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Unlucky NUMBERS



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Ben Walker, an employee with a Boise trucking company, helps haul an Idaho Lottery machine into Honkers Mini Mart Monday morning in Jerome. Store manager Stacey Monson said the store tried to sell lottery tickets 20 years ago when it opened but the process was too complicated and didn't seem to be profitable. She said lotto computers make it easier to sell tickets.



Photos by DREW GODLESKI/Times-News

A procession of Western Waste Services trucks heads to Sunset Memorial Park with the coffin of Archie Lee Wells secured to the front of the lead truck, for the burial Saturday in Twin Falls.

To final rest on a front loader

Casket carried by garbage truck

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

Melvina Patterson pointed to her father's casket on a platform on the forklift of a garbage truck Saturday morning and said, "This is who he was."

The 21-year-old woman echoed emotion and deep respect, because her dad, Archie Lee Wells, drove a garbage truck in Twin Falls for more than 20 years.

A malignant brain tumor claimed the life of the 43-year-old father of seven and grandfather of 12 on Monday.

"That was his final wish," Patterson said. "My dad told me from the time I was a little girl that he was not a rich man. He didn't want to be carried in a hearse."

"I'm a garbage man and I want to be carried on the forklift of my garbage truck," she said he had told her.

In honor of his wish,

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Daughter of the deceased, Melvina Patterson, far right, is consoled by family and friends as Archie Lee Wells' coffin is secured to the front of his former Western Waste Services truck in front of the LDS Stake Center on Harrison Street in Twin Falls Saturday.

Change to state lotto payments adds options and uncertainty

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The Idaho Lottery, first started in 1989 after the state's voters approved it in 1988, has poured millions into school coffers for building maintenance and facility needs.

The state's public schools, for example, have received \$205,880,875 in the lottery's history. Divided among school districts, the lottery money is doled out based on average daily attendance.

It's also provided millions more to the state's Permanent Building Fund, which provides money for building and maintenance projects of state agencies, universities and colleges. Overall, \$437.3 million has been generated for schools, agencies and higher education in the state.

But this year, it's different for the public schools that get lottery dollars.

Schools have experienced a shift in the lottery system that gives millions of dollars a more obscure place in the state's budget for public schools. The lottery funding — about \$17 million for public schools across the state this year — no longer shows up on the public schools budget as a separate line item limited to school facilities needs.

In a move aimed at reducing the burden on the general fund with

decreasing state revenues, the Legislature in 2009 passed a law — applicable only for this fiscal year — that gave school districts the discretion to spend lottery funding on their areas of greatest need.

Because the change to lottery funding was only for this fiscal year, legislators in the 2010 session will need to decide if it should be extended.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said the added



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WATCH a video of players reflecting on the joys of playing on the anniversary of the Idaho Lottery.

flexibility was a useful tool for schools, and one that will be needed in the next fiscal year.

"It will continue," Luna said in an interview

with the *Times-News*. "I am confident we will have to extend that for at least another year. ... We

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FDA gets tougher on ads for drugs

By Bill Lambrecht
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — The advertisement for an athlete's foot drug depicted attacks on a giant fungus alongside the words Crush, Kill and Destroy in bold type.

But after looking at clinical studies related to the drug, the Food and Drug Administration in August sent a letter to the distributor, Johnson & Johnson, warning that the ads "greatly overstate" claims that the prescription drug, Ertaczo, wipes out infections.

The FDA was similarly troubled by a testimonial video featuring former professional basketball star

Earvin "Magic" Johnson describing his "normal life" while taking the HIV drug Kaletra. The FDA wrote to Illinois-based Abbott Laboratories, Kaletra's manufacturer, in July warning about unsubstantiated claims of long-term effectiveness.

"The personal experience of a Kaletra patient such as Magic Johnson does not constitute such evidence," the letter read.

The letters were among about three dozen sent to pharmaceutical manufacturers so far this year warning of violations and ordering the ads to stop, correspondence shows. In all of

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Shoppers can bid on art by area artists to benefit the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness from 4 to 7 p.m. at Iconoclast Books at Sun Valley Road and Spruce Avenue in Ketchum.

• The Christmas in the Park Advent celebration features music and more at 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls City Park band shell. Hot refreshments are provided by Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls.

• This is one of our family's favorite things to do near the holidays — going to see Christmas lights. There is a list on magicvalley.com, and we all know where the good ones are in our town. So grab a hot chocolate and drive around, but be careful out there.

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

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Second Sunday Dance, open to all ages with music by the Country Cousins, 2 to 5 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, \$4 per person, 410-5650.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Wynwood Pancake Breakfast for Valley House Homeless Shelter, 10 a.m. to noon, Brookdale Wynwood of Twin Falls, 1367 Locust St. N., \$4 for adults and no cost for children under age 5, 208-735-0700.

The 20th Annual Junior Club Holiday Home Tour, 1 to 6 p.m., at the following featured homes: Allen and Corinne Starley, 2370 Candleridge Drive; Chuck and Linda Breault, 3160 Longbow Drive; Duston and Tanya Jones, 720 Park Ave.; and The Party Center, 1703 Addison Ave. E., all in Twin Falls; and Brandon and Christa Schiess, 3620 E. 3892 N. in Kimberly, \$8 each (at Everybody's Business, Fox Floral, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Inspired Living and any Farmers National Bank branch, or at each stop along the tour), proceeds to benefit Make A Wish Foundation and Youth Intervention Prevention Services, 733-9337.

The 2nd annual Mindful Art for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) closing gala reception, includes more than 90 square masonite boards of art made by Wood River Valley artists, auctioned off in a silent auction, 4 to 7 p.m., Iconoclast Books, Sun Valley Road and Spruce Avenue, Ketchum, half of proceeds benefit NAMI, 309-1987.

CHURCH EVENTS

"Christmas? Bah, Humbug," play by the Kindergarten and Middle Sunday School students, 10:45 a.m.; and **Open House for new pastor**, in honor of new pastor and wife, Rev. David and Carol Bierschwale, noon to 2 p.m., at the manse, First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., Burley, open to the public, 678-5131.

Singing Christmas Tree and Star of Wonder drama "Remix," about a little girl, an angel and a family in need of a miracle, 7 p.m., First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5349.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Secular Student Alliance at College of Southern Idaho, program: lecture and concert by guitarist Krispen Hartung on "The Intersection of Modern Free-masonry, Humanism and Secularism," 7 p.m. lecture, room 87, Fine Arts Center; followed by 8 p.m. improvised musical concert, Fine Arts Recital Hall, CSI campus, Twin Falls, open to students and members of community, bjensen@csi.edu, deadforsophia@live.com, scow@csi.edu or www.secularstudents.org/csi.

MARKETS AND FAIRS

Magic Valley Flea Market, variety of vendors; Santa (noon to 3 p.m.); and take-and-make Santa workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, merchant building No. 1, Filer, free admission, breakfast and lunch available for purchase, 410-1738.

SEASONAL EVENTS

The 25th annual Christmas in the Park Advent celebration, with message by Pastor Dale Metzger of Rock Creek Community Church and music by the Magichords, 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.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Reminder for Monday through Friday: Kids Craft Week, K-6th graders may pick up craft kits from Youth Services Desk throughout the week, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, 733-2964.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejmanovic by e-mail at mirelas@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

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ISP releases names of victims in Friday crash

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

Two Boise sisters died Friday in a three-vehicle crash that involved both east and westbound traffic on Interstate 84 near Jerome, the same day their father died in Twin Falls.

The reason Dixilyn Noh, 52, and Kristen Noh, 45, were traveling toward Twin Falls was not known to the *Times-News* on Saturday.

However, their father, Dick Noh, 79, died that day

at Saint Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The sisters died at the scene of the crash near Mile Post 172, about one mile west of the U.S. Highway 93 exit. A Wendell man sustained serious injuries.

Idaho State Police reported that a 1997 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven westbound by Shelby Seewald, 17, of Boise, sideswiped a 2005 Ford F-350 pickup, driven by Scott Brown, 45, of Wendell, resulting in the F-350 crossing the snow-covered grassy

median into eastbound traffic and colliding head-on with a 1999 Ford Explorer driven by Dixilyn Noh near the rest area. ISP reported that the Explorer caught on fire and other motorists helped extinguish the flames.

The reason for the sideswipe remains under investigation.

Brown was initially treated at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. He was later transferred to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in

Boise, where his condition was reported Saturday afternoon as fair.

Ambulances transported Seewald and two passengers in her car to St. Luke's with non-life threatening injuries.

The Jerome County Sheriff's Office, Jerome paramedics, Magic Valley paramedics and the Idaho Transportation Department assisted ISP at the scene.

The accident delayed traffic in both directions for several hours.

Valley House, other groups discuss emergency housing

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

It's easy enough for the homeless to find help during regular weekday business hours.

But who do you call if you're out on the streets at night and no one's open?

State and local officials and private organizations are trying to work out ways to help such people, especially at this chilly time of year.

The issue was raised Friday morning at a meeting of Twin Falls County commissioners and representatives of the Valley House homeless shelter and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

After an update on what the nonprofit Valley House does and how it's benefited from apartments the county donated earlier this year, the discussion turned to an arrangement Valley House launched with local

law enforcement in September. The organization has been paying for people to temporarily stay in motels and hotels in emergency cases.

County Commissioner Tom Mikesell told the story of a young woman who recently walked to town and approached the county for help. She had no ID because her husband wouldn't let her take it, Mikesell said. But that ID was needed for Valley House's admissions procedure, and the motel that the group offered for her was a hive of drug activity.

"Some of those hotels scare the heck out of our police departments," Mikesell said.

The story prompted an in-depth discussion on ways to patch the perceived hole in services.

Brenda Grupe and John Hathaway with Health and Welfare suggested vouchers for hotel stays and taxi

services as an easier way of paying for the services. Hathaway also said the groups need to set up system in ways that discourage abuse of the groups' limited resources.

One group not at the table came up repeatedly as a possible partner: Because of Jesus Ministries, run by Pastor Tony Lopez.

Lopez told the *Times-News* later Friday that he was approached by several individuals, including Hathaway and Mikesell, about housing people overnight at his church's Victory Home. He agreed; then in the morning, he said, he'll ask them what they need and help connect them with other services if they don't want to participate in a 90-day church program.

"We'll point them in the right direction so that we're all helping each other out," Lopez said.

Fixing various commu-

nications problems should also help the situation, those at Friday's meeting agreed.

In some cases, agencies weren't fully talking to each other — not everyone at the meeting was aware of the full scope of the hotel program, or that Lopez has his program up and running. Misperceptions and misinformation about Valley House also need to be fixed, even in Health and Welfare's operation, Grupe said.

The group's next steps will likely include a meeting with a larger array of agencies, including representatives of local law enforcement and groups like the South Central Community Action Partnership. Regular meetings should happen a little more often, Hathaway said — though if the issues brought up Friday were the only problems so far, he added, things are going pretty well.

Funeral

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Wells was taken to his resting place at Sunset Memorial Park secured to the front of his Mack truck, leading a procession of Western Waste Services garbage trucks through Twin Falls.

About 300 family and friends attended services for Wells on Saturday at the Twin Falls West Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Harrison Street.

"He was an awesome dad," Patterson said. "Everything would end up in a water fight.

"He taught me to read my scriptures and say my prayers. He loved to go to the temple."

"He was very selfless, always putting off his own needs for his family," said another daughter, Nancy Preston.

She recalled when her father woke up after a recent brain surgery.

"He asked for his scriptures, a

double cheeseburger and a Mountain Dew," Preston said.

Blake Gardner, an LDS stake president from Wendell, reminisced about his friendship with Wells and the good times, including the water fights.

"He never threw water on me in church, but any time we were out of the church it was fair game," he said.

Wells was a Boy Scout leader and was active in service work for his church.

Drugs

Continued from Main 1

2008, the federal agency sent out just 22 warning letters, similar to the FDA's regulatory pace during much of this decade.

Stung by the recent scrutiny, major drugmakers are pushing for online advertising flexibility in hopes of launching a new wave of Internet marketing.

But Congress is watching and preparing to take up new advertising curbs, including an end to corporate tax deductions for drug promotion.

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo., is one of Washington's chief critics of pharmaceutical ads and intends to play a lead role in the emerging debate.

Emerson said that she is working with Democratic co-sponsors on legislation to impose advertising restrictions, including a prohibition on marketing new drugs until their safety is proved.

"It's gotten so outrageous," she said, recalling a recent television program in which she counted a half-dozen ads for prescription drugs. "All of the money spent on advertising and marketing causes us to spend much more on drugs than we need to, money that could be better spent on research and development. Better yet, it could be spent on lowering the price people pay for drugs."

Emerson and other critics question the extent of the drug industry's direct appeals to consumers and the increasing price of those drugs.

Already, drug companies are spending more than \$4 billion yearly on advertising,

and a recent study sponsored by AARP reported that the cost of prescription drugs had jumped 9.3 percent in a recent 12-month period even as the nation suffered through recession.

The Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, concluded in 2006 that the FDA had minimal success stopping ads that inflate the benefits of drugs and minimize their risks. Consumer groups argue that little has changed since then.

"It's like the early 1900s when they were selling snake oil," asserted William Vaughn, a health care expert with Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports. "We hope that the new energy (at the FDA) is going to make a difference, because this has been a serious ongoing issue that has not been managed well."

The pharmaceutical industry defends its promotions.

Marketing "brings patients into their doctors' offices and helps to begin important doctor-patient conversations about previously undiagnosed or untreated conditions," Ken Johnson, senior vice president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America trade association, said in response to St. Louis Post-Dispatch questions.

While the FDA's drug marketing division monitors drugmakers, another FDA unit has been keeping a closer eye on over-the-counter products that don't live up to their billing.

In September, the

agency's compliance office gave a thumbs-down to claims by a hand-sanitizer billed as "the first line of defense in the war against the H1N1 swine flu epidemic." On at least seven occasions this year, the FDA sent letters contending that such ads themselves threaten public health by giving people a false sense of security.

The FDA has backed up its recent scrutiny with some tough enforcement: In September, drug giant Pfizer agreed to pay a record \$2.3 billion to settle civil and criminal allegations that stemmed from illegal marketing of the painkiller Bextra, which has been withdrawn. That case began during the administration of President George W. Bush.

Because of the growth of the Internet, the public policy questions are growing thornier. On Nov. 16, the FDA's compliance office sent letters to 22 Internet marketing firms and individuals from around the world — including in Australia, Turkey and Gibraltar — warning about the unapproved marketing of drugs such as Viagra and Prozac. The drugs "may not be safe and effective," letters warned.

But it was a batch of 14 warning letters from the FDA's division of drug marketing to some of the giants in the drug industry that has triggered a new and contentious debate about Internet advertising. Those warnings last April about the lack of risk information in sponsored links prompted some companies to suspend their Web ads until they could be assured they

were legal.

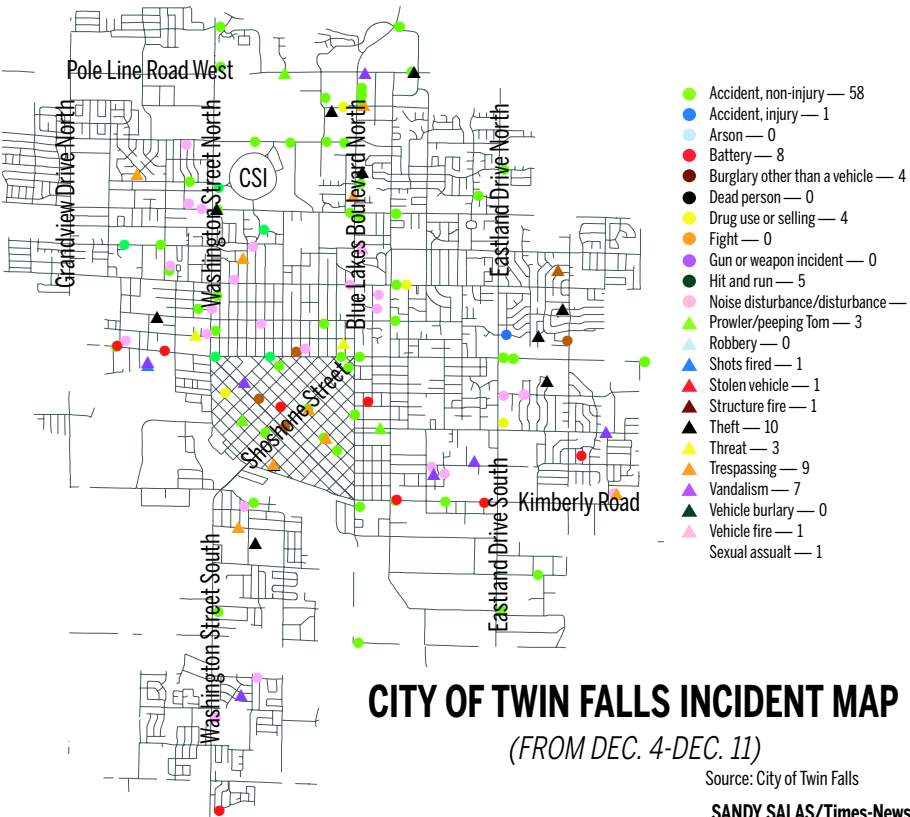
Last month, major drug manufacturers, aligned with Google, Yahoo and other Web companies, asked the FDA to change its rules for reporting the risks of drugs in Internet marketing. The corporations also want the FDA to lend a government logo to their online advertising that links viewers to more detailed information on dangers of drugs.

Jeffrey Francer, assistant general counsel for the pharmaceutical trade group, said that manufacturers want a system in which "comprehensive information is one click away."

Consumer advocates like Allan Coukell, who directs the nonprofit Pew Prescription Project in Boston, are wary. "Before the FDA provides a pathway for companies to do a whole new kind of marketing, I think they should be looking for evidence of health benefits," he said.

FDA officials say they have added 20 people to monitor drug advertising over the past three years. They declined to signal how they will respond to the industry's proposals for online advertising. But Rachel Behrman, the FDA's new acting director of its medical policy office, said her agency is aware of the need to adapt.

"The technology is changing," she said. "The mechanisms, the means of communication and the generations are changing. My four teens get all of their information on cell phone and computer. The challenge is living in an era of information explosion."



CITY OF TWIN FALLS INCIDENT MAP
(FROM DEC. 4-DEC. 11)

Source: City of Twin Falls
SANDY SALAS/Times-News

PUC seeks comment on moratorium

Times-News

Idaho Power customers have through Dec. 22 to comment on a proposed moratorium on base-rate increases until January 2012. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is asking for input as it weighs approval of the settlement, negotiated by the electric utility and a number of its customer groups. Rather than increase rates, Idaho Power would instead take a slice of returns from the Power Cost Adjustment that reflects the true costs of providing energy. The settlement would also help the company earn a higher return on equity without pumping customer rates up "significantly." Comments can be sub-

mitted in several ways. Online, visit www.puc.idaho.gov, click on "Comments & Questions," fill in the case number (IPC-E-09-30) and enter your comments. Mail them to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074, or fax them to 208-334-3762. Meanwhile, Idaho Power has also asked the PUC to consider making permanent the Fixed Cost Adjustment, which allows the utility to recover its fixed costs of delivering energy, regardless of any decline in sales and revenues from conservation projects. The company argues that the FCA is a necessary financial incentive for it to promote projects that lead to lower sales. It only applies to residential and small-business customers.

Work begins Monday on Falls Avenue in preparation for road widening

Times-News

Beginning Monday, drivers on Falls Avenue West in Twin Falls should expect to see extensive tree trimming and some tree removal, the city announced. In early January, Idaho

Power Co. will begin removing power lines along the street in preparation for road widening and installation of a new water line scheduled to begin in March. Falls Avenue West will be widened to three lanes, and

city staff projects construction to be completed by October 2010. Drivers are

asked to exercise caution and patience while driving in the construction zone.

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It's because, doofus, you're a tropical mammal, like all humans.

Take your clothes off and look in the mirror. Do you see anything remotely resembling a polar bear? (you folks in Fairfield excepted, of course).

The lowest temperature that we humans can handle is a combination of the duration and extent of the exposure. Fact is, a naked person will start to feel cold at 77 degrees.

That's warmer than your living room at the moment, so put on a robe.

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Colder than that, your body thinks about going on vacation. Try to tie your shoes at, say, 53 degrees. Or button your coat at 46 degrees. You might as well have flippers on the end of your arms.

When your skin temperature gets colder than 50 degrees, the surface blood vessels dilate. If it gets chillier the periods of dilation alternate with stretches of constriction because your body is trying not to lose heat from your extremities. That's why your cheeks and nose are red.

But if it gets much colder, your cheeks and your nose are on their own. Blood vessels narrow and the skin temperature falls to the surrounding temperatures. That's when frostbite happens.

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Steve Crump

likely to have cold hands, for example) and so are able to maintain a constant body temperature in frosty weather. Women — I'm sorry to say — tend to have more subcutaneous fat than men.

Plus, the older you get the less perceptive you are about cold. Hence the movie "Grumpy Old Men."

My advice? Take a cold shower. Folks in a balmy city are more likely to die during a cold snap than, say, residents of Fairfield.

Of course, no tropical mammal with any sense lives in Fairfield. Stay warm.

Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223. Hear him on KLIX-1310 at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

Cabela's is shivering. Muscular contractions produce heat, and shuddering can increase production of heat five-fold.

At 37 degrees Fahrenheit, it's every finger, toe, nose and cheek for itself. There is still blood flow to these parts, but it's much reduced.

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Lottery

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lost that line item, but we were able to preserve discretionary funding and I think we all agree that was critical."

In the past, school districts were required to spend the lottery money only on building and maintenance needs. While the change gave school districts more flexibility, in a way, the impact of the lottery is less visible in budgets this year, school administrators say.

Here's why:

In fiscal year 2009, Idaho schools received \$17.2 million in lottery funding for facilities needs as a separate line item on the budget and an additional \$357.17 million in discretionary funding for the areas of highest needs.

In the appropriation for this fiscal year, an estimated \$356.5 million is for discretionary funds, which includes about \$17 million of lottery money. Meanwhile, the separate line item for school facilities funding from the lottery this fiscal year reads: "\$0."

"It is now within our discretionary funding, so we don't even actually see it," said John Graham, superintendent of Filer School District.

With the lottery money included in discretionary dollars, it's difficult to pinpoint its specific use, Graham said.

"The reality is we're not tracking it per se, but indirectly, it's going straight to desks and supplies," Graham said.

Graham said that the lottery money historically has been invaluable in helping with district building expenses, but stressed that in the larger budget picture, the lottery isn't going to cover all needs.

Filer building projects covered with lottery funding have included roof repairs, remodeling, carpeting and repairs.

"When you bring that into each individual school, it's great and it definitely helps, but it doesn't even come close," Graham said. "Without it, we'd be in a much, much worse situation."

Juggling facility costs

Clark Muscat, business manager for Jerome School District, said the district's lottery funding has been about \$200,000 in recent years, which amounts to one-fourth of the district's facilities budget.

Examples of past projects the district has spent lottery money include furniture and heating, venting and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment.

The change means that the district is careful about how its remaining \$600,000 in local plant facilities funding is spent.

"What that does basically for us is puts a \$200,000-plus stress on other funds to make up that shortfall," Muscat said.

For the school district, it means deferring scheduled replacements of HVAC equipment before it breaks down.

"Now we're cutting back on the rotation and waiting for the break," Muscat said.

Kathleen Noh, superintendent of Kimberly

School District, said the district is still required to do maintenance despite the change, echoing other administrators. Noh said the district will not take on any additional projects and focus on maintenance.

"They just put the lottery money into our base support," Noh said of the budget.

Bob Seaman, fiscal affairs director for Twin Falls School District agreed, characterizing it as removing \$428,000 from the district's maintenance budget.

"We are still required to do maintenance," he said. "Basically, we still have those maintenance costs."

Twin Falls School District has used its lottery funding for technology and computers, along with summer cleaning and maintenance work.

While Gooding School District hasn't altered how lottery funds are spent, that may change later this fiscal year if holdbacks are announced, said Heather Williams, district superintendent.

"Every little dollar helps," she said. "It is nice to have that discretion."

While lottery dollars may now be harder to pinpoint in a budget, they still help out.

"It's one of the important legs for funding in plant facilities," said Scott Rogers, superintendent of Minidoka County School District. "If we didn't have it, we couldn't make it locally."

Greg Lowe, superintendent of Wendell School District, said the lottery money has helped with everything from painting to desks and boiler system repairs.

"I think that flexibility is going to be helpful," he said.

Lawmaker views

Legislators are leaving open the prospect of whether the lottery money will continue to be placed with discretionary funding this year.

In September, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter outlined holdbacks in state government to make up an estimated \$151 million shortfall.

For public schools, the holdback was \$49.3 million, but came with a recommendation to legislators that the cut be offset with money from the rainy

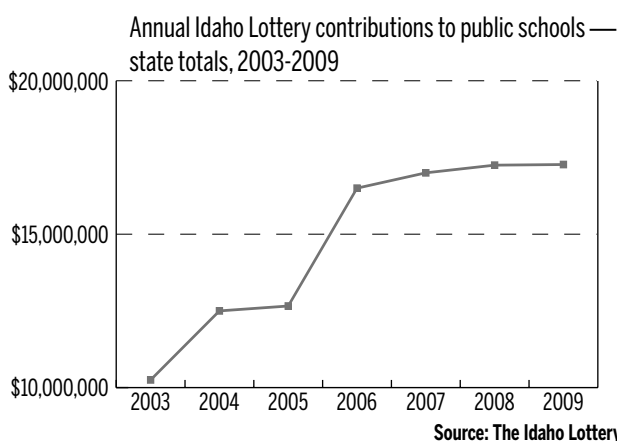


Josefina Campos, a custodian for 16 years at Robert Stuart Middle School, sweeps a classroom Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls. Money that Idaho's school districts receive from the Idaho Lottery has traditionally gone toward building and maintenance projects, but it was added to state discretionary funding in the 2009 Legislature.

Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News



Kelly Armstrong, of Twin Falls, uses a nickel to remove a layer of film on his lottery ticket Wednesday afternoon at the Lynwood Market in Twin Falls. 'I just play it when I have an extra buck in my pocket,' said Armstrong.



Stacey Monson, right, and her assistant manager, Sabra Anderson, learn to operate the new Idaho Lottery machine at Honkers Mini Mart in Jerome.

day fund for public schools.

After covering the hold-back amount, the state's public education stabilization fund is left with \$22.7 million — less of a cushion to blunt the impact of cuts as legislators try to keep education whole. There's also just \$33 million left in

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Schools

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federal stimulus funds for Idaho's public schools. "It was a way to get through last year," said Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, adding that more input from superintendents is needed. "What we do to get through this year might be different. ... It seems logical but everything's up in the air."

Sen. Dean Cameron, co-chair of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, said the goal will be to give as much flexibility as possible to all government entities with the funding they will receive.

"I think we'll be looking for places in every agency to give additional flexibility, given the budget cuts and reductions that will have to take place," said Cameron, R-Rupert. "I believe we'll try and provide as much flexibility as possible to school districts and everybody else."

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, added: "Yes, it may give them more flexibility but if the total pie is down, they're going to have to live with what the dollar is. Legislators, I think, are trying to find ways to lessen the impact of this recession while recognizing we do

need to make substantial cuts."

History lesson

Mike Helpie, deputy director of sales for the lottery, has been with the Idaho Lottery since its beginning.

In the summer of 1989, he feverishly worked with new lottery vendors so they'd be

prepared when lottery tickets went on sale on July 19, 1989.

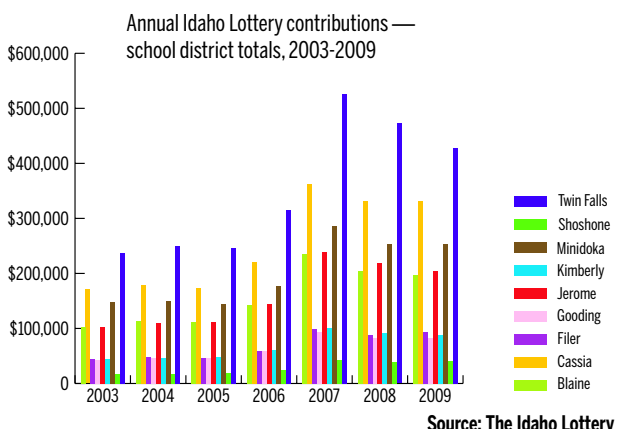
The Idaho Lottery sold \$840,000 worth of tickets on the first day.

That figure now looks tiny. In 1996, the lottery reached \$100 million in dividends for Idaho. In 2008, the lottery crossed the \$300 million mark.

"It's been a steady growth over the years but I think it's been even more so in the last 10 years," Helpie said. "I think people are always looking at ways to spend their entertainment dollars and I think we've developed enough fun and games out there it gives people different options with their entertainment dollars."

While the lottery helps schools, Helpie said it's not a cure for the budget woes the state faces.

"It's still just a small piece of the pie when it comes to their budgets," he said. "Obviously more is better but it's so small a piece of their overall budgets. We can't make up their shortfalls."



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SBA guarantees Magic Valley loans worth \$7.8M

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Boise office of the Small Business Administration guaranteed loans to 48 small businesses worth almost \$7.8 million in south-central Idaho during its 2008-09 fiscal year.

The total amount of financial assistance provided to businesses in Idaho was worth more than

\$84.5 million. The SBA estimates that more than 7,855 jobs were created or retained in the Boise District as a result of these loans in 2009.

The loan insurance program helped businesses like Henderson Family Chiropractic in Twin Falls.

"It was certainly worthwhile," said Dr. Spencer Henderson, owner of the family practice. "The

"It was certainly worthwhile. The process wasn't that difficult and it helped us buy out an (existing) chiropractic here in Twin Falls."

— Dr. Spencer Henderson, owner of Henderson Family Chiropractic

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Henderson said he worked through D.L. Evans bank to originate the business loan.

Small Business Administration loan volume declined in 2009 compared to 2008. However, Larry Demirelli, business specialist with the Boise office, said there are clearly signs of economic recovery since

the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed in February 2009.

From October 2008 through February 2009, the Boise District Office guaranteed 190 loans worth \$34.7 million. Once the

Recovery Act was signed, the Boise office guaranteed 336 loans worth \$49.8 million from March 2009 through September 2009.

The increases represents a 77 percent increase in the number of loans and a 43 percent increase in the value of loans when compared to the first six months of the fiscal year.

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A DIFFICULT BALANCING ACT

Housing boom ate up a lot of prime farmland in Idaho, now a coalition wants to give P&Z commissions authority to preserve it

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Idaho farmland may someday qualify as an endangered species, said retired farmer Eli McAvery.

"Sounds ridiculous, but from my perspective it's all a matter of time," he said from the front porch of his 1927 farmhouse in Twin Falls. "It's kind of funny how we put all our efforts into stopping things like a potato bug from destroying our crops but the real threat is ourselves."

A growing number of Idahoans and industry groups are beginning to share that same sentiment — a change of heart that was largely caused by the housing boom that lasted for nearly a decade up until 2007.

Now an influential coalition of farmers and agribusinesses wants to give county planning and zoning commissioners in Idaho the authority to preserve farmland.

Coalition Director Roger Batt said the organization wants to prevent developers' long-standing practice of using conditional use permits to bypass zoning laws, which are often the first and only line of defense to protect farmland.

The coalition alleges that developers use conditional use permits to develop land and then request that it be zoned after development is completed. Coalition members also say elected city or county officials will ignore recommendations by planning and zoning commissions to preserve farmland.

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BY THE NUMBERS: Idaho agricultural land use and market value

1978: 14.7 million acres - \$1.63 billion

1987: 13.9 million acres - \$2.27 billion

1992: 13.5 million acres - \$2.96 billion

1997: 12.1 million acres - \$3.39 billion

2002: 11.8 million acres - \$3.91 billion

2007: 11.5 million acres - \$5.69 billion

SOURCE: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Obama's stimulus 2.0 acknowledges government's limitations

What I like about President Obama's Stimulus 2.0 is what all the partisans and ideologues hate about it — its restraint and its willingness to embrace seemingly contradictory ideas.

The restraint comes in acknowledging that there is only so much the government can do to help a market economy rebalance itself so it can grow again. With a hole of 10 million jobs to fill, if the government could provide 3 million, it would be a singular accomplishment, and Obama has



Steven Pearlstein

approached this challenge recognizing those limits.

The seeming contradiction relates to his approach to budget deficits. The best idea for reducing them, he argues, is to take steps to shorten a recession — but only if they don't significantly raise long-term borrowing costs. After all, when you're \$9 trillion in the hole,

every extra percentage point you add to interest rates translates into an extra \$90 billion in interest payments, much of it to foreigners.

What the deficit scolds fail to realize is that government debt isn't the only type of debt that we're passing on to our grandchildren. We also pass on household debt and corporate debt, which are no less onerous but which have been shrinking fast — so fast, in fact, that they have caused a deep recession. The increase in government debt, while hardly trivial, has to be viewed in that

larger context.

On the other hand, what the Keynesian cheerleaders can't quite admit is that a heavily indebted country in a globalized economy can't simply borrow and spend its way out of a deep recession. At some point the old bills must be paid, the imbalances corrected. The purpose of stimulus is to spread the reckoning out over time, so that the economy doesn't get caught into the vicious and self-reinforcing downward spiral that Keynes understood so well.

As the president explained Tuesday in his

speech at the Brookings Institution, there is nothing irreconcilable about paying down the deficit and investing in economic growth. The choice between them is a false one, but figuring out the right balance is as much art as science.

It is the unfortunate reality of any recession that the burden of right-sizing the economy and industries is borne disproportionately by those who lose their jobs, often through no fault of their own, while others suffer very little. Stimulus 2.0 recognizes that it is the government's role to compen-

sate the losers by extending unemployment benefits to those who qualify — and provide health insurance and food stamps even to those who don't qualify for jobless benefits.

The new proposal also restores tens of billions of dollars in infrastructure spending that was cut from the first stimulus bill to make room for across-the-board tax cuts that, as some of us predicted, didn't pack much of an economic punch. The president talked a good game Tuesday about

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Donn Bordewyk, general manager of Valley Co-ops of Jerome, recently received a 2009 Energy Summit Award from CHS Inc., a leading energy, grains and foods company. Bordewyk was honored at the Cenex Energy Summit in Chandler, Ariz., where he received the Energy Summit Award in the lubricants category. Energy Summit Awards are given based on volume growth, local department profitability, program utilization, collaboration, industry leadership and positioning for long-term survival. Bordewyk and four other winners were recognized at the annual Cenex Energy Summit, a gathering of the top 150 CHS energy customers. For more information contact Ann Mann at CHS Energy Communications 651-355-4604 or ann.mann@chsinc.com.

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The South Central Idaho Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors inducted four new members: Mike Esparza, Rasmussen Real Estate Co.; Russ Walker, Exit Realty Concepts; Elmerlynn Burnham, Wells Fargo; and Jason McCurdy, Canyonside Irwin Realty, who also received the Past President's Scholarship Award. Bonnie Boeker, Canyonside Irwin Realty, was also honored. She received the Chapter Member of the Year Award for 2009. Tonya Backus, Magic Valley Realty owner/broker, recently was awarded the State Member of the Year award and received those honors at the State WCR Conference in Coeur d'Alene. These two awards are testimonials to the devoted and diligent time they give not only to WCR but to the real estate community as well.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Women's Council of Realtors should contact Linda Ekren 208-539-3458.

CAREER MOVES

Primary Therapy Source introduces new staff

Primary Therapy Source of Twin Falls, provider of physical, occupational and speech therapy at 254 River Vista Place, announces new therapists and office staff.

Physical therapist Monlo Beck, DPT, received his doctor of physical therapy degree from the University of Utah earlier this year. He has an undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. Beck's primary interest is in working with individuals with congenital disabilities. Other clinical experiences include: pediatrics, geriatrics, and long term acute care.

Angela Clegg, MS-SLP, graduated in June from Idaho State University with a master's degree in speech-language pathology, and is currently working toward an endorsement in auditory-verbal therapy through Utah State University. Her clinical experiences focused on hearing-impaired children from birth through age five. A Utah native, Clegg earned an undergraduate degree in therapeutic recreation from Brigham Young University.

Faith MacDonald recently joined the office staff where she covers front desk duties and assists with patient scheduling.

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"The Boise Office delivered what the President and Congress expected with the enhanced tools available from the Recovery Act," said Boise District Director Norman Proctor.

Under its flagship loan program, known as the 7(a) Program, the Boise office

guaranteed 460 loans valued at \$59.7 million. In fiscal year 2009, thirty-six different financial institutions partnered with the administration to provide financing to small businesses.

For the eighth straight year, Zions Bank has been the top SBA lender in the Boise District accounting

for 154 loans valued at \$13 million.

Other active lenders included D.L. Evans, with 56 loans, U S Bank, with 37 loans, Mountain West Bank, with 35 loans and Wells Fargo, with 35 loans.

In 2009, the Boise District Office supported local economic development

through the SBA 504 program with 66 loans worth \$24.8 million.

The purpose of the 504 Program is to stimulate business expansion and job creation.

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Land

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"What often happens is that a planning and zoning commission will say 'no' to the rezoning of agricultural property for other uses, but counties or cities will override that decision with conditional use permits," Batt said. "What we want to do is give more teeth to planning and zoning decisions."

