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Luna won't seek easing of charter schools cap

By Damon Hunzeker
 Times-News writer

Anyone looking for a massive influx of charter schools into Idaho next year will have to wait awhile.

Tom Luna, the state superintendent of public instruction, will not ask the Legislature to lift the current cap that limits the number of new charter schools that can open in the state each year to six, after all. While discussing Idaho's application for federal Race to the Top grant funds — which could bring the state as much as \$100 million for education — Luna revealed that he had been pushing for removal of the cap because he thought it would increase Idaho's chances of receiving federal stimulus money.



Luna

While meeting with President Obama and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Luna explained, they made it clear that any state with a charter cap would be at a competitive disadvantage to receive the grant. Last month, however, Luna received the grant-application guidelines and noticed that the federal definition of "cap" is a state that requires its charter

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Kuiken featured in 'National Geographic'

By Nate Poppino
 Times-News writer

A doctor with Twin Falls roots has been featured in a "National Geographic" magazine cover story for his work with prosthetic arms.

Dr. Todd Kuiken is one of several researchers and patients highlighted in the magazine's January 2010 issue for advances in bionics. A 1978 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he's now the director of the Neural Engineering Center for Artificial Limbs and the director of Amputee Services at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Along with Kuiken and the staff at RIC, the article features Amanda Kitts, a day-care manager who RIC fitted with a sophisticated left arm that can decode signals the brain sends to her upper arm muscles. The prosthesis gives her an unprecedented level of control and was the focus of an RIC report published last February.

Patients highlighted from other doctors and researchers include Eric Schremp, a quadriplegic who can

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FORGOTTEN FORTUNE



Bill Coffey stands outside his home near Richfield last week. Coffey, a retired rancher, miner and pilot, purchased about \$290,000 in certificates of deposit from a bank in New Mexico in 1979. He forgot about the certificates, which remained in an old safe for 30 years. He stumbled upon the certificates earlier this year. Based on his estimates, the certificates may now be worth more than \$600,000.

RICHFIELD MAN REDISCOVERS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DECADES-OLD BANK CDS

Story by Joshua Palmer • Photos by Ashley Smith

Ask Bill Coffey for a story and he'll tip back his weathered Stetson and give you an earful.

The hardened miner has seen almost everything during his 88 years. He secreted supplies past enemy lines into China during World War II, mined uranium for nondescript government programs during the 1950s, and lost everything on a risky mining venture in Idaho.

But one story still surprises Coffey himself. It's the tale of how he found more than a half-million dollars in bank certificates stashed away in his own safe.

The story began more than 30 years ago when Coffey demanded that an auctioneer in New Mexico pay up.

"He auctioned off my mining equipment and owed me \$290,000," Coffey said, chuckling about the situation. "So I flew down and demanded my money. Problem was that when he paid up, I was standing there with about \$300,000 in my hands. I couldn't just

carry that around, so I had to find something to do with it."

That's when his son, Ed Coffey, suggested that his dad "rat-hole" the money for another day. Within a few hours after receiving the money, the Coffeys found a bank in Rio Rancho, N.M., where they purchased more than \$100,000 in certificates of deposit, Bill Coffey said.

"I can't remember the



Bill Coffey displays the certificates he bought in 1979 in New Mexico.

exact amount because we kept some for spending money and used the rest to buy a ranch along the Salmon River," he said. "The rest was put into CDs and locked away in my safe."

And there it sat — for 30 years.

"Hell, I forgot about it," he said. "I guess that's one of the

things you got to be careful about when you rat-hole something."

Coffey happened upon the certificates while cleaning his dusty office safe, tossing old receipts and outdated bank statements — and nearly throwing out a hundred

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HEALTH CARE CONSEQUENCES

States might pay more if reform passes
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At 100, Boy Scouts say they're still 'essential'

By David Crary
 Associated Press writer

POCONO SUMMIT, Pa. — A fifth-generation Boy Scout, 11-year-old Brad Corr is steeped in all the lore and tradition: the Scout

Oath and Scout Law, campcraft and community service, the daily doing of good deeds.




If he were recruiting a friend for the Scouts, though, what would be his best pitch? "We got to build

catapults and launch pumpkins from them."

Old-fashioned fun is part of the Scout heritage. So is doing one's duty to God and country. And

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

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Pat Marcantonio



The holiday action continues.

- The Christmas in the Park Advent celebration hosted by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and the Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls starts at 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls City Park band shell. There will be music, messages and more. And you can donate to the Salvation Army to help those in need.

- Holiday music concerts take place at the Burley West Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Christmas concert, "The Gift," 7 p.m., at

2420 Parke Ave. The Burley Stake Center Christmas concert starts at 7 p.m. at 2050 Normal Ave. Admission is free for both events.

- Enjoy more holiday music at its finest with the West End Community Singers' Christmas Cantata at 3 p.m. at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, 3552 N. 1825 E., near Buhl. Admission is free; donations accepted.

Have your own pick to share? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Leana Leach, pianist and singer performs, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Sunday brunch in the Lodge Dining Room, Sun Valley Resort, no cost, 622-2800. **Company of Fools, "A Year with Frog and Toad,"** presented by Willie and Robert Reale, 3 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for children (18 and younger), tickets at Liberty Theatre or at the box office one hour before the show, 578-9122.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association members, performance, noon to 1 p.m., after lunch until 2:30 p.m., West End Senior Citizens Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl, 420-3345.

DANCE

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., \$4 per person; and **Singles-Friendship-Dance**, with single families welcome from 6 to 8 p.m. and singles only from 8 to 11 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, (children under age 16 must be accompanied by adult), non-alcoholic beverages welcome, no tobacco, 734-5084.

SEASONAL EVENTS

The 25th annual Christmas in the Park Advent celebration, message by Pres. Robert Schroeder of Twin Falls West Stake LDS Church and music by Marla Garrett & Friends, hosted by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation & Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls, 5 p.m., Twin Falls City Park bandshell, coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies provided by Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls (donations for Salvation Army accepted), Trent.Stimpson2@sci-us.com.

Burley West Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' annual Christmas concert, "The Gift," 7 p.m., Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave., Burley, stake choir, along with other solo and ensemble groups, performs traditional Christmas music celebrating the birth of the Savior, no cost, Jeff Rasmussen, 678-2100.

"A Christmas Carol musical," 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, 726-9124.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Burley Stake Center Christmas concert, "Night of All Nights," directed by Helen Bowcut and Jacque Lee, 7 p.m., Burley Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., Burley, includes six Christmas songs performed by a choir and orchestra, Charmane Ralphs narrating; a piano-and-organ duet medley by Helen Bowcut and Mayna McGill; Keith Ramsey and Annette Christensen singing "Jesu Bambino"; Brae and Brianna Becka with a violin duet; and "O Holy Night" by a men's quartet. No cost, 678-7827.

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club sporting clays shoot, a 100-target event, 9 a.m. sign up and 10 a.m. start, at the club, 11 miles north of junction of Highway 93 and I-84 at mile marker 64, \$20 for adults and \$14 for juniors (\$5 extra for non-members), 539-4814 or www.jeromegunclub.com.

TODAY'S DEADLINES

Reminder for Monday: Twin Falls Community Blood Drive, Bronco Fans: donators may enter drawing for travel, accommodations and amenities package to Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl football game, Church of Ascension, 371 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, 734-4566.

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 msulejmanovic@gmagicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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Blending of the bands

Pipe and drum band members gather in Twin Falls

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

With a full compliment of traditional Scottish, Irish and American music, a Scottish-style pipe and drum band has formed in Twin Falls, blending bands from Boise and Rexburg.

More than 60 members of the Boise Highlanders and Henry's Fork Pipe and Drum Corps, of Rexburg, have formed the Snake River Pipe Band. Both bands will also continue to perform in the Boise and Rexburg areas.

Twin Falls was the logical choice for a home for the blended group because of the distance between Boise and Rexburg. A few members live in the Magic Valley.

David Rock, of Rexburg, is the pipe major. He explained that the two groups wanted to combine for competitions.

Rock, a bagpiper for 25 years, said his group belongs to the Western United States Pipe Band Association and with the blended band there is a possibility of contending beyond Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. He said the group is interested in competing in California and Washington.



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Jason Lenz of the Boise Highlanders practices his drum routine with Bob Jimison, foreground, Saturday at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls. Members of the Boise Highlanders and Henry's Fork Pipe and Drum Corps, of Rexburg, recently formed the Snake River Pipe Band and hope to practice at the school monthly.

Ron Lopez, of Boise, was Rock's bagpipe instructor 25 years ago. He said the Highlanders are more of a performance band, while Henry's Fork is more of a competition group.

"So blending the bands makes it more competitive," he said.

In its 48-year history, the Boise Highlanders have played in countless parades, performances, weddings, funerals, and other occa-

sions.

Henry's Fork began in 2003 as Eastern Idaho's first Scottish-style pipe and drum performance ensemble.

Pipers and drummers performing with the blended band are as young as Rock's daughter, Megan, 13, while several are in their 70s. Others are at various ages in between. Several teenagers participate.

The Snake River Pipe Band practices monthly in Twin

Falls and held its first practice at Canyon Ridge High School on Saturday, where the group hopes to practice permanently.

Gene Turley, the in-school suspension supervisor at Canyon Ridge, is one of the Magic Valley members.

"I'm attempting to play the bagpipes," he said, acknowledging that he is a novice who began learning to play the pipes three months ago.

"I'm not even in their league. These guys are in the major leagues and I'm still down in the minor leagues."

Turley finds himself in the company of pipers with 20 to 50 years of experience. Lopez joined the Boise Highlanders in 1964 and his wife is the only original group member remaining, having joined at age 13 in 1961.

Those wishing to learn to play the bagpipes may achieve competency to perform with the band in one to two years.

Anyone interested in learning to play the bagpipes or seeking additional information about the Snake River Pipe Band should contact Turley at 316-3116.

Campus, businesses top ideas for airport land in Hailey

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — With a site for the airport to replace Hailey's Friedman Memorial not yet chosen, it might seem a little early to be thinking about what to do with the land that will be vacated.

But planners in Hailey, updating the city's comprehensive plan, think the time is just right.

"You start with, what are the guiding principles, what are the things you want to see achieved?" said Beth Robrahn, Hailey planning director, to about 10 members of the public who came Thursday night to the second of two visioning sessions for the property.

"We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity here," said Mark Spears, a former Hailey planning and zoning commissioner. "It's all about jobs, to me. It's a rising tide."

Among the leading ideas that came out of the session:

- An educational campus.

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For information about what might replace Friedman Memorial Airport, or to submit ideas for the property: www.haileycityhall.org.

Possibilities included a liberal arts college, a campus of an Ivy League institution, and an engineering or agriculture specialty campus of Idaho State University.

- Incentives for businesses that bring in sustainable, location-neutral, high-salary jobs (unrelated to construction and tourism) and the spending those jobs would create. Possible financial incentives for such businesses were discussed, including tax breaks.

- Mixed-use development, including light industrial, small-scale commercial and residential. It is important that any commercial centers not compete with

downtown Hailey.

- Transportation connectivity, for both vehicles and pedestrian traffic.

- Encouragement of environmental sustainability, whether through Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified building, gray water for non-potable uses, alternate heating methods for structures or other methods.

- Creation of facilities or other attractions that would encourage tourism, possibly an arts or entertainment center, gallery district, or additional sports facilities.

The ultimate design of whatever goes on the land will be limited by a couple of factors. First, the land the airport is on has two histories: part is the original Friedman family grant, and that part will revert to family ownership when the airport is divested.

The other part is owned jointly by the city and Blaine County, and was partially paid for by the Federal

Aviation Administration. The FAA wants to sell the portion it paid for, for as much as reasonably fits with the city's desires for the property, to fund construction of the new airport.

So leaving the land just as open space probably won't fly with the FAA.

For the entire property to be redeveloped much like former airports in Denver, Colo., and Austin, Texas, the Friedman family will also have to sign off.

"They're right on board, they're interested in participating to the highest level," said Martha Burke, Hailey City councilwoman and member of the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority.

She said she hopes the process will get support from all quarters, and that ground on the new airport can be broken between 2012 and 2014. Once the new airport is accepting all existing air traffic, the pavement can be dug up at Friedman.

Luna

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schools to comprise less than 5 percent of its total schools.

"Idaho doesn't do that," Luna said. "In fact, we have more than 5 percent of our schools as charters."

While deciding to withdraw the effort to lift the cap, Luna said he may want to revisit the charter law in a future legislative session — under certain conditions.

"I support charter schools," he said, "but everything has to be managed, so I don't support lifting the cap just allowing uncontrolled growth. . . . We don't want a situation where four charter schools can open up in Challis next year."

Luna also addressed the issue of whether charter schools attract racially homogenized students.

"If nothing else, there's

definitely the perception that charters can control their demographics," he said.

State Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said she supports Luna's decision, as well as the idea of re-examining the charter law.

"He read the fine print and realized it wasn't necessary," she said. "I think it's a good move because there's enough discomfort with charters right now that it would be difficult to get through the Legislature, so I'm relieved."

Jaquet elaborated on the "discomfort" by citing the example of Nampa Classical Academy. The Idaho Public Charter School Commission ordered that school to release data showing how it was using the Bible and religious texts in classes. When the school refused, the Idaho Attorney

General's Office said the state would continue pushing for the reports. State officials said if the academy wants to use the Bible as a text, it should be a private school, not a charter supported by public funds.

"It appears they went before the charter commission without being upfront about how much religion they were going to include in their curricula," she said. "So maybe we need to revisit the oversight or create more processes of approval for them to follow."

In Twin Falls, District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs plans to form a committee to assess the merits of reconfiguring its elementary schools to charters.

"It looks like he's more interested in making a point, making a point to get more money," Jaquet said. Dobbs was unavailable

for comment Friday, but district spokeswoman Beth Pendergrass addressed Jaquet's comment.

"Our main concern is always what is most ideal for the students and what offers them the most opportunities," Pendergrass said.

Regardless of the political decision to avoid advocating removal of the cap in the next legislative session, Luna was clear about his long-term position.

"Charter schools are here to stay. There's no doubt. We'll have six more next year," he said, adding that he would prefer additional charter schools to "focus on students with severe disabilities."

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Doctor

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move his fingers again thanks to electrodes implanted in his body, and Jo Ann Lewis, who's slowly becoming able to see again thanks to electrodes and a pair of glasses with a video camera.

While celebrating the accomplishments of modern medicine, the article also notes how far doctors still have to go to match the skills and intricate

setup of the human body.

Kuiken worked with the magazine on the article for a couple of years, he said Friday, and was pleased with the results. He said he and RIC are always pressing forward on more advancements in prosthetics.

"We continue to make refinements in our research," he said.

The general public has shown a lot of

interest in disability issues and amputees in particular, he said, and he enjoys helping to educate them. Another of his patients is featured in the instruction booklet for a robotic Darth Vader arm from the "Star Wars" franchise, offering an educational element along with a kid's toy, he said.

"It's nice for the public to know what's possible," he said.

Red Cross hosts 3-day blood drive

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The American Red Cross will hold a three-day Twin Falls Community Blood Drive Monday through Wednesday.

The drive will be held at the Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

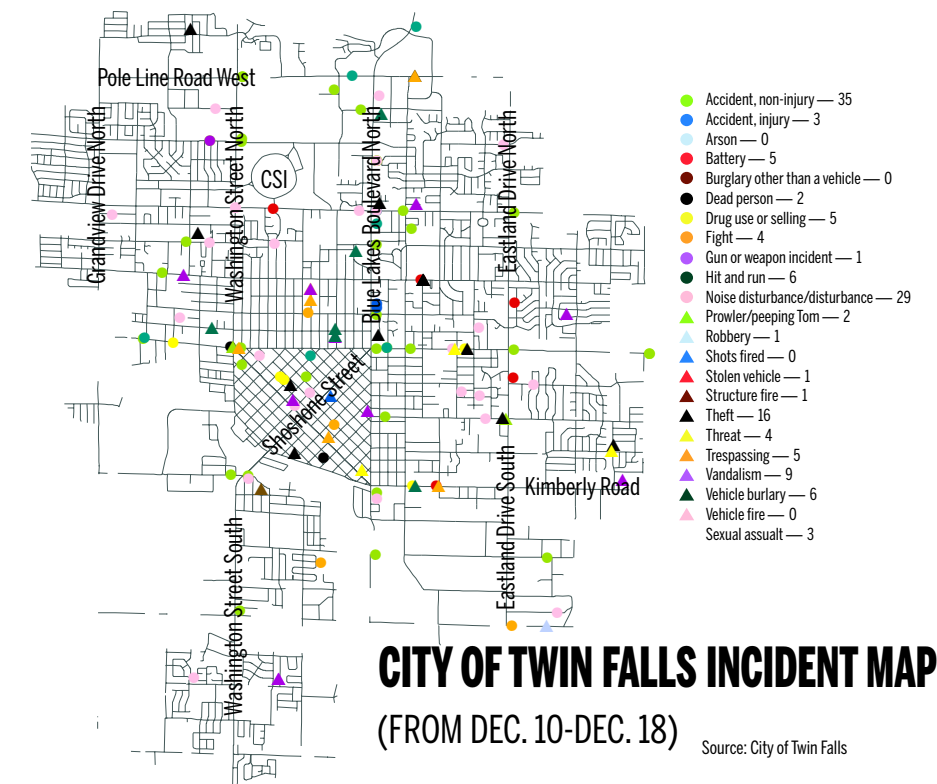
"The holiday season is a difficult time for us to collect blood," said Jane

Stutzman, donor recruitment manager for the Red Cross in Idaho. "People are busy and distracted from their usual routine, so we are thrilled to extend this offer."

Those who donate blood can enter to win a party package for two to the Fiesta Bowl between Texas Christian University and Boise State University, courtesy of the Red Cross

and Harmon Travel. The package includes transportation from Boise to Phoenix, two nights' hotel accommodation, transportation to and from the game at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., two tickets to the tailgate party and two tickets to the football game on Jan. 4.

For appointments: Sharla, 734-4566.



CITY OF TWIN FALLS INCIDENT MAP
(FROM DEC. 10-DEC. 18)
Source: City of Twin Falls

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Fortune

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thousand dollars in certificates.

According to the certificates of deposit, Coffey purchased 6-month CDs with an interest rate of 10.315 percent. The CDs were listed as automatically renewable — meaning the bank automatically renewed them every six months.

Coffey estimated that based on a flat interest rate, the CDs are now worth a little more than \$600,000. Wells Fargo, which bought out the Rio Rancho bank in 1999, said it may not be that easy — or valuable.

"There are a lot of variables involved," said an employee of a Wells Fargo branch in Twin Falls, who refused to give her name and directed the *Times-News* to the bank's corporate office. "All I can say is that the certificates are genuine."

Certificates of deposits generate returns by compounding accrued interest during the life of the deposit.

Amy McDevitt, vice president of regional banking communications for Wells Fargo, said the certificates did not ensure a flat rate, which could lower the total interest payment to Coffey.

"Basically, it readjusts to the current interest rate every six months," she said. "But I cannot provide any further details due to client confidentiality."

Coffey is working with Wells Fargo's corporate office to resolve the matter. He said the bank — although surprised by the amount he is owed — seems willing to work with him. However, Coffey ran into a small obstacle when he fired his attorney, who wanted 20 percent, or about \$120,000, to help resolve the dispute.

But most people would ask how anyone could forget about a few hundred thousand dollars — or in this case, more than \$600,000 after interest.

