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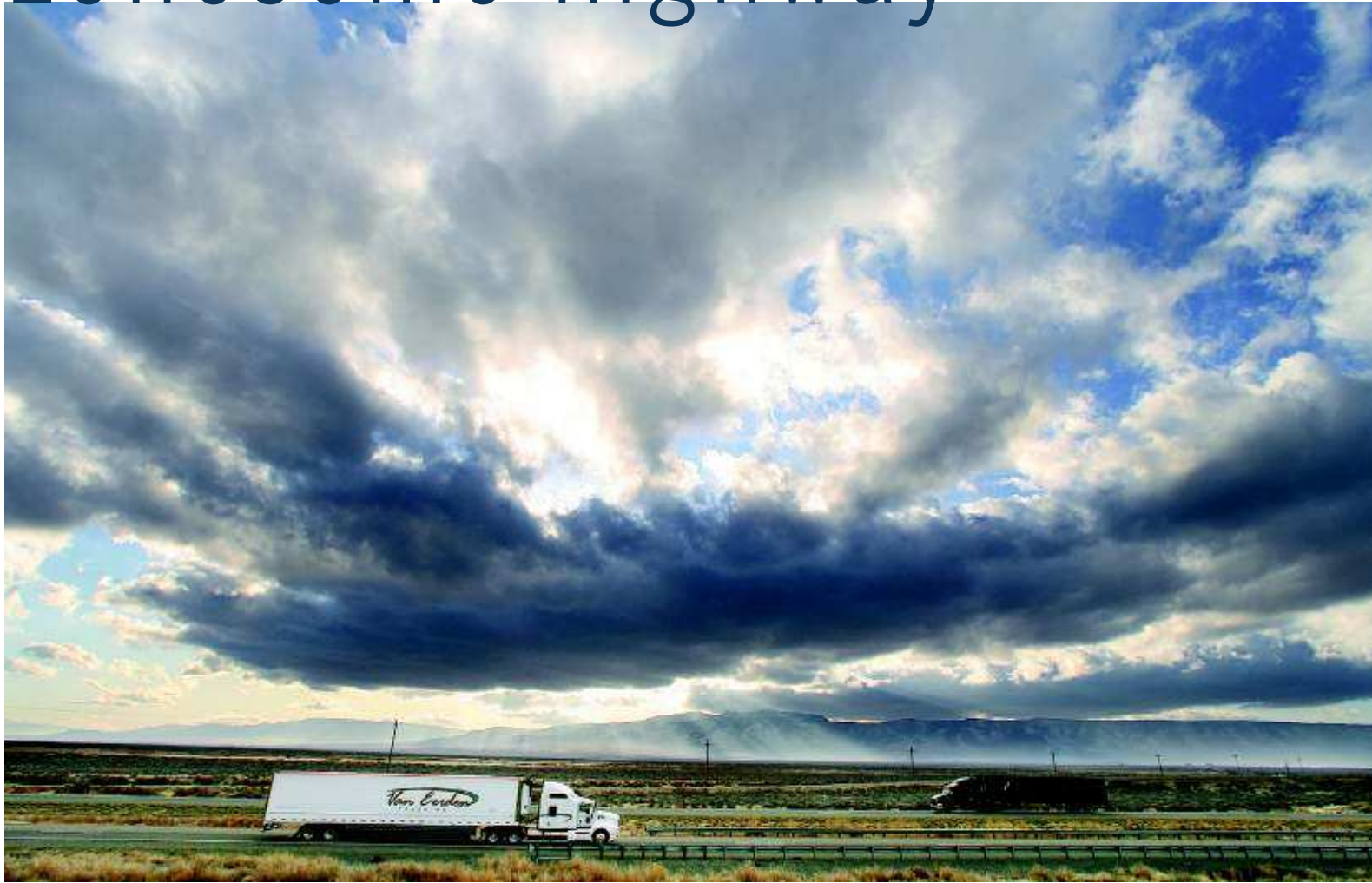
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# TIMES-NEWS

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## Lonesome highway



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By Laurie Welch

Times-News writer

Howling winds still rip across a 54-mile stretch of Interstate 84 through Cassia and Oneida counties, stirring up blinding white-outs of snow and dirt. But the horrific weather has been slightly tamed in recent years, thanks to windbreaks and road closure policies.

The net result has been fewer deaths on one of the state's most treacherous roads.

The stretch of I-84 from the Interstate 86 junction to the Idaho-Utah border gained a reputation 20 years ago in a USA Today article that named it one of the nation's most deadly highways.

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Above, a view of an Interstate 84 sign at the Sublett exit in eastern Cassia County. At top, tractor-trailers make their way along Interstate 84 Tuesday afternoon near Sublett in eastern Cassia County.

INSIDE:

Safety features have been added to the highway over the past 20 years. Find out where.

ONLINE:

Watch video interviews with truckers who drive the deadly stretch of Interstate 84.

## On the line

### Thousand Springs park may close if state orders more cuts

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

The board overseeing the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has picked Thousand Springs State Park as one of two to be closed if Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter issues any more budget holdbacks in the next month.

Jennifer Wernex, IDPR's communications director, said Friday that the agency's Park and Recreation Board approved a contingency plan about two weeks ago that also includes closing Land of the Yankee Fork State Park near Challis. Three full-time positions at IDPR's Boise headquarters would also be eliminated, she said.

The closure isn't in any way certain. But board members, who won't meet again until later this winter, wanted to be sure the agency was prepared should Otter announce another 4 to 5 percent holdback before the Legislature convenes in January. The agency was already told to slice 7.5 percent off its budget in September, and has lost one-fourth of its seasonal staff over the past year.

The entire plan has serious implications, Wernex said. Layoffs can also mean program closures — often one person runs a whole program, she said. And closing a park strikes at the root of what the agency was formed to do.

"There's probably no more serious situation that an agency like ours can face," she said.

Closing Thousand

See **PARK**, Main 2

## Petting away the stress of college finals

By My-Thuan Tran  
Los Angeles Times

ORANGE, Calif. — A Chapman University student group wanted to find a way to relieve stress during finals week, so they came up with an innovative approach: puppies.

On Wednesday, in the middle of "cram week," a bunch of puppies will be stationed outside the university library for students to pet and play with. The event is being organized by the university's Active Minds



CHRISTINE COTTER/Los Angeles Times

Shannon Stewart with three of the puppies she will take to Chapman University in Orange, Calif., next week, just one of the ways the school will help students chill out.

See **DOGS**, Main 2

## Wintry weather, icy roads cause pileup, more crashes

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

Slippery road conditions Saturday morning resulted in a 22-vehicle pileup on Interstate 84 near Glens Ferry and more than 50 other crashes with injuries and fender benders.

The crash on I-84 involved six commercial vehicles, one of which spilled about 75 gallons of diesel fuel into the Snake River.

Eastbound lanes were blocked for about six hours. Idaho State Police reported that ambulances transported six people to Elmore Medical Center in

"It was a chain reaction. One person crashes and it affects everyone else. In winter, we want people to be conscious of their driving!"

— **ISP Trooper Tyler Jussel**

Mountain Home with minor injuries following the crash near mile marker 129 on the Snake River Bridge between Bliss and Glens Ferry at about 10:30 a.m.

"Seat belts and child seats definitely saved lives today," said ISP Trooper Tyler Jussel.

"This is the biggest crash I've seen in my career," he added.

Jussel said the crash was weather related. "It was icy and snowy with reduced visibility," he said. "It was a chain reaction. One person crashes and it affects everyone else."

"In winter, we want people to be conscious of their driving."

Light snow during the late morning and early

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# MORNING BRIEFING

## Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



● Oakley Valley Arts Council's "Night of All Nights" Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Howells Opera House, 160 Blaine Ave., Oakley. Admission is free.

● A fundraiser spaghetti dinner to benefit the Community Christmas Cantata will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Gooding United Methodist Church's fellowship hall, 805 Main St. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Proceeds go for the cost of music and supplies for the cantata. Then stay for the "The Mystery and the Majesty" Christmas

Cantata, Gooding Community Chorale and Orchestra directed by Rick Strickland at 4 p.m. at the Walker Center auditorium, 605 11th Ave. E. Donations accepted.

● Shop at the Papoose Club Holiday Bazaar and help fund causes related to children. The bazaar will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hemingway Elementary School, 111 Eighth St., Ketchum.

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



Visitors at Thousand Springs State Park east of Hagerman enjoy a sunny day at the park in September. The board overseeing the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has picked Thousand Springs State Park as one of two to be closed if Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter issues any more budget holdbacks in the next month.

Times-News file photo

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Alice in Wonderland 2009," presented by Sun Valley Ballet, 3 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, tickets: \$15 for adults and \$10 for students (available at Chapter One bookstore in Ketchum, Toy Store on Hailey and at the door), 726-9124.

Wood River Community Orchestra free holiday concert, medley of Christmas carols and variety of other songs, including "Moonlight Tango," a piece from Mozart and "The Theme from the Pink Panther," 3 p.m., St. Charles Catholic Church, 313 First Ave. S., Hailey, no cost, 208-788-3024.

"The Mystery and the Majesty" Christmas Cantata, Gooding Community Chorale and Orchestra directed by Rick Strickland, 4 p.m., Walker Center auditorium, 605 11th Ave. E., Gooding, donations, b40h@cableone.net. "Reflection on Christ's Nativity," performed by St. Thomas Episcopal Church Choir and St. Thomas Playhouse, 5:30 p.m., at the church, 201 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, 726-5349.

Oakley Valley Arts Council's "Night of All Nights" Christmas concert, directed by Kent Severe, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, 160 Blaine Ave., no cost, reservations not required, 677-2787 or oakleyvalleyarts.org.

### BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation's Festival of Trees Family Day, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., former Rite Aid building, 1139 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, free admission with Times-News coupon, 737-2480.

Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to help offset costs for music and supplies for Christmas Cantata, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Gooding United Methodist Church's fellowship hall, 805 Main St., Gooding, \$5 per person or \$20 per family, 934-8227.

Secret Angels Chili Cook-off, 1 p.m., Lincoln County Community Center, 201 S. Beverly St., Shoshone, admission: \$3 per person plus one new, unwrapped gift for any age child, 208-320-8262.

### CHURCH

Life Church of the Magic Valley in Jerome healing service, open to the general public and anyone who needs to be healed, 5 p.m. pre-service prayer with service at 6 p.m. (public may attend both services), Life Church, 425 E. Nez Perce (100 South), Jerome, lifechurchmv.com or 208-324-5876.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Secular Student Alliance at College of Southern Idaho, group encourages free thought for atheists, agnostics, humanists, skeptics and anyone interested in learning more about these world views, 7 p.m., Room 87, Fine Arts Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, open to students and members of community, bjensen@csi.edu, deadforsophia@live.com, scox@csi.edu or www.secularstudents.org/csi.

### HOBBIES AND GAMES

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

### SEASONAL EVENT

The 25th annual Christmas in the Park Advent celebration, with message by Pastor Jeff Cooper of First Baptist Church and music by Debbie Crawford, 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 DEADLINE

Meeting memo for Monday: Magic Valley Region of the Idaho Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers meeting, with speaker European Union Advisor/reviewer, Fisheries Directorate Ron Hardy on Aquaculture, 7 a.m., Depot Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S., Twin Falls, 733-0874 or henri@lemoynevalley.com.

Reminder for Tuesday: New Moon Event, for ages 13 and older to celebrate the Twilight Saga books and release of new film, includes "Moon" talks about the book versus the movie, the upcoming Eclipse film, opportunities to play the Twilight and New Moon games, refreshments and prizes, 7 to 9 p.m., Buhl Public Library, no cost, 543-6500.

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## Park

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Springs would be the second step in the four-step plan, ahead of closing Yankee Fork. Board members looked at a number of factors, Wernex said, including management costs versus revenues.

Closures would mean different things for different units of the park, she said; structures may still have to be maintained at Ritter Island, while Box Canyon might still be accessible but wouldn't receive any care or maintenance. IDPR is beginning to talk to landowners and other parties involved with the park about options for keeping them open or implementing a closure, she said.

Ritter Island in particular

"I can assure you that our agency is open to any and all alternatives before considering closing the gates of a park."

— Jennifer Wernex, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's communications director

may be tricky to close. The site was donated along with a \$1 million endowment fund by the Nature Conservancy in 2006. The Conservancy's Idaho director, Laura Hubbard, declined comment Friday until she could learn more about the proposal.

"I can assure you that our agency is open to any and all alternatives before considering closing the gates of a park," Wernex said.

There's certainly precedent for that at Thousand Springs. In an e-mail discussion of the possible clo-

sures, Dave Parrish — formerly the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's regional director — recalled a similar budget crisis that hit IDPR in the early 1980s. The agency attempted to close Niagara Springs, which it manages on behalf of Fish and Game, Parrish wrote. But a joint effort by both state departments and Gooding County Resource Conservation and Development kept the park operating until things improved.

Legislators and local officials certainly seem willing

to try to help out the park. State Reps. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, and Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, both suggested IDPR look at various fee increases among other solutions. Everyone noted the economic benefits Thousand Springs brings to the area and said they hope the agency isn't actually pushed into closing the sites.

"It'd be nice to keep them open even if the county had to help out some way to do it," Gooding County Commission Chairman Tom Faulkner said.

## Dogs

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club, which promotes mental awareness.

"It has been proven that having a dog helps relieve stress, so we thought it would be a cute idea if we brought some furry friends on campus," said Jennifer Heinz, a sophomore and integrated educational studies major who helped organize the event.

Heinz said her poodle-and-Maltese mix, Bindi, helps her relax. "I love my dog," she said. "Dogs are always so happy and want to play, and that helps make

you happier!"

Heinz said she's received comments from other students expressing excitement about the cuddly canines.

"You can automatically see on someone's face when something happy comes to them, and little dogs are a cute way of doing that," she said. "It's a nice way to step back from reality and just be stress-free for a moment."

Active Minds will also have pamphlets and resources available about how students can reduce stress and take care of

themselves during finals, said Megan Brown, the group's adviser and a counselor for Student Psychological Counseling Services.

"The puppies are to draw them in and give them something fun and relaxing that will help them de-stress, but it also provides them with resources to help them through finals as well," Brown said.

Many students miss their pets from home, she said.

"Research has shown that animals can reduce anxiety and stress," said

Brown, who is also a licensed marriage and family therapist.

The pooches — 10 Malteses, Yorkshire terriers, pugs and dachshunds — will come from Pupies and Reptiles for Parties, a Southern California company.

The 6,000-student campus in Orange also produces other functions to help students with finals stress, including a midnight breakfast at which pancakes, eggs and coffee are served by the chancellor and professors.

## Crashes

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afternoon with temperatures between 19 and 24 degrees left roadways slippery throughout most of the Magic Valley.

State troopers and the Jerome County Sheriff's Office responded to a three-vehicle crash on I-84 at Mile Marker 169 near Jerome that resulted in one injury. One vehicle rolled down an embankment.

State police also reported that two people escaped injury in a single vehicle rollover near Mile Marker 222 on I-84 near Malta.

Twin Falls Police responded to nine crashes with no serious injuries between 11:20 a.m. and about 1:30 p.m. By 5 p.m., the crash count was 17 just within the city.

The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center reported that sheriff's deputies from Twin



With temperatures floating around 25 degrees, snow gently falls around a barn outside of Buhl Saturday.

DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties responded to 10 crashes with a few injuries and no fatalities within a 30-minute period Saturday morning. At 5 p.m., SIRCOM reported the total crash count at 13.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office had only

three accidents Saturday and no injuries were reported.

"The county would like to remind people to slow down and use caution and drive according to road and weather conditions," said spokesperson Lori Stewart. The Cassia County

Sheriff's Office reported four crashes with no injuries at 1:30 p.m.

Minidoka County reported one accident.

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## Albertson Foundation gives to charter schools

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Two area charter schools have been awarded grants from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation that are part of \$925,000 total that the foundation is giving to nine charter schools in Idaho.

The donations, called expansion grants, are a piece of Know Where 2 Go, a new statewide initiative of the foundation that's intended to raise awareness and participation in educa-

tion choices for students.

North Valley Academy in Gooding is receiving \$100,000, and Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls is getting \$75,000. Both schools are using the grants for their expansion into new facilities.

North Valley Academy plans to move from space at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind into its own facility in Gooding, the Gibbons Building on Main Street.

The building needs some mold abatement and

kitchen renovations done, and the grant will help with the renovations, said Deby Infanger, board chairwoman of NVA.

"I'm so happy," she said. "This has been a long struggle for us."

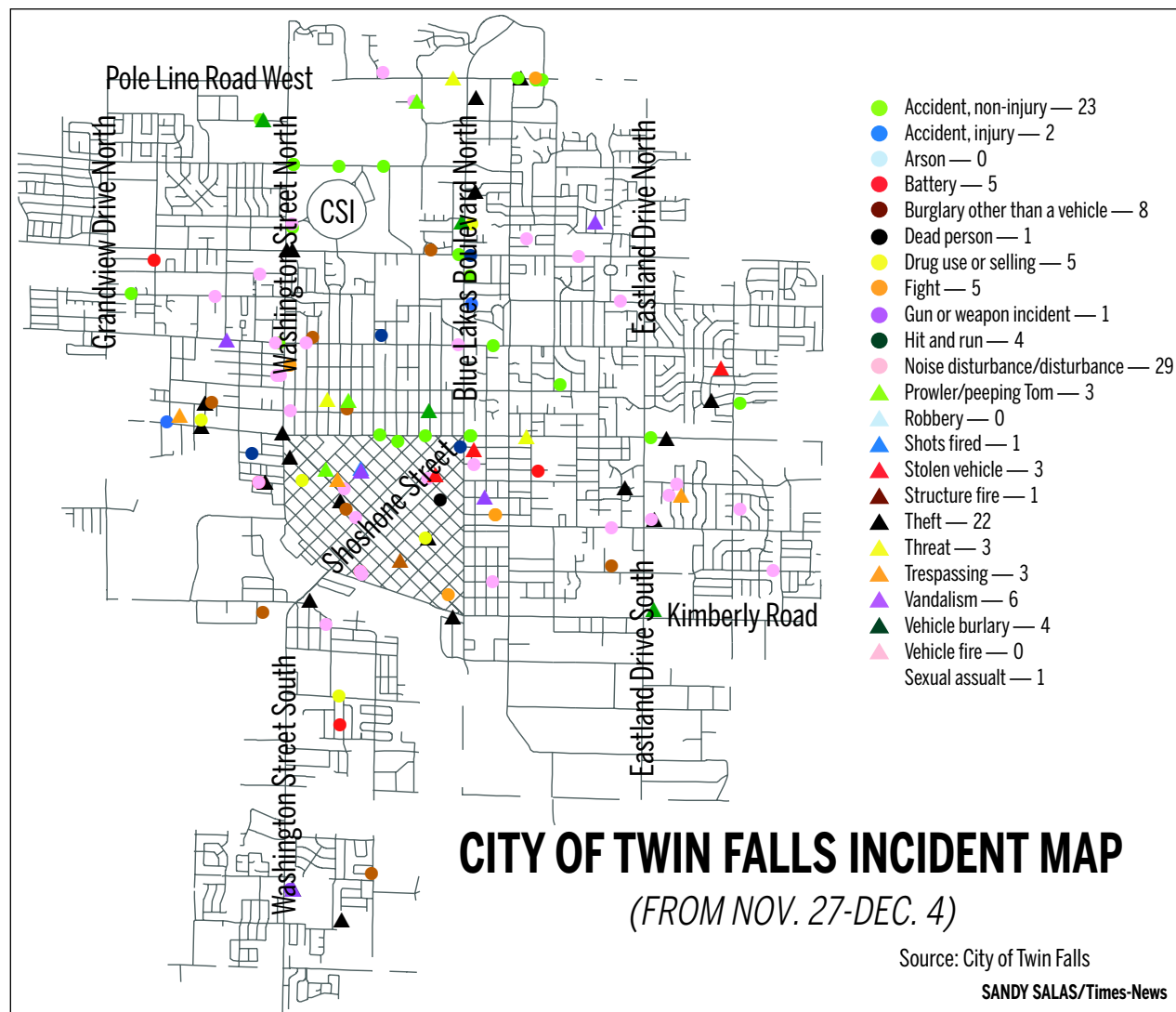
The building, which has 20-plus classrooms, should meet all the permanent needs of the charter school, which cannot grow beyond 312 students, Infanger said.

She said she'd like to see the students have classes in the new building by February.

Xavier is building a new facility. Cindy Fulcher, principal of Xavier, said the grant will help pay for needs in the building like computers and kitchen equipment.

"Charter schools can't go to the public for a bond when they build new facilities, so the costs of our facilities have to come out of our general budget, so when we receive grants like this, it really helps," Fulcher said.

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**AROUND THE VALLEY**

**Police arrest man in cemetery burglary**

A 19-year-old man is accused of a Halloween break-in at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, where at least one headstone was damaged, according to Twin Falls County court records.

Adam Jon Barth, 19, of Twin Falls was arraigned Friday on charges of burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary and has a Dec. 11 preliminary hearing.

According to a police report of the incident, "someone smashed several pumpkins and grave markers, in which a vase was smashed on a headstone causing damage (to) the decorative rock."

Police found Barth and two 13-year-old juveniles at the park on Halloween after getting a report that three people were drinking and destroying pumpkins.

A shop in the park and a vehicle next to the shop were burglarized, and the total damages and stolen property amount to \$975, according to court records.

**Man arrested for stalking at Murtaugh High School**

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office authorities arrested a 20-year-old man accused of harassing students at Murtaugh High School on Wednesday.

Santiago Bustamante-Gomez, 20, of Murtaugh is charged with second-degree stalking and trespass, though he pleaded not guilty Thursday with a Dec. 22 pretrial scheduled.

According to court records, Bustamante-Gomez allegedly made

students uncomfortable at a Nov. 24 basketball game at the high school. "The athletic director had the junior varsity coach and a senior student go ask Bustamante to leave and he did willingly."

That was after police told him at the school's request on Sept. 26 not to return, as it would be considered trespassing, according to court records.

**79-year-old faces child porn charges**

Twin Falls County resident John Alma Rose, 79, was charged last week with 11 counts of possession of sexually exploitative material, according to court records.

Twin Falls Police got a tip in January from Boise police about the case, where Rose is accused of downloading "copious amounts of child pornography," according to court records.

Police obtained a search warrant, seizing computers in February from 2849 D East and 3500 North, according to court records.

Rose has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Dec. 11.

**Judge denies Murphy's bid for relief from sentence**

Convicted killer Alisha Ann Murphy will continue her life prison sentence since Judge John Butler last month denied a petition she filed for post-conviction relief, according to Twin Falls County court records.

Murphy, 41, is locked up at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center for first-degree murder, after she was accused of killing

her husband, James Murphy, more than 13 years ago by smacking him with a frying pan and shooting him. She, however, maintained he killed himself.

The Idaho Court of Appeals upheld her conviction and also denied an earlier post-conviction relief petition from Murphy. Judge Butler wrote on Nov. 3 that Murphy missed filing deadlines in dismissing the petition.

**National puppy-mill tipline launched**

The Humane Society of the United States has launched its first national hotline to report "puppy mills," according to a press release from the organization.

"To help end the misery associated with large-scale dog breeding operations known as 'puppy mills,' the Humane Society of the United States has launched a national telephone tip line and encourages callers to report suspected cruelty or unlawful activities involving such breeding facilities," the press release states.

The hot line: 1-877-MILL-TIP.

**Hailey library seeks board members**

The Hailey Public Library is seeking interested applicants to fill two vacancies on the Hailey Library Board. Applicants

must be full-time residents of Hailey. The board meets once per month to make policy decisions about the library.

Letters of interest may be sent to Nancy Gurney, Hailey library director, at nancy.gurney@haileypubliclibrary.org; 700 West Crox Street, Hailey ID 83333; fax 208-788-2924; or dropped off at Hailey City Hall or the Hailey Public Library.

- Staff reports

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Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation Presents

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# Have yourself a merry little cardigan

**A** Twin Falls radio station is running an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest this month. That's an absolutely inspired idea.

For tacky holiday sweaters are a virtually untapped trove of unfortunate American culture, and the perfect Christmas gift because they're unreturnable.

**DON'T ASK ME**  
**Steve Crump**



Unreturnable because in these parts they're mostly homemade. Plus the lucky gift *has* to wear it.

Say it's Christmas morning. Aunt Sadie hands you a festively wrapped package with an oversized bow. You gingerly tear the paper off, open the box and push aside the tissue paper. "Aunt Sadie, you shouldn't have!"

Really, she *shouldn't* have.

So the rest of the day you wander around in a border-red pullover festooned with an intoxicated green reindeer — his brown antlers laced with yellow Christmas lights — about to crash-land on a purple roof.

And you greet visiting friends and family with those four little words: "It was a *gift*."

The sweater-vest — preferably button-front — is also a classic, provided that it has four essential elements: a snowman (always with a carrot nose), a Christmas tree, a candy cane and the words: "Ho Ho Ho"

Ice-skating penguins are a nice touch, or a teddy bear in a Christmas stocking. But mistletoe is a mistake because it's hard to stitch; turns out looking more like kochia.

Tinsel too is problematic, knitted in yellow or gray yarn. Always looks like you spilled crab dip on your jumper.

If Aunt Sadie is especially ambitious, you might get an elf wearing shoes with curled-up toes or three-kittens-bound-for-Bethlehem. Or, if you're really lucky, snowflakes.

Snowflakes are the Rubik's cube of ugly holiday sweatering — fiendishly hard to get right if you're knitting and purling.

You can find an unsightly holiday sweater at your favorite department or discount variety store if you look hard enough. And just imagine the reception you'll get when you try to return it on Dec. 26.

The trouble with store-bought ugly Christmas sweaters is that retailers will try to slip you a sweat-shirt instead. It's just not the same.

Any bozo with an applique and an iron can mess up a fleece. It takes real talent to uglify knitwear.

Because it's a gift that keeps on giving: Next Christmas, Aunt Sadie is gonna wonder why you're not wearing her sweater — and she'll keep on wondering for many Christmases to come.

Leaving you with basically two alternatives: You run away to, say, Tibet. Or you can stick that sweater into the dryer and crank up the heat.

When you take it out, your sweater will have shrunk to the size of an oven mitt — leaving basically a doily with arms. Make a point of setting Sadie's hot toddy on it.

# Hagerman audit completed

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett  
Times-News correspondent

**HAGERMAN** — The Hagerman City Council received Wednesday a 41-page verification of financial records for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Twin Falls certified public accountant Michael Burr said Hagerman's audit "went smooth and there were no major problems."

The city's general fund balance, however, was \$23,065 lower than budgeted, according to the audit.

Revenue decreased in a variety of areas, including from property taxes, revenue sharing and building and inspection. Total government funding came in \$8,260 less than budgeted.

"Funding is going down and expenses are going up," Burr said. "You will have to watch spending."

Waterworks and sewer losses of \$11,787 are due to depreciation, Burr said.

The following recommendations were made in the audit:

- Additional personnel be hired or re-assigned to assist in accounting functions.
- Prepare or purchase an accounting policy and procedure manual and evaluate internal controls.
- Develop an investment policy.
- Make monthly journal entries to record library activity.
- Pursue education to write the annual audit report.

In other business, City Superintendent Casey Kelley reported a city deep well pump was repaired. Kelley said although the pump is a backup, it needs to be used more to prevent corrosion.

Chief Executive Officer Earl Fitzpatrick said the North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding reported to the council that the new hospital is "a million dollars below budget

and ahead of schedule."

The center's grand opening is March 2. The 50,000 square-foot medical center will be "ahead of most hospitals in the state," said Fitzpatrick. "It will be completely paperless."

A charity clinic for the working poor or recently unemployed will provide health care services at the hospital. Gooding County Memorial Hospital will close their doors March 1 when all patients are transitioned to the new hospital, Fitzpatrick said.

Hagerman Improvement Development Education Appreciation Inc. Executive Director James F.

Scott reported the organization received a grant for \$2,000 and "the objective is to redo the city park's playground so it's safer for kids."

The discussion and possible repealing of an ordinance on building codes was tabled by Councilman Carl Jeffries because the city's building inspector was not present.

A Christmas open house will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Hagerman City Hall, said City Clerk Peggy Pedrow. Santa Claus is coming to town, and face painting and picture opportunities are coming with him.

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# Lonesome highway

Continued from Main 1

The USA Today article said 17 people died on the remote stretch of I-84 in 13 accidents between 1988 and 1989 — more fatal accidents per miles driven than anywhere else in the country.

But in 2008, Idaho Transportation Department statistics show only one fatal crash south of the I-84/I-86 junction in Cassia County and one fatal crash along I-84 in Oneida County at the Utah state-line.

In the Cassia crash, semi-trailer driver Larry Hefty, of Havensville, Kan., was driving too fast for the snowy conditions in January 2008 and rear-ended a car. He later died at a Boise hospital. And in November a South Carolina man was driving east about a half mile from the Idaho-Utah border when his Toyota 4-Runner went into the median and rolled. He was ejected and died at the scene.

Although the number of fatalities have decreased, the stretch of road is still considered dangerous by the state officials who maintain it, police officers who patrol it and motorists who drive it.

## A cold, shifting landscape

One of those motorists is Ralph Stine, a 79-year-old man from Windsor, Va., who was on his way through the remote stretch of interstate to visit his family when he crashed at the milepost 254 overpass, about three miles north of 5,522-foot-high Sweetzer Summit.

Stine lost control of his car, which careened over a cement barrier and landed on its roof, partially hidden 30 feet down a ravine.

"When he woke up, he was upside down and he had to kick the door out," said Stine's son, Mike Stine of Clarkston, Wash. Battered and wearing only a T-shirt, sweater and slip-on shoes Stine clambered out of the wrecked car. He spent the next 15 hours wandering in wet clothes across the frigid desert before he was found by search and rescue crews.

"While he was walking through the desert, he kept telling himself 'I'm not going to die out here,'" Mike Stine said. "It's a bad, lonely stretch of road out there."

Idaho State Police Cpl. Denise Gibbs, who patrols that section of interstate, said although it appears remote there is a lot of traffic on the road.

I-84, which in Idaho stretches from the Utah border to the Oregon border north of Caldwell, is the longest interstate of the five that traverse the state. In 2008 nearly 19,000 vehicles traveled on it per day.

In 2008, I-84 ranked third in the state for its fatal crash rate of 1.21, which represents the number of fatalities per million miles traveled. Cassia County Sheriff Randy Kidd said the number of fatalities and serious accidents on I-84 from the I-86 junction to the Utah border have definitely been curtailed since 1990.

Idaho Transportation Department Spokesman Nathan Jerke said the prevailing west wind that sweeps across the road causes a particularly precarious set of driving conditions.

"Certainly there are issues in the wintertime that are weather related," Jerke said.

Although the interstate along Sweetzer Summit has only a 3 percent grade, sustained wind gusts of up to 80 mph through the area can cause road-disguising drifts and blinding white-outs. The wind is also responsible for the notorious dust storms in the area.

"The wind always blows out there," Gibbs said. "And there is always a chance, if there is any light snow at all, that it will be drifting. My best advice is to slow down but keep moving."

Gibbs said a three-mile stretch from mileposts 226 to 229 near the port of entry is the nastiest area for blowing snow. The five

miles from mileposts 240 to 245 get the most blowing dust, she said.

## Battling elements of disaster

ITD is responsible for maintaining the road, which means plowing and sanding it when snow falls, and determining when to close it completely, Jerke said.

I-84 from the I-86 junction to the Utah border was closed three times as often as I-15 from Dubois to the Idaho-Montana border or I-15 from Idaho Falls to Roberts during 2006 to 2008, according to ITD records.

Jerke said ITD is implementing a new policy of estimating the time of closure on I-84 from south of the I-86 junction to the Utah border this year to give drivers more lead time and has hopefully reduced the number of motorists who try to drive around the barricades. It is the only stretch of road in Idaho that will have advanced closure notice, Jerke said.

ITD is also installing two new "dynamic message signs" over eastbound I-84 lanes near Jerome and Burley that will give travelers updated road information, although the signs won't be ready for use until next spring or summer.

Oneida County Sheriff Jeff Semrad said a new sign board that was installed at Tremonton, Utah, has helped turn a lot of motorists around who would have otherwise tried to travel through bad weather before.

For occasions when the weather isn't bad enough to warrant closure, windbreaks have helped increase road safety in the area.

"The efforts that have been made in the past to help control the blowing dust and snow along portions of the road have had very positive results," Kidd said.

Semrad agreed that ITD has made strides in changing some of the factors that previously made it such a hazardous strip of road.

Although efforts have been made to protect people from some of the hazardous conditions, getting them to comply with road closures and safety measures has at times proved impossible.

Jerke said people often try to go around barricades because the alternate route through Pocatello adds an extra 100 miles to their trip.

ITD's maintenance supervisor makes the determination of whether or not to close the road after reviewing ISP reports of slide-offs and crashes, weather reports and discussions with plow drivers. When the interstate is closed, ITD stations a man at the barricade. Anyone who disobeys the road closure is turned over to ISP, Jerke said.

"When people go around barriers, we have to go down the road, too, and attempt to find them," Gibbs said, adding that drivers then endanger others responding to the barricade breach. "Although they are usually stuck somewhere and don't get too far. And then a tow truck has to go down a closed road to get them, and yes, they are going to get a ticket as a reminder."

Jerke said blowing dirt and sand can be just as hazardous as the snow. Several years back ITD planted a five-mile row of trees as a wind break on state-owned ground near the Cotterel rest area. But a good portion of the trees burned down this year during a range fire. In general, Jerke said the trees require a lot of maintenance and crews have to clean out tumbleweed and other debris that catches in between them.

## Paying for safe roads

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said federal stimulus dollars earmarked for maintaining existing roads will help in 2010. A gas tax shift that will move money from ISP to ITD starting July 1, 2010, could help even



John Cotton, with the Idaho Transportation Department, monitors trucks Tuesday at the Cotterel Port of Entry along Interstate 84 in eastern Cassia County. Cotton visually inspects some of the safety features of each truck and also weighs each truck that stops at the weigh station.

more, but may be put on hold, Cameron said. A committee found replacement money for ISP but it will still recommend a delay on the tax shift for an additional year, Cameron said.

Cameron said ISP operates on general fund money, which includes sales and income taxes, along with the gas tax and a portion of vehicle registration fees. Cameron said ISP has experienced state holdbacks but funding public safety remains a high priority for the budget committee.

"Public safety is a core mission of the state," said Cameron. "Because of that, last session we set aside funds for the governor to use to prevent reductions that would affect public safety, specifically with state police and corrections."

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, said providing adequate ISP funding for highway patrols is a real dilemma, since patrol levels remain stagnant while interstate traffic keeps increasing.

"It's a good example that you can't always do more with less," Darrington said.

ISP Capt. Ked Wills, who started his law enforcement career by patrolling the remote I-84 stretch for six years, said the number of troopers on the road statewide has not increased since 1972. Wills said Region IV, which covers eight south-central Idaho counties, has 24 patrol positions to fill its round-the-clock operation.

"We are spread very, very thin," Wills said. "We use crash statistics to put patrolmen where we'll get the most bang for our buck."

Wills said the Cassia-Oneida county stretch probably gets less patrol coverage than other areas of the interstate in the region but more than other roads.

## More than just bad weather

Anxiety over being stranded in bad weather isn't the only historical worry for drivers along I-84.

In 1987 national attention was focused on the Juniper rest area after a man was shot and killed there.