During the early 90s, agricultural land that was donated to the College of Southern Idaho was rezoned for commercial use along what is now Pole Line Road West.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported that Idaho was losing agricultural land at the rate of about 27,000 acres per year during the superheated housing market — enough land to produce more than 192 million pounds of corn annually.

But McAvery, who built his home on what used to be a scrubby desert landscape more than 12 miles from the city limits, said the true loss can't be measured by the hundredweight.

"People forget that farming is what made this valley what it is today," he said. "A lot of work went into making this land suitable for farming."

Agricultural land losses were mostly seen in urban areas like Ada County, which reported population growth rates in the double digits. However, the statistic service reported that urban sprawl was also starting to eat into farm fields in south-central Idaho from 1997 to 2007.

The most significant loss in agricultural land took place in 1998, when Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning commissioners approved the rezoning of almost 20,000 acres for residential use.

"That was the largest rezoning we did in the past ten years," said Bill Crafton, Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning director. "Most of it is still sitting undeveloped, waiting for the next housing boom."

Much of the land that was rezoned sits on the outskirts of the city, where city work-

ers and nearby farmers try to keep weeds from spreading onto working farmland.

Idaho lawmakers shot down a bill two years ago that supporters said would have helped preserve agricultural land. However, opponents of the bill said it amounted to little more than efforts to turn private property into public lands.

"It was more of a bill to preserve open spaces," said House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, who opposed the bill. "That attempt got farther than any other attempt I know of, but it just wasn't relevant to places that aren't isolated."

But Bedke and other lawmakers said they recognize the need to balance development with the preservation of farmland.

"I think this is an issue that's definitely not dead," Bedke said.

The coalition, which is an Idaho-based organization made up of about 50 agribusinesses, including major players like the J.R. Simplot Company, Del

Monte Foods and Syngenta, is picking its first fight in Canyon County.

Its lobbying county commissioners to impose an immediate six-month moratorium on zoning changes that start out as conditional use permits.

"The process of changing an expiring permit to a request for rezoning amounts to little more than... speculative statutory prohibitions on projects that are no longer economically viable," said Coalition Chairman George Crookham in a letter delivered to the Canyon County commissioners.

Meanwhile, more than 200 miles east of Canyon County, McAvery is bracing for the next housing boom to chew through more farmland in south-central Idaho.

"There isn't much (farm land) left, so guys are paying top dollar to get it," McAvery said. "Maybe someday the economics of it will work in agriculture's favor — or maybe we'll all get our food from China."

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making sure that the best projects with the highest payoff will get the money. To walk the walk, however, he'll need to supplement that with a clear veto threat at the first sign of the kind of political earmarking that he's accepted in the past.

If saving jobs is the goal, there's nothing more effective than sending another big slug of money to the states, which claim to face a collective shortfall of more than \$140 billion next year. I'd feel a whole lot better, however, if I knew the money weren't being used to fund pay raises or pension-benefit increases. Some states have already imposed pay and benefit freezes. Requiring that of the rest is a reason-

able sacrifice to ask from public employees who claim to care about preserving their colleagues' jobs and maintaining vital services.

Those are the big-money items in the president's proposal, and the ones likely to create and save the most jobs in the shortest amount of time. The same, unfortunately, can't be said for the various tax breaks that the president added to the mix.

The one that has garnered the most attention, and is likely to be the least effective, is the temporary tax break to small businesses that add to their payrolls. For every 10 new jobs, we will be lucky if one results from that break — and even then, there's a

good chance it will be matched by a job lost at some other small business that is losing market share.

More intriguing is the president's idea of offering a capital gains tax rate of zero for investments made in small new start-ups over the next year or two — if only we could be sure that it wouldn't lead corporations and venture capitalists to discover ways to turn existing activity into a "new" business.

Under the category of truly bad ideas, the president has proposed to increase from 80 percent to 90 percent the share of small-business loans that the government will guarantee. It was loose lending that got us into this pickle, and a recession hardly seems like the ideal time to

encourage banks to lower underwriting standards by having less skin in the game. If banks are really refusing to make loans to creditworthy small businesses, the safer and less costly approach would be to ask regulators to temporarily lower the amount of capital that banks must set aside for small-business loans.

And count me among the skeptics about "cash for caulkers," not because saving energy and money is a bad thing but because it shouldn't require a complicated tax break to get you to do it. The idea here is to stimulate the economy, not to micromanage it.

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Gillette to limit Woods' role in its marketing

By Emily Fredrix
Associated Press writer

One of Tiger Woods' major sponsors will phase the world's most valuable athlete out of its advertisements while he takes time off to repair his personal life.

Gillette's announcement Saturday marks the first major sponsor of the superstar athlete and corporate pitchman to distance itself from Woods.

"As Tiger takes a break from the public eye, we will support his desire for privacy by limiting his role in our marketing programs," said Gillette, a division of Procter & Gamble.

Other sponsors are mulling their options and trying to gauge the fallout from the man who has become the face of golf, as he drops off the circuit for an unspecified period.

AT&T said it is evaluating its relationship with the golfer. Representatives from Accenture won't say what its plans are regarding Woods, whom the consulting firm has used to personify its claimed attributes of integrity and high performance.

"I think you will see the handful or so of companies that he has relationships with doing some real soul searching and making some probably, for them, difficult decisions in the next few days," said Larry L. Smith, president of the Institute for Crisis Management, in

Louisville, Ky.

Late Friday, Woods announced an indefinite leave from golf and public life to try to rescue his marriage after a two weeks of intense coverage of his infidelity sullied his carefully cultivated good guy image. The decision and contrite tone of his statement were seen by marketing experts as a smart step to repairing his public image. His previous brief and vague statements on the matter were criticized as insufficient to quell the intense scrutiny and to lessen the damage from more than a handful of women who claim to have had affairs with him.

"It's just like your most beautiful fashion brand is being trashed," said John Sweeney, director of sports communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. "I don't expect Tiger to be the gold standard anymore, but he's not going out of business... He's too big and too talented to be fired, but he will have significant declines from what he was."

Woods, 33, spent 13 years burnishing a pristine personal brand.

His good looks and multiracial heritage gave him broad appeal. His domination of the game and fist-pumping flair for the dramatic established his tournament appearances as must-see TV. His work

ethic is admirable. Marketers were drawn to his image as a clean-cut family man who mourned the death of the father who taught him the game, doted on his mother and married a former Swedish model with whom he has two young children.

Woods is the pitchman for brands ranging from AT&T to Accenture to Nike. His array of endorsements helped him become the first sports star to earn \$1 billion. Michael Jordan, Woods' closest contemporary, is a distant second. Jordan has accumulated about \$800 million during an NBA career that spanned nearly 20 years, according to Forbes.

Nike, which built its \$650 million golf business around Woods, said late Friday it supports his decision. As of late Friday,

Accenture no longer had the golfer's image on a page on its Web site where it had been as late as Thursday.

Gatorade, a unit of PepsiCo Inc., said previously it supports Woods and said Saturday it has no updated comment.

Gillette's decision includes phasing out Woods from its television and print advertising, and from public appearances and other efforts linking the two entities together, Gillette spokesman Damon Jones said.

"This is supporting his desire to step out of the public eye and we're going to support him by helping him to take a lower profile," he said.

Gillette, which operates from Boston while parent P&G is based in Cincinnati, has had a contract with Woods since 2007.

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New and improved 401(k) a possibility in 2010

By David Pitt
Associated Press writer

When the stock market hit its all-time high in October 2007, few investors questioned the merits of their 401(k) plan. Two years later, their feelings are different.

As many investors continue to nurse the wounds of losing more than a third of their retirement savings, many question if there isn't a fundamental flaw in 401(k) plans. Should the system be scrapped and replaced with something without all the risk?

Though the volume of the calls for change have quieted a bit as the stock market soared about 60 percent since March, legions of investors remain anxious their 401(k) might bring them down again.

There are several ideas floating around Congress that include increased disclosure of fees in mutual funds and new regulations about 401(k) investment advice.

Michael Townsend, as vice president of legislative and regulatory affairs for Charles Schwab & Co., analyzes government proposals to determine how they

would affect individual investors. He offers insight into what's under consideration.

Q: Is the discussion of retirement savings a high priority in Washington?

A: There's no question that retirement savings issues are on the radar screen, but they definitely don't rise yet to the level of the big-ticket issues that we're watching — like health care reform and the overhaul of financial regulations. What might, or might not, happen with retirement savings is somewhat dictated by what happens to other big-ticket issues and whether there will be time to focus on retirement accounts.

There are a couple of proposals both at the legislative level in Congress and on the regulatory side. In the 401(k) space, fees and investment advice top the list.

Q: Let's take the fee disclosure issue first. This legislation forces companies operating mutual funds within a 401(k) plan to clearly disclose management and other fees. What's the status of this proposal?

A: There's a House bill that contains both fee disclosure language and invest-

ment advice provisions. It has moved through the Education and Labor Committee, chaired by Rep. George Miller of California (D).

Advocates of the changes are waiting to see what the Ways and Means Committee does with it. Some lawmakers believe action may be taken in December, but something's more likely to happen in the early part of 2010. There has not yet been a ton of momentum on this issue on the Senate side. While the House may move a bill it's not at all clear where this ranks on the priority list in the Senate.

Q: You mentioned investment advice is also a part of the bill, but isn't the Department of Labor also developing similar rules as part of its regulatory responsibilities?

A: Yes. At the same time the investment advice issue is working its way through Congress, it may ultimately be addressed more quickly through the regulatory process — which means it may be unnecessary to address investment advice in a new bill. The Department of Labor postponed implementation of

some rules approved by the Bush administration in its final days. The Obama administration had some concerns about the possible conflicts of interest in the Bush rules, which would have allowed certain advisers who sell investment products to also give advice to consumers about which products they should buy. Critics said there was no certainty those advisers, who might have profit motives to push one product over another, could separate their interests from those of the consumer.

Q: When might the Labor Department rules take effect?

A: They are quite far along in the process of drafting new regulations and we'll likely see those late this year or early next year. Then there will be a short comment period, then they'll move forward to finalize them. It's quite possible the regulatory process may overtake the legislative process in this area.

Q: What's included in the regulations?

A: We'll see tightening of the language to be more restrictive to be sure participants can get conflict-free

advice. How they're going to do that exactly, we're all waiting to see.

Q: There's been some discussion around a wholesale reform of the 401(k) system because of steep losses some investors suffered. Is there a possibility of a significant overhaul?

A: There's been a lot of talk about that, but it really peaked last fall. While there have been some proposals and there was a hearing in the House Education and Labor Committee as they looked at proposals. I haven't sensed a broad consensus on any approach. My sense is that it's more likely to be reform within the current systems rather than a wholesale move to some sort of alternative system.

Q: Has the stock market recovery since March helped blunt discussion of an overhaul?

A: The market recovery may have at least slowed some of the enthusiasm among the public and Capitol Hill for a wholesale solution. Retirement savings plans are on the presidential agenda. The president gave a Labor Day radio address focused on retirement savings ideas. From my per-



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Michael Townsend, Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., vice president of legislative and regulatory affairs.

spective it's interesting that he talked about these issues at all, with everything that's going on in this administration. That's indicative of how 2010 will unfold. This will continue to be an issue that percolates along, not at the high profile level, but there's real genuine concern in the White House and on Capitol Hill to try to help people save more for retirement and that's going to be a continuing theme.

Wall Street regulation bill Q&A

By Jim Kuhnhen
Associated Press writer

The House passed legislation Friday governing Wall Street, the biggest overhaul of laws covering banks and other financial institutions since the New Deal. Senate action is expected early next year.

Some questions and answers on the bill:

Q: Who does it affect?

A: Financial institutions, both banks and nonbanks; homeowners, borrowers and credit card holders; insurance companies; hedge funds; traders in complex derivatives; and securities rating companies.

Q: How would it avoid another Wall Street crisis?

A: It creates a Financial Services Oversight Council made up of the Treasury secretary, the Federal Reserve chairman and heads of regulatory agencies. The council would monitor the financial markets to watch for potential threats to the financial system. It would identify firms and activities that should be subject to heightened standards, including requirements that they place more money in their reserves. Companies would have to plan for their own demise, detailing how they would be dismantled if they fail. The government could dismantle even healthy firms if they are considered a grave risk to the economy.

Q: Who would pay for a failing firm?

A: Failing banks are dissolved now by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The legislation proposes that the costs of large nonbank institutions that fail first be paid for by shareholders and creditors. Even secured creditors would have to take a hit, losing up to 10 percent of their security. If the failure still has damaging financial repercussions, the FDIC would tap a special \$150 billion fund paid for by large institutions with \$50 billion

in assets or more, or hedge funds with at least \$10 billion in assets.

Q: What are consumers likely to see?

A: The legislation creates a Consumer Finance Protection Agency that would oversee consumer lending — mortgages, credit cards, payday loans and terms on savings accounts. It would take consumer regulation and enforcement powers away from bank regulators. Under current law, states cannot supersede federal consumer laws, but the legislation would permit states in some instances to impose tougher consumer laws on financial institutions. Banks could escape state laws by claiming they "materially" impair the business of banking. Several industries would be exempt from CFPB oversight, including retailers, auto dealers, lawyers and accountants.

Q: What else does it do?

A: It brings the unregulated \$600 trillion derivatives market under government oversight. Derivatives are complex financial instruments, such as credit default swaps, blamed for accelerating the Wall Street panic last year. Some companies that use them to hedge against risk from new requirements in the overhaul legislation would get exceptions. So would companies considered too small to pose a risk to the financial system. The Obama administration did not want the exceptions, and consumer advocates say they give Wall Street a break. Hedge funds, which operated in shadow financial markets, would have to be registered with the government.

Q: What about those executive salaries?

A: Company shareholders would get a nonbinding vote on the pay of top executives. Federal banking regulators would have to approve compensation practices, though not actual pay, at banks and bank holding companies.

Obama blasts banks for opposing financial overhaul

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama singled out financial institutions for causing much of the economic tailspin and criticized their opposition to tighter federal oversight of their industry.

While applauding House passage Friday of overhaul legislation and urging quick Senate action, Obama expressed frustration with banks that were helped by a taxpayer bailout and now are "fighting tooth and nail with their lobbyists" against new government controls.

In his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday, Obama said the economy is only now beginning to recover from the "irresponsibility" of Wall Street institutions that "gambled on risky loans and complex financial products" in pursuit of short-term profits and big bonuses with little regard for long-term consequences.

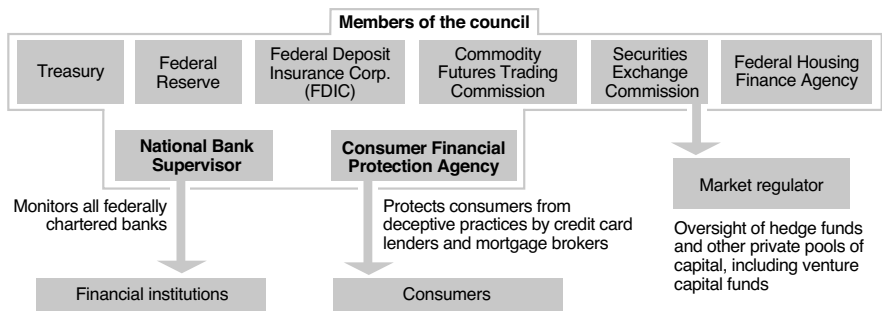
"It was, as some have put it, risk management without the management," he said.

The president also told CBS' "60 Minutes" that "the people on Wall Street still don't get it. ... They're still puzzled why it is that people are mad at the banks. Well, let's see. You guys are drawing down the \$10, \$20 million bonuses after America went through the worst economic year ... in decades and you guys caused the problem," Obama said in an excerpt released in advance of tonight's broadcast of his interview.

The House bill, which passed 223-202, would grant the government new powers to split up companies that threaten the economy, create an agency

Regulation to curb future economic crises

The House passed legislation for governing Wall Street by creating a Financial Services Oversight Council, consisting of federal regulators aimed to help monitor risk across the financial system. If passed by the Senate and signed into law by President Barack Obama, the plan would give the Federal Reserve power to regulate all large firms considered "too big to fail."



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AP

to oversee consumer banking transactions and shine a light into shadow financial markets that have escaped federal oversight.

Obama is seeking swift approval in the Senate "because we should never again find ourselves in the position in which our only choices are bailing out banks or letting our economy collapse."

No House Republicans voted for the bill, and 27 Democrats voted against it. Opponents argue that the broad legislation overreaches and would institutionalize bailouts for the financial industry.

The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee is working on its own version of the package.

In his address, Obama contended that the worst economic downturn since the Depression wouldn't have happened if the rules governing Wall Street been clearer and enforcement tougher.

Obama singled out Republicans and industry lobbyists for trying to block the changes.

Last week, top House Republicans urged more than 100 financial industry lobbyists to work harder to defeat the bill. Lobbyists have spent more



On the Web

Information on the House bill, H.R.4173, can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
Obama address: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

than \$300 million this year trying to scuttle the bill.

Opponents say that the changes would limit consumer choice and that added federal oversight would stunt financial market innovation.

Obama suggested that was one risk worth taking. "Americans don't choose to be victimized by mysterious fees, changing terms and pages and pages of fine print. And while innovation should be encouraged, risky schemes that threaten our entire economy should not," he said. "We can't afford to let the same phony arguments and bad habits of Washington kill financial reform and leave

American consumers and our economy vulnerable to another meltdown."

Obama has scheduled a meeting Monday at the White House with financial services industry leaders to seek support for his effort to tighten federal oversight of the industry and to limit pay for top executives at institutions that accepted billions in bailout money from the government.

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Officials consider Fish Creek Dam repairs

KETCHUM (AP) — Farmers and state officials are looking at possible restoration work on an 86-year-old dam in central Idaho to increase the amount of water it can store.

The 92-foot-high Fish Creek Dam 11 miles northeast of Carey can be filled to only 69.2 feet, far below the 88 feet for which it was designed, because of structural problems.

Officials say that cuts the amount of water the dam can hold from 12,743 acre-feet to 5,500 acre-feet.

In 2007, the Association of Dam Safety Officials named Fish Creek Dam one of four "high-hazard" dams in Idaho due to structural deficiencies and the threat to human life if it failed.

But the dam had problems before that. In 2002, the Idaho Department of Water Resources required the Fish Creek Reservoir Co. to install a dam-failure warning system, and in 2005 the agency ordered a larger spillway be cut into the dam to prevent water from rising too high.

"It's just an old structure," Corey Skinner, an engineer with the Department of Water Resources, told the Idaho Mountain Express. "The concrete is deteriorating."

Officials said the 1,700-foot-wide dam has been weakened by decades of exposure and countless freeze-and-thaw events that have damaged the structure's concrete construction.

But about 40 farmers who rely on water from the dam say they've found a way to repair the dam.

Several years ago, a large concrete vertical patch helped stabilize a portion of the dam, said Lawrence Kimball, water master for the Fish Creek Reservoir Co. "It really filled some of the leaks off," he said.

And the reservoir company said it's developing a reconstruction project that will take care of safety problems so the dam can be filled.

"We've been working with engineers for a decade," Kimball said.

There's no estimate on how much repairs could cost. Kimball said the company hopes to get financial help from the Idaho Department of Fish Game because the reservoir serves as a sport fishery.

Missing Utah mom's family prays for her return

By Brock Vergakis
Associated Press writer

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Friends and family of a 28-year-old mother who disappeared nearly a week ago are fasting and praying for her safe return as volunteers post thousands of fliers with her image on it.



Powell

Susan Powell was reported missing Monday under what police are calling suspicious circumstances. A prayer service attended by about 100 people was held for her Saturday in West Valley City.

Since she was reported

missing, authorities have questioned her husband and searched a desert area where he said he took the couple's two young children, ages 2 and 4, camping early Monday morning in freezing conditions.

Josh Powell returned Monday night, after police had already received a call from relatives who had not heard from the Powell family.

He declined to answer questions from The Associated Press on Saturday.

"I can't say anything," he said following the prayer service.

Meanwhile, Susan Powell's father, Charles Cox, flew in from Puyallup, Wash., south of Seattle, on Friday to aid in the search. He spent Saturday morning granting dozens of interviews to media outlets around the country in an effort to keep his daughter's name and picture in the news.

While Cox and Josh Powell shared a brief hug before the prayer service began, Cox said the only conversation he's had with him since his daughter was reported missing was on Tuesday.

Cox didn't attend a news conference Saturday organized by Josh Powell's brother-in-law, Kirk

Graves, in which Graves said Josh Powell's side of the family is still hopeful Susan will come home. Cox said he's concerned too much attention is being placed on Josh Powell.

"I'm kind of concerned that all the focus is on him at the present. I mean he's told his story — believable or not — and I don't see him as capable of harming her," Cox said. "And the more time spent on him, the less time there is looking at other possibilities."

About 30 detectives have been assigned to find out what happened to Susan Powell. West Valley City Police Capt. Tom McLachlan says police

haven't been able to verify Josh Powell's story because snow had covered the spot along The Pony Express Trail where he said he took the children.

Complicating the search for Powell, McLachlan said police don't have a description of the clothing she was wearing when Josh Powell last saw her about 12:30 a.m. Monday.

Susan Powell's friend, Kiirsi Hellewell, said she saw her Sunday afternoon walking home from church, which Josh Powell did not attend.

Idaho nuclear accident still a mystery to rescue worker

By Sven Berg
The Post Register

IDAHO FALLS — Count Egon Lamprecht among the thousands of experts still perplexed and haunted by SL-1.



Lamprecht

Like other experts, Lamprecht has analyzed every detail of the world's first nuclear accident, which on Jan. 3, 1961, killed three men on what's now the site of Idaho National Laboratory.

Like them, he knows the improper removal of a control rod from the infamous Stationary Low-Power Reactor Number One, or SL-1, led to a flash heating of water that raised the reactor 9 feet out of its base. In four milliseconds, hundreds of gallons of water were turned into superheated steam.

Perhaps most importantly, Lamprecht also wants to know why the control rod was removed.

But Lamprecht, a 74-year-old Idaho Falls man whose favorite hobby is collecting and restoring classic cars, is different from the rest of the experts in one important way: He was there.

The day of the SL-1 accident, Lamprecht was working as a firefighter for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, which operated a series of experimental nuclear reactors at the

INL site.

That day, whose tragic end is now well-known, had a less well-known, strange beginning.

Twice that day — once in the morning and once in the afternoon — the same alarm at SL-1's office and reactor complex malfunctioned and issued a false alarm. At 9:01 p.m., the fire station received a third alarm from the same complex. Lamprecht and five other firefighters responded, expecting yet another false alarm.

But this time, a different alarm was sounding. As the firefighters entered SL-1's control building and approached the reactor, they noticed a blinking red light, warning them of radiation.

"That should've tipped us off," Lamprecht said, adding that his crew had not been trained to deal with high-radiation situations.

As the firefighters entered the reactor building, the needles on their radiation detectors twitched upward, indicating an exposure level of 25 rems, a standard measure of radiation exposure, per hour. The men were thus exposed to almost 70 times the average annual radiation dose in only one hour.

They climbed the stairs to SL-1's floor level, anxiously

watching their radiation detectors. About halfway up the stairs, the detectors' needles pegged at their maximum reading of 200 rems per hour, Lamprecht said.

"We kept climbing the stairs — dumb us," Lamprecht said.

Reaching the reactor room's floor level, the firefighters peered into SL-1's reactor room.

Two men's bodies lay on the floor, facing away from them, dead and riddled with radioactive shrapnel. They didn't see the third body, pinned to the ceiling some 12 feet above them by a metal plug.

Finally, good sense got the better of the firefighters. They moved out of the building.

Help soon arrived in the form of medical experts. Outside in bitter cold, the firefighters were stripped naked and scanned for radioactivity. Lamprecht said he had to scrub away a "hot spot" on his left shoulder before being cleared.

As a two-year investigation unfolded in the wake of the SL-1 accident, Lamprecht and his fellow firefighters went back to work.

Lamprecht retired from the site in 1995. One of two remaining survivors of the group of firefighters who first responded to SL-1, he's still poring over research of the accident.

Body found on Mount Hood; two climbers still missing

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Authorities say the body of a climber was found Saturday on Oregon's Mount Hood but two other climbers were still missing after a daylong search.

Detective Jim Strovink of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office says the climber who died was identified as 26-year-old Luke T. Gullberg of Des Moines, Wash.

The remaining climbers still missing were identified as 24-year-old Anthony Vietti of Longview, Wash., and 29-year-old Katti Nolan of Portland.

Strovink said all three climbers were experienced and well-equipped.

A search is set to resume shortly after dawn on Sunday for Vietti and Nolan. The trio left Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood about 1 a.m. Friday and were reported missing when they failed to return Friday afternoon.

Hundreds line up as coffee shop in cop slaying reopens

By Linda Shaw
The Seattle Times

PARKLAND, Wash. — At 8:14 a.m. on the dot Saturday, Forza Coffee shop in Lakewood, Wash., turned on its open sign for the first time since four officers were killed there two weeks ago.

Lakewood Police Chief Bret Farrar emerged from inside, after purchasing the first cup of coffee, and along with Forza Coffee Company co-founder Brad Carpenter, thanked each and every one of the hundreds of people who braved the cold to help reclaim the coffee shop from the violence that occurred there.

Lakewood Police Sgt. Mark Renninger and Police Officers Ronald Owens,

Tina Griswold and Greg Richards died Nov. 29 after they were ambushed at 8:14 a.m. in the shop by Maurice Clemmons, who was later shot and killed by Seattle police.

Saturday morning, the crowd, which grew throughout the morning, included neighbors, friends and representatives from law enforcement agencies as far away as Bellingham, Wash. Inside the cafe, about a half-dozen Lakewood officers sat at the table where their four colleagues were ambushed by Clemmons.

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Idaho GOP lawmakers pushing tax cuts for 2010

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Republicans ahead of the 2010 Legislature are pushing to cut individual and corporate income taxes by more than a third over the next decade, saying it would lure businesses and pump life into Idaho's slumping economy.

Idaho's corporate income tax rate is 7.6 percent; for individuals, it's as high as 7.8 percent.

Both would be slashed to 4.9 percent under the plan from House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, and Reps. Raul Labrador, of Eagle, and Marv Hagedorn, of Meridian. It's now being vetted by state tax officials.

Stretching out the tax cuts over 10 years would mitigate immediate impacts to state general fund tax revenue, already trimmed by 20 percent over two years as the economy sputters. Some revenue could also be recovered, possibly by dumping an investment tax credit for businesses worth \$40 million annually.

But the three House tax hawks say the net effect of any changes should be a reduction for Idaho residents and companies that employ them. Idaho rates for individuals and corporations are higher than surrounding states, which the three contend means the state loses out when companies looking to relocate compare taxes, then go elsewhere.

"It's the whole debate of Reaganomics: Does cutting taxes spur growth?" Moyle told The Associated Press on Friday. "I think it does."

Tax Commission employees are currently estimating the value of proposed cuts, Hagedorn said.

In the 12 months ending June 30, Idaho individual income tax collections were \$1.48 billion, down 13 percent from a year earlier, according to the state Tax Commission.

Corporate collections fell 18 percent to \$175 million, as businesses including computer chipmaker Micron Technology Inc. racked up losses.

Nevada, Washington, and Wyoming don't have individual or corporate income taxes.

Utah's rates are 5 percent, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators, while Montana has a corporate rate of 6.75 percent and an individual tax rate of up to 6.9 percent. Oregon's corporate rate is 6.6 percent; individuals there pay as little as 5 percent.

Idaho also has a 6 percent sales tax, higher than the 4.8 percent national average.

In 2001, the last time Idaho lawmakers cut income tax rates, a recession that emerged later that year forced them to temporarily hike the sales tax to skirt cuts to schools and other state programs.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has dismissed the notion of a tax increases this year to fill budget coffers, but some Democrats say another temporary hike is the best option to shore up the 2011 budget starting in July. Rep. Shirley Ringo, a Moscow Democrat, supports a 5 percent charge on high wage earners to raise \$44 million annually.

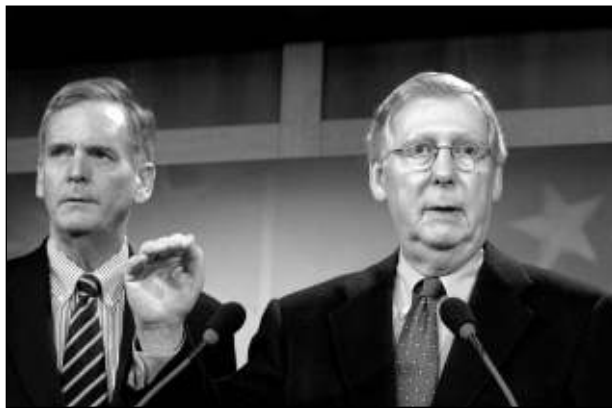
Senate Dems defeat filibuster of spending bill

By Paul Kane
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In a surprisingly suspenseful vote, the Senate cleared a key parliamentary hurdle Saturday on a huge spending bill for almost half the federal government, a measure that increases funding for the agencies it covers by an average of 10 percent.

The Senate voted 60 to 34 to close off debate on the must-pass omnibus spending bill. But in order to end a Republican filibuster, Democrats had to hold open the 15-minute vote for an additional 50 minutes so 92-year-old Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., could be wheeled in and Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., could walk to the chamber from his synagogue in Georgetown.

Byrd has been ailing most



Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., listens as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell speaks during a news conference Saturday on Capitol Hill.

of this year and votes only on important matters. Lieberman, an Orthodox Jew, honors the Sabbath by refusing to drive and by rarely working on Saturdays unless absolutely necessary. "Shabbat shalom (peaceful sabbath)," Lieberman said to photographers as he entered the Capitol, after

attending morning services on the second day of Hanukkah and then walking more than three miles to the Capitol on a cold December morning. He cast the 60th vote for the \$446.8 billion spending bill covering the Justice and State departments, among other agencies.

A final vote is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. The House passed the measure last week, and President Obama has indicated he will sign the bill.

All but three Senate Republicans opposed the measure, citing what they consider to be wasteful spending on domestic agencies at a time of war. Three Democrats — Sens. Evan Bayh, Ind., Russell Feingold, Wis., and Claire McCaskill, Mo. — joined Republicans in supporting a filibuster of the bill.

Sen. Jon Kyl, Ariz., the No. 2 GOP leader, called for "a more responsible way" of handling the dozen annual spending bills.

Only five bills have been completed and signed into law. This bill bundles together six of the remaining appropriations bills into one measure, in what has become a typical annual

legislative adventure.

Kyl said such a major bill becomes impossible to oppose or else a federal government shutdown would ensue. "If you can't get it passed on its own merits, then bundle it up with a whole bunch of other stuff," he said during the floor debate.

Sen. Dick Durbin, Ill., the No. 2 Democratic leader, argued that the bill is filled with honorable spending increases in areas that the Bush administration ignored for most of this decade. In particular, he cited a \$5.3 billion boost in funds for veterans programs.

"These men and women need our help. This package of bills provides that help," Durbin said.

Poor being turned away from free cancer screenings

By Valerie Bauman
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — As the economy falters and more people go without health insurance, low-income women in at least 20 states are being turned away or put on long waiting lists for free cancer screenings, according to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network.

In the unofficial survey of programs for July 2008 through April 2009, the organization found that state budget strains are forcing some programs to reject people who would otherwise qualify for free mammograms and Pap smears. Just how many are turned away isn't known; in some cases, the women are screened through other programs or referred to different providers.

"I cried and I panicked," said Erin LaBarge, 47. This would have been her third straight year receiving a free mammogram through the screening program in St. Lawrence County. But the Norwood, N.Y., resident was told she couldn't get her free mammogram this year because there isn't enough money and she's not old enough.

New York used to screen women of all ages, but this year the budget crunch has forced them to focus on those considered at highest risk and exclude women under 50.

"It's a scary thought. It



Erin LaBarge of Norwood, N.Y., presses shirts Friday at Potsdam Laundry & Dry Cleaners in Potsdam, N.Y.

really is," said LaBarge, who fears she's at a higher risk because her grandmother died of breast cancer.

The Cancer Society doesn't have an estimate for what percentage of breast cancer diagnoses come from mammogram screenings, but says women have a 98 percent survival rate when breast cancer is caught early, during stage I. That shrinks to about 84 percent during stages II and III, and just 27 percent at stage IV — when cancer has reached its most advanced point.

"I already know there are women who are dying whose lives we could have saved with mammography and other detections," said Dr. Otis Brawley, chief medical officer for the society.

In New York, the Cancer Society says providers in Manhattan, Brooklyn and

western Queens, and in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties project they'll perform nearly 15,000 fewer free mammograms for the fiscal year ending April 2010, compared with the previous year.

The Cancer Society has no way to count how many women are being turned away, and many providers don't keep track of how many are denied screening, or whether those women find another alternative. The cost of screening varies, but the average mammogram is about \$100, while a Pap screen can range between \$75 and \$200, according to the society.

Project Renewal Van Scan, which gives mammograms around New York City, usually targets 6,000 women a year but has cut back to 3,100 this year, director Mary Solomon said.

Japan, U.S. to ink open skies accord

By Akihiro Okada
The Yomiuri Shimbun

WASHINGTON — Japan and the United States agreed Friday night to liberalize air traffic under a so-called open skies agreement, Japanese and U.S. officials said.

The agreement will be formally signed by October, allowing Japanese and U.S. carriers to freely decide on the routes and numbers of flights between the countries in principle.

The deal is expected to have a great impact on the reconstruction of cash-strapped Japan Airlines.

Under the agreement:

- Japan and the United States will sign the open skies agreement, and carriers in both countries will be able to apply for U.S. antitrust immunity.

• After the scheduled expansion of Haneda Airport, with its fourth runway opening next October, the airport will operate up to eight daily Japan-U.S. flights late at night and early

in the morning.

- U.S. carriers' share in the departure and arrival slots at Narita Airport will decrease from the current 28 percent to 25 percent in March, and further decrease after that.

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Kathy Sue Hall Emery

JEROME — Kathy Sue Hall Emery, 57, of Jerome, passed away Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, in Twin Falls.

She was born Nov. 30, 1952, in Trenton, Mich., the daughter of Carl P. Hall and Esther May Yates Hall. She married Ron Emery on June 29, 1969. They settled in Pocatello, where they raised four children. In 1991, they moved to Jerome. Kathy loved music and fishing. Mostly she loved caring for her family especially her children and grandchildren.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Ron Emery; and their children, Pamela (Mickey) McConnell, Ronnie (Justina) Emery, Calvin (Mandy) Emery and



Kristy Murphy. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren; eight brothers and sisters, Carl (Joanne) Hall, Jerry (Virginia) Hall, Patricia Underwood, Phillip Hall, Pamela (Richard) Detone, Joy (Sam) Dunlap, Linda (Don) Greer and Kenny Hall; one brother-in-law, Roger Hancock; and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Carolyan Christian.

In accordance with Kathy's wishes, a private memorial service will be held.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

George Millard Hildreth

KIMBERLY — George Millard Hildreth, 80, of Kimberly, Idaho, went to be with his Lord and Savior early the morning of Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009. He was a special man who loved his Lord and family.

George was born Jan. 23, 1929, at home in Castleford, Idaho. He was the third of five children born to Millard Henry Hildreth and Mary McBride. George was raised on the family farm, graduating from Castleford High School in 1947. He married Freda Heedick on Nov. 23, 1951, in Reno, Nev. They were blessed with three sons.

George was a hard worker. He worked at various jobs, but spent the majority of his working years at Stuart Morrison Tire Co., retiring after 26 years due to health problems.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Gail Clark. He is survived by



his loving wife, Freda; his three sons, David Michael (Janice) Hildreth of Boise, Ivan Gale (Christine) Hildreth of Lincoln, Neb., and Irvan Dale Hildreth of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and four grandchildren, Jana (Kenneth) Waddell, David Michael Hildreth Jr., Aaron Hildreth and Jennifer Hildreth. Also two brothers, Gerald Hildreth and Robert Hildreth; and a sister, Naomi Arnett; plus many nieces and nephews survive him.

Viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301. A service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Hansen Assembly of God Church, 319 Second St., Hansen, ID 83334. Graveside services will be private.

A gentle humble man who loved to sing, drive fast cars, and pray for his family, his passing will leave a big hole in all our hearts.

Hugh Ray Johannsen Sr.

GOODING — Hugh Ray Johannsen Sr., 75, of Gooding, died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, after battling cancer.

Hugh was born to Richard and Grace Johannsen in Alexandar, Neb., on May 7, 1934. His family relocated to Idaho in 1936 and settled in Gooding. He was a graduate of Gooding High School. He married Carol Torry on Dec. 4, 1954, in Gooding and raised five children. Hugh worked for the Forest Service maintaining trails, farmed, ranched, worked in construction operating all kinds of equipment, dynamite/blaster, and hauled cattle in 18-wheelers, contracted for Idaho Power doing backhoe work, doing whatever he needed to do to support his family. After he and Carol divorced, Hugh married Beverly (Lange) Kaneaster on Sept. 17, 1980, where they lived and worked in Gooding. Hugh farmed, ranched, and professionally guided hunts. Later in his life, he started working as a detention officer/jailer in the Gooding County Jail. This was a job that he genuinely liked and fitted his take charge but yet respectful personality. After retiring, he worked as a juvenile detention officer working with the kids. Then finally really retiring from profession life, he loved working with his horses and enjoying life.