Coffey said a lot hap-

pened since he bought the certificates in New Mexico.

"I started a business that was doing pretty good," he said. "Me and my son mined iron ore out of a mine near Stanley and sold it to Canadian oil companies."

The ore was extremely dense and used widely by oil companies to flush up debris during drilling.

Coffey said he and his son were making good money. They bought planes and boats and a ranch with more than 130 acres along the Salmon River — now valued at well over \$2 million.

He enjoyed flying over the peaks in Idaho. It reminded him of 1945 when he was commissioned by the Air Force to fly C-46 cargo planes into China — one of the nation's discreet programs to help China fight the Japanese during World War II.

But in 1981 Canada decided to nationalize its oil companies. During the next two years, the Canadian government became the lawful owner of 250 drilling rigs and told Coffey and other suppliers to take a hike.

Coffey said he sold his ranch on the Salmon River because he couldn't make the final payment of \$105,000.

"Looking back on it," he said, "that's the only time in my life when I wish I would have had the money from those CDs."

After selling his ranch at a loss that would make most homeowners weep, Coffey moved to Jerome where he raised hogs. He later moved back north to Richfield where he bought a few acres of farmland and retired.

He's expecting the CD matter to be resolved soon and to see a check in the mail.

What will he do with the money?

"I don't know," he said. "I might just buy another plane."

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La Posada faces continued Christmas basket need

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

Providing food, clothing and immigration assistance, La Posada Ministry in Twin Falls needs additional food and gifts for teenagers to fill the Christmas baskets it distributes.

Serving Twin Falls for 17 years, La Posada largely serves the social service needs of the Latino community, but no one in need is turned away. La Posada also provides low-income tax assistance and helps people with immigration issues.

"What we need right now is food and gifts for teenagers because those seem to be the hardest to acquire," said Beth Sigler, La Posada's grant writer. "We've been having high



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school students helping put our baskets together all week."

Students from the Twin Falls High School Spanish Club have helped assemble more than 80 Christmas baskets. The Knights of Columbus are also assisting.

"We give a gift to everyone in the home. The children get two gifts. They get a clothing gift and they get a toy."

— Sister RoseMary Boessen, who started La Posada Ministry in 1993

The organization's director, Sister RoseMary Boessen, started La Posada Ministry in 1993 as a way to continue serving the community after having served at the Guadalupe Center for 12 years.

"I'm a Catholic nun but I'm not under the diocese," she said. Boessen serves in the order of Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and the Diocese of Boise.

The organization has held nonprofit status as La Posada Inc., since 2004.

"We give a gift to everyone in the home. The chil-

dren get two gifts. They get a clothing gift and they get a toy," Boessen said of the Christmas baskets.

For now, demand for Christmas baskets has outpaced on-hand supply.

"People who ask for clothing will get vouchers. They will come back after Christmas," Boessen said, adding that clothing will be put out for distribution.

John Plestina may be reached at jplestina@mag-icvalley.com or 208-358-7062.

AROUND THE MAGIC VALLEY

PUC OKs agreement for Glens Ferry wind farm

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved a sales agreement for a proposed wind farm six miles northwest of Glens Ferry.

Idaho Winds LLC of Meridian plans to build and operate the 21-megawatt Sawtooth Wind Project by Dec. 31, 2012.

The project qualifies as a small-power producer under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

The 20-year contract calls for Idaho Power Co. to pay \$75.45 per megawatt-hour during months of normal demand for the first full year, with gradual price increases thereafter.

Under normal conditions, the farm actually will not exceed an average of 10 megawatts each month.

The PUC in the same order accepted a letter of agreement between Idaho Power and the Alkali Wind Project originally planned for the same site. The Alkali project was terminated due to a transmission-study delay accompanied by escalating costs. UC approves agreement for Glens Ferry wind farm

Jerome schools name new trustee

JEROME — Jerome School Board trustees on Tuesday named Esther Peters as the replacement to succeed Trustee Reed Crozier, who resigned in November. Peters had submitted a letter of interest for the position, which the district had advertised.

Crozier resigned four months into his second term. Peters will serve as an appointee until July 2010. The seat will be up for election in May.

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Once more unto the breech, fellas, on Christmas Eve

Among the male gender, there are men and there are mice when it comes to Christmas shopping.

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Ladies, think of it as male power shopping — but with an adrenaline rush.

Starting time, as ever, will be 10 p.m. on Dec. 24. At that moment, you haven't bought a single present — and more ominously, you haven't purchased a single gift for your wife.

By 10 o'clock on Christmas Eve, your options are something less than limited. Walmart and Target close at 6 p.m., Kmart, Sears and Home Depot at 7, J.C. Penney at 8. By 10 p.m., only convenience stores will be happy to see you — well, they're not happy to see you, but they're open.

In general terms, here are your options:

- **Eggs** — They're at a premium at C-stores on Christmas since everybody is preparing dinner — and desserts that require lots of eggs. Buy six dozen before they're gone, and you'll be a household legend.

- **Motor oil** — According to the experts, about three vehicles in 10 are running low on oil. Be a hero and save your wife's Hemi.

- **Key chains** — Can anyone ever have too many key chains?

- **Batteries** — The staple of beyond-the-last-minute Christmas gift-giving. Be honest: Does your wife have enough 9-volts?

- **Ho Hos** — And be a sport: Get her the Nutty

DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump



Ladies, think of this as male power shopping — but with an adrenaline rush.

Ho Hos or the Caramel Ho Hos this time.

- **Chewing gum** — Is there a better stocking stuffer?

- **Burritos** — Nothin' says lovin' like somethin' from 7-Eleven's microwave.

- **A carton of Camels.** Sure, she doesn't smoke, but does she realize you spent \$38 on this present?

- **Disposable cigarette lighters** — Flick your Bic at your beloved on Christmas Day.

- **Cheez Doodles** — She'll need a snack after opening the rest of her gifts, won't she?

- **A book of matches in an ashtray.** Be sure to clean out the ashtray before you give it to her.

- **Lottery tickets** — Splurge and get her the Jolly Jingle Jackpot: Odds are 1-in-8 that she'll win \$5!

- **Gas cards** — Twenty bucks worth of unleaded will make her day.

And while you're at it, treat yourself to a disposable cell phone with prepaid minutes. That way, she won't be able to track you after you flee the house at the point of a turkey skewer.

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

Scouts

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so too is controversy. As the Boy Scouts of America heads toward its 100th anniversary in February, its first century adds up to a remarkable saga, full of achievement and complexity.

On one hand, no other U.S. youth organization has served as many boys — an estimated 112 million over the years — and is so deeply ingrained in the Norman Rockwell version of American popular culture. It can boast of a congressional charter and a string of U.S. presidents, including Barack Obama, serving as its honorary leader.

On the other hand, in the courts and the public arena, the BSA has doggedly defended its right to exclude gays and atheists from its ranks, overriding requests from some local units to soften those policies.

"We do have folks who say we probably should rethink this," Bob Mazzuca, the chief Scout executive, said in an interview. "We can agree to disagree on a particular issue and still come together for the common good."

The Scouts — though their numbers have dropped in recent decades — remain a pervasive presence across America, vibrant in many suburbs and heartland towns, pressing minority recruitment campaigns in urban areas where enrollment often has lagged. Mazzuca and others in the Scouts' extended family view the centennial as an opportunity to look forward as well as back.

"We're going to reintroduce folks to the impact Scouting has made and the reality that Scouting is more essential today than it's ever been before," he said.

No centennial campaign is needed to convince the Corr family that Scouting is essential. They've been engaged since 1928, when Edgar Corr became scoutmaster of Troop P-2 in Easton, Pa., and his son, Andrew, became one of the Scouts.

Andrew's son, Ted Corr, now 71, became a Scout in 1950 and remains active as a unit commissioner. Warren Corr, Ted's 40-year-old son, earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1987 and has served in various leadership posts since then. And Brad, Warren's son, joined Cub Scouts in 2004 and crossed over into Boy Scouts last February as a member of Troop 29 in Forks Township, Pa.

A sixth grader, Brad is a Tenderfoot, the first rank a Scout can earn, with the ambitious goal of becoming an Eagle Scout within three years.

Some of Brad's friends are in the Scouts, others have dropped out or never joined. A common refrain from many families, in Troop 29's area and nationwide, is that they just don't have the time for Scouting.

For the Corrs, though, forgoing Scouting isn't an option — even with Brad playing soccer, basketball and lacrosse, as well as cello and drums in the school band.

"Scouting gives enough flexibility that boys can do all kinds of activities — it's not one or the other," said Warren Corr.

For the boys, said Corr, a big draw is "doing some cool stuff." But as a former Scout turned adult leader, he sees a bigger picture.



In this Oct. 3, 2009 photo, Boy Scout Jordan Lambert, 12, hauls branches to build a lean-to at the Lippincott family campsite in Sciota, Pa.

AP photos



Glen Lippincott, left, and his father Jack Lippincott stand together at the Lippincott family campsite in Sciota, Pa.

"It's about leadership, the confidence that comes with accomplishing something, the service to your country and community," he said. "When you're in Scouting, even three or four years of it sticks with you for the rest of your life."

Ted Corr, the family patriarch, joined son Warren and grandson Brad for an in-depth discussion of Scouting at Camp Minsi, a 1,200-acre Scout facility in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

Had cell phones existed in 1909, or the GPS devices that Scouts now sometimes use for orienteering, perhaps the Boy Scouts of America wouldn't have come to be — at least not in the manner depicted in the BSA's hallowed story of the "Unknown Scout."

According to this tale, American businessman William Boyce became lost in the London fog, and was guided to his destination by a helpful youth. When Boyce offered a tip, the boy replied that he was a Scout (they were formed in Britain in 1907) and couldn't accept money for doing a good turn. Boyce was so impressed that he studied up on British scouting and incorporated the BSA on Feb. 8, 1910.

During World War I, Scouts contributed on the U.S. home front by selling bonds and planting war gardens. They expanded their efforts in World War II, collecting rubber and aluminum, distributing civil defense posters, assisting fire brigades.

The BSA grew steadily, with membership peaking at more than 6 million boys and adult leaders in 1972. As of 2008, the total had dropped below 4 million — 2.83 million boys and 1.13 million adults.

Reasons for the decline are many — the explosion of other after-school activities

and sports, a perception among some families that the Scouts were too old-fashioned or conservative, and sporadic scandals that generated bad publicity while undercutting the BSA's commitment to integrity. Among the problems:

- **Allegations in several states** that membership rolls of some Scouting programs were inflated to boost contributions. The Scouts tightened verification of enrollment data.

- **Several sex-abuse cases** involving troop leaders and BSA officials, which prompted the Scouts to strengthen background screening.

Perhaps the biggest long-term jolt to the Scouts came in the form of a legal victory — the June 2000 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court which said the BSA, as a private organization, had a right to exclude gays from its adult and youth ranks.

It prompted numerous local governments and charities to curtail support for the Scouts because the exclusionary policies toward gays and atheists violated anti-discrimination codes.

Kevin Cathcart of Lambda Legal, a New York-based gay rights organization, said the current Boy Scout executive council seems immovable on the membership debate, but he predicted change would come.

Mazzuca, asked about the exclusion of gays, replied: "We recognize that not everyone is going to agree with us on this particular issue. This issue is going on in every nook and cranny of our country. We're just not at the point where we're going to be leading on this."

As for atheists, BSA leaders have signaled no interest in amending the Scout Oath, which includes a pledge of duty to God. Religion is fundamental to the Scouts; the Mormon, United Methodist and Roman Catholic church-

es are the largest sponsors of units across the country.

"We do believe that to become the best you can be, you need a belief in something bigger than yourself," Mazzuca said.

Many atheists think otherwise.

The BSA has been striving to correct underrepresentation of minorities in its ranks, with recruiting efforts by the BSA's Scoutreach Division and now a vigorous new campaign to recruit Hispanics — including a Spanish-language Scout Handbook.

But an ethnic gap remains. Though the BSA doesn't have precise racial numbers because declaring ethnicity is optional, an analysis it commissioned last year indicated that about 11 percent of Scouts were black or Hispanic — compared to about 28 percent of the national population.

By contrast, the Girl Scouts of the USA — which has no formal ties with the Boy Scouts — says blacks and Hispanics constitute 23 percent of its 2.6 million youth members.

Among those on the urban front lines is Ron Timmons, 38, director of field services for the Scouts' New York City councils.

A Scout in Brooklyn as a youth, he makes recruiting missions into inner-city schools.

"When you walk in to a classroom with the Scout uniform on, you always have some giggles," he said. "But when we start talking about the outdoor experience, the camping, rappelling and climbing, they kind of sit up in their chair."

The recruiting challenges are different two hours away in northeast Pennsylvania, where Glen Lippincott, 59, helps oversee Scouting activities in the small town of Sciota.

Lippincott says the local unit, Troop 84, is holding its own with 21 active Scouts, but has struggled to attract boys from the black and Hispanic families moving into the region — often with a breadwinner commuting into New York and feeling there's scarce time left for Scouting.

Lippincott became emotional as he discussed Scouting's core goal — life-time character-building.

"It's a game with a purpose," he said. "It gives you a moral compass on how you conduct yourself."

Law & Disorder...

... in Cassia County

From Nov. 20 police reports:

Phone harassment:

A 16-year-old Burley male reported that another Burley male, 17, told him that if he told a girl that he had cheated on her, he would "murder" him. The complainant said, according to the report, that he "went on a drive with (the suspect) to see if he could straighten things out" but that the suspect drove him "out in the middle of nowhere, where he pulled a golf club out of the back seat" and threatened to "beat the crap out of me with this."

The suspect, when questioned, reportedly said he "never actually threatened (the complainant) with the golf club but had it in his hand." No charges.

Information:

A 38-year-old Burley woman reported "an incident that had taken place with a BB gun." According to the report, her 9-year-old daughter "was shot in the back of the left leg with a

pellet" while in the backyard. "She pointed to a tiny red dot stating that is where the pellet hit (her daughter)," Deputy Robert Nay's report reads. "(She) then told me that it was not as visible as it was an hour ago, when the incident took place."

According to the report, the "neighbor boys" had been "shooting at various things." When questioned, the report explains, the "neighbor boys" said "they were shooting at pop cans and boards with BB guns, they don't have a pellet gun."

The boys reportedly acknowledged that a BB may have ricocheted off the fence and hit her.

"I informed them that they needed to be more careful and not shot (sic) in any direction that a ricochet could create a problem for them," the report concludes.

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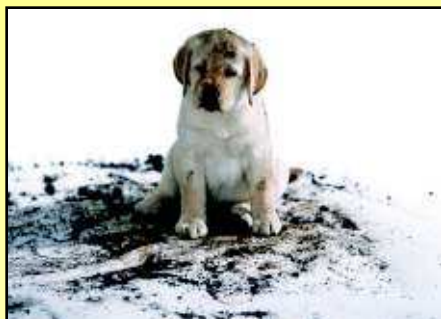
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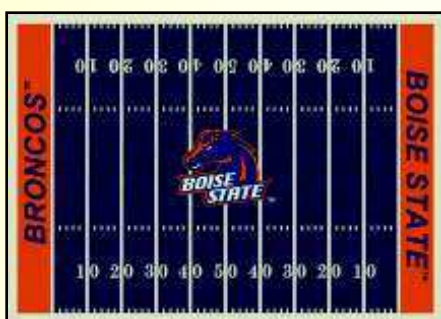
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Days of Sub-5 percent mortgage rates may be numbered

By E. Scott Reckard
Los Angeles Times

For nearly two months, people with good credit who can make 20 percent downpayments on homes have enjoyed 30-year mortgage rates below 5 percent.

But as signs of an improving economy

increase, the yield on bonds has been edging higher and pulling home-lending rates along as well. Is the end of the sub-5 percent era in sight?

Freddie Mac's widely followed rate survey pegged the average 30-year fixed mortgage at 4.94 percent for the week ending Thursday, up from 4.81

percent a week earlier. The survey, to be posted on Freddie's Web site later Thursday, assumes borrowers pay 0.7 percent of the loan amount in upfront lender fees and discount points.

The low rates have given homeowners another golden opportunity to lower the interest rates on

their mortgages. About three-quarters of all home loans were refinancings during the first two weeks of December, Freddie Mac economist Frank Nothaft said.

The Freddie Mac survey is just one of the tools consumers can use to monitor mortgage trends, with data also published by the trade

group Mortgage Bankers Association (in a weekly applications survey) and private outfits such as Bankrate Inc. and HSH Associates.

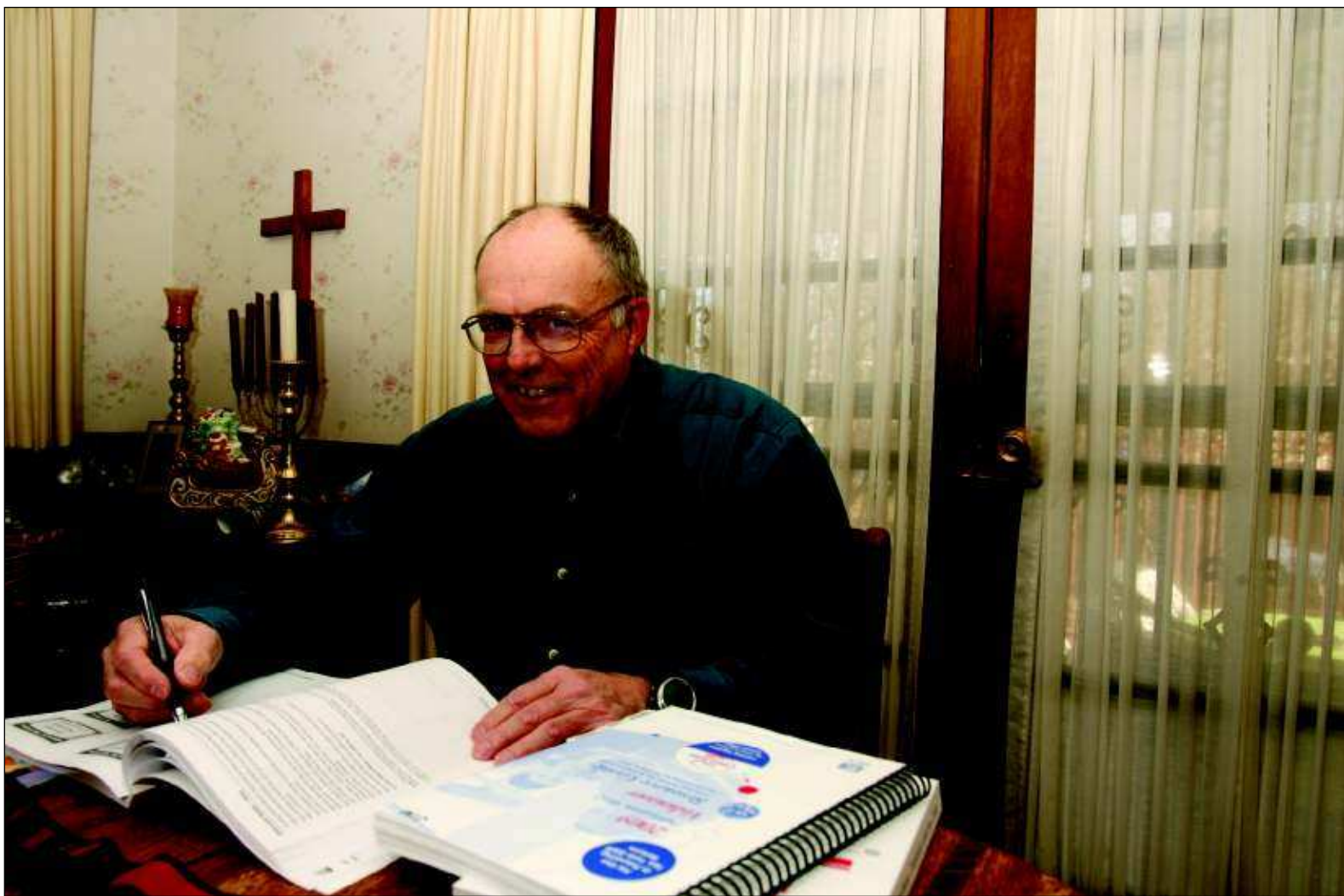
Another entry in the rate-tracking derby, the nonprofit Fair Mortgage Collaborative, also has plans to publish regular updates on the cost of

home loans. It is shooting to start providing information the second week of January, said Jeff Lazerson, a Laguna Niguel, Calif., mortgage broker involved in the effort.

