we

started playing to their level instead of keeping to our level. We started feeling like we had the game at halftime and I think that's why they started to catch up."

Bagley chalked up Burley's second half near-collapse to typical first game jitters.

"In the second half we turned the ball over too much," Bagley said. "I think it's just because it's early in the season. The longer we play together, that's going to be cleaned up a lot."

Alex Greener scored 13 points and Karch Hincley added nine for Burley. The

Bobcats won despite shooting just 31.4 percent from the field.

"We didn't put very many points up," Bagley said. "We shot the ball way too soon. We needed to be more patient and we would have gotten better shots."

Burley hosts Blackfoot on Wednesday.

Burley 49, Preston 44
58 18 13 - 44
15 10 16 8 - 49
PRESTON (44)
Zach Porter 1, Justin Keller 6, Derek Chatterley 1, Kyle Johnson 9, Brenny Dunn 4, Colton Rasmussen 4, Chaz Spackman 10, Josh Yardley 0, Totals 16 8-13 44
BURLEY (49)
Karch Hincley 9, Zach Martin 3, Alex Greener 13, Jake Mills 5, Nelson Geary 6, Bill Blauer 13, Totals 16 13-25 49
3-point goals: Preston 4 (Spackman 2, Yardley 2), Burley 4 (Hincley 2, Greener, Geary). Total fouls: Preston 17, Burley 13. Technical fouls: none.

Fired up CSI men take down Riverside

By **Mike Christensen**
Times-News writer

In the wee hours of Saturday morning, not far removed from their most disappointing loss of the young season, the College of Southern Idaho men accepted a challenge.

On Saturday night, the Golden Eagles fulfilled it.

CSI capped the 33rd annual K&T Steel Tournament with an 82-65 win over Riverside (Calif.) Community College.

"We did some soul searching late last night," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "We had a chance to watch some film and the guys saw what they were doing wrong."

The wrongs on Friday were plentiful in an 84-76 upset loss to Chemeketa Community College (Ore.).

CSI righted those wrongs on Saturday with a high-energy effort against California's defending JUCO state champions.

"We were all embarrassed," Gosar said of Friday's loss. "We rebounded nicely tonight."

Indeed.

CSI (7-2) recorded 17 steals with its active defense and made numerous big plays in the win.

"We can be a special defensive team in the half court when we want to," said Gosar. "Very disruptive."

Byago Diouf had five first half steals to set the tone.

One of the most impressive



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News The College of Southern Idaho's Antonio Owens shoots during a game against Riverside Community College (Calif.) Saturday in Twin Falls.

outings came from redshirt freshman Carrick Felix, who missed Friday's game with the flu. Still ailing, Felix played 17 minutes, totaling 13 points and nine rebounds.

Asked about Felix's effort, Gosar got emotional.

"I don't know how to put that into words," he said. "It means so much to him. For him to do that and step up for the team, you can see how valuable he is to the team."

"He wasn't 100 percent, but he gave everything he had."

So did his teammates.

Leading just 39-38 in the second half, Josten Thomas ignited a 10-2 run with a put-back basket, a blocked shot and a 3-pointer. Pierre Jackson added a trey and a jumper to put CSI up 47-38,

K&T Steel Tournament	
Friday's scores	All-tournament team
Riverside CC (Calif.) 106, Lethbridge College (Alberta) 60	MVP: Tyrone Phillips, Chemeketa
Chemeketa CC (Ore.) 84, CSI 76	Josh Watson, Lethbridge;
Saturday's scores	Pierre Jackson, CSI; Shiloh Rowland, Chemeketa; Daniel Redmond, Riverside; Byago Diouf, CSI.
Chemeketa CC 83, Lethbridge College 60	
CSI 82, Riverside CC 65	

before Thomas added a layup. CSI led just 71-62 with three minutes remaining, but scored nine straight points, included Chuck Odum's high-flying fastbreak dunk to put things away.

Thomas finished with 18 points and nine rebounds, while Jackson had 11 points and five assists. Antonio Owens repeatedly drove the bucket in scoring 13 points. He also had four steals.

"He's so strong with that ball and he can take the bump and finish," Gosar said of Owens.

Riverside (3-2) was led by Daniel Redmond's 27 points and six steals, but the Tigers were hurt by forward Kevin Bradshaw's foul trouble. The 6-foot-8 big man picked up two fouls in the first 1:16 of the game, got two more early in the second half and fouled out with 7:03 remaining after playing less than five minutes.

CSI travels to Colorado Northwestern Community College on Friday and visits the College of Eastern Utah on Saturday as it tries to improve upon its 1-1

Scenic West Athletic Conference record.

CHEMEKETA CC 83 LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE 60

Greg McWilliams had a 15-point, 10-rebound double-double and Tyrone Phillips scored 18 as Chemeketa (Ore.) Community College raced past Lethbridge (Alberta) College 83-60 in Friday's early game. Raveon Samuel scored 15 for the Storm. One night after dropping 29 points and 11 boards on CSI, freshman forward Shiloh Rowland played just eight minutes.

Josh Watson scored 16 for Lethbridge, while Tyler Antal grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.

CSI 82, Riverside CC 65
RIVERSIDE CC (65)
Daniel Redmond 8-20 9-10 27, Orion Palmer 13-0 0-2, Kevin Bradshaw 0-3 0-0 0, Donovan Buford 1-4 0-2 2, Valentine Ike 5-11 1-2 12, Willie Trimble 1-6 0-1 2, Andrew Fish 1-2 0-0 2, James Calhoun 5-8 6-6 16, Davie Champagnine 1-5 0-0 2, Totals 23-62 16-21 65
CSI (82)
Byago Diouf 3-16 4-6 10, Antonio Owens 6-13 1-2 13, Josten Thomas 7-10 3-3 18, Pierre Jackson 4-5 2-2 11, Romario Souza 0-2 0-2 0, DJ Stennis 1-1 5-6 7, Carrick Felix 4-4 5-6 13, Brandon Givens 0-0 2-2 2, Kenny Buckner 1-4 0-1 2, Charles Odum 2-4 2-3 6, Totals 28-59 24-33 82
Halftime: CSI 36, Riverside 26. 3-point goals: 10 (Redmond 2-4, Ike 1-3, Trimble 0-3); CSI 2-12 (Diouf 0-5, Owens 0-5, Thomas 1-1, Jackson 1-1). Rebounds: Riverside 34 (Palmer, Ike 8); CSI 45 (Thomas, Felix 9). Assists: Riverside 6 (Redmond 3); CSI 11 (Jackson 5). Turnovers: Riverside 25; CSI 24. Total fouls: Riverside 25; CSI 17. Fouled out: Riverside, Bradshaw.

Women

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movement as her knee continues to recover from last year's season-ending ACL tear. Plunkett hit three 3-pointers and had team highs in points (19) and rebounds (eight).

But the night belonged to Brown, who was two assists and one steal short of a triple-double in Friday's blowout of Lethbridge (Alberta) College.

"It means a lot," Brown said, who also added seven rebounds. "I didn't expect to come to this school and have this big of a role. I like the role and feel like my teammates can feed off of me."

Brown gave up 11 turnovers on Friday — "That's unacceptable to me," she said — but had just three on Saturday.

"I'm pretty excited about that number because she has the ball in her hands so

much," said Rogers.

Samms finished with 17 points for CSI. Northwest was led by Laura Purina's 13 points. Megan Smith added 12 for the Trappers (4-5).

CSI jumps back into SWAC play this week, visiting Colorado Northwestern Community College on Friday and the College of Eastern Utah on Saturday. It's the start of nine straight away games for the Eagles.

SOUTHERN IDAHO ALL STARS 98, LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE 74

Ashley Thompson had 30 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Southern Idaho All Stars to a 98-74 win over Lethbridge (Alberta) College in Saturday's early game. Jessica Blake added 26 points and nine boards as the All Stars won the rebounding battle 45-28.

Lethbridge was led by

Boise Office Equipment Tournament	
Friday's scores	All-tournament team
SI All Stars 104, Northwest College (Wyo.) 95	MVP: Daidra Brown, CSI
CSI 93, Lethbridge College (Alberta) 55	Laurel Kearsley, CSI; Kayla Lambert, Lethbridge;
Saturday's scores	Shauneice Samms, CSI; Laura Purina, Northwest; Maddy Plunkett, CSI.
SI All Stars 98, Lethbridge College 74	

Anne Mercer's 17 points, while Natalie Johnson scored 16.

CSI 87, Northwest College 58
NORTHWEST COLLEGE (58)
Sharla Stevenson 0-10 4-5 4, Megan Smith 4-15 2-2 12, Laura Purina 1-9 0-1 2, Laura Purina 5-12 3-5 13, Katie Oliversen 4-9 0-0 8, Alicia Valentine 1-3 2-2 5, Valerie Lesu 3-10 2-3 8, Jessica Fisher 3-5 0-1 6, Dariana Santos 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 21-73 13-19 58
CSI (87)
Shauneice Samms 8-11 1-2 17, Daidra Brown 7-11 0-0 15, Laurel Kearsley 4-5 1-2 10, Devan Matkin 0-6 0-0 0, Tina Fakahatua 3-4 1-2 7, Emiliya Yancheva 0-6 3-4 3, Felicity Jones 0-4 0-0 0, Kallika Tullock 3-5 0-0 6, Holly Checketts 0-2 0-0 0, Kylie Hardison 1-1 0-0 2, Lusina Otineru 1-2 0-0 2, Kayla Williams 2-2 2-3 6, Maddy Plunkett 8-14 0-0 19, Totals 37-73 8-13 87
Halftime: CSI 51, Northwest 26. 3-point goals: Northwest 3-10 (Smith 2-2, Goodman 0-2, Purina 0-2, Valentine 1-1, Lesu 0-2, Fisher 0-1); CSI 5-14 (Samms 0-1, Brown 1-2, Kearsley 1-1, Matkin 0-2, Jones 0-1, Tullock 0-1, Plunkett 3-6). Rebounds: Northwest 50 (Goodman 9); CSI 45 (Plunkett 8). Assists: Northwest 12 (Lesu 4); CSI 30 (Brown 10). Turnovers: Northwest

27; CSI 19. Total fouls: Northwest 14; CSI 22. Fouled out: Northwest, Fisher. Technical fouls: none.

Southern Idaho All Stars 98, Lethbridge College 74
SI ALL STARS (98)
Ashley Thompson 12-20 4-4 30, Shanellie Knight 2-4 1-3 6, Jennifer McDonough 2-14 2-6, Michelle Gross 4-6 3-4 12, Jessica Blake 11-15 4-5 26, Kaly Shippen 4-9 0-0 9, Deena Garbett 3-5 2-2 9, Totals 38-73 16-21 98
LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE (74)
Katheryne Lowry 0-0 0-0 0, Kayla Lambert 4-13 0-0 10, Elizabeth Lowry 3-5 5-7 11, Natalie Johnson 8-12 0-0 16, Anne Mercer 6-14 1-2 17, Molly Harpole 1-3 5-6 7, Maggie Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Jami Wiebe 2-5 1-2 6, Shelby Hubbard 2-3 0-0 5, Courtney McKay 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 27-58 12-17 74
Halftime: SI All Stars 49, Lethbridge 36. 3-point goals: SI All Stars 6-15 (Thompson 2-4, Knight 1-2, Gross 1-2, Shippen 1-5, Garbett 1-2); Lethbridge 8-22 (Lambert 1-2, Mercer 4-6, Wiebe 1-1, Thompson 0-1, Hubbard 1-2, McKay 0-1). Rebounds: SI All Stars 45 (Thompson 10); Lethbridge 28 (three with 4). Assists: SI All Stars 27 (McDonough, Garbett 8); Lethbridge 20 (Lambert, Harpole 5). Turnovers: SI All Stars 27; Lethbridge 32. Total fouls: SI All Stars 15; Lethbridge 17. Fouled out: Lethbridge, Johnson. Technical fouls: none.

Idaho High School Girls Basketball Media Poll

Records as of Nov. 24		
Class 5A		
Team (First)	Rec.	Pts.
1. Coeur d'Alene (4)	3-0	20
2. Boise	5-0	14
3. Centennial	6-0	9
4. Highland	4-0	4
5. Lewiston	3-1	4
Others receiving votes: Lake City 3, Post Falls 2, Capital 2, Madison 2.		
Class 4A		
Team (First)	Rec.	Pts.
1. Bonneville (4)	4-0	20
2. Middleton	4-1	11
3. Jerome	4-1	10
3. Mountain Home	3-1	10
5. Burley	4-1	3
5. Moscow	0-4	3
Others receiving votes: Lakeland 2, Century 1.		
Class 3A		
Team (First)	Rec.	Pts.
1. Sugar-Salem (4)	3-1	20
2. Snake River	2-2	14
3. Fruitland	2-0	9
4. Timberlake	4-0	6
5. Kimberly	1-1	5
Others receiving votes: Bonners Ferry 3, Marsh Valley 2, Shelley 1.		
Class 2A		
Team (First)	Rec.	Pts.
1. West Jefferson (3)	2-0	19
2. Soda Springs (1)	2-0	19
3. Parma	2-0	11
4. Grangeville	2-1	5
5. Valley	1-3	5
Others receiving votes: North Fremont 3, Firth 1.		
Class 1A Division I		
Team (First)	Rec.	Pts.
1. Lapwai (3)	3-0	19
2. Clearwater Valley (1)	4-0	16
3. Challis	1-0	11
4. Kendrick	2-1	4
4. Troy	4-0	4
Others receiving votes: Rimrock 1, Raft River 1, Shoshone 1.		
Division II		
Team (First)	Rec.	Pts.
1. Richfield (4-0)	3-0	20
2. Dietrich	4-0	15
3. Carey	2-0	13
4. Summit Academy	3-0	5
5. Mackay	0-2	3
Others receiving votes: Clark Fork 1, Greenleaf 1, Friends 1.		
Voters		
Mark Nelke, Coeur d'Alene Press; Greg Lee, Spokesman-Review; David Bashore, Times-News; John Wustrow, Idaho Press-Tribune		

Vandals

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sequence, in fact, came about when tailback Robert Turbin was matched up with linebackers JoJo Dickson and Robert Siavii, respectively. Both were beaten badly in the open field.

But the Vandals, as has been their tendency at home, stabilized and climbed back into contention. Enderle found Max Komar twice in the end zone and then hit Maurice Shaw for a 7-yard TD strike to put Idaho back on top, 35-31 with 4:02 left in the third period.

A few minutes later, however, Enderle scrambled out of the pocket and landed hard on the shoulder that caused him to miss the last two games. Reader came in and immediately floated a 29-yard pass to Shaw for a score.

But on the first play of the next possession, Reader and Deonte Jackson botched the exchange on a pitch, setting up a 1-yard TD from Utah State — its third of the fourth quarter. Reader then threw an interception six plays later.

"I was trying to be hero and force the ball in," Reader said.

A missed field goal by Utah State (4-8) gave the Vandals another opportunity, and Reader hit Daniel

Hardy in the back of the end zone with 1:16 left to slice the Aggies' cushion to 52-49.

Yet USU easily recovered the inside kick and drained the remaining time off the clock.

"I told the seniors I was a sick to my stomach for them that we couldn't win their last home game," Akey said. "I told this football team that none of us are happy with our performance today but we can't let it overshadow a seven-win season. It hasn't been accomplished in the regular season around here in a long time."

Idaho finishes with the best record since 1999, when it went 7-4 and didn't reach a bowl under Chris Tormey. This time, its 7-5 record is overshadowed — at least temporarily — by a three-game losing streak to finish the year and giving up 250 points in the final five games.

"It stings right now and it's hard to focus on anything else except what just happened," receiver Preston Davis said. "... I think tomorrow it will be something to look back on and be proud of but something to look back on and realize what we really could have done. And compared to what we could have done, it wasn't anything special at all."

BSU

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Mexico State) and if we win, we've done everything we can possibly do. And we've done it for two years in a row," Petersen said, hoping the executives from the Sugar and Fiesta bowls also inside Bronco Stadium were listening.

"We have confidence in the system and faith in the system that it should take care of the teams that should be in there."

His players and fans? They spent Saturday rooting for Oklahoma to beat Oklahoma State. Normally, that's a game no one in Idaho would lose any fly fishing over.

The Sooners routed the No. 11 Cowboys, eliminating one lower-ranked big boy from possibly trouncing Boise State for an at-large bid to the BCS. It wouldn't be a total shock if the governor of Idaho issued proclamation of gratitude to Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops.

Unsightly begging to get into a broken system? Or is the system turning college football into a sport with more national interest?

"I think it's been great for college football," said Poms, before he headed to Fort Worth, Texas, to watch No. 4 TCU — the highest-ranked outsider in the BCS — on his trek to find an at-large team to play opposite the Atlantic Coast Conference champion in Miami Jan. 5.

"In South Florida, there's a lot of buzz for TCU and for Boise. They have great stories"

But is there a place for two so-called outsiders — teams that play outside the six conferences with automatic bids — in the BCS? Will the bowls begrudgingly take the Horned Frogs and the Broncos?

"The way the system is, we

include the champions of the six conferences, (the) historically 'power' conferences, with automatic bids," Poms said. "When it comes to the at-larges, it's anybody."

To a degree.

Conventional thinking says a team's ability to have swarms of fans fill hotels and bowl-game seats is an over-riding factor. If so, the empty seats the bright-blazer guys saw on a cold, wet Thanksgiving weekend night in Boise, with scalpers unable to dump tickets offered for as low as \$20 each, might work against the Broncos.

TV ratings play a part, too. Will more fans tune in to watch Joe Paterno lead Penn State than Petersen lead Boise State?

"There are elements to each entity involved," Poms said. "Certainly, there's television and the title sponsor. Plus, we want to look out for the best interests in South Florida, especially in these tough economic times."

Petersen, of course, wants the BCS to look out for Boise State's interests. It did in 2006, when the Broncos earned an automatic bid that will go to TCU this season. The Broncos went to the Fiesta Bowl for what became a thrilling, overtime upset of Oklahoma. Complete with a deciding, Statue of Liberty play by Ian Johnson — and then Johnson dropping to a knee on the sidelines to propose to his cheerleader girlfriend. The Broncos became instant darlings.

Yet the system jilted those darlings just 12 months ago when the BCS left undefeated Boise State out of its party because it had already included unbeaten Utah, the highest-ranked outsider. The Broncos were relegated to the ho-hum Poinsettia Bowl.

Jazz top Blazers for fifth win in six games

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 26 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Utah Jazz to a 108-92 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Saturday night.

Deron Williams added 24 points and 15 assists for the Jazz, who won for the fifth time in six games.

Brandon Roy scored 19 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 14 for Portland, which lost for the

second time in two nights.

Utah never trailed and shot a season-best 61.4 percent from the field. Ten of Williams’ assists came in the first half. Utah led by as many as 19 points and was ahead 59-44 at the break.

Portland, which lost Friday night against Memphis, looked sluggish in the first quarter, leaving the Jazz with plenty of open looks. Utah shot 76 percent and took a 32-17 lead after

one quarter.

The Blazers missed 15 of their 18 attempts from 3-point range.

Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko scored six points but left the game in the second quarter with a strained lower back and did not return.

CAVALIERS 111, MAVERICKS 95

CLEVELAND — Mo Williams made all seven of his 3-point attempts,

LeBron James scored 25 points with 12 assists and Cleveland rebounded from a lackluster loss in Charlotte by beating road-tested Dallas.

Williams finished with 25 points and Anderson Varejao scored 15 – 13 in the second half – for the Cavs, who were beaten 94-87 by the Bobcats on Friday in center Shaquille O’Neal’s return after missing six games with a shoul-

der injury. Cleveland also got a huge boost from troubled guard Delonte West.

BOBCATS 92, WIZARDS 76

WASHINGTON — Gerald Wallace had 14 points and 14 rebounds, and Tyson Chandler and Raymond Felton each scored 12 points for Charlotte.

The win was the Bobcats’ fourth straight – their longest winning streak since

a five-game run from Feb. 25-March 7, 2009.

MAGIC 100, BUCKS 98

MILWAUKEE — Vince Carter scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half after getting four stitches and Dwight Howard added 25 points and 20 rebounds to rally Orlando to victory over the short-handed Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night.

— **The Associated Press**

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	4	.750	—
Toronto	7	10	.412	5½
Philadelphia	5	11	.313	7
New York	3	13	.188	9
New Jersey	0	16	.000	12
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	13	4	.765	—
Atlanta	12	4	.750	½
Miami	9	6	.600	3
Charlotte	7	9	.438	5½
Washington	5	10	.333	7
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	12	5	.706	—
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	3
Chicago	6	8	.429	4½
Indiana	6	8	.429	4½
Detroit	5	11	.313	6½
WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	12	5	.706	—
San Antonio	8	6	.571	2½
Houston	8	8	.500	3½
New Orleans	9	9	.438	4½
Memphis	6	10	.375	5½
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	12	4	.750	—
Portland	12	7	.632	1½
Oklahoma City	9	7	.563	3
Utah	9	7	.563	3
Minnesota	1	15	.063	11
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	13	3	.813	—
L.A. Lakers	12	3	.786	1
Sacramento	7	8	.467	5½
L.A. Clippers	7	10	.412	6½
Golden State	5	9	.357	7

Friday's Games				
Washington 94, Miami 84				
Charlotte 94, Cleveland 87				
Boston 116, Toronto 103				
Atlanta 100, Philadelphia 86				
L.A. Clippers 104, Detroit 96				
Dallas 113, Indiana 92				
San Antonio 92, Houston 84				
Denver 128, New York 125				
Oklahoma City 108, Milwaukee 90				
Phoenix 120, Minnesota 95				
Sacramento 109, New Jersey 96				
Memphis 106, Portland 96				
Saturday's Games				
Charlotte 92, Washington 76				
Cleveland 111, Dallas 95				
Orlando 108, Portland 92				
Utah 100, Milwaukee 98				
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, late				
Sunday's Games				
Phoenix at Toronto, 11 a.m.				
Atlanta at Detroit, 11 a.m.				
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.				
Orlando at New York, 4 p.m.				
Boston at Miami, 4 p.m.				
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 5 p.m.				
Houston at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.				
Minnesota at Denver, 6 p.m.				
New Orleans at Sacramento, 7 p.m.				
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Chicago at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.				
Memphis at Utah, 7 p.m.				
Indiana at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.				

NBA Boxes

JAZZ 108, TRAIL BLAZERS 92				
PORTLAND (92)				
Webster 37-12 9, Aldridge 6-16 2-14, Oden 4-6 1-2 9, Blake 3-5 0-6, Roy 1-13 5-19, Miller 0-4 0-0 0, Przybilla 1-1 0-0 2, Fernandez 3-10 4-5 11, Cunningham 3-4 0-2 6, Bayless 37-8 11-14, Howard 12-8 0-2, Totals 34-75 21-29 92				
UTAH (108)				
Brewer 4-5 1-2 9, Boozer 11-16 4-6 26, Okur 4-8 3-4 12, Williams 10-16 12 24, Matthews 1-4 2-2 5, Kirilenko 3-3 0-6, Millsap 3-5 1-2 7, Maynor 4-7 0-1 10, Fesenko 3-6 3-8 9, Koufos 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 43-71 15-27 108				
Portland	17	27	23	25
Utah	32	37	30	19
3-Point Goals—Portland 3-18 (Webster 2-5, Fernandez 1-5, Roy 0-1, Blake 0-2, Miller 0-2, Bayless 0-3), Utah 7-12 (Williams 3-5, Maynor 2-2, Okur 1-2, Matthews 1-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Portland 44 (Cunningham, Przybilla, Webster 5), Utah 45 (Boozer 12), Assists—Portland 19 (Blake, Roy 4), Utah 36 (Williams 15), Total Fouls—Portland 23, Utah 20. Technicals—Okur, A-18,051 (1991).				

BOBCATS 92, WIZARDS 76

WALLACE (92)					
Wallace 6-12 0-0 14, Diaw 3-12 0-7 2, Chandler 4-6 4-6 12, Felton 4-2 3-4 12, Jackson 4-12 3-15 11, Mohammed 5-6 2-12 2, Brown 4-7 2-2 10, Murray 2-8 4-6 8, Augustin 1-1 0-0 2, Henderson 0-1 0-0 0, Graham 2-2 0-0 2, Diop 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 35-76 18-25 92					
WASHINGTON (76)					
Butler 6-11 7-7 19, Jamison 2-9 1-2 6, Haywood 4-6 2-2 10, Arenas 3-11 0-6 6, Young 4-11 0-0 10, Stevenson 0-1 0-0 0, McGehee 3-6 0-0 6, Blatche 3-9 0-0 6, Foye 1-2 2-5 2, Boykins 3-10 0-0 6, Oberto 0-0 0-0 0, McGuire 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 30-78 12-13 76					
Charlotte	12	17	23	-	92
Washington	19	28	26	-	76
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 4-10 (Wallace 2-2, Felton 1-1, Diaw 1-3, Murray 0-1, Jackson 0-3), Washington 4-16 (Felton 2-4, Foye 1-1, Jamison 1-6, Boykins 0-1, Butler 0-2, Arenas 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Charlotte 55 (Wallace 14), Washington 44 (Haywood 17), Assists—Charlotte 22 (Diaw 6), Washington 14 (Arenas 6), Total Fouls—Charlotte 17, Washington 22. Technicals—Washington defensive three second, A-17,311 (20,173).					

MAGIC 100, BUCKS 98

ORLANDO (100)
Pietrus 0-5 0-0 0, Lewis 6-9 0-1 14, Howard 10-15 5-10 25, Williams 4-7 1-2 12, Carter 10-23 4-5 25, Reddick 3-5 2-5 9, Johnson 13-0 0-3, Anderson 1-2 0-2 2, Barnes 0-2 0-0, Gortat 1-2 0-0 2, Bass 3-4 2-2 8. Totals 39-77 14-25 100

MILWAUKEE (98)
Delfino 2-7 3-4 9, Ilyasova 8-18 2-4 20, Gadzuric 0-2 0-0 0, Jennings 7-22 0-0 18, Bell 1-4 2-2 5, Thomas 2-7 1-2 5, Ridnour 9-15 1-2 20, Warrick 6-12 4-4 16, Meeks 2-3 0-0 5, Totals 37-90 13-17 98

Orlando	21	26	27	100
Milwaukee	21	26	26	98

3-Point Goals—Orlando 8-22 (Williams 3-5, Lewis 2-3, Johnson 1-1, Reddick 1-2, Carter 1-4, Anderson 0-1, Barnes 0-1, Howard 0-1, Pietrus 0-4), Milwaukee 11-19 (Jennings 4-7, Delfino 2-3, Ilyasova 2-5, Ridnour 1-1,

Meeks 1-1, Bell 1-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Orlando 57 (Howard 20), Milwaukee 49 (Ilyasova 16), Assists—Orlando 18 (Williams 10), Milwaukee 19 (Ridnour 6), Total Fouls—Orlando 23, Milwaukee 21. Technicals—Milwaukee defensive three second, A-16,128 (18,177).