Hugh was a member of the National Guard for six years. He was a member of the Sportsman Heritage Defense Fund and an honorary member of the Idaho Houndsman Association. Hugh's love was for his wife and family, but his passion was for his horses and dogs.

He loved to train a young horse developing it into a cow cutter, steer roper or steer wrestling horse. Hugh was a big part of the High School Rodeo in the 5th District for over 30 years, where he mentored and helped many young cowboys and cowgirls with their events by either supplying a horse or giving them help whenever needed. He loved the cow-cutting training and competing, sending many to the state and national finals. The last few years were spent helping his grandsons with high school rodeo and was their hazer in the steer wrestling and dogging coach.

It has been said that Hugh lived several men's lives with all the hobbies, professions, businesses, careers, livelihoods and personal endeavors that he was at one time or another involved in his life. There was never any doubt that he lived his life to the fullest.

Hugh is survived by his wife, Beverly; sons, Hugh Ray Johannsen Jr. (Kim) of Nampa, Idaho, David Johannsen (Darenda) of Los Lunas, N.M., and Randy Johannsen (Debbie) of Thayne, Wyo.; daughter, Tina Vader (Ray) of Hagerman, Idaho; and stepsons, Curt Kaneaster (Nicola) and Tony Kaneaster (Michelle), both of Gooding. He also has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, one sister, one brother, and a daughter.

Viewing will be between 5 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St. A service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Gooding County Fairgrounds Extension Building, 201 Lucy Lane in Gooding. Services are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. There will be a covered dish meal after the service at the same location.



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AP photo

Portland police officer Jeremy Price stands guard over the caskets of four slain Lakewood police officers before a memorial service Tuesday at the Tacoma Dome in Tacoma, Wash.

Gun deaths tried to fray the thin blue line in '09

By Colleen Long
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A police officer is gunned down in his patrol car in Penn Hills, Pa., while waiting for backup. Near Seattle, four officers starting their day at a coffee shop are ambushed by an ex-con with a handgun. Another four officers are shot to death in Oakland, Calif., after a traffic stop gone awry.

Across the nation, 2009 was a particularly perilous year for officers involved in gun disputes.

The number of officers killed in the line of duty by gunfire increased 24 percent from 2008, according to preliminary statistics compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a national nonprofit organization that tracks officer-related deaths.

As of Saturday, 47 police officers have died nationwide this year after being shot while on duty, up from 38 for the same time in 2008, which was the lowest number of gunfire deaths since 1956, according to the data.

Over the past decade, small spikes in gunfire deaths have been common, but experts say they are surprised by the number of officers this year who have been specifically targeted by gunmen.

"There's an increasingly desperate population out there," said Eugene O'Donnell, a professor of police studies at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. "Other than in rare cases for ideological reasons, we really haven't seen people taking on the cops head-to-head. Something is amiss. It should be cause for grave concern."

Contributing to this year's

spike are cases in which several officers were shot and killed in groups — the four officers last month outside Seattle; the four officers in Oakland, Calif., in March; three officers in Pittsburgh in April; and two officers in Okaloosa County, Fla., in April.

In the Nov. 29 shootings near Seattle, four Lakewood Police Department officers, all in uniform, were sitting with their laptops at a bustling coffee shop when shots rang out. Authorities said the gunman, Maurice Clemmons, spared employees and other customers. Clemmons was later shot to death in a confrontation with another officer, who wasn't harmed.

Clemmons had a violent, erratic past in Washington state and Arkansas. His 108-year prison sentence for armed robbery and other offenses was commuted by then-Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in 2000. Six days before the shooting, he had posted bail on charges of raping a child.

In the April 4 shooting in Pittsburgh, suspect Richard Poplawski has been accused by prosecutors of ambushing the three officers when they responded to a domestic disturbance call. Wearing a bulletproof vest and armed with weapons including an AK-47 assault rifle, he started shooting almost immediately after they arrived, authorities said. Poplawski has pleaded not guilty.

In other cases, it's not so clear whether the officers were targeted, or just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Oakland officers Mark Dunakin and John Hege were shot and killed during a traffic stop March 21. The suspect fled and barricaded himself in a home, where two SWAT officers were later shot and killed as they tried to enter.

DEATH NOTICES

Barbara M. Smith

Barbara May Smith, 82, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at a local care center.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Judi Green

ROGERSON — Judi Green, 60, of Rogerson, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at home.

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

Evelyn Weaver

Evelyn Weaver, 80, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

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

Cole Y. Townley

Cole Y. Townley, 81, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at his home.

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

Lisa L. Culver

KIMBERLY — Lisa L. Culver, 43, of Kimberly, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at a local care center.

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

SERVICES

Pat Czebor of Colorado and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Rock Creek Community Church in Twin Falls.

Malcolm Jay Henley of Jerome, graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Irene Seachrist of Yuma, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the

Rupert Cemetery; visitation from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Lori Kay Penrod Hall of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

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Creator of first 50-star American flag dies at 67

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Robert G. Heft, who is credited with designing and sewing the first 50-star American flag, has died. He was 67.

Wakeman Funeral Home says Heft died Saturday at a hospital in Saginaw. A cause of death wasn't immediately available.

Heft made the flag in 1958 as part of a high school history project in Lancaster, Ohio. He spent more than 12

hours sewing the design on his mother's Singer sewing machine.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower chose Heft's design to replace the 48-star flag.

Born in Saginaw, Heft left Michigan after his parents separated when he was about a year old. He returned after retiring from Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio, where he was a professor.

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Study of leaked e-mails show climate change science not faked

By Seth Borenstein, Raphael Satter, and Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press writers

LONDON — E-mails stolen from climate scientists show they stonewalled skeptics and discussed hiding data — but the messages don't support claims that the science of global warming was faked, according to an exhaustive review by The Associated Press.

The 1,073 e-mails examined by the AP show that scientists harbored private doubts, however slight and fleeting, even as they told the world they were certain about climate change. However, the exchanges don't undercut the vast body of evidence showing the world is warming because of man-made greenhouse gas emissions.

The scientists were keenly aware of how their work would be viewed and used, and, just like politicians, went to great pains to shape their message. Sometimes, they sounded more like schoolyard taunts than scientific tenets.

The scientists were so convinced by their own science and so driven by a cause "that unless you're with them, you're against them," said Mark Frankel, director of scientific freedom, responsibility and law at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also reviewed the communications.

Frankel saw "no evidence of falsification or fabrication of data, although concerns could be raised about some instances of very 'generous interpretations.'"

Some e-mails expressed doubts about the quality of individual temperature records or why models and data didn't quite match. Part of this is the normal give-and-take of research, but skeptics challenged how reliable certain data was.

The e-mails were stolen from the computer network server of the climate research unit at the University of East Anglia in southeast England, an influential source of climate science, and were posted online last month. The university shut down the server and contacted the police.

The AP studied all the e-mails for context, with five reporters reading and rereading them — about 1 million words in total.

One of the most disturbing elements suggests an effort to avoid sharing scientific data with critics skeptical of global warming. It is not clear if any data was destroyed; two U.S. researchers denied it.

The e-mails show that several mainstream scientists repeatedly suggested keeping their research materials away from opponents who sought it under American and British public records law. It raises a science ethics question because free access to data is important so others can repeat experiments as part of the



Greg Rico/AP file photo

Penn State professor Michael Mann is seen in 2007 at Penn State University in State College, Pa.

scientific method. The University of East Anglia is investigating the blocking of information requests.

"I believe none of us should submit to these 'requests,'" declared the university's Keith Briffa. The center's chief, Phil Jones, wrote: "Data is covered by all the agreements we sign with people, so I will be hiding behind them."

When one skeptic kept filing FOI requests, Jones, who didn't return AP requests for comment, told another scientist, Michael Mann: "You can delete this attachment if you want. Keep this quiet also, but this is the person who is putting FOI requests for all e-mails Keith (Briffa) and Tim (Osborn) have written."

Mann, a researcher at Penn State University, told The Associated Press: "I didn't delete any e-mails as Phil asked me to. I don't believe anybody else did."

The e-mails also show how professional attacks turned very personal. When former London financial trader Douglas J. Keenan combed through the data used in a 1990 research paper Jones had co-authored, Keenan claimed to have found evidence of fakery by Jones' co-author. Keenan threatened to have the FBI arrest University at Albany scientist Wei-Chyung Wang for fraud. (A university investigation later cleared him of any wrongdoing.)

"I do now wish I'd never sent them the data after their FOIA request!" Jones wrote in June 2007.

In another case after initially balking on releasing data to a skeptic because it was already public, Lawrence Livermore National Lab scientist Ben Santer wrote that he then opted to release everything the skeptic wanted — and more. Santer said in a telephone interview that he and others are inundated by frivolous requests from skeptics that are designed to "tie-up government-funded scientists."

The e-mails also showed a stunning disdain for global warming skeptics.

One scientist practically celebrates the news of the death of one critic, saying, "In an odd way this is cheering news!" Another bemoans that the only way to deal with skeptics is "continuing to publish quality work in quality journals (or

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968 detained at climate rally urging bold pact

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calling in a Mafia hit.)" And a third scientist said the next time he sees a certain skeptic at a scientific meeting, "I'll be tempted to beat the crap out of him. Very tempted."

And they compared contrarians to communist-baiting Sen. Joseph McCarthy and Somali pirates. They also called them out-and-out frauds.

Santer, who received death threats after his work on climate change in 1996, said Thursday: "I'm not surprised that things are said in the heat of the moment between professional colleagues. These things are taken out of context."

When the journal, Climate Research, published a skeptical study, Penn State scientist Mann discussed retribution this way: "Perhaps we should encourage our colleagues in the climate research community to no longer submit to, or cite papers in, this journal!"

That skeptical study turned out to be partly funded by the American Petroleum Institute.

The most provocative e-mails are usually about one aspect of climate science: research from a decade ago that studied how warm or cold it was centuries ago through analysis of tree rings, ice cores and glacial melt. And most of those e-mails, which stretch from 1996 to last month, are from about a handful of scientists in dozens of e-mails.

Still, such research has been a key element in measuring climate change over long periods.

As part of the AP review, summaries of the e-mails that raised issues from the potential manipulation of data to intensely personal attacks were sent to seven experts in research ethics, climate science and science policy.

"This is normal science politics, but on the extreme end, though still within bounds," said Dan Sarewitz, a science policy professor at

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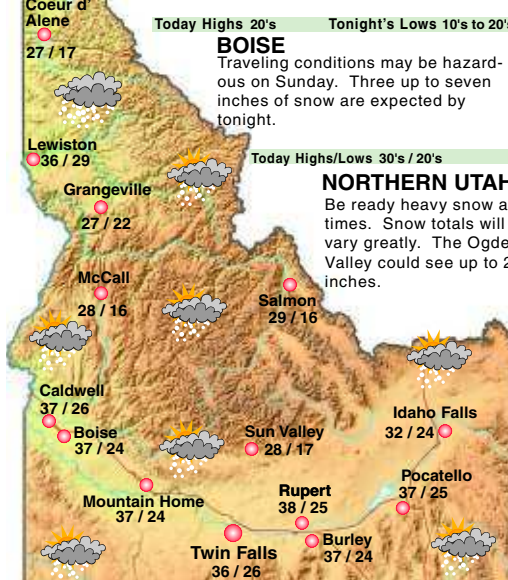
Today: Snow continuing. Highs, 30s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, snow ending. Lows, 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs, 30s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	37°	Yesterday's	0.01"
Yesterday's Low	26°	Month to Date	0.04"
Normal High / Low	37° / 20°	Avg. Month to Date	0.42"
Record High	56° in 1995	Water Year to Date	1.19"
Record Low	-7° in 1985	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.08"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 41 at Twin Falls Low: -14 at Dixie
 weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Snow showers	Snow tapering off	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy, light snow possible	More clouds than precipitation	Cloudy
High 36°	Low 26°	33° / 20°	33° / 26°	38° / 20°	33° / 23°

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	24	16	0.10"
Challis	27	0	Trace"
Coeur d'Alene	24	8	0.00"
Idaho Falls	24	10	0.05"
Jerome	36	19	0.01"
Lewiston	33	24	Trace"
Lowell	26	14	0.34"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	28	19	n/a"
Pocatello	35	15	0.02"
Rexburg	21	3	0.10"
Salmon	19	-2	0.00"
Stanley	30	-4	0.05"
Sun Valley	28	13	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	41°	Yesterday's	0.02"	Yesterday's High	86%	5 pm Yesterday	29.70 in.	Today Sunrise:	7:59 AM
Yesterday's Low	21°	Month to Date	0.09"	Yesterday's Low	60%	Monday		Sunrise:	8:00 AM
Normal High / Low	36° / 20°	Avg. Month to Date	0.48"	Today's Forecast Avg.	75%	Tuesday		Sunrise:	8:02 AM
Record High	56° in 2004	Water Year to Date	1.49"			Wednesday		Sunrise:	8:04 AM
Record Low	-15° in 1985	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.4"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30					

Moon Phases and Moonset

Phase	Date
New	Dec. 16
First	Dec. 24
Full	Dec. 31
Last	Jan. 7

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	17 10	17 14	23 14
Bonniers Ferry	17 10	17 14	23 14
Burley	37 24	33 19	32 19
Challis	29 18	29 11	31 11
Coeur d'Alene	27 17	24 21	29 21
Elko, NV	35 12	32 8	34 8
Eugene, OR	42 35	46 39	47 39
Gooding	34 25	32 20	31 20
Grace	34 23	30 17	30 17
Hagerman	37 27	36 22	34 22
Hailey	28 21	27 9	30 9
Idaho Falls	32 24	29 19	30 19
Kalispell, MT	7 5	9 5	26 5
Jerome	34 25	30 20	33 20
Lewiston	36 29	36 30	35 30
Malad City	28 16	23 15	28 15
Matta	39 23	33 18	31 18
McCall	28 16	23 15	28 15
Missoula, MT	21 14	21 10	31 10
Pocatello	37 25	32 18	32 18
Portland, OR	37 34	44 37	45 37
Rupert	38 25	33 18	33 18
Rexburg	28 21	26 17	27 17
Richland, WA	37 23	34 24	34 24
Rogerson	34 18	31 18	36 18
Salmon	29 16	25 9	23 9
Salt Lake City, UT	37 28	34 23	34 23
Spokane, WA	27 17	24 21	27 21
Stanley	29 17	24 10	27 10
Sun Valley	28 17	24 7	29 7
Yellowstone, MT	22 10	18 2	23 2

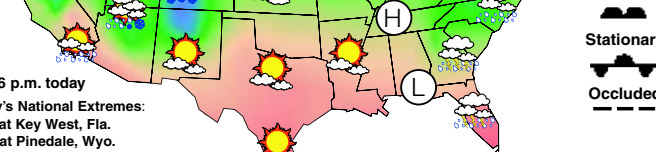
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	47 39	59 52
Baltimore	43 34	49 38
Bilings	6 -4	1 -8
Birmingham	60 47	70 55
Boston	44 37	44 33
Charlotte, NC	50 37	58 41
Charleston, WV	50 37	58 41
Chicago	36 31	43 24
Cleveland	41 32	46 36
Denver	52 26	39 14
Des Moines	28 23	26 0
Detroit	38 31	39 30
El Paso	63 41	62 37
Fairbanks	10 -15	-2 -30
Fargo	1 -7	1 -13
Honolulu	82 67	80 87
Houston	73 61	74 55
Indianapolis	40 34	48 29
Jacksonville	75 63	74 65
Kansas City	41 37	38 11
Las Vegas	58 43	56 39
Little Rock	55 45	62 42
Los Angeles	62 46	64 45
Memphis	56 48	62 45
Miami	86 74	84 74
Milwaukee	34 28	36 16
Nashville	51 43	63 46
New Orleans	73 59	72 61
New York	45 36	48 45
Oklahoma City	60 44	61 53
Omaha	26 15	17 -3

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	87 73	87 77
Athens	55 52	59 59
Bangkok	90 76	92 75
Beijing	33 18	30 16
Berlin	32 23	31 25
Buenos Aires	79 63	86 63
Cairo	69 42	71 43
Dhahran	74 66	74 64
Geneva	32 24	35 23
Hong Kong	72 68	70 58
Jerusalem	65 50	64 49
Johannesburg	81 55	69 55
Kuwait City	70 56	69 55
London	42 30	38 30
Mexico City	67 43	66 46
Moscow	21 1	22 -1
Nairobi	70 56	72 53
Oslo	34 29	31 23
Paris	37 26	34 26
Prague	31 21	28 19
Rio de Janeiro	78 66	73 62
Rome	53 48	55 49
Santiago	84 56	86 55
Seoul	32 18	28 14
Sydney	72 56	77 63
Tel Aviv	68 65	67 63
Tokyo	51 36	45 36
Vienna	30 23	29 25
Warsaw	30 24	29 24
Winnipeg	-8 -14	-1 -10
Zurich	25 14	27 0

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much."
 -Jim Rohn
 1930-2009, Author and Speaker

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	-14 -26	-8 -18
Edmonton	-12 -21	-11 -18
Kelowna	10 -14	5 6
Lethbridge	-9 -17	-8 -12
Regina	-10 -13	-6 -16
Saskatoon	-10 -15	-7 -15
Toronto	33 21	33 26
Vancouver	29 21	29 29
Victoria	36 32	36 36
Winnipeg	-8 -14	-1 -10

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Scientists map huge magma plume under Yellowstone

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Information from a vast seismograph network confirms a magma plume extends at least 500 miles below Yellowstone National Park, scientists say. The scientists from Utah, Massachusetts, Michigan, Norway, Taiwan and Switzerland used a network of 150 seismographs over an area 435 miles long and 310 miles wide to record seismic waves from earthquakes around the world to make a three-dimensional image of the plume. They published their

findings last month in the Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research. "I think for the first time it all fits together," said Robert Smith, professor of geophysics with the University of Utah Department of Geology and Geophysics, and coordinating scientist with Yellowstone Volcano Observatory. "This is inte-

gration of various kinds of data" from several different fields of science. He said the bottom of the magma plume is unclear, though instruments show it extends at least 500 miles below the Earth's surface. "It wouldn't surprise me that it would go deeper," he said. Smith said the Earth's

mantle, the layer below the crust, is flowing from the northwest to the southeast and deforming the magma plume. Meanwhile, he said, the North American tectonic plate is sliding to the southwest. "This hot, melted material is coming up (at an angle)," Smith said. "It would normally rise vertically!"

He said the new image of the magma plume gives researchers a better understanding of what happened in the past and what could happen in the future. "Yellowstone has affected five or six states in the western United States over the last 17 million years," Smith said. "Yellowstone's had a profound affect on the

topography and the drainage and the mountain ranges for millions of years!" Earlier this year Smith reported that an earthquake swarm of more than 800 earthquakes was the most intense swarm recorded in Yellowstone since a swarm that rattled the West Yellowstone area in 1985.

Wild-horse roundup faces criticism

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Wild-horse advocates are criticizing a government roundup of mustangs north of Reno, contending it was deliberately conducted without advance public notice to avoid protests. Bureau of Land Management officials acknowledge the gather was staged earlier this month without the standard advance notice, but say that was due to an internal communication mixup. The roundup of 217 horses and burros along the Nevada-California border ended a day before a BLM advisory board in Sparks ignored advocates' request for a moratorium on such gathers.

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Cruising to Success

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"We also know wireworms are present," Miller explains. "Our job is to prevent them from damaging seedlings so we can produce a healthy crop. We've increased our rate of Cruiser to 1 oz/cwt to help combat heavier wireworm pressure, and plan to do the same on all our wheat acres next season."

"Not only are **we achieving wireworm suppression, but we've also seen the crop emerge up to three days faster.** And in the trials we just harvested, we saw a 6.5-bushel-per-acre increase in fields where Cruiser was used at the 1 oz/cwt rate vs. untreated or Cruiser at the low rate."

"Cutting seed treatment is simply not an option for me. Treating my wheat seed with Cruiser just makes sense. I'll cut somewhere else if I have to."

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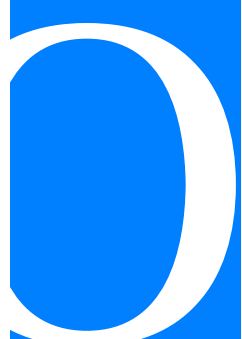
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EDITORIAL

Public research, private money: They're always volatile partners

In the 120 years that the University of Idaho has been in business, it has often called on the private sector for help. Timber companies, mining companies and agriculture have sunk tens of millions of dollars into Idaho's land grant institution for research and for joint ventures that mostly benefit individual companies and their stockholders.

The folks who run the university and the State Board of Education have long walked a fine line on this issue. At some point, surely, public sector cooperation becomes taxpayer subsidy of some companies to the exclusion of others.

So while we applaud the ed board's approval last week of a partnership with the J.R. Simplot Co. to keep the Parma Research and Extension Center open — and similar arrangements to keep the Tetonian and Sandpoint research center in business — this is an issue that bears scrutiny.

In the short term, the Simplot deal is simply a necessity. The facility would have closed next month without private-sector support.

But how much of the research product over the next five years will be Simplot's intellectual property and how much will be the state's, which shares its information with everyone?

The question is relevant to south-central Idaho because sooner or later the U of I will establish a livestock research center in the Magic Valley with significant financial support from the state's dairy industry.

The majority of the money to build the dairy center will come from the taxpayers. But for its \$5 million investment, how much call will Idaho dairymen have on the center's research?

In theory, whatever information the dairy center produces will be in the public domain. But is that what will happen in practice?

American universities cut deals every day for research that benefits only the companies that support it.

So at what point do colleges become agents of their benefactors?

It's up to the ed board to make sure that doesn't happen here.

Simplot has done every Idahoan a service by saving the Parma center, as have the Idaho potato and barley commissions for rescuing the Tetonian facility.

But at the end of the day, those researchers work for all of us — not just agribusiness.

Our view:

The State Board of Education must ensure that the University of Idaho's agriculture research centers in Parma, Tetonian and Sandpoint do the public's work first.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

“... much of the conventional wisdom linking holiday spending and the health of our economy turns out to have been exaggerated.”



AP photo

Shoppers clamor for Wii video game consoles in San Antonio on the day after Thanksgiving.

5 myths about Christmas shopping

By Karen Dynan

Every year, TV coverage of the holiday shopping kickoff takes on the sort of breathless urgency typically reserved for hurricanes or car chases. We're told that fate of the republic hinges on the contents of our shopping bags. Historically, we've obliged by overstuffing them: Bankruptcy filings tend to surge early each year as consumers struggle to pay their post-Christmas credit card bills.

But if one of this season's hottest gifts — an \$8, battery-operated toy hamster — is any indication, we seem to be scaling back a bit this year. And that might be all right, since much of the conventional wisdom linking holiday spending and the health of our economy turns out to have been exaggerated.

1. Most retail spending occurs around the holidays.

With so much attention focused on shopping and sales during the holidays, people often assume that the vast majority of our spending takes place around this time of year. But over the past decade, only about 19 percent of each year's retail sales were in November and December — just a bit higher than the 17 percent of total days in a year that fall in those two months. Of course, the holiday season's importance varies by type of store, with those that sell nonessential goods more

dependent on holiday cheer (and the spending it inspires). Toy stores and jewelry shops rack up about a third of their sales in November and December, whereas super-markets and hardware stores see a much smaller blip in demand.

The winter holidays do beat out other much-hyped shopping seasons. For example, while sales at apparel and department stores tend to be stronger during the back-to-school season than they are early in the year, they're a good deal more substantial in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

See SHOPPING, Opinion 2

BY THE NUMBERS ...

\$28.2 BILLION

Retail sales by the nation's department stores in December 2008. This represented a 40 percent jump from the previous month (when retail sales, many holiday-related, registered \$20.2 billion). No other month-to-month increase in department store sales last year was as large.

Other U.S. retailers with sizable jumps in sales between November and December 2008 were book stores (95 percent); clothing stores (32 percent); jewelry stores (125 percent); radio, TV and other electronics stores (38 percent); and sporting goods stores (62 percent).

14 PERCENT

The proportion of total 2008 sales for department stores in December. For jewelry stores, the percentage was 18 percent.

23 PERCENT

The growth in inventories by our nation's department stores from Aug. 31 to Nov. 30, 2008. Thanks to the holiday crowds, inventories plummeted by 25 percent in December.

\$24 BILLION

Value of retail sales by electronic shopping and mail-order houses in December 2008 — the highest total for any month last year.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Death and taxes: Nothing can tear them apart

By Kevin Richert, Idaho Statesman, Boise

Here's the headline from a Rep. Mike Simpson news release (last) Thursday: "Simpson votes against permanent death tax."

And the headline from Rep. Walt Minnick's press office: "Minnick votes to protect Idaho farm families."

The two were talking about the same vote, of course — except Minnick, D-Idaho, voted yes, and Simpson, R-Idaho, voted no.

It all comes back to an familiar topic for oversimplified demagoguery from Simpson and other

Republicans: the estate tax.

Or death tax, because that sounds despotic and creepy.

By whatever name, the tax on large inheritances has gradually decreased since 2001; this was a component of the Bush tax cuts. The 2001 plan called for a one-year elimination of the tax in 2010 — a potential windfall for heirs who are "lucky" enough to inherit a family business, farm or estate at just the opportune time.

I don't want to be macabre about it, but there's no other way to word it. That's because this one-year estate tax holiday



Editor's note: Westword is a weekly selection of commentary from Western newspapers and other media

is strictly a limited-time offer. Under the current law, the estate tax would rise from the grave in 2011, with a vengeance. Any individual inheritance over \$1 million would be taxed at a 55 percent rate.

No need for gallows humor, since this tax policy

is the morbid joke. At least the Democratic plan — which passed the House Thursday without a single Republican vote — tries to stabilize the tax. The rate would be 45 percent on individual estates larger than \$3.5 million, both less onerous than the 2011 default rates. Minnick argues, reasonably enough, that his party's proposal would provide Idaho farm families a tax they can plan on, by shielding them from estate tax increases later.

That explains how Minnick justifies his headline. Simpson's headline is another matter.

Despite his railing about the evils of a "permanent"

death tax, Simpson has been working on, well, a permanent death tax. He has cosponsored an amendment that would establish a 35 percent tax on estates of greater than \$5 million. He would prefer a permanent repeal — "I don't like the idea of having to visit the undertaker and the IRS on the same day," he said this morning.

But Simpson realizes a repeal is politically unrealistic. He also acknowledges the need for a stable, certain tax rate. Hence his work on a smaller, yet permanent, estate tax.

So this really comes down to a debate around the grays: How much of an

estate tax is fair? How much is excessive? Yet, in their election-year desire to hang a tax bill around Minnick's neck, Republicans are tossing nuance aside. "Once again, Walt Minnick has proven that he would rather side with Nancy Pelosi and the Washington liberals rather than stand up for the citizens of Idaho!" state GOP executive director Jonathan Parker said in an overblown e-mail to fellow Republicans.

Gotta love campaign season. A great time to spin an issue to death.

Kevin Richert is the Opinion editor of the Idaho Statesman.

Why Jerome County Jail will be on May ballot

With the New Year fast approaching, the Jerome County board of commissioners would like to take this opportunity to recap and update our citizens on the pressing issue of replacing the current jail with a new justice facility.

Looking back at the special election on Nov. 3, we were encouraged that we are on the right track when 65 percent of those who voted said yes to the ballot question to allow Jerome County to enter into a lease/purchase agreement to build a new jail. The vote fell just short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass. However, that percentage was in line with the 62 percent of citizens polled several months earlier, who said they understood the need and favored the lease/purchase method of



READER COMMENT
Cathy Roemer

funding a new jail.

Because our citizens have shown such strong support, the board voted unanimously to again place the need for a new jail on the ballot in the primary election in May.

Many of our citizens understand and we agree that a lease/purchase agreement (public/private partnership) is the best business plan to build this new facility. It means partnering with private investors to build a jail to be leased by Jerome County and managed by our own county sheriff.

It is important to note that public/private partner-

ships are not a new concept. In the area of correctional facilities, the state of Idaho's Department of Correction has already paved the way with its 400-bed Correctional Alternative Placement Program. Set to open in 2010, CAPP facility funds are a result of the Legislature opting into a capital lease arrangement by resolution. This allowed the Board of Correction to sign a lease/purchase agreement with Management Training Corporation, the company contracted to build the CAPP facility. It is a 20-year lease/purchase agreement with a one dollar buy-out at the end.

Similarly, the proposal to voters for the 165-bed Jerome County Justice Facility is a 30-year contract with a fixed interest rate, fixed annual lease pay-

ment, a \$1 buyout at the end or buyout at anytime and like the CAPP facility, includes an opt out clause. Additionally, with this business plan, property taxes are not raised to build the jail because it is built by private investors.

We often hear, "Why not a regional jail?" But the truth is, a new Jerome County Justice Facility would be the "regional jail" with bed space available for inmate overflow from other counties in the region.

Likewise, the Regional Offender Management Center concept, recently introduced by the Idaho Department of Correction, is too far in the future to meet Jerome County's immediate needs. Vaughn Killen, executive director of the Idaho Sheriffs Association made this point when he said at a recent

meeting that an ROMC facility would not be built tomorrow but more likely "somewhere in tomorrow's tomorrow."

In the coming months, information about the proposed Jerome County Justice Facility will be made available to Jerome County citizens.

It is our goal to ensure

that our citizens have the facts they need to make and informed decision when they go to the polls in May.

Cathy Roemer, a Republican, has been a Jerome County commissioner since 2009. This letter was co-signed by Commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson.

Shopping

Continued from Opinion 1
2. Sales on Black Friday make or break the holiday shopping season.

In shopping circles, the day after Thanksgiving has been dubbed Black Friday. Some attribute the nickname to the flood of traffic on the road and some to the burden the day imposes on store clerks, but most point to the association between black ink and profitability.

According to the International Council of Shopping Centers, Black Friday regularly sees more shoppers than other days in late November and early December. But it is just one of many busy shopping days. The consulting firm Accenture reports that 26 percent of consumers planned to do the bulk of their holiday shopping before Thanksgiving this year. And plenty of people leave things to the last moment: The Saturday before Christmas was, until recent years, the busiest shopping day annually, and it should remain one of the leading days this year.

While Black Friday often sets the pace for the rest of the holiday season, there have been years when it didn't. For example, in 2006, industry reports showed a strong 6 percent increase in sales compared with Black Friday 2005, but statistics for the entire season ultimately revealed a gain of less than 2 percent relative to the previous year. Although one would expect Black Friday sales to reflect the willingness and where-withal of consumers to spend, factors such as the weather and the number of weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas in a given year complicate the picture. Economic conditions this year will make this past weekend's spending especially hard to interpret.

3. This year's holiday sales will tell us whether the economic recovery is real.

Retail sales during last year's holiday season were pretty much abysmal, with what economists call the "core" category (which excludes spending on cars) falling 8 percent compared with the 2007 holidays. While most analysts don't think we will see that kind of decline this year, they aren't expecting a blockbuster season. The consensus view is that consumer spending will rise only slowly in coming quarters, held back by weak labor markets, high consumer uncertainty and the big hit that households have taken to the value of their homes and to the value of their stocks and mutual funds, including those in their retirement portfolios.

Although consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S.

economic output, it has rarely led the way out of past economic downturns. Such spending doesn't usually increase until income and overall economic activity do. Home construction and business investment are typically more likely than shopping to spark recoveries — although these sectors aren't poised for a particularly vigorous comeback, either.

4. Online shopping has come to dominate holiday sales.

The rise of electronic commerce has spawned talk of a counterpart to Black Friday: Cyber Monday. The idea is that when people return to their normal activities the Monday after Thanksgiving, they find time to surf the Web and order some presents. Anecdotal reports from online merchants confirm that such behavior has increased in recent years. And according to Google Trends, the number of searches for "Cyber Monday" in late November 2008 was about 10 times the number of searches three years earlier.

The hoopla over electronic shopping notwithstanding, online sales made up less than 4 percent of fourth-quarter retail sales last year. Although this represents a big increase since earlier this decade, online shopping remains a modest part of overall spending.

5. From an economist's perspective, cash is the best gift.

Economists are known for arguing that giving your loved ones cold cash is better than giving them presents because people can spend the money on items of their own choosing. In "The Deadweight Loss of Christmas" — a famous article published in the *American Economic Review* in 1993 — Joel Waldfoegel, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, presented evidence supporting this point. He's now updated and expanded the argument in a book called "Scroogonomics: Why You Shouldn't Buy Presents for the Holidays." (Waldfoegel may be arguing against gifts, but with this book, he's also ready to profit from them: "Scroogonomics" is packaged as the sort of small, stocking-stuffer-ready book sold next to bookstore cash registers.)


Waldfoegel surveyed college students and found that they valued the Christmas gifts they received at between 75 and 90 percent of their original price. Consider fruitcake: Is it worth as much to you when you receive it as it cost the giver to make or buy it? A strict interpretation of Waldfoegel's results

implies that the difference between the price of a gift and the value its recipient attaches to it — which can add up to tens of billions of dollars a year nationally — is essentially wasted money.


But this logic misses the point of exchanging presents. Gifts have more than monetary worth; the effort and care involved in their selection gives them sentimental meaning. If what mattered most were their cash value, we wouldn't

exchange presents at all — we'd simply let whoever was going to give the more expensive gift pay the net difference to the other person. But even most economists will be found at the mall sometime in the coming weeks.

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As we rethink health care, let's not forget the chemicals around us.

The battle over health care focuses on access to insurance, or tempests like the one that erupted over new mammogram guidelines.

But what about broader public health challenges? What if breast cancer in the United States has less to do with insurance or mammograms and more to do with contaminants in our water or air — or in certain plastic containers in our kitchens? What if the surge in asthma and childhood leukemia reflect, in part, the poisons we impose upon ourselves?

This last week I attended a fascinating symposium at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, exploring whether certain common chemicals are linked to breast cancer and other ailments.

Dr. Philip Landrigan, the chairman of the department of preventive medicine at Mount Sinai, said that the risk that a 50-year-old white woman will develop breast cancer has soared to 12 percent today, from 1 percent in 1975. (Some of that is probably a result of better detection.) Younger people also seem to be developing breast cancer: This year a 10-year-old in California, Hannah, is fighting breast cancer and recording her struggle on a blog.

Likewise, asthma rates have tripled over the last 25 years, Landrigan said. Childhood leukemia is increasing by 1 percent per year. Obesity has surged. One factor may be lifestyle changes — like less physical exercise and more stress and fast food — but some chemicals may also play a role.

Take breast cancer. One puzzle has been that most women living in Asia have low rates of breast cancer, but ethnic Asian women born and raised in the United States don't enjoy that benefit. At the symposium, Dr. Alisan Goldfarb, a surgeon specializing in breast cancer, pointed to a chart showing breast cancer rates by ethnicity.

"If an Asian woman moves to New York, her daughters will be in this column," she said, pointing to "whites." "It is something to do with the environment?"

What's happening? One theory starts with the well-known fact that women with more lifetime menstrual cycles are at greater risk for breast cancer,



Nicholas Kristof

because they're exposed to more estrogen. For example, a woman who began menstruating before 12 has a 30 percent greater risk of breast cancer than one who began at 15 or later.

It's also well-established that Western women are beginning puberty earlier, and going through menopause later. Dr. Maida Galvez, a pediatrician who runs Mount Sinai's pediatric environmental health specialty unit, told the symposium that American girls in the year 1800 had their first period, on average, at about age 17. By 1900 that had dropped to 14. Now it is 12.

A number of studies, mostly in animals, have linked early puberty to exposure to pesticides, PCBs and other chemicals. One class of chemicals that creates concern is endocrine disruptors, which are often similar to estrogen and may fool the body into setting off hormonal changes. This used to be a fringe theory, but it is now being treated with great seriousness by the Endocrine Society, the professional association of hormone specialists in the United States.

These endocrine disruptors are found in everything from certain plastics to various cosmetics. "There's a ton of stuff around that has estrogenic material in it," Goldfarb said. "There's makeup that you rub into your skin for a youthful appearance that is really estrogen."

More than 80,000 new chemicals have been developed since World War II, according to the Children's Environmental Health Center at Mount Sinai. Even of the major chemicals, fewer than 20 percent have been tested for toxicity to children, the center says.

Rep. Louise Slaughter, the only microbiologist in the House of Representatives, introduced legislation this month that would establish a comprehensive program to monitor endocrine disruptors. That's an excellent idea, because as long as we're examining our medical system, there's a remarkable precedent for a public health effort against a toxic substance. The removal of lead from gaso-

line resulted in an 80 percent decline in lead levels in our blood since 1976 — along with a 6-point gain in children's IQs, Landrigan said.

I asked these doctors what they do in their own homes to reduce risks. They said that they avoid microwaving food in plastic or putting plastics in the dishwasher, because heat may cause chemicals to leach out. And the symposium handed out a reminder card listing "safer plastics" as those marked (usually at the bottom of a container) 1, 2, 4 or 5.