The group, with backing from the Ford Foundation, "will give average loan

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AID FOR AARP



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Jim Simpson, a volunteer for the annual tax preparation courses with the AARP, poses with instructional manuals at his home in Twin Falls. The group is looking for more volunteers especially in Mini-Cassia, says Simpson.

AARP Tax-Aide program finding it more difficult to find volunteers

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Fewer retired workers are volunteering to help with tax preparation programs organized by the AARP in south-central Idaho.

That's because many retirees are returning to the workforce after their 401(k)s and fixed incomes fell victim to one of the worst recessions in history. As

retired workers spend more time meeting their own financial obligations, it's leaving a void among volunteer programs that rely on actively retired citizens.

In 2007, more than 33 percent of men aged 65 and older in Idaho were employed in 2007, compared with 27 percent in 1995 and 26 percent in 1990, according to the most recent report by Idaho Department of Labor. More than

26 percent of women 65 and older in Idaho were working in 2007, compared with 17 percent in 1995 and 1990.

That poses a problem for volunteer services like the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program, which provides free tax preparation for anyone with a desire to make amends with the tax-man.

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BY THE NUMBERS

16 Number of locations where Tax-Aide operates in south-central Idaho — at least one in all eight counties.

49 Number of volunteers

4,169 Total federal returns filed

\$4.2million Total dollar value of federal returns

Source: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program

Out from under TARP, banks are now free to fail again

There's the president of the United States, sitting in the Cabinet room at the White House, cameras rolling, talking with the heads of the country's biggest banks, each one of which had benefited from an extraordinary government effort last year to prevent the financial system from collapsing. The purpose of the meeting is to pressure banks to make more credit available to small businesses, to restructure delinquent mortgages rather than pushing them into default and to call off their lobbyists, who have been trying to water down the administration's proposal to reform and strengthen bank regulation.



Steven Pearlstein

At the same moment, officials next door at Treasury are putting the final touches on agreements that will dramatically reduce the legal and political leverage the administration holds over those very same banks by allowing them to repay the bailout money they received.

Hello? Is this what passes for political arm-twisting and bare-knuckle negotiation at the Obama White House? It's bad enough that the president's top priority of health reform was hijacked by a sanctimonious senator who can't seem to decide which side he's on. But in a capital where it is more important to be feared than loved, it's even worse for a president to tear into Wall Street "fat cats" one day and then let them off their leash the next.

As far as I can tell, top administration officials are fixated on voter rage over bank bailouts and the resulting hit to the president's poll ratings. So they're looking for any way to show that the economy is improving and that the government will not only get its bailout money back, but earn a profit besides.

By rushing to cash in their chips, however, the administration not only gave up political leverage and additional profit, but took the risk that one or more of the banks may find that it can't make it on its own. While the financial system has rebounded faster than anyone could have imagined, potential threats still loom — a further collapse of commercial real

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Historic Preservation Commission helps return buildings to historic state

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Shannon Gnesa likes the new look of her downtown Twin Falls store, Desktop by Design, now that the towering yellow tin siding façade is gone.

The siding hid the many architectural accents indicative of when the building was built in the early 1920s, arched windows, and window sills, keystones and ledges.

"My building was really known as the eyesore of the block," said Gnesa, who has operated her business at 120 Main Ave. N. for 12 years but bought the building a year ago.

Without help from the Twin Falls City Historic Preservation Commission Gnesa said the yellow siding would likely still be there.

The commission was awarded a grant, funded by the National Park Service and administered through the Idaho State Historic Society, paying for a \$6,000 architectural study, completed by Twin Falls Architect Russ Lively, that weighed in on what could be done to get Gnesa's building back to its original state.

The commission provided a scissor lift and Gnesa rounded up the labor needed to remove the tin.

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"(The Historic Preservation Commission's) engagement in the revitalization of downtown could pay dividends for economic development and getting people interested the downtown area."

— Twin Falls Business Improvement District Administrator Melinda Anderson



The building at 120 Main Ave. N. in historic downtown Twin Falls looks completely different without the yellow, tin siding that covered the original masonry work and windows on the second story. A grant awarded to the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Committee paid for an architectural study that determined if the tin could be removed and what needs done to rehabilitate the front.

BLAIR KOCH/
For the Times-News

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

COMMUNICATIONS AWARD



Courtesy photo

Brian Croner, left, president and owner of Marketing Resource Group (MRG), and John Pitz, Twin Falls County Fair Manager, proudly display the plaque the Twin Falls County Fair won recently at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions annual convention in Las Vegas. The Twin Falls County Fair worked with MRG to produce a series of television spots that parody the rodeo, carnival, fair food, destruction derby and concerts with the tag line 'It is just not the same unless it's the fair.' The 2009 Communications Award is for outstanding television for fairs whose attendance was up to 100,000.

BEAD SHOP



Courtesy photo

The Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting to welcome the grand opening of the Bead Shop, located on 125 Main Ave. E. in historic downtown in Twin Falls. The Bead Shop is a bead and jewelry studio for jewelry making and designing. Classes are available. Pictured are Anthony Eaton, Tammy Eaton, Prudy Aspin, Cheryl Schofield and Leo Schofield. Contact them at 208-736-0020 or 208-736-0030.

TND COLLECTABLES



Courtesy photo

TnD Collectables specializes in unique gifts of custom, handmade stained glass, sports cards and sports memorabilia. Owned and operated by Tom and Denise Tolness. Denise works in lead came, copper foil, fused and mosaic glass. This business is located at 1231 Oakley Ave., Burley. It's open Fridays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information: 208-678-1458.

Rupert's Lil Tikes Childcare and Preschool is moving

Lil Tikes Childcare and Preschools has expanded from its current licensing of a family home childcare into a center based program. It is moving into a newly renovated facility next door at 824 1/2 7th St., Rupert. They have been providing quality childcare and preschool services for nearly four years. Stephanie Carsner was a licensed childcare

provider for eight years in California. All employees are CPR and first aid certified, background checked and well qualified. Employees receive extra training offered on a regular basis. Preschool activities are done daily at no extra charge.

Field trips to local recreations and limited television are provided. There is no cost for meals and snacks. It's open for business in January. For more information contact Stephanie Carsner at 208-260-5488.

CAREER MOVES

Award winner

The firm of Roy, Nielson, Barini-Garcia and Platts is pleased to announce that Susan P. Roy has been awarded the Fifth District Bar Association Professionalism award for 2009. The award is based on recommendations of her fellow attorneys and judges in the Fifth District, which encompasses the counties of Twin Falls, Cassia, Minidoka, Jerome, Gooding, and Fairfield. Roy has practiced law in the Magic Valley since 1976. She has received an "A" peer review rating since 1988. Her practice presently focuses on family law. Anyone interested in learning more about Roy, Nielson, Barini-Garcia and Platts call 208-734-4450.



Roy

Degree announcement

Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, Utah, has announced that Brent L. McMillan of Burley received his doctor of physical therapy degree on Sept. 30.

McMillan is currently employed with Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Need a job? Feds to hire 1.2 million for census

By Tony Pugh
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A once-in-a-decade job opportunity is just around the corner for jobless Americans who are struggling through the worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

Across the country, the 2010 census is ramping up efforts to hire 1.2 million temporary workers for the decennial head count, which begins in March.

Most of the jobs, about 700,000, will require knocking on doors for six to 10 weeks from May to July to find people who didn't mail in their census questionnaires.

The massive hiring effort will require more than 3 million job applicants, and the U.S. Census Bureau is targeting unemployed workers to find them.

At a news briefing last week, Census Bureau Director Robert Groves said that his agency would advertise the job openings in unemployment offices as well as in the local media so that "everyone who needs a job knows about the job opportunities."

"We want to hire people in the neighborhoods where they'll work," Groves said. "We've learned over the decades that hiring people

U.S. Census is hiring

The federal government needs more than a million workers to conduct the 2010 Census.

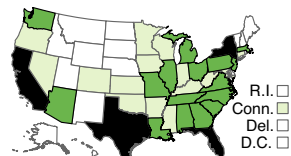
How many workers?

3.1 million people will be recruited

1.9 million not hired
1.2 million will be hired

Workers by state

Under 10,000 20,000-89,999
10,000-19,999 90,000 or more



Wages will vary by location

Some examples

Idaho Falls, Idaho; Meridian, Miss. \$10.50 Per hour
S. Fla.; Sacramento and Fresno, Calif. \$15.00
Anchorage, Alaska \$25.00

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
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who know the neighborhoods, who know the streets, who know the lifestyles and the goings and comings of neighborhoods works better."

The recession is affecting the 2010 census in several ways. With unemployment at 10 percent, officials are seeing better-qualified applicants.

On the down side, however, record foreclosures and job losses have forced millions of people to leave their homes and change

their addresses, which means they will be harder for census workers to find.

Because of this and rising anti-government sentiment, the bureau doesn't expect to match the results of the 2000 census, in which 67 percent of households completed and returned their questionnaires. The bureau has estimated that nearly 48 million households will require follow-up contacts or visits this time.

The states with the largest populations will require the most workers to flush out these non-respondents. California is expected to hire more than 118,000 workers by September, while New York state, Texas and Florida each are projected to employ more than 90,000.

The pay will vary widely by location, because of the difference in the cost of living. Workers in Olympia, Wash., will make \$12.75 an hour, for example, while the hourly rate is \$13.25 in Columbia, S.C., and \$13.75 in Lexington, Ky.

The pay jumps to \$15 an hour throughout South Florida and in Sacramento and Fresno, Calif. In Raleigh, N.C., census workers will earn \$16.25 an hour, while those in Tacoma, Wash., will make \$17.50 an hour.

Higher-paying areas include Charlotte, N.C., at

\$18.25 an hour, San Francisco at \$22 an hour and Anchorage, Alaska, at \$25 an hour.

Nigel Gault, the chief U.S. economist for forecaster IHS Global Insight, said the temporary jolt of jobs that the census would provide would be a "fortuitously timed extra piece of government stimulus."

He said the jobs provided additional spending power while boosting the nation's employment and payroll count. They'll also put a small, temporary dent in the unemployment rate.

Fortunately, Gault predicts that the economy should be adding jobs instead of shedding them by the time most of the new census hires begin work in early May.

"So this is an extra temporary kick on top of that," he said.

For the first time, all applicants will be fingerprinted as part of a stepped-up criminal background check. Applicants with serious and violent crime convictions won't be hired.

"If there are less serious convictions of less serious crimes, then you can be hired only if the applicant can demonstrate the extenuating circumstances that prove beyond a doubt that they don't pose a risk to the American public," Groves said.

Leading indicators rise for eighth straight month

By Tali Arbel
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A forecast of U.S. economic activity rose for the eighth straight month in November, a private research group said, signaling the economic rebound will continue next year.

The Conference Board said its index of leading economic indicators rose 0.9 percent last month, up from 0.3 percent in October.

The latest reading beat the 0.7 percent rise that economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters had expected.

The Conference Board said six of the 10 indicators it uses for the index increased last month.

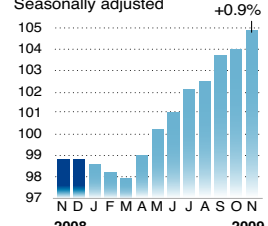
Improvements in financial conditions, housing permits and the labor market boosted the index last month, said Conference Board economist Ataman Ozyildirim.

A separate measurement of the growth rate forecast over the past six months has slowed, however.

In the half-year through November, the index grew at a 4.7 percent pace, down from the 5.9 percent pace in

Leading indicators

The index of leading indicators: 2004=100
Seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: The Conference Board AP

the half-year through September and the 5.2 percent pace through October.

Economists are worried about whether economic growth in 2010 will match that of the second half of this year with unemployment high, credit still tight and the effects of government stimulus programs ending.

The economy grew at a 2.8 percent pace in the third quarter. Many economists say gross domestic product will grow between 3 and 4 percent for the current quarter.

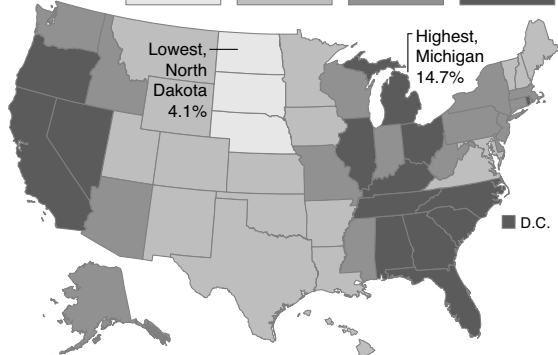
The Conference Board forecasts economic activity by measuring claims for unemployment aid, stock prices, consumer expectations, building permits for private homes, the money supply and other data.

Jobless rate dropped in most states

In November, unemployment rates dropped in 36 states, but appeared to reflect more people leaving the work force.

Unemployment rate, November 2009, seasonally adjusted

4.1 to 6.0% 6.1 to 8.0 8.1 to 10.0 10.1 to 14.7



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

AP

Fewer states add jobs as recovery sputters along

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a reversal of earlier gains, more states lost jobs than added them in November, signaling that hiring is occurring only sporadically around the country.

Unemployment rates dropped in 36 states and the District of Columbia, but that trend appeared to reflect more people leaving the work force. Unemployed people who stop looking for jobs out of frustration aren't counted in the labor force.

Friday's Labor Department report underscored that employers have yet to ramp up hiring, and many Americans can't find work. The number of people jobless for at least six months rose last month to 5.9 million, according to a separate report released earlier this month.

And the average length of unemployment exceeds 28 weeks, the longest on records dating to 1948.

It was the first time since April that more states' unemployment rates fell than rose. But two states, South Carolina and Florida, saw joblessness reach its highest point in 25 years.

And economists say most states' unemployment rates will rise as the stimulus programs wind down and seasonal jobs taper off.

"Even though things are getting better, they're not getting better fast enough to keep unemployment

from rising in the next six to nine months," said Mark Vitner, senior economist at Wells Fargo & Co.

Vitner said he expects unemployment nationally and in most states to continue inching up before cresting in about nine months. He predicts it will be six more months before there are any consistent job gains.

In all, 19 states added jobs in November, down from 28 in October. Thirty-one states and the District of Columbia suffered a net loss of jobs.

Labor said there were statistically important employment changes in four states. All four showed job losses. They are Michigan, Nevada, Mississippi and Hawaii.

The states that reported the largest jobs gains were Texas, Ohio, Georgia, Arizona and Iowa. Those shifts were not considered statistically important as a proportion of those states' large work forces.

Signs emerged in some states of people rejoining the work force to seek jobs as the economy slowly improves. Of the eight states where unemployment rose, five added jobs. All but one saw their work forces grow, indicating more people were looking for work.

The states that saw their labor forces grow faster than they could add jobs were Ohio, South Carolina, Georgia and Idaho.

Holiday wishes aren't in the cards: mailed greetings decline

By Steve Hendrix
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's the middle of December, and Peg Willingham wants to know: Where are all the Christmas cards?

"I've only gotten about four," said the Falls Church, Va., mother as she tabulated the meager pile in the little red basket that serves as her card caddy each year. "Normally I'd have a pretty full basket by now, at least 15 or 20 cards. I'm trying not to take it too personally."

She shouldn't. This season is shaping up as a ho-ho-hum year for holiday cards, at least the kind you can collect in a little red basket. Even the post office has noticed a significant thinning of the usual torrent of festive envelopes.

For the first two weeks of December, said Postal Service spokesman Michael Woods, "we are seeing about an 11 percent decrease in first-class cancellations from last year, which is a good proxy for the number of cards and letters coming



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JONATHAN NEWTON/
Washington Post

through the system."

And while last-minute mailers are still adding to all those waiting baskets and refrigerator doors, there are signs that plenty of people are giving hard-copy greetings a complete pass this time around.

"We see a 10 to 15 percent decline in the overall volume

of mailed paper greeting cards this year," said Neil Hendry, of Datamonitor, a New York-based retail analysis firm. "There are two principle reasons: technology and the economy."

Observers say a perfect winter storm may have formed to suppress this year's holiday mail surge: an

unemployment rate that makes a roll of 44-cent stamps one more difficult expense for many people (and adds up to a bleak Christmas letter for friends and family); increasingly popular and cheap (or free) Internet alternatives, such as e-cards and Facebook; and heightened environ-

mental concerns that have some people weighing the carbon footprint of all those cardboard Season's Greetings.

The cardmakers' trade group says it sees nothing amiss, based on an informal survey of Hallmark, American Greetings and other industry leaders. "It might be down slightly, but generally speaking, it seems relatively the same as last year," said Barbara Miller, spokeswoman for the Greeting Card Association. "But we're talking about 2 billion cards here. You have to see something major before the needle even moves."

But retailers have a different view, and they see a shift away from cards. Although mega-card-seller Wal-Mart wouldn't comment on sales for the season, Joshua Thomas, a spokesman for Target, said his company isn't selling as many as usual. "Sales of boxed-set holiday cards were not as strong as last year," he said, adding that the cheapest bulk packs of cards are

holding their own. "We're definitely seeing the trend of consumers going online to fulfill their holiday card needs."

Area printers also say they have seen the demand for custom cards fall as law firms and other businesses trim the trimmings. "It's probably off by 20 percent," said John Marmas, co-owner of Agile Printing in Washington.

Beth Charbonneau, 35, a psychotherapist from College Park, Md., decided to opt out of sending cards this year. With a busy practice, a 2-year-old daughter and an onslaught of visiting relations expected in days, Charbonneau reluctantly swapped a holiday greetings model dating back to the 1800s for this four-sentence posting on Facebook: "Dear Everyone, Please consider this your holiday card for the year. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Yule, and so on. Sorry to be a lame friend but, really, I'm just not Superwoman. I admit defeat on holiday cards."

AARP

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"We really started seeing fewer volunteers last year," said Fred Ripley, state coordinator for AARP Tax Aide.

"In fact, last year was the first year that we didn't have any tax preparation sites open in the Rupert area — there just wasn't enough people to operate it."

He also said tax preparation sites in Hailey, Burley and Jerome have been hurting for volunteers.

That poses a problem for people like Marlene Lovett, 86, from Burley, who relies on the AARP to help her with her taxes.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program is seeking volunteers. Training will begin 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 in the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Classes are held from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 4, 8, 11 and 15. For more information, call Jim Simpson at 208-733-1808.

"Ever since my husband passed away, I've been trying to handle my finances," she said. "But I can't make heads-or-tails of this stuff, so I really do look to (the AARP) for help."