CAVALIERS 111, MAVERICKS 95

CAVALIERS III, WARRIORS VS.					
DALLAS (95)					
Marion 8-22 2-12, Nowitzki 10-19 7-9 27, Gooden 1-4 4-6, Kidd 3-6 0-0 9, Beaubois 0-3 0-0 0, Terry 8-15 5-25, Thomas 0-3 0-0 0, Barea 4-7 1-1 10, Humphries 2-4 0-1 4, Singleton 1-3 0-0 2, Carroll 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 34-72 19-24 95					
CLEVELAND (111)					
James 10-20 5-27 55, Hickson 2-4 0-0 4, O'Neal 4-10 1-4 9, M.Williams 9-12 0-0 25, Parker 3-6 1-1 8, Varejao 7-7 1-15, Gibson 1-4 0-0 2, Moon 5-8 2-2 13, West 4-7 2-2 10, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, J.Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 45-78 12-17 111					
Dallas					
26 29 24 16 - 95					
35 33 19 28 - 111					
3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-19 (Terry 4-7, Kidd 3-5, Barea 1-2, Beaubois 0-1, Thomas 0-2, Singleton 0-2), Cleveland 9-13 (M.Williams 7-7, Moon 1-2, Parker 1-2, James 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Dallas 32 (Nowitzki 9), Cleveland 49 (Moon, Varejao 9), Assists—Dallas 20 (Kidd 9), Cleveland 33 (James 12), Total Fouls—Dallas 18, Cleveland 22, Technicals—O'Neal, A-20,562 (20,562).					

Friday's Late NBA Boxes

NEW JERSEY (96)							
Hassell	4-10	0-0	8				
Boone	5-10	0-0	10				
Lopez	9-19	6-6	24				
Harris	6-22	13-17	25				
Douglas-Roberts	9-19	2-2	21				
S.Williams	0-1	0-0	0				
Alston	1-5	0-0	2				
T.Williams	2-6	1-2	6				
Lee	0-2	0-0	0				
Totals 36-94 22-27 96							
SACRAMENTO (109)							
Thompson	3-6	4-6	10				
Hawes	6-11	3-4	16				
Evans	8-14	4-4	21				
Greene	1-2	1-2	3				
Brockman	0-1	0-0	0				
Udrih	8-10	4-4	21				
Casspi	6-11	4-8	18				
Rodriguez	2-3	2-2	6				
May	1-3	0-0	2				
Thomas	3-3	1-2	7				
Totals 39-71 25-34 109							
New Jersey							
Sacramento	20	22	27	96			
3-Point Goals—New Jersey	2	9	7	109			
Douglas-Roberts	1-1	Alston	0-1	Hassell	0-1	Harris	0-5
Casspi	2-2	Nocioni	1-1	Evans	1-1	Udrih	1-3
Hawes	1-4	Rodriguez	0-1	Fouled Out—None			
Rebounds—New Jersey 50 (Lopez 11)							
Sacramento 54 (Hawes 10), Assists—New Jersey 10 (Alston, Harris 3)							
Sacramento 19 (Udrih 5), Total Fouls—New Jersey 24, Sacramento 24							
Flagrant Fouls—Lopez, A-12,725 (12,737).							

GRIZZLIES 106, TRAIL BLAZERS 96

Gay 5-13 3-4 14, Randolph 10-20 1-2 21, Gasol 6-8 7-19, Conley 2-7 0-0 4, Mayo 9-14 0-0 19, Thabeat 4-7 1-2 9, Carroll 1-1 0-0 2, Tinsley 5-8 4-16, Young 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 43-80 16-19 106	
PORTLAND (96)	
Webster 9-14 0-0 24, Aldridge 7-16 1-16, Oden 4-8 5-6 13, Blake 0-3 0-0 2, Roy 9-22 6-26, Przybilla 0-0 0-0 0, Fernandez 1-6 2-2 4, Miller 3-9 6-8 13, Cunningham 0-1 0-0 0, Bayless 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 33-81 20-26 96	
Memphis	29
Portland	15
3-Point Goals—Memphis 4-8 (Tinsley 2-4, Mayo 1-2, Gay 1-2), Portland 10-24 (Webster 6-11, Roy 2-6, Aldridge 1-1, Miller 1-1, Blake 0-2, Fernandez 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Memphis 47 (Gasol 15), Portland 47 (Oden 10), Assists—Memphis 23 (Mayo 6), Portland 20 (Roy), Total Fouls—Memphis 19, Portland 16, A-20,540 (19,980).	

Men's College Scores

FAR WEST				
Air Force 68, Charleston Southern 58				
Boise St. 79, North Texas 73				
Hampton 78, Wyoming 67				
Pepperdine 82, Monmouth, N.J. 73				
San Diego St. 89, N. Arizona 48				
San Jose St. 59, Pacific 55				
Santa Clara 74, Fresno St. 67				
UC Riverside 59, Sacramento St. 58				
UNLV 76, Louisville 71				
Utah St. 89, S. Utah 49				
Utah Valley 78, Northern New Mexico 55				
MIDWEST				
Belmont 95, E. Illinois 62				
Bradley 72, Illinois 68				
Dayton 74, Towson 69				
DePaul 68, Detroit 66, OT				
Denver 83, S. Dakota St. 80				
E. Michigan 76, Davenport 66				
Idaho St. 68, UMKC 63				
Illinois St. 53, SE Missouri 53				
Indiana 90, Northwestern St. 72				
Iowa 73, N.C. Central 63				
Kansas St. 70, IUPUI 57				
Lipscomb 67, SU-Edwardsville 64				
Loyola of Chicago 81, St. Ambrose 42				
Miami (Ohio) 82, Cent. Michigan 63				
Missouri St. 83, Tulsa 75				
N. Iowa 52, N. Illinois 45				
Northwestern 67, Iowa St. 65				
Notre Dame 64, Saint Louis 52				
Oakland, Mich. 83, Cent. Arkansas 75				
Ohio St. 110, St. Francis, Pa. 47				
Purdue 64, Cent. Michigan 38				
S. Illinois 74, Ill.-Chicago 34				
UC Davis 60, Ball St. 58				
W. Illinois 84, Greenville 46				
W. Michigan 64, Holy Cross 54				
Wichita St. 69, Cleveland St. 54				
Wis.-Milwaukee 96, Southern Green 83, OT				
SOUTHWEST				
Ark.-Little Rock 71, Cal Poly 62				
Lamar 74, N. Carolina A&T 73				
Louisiana Tech 68, TCU 63				
Stephen F.Austin 82, Houston-Tillotson 54				
Texas Tech 74, Samford 53				
UTSA 79, Texas Southern 57				
SOUTH				
Appalachian St. 93, Morgan St. 92, OT				
Bethune-Cookman 67, Texas-Pan American 64				
Chattanooga 74, Longwood 70				
Coastal Carolina 97, Allen 44				
Drake 78, Austin Peay 72				
E. Kentucky 81, Fla. International 67				
East Carolina 82, UNC Greensboro 61				
Grocery Southern 86, Ark.-Fort Smith 77				
James Madison 53, UMBG 51				
Kennesaw St. 85, MSU 68				
Liberty 63, Tennessee St. 60				
Marshall 60, Ohio St. 53				
McNeese St. 60, Louisiana-Lafayette 58				
Mid.-Eastern Shore 65, American U. 58				
Miami 70, SC-Upperstate 41				
Mississippi St. 69, Old Dominion 55				
Murray St. 108, Tenn. Wesleyan 49				
Presbyterian 71, Southern U. 69				
Rhode Island 75, Davidson 65				
Richmond 59, Missouri 57				
SE Louisiana 81, Springfield 49				
Southern Miss. 90, Millsaps Hill 57				
St. Bonaventure 98, Norfolk 71				

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
2:30 p.m.				
FSN — Nebraska at Southern Cal				
3 p.m.				
ESPN2 — 76 Classic, third place game, Texas A&M vs. Minnesota, at Anaheim, Calif.				
4:30 p.m.				
FSN — Nevada at North Carolina				
5:30 p.m.				
ESPN2 — Old Spice Classic, championship game, Marquette vs. Florida St., at Orlando, Fla.				
8 p.m.				

The Citadel 69, Virginia-Wise 37
Troy 80, Valparaiso 64
Tulane 80, George Mason 71
UAB 90, Florida A&M 59
UCF 76, Albany, N.Y. 57
Virginia Tech 74, Delaware 66, OT
W. Carolina 75, Gardner-Webb 59
William & Mary 78, Wake Forest 68
Wofford 84, Seattle 83

EAST				
Army 64, Yale 48				
Boston College 82, Providence 77				
Bucknell 85, Wagner 51				
Canisius 70, Howard 54				
Cent. Connecticut St. 51, Savannah St. 44				
Cornell 67, Vermont 59				
Dartmouth 68, Hartford 56				
Drexel 69, Toledo 50				
Georgetown 97, Lafayette 64				
Manhattan 68, Fordham 44				
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 65, Navy 56, OT				
New Hampshire 72, Marist 58				
Northeastern 70, Wright St. 67				
Oregon St. 64, George Washington 57				
Pittsburgh 72, Youngstown St. 56				
Rider 58, Binghamton 50				
Seton Hall 95, Long Island U. 66				
Sienna 97, Brown 19				
St. Francis, NY 66, Colgate 65				
St. John's 55, Temple 48				
Stony Brook 60, N.J. Tech 46				
Villanova 81, La Salle 63				

11 - MAN FOOTBALL

Warner paves the path for Declo's dominant run game

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

The formula for choosing the 2009 *Times-News* 11-man Football Athlete of the Year was simple: Take the area's best team and find its most valuable player.

A two-year, two-way starter, Sage Warner was a big reason Declo earned back-to-back Class 2A state runner-up trophies.

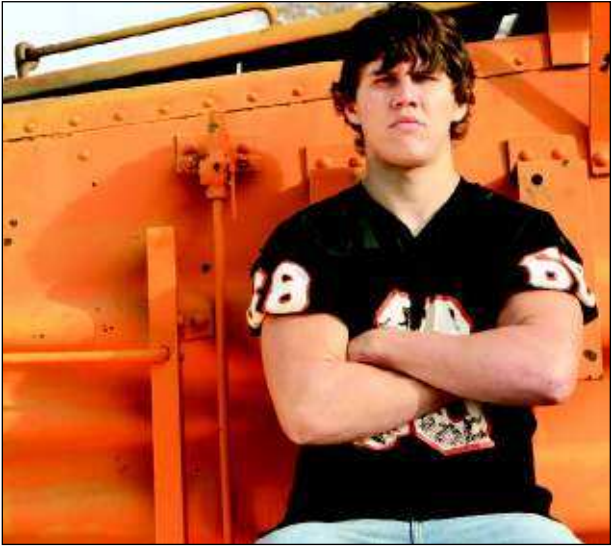
As the right guard on offense, Warner was the lead blocker on nearly every running play, whether it was up the middle or pulling on the perimeter. The 6-3, 235-pounder escorted Larsen Webb, Tyler Briggs and the rest of Declo's running backs to 252 yards per game while averaging more than six yards per carry.

"It's a lot of fun making them look good," Warner said. "After they make some big gain or touchdown, they're always thanking me first. And the two guys next to me, Jared Patterson and Drew Matsen, we already knew what was going to happen and what each other was going to do. We had a good chemistry."

Declo coach Kelly Kidd said he chose Warner to be the right guard because in Declo's offense, that player has to be a stud.

"He's everything to our running game," Kidd said. "He's big and athletic and he runs as well as the running backs do."

That's because Warner had every intention of being a running back heading into high school. But the Declo coaching staff needed him on the offensive line, so Warner obliged with a team-first attitude. And as a token of appreciation, the Declo coaches allowed Warner to run the ball in certain short-



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yardage situations.

On defense, Warner was a dominating inside line-backer behind Declo's four-man front and moved to tackle in the five-man front.

"It's special when a line-man becomes the leader of your team," Kidd said. "Not only is he a good football player, but he's a fantastic student and fantastic kid. We went over to the elementary (school) and all the kids love Sage."

Declo caught a glimpse of Warner's importance when he fell ill heading into the first-round state playoff game against Butte County and missed the entire week of practice.

"We were all holding our breath that Sage was going to recover," Kidd said. "Offensively and defensively he was the heart of our team."

Warner did recover, leading the Hornets to their second consecutive state championship game appearance, where they lost to Parma.

"It's a disappointment," Warner said of losing the state title game. "We've

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wanted it since last year, we had a chance for a rematch and it just got away from us and we'll never have that opportunity again. I don't think I'll ever get over it. It's a loss and it's always going to be there in our minds and in our hearts.

"We had such high expectations from being in the championship last year that we had to get it (this year) and we didn't. But going 11-1 is a great season."

Despite the final loss, Warner said he will take many good memories with him.

"The best part was just practicing as a team, having fun with friends and creating bonds that will always be there no matter what," he said. "We're like brothers."

8 - MAN FOOTBALL

Two-way star: Wadsworth makes plays for Oakley

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Down 14-8 against Raft River, he made three fourth-quarter interceptions to keep the Trojans from icing it and he scored the game's final touchdown to steal the win for Oakley.

With the Snake River Conference championship on the line in the regular-season finale against Castleford, he had 120 receiving yards and three touchdowns to help Oakley earn its third straight league title.

And in his final game as a Hornet, he caught two touchdown passes — each more than 70-yard bombs — and was a hard-hitting maniac on defense despite playing with a concussion as Oakley won the Class 1A Division I football championship over Prairie.

Like Spiderman appearing whenever there's trouble, Hunter Wadsworth rose to the occasion whenever Oakley needed a big-time performance. For that, he is the 2009 *Times-News* 8-man Football Athlete of the Year.

"He's absolutely a pivotal player," agreed Oakley coach Tim Behunin. "The special thing about him is he has a certain swagger and confidence about himself that he can get it done, and then he backs it up."

Wadsworth set a school record this season with 14 interceptions, five of which he returned for touchdowns. He credits Oakley's defensive front for the accomplishment.

"Our line had a huge part of it," he said. "When a quarterback is so worried about getting hit, he's not looking where the DBs are playing and he's just trying to get rid

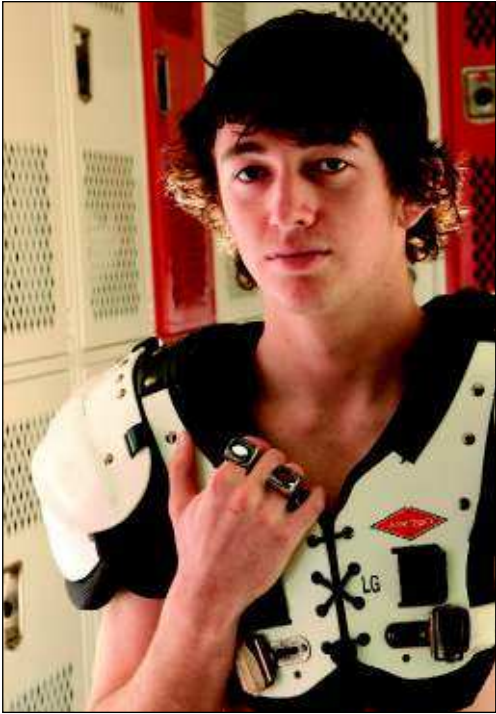


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of the ball. I just happen to be there."

As a tight end and defensive back, Wadsworth was a two-way starter as a junior and senior. He played some as a sophomore when Oakley won the 2007 state championship, but Wadsworth says the 2009 title is sweeter. "As a sophomore I didn't realize how much time the seniors had put in and how much heart it took," he said. "It didn't make sense to me until I actually had to go through it. Having it be my senior year and my last chance, it means that much more."

Wadsworth said 2009 was all about revenge and redemption after Prairie upset Oakley in the 2008 state championship game. But heading into this year's final game, the Hornets were heavy underdogs.

"At halftime I remember we went into the locker room thinking they were scared of us because they had never been in a close game like

this," Wadsworth said. "We found their weaknesses, so we attacked it and it worked."

After Oakley took the lead late in the fourth quarter all the Hornets needed was a defensive stand. Wadsworth, already playing with a concussion he got the week before, got his bell rung when he laid a vicious hit on a Prairie running back. Ever the competitor, Wadsworth wanted back in the game so desperately that the Oakley coaches had to hide his helmet.

He was a special player on a special team, which went 35-1 over three seasons.

"I can't really describe the feeling after a full year of dreaming and having nightmares of Prairie, the unstoppable force," Wadsworth said. "When I realized that we had done it, I was beside myself. Our whole team worked so hard together, we didn't fall apart, and that shows character. I'm really proud of my team."

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

WR's Caulkins chased by competition all season long

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Chase. It's an appropriate name considering that almost every high school cross country runner trailed Wood River runner Chase Caulkins all season. They chased him all the way to the finish line at Circling Raven Golf Course in Worley, the site of his Class 4A state championship, and they'll continue chasing him through regional and national meets. It's why he's the 2009 *Times-News* Boys Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

The senior has run competitively since he was a freshman, improving each season. As a junior, he placed sixth at state. This season, he won six of the nine meets in which he ran, including the District IV championship race and the state meet.

"I won the first two or so meets," Caulkins said, "then I got beat by (Twin Falls runner) Erik Harris at our home meet by a few seconds. That really gave me a lot of motivation for the rest of the year."

The creation of Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls forced the Bruins to move down, and Caulkins knew prior to the start of the season that the competition would be even greater with the Bruins — who went on to win a third consecutive state team title — in the mix.

"It meant that there were all these fast kids ... I tried a lot more," he said. "I ran twice a day every day."

Of the nine races, he finished below 17 minutes five times and only logged one race at more than 18 minutes. His best finish came at the Bob Firman Invitational



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in Boise, where he ran 16 flat — 15 seconds better than his state mark.

"Bob Firman was great," he said. "There were a lot of good kids, and I ran my fastest time. It's just too bad that it was windy and muddy (at state) because my time would have probably been faster."

Caulkins' enjoyment of running the Bob Firman course continued to pay off after the high school season was over. On Nov. 14, Caulkins placed fifth in the Nike Cross Nationals Northwest Regional Championship race, clocking 15:57. That accomplish-

ment qualified him for the 2009 Nike Cross Nationals race, which will be held Saturday at Portland Meadows in Portland, Ore. He is one of two Idaho runners to advance to this race.

Beyond that, he'll keep running, hopefully through college. He doesn't have anywhere in particular picked out, but he has a few ideas.

"I just want to get out of the snow and go to the West Coast," he said.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Jerome's Clegg makes her mark on area cross country

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

JEROME — During the past few seasons, girls cross country was dominated by two names: Amanda Ward and Mackenzie Chojnacky.

Add Mikesell Clegg as another, and add her as the next *Times-News* Girls Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

The Jerome High School sophomore paced the 2009 season with multiple top-10 finishes and finished the season with a fifth-place showing at the Class 4A state championship run at Circling Raven Golf Course in Worley, improving 11 spots from her freshman-year state finish of No. 16.

Clegg placed second at the Cardinal Classic in Soda Springs back in September, and she called it her favorite course.

"We started out with a loop, then came back up to 'Heartbreak Hill' and jumped over logs at every mile marker," she said. "It was different than the other races. We don't really jump over logs or anything at other courses."

She also considers the Cardinal Classic, which she finished in 20 minutes, 21 seconds, as one of her strongest performances of 2009, along with the race at Mountain Home. There, she placed first with a time of 20:08. It was her second individual meet championship. She placed in the top five at the Southern Idaho meet, the Jerome Invitational, the Canyon Ridge meet and the District IV championship meet.

"I just want to run in the low 18s and have another top five (performance) at state."



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Her fifth-place state finish was her best time in October, as she crossed the line at 19:24.

Although she doesn't run in non-high school events because of her commitment to Jerome's girls basketball program, cross country is her first love. She's already got a list of goals for the future, which includes a shot at running in college, preferably at

Brigham Young University.

"I just want to run in the low 18s," she said, "and have another top five (performance) at state."

After her sophomore showing, there's no doubt she'll reach both those objectives.

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BOYS SOCCER

Cortez scores again and again in leading Bliss boys

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

It was almost impossible to read High Desert Soccer Conference results this season without noticing what Luis Cortez did — again.

And again, and again.

The Bliss maestro didn't have to put the team on his shoulders, but at times that's exactly what he did — again and again. That's why he's the 2009 *Times-News* Boys Soccer Athlete of the Year. The junior shattered his school's single-season record by scoring 53 goals in leading the Bears to better influence the Bears' attack. He only played as a striker about half the time.

Cortez scored so many goals — and added seven assists — despite sitting out late in blowout wins, or playing in the midfield to better influence the Bears' attack. He only played as a striker about half the time.

His coach, Daniel Knapp, called him one of the cleanest ball-strikers you're ever likely to see (for the record, this writer tends to agree). Opponents expected to pick the ball out of their net at least two times by his doing — and usually more. Oftentimes, rival coaches were left to essentially give up on stopping him and just behold the brilliance.

Cortez scored all six of his team's goals in the state play-offs. Despite drawing constant pressure from multiple defenders, he found a way to make his game work. When it wasn't working, he still drew the defense enough to open passing channels for his teammates, like the time he twice set up Danny Lopez in the 5-1 district championship victory over Gooding.

"I knew I wasn't going to get the ball in a lot of space so



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I just tried to pass more," Cortez said after that match, in which he did not score but orchestrated three of the Bears' goals, netting one assist. "It's not always easy, but you just have to keep passing until they make a mistake and then you go after the goal."

Cortez scored special goals with his right foot. He scored special goals with his left foot. As if only to prove he could, he scored special goals with his head.

"No matter if you man-marked him or tried to mark Alex (Cortez, Luis' older brother) to cut off the (passing) supply, Luis always found a way to score," said Community School coach Richard Whitelaw. "He deserves all the praise and accolades bestowed upon

"I knew I wasn't going to get the ball in a lot of space so I just tried to pass more."

him. Special players only come around every so often and he is one of those special players. More importantly, he is a great guy and carries himself well.

"I would love to have him on my team — not too keen on playing against him next season though."

Whitelaw isn't alone on that last part. Not by a long shot.

GIRLS SOCCER

Goss comes up big in freshman season for T.F.

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Twin Falls attacking midfielder Claire Goss stepped up for her turn in a penalty shootout with Wood River, one that would decide the district championship.

She eyed up an open area of the goal, put the ball there ... and saw it saved.

Goss later said she'd been hoodwinked by the goalkeeper, who tricked her into shooting that way by making it seem bigger — a freshman mistake, if you will. But without this freshman, there wouldn't have been a shootout at all. She'd already scored twice that day, bringing her season total to 21 — tops on the team.

She showed her youth in explaining her frustration at the spot-kick miss.

"I would have gotten to shave one of our assistant coaches' head because it would have been my third score," said Goss, the 2009 *Times-News* Girls Soccer Athlete of the Year.

Goss' family is a full-fledged soccer family. Brother Nate plays for the Twin Falls boys team. Father Jon coaches the boys at Wendell High School. Mother Marla is the unofficially-official soccer mom, transporting Claire wherever the games call her — whether it's Twin Falls varsity games, club games for the Boise Capitals U15 team, or the 1995 Idaho Olympic Development Program team.

Goss has been turning heads — and her own stomach — everywhere she goes.

"When I started out as a freshman, I got so nerv-



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ous," she explained. "And I get nervous in the ODP camps too, with all those people looking at me. It's something I just need to get used to."

Toward the end of the season Goss started letting her play do the talking, something with which she's far more comfortable.

Over time Goss hopes to work her way up through the state ODP pool for her age group and eventually get selected for the regional ODP pool. Her club coach in Boise, Dave Chesler, is the U18 women's national team coach. Performing lights out on the pitch surely helps her cause there, but her state and

club travels will certainly make her more formidable next season as well.

Even if she thinks about an audacious position change.

"I'd like to try goalie," she said. "But I'm not sure the coaches would let me."

Unless she can stop more goals than she scores, expect her in the midfield in 2010, where she'll join a returning group that'll be scary to defend.

More so with a seasoned sophomore sharing the controls.

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VOLLEYBALL

Camas County's Peterson carries Mushers to new heights

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The success experienced by the 2009 Camas County volleyball team is something the players only dared dream about just a few seasons ago.

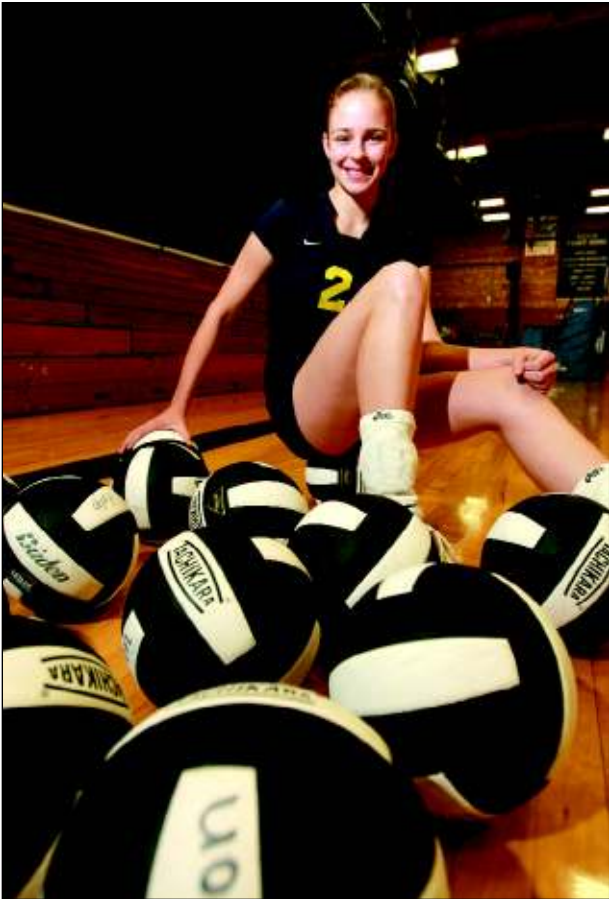
A state championship trophy that always seemed so far away was finally in their grasp after a four-set win over rival Dietrich on Halloween. At the center of the whirlwind season was sophomore Katelyn Peterson, the *Times-News* 2009 Volleyball Athlete of the Year.

"She carried the team," senior Musher Sunnie Vouch said. "When her attitude was down, it was hard for everyone else to stay up. She was such a big part of the team."

Peterson's hustle on defense and impressive ability to kill the ball were keys to her making the varsity squad as just a sophomore, but the journey from freshman player to sophomore champion wasn't an easy one. Her first season was also coach Ben Stroud's first at the helm. As a former coach of the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program with numerous national championships on his resume, Stroud put the Mushers through the rigors to make them championship material as well.