It suggests that the "plastics to avoid" are those numbered 3, 6 and 7 (unless they are also marked "BPA-free"). Yes, the evidence is uncertain, but my weekend project is to go through containers in our house and toss out 3s, 6s and 7s.

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The five U.S. Muslims who are in police custody in Pakistan and face extradition to the U.S. on terrorism-related charges, are from left: Waqar Hussain, Ramy Zamzam, Umar Farooq, Ahmed Minni, Aman Yemer.

Americans held in Pakistan straddled two worlds

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — They had grown up in the same Virginia neighborhood and been friends for years. Some were in college now. Some had jobs. Some had Facebook pages filled with friends.

Young Americans on the cusp of adulthood, they never revealed a hint of extremism, their families insist.

Then came a troublesome 11-minute video that contained war scenes and a message that Muslims must be defended. Next came arrests, in a city in remote eastern Pakistan, in a house linked to militants.

The five were in police custody Saturday in Pakistan, facing extradition to the U.S. and possibly terrorism-related charges.

So far, there is only a fuzzy picture of the five men from the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington whose families and friends portray them as innocent, decent citizens. It's a picture at odds with Pakistani police reports suggesting they aimed to get terrorist training there and join with the Taliban to fight against American troops in Afghanistan.

It's hard for those who know the young men to understand it all: how the friends who had attended a neighborhood mosque with their families suddenly turned up in Sargodha, an eastern Pakistani city that's home to a major air force base and increasingly a known pocket of militant insurgency.

Neighbors in Alexandria, Va., used terms like "good guy" and "friendly" to describe the young men.

"He's quiet, he doesn't talk much," said Brenda Cole, an upstairs neighbor of one of the five, Ramy Zamzam. "His daddy always helps me with my car. His mother always sends gifts for my kids. They're a nice family."

Zamzam, 22, has lived with his family in a basement apartment of a three-story brick building. He'd been studying at Howard University to be a dentist — where his younger brother says he's got a 4.0 grade-point average.

The brother, who would only say his name was "Zam," paused as he unlocked their apartment door this past week, reluctant to answer questions about his missing brother.

Finally, he offered, "He's a good guy. He's a normal Joe."

Zamzam's bewildered Facebook friends set up a special page asking for help finding the missing students and praying for their safe return. Postings on the page earlier in the week said the Facebook friends were trying to raise awareness about the five men who "have been missing for some time now." The page referred specifically to Zamzam, but provided only partial or misspelled names of those traveling with him.

On Friday, that page disappeared from the Web. By then, the students had been found, after a journey across Pakistan that ended at the home of one of the youth's relatives.

Umar Farooq, an accounting student at George Mason University, was born in Sargodha. His parents, who own a computer store in northern Virginia, had recently returned there. His mother, Sabria Farooq, told reporters in Pakistan that she and her husband had come to the United States 20 years ago, but that they returned to Pakistan in September to start a computer business.

Her husband, Khalid Farooq, was arrested by Pakistani authorities along with Umar and the four other young men. It's unclear what the older man's role was in the episode.

No one answered the door, and all the lights were off Friday at the Farooq's white, one-story home in Alexandria, which is next door to the mosque.

Mike Miller, 50, who lives across the street, said he has spoken with Sabria Farooq several times and talked to her children before.

"They seem like a nice family. I feel sorry for her. I'm sure she's going through a lot of misery right now," Miller said. "It's too bad kids do bad stuff," he said.

Less is known about the other three friends who made the trip to Pakistan, including the exact spelling of their names. Information from Pakistani officials has contradicted data on the student's visa applications and their passports.

- Waqar Hussain Khan, is 22, and he was born in Virginia.

- Aman Yemer, at 18, is the youngest of the five and was born in California.

- Ahmed Minni, 20, was born in Virginia.

"He was always a very nice, calm and energetic guy. Never would hurt a fly," said Artis Borracho

Rutledge, a 2009 West Potomac High School graduate who says he was good friends with wrestling teammate Minni. "All I can say is Ahmed Minni was a great guy, and I could never imagine him doing anything to this extent."

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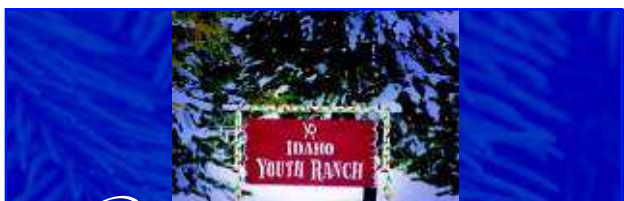
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Pakistan eyes new front after S. Waziristan

By Nahal Toosi
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan may launch a new military offensive in a district near the Afghan border where insurgent leaders are believed to have fled to escape a government onslaught against the Taliban in nearby South Waziristan, the prime minister said Saturday.

The suggestion of another anti-Taliban operation illustrates the intractable challenge facing this nuclear-armed U.S. ally: Even as it squeezes one extremist stronghold in its northwest, insurgents simply regroup in other parts of the rugged, loosely governed region.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said the next front may be Orakzai, a district north of South Waziristan in Pakistan's lawless tribal belt. The government has launched a spate of airstrikes there, and the U.N. said Friday that about 40,000 people have already fled.

"The operation in South Waziristan is over. Now there are talks about Orakzai," Gilani told reporters in televised remarks from the eastern city of Lahore.

Gilani later backed down from some of those comments, saying "our military operation in South Waziristan is continuing" and stressing that "there have been lots of successes" in the fight there. He did not give a timeframe for when the South Waziristan operation would end and one in Orakzai might begin.

Although Pakistan has had a civilian government for nearly two years after several years of army rule, the military remains a powerful force that is likely to have the last say on where it will send its resources and when it will do so.

Spokesmen for the military did not immediately

respond to requests for comment on the prime minister's comments. In the past, military officials have been hesitant to put a timeframe on how long troops will stay in South Waziristan even after major operations end.

The U.S. has long pushed Pakistan to retake spots along the border that have become safe havens for militants. That pressure is likely to intensify now that 30,000 additional U.S. troops are heading to Afghanistan to take on a resurgent Afghan Taliban.

To Washington's chagrin, Islamabad has focused on groups such as the Pakistani Taliban, which threaten its citizens, rather than militants who attack U.S. and NATO forces across the border. Gilani did not indicate a

shift in that strategy Saturday.

Mahmood Shah, a former security chief for Pakistan's tribal regions who has deep contacts in the military, said Pakistan has succeed-

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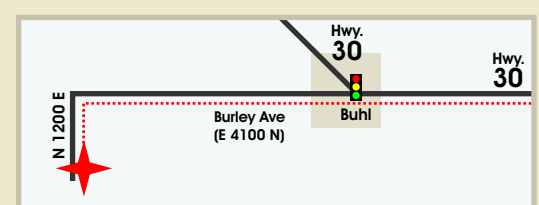
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Iran puts conditions on nuke deal

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — After weeks of conflicting responses, Iran abruptly said Saturday that it is ready to exchange uranium for nuclear fuel — the key demand of a U.N.-sponsored initiative to defuse global fears over its nuclear program.



Mottaki

The conditions laid out in comments from Iran's foreign minister, however, are unlikely to satisfy the U.S. and its allies as they prepare to discuss new sanctions against Tehran at a meeting that could take place in the coming week.

Iran's stockpile of uranium is at the heart of international concerns because it offers Iran a possible pathway to nuclear weapons production if it is enriched to higher levels. Tehran insists it only wants to use the material to produce fuel for power plants and for other peaceful purposes.

Under a U.N. plan proposed in October and being pushed by Washington and five other world powers, Iran would ship most of its uranium — up to 2,600 pounds of

it — abroad. It would then be enriched to higher levels in Russia, turned into fuel rods in France and returned to power a research reactor in Tehran that produces medical isotopes.

The material in the fuel rods cannot be enriched to higher levels, denying Iran the ability to use it to make weapons.

"We accepted the proposal in principle," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki told reporters at a regional security conference in Bahrain.

In what is almost certain to be a deal breaker, however, he spoke of exchanging the material in phases rather than all at once as is called for in the U.N. plan. He said Iran had offered to make a first shipment of 880 pounds of enriched uranium.

Carrying it out in slow stages would leave Iran in control of enough uranium to make a bomb.

A senior Obama administration official said Mottaki's remarks appeared to fall short of demands.

"Iran's proposal today

does not appear to be consistent with the fair and balanced draft agreement proposed by the IAEA in consultation with the United States, Russia, and France,"

the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the U.S. has yet to formulate an official response to the development.

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State Dept. says Cuba detains U.S. government contractor

The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — The Cuban government has arrested an American citizen working on contract for the U.S. Agency for International Development who was distributing cell-phones and laptop computers to Cuban activists, State Department officials and congressional sources said Saturday.

The contractor, who has not been identified, works for Bethesda, Md.-based Development Alternatives. The company said in a statement that it was awarded a government contract last year to help USAID "support the rule of law and human rights, political competition and consensus building" in Cuba.

Consular officers with the U.S. Interests Section in

Havana, the capital, are seeking access to the contractor, who was arrested Dec. 5. The charges have not been made public. Under Cuban law, however, a Cuban citizen or a foreign visitor can be arrested for nearly anything under the claim of "dangerousness."

The detention of an American contractor working for the U.S. government may raise tensions between the Castro brothers' communist government in Cuba and the Obama administration, which has been taking a "go-slow" approach to improving relations with the island.

The new U.S. policy stresses that if Cuba takes concrete steps such as freeing political prisoners and creating more space for opposition, the United States will reciprocate.

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AP photo

Detained demonstrators are seen lined up on a street in Copenhagen on Saturday.

968 detained at climate rally urging bold pact

By John Heilprin
Associated Press writer

COPENHAGEN — Tens of thousands of protesters have marched through the chilly Danish capital and nearly 1,000 were detained in a mass rally to demand an ambitious global climate pact, just as talks hit a snag over rich nations' demands on China and other emerging economies.

The mostly peaceful demonstrations in Copenhagen on Saturday provided the centerpiece of a day of global climate activism stretching from Europe to Asia. Police assigned extra officers to watch protesters marching toward the suburban conference center to demand that leaders act now to fight climate change.

Police estimated their numbers at 40,000, while organizers said as many as 100,000 had joined the march from downtown Copenhagen. It ended with protesters holding aloft candles and torches as they swarmed by night outside the Bella Center where the 192-nation U.N. climate conference is being held.

There have been a couple of minor protests over the past week, but Saturday's was by far the largest.

Police said they rounded up 968 people in a preventive action against a group of youth activists at the tail end of the demonstration. Officers in riot gear moved in when some of the activists, masking their faces, threw cobblestones through the windows of the former stock exchange and Foreign Ministry buildings.

A police officer received minor injuries when he was hit by a rock thrown from the group and one protester was injured by fire-works, police spokesman Flemming Steen Munch said.

Earlier, police said they had detained 19 people, mainly for breaking Denmark's strict laws against carrying pocket knives or wearing masks during demonstrations.

At the talks, the European Union, Japan and Australia joined the U.S. in criticizing a draft global warming pact

that says major developing nations must rein in greenhouse gases, but only if they have outside financing. Rich nations want to require developing nations to limit emissions, with or without financial help.

Swedish Environment Minister Andreas Carlgren, representing the 27-nation EU, told The Associated Press that "there has been a growing understanding that there must be commitments to actions by emerging economies as well."

He said those commitments "must be binding, in the sense that states are standing behind their commitments."

Indian Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said his country — the world's No. 5 greenhouse gas polluter — will not offer more than its current pledge to slow its growth rate of emissions. It has offered to cut greenhouse gases measured against production by 20 to 25 percent by 2020.

"National interest trumps everything else," Ramesh told the AP. "Whatever I have to do, I've said in my Parliament. We'll engage them (the U.S. and China). I'm not here to make new offers."

China has made voluntary commitments to rein in its carbon emissions but doesn't want to be bound by international law to do so. In China's view, the U.S. and other rich countries have a heavy historical responsibility to cut emissions and any climate deal in Copenhagen should take into account a country's level of development.

Alden Meyer of the Union of Concerned Scientists told the AP that rich nations are trying to renegotiate the deal they reached two years ago on the island of Bali, calling on developing nations to limit emissions with financial help.

"It's going to blow up in their faces," he said. "The rich countries are trying to move the goal posts. And developing countries are not going to agree to that, no matter how loudly the rich countries demand it."

The tightly focused

negotiating text was meant to lay out the crunch themes for environment ministers to wrestle with as they prepare for a summit of some 110 heads of state and government at the end of next week.

U.S. delegate Jonathan Pershing said the draft failed to address the contentious issue of carbon emissions by emerging economies.

"The current draft didn't work in terms of where it is headed," Pershing said in the plenary, supported by the European Union, Japan and Norway.

U.S. firms lag in bids to develop Iraqi oil fields

By Ernesto Londono
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Chinese, Russian and European companies won the right this weekend to develop major oil fields in Iraq, while U.S. firms made a paltry showing at auctions that represent the first major incursion of foreign oil companies into Iraq in four decades.

The companies that secured 10 contracts in auctions held over the weekend and in June stand to profit handsomely, but they are taking a significant gamble.

Iraq has the third-largest proven crude reserves in the world, but it remains perilous; the country suffers from chronic corruption and acrimonious politics that have prevented the passing of new laws to regulate the sector.

Of the seven U.S. companies that registered for the auctions, only one emerged as the leading partner in a consortium that won a contract. Another U.S. company has a minority stake in a contract.

China's state-owned oil company has a major stake in two contracts. Russian firms are parties in two others.

European firms made a

strong showing. Royal Dutch Shell, Italy's Eni, British Petroleum and Norway's Statoil got deals.

Companies from Malaysia and Angola were parties

to five winning bids. Oil analysts say the outcome was surprising, considering that U.S. oil companies have long yearned to work in Iraq.

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College of Southern Idaho guard Chuck Odum drives the lane during Saturday's game at Salt Lake Community College.

MIKE CHRISTENSEN/
Times-News

Gamble backfires for CSI

SLCC player knocks down free throws after being purposely fouled

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Trailing by one in the final minute, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team took a calculated risk.

It backfired. The Eagles purposely fouled Salt Lake Community College forward John Hayward-Mayhew with 22.7 seconds remaining. Hayward-Mayhew, a 57-percent foul shooter in the season,

knocked down both free throws and the Bruins held on for a 66-63 win on Saturday.

"We thought we needed to take a chance right there and maybe trade a 2 for a 3," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar.

CSI (9-4, 3-3 Scenic West Athletic Conference) had two chances late, but a driving shot by D.J. Stennis was blocked out of bounds with 13.2 seconds left. The Eagles threw away the inbound pass, but on Salt Lake's ensuing inbounds pass, Chuck Odum

forced a tie-up to give CSI one last gasp with 6.7 seconds remaining.

Stennis' 27-foot effort bounced off the front rim and Josten Thomas' follow shot missed, leaving the Eagles with their second 3-point loss to the Bruins (11-3, 4-2) this season.

Hayward-Mayhew led SLCC with 19 points and eight rebounds. Jake Dastrup scored 10 of his 11 in the first half for the Bruins, who won 71-68 in Twin Falls on Nov. 19.

See **CSI**, Sports 4

Scar issue



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Canyon Ridge High School basketball player Igor Jozelic, left, sits with his parents Rudolf and Enisa at their Twin Falls home. The family came to Idaho from Bosnia and Herzegovina in the early 1990s.

Canyon Ridge sophomore Jozelic overcomes obstacles to shine for Riverhawks

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The scar runs the length of Igor Jozelic's right thigh, but it doesn't hurt.

It didn't stop him from playing varsity football and basketball at Canyon Ridge High School. It didn't stop him from coming off the bench against Filer in the Riverhawks' first ever game on Dec. 1 and throwing himself around the floor, going for rebounds and loose balls and breaking up passes in his first varsity game.

The scar represents the journey he's made since birth, one that started on another continent during the hell of the Bosnian War, which tore his homeland apart.

Igor was born in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina (formerly Yugoslavia), in 1993 to Rudolf and Enisa Jozelic. For a while, it was up to Enisa to care for Igor and his older sister, Nina.

"My father was in the war (as a helicopter pilot)," Igor said. "He wasn't there when I was born."

It wasn't long before doctors realized something was wrong with Igor's right leg,

The scar represents the journey Igor Jozelic has made since birth, one that started on another continent during the hell of the Bosnian War, which tore his homeland apart.

and the hospital stay, Enisa said, lasted five months.

"He had an infection, a bone infection in his hip," Rudolf said. Doctors initially thought it was only a dislocated hip as Igor walked without pain, playing like any other baby. The infection was later diagnosed, and the Jozelics knew that the care Igor needed was available in America. When he was only 11 months old, they left their home behind and made their way to Idaho. Upon arrival, American doctors further identified the problem and sent Igor to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Salt Lake City.

Igor required four surgeries through the first three years of his life to correct the

problem, and none was easy. He doesn't remember a lot about the situation because he was so young, but Rudolf and Enisa recalled the effort that went into the surgeries.

"They said it would be a two-hour surgery," Rudolf said of the first surgery in 1994. "It was more like six hours. The hip had practically become dust. What they did was a bone transplantation for his hip."

As the family struggled with their status as refugees — Rudolf could not find work as a pilot, and Enisa spoke little English upon arrival — Igor's strength grew. While Igor could walk with a large cast, Rudolf said the usual form of transit was scooting around the floor on his backside.

After the final surgery in 1996, doctors placed no restrictions on Igor's activities. He had pain for four or five years after surgery, sharp pains, but they faded, and he soon followed big sister's lead and picked up a basketball. Igor was in fourth grade when he played on his first organized team.

"That was my first year in rec," Igor said.

See **JOZELIC**, Sports 6

CSI women blow big lead, lose at Salt Lake

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY — With a brilliant first half, the Golden Eagles had the No. 2 team in the nation on the ropes. But they couldn't deliver the knockout punch.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team watched a 24-point lead evaporate in a 66-62 loss at Salt Lake Community College on Saturday.

"It felt really good," CSI guard Kiki Lockett said of the impressive first-half effort. "But it doesn't feel too good now. We've got to start finishing. We lost our intensity and when you're playing against a team like Salt Lake, you can't let up at all."

After shooting 52 percent in the first half and knocking down 5 of 9 of 3-pointers, CSI hit just 26 percent of its shots after intermission and went 1 of 9 from long distance.

"We were looking inside and (Salt Lake) was collapsing its zone, but we didn't swing the ball very well," said assistant coach Jason Nicholls, who joined assistant Tessa Balsick in leading the team. Head coach Randy Rogers was home in Twin Falls after being ejected from Friday's road win over Snow College.

Lockett led CSI (9-4, 4-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference) with 19 points, while Shauneice Samms added 12 points and shared game-high rebounding honors with Laurel Kearsley with 11 boards.

After scoring 40 points against CSI in

See **WOMEN**, Sports 4



MIKE CHRISTENSEN/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho's Kalika Tullock drives to the basket during Saturday's women's basketball game against Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City.

Alabama running back Mark Ingram stands with the Heisman Trophy after being recognized as its newest recipient on Saturday in New York.



AP photo

Ingram delivers Alabama its first Heisman

Boise State's Moore places seventh in voting

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Mark Ingram completed the trophy case at Alabama, delivering the first Heisman to a school that boasts

one of the richest histories in college football.

The tough-running sophomore tailback turned tearful after winning the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night in the closest vote in the award's 75-year history. Next, he'll try to lead the most storied program in the South to a national championship.

Ingram finished 28 points ahead of Stanford running back Toby Gerhart.

Ingram wiped away tears and took a moment to steady himself before starting his speech. His voice wavered throughout.

"I'm a little overwhelmed right now," he said. "I'm just so excited to bring Alabama their first Heisman winner."

Ingram received 227 first-place votes and 1,304 points. Gerhart got 222 first-place votes and 1,276 points, while Texas quarterback Colt McCoy, last season's runner-up, received 203 and 1,145.

Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh was fourth and

See **HEISMAN**, Sports 5

Wolverine girls move to 8-1 with win at Filer

Times-News

K.T. Martinez scored 14 points to lead the Wood River girls basketball team to a 49-34 win at Filer on Saturday.

Alex Lindbloom, Monica Garceau and Brooke Bowers all scored eight for the Wolverines (8-1).

Filer (2-6) was led by Charmaine Weatherly's 12 points.

The Wildcats travel to American Falls on Tuesday.

Wood River 49, Filer 34
Wood River 17 8 14 10 - 49
Filer 11 11 4 8 - 39
WOOD RIVER (49)

Alex Lindbloom 8, Kelly Chapman 2, K.T. Martinez 14, Grace Lagodich 3, Monica Garceau 8, Haylee Thompson 5, Brooke Bowers 8, Cheyenne Swanson 1. Totals 19 11-16 49.

FILER (34)
Alyssa Lekkerkerk 2, Charmaine Weatherly 12, Taylor Twitchell 3, Sierra Koyle 6, Kenzie Kaster 7, Natalie Hughes 4. Totals 11 10-15 34.
3-point goals: Filer 2 (Weatherly 2). Total fouls: Wood River 17, Filer 19. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

JEROME 50, BISHOP KELLY 42

Aubree Callen had 16 points and Baylie Smith scored 13 to lead Jerome to a 50-42 win at Bishop Kelly on Saturday.

The Tigers (8-1) used tough defense to pick up a 15-4 scoring edge in the third quarter to break a 20-all halftime tie, then Haylee Burnham canned her only shot of the game, a 3-point-er early in the fourth quarter, to break the Knights' backs.

"In the third quarter we came out and really established some things inside and defensively we picked up the intensity," said Jerome coach Brent Clark. "The main adjustment we wanted to make was slow things down and get the ball inside, and we were able to do that, and then Haylee hit a big shot for us."

Jerome visits Twin Falls on Tuesday.

Jerome 50, Bishop Kelly 42

Jerome 10 10 15 15 - 50
Bishop Kelly 10 10 18 - 42
JEROME (50)

Aubree Callen 16, Haylee Burnham 3, Ashley Yaglia 2, Carrie Thibault 7, Tinley Garey 9, Baylie Smith 13. Totals 15 18-24 50.

BISHOP KELLY (42)
Garland 2, Kelly 7, Rehboltz 7, McReynolds 10, Hassell 4, Talbot 2, Violette 10. Totals 16 7-13 42.

3-point goals: Jerome 2 (Garey, Burnham). Bishop Kelly 3 (Kelly 2, Rehboltz). Total fouls: Jerome 16, Bishop Kelly 20. Fouled out: Bishop Kelly, McReynolds. Technical fouls: Jerome, bench.

GOODING 43, SHOSHONE 37

Gooding got 19 points and 15 rebounds from senior Brittany Wirth and 10 points from Carrie Baker as the visiting Senators posted a 43-37 win over the Indians.

"They killed us on the boards, 44-21," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. "It was one of those games where they seemed to get all the loose balls."

Shoshone also had two players in double figures led by Taylor Astle with 11 and Kelcie Hutchins added 10.

Shoshone (5-3) hosts Glens Ferry on Monday.

Gooding hosts Declo on Tuesday.

Gooding 43, Shoshone 37

Gooding 11 12 8 12 - 43
Shoshone 7 11 9 10 - 37
GOODING (43)

Angela Vitek 5, Kourtney Agenbroad 3, Mackenzie Stevens 2, Danielle Baker 4, Carrie Baker 10, Brittany Wirth 19. Totals 16 10-17 43.

SHOSHONE (37)
Shelby Bozutto 2, Kelcie Hutchins 10, Taylor Astle 11, Lacey Kniep 9, Jennica Kerner 5. Totals 13 5-12 37.

3-point goals: Gooding 1 (Vitek), Shoshone 6 (Hutchins 2, Astle 2, Kniep, Kerner). Total fouls: Gooding 10, Shoshone 14. Fouled out: Gooding, Stevens. Shoshone, Astle, Stein. Technical fouls: none.

STATELINE BATTLE (JACKPOT, NEV.) CAMAS COUNTY 45, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 27

A game-high 21 points by Katelyn Peterson led Camas County to a 45-27 third place win over Lighthouse Christian despite a double-double of 20 points and 15 rebounds by Luciana Romanus at the Staseline Battle tournament in Jackpot, Nev.

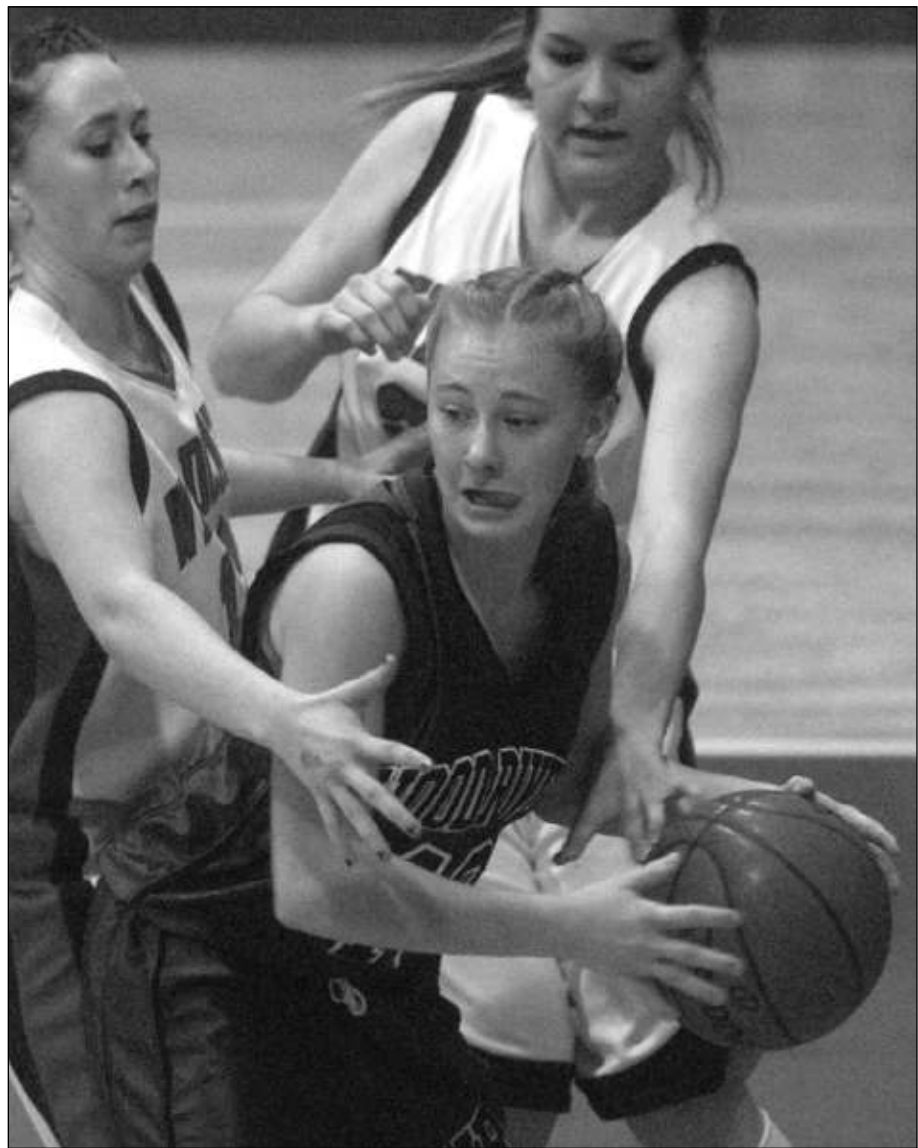
Both Romanus and Peterson were named to the all-tournament team.

Lighthouse Christian (2-8, 0-4) hosts Oakley and Camas County is at Dietrich on Tuesday.

Camas County 45, Lighthouse Christian 27

Camas County 14 13 9 9 - 45
Lighthouse Christian 9 5 4 9 - 27
CAMAS COUNTY (45)

Darian Cantu 4, Danielle Knowlton 4, Erica Phanharasen 2, Megan Stampke 2, Sunnie Vouch 4, Cheylyn Hansen 2, Katelyn Peterson 21, Brittani Hume 1, Miranda Smith 2, Stephanie Moore 3. Totals



Filer Wildcats (from left) Charmaine Weatherly and Taylor Oyler try and trap Wood River Wolverine Tristan Bowers Saturday at Filer High School.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (27)
Kyanna Jones 6, Luciana Romanus 20, Becca Ver Hoven 1. Totals 5 5-11 27.
3-point goals: Total fouls: Camas County 15, Lighthouse Christian 7. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CHALLIS 59, CASTLEFORD 31

Challis won 59-31 at Castleford on Saturday. Due to technical errors a box score was unavailable.

The 2-5 Wolves host Sho-Ban on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

MIDDLETON 59, BURLEY 46

Middleton raced out to a 23-7 first-quarter lead en route to a 59-46 win over visiting Burley on Saturday.

"We faced a tough team that shot the ball very well," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "We had a tough time matching up with (Middleton's Dakota) Mortensen."

Mortenson scored a game-high 22 points including four 3-pointers with 13 points in the first quarter. The Bobcats (3-3) were led by Karch Hinckley with 15.

Burley visits Preston on Wednesday.

Middleton 59, Burley 46

Burley 7 12 15 12 - 46
Middleton 23 10 8 18 - 59
BURLEY (46)

Karch Hinckley 15, Zach Martin 7, Alex Greener 7, Nelson Geary 3, Bill Blauer 8, Alex Larsen 6. Totals 13 18-23 46.

MIDDLETON (59)
Mortensen 22, Waltman 12, Bennett 8, Maughan 6, Shuey 8, Murphy 3. Totals 22 10-14 59.

3-point goals: Burley 2 (Hinckley, Geary), Middleton 5 (Mortensen 4, Maughan). Total fouls: Burley 16, Middleton 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

TWIN FALLS 63, NAMPA 43

Playing short two starters didn't appear to deter Twin Falls from putting together a well balanced team effort as the Bruins won on the road at Nampa 63-42.

"It was a good win especially playing an afternoon game after a night game and with Ryan Petersen and John Pulsifer back home taking their ACT tests," said Twin Falls assistant coach Shaun Walker. "We also got a lot of good production from our bench."

The Bruins came out strong in the first half and took a 29-21 lead into the half and outscored the Bulldogs 34-22 in the second half.

Brennon Lancaster dropped in 21 points for the Bruins (4-1) including three 3-pointers, and Marcus Jardine chipped in with 17.

Twin Falls hosts Pocatello on Wednesday.

Twin Falls 63, Nampa 43

Twin Falls 17 12 16 18 - 63
Nampa 12 9 8 14 - 43
TWIN FALLS (63)

Brennon Lancaster 21, J.J. Ellis 2, Jayson Welker 1, Ryan Fuchs 2, Brady Hapworth 2, Eric Harr 4, Justin Peterson 6, Marcus Jardine 17, Brett Kohring 8. Totals 20 19-27 63.

NAMPA (43)
Adan Salazar 15, Jesse Collier 6, Jaden Bartlow 4, Nick Burkhardt 4, Zach Nolan 7, Brady Squires 4, Blake 3. Totals 16 7-10 43.

3-point goals: Twin Falls 4 (Lancaster 3, Peterson), Nampa 4 (Collier 2, Nolan, Salazar). Total fouls: Twin

Falls 12, Nampa 21. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

SKYVIEW 72, MINICO 57

Kyle Dranginis scored 26 to lead reigning Class 4A champion Skyview to a 72-57 win over Minico in Nampa on Saturday.

Coltin Johnson scored 19 for the 2-2 Spartans, who also got 15 from Bronson Miller and Kevin Jurgensmeier.

Minico hosts Highland on Friday.

Skyview 72, Minico 57

Minico 13 12 17 15 - 57
Skyview 20 19 16 17 - 72
MINICO (57)

Edgar Espinoza 1, Mark Leon 3, Coltin Johnson 19, David Fennell 2, Bronson Miller 15, Casey Christensen 2, Kade Miller 2, Kevin Jurgensmeier 13. Totals 18 5-6 11 57.

SKYVIEW (72)
Travis Gropp 5, Luke Austin 2, Kyle Dranginis 26, Sam Cook 4, Matt Rudder 8, Terrell Rowe 11, Matt Clark 12, Andrew Timmons 4. Totals 18-8 12-16 72.

3-point goals: Minico 3 (Johnson 3, Leon, B. Miller), Skyview 8 (Dranginis 4, Rowe, 3 Gropp). Total fouls: Minico 14, Skyview 11. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

JEROME 55, KUNA 39

Kameron Pearce scored 17 and Nolan McDonald added 11 as Jerome eased to a 55-39 win over Kuna, wrapping up its five-game road trip to start the season.

One of the deciding factors was that Jerome took care of business on the glass.

Gus Callen had eight points and eight rebounds for Jerome (3-2), while Jake Hollifield had six and pulled down 10 boards.

"This road trip built a lot of character and showed us a lot of things that we needed to work on," said Jerome coach Joe Messick. "But we're excited to finally play at home."

Jerome (3-2) hosts Twin Mountain Home on Tuesday in its home opener.

Jerome 55, Kuna 39

Jerome 15 13 12 15 - 55
Kuna 12 6 8 13 - 39
JEROME (55)

Nolan McDonald 11, Kameron Pearce 17, Cameron Stauffer 3, Gus Callen 8, Chace Capps 7, Austin Clegg 2, Jake Hollifield 6, Garrett Amos 1. Totals 19 13-21 55.

KUNA (39)
Hathhorn 8, Seamons 3, Andrus 2, Gordon 3, Smith 2, Hoch 6, Dubowsky 12, Tolbert 1, Wilkerson 2. Totals 15 6-9 39.

3-point goals: Jerome 4 (Pearce 2, Stauffer, Callen), Kuna 3 (Hathhorn 2, Gordon). Total fouls: Jerome 16, Kuna 19. Fouled out: Kuna, Van Antwerp. Technical fouls: none.

GLENN'S FERRY 63, MARSING 50

Glenn's Ferry improved to 6-0 by beating Marsing 63-50 Saturday night.

Michael Crane scored 22 points and Ross Arellano tossed in 15 for the Pilots. Glenn's Ferry outscored Marsing 35-10 in the first half.

The Pilots travel to Nampa Christian Tuesday.

Glenn's Ferry 63, Marsing 50

Marsing 2 8 16 14 - 50
Glenn's Ferry 18 17 22 6 - 63
GLENN'S FERRY (63)

Galligan 11, Pramo 12, Moreno 9, Olvera 2, Shippy 1, Beagley 9, Salve 6. Totals 19 8-13 50.

GLENN'S FERRY (63)
Michael Crane 22, Ricardo Ceballos 9, Ross Arellano 15, Gabo Arevalo 2, Phillip Owsley 5, Justin Soilsabal 8. Totals 26 9-19 63.

3-point goals: Marsing 4 (Pramo 2, Moreno, Beagley), Glenn's Ferry 4 (Crane, Ceballos, Arellano, Owsley). Total fouls: Marsing 17, Glenn's Ferry 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: Marsing, Galligan.

DECLO 86, RAFT RIVER 82
Declo snuck by Raft River,

beating the Trojans 86-82 Friday night.

Jeremy Jenkins scored 14 points, Tyler Briggs added 13 and Brandon Peterson contributed 12.

Taylor Thacker dumped 30 points on the Hornets while Cade Powers netted 22 for the losing Trojans.

Raft River (3-1) hosts Valley next Friday.

Declo 86, Raft River 82

Declo 25 23 24 14 - 86
Raft River 18 13 23 28 - 82
DECLO (86)

Jeremy Jenkins 14, McCoy Stoker 6, Brawn Baker 2, Tyler Briggs 13, Calcum Webb 6, Brandon Peterson 12, Colton Smyer 6, Dane Janak 11, Davis Jones 6, Levi Hubbard 10. Totals 33 18-23 82.

RAFT RIVER (82)
Cade Powers 22, Rio Manning 7, Taylor Thacker 30, Nelson Manning 8, H.D. Tuckett 9, Andrew Fenn 5. Totals 32 13-24.

3-point goals: Declo 8 (Briggs 1, Webb 1, Peterson 3, Janak 2), Raft River 5 (Powers 2, Thacker 2, R. Manning). Total fouls: Declo 18, Raft River 18. Fouled out: Declo, Jenkins; Raft River, Tuckett. Technical fouls: none.

BUHL 56 WOOD RIVER 32

Buhl beat Wood River 56-32 Saturday night.

Buhl's J.D. Leckenby scored 12, Scott Harris netted 11 and Matt Hamilton dropped 10.

Buhl (2-1) is off until Friday, when it heads to Wendell. Wood River (1-3) plays Kimberly Tuesday.

Buhl 56 Wood River 32

Buhl 12 8 19 17 - 56
Wood River 7 8 11 6 - 32
BUHL (56)

Scott Harris 11, J.D. Leckenby 12, Matt Hamilton 10, Camden Gillins 3, Cadler Owen 5, Mark Montgomery 6, Markus Lively 8. Totals 27 18-56.

WOOD RIVER (32)
Keven Abbott 9, Alex Padilla 2, Stone Sutton 7, Lucito Chavez 2, Isaiah Garza 2, Quentin Dowdle 8, OlleHoeglund 2. Totals 15 2-6 32.