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is the largest free tax preparation program in the nation — with more than

32,000 volunteers. During the 2008 tax season, there were 49 volunteers in the eight-county area of south-central Idaho that helped file more than 4,160 federal tax returns from 16 locations.

Federal returns in 2008 totaled \$4.2 million, Ripley said.

Part of the challenge facing the AARP is the training that is required to prepare volunteers. Volunteers train for a total of 24 hours over a four-day period before helping taxpayers. Then there is the matter of committing 40 volunteer hour during tax season.

"Believe it or not, the volunteers we have enjoy what they do. They enjoy preparing taxes," Ripley said. "It's something that helps them give back to the community and stay active."

However, therein lies the problem.

An increasing number of

retirees are staying active with part- or full-time jobs — something they now need to meet their own financial obligations.

The problem isn't isolated to southern Idaho, say regional officers of the AARP.

Sara Rix, a strategic policy adviser for AARP, says dwindling nest eggs are pushing older workers to try to stay in the workforce longer.

"Workers age 55 to 64 are particularly vulnerable," she says. "In previous recessions when older workers have lost their jobs, more were

covered by defined-benefit pension plans and less reliant on their own savings and 401(k) and defined-contribution plans."

Nationwide, as many as 9.5 million retired Americans are considering at least a partial return to the workforce, according to a study released earlier this week by Charles Schwab. The study also found that 32 percent of people aged 65 or older plan to delay retirement.

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TARP

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estate, for example, or a string of sovereign debt defaults. And bank profits, while having rebounded, remain significantly dependent on the availability of cheap funding from the Federal Reserve and other central banks that cannot be expected to last indefinitely.

In other words, we're not out of the woods just yet. That's the reason cited by Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner when he notified Congress last week that he was extending the much-maligned Troubled Assets Relief Program for another year. But somehow that same caution was thrown to the wind when Bank of America, Citigroup and

then Wells Fargo demanded to be freed of the stigma and extra supervision that came along with the bailout funds.

Certainly the banks' requests to repay the government, all in the space of two weeks, look suspiciously like they were driven not so much by financial fundamentals as by the same herd instincts that got them into trouble in the first place. There is no evidence that banks that remain under TARP are losing large numbers of customers or face significantly higher funding costs. And while banks are quick to identify executives they could not hire or traders who were lured away by hedge funds because of TARP's pay

restrictions, it doesn't mean there aren't plenty of equally talented people who would be thrilled to do these jobs for less-than-Goldman wages. Certainly there is no harm in using TARP restrictions to slow Wall Street's destructive arms race.

The better argument for letting banks out of TARP is that investors once again are willing to provide the private capital necessary to repay the government and provide a sufficient cushion against future losses. It's certainly encouraging that banks have raised \$160 billion this year on capital markets. But you'll pardon my skepticism if I note that it was the same markets that were throwing money at the same banks back dur-

ing the bubble. If regulators should have learned any lesson from that debacle, it is that they need to make their own judgments about bank balance sheets rather than trusting in the infallibility of markets.

As to why investors may be so eager to put money into bank stocks, one need only consult Standard & Poor's evaluation of Bank of America's credit ranking on the eve of its recent stock offering. "We consider B of A to be highly systemically important and therefore continue to believe that B of A would receive extraordinary government support if necessary, though we do not believe such support will be needed," it said. In other words, they were bailed out

once, they could be bailed out again.

Of course, S&P was wrong once before about Bank of America, and it could be wrong again. The political reality is that, no matter how large or interconnected, no bank — and certainly not Citigroup or Bank of America — will be bailed out again anytime soon. The next time the government is forced to step in, that bank's shareholders will be wiped out, its executives and directors sent packing and its operations wound down or sold off to competitors. Most significantly, creditors and counterparties who were bailed

out in the past will get only what they would have gotten from an orderly liquidation.

The rules governing this wind-down process are still being hammered out as part of the regulatory reform bill now making its way through Congress. Until that legislation is signed into law, it would have been better to keep the banks right where they were, under the protective thumb of the government that rescued them.

Steven Pearlstein writes about economic and financial market news for the Washington Post.

Historic

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Twin Falls City Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Paul Smith told the *Times-News* the group was concerned with "false fronts," like the tin siding, that was put on many downtown buildings in the 1960s.

Smith said the grant was the first of its kind to be awarded to the commission for its informally-named "Building Doctor Program," although another grant is in the works for the upcoming year.

Gnesa's building was the only one on the block with the false front remaining, Smith said, and was a priority for the commission.

"The block now has uniformity... with original 1920s fronts," Smith said.

Included in Lively's report were steps needed to completely rehabilitate the

front of the building, including cleaning and sealing of masonry block, painting window panes and rebuilding the existing storefronts.

While matching grants were available for some rehabilitation Gnesa said she couldn't afford the \$50,000 needed for the project.

The second story has development potential, Gnesa said, but the structure needs a lot of work. It's an investment the small retailer and print shop can't make.

"For now, we're leaving the brick the way it is," Gnesa said. "It still looks kind of haunted and odd but I never want the building to look the same as the others."

The spruced-up building and a few new businesses in the historic downtown area may have people rethinking

the area, said Twin Falls Business Improvement District Administrator Melinda Anderson.

"The Historic Preservation Commission, through its Building Doctor Program, is building on the past for the future," Anderson said. "It's

engagement in the revitalization of downtown could pay dividends for economic development and getting people interested in the downtown area."

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Mortgage

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Collaborative can achieve its goal of having reporters quote its survey instead of Freddie's. But in mortgage-shopping, as in most of life, more information is always better. So it will be interesting to check out the new data source, particularly to see how rates vary by ZIP Code.

It remains to be seen whether the Fair Mortgage

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Climate reality: Voluntary efforts not enough

Experts: Global accord that eluded summit is needed

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

COPENHAGEN — Around the world, countries and capitalism are already working to curb global warming on their own, with or without a global treaty.

In Brazil more rainforests are being saved, and in Chicago there's a voluntary carbon pollution trading system. People recycle, buy smaller and newer cars, and change lightbulbs.

But the impact of such piecemeal, voluntary efforts is small. Experts say it will never be enough without the kind of strong global agreement that eluded negotiators at the U.N. summit this past week in Copenhagen.

Emissions of greenhouse gases keep rising and so do global temperatures.

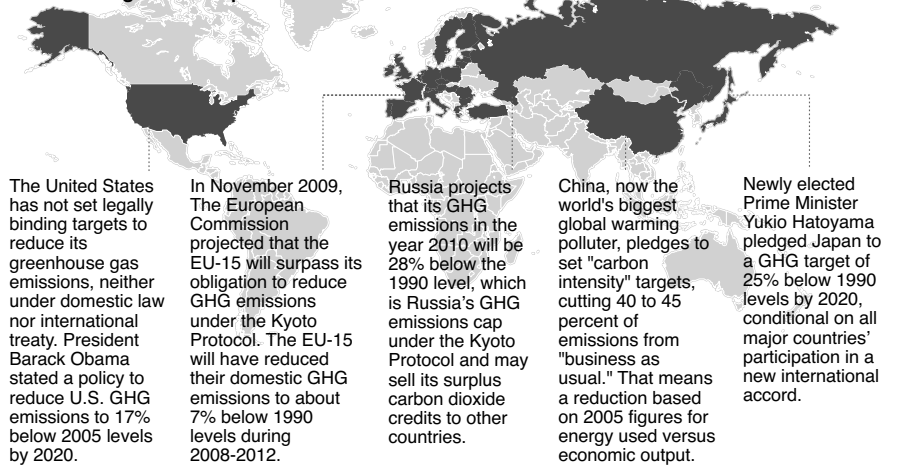
Dozens of countries — including the top two carbon polluters, China and the United States — came to the climate talks with proposals to ratchet down pollution levels.

But analysis by the United Nations and outside management systems experts show that those voluntary reductions will not keep temperatures from increasing by more than 1.3 degrees

Nations come to a new compromise on climate change

The U.N. climate talks in Copenhagen ended Saturday after an all-night negotiating marathon, with the acceptance of a compromise that gives billions of dollars to poor nations to deal with global warming while not requiring the world's major polluters to make deeper cuts to their greenhouse gas emissions.

Greenhouse gas control policies of various countries



SOURCE: United Nations, Congressional Research Service

Celsius (2.3 degrees Fahrenheit) compared with now. That's the level that scientists, the United Nations, the European Union and the Obama administration have said the world cannot afford.

Good intentions aren't enough. The deal forged by President Barack Obama with China and several other countries sets up the first major program of climate aid to poorer nations to help them deal with climate change. But it offers few specifics and goes no farther than emissions curbs already pledged. More negotiations are planned for next year.

"It just underlines the heroic effort here that the science says needs to be done; it's not easy," said

Alden Meyer, policy director at the Union of Concerned Scientists. "If it were easy, it would have been done. This is a daunting effort."

And no one knew that more than a weary Obama, who 14 hours after arriving in Copenhagen, unveiled the political agreement by saying "more aggressive" emission cuts were needed and so were still-unseen scientific breakthroughs.

"But this is going to be hard," Obama said in a news conference late Friday. "This is hard within countries; it's going to be even harder between countries."

"Hard stuff ... requires going ahead and making the best of the situation that you're in at this point, and

then continually trying to improve and make progress from there," Obama added.

Upon announcement of the deal, a team of experts led by an MIT professor made quick calculations: The average global temperature is likely to rise 3.2 degrees Celsius (5.7 degrees F.) above current temperatures.

So the response from many, but not all, environmental activists and poorer nations was "not enough."

That's not for lack of trying.

The U.S. private sector already has invested hundreds of billions of dollars to cut emissions, and that is probably just the beginning no matter what happened in Copenhagen.

Between 2007 and 2008, energy-related carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. fell 2.8 percent, though part of that was related to the recession.

A study this year by McGraw Hill Construction said between \$36 billion and \$49 billion of eco-friendly buildings are under development. That figure is expected to triple by 2013.

The owners of New York's Empire State building spent \$13.2 million on environmental retrofits to draw new tenants.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. retrofitted about 500 buildings this year. Part of the project included installing skylights with the goal of cutting up to 75 percent of the energy used to light stores.

In Chicago, a company started a voluntary commodities market to trade credits for reducing carbon pollution. It has reduced carbon dioxide pollution by the equivalent of 400 million metric tons in the six years since 2003. That sounds like a lot, but the U.S. emitted 7.05 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent last year alone.

But the broad range of voluntary carbon reductions falls far short of what's needed to address climate change, energy experts emphasize. To approach anything near the 17 percent reduction in emissions by 2020 that the Obama administration has

targeted, a price must be put on carbon emissions, most energy expert acknowledge.

"If there was an easy answer, the countries could agree on it," said Gregg Marland who keeps track of worldwide carbon dioxide emissions at the Oak Ridge National Lab. "There is no easy answer. And there is not a cheap answer. I don't see people going very far voluntarily without incentives to do it, and that comes from government."

In much of the developing world, the biggest carbon problem is destruction of forests. Brazil, a top 10 carbon dioxide polluter, is also one of the leading countries in losing forests, which suck carbon dioxide out of the air.

Mostly by slowing deforestation, Brazil has already pledged to reduce carbon emissions by about 36 to 39 percent by 2020. Last month, Brazil reported its biggest annual decline in deforestation in two decades.

The problem, Obama said, is that "the science compels us to move as rapidly as we can."

That's where 450 parts per million of carbon dioxide comes in. The United States and European Union are aiming not to exceed that level — which corresponds with the projected temperature rise — because it's too dangerous. Some scientists point to 350 ppm as a safer level. This year the world pushed beyond 390 ppm for the first time.

East snowed under



AP photo

Josh Waldron shovels off the roof of his house after a snowstorm hit the eastern U.S., Saturday in Waynesboro, Va.

Storm cripples travel, knocks out power

By Sarah Karush
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A blizzard-like storm rocked the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast on Saturday, crippling travel across the region and leaving hundreds of thousands of customers without power.

Five deaths appeared to have been caused by the storm system, which stretched from the Carolinas north to New England and also spread into some Midwestern states. The 16 inches of snow that fell at Reagan National Airport outside Washington was the most ever recorded for a single December day, while about 16 inches had also fallen in Philadelphia.

Those who did venture out were treated to nearly desolate stores on what is usually one of the busiest shopping days of the year. There were virtually no lines to get a picture with a mall Santa on the last weekend before Christmas.

The National Guard used Humvees to rescue stranded motorists in Virginia and some 500 people had sought warmth and refuge in emergency shelters.

"The snow has not stopped

falling, the storm isn't over, and folks should not think this is crying wolf," said Laura Southard, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

More than two feet of snow fell in some areas since Friday. Public transportation in the nation's capital nearly ground to a halt, but it wasn't enough to keep senators from staying in session to debate health care reform.

The slow-moving storm was headed to the Northeast, where forecasters said parts of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts could see more than 16 inches by Sunday night. Forecasters expected the storm to drop as many as 10 inches on New York City.

Snowplows cleared the runway at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Washington as President Barack Obama returned from climate talks in Copenhagen. The White House said Obama rode in a motorcade back to the White House, instead of taking his helicopter, because of the conditions.

The region was virtually a sea of white. The Smithsonian Institution closed its museums, and the

National Mall, which normally would be swarming with tourists, instead was the scene of snowball fights and cross-country skiers.

For Chris and Kelly Fitzpatrick, who were visiting from Clearwater, Fla., the winter wonderland came at the perfect time.

"It's her fault that we're out so long. She wants to walk and walk and walk," said Chris Fitzpatrick, 38.

In western Virginia, officials said several hundred motorists became stranded and had to be rescued by four-wheel-drive vehicles.

"Some folks have decided to stay in vehicles, others have been taken to shelters," said Virginia Department of Emergency Management spokesman Bob Spieldenner. "We're definitely trying to keep people off the roads."

Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said traffic was moving, though slowly. There were reports of jackknifed tractor-trailers and some semis on their sides. Troopers had responded to more than 4,000 traffic crashes and disabled vehicles.

Senators OK defense budget bill, but leave much until 2010

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate cleared its year-end plate of some must-do work Saturday as it passed a critical budget bill that blends money for the Pentagon with additional help for the jobless.

The early morning 88-10 vote, taken as a blizzard buffeted the Capitol, permitted lawmakers to resume their acrimonious debate on health care, which Democrats now expect to finish by Christmas. The spending measure now goes to President Barack Obama for his signature.

It wraps up work on perhaps Congress' most fundamental job: funding the annual budgets of Cabinet agencies and the rest of the government.

But the \$626 billion defense bill measure also demonstrated the failings of a Congress unable to address many of its most pressing tasks, such as passing a highway bill and making sure doctors don't absorb a 21 percent hit in Medicare payments. In a boon for the wealthy, the estate tax temporarily will expire Jan. 1, even as people

inheriting smaller amounts will face larger capital gains bills.

Having run out of time and patience, Democrats used the must-pass Pentagon measure to drag along several two-month extensions of expiring legislation. They include unemployment benefits for the long-term jobless, health care subsidies for those out of work, highway and transit money and parts of the terrorism-fighting Patriot Act.

Resolving those issues in February would clutter next year's agenda as Obama's Democratic allies turn to trying to rein in the spiraling budget deficit and passing his upcoming request for additional troops in Afghanistan, which promises to be a very difficult task.

The impressive vote Saturday was evidence of the broad support for paying for troops fighting overseas and other elements of the Pentagon budget. The path to that point, however, was poisoned with partisanship as Republicans sought to derail the measure in an effort to stretch out action on health care past Christmas.

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Dems unite for 60 votes on health care bill

By Noam N. Levey and Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After a dramatic month of sometimes round-the-clock negotiating and deal making, Senate Democrats came together on Saturday behind sweeping health care legislation, providing a powerful boost for President Barack Obama's top domestic policy goal.

The breakthrough came after Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and his lieutenants engineered a delicately crafted compromise to prevent federal funding of abortions, the same issue that nearly stopped the House from passing its health care bill six weeks ago.

With the deal, Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, a strong opponent of abortion, became the 60th and critical last member of the Democratic caucus to line up behind the health care legislation.

That paved the way for Reid to introduce a final package of changes to his 2,074-page bill and file the necessary procedural motions that should allow Democrats to quash an expected series of Republican filibuster attempts over the next several days. The Senate now remains on track to pass its version of the bill by Christmas.

"Today is a major step forward for the American people," Obama said Saturday afternoon at the White House, as a thick layer of snow blanketed Washington. "After a nearly century-long struggle, we are on the cusp of making health care reform



Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., speaks at a news conference following his agreement to support the health care legislation now pending on Capitol Hill in Washington, Saturday.

a reality?" Republicans continued their attacks on the legislation, criticizing proposed Medicare cuts, tax increases and a host of other issues. GOP leaders vowed to try and slow the passage of the measure, saying the Democrats are attempting to push it through too quickly.

"This bill is a legislative train wreck of historic proportions," the party's leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said at a news conference.

No Republicans are expected to back the \$871 billion measure, which is projected to provide coverage to another 31 million people by 2019.

If the Senate bill passes, negotiations over differences with the House could drag on for months, although Democrats hope to finish work in January.

Getting a bill to Obama quickly is a top political priority for many Democrats, who are eager to move past the health care issue and turn to jobs and other economic issues that are now considered more important by voters.

But Saturday's abortion deal with Nelson marked a crucial milestone in Democrats' drive to enact the most extensive change to the nation's health care system since the creation of Medicare 44 years ago.

The core of the last-minute agreement seeks to guarantee that taxpayer money would not be used to pay for abortions through the use of a new accounting formula.

If a woman receiving a federal subsidy for health insurance chose a policy that covered abortion — as many policies now do — she would

have to send two payments to her insurer, one of which would be placed in an account reserved specifically for abortion coverage.

That method is less restrictive than the House health care bill, which banned any insurers from offering abortion coverage to any American who receives insurance subsidies, a formula devised by a group of socially conservative Democrats in that chamber.

Reid reached the Senate compromise after days of meetings involving Nelson, White House officials and other lawmakers, including Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., a leading supporter of abortion rights.

Until late Friday night, Democratic leaders — while outwardly optimistic — had been unsure they would be able to convince the famously independent Nelson to

THE ABORTION COMPROMISE

WASHINGTON — The abortion issue nearly derailed Senate Democrats' drive to overhaul health care. Here is a look at the compromise lawmakers reached.

Question: Would insurance companies still be able to offer abortion coverage?

Answer: Yes, but a woman who receives federal subsidies to help her buy coverage and selects a plan that offers abortion services would have to send two checks to the insurance company. One would be placed in an account reserved specifically for abortion coverage.

Q: How is that different from the original bill?

A: The original bill required women to send just one check, and insurers had to take steps to assure no subsidies, or taxpayer money, were used for abortion services.

Q: Are there any other new requirements on insurance companies?

A: Insurers that offer plans with abortion services would have to offer a parallel plan with the same benefits, minus abortion coverage.

Q: Would these rules apply to all insurance companies?

A: They would apply only to plans sold in government-run insurance exchanges, which is where Americans who do not get benefits through their employers could shop for insurance starting in 2014. Many of those consumers probably would be eligible for federal subsidies to help pay premiums. Insurance companies that offer plans through employers still would be free to offer abortion services without any restrictions.

Q: Does this settle the abortion debate as far as health care goes?

A: The House bill includes a more restrictive rule that would prohibit women who receive federal subsidies from buying an insurance plan that covered abortion services. Many leading anti-abortion groups favor this approach. If the Senate passes a bill next week, the two measures will have to be reconciled next year.