"I'm not going to lie," Peterson said. "Last year, I cried ... a lot. But he's an awesome coach. I'm so thankful to have him. He's really demanding, but I know it's to make us better."

Peterson said that many



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fundamental skills just weren't there when she began. The drive to claim the championship trophy propelled them from the first day of practice through the finale with rival Dietrich in which she pounded down an astounding 52 kills.

Although she was thrown in with a group of older girls, Peterson and teammates gelled well through unselfish play, team dinners and just hanging out. It was another crucial part of the team, as much as fundamental hitting, blocking and passing.

She'll enter the 2010 sea-

son as the floor leader as multiple players from the '09 squad will graduate soon, and she'll be looked on even more to lead the Mushers.

"I couldn't ask for a better group of girls," Peterson said. "Being around all of the older girls showed me what you have to do to be a team leader. I think that we'll be even better than we were this year."

Sounds like the recipe for a repeat.

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District IV All Conference selections

Football

Class 4A

Note: Class 4A all-conference honors will not be released until early December. The *Times-News* will run the list when it's released by Minico athletic director Tim Perrigot.

Class 3A

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
Coach of the year: Stacy Wilson, Buhl.

First team

Quarterback: Cader Owen, Buhl.
Running backs: Ethan Richmond, Kimberly; Isaac McCreery, Buhl; Blake Finney, Buhl.
Receivers: Parker Champlin, Kimberly; Austin Basterrechea, Gooding; JD Leckenby, Buhl; Jack Hamilton, Buhl; Cassidy Babo, Filer.
Offensive linemen: Devan Lemly, Buhl; Sebastian Ormond, Wendell; Tanner Baumann, Gooding; Justin Dalton, Gooding; Landon Equilor, Buhl; George Thornbrow, Buhl.
Kicker: Nick Dame, Kimberly.

Defense

Defensive linemen: Jacob Howell, Kimberly; Isaac McCreery, Buhl; Jordan Puente, Buhl; Joe Taylor, Filer.
Linebackers: Parker Champlin, Kimberly; Cody Casperson, Kimberly; Ross Jensen, Gooding; Blake Finney, Buhl; Tyler Kreft, Filer.
Defensive backs: Seth Champlin, Kimberly; Nick Dame, Kimberly; Cader Owen, Buhl; Brian Schofield, Buhl; Caydon Williams, Wendell.
Punter: Austin Basterrechea, Gooding.

Honorable mention

Quarterback: Nick Dame, Kimberly.
Running backs: Cody Casperson, Kimberly.
Receivers: Tyler Wadsworth, Kimberly; Nathan Ormond, Wendell.
Offensive linemen: Eddy Gonzalez, Buhl; Tanner Swanner, Wendell; Henry Champlin, Kimberly; Tyler Wadsworth, Kimberly.
Kicker: Armando Arroyo, Buhl.

Defense

Defensive linemen: Cody Young, Gooding; Jesse Campa, Gooding; JD Leckenby, Buhl; Nathan Ormond, Wendell.
Linebackers: Tyler Wadsworth, Kimberly; Evan Gray, Buhl.
Defensive backs: Cassidy Babo, Filer.

Class 2A

Canyon Conference
Coach of the year: Tracy Vulgamore, Castelford.

First team

Quarterback: Jeremy Jenkins, Declo.
Running backs: Larsen Webb, Declo; Michael Crane, Glens Ferry; Brandon Peterson, Declo; McCoy Stoker, Declo.
Receivers: Ross Arellano, Glens Ferry; Michael Crane, Glens Ferry; Brandon Peterson, Declo; McCoy Stoker, Declo.
Offensive linemen: Josh Carpenter, Glens Ferry; Glenn Perry, Declo; Zach Hogue, Valley; Clay Anderson, Glens Ferry; Justin Solosabal, Glens Ferry; Jared Patterson, Declo.
Punt returner: Gabe Arevalo, Glens Ferry.

Defense

Defensive linemen: Michael Crane, Glens Ferry; Drew Matsen, Declo; Tyler Briggs, Declo; Hunter Lehman, Glens Ferry; Jared Patterson, Declo.
Linebackers: Mark Knobbe, Declo; Destry Royce, Glens Ferry; Justin Solosabal, Glens Ferry; Brayden Cantu, Valley; Larsen Webb, Declo.
Defensive backs: Jeremy Jenkins, Declo; Ross Arellano, Glens Ferry; Logan Knopp, Declo; Matt Ivey, Valley; Gabe Arevalo, Glens Ferry.
Punter: Larsen Webb, Declo.

Second team

Quarterback: Philip Owensley, Glens Ferry.
Running backs: Mark Knobbe, Declo; Terry Jacobson, Glens Ferry; Matt Ivey, Valley.
Receivers: Logan Knopp, Declo; James Morrison, Glens Ferry.
Offensive linemen: Josh Carpenter, Glens Ferry; Glenn Perry, Declo; Zach Hogue, Valley; Clay Anderson, Glens Ferry; Justin Solosabal, Glens Ferry; Jared Patterson, Declo.
Punt returner: Gabe Arevalo, Glens Ferry.

Defense

Defensive linemen: Brogan Thoren, Declo; Josh Carpenter, Glens Ferry; John Canham, Valley; Steve Crab, Valley.
Linebackers: Brandon Peterson, Declo; Zach Hogue, Valley; Terry Jacobson, Glens Ferry.
Defensive backs: McCoy Stoker, Declo; Derek Gerratt, Valley; Rory Hance, Glens Ferry.

Class 1A

Snake River Conference
Coach of the year: Tracy Vulgamore, Castelford.

First team

Quarterback: Matt Helm, Challis.
Running backs: Aaron Borchardt, Lighthouse Christian; Talyn Henslee, Hagerman.
Receivers: Hunter Wadsworth, Oakley; Zane Jessor, Lighthouse Christian.
Offensive linemen: Jordan Scott, Lighthouse Christian; Braxton Sagers, Oakley; Zach Frey, Castelford.

Defense

Defensive linemen: Braden Ottley, Raft River; Jake Sagers, Oakley; Ben Rutter, Lighthouse Christian.
Linebackers: Nick Howard, Castelford; Justin Santana, Shoshone; Paxton Robinson, Oakley.
Defensive backs: Hunter Wadsworth, Oakley; Rio Manning, Raft River.
Punter: Jordan Scott, Lighthouse Christian.

Second team

Quarterback: Matt Helm, Challis.
Running backs: Aaron Borchardt, Lighthouse Christian; Talyn Henslee, Hagerman.
Receivers: Hunter Wadsworth, Oakley; Zane Jessor, Lighthouse Christian.
Offensive linemen: Jordan Scott, Lighthouse Christian; Braxton Sagers, Oakley; Zach Frey, Castelford.

Football

Class 4A

Defensive linemen: Ethan Beverly, Castelford; Jason Smith, Hagerman; Braxton Sagers, Oakley.
Linebackers: Talyn Henslee, Hagerman; Taylor Thacker, Raft River; Aaron Borchardt, Lighthouse Christian.
Defensive backs: Evan Aardema, Lighthouse Christian; HD Tucker, Raft River.
Punter: Dalton Crane, Challis.

Honorable mention

Quarterback: Dylan Brooks, Hagerman.
Running backs: Houston Horner, Castelford; Justin Santana, Shoshone.
Receivers: Zac Reid, Hagerman; Jake Kast, Hagerman; Caleb Latimer, Challis; Michael Carr, Raft River.
Offensive linemen: Jason Smith, Hagerman; Jay Ratto, Hansen; Austin Zollinger, Raft River.

Defense

Defensive linemen: Zach Frey, Castelford; Justin Cooper, Oakley; Austin Zollinger, Raft River; Jay Ratto, Hansen.
Linebackers: Houston Horner, Castelford; Caleb Latimer, Challis; Kevin McCullough, Lighthouse Christian; Weston Cooper, Oakley.
Defensive backs: Kale Weekes, Castelford; Dalton Crane, Challis.

Sawtooth Conference

Coach of the year: Lance Rosenkrance, Mackay.

First team

Quarterback: Kole Kroesch, Mackay.
Running backs: Dillon Simpson, Carey; Gonzalo Zarate, Carey; Justin Warner, Mackay.
Receivers: Manny Pacheco, Murtatigh; Zach Donnot, Mackay.
Offensive linemen: Cody Morgan, Mackay; Todd Peck, Carey; Dallin Pearson, Mackay.
Kicker: Walter Hansen, Dietrich.

Defense

Defensive linemen: Todd Peck, Carey; Tyler Cenarrusa, Richfield; Gonzalo Zarate, Carey; Dylan Hoagland, Mackay.
Linebackers: Kole Kroesch, Mackay; Trevor Peck, Carey; Matt Nelson, Rockland.
Defensive backs: Dillon Simpson, Carey; Michael Lezamid, Richfield.
Punter: Walter Hansen, Dietrich.

Second team

Quarterback: Michael Lezamid, Richfield.
Running backs: Dion Norman, Dietrich; Jose Rivas, Richfield; Matt Nelson, Rockland.
Receivers: Tyler McLain, North Gem; Justin White, North Gem.
Offensive linemen: Blair Peck, Carey; T. Colton Davids, North Gem; Dylan Kelly, Rockland.
Kicker: Gonzalo Zarate, Carey.

Defense

Defensive linemen: J. Tomlinson, Rockland; Cody Hidalgo, Rockland; Wacey Barg, Carey; Taylor Sparks, North Gem.
Linebackers: Juan Ruiz, Japokot (New); T. Colton Davids, North Gem; Merrill Hall, North Gem.
Defensive backs: Mickenzie Boggs, Camas County; Justin White, North Gem.
Punter: Gonzalo Zarate, Carey.

Volleyball

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference
Coach of the year: Cheltzie Williams, Twin Falls.

Players of the year: B.J. Price, Twin Falls; Kris Christensen, Minico.
First team: Ariel Medina, Twin Falls; Hayli Worthington; Teresa Waymet, Burley; Monica Garreau, Wood River; Breonna Phillips, Minico; Melissa Marling, Jerome.
Second team: Julie Johnson, Twin Falls; Mallory Jund, Twin Falls; Brook Johnson, Canyon Ridge; Carrie Thibault, Jerome; Grace Lagodich, Wood River; Kendra Bailey, Minico.
Honorable mention: Jamie Halford, Burley; Chelsea Hepworth, Minico; Jessica Hamilton, Wood River; Alyssa Long, Canyon Ridge; Ellen Johnson, Wood River; Sierra Chapple, Twin Falls.

Class 3A

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
Coach of the year: Lawrence Pfeiffer, Kimberly.

First team: Whitney Holtman, Raft River; Chelzee Nye, Raft River; Lauren Garlie, Challis; Larsen Moss, Challis; Rachelle Chamberlain, Challis; Joseana van Vleet, Lighthouse Christian; Taylor Astle, Shoshone; Amanda Regnier, Hagerman.
Second team: Hailey Higley, Raft River; Jenna Hamilton, Challis; Jennica Kerner, Shoshone; Shelby Bozutto, Shoshone; Kaitlyn Nebeker, Hagerman; Allison Rodgers, Castelford.
Honorable mention: Meegan Corrigan, Challis; Cara Aardema, Lighthouse Christian; Kelcie Hutchins, Shoshone; Jenny Perron, Shoshone; Sabrina Goolsby, Hagerman; Jessica Welch, Castelford.

Class 1A

Snake River Conference
Coach of the year: Larry Messick, Shoshone.

First team: Whitney Holtman, Raft River; Chelzee Nye, Raft River; Lauren Garlie, Challis; Larsen Moss, Challis; Rachelle Chamberlain, Challis; Joseana van Vleet, Lighthouse Christian; Taylor Astle, Shoshone; Amanda Regnier, Hagerman.
Second team: Hailey Higley, Raft River; Jenna Hamilton, Challis; Jennica Kerner, Shoshone; Shelby Bozutto, Shoshone; Kaitlyn Nebeker, Hagerman; Allison Rodgers, Castelford.
Honorable mention: Meegan Corrigan, Challis; Cara Aardema, Lighthouse Christian; Kelcie Hutchins, Shoshone; Jenny Perron, Shoshone; Sabrina Goolsby, Hagerman; Jessica Welch, Castelford.

Sawtooth Conference

Boys soccer

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference
Players of the year: Woody Anguiano, Burley; Sergio Martinez, Jerome.

Coach of the year: Luis Monjaras, Wood River.
First team: Brent Lee, Burley; Karth Hinkley, Burley; Innice Alejo, Canyon Ridge; Jesse Partida, Canyon Ridge; Dunia Emmanuel, Canyon Ridge; Roman Vazquez, Jerome; Gabriel Pulido, Jerome; Jaime Eudave, Jerome; Jorge Carrillo, Minico; Gavin Smith, Minico; Omar Rojas, Minico; Colton Stott, Twin Falls; Chris de la Cruz, Twin Falls; Nate Goss, Twin Falls; Colter Bremner, Wood River; Morgan Pike, Wood River; Cody Phelps, Wood River; Hector Lopez, Wood River.
Second team: Madison Gove, Wood River; Mackenzie Johnson, Burley; Gustavo Castaneda, Burley; Ricardo Lopez, Canyon Ridge; Gelyn Pauly, Burley; Canessa Cantu, Burley.
Honorable mention: Nate Searle, Burley; Logan Searle, Burley; Suren Thapa, Canyon Ridge; Frankie Arroyo, Canyon Ridge; Ryan Geist, Twin Falls; Ramon Ortega, Twin Falls; Alexander MacMillan, Wood River; Charlie Evans, Wood River; Miguel Nolasco, Jerome; Edgardo Ruiz, Jerome; Jose Rodriguez, Minico; Dylan Winnill, Minico; Tony Lopez, Minico.

Class 3A

High Desert Soccer Conference
First team: Jesus Alvarez, Gooding; Damien Hanson, Gooding; Manuel Gallegos, Gooding; Danny Lopez, Gooding; Andres Valdez, Gooding; Alex Cortez, Bliss; Luis Cortez, Bliss; Cole Erkins, Bliss; Cameron Schoessler, Bliss; Lupe Alvarado, Wendell; Johnny Macas, Wendell; Sascha Winkler, Wendell; David Cuevas, Declo; Erik Hennrickson, Declo; Jesus Mejia, Filer; Juan Hernandez, Buhl; Tanner Flanagan, Community School.

Class 2A

High Desert Soccer Conference
First team: Eric Esman, Community School; Nellie Brown, Community School; Kelly Hennessy, Community School; Emma Willander, Community School; Dayna Phillips, Dietrich; Courtney Zeff, Garden Valley; Dayna Phillips, Dietrich; Kristi Christensen, North Gem; Jessica Perron, Dietrich; Shaina Gustafson, Clark Fork; Haile Stoddard, Dietrich.
Second team: Sunnie Vouch, Camas County; Chelsea Macumber, Clark Fork; Erica Phanharasen, Camas County; Brocklyn Thornton, Clark Fork; Chancey Jones, Garden Valley; Michelle Seitz, Nezperce.
Honorable mention: Erin Christensen, North Gem; Tess McNally, Garden Valley; Moriah Dill, Dietrich; Aspen Holbrook, North Gem; Kaitlyn Crandall, North Gem; Desirae Goff, Garden Valley; Kiya Tarpley, Clark County; Britni Miller, Nezperce.

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High Desert Soccer Conference
First team: Katelyn Peterson, Camas County; Megan Stampke, Camas County; Yohsina McDaniel, Dietrich; Courtney Zeff, Garden Valley; Dayna Phillips, Dietrich; Kristi Christensen, North Gem; Jessica Perron, Dietrich; Shaina Gustafson, Clark Fork; Haile Stoddard, Dietrich.
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Class 4A

Great Basin Conference
Players of the year: Tanner Dredge, Wood River; T.J. Surrage, Jerome.

Coach of the year: Jenni Conrad, Wood River.
First team: K.T. Martinez, Wood River; Taylor Hayes, Wood River; Teagan Palmer, Wood River; Claire Goss, Twin Falls; Erin Grubbs-Imhoff, Twin Falls; Alexin Clark, Twin Falls; Kaylee Legault, Minico; Madison Roemer, Minico; Melinda Martinez, Minico; Aubree Callen, Jerome; Melissa Mendoza, Jerome; Bonnie Detwiler, Canyon Ridge; Aubrie Vale, Burley.
Second team: Madeline Bates, Wood River; Lucy Paisley, Wood River; Madison Gove, Wood River; Mackenzie Johnson, Twin Falls; Alex Kert, Twin Falls; Stephanie Fowler, Minico; Anna Levandasky, Jerome; Rosa Barner, Jerome; Emily Grindstaff, Canyon Ridge; Gelyn Pauly, Burley; Canessa Cantu, Burley.
Honorable mention: Sloan Storey, Wood River; Ashley Hestenes, Wood River; Megan Morrell, Wood River; Brooke Wagner, Twin Falls; Isabel VonZastrow, Twin Falls; Madison Worst, Twin Falls; Makenzie Haynes, Minico; Rosario Telles, Minico; Hadley Biagiotti, Jerome; Paulina Lara, Jerome; Leslie Sedano, Jerome; Laken Mullin, Canyon Ridge; Emily Sansom, Burley; Caitlyn Bennett, Burley.

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Honorable mention: Nate Sear

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— **BYU quarterback Max Hall**

BYU scores Holy War victory in OT

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Max Hall wanted to be clear: He really, really doesn't like Utah.

The BYU quarterback burned his in-state rivals with a touchdown pass in overtime, then blasted them with some scathing comments after the 18th-ranked Cougars' 26-23 win over the No. 22 Utes.

Hall redeemed himself from a year ago, when Utah intercepted him five times in a 48-24 blowout in Salt Lake City. Hall said Saturday he was still upset with the way his family was treated by Utes fans.

“I don’t like Utah. In fact, I hate them. I hate everything about them. I hate their program, their fans. I hate everything,” Hall said. “It felt really good to send those guys home.”

Hall’s blunt remarks will probably get a reprimand from the Mountain West Conference, but he didn’t seem too concerned. The Cougars (10-2, 7-1) beat the Utes (9-3, 6-2) for the third time in four years, and it was the last regular-season game of the senior’s career.

“I think the whole university and their fans and the organization is classless,” Hall said. “They threw beer on my family and stuff last year and did a whole bunch of nasty things. I don’t respect them and they



PATRICK SMITH/Daily Herald

Utah’s Aiona Key, left, is tackled by Brigham Young’s Matt Bauman (35) during the first quarter of Saturday’s game in Provo, Utah.

deserved to lose.”

Hall threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Andrew George in overtime, setting off a long celebration that covered the field with blue-clad, screaming fans.

Instead of a high-powered shootout between potent offenses, the defenses dominated this one. Utah held BYU to just 120 yards in the second half, but the Cougars kept the Utes to just 298 total for the whole game.

“For it to come down to an overtime play was just a perfect scenario for a big college rivalry,” BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said.

Hall found George open for a quick dump-off over the

middle and George had nobody between him and the goal line, hugging the ball with both hands as he went for the winning score.

George’s teammates piled onto him, then the Cougars’ fans stormed down from the stands.

“I couldn’t breathe. My shoulder was like up by my head, but it’s awesome,” George said. “If that’s what happens when you catch a game-winning TD, I’ll take it.”

The game was decided by a touchdown or less for the 11th time in 13 meetings.

Joe Phillips kicked five field goals for Utah, including a 40-yarder with 29 seconds

left that forced the overtime. The Utes had the first possession of OT and had to settle for another kick by Phillips.

“I was proud of Joe Phillips for converting five field goals, but therein lied our problem because we were kicking field goals instead of scoring touchdowns,” Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said.

Utah’s 23-20 lead was short-lived, though. After an illegal procedure penalty forced the Cougars back to the 25 with second-and-10, Hall found George for the easiest touchdown of the game.

The Utes may have been looking for Dennis Pitta, who caught two passes to break Austin Collie’s school record of 215 career receptions, because they certainly were not focused on George.

“We’re pretty down right here. I have to see how it lasts,” Utah linebacker Stevenson Sylvester said. “It’s one thing about a game during the season. You have a chance to even it out on Saturday. This is the end of the (regular) season so we’ve got a couple of weeks to have this loss linger.”

Hall finished 12 of 32 for 134 yards and Harvey Unga ran for 116 yards and a touchdown for the Cougars, who finished in second place in the Mountain West Conference.

TEBOW PUNISHES 'NOLES IN HOME FINALE

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tim Tebow’s final home game went about like everyone expected.

There were tears, touchdowns and another thumping.

Tebow threw for three TDs, ran for two scores and top-ranked Florida beat rival Florida State 37-10 Saturday for its sixth consecutive victory in the heated rivalry.

The Gators stayed unbeaten heading into next week’s Southeastern Conference showdown against No. 2 Alabama, extended the nation’s longest winning streak to 22 games and improved to 12-0 for just the second time in school.

Tebow may have even secured a third consecutive trip to New York for the Heisman Trophy presentation.

The Seminoles (6-6) lost for the second time in six games, and longtime coach Bobby Bowden’s likely finale at Florida Field showed exactly why some FSU faithful are urging him to retire: Florida outplayed its in-state rival at every position.

Bowden said after the game he had some soul-searching to do before he decided if he wanted to return for one another season.

OKLAHOMA 27, NO. 11 OKLAHOMA STATE 0

NORMAN, Okla. — DeMarco Murray ran for two touchdowns, Ryan Broyles returned a punt 88 yards for a score and Oklahoma knocked Oklahoma State out of contention for its first appearance in the BCS.

With representatives of the Fiesta and Orange bowls watching on, the Cowboys (9-3, 6-2 Big 12) fell completely flat with their worst offensive performance of the decade.

Oklahoma State was shut out for the first time since 2005 by an Oklahoma (7-5, 5-3) defense coming off its worst outing of the year in a loss at Texas Tech last week.

GEORGIA 30, NO. 7 GEORGIA TECH 24

ATLANTA — Georgia took a page out of Georgia Tech’s playbook, rushing for 339 yards to upset the seventh-ranked Yellow Jackets and



AP photo

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow celebrates after the Gators’ victory over Florida State in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday. It was Tebow’s final home game.

put a real damper on the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

Washaun Ealey rushed for 183 yards, while Caleb King rambled for 166 yards and two touchdowns as the Bulldogs (7-5) reclaimed state bragging rights in a disappointing year and handed the Yellow Jackets (10-2) a huge setback in what has been their best season in nearly two decades.

NO. 4 TCU 51, NEW MEXICO 10

FORT WORTH, Texas — Andy Dalton matched a career high with four touchdowns passes, two to Antoine Hicks in a 12-second span, as TCU wrapped up its first undefeated regular season in 71 years.

That should finally make the Horned Frogs (12-0, 8-0 Mountain West) a BCS buster, though they will have to wait another week to find out for sure whether they will get to go to one of the big-money games. Representatives from the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls attended the game.

SOUTH CAROLINA 34, NO. 15 CLEMSON 17

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Stephen Garcia threw three touchdown passes and South Carolina’s defense slowed down Clemson star C.J. Spiller.

Spiller opened the game with an 88-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, an NCAA record-setting seventh of his career. But the Gamecocks (7-5) bottled up Spiller and Clemson’s high-scoring offense after that to end the Tigers’ six-game win streak.

NO. 17 LSU 33, ARKANSAS 30, OT
BATON ROUGE, La. — Josh Jasper hit a 41-yard field goal with 4 seconds to go to force overtime, then made a 36-yarder in overtime.

Alex Tejada missed a 36-yard field goal that could have forced a second OT, and Arkansas (7-5, 3-5 Southeastern Conference) just missed a remarkable comeback bid, highlighted by Ryan Mallet’s fourth-down touchdown pass to Joe Adams with 1:18 left, which gave the Razorbacks a 30-27 lead.

NO. 14 VIRGINIA TECH 42, VIRGINIA 13

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Ryan Williams ran for 182 yards and four touchdowns and Virginia Tech beat Virginia in what was likely Al Groh’s last game as Cavaliers coach.

The Hokies (9-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their sixth straight in the series and for the 10th time 11 meetings with the Cavaliers (3-9, 2-6). It was their eighth victory in nine games against Groh, and ended Virginia’s worst season since it finished 2-9 in 1982.

NO. 19 MIAMI 31, SOUTH FLORIDA 10

TAMPA, Fla. — Javaris James rushed for two touchdowns, Jacory Harris threw for two more, and Miami took a big early lead on the way to beating South Florida.

Dedrick Epps and Leonard Hankerson caught touchdown passes for Miami (9-3), which ran out to a 21-3 halftime lead and capped its first nine-win regular sea-

son since 2005. A bowl victory would give Miami its first 10-win season since 2003.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 41, NO. 20 MISSISSIPPI 27

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Little-used backup quarterback Chris Relf accounted for three touchdowns, Anthony Dixon set the Mississippi State single-season rushing record and the Bulldogs earned an Egg Bowl upset.

Ole Miss (8-4, 4-4 SEC) couldn’t stop the one-two combination of Relf and Dixon, who finished with 133 yards and a touchdown. Dixon has 1,390 yards in 11 games, breaking James Johnson’s school record by seven yards.

NORTH CAROLINA ST. 28, NO. 23 NORTH CAROLINA 27

RALEIGH, N.C. — Russell Wilson threw four touchdown passes and Alan-Michael Cash blocked a field goal with about 5 minutes left to help North Carolina State upset North Carolina.

Wilson connected twice with Owen Spencer for scores, including the go-ahead 38-yard touchdown two plays into the fourth quarter that gave the Wolfpack (5-7, 2-6 ACC) a third straight win against its next-door neighbors and fiercest football rival.

NO. 25 HOUSTON 73, RICE 14

HOUSTON — Case Keenum threw for 323 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another in the first half and No. 25 Houston cruised to capture the Conference USA West division title.

STANFORD 45, NOTRE DAME 38

STANFORD, Calif. — Toby Gerhart turned what could be Charlie Weis’ final game as Notre Dame coach into his own Heisman Trophy infomercial.

Gerhart ran for 205 yards and three scores, threw an 18-yard touchdown pass and scored the game-winning touchdown with 59 seconds left to help Stanford hand Weis and the Fighting Irish a fourth straight loss to end the regular season.

— **The Associated Press**

BSU holds off N. Texas

BOISE — Kurt Cunningham and Robert Arnold scored 17 points each to lead Boise State to a 79-73 victory over North Texas Saturday night.

Arnold scored seven points in a 17-4 Boise State run midway through the second half, enabling the Broncos (4-2) to take control of a tight contest.

Josh White scored 23 points to lead North Texas (3-2), while Eric Tramiel added 14.

Ike Okoye and Cunningham, whose 17 points was his season high, pulled down eight rebounds each for Boise State.