3-point goals: Buhl 5 (Hamilton 3, Gillins, Owen). Total fouls: Buhl 10, Wood River 10. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

MURTAUGH HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT LIGHTHOUSE BEATS HANSEN, MURTAUGH TAKES TITLE

The Lighthouse Christian boys basketball team defeated Hansen 56-44 in the Murtaugh Holiday Tournament third-place game, behind 23 points from Zane Jesser. Due to technical problems a box score was unavailable. Murtaugh was awarded the tournament title due to a forfeit from the Community School.

Wrestling

BUCKS BAGS DUALS RESULTS

Following are team scores from Saturday's second day of the Bucks Bags Duals in Boise. Individual bout results were not available. No Magic Valley teams placed in the final standings. Mountain View won the event championship.

Saturday's Bucks Bags Duals results

Round 4
Caldwell 72, Wood River 6
Columbia 42, Twin Falls 34
Kuna 54, Minico 19
Valluvue 46, Jerome 30

Round 5
Columbia 67, Minico 6
Eagle 51, Wood River 18
Mountain View 39, Twin Falls 38

Round 6
Mountain View 54, Jerome 18
Twin Falls 52, Bandits 54 24

Round 7
Jerome 60, Boise 15
Minico 33, Eagle 31
Twin Falls 48, Middleton 29
Wood River 48, Hillcrest 39



Photos by RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Oakley sophomore Stephan Ortiz, top, defeated Charles Walker of Filer in the 145-pound weight class Saturday at the Declo Duals.

Declo Duals provide a good early-season test

By Ryan Howe

Times-News writer

DECLO — Derek Gerratt is picking up right where he left off.

The Valley senior wrestler has begun the encore to last year's undefeated state championship season. He's 6-0 at 140 pounds following Friday and Saturday's Declo Duals.

"I ended pretty good last year and hope to keep it going," Gerratt said. "I still need to get in better shape."

Getting into wrestling shape is one of the purposes for the annual Declo Duals. The main goal for the two-day tournament is to give wrestlers much-needed early-season experience.

Winning isn't the top priority. In fact, the team scores are not tallied and no one takes home a trophy.

"It's not even fair to keep track of scores because we have kids on other teams, forfeits, shuffling kids up weights and down weights," said Declo coach Jason Cooper. "It's kind of like going to camp. Our whole goal of this tournament is to get kids on the mat."

The participants were Declo, Filer, Gooding, Valley, Raft River-Oakley, Century and Ririe. Had a trophy been awarded to the top team, Declo would have claimed it, as the Hornets didn't lose a dual.

"It went how I wanted it to go," Ortiz said. "Just shoot a lot and get a lot of points, let him up a couple times and then take him down again."

Ortiz, who finished fifth at last year's state meet at 130 pounds as a freshman, is now 8-0 on the season at 145. He looked impressive at the Duals, dictating the flow of his matches.

"I feel pretty good because I push myself harder and harder every day so that I don't run out of stamina and I can keep it going," Ortiz said. "By the second round they're already tired and I'm only halfway!"

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Declo junior Justin Cameron, left, takes down Jacob Schutte of Gooding during their 125-pound match Saturday at the Declo Duals.

CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT



AP photo

Trevor Brazile competes in the team roping event during the tenth round of National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center, Saturday in Las Vegas. Brazile won the all around world championship. A full recap of Championship Night at the NFR was unavailable at the time the Times-News went to print. Visit Magicvalley.com/sports/more for a full recap.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	19	4	.826	-
Toronto	10	15	.400	10
New York	8	15	.348	11
Philadelphia	5	18	.217	14
New Jersey	2	21	.087	17
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	17	6	.739	-
Atlanta	16	6	.727	½
Miami	11	10	.524	5
Charlotte	9	13	.409	7½
Washington	7	14	.333	9
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	16	7	.696	-
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	4½
Detroit	11	12	.478	5
Indiana	8	13	.381	7
Chicago	4	18	.167	7½
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	17	7	.708	-
Houston	13	9	.591	3
San Antonio	9	13	.409	7
New Orleans	10	12	.455	6
Memphis	9	13	.409	7
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	17	7	.708	-
Utah	14	9	.609	2½
Oklahoma City	12	9	.571	3½
Portland	14	11	.560	3½
Minnesota	3	20	.130	13½
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	4	.818	-
Phoenix	16	8	.667	3
L.A. Clippers	9	12	.429	8½
Sacramento	9	12	.429	8½
Golden State	7	16	.304	11½

WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	17	7	.708	-
Houston	13	9	.591	3
San Antonio	9	13	.409	7
New Orleans	10	12	.455	6
Memphis	9	13	.409	7
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	17	7	.708	-
Utah	14	9	.609	2½
Oklahoma City	12	9	.571	3½
Portland	14	11	.560	3½
Minnesota	3	20	.130	13½
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	4	.818	-
Phoenix	16	8	.667	3
L.A. Clippers	9	12	.429	8½
Sacramento	9	12	.429	8½
Golden State	7	16	.304	11½

Friday's Games
 Atlanta 111, Toronto 97
 Houston 96, Philadelphia 91
 Indiana 107, New Jersey 91
 Dallas 106, Miami 93
 Chicago 96, Golden State 91, OT
 New York 113, New Orleans 96
 Oklahoma City 102, Memphis 94
 Cleveland 104, Portland 99
 San Antonio 104, Charlotte 95
 Phoenix 106, Orlando 103
 L.A. Lakers 104, Minnesota 92

Saturday's Games
 Indiana 114, Washington 103
 Detroit 104, Golden State 95
 Cleveland 106, Chicago 92
 Dallas 98, Charlotte 97, OT
 Milwaukee 108, Portland 101, OT
 Denver 105, Phoenix 99
 Utah 102, L.A. Lakers 94
 Minnesota at Sacramento, late

Sunday's Games
 Houston at Toronto, 12:30 a.m.
 New Jersey at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
 Memphis at Miami, 4 p.m.
 Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
 San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Golden State at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
 Indiana at Orlando, 5 p.m.
 Boston at Memphis, 6 p.m.
 New Orleans at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Utah, 7 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 7 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

Due to technical errors with STATS LLC, four NBA box scores were unavailable. They will be printed in Monday's paper.

NBA Boxes

Celtics 108, Bulls 80

Boston (102)
 Pierce 41-24-14, Garnett 6-8-0-2-12, Perkins 3-5-4-6-10, Rondo 6-13-4-5-16, R. Allen 4-10-0-0-10, Wallace 5-12-4-1-5, House 5-15-2-3-15, T. Allen 2-6-2-2-6, Williams 2-4-0-0-4, Scalabrine 0-0-0-0-0, Giddens 1-3-2-4-4, Hudson 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 38-88 22-30 106.

Chicago (80)
 Deng 3-16-7-12-17, Miller 5-10-11-11, Noah 1-8-0-0-2, Rose 8-19-2-5-19, Salmons 27-0-0-4, Gibson 3-9-6-7-12, Hinrich 1-6-0-0-2, Johnson 1-5-0-0-2, Gray 0-4-0-0-0, Pargo 4-8-2-1-1, Hunter 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 30-92 19-27 80.

Boston 29 25 29 23 - 106
Chicago 26 20 17 18 - 80
 3-Point Goals—Boston 9-26 (House 3-10, R. Allen 2-4, Pierce 2-5, Wallace 1-5, Giddens 0-1, Rondo 0-1), Chicago 1-9 (Pargo 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Hinrich 0-1, Salmons 0-1, Deng 0-1, Miller 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 58 (Garnett 10), Chicago 70 (Noah 13). Assists—Boston 25 (Rondo 14), Chicago 19 (Salmons 9). Total Fouls—Boston 22, Chicago 22. Technicals—Miller. Flagrant Fouls—Miller. A-21,257 (20,917).

Pacers 114, Wizards 113

Indiana (114)
 D. Jones 13-15-6-11, Murphy 10-18-6-28, Hibbert 1-9-2-4, Ford 6-16-0-12, Rush 4-9-0-0-10, Dunleavy 5-7-10-10-24, Foster 0-0-0-0-0, Hansbrough 7-14-5-19, Watson 2-5-0-0-6. Totals 38-90 28-30 114.

Washington (113)
 Butler 9-15-5-23, Jamison 13-18-1-5-31, Haywood 2-5-2-6, Arenas 8-20-4-7-22, Stevenson 13-0-0-2, Boykins 7-12-0-0-14, Blatche 2-5-2-5, Foye 0-1-0-0-0, Young 3-3-2-10, McCuire 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 45-82 15-23 113.

Indiana 36 30 21 27 - 114
Washington 38 14 38 23 - 113
 3-Point Goals—Indiana 10-22 (Dunleavy 4-6, Watson 2-3, Rush 2-4, Murphy 2-6, D.Jones 0-1, Ford 0-2), Washington 8-19 (Jamson 4-6, Young 2-2, Arenas 2-6, Boykins 0-1, Butler 0-2, Stevenson 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 47 (Murphy 12), Washington 52 (Arenas 10). Assists—Indiana 25 (Watson 10), Washington 24 (Arenas 11). Total Fouls—Indiana 20, Washington 23. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second, Arenas, Butler. A-13,172 (20,173).

Pistons 104, Warriors 95

Golden State (95)
 Morrow 0-3-0-0-0, Radmanovic 2-11-2-2-7, Moore 2-3-0-0-4, Ellis 11-20-6-8-29, Curry 5-10-6-6-19, Watson 6-11-1-13, Hunter 0-0-0-0-0, Maggette 8-13-7-8-23, Randolph 0-1-0-0-0. Totals 34-72 22-25 95.

DETROIT (104)
 Jerenko 2-4-2-2-6, Maxiell 5-8-0-0-10, Wallace 1-2-0-0-2, Hamilton 6-15-5-7-18, Stuckey 10-18-9-9-29, Atkins 3-7-2-9, Villanueva 9-8-0-0-0, Brown 2-2-0-3-4, Daye 1-2-0-0-2, Summers 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 39-72 24-30 104.
Golden State 30 25 12 28 - 95
Detroit 24 25 22 33 - 104
 3-Point Goals—Golden State 5-19 (Curry 3-4, Ellis 1-2, Radmanovic 1-6, Morrow 0-1, Maggette 0-2, Watson 0-4), Detroit 1-12 (Hamilton 1-4, Atkins 1-4, Daye 0-1, Villanueva 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 31 (Ellis 7), Detroit 49 (Wallace, Villanueva 9). Assists—Golden State 19 (Watson 6), Detroit 18 (Stuckey 7). Total Fouls—Golden State 25, Detroit 24. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second 2, Detroit defensive three second. A-16,952 (22,076).

Friday Late NBA Boxes

SUNS 106, MAGIC 103
Orlando (103)
 Pietrus 8-15-2-23, Lewis 6-16-9-9-24, Howard 11-8-17-10, Williams 3-8-2-4-0, Carter 3-10-2-3, Johnson 4-10-2-11, Redick 3-5-0-0-7, Javai 0-2-0-0-0, Pecheuro 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 35-88 12-16 92.
Phoenix (106)
 Hill 6-11-0-0-12, Stoudemire 12-21-4-7-28, Frye 2-6-0-2-5, Nash 6-13-6-7-20, Richardson 6-16-1-2-16, Dudley 1-8-13-3-4-19, Dragic 2-4-0-0-4, Amundson 0-1-0-0-0, Leuz 1-1-0-0-2, Collins 0-0-0-0-2. Totals 41-86 14-24 106.

Orlando 22 30 29 22 - 103
Phoenix 33 28 24 21 - 106
 3-Point Goals—Orlando 13-38 (Pietrus 4-8, Lewis 3-11, Redick 2-3, Anderson 2-4, Barnes 1-3, Johnson 1-3, Williams 0-3, Carter 0-3), Phoenix 10-28 (Dudley 4-8, Richardson 3-8, Nash 2-4, Frye 1-5, Hill 0-1, Dragic 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 58 (Howard 18), Phoenix 53 (Stoudemire 10), Assists—Orlando 18 (Williams, Carter 6), Phoenix 27 (Nash 18). Total Fouls—Orlando 22, Phoenix 29. Technicals—Phoenix defensive three second. A-18,216 (18,422).

Lakers 104, Timberwolves 92

Minnesota (92)
 Gomes 2-6-0-0-4, Love 3-14-0-7, Jefferson 10-18-4-24, Flynn 3-8-4-10-16, Brewer 4-8-2-2-10, Hollins 3-8-1-2-7, Wilkins 1-2-0-0-2, Sessions 7-9-0-15, Pavlovic 2-8-1-2-6, Ellington 3-5-0-0-7, Javai 0-2-0-0-0, Pecheuro 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 35-88 12-16 92.
L.A. Lakers (104)
 Artest 6-14-2-2-16, Gasol 8-14-1-17, Bynum 6-9-0-0-12, Fisher 2-10-0-0-4, Bryant 8-18-3-4-20, Odum 4-10-4-6-13, Farmer 3-6-0-0-8, Vujacic 3-3-0-7, Brown 3-9-0-0-7, Powell 0-2-0-0-0. Totals 43-95 10-13 104.

Minnesota 24 30 14 24 - 92
L.A. Lakers 33 20 18 - 104
 3-Point Goals—Minnesota 4-0 (Ellington 1-1, Sessions 1-2, Love 1-2, Pavlovic 1-2, Flynn 0-1, Wilkins 0-1, Gomes 0-1), L.A. Lakers 8-25 (Farmer 2-4, Artest 2-7, Vujacic 1-1, Bryant 1-3, Odum 1-4, Brown 1-4, Fisher 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 56 (Love 19), L.A. Lakers 53 (Gasol 20). Assists—Minnesota 19 (Sessions 5), L.A. Lakers 28 (Gasol 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 15, L.A. Lakers 18. A-18,997 (18,997).

Men's College Scores

FAR WEST
 Arizona State 76, Delaware State 34
 Colorado St. 62, Montana 61
 E. Washington 100, Seattle 97, OT
 Georgetown 74, Washington 66
 Gonzaga 103, Davidson 91
 Idaho 82, E. Oregon 77
 Kansas St. 95, UNLV 80
 Long Beach St. 96, CS Monterey Bay 61
 Mississippi St. 72, UCLA 54
 Montana St. 103, Northern New Mexico 54
 New Mexico 84, Texas A&M 81
 Oklahoma 78, Utah 73, OT
 Pacific 79, Sacramento 49
 Portland 72, Denver 62
 Saint Mary's, Calif. 81, Oregon 76
 San Diego 59, Boise St. 56
 UC Irvine 81, Vanguard 73
 Utah St. 87, Utah Valley 56
 Washington St. 75, Air Force 68
 Weber St. 84, S. Utah 66
 Wyoming 76, N. Colorado 70

Women's College Scores

FAR WEST
 E. Washington 87, Montana Tech 60
 Fresno St. 63, UNLV 45
 Idaho St. 63, Utah St. 58
 New Mexico 74, Loyola Marymount 55
 Saint Mary's, Calif. 83, Boise St. 72
 Utah 68, Westminster, Utah 35
 Wyoming 102, Dakota St. 54

MIDWEST
 Dayton 84, Miami (Ohio) 75
 Indiana 65, E. Illinois 63
 Notre Dame 88, Valparaiso 47
 Temple 68, Kent St. 63
 Texas-Arlington 66, SE Missouri 54
 Toledo 61, IPFW 47
 W. Illinois 61, Ill.-Springfield 42
 Wis.-Green Bay 59, Winthrop 37

SOUTHWEST
 Oral Roberts 74, Tulsa 69, OT
 Stephen F. Austin 92, Houston Baptist 46
 TCU 56, Texas A&M 54
 Texas-Pan American 68, St. Edward's, Texas 41

SOUTH
 Charlotte 72, Southern Miss. 53
 Chattanooga 69, Clemson 56
 Coppin St. 95, UMBG 54
 East Carolina 65, Hampton 61
 Florida Atlantic 63, UCF 61
 George Mason 62, Howard 55
 Georgetown 78, Richmond 63
 Georgia St. 79, Nicholls St. 50
 High Point 67, UNC Wilmington 66
 Mississippi St. 72, Louisiana Tech 68
 Northwestern St. 76, Ark.-Pine Bluff 74
 SE Louisiana 72, Louisiana-Lafayette 61
 South Alabama 64, Southern U. 55
 Tennessee Tech 59, S. Illinois 56
 Troy 71, Austin Peay 47
 Va. Commonwealth 70, Radford 53
 W. Kentucky 61, W. Carolina 41
 Winthrop 64, Augusta St. 54

EAST
 Albany, N.Y. 63, Wagner 56
 Fairleigh Dickinson 63, St. Peter's 46
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 St. Francis, N.Y. 59, Colgate 54
 UNC Greensboro 69, Fordham 63
 West Virginia 74, Longwood 43

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

BOWLING

11 a.m.
 ESPN — PBA, World Championship, at Wichita, Kan.

GOLF

7:30 a.m.
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Alfred Dunhill Championship, final round, at Mpumalanga, South Africa (same-day tape)

1 p.m.
 NBC — The Shark Shootout, final round, at Naples, Fla.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

4:30 p.m.
 FSN — Rhode Island at Boston College

at Dallas Philadelphia 2-4, 3 3/4 (48%)
 Tennessee Tech 86, Ball St. 81, OT
 UCF 63, Bethune-Cookman 50
 Va. Commonwealth 65, Richmond 57
 Virginia Tech 64, Penn St. 64
 Winthrop 64, Barton 51
 Wofford 73, Navy 62

EAST
 Army 59, Dartmouth 46
 Boston U. 88, Marist 72
 Bowling Green 58, Canisius 54
 Buffalo 93, Buffalo St. 65
 Cent. Connecticut St. 70, Albany, N.Y. 68, OT
 Columbia 69, Bryant 57
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Oklahoma gets past Utah in OT

SALT LAKE CITY — By overtime, Willie Warren was exhausted. He'd been knocked to the floor nearly a dozen times. His shot wasn't falling and a hostile crowd was on its feet.

But the sophomore guard summoned the will to score on a drive and then hit a 3-pointer for five of his 27 points as Oklahoma defeated Utah 78-73 in overtime Saturday.

"We have been working on toughness. That's our motto this year, and tonight we showed it," Warren said. "We were tired at the end, but we sucked it up and won."

His biggest shot was a 26-foot 3-pointer in OT that beat the shot clock and gave Oklahoma a 74-71 lead.

"I had just passed up a 3-pointer, and the coaches told me I had been practicing way too much not to take the next one that came my way. The defender went under the screen, and I let it fly," Warren said.

Luka Drca, who had 13 points and eight rebounds for Utah (5-5), stole the ball and Warren fouled out trying to slow him on the resulting breakaway. Drca made both free throws, but the Utes did not score again.

Former College of Southern Idaho player Jay Watkins scored 13 points, and Foster blocked six shots for Utah, which finished with a school record 13.

SAN DIEGO 59, BOISE STATE 56

BOISE — Brandon Johnson hit a 17-foot straight-away jumper with 29 seconds left Saturday to break a tie and help San Diego beat Boise State 59-56.

Johnson added a free throw with 7.5 seconds left as the Toreros (5-6) ended a five-game losing streak.

Boise State (5-4) had an



Oklahoma's Tony Crocker (5) fights his way out of an airborne scratch for the rebound during a game against Utah at the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City on Saturday.

opportunity to tie the game but a 3-point shot by Anthony Thomas failed to hit the rim as time ran out.

Roberto Mafra had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead San Diego. De'Jon Jackson also scored 14 for the Toreros.

La'Shard Anderson led Boise State with 13 points. Former CSI star Daequon Montreal added 12 and Robert Arnold had 10.

Boise State led by eight points at halftime but San Diego began the second half with a 19-8 run to take a 38-35 lead with 12:46 left.

San Diego shot 55.6 percent (5 of 9) from 3-point range in the second half.

IDAHO 82, EASTERN OREGON 77

MOSCOW — Mac Hopson scored 16 points, including going 12-for-12 from the line, as Idaho fought off Eastern Oregon 82-77 on Saturday night.

The Vandals (6-3) led by as many as 19 points early in the second half and held on with the help of Hopson and Marvin Jefferson, who each scored 10 points in the half.

Jefferson finished with a double-double, scoring 14 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. The Vandals shot 55 percent from the field.

The Mountaineers (7-5) brought the score within six points with about a minute and a half to go. But they couldn't tighten it any more,

trading shots with Idaho until Jacques Wilson hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to bring the deficit to five. By then, it was too late.

Dan Stafford led the Mountaineers with 24 points while Jordan Gregg and Josh Landsverk each added 10.

WEBER STATE 84, SOUTHERN UTAH 66

OGDEN, Utah — Steve Panos scored 19 points and was one of five Weber State players in double figures as the Wildcats beat Southern Utah 84-66 on Saturday night.

Former CSI player Nick Hansen had four 3-pointers in the first eight minutes as the Wildcats (5-4) built an early 21-6 lead. Hansen finished with 18 points while Franklin Session also had 18.

Davis Baker scored 27 points to lead the Thunderbirds (3-7), who have lost five straight games.

The Thunderbirds cut the Wildcats lead to 66-53 with 8:56 to play following a three-point play by Matt Hodgson, but Weber State answered with 10 straight points.

UTAH STATE 87, UTAH VALLEY 56

LOGAN, Utah — Pooh Williams led five Aggies in double figures with 15 points as Utah State ran past Utah Valley 87-56 Saturday night.

Jared Quayle and Brian Green scored 13, Nate Bendall 12, and Tyler Newbold added 11 for Utah State (5-3).

Corey Claitt scored a career-high 22 points for the Wolverines (4-5). He made nine of his 10 shots. Utah Valley's leading scorer for the season, Jordan Swarbrick, did not get his first field goal until 13:05 remained, and finished with six points. Swarbrick brought a 16.5-point average into Saturday's game.

— The Associated Press

Williams, Jazz end L.A. Lakers' streak

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams scored eight straight points to start the fourth quarter and finished with 21 points and 11 assists to help the Utah Jazz end the Lakers' 11-game winning streak by beating Los Angeles 102-94 Saturday night.

Utah took advantage as Kobe Bryant struggled with a broken index finger from a game the night before. The Jazz held Bryant to 16 points on 7 of 24 shooting. Bryant didn't score in the second half until less than five minutes remained in the game and Utah already up by 15.

The Jazz also avenged a loss to the Lakers in Los Angeles on Wednesday, when Utah scored just six points in the fourth quarter.

Carlos Boozer had 12 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Jazz and Wesley Matthews and Ronnie Brewer scored 19 apiece as Utah ended the Lakers' streak. Mehmet Okur added 10 points as all five starters for Utah scored in double figures.

Each member of Los Angeles' starting five was also in double digits, but they couldn't keep up with Utah's starters.

Pau Gasol had 20 rebounds, tying the career high he set the night before in a win over Minnesota. He and Ron Artest had 16 points each, and Andrew Bynum added 13 for Los Angeles, which last lost Nov. 15 at home to Houston.

CELTICS 106, BULLS 80

CHICAGO — Rajon Rondo had 16 points and 14 assists, and the Boston Celtics won their 10th straight.

Rasheed Wallace and Eddie House scored 15 apiece, Kevin Garnett added 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Paul Pierce scored 14 even though he sustained a stinger on his right shoulder and hit just 4 of 12 shots.

Boston scored 10 straight late in the third quarter, making it a 20-point game and sending the Bulls to their 10th loss in 12 games.

Derrick Rose scored 19 for Chicago. Luol Deng added 17 but missed 4 of 6 free throws late in the third quarter.

NUGGETS 105, SUNS 99

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony scored 32 points and Chauncey Billups shook off an awful first half.

Billups, whose first half included three turnovers and three fouls, scored 24 points and sank five 3-pointers in the second half. His turnover with 30 seconds left and the Nuggets leading 101-99 however gave the Suns a shot at a rare win in Denver.

Steve Nash, who scored 28 points, missed a driving layup with seven seconds left and Anthony ended up with the ball and was fouled with two seconds remaining. Suns coach Alvin Gentry hollered at an official and was ejected.

Anthony sank all four free throws.

MAVERICKS 98, BOBCATS 97 OT

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki hit a 10-foot jumper with 1.8 seconds left in overtime, and



Los Angeles Lakers forward Ron Artest (37) shoots as Utah Jazz forward C.J. Miles (34) and Jazz forward Mehmet Okur (13) defend during the first half game Saturday in Salt Lake City.

Dallas improves to 11-0 all-time against Charlotte.

Nowitzki scored 36 points, including 18 in the fourth quarter and overtime. He hit a fadeaway over Boris Diaw from the left elbow, capping a frantic ending where the teams exchanged the lead six times in the final minute.

Stephen Jackson scored 28 points for Charlotte but missed badly on a 3-point attempt that could have won it just before the buzzer.

BUCKS 108, TRAIL BLAZERS 101, 2OT

MILWAUKEE — Luke Ridnour scored six of his 20 points in the second overtime, leading the Milwaukee Bucks to a hard-fought victory over the injury-riddled Portland Trail Blazers.

Andrew Bogut made two free throws, but LaMarcus Aldridge, who scored a season-high 31 for Portland, matched him with two of his own to tie it at 97. Ridnour hit a jumper, and after Aldridge missed, Ridnour hit from the corner and Carlos Delfino made a 3-pointer to put Milwaukee up 102-97.

Brandon Roy scored on a layup, and Ridnour followed with a lay-in. Roy, who finished with 23 points, made a layup, but Ridnour answered with another basket.

PACERS 114, WIZARDS 113

WASHINGTON — Mike Dunleavy benefited from a replay review and made two free throws with one-tenth of a second left for Indiana, which overcame a Gilbert Arenas triple-double.

Arenas' big night was marred when he missed two free throws in the closing seconds of a tight game for the second time in three nights, leaving the Wizards up by only one.

PISTONS 104, WARRIORS 95

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rodney Stuckey scored 29 points and Charlie Villanueva added 24 as Detroit won its fifth straight game.

Pistons guard Richard Hamilton played after missing 21 games with a sprained right ankle and had 18 points in 37 minutes.

Monta Ellis led Golden State with 29 points, while reserve Corey Maggette added 23 and rookie Stephen Curry scored 19.

— The Associated Press

Henry leads Kansas in rout of La Salle

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Freshman Xavier Henry scored a season-high 31 points, Markieff Morris had a double-double and No. 1 Kansas beat La Salle 90-65 on Saturday at the Sprint Center.

Kansas (9-0) used defense to overcome early rebounding problems, turning a tight game into a rout by holding its eighth opponent under 40 percent shooting this season.

NO. 2 TEXAS 87, TEXAS ST. 54

AUSTIN, Texas — Damion James got his 40th career double-double with 21 points and 16 rebounds to lead Texas.

Avery Bradley added 15 points in a win that could be costly for the Longhorns (8-0).

Freshman J'Covan Brown, who has started four games at guard for Texas this season, had to be helped off the court about 6 minutes into the second half and was favoring his left leg after a fall near the basket.

NO. 4 KENTUCKY 90, INDIANA 73

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. —

Eric Bledsoe scored 23 points and Patrick Patterson had 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead Kentucky.

John Calipari matched Adolph Rupp's record start for a first-year Kentucky coach by improving to 10-0, and the Wildcats moved within two wins of becoming the first Division I men's basketball program with 2,000 victories.

NO. 5 PURDUE 73, ALABAMA 65

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Robbie Hummel scored 23 points and No. 5 Purdue used stifling defense to rally from a 16-point second half deficit.

The Boilermakers (9-0), who struggled for much of the game against the Crimson Tide's full-court press, held the Alabama (5-3) without a field goal over the final 8:45.

NO. 6 WEST VIRGINIA 69, COPPIN ST. 43

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Kevin Jones had 22 points and 11 rebounds to help the Mountaineers overcome the absence of two starters.

NO. 11 NORTH CAROLINA 103, PRESBYTERIAN 64

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ed Davis had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Deon Thompson added 19 points for North Carolina.

KANSAS STATE 95, NO. 18 UNLV 80

LAS VEGAS — Jacob Pullen hit seven 3-pointers and scored 28 points to lead Kansas State to its sixth straight win.

NO. 21 GONZAGA 103, DAVIDSON 91

SEATTLE — Freshman Elias Harris scored a season-high 27 points to help No. 21 Gonzaga overcome the absence of leading scorer Matt Bouldin.

NO. 22 BUTLER 74, NO. 13 OHIO ST. 66

INDIANAPOLIS — Gordon Hayward scored 24 points, and Butler beat a ranked team for the first time in four tries this season.

NO. 15 GEORGETOWN 74, NO. 17 WASHINGTON 66

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Julian Vaughn scored a career-high 18 points, and Georgetown pulled away in

the in the Wooden Classic with a 21-2 second-half run.

NEW MEXICO 84, NO. 16 TEXAS A&M 81

HOUSTON — Roman Martinez scored 22 points, including two key free throws in the final seconds, to lead New Mexico, which is 10-0 for the first time since the 1995-96 season.

NO. 20 WISCONSIN 72, MARQUETTE 63

MADISON, Wis. — Jon Leuer scored 24 points to lead Wisconsin over its in-state rival.

It was career victory No. 200 at Wisconsin for Bo Ryan and the second straight big scoring performance by Leuer for the Badgers (7-2).

NO. 25 MISSISSIPPI 83, MCNEESE ST. 67

OXFORD, Miss. — Chris Warren scored 20 points and Eniel Polynice had all 12 points and four steals over the final 10 minutes of the game to rally Mississippi.

— The Associated Press

Women

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Twin Falls last month, Salt Lake star Haley Holmstead was held to 17 points. She scored nine of those in the final six minutes and gave the Bruins their first lead of the game at 60-58 on a pair of free throws with 1:32 remaining.

Trailing 63-60, Lockett missed potentially game-tying 3-pointer with 12 seconds left and three free throws by Allie Blake kept the Eagles at bay.

Blake had 13 for Salt Lake (13-1, 6-0) and Dayna Burgess added 10.

"They're a good team," said Lockett, "and they did a good job putting pressure on us. Hopefully our team can learn from this and not make the same mistakes again."

The Eagles jumped to an 11-4 lead. The Bruins closed to within 12-10 before CSI caught fire. Consecutive treys by Lockett, followed by a triple from Devan Matkin, spurred a 30-8 run for a 42-18 lead. But the Bruins scored the

final seven points of the half.

CSI led 50-33 in the second half before Adams and Mina Jovanovic combined for nine points in an 11-0 Salt Lake run to close the gap.

Despite the loss, the Eagles came away knowing they can play with and beat the Bruins when they meet again.

"We get them two more times," said Nichols. "We're excited. We're getting better."

CSI is off until traveling to Arizona for the Scottsdale Community College Tournament, beginning Dec. 29. The Eagles open against Wisconsin's Madison Area Technical College.

No. 2 Salt Lake CC 66, CSI 62

Felicity Jones 27 0-0 4, Kalika Tullock 15 0-0 2, Shauneice Samms 4-9 4-6 12, Daidra Brown 3-11 1-2 9, Laurel Kearsley 3-6 3-4 11, Kiki Lockett 8-15 0-2 19, Devan Matkin 1-2 0-0 3, Maddy Plunkett 2-5 0-0 4, Totals 24-60 8-14 62.

SALT LAKE CC (66) Haley Holmstead 5-11 7-8 17, Dayna Burgess 4-6 2-3 10, Sheila Adams 3-6 0-0 7, Kelsey Sparkman 0-2 2-22, Allie Blake 5-9 3-5 13, Erin Rockwood 2-4 5-5 9, Mina Jovanovic 2-3 2-3 6, Marci Gray 1-4 0-0 2, Amie Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Jami Mokofisi 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 22-45 21-26 66. Halftime: CSI 42, SLCC 25. 3-point goals: CSI 6-18 (Jones 0-4, Brown 2-5, Lockett 3-6, Matkin 1-2, Plunkett 0-1); SLCC 1-5 (Holmstead 0-1, Adams 1-3, Rockwood 0-1). Rebounds: CSI 37 (Samms, Kearsley 11); SLCC 28 (Blake 8). Assists: CSI 10 (Brown 4); SLCC 13 (three with 3). Turnovers: CSI 14; SLCC 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CSI

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Carrick Felix netted 19 to pace CSI, while Antonio Owens had 12. Josten Thomas added 10 points and eight boards.

CSI played last 5:53 without starting point guard Pierre Jackson, who took a hard hit to head and was bleeding over his right eye. He returned to the bench, but suffered from blurred vision and couldn't return. Jackson had five of CSI's six assists in the game and the Eagles clearly missed his play-making ability in the late going.

"It was very unfortunate," Gosar said of Jackson's injury. "Any time you lose your starting point guard down the stretch, it hurts. But D.J. came in a played his butt off.

"That was just a little bit of bad luck, but we have to find a way to overcome that."

Facing their biggest deficit of the night at 40-33, CSI ripped

off an 8-0 run to take the lead as Jackson scored four straight and assisted on alley-oop slam to Felix. After taking their largest lead at 56-50, the Eagles surrendered a 7-0 spurt to the Bruins to set up a thrilling final stretch with multiple lead changes.

Just as in their earlier loss to Salt Lake, the Eagles gave up some key offensive rebounds late, allowing the Bruins second-chance points, including a Hayward-Mayhew layup that gave Salt Lake the lead for good at 60-59.

"We're finding ways to lose. ... We're playing great defense, we're just not finishing the stop completely," said Gosar.

CSI steps out of league play to take part in the Desert Sun Classic in Las Vegas this Saturday and Sunday, opening against Monroe (N.Y.) College on Saturday. The Eagles will

face either Midland (Texas) College or Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College on Sunday.

Notes: CSI went 22-for-49 from the field to Salt Lake's 23 of 49. CSI hit 17 of 24 free throws, while Salt Lake went 16 of 26. Both teams had 20 fouls. ... North Idaho College (11-2, 4-2 SWAC) edged Snow College (4-8, 1-5) Saturday to stay in a tie with Salt Lake for second place behind SWAC leader Eastern Utah.

Salt Lake CC 66, CSI 62

Antonio Owens 5-12 2-2 12, Pierre Jackson 3-8 0-0 6, Carrick Felix 4-9 11-13 19, Josten Thomas 4-10 1-4 10, Romario Souza 3-6 2-2 8, DJ Stennis 0-1 0-0 0, Charles Odum 1-1 2-4, Bygones D'ou 1-1 0-1 2, Christian Parker 0-0 0-0 0, Kenny Buckner 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 22-49 17-24 63.

SALT LAKE CC (66) Darian Norris 2-3 0-0 6, Will Carter 4-6 0-2 8, Jake Dasturp 2-6 5-6 11, Sol Jensen 4-9 0-1 8, Collin Chiverton 2-5 0-2 4, Craig Cusick 0-3 4-4 4, John Hayward-Mayhew 7-10 5-7 19, Halfean Wilcox 0-0 0-0 0, Tommy Barrett 0-1 1-2 1, Krispin Banks 2-4 1-2 5, Totals 23-49 16-26 66. Halftime: Salt Lake 34, CSI 31. 3-point goals: CSI 2-10 (Owens 0-3, Jackson 0-3, Thomas 1-2, Stennis 0-1, Odum 1-1); Salt Lake 4-7 (Norris 2-2, Dasturp 2-3, Cusick 0-2). Rebounds: CSI 32 (Thomas 8); Salt Lake 33 (Hayward-Mayhew 8). Assists: CSI 6 (Jackson 5); Salt Lake 15 (three with 3). Turnovers: CSI 18; Salt Lake 17. Total fouls: CSI 20; Salt Lake 20. Fouled out: Salt Lake, Carter. Technical fouls: none.

Woods' wife buys island home in Sweden

But will couple be moving there?

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Tiger Woods' wife bought a six-bedroom house on a small island near Stockholm that is reachable only by boat. Stenake Johansson, chairman of the Residential Association on Faglaro island, told the Associated Press on Saturday that Elin

Nordegren became the owner on Dec. 1.

"Elin Nordegren has bought it, but I don't know how much Tiger has signed on to those papers," said Johansson, adding that his organization is still awaiting all the paperwork.

Johansson could not confirm the house's reported price of \$2.2 million and said he didn't know whether



Nordegren

Nordegren and Woods planned to move in.

Woods announced Friday he is taking an indefinite break from golf in an attempt to save his marriage following two weeks of allegations of extramarital affairs.

There have been unconfirmed reports the couple may be headed to Sweden to

escape the worst of the media frenzy. Nordegren's father, radio talk show host Thomas Nordegren, said Saturday he doesn't know if that's true.

"I have no comment to this. I don't know anything, either," he said.

Faglaro is one of the thousands of islands that make up the Stockholm archipelago. The quickest route there is a 45-minute ferry from Vaxholm — considered the main municipality of the

archipelago — where Nordegren grew up.

The island has about 140 properties, mostly summer homes. Only two are used all year, Johansson said.

"But the Faglaro mansion used to be an old farm. It is solid and big and can be used throughout the year," Johansson said.

Nordegren's property is among the biggest on the island. Johansson said negotiations most likely started

shortly after the house was put on the market in August — well before Woods' car crash last month at his Florida home touched off the scandal.

Woods and his wife have been married for five years and have a 2-year-old daughter and a 10-month-old son.

Since turning professional in 1996, Woods has dominated the sport by winning 14 majors and 82 tournaments worldwide.

Navy dominates Army

Midshipmen keep rivalry lopsided in eighth-straight win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Navy has made sports' most patriotic rivalry a lopsided one.

The Mids beat Army 17-3 on Saturday for their eighth straight win in the series. The loss eliminated the Black Knights' shot at playing in their first bowl game since 1996.