— Los Angeles Times

come over, according to sources familiar with the talks.

They had pledged to provide additional aid to his home state to offset the cost of expanding Medicaid insurance for the poor. (Most other states have had to split that cost with the federal government.)

And they promised to help shield some nonprofit insurers from a new excise tax on the industry. But for days, they could not find a way to break the abortion impasse.

Negotiations resumed in

Reid's offices just off the Senate chamber at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning, after a long night that had culminated in a 1:01 a.m. vote on a defense appropriation bill.

Joining Reid and Nelson were Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who had helped broker earlier health care deals, White House deputy chief of staff Jim Messina and White House senior adviser Pete Rouse, both Hill veterans.

Late in the afternoon, Reid called Boxer in to negotiate for the abortion-rights advocates.

Santa promotes unhealthy lifestyle, doctor says with twinkle in his eye

By Julie Deardorff
Chicago Tribune

Though he has a few billion houses to visit, Santa Claus should get off his sleigh and walk or bike, according to a cheeky public health doctor, who says Santa's commercial image promotes obesity, unsafe air travel and a general unhealthy lifestyle.

"His popularity should be used to promote healthy living," Dr. Nathan Grills argued in a light-hearted "analysis" in the Christmas issue of bmj.com.

In 2007 acting U.S. surgeon general Steven Galson declared that Santa should be thinner. Now Grills is urging Santa to lose his belly fat (the most dangerous kind), to eat carrots instead of energy-dense cookies and to don a helmet while participating in "extreme sports such as roof surfing and chimney jumping."

"Given Santa's fame, he has considerable potential to influence individual and societal behavior — and not necessarily for good," Grills wrote in the satirical piece. "I am suspicious of how he has been co-opted for marketing purposes."

Santa's rotund image, popularized by 1930s ads for Coca-Cola, is a far cry from the original St. Nick, who was quite trim. And though his quivering belly has been associated with joviality, it's a mistake to equate obesity with cheerfulness, according to Canadian researchers who found that "remaining sedentary was generally associated with a low jolly



Showing that St. Nick doesn't have to be overweight and out of shape, Santas snowboard Saturday at The Canyons Ski Resort in Park City, Utah. The first 50 guests who donned Santa attire at the resort got to ski for free.

quotient." (Yes, Virginia, they actually study this stuff.)

But Frankfort, Ill., physical therapist Vincent Gutierrez worries that if Santa were skinny, he might not have enough energy to perform his duties. He needs "a huge resource of fat in order to perform what is, quite frankly, the greatest endurance activity known to man: Carrying and delivering presents throughout the entire world," Gutierrez wrote in a heated Facebook discussion.

But even if Santa lost weight, there's another problem: Santa is sneezed or coughed on repeatedly while taking gift requests.

Prison population to have first drop since '72

By Jeff Carlton
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — The United States may soon see its prison population drop for the first time in almost four decades, a milestone in a nation that locks up more people than any other.

The inmate population has risen steadily since the early 1970s as states adopted get-tough policies that sent more people to prison and kept them there longer. But tight budgets now have states rethinking these policies and the costs that come with them.

"It's a reversal of a trend that's been going on for more than a generation," said David Greenberg, a sociology professor at New York University. "In some ways, it's overdue."

The U.S. prison population dropped steadily during most of the 1960s, and there were a few small dips in 1970 and 1972. But it has risen every year since, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

About 739,000 prisoners were admitted to state and federal facilities last year, about 3,500 more than were released, according to new figures from the bureau. The 0.8 percent growth in the prison population is the smallest annual increase this decade and significantly less than the 6.5 percent average annual growth of the 1990s.

Overall, there were 1.6 million prisoners in state

and federal prisons at the end of 2008.

In the past, prison populations have been lower when drafts were enacted, including during World War II and the wars in Korea and Vietnam.

"People who go to war are young men, and young men are the most likely to get arrested or prosecuted," said James Austin, president of the JFA Institute, a research organization that advises states on prison issues.

The ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan haven't involved in a draft.

Instead, the economic crisis forced states to reconsider who they put behind bars and how long they kept them there, said Kim English, research director for the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice.

In Texas, parole rates were once among the lowest in the nation, with as few as 15 percent of inmates being granted release as recently as five years ago. Now, the parole rate is more than 30 percent after Texas began identifying low-risk candidates for parole.

In Mississippi, a truth-in-sentencing law required drug offenders to serve 85 percent of their sentences.

That's been reduced to less than 25 percent.

California's budget problems are expected to result in the release of 37,000 inmates in the next two years. The state also is under a federal court order to shed 40,000 inmates because its prisons are so overcrowded that they are no longer constitutional, Austin said.

States also are looking at ways to keep people from ever entering prison. A nationwide system of drug courts takes first-time felony offenders caught with less than a gram of illegal drugs and sets up a monitoring team to help with case management and therapy.

Studies have touted significant savings with drug courts, saying they cost 10 percent to 30 percent less

than it costs to send someone to prison.

"I don't think they work. I know so," said Judge John Cruzot, a state district judge in Dallas.

The reforms in many state prisons and courts come even as crime rates continue to drop nationwide.

"It's economically driven, but the science is there to support it," Austin said. "They are saving money, but not doing it in a way that jeopardizes public safety."

One exception to the trend is Florida, which has enacted a law requiring all convicts to serve a high percentage of their sentences. The law is straining the state's prison resources.

"They know that they are stuck in a time bomb they can't get out of," Austin said.

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C.L. 'Von' Potter

WENDELL — C.L. "Von" Potter of Wendell, died Thursday evening, Dec. 17, 2009, at Helping Hands of Gooding, due to Parkinson's disease.



Von was the third child of Lyle E. Potter and Mary Ellen Penfold Potter. He was born in 1921 in Hagerman, Idaho. Von married Marguerite Kirtland of Hagerman on Dec. 29, 1945. They had one child, Michael Potter. They have three grandchildren, Michael Von Potter, Challis Potter and Matthew Eric Potter (now deceased). Their great-grandchildren include Kooper Jensen, Kasey Jensen, their little sister, Isabella, and Kyle Potter.

Von served from 1943 to

1946 in the U.S. Navy on the USS New Mexico in the Pacific campaign in World War II, where he was awarded several medals.

Von ran cattle out on the Hagerman desert and then ranched in the Wood River area. He was a builder of buggies, wagons and sheep wagons. Von was a member of the Draft Horse Association. He was a true cowboy at heart until the end.

There will be a viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Demaray's Wendell Chapel. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the LDS Church in Hagerman. Burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery.

Betty Jane Whitaker Eames

BURLEY — Betty Jane Whitaker Eames, age 75, peacefully passed away at her Burley home in the care of her loving family on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, from complications due to cancer.



Betty was born in Elba, Idaho, on Jan. 14, 1934, where she grew up in a ranching family and developed a deep love for horses and outdoor living. Her life was full of challenges at an early age. She married Kay Eames from Almo in 1951, and they soon moved with their two young children to the wilderness of the Alaska Territory to homestead land in 1952. After helping Kay build their house on permafrost land, enduring long cold winters, and having another child while in Alaska, they decided to return closer to their original homeland. They first moved to Eugene, Ore., and then to Reno, Nev. They finally settled in Burley in 1958, where they later had two more children.

At their home in Burley, where Kay built a shop for his auto repair business, Betty had enough land to have horses again. With her love of the outdoors, she hunted deer in the local mountains and fished for trout in the streams and reservoirs near Elba.

Betty led an active lifestyle and always strived to do her best. Betty earned numerous bowling trophies, won a pool tournament, loved NASCAR, and was a rodeo queen contestant. One of her favorite jobs was pulling "Rye grain" by horseback for Jones Farms near Raft River, where she worked for many years. She was an avid golfer who was involved for many years in the Burley Ladies Golf Association, where she held



numerous leadership positions. Betty once shot a "hole-in-one" and could still play 27 holes in a single day at the age of 75.

Betty is survived by her companion and friend, Kay Eames of Burley; their five children, Linda (Tony) Fernau and Karl Eames of Burley, Curtis (Pam) Eames of Meridian, LaDawn (Ned) Fiacco of Idaho Falls and Clint Eames of Hailey; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Clara Whitaker; three brothers, Guy, Ted and Dale Whitaker; and her two sisters, Ora Mathews and June Hutchison.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Pastor Ned Fiacco officiating. Burial will be later in the spring in the Grand View Cemetery in Elba.

Donald Larry Boren

Larry was born July 25, 1945, the fourth of six sons born to Esbert and Mary (Smith) Boren of Boise and Emmett. He passed away peacefully at his home in Kamiah, Idaho, on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009.



Larry was born in Boise and raised in both in Boise and Emmett, graduating from Boise High School in 1964. He married the "girl next door," Patricia Hien, in 1967. Together they had four children but divorced in 1984. Larry worked for the railroad for many years until he developed a genetic kidney disease. He had two kidney transplants and dealt with them the way he dealt with everything — calmly, quietly and with dignity. He was an outdoorsman and especially loved "drowning worms." He was a talented woodworker and currently had his own lawn care business. Larry had family and friends spread up and down the state, was dearly loved

and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his children and grandchildren, Donald (daughter Elisabeth), Kevin, Terry (and son TJ), and April (Scott) Main and children Scotty and Jamie. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Boren of Boise; his brothers, James, Ron (Cleo), Mike (Lisa) and Louis (Cherri); nine nieces and nephews and their children; his uncle, Robert Boren of Emmett; many cousins; and dear friends, Barbara Leach of Weiser, Ron and Shirley Close of Wendell, Perry and Virginia Wolfe of Gooding, and other friends in the Kooskia/Kamiah area. He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Leroy; and many aunts and uncles.

No service will be held at this time. A memorial service will be held for him in Boise in the summer. In lieu of flowers, please hold Larry and his family in your hearts and prayers.

DEATH NOTICES

Joyce E. McGuire

Joyce Ellen McGuire, 64, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009, at St. Luke's

Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

SERVICES

Gene W. Hillis of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Gerald Jordy Sugden of Twin Falls, graveside inurnment at 1 p.m. Monday at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Duane Dee Young of Twin Falls, graveside service celebration of life, 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Rolland "Ron" L. Helsley of Twin Falls, funeral at noon

Tuesday at the LDS Church, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the service at the church.

Esther J. Campbell of Hines City, Fla., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

Laurel Janine Harmon of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Dec. 30 at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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Yvonne King Burch, member of singing King Sisters, dies

By Valerie J. Nelson
Los Angeles Times

Yvonne King Burch, one of the singing King Sisters, an accomplished swing-era vocal group that later starred with their extended family in a television variety show, has died. She was 89.

Burch, who was injured in a fall, died Sunday at a hospital in Santa Barbara, Calif., her family announced.

Born Jan. 20, 1920, in Ephraim, Utah, she was the sixth of eight children of William King Driggs, a vocal trainer, and his wife, Pearl.

Her father was an old-time vaudevillian who trained his children to sing. Billed as the Driggs Family of Entertainers, they toured the West, eventually settling in Oakland, Calif.

When her three oldest sisters — Maxine, Luise and Alyce — formed their own vocal group in junior high, they billed themselves as the King Sisters. The trio became a quartet when Yvonne, then 14, joined with another sister, Donna, after Maxine left to get married.

With another sister and a friend in the lineup, they became known as the Six King Sisters. They first attracted attention in 1935 by performing with Horace Heidt's band and appearing on his radio show.

Heidt shrank the group to four when he took them on tour. Once again, they were truly a sister singing act, known for tight, four-part harmony, with Yvonne or Alyce taking the occasional solo.

When guitarist Alvin Rey — who by then had married Luise — left Heidt in 1939 to form his own band, the sisters went with him. Yvonne sang on several Rey hits, including the band's theme song, "Nighty Night," and "I Said No!"

The King Sisters also scored a series of moderate hits issued under their own name, among them "The Hut Sut Song," "I'll Get By" and "In the Mood!"

At the height of their musical success, they appeared in several movies in the 1940s, including "Sing Your Worries Away" with Buddy Ebsen, "Meet the People" with Lucille Ball and Dick Powell, and "Cuban Pete" with Desi Arnaz.

Upon entering the Navy, Rey broke up his band in 1943 and the sisters started fading from the spotlight. When Donna left the group in the late 1940s, the youngest sister, Marilyn, stepped in.

In 1963, Yvonne organized a charity performance that featured members of the King family and led to their own weekly ABC program, "The King Family Show," in 1965.

The program was an immediate hit, according to the All Music Internet database, but success was bittersweet: Family patriarch Driggs, a featured performer, died weeks into the show's run.

With as many as 40 family members involved — Rey had a regular spot with his talking guitar — the wholesome program aired for a year. It was briefly revived in 1969.

McKenzie Lee Sill Kenney

McKenzie Lee Sill Kenney, 16, of Twin Falls, returned to heaven on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009, at her home in Twin Falls.

McKenzie was born March 5, 1993, in Sacramento, Calif., the daughter of Michael Wayne Kenney and Sherri Lynn Sill. She grew up and attended schools in Sacramento, attending Center High School before moving to Twin Falls, Idaho, in August. McKenzie was currently attending the 11th grade at Twin Falls High School. She was a good student, made friends easily and was well thought of by her teachers. She will be sorely missed and loved forever by all who knew her.

McKenzie is survived by her mother, Sherri Kenney of



Twin Falls; her sisters and brother, Heather Denise Kenney, Amanda Jean Kenney and Michael Wayne Kenney Jr., all of Sacramento, Calif.

Also surviving is her nephew, Christopher Louis Rickel; loved aunts and uncles, cousins, grandmother and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Michael; her brother, David; and grandparents, Jay, Marva and CB.

A memorial service for McKenzie will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. At the request of the family, there will be no public viewing. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Sandra (Sandy) Marie Miller

Sandra (Sandy) Marie Miller, 66, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at University Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sandy was born in Missoula, Mont., on March 1, 1943, to Jim and Louise Mc Closkey. Sandy attended schools in Camas Prairie and graduated from Plains High School in Montana. She later moved to Helena, Mont., with her mother, where she attended Carrol College and worked for the Montana Highway Department.

While living in Helena, she met the love of her life, Leroy Miller, in August of 1964. Leroy had come to Helena from California to visit with relatives when he swept Sandy off her feet. They were married on April 24, 1965, at the Cathedral in Helena and then moved to Oxnard, Calif. They were blessed with two beautiful children, Jim (1968) and Wendy (1969). The family had a good life together in Oxnard. In 1976, Leroy transferred to the Missoula, Mont., Post Office. Sandy was happy to be going home to her beloved Montana, where they built a new home on six acres where they raised sheep in Victor, Mont. Sandy worked for a log home builder and then as secretary to the superintendent for the Victor K-12 school, where she remained until her retirement in 1998.

Sandy, Leroy and children loved camping, fishing and



exploring the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. In 1998, they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and soon became bored, after retirement they both decided to go to work for Kmart.

Leroy retired again but Sandy remained working in the pharmacy. Sandy had many friends; she never met a stranger and was eager to help anyone in need.

Sandy is survived by her loving husband, Leroy, of 44 years; her son, Jim Miller, and children, Savannah, Brenna and Elizabeth; daughter, Wendy Schneider (Terry), and children, Philip, Alexander, Julianna, Emily Ann and Leeland; her sister, Sharon (Peter) Radoyevich of Oxnard, Calif.; stepbrother, Mike Barnes of Helena, Mont.; and many nieces and nephews and dear longtime friends.

Sandy will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends and many more whose lives she has touched.

A rosary prayer service will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Jim Herrett reciting. The funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Father Mike St. Marie celebrating. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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Reading the signs



AP photo

Diana Yupe, a Native American archeologist, stands by a rock bearing petroglyphs, Dec. 4 near Lower Ross Park in Pocatello.

Petroglyphs mark Idaho's ancient trails

By John Bulger
The Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — An ancient highway runs through Pocatello, replete with road signs. It is a path not traversed by machines and many of the mostly unnoticed signs are still present, having endured through the centuries.

The original travelers of the road were Native Americans, and the signs are their works. These petroglyphs — literally rock writing — are present throughout the region, but an especially high concentration exists in this area and through the Portneuf Gap on to McCammon, the basalt cliffs providing a ready canvas.

With the advent of the first white men to the West, the preservation of these markings, along with pictographs — painting on the rocks — have often been compromised, either removed from their intended resting place, or defaced in acts of vanity or vandalism, with names, dates and initials chiseled on them.

The original artisans of the petroglyphs are long dead, but the messages they intended to convey are still present and await interpretation.

Reading the signs

A bitter wind buffets Diana Yupe as she stands alongside a boulder next to a basalt cliff in the Portneuf Valley. The rock is covered with symbols. Idaho historian John E. Rees, who spoke Shoshoni and studied the symbols at the beginning of last century, wrote of this particular rock: "The largest square figure is a Medicine lodge. The crosses represent the four winds which must be appeased. The coyote, being a progenitor of the Shoshonis, designates the drawing a Shoshoni picture."

Yupe is unconvinced that the figure represents a coyote, explaining the coyote is considered a trickster in tribal lore, often depicted in a different manner. She believes the figure is a dog, a revered part of Shoshoni culture, worthy of being painstakingly memorialized on the rocks.

"When the tribal people were removed out of these places and were put on reservations, our ancestors left a message for us and those writings for us," said Yupe, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock tribes and an archaeologist. "At some point when it's time that we can go back into those areas, then we need to see those messages. I impress upon the people, 'Don't destroy it for us, because this is ours. We're sharing it with you so you can see the value and the richness of our culture. But don't destroy them.'" As the West was settled by

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white men, the lore of cowboys and Indians had a worldwide lure. Performers such as William "Buffalo Bill" Cody made fortunes showcasing their brand of Western and American Indian culture throughout the United States and Europe. A market arose for those things crafted by aboriginal people. Unfortunately, petroglyphs became part of that fascination.

A worldwide attraction

One of the first white men to catalog and attempt to decipher the petroglyphs in Idaho was John E. Rees, whose father had moved the family to the Salmon area in 1887 to run the trading post at the Lemhi Indian Agency. The young Rees became immersed in Shoshoni culture, learning the language.

Rees sought out promising Shoshoni artists, gave them crayons, and learned to interpret the various signs they produced. He became acknowledged as an authority on the life and lore of Native Americans in the region, publishing much of his work. Rees' interests led him to explore much of the countryside, including the Pocatello area, interpreting the petroglyphs along the Portneuf River.

Some of Rees letters and manuscripts are currently housed in Idaho State University's Oboler Library special collections section. One of the documents, entitled "Shoshoni Petroglyphs Along the Portneuf River," contains the following passage, describing a glacial moraine he visited in Pocatello during the 1880s that had many petroglyphs already being systematically destroyed by the progress of the growing town.

"A portion of this moraine covered about three sq acres of ground with nice, large, smooth boulders which were marked over with carvings of Indian petroglyphs. The people did not realize the value of such writings, and the man who owned the ground broke up and sold the boulders for building material. In several old-fashioned fireplaces built by residents of this city can be observed the disjointed and disconnected pictures of many of these writings which make a very picturesque fireplace but wholly destroys all intelligence which the Indians intended to convey by such, as they thought, imperish-

able methods. "This point of the Pocatello townsight (sic) was the divergent place for all trails going south, north or west and just as Pocatello is considered the gateway to the Pacific Northwest, so was it in aboriginal days a strategic point among Indians for holding or controlling certain areas which they claimed and over which they exercised jurisdiction. "These three sq acres of boulders must have contained the most important and vital history and intelligence of which they made record. (Unfortunately,) I did not see them at a time when I was interested in or could read such writings..."