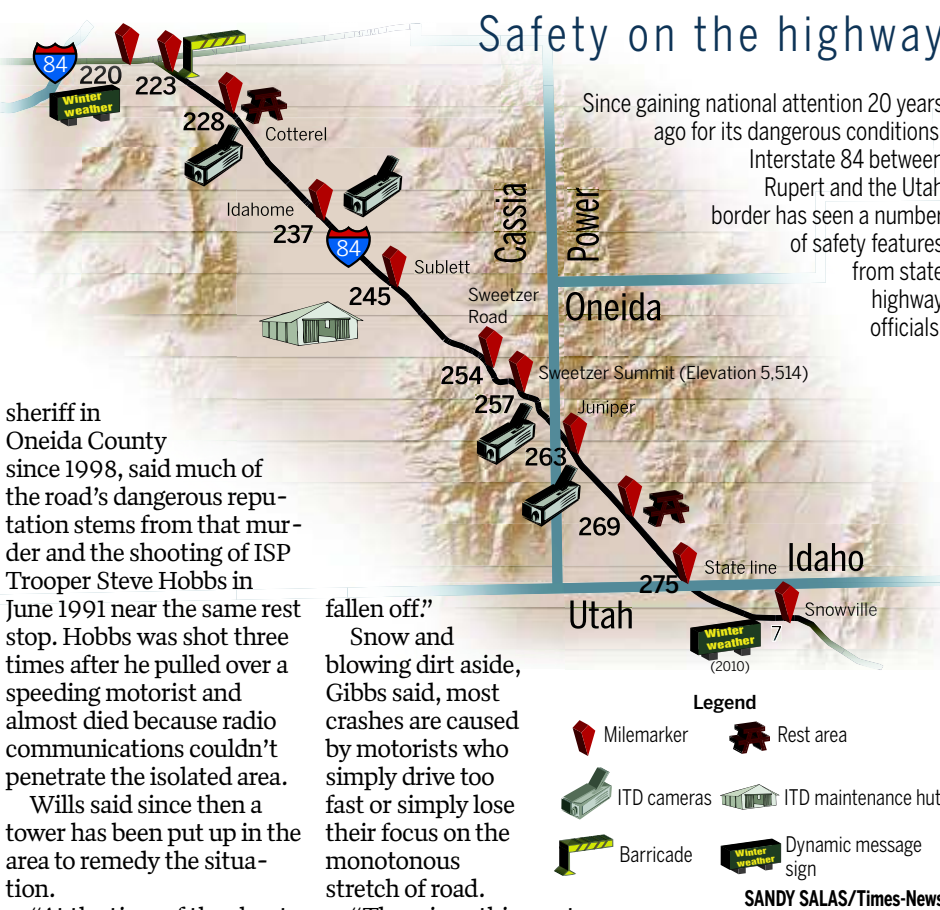
James Louis Holland was arrested in Florida and confessed to shooting Karl Robert Behm with a .38 caliber slug. Behm was a serviceman traveling through Idaho to Washington to visit friends. Holland also confessed to killing another man he had picked up at the same rest area on a previous occasion. He drove him to Iowa before he killed him.

Holland previously spent 22 years in prison for killing another man in a different location. In a bizarre twist, all three were killed over July Fourth weekends.

Gibbs said today she does not consider the Juniper rest area all that dangerous.

"They have a really low crime rate," Gibbs said, adding most of the calls that come in from those locations are from people who are stranded after their cars have broken down.

Semrad, who has been



sheriff in Oneida County since 1998, said much of the road's dangerous reputation stems from that murder and the shooting of ISP Trooper Steve Hobbs in June 1991 near the same rest stop. Hobbs was shot three times after he pulled over a speeding motorist and almost died because radio communications couldn't penetrate the isolated area.

Wills said since then a tower has been put up in the area to remedy the situation.

"At the time of the shooting the rest areas were still really dimly lit," Semrad said. "But since then those types of calls have really

fallen off." Snow and blowing dirt aside, Gibbs said, most crashes are caused by motorists who simply drive too fast or simply lose their focus on the monotonous stretch of road.

"There is nothing out there and people go pretty fast," Gibbs said. "I write a lot of 100 mph tickets out there."

Since gaining national attention 20 years ago for its dangerous conditions, Interstate 84 between Rupert and the Utah border has seen a number of safety features from state highway officials.

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# The battle to protect the public

## Hundreds vaccinated against H1N1 Saturday

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — The battle to protect the public from the H1N1 virus is personal for Rene LeBlanc, because the swine flu put his daughter in a Utah hospital for a week.

In his professional role as South Central Public Health District director, he is administering the local portion of the largest mass vaccination effort in the United States since large-scale inoculations for polio and smallpox decades ago.

While at Kimberly High School on Saturday, LeBlanc said he was relieved that his 25-year-old daughter is recovering from the same illness he is working to guard the public from. He said the Brigham Young University graduate student is improving at her Provo, Utah, home.

While at Kimberly, the district held the 22nd mass immunization clinic since October. That clinic served the Kimberly and Hansen school districts.

It was also the first local clinic that reached out

beyond school children to people under age 65 due to more availability of vaccine.

Health district spokesperson Amy Lierman said about 700 students returned signed consent forms to the Kimberly and Hansen school districts.

With family members also receiving vaccine, health officials brought 2,000 doses to the clinic.

LeBlanc said his staff of district and volunteer nurses had vaccinated 258 children and adults during the first two and a half hours, a number he said was on par with

expectations despite bad weather and slippery road conditions.

While the clinic was for Kimberly and Hansen public school students and their families, adults under age 65 who do not have children and live within the two school districts were eligible for the clinic.

"We've only done 10 to 15 percent of the population so far," LeBlanc said. "This campaign is not ending."

People younger than 65 may call the health district and schedule vaccinations.

LeBlanc explained that people 65 and over are in the lowest risk group partly because they were exposed

to two previous outbreaks of swine flu during the 1950s and '70s.

Young people under age 18 are the most vulnerable, followed by young adults.

Vaccine was also distributed to physicians in Idaho and persons older than 65 might inquire if their doctors will administer the vaccine to them.

"We do not regulate private practice," LeBlanc said. Vaccine will soon be available from pharmacies.

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since a teenage boy died in Twin Falls in October. He was the eighth person to die from the virus in Idaho.

Vaccinations are federally funded and free to the public.

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## Twin Falls County commissioners waive building fees on fairground work

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County fairgoers should benefit over the next few years from a new restroom complex, replacing run-down facilities under the grandstands that inspectors have said can't be refurbished.

County commissioners on Thursday unanimously waived the county building-permit fee for the first phase of the work in Filer, which

Commissioner Terry Kramer said will be done in three phases over the next three years. The existing restrooms, not structurally capable of being remodeled, will be moved out from under the stands about 50 feet and will be able to be accessed from the carnival side as well.

The project was one of a handful of items the commission discussed during its morning session. Members also corrected the term of

new Planning and Zoning Commission member Mark Feldhusen from four years to three as per state code, and requested a deferral from the city of Twin Falls for curb, gutter and sidewalk work at the site of a planned county parks department building.

The three commissioners decided to fill a vacant jail-nurse position and requested a state siting team to inspect a proposed feedlot planned along U.S. Highway 93 south of Berger. And they

granted a second one-year extension on the final plat of the proposed Desert Falls Subdivision in the city of Twin Falls' area-of-impact zone, prompting a discussion with city Zoning and Development Manager Renee Carraway about dealing with the number of extensions the city's seen over the past two years.

"It just is very difficult times," Carraway noted about the economy that's prompted all the requests.

## Second gay bishop elected for Episcopal Church, Anglicans

By Christopher Weber  
and Rachel Zoll  
Associated Press writers

LOS ANGELES — The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles elected a lesbian as assistant bishop Saturday, the second openly gay bishop in the global Anglican fellowship, which is already deeply fractured over the first.

The Rev. Mary Glasspool of Baltimore needs approval from a majority of dioceses across the church before she can be consecrated as assistant bishop in the Los Angeles diocese.

Still, her victory underscored a continued Episcopal commitment to accepting same-sex relationships despite enormous pressure from other Anglicans to change their stand.

The head of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, is scheduled to consecrate Glasspool on May 15 in Los Angeles, if the church accepts the vote.

"Any group of people who have been oppressed because of any one, isolated aspect of their persons yearns for justice and equal rights," Glasspool said in a statement, thanking the diocese for choosing her.

Glasspool was elected on a seventh ballot that included two other candidates. She won 153 clergy votes and 203 lay votes, giving her just enough to emerge as the winner.

The election began Friday with six candidates vying for two vacancies for assistant bishops.

The winner for the first vacancy was the Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, rector of St. Clement's-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church in San Clemente. As the balloting progressed for the second vacancy, two other candidates eventually withdrew.

The Episcopal Church, which is the Anglican body in the United States, caused an uproar in 2003 by consecrating the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

Breakaway Episcopal conservatives have formed a rival church, the Anglican Church in North America. Several overseas Anglicans have been pressuring the Anglican spiritual leader, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, to officially recognize the new conservative entity.

The Rev. Kendall Harmon of the traditional Diocese of South Carolina, which recently voted to distance itself from the national church, said Saturday's vote would further damage relations among Episcopalians, their fellow Anglicans and other Christians.

"This decision represents an intransigent embrace of a pattern of life Christians throughout history and the world have rejected as against biblical teaching," said Harmon, an adviser to the diocesan bishop.

The 77-million-member Anglican Communion is a family of churches that trace their roots to the missionary work of the Church of England. Most overseas Anglicans are Bible conservatives.

## Law & Disorder...

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From Nov. 1 police reports:

### Assault:

A female Walmart employee, 22, reported that a 19-year-old male with whom she has allegedly argued in the past called her a series of vulgar, clumsily worded names at work and then asked if she "had a staring problem." The complainant reportedly answered, "It's cause your stupid." (sic) She said she wants to press charges, telling police that she's worried about her safety, but the suspect couldn't be found.

### Disturbing the peace:

A 15-year-old male student at Burley High School, according to the report, told a teacher to "shut the (expletive) up" several times and then, after another student tried to calm him down, said,

"Shut up or I will slit your throat." His guardian, a 36-year-old woman, reportedly told police "to take him she didn't want him anymore." The juvenile was cited for disturbing the peace.

### Violation of protection order:

A 38-year-old Burley woman with a tattoo of a pumpkin on her hip reported that her 42-year-old husband, who was arrested for domestic battery the previous night and issued a no-contact order, called her and left a message. According to the report, the message was: "I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I know I'm not suppose (sic) to be calling, please don't tell anyone — I'm in trouble. I just want to know you're OK — Please call me." Instead, she called the police.

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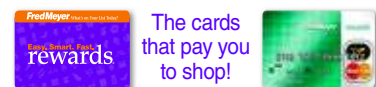
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## Surprise comeback

Manufacturing areas lead employment gains

By Mike Baker  
Associated Press writer

CONOVER, N.C. — As record numbers of orders flow through Legacy Furniture Group's manufacturing plant, workers toil between towers of piled foam and incomplete end tables precariously stacked five pieces high.

With a 10 percent sales growth this year, Legacy has quickly forgotten the recession's low point in March, when weak order volumes forced the company to implement four-day work weeks.

In November alone, the company that specializes in furniture for the medical industry added a half-dozen employees to its staff of 35. These days, everyone is clocking overtime and the 40,000-square-foot factory is starting to feel awfully cramped.

"We're starting to stack people instead of stacking furniture," jokes co-founder Todd Norris as he navigates rows of hand-sanded chair frames.

Legacy's recent success highlights a trend: Counties with the heaviest reliance on manufacturing income are posting some of the biggest employment gains of the nation's early economic recovery. This is a big change from just half a year ago, when some economists worried that widespread layoffs by U.S. manufacturers might be part of an irreversible trend in that sector.

The Associated Press Economic Stress Index, a monthly analysis of the economic state of more than 3,100 U.S. counties, found that manufacturing counties have outperformed the national average since March. The Stress Index calculates a score from 1 to 100 based on a county's unemployment, foreclosure and bankruptcy rates. The higher the number, the greater the county's level of economic stress.

The top 100 manufacturing counties with populations of more than 25,000 saw their Stress score drop slightly over the spring and summer quarters, largely due to improvements in the unemployment rate. By comparison, the national average of similar counties saw county Stress score increases of about 7 percent over the same time.

Economists say these counties may always have high rates of idled workers as technology replaces workers on the assembly line and companies find cheaper labor elsewhere. And manufacturing counties did have an average Stress score of 11.9 in September, while the top counties dedicated to hospitality were at 9.2.

But the early improvements in unemployment rates and manufacturing activity illustrate that there are, at the very least, signs of

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# Applying for a store credit card? KNOW THE TRAPS

By Candice Choi  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The offer could tempt anyone buying holiday gifts: Open a store credit card and save 20 percent on your purchase.

The smiling sales clerk makes it sound like a no-brainer, and explains there are absolutely no fees. You'll even get alerts about special sales and promotions.

What won't be so eagerly volunteered is the high interest rate, or the impact applying can have on your credit score. Store cards are also limited and shouldn't be confused with cobranded cards. The latter carry Discover, Mastercard or Visa logos and can be used wherever those cards are accepted.

There are times when it makes sense to open a store card. Just be sure you know the pitfalls.

## THE RISKS

The first sign you should say no thanks? You're weighing the decision at the counter or after stumbling across an online offer to "Apply Now!"

Opening any line of credit comes with repercussions, and it's not a decision you should make on a whim.

Of course, the one-time discount for applying is usually offered at check out. But is \$20, or even

\$50 or \$100, worth putting your finances on the line? Ideally, you'll decide whether you want a store card before you start shopping.

One factor to take into account is whether you're prone to carrying a balance. Store credit cards often come with high interest rates, so any discount you get upfront could quickly be erased.

Consider the J.C.

Penney card, which has an interest rate of 23.99 percent. The high rate is typical of store cards, and the reason people end up forking over so much money in financing charges, said Greg McBride, an analyst with BankRate.com.

There's another risk if you

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# Just walk away

Professor makes case for how it's possible to stop paying on your mortgage

By Rachel Beck  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Stop paying your mortgage.

That's the underlying message from a University of Arizona law professor, whose new paper is hitting a nerve as the nation's housing crisis enters its fourth year.

Brent White denies advocating walking away from a mortgage that is bigger than the value of a home. Nonetheless, he lays out a case of how it can be done, and his suggestions have gone viral.

It's a move that can save some people money, but at the expense of wrecking their credit.

The topic is central to what's crippling the housing market: About one in four homeowners, or 10.7 million Americans, are considered underwater, meaning their mortgage exceeds their home value, according to real-estate information company First American CoreLogic.

In the markets hardest hit by the nation's housing bust — Florida, Arizona, California, Michigan and Nevada — the share of homeowners who are underwater is 40 percent.

"Millions of Americans would be better off financially if they did walk away," says White, who authored the paper "Underwater and Not Walking Away: Shame, Fear and the Social Management of the Housing Crisis."

What White is saying goes against everything that we've been taught about contracts. If you make a mortgage commitment, most people think you have a responsibility to pay.

On top of that, White suggests those who decide walk away should consider getting a new car or house before they default on their mortgage, which will constrain their credit.

Imagine if everyone who is underwater walked away. It could cause economic havoc. Home prices would plunge even more. Banks would have even more bad loans on their books, which would lead them to make fewer loans to consumers and businesses.

There are personal financial risks, too. A foreclosure shows up on an individual's credit report for seven years,

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# Comcast-NBC merger gives regulators a key opportunity

Normally, I'm rather skeptical about mega-mergers — more often than not, they wind up reducing competition without creating anything in the way of value for shareholders.

I'm even more skeptical about mega-mergers that involve monopolists, which



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is how most cable companies started out in life, as holders of exclusive local

franchises that, like broadcast licenses, became licenses to print money.

So it is particularly strange that I now find myself rather indifferent about the news that Comcast is buying up NBC Universal.

To begin with, rather than combining two companies

that are head-to-head competitors, this deal combines companies that are located at different points of the value chain. NBC is primarily a producer of video content — TV news and entertainment programming, along with movies from its Hollywood studio — while Comcast is primarily a dis-

tributor of such content, most of which it buys from somebody else.

There was a time when this kind of "vertical" integration was viewed skeptically by economists and antitrust regulators, and it led to decisions like the one requiring big Hollywood studios to sell off their local

movie theater chains in the 1950s. By the Reagan era, however, the intellectual pendulum had swung the other way, and as a result of the work of academics like Robert Bork and conservative economists of the "Chicago school," vertical

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# 'LAST HURRAH' TO AGE OF EXCESS

## Burj Dubai mega-tower scheduled to open Jan. 4

By Brian Murphy  
Associated Press writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — When work began in 2004 to build the world's tallest tower, Dubai's confidence also was sky high with a host of mega-projects on the drawing board or rising from the sands.

That swagger seems positively old school these days. It's been tripped up by a debt crunch that has humbled Dubai's leaders and exposed the shaky foundations of the city-state's boom years — leaving the planned Jan. 4 opening of the iconic Burj Dubai with a double significance of hello and goodbye.

It will be both a debutante bash for a new architectural landmark and a farewell toast to Dubai's age of excess.

The Burj Dubai — a steel-and-glass needle rising more than a half-mile — may be the last completed work from Dubai's time of the giants. Most other of the unfinished super-projects announced in recent years, such as a second palm-shaped island or a tower to surpass the Burj Dubai, are either recession roadkill or being considered on a far smaller scale.

If they are still considered at all.

Dubai last week dropped what amounted to a financial bombshell — announcing its main government-backed development group, Dubai World, needed at least a six-month breather from creditors owed nearly \$60 billion.

World markets had known a day of fiscal reckoning was creeping up on what was once the world's fastest-growing city, swelling from about 700,000 in 1995 to more than 1.3 million today. But the depths of Dubai's red ink seemed to surprise everyone, rattling stock exchanges from Hong Kong to New York and adding exclamation points to obits-in-progress on the death of Dubai's golden years.

The Burj Dubai gala is now a welcome diversion. And one without a direct political sting: the building was developed by Emaar Properties, a state-backed firm not linked to the current debt meltdown.

"This tower was conceived as a monument to Dubai's place on the international

stage," said Christopher Davidson, a professor at the University of Durham in Britain who has written extensively about the United Arab Emirates. "It's now like a last hurrah to the boom years."

It's not the first time a skyscraper has gone up as the economy swooned.

New York's 102-story Empire State Building was designed as the world's tallest building just before the 1929 stock market crash and opened in 1931 as the Great Depression was taking hold. In 1999, the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, officially opened to claim the world-tallest crown — two years after the financial meltdown of the once-soaring Southeast Asian economies.

But the Burj Dubai, or Dubai Tower, occupies a special niche. Few cities have grown so far so fast — pushed along by runaway property speculation and the boundless ambitions of Dubai's ruler, Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

The recession barged in last year and quickly dried up the cash flow.

The brakes also were slammed on hundreds of Dubai projects — from residential towers that stand half-finished to a desert Xanadu that included a Universal Studios theme park and a "city of wonders" with full-size replicas of the Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal and other famous sites.

Sheik Mohammed even has grown a bit testy over Dubai's dimming star power. In a meeting with international investors in November, he switched from Arabic to English to tell naysayers in the media to "shut up."

Dubai's boosters hope the opening of the Burj Dubai — which include offices, residences and a hotel — will give them at least some respite from the bad news. The Dubai PR machine is working overtime.

A barrage of statistics — vital and trivial — are pouring out as the \$4.1 billion building gets its finishing touches: more than 160 stories topped by a spire that reaches a reported 2,684 feet, well above the runner-up skyscraper, Taipei 101 in

Taiwan, at 1,671 feet. The Burj has even pushed past other giant structures taller than Taipei 101 such as the CN Tower in Toronto and the KVLV-TV mast in North Dakota.

The Burj — designed by the Chicago-based architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill — is billed to have the world's fastest elevator at up to 40 mph and can be seen as far as 57 miles away. It takes three months just to clean all the windows.

But there's some facts that are still closely guarded, including how much of the office and residential space is leased and whether the financial meltdown will make the Burj another tower of debt.

The current price for purchase or rent, too, is also unclear. It's certain, though, that it's gone down along with property prices across Dubai in the past year. A report in October by the Investment Boutique, a real estate advisory firm in Dubai, said asking prices in the Burj Dubai area had slumped by 77 percent since the peak a year earlier.

"Buildings like the Burj Dubai are born from the optimism of the moment," said Carol Willis, director of The Skyscraper Museum in New York. "That may not necessarily be the mood when the project is finished."

The Burj Dubai also faces some location drawbacks that didn't burden Dubai's other signature structures, such as the sail-shaped Burj Al Arab hotel and the Palm Jumeirah island that fans out into the Gulf. The Burj Dubai rises above a new annex of the city that was originally designed as a cluster of towers — which is now put on hold because of the economic crunch.

That leaves the Burj soaring above what amounts to high-priced empty lots.

But — for a moment at least — it will shift the spotlight back on Dubai from its oil-rich cousin, Abu Dhabi, the new boomtown

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of the UAE.

Abu Dhabi has already bailed out its debt-ridden neighbor once this year and is now watching from the wings as Dubai pleads for time with its global creditors. Dubai — without any oil resources — bankrolled its growth as a financial hub and a Mideast version of Las Vegas.

The rulers in more conservative Abu Dhabi, meanwhile, moved in other directions in their campaign to put the city on the world map in a generation.

In the past few months, Abu Dhabi hosted its inaugural Formula One race, won a global competition to host the headquarters of the new International Renewable Energy Agency and announced a \$1 trillion plan to upgrade the city's roads, transportation and public venues. Also in the works are plans for branches of the Louvre and Guggenheim museums and a New York University campus.

Suddenly, Dubai is playing the unfamiliar role of second city.

Dubai opened its elevated metro line in September, but with only about a third of the stations opened. Last January, the state-owned builder Nakheel — which is part of the current debt crisis — said the fiscal crunch forced it to suspend plans for a Dubai skyscraper designed to top the Burj Dubai.

As Dubai's leaders try to calm markets and investors, Abu Dhabi planned a party.

A fireworks show on Wednesday for the UAE's national day was billed as the world's largest display, with 100,000 devices exploding over Abu Dhabi's biggest hotel.

Burj tower stands on Sheikh Zayed Road in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The Burj will become the world's tallest building by next year, with 3,000 laborers adding a new floor nearly every three days. On Aug. 12 the 145th floor was completed with the tower standing 1,743 feet tall.



## Cards

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don't shop at the store often. It may sound overly cautious, but it could mean you'll be slower to detect identity theft. Even if you're not held accountable for any fraudulent charges, getting the mess sorted out will be a headache.

### THE CREDIT SCORE IMPACT

Applications for new credit, whether it's a store or bank card, can lower your score. This is especially true if you open several cards in the span of a few months. So you're not beating the system if you open an account just to get the discount, then cancel it soon after.

Given this tight credit environment, you might also be tempted to open a store card as a way to boost your credit line (which is another factor in your score). But store cards typically come with lower credit lines than bank cards, although the exact amount will vary depending on your risk level.

The dip your score initially takes will likely outweigh any positive impact too. It's only over time that your score will reap the benefits of the higher credit line, said Craig Watts, a spokesman for FICO, the company that produces the most widely known credit scores. And that's assuming you make payments on time.

It should be noted that a store card may not impact your score as much as a bank card. This is partly because store cards are more limited in where and how they can be used.

The exact impact of a

store card also depends on your history. Those who are just starting out, for instance, would be more affected by opening a card than those with more established profiles.

### THE REWARDS

Retailers offer a variety of deals for store card holders. They usually come in the form of discounts on purchases above a certain threshold or during a set time period.

Sears, for example, runs promotions where cardholders get 15 percent off on apparel on certain dates. At J.C. Penney, cardholders are occasionally mailed scratch-off discount coupons. Kohl's lets customers who charge at least \$600 a year pick six "personal sale days."

The perks may sound similar to rewards cards, but there's an important difference. With traditional cash-back rewards cards, you get rebates on purchases you make anyway. With store cards, the deals are intended to get you to spend more.

So if you have trouble sticking to a budget, you might find it hard to resist the discounts. You might also not want another card to track.

All that said, store cards can work to your advantage if you're a regular shopper and capitalize on the year-round discounts. There may even be small perks, such as free shipping on certain orders. If you ultimately decide it's worth opening an account, take advantage of the initial discount by signing up when you make a big purchase.

## Jobs

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stability. U.S. manufacturers increased production by an average of 1.1 percent each month through July, August and September, before falling slightly, by 0.1 percent, in October, according to federal data.

Economists cite a range of potential explanations for the early resurgence, including the "Cash for Clunkers" program to stimulate car buying, a weak U.S. dollar to aid exports, the use of temporary workers, the need to replace depleted inventories, and stimulus money that is taking root. All of which raises the question of whether the trend will last.

Here in Catawba County, where native hardwoods and access to power have made the region a historical hub for furniture manufacturing, the unemployment rate dropped from a peak of 15.6 in March to 13.6 percent in September.

Elkhart County, Ind., meanwhile, saw such a startling surge in layoffs one year ago that President Barack Obama made a stop there in the opening weeks of his presidency. The unemployment rate there, driven by job cuts at RV manufacturers, spiked in March at 18.9 percent, but has fallen steadily ever since — to 15 percent in September.

The nation's overall jobless rate has been going the other way, climbing from 8.5 percent to 10.2 percent.

"Manufacturing jobs are here to stay, and they're coming back," said Derald Bontrager, president and chief operating officer of Middlebury, Ind.-based RV maker Jayco Inc., which recalled or hired 200 laid-



AP photo

Todd Norris checks a chair at Legacy Furniture Group's manufacturing plant in Conover, N.C. Legacy's recent success highlights a trend: Counties with the heaviest reliance on manufacturing income are posting some of the biggest employment gains of the nation's nascent economic recovery.

off workers over the summer to help ramp up production after an unexpected sales boom overwhelmed all-time-low inventories and left the producer unable to meet demand. They're still trying to catch up.

The Carolina furniture makers who have been hiring since June may also have cut too many jobs at the base of the recession, says Scott Volz, a consultant who helps the companies recruit managers. Some of those businesses have also successfully refocused on specialties — such as high-end upholstery or quick turnarounds on custom furniture — instead of trying to compete directly with cheap Chinese imports.

Heath Cushman, 32, of Taylorsville, lost his job at a sock plant in 2008 and was out of work for nine months. His unemployment check was worth more than the low-paying jobs available

back then to a graphic designer with a decade of experience.

"I have a house, a son, a wife, a car payment like

everybody else," he said. "Nine dollars an hour, even if it was 60 hours a week, probably wouldn't have cut it."

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# Audi A3 TDI is named green car of the year

By Martin Zimmerman  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The 2010 Audi A3 TDI was named Green Car of the Year at the L.A. Auto Show on Thursday, giving the Germans and clean diesel technology back-to-back wins.

The four-door hatchback, which has a base sticker price of \$29,950, "offers it all," said Ron Cogan, publisher of Green Car Journal, which sponsors the annual award, praising the car's sporty performance and superior fuel economy.

The winner's "quiet, clean diesel engine delivers loads of low-end torque and a fun-to-drive experience, all with the functionality of a five-passenger hatchback," Cogan said.

The A3 TDI (which stands

for turbo direct injection) has an EPA highway fuel economy rating of 42 MPG — a 50 percent improvement over the gasoline-powered A3.

The other finalists for the award were the 2010 models of the Honda Insight hybrid, Toyota Prius hybrid, Volkswagen Golf TDI and Mercury Milan hybrid, the only nominee from an American automaker.

The A3 TDI is powered by the same engine as last year's Green Car of the Year, the VW Jetta TDI. Audi is owned by Volkswagen.

Consecutive victories by clean-diesel technology over gas-electric hybrid cars gave Johan de Nysschen, president of Audi of America, an opportunity to wag a finger at Washington policymakers who have fallen in love with



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hybrid and all-electric technology.

Nysschen called on politicians to define the fuel economy and environmental targets they want automakers to meet and then "let the industry pick the technology."

Diesel power trains, which are common in Europe, have been a tough sell in the United States, where consumers retain bad memories of the smoky, poor-performing diesel cars that roamed the nation's highways in the 1970s.

Nysschen said American car buyers would slowly come around to the idea of diesel as a viable option in the hunt for higher mileage.

Cogan, noting the growing attention garnered by the Green Car award each year, said he and his fellow judges

have had an increasing variety of vehicles and technologies to choose from each year. Only vehicles that are currently available to consumers are considered for the award.

"This shows the diversity of an evolving auto industry that places greater value on environmental performance," he said.

In addition to Green Car Journal editors, the judges for the fifth annual Green Car award were Alan Lloyd, president of the International Council on Green Transportation; Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club; Jean-Michel Cousteau, president of Ocean Futures Society; Matt Petersen, president of Global Green USA; noted car buff and TV host Jay Leno; and automotive designer Carroll Shelby.

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mergers were largely viewed as benign. It was by that logic that mergers creating AOL Time Warner and Viacom were approved. As it turned out, the much-ballyhooed "synergies" proved elusive, the shareholders got hosed and those companies are now in the process of breaking themselves apart.

It's hard to know whether Comcast-NBC will meet the same fate as these earlier media mergers. The technology and the business models are now changing so fast that nobody knows how things are going to turn out.

It wasn't that long ago that it looked as if all the power was moving downstream to the distributors — cable providers, phone companies and satellite operators — which would extract most of the profit and turn content into a low-margin commodity, or

no-margin, in the case of pirated music and free news Web sites.

But as the technology advanced and cable and phone companies invested billions to build and expand their next-generation networks, the competition has now become so intense that those huge profits are now in jeopardy. Now that you can get a bundle of phone, television and Internet service from any number of sources at roughly the same price, the focus is turning back to content, applications and services that can be accessed through these "pipes." Suddenly, it's distribution that's looking like the low-margin commodity and content that is king.

The logic of the Comcast-NBC merger is that by having a strong position in both content and distribution, it won't matter how all this plays out. For both Comcast and

NBC, vertical integration is a hedging strategy that will ensure each emerges from the current competitive chaos as a survivor, no matter where on the value chain the profits and power end up.

Given how fast things are changing, and how uncertain the future is, it would be a mistake for the government to step in and stop such a merger on traditional antitrust grounds. Rather, the Justice Department, the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission should use the merger review process as an opportunity to craft a set of regulations for this new media world that would apply not only to Comcast-NBC, but to all competitors.

Broadly speaking, these rules should ensure that consumers can purchase the digital content and services they want, from

whomever they want, without having to buy bundles of services or content that they don't want.

They should guarantee that independent creators of content have fair and reasonable access to distribution networks of vertically-integrated competitors such as Comcast-NBC.

They should ensure that independent distribution networks have fair and reasonable access to the content of vertically-integrated competitors.

And, yes, they should allow vertically integrated companies that invest in both distribution networks and content creation to earn a competitive return on their risk and their investment.

These are roughly the same principles of open access and non-discrimination that were used to open the Bell telephone monopoly to local and

long-distance competition. They were the same principles that successfully brought competition to local cable monopolies from satellite TV and phone companies. And they are the principles that will ensure that the Internet continues to be a disruptive

and democratizing force that lowers costs, stimulates innovation and enhances consumer choice, no matter who merges with whom.

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## Mortgages

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which will make it hard to get any loans during that time, according to John Ulzheimer, president of consumer education at Credit.com.

People who go into foreclosure but otherwise have good credit might escape in less time if they continue to pay their other bills on time. There is no magic number for how long that could take.

Mortgage lender Fannie Mae won't back another loan for five years for someone who was involved in a foreclosure, except when the default occurred because of an extreme circumstance like a medical event or unemployment.

"Walking away undermines the basic tenets of mortgage lending," said Brian Faith, a spokesman for the government-controlled Fannie Mae.

Despite all that, White's views resonate because he highlights a double standard in the home lending industry.

Banks and other lenders

doled out mortgages during the boom, often without demanding down payments or checking to see if borrowers had enough income. After the housing crash, many of these same lenders took billions in taxpayer money, yet now are slow to modify troubled mortgages.

The government's efforts to fix this mess haven't worked. The Obama administration acknowledged on Monday that it has struggled to get lenders to permanently modify interest rates on home loans.

The government's plan now is to shame lenders into to modify mortgages. The latest strategy: Publish a list of those companies participating in the government \$75 billion effort to stem foreclosures that are lagging on the modifications.

"Wall Street gets to maximize profits and minimize losses irrespective of concerns about morality, while Main Street is told to keep their promises," White says.

White knows what he's talking about. He is a scholar

of behavioral economics and the law — two areas at the heart of the housing crisis. He believes homeowners worry about the shame involved with foreclosure and have an exaggerated anxiety over what a foreclosure will mean for a person going through it.

For those living in the most distressed markets, it could take years for home values to rebound to peak levels — if they ever do. Those who bought high and put relatively little cash down might be able to save money by walking away and renting, White says.

White estimates that someone who bought a home in Miami for \$355,400 at the market's peak may now have a home worth \$198,000. If the homeowner put 5 percent down at the time of purchase, he cur-

rently owes \$132,000 more to the lender than his home is worth.

If that homeowner walks away, he wouldn't have to pay mortgage interest, mortgage insurance, taxes or homeowners' insurance. White estimates that homeowner would save \$116,000 by giving up on his mortgage and renting a comparable home.

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SERVICES

**Robert H. (Bob) Milligan Sr.** of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the Indian Lakes Golf Course in Boise (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

**Carl Carr Stephens** of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

**Vernon Raymond MacNeil** of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St.; visitation one hour before the funeral Monday at the church; graveside service at noon Tuesday at the Mountain View Memorial Cemetery, 3115 E. 7800 S. in Cottonwood Heights, Utah (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

**Shirley Burton** of Twin Falls, information memorial gathering at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Community Room at

Leavitt's Mortuary, 836 36th St. in Ogden, Utah.

**Gladys L. Mitchell** of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

**Kerry Lee Crumbliss** of Leander, Texas, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the LDS Church, 2101 Bagdad Road in Cedar Park, Texas (Koenig and Strickland Funeral Home in Leander, Texas).

**Jean Josephine Gilmore Sommer** of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Dec. 26 at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**BURLEY** — Our beloved grandma, Louise May Bell, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Pringy, Okla., on Aug. 17, 1911.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Irvin L. Bell; and a daughter, DeLores H. Lee. She is survived by one sister, Edna Harbison; and three brothers, all of Bartlesville, Okla.; one daughter, Joan (Richard) Struble of Sun City, Fla.; four granddaughters, Verna (Phil) Mai of Burley, Linda (Pat) Merrigan of Paul, Roxanne Flowers of Utah and Lori Hammond of Columbus, Ohio; three grandsons, Gordon (Lori) Struble, Bryan (Cindy) Struble and Doug (Julie)



Struble, all of Columbus, Ohio; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A family memorial service will be held in the spring. Cremation and funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

**HOMER, Alaska** — Linda Beth Burgoyne was called home to our Lord Jesus after a battle with cancer on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009. She was 71.



A memorial service will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 50 E. 100 S. in Jerome, Idaho.

Mrs. Burgoyne was born Sept. 16, 1938, in Gooding, Idaho, to Arlie and Jack Edwards. She grew up in Dietrich, Idaho, where she was active in 4-H, competed on the basketball team and went on to graduate as valedictorian of her high school class. After graduation, she attended the University of Idaho at Moscow, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in home economics. On Jan. 30, 1960, she married Ross Burgoyne. They moved to Anchorage in July 1965, where they lived and played until they retired to Homer in March of 1997.

Mrs. Burgoyne was a member of Homer Christian Church and of the FCE Homemakers Club in both Anchorage and Homer. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother who spent her time caring

for her family, sewing, quilting and making all who came into her life feel welcomed and loved. She spent her last days at home surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Mrs. Burgoyne is survived by her husband, Ross; a son, Curt Burgoyne and wife, Kathy of Anchorage, Alaska; daughters, DeeAnn Arsement and husband, Derwood of Duson, La., and Kim Renee Bridges and husband, Billy of Anchorage, Alaska; seven grandchildren, Derwood and Dustin Arsement, Kawika Calina-Bridges, Kyle Bridges, Katrina, Stephen and Curt G.A. Burgoyne; three great-grandchildren, Morgan, Tyler and Lexi Bridges; brother, Phil Edwards of Omaha, Neb.; and sister, Joy Reed of Sandpoint, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Homer Christian Church, P.O. Box 1243, Homer, AK 99603; South Peninsula Hospital Home Health, 4300 Bartlett St., Homer, AK 99603; or Hospice of Homer, P.O. Box 4174, Homer, AK 99603. Arrangements were with Peninsula Memorial Chapel in Kenai, Alaska.