The Mids (9-4) already have a postseason date against Missouri in the Texas Bowl on Dec. 31.

Ricky Dobbs ran for a score to set an NCAA single-season record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 24, and threw for a TD to help Navy improve to 54-49-7 overall against Army for its biggest lead in a series that began in 1890.

Navy won the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy, awarded to the team with the best record in games between the three service academies, for a school-record seventh straight year.

Army (5-7) would have played in the EagleBank Bowl with a win. That matchup is now Temple vs. UCLA at RFK Stadium in Washington on Dec. 29.

For the first time in a long while, there was more on the line in an Army-Navy game than bragging rights.

Army blew its chance of marching into a late-December bowl with a series of turnovers and missed field goals.

That was enough for Dobbs and the Mids in their final tuneup for Missouri.

Dobbs threw a 25-yard TD pass to Marcus Curry in the third quarter to give Navy a 7-3 lead. Dobbs' 1-yard scoring run late in the fourth



AP photo

Navy's Ram Vela, center, and Chase Burge, left, celebrate after Vela intercepted an Army pass in the end zone during the second half of Saturday's game in Philadelphia.

made it 17-3 and gave him a whopping 24 rushing scores this season.

Dobbs was tied for rushing TDs by a quarterback with Air Force's Chance Harridge (2002) and Florida's Tim Tebow (2007).

Navy has won a service academy-record 15 consecutive games against Army and Air Force. Navy's last loss to a service academy was against Air Force in 2002.

Dobbs finished with 113 yards rushing.

But this one wasn't a rout like so many of Navy's wins in the series this decade. The Mids outscored the Black Knights 78-3 the last two years, including a 34-0 victory last season.

In front of 69,541 fans at Lincoln Financial Field in the 110th meeting between the two service academies, Army

scored the only points of the first half on Alex Carlton's 23-yard field goal.

The 3-0 halftime lead may not have seen like much to an Army program looking for respectability under first-year coach Rich Ellerson, but it marked:

—the first time Army led at halftime in the series since 2001.

—the first time Navy was shutout in the first half of the series since 1993.

—the first time Army led against Navy since the first quarter of the 2006 game.

The Black Knights should have put more points on the scoreboard. Carlton missed an earlier field-goal attempt, and they had to settle for three after getting just 6 yards following an interception return to the Navy 12.

The Mids took advantage of the opening. Dobbs went over the 1,000-yard rushing mark in the third and became only the third Navy QB to reach that milestone. He found a wide-open Curry for the Mids' first lead, and Joe Buckley tacked on a 36-yard field goal.

Carlton missed another field goal in the fourth and Army lost a fumble.

With cadets and mids standing, bouncing and cheering the entire game, it was clear how much the rivalry means to both sides.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates flipped the coin and team highlights were played to Rocky's "Gonna Fly Now." Billed as "America's Game," fireworks went off as both teams stormed the field waving their school flags during the introductions.

Montana wide receiver Jabin Sambrano (16) catches the winning touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter against Appalachian State defensive back Ed Gainey (28) in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision semifinals in Missoula, Mont., on Saturday.



AP photo

Montana hangs on to reach title game

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Jabin Sambrano caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Andrew Selle with 1:31 left, and Montana survived a last-second rally to beat Appalachian State 24-17 on Saturday and reach the Football Championship Subdivision title game.

Montana (14-0) dealt with frigid temperatures and slippery conditions on a snow-covered field to make the championship game for the second straight year. The Grizzlies will play Villanova on Friday night in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Mountaineers (11-3), making their fifth straight semifinal appearance, had a chance to tie the game after marching downfield in the final minute.

Armanti Edwards hit Brian Quick to convert a fourth-and-10 at the 24-yard line, and two plays later connected with Devon Moore to reach the 3 with 6 seconds left. After calling timeout and misfiring once, Edwards dropped back to pass as time expired.

His throw intended for Quick fell incomplete and Montana players rushed the field.

Montana had used its offense to reach the semifinals, scoring the final 40 points to beat South Dakota State 61-48 in the opening round and then blitzing Stephen F. Austin 51-0.

The Grizzlies turned to their defense this time, holding Appalachian State to its lowest point total of the season. They were helped by 10 penalties that cost the

Mountaineers 77 yards.

Chase Reynolds finished with 193 yards rushing and two touchdowns for Montana, which will be making its seventh trip to the national championship game. The Grizzlies won titles in 1995 and 2001, but lost 24-7 to Richmond in last year's game.

Reynolds gave Montana an early lead with a 39-yard scamper in the first quarter, but Moore answered with a 3-yard run and Jason Vitaris kicked a 46-yard field goal to give Appalachian State a 10-7 lead at halftime.

Reynolds scored again early in the second half, but Appalachian State regained the lead on Moore's second touchdown with 3:52 left in the third quarter.

Brody McKnight tied the game 17-17 with a 32-yard field goal early in the fourth.

Moore finished with 95 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and Edwards was 27 of 53 for 343 yards with an interception in his final game for Appalachian State.

The Mountaineers won three straight national championships from 2005-07, with Edwards guiding them to the last two. But he may best be remembered for leading the small school from Boone, N.C., to a 34-32 upset of then-No. 5 Michigan in Ann Arbor to open the 2007 season.

AP source: Gill offered Kansas job

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Buffalo coach Turner Gill has been offered the same job at Kansas, a person familiar with the search told The Associated Press on Saturday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the school hadn't announced the move.

Gill is 20-30 in four years with the Bulls. There was no indication when a deal with Gill, a former Nebraska quarterback, might be finalized.

Yahoo! Sports reported Gill had agreed to take over for Mark Mangino, who resigned Dec. 3 after a two-

week investigation into his treatment of players. The Lawrence Journal-World and ESPN.com also reported Gill, 47, had accepted the job.

A Kansas spokesman declined to comment on the reports.

Gill's best season at Buffalo was 2008 when the Bulls won the MAC championship and went to their first bowl in half a century.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Gill is best known in the Midwest as a great option quarterback at Nebraska from 1980-83, a time when the Cornhuskers annually pounded a down-

and-out Jayhawk program. During Gill's four years, Nebraska beat Kansas 54-0, 31-15, 52-0 and 67-13.

But without question, the program is much stronger than it was then. Since Mangino took over in 2002, more than \$30 million has been spent upgrading facilities, including an entirely new football complex with new weight rooms, training rooms and locker rooms. Plus, new practice fields have been added adjacent to Memorial Stadium and a project is planned to build luxury suites atop the east side of the stadium.

Mangino, who was mak-

ing about \$2.2 million when he resigned, was the consensus national coach of the year in 2007 after taking the Jayhawks to a 12-1 record and victory in the Orange Bowl.

The greatest season in school history was followed by an eight-win season in 2008 and a second consecutive bowl victory, another first for the Jayhawks.

But after starting this year 5-0, Mangino's Jayhawks went into an 0-7 tailspin. With two games left, athletic director Lew Perkins ordered an internal investigation into his treatment of players.

Heisman

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Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, who won the Heisman two years ago, was fifth.

Clemson running back C.J. Spiller and Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore, who were not invited to New York, were sixth and seventh, respectively.

The previous closest vote in Heisman history came in 1985, when Auburn's Bo Jackson beat Iowa quarterback Chuck Jackson by 45 points.

Ingram won four of the six regions. Gerhart took the far west and Suh won the southwest.

Ingram has been the backbone of Alabama's offense all season, rushing for a school-record 1,542 yards,

gaining 6.2 yards per carry and scoring 18 touchdowns.

And in his final chance to make a case for the Heisman, facing Florida's then-top-ranked defense, Ingram ran for 113 yards and scored three touchdowns to punctuate his season.

The win sent the top-ranked Crimson Tide to the BCS national title game against McCoy and No. 2 Texas on Jan. 7 at the Rose Bowl.

Ingram is the third consecutive sophomore to win the Heisman as Tebow became the first in 2007 and he will be the sixth winner in the last seven years to go on to play in the BCS national championship game.

Few college football teams can match Alabama's history of success.

The Crimson Tide dominated the Southeastern Conference for decades. With six AP national championships, only Notre Dame and Oklahoma have won more.

But at Alabama, it's a coach who has towered over the program more than any player.

Bear Bryant led some of college football's greatest players — from Joe Namath to John Hannah, Ken Stabler to Ozzie Newsome — but never had a player even finish in the top three of the Heisman voting over his more than three decades at Alabama.

David Palmer, the shifty receiver and return man, was third in the Heisman voting in 1993, the best finish by a Crimson Tide player.

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NFL WEEK 14

Road to perfection

The Indianapolis Colts, who tied the Patriots' NFL record of 21 consecutive regular-season wins from 2006-08, have a chance to own the record outright when they host the Denver Broncos Sunday.



New Orleans at Atlanta
(12-0) (6-6)

A remarkable comeback in Washington allowed Saints keep its perfect season intact. Falcons must find a way to improve offensively.



Detroit at Baltimore
(2-10) (6-6)

If the Ravens are plagued by a handful of pass interference calls against the Lions, it might be time to stop lauding their defense.



Green Bay at Chicago
(8-4) (5-7)

Savior QB Jay Cutler's struggles have been matched by the woes of the rush defense, so look for Green Bay to run as much as possible.



Seattle at Houston
(5-7) (5-7)

Just when the Texans got in position for a surge into the postseason for the first time, they fell apart. The Seahawks have won two straight.



Denver at Indianapolis
(8-4) (12-0)

Colts can clinch AFC home-field advantage for playoffs and set league mark for consecutive regular-season wins. Broncos have control of wild-card race.



Miami at Jacksonville
(6-6) (7-5)

A loss will seriously damage playoffs hopes for one of these teams. This confrontation is vital for Jags with Indy and Patriots ahead on the schedule.



Buffalo at Kansas City
(4-8) (3-9)

Two teams headed nowhere this year, but at least the Chiefs have some direction under the first-year regime of GM Scott Pioli and coach Todd Haley.



Cincinnati at Minnesota
(9-3) (10-2)

Vikings clinch the NFC North with a win and Packer loss. Bengals, the turnaround story of the year, gets the AFC North crown with a victory.



Carolina at New England
(5-7) (7-5)

Not much is going right in Foxborough, with key players even being late to meetings. Carolina figures to start inexperienced Matt Moore at QB.



N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay
(6-6) (1-11)

Jets' QB Mark Sanchez resting aching right knee in hopes he will be healthy the rest of the way. Bucs' D ranks 26th overall and 31st versus the run.



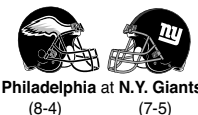
Washington at Oakland
(3-9) (4-8)

Raiders scored three fourth-quarter TDs to shock Steelers 27-24 last week. The Redskins come off perhaps the most disheartening loss of the season.



San Diego at Dallas
(9-3) (8-4)

Chargers can surge into post-season with their eighth straight victory and a combination of losses by other teams. QB Tony Romo is 5-9 in December.



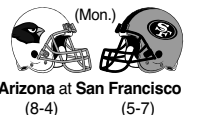
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants
(8-4) (7-5)

Winner will be in strong position for a playoff run. New York used big plays to beat Dallas, but few NFL teams are as capable of long scores as the Eagles.



St. Louis at Tennessee
(1-11) (5-7)

No shame in having their five-game winning string snapped in Indy. Plenty of shame, though, if the Titans can't handle the Rams.



Arizona at San Francisco
(8-4) (5-7)

Arizona can grab division title with a win here. Niners, who have the league's 27th-ranked pass D, do not seem equipped to slow down Kurt Warner.

AP

Different scenarios for 12-0 Colts, Saints

New Orleans still feels pressure from Minnesota

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

The Indianapolis Colts can clinch home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs and set the league mark for consecutive regular-season victories if they beat Denver on Sunday. There's also a chance, if they reach 13-0, the Colts could shut it down a bit as they prepare for the playoffs, perhaps tossing aside a shot at a perfect season.

That's a luxury New Orleans, the other unbeaten team, won't have if it reaches 13 wins Sunday at Atlanta. The Saints are being pressed by Minnesota in the NFC, although they gained some breathing room last week when the Vikings lost and fell to 10-2.

One of the most intriguing developments to watch in December, along with the various playoff pushes, will be how the Colts and Saints handle the chance for a spotless regular season.

"It (16-0) is not that important," Colts coach Jim Caldwell said. "You've seen a lot of great records in the regular season, but the ultimate goal is to win it all. So the regular season really doesn't matter except to get in. Going undefeated in the regular season isn't really that big a priority."

Counters Saints quarterback Drew Brees:

"We're here, aren't we? I mean, who knows if we will ever get this close again. All I'll say is this: You've got an opportunity to make history."

Indy's next three games are against teams in the AFC playoff chase. But once home-field advantage is secured, the pursuit of perfection will take a back seat to seeking a second NFL championship in four seasons.

The Broncos (8-4) have righted things after a four-game slide and have won two in a row to take control of the wild-card race. They also are one game behind San Diego in the AFC West.

New Orleans travels to undermanned Atlanta (6-6), which could be missing its most critical offensive players: RB Michael Turner (ankle) and QB Matt Ryan (toe).

The Saints get Dallas next Saturday night at home in what could be the final real test before the postseason — New Orleans' last two matchups are with Tampa Bay and Carolina.

Also Sunday, it's Cincinnati at Minnesota, San Diego at Dallas, Philadelphia at the New York Giants, Carolina at New England, Miami at Jacksonville, Green Bay at Chicago, Detroit at Baltimore, the New York Jets at Tampa Bay, St. Louis at Tennessee, Seattle at Houston, Washington at Oakland and Buffalo at Kansas City.

On Monday night, Arizona is at San Francisco with a chance to clinch the NFC West.

Week 14 action began Thursday night with Cleveland's 13-6 victory over Pittsburgh.

CINCINNATI (9-3) AT MINNESOTA (10-2)

Most weeks, this would be the marquee matchup and there might even be whispers about a Super Bowl preview. Minnesota

gets a playoff berth if it wins, and clinches the NFC North if it wins and Green Bay loses. Cincinnati, the turnaround story of the year, gets the AFC North crown with a victory.

"At this point in the season, you want to peak," Bengals QB Carson Palmer said. "You want to play your best football in late December and January. We have two big weeks ahead of us with Minnesota and San Diego."

SAN DIEGO (9-3) AT DALLAS (8-4)

Although they can't secure the AFC West this weekend, the Chargers can surge into the post-season with their eighth successive victory and a combination of losses by other teams. Though they lead Denver by only one game, the Chargers have their sights as much on a first-round bye as on holding off the Broncos.

The Cowboys are tied with the Eagles atop the NFC East, with the Giants one game back after they handed Dallas last weekend. And the Cowboys can't look to the recent past for inspiration: quarterback Tony Romo is 5-9 in December.

PHILADELPHIA (8-4) AT NY GIANTS (7-5)

The winner will be in strong position for a playoff run, and the Eagles have taken the last three meetings, including two at the Meadowlands — one a playoff game. Philly expects game-breaking wideout/punt returner DeSean Jackson to return from a concussion, but star RB Brian Westbrook's status is much more sketchy.

New York used big plays to beat Dallas, but few NFL teams are as capable of long scores as the Eagles.

CAROLINA (5-7) AT NEW ENGLAND (7-5)

Not much is going right in Foxborough, with key players even being late to meetings. The Patriots rarely lose two straight, but they have done so and their AFC East lead is down to a game over the Dolphins and Jets. The defense has holes that the offense has not been able to compensate for.

The Panthers have turned over the ball 31 times, and the Patriots are plus-9 in turnover margin. Carolina figures to start inexperienced Matt Moore at quarterback.

MIAMI (6-6) AT JACKSONVILLE (7-5)

A loss will seriously damage the playoff hopes for one of these teams. Although the Jaguars can't win the AFC South, they are a wild-card team right now and this Florida confrontation is vital for them with Indy and New England ahead on the schedule.

The Dolphins started 0-3, but have been one of the AFC's more consistent and best-coached teams since that distressing opening month.

GREEN BAY (8-4) AT CHICAGO (5-7)

The oldest rivalry in the NFL usually has extra meaning to go along with the animosity, but not for the Bears. The struggles of would-be savior QB Jay Cutler have been matched by the woes of the rush defense, so look for Green Bay to run as

much as possible.

Not that having Aaron Rodgers throw is a bad idea, particularly if Packers career receiving leader Donald Driver holds onto the ball. The only reason last Monday night's game with Baltimore was close was because of Driver's problems.

NY JETS (6-6) AT TAMPA BAY (1-11)

New York is shutting down the "Sanchise" this week, letting rookie quarterback Mark Sanchez rest his aching right knee in hopes he will be healthy the rest of the way. Not that there is much to fear from Tampa Bay's defense, which ranks 26th overall and 31st versus the run. That means lots of carries and yards for the underrated — if any athlete in the Big Apple can be called that — Thomas Jones.

DETROIT (2-10) AT BALTIMORE (6-6)

If the Ravens are plagued by a handful of pass interference calls against the Lions, it might be time to stop lauding their defense. With a loss, it will be time to stop considering Baltimore a contender.

ST. LOUIS (1-11) AT TENNESSEE (5-7)

No shame in having their five-game winning string snapped in Indy. Plenty of shame, though, if the Titans can't handle the Rams, which would end chances for a winning season after an 0-6 start.

SEATTLE (5-7) AT HOUSTON (5-7)

Just when the Texans got in position for a surge into the post-season for the first time, they fell apart. Four losses later, coach Gary Kubiak's status is shaky and top running back Steve Slaton is done for the year with a neck injury.

The Seahawks know all about injuries disrupting a season, but they have won two straight.

WASHINGTON (3-9) AT OAKLAND (4-8)

Now that the Raiders own Pennsylvania, having swept the Steelers and Eagles, they can stake a claim to the nation's capital. The Redskins come off perhaps the most disheartening loss of the season, and they placed RB Clinton Portis on injured reserve this week.

BUFFALO (4-8) AT KANSAS CITY (3-9)

Two teams headed nowhere this year, but at least the Chiefs have some direction under the first-year regime of GM Scott Pioli and coach Todd Haley. Buffalo interim coach Perry Fewell probably needs to get the Bills to .500 to have any shot at remaining as the head man. Not likely to happen with the Patriots and Colts still on the schedule.

MONDAY

ARIZONA (8-4) AT SAN FRANCISCO (5-7)

Last year, the Cardinals clinched the NFC West with three games remaining, then went into the tank for the next two. Coach Ken Whisenhunt lambasted them, they got the message and nearly won the Super Bowl.

Arizona can grab the division title with a win in this one, and Whisenhunt will take a repeat of where they wound up in February, if not the same result.

Seeds of Saints' dominance were planted in '06

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — It all began with the hiring of a rookie head coach and the signing of a quarterback with an injured throwing shoulder.

Making Sean Payton and Drew Brees the foundation of the rebuilding Saints may have looked a little risky in 2006, but it started New Orleans on a path from disarray to dominance.

Along the way, there have been a slew of fruitful late-round draft picks and unheralded free-agent signings that have combined to make the Saints what they are — the eighth team in NFL history to start a season 12-0.

"We've got a coaching staff that has a mentality that we're going to bring them guys they can work with and they do a great job of coaching them up and getting the most out of what they have," Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said this week. "Sean has a particular talent of being able to look at someone and say, this guy's got this strength and I can use that."

The Saints, for example, never had to get into a bidding war over 34-year-old safety Darren Sharper or recovering drug abuser Anthony Hargrove. Both signed one-year league minimum contracts with the Saints this year and have played key roles.

Sharper is tied for the NFL lead in interceptions this season with eight, three of which he's returned for scores. Hargrove has become a regular on the defensive line with a few highlights of his own, including a fumble recovery for a touchdown. His three sacks rank second on the team.

They joined a roster where small colleges players that few knew of when they were drafted became immediate starters and eventually household names in the NFL.

They joined a roster with small-college players few had heard of when they were drafted, but who went on to become starters and eventually household names in the NFL.

Marques Colston played for Hofstra, an FCS school that recently announced it will disband its football program. The former seventh-round choice has 854 yards and eight TDs receiving this season, putting him on pace to surpass 1,000 yards receiving for the third time in four years.

Offensive guard Jahri Evans played at Division II Bloomsburg. He has started every game since being drafted in the fourth round in 2006.

Then there were the players that



AP file photo

New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton is shown prior to the start of a Dec. 6 game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md.

Payton kept from the team that had gone 3-13 while displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Right tackle Jon Stinchcomb appeared in only 10 games as a reserve in his first two seasons after being drafted out of Georgia in 2003. He spent 2005 on injured reserve. Payton made him the starter after training camp in 2006, and he's started every game since on an offensive line that has kept Brees among the NFL's least-sacked quarterbacks.

"He had a good picture of what he wanted to create from a core group of guys and then began to supplement in areas each year, just building a program," Stinchcomb said of Payton. "I think he would tell you he based it on good character guys that put team first and that had talent in almost that order."

"It was important for him to start with a guy like Drew Brees who has the highest character. He really embodies the type of player the coach talks about wanting on this team, and you look around this locker room, top to bottom, and that's what he's been able to find."

Given Payton's background as a college quarterback and offensive assistant in the NFL, it made sense that the Saints initially were strongest on offense. Brees proved his doubters wrong and rewarded Payton's faith by fully rehabilitating the torn labrum in his right shoulder. Then, with Payton designing and calling offensive plays, and Brees executing them with precision, the Saints led the NFL in offense in two of their first three years together. This year, New Orleans leads the NFL in offense again.

What the Saints needed was better defense, and they've gotten it with the help of new defensive coordinator Gregg Williams and several new players.

Jozelic

Continued from Sports 1

"My sister played for Twin Falls (High School), and she's an inspiration for me."

Igor also plays football, which worries Enisa despite the fact that she sees him become stronger as the time passes.

"I'm going all the time and watching Igor's basketball games," she said. "He's better every year because he had lots of surgery."

"Sorry, but I must say that I hate football. It's a very hard sport. I go a couple of times and watch Igor's football games, and I'm scared."

Mike Ridgeway, head coach of the Riverhawks basketball team, is impressed by Igor's work ethic and the fact that one could never tell the 5-foot-11 sophomore guard endured so much surgery with the way he plays.

"He's just a hard worker," Ridgeway said. "What he does (in the classroom) carries over to the court and everything he does. I wish all my kids were like him."

Igor would love to spend this year learning the finer details of basketball so he can earn a starting spot next season. He sees plenty of minutes off the bench, but he knows there's a ways to go.

"I'm comfortable playing down low, but I know there's a size difference," said Igor, who has the build but lacks the height for the post, "so I could play a little more perimeter, shooting guard or something. I just have to get my ball handling down a little more."

Once every year or two, Igor makes the trip down to Salt Lake City for a medical evaluation, and



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Igor Jozelic practices Friday at Canyon Ridge High School.

the family is always mindful of their good fortune.

"Who knows if he stayed (in Bosnia and Herzegovina)?" Rudolf said. "Everything crumbled. Who knows what kind of health care he got there? It was the best move for us. It was a mess. It was war. Like every war, it was dirty. Somebody's always going to suffer. We were just one of many families that suffered, but I will tell you that we were very lucky."

And now Igor gets to help a new school start a new tradition just as his family started a new life in America.

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Your Scores

BOWLING

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MEN'S SERIES: Lin Gowan 553, Randy Sunde 474, Joe Harkins 454, James Stewart 451.

MEN'S GAMES: Lin Gowan 205, Randy Sunde 183, Gerald Brant 179, Jams Stewart 173.

LADIES SERIES: Dana Stewart 445, Carla Sunde 412, Robyn Rosson 341, Dana Gowan 340.

LADIES GAMES: Dana Stewart 178, Carla Sunde 155, Tina Lewis 129, Ludy Harkins 124.

MONDAY FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Mike Wratchford 716, Rick Morrow 662, Jim Brawley 634, Dennis Seckel 630.

MEN'S GAMES: Mike Wratchford 258, Rick Morrow 254, Dennis Seckel 235, Jim Brawley 234.

LADIES SERIES: Michele Seckel 567, Stacy Hodges 555, Sylvia Inman 516, Tonia Collins 504.

LADIES GAMES: Bernie Smith 212, Michele Seckel 199, Stacy Hodges 193, Ruth Stimpson 190, RaeNae Reece 190.

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MEN'S SERIES: Darrell Reynolds 651, Donnie Parsons 622, Blake Kondracki 616, Clint Koyle 609.

MEN'S GAMES: Donnie Parsons 244, Darrell Reynolds 226, Kelly Jeroue 226, Blake Kondracki 224.

LADIES SERIES: Jerri Greene 591, Shanon Kondracki 509, Diana Brady 580, Barbara Reynolds 487.

LADIES GAMES: Jerri Greene 226, Diana Barnes 186, Shannon Kondracki 182, Michelle Baughman 182.

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MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 684, Blaine Ross 618, Con Moser 599, Dick DeRoche 568.

MEN'S GAMES: Blaine McAllister 234, Myron Schroeder 233, Dick DeRoche 215, Blaine Ross 213.

LADIES SERIES: Vicki Kiesig 566, Kim Leazer 533, Ada Perrine 531, Bonnie Draper 523.

LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 227, Vicki Kiesig 207, Bonnie Draper 204, Ada Perrine 200.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Gail McAllister 537, Kathy Salisbury 507, Amber Beguhl 496, Billie Mason 484.

GAMES: Gail McAllister 210, Carolyn Hanson 507, Amber Beguhl 496, Billie Mason 484.

C.S.I. TUESDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Jared Studer 569, Case Hruza 554, Paul Young 510, David Walters 444.

MEN'S GAMES: Jared Studer 246, Case Hruza 203, Paul Young 190, David Walters 177.

LADIES SERIES: Kelsie Bryant 518, Rose Hranac 414, Paula Young 383, Melody Hranac 382.

LADIES GAMES: Kelsie Bryant 191, Paula Young 158, Rose Hranac 156, Erlene Huston 153.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Lisa Allen 582, Barb Aslett 552, Kristy Rodriguez 530, Charlene Anderson 506.

GAMES: Lisa Allen 224, Barb Aslett 214, Charlene Anderson 193, Kristy Rodriguez 183.

MEN'S CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Jon Powluis 699, Tony Cowan 652, Nate Jones 645, Doug DeRuiter 644.

GAMES: Jon Powluis 279, Nick Parsons 258, Tony Everts 256, Nate Jones 247.

TUESDAY MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 662, Tyler Black 548, Joe Campbell 524, Cody Worden 477.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 247, Joe Campbell 227, Tyler Black 213, Cody Worden 184.

GIRLS' SERIES: Koti Jo Moses 470, Miranda Curtis 437, Brooke Newlan 391, Megan McAllister 384.

GIRLS' GAMES: Koti Jo Moses 170, Brooke Newlan 167, Miranda Curtis 162, Megan McAllister 149.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 580, Ed Dutry 527, Darryl Cameron 508, Bob McClain 505.

MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 218, Ed Dutry 194, Bob McClain 185, Darryl Cameron 183.

LADIES SERIES: Jean McGuire 468, Barbara Frith 461, LaVona Young 449, Shirley Kunsman 448.

LADIES GAMES: LaVona Young 184, Shirley Kunsman 179, Linda Vining 178, Barbara Frith 176, Jean McGuire 176.

LADIES CLASSIC

SERIES: Barb Reynolds 569, Georgia Randall 531, Diana Brady 535, Kay Puschel 520.

GAMES: Barb Reynolds 246, Georgia Randall 214, Diana Brady 209, Dani Bruns 194.

SOMETHING ELSE

MEN'S SERIES: Randy Gentry 619, Steve Gentry 601, Chad Kepner 523.

MEN'S GAMES: Steve Gentry 223, Randy Gentry 216, Mark Warren 189, Dave Gorly 187.

LADIES SERIES: Nicole Rasmussen 451, Penny Thaete 447, Susan Kepner 444, Kim Ward 442.

LADIES GAMES: Nicole Rasmussen 172, Kim Ward 167, Susan Kepner 162, Penny Thaete 154.

SUNSET

SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 575, Gail Cederlund 552, Sylvia Inman 534, Stephanie Evans 527, Michele

Seckel 527.

GAMES: Melody Hranac 224, Kim Leazer 202, Crystal Shull 202, Michele Seckel 200.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Clayne Williams 579, Myron Schroeder 570, Ed Dutry 560, Bill Boren 539.

MEN'S GAMES: Clayne Williams 243, Myron Schroeder 209, Bill Boren 203, Bob Chalfant 192.

LADIES SERIES: Jean McGuire 538, Linda Vining 517, Bonnie Draper 502, Gloria Rudolph 473.

LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 235, Bonnie Draper 193, Jean McGuire 187, J.C. Magee 178.

C.S.I. FRIDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Guy Keegan 414, Vincent Orr 384, Jacob Monasterio 375, Rado Kulasavic 3w43.

MEN'S GAMES: Jacob Monasterio 162, Guy Keegan 150, Vincent Orr 148, Rado Kul asavic 138.

LADIES SERIES: Rachelle Powell 352, Ashlie Gorton 314, Brianna Loftus 313, Pachina Waite 287.

LADIES GAMES: Rachelle Powell 137, Pachina Waite 122, Brianna Loftus 116, Ashlie Gorton 112.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Jackie Boyd 463, Deanna Heil 462, Hilarie Smith 422, Beth Mason 396.

GAMES: Deanna Heil 169, Jackie Boyd 165, Hilarie Smith 161, Janina Webb 161.

MOOSE

SERIES: Cobey Magee 734, Tony Cowan 679, Nate Jones 675, Bob Leazer 655.

GAMES: Cobey Magee 277, Don West 257, Rod Sorenson 255, Jim Sorenson 248.

PEEWEE & BUMPER

SERIES: Lindsay Beem 175, Riley Magee 156, Ravyn Barela 154.

GAMES: Lindsay Beem 101, Riley Magee 90, Ravyn Barela 77.

GIANTS

BOYS' SERIES: Jayson Makay 466, Joe Campbell 441, Ryan Guitierrez 403, Matt Thrall 398.

BOYS' GAMES: Jayson Makay 172, Joe Campbell 168, Matt Thrall 167, Oliver Cook 163.

GIRLS' SERIES: Brooke Newlan 427, Ashley Etters 375, Shelbi Waters 319, Alexis Ybarra 318.

GIRLS' GAMES: Brooke Newlan 154, Shelbi Waters 138, Ashley Etters 129, Cheyenne Uker 118.

SUNSET LANES, BUHL SUNSET SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Gene Schroeder 560, John Haxby 547, Ron Fugate 539, Ed Hanna 518.

MEN'S GAMES: John Haxby 214, Gene Schroeder 213, Ron Fugate 211, Ed Hanna 200.

LADIES SERIES: Dixie Schroeder 409, Camille Zach 402, Bonne Sligar 402, Elda Huff 358.

LADIES GAMES: Bonne Sligar 162, Camille Zach 154, Dixie Schroeder 151, Carol Ruhter 132.

MONDAY YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Derek Webb 389, Bradley Webb 205, Chris Thompson 299, Devin Dias 280.

BOYS' GAMES: Derek Webb 159, Bradley Webb 128, Chris Thompson 107, David Dias 99.

GIRLS' SERIES: Alexis Breck 257, Sarah Thompson 244, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 233, Amanda DeWitt 176.

GIRLS' GAMES: Alexis Breck 109, Amanda DeWitt 98, Sarah Thompson 88, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 85.

LUCKY STRIKERS

SERIES: Mandi Olson 591, Darla McCallister 513, Carma Sobotka 502, June Sherrell 481.

GAMES: Mandi Olson 220, Darla McCallister 195, June Sherrell 184, Debbie Graham 179.

PINBUSTERS

SERIES: Bob Wagner 695, Cortlin Runyan 679, Tom Lyon 618, Dirk McCallister 601.

GAMES: Cortlin Runyan 276, Bob Wagner 237, Bob Bohm 137, Tom Lyon 235.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: Vance Mason 675, Rick Frederiksen 614, David Holley 603, RD Adema 602.

MEN'S GAMES: Vance Mason 247, David Holley 242, RD Adema 240, Rick Frederiksen 240.

LADIES SERIES: Ida Countryman 552, Stephanie Evans 545, Margie Adema 544, Tami Craig 486.

LADIES GAMES: Shanda Pickett 208, Margie Adema 204, Stephanie Evans 199, Kim Dreisigacker 192.

COMMERCIAL

SERIES: Tad Capurro 730, Kyle Mason 662, Joe McClure 607, Tony Brass 603.

GAMES: Tad Capurro 258, Joe McClure 254, Tony Brass 250, Kyle Mason 245.

VALLEY

SERIES: Cobey Magee 672, Tad Capurro 650, Kyle Mason 641, Kent Stowe 640.

GAMES: Cobey Magee 267, Kent Stowe 263, Keith Kelly 239, Cory Moore 235.

FIFTY PLUS

MEN'S SERIES: Charles Lewis 587, Jim Brawley 583, John McCandless 575, Bud Whismore 568.

MEN'S GAMES: Felix McLemore 225, Russ Bartlett 220, Charles Lewis 218, Bud Whismore 214.

LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 547, Shirley Kunsman 535, Kathy

McClure 507, Barbara Smith 499.

LADIES GAMES: Shirley Kunsman 211, Linda Vining 208, Kathy McClure 189, Barbara Smith 181.

THURS. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Joe McClure 575, Charles Lewis 540, Matthew White 519, Jonathan Schreurs 516.

MEN'S GAMES: Joe McClure 223, Charles Lewis 215, Dale Rhyne 202, Russ Austin 201, Jonathan Schreurs 201.

LADIES SERIES: Kathy McClure 517, Cheryl Kerr 454, Lori Williamson 443, Nancy Lewis 427.

LADIES GAMES: Kathy McClure 182, Edie Barkley 169, Cheryl Kerr 168, Nancy Lewis 157.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 594, Anthony Vest 594.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 246, Crystal Nutsch 453, Sara Nutsch 326.

GIRLS' GAMES: Crystal Nutsch 190, Sara Nutsch 124.

CANYON RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS' SERIES: Briar Gosnell 358, Briar Gosnell 358.

BOYS' GAMES: Briar Gosnell 125, Brooke Newlan 512.

GIRLS' GAMES: Brooke Newlan 197.

SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS

SERIES: Lori Parish 550, Derry Smith 492, Pat Hicks 483.

GAMES: Lori Parish 212, Derry Smith 189, Pat Hicks 188.

LADIES TRIOS

SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 677, Annette Hirsch 660, Stephanie Long 516.

GAMES: Tiffinay Hager 247, Annette Hirsch 235, Linda Long 198.

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO

SERIES: Bob Bywater 893, Larry Christensen 862, Delbert Bennett 811.

GAMES: Bob Bywater 237, Rusty Holm 232, Justin Studer 224.

TUESDAY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Rick Hieb 708, Bob Bywater 703, Byron Hager 626.

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Bywater 247, Claqvell Godfrey 243, Byron Hager 238.

LADIES SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 568, Janet Grant 550, Stacy Hieb 529.

LADIES GAMES: Janet Grant 232, Tiffinay Hager 204, Stacy Hieb 194.

RAILROADERS

SERIES: Anna Rose 599, Tammy Rains 567, Kym Son 536.

GAMES: Anna Rose 234, Shannon Deleon 216, Kym Son 200.

TUESDAY TEENS

BOYS' SERIES: Andrew Morgan 506, Brody Albertson 173, Kaden Black 113.

BOYS' GAMES: Andrew Morgan 180, Brody Albertson 173, Kaden Black 113.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 526, Rachel Watson 382.

GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 210, Rachel Watson 169.

BURLEY HIGH

BOYS' SERIES: Daniel Posada 435, Cory Anderson 41, Teagen 380.

BOYS' GAMES: Daniel Posada 174, Cory Anderson 157, Luis Novoa 152.

GIRLS' SERIES: Courtney Yoshida 513, Bethany Adams 426, Sydnie Kock 384.

GIRLS' GAMES: Courtney Yoshida 204, Bethany Adams 159, Sydnie Kock 145.

WEDNESDAY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 713, Jordan Parish 677, Justin Studer 672.

MEN'S GAMES: Jordan Parish 289, Tyson Hirsch 267, Justin Studer 259.

LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 536, Bobbi Crow 429, Susan Fowler 395.

LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 199, Susan Fowler 156, Alexis Bell 149.

THURS. MORN. DBLS.

SERIES: Derry Smith 574, Deon Fassett 535, Kym Son 513.

GAMES: Derry Smith 194, Jamie Stewart 186, Deon Fassett 182.

HOUSEWIVES

SERIES: Sharon Rathe 519, Bonnie Murphy 507, Kristie Johnston 505.

GAMES: Sharon Rathe 204, Pat Kicks 191, Bonnie Murphy 189.

MAJOR

SERIES: Bob Bywater 707, Jonny Amen 675, Steve Studer 669.

GAMES: Chris Warr 277, Bob Bywater 268, Byron Hager 266.

PINHEADS

BOYS' SERIES: Brody Albertson 620, Anthony Meyer 574, Andrew Morgan 542.

BOYS' GAMES: Brody Albertson 242, Anthony Meyer 206, Andrew Morgan 191.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 561, Kiara Hieb 470, Abrina Blount 432.

GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 211, Kiara Hieb 179, Abrina Blount 161.