The Mean Green edged to 76-73 with 27 seconds remaining on a 3-pointer by Jacob Holmen. But Arnold’s emphatic dunk with 15 seconds left sealed the victory for Boise State.

It was the first meeting between the schools in 10 seasons. Boise State leads the series 8-1.

IDAHO STATE 68, UMKC 65

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Broderick Gilchrest’s short jumper in the lane with 22 seconds left gave Idaho State the go-ahead score over Missouri-Kansas City.

The Bengals (2-4) had three players in double figures with Amorrow Morgan scoring 16, Demetrius Monroe adding 15 and Donnie Carson coming off the bench to score 10.

The Kangaroos (3-2) led 64-60 with about four minutes left, but scored only a free throw for the remainder of the game.

UMKC had three players score double figures paced by Jay Cousinard with 16. Bakari Lewis added 13 and Spencer Johnson 11.

After Gilchrest’s jumper made it 66-65, the Kangaroos missed their next try and Monroe pulled down the rebound. He was fouled with nine seconds left and made both free throws for the final margin.

UTAH STATE 89, SOUTHERN UTAH 49

LOGAN, Utah — Preston Medlin scored a career-high 17 points and Pooh Williams matched that total to lead Utah State.

Medlin made 5 of 6 from behind the 3-point line for the Aggies (3-2), who made 11 3-pointers as a team and shot 53 percent from the field.

Southern Utah (3-4) shot just 26 percent from the field. The Thunderbirds were led by Ryan Brimley with 12 points and Davis Baker with 10.

Utah State used an 18-0 run at the start of the second half to pull away, sparked by five consecutive points from Williams.

The Aggies outrebounded Southern Utah 25-16 in the second half and forced 19 Thunderbird turnovers while committing only six themselves.

IDAHO 76, EASTERN WASHINGTON 54

MOSCOW — Idaho outscored its guests 45-23 in the first half to seize a lead it would never relinquish. No other details were available at press time.

— **The Associated Press**

Spartans bounce back, top UMass

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Tom Izzo won his 341st game at Michigan State, setting the school record for victories in the No. 2 Spartans’ 106-68 win over Massachusetts on Saturday night in the Legends Classic.

Izzo set the record the same week mentor and predecessor Jud Heathcote was inducted into the National Collegiate Hall of Fame. Izzo sat by Heathcote’s side as an assistant for years, and he now sits alone atop the coaching wins list. Both own one national championship.

NO. 4 VILLANOVA 81, LASALLE 63

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Antonio Pena and Scottie Reynolds scored 14 points each, Corey Fisher added 13 points and the Wildcats won their eighth straight over the Explorers.

Villanova has won 20 of 21 against Big 5 teams, including Temple, Saint Joseph’s and Penn.

NO. 6 PURDUE 64, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 38

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — E’Twaun Moore scored 15 points and Robbie Hummel had 11 points and 11 rebounds and the Boilermakers beat Central Michigan with defense.

Purdue (5-0) held the Chippewas to four long stretches without a basket, and they shot just 28.3 percent from the field. It was the lowest point total for Central Michigan (2-4) since Ernie Ziegler took over as coach in 2006-07.

UNLV 76, NO. 16 LOUISVILLE 71

LAS VEGAS — Oscar Bellfield had 17 points, nine rebounds and six assists to help the Rebels hold off the Cardinals and remain undefeated.

Tre’Von Willis added 16 points for UNLV (5-0), which withstood a 30-11 run by Louisville (4-1) to overcome a 53-34 deficit with 14:05 remaining. The score was tied 64-64 on Rakeem Buckles’ basket with 4:24 left, but Bellfield answered with six points to help UNLV hang on.

NO. 17 OHIO STATE 110, ST. FRANCIS, PA. 47

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jon Diebler hit five 3-pointers to get the Buckeyes off to a fast start, and Dallas

Lauderdale had one of the best games of his career.

Diebler scored 15 of his 17 points during the quick start, and Evan Turner had 16 points to go with eight rebounds and five assists. Lauderdale flirted with career highs in points (11), rebounds (six) and blocked shots (six) for Ohio State (5-1).

NO. 18 GEORGETOWN 97, LAFAYETTE 64

WASHINGTON — Jason Clark had a career-high 19 points, freshman Hollis Thompson added 16 and the Hoyas put six players in double figures scoring against Lafayette.

Chris Wright had 14 points and Greg Monroe finished with 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists for Georgetown (4-0). Austin Freeman scored 12 and Julian Vaughn finished with 11.

BRADLEY 72, NO. 20 ILLINOIS 68

LAS VEGAS — Andrew Warren scored 16 points, including a go-ahead 3-pointer with 30 seconds left, to lift Bradley over No. 20 Illinois at the Las Vegas Invitational.

Warren’s basket put the Braves up 68-66. Bradley, which had five players in double figures, ended the game on an 11-2 run and went 3-1 in the Invitational.

NO. 23 NOTRE DAME 64, SAINT LOUIS 52

CHICAGO — Luke Harangody scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half, and the Irish bounced back from a poor outing to take third place in the Chicago Invitational Challenge.

Notre Dame (6-1), 14-point losers to Northwestern on Friday night, also got 14 points from Ben Hansbrough, who’d managed only four on 1-for-10 shooting a night earlier.

NO. 25 OKLAHOMA 81, NICHOLLS ST. 60

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Cade Davis scored 18 points and the Sooners ended a three-game skid with a victory in the fifth place game of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Tiny Gallon added 15 points for Oklahoma (3-3), while Tony Crocker and Steven Pledger scored 14 apiece and Tommy Mason-Griffin finished with 10.

— **The Associated Press**

MARTIAL ARTS

Success Martial Arts hosts tournament

Success Martial Arts hosted its 17th semi-annual tournament Nov. 21 at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls.

“It’s a different learning venue for us,” said Senior Instructor Brian Higgins. “Everyone gets to feel a little pressure and it gives us a chance to teach our core values in a little different way.”

Below are Success participants.



Courtesy photos

Little Warriors Division A



Kids Crew Division A



Kids Crew Division B



Teen / Adults Division

IRONMAN

Area quartet competes in Arizona

For area runners competed while Roger Brewer of Filer and Greg Paulson of Twin Falls were part of the men's 35-39 division. Rick Yavruian of Twin Falls competed in the women's 35-39 division.

Let us know

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BOWLING

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: Trevor Wakley 628, Kyle Mason 608, RD Adema 593, Keith Kelly 580.

MEN'S GAMES: Trevor Wakley 243, Kyle Mason 231, RD Adema 212, Keith Kelly 212.

LADIES SERIES: Stephanie Evans 529, Shanda Pickett 499, Andrea Dayley 473, Sandy Kelly 472.

LADIES GAMES: Stephanie Evans 199, Shanda Pickett 188, Suzi Leon 185, Amanda Crider 182.

COMMERCIAL

SERIES: Tony Brass 627, Rick Frederiksen 619, Ron Romero Jr. 610, Kyle Mason 610.

GAMES: Tony Brass 249, Kyle Mason 233, Tim Bowman 225, Ian DeVries 219.

MASON

SERIES: Georgia Randall 549, Glenda Barrutia 529, Mary Murry 498, Shanda Pickett 495.

GAMES: Georgia Randall 223, Glenda Barrutia 196, Mary Murray 183, Kathy McClure 174.

VALLEY

SERIES: Mike Tackett 677, Tony Brass 660, Ron Dawson 654, Tom Smith 639.

GAMES: Mike Tackett 249, Jeff Thuren 247, Bob Leazer 243, Harley Simmons 242.

FIFTY PLUS

MEN'S SERIES: Jack Boyd 617, Fred Ott 604, Rich Farnsworth 573, Chelcie Eager 568.

MEN'S GAMES: Fred Ott 255, Rich Farnsworth 224, Jack Boyd 209, Blaine Ross 208.

LADIES SERIES: Dixie Eager 527, Dot Van Hook 497, Anna Moore 477, Shirley Kunsman 464.

LADIES GAMES: Dixie Eager 210, Charm Petersen 198, Dot Van Hook 195, Shirley Brill 190.

THURS. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Joe McClure 620, Jeff Whittlemore 577, Charles Lewis 557, Brent Lasure 538.

MEN'S GAMES: Joe McClure 235, Brent Lasure 226, Joe McClure 203, Charles Lewis 200.

LADIES SERIES: Kathy McClure 515, Nancy Lewis 501, Stephanie White 488, Edie Barkley 473.

LADIES GAMES: Edie Barkley 190, Lori Williamson 187, Nancy Lewis 186, Kathy McClure 175.

EARLY FRI. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Joe Lamana 636, Tad Capurro 621, Clint Koyle 613, Jody Bryant 598.

MEN'S GAMES: Joe Lamana 268, Jody Bryant 241, Clint Koyle 235, Mike Goodson 223.

LADIES SERIES: Tawnia Bryant 615, Krista Wakley 547, Kathy McClure 542, Lisa Dickenson 541.

LADIES GAMES: Tawnia Bryant 229, Kathy McClure 228, Bobbie Thompson 208, Julie Shaffer 205.

SAT. YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Brady 606, Dominic Curtis 388.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Brady 234, Dominic Curtis 133.

GIRLS' SERIES: Jessica Jenkins 517, Ali Churchman 371, Rio Leazer 366, Chelsey Brady 361.

GIRLS' GAMES: Jessica Jenkins 190, Rio Leazer 148, Ali Churchman 142, Chelsey Brady 127.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 663, Brody Williamson 259.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 226, Brody Williamson 109.

GIRLS' SERIES: Deede Glodowski 278.

GIRLS' GAMES: Deede Glodowski 128.

SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS

SERIES: Derry Smith 534, Lori Parish 520, Pat Hicks 463.

GAMES: Derry Smith 216, Lori Parish 201, Talea Dubois 187.

LADIES TRIOS

SERIES: Anna Rose 509, Tiffinay Hager 586, Kim Davis 582.

GAMES: Anna Rose 223, Kim Davis 215, Tiffinay Hager 205.

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIOS

SERIES: Jordan Parish 983, Brad Holm 936, Delbert Bennett 917.

GAMES: Brad Holm 279, Delbert Bennett 269, Jordan Parish 258.

TUESDAY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Rick Hieb 670, Byron Hager 652, Bob Bywater 646.

MEN'S GAMES: Rick Hieb 245, Gene Smith 237, Duane Smith 235.

LADIES SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 567,

RAILROADERS

SERIES: Tammy Raines 576, Theresa Knowlton 540, Kristine Jones 531.

GAMES: Tammy Raines 216, Kristine Jones 213, Theresa Knowlton 199.

TUESDAY TEENS

BOYS' SERIES: Andrew Morgan 539, Brody Albertson 530, Cameron Black 280.

BOYS' GAMES: Andrew Morgan 203, Brody Albertson 197, Kaden Black 113.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 613, Rachel Watson 386.

GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 233, Rachel Watson 145.

WEDNESDAY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tyron Hirsch 713, Jordan Parish 677, Justin Studer 672.

MEN'S GAMES: Jordan Parish 289, Tyson Hirsch 267, Justin Studer 259.

LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 545, Jessica Meyer 468, Susan Fowler 440.

LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 196, Susan Fowler 173, Jessica Meyer 167.

THURS. MORN. DBLS.

SERIES: Derry Smith 511, Deon Fasset 487, Kym Son 484.

GAMES: Deon Fasset 212, Derry Smith 186, Linda Stark 185.

HOUSEWIVES

SERIES: Missy Stuart 508, Sharon Rathe 492, Kristie Johnston 490.

GAMES: Louise Wilkinson 210, Missy Stuart 200, Kristie Johnston 194.

MAJORS

SERIES: Rick Hieb 725, Byron Hager 719, Darrin Carter 705.

GAMES: Rick Hieb 279, Byron Hager 277, Scott Mcalister 275.

PINHEADS

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Meyer 537, Brody Albertson 473, Quentyn Robets 421.

BOYS' GAMES: Quentyn Robets 193, Anthony Meyer 190, Brody Albertson 173.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 537, Kiara Hieb 509, Abrina Blount 486.

GIRLS' GAMES: Abrina Blout 199, Kiara Hieb 191, Bridget Albertson 189.

MINICO HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Meyer 537, Brody Albertson 513, Shane Amen 485.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Meyer 190, Brody Albertson 184, Shane Amen 167.

GIRLS' SERIES: Rachel Watson 382, Jamie Mancias 227, Jackie Mancias 200.

GIRLS' GAMES: Rachel Watson 169, Bridget Albertson 140, Jamie Mancias 129.

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Robert Dyer 479, James Stewart 472, Ward Westburg 466, Lin Gowan 455.

MEN'S GAMES: Dennis Hite 187, Dennis Hite 181, Ward Westburg 176, Robert Dyer 176.

LADIES SERIES: Debbie Westburg 479, Dana Stewart 377, Ludy Harkins 376, Tina Lewis 361.

LADIES GAMES: Debbie Westburg 171, Dana Stewart 141, Ludy Harkins 134, Tina Lewis 134.

MON. FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Dave Wilson 621, Devin Hamblin 603, Dan Shepherd 573, Rocky Reece 565.

MEN'S GAMES: Ron Marshall 236, Jose Rodriguez 235, Doug Sutherland 231, Dave Wilson 229.

LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 554, Ann Shepherd 550, Dee Hall 549, Bernie Smith 515.

LADIES GAMES: Sylvie Wood 235, Georgia Randall 225, Dee Hall 219, Ann Shepherd 212.

SH-BOOM

MEN'S SERIES: Ryan Shull 677, Nick Parsons 651, Clint Koyle 623, Blake Kondracki 589.

MEN'S GAMES: Ryan Shull 268, Nick Parsons 247, Clint Koyle 245, Kelly Jeroue 225.

LADIES SERIES: Stacey Lanier 515, Julie Shull 513, Michelle Baughman 494, Barbara Reynolds 482.

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MID MORN. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 640,

MATT BAYSINGER 638, EDDIE CHAPPELL 607, MAURY MILLER 605.

MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 247, Matt Baysinger 235, Maury Miller 232, Eddie Chappell 225.

LADIES SERIES: Bonnie Draper 490, Dawn Kulm 489, Bernie Smith 479, Jeane Miller 479.

LADIES GAMES: Bonnie Draper 230, Char DeRoche 189, Bernie Smith 184, Jeane Miller 182.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Amber Beguhl 520, Sandra Topholm 491, Jessie Biggerstaff 474, Blanche Lanier 463.

GAMES: Sandra Topholm 197, Lori McKinley 193, Kathy Salisbury 182, Amber Beguhl 180.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 562, Lisa Allen 553, Sherry Blass 523, Susan Kepner 523.

GAMES: Sherry Blass 222, Lisa Allen 209, Kristy Rodriguez 204, Charm Petersen 200.

C.S.I. TUESDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Cae Hruza 588, Jared Studer 506, Jesus Rodriguez 435, Devyn Weaver 390.

MEN'S GAMES: Case Hurza 207, Jared Studer 180, Chais Nelson 165, Jesue Rodriguez 161.

LADIES SERIES: Kelsie Bryant 541, Rose Hranac 503, Krista Call 432, Melody Hranac 427.

LADIES GAMES: Rose Hranac 196, Kelsie Bryant 185, Erlene Huston 158, Krista Call 148.

TUES. MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Matt Thrall 590, Anthony Vest 583, Kaleb Jeroue 499, Tyler Black 482.

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GAMES: Dennis Seckel 257, Dan Wilson 255, Steve Gentry Jr. 243, Dave Wilson 234.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 622, Ed Dutry 547, Cy Bullers 501, Bob Chalfant 496.

MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 226, Jim Vining 210, Ed Dutry 194, Bob Chalfant 192, Skip Barrett 192.

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SERIES: Sylvia Inman 601, Crystal Shull 583, Michele Seckel 570, Gail Cederlund 563.

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SOMETHING ELSE

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LADIES SERIES: Nicole Rasmussen 471, Kathy Deahl 450, Kim Ward 446, Kim Ostrom 444.

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GAMES: Deanna Heil 206, Hilarie Smith 185, Diann Roberts 162, Flame Klundt 152.

C.S.I. FRIDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Jeremy Bevacqu 430, Vincent Orr 404, Guy Keegan 379, Jacob Monasterio 307.

MEN'S GAMES: Vincent Orr 162, Jeremy Bevacqu 161, Guy Keegan 144, Kris Melton 126.

LADIES SERIES: Brianna Loftus 359, Rachelle Powell 323, Temperance Davis 303, Pachina Waite 293.

LADIES GAMES: Brianna Loftus 158, Rachelle Powell 123, Pachina Waite 123, Temperance Davis 115.

MOOSE

SERIES: Tony Cowan 698, Tom Smith 683, Ron Salser 686, Bob Leazer 677.

GAMES: Jim Sorenson 276, Tony Cowan 266, Ron Salser 254, Tom Smith 248.

PEEWEE & BUMPER

SERIES: Riley Magee 183, Lindsay Beem 168, Abigail Canfield 159.

GAMES: Riley Magee 96, Abigail Canfield 87, Lindsay Beem 86.

GIANTS

BOYS' SERIES: Joe Campbell 621, Matt Thrall 525, Jayson Makay 487, Tom Upchurch 414.

BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 246, Matt Thrall 212, Jayson Makay 201, Tom Upchurch 164.

GIRLS' SERIES: Brooke Newlan 406, Katie Galliher 323, Jenny Leazer 306, Athena Jenkins 297.

GIRLS' GAMES: Brooke Newlan 152, Katie Galliher 124, Jenny Leazer 118, Cheyenne Uker 116, Athena Jenkins 116.

SUNSET BOWL BUHL SUNSET SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Kinnett 550, Ralph Dubois 518, Don Huff 508, John Haxby 500.

MEN'S GAMES: Don Huff 214, Tom Kinnett 200, Ralph Dubois 199, Gene Schroeder 187.

LADIES SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 490, Verna Kodesh 489, Carol Ruhter 415, Elda Hugg 395.

LADIES GAMES: Verna Kodesh 198, Lois Tomlinson 193, Carol Ruhter 152, Elda Huff 152.

LUCKY STRIKERS

SERIES: Mandi Olson 538, Elaine Wigington 512, Lois Tomlinson 500, Carolyn McCoy 398.

GAMES: Mandi Olson 225, Lois Tomlinson 196, Darla McCallister 188, Elaine Wigington 188.

MASON TROPHY

SERIES: Verna Kodesh 475, Dianne Davis 419, Nancy Bright 414, Katie Owsley 411.

GAMES: Dianne Davis 186, Verna Kodesh 179, Larae Talamantes 164, Nancy Bright 149.

PINBUSTERS

SERIES: Mike Goodrich 676, Steve Kehoe 647, Keith Simmons 636, Bob Wagner 631.

GAMES: Mike Goodrich 279, Josh Kennedy 252, Steve Kehoe 246, Karl Nejezchleba 245, Keith Simmons 245.

SPARE PAIRS

MEN'S SERIES: Cliff Rediker 616, Mike Goodrich 610, Tom Wiggs 600, Josh Kennedy 595.

MEN'S GAMES: Dustin McCallister 235, TD Tomlinson 234, Cliff Rediker 225, Josh Kennedy 214.

LADIES SERIES: Kay Miller 518, Sheila Lemmons 505, Lois Tomlinson 503, Darla McCallister 500.

LADIES GAMES: Sheila Lemmons 204, Lois Tomlinson 183, Michelle Olsen 181, Kay Miller 177.

STARLITE

MEN'S SERIES: Mike Goodrich 699, Mike Larsen 608, Dustin McCallister 593, Dee Maier 575.

MEN'S GAMES: Mike Goodrich 275, Damon Hyde 225, Dee Maier 223, Dustin McCallister 213.

LADIES SERIES: Nita Maier 529, Darla McCallister 523, Debbie Graham 462, Dorothy Moon 411.

LADIES GAMES: Nita Maier 214, Darla McCallister 183, Debbie Graham 161, Dorothy Moon 150.

MONDAY YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Derek Webb 485, Bradley Webb 341, David Dias 291, Chaz Hicks 285.

BOYS' GAMES: Derek Webb 181, Bradley Webb 133, David Dias 122, Chaz Hicks 106.

GIRLS' SERIES: Julie Anne Nejezchleba 291, Alexis Breck 247, Sarah Thompson 206, Amanda Dewitt 118.

GIRLS' GAMES: Julie Anne Nejezchleba 115, Alexis Breck 101, Sarah Thompson 92, Amanda DeWitt 42.

S H O O T I N G

Magic Valley .22 caliber gallery shooting league results

Results from the Magic Valley .22 caliber gallery shooting league, held in Buhl, Rupert and Twin Falls.

Nov. 13 results

Rifle scores

Master (385-400 points): 1. John Pitts 393, 2. Will Brown 392, 3. Mark Bulcher 388.

Expert (370-385): 1. Jeff Wagner 381, 2. Nyles Tilley 378.

Sharpshooter (350-370): 1. Dave Gyorfy 361, 2. Wayne Goetz 360, 3. George Wagner 351.

Marksman (275-350): 1. Richard Bean 344, 2. Bruce Lohnes 343, 3. Walt Charles 292.

Sporting rifle class: 1. (tie) Art Freund and Jody Osterhout 338, 3. Jesse Vaughn 329, 4. Bob Bean 310.

Junior rifle: 1. Clayton Smith 328, 2. Alisah Lierman 249, 3. Chani Lohnes 96.

Pistol scores

Master (545-600 points): 1. Dan Brown 556, 2. Bob Anderson 555, 3. George Wagner 548.

Expert (525-545): 1. Nyles Tilley 545, 2. Mark Bulcher 543, 3. James Wert 540.

Sharpshooter (490-525): 1. Bob Beer 524, 2. (tie) Corey Lierman and Dave Gyorfy 521, 4. Bruce Lohnes 512.

Marksman (450-490): 1. Kelly Burrell 486, 2. Nick Barnes 481, 3. Ed Smith 464.

Two-handed pistol class: 1. Art Freund 494, 2. Bob Bean 484, 3. Luann Carroll 478.

Nov. 6 results

Rifle scores

Master (385-400 points): 1. Mark Bulcher 392, 2. Jeff Wagner 386.

Expert (370-385): 1. Dave Gyorfy 376.

Sharpshooter (350-370): 1. Bruce Lohnes 363, 2. Mark Miller 359, 3. (tie) George Wagner and Wayne Goetz 354.

Marksman (275-350): 1. Richard Bean 332, 2. James Wert 308.

Sporting rifle class: 1. Art Freund 324, 2. Kelly Burrell 295, 3. Jesse Vaughn 292.

Junior rifle: 1. Chani Lohnes 101.

Pistol scores

Master (545-600 points): None.

Expert (525-545): 1. Mark Bulcher 543, 2. Jeff Wagner 542, 3. Mark Miller 538.

Sharpshooter (490-525): 1. Dave Gyorfy 524, 2. George Wagner 516, 3. Bruce Lohnes 506.

Marksman (450-490): 1. Bob Beer 484, 2. Max Vaughn 466, 3. Kelly Burrell 458.

Two-handed pistol class: 1. Luann Carroll 472, 2. Bob Bean 469, 3. Pete Gage 431.

Unbeaten Colts face favorite patsy in Texans

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

For the first time since 1990 and the third time overall, the NFL has two 10-0 teams, the Colts and Saints. Even juicier, Indianapolis has won 19 in a row, two short of the league mark set by New England early last season.

And even better — at least for the Colts — is their opponent on Sunday, the Houston Texans. To say Indy has owned Houston since the Texans were born in 2002 is like saying Peyton Manning ain't a bad quarterback.

The Colts are 14-1 against the Texans, and their victory earlier this month, 20-17, was typical: Manning and his mates made the big plays and Houston didn't, including Kris Brown missing a 42-yard field goal as time expired.

Can Indy sweep Houston within a three-week span?

"It's different. I don't remember the last time we played a team this close to back to back," Manning said. "They had a bye, so they'll be fresh. We're coming off two tough, emotional games, so it will be a challenge."

Maybe more of a challenge for the Texans, no? Like, say, climbing Everest?

"It's going to be a big test for us," star receiver Andre Johnson said. "We played them close the last few times we've played them and hopefully Sunday we can get over the hump and get a win."

Also Sunday — in an abbreviated schedule thanks to three Thanksgiving Day matchups — it's Miami at Buffalo, Carolina at the New York Jets, Seattle at St. Louis, Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Washington at Philadelphia, Chicago at Minnesota, Arizona at Tennessee, Kansas City at San Diego, Jacksonville at San Francisco, and Pittsburgh at Baltimore.

On Monday night, New England is at New Orleans in the Patriots' latest opportunity to spoil an unbeaten season.

The weekend began on Thanksgiving Day with Green Bay embarrassing Detroit 34-12, Dallas topping Oakland 24-7 and Denver beating the Giants the 26-6.

Colts look to stay unbeaten by beating up Texans again

The Colts look to remain undefeated Sunday and clinch the AFC South for the sixth time in seven years when they visit a Texans team trying to win its first game in a month. The Colts have won 14 of 15 against the Texans.



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Two of the hottest teams, one chasing a division title and the other, perhaps, chasing history. Titans turned it around since an 0-6 start. Playoffs, who knows?



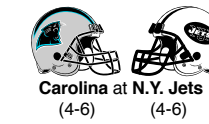
Vikings have scored 100 more points than Chicago, and have 16 take-aways, or two fewer than the number of INTs Jay Cutler has thrown for the Bears.



Chiefs pulled off stunning upset over Pittsburgh last week. Chargers' offense bolstered by a return to form from LaDainian Tomlinson.



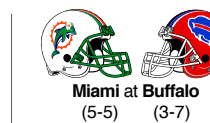
Falcons lost four of five to help put Saints in position for a division clincher. Bucs rookie coach Raheem Morris already has fired both his coordinators.



After a sensational start, Mark Sanchez has struggled over his past six games. Injuries and poor play are dimming Panthers' postseason hopes.



Jaguars have played some solid defense at times this year, but if they lapse against the Niners, Frank Gore has the explosive-ness to make them pay.



Dolphins Ricky Williams' revival has sparked an efficient running game. Terrell Owens woke up for the Bills in loss at Jacksonville.



With so many regulars winding up on injured reserve, the Eagles' D will be aggressive from the outset against an undermanned 'Skins' offense.



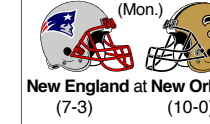
Banged-up Steelers have dropped two in a row. Ravens are one of the bigger flops through 10 games as the offense has stagnated.



If Bengals are for real, it should easily subdue a Browns squad that, despite losing at Detroit on a final play, found an offense.



Seahawks have been awful on the road, outscored 161-73. Rams have been outscored 165-69 at home and are without injured QB Marc Bulger.