DEATH NOTICES

**Andrew R. Schorzman**

**CASTLEFORD** — Andrew Ryan Schorzman, 14, of Castleford, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**Ivan L. Nielson**

**GRAND VIEW** — Ivan Leon Nielson, 73, of Grand View, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at his home.

A graveside inurnment service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Riverside Cemetery in Grand View. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

**Wes Veeder**

Wes Veeder, 27, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at home.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Eastside Southern Baptist Church in Twin Falls. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Benjamin John Freeman**

Benjamin John Freeman, 23, of Twin Falls, Idaho, lost his battle with cancer and passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, with his parents by his side.



Ben was born May 10, 1986, in Twin Falls, to Jess and Sandi Freeman. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2004. Ben loved to camp and fish while spending time with friends and family. Ben worked at the Outback Steakhouse and Pressbox as a cook before ill health forced him to quit. His dream was to return to school and take culinary classes at the College of Southern Idaho.

Ben is preceded in death by his grandparents, Jeff and Polly Freeman and Dennis and Lorna Bolton. He is survived by his parents; brother and best friend, Alex

Freeman; and his dogs, Dan, Jaeger and Barron. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends.

A special thank you to all of the doctors and staff involved in his care at St. Luke's Magic Valley and MSTI, 2nd North and surgery for your extra special care of Ben.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," with a viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be given in Ben's name to St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation MSTI fund. Memorial may be mailed to 650 Addison Ave. W., P.O. Box AK, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Love ya, Love ya, Love ya — Mom, Dad and Alex

**Jimmy Herman Stammerjohn**

**NAMPA** — Jimmy Herman Stammerjohn, 69, of Nampa, passed away at Trinity Mission of Midland Care Center in Nampa on Monday, Nov. 23, 2009.

The family is planning a memorial service in June of 2010 to honor and celebrate Jimmy's life. Arrangements were under the direction of the Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S. in Nampa (466-3545).

Jimmy was born Aug. 3, 1940, in Buhl, Idaho, the son of Herman and Phyllis Stammerjohn. He attended Memorial Lutheran School and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1958. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Twin Falls to make his home. He met and married Eleanor Schrock in 1963,

and to that union two daughters were born. He was a man of many talents — a farmer, salesman, truck driver, wonderful father, son, brother, uncle and friend.

He is survived by his two daughters, Shelli Godfrey of Meridian, Idaho, and Colette Stammerjohn of Reno, Nev.; two sisters, Nola Traweek of Boise, Idaho, and Helene Fairbanks of Twin Falls; three grandchildren, Jordan, Sydney and Bailee Godfrey, all of Meridian; as well as several family members and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Lois Priest.

A special thank you to the caring staff at Trinity Mission of Midland Care Center in Nampa for all the great care given to Jimmy in his final years.

**Robert Raymond Martin Sr.**

Robert Raymond Martin Sr., 97, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, at Issaquah Nursing and Rehab Center near Seattle, Wash.



Robert was born Feb. 21, 1912, in Hiteman, Iowa, the son of Dancy Martin of Wachter, Iowa, and Anna Russell Patton of Edinborough, Scotland. He attended Montana State University, where he studied, participated in the Sigma Chi fraternity and played basketball. On Sept. 3, 1932, in Hysheim, Mont., Robert married Agnes Carlson of San Coulee, Mont. Together they moved to Twin Falls right after World War II ended.

Robert worked for Montgomery Ward and several other retail establishments, including Frederick and Nelson in Bellevue, Wash. He traveled to Chicago to proofread the Montgomery Ward catalog. Agnes worked as a legal secretary for many years in Twin Falls. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and 90th birthdays in 2001 and had three children together. On Dec. 5, 2004, Agnes Louise Martin, the love of his life,

passed away. Robert and Agnes lived together in Twin Falls for nearly 50 years in a home that he built with his own hands.

Robert loved hunting and fishing and enjoyed watching all kinds of sports on TV. To some of his grandchildren, he was known as Mr. Lucky because he always seemed to win something. In his lifetime, he won three cars and several other items. According to him, he had a very special way of folding his entry forms so they would get selected.

Robert lived a very long and full life and is survived by two children, Robert (Ruth) R. Martin Jr. of San Diego, Calif., and Jane (Jim) Blamires of Jerome; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; and one daughter, Marilyn Douglass.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Cremation took place under the direction of Flintoft Funeral Home and Crematory in Issaquah, Wash.

**Controversial artist Alfred Hrdlicka dead**

By George Jahn Associated Press writer

**VIENNA** — Austrian artist Alfred Hrdlicka, whose controversial works in metal, paint and pencil alienated as much as attracted the public, died Saturday, Austrian media reported. He was 81.



The Austria Press Agency cited gallery owner Ernst Hilger as announcing Hrdlicka's death in the daily Die Presse.

Telephone calls late Saturday to Hilger's private number as well to his downtown Vienna gallery, which frequently exhibited Hrdlicka's works, were not returned.

Hrdlicka's sculptures, drawings and paintings are known as much for their artistic subtlety as their controversial themes. His religious works, in particular, drew protest from believers who considered them blasphemous.

Among his better-known works are his cast iron sculpture of a prostrate figure covered by barbed wire in downtown Vienna. The starkly disturbing "Memorial Against War and Fascism" has been occasionally defaced since it was unveiled in 1991.

Known to have been deeply influenced by his studies of the mentally ill during the late 1960s, Hrdlicka turned to a figurative expressive style meant to provoke his audience to confront the world's anguish, pain and misery.

For him, art was agit-prop and he understood his life as an artist as a mission

to educate the public to oppose war and violence.

An atheist who espoused communist beliefs, he married religious themes with topics considered taboo among believers. One of his last exhibitions "Religion, Flesh and Power" was exhibited last year in the museum of Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral. A central work based on the Last Supper was removed on orders of Vienna's Cardinal Cristoph Schoenborn after protests that it depicted Jesus and his apostles as homosexuals at an orgy.

Born in Vienna Feb. 27, 1928, Hrdlicka first was apprenticed as a dental technician before starting studies at the Academy of Fine Arts under Josef Dobrowsky and Albert Paris Guetersloh. Later he participated in Fritz Wotruba's sculpture class until 1957.

Just seven years later, after a series of exhibitions in Austria, he was chosen to represent Austria in the Biennale in Venice. He taught at fine art academies in Stuttgart, Hamburg and Berlin, before returning to the Austrian capital and a professorship at the University for Applied Arts in Vienna.

His oft-cited dictum, "all art comes from flesh" is reflected in his later works.

For Hrdlicka, art that avoided the human condition was nothing more than decoration and not to be taken seriously.

Hrdlicka was also sought after as a set designer on opera and theater stages across Europe.

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# Opposition grows to Salazar's wild horse plan

By Martin Griffith  
Associated Press writer

SPARKS, Nev. — Dozens of wild horse advocates plan to go before a federal advisory panel here on Monday to try to persuade public land managers to change their plan to relocate thousands of free-roaming mustangs from the West to preserves elsewhere.

They plan to press the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board for alternatives to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's plan to move about 25,000 mustangs to preserves and pastures in the Midwest and East. They insist the plan is based on faulty government data that exaggerates the damage the horses do to the range, as well as the extent to which they are suffering from a lack of forage.

Horse defenders have stepped up their efforts in recent weeks, suing to block a proposed roundup of 2,700 horses in northern Nevada and lining up the support of celebrities such as Sheryl Crow, Lily Tomlin, Bill Maher and Ed Harris.

Crow took her concerns directly to Salazar in a telephone call this past week.

"One of the first things he said was something must be done because the horses are



AP file photo

Wild horses graze near the Carson River in Carson City, Nev., in March 2006. Wild horse advocates say they have no recourse but the courts after federal land managers rejected their request for an immediate moratorium on mustang roundups.

starving. We (advocates) don't believe it," Crow said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Part of the problem is the information he's getting is skewed," she said. "My main concern is that the horse numbers not be dwindled down to the point where they can become extinct. I think he's very concerned about it as well."

Salazar made no commitment on ending the roundups, but he pledged efforts to have a horse advo-

cate appointed to the national advisory board, which has been less than supportive of the cause in the past, she said.

"I'll still be pulling and working for an end to roundups," said Crow, who has adopted a mustang herself.

Ginger Kathrens, executive director of the horse advocacy group Cloud Foundation based in Colorado Springs, Colo., said advocates believe the BLM's figure of 37,000 horses in the

wild is grossly inflated.

Kathrens said their own analysis indicates there may be only 15,000 horses on the range, and she fears herds will no longer be healthy and genetically viable if too many horses are removed.

She's calling for an independent audit to determine the actual number of mustangs both in the wild and in holding facilities.

"I don't think there's anywhere near the horses they're saying," said Kathrens, an Emmy Award-

winning documentary filmmaker.

BLM spokesman Tom Gorey said a report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office last year found his agency was undercounting mustangs.

"There's no evidence for the (advocates') position. It's mere speculation," Gorey said. "We're certainly open to refining our counting techniques, but there's no indication an outside audit is needed."

Gorey said his agency removes horses before they become starving as part of its "pro-active management on the range."

"The fact that there would be horses not in emaciated conditions is not surprising," he said.

"We're not going to manage them in a way so they can get to that point."

BLM officials said they plan to remove 11,500 wild

horses and burros from the range throughout the West over each of the next three years because booming numbers of the animals are damaging the range.

The agency has set a target "appropriate management level" of 26,600 of the animals (advocates' position). It's mere speculation," Gorey said. "We're certainly open to refining our counting techniques, but there's no indication an outside audit is needed."

Madeleine Pickens, wife of billionaire Texas energy magnate T. Boone Pickens, questioned the wisdom of gathering more horses at a time when holding facilities are full. She opposes relocating them far from their natural habitat.

"This proposed gather schedule threatens the very survival of the remaining horse herds in the Western United States and must be stopped," she said.

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## N. Idaho vandals leave racist message

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Police in northern Idaho say a pickup truck belonging to a Muslim of Jordanian descent has been vandalized with two spray-painted swastikas and a racial slur.

Coeur d'Alene police said the vandalism occurred Thursday night in a downtown area of the city, and that a front tire was also slashed. Police said they are investigating the incident as a hate crime.

Haitham Joudeh, 33, said he was celebrating a friend's birthday and left his black Ford F350 downtown.

"It makes me feel like I don't belong in this place," he told The Spokesman-Review. "It makes me fear for my life and my family's life. I mean, what's next? They're going to come to my house? Seriously, what's going to be next?"

The Kootenai County Task Force on Human

Relations said the incident is the seventh hate crime in the Inland Northwest since May.

Joudeh said that on Friday he found a racist flier from the Aryan Nations in a plastic baggie on his lawn. The flier was similar to others distributed in several other Inland Northwest neighborhoods in recent months.

Joudeh, owner of Jordan International Trade and Contracting in Coeur

d'Alene, said he has faced harassment since filing a \$25 million claim in April against Kootenai County commissioners and a local fire district, contending his building application was denied because of religious and racial discrimination.

He contended commissioners in February denied his application to build 141 storage units in Mica Flats because of his Islamic faith and Middle Eastern descent.

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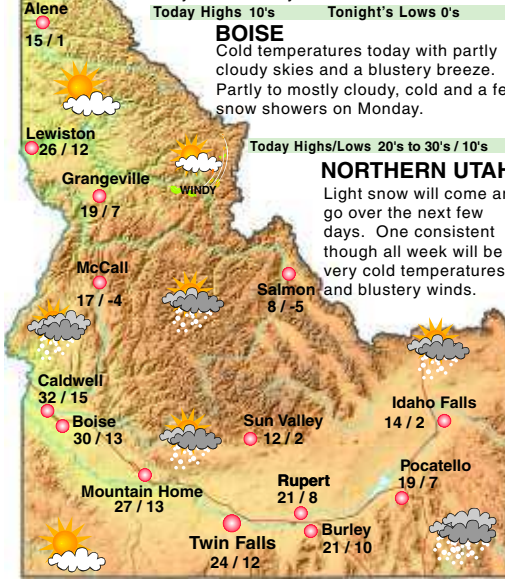
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Yesterday's Low	19°	Month to Date	0.00"
Normal High / Low	40° / 22°	Avg. Month to Date	0.18"
Record High	57° in 1987	Water Year to Date	1.15"
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**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**

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Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 36 at Caldwell Low: -6 at Stanley  
 weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly cloudy and cold	Partly cloudy	A few light snow showers	Partly cloudy and continued cold	Partly to mostly cloudy	Slight chance of snow showers
High 24°	Low 12°	22° / 7°	21° / 8°	29° / 13°	32° / 16°

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	35	19	0.00"
Challis	24	14	Trace"
Coeur d'Alene	30	17	0.00"
Idaho Falls	28	5	0.00"
Jerome	21	14	Trace"
Lewiston	30	25	Trace"
Lowell	35	27	0.00"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malden	26	21	n/a"
Pocatello	27	17	0.08"
Rexburg	25	3	0.00"
Salmon	24	6	0.00"
Stanley	18	-6	0.00"
Sun Valley	23	4	0.00"

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	24°	Yesterday's	0.01"	Yesterday's High	86%	5 pm Yesterday	29.90 in.	Today Sunrise:	7:53 AM
Yesterday's Low	18°	Month to Date	0.01"	Yesterday's Low	52%			Monday Sunrise:	7:55 AM
Normal High / Low	40° / 22°	Avg. Month to Date	0.22"	Today's Forecast Avg.	67%			Tuesday Sunrise:	7:57 AM
Record High	54° in 1975	Water Year to Date	1.41"					Wednesday Sunrise:	8:00 AM
Record Low	-4° in 1972	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.14"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30				Thursday Sunrise:	8:00 AM

**Moon Phases**



**Moons and Moonset**

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	10:23 PM	11:37 AM
Monday	11:38 PM	12:06 PM
Tuesday	none	12:31 PM

**Today's U.V. Index**



**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	30 13 pc	28 8 sn	24 8 pc
Bonnerville	14 -2 pc	8 -2 pc	9 -2 pc
Burley	21 10 ls	22 7 ls	21 7 pc
Challis	15 -3 ls	16 -8 ls	14 -8 pc
Coeur d'Alene	15 1 pc	8 -1 pc	9 -1 pc
Elko, NV	26 10 ls	27 -3 ls	22 -3 pc
Eugene, OR	36 16 sn	34 17 pc	36 17 r
Gooding	22 10 pc	21 5 mc	20 5 pc
Grace	17 8 ls	19 6 ls	17 6 ls
Hagerman	28 16 sn	25 7 mc	24 7 pc
Halley	21 7 ls	22 2 ls	16 2 ls
Idaho Falls	14 2 ls	15 -1 ls	17 -1 mc
Kalispell, MT	12 -8 pc	4 -12 pc	6 -12 pc
Jerome	22 11 pc	20 7 sn	20 7 pc
Lewiston	26 12 pc	19 9 pc	20 9 pc
Malad City	17 -4 sn	17 -5 sn	13 -5 sn
Malta	21 7 ls	23 5 ls	21 5 ls
Missoula, MT	12 -8 pc	3 -11 pc	7 -11 pc
Pocatello	19 7 ls	23 6 ls	20 6 pc
Portland, OR	36 23 sn	32 23 pc	36 23 pc
Rupert	21 8 pc	23 7 ls	20 7 pc
Rexburg	14 -3 ls	13 -2 ls	15 -2 mc
Richland, WA	30 11 sn	22 6 pc	22 6 sn
Rogerson	15 3 sn	17 8 ls	21 8 sn
Salmon	8 -5 ls	7 -13 ls	13 -13 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	27 17 ls	22 22 ls	25 22 ls
Spokane, WA	20 6 pc	15 -2 pc	16 2 pc
Stanley	12 -12 ls	12 -15 ls	12 -15 ls
Sun Valley	12 2 ls	10 -5 ls	12 -5 ls
Yellowstone, MT	4 -21 ls	4 -16 ls	3 -16 ls

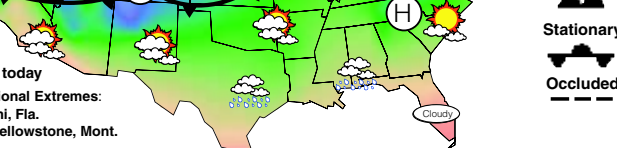
**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	52 36 pc	55 40 r
Baltimore	42 27 pc	43 32 r
Birmingham	55 40 pc	52 47 r
Boston	42 31 pc	41 32 r
Charlotte, SC	41 27 pc	46 30 r
Chicago	38 29 mc	35 26 hs
Cleveland	39 30 pc	39 27 sn
Denver	14 -1 ls	20 13 ls
Des Moines	31 16 hs	24 16 pc
Detroit	37 29 pc	36 26 hs
El Paso	61 37 pc	62 38 pc
Fairbanks	31 20 pc	29 9 pc
Fargo	15 1 mc	12 4 mc
Honolulu	81 66 su	81 66 r
Houston	58 50 r	63 53 r
Indianapolis	43 30 pc	40 27 mc
Jacksonville	59 51 pc	69 57 pc
Kansas City	35 21 r	31 23 mc
Las Vegas	55 41 pc	54 42 r
Little Rock	47 35 r	49 37 pc
Los Angeles	62 49 r	56 46 r
Memphis	51 36 pc	47 37 pc
Miami	77 70 pc	82 70 r
Milwaukee	32 28 mc	34 29 hs
Nashville	45 36 pc	46 33 r
New Orleans	62 56 r	71 55 r
New York	43 32 pc	44 37 r
Oklahoma City	47 25 c	39 33 pc
Omaha	29 14 ls	21 15 pc

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	86 75 pc	86 76 pc
Athens	60 56 r	58 55 pc
Auckland	68 43 pc	68 42 pc
Bangkok	91 70 pc	92 72 pc
Beijing	39 25 pc	43 22 pc
Berlin	45 39 r	48 40 pc
Buenos Aires	73 54 pc	73 59 pc
Cairo	70 56 pc	68 54 r
Dhahran	77 73 r	83 66 th
Geneva	43 42 r	46 34 r
Hong Kong	68 68 r	71 70 r
Jerusalem	68 50 pc	65 54 pc
Johannesburg	81 59 th	80 61 pc
Kuwait City	78 64 r	78 59 th
London	54 43 r	49 39 r
Mexico City	65 45 r	68 46 r
Moscow	29 25 pc	27 24 pc
Nairobi	72 53 r	71 51 r
Oslo	35 35 r	35 34 ls
Paris	55 42 r	50 42 r
Prague	45 38 r	46 40 pc
Rio de Janeiro	71 68 r	74 66 r
Rome	58 50 pc	61 55 pc
Santiago	75 47 pc	74 47 pc
Seoul	38 29 pc	38 30 pc
Sydney	91 61 pc	97 64 th
Tel Aviv	68 63 r	69 64 r
Tokyo	49 35 pc	48 38 pc
Vienna	42 35 pc	49 38 pc
Warsaw	39 35 pc	43 37 r
Winnipeg	19 2 pc	14 -5 pc
Zurich	36 36 r	41 30 r

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
 "Self pity is our worst enemy, and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in the world."  
 Helen Keller 1880-1968, Blind and Deaf Educator

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	5 -13 pc	1 -13 pc
Edmonton	10 -9 pc	1 -11 pc
Kelowna	12 -17 pc	1 -17 pc
Lehrbridge	19 28 ls	-1 28 pc
Regina	7 -12 pc	3 -14 pc
Saskatoon	11 10 pc	3 11 pc
Toronto	33 28 pc	32 24 ls
Vancouver	26 16 pc	24 18 pc
Victoria	30 20 pc	25 22 pc
Winnipeg	19 2 pc	14 -5 pc

# Climate drama climax appears elusive in Copenhagen

By Charles J. Hanley and Jan M. Olsen  
 Associated Press writers

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — For 20 years, as this crowded planet grew warmer, nations have gathered annually to try to do something about it. History now brings them to this chilly northern capital, and to a crossroads.

The world looks to Copenhagen "to witness what I believe will be an historic turning point in the fight against climate change," says Yvo de Boer, United Nations organizer of the two weeks of talks opening Monday.

It may witness, instead, history put on hold.

The change in U.S. administrations a year ago had aroused hopes the long-running climate talks might finally produce an all-encompassing package in 2009 to combat global warming and help its victims.

Too little time and too little agreement, however, especially between rich and poor countries, mean the 192-nation Copenhagen conference is likely to produce, at best, a framework — a basis for continuing talks and signing internationally binding final agreements next year.

Two key building blocks for that framework may take shape here:

- Setting targets for controlling emissions of carbon dioxide and other global-warming gases, including by the leading contributors, China and the United States.

• Agreeing on how much rich countries should pay for poor nations' clean energy technology and for seawalls, irrigation and other projects to counter a changing climate.

Under the grand roof of Copenhagen's modern Bella Center, delegates will also deal with a heavy agenda of other issues: the technicalities of protecting forests, measuring emissions, setting rules for "carbon credits," enforcing an eventual treaty, and other concerns.

Underlining Copenhagen's importance, at least 100 national leaders, led by President Obama, will converge on the Danish capital to offer high-level backing to the talks.

On Friday the White House announced Obama would come to Copenhagen on Dec. 18, the conference's last scheduled day. That's when the U.N. talks perennially go into overtime in last-minute wrangling and when other leaders are planning to take part.

The U.S. chief executive's change in plans indicated the Americans see a chance for important political agreements in those final hours.

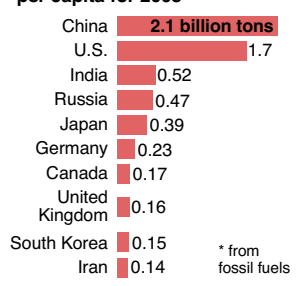
Slow progress has marked climate talks since the 1992 Rio treaty calling for voluntary controls on greenhouse gases.

It took five more years to get the Kyoto Protocol, which ordered emissions cuts by 37 industrialized nations, an accord the U.S. rejected. American resistance through eight years under President George W.

**China top CO2 emitter again**

China overtook the U.S. in 2007 as the No. 1 producer of carbon dioxide emissions and has stayed there since. Coal powered electricity is the largest contributor to the rise.

**Top carbon dioxide emitters, per capita for 2008\***

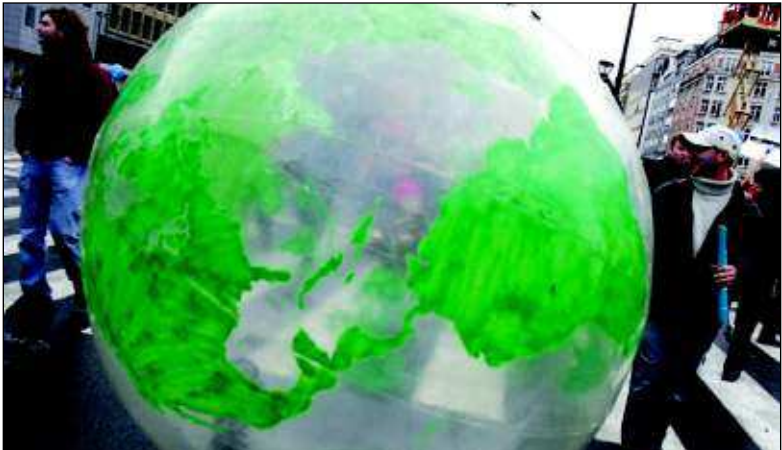


SOURCE: Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Lab

Bush then blocked most progress.

While diplomacy has inched along, climate change hasn't waited.

Global temperatures are rising by 0.34 degrees Fahrenheit per decade and twice as fast in the far north, melting Arctic sea ice at record rates. In the Copenhagen talks' final days, the World



Two men roll a green globe during a rally Saturday in Brussels. Nearly 10,000 people took to the streets of Brussels on Saturday to call for urgent action against climate change. AP photo

Meteorological Organization is expected to confirm this was the warmest decade on record.

Oceans, expanding from warmth and melting glaciers, are rising faster than predicted. The world's power plants, automobiles, burning forests and other sources are producing 29 percent more carbon dioxide than in 2000. Not in 2 million years has so much CO2 built up in the atmosphere, says the Global Carbon Project, an international research group.

That emissions path could

drive temperatures by 2060 to at least 7 degrees F higher than preindustrial levels, scientists say. That would push the world deeper into a time of climate disruption, unusual droughts and powerful storms, species die-offs, spreading tropical diseases, coastal flooding and other, unpredictable consequences.

From the Arctic, from threatened Pacific islands, from industrial capitals, it's that fear that's bringing 15,000 delegates, environmentalists, business lobbyists, scientists, journalists

and others to this quiet gray city of parks and bicycling commuters.

It will also draw hundreds of police reinforcements and protesters, activists demanding "climate justice," deeper emissions cuts by the wealthy, whose smokestacks first overloaded the skies with greenhouse gases, and richer compensation for poorer nations. Wary of confrontation, authorities have sealed off the conference site with massive concrete blocks topped by 6-foot-high metal fences.

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# Baucus defends proposing girlfriend for U.S. Attorney

By Dan Egan  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, acknowledged Saturday that he was involved in a romantic relationship with a senior staffer at the same time that he recommended her to be U.S. attorney for Montana. The relationship between Baucus, 67, and Melodee Hanes, 53, began in summer 2008, when Hanes was still employed as the senator's

state director, and was ongoing earlier this year when Baucus nominated her and two others as potential U.S. attorney candidates, his office said. Baucus said in a statement that the recommendation was part of "an open and fair process" and that Hanes, now a senior Justice Department official, was qualified for the job because of her experience as a trial prosecutor and child-abuse expert. The couple now live together in the senator's home in Capitol Hill.

"Mel and I have a wonderful relationship," Baucus said. "We are living together and enjoying spending time with each other and our families. I'm as happy as I've ever been." Hanes, whose name was submitted to the White House in March, pulled out of consideration, citing other opportunities. She was hired in June for a political appointment as a counselor in the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, officials said. The relation-



Hanes Baucus

ship was first reported late Friday by Main Justice, a legal news Web site. Baucus's personal relationship with a paid employee — and his recommendation that she be appointed as his state's top law enforce-

ment official — could raise political problems for the Montana senator at the same time that he is playing a crucial role in trying to push through Democratic health-care reform legislation in Congress. While GOP lawmakers remained mum on Saturday, Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said the case "raises a whole host of ethical questions" and should be referred to the Senate ethics committee. "They should hold a hearing to identify who was

involved in this process, what they knew and when they knew it, and why Senator Baucus put his personal needs above those of the people of Montana," Steele said. The Senate ethics panel is already investigating allegations of improper conduct by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., who had an affair with a senior aide's wife and then allegedly helped the husband get a lobbying job. Ensign has admitted having an extramarital affair but has denied legal wrongdoing.

# Indiana teenager charged; parents grieve slain son

By Deanna Martin and Lisa Cornwell  
Associated Press writers

RISING SUN, Ind. — Showing no emotion and with his parents a few blocks from the courthouse, an Indiana teenager pleaded not guilty to killing his 10-year-old brother. His mother and father were greeting mourners who came to pay respects to their slain younger son.



AP photo Andrew Conley, 17, is led from an Ohio County court after his hearing, Friday in Rising Sun, Ind.

Andrew Conley, 17, was charged as an adult in Ohio Circuit Court with murdering his brother, Conner Conley, a decision that the boys' parents supported, said Dearborn-Ohio County Prosecutor Aaron Negangard. In front of a few of his friends, the teen answered only basic questions during Friday's hearing. His attorney, Gary Sorge, entered a not guilty plea on his behalf, and left the courthouse without talking to reporters.

Nearby, the boys' parents, Shawn and Bridget Conley, greeted a steady stream of friends and well-wishers who came to a viewing of Connor's body at the Markland Funeral Home. The fifth-grader was dressed in a dark suit and lay in an open casket.

The boy's killing has left residents of this small Ohio River town 90 miles southeast of Indianapolis shaken and confused. According to prosecutors, Andrew Conley, told inves-

tigators he strangled Conner while they were wrestling at their home Sunday, then drove his body to a park and dumped it. They say he said he did it to satisfy his craving to kill. Townspeople described Andrew on Friday as "nice," "normal," and "polite." A relative of the family, Debbie Snyder, said the Conleys were a "strong" and "balanced" family. School officials said the brothers were good students and had many friends. Andrew got As and Bs, was a member of the Spanish club and had no record of disciplinary problems.

The Conleys withdrew Andrew from school on Nov. 16, 12 days before Conner's body was found near a city park, Rising Sun-Ohio County Community Schools Superintendent Stephen Patz said Friday. He declined to say why, and the parents have not talked to the media.

# Horse barn horror



AP photo The remains of a horse barn at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ohio, smolder Saturday after a fire that killed two people and about sixty horses.

# Ohio fairgrounds fire kills 2 people, 60 horses

LEBANON, Ohio (AP) — A fire ripped through a horse barn at a county fairgrounds Saturday in southwest Ohio, killing two men and 43 horses, authorities said.

The barn roof had already collapsed by the time firefighters arrived at the Warren County Fairgrounds, about 25 miles northeast of Cincinnati, according to Capt. Krista Wyatt of the Lebanon Fire Department. The fire was reported about 5 a.m.

The bodies of the men were pulled from the barn and were badly burned, said Shane Cartmill, a spokesman for the Ohio State Fire Marshal. Officials

were trying to identify the men Saturday afternoon.

Lamar Moody, lead trainer at Lebanon Raceway, a harness racing track based at the fairgrounds, said two of his employees were not accounted for.

No one was supposed to be in the stables overnight and it was not clear if the two men killed were working early or sleeping in the barn.

"There was a sign on the building that said people were not supposed to sleep in there," said Victor Gray, a Lebanon resident who lost three horses in the fire.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation, but state fire investigators say they have ruled out criminal intent.

Horse owners stood stunned as they watched heavy machinery peel back the metal roof of the collapsed structure so firefighters could sift through the debris and extinguish what remained of the blaze. The barn was about the length of a football field.

In 1988, a fire in a similar part of the county-owned racetrack and fairgrounds killed 35 horses. No one was killed in that fire.

# Health care debate focuses on Medicare cuts

By Erica Werner  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans forced Democrats to vote in favor of cutting billions from providers of home care for older people as partisan debate flared Saturday during a rare weekend session on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Obama planned to travel to Capitol Hill on Sunday to help Democrats resolve internal disputes that stand in the way of Majority Leader Harry Reid bringing the 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion legislation to a vote.

Ahead of his visit, Republicans, bent on making Democrats cast politically risky votes, offered their third amendment in the debate so far showcasing more than \$400 billion in cuts to projected Medicare spending that would pay for the bill, mostly for subsidies to help extend coverage to millions of uninsured.

Like the other two, this one went down to defeat, on a vote of 53 to 41. The measure by Sen. Mike Johanns, R-

Neb., would have eliminated \$42 billion in cuts over 10 years to agencies that provide home health care to seniors under Medicare.

Four moderate Democrats joined all Republicans present in voting for the amendment: Sens. Jim Webb of Virginia, Evan Bayh of Indiana, Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Ben Nelson of Nebraska.

Underscoring the pressures on the moderates, Lincoln, who faces a difficult re-election next year, initially cast a "no" vote with the Democratic majority but switched to "yes" in the course of the 15-minute vote. Republicans accused her of flip-flopping, but Lincoln said later that she changed her vote after considering how important home health care is to Arkansas.

"That's why they give us 15 minutes," said Lincoln. The more consequential action was taking place behind closed doors Saturday as Democrats struggled to find a compromise on a proposed government insurance

plan that would compete with private insurers. Lincoln and several other moderate Democrats are opposed to the government insurance plan in the bill, and Reid, D-Nev., doesn't have a vote to spare in his 60-member caucus.



McConnell

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius joined in some discussions and several senators cited progress on the issue. There was discussion of various options, including nonprofit insurance plans administered by the Office of Personnel Management, which runs the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

"I'm optimistic that something, I'm not sure what, but something can be arrived at," said Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La. "It's definitely going to be something that's of a nonprofit nature."

Reid called the unusual sessions as he races to finish the bill by Christmas. The weekend work also allowed him and other Democrats to highlight their commitment

to Obama's signature issue, arguing that Americans can't take weekends off from worrying about health care, so the Senate shouldn't, either.

Republicans, determined to stall if they can't kill the bill, weren't impressed.

"I think the majority leader believes that somehow if we stay in on weekends the Republicans are going to blink. I assure him we're not going to blink," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Lawmakers went at each other over who really wanted to protect older people.

Johanns said home health care agencies were being unfairly targeted in the legislation, noting that they account for 3.7 percent of the Medicare budget but would absorb 9.4 percent of the cuts to Medicare in the Senate bill. The percentage is even higher in the House version of the legislation, which passed last month.

"These are truly some of the most vulnerable Americans that receive these services and the cuts are placed directly on their backs," Johanns said.

# Family visits U.S. student after guilty verdict in Italy

PERUGIA, Italy (AP) — Amanda Knox sought comfort from visiting family members Saturday on her first day in prison since being convicted of murdering her British roommate.

The family of victim Meredith Kercher said the verdict brought a measure of justice. However, they said, it was not a time to celebrate.

Knox, a college student from Seattle, was tired and upset following the midnight verdict and sentence of 26 years in prison, according to family members and a lawyer who saw her.

"Amanda like the rest is extremely disappointed, upset about the decision," Knox's mother, Edda Mellas, said after the visit to the prison just outside Perugia. "We told her that she's gonna get out of here. It's gonna take a little longer."

Knox and Kercher's families came to this central Italian town for the verdict,

which was announced at around midnight after 13 hours of deliberations. The court also convicted Knox's co-defendant and former boyfriend, Italian Raffaele Sollecito, and gave him a 25-year jail term for the murder.

Knox and Sollecito are appealing the verdicts.

"She couldn't sleep all night," said lawyer Luciano Ghirga, who spent an hour with Knox at her jail just outside Perugia on Saturday morning. "She's worried for her parents, too, but she is keeping the faith needed for the next steps."

Ghirga said Knox was kept under strict surveillance. He denied reports that she had been put under suicide watch, which is the standard practice in such cases.

Kercher, 21, was Knox's roommate while they studied in Perugia. Her body was found in a pool of blood with her throat slit on Nov. 2, 2007, at the apartment they shared.



Mellas

# Tradition of folks swarming the People's House is long gone

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — An occasional look at the Obama effect in the capital and beyond

By Calvin Woodward and Christine Simmons  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The folks who sneaked into the president's state dinner recently are part of a long tradition of people showing up as they please at the People's House. It's just that the tradition vanished ages ago.

Americans staked their claim to the White House in muddy boots on fine carpet, picnicked on the grounds, parked their carriages and then their cars outside and tromped inside to look for the man, often finding him. They did not need invitations, engraved or otherwise.

Many were ordinary people. Others were social climbers, gate crashers, fence jumpers, patronage job seekers, cranks and crazies.

Why so loose? A child's primer from the Civil War explained that there is an essential difference between an imperious monarch and an American president.

"How are emperors and kings protected?" it asked. "By great troops of guards; so that it is difficult to approach them. How is the president guarded? He needs no guards at all; he may be visited by any persons like a private citizen."

Try that now. Tareq and Michael Salahi more or less did. The Virginia couple's caper angered President Obama, mortified his troop of guards, left a mum White House social secretary doubtlessly embarrassed and sent ripples of fear through lawmakers that the security breach, if achieved by a malcontent, might have caused a "night of horror;" as one put it.