Preserving their history

Rees was not the only forward thinker hoping to preserve the history of the aboriginal people.

In 1906, the Preservation of American Antiquities Act was passed by Congress to try and stop the relentless removal of artifacts from public lands in the West. Although the Act was intended for preservation of small historic sites, President Teddy Roosevelt used the Act to sidestep the too-slow legislative process and began to create national monuments, including Devils Tower and Grand Canyon national monuments.

Unfortunately, the Act has no teeth where private lands are concerned, and on which many of the petroglyphs in Southeast Idaho are situated.

In one piece of correspondence, Rees articulated, although without rebuke, the need to leave artifacts in their original placement.

"I received the pictographs you sent me. I can only give you an outline of their meaning. Before one can go very deep into interpretation of these writings they would necessarily have to examine them in situ. Many marks and symbols which you would overlook would mean very much to a person in writing or deciphering them."

In his scholarly works, Rees noted that many petroglyphs had suffered the natural deterioration caused by time and the elements and bemoaned the hastening of that process by man:

"To make this writing more confusing and harder to read, several white persons have carved letters and initials over parts of it, effac-

ing and destroying many symbols."

Rees died in 1928, but some of his work on local petroglyph sites was reproduced in a 1930 article published in the 12th Biennial Report of the Board of Trustees of the Idaho State Historical Society.

The article, "Indian Rock Writing in Idaho," by Richard P. Erwin, references 69 separate sites in Idaho where petroglyphs or pictographs had been found. Erwin noted that the meaning of the symbols, many of them reproduced in photographs in the article, had been already lost by 1930 and that no "Rosetta stone has yet been discovered, nor is it expected one will be found."

He wrote: "Many of these picture writings have stood for ages and would stand for ages to come if weathering was the only destroying element. Unfortunately, certain people are possessed with a mania to destroy. The great majority of them, we believe, destroy picture writing thoughtlessly, and do not realize their valuethat a rock with a little paint or a few scratches or scrawls could be of any consequence. Never again will there be uncivilized Indians who will paint or carve inscriptions on rocks as in the past. The mutilating of some character may be destroying a key-sign to future interpretation, a clue to the location of the Indians' former habitat or burial, or an indication of some other site valuable to the archeologist."

Embedded in a chimney

There are a number of locals who have had an abiding interest in the petroglyphs. One of them was the late Minnie Howard, an iconic figure in Pocatello and an avid historian. Ironically, Howard had several stones with petroglyphs embedded in the family home's rock chimney. Erwin noted the happenstance surrounding the Howard fireplace inlay.

"Dr. Minnie Howard of Pocatello has, in the fireplace of her home, rocks taken from a site about four blocks from her residence. The rocks at this site were being utilized as building material, and otherwise destroyed, and in order to preserve a few specimens, Dr. Howard had these blocks cut. They contain a few characters, consisting of a warrior, star and bear paws."

Howard was an active contributor of articles and artifacts to the state historical society, so the absence of any notion of complicity in the pirating of petroglyphs is understandable, and perhaps Howard's motives were as pure as Erwin indicated. There is certainly no surviving rock quarry within a half-mile radius of where the Howard home stood, next to what is now the Marshall Public Library.

Druggist who tackled armed robber fired

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho pharmacist who tackled a gun-toting robber and received a special award from the city of Coeur d'Alene has been fired for violating company policy.

Jerry Gunderson said he was dismissed from the Shopko pharmacy late last month because he resisted the robbery.

A Shopko spokeswoman at the company's corporate office in Green Bay, Wis., declined to comment.

On Nov. 18, Gunderson chased after the gunman who police say had just stolen six bottles of anti-anxiety prescription medicine, then tackled him near the entrance of the store.

Gunderson said he initially was only trying to get information for police.

"I figured I'd get something, anything to aid them," Gunderson told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "I wasn't trying to apprehend him at all. Had I known he had a gun I never would have gone after him."

When Gunderson neared the front of the store he saw the man had tried to go out the store entrance but was blocked by the shut door.

"And there he was," Gunderson said. "And he says, 'I got a gun.'"

Gunderson said he saw

the man reach in his pocket.

"I'm thinking, 'I don't want to find out the hard way if you have a gun,'" said Gunderson, a former college wrestler in the 189-pound category. "So I tackled him."

He said the gun fell to the floor and the two wrestled for it until police arrived a short time later and arrested Jason Anthony Wahl, 29, of Pomeroy, Wash.

Wahl has been charged with robbery, unlawful possession of a firearm and aggravated assault. He is being held in the Kootenai County jail on \$250,000 bond.

Gunderson later received a Citizen Appreciation Award from city leaders. Gunderson said he has since found another job at a different pharmacy.

Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt. Jeff Walther said the department doesn't encourage citizens intervening in robbery attempts, but that Gunderson's actions deserved recognition.

"It speaks even more to Jerry that not only did he put his safety in jeopardy, but his economic future," Walther said.

"It's done, it's in the past, I've moved on," said Gunderson. "My boss loved me, I know that. Someone 3,000 miles away decided to fire me."

Against nudity ban, Ore. gallery takes it off

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP) — A city council member in an Oregon town noted for its Shakespeare festival and its occasional dustups over public nudity plans a showing in his art gallery of nude portraits and conceptual art involving naked people.

For gallery-goers as well, clothing will be optional — even though it's winter in Ashland, a small college town on the California border.

Council member Eric Navickas is opposed to a possible ban on public nudity in the town. Nudity is legal in Ashland, except in the city center and public parks, where people are required to cover their genitals.

"We feel that the nude ban is not only an attack on freedom of expression but also an attack on the human body itself," Navickas said. "We wanted to have a show to celebrate the nude body and differentiate the nude body from anything indecent." The ban was proposed

after two men were spotted walking naked near schools. The council is to vote next month on the issue.

Navickas said he is willing to compromise and ban nudity within 200 feet of school zones. His partner, Amy Godard, said the two are interested in dialogue not controversy.

"It's not like we're trying to polarize anything," she said. "We're trying to pay homage to the nude, which is a strong tradition in the arts."

Open about a year, the gallery made news early on with an exhibit that allowed patrons to pitch paint-covered shoes at a large portrait of former President George W. Bush. The gallery owners called it a "statement of solidarity" with an Iraqi journalist arrested after throwing shoes at him.

The nudity exhibit is scheduled Jan. 29 to Feb. 5, Godard said, and patrons may participate by baring themselves.

Friend defends husband of missing Utah woman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A friend is speaking out in support of Josh Powell, the man police consider the sole person of interest in the disappearance of his wife nearly two weeks ago.

Wayne Hamberg of Salt Lake City said Josh and Susan Powell had problems like any other couple, but he never saw any signs of domestic violence or serious issues.

He said the media shouldn't convict Josh Powell, and he disagrees that his friend has been evasive in television interviews.

"Everyone has beaten on him so badly, including his family. He's on functional shutdown. He's emotionally shook up. The only thing he's holding on to is his kids," Hamberg told the Deseret News.

Susan Powell has been missing since Dec. 7. Josh

Powell told police he last saw her at 12:30 a.m. that day when he took his two young boys on a camping trip and left her at home. He failed to show up at work that day. Police have called Josh Powell a person of interest and said he was not forthcoming in two interviews with detectives.

Hamberg said he does not believe that Josh Powell's hiring of defense attorney Scott Williams is an admission of guilt, but instead evidence Powell "felt so overwhelmed that he needed help."

Hamberg, who belongs to a computer club with Josh Powell, said his friend was at his house as recently as Tuesday.

"He was so distraught. He could either be completely overwhelmed or ridden with guilt. I'd like to believe he's innocent," Hamberg said.

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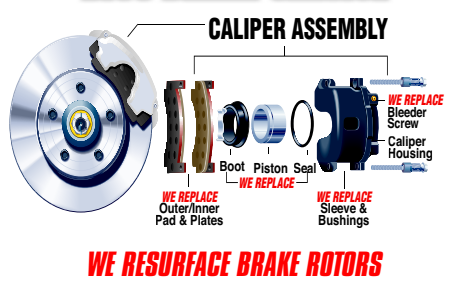
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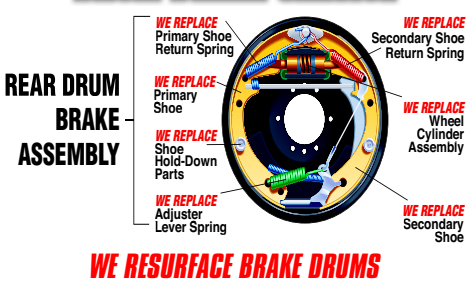
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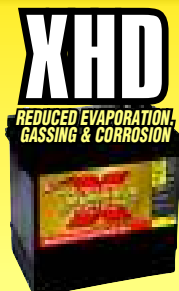
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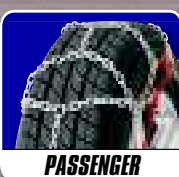
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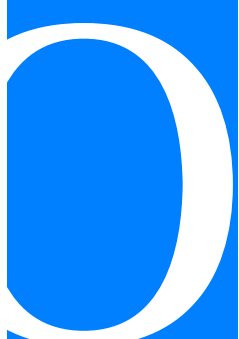


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EDITORIAL

As state education spending dwindles, property taxes go up

Three years ago, the Idaho Legislature shifted taxes by increasing the sales tax to 6 cents while providing property tax relief.

Part of the rationale was giving public schools a more consistent and equitable source of funding.

Now, as lawmakers seem on the brink of cutting significantly more of the education budget, the property tax is making a comeback.

Seventy of the state's 114 school districts have run supplemental levies this year, according to the Idaho Department of Education. More will follow if there are further cuts in state funding.

In many districts, property taxes will increase — perhaps approaching the levels they were in 2006 — and Idahoans will still be paying a 6 percent sales tax.

Such is the nature of financing public schools — in one form or another, the money has to come from somewhere.

Two dozen districts statewide have declared financial emergencies, allowing them to trim pay and benefits, but by law districts must spend much of their reserves before they can declare emergencies.

Those reserves are the reason more districts haven't declared emergencies yet, but soon the rainy-day funds — by and large — will be gone.

So in addition to whatever the next session of the Legislature cuts, the impact of the \$68 million it trimmed from education last year will fall on the public schools in the coming academic year — leaving a bleak scenario.

There will be fewer teachers, bigger classes, and — especially in small districts — fewer subjects taught. Unless, of course, property taxpayers come riding to the rescue.

At some point, they'll resist. With less state money available, that means some schools will have significantly more resources — and hence, better quality education — than others.

That's contrary to the spirit if not the letter of Section 1, Article IX of the Idaho Constitution, which requires the Legislature to "maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools."

So what are lawmakers to do?

They should follow the advice of Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna: Don't make cuts in ways that reduce teacher-student contact — and don't saddle future Legislatures with the cost of restoring essential services that this Legislature dismantles.

In a perfect world, educators, school board members and lawmakers would understand that the time has come to consolidate services — if not actual districts.

A dollar spent on overhead is a dollar that's taken out of the classroom.

If there were ever a time for setting priorities, it's now.

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HEALTH CARE DEBATE

Consequences for Idaho

States will pay more if health care reform passes

By Rep. Sharon Block

As your state representative, I have concerns about the federal health care reform proposals being discussed in the U.S. Congress.

I represent Idaho on the state level and have no control over what actions Congress may take. But if Congress approves, and the president signs, a health care reform bill with proposals from the Senate or House bill versions, Idaho may be affected in the following ways:

- The Idaho state budget will be impacted.
- The number of regulations placed upon Idaho's people will be significantly increased.
- A huge debt will be imposed on future generations.
- The freedom to control our own destiny in Idaho may be lost.
- The federal government health care reform will not give us better health care than we have today.

The versions of health care reform proposed in Congress will significantly expand the Medicaid program throughout the nation. There is a federal-state Medicaid funding match. When the federal Medicaid program increases, it will affect the state budget.

Dealing with a potentially expanded Medicaid budget isn't my only worry. I have major concerns whenever the government grows bigger. Experience tells us that an expanded government

means more regulations and fewer choices for people, families and business operators.

The people I talk to in the Magic Valley — seniors, business operators, physicians and families — are nervous about this health care reform, and for good reason. I have concerns that a federal government overhaul of health care will not do the job as designed, while imposing a huge debt on present and future generations of Idahoans.

There is room for improvement within our health care system and a need for health care that is more affordable and accessible. But instead of putting health care in the hands of the federal government, let's allow states to be a part of the solution. Other states, such as Utah and Washington, have enacted various health care measures that are suited to their states.

You can't put together a one-size-fits-all package. States have different needs. I strongly believe that states can take steps to provide coverage for those who want it — and particularly those who need it. This can be done in a variety of ways. Insurance pools can be created or expanded, including across state lines, for small businesses, agriculture, and individuals. Incentives can be provided for small

businesses that provide health savings accounts for their employees. Prevention, wellness and healthy life style choices can be promoted. An entrepreneurial health insurance reform can be encouraged. Community health centers such as Family Health Services and free health clinics such as The Mustard Seed can be expanded. Both provide services for Idahoans who are uninsured. These ideas are just a few of the many possibilities of health care improvements for Idaho.

Along with appropriate improvements, let's keep in mind that people from all over the world seek and find help and hope in the quality of health care that we have in America.

A big federal government takeover of our health care system is not the answer.

Sharon Block, a Twin Falls Republican, chairs the Idaho House of Representatives Health and Welfare Committee. She has represented Twin Falls County in the Legislature since 2001.



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- \$12,701** Average family health insurance premium
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- 52** Percentage of people who depend on employers for health care coverage
- 421,000** Residents without health insurance

Allred closes one void in Idaho politics, creates another

Marty Trillhaase
Lewiston Tribune

Idaho politics faced a void until Keith Allred stepped up to fill it.

Last week, Allred — the former Harvard University professor and activist — stunned the state by announcing he would run as the Democratic candidate for governor, challenging Republican incumbent C. L. "Butch" Otter.

Voters now have a choice.

Perhaps they agree with Otter that government must live within its means. Possibly they share the House GOP leadership's view that taxes are too high and that programs from the schools and higher education to transportation or social are a burden.

That's the conventional wisdom in this reliably Republican state.

Or just maybe Idahoans have entered their 15th year of single-party rule wondering if the GOP is so busy fighting itself that it has lost track of them. It's possible they're fatigued with a governing philosophy that says investments in their education system must be slashed while tax breaks for big business retain their priority.

If anyone can bring that message home, it's Allred. Almost the antithesis of Otter, Allred likes to get his mind around complex, policy questions. He's a digger and he likes details. He's been called the wonk's wonk. And he's passionate about empowering the



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

political center.

A native of Twin Falls, Allred holds a bachelor's degree in American history from Stanford University and a doctorate from UCLA in organizational behavior and social psychology. He taught for seven years on the faculty of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He has a special talent for dispute medi-

ation.

Allred returned home and launched The Common Interest in 2005, a nonpartisan citizen activist organization that delved into issues and sought to give the reasonable middle a voice in Boise.

In that role, Allred offered a counter-balance to the special interest lobbies that dominate the state Capitol. The Common Interest has been an antidote to the toxin of partisanship.

Earlier this year, it was Allred who spotted a \$10 million error in a state transportation funding bill. Characteristically, he gave the transportation department early warning rather than capitalizing on it himself.

Allred lent credibility to

those who argued Idaho passenger car and small truck drivers were paying more than their share for highway maintenance while the heavy truck industry was paying less than it should.

He lost the battle to raise state taxes on beer and wine, which hadn't been adjusted for inflation for more than 30 years. A powerful lobby thwarted his efforts, but Allred may have laid the foundation for changes to come.

Allred persuaded lawmakers to index Idaho's the homeowners exemption to the rate of inflation. Until then, the property tax break first passed in the early 1980s had eroded with rising property values.

Allred and The Common

Interest also came to the defense of Idaho's substance abuse treatment programs, making the case on the basis of economy. Spend a dollar on those programs now and reap the savings that come from a smaller prison population, Allred argued.

And in the midst of Republican squabbling about whether to close their party's primary elections to registered party members, Allred remained engaged with alternatives seeking to preserve the prerogatives of independent voters.

But Allred's candidacy also carries a sacrifice.

It's a trade-off between having a competitive, political debate for Idaho's top office and losing an independent voice in the Statehouse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Developer has long history with project

I write in response to Mr. Poppino's article "Pleasant Valley residents reject subdivision proposal" of Oct. 16, 2009. To say I can't be trusted is not only untrue and damaging to my business and reputation but contrary to my long history with this project.

I completed the front nine of the Pleasant Valley Golf Course in 1996. Soon thereafter and in accordance with the development plan, the Pleasant Valley Golf Course Association Inc. leased with an option to purchase the front nine. After sufficient memberships were sold, the association purchased the front nine.

Then, as promised, I completed the back nine in 2001. Again, in accordance with the development plan, the association leased with an option to purchase the back nine. Unfortunately, the association was unable to raise the funds needed to purchase the back nine. I worked with the association as best I could. I paid the cost to repair their lawn-mowing equipment. I reduced the purchase price and I leased the course to them for free for one year. Still, the association was unable or at least unwilling to raise or borrow the funds or purchase the back nine as originally agreed. For the 2004 season, the association did not lease the back nine and the course fell into despair.

Over the years, I have reached out to the association. However, it appears the current association leadership is only looking for more handouts. Clint Parks is the president of the association. He forgets or chooses to ignore the true history that it was the association that did not uphold its end of the bargain. Sooner or later, we must all take responsibility for our own welfare. When Mr. Parks wants to stop slinging untruths, then I came willing to listen.

In the meantime, I'm looking the make the land productive. The association has had over five years to buy the land and expand its golf course. It is now reasonable for me to move on and look for alternative developments. By reaching out to the homeowners as I did at the meeting, I hoped to include my neighbors in the decision-making process. I guess I learned that no good deed goes unpunished. I'll keep open the invitation for civil discussion but economic realities cannot be ignored.

CARL FELDHUSEN
Hailey
(Editor's note: Carl Feldhusen is president of the Pleasant Valley Development Company.)

How can Otter justify closing Idaho parks?

Gov. Otter and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation are considering closing three of our local parks: Niagara Springs, Ritter Island and Thousand Springs in Hagerman.

How can Otter and the IDPR justify closing Ritter Island? In 2006 the Nature Conservancy donated it to IDPR with a \$1 million endowment fund. What happens to the endowment fund? What will happen to the place where kayakers paddle in clear blue water to watch ospreys and herons nest on the Snake River? Ritter also hosts a wonderful two-day Festival of the Arts each fall that brings vendors and shoppers to Hagerman. I first attended the festival when my daughter volunteered for her art teacher's class. After graduating from U of NM, she came back as a vendor with her mosaic art. At this unique venue, patrons park up top and journey down the grade on school buses. The event is an all day activity for a small price that features

great food, musical groups and marvelous artisans. I have rarely missed one. This year I collected tickets at the entrance and my husband helped people boarding the buses. I had a great time talking to the visitors and volunteers. Artisans from Oregon told me that they loved the site and all the vendor activities.

This park and other parks on the list are places where families can play and escape. In a time of economic downturn we need these sanctuaries more than ever. When I visit Niagara, Thousand Springs and Ritter Island, I always see people of all ages and races enjoying Idaho's beauty. Please do not close these parks.