Might be best opportunity for someone to spoil Saints' run at a perfect regular season. Look for a shootout here, the Saints average 36.9 ppg.

AP

Big Ben out with concussion, Dixon to get first start

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will miss tonight's game at Baltimore because of a concussion, an unforeseen development that forces the inexperienced Dennis Dixon to start one of the Super Bowl champions' biggest games this season.

Dixon, the former Oregon star, has spent most of the season as the No. 3 quarterback running the Steelers' scout team during practice. He has thrown only one NFL pass in two seasons, but must play because both Roethlisberger and backup Charlie Batch were hurt during a 27-

24 overtime loss to Kansas City last week.

Roethlisberger practiced all week despite sustaining his fourth concussion since 2006. On Thursday, during his only interview of the week, he said he had been cleared to play, joking he passed "thousands of tests."

Roethlisberger, however, experienced headaches resulting from the concussion — his knee struck the knee of Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson as he leaned head-first during a running play in overtime — and he began debating the wisdom of playing after consulting with the

team's medical staff.

The Steelers decided Saturday that Roethlisberger will play only in an emergency. He will be the No. 3 quarterback, with former Pitt starter Tyler Palko — who was signed only Thursday and doesn't know the offense — as Dixon's backup.

The Steelers (6-4), losers of their last two and a game behind Cincinnati (7-3) in the AFC North, initially were so convinced Roethlisberger would play, they did not sign an experienced quarterback even after Batch broke his left wrist a few plays after replacing Roethlisberger on Sunday.



AP photo

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterbacks Ben Roethlisberger (7), Charlie Batch (16) and Dennis Dixon (2) before their game with the Kansas City Chiefs on Nov. 22, in Kansas City, Mo. Dixon will get the first start of his career today because Roethlisberger has not been cleared to play after sustaining a concussion versus the Chiefs.

Police: Woods, wife unavailable for interview

WINDERMERE, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods and his wife were not available to speak to state troopers for the second straight day, asking that they return today to try to clear up questions about how he crashed his SUV into a neighbor's tree.

The Florida Highway Patrol said the announcement that the world's No. 1 golfer and his wife, Elin, could not speak Saturday to authorities came from his agent. Mark Steinberg of IMG did not immediately respond to a text seeking comment.

Troopers previously tried to talk to Woods on Friday afternoon. The patrol said his wife told troopers Woods was sleeping, and they agreed to return the next day.

Woods smashed his Cadillac near his \$2.4 million mansion at 2:25 a.m., EST Friday and was briefly hospitalized, police said. His lips were cut, and Windermere police chief Daniel Saylor has said Woods' wife used a golf club to smash out a back window and help Woods from the car.

Sgt. Kim Montes, the patrol spokeswoman, said Woods' agent contacted dispatch and the call was put through to the troopers, who were on their way to Woods' house.

"I don't know what was said," Montes said.

Montes said it was "kind of normal" for Woods not to speak on Friday, the day he was treated and released from a hospital.

"It is unusual that we haven't gotten a statement," she said. "This just delays us to getting closer to the completion of the investigation."

Montes said Woods is not required to talk to troopers in a traffic accident; they only need his driver's license, insurance and registration. She said troopers inside the gates at Isleworth are "looking at other things for their investigation."

She said Woods' Cadillac Escalade was not impounded, but taken to an undisclosed tow yard. She said the front and right of the SUV was damaged, and that both rear passenger windows were busted out.

"We still are going to move forward with our crash investigation," Montes said.

The 911 tapes of the crash

could be released as early as Sunday.

Still unanswered is where Woods was going in the wee hours of the morning after Thanksgiving Day. The police report said alcohol was not a factor.

Saylor said his two officers found the 33-year-old Woods lying in the street with his wife hovering over him.

Saylor said she told officers she was in the house when she heard the accident and "broke the back window with a golf club." He said the front-door windows were not broken and that "the

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— Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. Kim Montes

door was probably locked."

"She supposedly got him out and laid him on the ground," he said. "He was in and out of consciousness when my guys got there."

Asked at a Friday evening news conference if the couple could have been arguing, Saylor said he had no knowledge of that.

The accident came two days after the National Enquirer published a story alleging that Woods had

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EDITORIAL

New ITD director must navigate some minefields

The Idaho Transportation Board will pay the state's new transportation director, Brian Ness, \$22,000 a year more than his predecessor made. That's good. He'll earn every nickel of it. Ness is stepping into a mess.

The ITB fired Director Pam Lowe in July; she responded earlier this month with a lawsuit that contains the most serious ethical charges yet leveled at Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, his former Chief of Staff Jeff Malmen, members of the ITB and state Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Among other things, the suit claims Lowe was shown the door because she refused to reward political contributors to Otter and McGee by steering state tax dollars their way to manage highway construction projects.

The suit also alleges McGee withdrew proposed legislation that would have given the governor the power to appoint the transportation director in exchange for the ITB's promise to fire Lowe.

On top of that, of course, Idaho is somewhere between \$160 million and \$240 million behind on repairs for the state's highways, roads and bridges and the Legislature has twice rejected attempts to raise fuel taxes and registration fees to make up the difference.

A governor-appointed state transportation task force is working on alternative recommendations, but it won't be ready until after the 2010 election.

So Ness' challenge for the next year is basically to keep his head above water — and a demoralized and underfunded state agency intact.

Here are a few essential realities for the former Michigan transportation administrator:

- Learn to triangulate. Although he answers to the ITB, Ness essentially has three bosses: the board, the governor and the Legislature. Make that four bosses, since the House and the Senate often don't see eye to eye on transportation issues.

- In Idaho, all transportation issues are regional. That's why the Legislature in 1951 stripped a governor from northern Idaho — Len Jordan — of the power to decide where highway money would be spent.

In many respects, little has changed. A lot of lawmakers from outside the Treasure Valley are angry that the bulk of Connecting Idaho money is being spent in Boise, Nampa, Meridian and Caldwell.

- Idahoans have long memories on transportation issues. While Lowe was apolitical to a fault, her predecessor David Ekern and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne left a bad taste in a lot of Idahoans' mouths about how they managed transportation funding and used it as a political football. Most legislators think Connecting Idaho was grotesquely oversold, to the detriment of Idaho's existing roads and bridges.

Here's hoping Ness is good at history.

- Listen and learn, and don't repeat Lowe's mistakes — most notably that the ITD director can be insulated from politics or should try to be.

This is an agency that spends \$649 million in federal and state money annually to connect 1.4 million people spread across 60,000 miles of highways, streets and country roads.

It's sure not a place for the faint-hearted.

Our view:

Incoming Idaho Transportation Department Director Brian Ness will soon be called upon to prove he can steer his agency out of the ditch.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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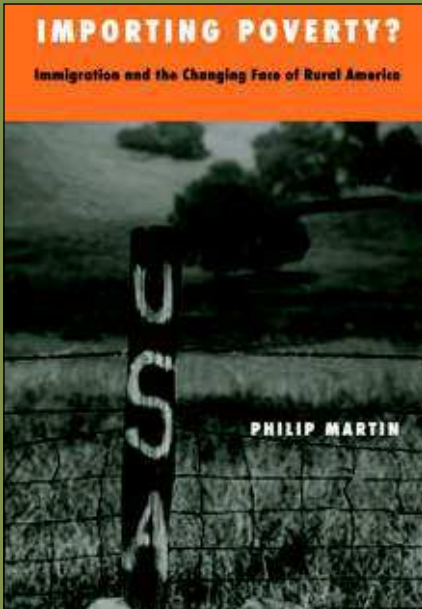
RURAL AMERICA IS ON AN IMMIGRANT LABOR TREADMILL

(Editor's note: The following are excerpts from agriculture labor economist Philip Martin's book "Importing Poverty: Immigration and the Changing Face of Rural America," just published by Yale University Press):

By Philip Martin

... The farmworkers of tomorrow are growing up today somewhere outside the United States, making immigration policy a major concern of farmers, farmworkers and agricultural communities. ... most of the newcomers in rural America have not finished high school. The question is whether these newcomers and their children will become a poor underclass ...

The immigrants in rural and agricultural areas often lack both education and legal status. About 5 percent of the 150 million U.S. workers are believed to be unauthorized, but the percentage of unauthorized farmworkers is higher, topping 50 percent of seasonal workers on crop farms. The share of unauthorized workers in other farm-related industries, from food processing to meatpacking, is generally thought to be about 25 percent, which is five times



the U.S. average.

U.S. farm labor and immigration policies did not anticipate a rising tide of poorly educated and unauthorized workers in rural America ... policymakers in the 1960s anticipated a wave of mechanization that would eliminate most farm jobs, making it their primary responsibility to help farmworkers and their children transition to nonfarm

jobs. By the mid-1980s, it was apparent that the number of farm jobs was stable and the share of unauthorized workers filling them was increasing. The response to the unanticipated increase in unauthorized farmworkers was an easy legalization program, which signaled to farmers that foreign workers would continue to be available. Increased planting and ineffective enforcement opened the floodgates and allowed Mexico's rural poor to spread throughout North America ...

Farmers have long worried about whether there would be enough seasonal workers available to harvest their crops. Over decades, they convinced themselves and the federal government that the solution was to reach over borders and find workers for whom U.S. wages were a godsend. The alternative, allowing wages to increase enough to attract U.S. workers, would likely have reduced the demand for farmworkers well before U.S. workers stormed the fields.

The major program through which farmers could obtain guest workers ... H-2A, presumed that most farmers could hire U.S. workers to fill their jobs.

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“ ... the status quo keeps agriculture on a low-wage and low-productivity trajectory that is exactly the wrong path for this critical American industry trying to remain competitive in the 21st century.”

IMMIGRATION REFORM: ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH

By Jeffrey Kaye

If any one person embodies the complex politics of immigration reform, it is Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

As governor of Arizona in 2007, she signed one of the nation's toughest state immigration laws, the Legal Arizona Workers Act, which imposed harsh penalties on businesses that knowingly employed undocumented workers.

Now, as the nation's top immigration official, she will be asked to weigh in on a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of that law. The case comes before the U.S. Supreme Court as Washington once again revives efforts to overhaul the nation's immigration laws.

At the time she signed the bill, Napolitano, citing the failure of congressional leaders to take action, insisted that “states like Arizona have no choice but to take strong action to discourage the flow of illegal immigration.”

Under the law, businesses that willfully hire illegal immigrants can be shut down temporarily or, for a second offense, completely — a “business death penalty,” as Napolitano called it. “Arizona has taken the most aggressive

action in the country against employers who knowingly or intentionally hire undocumented workers,” she wrote.

The measure was one of hundreds of immigration laws passed across the United States, largely as a reaction to the stalemate over the issue in Washington.

The Arizona statute came under immediate attack from disparate groups rarely found on the same side of the table. Legal briefs opposing the law were filed by farmers, contractors and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The opponents' key legal argument has been that immigration policy should be set by the federal government, not by state and local jurisdictions.

Now that she's exchanged her state hat for a federal one, it will not be surprising if Napolitano opposes the measure she made law. As a governor who grappled politically and fiscally with the consequences of a massive influx of illegal immigrants, she asserted the authority of her state. But that was then. Now, as the Obama administra-

tion's point person on the issue, Napolitano is likely to reflect the position her boss took as a candidate, supporting “comprehensive immigration reform so local communities do not continue to take matters into their own hands.”

Napolitano's attitudes toward immigration have hardened over the years. First elected governor in 2002 with support from the Latino electorate, she opposed a 2004 Arizona ballot measure that sought to bar illegal immigrants from receiving some public social services. The following year, voicing skepticism about the effectiveness of Bush administration plans to improve fences at the border, she famously proclaimed, “You show me a 50-foot wall, and I'll show you a 51-foot ladder.”

However, since becoming chief of Department of Homeland Security, the agency responsible for the border fence, she has promised to complete the unfinished portions and has stepped up immigration audits of employers.

Immigration reform advocates trying to build momentum to produce a new law point to favorable poll results on

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When did Idaho cease its class warfare?

By Marty Trillhaase
Lewiston Tribune

Idaho Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter says he’s not going to wage class warfare.
Oh really.
Of course what Otter means is he won’t raise taxes on Idaho’s wealthier families in order to prevent making even deeper cuts in public schools, health programs and higher education. Moscow economist Judith Brown and state Rep Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow, prodded that response when they proposed a temporary 5 percent income tax surcharge on people making more than \$50,000 to help balance the state budget.
“Those who are success-



ful ought to be celebrated and rewarded,” Otter told the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho pre-legislative session ... “I’m resisting the effort to start class warfare.”
Word to Idaho’s millionaire governor: The war has already started. It’s being waged against the poor and middle class.

When the lowest-income families in this state pay 25 percent higher tax rates than the richest 1 percent, that’s class warfare. The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy says Idahoans making less than \$18,000 pay 8.6 percent of their income on state and local taxes. People making more than \$418,000 pay 6.3 percent.
That’s not by accident. Otter’s fellow Republicans in the Legislature as well as his predecessors have gradually shifted the tax burden off the rich and onto the poor and middle class. In 2001, they cut income taxes on the wealthy and corporations by 5 percent. Three years ago, they cut property

taxes by \$260 million — benefitting wealthy landowners and corporations — while boosting the sales tax by 20 percent or \$210 million. Hit hardest were low-income renters who spend all of their income on food and clothing. Throw in sales tax breaks for businesses and property tax cuts for farms.
When the state slashes its support for higher education, forcing students to pay more tuition, that’s class warfare. In Idaho, the ordinary poor or working-class family will spend 34 percent of its income just to support one child in a state college or university. When a high school graduate in this state decides college is unattain-

able, he’s signing up for a lifetime of low earnings. That happens too often in Idaho — which ranks near the bottom of states in terms of the percentage of people who go on to college and those in the work force with a college degree. It’s why the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education gave the state an “F” in college affordability.
When Idaho undermines its public schools, that’s class warfare. This is a state that crowds more of its students into aging buildings. If that child lives in a comfortable home, he can compensate by getting extra help or switching to a private school. If he’s one of six kids in a family, where

both parents are juggling two or three jobs, the scant resources at school become more vital. Rather than merely shortchanging schools, Otter and the Legislature actually cut them this year and plan to do more of the same next.
And when Idaho has some of the nation’s weakest safeguards to protect kids in day care centers, that’s class warfare. Instead of doing something about it, state legislators merely talk about getting more mothers to stay home — which isn’t an option for working class families.
No, the class warfare has begun, Gov. Otter.
You’re just on the winning side.

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immigration and a desire by both parties to be responsive to Latino voters.
But proponents will face stiff obstacles, particularly if a bill includes provisions for what business lobbyists call “future flow” — allowing employers to bring in foreign workers for their jobs.
Unions worry that without some safeguards, imported labor will displace American workers.
The larger stumbling block will be the “tough and fair pathway to earned legal status,” as Napolitano put it.
It was the legalization aspect of her speech that garnered most news media attention, even though it basically restated President Obama’s campaign pledge to bring “the millions of illegal immigrants in this country out of the shadows ... (by meeting) a number of requirements — including registering, paying a fine, passing a criminal background check, fully paying all taxes and learning English.”
History shows that anti-immigrant sentiment is generally highest during economic downturns, and groups favoring immigration restrictions, such as the Federation for American Immigration Reform, or FAIR, are already citing high U.S. unemployment as a reason to oppose immigration bills.
FAIR is joining with the “tea party” crowd that emerged during the health care debate, a loud and angry coalition that will be unswayed by the efforts of Napolitano, the Obama administration and their congressional allies to decorate immigration reform packages with law-and-order ribbons.

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However, in the exceptional circumstances when U.S. workers were not available, the U.S. Department of Labor would certify a farmer’s need for legal guest workers.
Certification satisfied sugarcane farmers in Florida and apple growers along the Eastern seaboard, where there were no farmworker unions and few groups opposing guest workers. However, growers in the Western states feared that the United Farm Workers and other unions would send workers in response to the recruitment efforts they were required to undertake, and they would be faced with the choice of hiring pro-union crews or being sued for not hiring U.S. workers. Thus, Western farmers insisted on a non-certification path to hiring legal guest workers ...
Western senators ... introduced bills that offered alternative guest-worker programs. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, introduced the Agricultural Work Force and Stability Protect Act in January 1997 to shift the burden of recruitment of farm employers, as under the H-2A Program, to the government. Under Craig’s bill, farmers would submit job offers to local employment ... offices. They would have to refer “specific individuals who are able, willing and qualified to work for the employer,” or issue a “certificate of need” that allowed the employer to employ guest workers. Craig’s bill made two other changes desired by Western farmers. First, it would have allowed farmers to offer their out-of-area U.S. workers and foreign workers housing allowance instead of housing ... Second it, would have allowed farmers to pay guest workers the higher of the federal or state minimum wage or the “median rate of pay for similarly employed workers in the area of intended employment,” eliminating the third and usually higher minimum wage, the Adverse Effect Wage, that farm employers are required to pay guest workers.
Craig won support from other senators for this alternative guest-worker program, and reintroduced his

bill ... as the Agricultural Job Opportunity Benefits and Security Act of 1998 (AgJOBS) ... AgJOBS included a trust fund to collect employer Social Security and unemployment insurance taxes on guest-worker earnings, and these funds would cover the cost of administering the guest-worker program. In a bid to soften opposition for worker advocates, guest workers admitted under AgJOBS who did at least six months of U.S. farmwork in each of four consecutive calendar years could apply to immigrant visas ...
With farmers seemingly on an unstoppable drive for new guest-worker programs in Congress, both the Mexican government and some migrant advocates jumped aboard ... The Mexican and think tank endorsements prompted Western farmers to have AgJOBS reintroduced in the Senate in October 1999, but with a new twist — earned legalization. A path to an immigrant visa would be created by allowing currently unauthorized workers to register with local (employer) offices. Registered unauthorized workers could then earn an immigrant status by doing at least 180 days of farmwork each for five of the next seven years ...
However, congressional Republicans who opposed “rewarding lawbreakers” with legal status, led by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, block AgJOBS in the waning days of the Clinton administration..
The AgJOBS proposal has been pending in Congress since 2000 ... The 2008 version... would allow up to 1.5 million unauthorized foreigners who did at least 150 days of farmwork during the 24-month period before enactment to apply for “blue-card” temporary resident status. Blue-card holders could travel in and out of the United States and obtain work authorization for their spouses, and secure legal status for their minor children. However, in order to become immigrants, blue-card holders would have to complete more farmwork over the next five years ... pay application fees as well as a \$100 fine and any income taxes owned on their earnings ...

The key to the regularization of farmworkers and the rationalization of the farm workforce lies in the payroll taxes that were identified in several of the early versions of AgJOBS. Farmers currently avoid paying Social Security, Medicare and federal unemployment insurance taxes on the earnings of H-2A guests, and AgJOBS does not change those exemptions, making guest workers up to 20 percent cheaper than U.S. workers. This wedge between the higher costs of U.S. workers and the lower costs of H-2A workers is likely to favor the hiring of H-2A workers, especially as recruitment networks evolve. The result may be an even more apartheid-type sector of the U.S. economy, with older white farmers employing young and minority farmworkers.
Farm employers should pay the same taxes on the earnings of H-2A workers as they do on the earnings of U.S. workers. However, since H-2A workers are not generally eligible for benefits under the Social Security and unemployment insurance programs these payroll taxes finance, the funds collected could be used to accelerate the rationalization of farm jobs now employing farmworkers and refunded to guest workers who return to their countries of origin ...
(Using payroll taxes to fund) mechanization research and providing guest-worker return bonuses could have desirable effects in both rural America and rural Mexico. In rural America, labor-saving processes ... that are already under way could be speeded up, reducing the need for foreign workers over time. In rural Mexico, return bonuses equal to 10 percent of U.S. earnings could provide the spark for developments that allow the children and grandchildren of guest workers to find opportunity at home ...
... Unlike other legalization proposals, AgJOBS would allow the families of farmworkers to become legal immigrants. This means that if a million rural Mexicans were legalized, the United States may end up with a quarter of Mexico’s 25 million rural poor.

Can the United States solve Mexico’s rural poverty problem by transferring many of them to rural America?
.... The status quo “works” in the sense that it provides the workers needed to get farmwork done, provides jobs and earnings for Mexicans who would otherwise have lower incomes, and provides customers for Main Street stores in rural communities that might otherwise depopulate. However, the status quo keeps agriculture on a low-wage and low-productivity trajectory that is exactly the wrong path for this critical American industry trying to remain

competitive in the 21st century
The AgJOBS proposal would legalize many unauthorized workers and their families, but not change a farm labor system that has an enormous appetite for newcomers. Given the failures of the Bracero Program and immigration reforms in 1986, regularization and rationalization offer the best hope to avoid farm labor dilemmas of the future.
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If conservatives ran health care ...

What if we had a single-payer health-care system and someone like Jeb Bush or Sarah Palin were running the country?

Many liberals remain angry and disappointed that single-payer legislation never stood a chance in Washington. To them, a government-run health-care system seemed an obvious way to put patients ahead of profits.

But a single-payer system would have put us at the mercy of whomever happened to take control of Washington. I'm very happy to have a public plan as an option. But since I don't know who will be in the White House in the years to come, I'm glad that government-run health care won't be the only game in town. If you're not happy about the Stupak amendment, imagine what other limits a conservative government could impose on our health care.

Parts of the country remain more conservative on issues of life and death than many progressives remember. When single-payer advocates imagine single-payer health care, they often look to Canada as an example of how it would work. But America isn't Canada; many of our fellow citizens are more conservative than the average Canadian. Moreover, in the United States we have let the dividing line between church and state blur. Christian conservatives are a political force in their own right, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has felt free to weigh in on health-care reform. Under a conservative president, such beliefs might be reflected in single-payer health policies.

With such an administration in power, social conservatives might move to exert pressure on health-care decisions beyond abortion. For example, could women be told that their government insurance won't cover birth control? In 2001, President George W. Bush proposed eliminating the requirement that all Federal Employees Health Benefits plans include coverage for contraception. At the time, Susan Orr, who would later become Bush's deputy assistant secretary of health and human services for population affairs, applauded the president's suggestion, saying: "We're quite pleased because fertility is not a disease. It's not a medical necessity that you have (contraception)."

In fact, the private insurers who cover federal employees were not required to reimburse for birth-control pills until 1998. Congress didn't like the idea of making the pill part of the package. Until then, 10 percent of federal health plans offered no contraceptive coverage, and 81 percent of plans did not cover the full range of prescription contraceptives.

Finally, if fiscal conservatives were in charge of a government-run system, they might decide that we all need to take more financial responsibility for our health-care decisions — in the form of, say, \$75 co-pays to visit a doctor. Never mind research suggesting that when we shift the financial burden to patients, they aren't likely to forgo just unnecessary treatments — they are also likely to defer necessary preventive care.

I strongly support increasing our government's involvement in the health-care system by including a public option in the reform package. I



Maggie Mahar

believe that if Congress passes legislation that includes a public option, that option will be stronger than many pundits suggest. Such a plan could help lower costs while lifting the quality of care, and would provide serious competition to private insurers.

But I'm also wary that in four or eight years, someone else — someone less sympathetic to my views — may be in the White House. And conservatives could once again control Congress. So I am relieved that we don't seem to be headed toward a single-payer system. We simply cannot count on "good government" overseeing our health care. One never knows who the American people will choose to elect. As a progressive, I have been stunned by the people's pick more than once in the past 30 years. Democracy offers choices but makes no promises.

So I want to hedge my bets. I want alternative insurance options, especially from nonprofits such as Kaiser Permanente. And I don't want to find myself locked into an insurance plan run by conservatives — or Democrats — who feel they have a right to impose their religious beliefs on my access to care.

Maggie Mahar is health-care fellow at the Century Foundation. She wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is health care reform a wonderful thing?

It is wonderful that our government is concerned about our health care. Everyone knows that it is expensive.

So by reducing the number of tests for such things as mammograms, pap tests, prostate screening, colorectal cancer screening, millions of dollars can be spent somewhere else. The number of us elderly citizens who are unfortunate to die from one of these diseases would have died anyway, and it could reduce the number of retirees.

The new plan seems to be endorsed by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). I am sure that the stimulus money it received had nothing to do with this endorsement. Remember, all this will reduce the national deficit. Our politicians have learned accounting from Bernie Madoff.

FREDDIE TATE
Jerome

Hagerman couple gives thanks

Whom shall I thank for having given me so much?

I thank the natural course of events: Big Bang to the present and all the sperm that found the

right ova which, by accident or design, found me the best wife and pal a free thinker could wish for.

My wife and I give thanks for our daughter who followed us into education and influenced her chiropractor husband to qualify to teach science and math.

We give thanks for the wonder that is our grandchildren: Samantha (Sam) will be awarded a bachelor of arts degree this coming June and teach children with high potential but low self-esteem or begin work to earn a master's degree education.

Our grandson, Toby, will graduate from high school this June.

He has qualified to compete in Fresno for all-state. He will then enter trials for Junior Olympic competition, wanting to run like Steve Prefontaine, and maybe later build bridges.

We give thanks to modern medicine that has given us elders a longer life and the lucky younger generations healthier lives, hoping all will get the same soon.

I give thanks to ancestors who fought and won a Revolution. We still wonder at the Civil War and many of our wars thereafter. Why? The military, generation after generation, gave us a

continuing freedom to speak our minds in support of "... a more perfect union."

What a great heritage, one not to be taken lightly and one each generation shoulders as his/her responsibility to maintain.

We give thanks for our opportunities to serve in the military and in education; to all who have sacrificed their health, mental as well as physical, limbs, hopefully for the greater good of all mankind.

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Species lay cold drifting with bare arms with fresh air needing health; hungry as a dog with six pups, two-legged species having a tea party with Iraq. Wanting a home, doing the astronaut space walk program. Wondering if survival is on the moon,

exploring options. Hope Congress will stay put on take off.

Vacation the American way. Red alert economy — riches to patches. Corruption at all levels.

Reform? Does that classify you or me? We are reformed and urinate on the streets.

Homeless Committee, Get R Done, numbers mounting, CC camps needed and we are next to spacewalk and dog tired hungry, jewels from Madoff auction, put the money back! Donation dog food, people food first. Drifting insanity, using up the distractions for the real live economy; drifting lives USA.

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NATION & WORLD

Text-a-Tip programs allow tipsters to help police

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — A mother in Boston tells police her 8-year-old boy was shot to death in their apartment by gunmen in hooded sweat shirts during a home invasion.

Officers later receive a text message from an anonymous tipster that leads them to a much different conclusion: the boy's 7-year-old cousin accidentally shot him while the two boys were playing with a loaded 9 mm handgun.

Meanwhile, authorities in Douglas County, Colo., thwarted a threatened

Columbine-style attack after an anonymous text about a student's "kill list" led them to weapons in the child's home.