No, it's not the 1800s anymore.



Members of the general public line up at the White House in Washington on Jan. 1, 1927.

Library of Congress/AP file photo

Few remember now that until World War II, the public could freely roam the White House property, gates opening to the masses in the morning and closing at night.

Or the 1900s, for that matter.

Thomas Jefferson wanted the Executive Mansion, opened in 1800, to be accessible, not a palace separated from serfs.

Even the idea of stationing guards in and around the complex was considered inappropriate through the 19th century; their presence was only tolerated when the city itself was threatened in wartime.

So says a federal report that reviewed White House security and access after a disturbed pilot crashed his small plane on the grounds and a man sprayed bullets from outside the fence, both in 1994. The report, rich in capturing the history of openness at the White House, was written by a panel that recommended the closing of Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic outside. That happened in May 1995.

Few remember now that until World War II, the public could freely roam the White House property, gates opening to the masses in the morning and closing at night. The attack on Pearl Harbor was one of many events that tightened secu-

rity several significant notches.

"The gates at the beginning were more to keep cows out than they were to keep people out," said Donald Ritchie, the Senate historian. "This was a very open government and very open city."

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin cited accounts of "backwoodsmen with their muddy boots standing in line with diplomats."

Abraham Lincoln welcomed visitors who routinely lined up for hours seeking employment, Goodwin said in an interview. When his secretary told him, "you don't have time for these ordinary people," he is said to have replied "You're wrong." He considered the visitors his "public opinion baths."

Facing frequent death threats, Lincoln used policemen in plain clothes with concealed arms to serve as "doormen" in the mansion, while uniformed guards were posted outside.

His bodyguard at Ford's Theatre had left his post, either to drink at a nearby saloon or watch the play from the gallery, when John

Wilkes Booth fatally wounded the president.

Despite the assassination, access eased again after the Civil War.

In a ritual that lasted through the first quarter of the 20th century and the assassinations of James A. Garfield and William McKinley, presidents and their wives would come to the East Room most days to say hello to members of the public who had stopped by. Edith Roosevelt, Teddy's wife, used to say life in the White House was like living above the store because average people came in so easily, Ritchie said.

For all the assaults on presidents, none has been injured by an intruder actually on the property.

It's a wonder. The British torched the house in 1814 after President James Madison had fled. Chaotic, drunken crowds spilled into the residence for the inaugural reception of Andrew Jackson in 1829, forcing the president to escape.

Several drivers literally gatecrashed and got through in their vehicles until 1976, when reinforced gates

replaced old wrought iron ones. A man tested the new defenses in his pickup, slamming into the gates at 25 miles an hour. They didn't buckle. Now, obstacles prevent vehicles from getting that far.

In 1994, a deranged pilot slammed his plane into the lawn when President Bill

Clinton wasn't home, and another man fired a semiautomatic rifle, hitting the North Facade and puncturing a West Wing window while Clinton was elsewhere.

The people protected the People's House that day — three nearby citizens subdued the gunman before authorities got to him.



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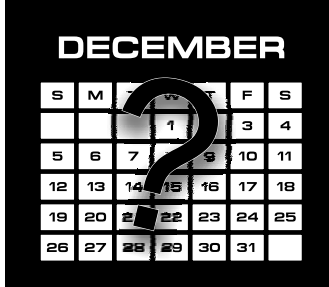
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# Errant 'deceased' letter prompts soldier's mom to sue government

By Paul Walsh  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — A critic of the U.S. military policy is suing the federal government because a letter that she wrote to her serviceman son stationed in Iraq was returned with "DECEASED" errantly stamped on it in red letters.

The lawsuit filed last month in Minneapolis federal court by Joan Najbar, of Duluth, Minn., claims that "as a result of receiving the letter indicating that her son was dead, Ms. Najbar suffered emotional distress with physical manifestations."

Najbar, whose son Sam Eininger was serving with the National Guard when the letter was returned in 2006, is seeking relief from damages including emotional distress, loss of income, attorneys fees and other expenses and "additional damages to be proven at trial."

A claim Najbar filed in 2008 with the U.S. Postal Service sought \$118,000 in damages. That claim was twice denied. A letter from the Postal Service said its investigation found no negligence.

Eininger, 24, an environmental sciences student at University of Minnesota, Duluth, student, said Tuesday that his mother went through "several hours" fearing that he had been killed.

"I was out on patrol, and I got a message to call my



Joan Najbar holds a letter she mailed to her son Samuel Eininger in Iraq that was returned with the word 'deceased' stamped on it, even though the soldier is alive, Oct. 13 in Duluth, Minn. Najbar is suing the federal government claiming emotional distress and negligence.

mom," Eininger recounted. "I called her immediately after I got back, and she told me what happened. She didn't sound pleased. I couldn't blame her."

Eininger, who spent 22 months in Iraq and will wrap up his time in the Guard in March after six years, said he has never been given an explanation for his premature demise, speculating, "Just some (jerk) pulling a prank, I guess."

Najbar, a clinical social worker, said Tuesday that she was left to wonder whether her son was safe from "when I got the letter in the morning (until) I got his call that evening."

"This happened while he was ... being shot at in

Baghdad," said Najbar. "That's not OK ... not to even say oops or sorry."

According to the suit: Najbar mailed a letter to her son on Sept. 29, 2006. It came back to her about two weeks later with "DECEASED" stamped in red on the front of the envelope.

She contacted the Red Cross about the fate of her son, and "the Red Cross was ultimately able to inform her that her son had not been killed."

The suit says that letters sent to service members can only be stamped "DECEASED" once "absolute verification" has been obtained in order to "prevent inadvertent disclosure of the casualty."

Najbar, 58, has never received an apology from the Postal Service or a reason for why the letter was mistakenly stamped, an act that the suit contends is "extreme and outrageous conduct and exceeds the boundaries of decency."

For the past several years, Najbar has publicly challenged U.S. military action in Iraq. In December 2005, she spread a red fabric on the state Capitol steps in St. Paul in a silent protest. She met that day privately with Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty. Her son was among the 2,600 Minnesota National Guard soldiers that Pawlenty visited in Camp Shelby, Miss., just a few days earlier.

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# Family-run company finds holiday success of Zhu Zhu Pets 'humbling'

By Ylan Q. Mui  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For decades, Russell Hornsby has pitted his small, family-run company against corporate titans such as Hasbro and Mattel, trying to conjure up the magic of the must-have Christmas toy. The basement of his home in St. Louis is filled with could-have-beens that he created and loved, even if sometimes no one else did.

Until now. Hornsby bet big this year on a toy version of the one pet that he figured kids loved and parents hated: messy, squeaky, small-brained hamsters. He called them Zhu Zhus. You know what happened next.

Parents stood outside in the cold in the wee hours of Black Friday for the chance to bring one home. One mom programmed the Toys R Us phone number into her cellphone so she could check availability on her way to work. EBay opportunists are selling the \$10 toys for \$50 or more. Walmart is flying the hamsters in from China on 747s and expects to stock close to a million more by



Black Friday shopper Vicki Hill of Harrisburg, Pa., listens to the chirp of her Zhu Zhu Pet at Toys 'R' Us in Camp Hill, Pa., on Nov. 27.

Christmas. Industry experts estimate that Hornsby's company will rake in \$70 million, more than triple original projections.

"We are completely humbled by it," said Natalie Hornsby, one of Russell Hornsby's daughters, who handles marketing and brand development.

A hot toy does not emerge every holiday season. There are perennial favorites such as Barbie and Legos, and even Guitar Hero. But only rarely does a toy engender mass hysteria, said Jim Silver, editor-in-chief of trade publication TimeToPlayMag.com. He

equates Zhu Zhu pets with the Furby and Pokemon crazes, both nearly a decade ago. Before that, Tickle Me Elmo, and once upon a time, Cabbage Patch dolls.

"When you really look at it, it's like owning a hamster," Silver said, with one important exception. "It doesn't die, and you don't have to have a funeral in the backyard."

Hornsby, who has been in the toy business for 35 years, founded his first toy company in 1989 called Trendmasters. He developed the successful Rumble Robots, small figures that fought each other.



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Italian tax police officers hold a Giuseppe De Nittis painting, one of 19 masterpieces that were seized in Parma, Italy, Saturday. The artwork was part of a secret stash of Van Gogh, Picasso, Monet, Cezanne and other masterpieces hidden by the disgraced founder of Parmalat, the dairy company that collapsed under billions of dollars of debt.

# Italian police seize secret stash of art masterpieces

By Frances D'Emilio  
Associated Press writer

ROME — Italian tax police said Saturday that they had seized works by Van Gogh, Picasso, Cezanne and other giants of art in a crackdown on assets hidden by the disgraced founder of the collapsed dairy company Parmalat.

Authorities estimated the 19 masterpieces stashed away in attics and basements were valued at some euro100 million (\$150 million).

Parma Prosecutor Gerardo Laguardia said that, based on wiretapped phone conversations, officials believed at least one of the paintings hidden by Calisto Tanzi was about to be sold.

"We got lucky. We learned that there were negotiations under way to sell one of the paintings" and raid three apartments in the area of

Parma, near Parmalat's headquarters, Laguardia said in an interview on Italy's Sky TG24 TV. He didn't identify the painting.

Bologna-based tax Police Col. Piero Iovino told The Associated Press by telephone that investigators believed the entire batch of paintings, watercolors and drawings were up to be sold. The prospective buyer was a Russian, possibly living in Italy, Iovino said.

No arrests were announced as part of the art seizure.

Tax police said Parma prosecutors are opening a probe into alleged concealment of assets in Parmalat's bankruptcy case.

Parmalat, the dairy conglomerate known for its long shelf-life milk grew from a small dairy distributor in Parma, into a diversified, multinational food company by 1990, but collapsed in 2003 under euro14

billion in debt — eight times what it had previously acknowledged — in what remains Europe's largest corporate bankruptcy. Many small investors who lost their life savings were among some 40,000 defrauded bondholders.

Italian courts have already ruled that Tanzi bore the brunt of responsibility for the collapse. Tanzi was convicted by a Milan court last year of market-rigging and other charges in one of multiple probes. He is currently on trial for alleged fraudulent bankruptcy.

Tanzi has blamed the banks for the labyrinth of deals that helped swell the company to a global empire with operations in more than 30 countries, but also led to the company's collapse.

For years after the collapse, Tanzi was rumored to have had a "hidden treasure" somewhere.

# Italy: Mafia's No. 2 nabbed in Sicily

ROME (AP) — Police captured Cosa Nostra's No. 2 in a raid in Sicily and nabbed another Mafia fugitive strolling down a Milan street Saturday, as authorities crossed more names off the nation's most wanted list, Italy's interior minister said.

Convicted Mafioso Gianni Nicchi, captured in the Sicilian city of Palermo, is a "young, dangerous, ambitious, pitiless killer," Minister Roberto Maroni said. Police found Nicchi, 28, hiding in an apartment in Palermo. News reports say he tried to flee.

Investigators say Nicchi quickly climbed to the top of Palermo-based crime families after the arrest a few years ago of mob boss Salvatore Lo Piccolo. Nicchi, a fugitive since

2006, was convicted last year of extortion and sentenced to 18 years in prison. The bugged conversations

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# Guinea's No. 2 returns after president wounded

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP) — The overnight return to Guinea on Saturday of the No. 2 man in the junta that seized power a year ago makes it more likely that the military clique will be able to hang on to power following an assassination attempt on the president.

Many people, however, fear the army could fracture and plunge the country into further violence.

The head of the presidential guard who is accused of having fired at point-blank range on the president was still at large, and it is unclear how many of the roughly 150 men formerly under his

control will stay loyal to him.

The Guinean army is said to be divided into units headed by different military strongmen which act more like private armies and were only loosely held together by Capt. Moussa "Dadis" Camara, who seized control last December.

Gen. Sekouba Konate, the vice president and minister of defense — who is said to be close to the wounded president — arrived overnight Saturday from Lebanon, where he had been when Camara was shot and wounded by his former top aide, said Idrissa Cherif, the spokesman for the National

Council for Democracy and Development, or CNDD.

Camara was airlifted Friday in a private plane to a Moroccan hospital for treatment and underwent surgery on Saturday for the head wound, said Cherif.

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# Martial law declared in Philippines

By Pat Roque  
Associated Press writer

GENERAL SANTOS, Philippines — The Philippine president imposed martial law Saturday on a southern province where 57 people were killed in a political massacre, while security forces detained members of a powerful clan accused of plotting the attack and fomenting a rebellion.

It was the first time martial rule has been declared in the country since the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos imposed it more than three decades ago. With memories of abuses from that time still fresh in their minds, opposition politicians and human rights groups questioned President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's action, saying she



AP photo  
A government soldier asks for identification cards from people at a checkpoint Saturday in Shariff Aguak, Maguindanao province, in the southern Philippines.

overreacted to a police problem.

Government officials defended Arroyo, saying she acted decisively to bring suspects in the mass slayings into custody and head

off a rebellion by the Ampatuan clan, which has ruled the impoverished Maguindanao province unopposed for years.

Clan patriarch Andal Ampatuan Sr. — a former

governor who was among those detained Saturday — and at least six other family members are the main suspects in the Nov. 23 attack on a political rival's convoy. Some 30 journalists were among the dead. The family has denied involvement.

The Ampatuans, notorious for running a large private army, were allied with Arroyo and helped her receive crucial votes from the volatile southern region during 2004 elections. Arroyo's ruling party expelled the clan after the massacre.

The martial law proclamation allows troops to make arrests without court warrants and to restore order, Arroyo's top Cabinet member, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, announced on national television early Saturday.

# Russian president blasts owners for deadly nightclub fire

By Mansur Mirovalev  
Associated Press writer

PERM, Russia — President Dmitry Medvedev on Saturday demanded that Russia tighten its notoriously lax fire codes after the deadliest blaze since the Soviet era killed at least 107 people celebrating in a nightclub with a decorative twig ceiling and single exit.

About 130 people were injured, dozens critically, when onstage fireworks set the ceiling of the Lame Horse nightclub ablaze soon after midnight, witnesses and officials said. Many victims were trapped in a panicked crush for the exit as they attempted to escape the flames and thick black smoke.

Authorities quickly arrested two registered co-owners of the club, its managing director, and two other suspects. One other suspect was injured in the fire and remains in critical condition.

Officials said club managers had ignored repeated demands from authorities to change the interior to comply with fire safety standards. Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu told Medvedev by videoconference from Perm that the club managers violated the law by running the fireworks display that triggered the fire.

He said the club managers had been fined twice in the past for breaking fire safety regulations, which he did not specify. Russian clubs and restaurants often cover ceilings with plastic insulation and a layer of willow twigs to create a rustic look, one of many uses of combustible materials in buildings by businessmen who bribe officials to look the other way.

The Lame Horse's managers had been scheduled before the fire to report

Monday on their progress fixing the flaws.

"They have neither brains, nor conscience," Medvedev said. "They must face the maximum punishment."

He declared a national day of mourning Monday.

Medvedev demanded that lawmakers draft changes to toughen the criminal punishment for failing to comply with fire safety standards.

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# Little resistance on day two of U.S.-Afghan offensive

By Deb Riechmann  
Associated Press writer

KABUL — U.S. Marines and Afghan troops have killed at least seven Taliban fighters during the first U.S.-led offensive since President Barack Obama announced a new American war plan this week, Afghan officials said Saturday.

American and Afghan troops have met little resistance since Operation Cobra's Anger was launched Friday to disrupt Taliban supply and communications lines in the strategic Now Zad Valley of Helmand province in southern Afghanistan, Marine officials said.

About 1,000 Marines and 150 Afghan troops are taking part in the offensive, including hundreds of Marines dropped behind Taliban lines by helicopters and MV-22 Osprey aircraft. A second, larger Marine force pushed northward from the Marines' main base.

"We're not taking for granted the low level of contact," Marine spokesman Maj. William Pelletier said Saturday. "Just because it's quiet now doesn't mean it will be in 24 hours. Part of the operation is to have a disruptive effect on the Taliban resupply activities. The Marines and Afghan forces are continuing the clearing operation, continuing to move through the valley."

No coalition casualties have been reported. Daood Ahmadi, spokesman for the governor of Helmand province, said 11 Taliban fighters have been killed and five captured. The Afghan Defense Ministry said seven militants were

killed and two captured.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. general in charge of both the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, told The Associated Press on Friday that the offensive was part of preparations for the arrival of 30,000 new U.S. reinforcements. Petraeus said the military has been working for months to extend what he called "the envelope of security" around key towns in Helmand and Kandahar provinces.

Now Zad was one of the largest towns in Helmand until fighting drove away the 30,000 inhabitants. Now the area is a major supply and transportation hub for Taliban forces that use the valley to move drugs, weapons and fighters south toward major populations and to provinces in western Afghanistan.

Back in August, U.S. forces launched "Operation Eastern Resolve II" in the Now Zad Valley to help provide security for the Afghan presidential elections and disrupt enemy activity in the area. Pelletier said the latest offensive was launched before the reinforcements arrive because it was the best time to limit the militants' freedom of movement in the area.

"We have sufficient forces to clear this area, especially when you consider that our number of Afghan partners has almost quadrupled since July," Pelletier said. "So we felt this was a mission we could do without additional troops and without stretching our forces too thin."

The Afghan government has approved a new seventh corps of the Afghan National Army — Corps 215

Maiwand — to be based in the Helmand capital of Lashkar Gah.

# Pakistanis mourn victims in Mosque attack

The Washington Post

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan — Pine coffins were ceremonially placed on an army soccer field Saturday as Pakistan's prime minister, army chief and other officials gathered to mourn three victims of a suicide attack at a military mosque Friday that killed at least 40 people and injured 80.

Although Pakistanis have become somewhat numbed by a wave of terrorist bombings and other attacks in recent months, including a day-long siege of the army headquarters in the city last month, Friday's assault on two pillars of Pakistani society — the army and the Islamic faith — triggered an avalanche of public and official condemnation.

The attack, which killed army officers, wives and children, touched hundreds of families in the close-knit military community of this

sprawling garrison city. Nasim Riaz, a retired general in his 70s, tried to find meaning in the death of his son Bilal, who had just returned home from studying in Britain and was to be married next week.

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# Swedish store pulls plug on N. Korean jeans

By Louise Nordstrom  
Associated Press writer

STOCKHOLM — A Stockholm department store on Saturday removed a new line of North Korean-made designer jeans from its shelves, saying it wants to avoid courting controversy through ties with the isolated communist nation.

The PUB department store's management had not been informed that the label would be carried in its space, and pulled the plug when it became aware of it, said Rene Stephansen, the store's director.

"For us this is not a question of Noko Jeans — this is a question about a political issue that PUB doesn't want to be associated with," he said. "This is not the forum for the discussion" of North Korea.

The Noko Jeans line is the brainchild of three Swedish entrepreneurs who hoped their label would help break North Korea's isolation through increased trade with the West. The jeans come only in black, partly because blue jeans are associated with the United States



AP photo

The label on a pair of North Korean Noko jeans is seen during the launch of the line of designer jeans at PUB department store in Stockholm, Sweden, Friday. Their price is 1,500 kronor (\$220) — more than two years' wages for an average North Korean.

and are stigmatized in North Korea.

The jeans were to be sold at Aplace, a retail space within the department store. Stephansen said he had informed the shop's owner of the decision just before the planned launch.

A spokesman for Aplace said the decision was "a bit cowardly" but said that he understood the department store's point of view.

"It's a real shame," Kalle

Tollmar said. "But we will continue to sell them on our Web site and Noko Jeans will continue to sell them on theirs."

North Korea, led with absolute authority by leader Kim Jong Il, is one of the most closed countries in the world. The average North Korean is prohibited from accessing outside TV, radio or Internet, and only the elite are able to leave the country. Foreigners — and

foreign goods — are largely seen as a threat by the communist regime.

Jeans have been banned in the country for years because they are considered a symbol of U.S. imperialism, said Choi Eun-suk, a professor of North Korean legal affairs at the Institute for Far Eastern Studies at Kyungnam University in Seoul.

In 2005, the regime also urged the country's women to refrain from wearing trousers, saying Western clothing dampen the revolutionary spirit and blur national pride.

Jacob Astrom, one of the three Noko Jeans founders, said he regretted the decision, but said it would be welcome if it leads to scrutiny of conditions in the developing world for workers making the brands it carries.

"Of course it's a pity; it was exciting to be at a space like PUB, but if this means that they're embarking on a larger initiative to look over the brands they have, then we think it's a good thing," he said.

He said neither he nor his

two partners had been contacted by PUB yet.

"This is not a support project (for Kim Jong Il), but is a way for us to get closer to the country and, in a controversial fashion, shake this isolation up a bit."

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## Report: N. Korea orders soldiers to shoot defectors

By Kwang-Tae Kim  
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea has ordered its border guards to open fire on anyone who crosses its border without permission, in what could be an attempt to thwart defections by people disgruntled over its recent currency reform, a news report said Saturday.

The National Defense Commission — the top government body headed by North Korean leader Kim Jong Il — recently instructed soldiers to kill unauthorized border crossers on the spot, South Korea's mass-circulation Chosun Ilbo newspaper said, citing unidentified sources inside the North.

It said the order could be an attempt by the communist government to stop members of North Korea's middle class who are angry over suddenly being deprived of their money from leaving the country.

Officials at South Korea's spy agency were not immediately available for comment Saturday.

Thousands of North Koreans have defected to

South Korea in recent years, most of them via China.

Last year, about 2,800 North Koreans arrived in the South, up from about 2,500 in 2007.

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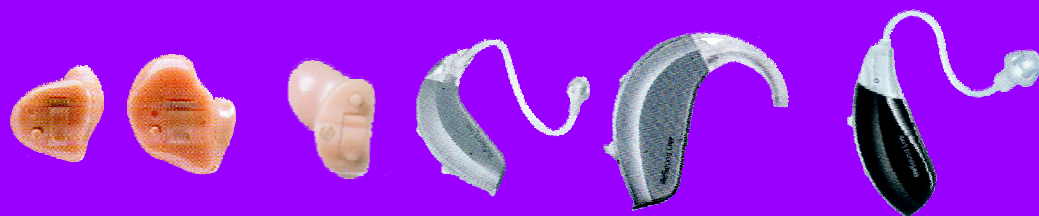
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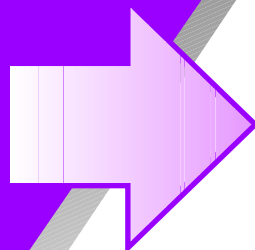
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# Perfection realized

## Martin helps BSU rout New Mexico State to cap unbeaten season

By Todd Dvorak  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Boise State coach Chris Petersen simply refuses to get into the campaign business.

After his sixth-ranked Broncos rolled over New Mexico State 42-7 Saturday to finish 13-0 and go undefeated for the second straight season, Petersen resisted any urge he might have had to argue that the Broncos deserve an invitation to the Bowl Championship Series.

"I don't know why I think it will work," said Petersen, whose team went 12-0 last year only to be left out of college football's big-money bowl games. "I just have a feeling it should work out like it should this year."

Bronco safety Jeron Johnson wasn't nearly as subtle, showing up at the postgame press conference sporting a sombrero. Some analysts have pegged the Broncos for a trip to the Fiesta Bowl. But that hinges on several factors, including Texas beating Nebraska in the Big 12 title game Saturday night.

"It's something I would like to happen, but we have to wait and see what happens," said Johnson, who with the rest of Broncos will have to wait until Sunday night to find out their postseason destination.

The victory over the lowly Aggies (3-10, 1-7) gave Boise State the outright WAC title for the second straight year. The Broncos have dominated the WAC this decade, winning seven of the last eight titles, including the 2005 title it shared with Nevada. The Boise State has now won 26 straight regular-season games and 55 straight regular-season home games.

Doug Martin led the way with four touchdowns, and the defense held New Mexico State to 49 yards passing and 191 total yards.

Kellen Moore, the nation's most efficient passer, was 19 of 30 for 272 yards before leaving in the third quarter with a 35-0 lead. Moore's lone touchdown pass, a 47-yarder to Titus Young in the first quarter, gave him 39 on the year, a school record.

Fans, who chanted "BCS, BCS, BCS" in the fourth quarter, stormed the field after time ran out, turning Boise State's iconic blue turf into a sea of orange and blue as they celebrated with players and coaches.

After finishing 12-0 last season and being left out of the BCS mix, Boise State settled for a matchup with TCU in the Poinsettia Bowl.

See **UNBEATEN**, Sports 6



Boise State's Doug Martin (22) celebrates with Thomas Byrd (66) after scoring a touchdown against New Mexico State during the first half Saturday in Boise.

## CSI men fall in OT at E. Utah

Times-News

Three-point-two seconds from a huge road victory, the whistle blew. Three-point-two seconds later, it blew again.

And the College of Southern Idaho men's team didn't have any answers from there, dropping a 104-94 overtime

game to the Scenic West Athletic Conference leading College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah.

CSI rallied from an eight-point second-half deficit to take an 84-83 lead on a pair of free throws by Josten Thomas with 18.1 seconds left in regulation. After Eastern Utah's Isiah Williams missed a 3-pointer, CSI grabbed the rebound and raced down the floor, but point guard Pierre Jackson was called for traveling with 3.2 seconds remaining.

CEU (8-3, 5-0 SWAC) got one final chance and Cliff Colomon drove the lane and drew a foul with no time left. He hit the first foul shot to tie the game at 84-84, but missed the second, forcing overtime.

It was all Eastern Utah in the extra session as the host Golden Eagles quickly built a 96-86 lead and held on from the foul line, where they went 42 of 52 in the game.

"We had our chances," CSI head coach Steve Gosar

See **MEN**, Sports 2

## CSI women sharp in win over CEU

Times-News

Eastern Utah tried to pressure the College of Southern Idaho women on Saturday. It failed.

CSI's Golden Eagles easily broke through the full-court defense of CEU's Golden Eagles in taking a 79-62 conference win Saturday in Price, Utah.

"One we broke that initial press, I thought we made some good decisions and got some easy buckets," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told AM 1450 KEZJ.

CSI (8-3, 3-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) had 17 offensive rebounds in the first half as it took a 42-30 lead at intermission. The Eagles knocked down five 3-pointers in the second half to put Eastern Utah away.

Shauneice Samms bounced back from a three-point game against Colorado Northwestern Community College on Friday to score 18 points and grab seven rebounds on Saturday.

"Shauneice did a great job," said Rogers. "She just looked more focus and had more energy."

In just her second game of the season, point guard Kiki Lockett had 11 points and six assists, earning praise for Rogers.

"She took care of the basket and finished shots," he said.

Maddy Plunkett had 12 points and six rebounds, while Kalika Tullock and

See **WOMEN**, Sports 2

## Broncos hope, trust and play the BCS waiting game

No season will ever be perfect, but a win-loss record can be.

For the third time in four seasons, the Boise State Broncos finished the regular season undefeated (13-0, 8-0 Western Athletic Conference) after Saturday's 42-7 win over New Mexico State.

These No. 6 Broncos differ from those of previous seasons. Sure, they went undefeated, blew through conference play, lifted BSU's all-time WAC mark to 73-4, kept the school unbeaten at home in league play and just won their seventh WAC title in eight years. But this is one of the youngest teams in college football, with a sophomore quarterback and rotat-

ing players across the board. It's a different team with the same results.

The only time Boise State didn't win the conference, Hawaii swept the WAC and went to the Sugar Bowl in 2007.

This season, it's again the Broncos' turn to stand and wait for the BCS announcement just after 6 p.m. today.

Last year they were unbeaten and left out. This season their BCS hopes again looked improbable, as TCU has had a vice-grip on the only automatic mid-major berth since winning at BYU several weeks ago. But other Top 10 teams kept

Dustin Lapray



losing and losing and the Broncos kept winning. So BSU now waits with trepidation, hoping to get a fair shake.

Boise State players have avoided BCS talk all season (in respect to their coaches' wishes), but they've known how tenuous their chances were then, and how favorable they are now.

"We're not blind," quarterback Kellen Moore said. "You turn on the news and the first thing is the BCS. We're seated pretty well right now, playing a waiting game."

Just imagine if the BCS stands up the Broncos, leaves them waiting on the stoop. What then? Where

would they go? Would they suffer this season playing in some dol-drum of a bowl game, aching because the BCS broke their hearts for the second year running?

"It would hurt," George Iloka said. "I won't lie. It would hurt if we don't make it."

Iloka was one of those players who came to Boise State in hopes of more Fiesta Bowl magic. BCS dreams brought him here and have him begging other Texas athletes to follow suit, to come to Boise and win games.

But if for some sick shake of the money-searching witching stick the Broncos are left out, then recruiting may take a hit, the big

See **WAITING**, Sports 6

## Tide rolls over Florida and into BCS title game

By Paul Newberry  
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — The move was so unlike Nick Saban. The Alabama coach put away all that boardroom talk for a leaping shoulder bump with star running back Mark Ingram.

The Crimson Tide was back on top. Across the way, Tim Tebow couldn't do a thing, tears streaming down his cheeks as he watched the clock wind down on an ending that wasn't in his farewell plan.

With Ingram and Greg McElroy leading an emphatic 32-13 chomping of top-ranked Florida on Saturday,

No. 2 Alabama again stands supreme in the Southeastern Conference. More important, the Tide is just one win away from an even bigger title — its first national crown since 1992.

"Everyone had to buy into not to be denied in this game," Saban said, getting back to business after a raucous celebration at the Georgia Dome. "To be a champion, that's what you had to do. I've never been prouder of a group of players."

The no-nonsense coach, who talks of "The Process" instead of the houndstooth, needed only three years to bring Alabama back from a grim era to a place it was accustomed to under Paul

"Bear" Bryant.

Champions, indeed. "They seemed like they wanted it a whole lot," Florida cornerback Joe Haden said.

Ingram, making a strong bid to claim the school's first Heisman Trophy, rushed for 113 yards and three touchdowns. McElroy threw for 239 yards and a touchdown to claim the MVP award, showing he's no weak link. The Alabama defense held Tebow in check and left him crying at the end.

"It's tough. You know it's not how you want to go out," Tebow said. "They were just better than us today."

Alabama (13-0) moves on to Pasadena for the BCS

championship game, an accomplishment they noted by passing out roses in the locker room. In fact, the school fight song, "Yea Alabama," refers to a long-ago Rose Bowl appearance.

Tebow and the Gators (12-1) will likely settle for the Sugar Bowl, denied a shot at their second straight national title and third in four years.

"Our standard was to be as good as Florida," Alabama linebacker Cory Reamer said. "Today, we were better than them."

The Tide led all the way, establishing its will on the very first drive, making up for its loss in last year's SEC title game.



Alabama defensive lineman Terrence Cody (62) holds up trophy after a 32-13 win over Florida in the SEC championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Saturday.

# Declo bounces back for win over Kimberly

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

DECLO - With its successful football season barely in Declo's rear-view mirror, plus last week's Thanksgiving break, the Hornets have only held four basketball practices so far.

But the Hornets' hoops schedule isn't going to wait for them to be ready, so they lace up the sneakers and go to work.

Tyler Briggs worked inside for 18 points, while Dane Janak earned his 18 points from the perimeter, nailing five 3-pointers as Declo beat Kimberly 64-55 Saturday night.

The Hornets (1-1) got most of their scoring in transition, turning steals and defensive rebounds into quick points the other way.

Declo coach Dee Lewis said his team's effort was far better than what it showed the previous night in a road loss to Aberdeen.

"We played a better team tonight, but (Friday) not everybody was in sync," Lewis said. "Tonight the effort was better all around and everybody got involved."

Tyler Wadsworth scored 13 and Nick Dame added 12 for Kimberly. The only two Kimberly players with varsity playing experience prior to this season, Wadsworth and Dame helped fuel a fourth-quarter comeback, but the Bulldogs couldn't close the deal.

Declo closed the first half on an 8-0 run, with all of those points coming from running the floor in transition.

"We're going to have those one to two minute periods of panic, where we turn the ball over in transition because we haven't played at that speed," said Kimberly coach Marvin Mumm. "By midseason that shouldn't be happening and we should be shooting the layups instead of them."

The Hornets led 25-20 at halftime, then built that advantage to 12 midway through the third quarter by working their half-court offense with dribble penetration and feeding Briggs the ball inside, which in turn opened up the perimeter.

Wadsworth and Dame scored Kimberly's first 12 points of the fourth quarter and cut the deficit to one point with 5:33 remaining. But Declo stayed poised, while the

Bulldogs went the next three and a half minutes without a field goal.

"We just don't have the experience to know how to finish that, and it showed tonight," Mumm said. "If they can keep their heads up long enough to play through that, we're going to be fine because we've got athletes."

Declo plays at Wendell on Monday. Kimberly hosts Wood River on Dec. 15.

## Declo 64, Kimberly 55

**Kimberly**  
Declo 8 12 16 19 - 55  
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**KIMBERLY (53)**  
Derek Maloney 6, Nick Dame 12, J.D. Jimenez 3, Dalton Harmon 2, Brian Crane 10, Tyler Wadsworth 13, Ethan Richmond 3, Cody Casperson 2, Clint Lawson 2, Jacob Howell 2. Totals 21 10-15 55.  
**DECLO (64)**  
Jeremy Jenkins 3, McCoy Stoker 2, Tyler Briggs 18, Larsen Webb 1, Brandon Peterson 7, Colton Smyer 2, Dane Janak 18, Davis Jones 7, Levi Howard 6. Totals 25 9-19 64.  
3-point goals: Kimberly 3 (Jimenez, Wadsworth 2), Declo 6 (Janak 5, Jones). Total fouls: Kimberly 18, Declo 14. Fouled out: Kimberly, Crane. Technical fouls: none.



Declo's Tyler Briggs takes the ball to the basket against Kimberly defenders Cody Casperson, left, and Tyler Wadsworth during their non-conference basketball game Saturday night in Declo.

RYAN HOWE/  
Times-News

# Twin Falls boys win big at Pocatello

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Justin Pedersen scored 17 points and Ryan Petersen added 11 as the Twin Falls boys basketball team started fast and held firm for a 60-47 win at Pocatello on Saturday.

Jon Pulsifer scored 10 and Marcus Jardine added nine for the Bruins (2-0), who raced out to a 17-2 lead and were hardly threatened, bucking a trend of struggling to play well in that venue.

"We've really never played very well there - even the state championship team didn't play well there," said Twin Falls assistant coach Shaun Walker. "We handled their pressure, and we were patient. It was 17-2 at one point and 14 of those 17 were on layups. It's a tough place to play in, but we'll take a 13-point win in Poky any day of the week."

The two teams were whistled for 53 fouls in the game, and combined to shoot 66 foul shots.

The Bruins host Class 3A neighbor Filer on Wednesday.

## Twin Falls 60, Pocatello 47

**Twin Falls**  
Pocatello 17 20 9 14 - 47  
10 18 10 18 - 60  
**TWIN FALLS (60)**  
Brennon Lancaster 2, TJ Ellis 3, Ryan Fuchs 3, Justin Petersen 11, Grady Hepworth 2, Eric Harr 3, Ryan Petersen 17, Jon Pulsifer 10, Marcus Jardine 9. Totals 19 24-40 60.

**POCATELLO (47)**  
Jenkins 1, Matson 1, Korrell 15, Mescham 2, Smellie 4, Hatch 2, Cavanaugh 7, Helton 8, Osterstein 2, Pollard 4, Howard 5. Totals 16 11-26 47.  
3-point goals: Twin Falls 2 (Pedersen, Harr), Pocatello 4 (Helton 3, Korrell, Howard). Total fouls: Twin Falls 25, Pocatello 28. Fouled out: Twin Falls, Harr. Technical fouls: none.

## Bishop Kelly 56, Jerome 45

Jake Hardee scored 18 points and Bishop Kelly held Jerome to 29 percent from the floor in a 56-45 win in Boise on Saturday afternoon.