Write to the Director Nancy Merrill at P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0065 and the office of governor at same to voice your concern

DIXIE SIEGEL
Twin Falls

Hard-working families have land on Priest Lake

I confess I prepay my subscription to the *Times-News* in advance because I fervently believe the written word is instrumental in keeping our local, state and federal government in check. The *Times-News* investigative resources have done some good in these areas and I hope the paper remains healthy. However, the editorial board should keep their eye on local information they can verify. They know not of what they speak in northern Idaho.

Perhaps a boat ride around Priest Lake would open their eyes. A trip around Priest Lake would see many small and rustic cabins. Current lease rates are becoming such that lessees whose families have had cabins for generations cannot long endure. I know many cabins were built by materials floated in across the lake because there were no roads. Many are three-season structures simply because of lack of access in the winter. My sister's family is the second owner of such a cabin. Built in the early 1900s by hand, land cleared and now beautiful because of years of their hard work to make it what it is. There is no magic to the beauty of those lots. It was backbreaking work done summer after summer by families who have made the lease land valuable.

The Land Board may be tasked with maximizing the income from the rents of the land the lessees occupy. I for one do not believe that means pricing the lot leases out of reach of the people of Idaho. I think we all should have a shot at a lot on a lake or river. If the *Times-News* would have its way, only the rich and out-of-state people would have access to these lands. Hard-

working Idaho families would not be able to afford a lot on the lake or any public lands. That is just plain wrong.

SCOTT L. ROBERTS
Twin Falls

Ban drug ads, and costs will fall

If anyone is as irritated as me by the constant deluge of pharmaceutical advertisements on television, you may be interested to know that America and New Zealand are the only countries in the world who actually allow drug companies (or doctors) to advertise. Big Pharma likes to claim that the high cost of our pills and medications is due to "research and development" but from my recent reading it seems that research and development is mainly paid for by the government, and conducted in medical schools and universities. The pharmaceutical industry's biggest expenditures by far is lobbying Congress to safeguard their obscene profits — and, of course, marketing. Marketing which includes this plague of costly commercials urging those of us lucky enough to still have a doctor (and regardless of the warning that the latest new wonder pill might also kill you) to "Ask your doctor if Cialplay is right for you."

Surely if pharmaceutical companies in this country were banned from advertising their latest snake oil, the cost of essential medications would fall — in line with those of, for example, Canada? And I for one could give up my \$3-a-day high blood pressure pills, needed because every time I turn on the television some actor in a white coat with a stethoscope round his neck is telling me to "ask my doctor."

DIANA FASSINO
Ketchum

Second-hand smoke is simply ridiculous

To all you do-gooders: Why don't you close all the bars and liquor stores and smoke shops. The state doesn't need the revenue they make from the cigarette taxes, liquor taxes and license fees.

I guess I don't believe all those doctors and scientists. I'm 81 years old — my husband is 85. I've smoked for 60 years — my husband since he was 8 years old.

Neither of us have been to a medical doctor for 13 years. If we have cancer, we don't know it. Also, second-hand smoke is ridiculous. We breathe each other's smoke all the time and we are not dead.

Then all those people out of work can draw an unemployment check from the state. Hurray! Now we are like California — paying bills with IOUs.
W.H. CAYWOOD
Burley

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Our real problem is Virtual Afghanistan

Let's not fool ourselves. Whatever threat the real Afghanistan poses to U.S. national security, the "Virtual Afghanistan" now poses just as big a threat. The Virtual Afghanistan is the network of hundreds of jihadist Web sites that inspire, train, educate and recruit young Muslims to engage in jihad against America and the West. Whatever surge we do in the real Afghanistan has no chance of being a self-sustaining success, unless there is a parallel surge — by Arab and Muslim political and religious leaders — against those who promote violent jihadism on the ground in Muslim lands and online in the Virtual Afghanistan.

Last week, five men from northern Virginia were arrested in Pakistan, where they went, they told Pakistani police, to join the jihad against U.S. troops in Afghanistan. They first made contact with two extremist organizations in Pakistan by e-mail in August. As *The Washington Post* reported last week: "Online recruiting has exponentially increased, with Facebook, YouTube and the increasing sophistication of people online; a high-ranking Department of Homeland Security official said ... 'Increasingly, recruiters are taking less prominent roles in mosques and community centers because places like that are under scrutiny. So what these guys are doing is turning to the Internet,' said Evan Kohlmann, a senior analyst with the U.S.-based NEFA Foundation, a private group that monitors extremist Web sites."

The Obama team is fond of citing how many "allies" we have in the Afghan coalition. Sorry, but we don't need more NATO allies to kill more Taliban and al-Qaida. We need more Arab and Muslim allies to kill their extremist ideas, which, thanks to the



Thomas Friedman

Virtual Afghanistan, are now being spread farther than ever before.

Only Arabs and Muslims can fight the war of ideas within Islam. We had a civil war in America in the mid-19th century because we had a lot of people who believed bad things. We defeated those ideas and the individuals, leaders and institutions that propagated them, and we did it with such ferocity that five generations later some of their offspring still have not forgiven the North.

Islam needs the same civil war. It has a violent minority that believes bad things: that it is OK to not only murder non-Muslims but to murder Muslims as well who will not accept the most rigid Muslim lifestyle and submit to rule by a Muslim caliphate.

What is really scary is that this violent, jihadist minority seems to enjoy the most "legitimacy" in the Muslim world today. Few political and religious leaders dare to speak out against them in public. Secular Arab leaders wink at these groups, telling them: "We'll arrest if you do it to us, but if you leave us alone and do it elsewhere, no problem?"

How many fatwas have been issued by the leading bodies of Islam against Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida? Very few. Where was the outrage recently when, on the very day that Iraq's parliament agreed on a formula to hold free and fair multiparty elections five explosions set off by suicide bombers hit ministries, a university and Baghdad's Institute of Fine Arts, killing at least 127 people and wounding more than 400, many of them kids?

Not only was there no meaningful condemnation

emerging from the Muslim world there was barely a peep coming out of Washington. President Barack Obama expressed no public outrage. It is time he did.

"What Muslims were talking about last week were the minarets of Switzerland, not the killings of people in Iraq or Pakistan," noted Mamoun Fandy, a Middle East expert at the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London. "People look for red herrings when they don't want to look inward, when they don't want to summon the moral courage to produce the counter-fatwa that would say: stabilizing Iraq is an Islamic duty and bringing peace to Afghanistan is part of the survival of the Islamic umma," or community.

So please tell me, how are we supposed to help build something decent and self-sustaining in Afghanistan and Pakistan when jihadists murder other Muslims by the dozens and no one really calls them out?

A corrosive mind-set has taken hold since 9/11. It says that Arabs and Muslims are only objects, never responsible for anything in their world, and we are the only subjects, responsible for everything that happens in their world. We infantilize them.

Arabs and Muslims are not just objects. They are subjects. They aspire to, are able to and must be challenged to take responsibility for their world. If we want a peaceful, tolerant region more than they do, they will hold our coats while we fight, and they will hold their tongues against their worst extremists. They will lose, and we will lose — here and there, in the real Afghanistan and in the Virtual Afghanistan.

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TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY NOTICE OF REGULAR STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

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Director from District 2 — (Twin Falls) will be elected for a three year term.
Candidates running: David Patrick and Tom Billington

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Candidates running: Roger Blass and David Lohr

Director from District 4 — (Buhl) will be elected for a three year term.
John Honcik running unopposed

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2010 water supplies, water call, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 31, 2009.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company Office on or before January 8, 2010.

DATED this 1st day of December 2009.

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
Kay Puschel, Assistant Secretary

Charlie Wilson 'not very optimistic' about Afghanistan

AUSTIN, Texas — Before it was Barack Obama's war, before it was George W. Bush's war, Afghanistan was Charlie Wilson's war.

And now, Wilson doesn't see much good happening in Afghanistan, even with 30,000 more U.S. troops.



Ken Herman

"This is really a tough one for me because I'm trying not to run my mouth too much, which is an unusual situation for me," the former East Texas congressman — immortalized in a book and a movie about his exploits that helped the Afghans drive out the Soviet Union — told me from his Lufkin home.

But it took no prodding to get Wilson's assessment.

"Generally, I'm a pretty optimistic person, and I'm not very optimistic about this," he said. "I feel like I would not be surprised if in two years we've taken a lot of casualties and spent a lot of money and don't have much to show for it."

Like almost everyone who talks about Afghanistan, Wilson refers to it as "the graveyard of empires." Despite that, he believes the U.S. had no choice but to attack it after 9/11.

"You can't let somebody come and just blow up a couple of massive skyscrapers in New York and not do anything about it. So at the time I felt there was a great danger in what we were doing, but I didn't see any choice," he said.

Two weeks after the 9/11 attacks, I sat with Wilson, then a Washington lobbyist for Pakistan and other interests, in his Pennsylvania Avenue office as he talked about watching from his high-rise Arlington, Va., apartment as the Pentagon burned on 9/11.

"I feel guilty about it. I really do," he told me that day, expressing remorse that he didn't do more for Afghanistan after the Soviets were routed.

"The part that I'll take to my grave with guilt is that ... I didn't stay the

course and stay there and push and drive the other members of Congress nuts pushing for a mini-Marshall Plan," he said at the time.

"And I let myself be frustrated and discouraged by the fact that (the Afghan) leadership was so fragmented that we were unable to do the things we needed to do, like clear the mines, like furnish them millions of tons of fertilizer to be able to replant the crops."

Eight years later, Wilson recalls he had harbored hope that the U.S. attack on Afghanistan would lead to a "gradual birth of a fledgling democracy."

"It damned sure hasn't led there. It's led to an unsatisfactory mixture. I'm trying to think of a way to phrase this. You just don't see any significant and hopeful evidence of a serious movement toward a democratic, less corrupt society," he said.

Wilson also harbors a fear that Americans have unrealistic expectations about what Afghanistan can be.

"As far as I know, and I think I've read as much as there is to read about it, there has never been, and I used the word never — n-e-v-e-r — never been a strong central government in Afghanistan. It's valley to valley. And most of the different political viewpoints are based on some sort of religious parameters," Wilson said.

Are more troops the answer?

"You just don't know. From a political standpoint it probably wasn't a mistake. But most other ways it probably was," he said.

So how will it play out? "If I were writing this I would look back and look at Vietnam a little bit," he said.

"I just don't see anything that's really encouraging. And I don't see anything that leads any way other than failure, although I very much hope that's not true."

Wilson acknowledged the big difference between Vietnam, a war from which we could and did walk away, and Afghanistan, a war that could follow us home if we do walk away.

And Wilson notes another potentially horrific difference when and if we walk away with any-

thing short of the victory he sees as improbable. It involves U.S. sympathizers left behind.

"It will be a lot worse (than in Vietnam). The torture and maiming and the separation of people from their limbs and all

that sort of thing will be a lot worse because the Taliban is just awful," he said.

At age 76 and two years removed from a heart transplant, Wilson's public schedule is down to about nothing.

Travel wears him out and he's stopped making speeches about Afghanistan "because I'm just so torn and don't have any answers and see things kind of tough."

"But you always have to hope that the secretary of

defense and the national security advisers know something that we don't know," he said. "I kind of doubt that they do."

Ken Herman is a columnist for the Austin, Texas, American-Statesman.

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Iraq sends forces to defend oil well

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq deployed security forces Saturday near a remote oil well seized by Iran, officials said, and its government pressed Tehran to withdraw its forces from the area along their disputed southern border.

U.S. officials applauded Iraq for standing its ground against Iran — an uneasy ally that analysts said was aiming to remind its neighbor of its economic and political pull in its takeover of the oil well Thursday. The site is located in one of the largest oil fields in Iraq and has about 1.5 billion barrels in reserves.

The standoff was a dramatic display of the occasionally tense relations between the two oil-rich nations that fought an eight-year war in the 1980s but now share common ground in Shiite-led governments.

"Again, we ask Iran to be committed to the good relations that they announced with Iraq and its nation, and to withdraw its forces immediately," Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told Al-Arabiyah TV. "This is the demand of Iraq, and we call Iran to be committed with that."

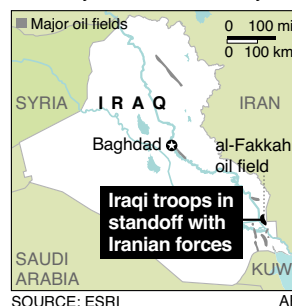
Iran, however, appeared undeterred.

In a statement, the Iranian military denied it violated Iraq's sovereignty and cited a 1975 border agreement in claiming the oil well as part of Iran's territory.

"Our forces are on our own soil and, based on the

Border tension

Iraqi troops massed Saturday near oil well No. 4 in the al-Fakkah oil field which was seized by Iranian forces Friday.



known international borders, this well belongs to Iran," the Iranian military said in a statement to Iran's Arabic-language Al-Alam satellite television.

Iraqi army and police reinforcements were sent to a staging ground about a half-mile from well No. 4 at the al-Fakkah oil field, according to two Iraqi officials close to the site. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue with the media.

One of the Iraqi officials said Iranian soldiers came and went from the oil well throughout Saturday. They were gone by the evening, leaving behind an Iranian flag mounted at the well, the official said.

The oil field, parts of which both countries claim as theirs, is located about 200 miles southeast of Baghdad. It was unclear how many troops were involved, and Iraqi forces barred journalists from approaching the area.

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Monument lifted from Cleopatra's underwater city

By Katarini Kratovac
Associated Press writer

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt — Archaeologists on Thursday hoisted a 9-ton temple pylon from the waters of the Mediterranean that was part of the palace complex of the fabled Cleopatra before it became submerged for centuries in the harbor of Alexandria.

The pylon, which once stood at the entrance to a temple of Isis, is to be the centerpiece of an ambitious underwater museum planned by Egypt to showcase the sunken city, believed to have been toppled into the sea by earthquakes in the 4th century.

Divers and underwater archaeologists used a giant crane and ropes to lift the 9-ton, 7.4-foot-tall pylon, covered with muck and seaweed, out of the murky waters. It was deposited ashore as Egypt's top archaeologist, Zahi Hawass, and other officials watched.

The pylon was part of a sprawling palace from which the Ptolemaic dynasty ruled Egypt and where 1st Century B.C. Queen Cleopatra wooed the Roman general Marc Antony before they both committed suicide after their defeat by Augustus Caesar.

The temple dedicated to Isis, a pharaonic goddess of fertility and magic, is at least 2,050 years old, but archaeologists believe it's likely much older. The pylon was cut from a single slab of red granite quarried in Aswan, some 700 miles to the south, officials said.

"The cult of Isis was so powerful, it's no wonder Cleopatra chose to make her

living quarters next to the temple," said coastal geographer Jean-Daniel Stanley of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Egyptian authorities hope that eventually the pylon will become a part of the underwater museum, an ambitious attempt to draw tourists to the country's northern coast, often overshadowed by the grand pharaonic temples of Luxor in the south, the Giza pyramids outside Cairo and the beaches of the Red Sea.

They are hoping the allure of Alexandria, founded in

331 B.C. by Alexander the Great, can also be a draw.

Cleopatra's palace and other buildings and monuments now lie strewn on the seabed in the harbor of Alexandria, the second largest city of Egypt. Since 1994, archaeologists have been exploring the ruins, one of the richest underwater excavations in the Mediterranean, with some 6,000 artifacts. Another 20,000 objects are scattered off other parts of Alexandria's coast, said Ibrahim Darwish, head of the city's underwater archaeology department.



A red granite tower, part of a pylon of the temple of Isis, is lifted out of the Mediterranean Sea off Alexandria, Egypt, Thursday.

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In recent years, excavators have discovered dozens of sphinxes in the harbor, along with pieces of what is believed to be the Alexandria Lighthouse, or Pharos, which was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.



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New Afghan Cabinet list draws ire

KABUL (AP) — Afghan legislators complained Saturday that several members of President Hamid Karzai's proposed Cabinet are inexperienced and beholden to warlords — opposition that threatens to slow the reform Washington believes essential to beating the Taliban.

The U.S. Embassy made only neutral comments after the nomination list was presented to parliament, but gave no assessment of the nominees, some of whom are known to be favored by Washington and its allies. The embassy appeared to want to avoid the appearance of interfering in formation of a new administration. Britain, another major troop contributor and advocate of reform in the government, issued a more positive assessment.

Karzai's list was seen as a litmus test of his commitment to cleaning up corruption in his government, anger over which fuels the Taliban insurgency. The Afghan leader has come under mounting criticism over his stewardship since the fraud-marred August election and the decision by President Barack Obama to send 30,000 more troops to try to break the Taliban momentum.

Train breakdowns in Channel Tunnel trap 2,000

LONDON (AP) — More than 2,000 people were stranded beneath the English Channel for up to 16 hours when their Eurostar trains came to a halt in a tunnel, leaving many of them without food, water — or any idea of what was happening.

In the end, they all emerged safe on Friday night, but some suffered claustrophobia or panic attacks, and many passengers complained that Eurostar staff members had done little to help them through the ordeal, which forced some to walk part of the dark tunnel, 24 miles of which is under water.

Eurostar's executives have offered apologies, refunds, free travel and more, but the company has canceled all passenger services through the Channel Tunnel until Monday in a bid to figure out what happened.

"It was just pandemonium," said Lee Godfrey, who was returning to London from Disneyland Paris with his family when it was caught in the tunnel. He said people suffered asthma attacks and fainted after the train's power went out, cutting off light and air vents.

"People were very, very panicky," he told BBC radio, complaining of poor communication and



AP photo

A Eurostar staff member, left, comforts a passenger Saturday at St Pancras Station in London after hearing that four passenger trains broke down in the Channel Tunnel, stranding more than 2,000 passengers.

saying that some passengers had to open the emergency doors themselves.

Godfrey's was one of four trains that were stuck in the tunnel Friday evening for reasons that remain unclear.

Eurostar officials have speculated that the quick transition from the icy cold of France, which is suffering some of its worst winter weather in years, to the rela-

tive warmth of the tunnel could have interfered with the trains' electrical systems. But the company's chief operating officer, Nicolas Petrovic, said Eurostar will have to investigate why the trains broke down.

"We've never seen anything like that at Eurostar," Petrovic told France-Info radio on Saturday.

The company has can-

celed regularly scheduled services until Monday for test runs.

"We don't want a repeat of last night," Eurostar spokesman Paul Gorman said.

Some passengers were evacuated by being taken through the darkened tunnel onto shuttles. Others were left aboard two trains that were linked together and pushed to London by smaller diesel trains.

Parisian Gregoire Sentilhes described confusion as authorities struggled to evacuate passengers.

"We spent the night inside the tunnel," he said. "At 6 a.m. we were taken out of the train by firefighters. We walked for around a mile with our luggage. We went into another Eurostar train and we were trapped on it, going back and forth inside the tunnel."

He said passengers were suffering panic attacks, lacked anything to drink and didn't know what was happening. Some also com-

plained about chaotic and poorly-organized efforts to get them home.

That confusion extended into Saturday evening.

Early Saturday Eurostar announced it was sending stranded passengers home from London in three special trains — only to cancel the service a few hours later. Two trains dispatched from Paris also canceled — one broke down shortly after leaving the tunnel, while another was stopped at Lille in northern France.

Chief Executive Richard Brown said the company was "very, very sorry that so many passengers were inconvenienced last night and this morning due to weather conditions in northern France. We are working hard to get passengers home. We will give them full refunds and another ticket."

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An Iranian supporter of defeated Iranian presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi is beaten by government security members as fellow supporters come to his aid during riots in Tehran, Iran, in June 2009.