After struggling for years with an anti-snitching culture that made witnesses too afraid to come forward, police across the country are getting help from text-a-tip programs that allow people to send anonymous, text messages from their cell phones.

In Boston, the first city to heavily promote texting for crime tips, police have received more than 1,000 tips since the program began two years ago. Police credit text tips for providing them

with key leads in at least four high-profile killings, including: the accidental shooting of Liquarry Jefferson by his cousin; an arson fire that killed two children; the shooting of a Boston teenager on her 18th birthday; and the fatal stabbing of a man during a bar fight.

Officer Michael Charbonnier, who oversees the program, said people who live in high-crime neighborhoods are often afraid that if they talk to police, they could be hurt or even killed by gang members, drug dealers or other criminals.

"It's either call 911 or live with the bad guy. And if you

call, there could be repercussions," Charbonnier said.

"So when they have this option of texting us — knowing no one will know who they are — well, now, people give us license plate numbers, they give us names," he said.

In the past, people feared retaliation for talking to police, but with the texting programs, police never see the tipster's name or telephone number. The text messages are sent to a separate, third-party server, where identifying information is stripped out and they are assigned an alias before being sent to police.



AP photo
Officer Michael Charbonnier of the Boston Police Department's Crime Stoppers Unit, takes down information during a phone call to the unit Oct. 27 at a police station in Boston. Police across the country are getting help from text-a-tip programs that allow people to send anonymous messages from their cell phones.

Fears of sabotage



AP photo
Investigators and rescue workers walk amid wreckage and damaged coaches at the site of a train derailment near Uglovka, some 250 miles northwest of Moscow, Russia, Saturday.

Russia: Bomb caused fatal train crash

By Ivan Sekretarev
and David Nowak
Associated Press writers

UGLOVKA, Russia — A powerful homemade bomb sent a high-speed Moscow-to-St. Petersburg train careening off the tracks, Russian officials said Saturday, killing at least 26 people in what officials consider an act of terrorism.

The head of Russia's Federal Security Service, Alexander Bortnikov, said experts found pieces of an explosive device that detonated around 9:30 p.m. Friday night as the train raced over it, gouging a five-foot crater and strewn smoking wreckage over a rural stretch of track. He said a terrorism inquiry had been opened.

As many as 100 people were left injured by the disaster, officials said, and 18 remained missing Saturday night.

"Indeed, this was a terrorist attack," said Vladimir Markin, a spokesman for the

investigative committee of Russia's General Prosecutor's Office, according to Interfax. Bortnikov said the bomb exploded with a force equivalent to 15 pounds of TNT.

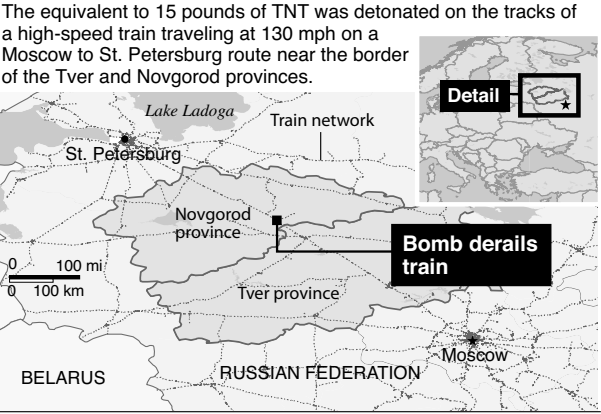
The attack on the Nevsky Express, a luxury train popular with government officials, tourists and business executives, was Russia's deadliest terrorist strike outside the volatile North Caucasus region since 2004.

Among the dead were citizens of Belgium, Italy and Azerbaijan, Governor Valentina Matvienko of St. Petersburg told the state-run RIA Novosti news agency.

The force of the derailment scattered battered carriages over a remote stretch of track, trapping some of the injured for hours. By first light Saturday, luggage and pieces of metal lay in the muddy embankment in the drizzle, as survivors huddled under blankets by fires.

A second explosive device partially detonated at the

Deadly terrorist attack in Russia



crash site later Saturday as railway workers tried to clear the debris, said Russian Railways chief Vladimir Yakunin.

The initial blast derailed the last three carriages of the 14-car Nevsky Express as it approached speeds of 130 mph, officials said. More than 650 passengers and crew were aboard at the time.

The crash occurred near the border of the Novgorod and Tver provinces, some

250 miles northwest of Moscow and 150 miles southeast of St. Petersburg.

As rescue workers searched for victims, officials provided sometimes conflicting numbers for the dead and injured.

Health Minister Tatyana Golikova said at least 26 people were killed, 18 were missing and nearly 100 injured in the derailment. The Prosecutor General's office said the death toll had risen to 30.

Florida police seek holiday killings suspect in Mich.

By Travis Reed
Associated Press writer

JUPITER, Fla. — Investigators in Florida alerted Michigan authorities to be on the lookout Saturday for a man accused of shooting four relatives to death after a Thanksgiving dinner in South Florida.

The suspect, Paul Michael Merhige, 35, sought a physician in the Detroit area in the past year, Jupiter Police Sgt. Scott Pascarella said, but he was unsure why he needed the doctor.

Merhige is believed to be driving a royal blue 2007 Toyota Camry with a rear spoiler and Florida license plate. He is accused of killing including his pregnant sister and her twin sister, as well as his 6-year-old cousin and 79-year-old aunt.

There had been "ongoing resentment" in the family, but investigators weren't sure what specifically prompted Thursday's shooting.

Police said Merhige left

briefly before returning to the home where 17 relatives had gathered in Jupiter, a small beach town about 90 miles north of Miami. The town is known as a home to celebrities including Michael Jordan and Burt Reynolds.

Pascarella said police first received a 911 call from a neighbor, then another from someone inside the home. The home, in a well-kept new subdivision with brick-paved driveways, is owned by local TV videojournalist Jim Sitton and his wife. The home was surrounded Friday by yellow crime scene tape and police crime unit vans.

Sitton's daughter Makayla had gone to bed before the rampage, police said.

"God packed a lot of sweetness into that little body," Sitton said. "She's just our life. I don't know how we are ever going to recover."

Messages left a phone number listed for Sitton and his wife were not returned Saturday.



Merhige

After making a splash at White House, Virginia socialites go silent

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Virginia socialites who apparently crashed the White House state dinner last week remained elusive Saturday as CNN said it had canceled the couple's upcoming appearance on "Larry King Live."

CNN said Tareq and Michaela Salahi's appearance on Monday had been cancelled after producers were told that the Salahis were postponing. And for the second day in a row, no one answered the door at the couple's house in Front Royal.

At the house, reporters and photographers were staked out at the end of the Salahis' gravel driveway. A CBS employee

folded a handwritten note into the door, promising the couple that they would get a fair hearing of their side of the story if they talked with anchor Katie Couric.

A dog inside the house barked loudly throughout the day. A note taped to the front door read: "Hi Dana, Thanks for watching the dog. See you after weekend."

The Secret Service apologized Friday for the security breach, saying protocols were not followed Tuesday night when the Salahis gained entry to President Barack Obama's first state dinner. A spokesman for the Secret Service said criminal charges had not been ruled out.

Lawmaker: Iran could leave nuclear treaty over U.N. resolution

By Ali Akbar Dareini
Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — A conservative Iranian legislator warned Saturday that his country may pull out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty after a U.N. resolution censuring Tehran — a move that could seriously undermine world attempts to prevent Iran from developing atomic weapons.

Iran's official news agency quoted a hardline political analyst who made the same point, another indication the idea could be

gaining steam.

If Iran withdraws from the treaty, its nuclear program would no longer be subject to oversight by the U.N. nuclear agency. That in turn would be a significant blow to efforts to ensure that no enriched uranium is diverted from use as fuel to warhead development.

The lawmaker's threat came a day after the board of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency passed a resolution demanding Tehran immediately stop building its newly revealed nuclear facility near

the holy city of Qom and freeze uranium enrichment.

"The parliament, in its first reaction to this illegal and politically-motivated resolution, can consider the issue of withdrawing from the NPT," Mohammad Karamirad was quoted as saying by the official IRNA news agency, referring to the treaty. "The parliament ... (also) can block the entry of IAEA inspectors to the country."

Karamirad, a senior law-



Soltanieh

maker and member of the Iranian parliament's national security committee, does not speak for the government but his statements often reflect the government's thinking. His threat could be a tactic to warn the West of possible consequences if it pursues further action against Iran, such as strengthened sanctions.

Another hardline lawmaker, Hossein Ebrahimi, was quoted by IRNA as saying that Iran's parliament

will discuss the IAEA resolution today and will make a decision on how to react.

Iran's parliament has issued similar warnings in the past, most recently in 2006 when some lawmakers threatened to pull the country out of the nonproliferation treaty during another time of increased U.N. pressure over Tehran's nuclear program.

Iran backed down, and the government has said that it has no intention of withdrawing from the treaty, which aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons

and weapons technology.

Iran's government insists its nuclear program is meant only for peaceful purposes, though the U.S. and other Western nations suspect Tehran is seeking to acquire atomic weapons.

Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's chief delegate to the U.N. nuclear agency, was also defiant Saturday in the face of the agency's fresh demands, saying on state television that Iran will limit its cooperation with the U.N. watchdog to its treaty obligations and will not cooperate beyond that.

Hidden in sand



Navy Visual News Service, U.S. Marine Corps/AP file photo
Marines conduct recovery efforts on July 28 at the crash site of Navy Capt. Michael 'Scott' Speicher. Capt. Speicher's F/A-18 was shot down Jan. 17, 1991, over Anbar province, Iraq.

Saddam was telling truth about missing fighter pilot

By Pamela Hess
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein was telling the truth, this time. The United States just didn't believe him.

So it took the most powerful military in the world 18 years to find the remains of the only U.S. Navy pilot shot down in an aerial battle in the 1991 Gulf War.

Michael "Scott" Speicher's bones lay 18 inches deep in Iraqi sand, more or less right where a group of Iraqis had led an American search team in 1995.



Speicher

The search for Speicher was frustrated by two wars, mysteriously switched remains, Iraqi duplicity and a final tip from a young nomad in Anbar province.

U.S. officials often were blinded by the same myopia that tainted prewar intelligence — the American conviction that Hussein's government lied about everything. As it turned out, the Iraqis lied, but sometimes they told the truth.

For more than a decade, speculation swirled that the 33-year-old Speicher, a lieutenant commander when he went missing, had been captured alive. That was disproved by the team that found and confirmed his remains.

"He wasn't captured or tortured," said Thomas Brown, chief of the Intelligence Community POW/MIA analytic cell at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Brown, who worked on Speicher's case for 15 years, described to The Associated Press in an exclusive interview how the threads leading to the pilot got so tangled.

Speicher was shot down by an Iraqi MiG 100 miles west of Baghdad on Jan. 17, 1991, the first day of the war to drive Saddam's invading forces from Kuwait. Then-Defense Secretary Dick Cheney announced the pilot's death as the first casualty of the war, but no search and rescue effort was launched.

When the war ended that March, the U.S. demanded the return of Speicher's remains. But because of a data glitch, the U.S. erroneously pinpointed his crash site south of Baghdad.

The Iraqis were puzzled. They knew an F-18 had been shot down west of the capital. But they followed the botched U.S. coordinates and searched for Speicher's plane in the south, finding nothing.

The search was soon complicated by the Iraqi discovery of a different crash site — of a downed Air Force A-10 fighter. The Iraqis brought the unidentified American A-10 pilot's remains to a Basrah hospital for safekeeping, labeling them "Mickel" for a clumsy

translation of what might have been the pilot's belt buckle manufactured by McDonnell Douglas.

Just before those remains were to be handed over to the U.S., Shiites rebelling against Saddam seized the hospital, forcing Iraqi officials to make a hasty gamble.

If they didn't turn over the pilot's remains, they would be in violation of the U.N. resolution ending the war, and the war would not be officially over. So the Iraqis instead handed over to American authorities a 4-pound piece of another cadaver and said it belonged to "Mickel."

U.S. officials already had accounted for the dead A-10 pilot, so the unidentified remains stumped them. Were they Speicher's?

By May 1991, DNA tests ruled that out. Iraq was being duplicitous, but the U.S. couldn't figure out what was behind the switch.

Rumors from Hussein's inner circle about the "Mickel" remains began to morph into whispering that the Iraqis held a live American pilot. The rumors were picked up by U.S. intelligence.

Two years later, in 1993, Speicher's crash site was found by a party of Qatari falcon hunters. Brown believes the Iraqis already had identified the crash site but failed to come forward out of fear they would be accused of covering it up. So instead, the Iraqis led the Qatari hunters to the site, Brown said, so they would "stumble" on the wreckage.

The hunters gave the U.S. Embassy in Qatar a piece of a plane containing a serial number that matched Speicher's F-18.

U.S. military officials began planning an operation to retrieve Speicher's remains. The plan was dropped in 1995 when the Red Cross secured permission from Iraq for a humanitarian search team to excavate the crash site.

Shepherded by Iraqi officials, the search team was led by a local Bedouin boy to Speicher's half-buried flight suit. Nearby were expended flares, part of an ejection seat and pieces of a life raft. But the searchers found no remains. They left suspicious, convinced that they had been set up even though Brown now says Saddam's government was telling the truth about the site.

In January 2001, President Bill Clinton changed Speicher's status from killed in action to missing, echoing U.S. belief he could be alive. An intelligence assessment said Speicher probably had survived the crash and Iraq was either holding him prisoner or hiding his remains.

In the summer of 2002, as the Bush administration prepared to invade Iraq, new intelligence intercepts sug-

gested Speicher was being moved between dozens of secret sites inside Iraq.

Before the 2003 invasion, "we were positive we were getting him back," said Buddy Harris, a Speicher friend who later married the pilot's widow. "We were getting ready to go over and meet with him. We had the whole family prepped, with psychologists ready to help."

At least three different times, based on government information, Speicher's relatives thought they were getting him back, Harris said.

Brown believes the Iraqi government was trying to convince President George W. Bush that Speicher was still alive to protect Saddam from being targeted when the invasion came. If that was the motivation, it backfired. Bush used Speicher's case as more evidence that Saddam had to be ousted. After Bush cited Speicher in his September 2002 speech at the United Nations, the rumors of Speicher's movements abruptly stopped, Brown said.

After the U.S. invasion, intelligence analysts searching for Speicher entered the Hakmiya jail in central Baghdad and dug up the grounds. They found remains, but none that matched Speicher's DNA.

They did find a jail cell wall that appeared to be marked with the initials "M.S.S." — and wondered if they had been scratched by the missing pilot.

The Army dismantled the wall section and sent it back to the U.S. for testing. That same summer a soldier discovered similar initials and what appeared to be a date—9-15-94—scratched into an I-beam in a parking garage in Tikrit. The FBI cut down the beam and sent it to the Smithsonian Institution for testing.

But the markings turned out to be more false leads. The museum determined the Tikrit initials were made with a special ink reserved for Iraqi religious groups — and an American prisoner would not likely have had access to such sacred ink. While other "M.S.S." markings were found all over Iraq, the analysts were never able to tie them to Speicher.

The searchers continued to press every lead. For six years, soldiers and Marines deployed in Anbar were told to ask people there if they had heard anything about the missing American pilot.

The instructions finally paid off last July. A sheik told Marines of a Bedouin who remembered a burial 20 years earlier. The sheik couldn't recall the exact location, but it was enough for the Marines. They returned to the old site that had frustrated the Red Cross searchers and with 100 men, bulldozers and back hoes, they turned over four football fields worth of desert, 4 feet deep.

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Dubai looks to rich neighbor for help in debt crisis

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — As world markets absorbed the shock of Dubai's debt crisis, the ruler of the once-booming city-state left town for an important meeting in a desert palace. His hosts: the leaders of neighboring Abu Dhabi whose balance sheets are flush with oil revenue.

It's not known what promises were made inside the halls in Al Ain during the parade of visitors for an important Islamic feast day on Friday. But their new relationship is clear. Abu Dhabi has the cash and cache to be Dubai's white knight — in a Gulf version of a too-big-to-fail bailout or to help calm markets with promises to intervene if Dubai's fiscal mess deepens.

The direction Abu Dhabi takes will likely set the tone for the coming week as analysts try to sort out what banks and institutions have the most at stake in the money crunch — which has suddenly shifted Dubai's image from a desert dream factory of indoor ski slopes and a "seven-star" hotel to a reckless spender side-swiped by the recession and unable to pay its bills.

Just this month, Dubai's ruler, Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, assured international investors that all was well with Dubai's finances and



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The Dubai International Financial Center is seen Saturday in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. European stock markets rebounded Friday after Wall Street didn't fall as feared on the news that Dubai is having trouble handling its debt.

told media critics to "shut up."

"Depleting market confidence in Dubai carries serious risks for Abu Dhabi," said Hani Sabra of Eurasia Group, a U.S.-based research firm that assesses political risk for foreign investors in Dubai and the Gulf.

"Differences between the two city-states remain on how to approach the econo-

my and the financial crisis," Sabra added. "But now Abu Dhabi is obviously the more dominant emirate."

Dubai's empty pockets — mostly drained by collapsing real estate prices and over-ambitious development plans — touched off panic selling across world markets on fears that the reckoning from the global recession is not over.

In a surprise announce-

ment Wednesday, Dubai said it seeks a six-month delay in paying creditors on nearly \$60 billion in debt held by its main development arm, Dubai World, whose holdings range from port operations around the world, Dubai's iconic palm-shaped island and the luxury retailer Barneys New York. The next tranche was a \$3.52 billion bond due Dec. 14 by Dubai World's trou-

bled real estate division, Nakheel.

On Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average suffered its biggest drop in nearly a month — closing down 154.48, or 1.5 percent, to 10,309.92, in a shorted trading day because of the Thanksgiving break. Asian exchanges fell sharply for a second day, but European markets bounced back on confidence the Dubai dam-

age would not spread to other Gulf economies.

Dubai and other Middle East financial markets reopen Monday after an Islamic holiday.

But much attention will remain on Abu Dhabi's response. It stepped in earlier this year with a \$10 billion bailout for Dubai when the first blast of the recession hit. Dubai ruler Sheik Mohammed has stressed the close bonds between the two most powerful emirates in the UAE, which celebrates its national day on Wednesday and offers a perfect forum to display unity.

An editorial in The National newspaper — which is bankrolled by Abu Dhabi and closely reflects the opinions of its rulers — said Dubai's infrastructure is sound and pointed out General Motors' revival after receiving a U.S.-backed bailout in comments that suggested an unchecked Dubai meltdown could harm the entire country.

"Confidence is a fragile commodity," said the Friday editorial.

Yet Abu Dhabi's largesse may be reaching some limits. On the same day that Dubai announced its debt payment "standstill," two Abu Dhabi-controlled banks bought \$5 billion in Dubai bonds for a stopgap cash infusion, but went no further.



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HIV infected children have lunch Oct. 10 at the Mai Hoa Center for HIV and AIDS patients in the village of An Nhon Tay, 37 miles northwest of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

America wages new war in Vietnam — on AIDS

By Ben Stocking
Associated Press writer

TINH BIEN, Vietnam — When her husband fell ill with AIDS, doctors at the hospital turned him away, fearing they would catch the virus.

"They told him, 'There's nothing we can do for you. Just go home and wait to die,'" said Do Thi Phuong. So when she too got AIDS, she didn't seek help, fearing that she would also be shunned. Instead, like her husband, she went home to die.

Then she heard about a little AIDS clinic in the Mekong Delta, in a place where the Americans used to train South Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam War.

Now, on a regimen of AIDS drugs provided by the U.S., she is getting her strength back.

The clinic at Tinh Bien is one of 55 across Vietnam funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEPFAR, the initiative that President George W. Bush made a centerpiece of his administration.

As memories of the eight-year war fade, the America that older Vietnamese remember, of bombers, guns and Agent Orange, is now represented to many by places such as Tinh Bien, where 340 HIV patients are getting treatment.

The U.S. has spent more than \$300 million fighting AIDS in Vietnam, and is now providing AIDS drugs to more than two-thirds of the 32,000 Vietnamese receiving treatment. At \$85 million this year alone, PEPFAR accounts for 80 percent of U.S. humanitarian spending in the country.

The funding pays for treatment, support for patients' families, prevention programs and dispelling the AIDS stigma, which is entrenched in Vietnam.

Just how entrenched was

demonstrated recently when a group of HIV-positive schoolchildren living at a PEPFAR-supported compound near Ho Chi Minh City were enrolled at a neighborhood school. They were expelled the next day because parents of other students objected.

"The other kids refused to play with me," said Huyen, 13, who wouldn't give her last name. "They pointed at me and said, 'She has AIDS!'"

Phuong feared the stigma too. She said that for a long time she didn't dare tell anyone she had HIV.

"In the countryside, the only thing people know about AIDS is that it's the 'Disease of the Century.' They're afraid they'll get infected, so they shun you," she said.

Then she saw a report on TV that life-extending AIDS drugs were available in Vietnam. But the doctors she asked didn't know where to find them.

Finally, outreach workers learned from a friend of hers that she was ill and invited her to the Tinh Bien clinic.

"The doctors and staff here treat me like I'm just another patient," said Phuong, 30.

At the Mai Hoa Center, home to the children who were turned away from school, a memorial display at the center holds rows of urns with remains of former residents.

Until the U.S. began providing AIDS drugs, "We used to have one or two funerals a day. Now we only have one a month," said Tran Van Nhan, a center volunteer.

PEPFAR has been criticized for its paperwork, which is regarded as onerous, and for the U.S. ban on spending the money to dispense clean needles and syringes, on the grounds that they might foster drug abuse.

10,000 E. African albinos in hiding after killings

By Tom Odula
Associated Press writer

NAIROBI, Kenya — The mistaken belief that albino body parts have magical powers has driven thousands of Africa's albinos into hiding, fearful of losing their lives and limbs to unscrupulous dealers who can make up to \$75,000 selling a complete dismembered set.

Mary Owido, who lacks pigment that gives color to skin, eyes and hair, says she is only comfortable when at work or at home with her husband and children.

"Wherever I go people start talking about me, saying that my legs and hands can fetch a fortune in Tanzania," said Owido, 36, a mother of six. "This kind of talk scares me. I am afraid of going out alone."

Since 2007, 44 albinos have been killed in Tanzania and 14 others have been slain in Burundi, sparking widespread fear among albinos in East Africa.

At least 10,000 have been displaced or gone into hiding since the killings began, according to a report released this week by the International Federation for the Red Cross and Crescent societies.

East Africa's latest albino murder happened in Tanzania's Mwanza region in late October, when albino hunters beheaded 10-year-old Gasper Elikana and chopped off his leg, the report said. The killing left Elikana's father, who tried to defend his son, seriously injured.

Albinism is a hereditary condition, but occurs only when both parents have albinism genes. All six of Owido's children have nor-

mal skin color.

African albinos endure insults, discrimination and segregation throughout their lives. They also have a high risk of contracting skin cancer in a region where many jobs are outdoors.

Owido, a high school teacher in the western Kenyan town of Ahero, says she was forced to transfer from a better teaching job on the Kenya-Tanzania border town of Isebania in 2008 after an albino girl she knew was murdered and her body parts chopped off.

The surge in the use of albino body parts as good luck charms is a result of "a kind of marketing exercise by witch doctors," the International Federation for the Red Cross and Crescent societies said.

The report says the market for albino parts exists mainly in Tanzania, where a complete set of body parts — including all limbs, genitals, ears, tongue and nose — can sell for \$75,000. Wealthy buyers use the parts as talismans to bring them wealth and good fortune.

"Albinism is one of the most unfortunate vulnerabilities," said International Federation for the Red Cross and Crescent societies Secretary General Bekele Geleta. "And it needs to be addressed immediately at an international level."

The chairman of the Albino Association of Kenya, Isaac Mwaura, called the murders deplorable but said the killings have given albinos a platform to raise awareness.

Almost 90 percent of albinos living in the region

were raised by single mothers, Mwaura said, because the fathers believed their wives were having affairs with white men.

"When I was born my father said his family tree doesn't have such children and left us," Mwaura said.

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Marines to deploy to Taliban stronghold shortly after Obama’s speech

By Greg Jaffe
The Washington Post

KABUL — Days after President Obama outlines his new war strategy in a speech Tuesday, as many as 9,000 Marines will begin final preparations to deploy to southern Afghanistan and renew an assault on a Taliban stronghold that stalled earlier this year amid a troop shortage and political pressure from the Afghan government, senior U.S. officials said.

The extra Marines — the first to move into the country as part of Obama’s escalation of the eight-year-old war — will double the size of the U.S. force in the south-

ern province of Helmand and provide a critical test for Afghan President Hamid Karzai’s struggling government and Gen. Stanley McChrystal’s counterinsurgency strategy.

“The first troops out of the door are going to be Marines,” Gen. James Conway, the Corps’ top officer, told fellow Marines in Afghanistan on Saturday. “We’ve been leaning forward in anticipation of a decision. And we’ve got some pretty stiff fighting coming.”

The Marines will quickly be followed by about 1,000 U.S. Army trainers, who will deploy as early as February to speed the growth of the

Afghan National Army and police force, military officials said.

The new forces will not start moving until the president formally outlines his new strategy in a speech at the United States Military Academy at West Point. The revised plan, which faces a war-weary and increasingly skeptical American public, is expected to call for 30,000–35,000 new troops in a phased deployment over the next 12 to 18 months.

The parceling out of reinforcements is driven in part by Afghanistan’s lack of infrastructure, which is unable to support a larger U.S. force in the country immediately. The phased

approach will also allow the president to cancel some of the reinforcements if the counterinsurgency strategy advocated by McChrystal does not show results or if the Karzai government fails to meet goals for stamping out corruption and providing for the Afghan people, White House officials said.

The first place Obama will look for results is in Helmand — a Taliban-dominated province that has been McChrystal’s primary focus for much of this year and the site of some of the bloodiest fighting. Earlier this year, about 10,000 Marines moved into the area and pushed Taliban fighters out of several major cities

there. The Marines then began to rebuild the long-absent Afghan government and police forces in the area.

The U.S. offensive, however, was not able to dislodge the Taliban from places like Marjah, a city of about 50,000 people in central Helmand that remains a major center for the opium trade. After several months of fighting, senior Marine officials concluded that they did not have enough troops to expand into Marjah and a handful of other Taliban havens while holding onto the gains they had made in the province.

“Where we have gone, goodness follows,” Conway said. “But the fact is that we

are not as expansive as we would like to be, and those probable additional number of Marines are going to help us to get there.”

The Marines’ inability to push the Taliban out of these key sanctuaries led some Afghans in the area to doubt U.S. resolve. The Taliban has used its haven in Marjah to produce roadside bombs and plan attacks on areas where the Marines were trying to build the local government and police forces. This month, Taliban fighters from Marjah killed three Afghan city councilmen in the nearby city of Nawa, which Marines have held up as a major success story in the province.