Jerome got 19 points from Kameron Pearce and 15 from Garrett Amos, but couldn't get anything else going.

"We drove all the way up here and forgot to get off the bus," said Jerome coach Joe Messick.

Anthony Loaisate added 14 for the Knights (3-1).

Jerome visits Mountain Home on Tuesday.

## Bishop Kelly 56, Jerome 45

**Jerome**  
Bishop Kelly 6 6 15 7 - 45  
10 18 10 18 - 56  
**JEROME (45)**  
Nolan McDonald 2, Kameron Pearce 19, Cameron Stauffer 2, Gus Callen 3, Austin Clegg 2, Jordan Hofflied 2, Garrett Amos 15. Totals 14 14-17 45.

**BISHOP KELLY (56)**  
Eneko Bererziartua 7, Andy Harrington 3, Anthony Loaisate 14, Austin Desbina 6, Nick Brady 3, Jesse Rohr 3, Jake Hardee 18, Ben Krain 2. Totals 18 15-24 56.  
3-pointers: Jerome 3 (Amos 2, Pearce), Bishop Kelly 4 (Hardy 3, Harrington). Total fouls: Jerome 19, Bishop Kelly 18. Fouled out: Jerome, Pearce, Callen, Bryan Harper. Technical fouls: Jerome, bench.

## DIETRICH 75, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 47

A tough defense by Dietrich was the key to the 75-47 win over Lighthouse Christian in the third place game of the Dietrich Holiday Tournament.

Kolton Hubert led all players with 21 points and Dion Norman was also in double figures with 16 for the Blue Devils. Andrew Rocha had a team-high seven rebounds and nine points and Jay Liu registered nine assists for Dietrich (1-1).

## CSI's Peacock named All-American

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College of Southern Idaho right-sided hitter Jessica Peacock was to the NJCAA Division I All-America first team for volleyball on Friday evening.

Peacock, a sophomore who was also a first-team All-Region 18 player, led the Golden Eagles with 462 kills and was named the MVP of the national tournament, as CSI won its record ninth national championship.

Region 18 players Erika Charry of Salt Lake Community College and Marketa Hanzlova of North Idaho College, the two-time Region 18 Player of the Year, were also named to the first team.



Peacock

Zane Jesser compiled a double-double for the Lions with 20 points and 17 rebounds.

Lighthouse Christian (0-4) hosts Twin Falls Christian Academy at the Jerome Middle School on Tuesday.

Dietrich is at Bliss on Thursday.

## Dietrich 75, Lighthouse Christian 47

**Dietrich**  
Lighthouse Christian 15 26 18 - 75  
8 13 19 7 - 47  
**DIETRICH (75)**  
Whit Bingham 6, Jay Liu 9, Dylan Perron 5, James McDaniel 5, Alex Heimerdinger 2, Dion Norman 16, Kolton Hubert 21, Andrew Rocha 9, Walter Hansen 2. Totals 30 13-25 75.

**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (47)**  
Alex Nilson 3, Aaron Borchardt 10, Evan Aardema 5, Garrett Goette 5, Zane Jesser 20, Logan Vander Steit 4. Totals 20 5-12 47.  
3-point goals: Dietrich 2 (Liu, Rocha), Lighthouse Christian 2 (Nixon, Goette). Total fouls: Dietrich 15, Lighthouse Christian 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

## CASTLEFORD 64, BLISS 21

Kale Weekes scored 22 as Castleford took the championship game of Bliss' weekend tournament by beating the hosts 64-21 on Saturday.

The Bears (1-2) were down just 13-12 after one period but the Wolves (2-1) cranked on the pressure thereafter.

"We had a lot of defensive energy and that brought us the win," said Castleford coach Dan Winn.

Cole Erkins led Bliss with eight points.

Bliss hosts Dietrich on Thursday.

## Castleford 64, Bliss 21

**Castleford**  
Bliss 13 21 24 6 - 64  
12 5 22 - 21  
**CASTLEFORD (64)**  
Clayton Kline 8, Nick Howard 2, Oscar Vargas 6, Houston Horner 6, Kale Weekes 6, Sam Chavez 6, Tyler Hansen 22, Ethan Tverdy 8. Totals 29 11-19 64.

**BLISS (21)**  
Alex Cortez 6, Cameron Schuessler 5, Cole Erkins 8, Thomas Palmer 2. Totals 7 5-6 21.  
3-point goals: Castleford 3 (Chavez, Hansen, Kline), Bliss 2 (Erkins 2). Total fouls: Castleford 13, Bliss 16. Fouled out: Bliss, Palmer. Technical fouls: none.

## BUTTE COUNTY 59, VALLEY 22

Butte County routed host Valley 59-22 on Saturday. Matt Ivey and John Cauhorn each scored six to lead the Vikings (0-2), who travel to Castleford on Wednesday.

## Butte County 59, Valley 22

**Butte County**  
Valley 21 14 16 8 - 59  
5 12 23 - 22  
**BUTTE COUNTY (59)**  
Hansen 14, Davies 6, Stenerson 13, Giles 8, Coon 4, Burton 2, Isham 2, Anderson 10. Totals 34 5-9 59.  
**VALLEY (22)**  
Anthony Costello 4, Ricardo Mora 1, Austin Shawver 5, Matt Ivey 6, John Cauhorn 6. Totals 7 5-15 22.  
3-point goals: Butte County 6 (Anderson 2, Giles 2, Stenerson, Hansen), Valley 3 (Cauhorn, Shawver). Total fouls: Butte County 15, Valley 12. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

## JACKPOT, NEV. 63, ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEV. 46

Michael Avila scored 29 points and David Blanco added 27 as Jackpot (Nev.) capped a 3-0 stay at the Wells (Nev.) Rural Electric Classic with a 63-46 win over Round Mountain (Nev.). Blanco hit five 3-pointers and Avila made

three treys.

The Jaguars (4-0) host Twin Falls Christian on Thursday.

## Jackpot, Nev. 63, Round Mountain, Nev. 46

**Round Mountain**  
Jackpot 9 6 17 14 - 46  
14 16 14 19 - 63  
**JACKPOT (63)**  
David Blanco 27, Juan Ruiz 7, Michael Avila 29. Totals 27-67 0-4 63.

## COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN 47, WENDELL 39

Senior Nathan Ormand and junior Nolan Stouder both registered double-doubles but it was too many missed easy shots by the Trojans that led to Wendell losing to Cole Valley Christian 47-39.

Ormand scored a team-high 14 points and pulled down 12 rebounds and Stouder had 13 points with 13 boards for Wendell (1-1).

Wendell hosts Declo on Monday.

## Cole Valley Christian 47, Wendell 39

**Cole Valley Christian**  
Wendell 12 11 10 14 - 47  
7 16 8 8 - 39  
**COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN (47)**  
Smith 5, Thomas 5, Feil 16, Jardine 13, Vandewell 6, Ray 3, Whipple 9. Totals 15 13-18 47.

**WENDELL (39)**  
Cayden Williams 5, Jon Myers 2, Curtis Lowe 2, Cody Prince 3, Nolan Stouder 13, Nathan Ormand 14. Totals 14 9-16 39.

3-point goals: Cole Valley Christian 3 (Smith, Feil, Vandewell), Wendell 2 (Williams, ormand). Total fouls: Cole Valley Christian 18, Wendell 20. Fouled out: Wendell, Koopman. Technical fouls: none.

## Girls basketball

### TWIN FALLS 58, FILER 34

Jazlyn Nielsen scored 12 and led three Twin Falls scorers in double figures as the Bruins won 58-34 at Filer on Saturday.

Allie Kelsey and Taylor Williams each had 10 points for Twin Falls, which posted a 36-15 halftime lead.

Natalie Hughes led Filer (2-3) with 10 points.

Filer visits Wendell on Tuesday.

### Twin Falls 58, Filer 34

**Twin Falls**  
Filer 19 17 15 - 34  
9 6 11 8 - 34  
**TWIN FALLS (58)**  
Brylee Bartlette 7, Josie Jordan 4, Alexin Clark 2, Erin Grubbs-Imhoff 1, Brianna Bishop 4, Mallory Jund 8, Allie Kelsey 10, Jazlyn Nielsen 12, Taylor Williams 10. Totals 20 16-25 58.

**FILER (34)**  
Brandie White 5, Charmaine Weatherly 8, Moriah Boone 3, Sierra Koyle 1, Taylor Olyer 5, Kenzie Kaster 2, Natalie Hughes 10. Totals 7 18-32 34.  
Twin Falls 2 (Bartlette, Jund) Filer 2 (Weatherly). Total fouls: Twin Falls 22, Filer 19. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

### WOOD RIVER 53, BUHL 45

Cheyenne Swanson scored 15 points to lead the host Wolverines to a 53-45 win over the visiting Indians.

Monica Garceau followed with 11 for Wood River (6-1, 0-1).

"It was good to be able to get a win without our top scorer (K.T. Martinez)," said

Wood River assistant coach Kevin Stilling.

Buhl (2-5, 1-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) also had two players in double figures with Courtney Azevedo scoring a game-high 19 points and Toni Wuensch adding 13.

Buhl is at Canyon Ridge on Monday.

### Wood River 53, Buhl 45

**Buhl**  
Wood River 3 14 17 11 - 45  
5 18 18 12 - 53  
**BUHL (45)**  
Cassidee Kippes 4, Mercedes Pearson 3, Toni Wuensch 13, Kendyl Hamilton 6, Courtney Azevedo 19. Totals 16 5-6 45.

**WOOD RIVER (53)**  
Alex Lindbloom 5, Grace Lagodich 4, Allie Hesteness 7, Monica Garceau 11, Haylee Thompson 2, Tristin Bowers 9, Cheyenne Swanson 15. Totals 18 13-15 53.  
3-point goals: Buhl 8 (Wuensch 3, Azevedo 3, Pearson, Hamilton), Wood River 4 (Lindbloom, Hesteness, Bowers, Swanson). Total fouls: Buhl 18, Wood River 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

### GOODING 43, HAGERMAN 40

Brittany Wirth had 15 points to lead Gooding to a 43-40 win at Hagerman on Saturday.

Angela Vitek added 12 for the Senators (5-2), who host Wendell on Thursday.

Kaitlyn Nebeker scored 15 and Kyla Coates added 14 for the Pirates (1-6), who did not attempt a free throw in the game.

Hagerman hosts Oakley on Thursday.

### Gooding 43, Hagerman 40

**Gooding**  
Hagerman 8 14 13 8 - 43  
15 5 15 - 40  
**GOODING (43)**  
Angela Vitek 12, Kourtney Agenbrod 2, Mackenzie Stevens 4, Danielle Baker 5, Carrie Baker 3, Brittany Wirth 15, Audrey Youren 2. Totals 15 10-16 43.

**HAGERMAN (40)**  
Cheyenne Crist 2, Kaitlyn Nebeker 15, Kyla Coates 14, Raven Aiken 3, Amanda Regnier 6, Totals 17 0-0 43.  
3-point goals: Gooding 3 (Wirth 2, Vitek), Hagerman 6 (Coates 4, Nebeker, Aiken). Total fouls: Gooding 5, Hagerman 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

### BUTTE COUNTY 45, VALLEY 26

Alyssa Henry scored 14 points but Valley couldn't overcome a dry third period as Butte County took a 45-26 win in Hazelton on Saturday.

The Pirates held their hosts to four points in the third period, scoring 15.

Valley (2-4) is at Hansen on Thursday.

### Butte County 45, Valley 26

**Butte County**  
Valley 9 10 15 11 - 45  
12 14 8 - 26  
**BUTTE COUNTY (45)**  
Cummins 2, Childers 5, Traubner 7, Collins 8, Kern 8, Pope 9, Hansen 5, Andreason 1. Totals 16 13-25 45.

**VALLEY (26)**  
Valene Lickley 3, Kaylee Kent 4, Dacia Hunter 3, Alyssa Henry 14, Conny Chaires 2. Totals 11 2-8 26.  
3-point goals: Valley 2 (Henry 2). Total fouls: Butte County 13, Valley 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

### CASTLEFORD 62, ROCKLAND 39

Castleford defeated Rockland 62-39 in Bliss on Friday night. No other details were available.

### SHOSHONE 42, RAFT RIVER 23

Kelcie Hutchins scored 18 points and Shoshone built a 20-point halftime lead to coast past visiting Raft River 42-23 on Saturday night.

"Getting out to the quick start was the key," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman, whose team led 12-3 after one period and 25-5 at halftime.

Hailey Higley led Raft River with six points.

Shoshone (4-2) is at Shoban on Monday.

### Shoshone 42, Raft River 23

**Raft River**  
Shoshone 3 2 12 4 - 23  
12 10 7 - 42  
**SHOSHONE (42)**  
Kassie Ottley 3, Echo Hanson 5, Hailey Higley 6, CeAnn Carpenter 4, Whitney Holtman 5, Samantha Ward 3. Totals 8 6-13 23.

Shelby Bozutto 1, Kelcie Hutchins 18, Taylor Astle 5, Lacey Knip 3, Kyle Stein 7, Jennica Kerner 8. Totals 15 9-18 42.  
3-point goals: Raft River 1 (Ottley), Shoshone 3 (Hutchins, Astle, Stein). Total fouls: Raft River 14, Shoshone 16. Fouled out: Raft River, Ottley. Technical fouls: none.

### GLENN'S FERRY 45, MELBA 42

Sara Arellano scored 13 to lead three Glenns Ferry players in double figures as the Pilots surged late to take a 45-42 win over visiting Melba on Saturday.

Mollee Shrum added 10 for the Pilots (3-5), while Karli McHone scored 11, all from the foul line.

"The whole game came down to what happened on the free-throw line," said Glenns Ferry coach Rick Hance.

The Pilots visit Buhl on Tuesday.

### Glenns Ferry 45, Melba 42

**Melba**  
Glenns Ferry 7 9 15 11 - 42  
6 10 12 17 - 45  
**MELBA (42)**  
Hoagland 3, Marcotte 6, Housley 3, Read 5, Wiebold 5, Stirn 18, Richardson 2. Totals 15 11-18 42.  
**GLENN'S FERRY (45)**  
Rebecca Woody 4, Karli McHone 11, Chelsea Woody 1, Mollee Shrum 10, Cassie Garza 6, Sara Arellano 13. Totals 11 21-31 45.  
3-point goals: Melba 1 (Hoagland), Glenns Ferry 2 (Shrum, Arellano). Total fouls: Melba 16, Glenns Ferry 13. Fouled out: Glenns Ferry, R. Woody. Technical fouls: none.

### CHALLIS 59, CAREY 53

Jenna Hamilton scored 17 and Nicole Helm added 15 as Challis held off visiting Carey 59-53 on Saturday, in a matchup of previously-undefeated teams.

Jessica Parke had 23 for the Panthers (4-1), who managed to hold Challis forward Lauren Garlie to just 10 points.

Amy Ellsworth added 15 for Carey, which hosts Camas County on Tuesday.

### Challis 59, Carey 53

**Carey**  
Challis 18 14 12 9 - 53  
14 17 13 15 - 59  
**CAREY (53)**  
Jade Parke 3, Jessica Parke 23, Angela Ellsworth 3, Darlene Northcott 2, Amy Ellsworth 12, Micaela Adamson 8, Nicky Gomez 2. Totals 20 9-20 53.

**CHALLIS (59)**  
Nicole Helm 15, Jenna Hamilton 17, Amber Kemmerer 5, Lori Dowlin 9, Lacey Moss 2, Lauren Garlie 10, Megan Corrigan 1. Totals 20 16-28 59.  
3-point goals: Carey 4 (Jie, Parke 3, Ja, Parke), Challis 3 (Helm 2, Hamilton). Total fouls: Carey 17, Challis 17. Fouled out: Carey, A. Ellsworth. Technical fouls: none.

## Late Friday Boys basketball

### CLARK COUNTY 60, DIETRICH 56

Heath Wagoner had 21 points and 12 rebounds to lead Clark County over Dietrich 60-56 in Dietrich on Friday, in the season opener for both teams.

Andrew Rocha had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Blue Devils (0-1).

### Clark County 60, Dietrich 56

**Clark County**  
Dietrich 10 17 21 12 - 60  
10 13 15 18 - 56  
**CLARK COUNTY (60)**  
Cade Max 4, Dax Tomlinson 10, Bodie May 8, Tate Staker 13, Tucker Farr 2, Caleb May 2, Heath Wagoner 21. Totals 21 17-34 60.

**DIETRICH (56)**  
Whit Bingham 1, Jay Liu 9, Dylan Perron 9, James McDaniel 2, Kolton Hubert 4, Brent McDaniel 4, Andrew Rocha 20, Walter Hansen 7. Totals 24 3-10 56.  
3-point goals: Clark County 1 (Tomlinson), Dietrich 5 (Rocha 3, Hansen, Liu). Total fouls: Clark County 16, Dietrich 19. Fouled out: Dietrich, Perron. Technical fouls: none.

### BLISS 42, RIMROCK 33

Alex Cortez scored 13 points as Bliss beat Rimrock 42-33 on Friday.

### Bliss 42, Rimrock 33

**Rimrock**  
Bliss 5 9 14 5 - 33  
15 8 5 14 - 42  
**RIMROCK (33)**



# Gomes, Love help Wolves snap Jazz streak

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love hasn't shown any signs of rust from five weeks on the sideline.

In his second game back, Love had 18 points and 10 rebounds to help the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 108-101 victory over the Utah Jazz on Saturday night.

Ryan Gomes scored 23 points on 9-of-10 shooting and Jonny Flynn had 16 points and four assists for the Timberwolves, who won for just the third time in 20 games this season.

Carlos Boozer had 21 points and 13 rebounds, and Deron Williams had 18 points and 11 assists for the Jazz, who had a season-best

four-game winning streak snapped.

## BOBCATS 106, 76ERS 105

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Raymond Felton's driving layup with 4.7 seconds left capped a late comeback and the Charlotte Bobcats bounced back from an embarrassing loss.

A night after the Bobcats lost to New Jersey to end the Nets' record-worst NBA start at 0-18, they appeared ready to hand the 76ers their first win in more than two weeks. But Boris Diaw hit a 3-pointer and a scoop shot in a late run, and Felton rubbed off a screen on a drive and beat Samuel Dalembert

for the go-ahead basket.

Andre Iguodala missed a fadeaway at the buzzer for the 76ers, who blew a 10-point fourth-quarter lead in their ninth straight loss ahead of Allen Iverson's return Monday night against Denver.

## SUNS 115, KINGS 107

PHOENIX — Steve Nash scored 32 points, Amare Stoudemire had 18 points and 21 rebounds and Phoenix used a late 3-point spree to beat Sacramento.

The Suns, coming off consecutive road losses to New York and Cleveland, improved to 7-0 at home. Tyreke Evans scored 21

points, and Andres Nocioni had 20 for the Kings, who lost for the eighth straight time in Phoenix.

## NUGGETS 106, SPURS 99

SAN ANTONIO — Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points, and Chauncey Billups added 18 points to help Denver open a four-game trip with a victory.

Tony Parker led San Antonio with 27 points, and Tim Duncan had 26.

## RAPTORS 110, BULLS 78

CHICAGO — Chris Bosh had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead Toronto to its second victory in two nights following a five-game

losing streak.

He had 13 points in the opening quarter alone and hit nine of 12 shots overall in just 22 minutes, sending Chicago to its seventh loss in eight games.

## HAWKS 80, MAVERICKS 75

DALLAS — Joe Johnson scored 31 points and Atlanta ended a streak of five winless trips to Dallas.

Josh Smith added 12 points, and Marvin Williams had a career-high 15 rebounds for the Hawks. Dirk Nowitzki had 32 points and nine rebounds for Dallas.

— The Associated Press



AP photo

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Ryan Gomes reacts after making a shot during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game against the Utah Jazz in Minneapolis.

# SCOREBOARD

## BASKETBALL

NBA				
All Times MST				
EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	4	.800	—
Toronto	9	13	.409	8
New York	5	15	.250	11
Philadelphia	5	15	.250	11
New Jersey	1	18	.053	14½
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	15	4	.789	—
Atlanta	14	6	.700	1½
Miami	10	9	.526	5
Charlotte	8	11	.421	7
Washington	7	11	.389	7½
CENTRAL				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	14	5	.737	—
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	4½
Chicago	7	11	.389	6½
Detroit	7	12	.368	7
Indiana	6	11	.353	7
WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	14	7	.667	—
Houston	11	8	.579	2
San Antonio	9	8	.529	3
New Orleans	8	11	.421	5
Memphis	8	12	.400	5½
NORTHWEST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	15	5	.750	—
Portland	12	8	.600	3
Utah	8	5	.615	3½
Oklahoma City	10	9	.526	4½
Minnesota	3	17	.150	12
PACIFIC				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	15	3	.833	—
Phoenix	15	3	.833	—
Sacramento	9	9	.500	6
L.A. Clippers	8	11	.421	7½
Golden State	6	12	.333	9

0-0 O, Parker 8-14 11-12 27, Bogans 1-2 0-0 2, Ginobili 3-9 6-14, Blair 2-5 0-0 4, Bonner 1-6 0-0 3, Hill 2-2 2-8, Mason 0-1 0-0 0, Finley 2-2 1-5, Totals 33-70 26-31 99.				
Denver	30	29	27	106
San Antonio	29	29	23	99

3-Point Goals—Denver 4-9 (Billups 2-3, Afflalo 1-1, Smith 1-4, Anthony 0-1), San Antonio 7-21 (Hill 2-4, Ginobili 2-4, Jefferson 2-4, Bonner 1-6, Bogans 0-1, Mason 0-1, McDyess 0-1). Fouled Out—None.

Rebounds—Denver 49 (Martin 13), San Antonio 41 (Bonner 7). Assists—Denver 13 (Billups 5), San Antonio 16 (Parker 5). Total Fouls—Denver 22, San Antonio 23. Technicals—Denver delay of game, San Antonio defensive three second. A-17592 (18,797).

## SUNS 115, KINGS 107

SACRAMENTO (0-7)				
Greene 1-5 1-4 4, Thompson 5-9 3-4 13, Hawes 4-14 2-2 10, Evans 8-16 4-6 21, Nocioni 7-13 2-2 20, Casspi 2-8 4-6 8, Udoka 1-2 0-0 3, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, Udrih 4-8 3-3 12, Rodriguez 5-10 1-2 12, Totals 39-90 20-29 107.				

## PHOENIX (15)

HILL 1-5 6-7 14, Stoudemire 5-13 8-12 18, Frye 4-10 3-4 15, Nash 11-23 7-7 32, Richardson 6-14 2-2 16, Dudley 4-6 0-0 9, Lopez 2-2 2-6, Dragic 2-4 0-0 5, Clark 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-88 28-34 115.				
Sacramento	26	29	28	107
Phoenix	35	25	22	115

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 9-23 (Nocioni 4-7, Udoka 1-1, Rodriguez 1-3, Evans 1-3, Greene 1-3, Udrih 1-4, Hawes 0-1, Casspi 0-1), Phoenix 11-24 (Frye 4-8, Nash 3-6, Richardson 2-6, Dragic 1-2, Dudley 1-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 62 (Thomas 18), Phoenix 54 (Stoudemire 21). Assists—Sacramento 18 (Evans 7), Phoenix 15 (Nash 6). Total Fouls—Sacramento 25, Phoenix 21. Technicals—Hawes. Sacramento defensive three second. A-17747 (18,422).

## HAWKS 80, MAVERICKS 75

ATLANTA (8-0)				
M. Williams 17-0 0-3, Jos. Smith 4-11 4-10 12, Horford 5-10 1-2 11, Bibby 1-0 0-2, Johnson 3-2 4-4 31, Crawford 3-12 0-0 6, Pachulia 2-5 2-2 6, J. Smith 3-8 3-4 9, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Teague 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-89 14-22 80.				

## DALLAS (75)

MARION 3-6 2-4 8, Nowitzki 11-24 8-10 32, Dampier 0-1 0-0 0, Kidd 1-5 0-2 3, Terry 5-16 4-4 17, Thomas 2-7 0-0 5, Barea 2-4 0-0 5, Gooden 1-4 3-4 5, Beaubois 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-77 15-27 75.				
Atlanta	27	14	23	16
Dallas	19	21	20	15

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 2-13 (M. Williams 1-1, Johnson 1-5, Teague 0-1, Crawford 0-1, Bibby 0-5), Dallas 8-24 (Terry 3-8, Nowitzki 2-6, Barea 1-2, Thomas 1-3, Kidd 1-5, F. Smith 0-2, Johnson 0-2). Rebounds—Atlanta 60 (M. Williams 15), Dallas 54 (Dampier 12). Assists—Atlanta 16 (Bibby 6), Dallas 18 (Kidd 6). Total Fouls—Atlanta 22, Dallas 20. Flagrant Fouls—Jos. Smith, Dampier. A-19550 (19,200).

## BOBCATS 106, 76ERS 105

PHILADELPHIA (105)				
Young 7-18 1-4 17, Brand 6-14 2-14 4, Dalembert 1-3 2-2 4, Green 10-15 4-4 26, Iguodala 6-18 8-10 22, Carney 1-2 4-4 10, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Kapono 6-13 0-14, Brezecz 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-91 19-26 105.				

## WALLACE (106)

WALLACE 9-18 5-24, Diaw 10-12 3-3 28, Chandler 3-4 1-7, Felton 6-11 5-5 18, Jackson 4-12 3-4 13, Murray 0-6 0-2 0, Mottom 4-5 1-1 9, Brown 1-4 1-2 3, Graham 0-1 0-0 0, Henderson 1-5 2-4 4. Totals 38-78 21-26 106.				
Philadelphia	22	26	31	107
Charlotte	21	29	28	106

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 8-19 (Young 2-3, Green 2-4, Iguodala 2-4, Kapono 2-5, Carney 0-3), Charlotte 9-17 (Diaw 5-6, Jackson 2-5, Felton 1-1, Wallace 1-2, Murray 0-1, Henderson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 55 (Iguodala, Young 11), Charlotte 49 (Wallace 14). Assists—Philadelphia 19 (Iguodala 7), Charlotte 24 (Felon 8). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 18, Charlotte 22. A-13,352 (19,077).

## Friday's Late NBA Box

LAKERS 108, HEAT 107				
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MIAMI (107)				
Richardson 4-8 4-4 13, Beasley 6-8 0-0 12, O'Neal 6-10 4-9 16, Chalmers 4-9 0-0 12, Wade 7-21 12-18 26, Haslem 5-11 4-5 14, Maguire 3-4 1-4 7, Wright 2-5 2-2 7. Totals 37-76 22-42 108.				

## L.A. LAKERS (108)

ARTEST 4-17 1-1 9, Gasol 8-16 6-22 28, Bynum 7-14 5-7 19, Fisher 4-10 2-2 11, Bryant 12-25 7-8 33, Brown 1-5 0-0 2, Odom 1-2 1-2 4, Farmer 3-4 1-2 8, Vujacic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-93 23-28 108.				
Miami	21	29	28	107
L.A. Lakers	21	30	32	108

3-Point Goals—Miami 6-13 (Chalmers 4-8, Wright 1-1, Richardson 1-2, O'Neal 0-1, Wade 0-1), L.A. Lakers 5-17 (Bryant 2-3, Odom 1-2, Farmer 1-2, Fisher 1-4, Brown 0-2, Artest 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 60 (O'Neal 10), L.A. Lakers 52 (Bryant 19). Assists—Miami 21 (Wade 9), L.A. Lakers 19 (Artest 5). Total Fouls—Miami 25, L.A. Lakers 26. Technicals—O'Neal, Odom 2. Ejected—Odom. A-18,997 (18,997).

## Men's College Scores

FAR WEST				
BYU 69, San Francisco 43				
Colorado St. 64, Denver 50				
Montana St. 62, N. Arizona 50				
N. Colorado 59, Montana 48				
New Mexico 75, New Mexico St. 58				
Portland St. 98, E. Washington 75				
Saint Mary's, Calif. 68, Utah St. 63				
San Jose St. 82, Utah Valley 74				
Seattle 88, UC Davis 78				
Utah 68, Idaho St. 56				
Wake Forest 77, Gonzaga 75				
Weber St. 80, Sacramento St. 65				
Wyoming 76, Loyola Marymount 70				
MIDWEST				
Butler 84, Valparaiso 67				
Dayton 89, Lehigh 71				
Detroit 69, Cleveland St. 62				
Drake 72, North Dakota 63				
IUPUI 86, N. Dakota St. 74				
Illinois 84, Boise St. 77				
Illinois St. 75, Cent. Michigan 62				
Iowa 80, Prairie View 81				
Kansas St. 86, Washington St. 69				
Loyola of Chicago 69, Wis.-Milwaukee 64				
Michigan 67, Ark.-Pine Bluff 53				

## GAME PLAN

### TV SCHEDULE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
6 p.m.	FOX — BCS Selection Show
11 a.m.	GOLF
TGC — PGA Tour, Qualifying Tournament, fifth round	
1 p.m.	NBC — Chevron World Challenge, final round
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
1 p.m.	FSN — Miami at Boston College
3:30 p.m.	FSN — Kansas at UCLA
5:30 p.m.	FSN — Villanova vs. Maryland, at Washington
NFL FOOTBALL	
11 a.m.	

CBS — Tennessee at Indianapolis	
FOX — New Orleans at Washington	
2:15 p.m.	FOX — Dallas at N.Y. Giants
6:15 p.m.	NBC — Minnesota at Arizona
RODEO	
7 p.m.	ESPN2 — PRCA, National Finals, fourth round, at Las Vegas
SOCCER	
11 a.m.	ESPN2 — NCAA Division I, Women's College Cup, championship match, Stanford vs. North Carolina
1 p.m.	Valencia at Athletic Bilbao
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
5 p.m.	ESPN2 — Texas at Tennessee

## BETTING

### Glantz-Culver Line

For Dec. 6				
NFL				
FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	
Denver	4	5	(38½)	at Kansas City
at Pittsburgh	13½	14½	(37)	Oakland
at Jacksonville	PK	PK	(47)	Houston
at Indianapolis	7½	6½	(46)	Tennessee
Philadelphia	3	5	(43½)	at Atlanta
at Cincinnati	13	13	(42)	Detroit
New Orleans	9½	9½	(47)	at Washington
at Carolina	6	5½	(40)	Tampa Bay
at Chicago	9	9	(41)	St. Louis
San Diego	11½	13½	(43)	at Cleveland
at Seattle	+1	PK	(41½)	San Francisco
Minnesota	3	3½	(48)	at Arizona
Dallas	PK	2½	(45½)	at N.Y. Giants
New England	4½	4½	(46)	at Miami
at Green Bay	2½	3½	(43½)	Baltimore

## FOOTBALL

### NFL All Times MST

AMERICAN					
EAST	W	L	T	Pct	
New England	7	4	0	.636	
N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500	
Miami	5	6	0	.455	
Buffalo	4	8	0	.333	
SOUTH					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	
x-Indianapolis	11	0	0	1.000	304
Jacksonville	6	5	0	.545	202
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	229
Houston	5	6	0	.455	259
NORTH					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	
Cincinnati	8	3	0	.727	231
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	257
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	248
Cleveland	1	10	0	.091	122
WEST					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	
San Diego	8	3	0	.727	312
Denver	7	4	0	.636	196
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	183
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	115

## NATIONAL

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	255	182
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	293	228
N.Y. Giants	6	5	0	.545	272	261
Washington	3	8	0	.273	170	205
SOUTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	11	0	0	1.000	407	221
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	272	245
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	199	256
Tampa Bay	1	10	0	.091	181	314
NORTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Minnesota	10	1	0	.909	342	203
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	296	215
Chicago	4	7	0	.364</		

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Hook 'em! Texas survives 'Huskers

ARLINGTON, Texas — Colt McCoy and No. 3 Texas are headed for the BCS championship game.

Hunter Lawrence nailed a 46-yard field goal as time expired, giving a roughed-up McCoy and the Longhorns a 13-12 victory over No. 21 Nebraska in the Big 12 championship on Saturday night.

"We had so many things not go our way tonight but we found a way," McCoy said.

McCoy returned for his senior season in hopes of matching predecessor Vince Young's feat of leading Texas to a national championship. Now he'll get that shot Jan. 7 in Pasadena, Calif., against No. 2 Alabama, the SEC champion.

McCoy was hit, hurried and hassled by waves of Cornhuskers, dazing the winningest quarterback in college football history into a guy who made a bunch of freshman mistakes — including the nearly costly flub of letting time run out on his chance of reaching the title game.

Officials put 1 second back on the clock and Lawrence converted to keep the Longhorns undefeated. Texas players flung helmets and rushed the field to celebrate this agonizingly close conference championship. The Cornhuskers slunked off, unable to believe they weren't going away with the upset.

"We're excited about being Big 12 champs and we'll see you in Pasadena," Texas coach Mack Brown said in a raspy voice at the end of a confetti-filled celebration at midfield.

#### NO. 5 CINCINNATI 45, NO. 14 PITTSBURGH 44

PITTSBURGH — Tony Pike's 29-yard touchdown pass to Armon Binns with 33 seconds left finished No. 5 Cincinnati's comeback from a 21-point deficit to secure a BCS berth and the Bearcats' second straight Big East title.

The first de facto Big East championship game since the conference began playing football in 1991 was a high-scoring classic. Freshman Dion Lewis' three touchdowns and 194 yards



AP photo  
Texas quarterback Colt McCoy (12) is sacked by Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (93) in the first half of the Big 12 Conference championship game, Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

rushing on 47 carries in a Tony Dorsett-like performance carried Pitt (9-3, 5-2) to leads of 31-10, 38-24 and 44-38, only to have the Mardy Gilyard-led Bearcats (12-0, 7-0) rally each time.

Gilyard gave the Bearcats a much-needed jolt with a 99-yard kickoff return only 70 seconds before halftime after Pitt had opened its 21-point lead, and he made it 31-24 in the third quarter with a 68-yard scoring catch. Gilyard's 49-yard kickoff return also led to Pike's 8-yard scoring pass to D.J. Woods that cut Pitt's lead to 38-30 early in the fourth quarter.

#### ACC CHAMPIONSHIP NO. 12 GEORGIA TECH 39, NO. 25 CLEMSON 34

TAMPA, Fla. — Georgia Tech's swift turnaround under Paul Johnson now includes its first Atlantic Coast Conference title in more than a decade.

Jonathan Dwyer's 15-yard touchdown run with 1:20 remaining gave the 12th-ranked Yellow Jackets victory in the ACC championship game.

Josh Nesbitt threw a 70-yard TD pass to DeMaryius Thomas and Scott Blair kicked a title game-record four field goals to help the Yellow Jackets (11-2) win the crown — Tech's first since sharing it with Florida State in 1998 — in their second season under Johnson.

ACC player of the year C.J. Spiller rushed for 233 yards and four touchdowns for Clemson (8-5), which

has lost two straight following a six-game winning streak that revived its season after a slow start.

#### EAST CAROLINA 38, 18 HOUSTON 32

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Dominique Lindsay and Giovanni Ruffin each ran for two touchdowns while East Carolina's defense hung in against Houston's powerful offense to help the Pirates beat win the Conference USA championship.

Dwayne Harris also had a big day with 123 yards receiving and a 22-yard touchdown catch. He also had a 69-yard kickoff return to set up East Carolina's first touchdown to earn MVP honors, helping the Pirates (9-4) beat the mistake-prone Cougars (10-3) for their second straight league title that will send them back to the Liberty Bowl.

#### WASHINGTON 42, NO. 19 CALIFORNIA 10

SEATTLE — Jake Locker made what could be his Washington farewell a memorable one, throwing for three touchdowns and running for two more, and the Huskies closed out their redemptive first season under Steve Sarkisian.

A year removed from an 0-12 embarrassment that closed with a 48-7 rout at the hands of the Golden Bears in Tyrone Willingham's final game, Washington (5-7, 4-5) put a final cap on this season with an effort that made 2008 an afterthought.