MINICO HIGH

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Meyer 574, Shane Amen 481, Kolby Widmier 371.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Meyer 225, Shane Amen 168, Cody White 151.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 561, Caitlyn Schafer 497, Jessica Hodge 395.

MARTIAL ARTS



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Black belts testing

Pil Sung Martial Arts held black belt testing Nov. 7 in Twin Falls. Pictured, from left, are Master Bill Fulcher, who midtermed for his 6th degree; Ray Farnsworth, who tested for his 4th degree blackbelt; Shaela Richards and Jessica Woodward, who both midtermed for their 3rd degree; and Chief Master Jay Hartwell.



Pil Sung testing

Pil Sung's Martial Arts held advancement testing Nov. 21. Passing his 1st degree black belt test was Chuck Duppong (back center). Paul Pugh (front row) tested for his Little Tiger Blackbelt. Pictured with Duppong and Pugh are Chief Master Jay Hartwell, left, and Master Bill Fulcher.

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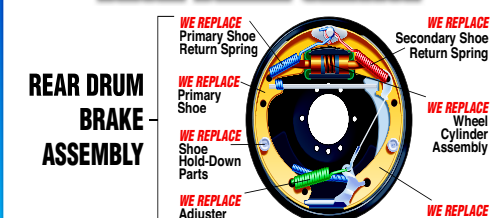
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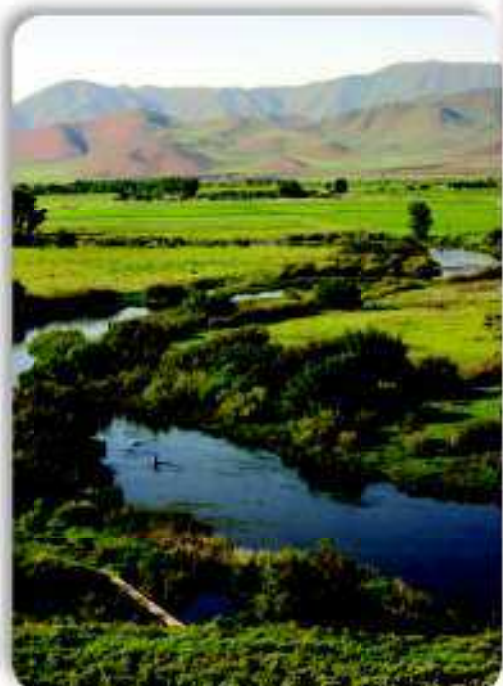


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By Joon Pahk

- ACROSS**
- Archie Bunker oath
 - Spice (up)
 - Refracting device
 - Fashions
 - Mercury or Saturn
 - __ fixer
 - Soprano Mitchell
 - Last Olds model
 - Sharp rock used by early hominids?
 - One paid to make hoops, briefly
 - Get rolling
 - __ paradoxes
 - Refinement
 - Fields of study
 - It might be given orally
 - Choose Mounds over Almond Joy?
 - Cavs, on scoreboards
 - Former Giants manager
 - Prone to prying
 - Rained out, e.g.: Abbr.
 - Not gun-shy?
 - Scary movie reaction
 - West Coast wine valley
 - Like the elbow of Rodin's "The Thinker"?
 - "The Kitchen God's Wife" novelist
 - Box
 - Perfumer Chanel
 - Singer Vannelli
 - Reproductive cells
 - Vino __: dry wine
 - Capital of Pakistan's Punjab province
 - Earth tones
 - Anti-park service career advice?
 - Monarch's spouse
 - 1980s timekeeping tad
 - Omnia vincit __
 - Prefix with fauna
 - Speak hoarsely
 - Briny greeting
 - Ocho minus uno
 - Wet floor?
 - According to predictions in the show "Medium"?
 - Bald eagle relative
 - Went two ways
 - Lasso
 - "That's right," quaintly
 - MBA subject
 - Language that gave us "khaki"
 - "M*A*S*H" NCO

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- Ethan Frome's sickly wife
- And
- "You eediot!" speaker of cartoons
- Electrified particle
- Scornful look
- 4 Seasons hit of 1963
- Tropical fruits
- Capital west of Boston, MA
- Reeves of "Speed"
- Upright
- Tender spots
- Shackle
- It's up the coast from Napoli
- Bloated condition?
- Convergence points
- Boondocks
- possessive
- Afore
- Source of some '60s trips
- 101-Across's subordinates: Abbr.
- Studied in detail
- Extremely unforgetting
- Richie's dad, to the Forz
- African virus
- Joltless joes?
- Silly Putty holder
- Teammate of LeBron
- Vocalist who gave his farewell performance at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin
- Santa __: offshore winds
- Jackets facetiously called bum-freezers
- Not at all
- Big name in showerheads
- Leb. neighbor
- __ pro nobis
- Pave over
- Artist who explored infinity in his work
- Marsh of whodunits
- Rent
- Primary author of the Mayflower Compact
- UFO pilots, ostensibly
- More than that
- Docket item
- Guns
- 72, often
- __, verily"
- Drink with a Real Fact on each bottle cap
- Some women's mag photos
- Arctic seabird
- Common office plant
- Uneven?
- And so forth: Abbr.
- Like a road section with a flagger, maybe
- Neologized
- Sen. McCain's alma mater
- Not of the clergy
- Frankfurt's state
- 1935 Nobelist
- Joliot-Curie
- Word with basin or flat
- Dieter's breakfast
- Curly-haired pantomimist
- Paste on
- Dealer's offering
- Kirkuk native
- Refuel
- Spanish pronoun
- Procedure part
- Calculator display, briefly
- Moo __ pork
- Dashed

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Living Dangerously, Charleston, S.C.

ANSWER: The question of whether more slams are let through by cashing an ace unwisely as opposed to not cashing an ace is such a vexed one that many partnerships have split up over it. My view is not to lead an ace unless the auction sounds so strong that I imagine my tricks may go away. And when I have a sequence, I normally would lead that instead.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Playing rubber bridge, I held ♠ —, ♥ K-J-10-9-7-5-3, ♦ A-K-J-7-3, ♣ 10. My RHO opened four spades, I doubled, and, alas, all passed. They made 12 tricks. What call should I have made? My partner assumed I was doubling for penalty. She held four diamonds to the queen, and five diamonds would have been a good sacrifice.
Hidden Treasure, Dallas, Texas

ANSWER: I prefer to use the double for takeout. Partner removes with shape or values, but can pass with a flat weak hand. When you have shape, you should bid your long suit at an appropriate level, or make a two-suited takeout bid. Most people play a bid of four no-trump here as a two-suited takeout, and that action would get you to a diamond contract. Equally, with 7-5 shape you might just bid hearts and not worry about the second suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
My LHO opened the bidding and my RHO now jumped to two spades to show a weak hand and a long suit. I doubled and the next two hands passed. My RHO was thinking of bidding when his partner jocularly asked him if he knew that two spades doubled was game. Was this appropriate — and, by the way, wasn't my double for takeout, not penalties?
Innocent Bystander, Macon, Ga.

ANSWER: It is worse than inappropriate — it is wholly wrong for LHO to suggest to his partner to pass when he may have been about to bid. That would be considered a very grave offense at high levels of the game. Your double sounds like takeout to me. (Most players believe that at your first turn to speak, a double of any contract except no-trump is for takeout.) Even doubles at your second turn will be takeout if facing a passed partner, or if the opponents have announced a fit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Say you deal yourself ♠ A-9-3, ♥ A-Q-3-2, ♦ K-Q-7-3-2, ♣ 10. If you open one diamond and hear a response of one spade, what options would you consider sensible?
Chunky Monkey, West Palm Beach, Fla.

ANSWER: You have a good but not great hand, nearly good enough for a reverse to two hearts because of the spade fit, but not quite. Give yourself the diamond jack instead of a small one and you'd do that. Since you cannot repeat diamonds or bid no-trump, you're left with a slightly inelegant raise to two spades. You are a little too strong but have only three trumps — on balance, it is about right.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I follow your column every day in "The Gazette" in Montreal. What are the sources for the quotations that precede the analyses? Do you research them yourself or do you have a staff member find them for you?
Marion the Librarian, Montreal

ANSWER: Bartlett's, The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations and the Web suffice. Generally, I have a theme I'm looking for that ties into the deal. Occasionally, when the deal suggests nothing, I go to some bridge collections and browse for something funny, entertaining or thought-provoking.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Owner: Unincorporated Town of Jackpot and Elko County, Nevada

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Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the Unincorporated Town of Jackpot and Elko County, Jackpot Wastewater Treatment Facility Modifications will be received by The County of Elko, State of Nevada at the office of the Elko County Community Development at 155 South 9th Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, until 2:00 p.m. (PST) on January 4, 2010, and then publicly opened and read aloud. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in Jackpot, Nevada on December 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. (PST).

The project includes the construction of a 1,060,000 Gallon Per Day Wastewater Treatment Facility and land application of sludge from the existing primary treatment lagoons. The State Labor Commissioner has assigned Public Works Project Number PWP No. EL-2010-91 to this project. All work shall be in conformance with State of Nevada Administrative Codes and Elko County Standards.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

The Office of the Engineer:
 Stantec Consulting Inc.
 3995 South 700 East, Suite 300
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

or
 The County Offices:
 Elko County Public Works Department
 155 South 9th Street
 Elko, Nevada 89801

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Stantec Consulting Inc located at 3995 South 700 East Salt Lake City, Utah 84107, 801-261-0090 upon payment of \$75.00 for each individual package set (NON-REFUNDABLE) after Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained off The Engineer's ftp site beginning December 8, 2009 after 5:00 pm with no charge.

PUBLISH: December 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2009

IDAHO MOBILITY FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Idaho Transportation Department Division of Public Transportation (PT) in corporation with:

- ◆ Local Mobility Management Networks (LMMN)
- ◆ The District Coordination Councils (DCC)
- ◆ The Interagency Working Group (IWG)
- ◆ The 5 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)
- ◆ The Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC), and
- ◆ The Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI)

ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL AND STATE MOBILITY FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011:

December 14, 2009 applications will be available; plans and materials addressing documented needs and strategies of the various plans are also available on: <http://www.mobilityidaho.org>. See the calendar of events on the website for dates and times for technical assistance to complete the funding applications.

APPLICATIONS DUE ON OR BEFORE:

FEBRUARY 26, 2010 BY 5:00 P.M. MOUNTAIN TIME

MAIL TO:

Idaho Transportation Department Division of Public Transportation
 Attention: GA TEAM
 P O Box 7129
 Boise Idaho 83707-1129

Application received after the due date and time mentioned above WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

To request a hard copy of the material mentioned on the website please call the Division of Public Transportation toll free at (800) 527-7985 or if in the local area (208) 334-8875. Be prepared to provide an e-mail address, mailing address, contact person, and telephone number to send the requested materials. Please refer to the map on the website (find your mobility network) to determine the Local Mobility Management Networks you will need information on for your application(s). Submitted applications will be distributed to the DCCs, and PTAC for review, evaluation and funding recommendation.

Minority organizations are encouraged to apply

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is committed to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related regulation and directives. ITD assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any ITD service, program or activity. The Department also assures that every effort will be made to prevent discrimination through the impacts of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. In addition, the department will take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to services for person with Limited English Proficiency.

PUBLISH: December 13, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HEYBURN CITY
COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Heyburn city Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 28th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heyburn City Council Chambers, Heyburn City Hall, 941 18th Street, Heyburn, Idaho for the purpose of considering the following zoning matters: A Special Use Permit for the operation of an indoor recreational facility and a Variance to Off-Street Parking requirements of the Heyburn City Zoning Ordinance. The applications are for the property located at 1430 17th Street, Heyburn, Idaho and commonly known as the Heyburn North Elementary School.

This property is more specifically described as Lot 40 of the Original City of Heyburn Township, in Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 23 East Boise Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho. The public is invited to attend said hearing and give comment on the proposed zoning matter.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2009
 Paul Aston, Zoning Administrator

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FOUND small brown male dog on 12/04/09 south of Buhl. Mauled by another dog and shot with paint balls. Be advised stable vet bill. Call to identify 208-543-6319.

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DEAR ABBY: For the first time in eight years, my husband and I will be staying in a hotel when we visit his parents for Christmas. While I love his family, their home is small, and we are relegated to a trundle bed and must share the sole bathroom with the entire family. It's impossible for us to be comfortable with so many people in such close quarters. We assumed that sleeping in a nearby hotel and visiting during the days and evenings would be a fair compromise.



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

We were shocked at their reaction when we discussed our plans with the family. They are very hurt about our decision and extremely offended. They are begging us to reconsider and stay in their home.

Are our actions selfish and cold-hearted? We mean no harm, and are so surprised at the strong reaction that we're starting to question our judgment. Should we travel and stay in the hotel, or just scrap the trip altogether?

— STAYING HOME
 NEXT YEAR

DEAR STAYING HOME: No, you, your husband and his parents should discuss this more fully. You didn't mention how many family members will be spending the holidays in that small house. While I sympathize with family traditions, as children grow into adulthood certain realities come into play.

If you prefer to sleep in a hotel and have a private bathroom and the ability to have a private conversation if you wish, I don't think it's too much to ask. But I'd hate to see you cancel a family visit because of the pressure that is being exerted. That's in no one's best interests.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to offer another example of an act of kindness that might be worthy of your column. My youngest daughter and her little girl were traveling across several states after visiting her two brothers, a sister and me.

My daughter had a CB in her car and while she was driving, was talking on and off with different truckers on the road. A car full of young men began to harass her by tailgating, passing her dangerously close, then pulling sharply in front of her and slowing down. Each time she'd manage to pass them, the harassment would begin again.

She related her problem over the CB to a trucker. As if by magic, three trucks appeared! One got behind her, and another maneuvered in front — while a third sort of "nudged" the offending car out of her way, then positioned his rig alongside my daughter's car. Those truckers talked to her the whole time and continued in formation until the men who'd been hassling her gave up and took off.

The truckers continued to maintain contact with my daughter until she reached her exit, and I am deeply grateful to them. Because I never got to thank them personally, I hope they'll read this in your column.

Abby, may God continue to guide you as you strive to assist others, and watch over you always.

— MOM MC C.

IN OHIO

DEAR MOM MC C.: Thank you for the blessing, and for the testimonial that acts of chivalry still occur on our highways. Perhaps your letter will motivate other motorists to watch out for the other guy — or gal, as the case may be.

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**706
Farm/Ranch Supplies**

ALFALFA HAY 4x4x8 bales, 1st crop \$80. 2nd RFV 165 \$100. 3rd RFV 181 \$120/ton. 208-678-3136

**707
Irrigation**

WANTED SIPHON TUBES 1" x 72", 1 1/4" x 72" & 3" or larger. Call Bob 208-312-3746

**709
Hay Grain and Feed**

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ALFALFA HAY 1" cutting, no rain, 2-string, 80 lb. bales, \$3.50/bale. Call 208-309-2453

ALFALFA 1st cutting, no rain, 140 ton 3rd 170 RFV \$110/ton, 100 ton 3rd 155 RFV \$100/ton, 230 ton 1st-late cut still green, \$75/ton. Jerome 208-308-7464

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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 NO RAIN, 3rd cutting, small bales, \$100/ton, straight alfalfa and grass/alfalfa mix. Straw small bales. 208-316-0856

HAY Small 80-90# bales 2nd, 3rd cuttings. 208-324-7171

HAY Small bales about 80 lbs. Sell for \$80/ton or \$3.50/bale. 208-829-5830 or 208-539-4602

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**709
Hay Grain and Feed**

OAT HAY 70 big bales, clean, \$65/ton. Feeder hay 64 big bales, no rain, \$60/ton. Call 208-837-4970

T.S.C Hay Retrieving 100 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

**711
Custom Farm Services**

MANURE HAULING Gooding Green Chop Call 208-751-8057 or 208-934-4730

**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.

**713
Farms/Pasture Rentals**

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. 208-436-3666 or 431-8520

WANTED Farm ground to rent, or sugar beet ground, Jerome area preferred. 324-8790 or 420-6520

**714
Farms Pasture Wanted**

PIVOT PASTURE 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 toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

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Appliances**

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COUCH 8' Loveseat, Coffee & End Tables, 2 Indian style Lamps. Pd \$2,000. Sell as set only. \$500. 208-329-9807

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IF DECEMBER 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: A combination of well-centered inspiration and business savvy can put you well on your way up the ladder of success between now and the end of February. This is a good period of time for vacations and romantic moments, but your career can benefit from your ability to enjoy moments of whimsy, too. April and July are months when you should be feeling on top of the world, but might overestimate your abilities and promise more than you can produce.



ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make the most of your time at the plate. Be patient and wait for the perfect opportunity to hit a home run.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be a team player prepared to play ball. A friend, colleague or loved one may be ready to embark upon a new project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep a cool head. You may be surrounded by chaos late in the week but can ride out the storm by being the voice of reason.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stay apprised of what's happening in the world. A sound knowledge of current events could come in handy during the week ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When you make a decision, stick with it and don't second guess yourself. Prioritize events so that you remain focused.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may try to put you on the spot by twisting your words around or misinterpreting what you say late in the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The wheel of fortune may spin in your favor. The financial advantage may be in your hands, regarding either earning or spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't jump to conclusions. You might be tempted to make up your mind on an issue before all the facts are revealed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's time to let the old give way to the new. This week you can concentrate on self-improvement and shed nasty old habits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have the perfect solution to someone else's problem but, unless they ask for your advice, meddling may be unwanted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't sweat the small stuff. You may be irritated by the most trivial of matters during the last half of the week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't overanalyze any complicated situation. Surprisingly enough, the most complex problems often have the simplest solutions.

**812
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**813
Jewelry**

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RINGS man's band w/diamonds, \$100, woman's band w/diamonds, \$100. Woman's band \$50, diamond solitaire, \$150, Ruby ring guard, \$150. Call 539-1464.

**814
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SNAPPER Zero Turn mower, 52", 476 hours, \$2500. 208-320-2978

**816
Miscellaneous**

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816 Miscellaneous

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POOL TABLE 7' Fair cond. \$100. Call 208-423-5801

SIG SAUER P226 9mm handgun, like new, \$800/offer. Diamond stud earrings w/box, \$300/offer. Diamond marquise wedding ring w/engagement, \$1500/offer 329-4162

SNOW BLOWER, Troybilt 8 1/2 HP, brand new, make offer, \$600. 208-490-1914

SNOWBLOWER by Yardman, 9.5hp 26", electric start, single hand operation, 12" impeller, like new, \$650. Call 208-643-6675.

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HARD RED SPRING WHEAT organically grown in Twin Falls for sale, \$55 for 50lb bag. Call Hagerman Manna 731-2225 or 731-1445

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824 Guns & Rifles

BROWNING B-80 auto, Ducks Unlimited special edition plains, built 1983. Now unfired \$1800. Call 208-539-7113

REMINGTON 11-87 20 ga youth model 3', \$450. 670 pump shotgun 3 1/2", pattern master choke, \$350, both like new. 208-921-5673

RUGER Red Label 20 ga shotgun, never been fired, all accessories, \$1270. 208-431-1330

SAVAGE 10XP Package 22-250, with scope, brush camo, new \$500. 208-678-7603.

SAVAGE Model 11 308 accu-trigger box mag, Leopold rings, youth model and New England Firearms, 20 ga, youth. \$650/pair. 326-8682

SKS Yugo full collapsible synthetic stock, 2 clips, \$275. Call 208-308-7505

SMITH & WESSON M&P 15 AR 15, 223, 16" barrel, \$900. 208-431-8154

826 Sporting Equipment

BASKETBALL HOOP free standing new \$140 sale price \$79 weight bottom. Call 208-862-3310

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Filer Fairgrounds MV Flea Market Saturday Dec. 12th 9-5pm, Sunday Dec. 13th 10-4pm. Great buys on unique gifts, awesome vendors, & fabulous new breakfast and lunch counter. Santa is coming Sat. 12-3pm. All types of vendors welcome. Payson Reese Promoter 410-1738

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KEYSTONE '08 Copper Canyon 5' wheel, like new, 35', 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 slides, \$26,900. Call Ross Sales, Trades Welcome. 208-539-1616

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1005 Semis And Heavy Equipment

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BUCKET TRUCK Ford '99 F-350 with 39' working height Varsal, fit man lift, 6.8L, AT, AC, low miles, one owner, fleet maintained, work ready, \$7900. 208-320-4058

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GMC '96 6000 Mechanics Truck. With 1500lb. Ventura hydraulic crane, 366 V-8, Allison AT, low profile tires (13,000 actual miles), like new, 1 owner, \$7900. Call 208-320-4058.

IHC '86 1900 with 7 yard dump bed, DT466 diesel, Allison auto trans, 60,000 actual miles, 1 owner, clean, well maintained, \$6500. Call 208-320-4058.

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	3	2	4	8	5	7	1	6
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4	7	5	9	1	3	2	6	8
6	1	3	8	5	2	4	7	9

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

1005 Semis And Heavy Equipment

AIR COMPRESSOR LeROI 125, CFM trailer mount, 525 actual hrs, one owner. \$3200. 320-4058

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FORD '91 F-600 diesel, Allison service truck, \$6500. 208-731-1657

FORD '96 F-450 SD with utility bed and 12.5 hp air compressor, V8, AT, PS, 21,000 actual miles, one owner, well maintained, immaculate \$8500. Call 208-320-4058

FREIGHTLINER '89 Dump Truck FL120 w/16' round bottom bed, High lift hydraulic rear gate, NTC 850 Cummins diesel, 10 spd, PS, AC, brand new radials, clean lease return, well maintained, \$14,900. 208-320-4058.

FREIGHTLINER FL120 Tractor NTC350 Cummins diesel, 13 spd trans, PS, AC, near new radials, 138,000 actual miles, one owner, clean & fleet maintained, \$9500. 208-320-4058

FUEL TRUCK Ford C 900 with diesel and gas compartments 800 & 400 gallons, hoses & pump. Osha certified, 15,000 actual miles one owner, in new cond. \$9500. Call 320-4058

GMC '89 Topkick with 16 ft. flatbed 3208 Cat. diesel, 5 speed Allison auto trans, 33,000 GVW, new radials 60,000 actual miles one owner, well maintained, \$6900. 208-320-4058

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FORKLIFT Gradall 8000 lb. Reach forklift, Cummins diesel, \$11,500. 208-731-1657

IHC '93 Snow Plow, 4900 w/11' 4 way plow and sander, 8 yd dump bed, DT466 diesel, 582 trans, PS, AC, 1 owner, fleet maintained, no rust, immaculate, \$14,900. 208-320-4058.

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DODGE '06 Mega Cab 2500 4x4, SLT, Home, tow pkg, CD, Stock #6G158912D \$19,999 733-5776

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in Hanover, N.H., received its charter.

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130 lives.

In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation in July 1979.

In 1981, authorities in

1006 Trucks

CHEVY '03 Silverado, loaded, ext. cab, quad steer, 1 of a kind, 56K miles, \$16,500. 208-731-2218



DODGE '09 2500 Quad Cab 4x4 SLT, Cummins, 3 to choose from, \$38,999. 733-5776



DODGE '96 2500 ext. cab, 4x4, V10, running boards, low pkg, Stock# TJ121839D 208-733-5776



FORD '00 F-250 ext. cab, 4x4, V8, AT, AC, PW, tilt, cruise, alloy wheels, 75% radials, high miles but a clean well maintained truck, one owner, \$4500. 208-320-4058



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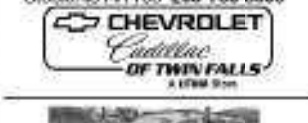
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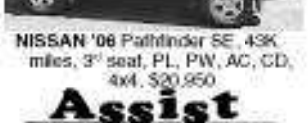
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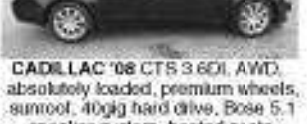
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Dixie Siegel, right, talks about the Christmas book she chose to read for her December book club meeting as Vickie Quinley, second from right, Claire McClure and Edna Kuiken Frank, left, listen. 'I kept thinking it was gonna get better,' says Siegel to the group. She did not recommend the read to the others.

Christmas videowork needs just that ... some real work

Realizing, of course, that almost every household has a video camera, cell phone camera and digital camera, it's probably time we all did some deep introspection about our Christmas camera skills.

My verdict is in, and boy do we stink.

SPLILT MILK

David Cooper



Sentimental value aside, these are the ghosts of Christmas no one wants to see. Technology hasn't made it any better. Whether it's Super 8 mm film or HD video, we tend to think we're imitating the work of Frank Capra, but we end up looking like Frank Zappa and sounding like Frank Oz.

Christmas memories like these should not be so painful. But perhaps it's worth reviewing the do's and don'ts of holiday cinematography. Follow closely and you'll thank me in 20 years.

Production length: If there's any mistake most common, it's the volumes of tape we shoot. This is Christmas, not "Gone with the Wind." When was the last time you spooled through all the Christmas video you've taken over the years?

Unless you're expecting a Shetland pony to jump out from the tree, try not to film every moment, every gift opening, and every child's tantrum. Trust me, less is more.

Wardrobe: Unless you want posterity to see that your kids wear boxer shorts and T-shirts to bed, invest in a solid Christmas morning wardrobe. My wife always insists on the one-gift-for-Christmas-Eve tradition — and it's always pajamas. The wardrobe rule doesn't usually apply to adults, but if your bathrobe is older than 10 years old, it should.

Stay on script: Every Christmas video, there's usually some pained attempt to show gratitude when opening a gift sent by some family member who isn't there. So the gift recipient feels obliged to film the act, and then look into the camera to say, "Thanks Grandma, these socks will fit terrific!"

This is some of the worst acting since Marilyn Monroe died. So save the theatrics and call Grandma afterward. Unless it's the aforementioned Shetland pony, she isn't going to go on YouTube to see your sock soliloquy. And honestly, you're not gonna upload it either.

Lighting: Most kids are up to open gifts around 5:15 a.m. which means you'll need a good flash or back lighting. Back when families used Super 8 cameras, they came with high-beam lights that would actually give children sunburn each Christmas.

Narration: I know it's tempting for every amateur filmmaker to think he or she needs to add commentary while shooting video. But you're only going to earn lots of rolled eyeballs when you watch it again with the family.

Besides, you already look foolish explaining to your wife why the comfortable pants you intended to give her are mistakenly a pair of maternity jeans.

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Try book clubs, an old idea with new trendiness

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

It's been about 17 years since Jeanne Fitzpatrick joined a private book club, and she's still flipping pages with her friends.

But the meetings offer more than insights into authors' psyches and talks of allusion and metaphor.

Fitzpatrick, a Twin Falls native now in Jerome, is one of at least dozens of Magic Valley women (and a handful of men) who participate in book clubs. Although the main purpose of the discussion groups is to chat about litera-

ture, participants like Fitzpatrick find camaraderie along with plot points.

Librarian Jennifer Hills of Twin Falls Public Library said friendships have formed in the library's book club, which meets the second Tuesday of every month. It brings together generations of people who wouldn't otherwise know each other, she said. Most of the monthly readers are women, although men sometimes show up, she said.

Local book clubs have existed for decades, both in public libraries and

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Get the talking started

Want some help planning your book club? Here are some tips from Jennifer Hills of Twin Falls Public Library and Laura Burnett of Jerome Public Library.

- **Keep the group small.** Hills said her best groups are between five and nine people. Any more than that and someone inevitably gets left out of the discussion, while others dominate, she said.
- **Consider a theme.** Burnett said many people gravitate toward groups that only do classic literature, contemporary fiction, mysteries or romances. If you want to explore different genres, though, feel free — Hills' book club members read everything

from graphic novels to memoir.

- **Don't pick divisive books.** Hills stays away from anything by Keith Olbermann and Ann Coulter. Books that encourage political and religious discussion are great, but some books are too polarizing, she said.

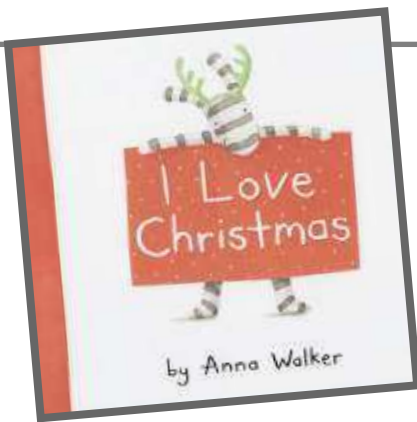
- **Keep an open mind.** One of the best things about book clubs is reading something you wouldn't otherwise pick up, Burnett said. Take suggestions from other members, or take turns picking the monthly books.

- **Need some ideas for books to share?** Visit the library. Both the Twin Falls and Jerome public libraries have book club kits for private clubs.



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WATCH the discussion at a Twin Falls book club meeting, and hear members talk about what they get out of it.



Holiday books for kids put Santa in bunny slippers

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press writer

Hyper young Santa waiters, spinning dreidels and the special sounds of Kwanzaa await parents looking to freshen the holidays with new books for their kids this year.

Among them are noteworthy takes on classic scrooges, prancing reindeer and magical nutcrackers. There's also straight-up accounts of the birth of Jesus and the magnified science of snow.

Consider these:
"Christmas with Rita and Whatsit" (*Chronicle Books*, \$14.99, ages 4-8) by Jean-Philippe Arrou-Vignod and illustrated by Olivier Tallec.

Whatsit, a little dog with a big personality, is getting ready for Santa. So is his feisty little girl, Rita. Dog has a tree adorned with sausage, salami and bologna. Girl goes beyond the traditional Christmas stocking and hauls all her footwear out for treats. Pencil draw-

ings on white with just a splash of holiday red.

"The Sound of Kwanzaa" (*Scholastic*, \$16.99, ages 4-8) by Dimitrea Tokunbo and illustrated by Lisa Cohen.

"Come close, gather 'round. Listen to the sound of Kwanzaa," accompanies the turn of every page as the seven guiding principles of the seven-day celebration are explained. The colors of the candles lit each night and Swahili terminology included, along with Tokunbo's favorite karamu (feast) recipe for brownies to give away with a surprise for each recipient.

"I Love Christmas" (*Simon & Schuster*, \$9.99, ages 2-6) written and illustrated by Anna Walker.

Zebra child Ollie (think stuffed animal come alive) and his dog Fred trim the tree and play Santa and reindeer in the bathtub. Among the things Ollie loves most about Christmas: making glitter stars and doing the dance of a joyful angel. A wonderful low-stress Christmas

Eve. One in a series of simple "I Love" books from Walker.

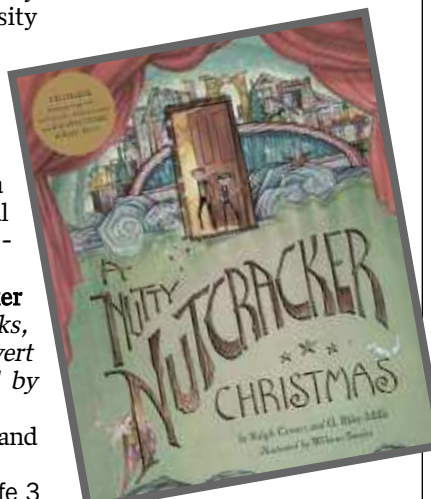
"The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder" (*Chronicle Books*, \$16.99, ages 4-8) by Mark Cassino with Jon Nelson.

A nature photographer (Cassino) and a snow scientist (Nelson) team up to satisfy any young science geek's curiosity about ice crystals. The two begin at the beginning, explaining in text accompanied by fascinating magnified photography exactly how tiny particles of dirt, ash or salt form a speck that starts a snow crystal growing. Not for the uninterested.

"A Nutty Nutcracker Christmas" (*Chronicle Books*, \$18.99, ages 4-8) by Ralph Covert and G. Riley Mills, illustrated by Wilson Swain.

Based on the musical by Mills and

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatballs in marinara sauce
Tuesday: Liver and onions or meatloaf
Wednesday: Christmas dinner: baked ham
Thursday: Beef and noodles
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.
Country Cousins, 12:30 p.m.
Galen Slater, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.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
Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch
Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Basket weaving, 404-6377
Wednesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, 11 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m. to noon
Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
SHIBA, 12:30 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls and sandwiches for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., \$1.50 each
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment
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

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken noodle soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Fish or hamburger

Wednesday: Cook's choice

Thursday: Birthday dinner pork chops

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Jackpot, Nev., trip Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Baked potato
Thursday: Glazed pork chops

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Public bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Cards, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bus to new Jerome Senior Center for lunch, 10:30 a.m., \$3 for bus, \$4 for lunch

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Chili dogs
Friday: Salisbury steak
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.
Foot clinic

Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Bingo, 11:50 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Fish and chips
Tuesday: Corn beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Chicken chow mein
Thursday: Baked pork chops
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Foot clinic, 12:45 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Music by the Fiddlers
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Friday: Soup and salad bar

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: Potato bar
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Country steak
Thursday: Chicken a la king
Friday: Roast beef
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Free massages, 1 to 3 p.m.

SilverSneakers, 5:20 to 6:20 p.m.

Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10 a.m.

Gem State Fiddlers
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Dick and John
Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Thursday: SilverSneakers, 10 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 5:20 to 6:20 p.m.
Free Will Baptist Church potluck, 6 p.m.

Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Kids Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Birthday dinner

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: Baked cheese sandwich, hamburger
Thursday: Creamed chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked ham
Thursday: Tuna sandwich and soup

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Hot roast beef sandwich
Friday: Christmas dinner: baked ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Coffee and quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Heating assistance, 9 a.m. to noon
Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 1 p.m.

Pack Christmas boxes
Saturday: Christmas boxes packed and delivered

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: Goulash
Wednesday: Roast beef
Friday: Pizza
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: Lasagna
Wednesday: Baked potato bar
Thursday: Barbecue pork sandwich
Friday: Roasted chicken
ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Massage therapy, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Senior health care, 11 a.m.
Blaine Manor Tea, 3 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Foot clinic, 9 a.m.
Knitters anonymous, 10:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Little River Preschool
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Arts and crafts, 1 to 2 p.m.
Thursday: Carey's birthday lunch
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Hailey's birthday lunch
Silver Creek High School caroling

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Finger steaks

Tuesday: Pork chops

Wednesday: Chili

Thursday: Lasagna

Friday: Christmas meal

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: 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
Board meeting: election
Friday: Santa with stockings, door prizes and Christmas music during lunch
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Spanish rice
Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Hot beef sandwich
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Beef enchiladas
ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m. (no lunch)
Tuesday: Salmon patty with cheese sauce
Thursday: Meatloaf
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Birthday bingo, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 10 a.m.

Unemployed husbands help at home, but will it last?

Lisa Orkin Emmanuel
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Lily Pabian and her husband, Jeff, learned to tag-team household tasks when he lost his job and she went from stay-at-home mom to part-time consultant.

But the give-and-take turned into a juggling act when Jeff found work again three months later.

Lily, a 37-year-old mother of three from Mapleton, Ga., kept working, but also kept most of the parenting responsibilities and housework. And experts say her experience will probably be typical as more women are finding themselves becoming primary breadwinners temporarily.

"I feel like there are days where I am drowning," Lily Pabian said. "We do fight about my overload, my work load, and he's willing to say 'What can I do to help?' My thing is 'Why do I have to think for you?'"

An estimated 2 million wives are now the sole breadwinners in families across America as more men than women have been laid off in this recession, according to the Center for American Progress.

Experts say that unemployed husbands are prob-

ably taking on more of the housework and child care duties — for now. But they don't expect that temporary change at home to create household habits that will stick around after men find work again.

"When men make more money they can buy out of housework in a way women cannot," said Constance Gager, a sociologist in the Department of Family and Child Studies at Montclair State University.

Gager has studied the division of labor in families and said that while men have taken on more housework and child-rearing over the years, women still do two-thirds of it, including day-to-day tasks like diaper-changing, bathing, preparing meals and shuttling the children to activities. Men, meanwhile, tend to play with children or participate in athletic games.

"It is very much the case that women tend to do urgent tasks that are repetitive," she said.

More than two-thirds of women said they are mostly responsible for taking care of their children, according to a recent poll by The Rockefeller Foundation in partnership with Time magazine for the Center for American Progress and Maria

Shriver. Only 13 percent of men said the same thing.

"I think the complicated question is: Do women want men to take over these burdens? It's also the case that women feel a kind of propriety relationship to those tasks," said Katherine Newman, professor of sociology and public affairs at Princeton University.

That's certainly not lost on Pabian, who describes the problem as twofold.

"I think men don't get it and women don't let go," she said. "I think it's in our nature to multitask. I think it's in our nature to please ... You keep doing it and it becomes routine and the routine becomes just norm. It doesn't upset me. It burns me out."

Linda Stolberg, 46, describes a similar problem. Her husband remains employed, but she took on part-time work last year when his sales commissions dwindled. Although she's working 20 hours a week, she said she gets minimal help cleaning up and caring for her two school-age children.

"I have to ask him and so it's, you constantly feel like you are nagging."

"So you pick and choose your battles. Some things don't get done like they used to," said Stolberg,



AP photo

Peter Worden reads the ingredients on a box as he fixes dinner for his family at their home in Chatham, N.J. After being laid off, Worden began carrying more of the load at home.

from Chicago.

She said it's probably not fair that she bears most of the responsibilities, but she agrees with Gager that her husband's income lets him "buy out" of household tasks. "I cut him a lot of slack," she said.