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

Soldiers: Iraq, Afghanistan wars have many differences

By Denis D. Gray
Associated Press writer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHANK, Afghanistan (AP) — Veterans of Iraq recall rolling to war along asphalted highways, sweltering in flat scrublands and chatting with city-wise university graduates connected to the wider world.

Now fighting in Afghanistan, U.S. soldiers invariably encounter illiterate farmers who may never have talked to an American as they slog into remote villages on dirt tracks through bitterly cold, snow-streaked mountains.

“Before deploying here we were given training on language, culture, everything. I thought that since I was an Iraq combat veteran, I didn’t need any of that stuff. I was wrong. Both countries may be Muslim but this is a totally different place,” says Sgt. Michael McCann, returning from a patrol in the east-central province of Logar.

While their experiences in the two war zones vary, for many soldiers in the field — if not policy makers — the conflict in Afghanistan is one they think may prove harder and longer to win.

Soldiers and officers involved in combat operations all cite the more punishing geography and climate, those focused on development the bare-bones infrastructure, and intelligence specialists the even greater difficulties in identifying the insurgents as among the many sharp contrasts between Afghanistan and Iraq.

“The sheer terrain of Afghanistan is much more challenging: the mountains, the altitudes, severity of weather, the distances. That wears on an army,” says Maj. Joseph Matthews, a battalion operations officer in the 10th Mountain Division. “You can flood Baghdad with soldiers but if you want to flood the mountains you are going to need huge numbers and logistics.”

McCann, a military policeman from Enterprise,



AP photo

Young boys stand on a hill on Nov. 18 near Pul-i-alam, Logar province, Afghanistan. Soldiers and others involved in the U.S. war effort in the country cite the geography and climate, lack of infrastructure and difficulties identifying insurgents as among the many sharp contrasts between Afghanistan and Iraq.

Ala., says that the highest he ever got during his Iraq tour was a five-story building. In Afghanistan, troops routinely cross passes 10,000 feet and higher, descending into valleys where they say villagers “hibernate like bears” for up to five winter months, cut off from the outside world by the snows.

This almost medieval isolation makes it far more difficult for the Afghan government and coalition forces to spread the aid and information needed to counter the Taliban push while the villagers — mostly illiterate and with little access to radios, never mind television — rely on religious leaders at Friday mosque prayers, or the insurgents, to shape their world view.

“When you have a society that can’t read for itself and religious leaders are trusted, they can say whatever they like and people will believe them. It’s hard for the U.S. to penetrate and influence this. In Iraq there are other ways to get the message across,” says Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Weiermann, Jr., an intelligence specialist.

The U.S. effort in Logar has stressed bridging the chasms between villages, districts, the provincial capital and a central government in Kabul which has had little control over the country for the past 30 years of warfare. It hasn’t been easy.


“This is not an interconnected society. There is a complete separation of ideas from Pul-i-Alam and Kharwar,” notes Matthews, of Vero Beach, Fla., of the provincial capital and a dis-

trict just 23 miles away. “The difference between a village and a city in this country is about 200 years,” says the officer, who served for more than three years in Iraq and is on his second Afghanistan tour.

Although tribalism plays a major role in Iraq, U.S. troops find it even stronger in the predominantly rural Afghan society, making the forging of vital bonds between people and government harder. Loyalty is given first and foremost to the tribe, the government com-

ing at best a distant second.

While counterinsurgency in Iraq had its unique complexities, Weiermann said that in Iraq — about 70 percent urbanized as opposed to 25 percent in Afghanistan — “you can meet and hopefully influence a lot of people in one day. In Afghanistan with its great distances, sparsely populated areas and rugged terrain you can do far less in the same amount of time.” Hence, one reason for the prognosis that Afghanistan will be a longer haul.



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The debris of a crashed cargo plane is seen Saturday at Pudong International Airport in Shanghai, China. The cargo plane crashed on take-off at the airport Saturday, killing three U.S. crew members.

3 Americans die in cargo plane crash in China

By Eugene Hoshiko
Associated Press writer

SHANGHAI — A Zimbabwe-registered cargo plane crashed in flames during takeoff from Shanghai’s main airport Saturday, killing three American crew members and injuring four others on board.

The accident closed two runways at the Pudong airport in China’s largest city for several hours. More than 30 international flights were delayed, leaving about 4,000 travelers stranded on planes or in airport lounges, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The MD-11 cargo plane, operated by Zimbabwe-based Avient Aviation, was heading to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, Xinhua said. Avient’s chief operating officer, Simon Clarke, refused to say what cargo it was carrying.

The aircraft’s tail struck the ground on takeoff, China Central Television

reported, and Xinhua said the plane veered off the runway and burst into flames. Footage showed black smoke billowing from the wreckage.

Three Americans on the seven-member crew died and a fourth was injured, U.S. Embassy spokesman Richard Buangan told The Associated Press. He did not give their names, saying the embassy had not yet asked their families for permission to release the information.

Shanghai television showed what it called a 61-year-old American co-pilot in a hospital bed, conscious and saying, “Thank you” to staff and officials.

The TV report said the other crew members were from Indonesia, Belgium and Zimbabwe.

Clarke said the crash was Avient’s first.

“We’re trying to ascertain the facts and the circumstances,” he said. “It would be premature to release any information before that.”

Pakistani president turns over nuke authority

By Kim Gamel
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan’s president relinquished command of its nuclear arsenal to the prime minister, a political ally, and signaled he was ready to shed more power as he faces growing pressure to resign.

The move came as an amnesty protecting President Asif Ali Zardari and thousands of others

from graft charges expired Saturday, risking political turmoil that could distract the U.S.-allied nation from its fight against the Taliban and other militants near the Afghan border.

The political opposition called on Zardari to step down. He enjoys general immunity from prosecution as president, but the Supreme Court could choose to challenge his eligibility for the post

since the amnesty decree by ex-military leader Gen. Pervez Musharraf was never passed into law.

Zardari, 54, is languishing in opinion polls. He has long been haunted by corruption allegations, dating back to the governments of his late wife, Benazir Bhutto. He denies the allegations that he took kickbacks, saddling

him with the nickname, “Mr. 10 Percent.”

He also has found himself locked in a power struggle with the military, which has objected to his overtures toward rival nuclear neighbor India and acceptance of a multibillion dollar U.S. aid bill that came with conditions some fear impose controls over the army.




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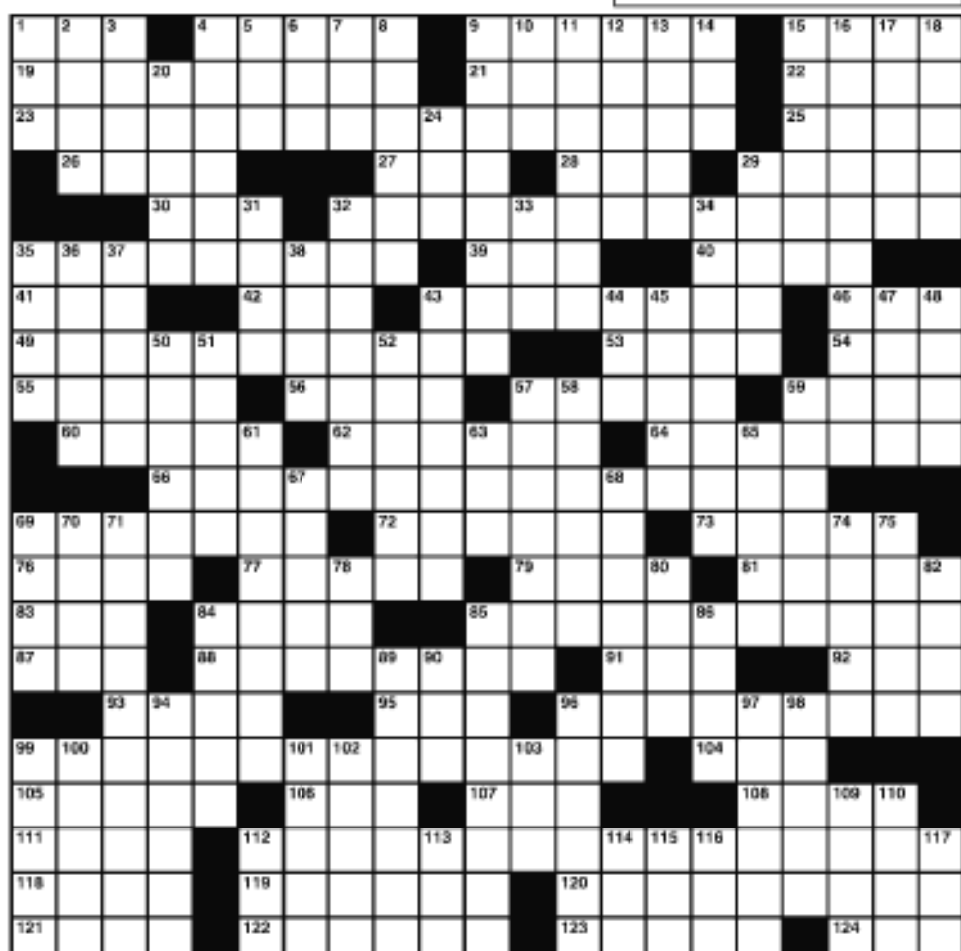
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- 1 Scale notes
- 4 Copy room malfunction
- 9 Parchment?
- 15 Island band The ___ Men
- 19 Like single-digit temps
- 21 California's motto
- 22 "Son of Frankenstein" role
- 23 Charmin' way of actin' up?
- 25 Daring exploit
- 26 Stats for Tyson
- 27 Juan or Gabriel lead-in
- 28 Juan's "what"
- 29 Bridget with a diary
- 30 Arles article
- 32 Annul the middle of the week?
- 35 Sailor's destination in a Yeats poem
- 39 "That ___ fact!"
- 40 Workplace stds. enforcer
- 41 Fluffy accessory
- 42 Prefix with directional
- 43 Takes away
- 46 24 automaker
- 49 Calculation for an express delivery?
- 53 Exuberant review
- 54 Winning game line
- 55 Narrow furrow
- 56 "___ All That": 1999 comedy
- 57 Big name in water filters
- 59 Sport with mallets
- 60 Mint and marjoram
- 62 Provide power to
- 64 Hidden
- 66 Ends it, to one's subsequent regret?
- 69 To an extreme degree
- 72 Within arm's length of
- 73 Twosomes
- 76 Gustave who illustrated classics
- 77 Works up a sweater
- 79 Multi-vol. references
- 81 Early aft. hour
- 83 Java
- 84 Slightly
- 85 Sick feeling on campus?
- 87 Charleston, WV-to-Charlotte dir.
- 88 Edited version seen in theaters
- 91 Year in Nero's reign
- 92 Corned beef holder
- 93 Military band wind



- 95 "That's it!"
- 96 Old bath water quality
- 99 Wasn't quite ready to accuse?
- 104 Mazatlan Mrs.
- 105 Chill out, stangily
- 106 Roman sun god
- 107 Ones bound by blood
- 108 Chant at a Lakers game
- 111 Without a specific goal
- 112 Muslim household's holy book?
- 118 Mess up
- 119 Celtic language spoken in France
- 120 2008 Harlan Coben thriller
- 121 Lotto-like game
- 122 Leap
- 123 Premium movie channel that dropped its "I" in 2005
- 124 Took care of

- 1 Helpful URL link
- 2 Be adjacent to
- 3 Overcharge, in slang

- 4 Long-time CBS news anchor Jim
- 5 HIV-treating drug
- 6 Part of RAM: Abbc.
- 7 Sch. whose mascot is Rhody the Ram
- 8 Play ___ feign sleep
- 9 Even more it'sy-bitsy
- 10 "How's that again?"
- 11 Controversial conflict since 2003
- 12 Variety show
- 13 Hit the slopes
- 14 Summer shade
- 15 Words of emphasis
- 16 Planning aid
- 17 Old Testament prophet
- 18 Hightalutin
- 20 Instrument featured in Berlioz's "Harold in Italy"
- 24 Lamb's cry
- 29 Civil rights activist Jackson
- 31 Double ___ Oreo
- 32 Baked brunch dishes
- 33 116-Down's last VP
- 34 Like an expired license
- 35 Backyard parties, briefly

- 36 Kids
- 37 Old name of Congo
- 38 Sworn ___: given the oath of office for
- 43 Amounts to take
- 44 Actress Meyers
- 45 One may be backhand
- 47 Whacked arcade critter
- 48 Fuel for the fire
- 50 ___ du Soleil
- 51 Afghan capital
- 52 One with an option to buy, perhaps
- 57 Eclipse, as the sun
- 58 Peculiar quaff
- 59 Some polytheists
- 61 Formal neckwear, perhaps
- 63 Fight in a ring
- 65 "Shame ___"
- 67 "The Seduction of Joe ___": Alda film
- 68 Barely walked
- 69 Fast and furious, e.g.: Abbr.
- 70 Makes a play for
- 71 1989 Tom Petty hit
- 74 Big name in snowblowers
- 75 Neuters

- 78 Rhoda's mom
- 80 Sassy one
- 82 Fr. titles
- 84 Attach
- 85 Duck chorus
- 86 What the Earth turns on
- 89 City near Buenos Aires
- 90 Backer of Fidel
- 94 Answer to one's own rhetorical question, perhaps
- 96 Dimes, to dollars
- 97 '90s TV teen therapist
- 98 Vocalist Judd
- 99 Peculiarity
- 100 Excessive
- 101 Take by force
- 102 More ticked
- 103 Its symbol is Sn
- 109 Mavs' city
- 110 Like the pre-coll. supplies market
- 112 The NFL's
- 113 Mannings, e.g.
- 114 Spicy
- 115 Portuguese "she"
- 116 See 33-Down
- 117 P. & L. column heading

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, one-time adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, pilot Bernt Balchen, radio operator Harold Gurn and photographer Ashley McKinney made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1967, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World Bank.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

In 1989, in response to a growing pro-democracy movement in Czechoslovakia, the Communist-run Parliament ended the party's 40-year monopoly on power.

In 2001, George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Ten years ago: Protestant and Catholic adversaries formed an extraordinary Northern Ireland government designed to bring together every branch of opinion within the bitterly divided society. Game show host Gene Rayburn died in Gloucester, Mass., at age 81.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush picked Carlos Gutierrez, the chief executive officer of cereal giant Kellogg Co., to be commerce secretary. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a challenge to a gay-marriage law in Massachusetts. An Army helicopter crashed near Waco, Texas, killing seven soldiers. John Drew Barrymore, the sometimes troubled heir to an acting dynasty and absent father of actress Drew Barrymore, died in Los Angeles at age 72.

One year ago: Indian commandos killed the last remaining gunmen holed up at a luxury Mumbai hotel, ending a 60-hour rampage through India's financial capital by suspected Pakistani-based militants that killed 166 people. Architect Joern Utzon, who designed the iconic Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia, died at age 90.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Gravity will eventually bring you back down to earth, but in the meantime you can have fun letting your imagination run free.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You might wonder why pleasant remarks are called compliments, but it is so often the case that ugly things are called the truth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Upside down and all around. Your mind is spinning with new ideas and you are happy to discuss them with others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you feel as though you are wearing a blindfold, take another whack at the pi-ata. You may be in the mood to take a risk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): During the week to come you will always be on the ride side of any controversy if you insist upon sticking to pure logic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rather than trying to figure everything out on your own this week, you can rely upon the sound wisdom of the ages.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might have a tendency to trust to luck in the week to come, when it is obvious that extra effort is required.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The greatest victory is the victory over oneself. You may successfully fight off a tendency to be insincere in the week to come.

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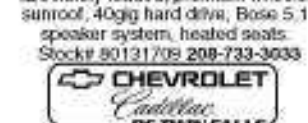
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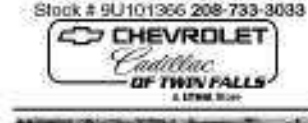
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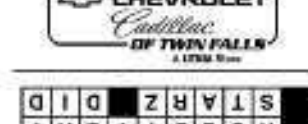
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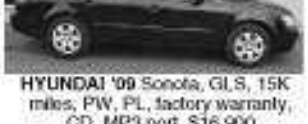


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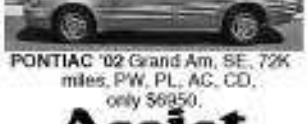


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Dear Mr. Wolff:
Our opponents came to the wrong table, played a board against us, and got a top! Did we have to keep our bottom, or were we supposed to get an average-plus because of their error?
Wrong Place at the Wrong Time, Bay City, Mich.

ANSWER: Usually, when a board is completed at the wrong table, the pairs who will not be able to play the board properly (the East-West pair who should have played it and the North-South pair who may be unable to find appropriate opponents later on) get an average-plus. The pairs who played the board keep their result, though the director may fine the pair who made the mistake if he wishes.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I picked up ♠ Q-7-4, ♥ A-Q-7, ♦ A-5-3-2, ♣ Q-10-3 and opened one club. My LHO overcalled one spade, my partner responded two hearts, and my RHO bid two spades. Do I now describe my hand by passing, by bidding two no-trump, or by raising hearts? If I raise, to what level?
Storm Clouds, Dover, Del.

ANSWER: Two no-trump suggests a nonminimum hand and a good spade stop — far better than this one — perhaps with a source of tricks in clubs as well. Passing suggests a minimum balanced hand (12-13 points) without much heart support. With such good hearts, you should raise hearts at once since you know you will be facing at least five hearts. With the spade queen likely to be irrelevant, a raise to three hearts looks to be enough.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Does my double of a transfer bid by the opponents after they have opened one no-trump promise a good suit, a good hand, or both?
Promises Promises, Honolulu, Hawaii

ANSWER: I do not like to give wishy-washy answers but it does depend a little on what range the no-trump is and whether you are a passed hand. I'd say a double by an unpassed hand after the opponents have opened anything but a strong no-trump shows a good hand and a decent suit at least. Any other double is lead-directing, showing a good suit, but not guaranteeing a good hand.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I was in fourth seat with ♠ A-9-3-2, ♥ 10-7-4, ♦ Q-8-3, ♣ K-J-10. The auction started one club, one diamond, one heart to me. What do I call, and why?
Forced Entry, Newark, N.J.

ANSWER: A double by you would be competitive, not for penalties, nor, by the way, would it be that modern invention the support double to show three-card support. That applies only to opener, facing a response. You should double, which suggests decent values, say upwards of nine points, and four or five spades. If you had five spades it would be a poor suit, as otherwise you would have bid them. The double almost always delivers diamond tolerance or support.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Is there a simple way to explain the principle of restricted choice to someone who does not believe in it? I've tried and failed!
Doesn't Get It, Great Falls, Mont.

ANSWER: Imagine you are missing the queen, jack, three and two of trumps. You lead to the ace in dummy and your LHO produces an honor. Should you finesse on the way back or play for the drop? Answer: a singleton honor is almost twice as likely as the queen-jack doubleton, even though (say) the queen singleton is less likely than this doubleton. The point is that with queen-jack doubleton, the player has a choice of cards to play; with a singleton honor, he has no choice.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.
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*Two cities,
two lives*

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer



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Marilyn Tarkalson walks the short distance from the Ronald McDonald House in Boise to St. Luke's Boise Medical Center, where her son Jackson, born prematurely at 2 pounds 3 ounces, is putting on weight and developing his lungs.

Premature newcomer divides family — for now

He hasn't met his brothers yet and hasn't spent a night with his parents.

Only two weeks ago, he wore his first pajamas and slept outside of his incubator for the first time.

Jackson Tarkalson has spent most of his short life with tubes in his mouth and nose, helping him breathe and delivering nutrients to his underdeveloped digestive system. His mother and father can spend only three hours with him at a time.

Jackson was born Oct. 4 at 25 weeks gestational age. Too young for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, he has lived his first two months in the NICU at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center.

His parents, Marilyn and David Tarkalson of Twin Falls, commute two hours to see their youngest son while balancing their Twin Falls commitments, including David's job and Jackson's three older brothers.

The distance adds a new dynamic to caring for a premature baby, but with the help of friends, family and faith, the couple stays afloat.

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When Marilyn's cervix dilated 20 weeks into her pregnancy, her doctor sewed it shut to prevent her from miscarrying. For five weeks, she stayed in bed except to go to the bathroom and relied on David, church friends and family members to keep the house running.

In late September, she started having contractions. Medication didn't help, so doctors sent her by helicopter to the Boise hospital, which is better equipped to deal with high-risk pregnancies. At 2 p.m. Oct. 4, Jackson was born via Cesarean section, weighing 2 pounds, 3 ounces.

Babies born before 26 weeks face a myriad of potential complications, including brain bleeding, cerebral palsy and blindness, according to the March of Dimes. Not all of them survive. Jackson had high blood pressure and



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

David Tarkalson hangs out with his sons, from left, Bryan, 2, James, 4, and Brady, 6, on Monday at their Twin Falls home while his wife is in Boise tending to their fourth son, Jackson, born prematurely at 25 weeks.



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Marilyn Tarkalson spends part of the morning in her room at Ronald McDonald House, left, in Boise, where she stays three or four days each week. She spends most of her day at the hospital with her son but takes time for running on Boise's Greenbelt. At right, Brady Tarkalson, 6, looking up, and his brother James, 4, horse around at home Monday in Twin Falls.

dropped to 1 pound, 14 ounces in his first week — which is normal for premature babies — but had only minor brain bleeding.

Marilyn was in bad shape, too. She had low blood pressure and oxygen levels and almost needed a blood transfusion. The C-section wasn't easy, either. She wasn't completely numb when doc-

tors started to cut, leaving her screaming, she remembers. They waited another 10 minutes to continue. Marilyn didn't get to see her son until the next day, and she and David weren't able to hold him until he was almost a week old.

After Marilyn recovered and returned home, she and David

soon worked out a schedule so the two can spend time with both Jackson and their three older sons. Marilyn visits Boise on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, staying overnight at the Ronald McDonald House, which gives affordable lodging to

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: Sloppy Joe
Tuesday: Stew
Wednesday: Barbecue pork with rice
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Salisbury steak

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
SHIBA, 12:30 to 4 p.m. Bridge, Foot clinic, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch

Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m. Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m. Basket weaving, 404-6377
Wednesday: Thrift Store, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., two bags for \$5
Quilting, 8 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m. to noon
Duplicate bridge, SHIBA, 12:30 p.m.
Jackpot, Nev., trip, 3 to 9 p.m. Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls and sandwiches for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment
Official Bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.
Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Saturday: Twin Falls Flea Market

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:
Sunday: Ham with raisin sauce
Monday: Squash soup and meat sandwich
Tuesday: Polish sausage with kraut
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce

ACTIVITIES:
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.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

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MENUS:
Monday: Lasagna
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Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Chili Feed dinner

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 strips
Tuesday: Fiesta Mexican plate
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Swiss steak

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure check
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Energy assistance
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Music with June Koonce
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:
Monday: Soup and salad bar
Wednesday: Chicken noodles
Friday: Ribs and sauerkraut

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: Country steaks
Tuesday: Barbecue riblets
Wednesday: Burritos
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Barbecue

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Dick and John
Threads of time, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: SilverSneakers, 10:15 a.m.
Free Will Baptist Church
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Kids Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Dedication of Bell Centennial committee

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: Barbecue beef sandwich
Thursday: Ham and beans

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:
Monday: Lasagna
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup

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: Tuna noodle casserole
Wednesday: Hot dogs and split pea soup
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Coffee, Quilting, 10 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: Vegetable beef soup
Wednesday: Roast chicken
Friday: Spaghetti

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: Chicken Florentine
Wednesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Slow-cook Italian beef sandwich

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Massage therapy, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Knitters anonymous, 10:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Arts and crafts, 1 to 2 p.m.
Thursday: Festival of Trees open house, 5 to 8 p.m.
Friday: Festival of Trees
Fashion show and light lunch
Saturday: Festival of Trees
Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m. to noon
Gala, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at

noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Tuesday: Green chile burritos
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Thursday: Chef salad
Friday: Chicken or fish smorgasbord

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Blood pressure check, 10 a.m. to noon
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., call Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Tater Tot casserole
Tuesday: Pigs and kraut
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Teaching kids good etiquette

By Mari-Jane Williams
For The Washington Post

Along with the joy of holiday gatherings comes a fear of your child doing something egregious at the table: chewing with his mouth open, burping the first half of the alphabet, constructing a volcano with her mashed potatoes. Some parents might be squeamish about having relatives over for a holiday dinner or taking the kids' table act on the road. But local and national etiquette experts say it's never too late to brush up on the basics so that everyone in the family puts his best utensil forward during big family meals.

The key is to make the expectations appropriate for your child's age and to show kids how manners are relevant to them, the experts say. Then they will be more motivated to learn the specifics of napkin-

and-utensil use or the rule that you should always pass to the right when serving food at the beginning of the meal.

"I like to tell kids ages 6 to 8 that I see manners doing two things for them," said Cindy Post Senning, director of the Emily Post Institute and co-author of "The Gift of Good Manners: A Parent's Guide to Raising Respectful, Kind, Considerate Children," (HarperResource, 2002). "First, they let them know what to do so they don't embarrass themselves. And the other is that table manners are ... intended to let us know what is expected."

Parents often wonder how long they should expect their child to be able to sit at a table, said Jennifer Ricciardi, director of the Lifestyle Finishing School in Burke, Va. Her advice: Multiply the child's

age by three to set the standard. A 3-year-old might only be able to tolerate nine minutes of holiday dining, but an 8-year-old's threshold would be closer to 25 minutes.

To get ready for the holidays, the experts suggest trying to have a few family meals each week — it doesn't have to be dinner — to brush up on the basics. Then have a couple of dry runs of a more formal meal to practice the manners that are most important in your family.

"Kids need to practice," said Janis Brown, founder of the Etiquette School of Greater Washington, D.C. "A lot of kids have food put on their plates and then

they are put in front of the TV. Who's watching how they eat? It's too bad, because it's a wonderful time for families to be together and to talk."

Parents need to remember that disruptions in routine and schedule can be overwhelming for little ones.

Plan ahead to make sure they get the rest and nourishment they need while the family is traveling or playing host. This will help them succeed when the pressure's on.

"You really need to build in some times for natural rest," Senning said. "It's unfair to ask kids to be crisp and with it when they're exhausted."

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- Put your napkin in your lap.
- Have a clean face and hands when you sit down at the table.
- Use your napkin to wipe food off your face.
- Start eating when everyone else does or when you've been told it's OK.
- Stay seated and sit upright.
- Keep elbows off the table while eating.
- Chew with your mouth closed.
- Say "please," instead of reaching for things or demanding. "Please" turns a demand into a request, so you want to use it all the time.
- Ask to be excused and say "thank you."
- Offer to help clear the table.