#### ARIZONA 21, NO. 20 USC 17

LOS ANGELES — Juron Criner stumbled into the end zone with a 36-yard touchdown pass from Nick Foles with 3:14 to play, and Arizona wrapped up its best regular season in a decade.

Foles passed for 239 yards and two TDs and ran for another score for the Wildcats (8-4, 6-3 Pac-10), who finally beat No. 20 USC for the first time in coach Mike Stoops' tenure.

#### NO. 24 WEST VIRGINIA 24, RUTGERS 21

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Noel Devine and Ryan Clarke each ran for a touchdown and JT Thomas' interception with 1:59 left helped West Virginia to the win.

After beating Rutgers for the 15th straight time, West Virginia (9-3, 5-2 Big East) accepted a bid to play in the Gator Bowl, possibly against Florida State and former WVU coach Bobby Bowden.

#### FRESNO STATE 53, ILLINOIS 52

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Offensive lineman Devan Cunningham caught a deflected pass with 2 seconds left and stumbled into the end zone for a 2-point conversion, giving Fresno State a wild 53-52 victory over Illinois on Saturday.

Ryan Colburn capped a 67-yard drive by hitting Jamel Hamler for the last touchdown. Hamler caught the ball at the 5 and stretched across the goal line just as his knee hit the turf.

#### FCS QUARTERFINALS

**MONTANA 51, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 0**  
MISSOULA, Mont. — Andrew Selle threw for three touchdowns and ran for another, and Montana took advantage of 10 Stephen F. Austin turnovers in a 51-0 victory in a Football Championship Subdivision quarterfinal on Saturday.

Montana (13-0) will host a semifinal game against the winner of Saturday night's contest between Appalachian State and Richmond.

Seven of the turnovers by Stephen F. Austin (10-3) came in the first half. The Grizzlies capitalized on four fumbles and three interceptions to build a 38-0 half-time lead.

— The Associated Press

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Illinois holds off Broncos' upset bid

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Demetri McCamey made the most of his foul-limited minutes, scoring 23 points to help Illinois escape with an 84-77 win over Boise State on Saturday night.

The Broncos managed to chip away at the Illini's 10-point second-half lead, using a 13-4 run to get within two points with 20 seconds left in the game.

Illinois (6-2) converted all six of its free-throw attempts in the final seconds to seal the win.

The Illini offense struggled with McCamey and center Mike Tisdale in foul trouble and on the bench in the first half. McCamey played just nine minutes and Tisdale seven in the first half.

Forward Mike Davis picked up the slack, scoring 10 of his 16 points in the first half while grabbing seven of his team-high 12 rebounds.

Ike Okoye led the Broncos (4-3) with 20 points and nine rebounds. La'Shard Anderson scored 14, Robert Arnold had 13 and Anthony Thomas 10 for Boise State.

Illini freshman D.J. Richardson scored seven straight points to give Illinois an early 14-11 lead. Richardson finished with 14 points and four assists. Tisdale and Brandon Paul scored 10 points apiece.

#### UTAH 68, IDAHO STATE 56

SALT LAKE CITY — David Foster had 12 points and 10 rebounds, both career highs, to lift Utah to a 68-56 win over Idaho State on Saturday night.

Former College of Southern Idaho player Jay Watkins led the Utes (4-4) with 15 points, playing in his fourth game after missing the first four of the season with a stress fracture in his pelvis.

Demetrius Monroe scored a career-best 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Bengals (2-6), which finished a four-game road swing.

The Utes, who lost three of their previous four games, put the Bengals away early as Marshall Henderson



AP photo  
Illinois forward Tyler Griffey (42) and Boise State forward Ike Okoye (3) battle for a rebound during the first half Saturday in Champaign, Ill.

swished back-to-back 3-pointers and lifted his team to a 25-8 lead. Henderson finished with 12 points on four baskets from beyond the arc.

#### BYU 69, SAN FRANCISCO 43

SALT LAKE CITY — Jackson Emery scored 14 points to lead four BYU players in double figures as the Cougars defeated San Francisco.

Jimmer Fredette added 13 points, Tyler Haws 12 and Jonathan Tavernari 10 as the Cougars (6-1) bounced back from Wednesday's road loss at Utah State by holding the Dons (2-6) to 19 second-half points.

Emery was 5 of 7 from the field, including 3 of 5 on 3-point attempts. Tavernari's two 3-pointers pushed him past Mark Bigelow as BYU's all-time leader in 3-pointers with 214.

#### SAINT MARY'S 68, UTAH STATE 63

LOGAN, Utah — Omar Samhan scored 22 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead Saint Mary's past Utah State 68-63 Saturday night.

USU was led by Pooh Williams with 15 points. Jared Quayle added 13 and Tai Wesley 12 for the Aggies (4-3). The loss broke a 37-game home winning streak for USU.

— The Associated Press

## Wall, Kentucky edge past North Carolina

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Freshman star John Wall shook off a leg injury to finish with 16 points, including the clinching free throws with 4 seconds remaining, and fifth-ranked Kentucky held off No. 10 North Carolina 68-66 on Saturday.

Patrick Patterson added 19 points and seven rebounds for Kentucky (8-0), which snapped a five-game losing streak to the Tar Heels (7-2) and inched closer to becoming the first program to reach 2,000 victories. The Wildcats have 1,996, while North Carolina has 1,991.

Kentucky is off to its best start since the 1992-93 season, when it started 11-0.

Deon Thompson led North Carolina with 14 points and Will Graves added 13.

#### NO. 4 PURDUE 101, BUFFALO 65

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Chris Kramer and E'Twaun Moore each scored 14 points for Purdue.

JaJuan Johnson scored 12 points and Robbie Hummel added 11 for the Boilermakers (7-0).

#### NO. 6 DUKE 80, ST. JOHN'S 71

DURHAM, N.C. — Kyle Singler scored 10 of his 17 points in the second half, and Duke bounced back from its first loss by beating St. John's.

Nolan Smith added 16 points for Duke (7-1).

#### NO. 8 SYRACUSE 101, MAINE 55

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Freshman guard Brandon Triche had 16 points and Arinze Onuaku added 14 for Syracuse.

It was the fourth meeting between the teams and first since 1996, and Syracuse (8-0) has won them all.

**NO. 15 OHIO ST. 111, E. MICHIGAN 60**  
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jon Diebler scored 21 points for Ohio State, who lost star player Evan Turner to broken bones in his back and will be out for up to weeks.

#### NO. 16 GEORGETOWN 73, AMERICAN 46

WASHINGTON — Chris Wright and Henry Sims scored 12 points apiece and Greg Monroe had nine points and a career-high 13 rebounds to lead Georgetown.

#### WAKE FOREST 77, NO. 17 GONZAGA 75

SPOKANE, Wash. — C.J. Harris scored 19 points and Wake Forest upset Gonzaga in a physical matchup that featured several technicals and the game-changing ejection of Gonzaga's second-leading scorer and top rebounder.

#### CHARLOTTE 87, NO. 20 LOUISVILLE 65

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Derrio Green had a career-high 20 points as Charlotte handed Louisville its worst home loss under coach Rick Pitino.

#### NO. 23 BUTLER 84, VALPARAISO 67

INDIANAPOLIS — Gordon Hayward scored 18 points, leading five players in double figures, and Butler shot 68.8 percent from the field in the second half.

— The Associated Press

## NFL WEEK 13

### Tough test for Colts

The New Orleans Saints, and the Indianapolis Colts, the only team already into the playoffs, look to improve to 12-0 on Sunday. Things get tougher for the Colts as they face Tennessee and a rejuvenated Vince Young.



Indy will tie New England's record 21-game, regular season winning streak if it handles Tennessee. Titan's QB Vince Young could make it tough.



A victory would give the Saints the NFC South crown. Their dynamic offense and ball-hawking defense were on display against the Patriots.



A win and a Green Bay loss gives Minnesota the NFC North title. The Vikings can also win a playoff spot if they win or tie, the Giants lose and the Falcons lose or tie.



The Chargers won six and are thinking of a playoff bid. They haven't lost a December game since 2005 but they do face Dallas, Cincinnati and Tennessee.



The Patriots can pretty much put away the AFC East title by beating the Dolphins, who folded even worse than the Patriots last weekend.



An ugly month ended nicely on the field for Josh McDaniels and the Broncos with their convincing victory over the Giants. KC has to be more careful with the ball.



The eagles have a potent offense when everyone can get on the field, but concussions to Brian Westbrook and DeSean Jackson are limiting them.



If the Steelers fall it would mean four straight defeats, a strong chance of not making the playoffs and mea culpas to the Terrible Towel community.



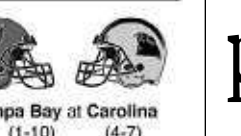
The Texans seem primed for their first playoff berth, but have flopped three straight weeks, including twice to the AFC boss Indianapolis in games they led.



Cincinnati gets back to playing real opponents next week at Minnesota. Then again, the Bengals stumbled two weeks ago at Oakland.



Seahawks have been awful on the road, outscored 161-73. Keep an eye on Seattle's second-year RB Justin Forsett.



Give the Bucs some kudos for playing much better the last month, with the exception of the blowout by New Orleans, which can happen to anybody.



Rams have been outscored 165-69 at home and are without injured QB Marc Bulger. RB Steven Jackson, never backs down.



Following three straight wins, the Packers will be tested without LB Aaron Kampman and CB Al Harris, especially on the ground this week by Ray Rice.

## Unbeaten Saints, Colts sitting on top

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

Never in its long history has the NFL had two 11-0 teams. Never has it had an 0-6 club win its next five games.

It has them now. The New Orleans Saints, fresh from a romp over New England that affirmed their power, and the Indianapolis Colts, the only team already into the playoffs, go for an even dozen victories without a blemish on Sunday. New Orleans heads to Washington, and must keep winning because Minnesota is right on its heels in the NFC. Indy, which clinched the AFC South last weekend, hosts the Titans — the guys with the five successive wins after dropping their first six games.

A victory would give the Saints the NFC South crown. Their dynamic offense and ball-hawking defense were on display against the Patriots, who were overmatched, outmanned and

even outcoached.

"People are going to talk about this game and maybe blow it out of proportion a little bit," said sensational quarterback Drew Brees after throwing for 371 yards and five touchdowns. "This game doesn't entitle us to anything. It's just another win in the win column. If anything, you have the challenge of coming back on a short week and playing at Washington. That's what I mean when I say it gets tougher."

Actually, things get tougher this week for the Colts, not the Saints; Washington is 3-8 and ravaged by injuries. Indy will tie New England's record 21-game, regular-season winning streak if it handles Tennessee. But that's become quite a chore since Vince Young was elevated to starting quarterback and the Titans got healthy on defense.

"At this point, we're 5-6 and on a five-game winning streak, but at the same time, we don't have anything to lose," Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck

said. "That's the attitude we have. We have five, and now we're going for six."

As impressive as the Titans' turnaround has been, it pales in comparison to the Colts going for 21.

"It (tying the NFL record) doesn't matter, we're on a mission right now and that's to win the Super Bowl," Colts cornerback Kelvin Hayden said. "We just want to keep this thing going."

Elsewhere Sunday, Minnesota is at Arizona, San Diego at Cleveland, San Francisco at Seattle, Dallas at the New York Giants, New England at Miami, Philadelphia at Atlanta, Oakland at Pittsburgh, Detroit at Cincinnati, Houston at Jacksonville, Tampa Bay at Carolina, Denver at Kansas City, and St. Louis at Chicago.

On Monday night, Baltimore is at Green Bay.

The weekend began with the New York Jets defeating division rival Buffalo 19-13 on Thursday night in Toronto.

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**MEN'S GAMES:** Dennis Hite 200, Randy Sunde 193, Robert Dyer 180, Lin Gowen 158.

**LADIES SERIES:** Ludy Harkins 404, Dana Gowen 378, Brandy Dyer 366, Dana Stewart 332.

**LADIES GAMES:** Ludy Harkins 154, Robyn Rosson 143, Dana Gowen 140, Brandy Dyer 134.

**MON. FOLLIES**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Ron Marshall 589, Doug Hamrick 584, Dennis Seckel 583, Dan Shepherd 566.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Ron Marshall 232, Dennis Seckel 214, Dan Shepherd 212, Doug Hamrick 206

**LADIES SERIES:** Sylvia Wood 504, Ann Shepherd 490, Michele Seckel 486, Teya Moses 481.

**LADIES GAMES:** Jeanne Christian 185, Teya Moses 184, Joan Brawley 180, Ruth Stimpson 180.

**SH-BOOM**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Nick Parsons 645, Donnie Parsons 620, Clint Koyle 600, Kelly Jeroue 599.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Donnie Parsons 249, Clint Koyle 248, Ryan Shull 236, Blake Kondracki 226, Kelly Jeroue 226, Nick Parsons 226.

**LADIES SERIES:** Julie Shull 520, Barbara Reynolds 512, Stacey Lanier 502, Kathi Jeroue 499.

**LADIES GAMES:** Diana Brady 198, Michelle Baughman 193, Julie Shull 182, Jerri Greene 181.

**MID MORN. MIXED**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Tom Smith 622, Dick DeRoche 606, Blaine Ross 546, Mike Devine 538.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Dick DeRoche 243, Mike Devine 215, Tom Smith 213, Blaine Ross 213.

**LADIES SERIES:** Vicki Kiesig 591, Dawn Kulm 517, Char DeRoche 510, Bonnie Draper 505.

**LADIES GAMES:** Vicki Kiesig 215, Char DeRoche 195, Kim Leazer 194, Ada Perrine 193.

**TUES. A.M. TRIOS**

**SERIES:** Ella Mae Jorgenson 553, Barbara Frith 527, Amber Beguhl 513, Jean McGuire 489.

**GAMES:** Ella Mae Jorgenson 210, Amber Beguhl 195, Jean McGuire 191, Shirley Merrill 188.

**LATECOMERS**

**SERIES:** Susan Kepner 560, Kristy Rodriguez 540, Barb Aslett 532, Lisa Allen 521, Gail McAllister 521.

**GAMES:** Susan Kepner 202, Linda Vining 202, Lisa Allen 199, Kristy Rodriguez 192.

**TUES. MAJORS**

**BOYS' SERIES:** Anthony Vest 690, Matt Thrall 566, Steven Maher 529, Tyler Black 518.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Anthony Vest 266, Matt Thrall 212, Kaleb Jeroue 200, Steven Maher 196.

# Your Scores

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Koti Jo Moses 544, Stevie Reeves 528, Brooke Newlan 471, Miranda Curtis 433.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Koti Jo Moses 225, Stevie Reeves 194, Brooke Newlan 182, Miranda Curtis 158.

**CONSOLIDATED**

**SERIES:** Juan Hernandez 728, Tony Cowan 699, Tony Everts 646, Nicholas Parsons 646.

**GAMES:** Nicholas Parsons 265, Tony Everts 259, Juan Hernandez 259, Tony Cowan 247.

**MOOSE**

**SERIES:** Chris Macfee 718, Nate Jones 713, Chad Kepner 665, Bob Staffen 662.

**GAMES:** Bob Staffen 260, Chris Macfee 247, Nate Jones 246, Tom Smith 235.

**MOONSHINERS**

**SERIES:** Hilarie Smith 377, Hayley Knowlton 323, Autumn Payne 271.

**GAMES:** Hilarie Smith 145, Hayley Knowlton 119, Autumn Payne 100.

**SUNSET BOWL, BUHL SUNSET SENIORS**

**MEN'S SERIES:** David Hanna 562, John Kodesh 561, Ron Fugate 535, Tom Kinnett 500.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Ron Fugate 232, David Hanna 217, Ralph Dubois 208, John Kodesh 204.

**LADIES SERIES:** Cathe Woods 446, Verna Kodesh 432, Dixie Schroeder 419, Carol Ruhter 385.

**LADIES GAMES:** Cathe Woods 208, Verna Kodesh 171, Camille Zach 168, Carol Ruhter 163.

**MONDAY YABA**

**BOYS' SERIES:** Derek Webb 397, Bradley Webb 3878, Devin Dias 382, David Dias 317.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Derek Webb 171, Bradley Webb 165, Devin Dias 138, David Dias 124.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Sarah Thompson 276, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 242, Alexis Breck 197, Amanda Dewitt 136.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Sarah Thompson 114m Julie Anne Nejezchleba 88, Alexis Breck 75, Amanda Dewitt 55.

**LUCKY STRIKERS**

**SERIES:** Mandi Olson 572, Dorothy Moon 527, Claudene Stricklan 499, Darla McCallister 481.

**GAMES:** Mandi Olson 214, Claudene Stricklan 191, Carma Sobotka 186, Dorothy Moon 184.

**MASON TROPHY**

**SERIES:** Verna Kodesh 450, Nancy Bright 445, Linda Loomis 424, Katie Owsley 410.

**GAMES:** Linda Loomis 167, Verna Kodesh 165, Dianne Davis 158, Nancy Bright 156, Katie Owsley 156.

**PINBUSTERS**

**SERIES:** Harvey McCoy 658, Pat Russell 627, Dee Maier 616, Dirk McCallister 616.

**GAMES:** Ron Fugate 266, Bob Bohm 258, Ron Romero Jr. 248, Skip Leitch 247.

**MEN'S SERIES:** Curt Quaintance 661, Cody Hicks 659, Mike Goodrich 630, Dirk McCallister 605.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Cody Hicks 252, Curt Quaintance 236, Cliff Rediker 236, Dustin McCallister 232, Josh Kennedy 232.

**LADIES SERIES:** Lois Tomlinson 476, Darla McCallister 472, Kay Miller 459, Cheryl Russell 457.

**LADIES GAMES:** Cheryl Russell 175, Suzanne McCoy 175, Lois Tomlinson 173, Kay Miller 165.

**STARLITE**

**MEN'S SERIES:** Matt Olson 708, Mike Goodrich 664, Dustin McCallister 643, Dee Maier 550.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Matt Olson 268, Dee Maier 259, Mike Goodrich 257, Dustin McCallister 228.

**LADIES SERIES:** Mandi Olson 570, Nita Maier 545, Jeanne Hicks 486, Dorothy Moon 472.

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**GENERAL**  
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**GENERAL**  
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## TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, W.Va.

In 1917, some 2,000 people died when an explosives-laden French cargo ship collided with a Norwegian vessel at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the city.

In 1922, the Irish Free State came into being under terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

In 1939, the Cole Porter musical comedy "Du Barry Was a Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1969, a free concert by the Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Alameda County, Calif., was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court, reconsidering its landmark Miranda ruling, agreed to decide whether police were still required to warn criminal suspects that they had a "right to remain silent." (The justices upheld that right the following June.) SabreTech, an aircraft maintenance company, was convicted of mishandling the oxygen canisters blamed for the cargo hold fire that caused the 1996 ValuJet crash in the Florida Everglades that killed 110 people. (Eight of the nine counts were later thrown out on appeal.)

Five years ago: Militants struck the U.S. Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with explosives and machine guns, killing nine people in an attack claimed by al-Qaida. Ohio certified President George W. Bush's 119,000-vote victory over Democrat John Kerry, even as the Kerry campaign and third-party candidates prepared to demand a statewide recount. A dozen expensive homes under construction in Indian Head, Md., were deliberately burned down. (Five men either pleaded guilty or were convicted in the case; prosecutors had cited a variety of motives, including anger by some of the white perpetrators that most of the new homeowners were black.)

One year ago: President-elect Barack Obama said in a Saturday radio and Internet address that he'd asked his economic team for a recovery plan that would save or create more than 2 million jobs. Indicted Democratic U.S. Rep. William Jefferson was ousted from his New Orleans area district in a special election won by Republican attorney Anh "Joseph" Cao, who became the first Vietnamese-American in Congress. A Greek youth, 15-year-old Alexandros Grigoropoulos, was shot to death during a confrontation with police in Athens, sparking two weeks of riots. Heiress Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, who'd spent the last 28 years of her life in a coma, died in New York City at age 76.

## NOTICES

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**the day before.**

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**2 p.m. Friday.**

### PEOPLE FOR PETS

420 Victory Ave. - PO Box 1163  
 Twin Falls, Idaho  
**736-2299**

#### FOUND

Pit Bull cross brown/white scars on body adult male found S. of Castletford.  
 Lab cross black/white male puppy found at 3762 N 1400 E.  
 Pit Bull cross black/white red collar adult female found on Hwy 30 between Twin Falls and Filer.  
 Pomeranian crème/tan adult female found on Addison.  
 Airdale/Pit Bull cross brindle/white female puppy found at Standee Hay  
 Pit Bull white/black black collar female puppy found at 399 Diamond  
 Rottweiler/Heeler cross black/tan/white adult male found on Heyburn  
 Pit Bull cross black/white spotted male puppy found in Hansen  
 Heeler cross black/white toes female puppy found in Richfield  
 Mastiff brindle/white on chest adult male found at 244 Jefferson  
 Lab/Border Collie cross black female puppy found at Perrine Bridge  
 Lab cross black/white nose, chest, & toes male puppy black collar found in Kimberly  
 Heeler red merle adult male found in the Rogerson area.  
 Beagle tri colored BSU collar adult male 3660 N 1020 E  
 Pit Bull tan/white adult female red collar 149 Rose St  
 Australian Shepherd/Terrier cross blue merle female puppy found on Hwy 93

#### ADOPTIONS

Heeler cross black/white 3 month old spayed female; Moon  
 Heeler cross blue/tan 1 year old spayed female; Marley  
 Lab black 3 year old spayed female  
 Terrier/Shepard cross tan/black 4 month old spayed female  
 Hound cross black/chocolate 4 month old neutered male; Puppies  
 Beagle/Lab cross yellow/white 1 year old spayed female; Bailey  
 Shepard/Basset Hound cross black/tan/white 7 month old spayed female; WeeZee  
 Shepard/Border Collie cross red/black 1 year old spayed female; Runt  
 Lab cross black/white on nose, chest, and toes 6 month old neutered male  
 Shepard cross red/black/white 8 month old neutered male; Carson  
 Lab/Pit Bull cross black/white 2 year old neutered male; Duke  
 Lab/Hound cross black/white on chest & toes 4 month old neutered male; Edward  
 Lab/Hound cross black 4 month old spayed female; Bella  
 Red Heeler red merle 3 year old neutered male  
 Airdale/Pit Bull cross brindle/white 3 month old spayed female  
 Lab cross black/white 2 month old neutered male

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# CLASSIFIEDS

### Find answers on Classifieds 8.

#### 604 Unfurnished Apartments

**TWIN FALLS**  
 "New" Falls Ave. Suites. Conveniently located. Close to CSI and next to Fred Meyer. Free Utilities and wireless Internet. Except elect, 2 bdrm apts. avail \$600 420-1301

**TWIN FALLS** 1 bdrm, kitchen appl no smoking/pets. \$375 month. <http://steelmgmt.com> 735-0473

**TWIN FALLS** 1 bdrm, newly remodeled, very sharp, lots of storage, appls., no drugs/pets, off street parking. \$395. 208-733-2546

**TWIN FALLS** 1 bdrm, range & refrig. Some utils. Gas heat, W/D hookup. No pets. \$425 + dep. 734-8511

**TWIN FALLS** 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms Apts & Houses. \$295-\$850 Various Locations Call for Details 734-4334 [www.twinfallsrentals.com](http://www.twinfallsrentals.com)

**TWIN FALLS** 1/2 off 1<sup>st</sup> mos rent. 1622 Filer Ave. E. Lg remodeled 2 bdrm, 1 bath, excellent location, \$600 + dep. No pets/smoking. 733-8676 or 539-4449

**TWIN FALLS** 1<sup>st</sup> month free. 1 & 2 bdrm apts. The Falls Apts. 734-6600

**TWIN FALLS** 1<sup>st</sup> MONTH FREE! Affordable 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms. Call today! 208-734-1600 Fawnbrook Apartments Equal Housing Opportunity

**TWIN FALLS** 2 & 3 bdrm apartments and townhomes with appls. in various locations. No smoking/pets. \$525-\$650. 208-539-6913

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrm 1 bath duplex, water & trash paid, no pets. \$550 + \$300 deposit. 208-212-1678

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrm, 1 bath duplex, W/D hookup, appls. incl, garage. No pets. \$500/mo. + \$400 dep. 525 Shop Ave, W. 358-5961

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrm, 2 bath, W/D, close to CSI. \$575 + \$500 dep. No pets/smoking. 208-731-7890

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrms, 1 Bath Nice Apts. Only \$525, 734-4334 Honey Locust Ln

**TWIN FALLS** 2 weeks free rent. Very lg, clean, 3 bdrm, 2 bath apt. one half block to CSI. No pets. \$700. Idaho Housing accepted. 208-734-9704 or 208-320-7599

**TWIN FALLS** 3 bdrm 2 bath apt w/garage at 377 Morningside Dr. Fresh coat of paint, small pet negotiable, no smoking. \$675/mo + dep. 208-954-6119

**TWIN FALLS** 3 bdrm, 2 bath no smoking/pets \$850 + dep. Clean, new carpet 639 Beta. 420 6242

**TWIN FALLS** 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, \$650 month plus \$400 deposit. 208-734-2222

**TWIN FALLS** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. 349 Morningside Dr #3. Call 208-539-3097.

**TWIN FALLS** 4-5 bdrm 3 bath 3750 sq ft. Utilities paid. All kitchen appls. upstairs apt. \$1200 monthly + dep. Call 208-404-9039.

**TWIN FALLS** Ask about move in special. Very clean quiet 2 bdrm duplex, + finished bsmt, garage, kitchen appl W/D hookups some utils no pets/smoking, \$550 + dep. 612 Idaho St 734-6230.

**TWIN FALLS** Ask about move in special. Clean, 1 bedroom some utilities, off street parking, no pets/smoking. \$365 + deposit. 351 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave W. #1 734-6230.

**TWIN FALLS** Attractive, 2 bdrm, very clean, modern appls., quality carpets/drapes, carpet, no drugs/pets. \$495/mo. + dep. 733-2546

**TWIN FALLS** Brand new 2 bedroom, 1 bath apts. \$624-\$680 Close to CSI campus. For more info call 208-735-1180.

**TWIN FALLS** large 2 bdrm, 1 bath, w/appliances, no pets/smoking. \$475 + \$300 dep. 208-324-2244

**TWIN FALLS** Newer 2 & 3 bedroom 2 bath apartments. Corner of 4th & Madrona Starting at \$495 mo + dep. Holiday special Half off 1<sup>st</sup> months rent. Call 208-961-1445

#### 604 Unfurnished Apartments

**TWIN FALLS** Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, W/D hookup. 379 Lenore. \$700 + \$500 dep. \$200 off 1<sup>st</sup> months rent. 208-961-0522

**TWIN FALLS** newly built 1 bdrm, 1 bath, water/garbage pd. No pets. \$450 + \$300 dep. 212-1678.

**WENDELL** Lovely 2 bdrm, 1 bath, ground floor apt all appliances including W/D. No smoking, no pets. Call 208-720-7601

#### 605 Rooms For Rent

**BURLEY-RUPERT** All utils paid, free cable & internet, no dep. No credit check, starting \$450 month. 208-431-3796 or 208-731-5745.

**ROOM FOR RENT** Newer, clean home, satellite, utilities incl, W/D no drugs. \$375+ dep. 734-4996

**TWIN FALLS MOTEL** Daily and weekly rates. Quiet 208-733-8620. We are affordable!

**WENDELL** Affordable rooms for rent with kitchenette. Call 208-358-0674

#### 606 Mobile Homes

**TWIN FALLS** 1 & 2 bdrms, 1 bath, with W/D, no pets, quiet park. \$330 & \$380 + \$375 dep 320-8496

**TWIN FALLS/KIMBERLY** Mobile Homes in park. Owner will finance for you. Big discounts Call 208-320-8306

#### 607 Office and Retail Rentals

**KIMBERLY** Price reduced. Office space for lease. New construction, 1168 sq ft. with shared common area. Great location, across from the middle and high school. Will build to suit you. Troy 404-6181.

**NEED OFFICE SPACE?** Contact Walt Hees Gem State Realty 208-410-2525

**TWIN FALLS 734-4334** Offices, Retail Spaces Shop with Bay Door & Dock Great Location in TF & Jerome. Various Sizes at Great Prices

**TWIN FALLS** Downtown office space avail. 500 & 800 sq ft. offices near court house. Reasonable rates. Utilities paid. 734-4120

**TWIN FALLS** For lease 2130 sq. ft. professional office space in premier location at Blue Lakes Office Park. Ground floor, excellent visibility with ample parking. Lease negotiable. 208-736-1004

#### 608 Commercial Property

**EDEN** Warehouse/Shop w/freeway frontage Exit 182 of I-84, 13,000 plus 900 sq. ft. office. Loading dock. 9 overhead doors incl/pull thru \$3800 w/lease. 208-731-9576

**TWIN FALLS** Downtown office space avail. 500 & 800 sq ft. offices near court house. Reasonable rates. Utilities paid. 734-4120

#### 610 Storage/Warehouse

**TWIN FALLS** 35' x 15' with 14' garage door, 220 power & air compressor. Electricity included. Lighted, secured area, \$375 month. Call Dave 208-308-6128

#### 616 Roommates Wanted

**SHARE 2 BDRM.** 2 bath townhouse in Burley. \$400 includes all. 208-678-1742

**TWIN FALLS** Downstairs, master bdrm, \$395. Upstairs room \$275 + deposit. Shared utilities, fully furnished. Pets neg. Near CSI. 1149 Blake St. N. 208-721-1592

**TWIN FALLS** spacious 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath townhouse. NE location. Includes appls with W/D hookup, gas heat, central air, cable & DSL ready, vaulted ceiling, master suite, walk in closet & additional storage, fenced yard with patio. Lawn care provided. 2-car garage. No smoking. No pets. \$900/mo. + security dep. 6 month lease req. Avail. immediately. 208-308-1750

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# SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

	1		5				6	
3								7
	2	1			4			
			6		3			
8		4	7					5
	9			7	6			
6								3
	5		1			7		

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

12/06

### Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	1	6	3	4	7	2	8
3	4	6	2	8	7	1	9	5
7	2	8	9	1	5	4	3	6
4	7	5	3	2	1	8	6	9
9	6	3	4	5	8	2	1	7
1	8	2	7	9	6	3	5	4
2	3	7	8	6	9	5	4	1
6	1	4	5	7	2	9	8	3
8	5	9	1	4	3	6	7	2

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

### 704 Pets and Pet Supplies

CAT Play stand, 72" tall, 7 level, carpeted with condos, brand new, never used, \$175 940-9499

CHIHUAHUA & Rat Terrier cross, brown & tan, 1 female, \$150 208-316-9908 or 969-0244

CHIHUAHUA Male, \$150, ready to go, Great Christmas gift! 208-944-4028

CHIHWEENIES 3 males, 2 females, 1" shots, ready to go \$200 208-536-5364 leave message.

CHINESE PUG Puppies (2) 1 male 1 female, 1 female black 10 weeks old. Have shots. \$300 each. Call 423-5777

COCKER SPANIEL AKC Reg. puppies, bi-colored, black, white and brown, extremely small, adorable! Call 208-312-2431.

DACHSHUND pups AKC reg, both shorthair & longhair mini. Can email pictures. In Bull! 405-973-6395

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FREE Border Collie mix, female, 8 months, brown, 208-308-1183 or 208-670-3445

FREE Border Collie, adult female, to working home/environment. Current on all shots, sweet companion, but not working out as family pet. No small children please. 208-531-4510

FREE Cocker Spaniel mix puppies, 9 wks old, only 4 left! Great Christmas present! Very cute and friendly! 208-434-2034 or 670-4189

FREE kittens: 3 females, 1 male, 12 wks old. All litter box trained. Call 208-734-7121 after 5:00 PM.

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### 704 Pets and Pet Supplies

FRENCH BULLDOG puppy, AKC Reg., male, \$2000/offer. 208-316-7798

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MINIATURE DONKEY Female, friendly, \$200 or best offer. 208-431-9567 leave message.

PARAKEETS - LOTS! \$15 208-436-1186

### 704 Pets and Pet Supplies

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POODLES TOY Puppies, 4 months old, 1 male and 1 female, black/silver, \$250. 208-731-1946

RAT TERRIERS UKC reg., 7 weeks old. Tails docked, dewclaws removed, first shots. \$300 with papers \$250 without. Great stocking stuffers. 208-862-3222 or 208-312-2864

ROTTWEILER Puppies, purebred, tails docked, 1" shots, paper trained, parents on site, "Heyburn" Ready for adoption. Good family pet, good watchdog. \$400. 208-670-4798 or 208-670-1607

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SHIH TZU 3 females and 2 males. Registered tricolor puppies, 6 weeks old. \$350- \$450, first shots and new puppy starter kit included. Call 208-312-2635

SHIH TZU AKC Reg. puppies, beautifully marked black & white. 2 males & 1 female, 1" shots, ready to go. Lots of champion background. \$300-\$400. 208-436-6787.

### 704 Pets and Pet Supplies

PUGS Purebred pups, 1" shots & dewormed, ready Dec. 1". 3 females left, \$400. Ozzie, 208-316-3606

SHIH TUZ AKC reg. puppies, extremely small, ready for Christmas, black/chocolate white. 312-2431

SHIH TZU Christmas Babies 4 females, need loving home. AKC Reg., purebred, \$375. 421-1484

SHIH TZU Reg. 2 males, \$250 and 1 female, \$300. 6 weeks old. 208-539-7468 or 208-423-6717

STANDARD POODLE Apricot color, 4 males, \$200 each, 8 weeks old. 208-734-3276 or 358-2997

WEST HIGHLAND White Terriers AKC reg. Champion sire pups, 3 beautiful females and 2 handsome males. Pet females are \$900, pet males are \$750. Can email pics. Call 575-706-2182 (Twin Falls) to reserve your puppy. Ready 12/28.

WIREHAIR FOX TERRIER AKC Reg., 1 male, \$400 & 1 female, \$450 left. All shots, vet checks, dewclaws removed, tails docked. Ready by Dec. 14". 775-754-6434

### 705 Farm Equipment

843 BOBCAT Perkins diesel, remote hydraulics, bucket & forks, \$9500. Call 208-731-0103.

CHANDLER '04, 16' pull type compost spreader. Call 208-731-6265.

JOHN DEERE #455 grain drill with seeder, 25' new, \$42,000, Parma 25' roller harrow, folding, new, \$43,000. Call 208-731-4666.

TERRACE 6' blade fits 8 N Ford tractor, also 4 row corrugator, \$400 for both. 208-326-3002

WANTED 10' Bear Cat roller harrow inside rubber or similar. Pair 20.8 x 34 firs. Suft Case weights. Call 208-539-9109.

WANTED to rent Gopher Getter, 3 point. Call 208-423-4015

WANTED Tractors and other misc; repair/salvage/tuning. Bob, 208-312-3746

### 707 Irrigation

WANTED SIPHON TUBES 1" x 72", 1 1/4" x 72" & 3" or larger. Call Bob 208-312-3746

WHEEL LINES 9/8 mks, electric 6 foot wheels wade square hubs Twin Falls. 280-0488

### 709 Hay Grain and Feed

ALFALFA 2" & 3" crop, large 2-string bales, Rupert area. Call 208-431-9615

ALFALFA HAY 1" cutting, no rain, 2-string, 90 b. bales, \$3.50/bale. Call 208-309-2453

CORN STALKS 4x4 bales, extra line, making great feed, no need for tub grinding. 208-312-2430

### 709 Hay Grain and Feed

FAIRFIELD HAY for sale. Approx 15 ton 1", 8 ton 2nd, 3-string. Delivered MV. S&S. 208-863-8799

GRASS HAY MIX, no rain, good horse hay, close to Twin, \$5/bale, \$90/ton. 208-733-5789.

HAY -Good quality 2 1/3" crop, ton bales in Declo Area. Good TDN/Protein. Call 539-9519.