Newman, the sociologist, notes that there had been a trend of men doing more housework and child care even before the recession. And some families

hope the change will stick.

Take Ann Worden. When her husband, Peter, lost his job in April at a global financial services firm, she took a full-time teaching position. Now, as a fifth-grade teacher, she often comes home tired and hungry to a dinner prepared by Peter and a kitchen table set by her teenage son.

"That to me was the biggest surprise of the

whole experience," Worden, of Chatham, N.J., said of her husband's cooking. "It's made me fall in love with him all over again. I didn't expect that he would step up so much."

Peter said he would continue to help around the house even after he gets a new position.

"I believe it will continue," he said. "I think it will become more of a shared environment."



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Claire McClure, left and Vickie Quinley listen as Edna Kuiken Frank, not pictured, talks about her Christmas read at their Dec. 3 book club meeting at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls.

Holiday

Continued from Family Life 1
Covert of Ralph's World fame. Fritz loses video game privileges for breaking his sister's nutcracker, then defies parental punishment and unlocks a magical world where a stinky cheese-spraying Mouse King is put in his place in a showdown over Toy Town. Nutcracker warrior is a girl!

"Happy Hanukkah, Corduroy" (Penguin, \$5.99, 0-3) boardbook based on a character created by Don Freeman and illustrated by Lisa McCue.

The beloved — and universalist — little bear Corduroy in yarmulke, hosting a Hanukkah party for his friends. He lights the candles and serves latkes in a dreidel-pattern apron. This bear gets around. Books of years past have him celebrating Easter and Christmas.

"A Chanukah Present for ME!" (Scholastic, \$6.99, ages 0-3) boardbook by Lily Karr and illustrated by Jill McDonald.

Packaged in its own attached gift box for added fun and portability. Chanukah from applesauce and latkes to glowing menorahs and presents represented in simple question text. Christmas version also available.

"A Season of Gifts" (Penguin, \$16.99, ages 9-12) by Richard Peck.

Eccentric Mrs. Dowdel is back in a companion to "A Year Down Under" and "A Long Way from Chicago." In small-town, 1958 Illinois, a preacher and his family move in next door. "She was no church woman, and she didn't neighbor, and Christmas was just another day to her." But the Barnharts reap

priceless gifts from the old lady who swats the Fuller Brush man off her sagging porch with a broom.

"The Christmas Magic" (Scholastic, \$16.99, ages 4-8) by Lauren Thompson and illustrated by Jon J Muth.

Deep in the snowy woods, in a cabin with a bright red door, lives Santa (seemingly single) and his reindeer. He's not the usual roly-poly Santa in red suit. He has serious eyes but wears bunny slippers as he prepares toys and polishes his sleigh for the magic of a holiday that sets his white whiskers tingling. Dreamy illustrations from Muth.

"Suzy Goose and the Christmas Star" (Candlewick Press, \$15.99, ages 4-8) written and illustrated by Petr Horacek.

The determined but not so bright Suzy sets out to capture a bright star in the sky for the top of the barnyard Christmas tree. Flying for it lands her splash in water and jumping from a log pile to grab it doesn't work, either. But nature takes over to great honks, hee-haws, moos and oinks of glee.

"The Christmas Baby" (Simon & Schuster, \$15.99, ages 2-5) by Marion Dane Bauer and illustrated by Richard Cowdrey.

Traditionally told Christmas complete with God and mean innkeepers who have no room for the pregnant, donkey-riding Mary. There are shepherds and kings and singing, haloed angels — and a huge party in the stable with talking animals to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and babies everywhere.

More retellings of Christmas classics:

"The Night Before Christmas" (Penguin, \$16.99, ages 4-8) retold

and illustrated by Rachel Isadora.

Santa's got brown skin and snow white dreadlocks in this Africa-set version of the classic Clement C. Moore poem. Cut-paper work that pops.

"The Nutcracker" (Sterling, \$17.95, ages 5-12) retold by John Cech and illustrated by Eric Puybaret.

Lovely, sophisticated story and pictures with text true to E.T.A. Hoffmann's original. Toddler warning: The mice are very realistic looking.

"Disney's A Christmas Carol: The Movie Storybook" (Disney Book Group, \$8.99, ages 10-up) adapted by T.T. Sutherland.

Not-for-the-faint-of-heart adaptation of the new Robert Zemeckis movie.

"The Secret of Santa's Island" (Penguin, \$16.99, ages 4-8) written and illustrated by Steve Breen.

Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the syndicated comic strip "Grand Avenue" shows Santa kicking back in straw hat and flower shirt on his top-secret vacation island. Little boy Sam stows away to see it for himself. Santa hangs 10, and the reindeer take oceanside spa treatments.

"A Christmas Carol" (HarperCollins, \$17.99, ages 5-up) illustrated by Brett Helquist.

Gorgeous illustrations with lots of big, smiling faces among the snarling pre-reborn Scrooge and his visiting ghosts.

"The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" (Scholastic, \$18.99, ages 4-8) illustrated by Gail de Marcken.

Richly detailed art that includes two golden dolphins pulling Marie and the Nutcracker to the city of Sweetmeatburgh.

Clubs

Continued from Family Life 1

out, but many have sprung up since Oprah's Book Club started in 1996. Online resources help people decide which books to use for discussion groups, and Internet versions allow readers to squeeze in literature-talk even if they don't have time for a meeting.

Fitzpatrick said members of her book club were friends before joining, but became much closer after reading and sharing. Over the years, some have died, and others have had family tragedies.

"We were kind of able to relate it to what we were reading," she said.

They also use the book club to learn more about each other and the world around them. When the Iraq War started in 2003, they gathered several stories about that area of the world.

"We were trying to get our hands on everything we could to learn about that culture," Fitzpatrick said.

Through reading, Fitzpatrick learned more about friends she had known all her life. Fitzpatrick grew up with one member's daughter. When they shared views on books they had read, she saw her friend's mom in an entirely new light.

"It was knowing her on a whole different level that was very exciting and interesting," she said.

Another local book club started in memory of a mutual friend who had always wanted to start a reading group, but never got around to it before she died. The women came together about a year ago and have been meeting ever since, said member Dixie Siegel. Members Vickie Quinley and Claire McClure didn't know each other before the club, but now carpool from Jerome to their monthly meetings at a Twin Falls bookstore.

The fostered friendships don't mean the book club members always agree. Hills said there have been polite, but lively, disagreements about books. Viewpoints usually

Readymade book clubs

If you don't feel like planning your own, here are a few library-based, existing book clubs that are always open to new members. Alternatively, try asking around about private book clubs.

• **Buhl Public Library**
215 N. Broadway Ave., 543-6500

Adult book club's next meeting is Jan. 19. Call for times.

• **Burley Public Library**
1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708
Adult book club will start again in January, although times aren't set yet. Call in January for information.

• **Filer Public Library**
219 Main St., 326-4143
Adult book club will start again in January, although times aren't set yet. Call in January for information.

• **Jerome Adult Classics Book Club**
Call library, 324-5427, for location information
Meets at 7 p.m., first Wednesday of the month. Locations vary.

• **Twin Falls Public Library**
201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964
Adult book club meets at 5:30 p.m., second Tuesday of the month.

stick to generational divides, with older readers interpreting the author's words differently than younger readers. Jodi Picoult's "My Sister's Keeper," which tells of a girl whose parents expect her to donate a kidney to her older sister, brought up ethics discussions, with some relating to the character's mother and others disliking her.

Fitzpatrick said disagreements in their book club make the meetings more interesting.

"I think that the idea of agreeing to disagree is huge," Fitzpatrick said.

Even if they don't share philosophies, the bond the readers share adds to the experience of indulging in a good book.

"They are very special people to me," Fitzpatrick said.

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Extracurricular activities: Should kids be forced into them?

By Wendy Donahue
Chicago Tribune

Should parents force kids to pursue activities (music or athletic lessons, for example) in order to learn things that can benefit them?

Parent advice

The lesson is not to do something we hate just to say we did it. I quit clarinet as a kid. Do I regret that? No. I hated the clarinet and I still hate clarinet! But I also joined the track team. I wanted to quit several times because it was hard work. But when I ran, I loved it, and when I won, I loved it even more. The moral of the story is that anything you enjoy doing is worth working hard for.

— Maureen LoBue

We told our kids that when they made a commitment to play an instrument or participate in a sport or take on any extracurricular activity, they had to commit to participate for the run of the activity. So if you wanted to play soccer, you played for the whole season whether you loved it or not. Our commitment was to support the activity whole-hog. If there was an opportunity to get any extra experience, we pushed our kids to go for it. Don't forget volunteer opportunities or student coaching or refereeing. Our kids should know that the activities in which they participate have a purpose in the larger world.

— Sue Schafer

I got some good advice from a mom of a musical

family. She told me not to force my younger children to practice their instruments. Until they are about 10 or 11, just have them go to lessons and practice 5 minutes a day. Once they have some maturity and more ability and desire, then step up the practice. This has worked well for my son, who plays violin. I keep the practice schedule light, and he looks forward to class and, according to his teacher, does really well. He is at the point now where he will practice more than last year because he wants to do well in the class.

— Sharon Brinkman

It is important to balance school, play and rest. Consider adding extracurricular activities in the summertime when students are on break, or sequence the novel activities so that your child can focus on one extracurricular activity at a time during the school year. Also, remember many important life skills we learn come from simply ... playing!

— Paula Glenn

If you had your choice as a child to take "it" or not, what would you choose? Not to take "it." I firmly believe that a child's judgment is not in sync with their future benefits. There are some reasons that we are parents, and one is to guide our children for their future.

— Peggy Mitchell

Expert advice

Experience with the arts, sports and the outdoors can teach social skills, expand attention span, develop a

work ethic and reinforce academics, said Craig Pohlman, a psychologist and author of "How Can My Kid Succeed in School?" (Jossey-Bass, \$19.95). Music classes, for example, often weave in history. Studying a foreign language can bolster English skills too.

"Parents should be transparent with their children about why they are promoting specialty classes," Pohlman said. "Adolescents can appreciate the rationale, especially when it comes via a give-and-take dialogue as opposed to a parent-dominated lecture. Younger

children can also comprehend long-term rationales if they are explained in developmentally appropriate ways."

Finally, make time for your own interests, Pohlman said: "Modeling curiosity and the pursuit of hobbies and affinities sends a message to kids that such activities are important."

WARDING OFF HEALTH TROUBLE

As the diabetes rate rises, this is one statistic to stay out of.

MONDAY IN HEALTHY & FIT

CLEANING CORNER

Question: I wanted to get my carpets looking better before my holiday guests start to arrive. But, stupid me, I've procrastinated too long now to have all my carpets shampooed in time. Is there a quick way to clean up just the worst areas to get me by?
"Got carpet grime, but got no time"

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After they clicked, romance was for real

By Ellen McCarthy
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A recent study by four academics, including professors from Harvard Business School and Duke University, suggests that online dating sites regularly leave users disappointed because they present potential matches as a run-down of characteristics — age, race, religion, income — that in no way embody the full measure of a person.

Vitamins and laundry detergent, they assert, are quantifiable things that can be purchased with reliable satisfaction through the Internet. Romantic partners, however, must be experienced to be properly evaluated, like a restaurant or a perfume.

But the authors don't predict the demise of online dating. They just think singles might be better served looking for love with a little help from their avatars.

That would put Jill Stewman and Algie Bhoomz ahead of the curve.

Stewman and Bhoomz first "met" late last fall on RedLightCenter.com, a virtual-reality site designed to mimic Amsterdam's free-wheeling red-light district.

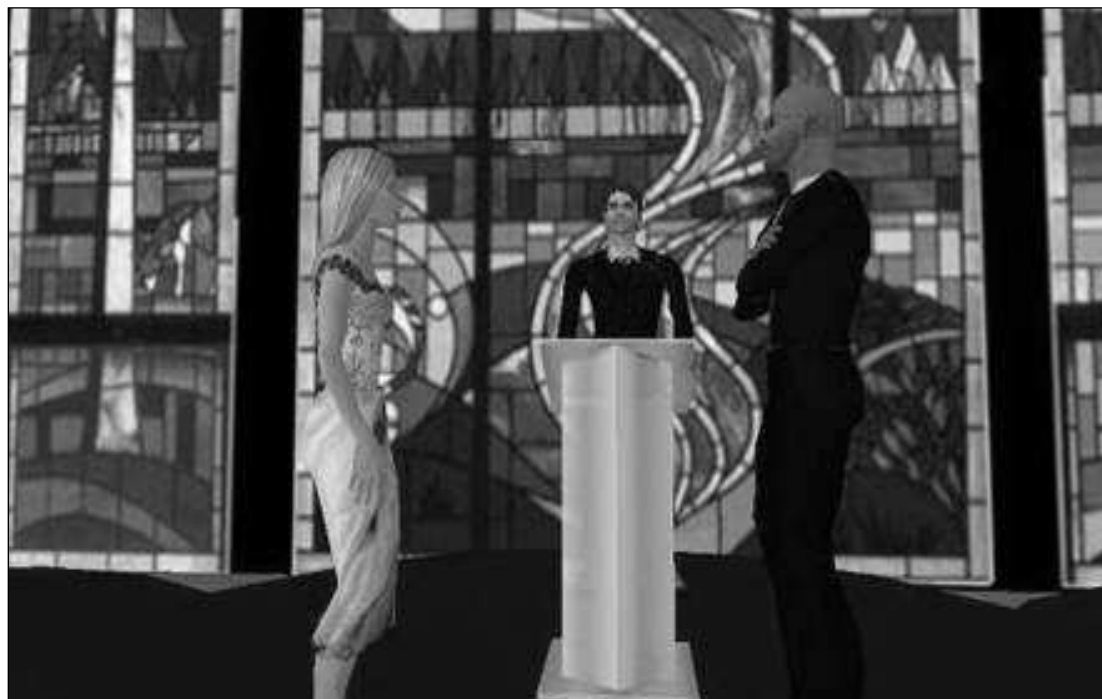
Stewman, 36, was living in Portland, Ore., and, after hearing about the site from friends, logged on to just see what it was. Hours later, she'd built an avatar and begun to explore.

"To me it was really amazing," recalls the marketing professional. "Just being able to walk around — you're this little person and



Jill Stewman, top left, formerly of Portland, Ore., says Algie Bhoomz, top right, from Montclair, N.J., is 'exactly the same person' she met online at RedLightCenter.com, a virtual-reality site. As their friendship blossomed, the two also began talking on the phone and via webcam for long hours. And in March, Stewman's and Bhoomz's avatars were married in an online ceremony, left, witnessed by 60 RedLightCenter.com friends. An additional 20 came to the reception, on a virtual yacht.

Courtesy of Jill Stewman and Algie Bhoomz



everyone's talking. Being able to walk into these rooms and clubs with music and people dancing."

Soon she was visiting the site every day. So was Bhoomz, a 36-year-old customer service representative from Montclair, N.J. Both had virtual flings and

flirtations with other avatars before beginning an online courtship of their own in January.

"We started talking and realized we had a lot in common," Stewman says. They would meet in the online world every night to send their avatars out danc-

ing, chatting, playing games and engaging in virtual intimacies.

The two also began talking on the phone and via webcam for long hours. Because profiles of the people behind the avatars exist on the site, they had seen photos of each other and

knew the basics regarding age, occupation and location.

On March 16 their avatars were married in an online ceremony witnessed by 60 RedLightCenter.com friends. An additional 20 came to the reception, on a virtual yacht.

"We had the whole place sobbing," Bhoomz says.

"Yeah, we wrote our own vows," Stewman adds. "And they were pretty mushy."

Two weeks later, when Stewman's grandmother in Minnesota died, Bhoomz flew out to meet her there.

"It didn't really give me a chance to get really nervous and freak out," Stewman says. "I just went to the airport and got him."

"It was just like it was on the phone or on the game," he says. "We had spent so much time together between the game, Skype, the phone and all that, that we pretty much knew everything about each other."

Stewman says the person she met in real life is "exactly the same person" she met online. On May 15 they finished a cross-country drive to move Stewman to New Jersey, where the two now live together.

Match.com and eHarmony aren't likely to turn themselves into cyber singles-worlds anytime soon, but Stewman's experience does support the academics' claim.

"I think it was easier than going to a dating site and looking at someone's profile and then you e-mail each other back and forth," she says. "The interaction is more there."

Bhoomz doesn't visit RedLightCenter.com much anymore, but Stewman still logs on to talk to friends. These days her virtual life and her real one are both, she reports, "pretty wonderful."

Helping kids deal with a smaller holiday budget

By Wendy Donahue
Chicago Tribune

The budget's small, your children's holiday dreams are big. How do we temper their expectations?

Parent advice

Aside from a beautiful dollhouse my sister and I received one Christmas, I can't remember any of the gifts I got during my childhood. What I do remember are baking cookies while listening to and singing Christmas carols; helping my father string lights and decorate our tree one piece of tinsel at a time; watching "Rudolph," "Frosty" and "The Grinch"; sitting at a long table on Christmas Day amid the boisterous chatter of my 10 brothers and sisters. I would urge families to cultivate some holiday traditions, which over time will become treasured holiday memories.

— Mary Rayis

Ask your kids if they'd rather have one big present or several smaller presents; that way you make them feel like it was their decision. With younger kids, more is always better, so purchase books, CDs, arts and crafts materials and kits, which each are relatively inexpensive. For older kids, try add-ons to last year's expensive gift, such as music downloads, DVDs or clothes/outfits for their American Girl doll.

— Janet Oak

Make sure everyone is getting the same share, and plan activities that include the whole family: ice skating or (a trip to see) the local Christmas tree. Take them somewhere to donate their time or make gifts to send to the troops or children in need.

— Eva Rios

Kids feel our mood. If

you are upset because you can't give them everything they want, they will be upset. So, don't be upset.

— Marie Grass Amenta

Expert advice

Cutting back can be a gift, says Michele Borba, an educational psychologist and author of "The Big Book of Parenting Solutions: 101 Answers to Your Everyday Challenges and Wildest Worries" (Jossey-Bass, 2009).

"The kids learn to appreciate people and the gathering, instead of focusing on store-bought items — usually quickly forgotten — and in the end are less spoiled," she says. Borba offers these tips to keep festivities merry and bright.

Announce your scale-down plan, with specifics, such as fewer gifts for everyone, or a specific money cap. Preface the plan by explaining calmly and briefly that money is tighter this year so everyone will be receiving fewer presents.

"The key is to give your kids a heads-up far enough in advance to keep their expectations in check as the holiday season rolls around," she says.

Suggest handmade instead of store-bought. Specify that a certain number of gifts should be no-cost items.

"Kids can have fun making gift coupons that describe their gift from their heart to a recipient, such as a promise to call Grandma once a week, a pledge to bake cookies for Grandpa or a vow to take out the trash for Mom sans nagging," Borba says. Think one "family gift." Start a tradition: Have your extended family think of one group outing such as going to see "The Nutcracker."

That memory may last far longer than the toys.

Ex-etiquette: Working out a schedule that's good for all

By Jann Blackstone-Ford and Sharyl Jupe
Contra Costa Times

Q: For years, my ex and I got along fine and always put the kids' best interest first. But now she has remarried and her husband has a set visitation and he will not deviate from his schedule, so my ex and I fight about our schedule, which seems ridiculous to me.

A: Many professionals will tell you that decisions for the children should be made exclusively by the parents of those children. While that's true in theory, the reality is that if you are

living with someone else who has children, the rules he or she has already established before you met will be something you must contend with — even if you agree or don't agree with them in principle. That is why we always say it's important to be very clear about boundaries, discipline and schedules before you move in together. Problems that were there before you did so do not miraculously disappear once you make the commitment to share a home. In fact, they only get more irritating!

Jann faced this very problem when she married

Sharyl's ex-husband. They shared the opposite weekends Jann spent with her daughter. The kids wanted to be together, plus Jann and her husband liked having the "free" weekend without children. Jann's ex-husband had his life, too, and he had it organized around the way they had done things for years. It took some negotiation to switch the weekends so that the schedules coincided, but it did work out eventually — although it did cause some heated discussions.

When you face this sort of problem the most important thing is to keep

your frustration and ultimate negotiation away from the kids. It does them no good to know that mom and dad are at odds — even if you are confident that you are right and he or she is wrong, wrong, wrong. Think of this as a problem to solve rather than a problem to fight about. Come to the table with a probable solution. There are three, possibly four adults mentioned in your letter. Surely with that many adult minds thinking in a positive problem solving direction, you can put your own interests aside and find an answer that puts all of the children first.

How to cope with the holiday blues

By Charity Brown
The Washington Post

Tis' the season to be jolly and celebrate with friends and family. But the holiday season also can be a source of blues, especially for older people who miss loved ones and their youth, and worry about their health and money. To help seniors cope, the American Geriatrics Society's Foundation for Health in Aging offers these tips:

If you feel blue:

- **Get out of the house.**
- **Invite** family and friends over or ask them for traveling assistance to parties and events.
- **Volunteer.** Don't concentrate on self, help others. Call local schools or religious centers and ask about volunteer opportunities.
- **Drink** in moderation.

Too much alcohol can lower your spirits.

- **Accept** your feelings and confide in someone. Not everyone feels jolly during the holidays. Talking about your feelings provides more understanding.

If an older loved one has the blues or seems depressed:

- **Invite** him to get-togethers. Consider his needs — dietary and transportation.
- **Lend** a hand. Offer help with shopping and/or preparations in his hosting a get-together.
- **Listen.** Encourage your loved one to talk about how he is feeling and acknowledge his feelings.

If you realize he's depressed, suggest he seek help with a health-care provider. Depression is treatable.

Santa going green

By Charity Brown
The Washington Post

According to the EPA, Americans generate 5 million tons of trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — 25 percent more than a six-week period at any other time of the year. Spread holiday cheer through eco-friendly methods. Jodi Helmer, author of "The Green Year: 365 Small Things You Can Do to Make a Big Difference," offers these tips:

- **Use** eco-friendly packing materials to mail gifts. Mail your holiday gifts in boxes padded with recycled newspaper or the leftover paper in your shredder. You can also use real peanuts and include a note asking the recipient to feed them to the squirrels

once the box is unpacked. Styrofoam accounts for up to 25 percent of the waste in our landfills.

- **Use** gift bags instead of wrapping paper. Once you tear the wrapping paper off of a holiday gift, it ends up in the recycle bin, but gift bags can be used over and over. Look for gift bags made with recycled content, or purchase plain paper bags and decorate them with recycled holiday cards.

- **Buy** a cut Christmas tree. Almost all cut Christmas trees were grown on tree farms, which means that their stock is replenished yearly and forests aren't depleted. Cut trees are a much greener choice than artificial trees, and you can recycle your cut Christmas tree.

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Laura M. Holman

will be celebrating her 90th birthday at an open house held in her honor at the Fellowship Room of the First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Ave. North in Twin Falls. The event will be Dec. 19 from 1-4pm, and all friends and relatives are invited to come celebrate with her. No gifts, please.



AP photo

Baby planner Joelle Gowryluk-Knapp, center, looks over shelves of baby supplies with clients Stacey and Scott Blackmar of Oswego, Ill.

New moms hiring baby planners to help pre-baby

By Caryn Rousseau
Associated Press writer

OSWEGO, Ill. — With twins on the way, Stacey Blackmar and her husband were looking to be prepared first-time parents when they started researching baby products. Instead, they found themselves bewildered with all the choices and information available.

"It was overwhelming. I was looking at strollers," said Blackmar, 31, a high school math teacher who lives in the Chicago suburb of Oswego. "Everybody has different opinions. Then you ask your friends and they have different opinions."

Their solution was to hire Joelle Gowryluk-Knapp, who runs Nest Help, a baby planning service in Chicago. The budding industry helps where a birthing coach or midwife or nanny can't, with services that range from nursery planning and home baby proofing to baby shower planning and shopping for maternity clothes.

Between 60 and 70 baby planners have started offering services in the U.S. in the last few years, said Melissa Moog, president of the National Baby Planner Association.

"We're like wedding planners, but we're helping you prepare for your baby's arrival and all the information and research you have to deal with," said Moog, who runs Portland, Ore.-based itsabell Baby Planners.

The goal is "to basically reduce the overwhelming feelings of stress and save time so you can spend quality time on what mat-

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ters to you," Moog said. "If what's important to you is going to birthing classes instead of doing research on car seats, I can do that for you."

Baby planners will offer researched recommendations on baby products, like strollers and cribs, and make referrals to and do interviews with possible nannies and midwives.

Many clients are busy professional women or pregnant women who live far away from their families, Moog said. Baby planners charge a la carte rates from around \$50 to \$150 an hour or by packages, which can cost several hundred to several thousand dollars, she said.

The Blackmars have hired Gowryluk-Knapp to plan their baby registries, help set up their nursery and choose products that will make their home environmentally friendly before the babies arrive next summer. Gowryluk-Knapp researches products and notes features that will fit her clients' lifestyles. For example, she recommends the Blackmars buy a stroller with a hand brake because they have a large dog.

"I actually consider myself a mommy coach," said Gowryluk-Knapp, a former nanny. "I never take the decisions away. I coach the mom to make good choices."

New mother Amy Blair, 43, a senior vice president

of human resources at Liberty Global Inc. in Denver, said she and her husband hired April Beach of Sweet Pea Baby Planners to save time before their daughter was born in May.

"Both my husband and I have intense professional jobs," Blair said. "A lot of the things April does you can also do yourself, but it does take a lot of time and we just did not have it. This is a huge industry and you can get sucked into all kinds of things and April gave us advice only on those specific things we needed."

Beach said she can be on-call in the weeks near a client's due date to perform simple chores, like making sure their bags are packed or installing car seats. She wants to enhance maternity for a mother, she said.

"A mother today looks a lot different than a mother 15 years ago," Beach said. "She is powerful. She is strong. She is knowledgeable. Women today know it's OK to ask for help. That's a victory for all of us."

But hiring baby planners may not only be a question of asking for help. Kerrie Smedley, a developmental psychologist and associate professor at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., said it may be an example of parents struggling to meet society's high expectations.

"We have an expert soci-

ety or an expert culture where we really don't trust we can do anything without researching it and getting help," Smedley said. "You can't really trust any of your own instincts, you need an expert."

But there also can be opposite pressure from the longtime idea that parents should want to do everything for their children, said Parenting magazine senior editor Christina Vercelletto. "A lot of it has to do with the expectation that anything to do with a baby is something that a mother should want to do," she said.

Vercelletto said baby planners can alleviate stress and be useful to parents who can afford the services, but there are plenty of other good resources available, such as advice from friends and family, for parents who can't pay for any extra help.

"Especially in this economy, this is a luxury service," Vercelletto said. "If this is something you feel is going to put a strain on your budget, absolutely there's no reason to feel it's a must do."

Moog said the economic downturn has some baby planners losing would-be clients, and stresses that baby planners will work with clients from any budget.

"It's not your super rich," Moog said. "It's not your celebrities."

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ENGAGEMENTS

Zollinger-Bacon

Alan and Judy Zollinger of Burley, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Alisha Ann Zollinger, to Eric James Bacon, son of Jim and Gloria Bacon of Park City, Utah.

The wedding will take place December 18, 2009, at the Manti, Utah LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6-8 p.m., Dec. 19, 2009, at the View LDS Church, 550 S. 500 E., Burley.

The couple will reside in Salt Lake City, where Eric is



Alisha Zollinger and Eric Bacon

a loan officer for Mountain American Credit Union and is completing his finance degree, and Alisha will do her student teaching in South Salt Lake.

Loar-Weekes

Sheldon and Sherry Loar are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Heather Dawn Loar to Tyson Jody Weekes son of Jody and Suzanne Weekes on December 19th, 2009 in the Twin Falls LDS Temple.

A reception will be held that evening from 7-9 p.m. at the 824 Caswell Ave. W. LDS Chapel.

Heather is attending BYU-Idaho working toward a degree in Dental Hygiene. She served a full time mission for the LDS church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia speaking the Vietnamese language.



Heather Loar and Tyson Weekes

Tyson is also attending BYU-Idaho pursuing a degree in Accounting. He served a full time mission for the LDS church in Malaga, Spain.

The couple will continue to reside in Rexburg, Idaho.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Baxters



Gene and Deanna Baxter

Gene and Deanna Baxter of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Sunday December 20 from 2-5 p.m. to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The party will be held in the fellowship room of the Presbyterian Church 209 5th Ave N (behind Courthouse).

Raymond (Gene) Baxter and Deanna Pfost were married Dec. 20, 1959



in Twin Falls. The party will be hosted by their four daughters, Debbie Easterday, Tamie Keeth, Brenda Kimball, Cindy Spencer and their spouses, 9 grandchildren and 5 1/2 great-grandkids.

Friends and relatives are invited. No gifts please your presence and memories are enough.

The Harris's



Ray and Shirley Harris

Ray and Shirley Harris of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 1 until 4 PM on Saturday, December 19, 2009, at the Fellowship Room of the First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Avenue North, Twin Falls. Ray and Shirley will renew their wedding vows at 1:30 PM.

Ray Harris and Shirley Holman were married on December 27, 1959 at the Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls, Idaho. They have lived in Twin Falls since their marriage.

Ray was a cheesemaker with Swift & Co. when they were married, but soon after, he went to work for Friedman Bag Company. He started as a truck driver for Friedmans, then became a sales representative for them, and finally served as Regional Manager for the bag company. His area included Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Texas. He retired in 1993 after 31 years with Friedman Bag.

Shirley was a "Professional Volunteer", serving

as a Cub Scout Den Mother, Room Mother, PTA President, Red Cross Volunteer, and Election Board Member. In the past several years, her interests have been focused on family and travel. Together, Ray and Shirley started Harris Tours, and have taken hundreds of people on bus trips throughout the western US, and even as far as New England this past fall.

They have both been active in the Presbyterian Church, serving as Elders and Deacons, singing in the choir, and Shirley has been particularly active in Presbyterian Women's groups, serving at all levels from local to Synod, as well as being one of 32 US delegates to China with the Presbyterian Women in 1987.

The Anniversary Celebration is being hosted by their children, Steve (Tracy) Harris of Hillsboro, OR. and Rick (Amy) Harris of Keizer, OR. The couple has five grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 393 Alturas Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

No gifts please!

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Dempsey Anne Smith, daughter of Amy Elizabeth and Christopher James Smith of Jerome, was born Nov. 14, 2009.

Jordan Daniel Lugo, son of Jennifer Ione Ostrom and Jose Daniel Lugo of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 19, 2009.

Madison Marie Lehmann, daughter of Patricia Ranell Lehmann of Hansen, was born Nov. 25, 2009.

Deakin Lee James Butenschoen, son of Tiffani Bell Petersen and Robert Lee Butenschoen of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 28, 2009.

Brennan Duncan Ford, son of Kelly Lynn and Mark Shannon Ford of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 30, 2009.

Jacob Leo Amend, son of Katie Jo and Jonathan Lee Amend of Jerome, was born Dec. 1, 2009.

Lennyn Castro Castro, son of Mirna Ivonne Castro and Jennyn Rodolfo Castro Cota of Wendell, was born Dec. 1, 2009.

Cash Aaron Neighbor, son of Amanda Marie and

Aaron Joseph Neighbor of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 1, 2009.

Brynlee Reigh Andresen, daughter of Melissa Dee Rovig and Dustin Perry Eli Andresen of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2009.

Cash Zachary Daniels, son of Amanda Maureen and Zachary Renn Daniels of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2009.

George Frederick Elison, son of Camillia Rae and Michael Benjamin Elison of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2009.

Holly Jo Mathews, daughter of Rosalia Lucinda and Richard Glen Mathews Jr. of Buhl, was born Dec. 2, 2009.

Courtland Marshall Woods, son of Brooke Hannah and James Courtland Woods of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2009.

Brooke Anne Hatfield, daughter of Mayda Karen and Benjamin John Hatfield of Wendell, was born Dec. 3, 2009.

Sophia Grace Hunter, daughter of Amy Marie Hill and David Clyde Hunter of Filer, was born Dec. 3, 2009.

Edwin Jesus Avilez Arizmendi, son of Victoria Teodora Arizmendi Bernal and Jaime Avilez Martinez of Bliss, was born Dec. 4, 2009.

Holden Wayne Lindley, son of Kelli Maureen Babb and Michael DeArv Lindley of Gooding, was born Dec. 4, 2009.

Quincy Liam Robison, son of Rubby Rae and John Micheal Robison of Kimberly, was born Dec. 4, 2009.

Preston Lewis Starr, son of Jessica Elaine and Jake Allan Lee Starr of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 4, 2009.

Ashlyn Ann Hine, daughter of Tiffany Ann and Timothy George Hine of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 5, 2009.

Ella Richman Metzler,

daughter of Michelle Joy Richman and Malcom Dean Metzler of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 5, 2009.

Sheydon Arlie Dutch Standley, son of Stephanie Shalene and Christopher John Standley of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 5, 2009.

Logan James Stark, son of Brandi Michelle and James Ambrose Stark of Hansen, was born Dec. 5, 2009.

Summer Jade Humphreys, daughter of Cindy Corrine and Robert David Humphreys of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 7, 2009.

Kayley Marie Miller, daughter of Amanda Lee and Jason DuWayne Miller of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 7, 2009.

To submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements, contact Janet Cranney at 735-3253, or e-mail her at announcements@magicvalley.com.

Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday for the following Sunday.



Kids Only

A holiday gift guide for the gamer

By Tom Ham • Special to The Washington Post

If your Christmas wish list includes electronics, you might want to check out these suggestions for not-to-be-missed games. They were put together by videogame reviewer Tom Ham (we know, you're wondering how do I get *that* job when I grow up?). There are suggestions for every platform and for every type of game — from racing and defeating bad guys to puzzling and singing. (All rated “everyone” unless noted otherwise.)

Uncharted 2: Among Thieves

PlayStation 3
 Rating: Teen
 Price: \$60
 Players take on the role of Nathan Drake, adventurer and explorer, as he follows Marco Polo's footsteps in search of mythical treasure. This is the first game that really lets players feel as if they are a part of a Hollywood blockbuster — complete with cinematic gameplay, a fantastic musical score and action sequences that would make Indiana Jones nervous. This is one of our picks for game of the year.

Super Mario Bros Wii

Nintendo Wii
 Price: \$50
 The classic game everyone grew up with is finally coming to the Nintendo Wii with its own version. What's the hook this time around? Multiplayer. Play with up to three others for a fun mixture of competitive and cooperative gameplay. Some areas will require one player to pick up another; others will have you racing for the goal. The game also utilizes the motion abilities of the Wii remote to get the characters across the various levels. Mario has never looked better.

Batman: Arkham Asylum

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Sony PSP
 Rating: Teen
 Price: \$60
 When the Joker escapes custody and takes over Arkham Asylum, it's up to Batman to save the day. Players step into the boots of the famed Caped Crusader as they use their wits and quick reflexes (and cool Bat gadgets) to bring the Joker and his henchmen to justice. Combined with amazing voice talent from the animated series and brilliant graphics, this is the best comic-book-based game ever.

DJ Hero

Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3
 Rating: Teen
 Price: \$120 with turntable; \$200 Renegade Edition
 Ever wanted to know what it's like to be a DJ? The latest rhythm game incorporates a very cool turntable controller that mimics scratching, tapping and cross-fading pretty darn well. But the true stars of the game are the music tracks themselves. Players will show their DJ skills on exclusive mixes from Queen, Herbie

Hancock, the Black Eyed Peas and others.

Need for Speed: Shift

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Sony PSP
 Price: \$60
 If driving fast is your thing, then the latest in the Need for Speed series is where it's at. We especially liked the improved in-car view, which allows players to experience the feeling of driving some of the most exotic sports cars in the world.

The Beatles: Rock Band

Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3
 Price: \$60 for game, \$250 for limited-edition bundle (drums, two guitars and microphone)
 With 45 songs by the legendary British rock group, players are treated to a colorful and historical trip in which they'll learn the history of the Beatles and get to play some of their most beloved songs. The animation of the group is remarkable and memorable. This is a game the whole family can enjoy.

Scribblenauts

Nintendo DS
 Price: \$30
 The player with the most imagination will be the winner. Players control our hero Maxwell, who must collect objects called Starites, which are spread out over 200 levels. To get the Starites, Maxwell must use objects that the player gives him (using a virtual keyboard in the game). Type “sword,” and it appears in the game. Type “jetpack,” and Maxwell can use it to fly across the level. With more than 20,000 words, there is plenty to play around with.

Madden NFL 10

Nintendo Wii, Sony PSP, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3
 Price: \$40 to \$60
 If you think you can call better plays than Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, then you may want to pick up the latest version of this famous game. Everything in the game has been revamped: pregame warm-ups, refs debating calls, players getting yelled at from the sidelines — it all makes the game much more realistic. And the player models are the best yet.

Ratchet & Clank Future: A Crack in Time

PlayStation 3
 Price: \$60
 The universe is in shambles again thanks to Dr. Nefarious, and it's up to Ratchet and Clank to set things straight. Adding to the frantic platforming action is all-new Clank gameplay where he can manipulate time to defeat his enemies. Of course there are new weapons and gadgets for Ratchet to play with — hoverboots, a plasma striker and buzz blades. Imaginative players can design their own weapons by collecting mods spread throughout the game. Pretty cool.



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