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Marilyn Tarkalson calls the nurses on duty in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit to see her son the afternoon of Nov. 19. Because parents and grandparents are the only visitors allowed, Tarkalson's older sons have never met their new brother.

Lives

Continued from Family Life 1 parents of hospitalized children. David visits Saturdays and some Wednesdays. When Marilyn is in Boise, friends, neighbors and grandparents watch the boys — Brady, 6, James, 4, and Bryan, 2 — and pitch in with dinner help and housekeeping. “I wouldn’t be able to do this without them,” Marilyn said.

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Monday was movie night at the Tarkalsons’ Twin Falls home. David made popcorn while Bryan supervised, and Brady and James wrestled in the living room.

Marilyn had left for Boise that morning, leaving David with the boys. The couple might see each other only one or two evenings a week, when both are in Twin Falls.

It’s not ideal, but they focus on the positive. “You know, it’s not for- ever,” David said. “We’re not going to worry too much about it.”

While David chatted about Marilyn, Bryan pounded on the piano and Brady and James ran around the couch. They show off for visitors, David explained as the boys jumped up and down.

Even with three energetic sons, David is able to keep up with housework. He does daily maintenance, like vacuuming and dishes; when Marilyn is home, she deep cleans.

“We’re not destroying the house or anything like that,” he said.

David, a soil scientist for U.S. Agricultural Research Services in Kimberly, has flexible hours and enough sick leave to visit Boise once or twice a week. He knows how to cook — “I was single long enough that I know how to” — but often, the baby sitters make dinner.

David doesn’t mind the commutes to Boise but said Marilyn is struggling with the distance.

“She wants to be home with her children because she knows they need her, and yet also she wants to

spend time with her other child in Boise,” he said.

A couple of weeks ago, James woke up crying and wanting Marilyn, and Bryan is especially clingy when Marilyn is about to leave. The boys hope their new brother will be home by Christmas.

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Jackson, now 9 weeks old, is getting stronger. Once on a ventilator full time, he can now breathe on his own. The intra-venous feeding line is gone, too. The only tube left is a canula in his nose, Marilyn said.

He has undergone a blood transfusion, chest X-rays, brain scans and eye exams. As of Nov. 18, he was 4 pounds, 1 ounce, and had graduated from the incubator to a crib. He was more awake, more alert, and seemed to recognize Marilyn and David.

Before entering the baby’s room, they wash their hands and forearms for two minutes. Disposable scrub brushes and foot-pedal sinks minimize the chance of germs getting into the NICU and infecting the vulnerable charges.

While the Tarkalsons hope Jackson will come home by the end of December, January is more realistic, Marilyn said. Although he is healthy and shows no signs of complications, other problems could still arise. Sometimes, bowels become compromised later on in development, requiring surgery. And any learning disabilities won’t become apparent until he is older.

But David regards Jackson’s birth as a miracle, and he trusts God will take care of his tiny son.

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Just before noon on Nov. 19, Marilyn left the hospital and walked back to her room at the Ronald McDonald House across the street. The boarding house is set up for families, with kitchen facilities, cribs in every room and toys.

But Marilyn’s sons have



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While eating lunch in Boise’s Cheesecake Factory on Nov. 19, Marilyn Tarkalson of Twin Falls talks with a neighbor who is baby-sitting her kids for the day.



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Bryan Tarkalson, 2, plays with sheet music Monday while his dad talks with visitors in their Twin Falls home.

never stayed there. The hospital doesn’t allow NICU visitors other than parents and grandparents, and Brady is in school. David and Marilyn stayed at the Ronald McDonald House together once, but most of the time, she checks in alone.

She doesn’t bother unpacking. Usually, she stays only one night. She visits Jackson in three-hour shifts, then spends the rest of her time pumping breast milk or relaxing. She finished all of her Christmas shopping by mid-November, and recently, the former marathon runner was able to start jogging again. She is up to three miles now, she said with a smile. Running on Boise’s Greenbelt helps her clear her mind.

On that Thursday, she ate lunch at The Cheesecake Factory. She isn’t used to driving in Boise and sticks to only two or three restaurants for lunch, then eats dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. While

waiting for her lunch, she got a phone call from a neighbor who was watching her boys. James was dancing with her daughters, the neighbor said, even though the boy is adamant about his hatred of icky girls.

Marilyn and David always wanted a daughter. Her name would have been Gracie. But Jackson will be their last child, as Marilyn had her tubes tied after he was born.

It’s nothing to grieve about now, she said. Her main concern is spending enough time with all of her sons. When she’s in Boise, she’s thinking of her family. When she’s in Twin Falls, she wonders how Jackson is doing. But frequent calls with David reassure her that the house is still standing and help quell the guilt of being away.

It’s a tactic that will help her cope until her youngest son can leave the hospital and finally join his family.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234.

Share your holiday light display



Is your home a sparkling Christmas display? Then share your holiday spirit with the community. The *Times-News* is looking for great outdoor Christmas lights to list on its website, Magicvalley.com.

If one of those happy homes is yours, e-mail your address to patm@magicvalley.com. Photos are welcome, but optional.

The outdoor-display listing and photos will be posted on Magicvalley.com so that others can drive by and enjoy the lights. Your name will not be used.

Information: Pat Marcantonio, the *Times-News*’ online editor, at 735-3288.

Pay close attention to child who won’t take regular naps

By Armin Brott
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Dear Mr. Dad: We’re having trouble getting our almost-4-month-old daughter to take naps. Until a week or two ago, everything was fine. Now she won’t go down for more than 45 minutes. We’ve heard all kinds of advice on what to do, but we’re trying to let her soothe herself to sleep — and trying to strike a balance between running to her crib whenever she wakes up versus letting her scream until she passes out. What’s your take?

A: You’re definitely on the right track with trying to get her to soothe herself — a tremendously important skill. You say she was napping fine until recently. Did something change in her schedule, diet, routine or

surroundings? Babies are remarkably sensitive little creatures, and their behavior is often a response to what’s going on around them.

Pay especially close attention to “sleep hygiene.” Are you putting your daughter down in a room where there are lots of toys around? If so, that could be the problem. Even though we think we sleep through the night, most of us actually wake up many times, take a look around, and go back to sleep. When your baby wakes up for those few seconds in the middle of her nap, if she sees toys, she’ll want to get up — and why not? Who’d want to sleep with all those cool things to play with? If all she sees around her is her crib, though, she’s more likely to drift off to sleep for a bit longer.

MISSING SOMETHING?


David Cooper’s “Spilt Milk” column will return next week, in Family Life.



CLEANING CORNER

Question: My Thanksgiving Day was great except for Uncle Homer. I wasn’t thankful when he tracked in a big wad of gum and left a terrible sticky mess on my carpet! We’ve cleaned it the best we could, but there is still sticky residue and spotting in my entry way. Come on Lori, help me out before I kill somebody!

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Lori Chandler
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Faces of Christmas

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Make new traditions to overcome grief, loss during holidays

By Laura Casey
Contra Costa Times

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Everything changed when Hayward, Calif.'s Angela Rivera lost her 31-year-old son in a hit-and-run accident the morning after they celebrated her Aug. 1 birthday last year.

She stopped working. Her interests faded.

Three months after Diego Rivera's unexpected death, she had to face celebrating Thanksgiving when she wasn't feeling very thankful. And Christmas, she says, was just plain sad without Diego around. He used to bring presents and cards to everyone and brighten up the room with his smile.

"My mind was totally on my son and everything seemed not real," she says. "When I lost my son, I felt like I was half-dead. I felt like I was in a nightmare."

Part of the reason we celebrate the holidays is to spend time with our loved ones. But when a loved one dies — whether it be a tragic death like Diego's or an expected one — the holidays can be tough for those left behind.

"When someone dies, the possibility to have that Hallmark family holiday is lost," says Lee Ann Morgan, a marriage and family therapist and manager of Hospice of the East Bay's Center for Grief and Loss.

For example, a hospice client and her family celebrated holiday dinners together and her husband cooked the meals. When her husband died, the entire family was at a loss about how to celebrate without him. He was the center of their meal and celebration.

"Those left behind think that it will never be the same, and it won't," Morgan says.

Coping with the holidays when you're grieving takes time, work and permission to do what feels right for you, say experts.

Over Christmas, Angela Rivera decided she wasn't going to put up her lights or decorations. She bought a few gifts, less than usual, and attended fewer holiday celebrations. She just didn't feel up to it.

Altering traditions is a good coping strategy, experts say. Morgan suggests changing plans and expectations when the holidays come up after a death — go to a restaurant or take a cruise rather than try to recreate the same holiday with an obviously missing piece of the puzzle.

Different is OK

"Give yourself permission to have it be different," she says. "Instead of decorating a tree this year, have a pizza and go to the movies until you're ready to do the traditional celebrations again."

Zoe Collins, clinical supervisor for Davis Street Family Resource Center in San Leandro, says accepting fewer invitations to parties is also OK when you're grieving.

"Be realistic about what you can and can't do," she says. "Don't put the focus on that one day."

Friends and family can help a grieving person during the holidays by extending multiple invitations to get together, for parties or just one-on-one time, and not being offended by a rejection.

And Morgan suggests people in mourning should develop an exit strategy if they do decide to attend a holiday function, and plan what to say if they need to leave the party early.

When her son Michael died in a car accident in November eight years ago, Karen Kelly worried about how she would get through the holidays without him.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

- **Predict** it is going to be a challenge and decide how you'd like to move forward.
- **Make** plans according to how you feel instead of other people's expectations.
- **Pay** attention to your physical health by exercising and drinking plenty of water. Avoid alcohol and sweets.
- **Express** your emotions verbally and in writing.
- **Talk** about your lost loved one with someone close to you.
- **Keep** a balance between doing everything and doing nothing.
- **Do** things you previously enjoyed.
- **Try** new things.
- **Buy** a gift for your loved one and donate it to charity.
- **Control** soothing, but unhealthy, urges such as shopping too much, eating too much or drinking too much alcohol.
- **Give** yourself permission to have the holidays be what you want them to be.
- **Realize** that no one's grief is exactly like yours.
- **If you** have grieving children, attend to their grief as well as yours.
- **Join** a support group or take a class on dealing with grief.

Sources: Lee Ann Morgan and Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge

"It was horrible," says Kelly, director of Our Healing Hearts, a nonprofit organization that provides support for mothers who have lost children. "The anticipation of the holidays was almost worse than when Christmas actually came around!"

Remembering wishes

Some of Michael's friends came over to her house and helped put up a Christmas tree for the family. It was a real tree rather than the plastic one the family always used to have because Mike requested one the year before he died.

In the eight years since her son's death, the holidays have gotten easier, she says. Her family has developed new rituals, like decorating Michael's grave with a lighted tree, to help them through.

These new rituals are also important in healing, says psychologist and "The Empty Chair" author Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge.

"Grieving people both want and need to remember their deceased love one and using some form or ritual or family tradition is a good way to help that happen," she says. Make a toast in memory of the person, say a prayer or participate in a candle-lighting ceremony in their honor.

Zonnebelt-Smeenge adds that families can help a grieving person by talking about the deceased person when the family gathers. Death can sometimes be the "elephant in the room" if family and friends are silent about the missing loved one.

They're still here

Hospice's Morgan says some families go further than just talking about the deceased by choosing to decorate a holiday table with a seat open for the missing loved one. Sometimes, she says, they place a picture of the deceased at the chair and tell stories about him or her throughout dinner.

"You don't ignore that they're gone," she says.

Finally, the experts agree that a grieving person should reach out to others through ceremony, support groups or individual counseling.

LIFE SKILLS 101:

There's no end to the chores that every kid needs to learn

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

You've probably started instructing your children in tasks they'll need for the rest of their lives — using a screwdriver, loading a dishwasher and the like. Here are some more suggestions of activities that kids should master before being launched into the world:

AROUND THE HOUSE

Clean a lint filter: With 144 clothes dryers (to go with his 157 washers, 15 TV screens and 5,000 customers a week), the owner of The World's Largest Laundromat (worlds-largestlaundry.com) knows lint filters.

"Having been a daddy and having raised a couple of kids myself, there's nothing to it," says Tom Benson. "An 8- or 9-year-old kid can do it. You take the filter, you brush it off in the trash and you're done."

Again, we have an opportunity to teach a larger life lesson.

"Filters, you keep clean," Benson says. "Whether it be the filters in your air conditioner or heating system or whatever. There are lots of applications. And cleaning the filter on your dryer is one of the simplest."

Use a plunger: According to Raymond VinZant, one of the "Ask the Plumber" answer guys at RotoRooter.com, 10 is a good age, if mom and dad are patient and understanding.

"I learned to use my first plunger from my father when I was that age," he says.

VinZant also suggests teaching the proper technique, one that avoids splashing.

"Most people try to push the water down the toilet by forcing water on the downward stroke of the plunger," he says. "An easier way is to slowly push the plunger against the opening in the bottom of the bowl, then pull up rapidly. This creates a vacuum rather than a pressure."

Pulling back on the clog normally will loosen it, he says, and the water doesn't splash because you are creating suction rather than pressure (that's when the water shoots up the sides of the bowl and out onto the floor).

If a plunger doesn't work, he added, then it's time to move to an auger. "This is a little too much for a 10-year-old."

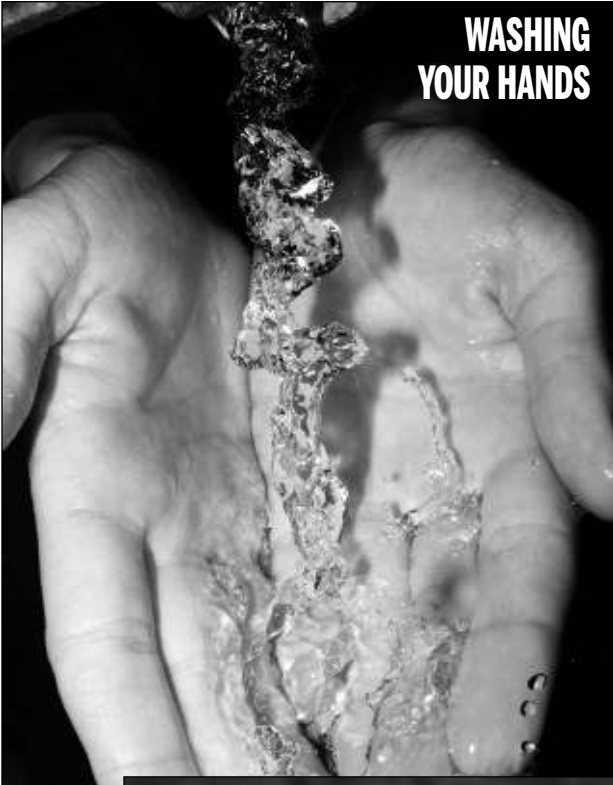
Basic auto care: Back in the day, a dad could take a kid out into the garage and demonstrate how to replace a fuse or change the oil. But cars today are more complicated.

"I wouldn't direct most adults to the fuse panel out of fear of somebody grabbing the wrong thing and causing damage," says Mike Walker, the Southeast Region automotive manager for UPS, a position that makes him responsible for the maintenance of all of UPS' trucks, tractors and trailers in a 10-state area.

Walker, who started learning his automotive skills from his mechanic father, suggests instead that parents instill a mindset in their kids around age 6 or 7, using their bikes as a teaching aid.

"It probably starts with simple things like checking the air in the tires of your bicycle or adjusting the handlebars right," he says. "Keeping the bike clean. What's the tread look like on your tires?"

A kid who understands the importance of keeping a bike maintained will, when he gets older, understand the importance of keeping a car maintained.



channel.com. "Treat it as a privilege rather than a chore, as in, 'Look how big you are now!'" she says. "This doesn't mean knives are involved — parents should continue to spread the peanut butter through about fourth grade — but as long as you are stocking your kitchen with good choices, the margin for error is low."

Kids can get involved even earlier — "the minute they can express an opinion," she says — in choosing lunch items. That's also an opportunity to discuss healthful food choices. "The child who has invested in the choice is more likely to feel ownership and less likely to put her food on the lunch-room auction block," she adds.

CHARACTER BUILDERS

Write a thank-you note: "Ask Amy" columnist Amy Dickinson says to start teaching this early.

"Very young children can learn the art of thanking people for gifts by doing so in person starting at around 3 or 4," she says, "and then sitting down with a grown-up and 'dictating' a thank-you note and helping decorate and send it."

"As children learn to write, they should assume more of the task, with an adult helping."

Care for a pet: There's more to it than scooping kibble into a bowl. The lessons should start in pre-

THE BASICS

Here's a primer on what kids need to know, by what age:

BY AGE 2

Start sorting clothes for the laundry. Make a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich.

BY AGE 3

Help load and unload a washer or dryer. Make a bed. Lock the door when the family is in the house. Unlock a bathroom door.

BY AGE 4

Tie their shoes. Prepare a simple salad. Greet people, making eye contact and shaking hands.

BY AGE 5

Set the table with everyday plates, utensils and napkins. Call 911.

BY AGE 6

Change a light bulb. Use a house key. Tell time. Learn telephone skills.

BY AGE 7

Open a can. Bait a hook.

BY AGE 8

Take out the trash. Use a needle and thread.

BY AGE 9

Load and unload a dishwasher. Scrub a toilet.

BY AGE 10

Iron a shirt. Shut off the water at the main valve. Throw a circuit breaker. Chop and dice with adult supervision.

BY AGE 12

Set the table with the china. Use power tools.

BY AGE 15

Change a tire.

school years, with kids helping fill water and food bowls, putting the pet's toys away and doing simple grooming, says Dr. Sandy Passmore, humane education program manager at Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah.

"When caring for a pet becomes part of a daily routine from the start, it will become second nature to think of the pet's welfare and not just one's own," she said in an e-mail.

When kids get older, around 9 or 10, Passmore said, they can graduate to more responsibility: walking the dog or cleaning up after a pet, again with supervision.

How to eat in public: Parenting's Shaw says it's never too early. "If you want your lessons to stick, start encouraging polite behavior, like using a napkin and passing dishes instead of reaching across the table, by age 5. Moms should remember, though, that good restaurant behavior, like staying seated at the table and eating politely, largely depends on individual temperament. Some kids have it down pat by age 3, others could still struggle at 6."

How to wash their hands: With swine flu all the rage, now's a good time to hammer home the importance of properly washing one's hands.

By doing it regularly, it becomes a habit and not a chore, Shaw says. "Incorporate hand-washing while potty-training your toddler, and the habit is sure to stick."

Cougars are hot in Hollywood, but endangered in real life

By Megan K. Scott • Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Darin Riggio has a thing for older women — he dated his first “Cougar” when he was a 19-year-old college student. She was 43. Since then, the 24-year-old who lives in Boca Raton, Fla., has dated women old enough to be his mother. “Women my age don’t know what they want,” said Riggio, ticking off his list of why older women are better. “Two, they are usually immature. Three, there’s a lot of drama involved. Four, they don’t have as much experience as older women.”

But Riggio, who was briefly married to a woman his age, said he probably wouldn’t marry an older woman. He likes to date them more for fun.

Cougar relationships may be hot in Hollywood — from ABC’s “Cougar Town” to celebrity couplings like Ashton and Demi and even a reality show, “The Cougar” — but few women are married to men who are significantly younger.

Dating experts say they have seen a rise in older women seeking younger men, though not necessarily the other way around. And they say those matches don’t tend to turn into long-term relationships.

In fact, only 1 percent of all marriages in 2008 were between a woman who was 10-14 years older than her husband; 2.6 percent 6 to 9 years older, according to Census figures. (About 5 percent and 11.6 percent the other way around, respectively.)

“I don’t think we’re going to see a wholesale change in our society with younger men all the sudden wanting to marry older women,” said Debbie Then, a social psychologist in California. “But I think they may date some Cougars who are still sort of looking young, hip and hot.

“I think the younger men, it’s more of an adventure for them,” she added. “It’s like traveling to an exotic land for a while.”

Christie Nightingale of the matchmaking service Premier Match said she has seen an increase in the past six months of women requesting younger men. A 48-year-old woman used to want a man between the ages of 45 and 60, she said. Now she wants a man between the ages of 35 and 50.

The women say they are “so youthful and so full of energy,” men their age or older can’t keep up with them, Nightingale said.

But she has not seen a change in age preference from her male clients, so she has found herself calling them to see if they would be open to dating an older woman.

While a few of them are willing to try it, she doesn’t believe they are serious about it long-term.

Valerie Gibson, author of “Cougar: A Guide for Older Women Dating Younger Men,” says that is fine for a real Cougar, a term she says has been misused to describe any woman who dates a younger man. A Cougar is not looking to get married or even be in a long-term serious relationship, she said, but is

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looking to have a good time.

Long-term, Cougar relationships can be problematic because the man may decide he wants his own biological children, or the pair may have trouble relating to different life stages, said dating coach Evan Marc Katz, who is married to a woman three years older.

Most marriages — about 32 percent — were between a husband and wife whose ages were within a year of each other, and about a fifth were with a man who was two to three years older than his wife, Census data shows.

But that doesn’t mean age — and the confidence and independence that come with it — can’t be a turn-on for younger men, said Linda Franklin, author of “Don’t Ever Call Me Ma’am: The Real Cougar Woman Handbook.” She said men also like finding a woman who is done having children or isn’t planning on having any, dodging the pressure of a biological clock.

“It’s more about their

energy and their vitality,” said Anthony Sandford, 46, a divorced father of two in Westfield, N.J. The IT consultant has dated women as much as a decade older. He said older women are more grounded, their children are grown and they have the time and resources to do things like travel.

Often, age doesn’t even come up initially.

Raymond Michaels, 23, thought his wife Jennifer, 41, a divorced mom of three, was in her late 20s or early 30s when he met her three years ago in a parking lot and helped her with her car. The couple, who live in Maui, Hawaii, have been married for two years.

“She was just real sweet,” he said. “She had this great smile and beautiful eyes. Her personality was strong and confident. Age isn’t really a factor to me. It’s just the person.”



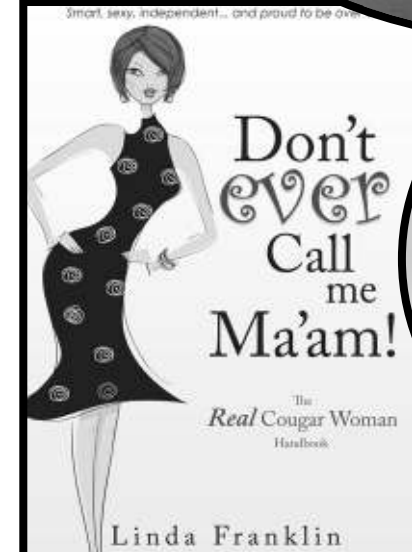
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Stacey Anderson shares wine during a date on ‘The Cougar.’



Courtney Cox, left, and Busy Philipps in a scene from ‘Cougar Town.’

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Linda Franklin, author of ‘Don’t Ever Call Me Ma’am! The Real Cougar Woman Handbook.’

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Annabella Delila Sweet, daughter of Jessica Ann Turner and Dustin Wayne Sweet of Mountain Home, was born Nov. 6, 2009.

Bella Ray Esparza, daughter of Jayme Elizabeth and Raymond Ruben Esparza of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 15, 2009.

Trennon Chase Budden, son of Laryssa Lynn and John Thomas Budden II of Kimberly, was born Nov. 16, 2009.

Burke Chase Camberlango, son of Cortney Vernice and Chase Gans Camberlango of Kimberly, was born Nov. 16, 2009.

Avery Michael Humbach, son of Rebecca Marie and Lee Anthony Humbach of Buhl, was born Nov. 16, 2009.

Christian Alejandro Puentes, son of Cathryn Amber Marie and Alfredo Alejandro Puentes of Jerome, was born Nov. 16, 2009.

Kaibrey Lyn Risenmay, son of Sharolyn and Eric

James Risenmay of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 16, 2009.

Emmalee Royal Rose Hammond, daughter of Krystal Elizabeth and Justin Royal Hammond of Filer, was born Nov. 17, 2009.

Brayden Jay Hutchison, son of Brittany Renae Peterson and Jared Lloyd Hutchison of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 17, 2009.

Evan J. Mower, son of Elizabeth Ann and Jamey John Mower of Jerome, was born Nov. 17, 2009.

Anthony Izek Gil Perez, son of Abigail Berenice Perez and David Gil of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 17, 2009.

Aliyah Renae Ramirez, daughter of Jessica Marie Naranjo of Jerome, was born Nov. 17, 2009.

Emily Quinn Sabala, daughter of Raneay Betty and Brian T. Sabala of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 17, 2009.

Luis Luciano Corona, son of Jeaneele Cynthia and Luis Antonio Corona of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2009.

Saylor Kate Dixon,

daughter of Jill Rachelle and Stephen Frederick Dixon of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2009.

Brooklyn Ariana Orton, daughter of Sasha Lee and Jeremy Ash Orton of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2009.

Peytin S. Pettingill, son of Patricia Rae and Joseph K. Pettingill of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2009.

Alexia Itzel Aguilar, daughter of Noemi A. and Gustavo Aguilar of Jerome, was born Nov. 19, 2009.

Vernon James Madison III, son of Ariel Katherine and Vernon James Madison Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 19, 2009.

Taiton Lee Pray, son of Kali Lenae Pray of Elko, Nev., was born Nov. 19, 2009.

Andrew Scott Tucker, son of Chelsea Marie and Ryan Scott Tucker of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 19, 2009.

Harper Mckell Thewes, daughter of Abby Nichole and Mitchell Paul Thewes of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 20, 2009.

Raising child abuse awareness

The Washington Post

Each year millions of children feel the physical and emotional pain of abuse or neglect, usually at the hands of someone close to them, whether it be a parent or other family member, a teacher or a sitter. What signs should you look for if you suspect a child is being abused? And what should you do about it?

According to Childhelp, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping child abuse victims, signs of abuse or neglect may include: unexplained burns, cuts, bruises or welts in the shape of an object; anti-social behavior and fear of adults;

problems in school; signs of apathy, depression, hostility or lack of concentration; unsuitable clothing for the weather; and signs that the child is not bathed or fed.

How to take action:

- **Provide** a safe environment for the child and tell him or her it is not their fault
- **Call** a child abuse hotline for help: Childhelp (reached at 1-800-4-A-CHILD) is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and offers crisis intervention, information and referrals to emergency and social service resources.

For more information about prevention of child abuse and neglect, visit Childhelp's Web site at www.childhelp.org.

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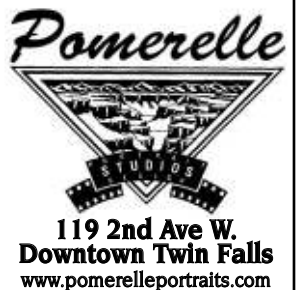


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