HAY 2 string bales 1" crop \$75 a ton 2" crop \$90 a ton RFW on 2" 188 Rupert. Call 208-300-0344 or 208-436-6315 after 6pm.

HAY Exc. quality, 2" & 3" cutting 100 lb. 2 string bales, \$7/bale. 100 ton 1" cutting big bales, feeder hay, good quality. Wendell. Call 208-639-0201.

HAY FOR SALE 3 cuttings, good quality, close to Twin. Straw, sell any amount. 208-733-2520

HAY for sale 3x3 Alfalfa bales 3" & 4" cutting. Call 208-436-1357

HAY FOR SALE Small Bales, Delivery in MV area Horse Pro Shop 434-4404; 431-9098

HAY for sale, feeder hay, oat hay & straw, 4x4 bales. Call 208-731-3471

HAY Small bales about 80 lbs. Sell for \$80/ton or \$3.50/bale. 208-829-5830 or 208-539-4602

HORSE HAY 3" cutting, 125 lbs. 3-string, green, barn stored, \$10/bale. 208-324-7148

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T.S.C Hay Retrieving 130 1 ton bales oat hay, covered, \$50/ton + hauling. Call Con at: 208-280-0839

WHEAT STRAW 400 Tons for sale. 3X4 bales. Call 208-312-4703

### 712 Miscellaneous AG

11.36 SHARES water stock from TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY for sale. Retail \$2000 per share. Selling for \$1,350 per share. Please call 734-8320 Fawn or Jim to purchase, these will go quickly.

FREE for the moving cost. One old wooden grainery-10ft. by 32ft. by 10 ft. high, 5 1/2 inch tongue & groove wood siding. Has 26-inch minimum of 6 x 6 inch x 10 1/2 ft. wood wall supports. Needs roof and floor repairs. Call 733-6126 or 490-0716

### 713 Farms/Pasture Rentals

FARM FOR RENT west of Paul. 169 acres, photos and wheel line. 208-431-5916 or 208-438-5915

NEED FARMER to share crop for 2010 SW of Twin Falls. 72 farmable acres, pipe & gate irrigated. 539-1674 or 733-1217

WANT TO RENT farm ground for potatoes in the Mini-Cassia area. Sandy soils preferred. Cash rent. Top dollar. 436-8164 or 300-0478

WANTED Farm ground in Mini Cassia area. 208-436-3566 or 431-8520

WANTED Farm ground to rent, or sugar beet ground. Jerome area preferred. 324-8790 or 420-5520

### 714 Farms Pasture Wanted

PIVOT GROUND WANTED in the Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome and surrounding area. Paying approx \$250 per acre. Call 208-358-1277

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### 801 Antiques/Collectibles

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Have you forgotten to pick-up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to lose. These can be picked-up at The Times-News Classified Dept

HOLIDAY SHOPPING at the Twin Falls Flea Market Free Admission. 30 Vendors. Located at the Twin Falls Senior Center across from Depot Grill. Dec. 5 (9-5) & Dec. 6 (10-4) Silver and gold buyer paying top dollar, (Sunday only). Books, antiques, DVDs, knives, vintage jewelry, horse blankets, Indian pictures, vintage clothes, tools, toys, Avon, turquoise jewelry, furniture, candles, magnetic jewelry, and lots more. Call Blue Cow at 312-4900.

NEED EXTRA CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS? Bring your silver & gold to the the Twin Falls Flea Market located at the Twin Falls Senior Center Dec. 6, (10-4). Paying top dollar. For Information Call Blue Cow at 312-4900.

#### 802 Appliances

MAYTAG Front loads, lg. capacity with pedestals, white, only 1 year old, exc. cond. \$1200. 316-2229

REFRIGERATOR Black side by side Whirlpool, 21.7 cubic feet. Ceramic top stove, black, 4.8 cubic feet, 1 year old, like new, \$750 for both. 208-420-4277 leave message.

STOVE, Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer, \$100 each. Call 208-308-2188

USED APPLIANCES All types & models. Starting price \$85 w/warranties. Appliance Repairs. Delivery available. Call 208-733-0114

WASHER & DRYER Whirlpool, gold, 4 years old, excellent condition. \$450/lot. 410-9936

### LIQUIDATION SALE

Harley Davidson '01 Heritage Softail, \$9,000  
Honda '01 CR250 \$1800  
Jeep '84 CJ7, soft top, winch, lift, \$4500.  
Ford '84 F250 4x4, \$4500  
2 Yamaha '97, Mountain Max 700, with 2 place trailer, \$4,000  
International 74, 7 yard Dump Truck, \$2,500  
John Deer 4100 Tractor with loader, tiller, disc., weed mower, rake and trailer, \$12,000 - without trailer \$10,000  
Call 208-423-9105 or 316-1898.  
No Reasonable offer refused.

### 803 Bazaars and Crafts

Buy It Sell It! A Times-News Classified Will fill every need. Call Today 208-733-0931 ext 2 or visit us online at www.magicvalley.com

### 809 Firewood

FIREWOOD cut/spilt, \$115 pickup load. \$150 per cord, you pick up. \$175 per cord delivered. 324-7697

FIREWOOD FOR SALE 208-320-4333

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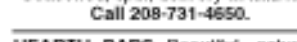
### 810 Furniture & Carpet

COUCH Green, very nice, \$100. Also, dark green leather recliner, \$100. 208-731-3660

DINING TABLE, Douglas brand, oak with 6 padded swivel rock chairs, very comfortable, paid \$1700 sell for \$400. 208-410-9936

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER 60" by 75" light wood, holds 46" TV, shelves w/closing glass doors, paid \$750 sell for \$250. 944-2044

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER solid oak w/glass doors, 30x30 table for TV \$175. Two end tables, \$80 & large coffee table \$80, all have lined glass top. Two studded snow tires, 216/70P15, \$80 pair. All in exc condition. 208-735-9916



ENTERTAINMENT CENTER WOW! Excellent condition, all cherry wood, great for DVD storage, components, TV, satellite receiver, 8' wide x 6' tall. Pd \$3000. Sale \$850. 208-733-5532

FULL BED SET, approx two years old, used as guest bedroom set. Call 208-390-9676, or email miller1469@msn.com

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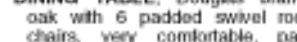
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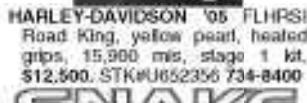
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**Dear Mr. Wolff:** I opened a strong two clubs and my partner gave the weak response of two diamonds. I had 22 high-card points but no long suit, so I bid two no-trump. At this stage, can my partner use the conventions of Stayman or Jacoby Transfers, just as if I had opened the bidding in no-trump?

Goldfinger, Worcester, Mass.

**ANSWER:** What a sensible question! Yes, after this start, one plays exactly the same as over a two-no-trump opening bid. And the same applies when you overcall a weak-two bid with a natural two-no-trump call. As soon as one player has made a natural call, though, transfers no longer apply.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:** I've played bridge for 40 years, but I still cannot keep track of all 52 cards! When it's a suit contract, I keep track of the trump cards, especially the honors. In no-trump, I remember the high cards, but have difficulty in accounting for the intermediates, which are sometimes crucial in making the game or defending successfully. Any ideas?

Inventory Clerk, New Orleans, La.

**ANSWER:** Most expert declarers count only the suits that matter to them. When dummy comes down, I strongly recommend thinking only about trumps and ONE other suit. With trumps, add up the number in your hand and dummy and subtract that from 13; then ONLY count the opponents' trumps from there on. With a side-suit, you can do that too, or focus on the total count.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:** I am in third seat with ♠ A-8-4-3, ♥ A-9-7-3, ♦ Q-7-3, ♣ 10-3 and hear the bidding start with a weak two hearts from my partner and a double on my right. Should I pass, or should I raise hearts? If the latter, to what level?

Excelsior, Grenada, Miss.

**ANSWER:** Raising to three hearts looks right to me. I'd expect game my opponents' way to be unmakeable. Taking away one round of bidding makes it much harder for them to get their act together, and the raise exposes our side to virtually no risk, given our good fit.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:** In defending against three no-trump and on lead holding spades K-Q-10-4, I say lead the king. My partner says it is right to lead the 10. What do you say?

High-Middle-Middle, Trenton, N.J.

**ANSWER:** Your choice from K-Q-10-4 depends on what your agreed style of honor leads is. Let's say your agreement (like that of most partnerships) is that at trick one against no-trump, the ace or queen asks partner to unblock an honor (or to give count if he lacks an honor), and the king asks for attitude. OR you play that the king asks for an unblock (or count) while the ace or queen asks for attitude. Depending on which agreement you have, you lead either the queen or king from this holding. NEVER the 10. Only very rarely would you lead low.

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How High the Moon?, Jackson, Tenn.

**ANSWER:** You are right that I would not pass. Nonvulnerable, I might mix it up with a call of three diamonds, but a simple opening of one diamond may prove even more obstructive, since the pre-empt can be a confession of weakness sometimes.

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**“We, the Latinas, need to get involved.”**

— Blanca Vargas, of Twin Falls' Girl Scout office —



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Girl Scouts manager Katy Kulesa, left, and Blanca Vargas, AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer and Hispanic Outreach Coordinator, go over paperwork Wednesday morning at their Twin Falls office.

## Making new friends

## Girl Scouts reaches out to Latina community

By **Melissa Davlin**  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Until two months ago, Zaira Paredes didn't know much about Girl Scouts.

So when Burley Junior High School teacher Marta Hernandez recommended she and her sister Natalie join a local troop, they went in not sure what they would encounter.

But after learning Mexican folklore dances and doing community service at assisted living facilities, Zaira is hooked.

Blanca Vargas hopes to find more girls like the Paredes sisters. Vargas, of Twin Falls' Girl Scout office, is heading the local effort by Girl Scouts of America to recruit more Latina members and leaders.

Lori Martin, membership director for Girl Scouts of the Silver Sage Council, said the council served 665 Hispanic girls between Aug. 30, 2008, and Sept. 1, 2009. The council, which directs Girl Scout activities in eastern Oregon, northern Nevada and southern Idaho, served a total of 5,051 girls at the same time.

Juanita Ronquillo is a Girl Scout leader in Burley — the only active Latina leader she knows of. Even before the Girl

Scouts' recruiting effort, she actively sought Latinas for her troop, which has both Latina and non-Latina girls. She visited girls' homes and talked to their parents, convincing them that scouting is a positive activity.

“Hispanic parents are very skeptical of where their daughters go,” Ronquillo said. “They really don't want to let their daughter go with just anybody. You really have to win their confidence.”

Vargas said there are several other reasons Latinas aren't comfortable with their daughters joining the organization. Some may think the activities cost too much, or think Scouts do nothing more than sell cookies.

“That's why I'm here,” Vargas said. Along with dispelling misconceptions, Vargas is still trying to recruit leaders. She is talking with local Latina college students, writers and other community leaders.

### Make the call

Interested in volunteering as a Girl Scout leader, or in getting your kids involved? Whether you're Latina or not, call Girl Scouts of Silver Sage at 733-9623.

“We, the Latinas, need to get involved,” she said.

There is at least one interested young woman. Zaira, who just turned 17, will be too old for many Girl Scout activities soon but is considering volunteering for the organization she has grown to love.

“I would love to volunteer. I'm all for it,” she said. “I really enjoy what they did for me.”

And Ronquillo isn't going anywhere. Although her daughter is in college, she continues to host Scout meetings. “As long as my house keeps up, and there's girls who want to be in Girl Scouts,” she said, “I'm there.”

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## When the little elf destroys the Christmas tree

Like every toddler experiencing a first Christmas, my youngest child is wandering around with a curious look on his face as he makes each new discovery.

A few examples of matters he seems to be contemplating:

“Who's the fat man in a red suit, and why do I have to sit on his lap?”

“Where can I get more of these sticky candy canes?”

But most of all ... “What a beautiful tree in the living room! How can I pull it down?”

SPILT MILK

David Cooper



Ask any mother of small children, and she'll tell you decorating a festive, award-winning tree with a toddler in the house is a monstrous holiday faux pas. A rambunctious child with a strong grip can do to a Christmas tree what Katrina did to New Orleans. To be fair, you cannot blame a toddler who is fascinated with a fresh tree bedecked with bubble lights, small toys, tinsel and a star at the top. It's a smorgasbord of tactile discovery. And that's saying nothing for what he could do to the gifts placed early under the tree.

Every year we've had a toddler in the house, he or she has pulled the tree down, unplugged lights or created an opening for the dog to drink water from the tree base. One Christmas, when our first child was around 6 months old, my wife sat him alone for a rare minute in the living room. When she came back he was gone. Or gone in the tree, I should say. He had rolled his way under our modest Charlie Brown tree and was busy taking down lights. The tree eventually came down four times that year.

But mostly the only collateral damage is broken ornaments. Perhaps it's just karma, then, that the kids are making tree decorations as Christmas gifts until they're 11.

So now on toddler No. 5, my wife has taken precautions. Before we even started setting up the tree, she rearranged the room, creating a Berlin Wall of sorts that will prevent our young miscreant from infiltrating the merry centerpiece. Furniture now creates a barrier along the entire entry to the room, making it impossible for him to crawl, climb or chew his way to the tree. Just by comparison, Twin Falls drivers this summer had it easier making left-hand turns on Blue Lakes Boulevard than this kid will have navigating his way to the Christmas tree.

Sure, this may be a cruel way to initiate a child to the holidays. But Christmas must have limits. You don't drink egg nog at every meal, or listen to “Silver Bells” every hour, and you don't let the elves run Santa's workshop.

As for our smallest elf, we'll make a concession that he can decorate the tree with his sticky candy canes.

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## Learning about life with Tiny Tractor

## Hansen couple publishes first book in safety-conscious series

By **Blair Koch**  
Times-News correspondent

Within the pages of “Adventures with Tiny Tractor: Preparing the Dirt,” children might quickly identify with the main character's adventurous and curious spirit.

Tiny is a five-year-old tractor who lives on a farm with his parents, Ty and Tammy Tractor. As spring looms and farmwork begins, Tiny starts to wonder what his role on the farm will be. Like all children, Tiny is exploring his own being and purpose.

Farm and field become the place where Tiny learns about hard work, moral values and safety.

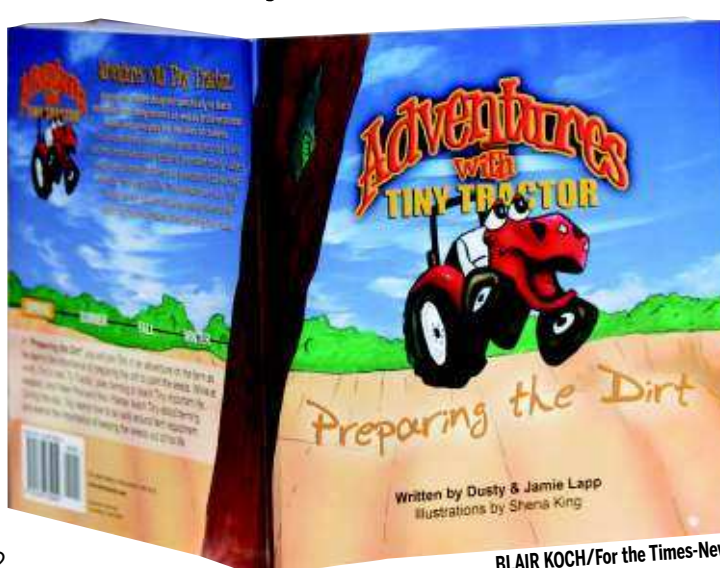
With a flowing storyline and vibrant pages, this first title in a planned eight-

book series is meant to capture the hearts and minds of both rural and urban children, said authors Dusty and Jamie Lapp of Hansen.

The recently self-published “Adventures with Tiny Tractor” is available at Amazon.com and [www.tinytractor.com](http://www.tinytractor.com), for \$12.99.

As a traveling bullfighter, Dusty Lapp, 31, said he sees a lot of children's literature but little he wants for his family's home library.

“There's a lot of garbage out there. The stories aren't adding any value to kids' lives,” he said. “The principles of farming illustrate how to be successful, like sowing and reaping ...”



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 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:** Seafood alfredo  
**Tuesday:** Ham and beans  
**Wednesday:** Sloppy Joe  
**Thursday:** Pigs in a blanket  
**Friday:** Sweet-and-sour chicken

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Today:** Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.  
Twin Falls Flea Market  
**Monday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. Thrift store, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
SHIBA, 12:30 p.m.  
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.  
Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1  
Bunco, 6 p.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday at lunch  
Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509  
Basket weaving, 404-6377  
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.  
**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, 12:30 p.m.  
SHIBA, 12:30 p.m.  
Jackpot, Nev., trip, 3 to 9 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Cinnamon rolls 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  
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** Pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.  
Senior Craft Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Super Bingo, 10 a.m. to noon

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Tomato soup and turkey-cheese sandwich  
**Tuesday:** Chicken sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Mushroom and chicken quesadillas  
**Thursday:** Goulash

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Today:** Pork roast dinner, 1 p.m.  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Foot clinic, 1:30 to 3:30 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.  
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

### Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Today:** Baked ham  
**Monday:** Cook's choice  
**Wednesday:** Link sausage  
**Friday:** Oven-fried chicken

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome  
**Wednesday:** Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Chicken strips  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce  
**Wednesday:** Pork loin  
**Thursday:** Chicken dijon

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Wild card, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Shoshone/Gooding pinochle Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
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:** Pinochle, 7 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:** Lasagna  
**Wednesday:** Roast beef  
**Friday:** Swiss steak  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday:** Foot clinic, 1 p.m., bring towel, \$5

### Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Chicken alfredo

**Tuesday:** Chicken salad casserole  
**Wednesday:** Fish or chicken patty  
**Thursday:** Tater Tot casserole  
**Friday:** Turkey

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
SilverSneakers, 5:20 to 6:20 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** SilverSneakers, 10 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 Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** SilverSneakers, 10 a.m.  
SilverSneakers, 5:20 to 6:20 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf  
**Thursday:** Beef stroganoff  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Wednesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Breakfast buffet and craft fair, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

### Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Fish  
**Wednesday:** Egg salad sandwich  
**Friday:** Fried chicken  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 10 a.m.  
Quilting  
**Tuesday:** Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 1:30 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:** Chicken pot pie  
**Wednesday:** Sloppy Joe  
**Friday:** Tuna casserole  
**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 artichoke pasta  
**Wednesday:** Meatloaf  
**Thursday:** Beef chili  
**Friday:** Hot dogs, hamburgers  
**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Massage therapy, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Tai chi, 7 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Knitters anonymous, 10:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 12:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Footlight Dancers  
**Wednesday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.  
Arts and crafts, 1 to 2 p.m.  
**Friday:** Table tennis, 9 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.  
A Christmas Affair shopping  
**Saturday:** Trip to see Hansen Christmas lights, 10 a.m. bus leaves, \$15

### 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:** Ham and beans

**Tuesday:** BLT  
**Wednesday:** Enchiladas  
**Thursday:** French dip sandwiches  
**Friday:** Chicken or fish smorgasbord

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Walking, 9 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** St. Nicholas School Christmas program  
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to noon  
SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
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:** Roast pork  
**Thursday:** Ham sandwich, chicken noodle soup

### 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:** Beef stroganoff  
**Tuesday:** Stromboli  
**Wednesday:** Birthday/anniversary dinner  
**Thursday:** Beef fajitas  
**Friday:** Richard Hagg birthday choice

**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.

## Tractor

Continued from Family Life 1

In "Preparing the Dirt," Tiny learns it's important to prepare the soil for a great harvest later. That's an opportunity for Ty to explain to Tiny that the field isn't much different than he is.

"Well Tiny, your heart is like this field. When it's clean and taken care of, good seeds can grow. When it's hard and clumpy, only weeds can grow," Ty says. Someone's heart can become "hard and clumpy," too, with selfishness and anger, disobedience and unforgiveness.

It's a great lesson, said Jamie Lapp, 29, and one the couple wants their own infant daughter, Acacia, to understand.

"The lessons Tiny learns are different throughout the series and some are created by himself, just like children," she said. "But each book will end with Tiny learning those lessons and growing along the way."

A big focus in the series is on farm safety. In "Preparing the Dirt," Tiny is reminded many times not to play around farm equipment and, when he is old enough, to always operate machinery at a slow, safe pace.

Those are reminders even farm kids need, said Safe Kids Magic Valley director Page Geske.

While many farm families are



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Dusty Lapp, left, and his wife, Jamie Lapp, who live south of Hansen, self-published 'Adventures with Tiny Tractor,' a colorful children's book. The story line includes lessons in life and farm safety.

extremely cautious, accidents happen. "Injuries we often hear about deal with children operating machinery they aren't ready for," Geske said. "Like children operating an adult ATV"

Nationwide from 1995 to 2000, the most current data available to Safe Kids, two-thirds — or 16,851 — of agricultural injuries were to children living on farms. Twenty-five percent of

farm-related deaths were due to machinery, 17 percent to motor vehicles and 16 percent to drowning. An estimated 70 children ages 14 and younger die every year from injuries occurring on a farm.

The Lapps hope Tiny will help keep kids safe. The first book's success will determine when successive titles will be available.

## When mom wants another baby, but dad doesn't

By Armin Brott  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

**Dear Mr. Dad:** I'm a 37-year-old mother of two, ages 18 and 5. I really want another baby, but my husband had a vasectomy immediately after our second child was born. At the time, I was exhausted and fighting post-partum depression, so when he came in and announced

that he was getting the surgery I agreed. But now, when I tell him he can get it reversed and that we could start trying for another baby, he just says, "oh" and leaves the room. What can I do to change his mind?

**A:** Unfortunately, there's no quick solution to your problem.

It sounds like your husband really has no interest in having a third child and

it's entirely possible that you won't ever be able to change his mind. Either way, though, this is too big an issue to ignore. The two of you need to have some long, serious discussions in which you both listen carefully and respectfully to each other.

I'm sure each of you has a perfectly sound reason for wanting (or not wanting) another child and neither

of you is any more "right" than the other. Keep in mind that this is a topic that involves a lot of emotion and passion so if you aren't able to work through things on your own, don't be afraid to schedule a few sessions with a family therapist who, at the very least, should be able to act as a referee and facilitate a more productive discussion.

## Share your holiday light display online

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If one of those happy homes is yours, e-mail your address to patm@gmagicvalley.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.

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# A puppy for Christmas

## Pets go home for the holidays in national program

By Sue Manning  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Petfinder.com is looking for at least a million people who want company for Christmas.

The online pet adoption database is teaming up with CBS and the producers of the Hallmark Hall of Fame Movie "A Dog Named Christmas" for a campaign to foster pets for the holidays.

Imagine waking up Christmas morning to find all the shelters empty, said attorney Greg Kincaid, author of the best-selling novel "A Dog Named Christmas."

"If 10 dogs in every city get a Christmas break, I think that would be fantastic," added actor Bruce Greenwood, who plays George McCray in the movie.

The book and movie tell the story of a shelter dog taken in by a developmentally challenged young man as part of an "Adopt a Dog

for Christmas" campaign. Kincaid made it up for Christmas one year as a bedtime story for his five kids.

"The kids hated it," Kincaid said in a telephone interview from his office in Olathe, Kan.

"What kind of Christmas story is that, Dad?" they asked because of the way the story ended. He rewrote the story and read it for them a year later. This version met with the kids' approval and he turned it into a short story, then a novel.

The real-life "Foster a Lonely Pet for the Holidays" campaign will draw on 2,080 shelters and rescues across the country for a national foster week, which will last from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

The idea took hold at a clinic in Pensacola, Fla., that started the campaign last year after the book's release. A nurse there put out a sign that read "Foster a pet for the holidays." She emptied all the cages for



AP photo/Hallmark Hall of Fame

Noel Fisher, left, acts opposite Johnny, a 10-year-old yellow lab who plays the title character in Hallmark Hall of Fame's 'A Dog Named Christmas.'

### ON THE WEB:

www.petfinder.com/foster-a-lonely-pet  
www.caspc.org  
www.hallmarkhalloffame.com



Thanksgiving and again at Christmas, Kincaid said, and they had a waiting list 100 people long.

Petfinder.com will provide the shelters with newspaper ads, radio spots and support, said co-founder Betsy Saul.

"The smallest act can make such a big difference," Saul said in a telephone interview from Chapel Hill, N.C.

Everyone involved in the movie hopes some animals

will find permanent homes through the program. "But this is not a trick to get you to keep pets. We need fosters desperately," Saul said.

People can use fostering to find out if a pet is a good match or if they are ready for a pet. There are fosters who specialize in older pets, sick pets, pets of a particular breed, kittens and puppies, even pregnant animals. "The beauty of this program is it can be whatever anyone wants it to be," Saul said.

In Virginia, the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA plans to pull out all the stops to promote the program and the movie, including fliers, tweets, blogs and calls. "Our goal is to get every pet out," executive director Susanne Kogut said.

No foster effort is a failure, she said, remembering Van, a plain vanilla hound that had been at the shelter for nine months and was overlooked time and again.

"We put him in a foster home. He deserved a break. There was nothing distinctive about him. He wasn't overly loud, just a quiet, gentle, wonderful heart," Kogut said.

The foster family had friends over who fell in love with the dog — and just like that he had a forever home.

"If a pet has a choice of being in a small kennel at a shelter over the holidays or in your home with a lot of people, I guarantee you the pet's going to choose the home environment," Kogut said. "Animals love people. And I can't imagine a better thing for them for the holidays."

It might not be so bad for the people, either.

"We get it in our head that fostering a dog is about helping the dog," Kincaid said. "We don't always understand how much a dog can do for us."

# Pet euthanasia: It's never easy saying goodbye

By William Hageman  
Chicago Tribune

It's an issue almost every pet owner confronts at some time: How do you know when it's time to have your animal euthanized?

"There isn't one factor that's going to stand out and say, 'Hey it's time,'" says Kim Intino, director of shelter services for The Humane Society of the United States.

When an animal's behavior changes — it's not eating, sleeping comfortably, grooming itself or moving around, can't eliminate or has no interest in playing — the time may be near.

"It cannot tell us, I'm in a lot of pain," Intino says. "If we assess that, then we have to not worry about our own feelings that we are going to miss the pet — of course we are — but (think about) things to be doing for the pet, making those decisions

in the best interests of the pet."

Other steps along the way:

**Discuss it with the family.** It should be a family decision, a consensus that Spots isn't who he used to be and is not enjoying life. Also consult friends or someone in the animal welfare business.

**Assess the pet's prognosis.** Are its struggles just part of growing old, something that can be tolerated because a cure or help is available? Will the animal get better? Or is there nothing that can be done, and are you just prolonging the pet's suffering? Reason it out.

"It's one of the most difficult but necessary decisions we have to make," Intino says, "and we have to make it, as much as we can, from an unselfish standpoint."

**Talk to your vet,** who knows your pet and can help

determine if the time is now. The vet can also answer questions about the euthanasia process. If you don't have a vet, or if you want another opinion, check with your local animal shelter.

"Speaking to a euthanasia technician who understands the process would be very helpful, to explain the actual procedure," Intino says. "The person who picks up the phone (at the shelter) probably is not the best person to talk to."

**When the time comes,** be in the room if you can. The closure will help. "When (the pet owner) sees it's such a peaceful process," Intino says, "and they're there to see the pet go to the other side, I think it's a very rewarding experience."

In the end it's an important part of pet ownership.

"When it comes down to it, being able to say you did

everything you could and you acted in the best interests of the animal is going to be that last part of you being a wonderful pet owner," she says. "You gave that pet a wonderful life, and it also may come down to you giving that pet a wonderful death when it's time."

### Dealing with guilt

Guilt is an unfortunate byproduct after a pet has been euthanized. "It is human nature to judge ourselves harshly and see only the times we failed — real or not — instead of the lifetime of goodness we have provided our pet," says Dr. Janet Tobiasen Crosby, the veterinarian "on call" at about.com. "Try to redirect the feelings of inadequacy or 'wrongdoing' to the times that you shared with your

pet in good health (and) the times that you provided for ... and took great care of your pet."

Her column, "The Twilight Time," on the site addresses a variety of related issues.

### About the process

Euthanasia usually is accomplished for pets by

injection of a death-inducing drug, notes the American Veterinary Medical Association on its Web site, avma.org. The veterinarian may administer a tranquilizer first to relax your pet. Following injection of the euthanasia drug, your pet will immediately become deeply and irreversibly unconscious. Death will be quick and painless.

# How to screen kids at home

By Alison Johnson  
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Parents can do a lot to watch for health problems, as an addition to regular visits to doctors and dentists. Here are some head-to-toe checks to do on a regular basis, pediatricians say:

**Make sure shoes fit.** Because kids' feet can grow so fast, many have footwear that is too small — which can cause ingrown toenails, calluses, blisters and stunted toe growth. Every few weeks, see if there's a thumb width of space between the front of the shoe and the longest toe.

**Watch their eyes...** Warning signs of vision problems include squinting, closing one eye when focusing, avoiding books and coloring activities and having

one eye that turns somewhat inward or outward. If you notice any of those symptoms, call an eye doctor.

**... and ears.** Take note if your baby doesn't startle at loud noises or turn toward sounds and familiar voices, or if a young child has limited speech, doesn't respond to questions and conversational cues and often turns up the volume on televisions and radios.

**Check their nails.** Changes in color, thickness or texture can point to a wide range of health problems, as well as an infection.

**Scan their skin.** Watch for new growths, rashes or changes in existing moles. After a child has been outside, check their skin from head to toe for ticks; removing a tick the same day it attaches will greatly reduce the risk of disease transmission.

**Open their mouth.** Even if kids brush their teeth twice a day and visit a dentist twice a year — as recommended — look for signs of tooth discoloration and swollen gums about once a week. If you think there's a problem, call a dentist.

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TUESDAY IN HOME & GARDEN

# SHAMEFUL SECRET

It's possible to recover a life lost to hoarding

By Kim Ode  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — It starts with one box.

Because that box is handy, you stack another one on top of it. The magazines land there, then the mail. Some letters spill to the floor, hidden by a shopping bag set down, just for the moment, because you had other things on your mind.

That bag ends up behind other bags. Every day, there's mail. Fabric and patterns for a sewing project overwhelm the dining room table. You know this isn't right, but where to start? Next weekend's chores turn into next month's, and then a year has passed. Floors and tabletops and shelves disappear beneath every good intention. What was once a cluttered nest has hatched into an overwhelming albatross. Yet you need these things, all of them — for your hobbies, for the dog, for the future.

That box is in here someplace.

Jeanne Leier's hoarding began in grief. Her fiancé, a man she'd dated for 12 years, supporting him through medical school, was called up to active duty in Iraq as a doctor in the Army Reserve. He was killed. She fell apart.

That was four years ago. She abandoned a side business making gourmet dog biscuits, leaving the baking and packaging materials in her kitchen. Depressed, Leier craved beauty and began buying bundles of dried and silk flowers to make wreaths and swags to sell at craft shows.

Then her old dog, Dudley Do-right, died. She'd had him for years, choosing his name because "he came into my life after an abusive marriage," said Leier, who's 48. "So when he died, I said that's it, I'm done."

Each morning, she'd go to her job at a medical devices company, but came home to her apartment in Little Canada, Minn., unable to cope, or to make a decision. She'd shop, returning with a black sweater that joined other black sweaters that were such good buys. The boxes, bags, sweaters and mail advanced around her, providing a peculiar security blanket. "Everything really kind of started so slowly that I can't even tell you exactly when it got away from me," she said.

When a new computer was delivered, the box was left in her front hall so that she had to step around it to reach the living room. There it remained, unopened, slowly disappearing under coats and bags and mail. That was two years ago.

"If my story helps someone else realize that they're not bad, or dirty, or stupid — any of the negative words that are attributed to this —

then it's worth it," Leier said. "The best way to deal with my problem is to help someone else."

"This is hard work," said Nikki Havens. "We don't sugarcoat it."

Havens, 31, owns Seriously Organized and is one of the few professional organizers in the Twin Cities who tackle hoarder homes. Because of an earlier career in social services, she understands that negative behaviors often are the result of psychological disorders that can be treated. Hoarders account for about 30 percent of her business.

She comes across as a force to be reckoned with — which is the whole idea. "The deal is, when I go into a home, clients have tried to manage their stuff and where has it gotten them?" she said. "If they hire me and they're not willing to listen to me, we're not going to make any headway and all that's going to happen is that the client is going to lose a bunch of money."

"I have a very strict program that clients have to adhere to. I'm not going to come in and organize 3,000 T-shirts."

Seriously Organized charges \$50 an hour for the actual organizing after an initial consultation. Final costs depend on how much work must be done, how many organizing units must be bought. Most hoarding jobs run into the thousands of dollars, but Havens said that clients find that their daily expenses go down as a result. They shop less because they know what they own, and find troves of everything from medications to paper towels. Their finances are organized, eliminating overdraft fees or interest charges. They might find thousands of dollars in uncashed checks.

Before Havens takes on hoarding clients, they enter counseling to get at the issues driving their behavior. "We need to make sure not to pretend that I'm a therapist, and not to promise self-help," said Havens, who's also president of the Minnesota chapter of the National Society of Professional Organizers. She said that the vast majority of hoarders backslide if their homes are merely cleaned "because companies treat the clutter, and the clutter is not the problem."

The heart of the work is answering the six "Go" questions: Do I need this item? Do I use this item? Does this item work? Does this item fit into my plan? Do I want to continue to have to organize, clear, maintain and

## LEARN ABOUT HOARDING

• The Mayo Clinic's page at [www.mayoclinic.com/health/hoarding/DS00966](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/hoarding/DS00966)

• The Obsessive Compulsive Foundation's page at [www.ocfoundation.org/hoarding/](http://www.ocfoundation.org/hoarding/)

manage this item? Do I really want this item?

A "no" to any of those questions means "go."

What prompted Leier to take action was, oddly enough, a trip to the dentist, where her blood pressure was found to be dangerously high. "It was a wakeup call," she said. "I decided to stop trying to control the things I can't control, and control the things I can control. Hopefully, if I can change these things, the other parts of my life will follow."

Havens and Leier first met two months ago to develop a plan. "This way, Jeanne had time to process what we talked about," Havens said. "If I came into an alcoholic's house and dumped out all their vodka and liquor and drove away, would that person come back to the house and no longer be an alcoholic? Absolutely not."

The plan worked around a three-stage process of sorting by room, item and purpose. Leier then decided what would be saved, donated, sold or purged. Havens likened each room to a 5-pound sack of potatoes.

"Have a client on one side with 30 pounds of potatoes on the floor, and I'm 2 feet away with an empty 5-pound potato sack," Havens said. "I work with her on priorities: What are the first potatoes that go in? The second potatoes? Once my bag has 5 pounds in it, I need to hold the client accountable because we're out of room."

"It's not about the potatoes — her possessions. It's about math, plain and simple. This is the space we have."

There may be 10 million hoarders nationwide, probably more, said Renae Reinardy, a psychologist at the Lakeside Center For Behavioral Change in Minnetonka, Minn., who is among the few who specialize in hoarding disorders. Hoarding was barely discussed a dozen years ago, she said, but the behavior has become more visible since a TV show, "Hoarders," began airing on the A&E network. Reinardy, who took part in four episodes, said it's been renewed for a second season, and she knows of two



MCT photos

Nikki Havens, left, and Andria Berke sort Jeanne Leier's clothes into bags to be washed before sorting and donating them to charities Nov. 4 in Little Canada, Minn. Leier is a hoarder who is seeking help both in clearing her home and in getting therapy for her condition, brought about by a traumatic event.



Jeanne Leier sits with her dog Louis in her organized bedroom.

similar shows in the works. Hoarding is difficult to classify.

"Right now, people see it under obsessive-compulsive personality disorder, but it doesn't really belong there because only 30 percent of hoarders have OCD," she said. "Hoarding is really its own thing," usually prompted by brain injury, personal trauma, depression or dementia. "Sometimes life just hits you too hard all at once."

The most successful treatment appears to be cognitive behavioral treatment, which involves identifying, challenging and replacing patterns of thinking, Reinardy said. "We talk about why they acquire. A lot of it is slowing them down. They start to function on autopilot, so I have to challenge their thinking, help them look at those toxic thoughts." For many, she added, hoarding comes from an avoidance of decision-making, and a fear of making the wrong choice.

The work is physically grueling. The organizers did 45 loads of clothes at a coin laundry and had Leier make decisions on the spot, returning with only one-third of her wardrobe. Every item in the home was sorted into cardboard boxes, each box labeled with a colorful sticky note.

For the client, the grueling work is emotional because it represents parting with

what they own, and what they're convinced they still need. One day, Leier worked with Andria Berke, going through each box of materials for candle-making, stained glass, needlepoint, quilting, wreath-making, knitting, cross stitch. There were decorations for every holiday. "What about this?" Berke asked, holding up a card of snarled embroidery floss.

"If that was for 'The Last Supper,' that's done," Leier said.

Toss. Berke grabbed a box of markers and quickly swiped one across a piece of paper, to no effect.

Toss. A huge bag of dried eucalyptus was deemed enough for however many projects Leier could imagine making. Yet when the next box held three more bunches, Leier tried to argue them into the bag. Berke stood firm.

Leier pulled out four small plush bears. "I need these for a project," she said, then almost visibly shook herself. "No; donate two, keep two?"

"Good call," Berke said, then sighed, glancing at the

three cardboard boxes of ribbon against the wall.

"Wow."

It was a small word for a big finish, but about the only one that Leier could muster on a recent Wednesday as she saw, for the first time, her finished apartment. "It's beautiful," she said, looking across the expanse of freshly cleaned carpet that she hadn't seen in years. "Wow?"

Havens walked Leier through the corner unit with her computer; the office supplies were organized in labeled plastic tubs. The hall closet had areas for coats, crafts and housekeeping. New shelving gave her bedroom closet a sense of logic.

Already, Leier can't wait to have the neighbors stop by. "My biggest fear was that I would find that others were so repulsed by what I had let happen. So it was a bit scary, but then change is always a bit scary — but almost always well worth any fear that comes with it. I will finally have the space to enjoy life once again."

"I only wish I would have done this years ago. But no looking back."

## Ex-etiquette: Keep big announcements apart from kid's birthday

By Jann Blackstone-Ford and Sharyl Jupe  
Contra Costa Times

Q: Is it bad ex-etiquette for an ex/co-parent to use a child's birthday party to propose, announce an engagement or pregnancy with the new partner? i.e. guests sing happy birthday, candles are blown out and ex takes center stage and say, "While you are all here...?" And, if you are faced with this, what the heck do you do?

A: Well of course it's bad ex-etiquette! It's bad etiquette to divert the spotlight from the guest of honor to your own agenda, but to divert the spotlight from a child on his or her birthday, a day that a kid waits for each year to be just his or her own, is not only bad ex-etiquette, it's bad parenting. Where is this person? We want to talk to him!

If you are faced with this, we suggest you don't make things worse by reprimand-

ing the culprit in public. Say something polite — in a raised, kind voice, not a you-stupid-fool-shut-up sort of voice. Even though you feel those feelings, openly expressing them at that particular time will further divert the attention away from the child, and your job is to get the attention back on the child. We suggest something like, "Well, it sounds like congratulations are certainly in order, but this is Jill's day. Let's finish Jill's cake and see what she got for her birthday and then we can talk more about your good news." All the while you're serving cake and pouring punch, moving around to buff the obvious slap on the wrist. Will it be awkward? Probably, but sometimes you just have to set the example. Because if you don't and someone else is faced with this down the road, he or she might feel it's perfectly fine to announce their special event while

another child is blowing out candles because they saw it happen at your house. So, stop it now if you can — while being as gracious as possible.

Children should be told of these sort of events in private first, well in advance of a public announcement. If this child had no idea that mom or bonusmom was

pregnant or dad or mom was remarrying, it could be a huge blow to hear this the news in a crowd where he or she is not free to express sadness or excitement, or whatever emotion is felt.

Jann Blackstone-Ford, and her husband's ex-wife, Sharyl Jupe, are authors of "Ex-Etiquette for Parents."

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# Mom objects to teen frenzy over holiday shopping

By Beth J. Harpaz  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — When my teenager announced that he was spending Black Friday at a mall with a friend, I wasn't happy.

"Don't tell me you've bought into the shopping mentality!" I said (or maybe shrieked).

"Buy, buy, buy. Spend, spend, spend!" I added (or maybe ranted). "That's all our culture wants you to do. You've been brain-washed!"

I then reminded myself of my parenting pledge to lecture less, but state my values more.

"I object to materialism," I said softly and calmly. "I object to a culture that says you can never have enough stuff. I object to a mindset that encourages you to go out and spend money on things you don't need and can't afford."

Unfortunately, I couldn't help but add: "You really don't need more clothes. When I was a teenager, I had one pair of jeans for all of high school!"

As the words left my mouth, I got the eye roll and the turned head, and realized that I might as well have said, "And I walked five miles to school every day in the snow!"

It was not my proudest moment as a mother. I then embarked on several days of soul-searching. How did my kid get caught up in this mentality? Sure, once in a while, we do a big shopping trip, but generally there is a reason — a special occasion, start of school, kids outgrew something, clothes look worn or dated. I set a budget, use coupons and make both my teenage son and his younger brother earn and spend their own money on things I object to paying for. Yet somehow I ended up with a mall rat on Black Friday.

On the other hand, I wonder if maybe I am out of touch with what's normal for families in



From left, Ffion Williams, 15, Jessica Hill, 14, and Louise Evans, 17, all of Wales, U.K., shop in the girl's clothing section as their parents shop a few floors above at Macy's in New York.

AP photo

"The minute you start 'shoulding,' the minute you tell a child they should do something, their psychological defenses come up. Now you're passing judgment. It's one thing to say, 'this is my value system.' It's another to say, 'this is what you should believe.'"

— Jennifer Leigh, who runs a Web site, ParentingTeenGirls.com, and is the author of several books for parents and teenagers

America. Lots of parents take their kids shopping on Black Friday for holiday gifts. And lots of teenagers spend every weekend at the mall. Our family is Jewish, so while we do give presents for Hanukkah, and even exchange a few gifts on Christmas with certain loved ones who celebrate that holiday, it's never been quite as big a deal for us as it is for others, and maybe that's part of why I didn't like the idea of my son getting caught up in the shopping frenzy.

But I also worry that the generation coming up worries way too much about owning the latest gadget or the right brand-name sneaker. The recession makes me even less enthusiastic about the

notion that it's OK for kids to run out and buy things they don't need. After all, isn't that how so many Americans ended up in debt?

Confused about whether my reaction was appropriate, I asked Jennifer Leigh, an adviser for mothers and teenage girls, for her thoughts. Leigh has a Web site, ParentingTeenGirls.com, and is the author of several books for parents and teenagers, including "True Listening" and "The Secrets Guys Wish You Knew About Love."

"You stated your piece, stated your mind, and then you let him go," she said. "I think that was a good approach. When parents try and force their own ideals down their chil-

dren's throats, their children end up choking on their parents' dogma."

She said that when we communicate our values, even if our kids don't immediately do things our way, "it's one more dot they can connect in the growing-up process. 'That's mom and dad's dot. I heard it. It's in my brain and now it's there.'"

But Leigh cautioned against lecturing. "The minute you start 'shoulding,' the minute you tell a child they should do something, their psychological defenses come up. Now you're passing judgment. It's one thing to say, 'this is my value system.' It's another to say, 'this is what you should believe.'"

Leigh also had some

interesting observations about teens getting caught up in the holiday shopping frenzy that made me see it less as a parenting failure and more as a cultural phenomenon. She even pointed out some positive aspects to it.

"It is the culture," she said. "Every ad on TV is holiday shopping, holiday

gift-buying, buy this and that. Unless you're raising an Amish child or you've locked them in the basement, they swim in a sea of consumerism."

Leigh added that on a day off from school, teens hanging out with friends at the mall isn't necessarily a bad thing.

For boys, she said, checking out stores with a pack of friends, hunting for bargains, and shopping for cool clothes is precisely what a modern-day hunter-gatherer does. "He scores some great deals and gets to do what a guy is biologically programmed to do," she said.

For girls, she said, a day of shopping with friends is not just about making purchases. "The way teen girls' brains are wired, they need to be with other girls," Leigh said. "That's why you see them text-messaging like crazy. They gossip and share secrets." Neurologically, she said, this type of behavior floods the female teen brain with pleasure.

Leigh also noted that Black Friday and the holiday shopping season has become an event.

"Kids want to be part of that because it's something that's happening that's exciting. I know there is a negative side to it — the consumer angle. But they get to be part of an event, be around other people, and have some new experiences with friends in a harmless environment."

She added: "I'd much prefer them out doing that, than sitting home with a laptop or text-messaging."

## STORK REPORT

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**Jonah James McCarty**, son of Daniel and Andrea McCarty of Twin Falls, was born Oct. 14, 2009.

**Annabelle Jessica Wilson**, daughter of Jessica Jones and David Wilson of Jerome, was born Oct. 14, 2009.

**Oscar Orozco**, son of Javier Orozco and Maria Guillen of Jerome, was born Oct. 16, 2009.

**Brooklynne Rhaine Caswell**, daughter of Amber and Rex Caswell of Jerome, was born Oct. 17, 2009.

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**Dominic Sidney Russell**, son of Aparecida and Justin Russell of Jerome, was born Oct. 26, 2009.

**MacKenzie Jean Kay**, daughter of Marcia and Patrick Kay of Jerome, was born Oct. 27, 2009.

**Tristen Siulua Ellis**, son of Mark Dalton Ellis and Feofoaaki Hepuata Ellis of Gooding, was born Oct. 29, 2009.

**Daniel Josue Vega-Alvarado**, son of Anna Karen Alvarado and Vivian Vega Romero of Jerome, was born Nov. 1, 2009.

**Andrew James Joens**, son of Matt and Carol Joens of Jerome, was born Nov. 1, 2009.

**Nicholas Leon**, son of Luis and Yunven Leon of Gooding, was born Nov. 3, 2009.

**Ashlin Salinas**, daughter of Joaquin and Margarita Salinas of Jerome, was born Nov. 3, 2009.

**Christian Meneses Naranjo**, son of Edgar Meneses and Erika Naranjo of Jerome, was born Nov. 4, 2009.

**Jerrick Rylann Marovich**, son of Esperansa Valladares and Charles Marovich of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 5, 2009.

**Marco Antonio Torres Tellez**, son of Marco and Yeduviges Torres of Wendell, was born Nov. 9, 2009.

**Aiden Eduardo Iniguez**, son of Eduardo and Gloria Iniguez of Jerome, was born Nov. 10, 2009.

**Cami Anne Blair**, daughter of Becky Falconburg Dumas and Chris Blair of Jerome, was born Nov. 12, 2009.

**Joana Ayelen Villasenor**, daughter of Hilda Villasenor of Shoshone, was born Nov. 12, 2009.

**Rilee Lewis Flowers**, son of Casaundra and Mathew Flowers of Jerome, was born Nov. 17, 2009.

**Jill Dana Christensen**, daughter of Michael and Dana Christensen of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2009.

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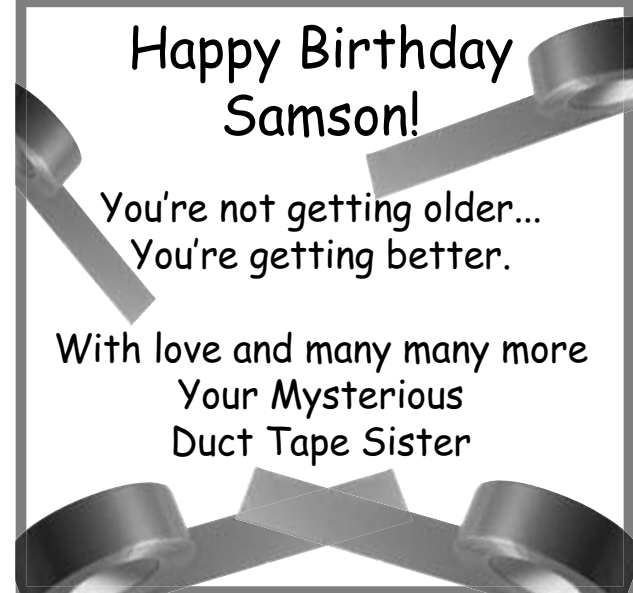
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## ANNIVERSARIES

### The Ralphs

Eldon and Charmaine Ralphs, of Burley, Idaho, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the month of November.

Congratulations! Thanks Mom and Dad. We love you!



Eldon and Charmaine Ralphs

### The Pettingills

Bill and Patricia Pettingill celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 30 with their family.

Bill Pettingill, a longtime resident of Burley, celebrated his 80th birthday on November 8th.

Their children are Bill Pettingill, Debra (Brian) Barlow, Tami Isaacson, Trudie (Ron) Dymock, Paula John, and the late



Bill and Patricia Pettingill

Patrice Griffin. Congratulations.

### The Robins

Val and Gloria Robins will soon be celebrating 50 years of marriage that began Dec. 12, 1959, in Paul, Idaho.

They have lived in the Mini-Cassia area their entire married lives, the last 39 years in their home on their farm southwest of Burley.

Val and Gloria were blessed with six children: Bret (Kathy) Robins, Burley; Chalet (Brent) Funk, Hansen; Kami (Rich) Ralphs, Denver, Colo.; Joel (Lori) Robins, Burley; Kristi (Fraser) Roy, Centerville, Utah; and Misti (Jason) Kirkpatrick of Lehi, Utah. Val and Gloria have 25 grandchildren and 1 great-



Val and Gloria Robins

grandchild.

The Robins family will hold an open house for Val and Gloria, from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11, at the Pella church house, 140 W. 400 S., Burley. There will be a dance at 7 p.m. We'd love to have you come and help celebrate the wonderful life they've built.

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# Kids Only

# 23 What's in a number?

**By Fred Bowen**  
Special to The Washington Post

**B**asketball superstar LeBron James announced recently that he wants the National Basketball Association to retire the number 23 to honor Hall of Fame basketball star Michael Jordan.

James, who wears number 23 for the Cleveland Cavaliers, said: "I just think what Michael Jordan has done for the game has to be recognized in some way — soon. There would be no LeBron James, no Kobe Bryant, no Dwyane Wade without Michael Jordan."

I don't agree with James. Jordan was a great basketball player. He led the league in scoring 10 times and won six NBA championships for the Chicago Bulls. It's fine that the Bulls retired Jordan's number. But I don't think the entire NBA should retire the number 23.

Major League Baseball retired the number 42 in 1997 to honor Jackie Robinson. But that's different. Robinson was more than just a terrific baseball player. As the first African-American to play in the major leagues, Robinson was a brave pioneer who helped make this country become a better place. Jordan has never done anything like that.

And if you retire the number 23, where would you stop? LeBron says he would be willing to wear the number 6, the number he wore for the U.S. Olympic team.

Wait a minute: That's Bill Russell's number. Russell was a center who led the Boston Celtics to 11 NBA championships during his 13-year playing career. He's a bigger winner than even Jordan. Russell revolutionized the game with his ability to



**Michael Jordan**

rebound and block shots.

If he's not superstitious, maybe James should subtract 10 from 23 and wear the number 13. Sorry, that's Wilt Chamberlain's number.

Chamberlain, who once scored 100 points in an NBA game and averaged more than 50 points a game for an entire season, was one of the most unstoppable players in the history of the game.

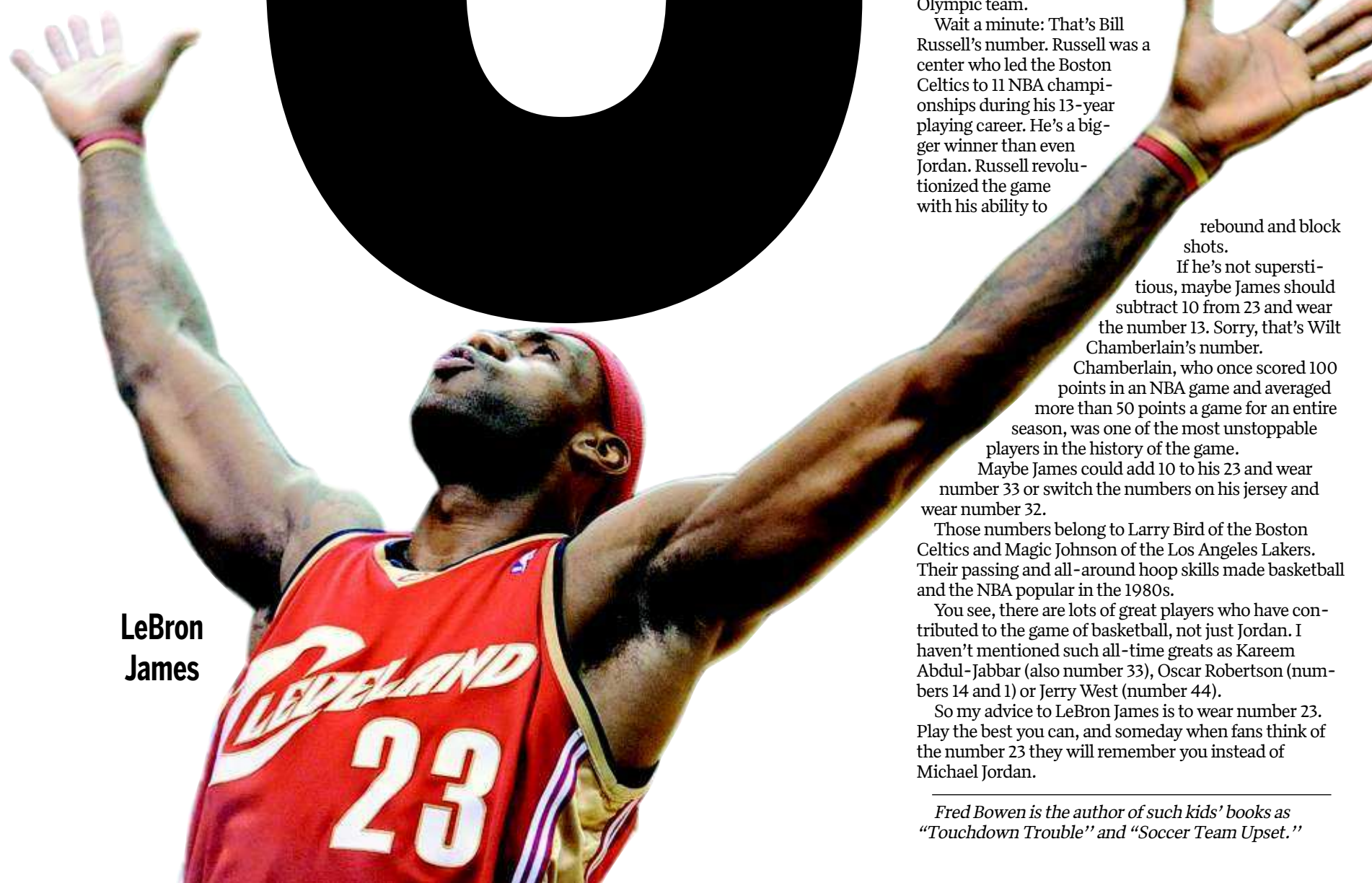
Maybe James could add 10 to his 23 and wear number 33 or switch the numbers on his jersey and wear number 32.

Those numbers belong to Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics and Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers. Their passing and all-around hoop skills made basketball and the NBA popular in the 1980s.

You see, there are lots of great players who have contributed to the game of basketball, not just Jordan. I haven't mentioned such all-time greats as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (also number 33), Oscar Robertson (numbers 14 and 1) or Jerry West (number 44).

So my advice to LeBron James is to wear number 23. Play the best you can, and someday when fans think of the number 23 they will remember you instead of Michael Jordan.

*Fred Bowen is the author of such kids' books as "Touchdown Trouble" and "Soccer Team Upset."*



**LeBron James**

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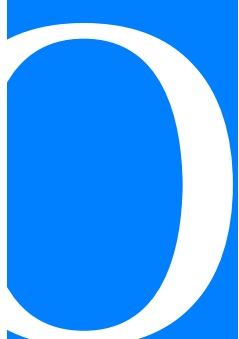
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## EDITORIAL

### How did Canyon Ridge get to be a \$47M high school?

No, Twin Falls School District patrons won't be asked to approve another bond issue because of it. But a \$10 million cost overrun is a lot for a district with a \$63 million annual budget.

In 2006, voters OK'd a \$49.7 million bond issue to pay for a \$37.6 million second high school and fund sweeping improvements at the district's existing facilities.

The total for all projects, expected to be \$48,296,795, has ended up costing \$58,482,859, largely attributed to about \$10 million in cost overruns at Canyon Ridge, which opened in August.

In March 2008, voters again agreed to fund school improvements when they passed a \$33 million plant-facilities levy for the district.

The combined levy and bond were for the new high school, as well as multipurpose rooms at Bickel, Perrine, Morningside and Harrison elementary schools and remodeling the chemistry lab at Twin Falls High.

The bond issue overruns were driven by inflation, increasing 30 percent above projected numbers from 2006.

But did the the district ask taxpayers for enough back in 2006 to reasonably complete the project on budget?

Recent school construction in other Magic Valley locations — the new Kimberly Middle School and the College of Southern Idaho's Health Sciences and Human Services building, for example — have run according to projected costs and on time.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs says that much of the \$10 million in overruns can be offset by selling a few of the 80 acres of land owned by the district in the Canyon Ridge area. Trouble is, it's a soft real estate market — especially for commercial real estate.

The district expects interest on bond levy funds to generate \$4.5 million, which will also go to cover the cost overrun.

The rest of the overrun will be folded into the facilities levy, according to district spokeswoman Beth Pendergrass.

Question is, will school operations be crimped because of the overruns until enough money is raised to cover them?

The district says no, but that's not assured.

Canyon Ridge High is a community treasure, but we wish taxpayers had been given a more realistic price tag three years ago.

**Our view:** Twin Falls students won't have to make do with less because of big cost overruns from Canyon Ridge High School, the school district says. But that's not yet guaranteed.

**What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



## what is true love?

### Too many young 'Twilight' fans wrong about healthy relationships

By Lisa Growette Bostaph and Kelly Miller

If you have not heard of "Twilight" or "New Moon" or immediately think of lunar phases, you either do not have a teenager or have been isolated from all forms of media during the past two weeks.

"Twilight" and "New Moon" are two of a four-book series about vampires. "New Moon" is the second book in the vampire/romance series and the movie version premiered the week before Thanksgiving. "New Moon" set a box-office record for midnight screenings and, not surprisingly, movie theaters in the Treasure Valley were sold out. "New Moon" is a pop-culture tsunami," said Julia Sharkey, a teenager from Parma. Julia is also a member of the Start Strong Idaho Teen Advisory Council. Start Strong is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative to encourage healthy relationships among 11-14-year-olds in order to prevent teen dating violence (www.startstrongteensidaho.com). Southwest Idaho is one of 11 sites around the country receiving funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to work on this initiative. Idaho's partnership includes the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Idaho Department of Education, St. Luke's Children's Hospital and 10 other community and youth organizations.

You may ask why this is so important. In the recent Idaho Youth Risk Behavior survey of high school students, 14 percent reported physical violence by their boyfriend or girlfriend, while 11 percent experienced unwanted sexual contact through an act of force. Educating 11-14-year-olds about healthy relationships before they reach high school



AP photos

Above, Young fans at the Los Angeles premiere of 'The Twilight Saga: New Moon.' At top, Kristen Stewart as Bella, left, and Robert Pattinson as Edward are shown in a scene from 'The Twilight Saga: New Moon.'

will hopefully reduce their likelihood of being victimized, being a victimizer or increase their ability to recognize abusive behaviors in others.

In "New Moon," vampire-boyfriend Edward leaves Bella because he is afraid he will hurt her. Bella turns to soon-to-be-werewolf friend Jacob for support, and then engages in self-destructive behaviors like riding motorcycles too fast and jumping off a cliff, sure that if she is at risk of death, Edward will return to her. The Teen Advisory Council for Start Strong Idaho saw the movie's premiere as an opportunity to examine the current beliefs of 11-14-year-olds regarding healthy relationships or, in other words, what is true love and what is not true love?

At the midnight premiere of "New Moon" on Nov. 19, Start Strong Idaho teens conducted a survey of 11-14-year-olds attending the premiere at three theaters in the Boise metropolitan area. The survey found that 68 percent of moviegoers in that age group believed that Edward's very protective and controlling behaviors toward Bella were a sign of true love. Additionally, 81 percent

believed that Bella's self-destructive behaviors in the wake of Edward ending their relationship were a sign of true love. Significantly, 86 percent found Bella's obsessive behaviors and willingness to give up everything for Edward as a sign of true love.

The high proportion of 11-14-year-olds (primarily girls) who believe that controlling, self-destructive, and obsessive behaviors by dating partners are indicative of true love is shocking and should be a cause for concern for any parent. And while the proportion of older moviegoers who believed that Edward's controlling behavior was a sign of true love decreased significantly, 67 percent of those 15 and older believed that Bella's self-destructive behaviors were a sign of true love. Similarly, 68 percent believed that Bella's obsessive behaviors and willingness to give up who she is for Edward were signs of true love.

So, does this mean that parents should not allow their pre-teens to see "New Moon" or read the "Twilight" series? No. It is a teachable moment for parents and their pre-teens and

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young teens. Teens will talk to each other about relationships, but are less likely to talk to their parents. The movie "New Moon" offers a way to talk about relationships without invading your pre-teen or young teen's privacy. This is why Start Strong Idaho teens wore "Team Respect: Building Healthy Teen, Vampire, and Werewolf" T-shirts to the premiere, gave out Team Respect buttons, and saw this as an opportunity to talk to young teens about the characteristics of healthy relationships. Isn't that what we all want for our children, and ourselves?

If you would like more information on Start Strong Idaho or to schedule a free presentation in your school or youth group for 11-14 year olds, or for parents or adults working with teens, please contact the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence at 208-384-0419.

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# Are we following California off the cliff

By Floyd McKay  
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Heavy use of citizen initiatives is one of the clearest predictions of states that are in danger of following California "to the brink of insolvency," according to an extensive survey of state financial problems by the nonpartisan Pew Center on the States. Oregon, looking toward a critical vote in January, is perhaps the next state in danger of insolvency; if voters reject a \$733 million tax increase on upper incomes and corporations, the state will face a huge budget deficit even after cutting state spending by \$2 billion in the 2009 legislative session.

Among the states with the most serious financial problems, the top seven all have a super-majority requirement for their legislatures to pass taxes without a popular vote, allowing a minority to deadlock revenue measures; and six of the seven endangered states make use of cit-



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izen initiatives and referendums. Across the country, the two work hand in hand; nearly every state with a super-majority got there via citizen initiative.

Washington falls into that category. A stronger economy and sounder state financial management keep it from the "endangered" list, although it still ranks 14th among the 50 states in terms of fiscal trouble.

Citizen legislation can create a combination of costly voter-initiated laws such as education mandates, maximum prison sentences, and health-care programs. If the state also

requires a legislative super-majority, a minority of legislators (Republicans, in the case of California) can block revenue measures and force referral to the voters. In most cases, as in California earlier this year, voters have rejected the taxes to maintain the programs; yet the programs remain in the law. That has been the problem in Oregon, beginning with a 1990 initiative that capped local property taxes, forcing the state to pick up two-thirds of the cost of K-12 education, without an additional revenue source.

Initiatives also stiffened prison sentences, again without additional revenue. Attempts over the years to balance the state's reliance on personal and corporate income taxes with a sales tax have failed nine times, by substantial margins.

Adding to the state's fiscal bind is voter enchantment with the "2-percent kicker," a unique law dating to the 1970s when several legislators became angry with

lowball revenue estimates by the state's economist and enacted a law sending tax collections above the estimates back to the taxpayers. While the economy remained strong, the plan was popular, with families looking forward to checks; it was so popular that in 2000 voters wrote it into the state Constitution.

But with no way to sequester windfall revenues, Oregon lacks any type of "rainy day" fund like Washington's to help cushion the fiscal storm that took place in 2008 and 2009. Oregon's state revenue plunged 19 percent from first-quarter 2008 to 2009, one of the worst drops in the nation and even higher than in California. The Legislature responded by cutting \$2 billion in state programs and passing \$1 billion in tax increases. But the largest tax increase, \$733 million, largely on high-income families and corporations, was referred by petition; its defeat in

January would throw the state \$733 million into the red. The Legislature meets every other year in normal times, but a special session to deal with that type of emergency is virtually certain.

The states ranked most in danger of fiscal collapse are generally progressive in social services; states with more conservative fiscal and social policies, resulting in lower spending, have weathered the financial storm in better circumstances. After California, states the Pew Center believes are most endangered are, in order of danger: Arizona, Rhode Island, Michigan, Oregon, Nevada, Florida, New Jersey, Illinois and Wisconsin. At the opposite end of the scale are (in order of fiscal health): Wyoming, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota, Texas, Pennsylvania, Utah, West Virginia and South Dakota.

Washington stays out of the "endangered 10" list pri-

marily because of a relatively low rate of home foreclosures, and a drop in revenue of only 9 percent. The state's financial management is also graded A-plus by Pew, one of only five states with such high marks for managing its finances. But the state faces serious budget deficits and a loss of thousands of high-paid Boeing jobs as the next legislative session convenes.

Washington's financial stability dodged a bullet this month when voters rejected the latest Tim Eyman tax proposal, Initiative 1033, but as long as Eyman can make a living by crafting populist initiatives, Washington stands on the edge of the "endangered" list, at least in part due to citizen support for a system that can push a state into a fiscal abyss, as California has found and Oregon now fears.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Colorado curtailment creates serious problems

I farm in Colorado and have curtailed and shut-off wells. Dick Wolfe, the recently appointed state engineer, is downplaying the damage. A Colorado Supreme Court decision in 2003, which turned hundreds of well owners' world upside down, certainly had to weigh heavily in his predecessor's decision to step down.

The ruling said the state engineer no longer had the authority to approve augmentation plans and that all well owners would have to go to water court to get a court-approved plan. And water court in Colorado is a vicious place. What I witnessed there when my district fought to get a plan for its constituents was uglier than any ditch-bank fight over water I'd ever seen. The result is that it is very costly and often unaffordable to get a court-approved plan.

The prior appropriation system has serious flaws, especially when applied to groundwater rights. For example, since October there has been no call on the South Platte River, which means even the most junior priority can take water out of the river. However, irrigation wells with priorities going back to the 1930s or 1950s still cannot run without a court-approved augmentation plan.

The South Platte Alluvial Aquifer presently is as full as ever and water that Colorado has the right to use is running out of the state. It is possible for groundwater and surface water rights to co-exist, but there needs to be a more sensible approach to integration than the water court system we have here, which favors the thirsty growing cities as they have the most money to spend on endless litigation.

DAVID DECHANT  
Fort Lupton, Colo.

### Mini-Cassia edition needs more local news

I've been disappointed that the "Mini-Cassia" edition of the *Times-News* always has much more news and events covering Jerome, Gooding and other cities surrounding Twin Falls than news of our Mini-Cassia area.

I don't care what happens

outside of Twin and, except for the educational and entertainment events happening there, plus the classifieds and farming news that others in our area might be interested in, I think that just a few articles per day in our local paper about those areas would be enough to share with us.

You do a great job of covering our local news in sports, politics, business, this opinion page, changes in the area, some happenings around town, and a few human interest stories; but they don't happen every day. I spend a lot of time skimming through the paper trying to find the news in our area.

There are more things happening than what your few employees don't know about. I missed seeing the names and faces of all the local graduates this year.

If we don't have much news, then have fewer pages. Since you have cut back to only being open on Monday and Tuesday in Burley, maybe use more local people in different cultures and economic brackets around town to be paid for finding local news for you.

If local customers want to know more news about Twin Falls, they can go online or read the regular *Times-News* paper at the library. I'd be interested to hear others' view on this; I might be in the minority about my feelings.

KATHY MARKER  
Burley

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# Are we going to let John die?

If Joe Lieberman or other senators came across John Brodniak writhing in pain on the sidewalk, they presumably would jump to help him and rush him to a hospital.

Unfortunately, an emergency room won't help — indeed, the closest ER has told him not to come back, he says. So, for those members of Congress who are wavering on health reform, listen to John's story.

John is a sawmill worker from Yamhill County, Ore., where I grew up. He was a foreman at a mill, he felt strong and healthy, and he had very basic insurance coverage through his job. On April 18, he was married, at age 23, and life was looking up.

Ten days after the wedding, he was walking in his backyard carrying a neighbor's dog — and he suddenly blacked out. That led, after rounds of CAT scans, MRIs and other tests, to the



Nicholas Kristof

discovery that the left parietal lobe of his brain has a cavernous hemangioma. That's an abnormal growth of blood vessels, and in John's case it is chronically leaking blood into his brain.

John began to have trouble walking and would sometimes collapse. He developed spasms and restless leg syndrome, he began to use a cane, and his mind suffered.

"He forgets stuff a lot, he bumps into things," said his new wife, Esther Brodniak. "But he keeps things light. He jokes about it."

Perhaps the worst is the pain — blinding, incapacitating headaches that have left him able to sleep only in short intervals. He vom-

its daily when the pain surges.

"The pain is constant," John said. "It's a 7 or 8 on a scale of 10, and then it hits the high peaks and makes me vomit."

With John unable to work, he lost his job — and his insurance coverage. Esther had insurance for herself and for her two children (from a previous marriage) through her job building manufactured homes. But she couldn't add John to her plan because of his pre-existing condition.

Without insurance, John has been unable to get surgery or even help managing the pain. When he collapses or suffers particularly excruciating headaches, Esther rushes him to the emergency room of one hospital or another, but an ER can't do much for him. One hospital has told them not to come back unless he gets insurance, they say.

Esther used up her family leave time to look after her new husband. "Then I went back to work, and he fell several times," she said. "I told my boss that I had to quit. Taking care of John was more important than building someone else's house."

That meant that the couple had no income — and no insurance for anyone in the family, including the children. Neighbors have helped, and a community program has paid the rent so that they are not homeless. But bills are piling up, and John and Esther don't know how they will cope.

The doctors warn that pressure from the growth could lead a major blood vessel nearby to burst, killing him. "They tell me I'm a time bomb," John said. With a touch of bitterness, he adds, "It sort of feels as if they're playing for time to see if it bursts, to save them from

doing anything."

I'm not a physician, and I certainly can't speak to the medical issues here. But I have examined John's medical records, and they appear to confirm his story.

John says the principal obstacle to treatment appears to be simply his lack of insurance. In August, he qualified for an Oregon Medicaid program, but he hasn't been able to find a doctor who will accept him as a patient for surgery, apparently because the reimbursements are so low. Doctors tell him that his condition is operable — but that they can't accept him without conventional insurance. He is increasingly frustrated as he watches his family crushed by the burden of his illness.

"The mill won't let me go back to work until a doctor gives me a note saying I can go back," he said. "I tried with several doctors. I said, 'Just give me a note. ... I've

got to do something for my family. But they won't." John and Esther agreed to tell me their story in hopes that somehow it would lead to medical help.

John's story is not so unusual. A Harvard study, to be published next month in the American Journal of Public Health, suggests that almost 45,000 Americans die prematurely each year as a consequence of not having insurance. John may become one of them.

If a senator strolled indifferently by as John retched in pain, we would think that person pitiless. But isn't it just as monstrous for politicians to avert their eyes, make excuses and deny coverage to innumerable Americans just like John?

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