Iran admits prisoners were beaten to death

By Ali Akbar Dareini
Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — After months of denials, Iran acknowledged Saturday that at least three people detained in the country's postelection turmoil were beaten to death by their jailers.

The surprise announcement by the hard-line judiciary confirmed one of the opposition's most devastating and embarrassing claims against authorities and the elite Revolutionary Guard forces that led the crackdown after June's disputed presidential vote.

There was no immediate public reaction from the opposition, but some activists asserted that authorities under pressure over abuse claims were merely seeking to punish low ranking staff while shielding senior level officials who the opposition says are most to blame.

Still, the statement offered some rare vindication for the government's critics, who had rejected earlier explanations from the police and the judiciary that the detainees' deaths were caused by illnesses like meningitis, not physical mistreatment.

"The coroner's office has rejected that meningitis was the cause of the deaths and has confirmed the existence of signs of repeated beatings on the bodies and has declared that the wounds inflicted were the cause of the deaths," the

judiciary statement said, according to the Web site of Iran's state TV.

The judiciary also said it has charged 12 officials at Kahrizak prison — three of them with murder, but it did not identify them.

The prison, on the southern outskirts of the capital, Tehran, was at the center of the opposition's claims that prisoners were tortured and raped in custody.

Anger over the abuse claims, which emerged in August, extended far beyond the reformist camp, with influential conservative figures in the clerical hierarchy condemning the mistreatment of detainees.

The outrage forced Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to order the immediate closure of the Kahrizak facility.

The opposition says at least 72 protesters were killed in the postelection crackdown, but the government puts the number of confirmed dead at 30.

Authorities initially tried to repel the abuse claims by accusing the opposition of running a campaign of lies against the ruling system. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had even accused Iran's enemies of being involved in the crimes, a claim the opposition rejected as ridiculous.

Iran's police chief, Gen. Ismail Ahmadi Moghaddam, said in August that protesters were beaten by their jailers at

Kahrizak, but he maintained at the time that the deaths were not caused by the abuse.

The opposition's criticism was implicitly aimed at the country's most powerful military force, the Revolutionary Guard, which operates with some autonomy from the ruling clerics and led the harsh crackdown and detention of protesters in the tense weeks after the election.

The unrest broke out after pro-reform candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi claimed he was robbed of the presidency through massive fraud in the vote.

Pressure around the abuse claims accelerated in early August.

One of the other pro-reform candidates defeated in the election, Mahdi Karroubi, said then that he had received reports from former military commanders and other senior officials that some detainees, male and female, were raped in custody to the point of physical and mental injury.

Toddler stable after sewing needles removed

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian toddler was awake and breathing on his own Saturday after doctors removed four life-threatening sewing needles from around one of his lungs and his heart, but he was likely to face more surgery in the coming days, a hospital director said.

The 2-year-old boy — who police say had dozens of the needles stuck deep into his body by his stepfather in a bizarre ritual — remains in intensive care following his Friday surgery and the next two days are critical to his recovery, Roque Aras, medical director of the Ana Nery Hospital, told reporters in the northeastern city of Salvador.

"The next step will be a surgery on the abdomen, to remove needles that are in the bladder and intestines," Aras said. "A third (surgery) will be to remove a needle that is in the spine."

Aras added that the needles removed so far

were rusty, which increases the chances of infection in the boy. The next surgery should take place on Monday or Tuesday.

Police say 30-year-old bricklayer Roberto Carlos Magalhaes confessed to

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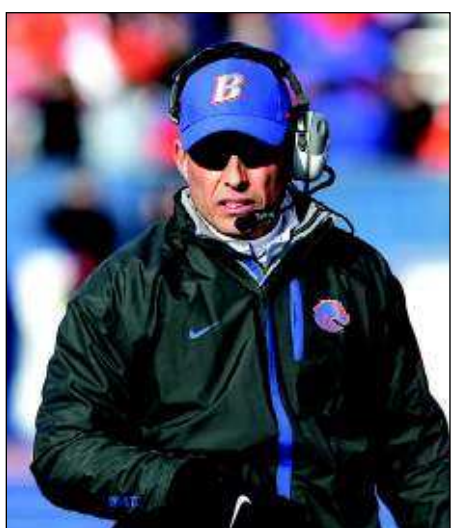
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BSU's Petersen building something special

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — It's easy to heap praise on Chris Petersen. His prestige increases as fast as his winning percentage.

Since taking over the Boise State football program in 2005 when Dan Hawkins bolted for Colorado, Petersen has amassed a 48-4 record. Petersen was named a finalist this week for the 2009 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award, which will be announced Jan. 14. Petersen's been a finalist three of his four years at BSU, winning it in his

first season. Three of his four Bronco squads have gone unbeaten in the regular season.

As good as Petersen is at game-planning and offense-building, he isn't doing it alone, leaning on a young and talented coaching staff.

"He's a genius," BSU quarterback Kellen Moore said. "He surrounds himself with good guys. The staff is top-notch, the best available staff he can create. He's not controlling in any way. He lets them do their part of the puzzle and at



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the end of the day it works out."

Petersen has two or three assistants who will likely be head coaches in the future. But if they are waiting to take his job when he departs BSU, they may be waiting awhile.

"He's got one of the best coaching staffs in the county," tight end Tommy Gallarda said. "We want to out-prepare everyone. Our coaches don't give us the option of being complacent. We're not going to

settle for being average. They're not going to let you settle for less."

They haven't had to in Petersen's reign, or during Hawkins' years in Boise when Petersen ran the offense. Since Petersen joined the program following the 2000 season, BSU has the best record in the nation (111-14), the most wins in a decade since Pennsylvania and Yale were rolling through the 1890s.

Petersen's predecessors left BSU because they wanted to play in BCS conferences, wanted to

See **PETERSEN**, Sports 6

Straight shooter



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Will Brown, 17, of Twin Falls is preparing to move to Colorado Springs to train as a resident athlete at the USA Olympic Training Center for air pistol and free pistol. Brown hopes to make the 2012 Olympic games in London, England.

By Bradley Guire • Times-News writer

TFHS student on path for Olympic training in air pistol

Will Brown wasn't going to rest on the laurels of beating an Olympic bronze medalist.

As soon as he returned to Twin Falls from Colorado, he wanted to continue practicing for future 10m air pistol competitions while on holiday break from Twin Falls High School.

One problem: The Transportation Security Administration had his cylinders.

Prior to his travel troubles two weeks ago, Brown was running with the big boys of the shooting



Magicvalley.com

WATCH a video of Will Brown demonstrate how he competes in 10m air pistol competitions.

world, competing at the 2009 USA Shooting Winter Air Gun Championship. He's making a name for himself in the sport of .17-caliber air pistol and .22-caliber free pistol as a two-time qualifier for the National Junior Olympics as a J1 or J2 competitor (with levels based on age; for Brown, he is J1 from 18 to 20).

He's even caught the eye of Sergey Luzov, the coach of the U.S. National team.

Luzov, who was the 1986 World Champion in running target and won three Gold Cup medals in the late 1980s, invited Brown earlier this year to become a resident athlete at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs fol-

lowing his graduation from TFHS in May.

"I'll probably move down before fall (2010) semester," Brown said. "I'll live on the Olympic complex, train and go to school part time."

Come 2012, folks in Twin Falls could read about him competing for the United States at the Olympics in London.

"My goal is to go to the Olympics. To be able to go and compete like this, it's exciting," Brown said.

See **SHOOTER**, Sports 6

CSI drops overtime game to Monroe

Eagles blow 10-point lead

Times-News

The Golden Eagles let another one get away.

After leading nearly the entire game, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team dropped a 78-76 overtime decision against Monroe (N.Y.) College on the first day of the Holiday Hoops

Classic at South Point Casino in Las Vegas.

The loss in another in the hard-to-swallow category for the Eagles (9-5), who have struggled to close out games

this season. CSI faces No. 7 Three Rivers (Mo.) College at 10:15 a.m., MST today in the third-place game, which will be broadcast live on 1450 AM. Monroe (10-2) will face No. 1 Midland (Texas) College in the championship after the 13-0 Chaparrals beat Three Rivers 74-65 in Saturday's early game.

"Two times we were up 10 and had a chance to deliver a knockout blow and we missed free throws and turned the ball over," CSI head coach Steve Gosar said of Saturday's setback. "We've got to learn. We can't give this lip service. It's the same recipe every time and it continues to bite us over and over again."

Monroe's Randy Dezouvre hit a 3-pointer with 12 seconds remaining to put his team up 78-76 and CSI's Antonio Owens missed a runner in the lane in the final seconds that could have forced a second OT.

The Eagles led 76-74 on a tip-in by Chuck Odum with 50 seconds remaining in overtime. That margin was trimmed to 76-75 when Paul Scotland capped his game-high 30-point night by hitting 1 of 2 free throws. Josten Thomas rebounded the second miss with 21.5 seconds left, but had the ball stolen from him, setting up Dezouvre's heroics.

Thomas' late turnover was one of 26 for CSI.

"This is not a pickup game," said Gosar. "We've got to value the possession."

CSI started the game strong, building a 13-5 lead. Monroe rallied to go up 19-16, but CSI took its first double-digit edge at 36-26 on an alley-oop slam dunk by Carrick Felix. A 9-0 Monroe run erased the cushion and the Eagles led 40-38 at halftime.

See **CSI**, Sports 6

LAS VEGAS HOLIDAY HOOPS CLASSIC

All times MST
Saturday's results
Midland College 74, Three Rivers CC 65
Monroe College 78, CSI 76, OT
Today's games
Third-place game: CSI vs. Three Rivers CC, 10 a.m.
Championship: Midland College vs. Monroe College, 12:15 p.m.

BEAR-CAT INVITATIONAL Jones nets Riverhawks' first tourney win

Bruins go 4-for-4 in finals; Highland cruises to team title

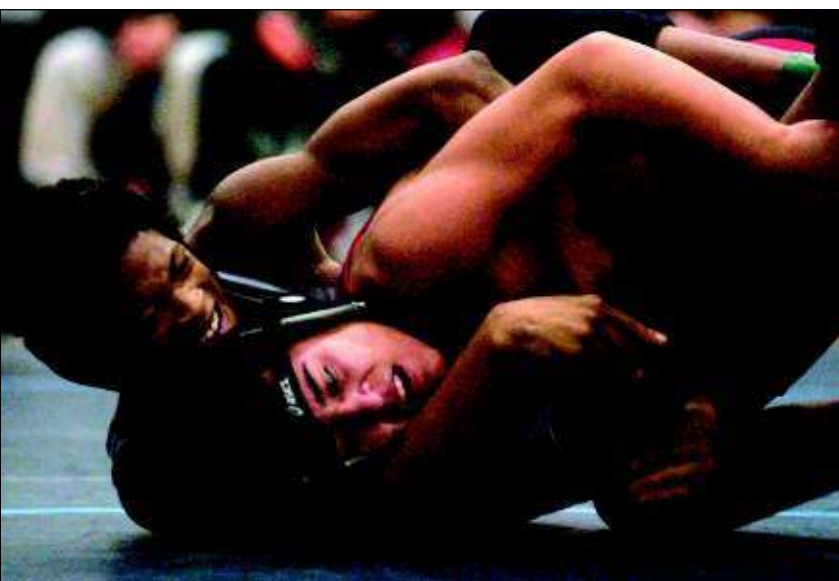
By David Bashore
Times-News writer

For a split second it looked like Donovan Jones would have history wrestled from his grasp.

The Canyon Ridge senior nearly lost his grip on Highland's Trey Hugues with about 30 seconds left in their match Saturday, but he clenched tightly and weathered Hugues' late surge to wrap up a 10-9 win in the championship match of the Bear-Cat Invitational's 119-pound division at Baun

Gymnasium in Twin Falls. Jones became the first-ever individual tournament champion for the Riverhawks, a feat he increasingly began to believe could come about as he progressed in the bracket.

"I was just thinking that I could become the first Canyon Ridge tournament champ, and I guess I just wanted it more than (Hugues)," Jones said. "I wanted to do it for my team, and for myself so I



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Canyon Ridge's Donovan Jones, left, wrestles Highland's Trey Hugues in the 119-pound weight class during the championship round of the Bear-Cat Invitational Saturday in Twin Falls.

See **BEAR-CAT**, Sports 6

Jerome girls rout Burley, stay perfect in GBC

By Ryan Howe
Times-News

BURLEY — Pick your poison with the Jerome Tigers. They can go inside or out. They can run the floor or execute their half-court offense.

"Can't guard all of us," said junior guard Carrie Thibault after Jerome's 52-26 victory over Burley on Saturday.

"We feed off of each other. If somebody's not having a good game, another person is going to step up and have a big game. We have a great inside and we also have an outside threat and that's what makes us so special," Thibault said.

Last Thursday, Jerome beat Minico with its solid post play. On Saturday, the Tigers' perimeter players led the way. Thibault, who missed just

one shot all game, finished with 17 points. Aubree Callen added 15.

"Burley always plays tough man-to-man defense, but we were well-prepared today," Thibault said. "In the locker room we told ourselves our goals and really focused in on this game. Everybody was excited and wanted to win."

The win capped a successful four-game road swing for Jerome, which improved to 11-1 overall and 5-0 in Great Basin Conference play — all five of the Tigers' conference games have been played away from home.

Jerome will play their remaining GBC games at home, where it hasn't lost since the last game of the 2006-07 home season.

"We knew that if we took care of business on the road, then it would look

pretty good for us toward the end of the season when we host ... because we don't lose on our home floor," Thibault said.

Normally, Burley-Jerome games are slugfests with good shots hard to come by. But Saturday's matchup started out like a track meet, as each team scored in its first three possessions.

But the shorthanded Burley squad (7-5, 2-3) couldn't keep pace for long. The Bobcats were without starting guard Kayla Kerbs and reserve Mikaela Salazar. Another perimeter starter, Brandee Potts, when down with an injury in the third quarter.

With a 13-2 run late in the first quarter, Jerome was well on its way to its 10th straight win.

"Our team battled," said Burley coach Gordon

Kerbs. "We didn't roll over and die, but we didn't execute defensively like we wanted to. Jerome is very efficient. They have good possessions all the time. Their starting five is as good as anybody's."

The Tigers shot 62.1 percent from the field and scored 23 points off of 19 Burley turnovers. Jerome held Burley to just three field goals in the second half. The Bobcats were led in scoring by Shawna Pace with nine points.

Jerome hosts Bishop Kelly on Dec. 30. Burley is off until Jan. 5 when it travels to Canyon Ridge.

Jerome 52, Burley 26
Jerome (52)
Aubree Callen 15, Haylee Burnham 4, Carrie Thibault 17, Jasmine Branch 4, Timley Garey 3, Aimee Hiebert 3, Baylee Smith 6. Totals 18 12-15 52.
BURLEY (26)
Cheri Preston 7, Teresa Wayment 5, Sky Palomarez 5, Shawna Pace 9. Totals 10 5-9 26.
3-point goals: Jerome 4 (Callen, Thibault 3), Burley 1 (Preston). Total fouls: Jerome 15, Burley 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.



Jerome's Carrie Thibault drives with the basketball as Burley's Cheri Preston defends on Saturday at Burley High School.

RYAN HOWE/
Times-News

Minico girls edge Century for home win

Times-News

RUPERT - Four Minico players reached double-figure scoring and the Spartans got the job done at the foul line in a 58-53 non-conference home victory over Century on Saturday.

Kendra Bailey scored 15 points, Brecka Fetzer had 14, and Marlee Chandler and TiAnna Stimpson each had 11 in Minico's balanced attack.

"Tonight when we drove to the hole they didn't have anyone to shut it down, so we got a lot of easy shots inside," said Minico coach Joe D. Shepard.

The Spartans converted 18 of 27 free throw attempts, while Century earned just five points from the line.

Minico (8-3 overall, 3-1 Great Basin Conference) led 24-23 at halftime. The Spartans took control with a 9-0 run to start the third quarter.

Century senior guard Kylie Reeder scored 14 points and senior post Tasi Kelemete had 12.

Minico hosts Wood River in a key GBC matchup on Tuesday.

Minico 58, Century 53

Jenna Ellis 6, Erika Pattie 6, Kylie Reeder 14, Taylor Peck 3, Tasi Kelemete 12, Lynsie Togiai 2, Jennifer Donaldson 6, Katherine Roberts 4. Totals 22 57 53.
CENTURY (53)
Kendra Bailey 15, Marlee Chandler 11, Brecka Fetzer 14, TiAnna Stimpson 11, Taylor O'Connell 4, Melinda Martinez 3. Totals 18 18-27 58.
3-point goals: Century 4 (Pattie 2, Peck, Kelemete). Minico 4 (Bailey, Fetzer, Stimpson, O'Connell). Total fouls: Century, Minico 13. Fouled out: Century, Ellis. Technical fouls: none.

DIETRICH 44, MACKAY 33

Moriah Dill scored 10 to lead Dietrich to a 42-33 home win over Mackay on Saturday.
Nakia Norman, Shayla Porter and Dayna Phillips all scored eight points for the Blue Devils (8-1),

who host Rockland on Tuesday.

Dietrich 42, Mackay 33

Nakia Norman 8, Shayla Porter 8, Kelcie Dalton 6, Moriah Dill 10, Hallie Stoddard 2, Dayna Phillips 8. Totals 17 6-16 42.
3-point goals: Dietrich 2 (Norman 2). Total fouls: Mackay 16, Dietrich 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

KIMBERLY 59, AMERICAN FALLS 54

Alex Pfeifferle scored 21 and pulled down seven rebounds to lead Kimberly to a 59-34 win at American Falls on Saturday.
Kaitlyn Goetz added 13 points and five boards for the Bulldogs (8-1).

Kimberly is at Wendell on Jan. 7.

Kimberly 59, American Falls 34

Alex Pfeifferle 21, Kaitlyn Goetz 13, Talva Murphy 8, Brooke Lammer 4, Taylor Sievers 4, Shayanne Hatch 4, Nellie Makings 2, Hallie Wilse 2, Averie Schroeder 1. Totals 23 11-28 59.
AMERICAN FALLS (64)
Sorell 8, Fehringer 8, Laggis 4, Nye 4, MacCumber 4, Hernandez 2, Gonzalez 2, Lute 2. Totals 10 13-24 34.
3-point goals: Kimberly 2 (Pfeifferle 2), American Falls 1 (Fehringer). Total fouls: Kimberly 19, American Falls 24. Fouled out: Kimberly, Makings. Technical fouls: Kimberly, Makings.

CHALLIS 64, HANSEN 40

Jenna Hamilton scored 17 of her 19 points in the first half to keep Challis unbeaten with a 64-40 win at Hansen on Saturday.

Lauren Garlie added 13 and Amber Kemmerer scored 10 for the 10-0 Vikings.
"We had a good first half, just kind of struggled in the second," said Hansen coach Jim Lasso. "The third quarter has been killing us all year, and we've got to figure that out."

Shawnie Higgins scored 19 for the Huskies (5-5), who are at Dietrich Jan. 2.

Challis 64, Hansen 40

Nicole Helm 8, Jenna Hamilton 19, Amber Kemmerer 10, Loni



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico's Kendra Bailey grabs a rebound during the Spartans' 58-53 win over Century on Saturday.

Downton 8, Lauren Garlie 13, Megan Corrigan 6. Totals 27 7-10 64.
HANSEN (40)
Dori Lockwood 11, Taylor Thomas 2, Hannah Stanger 5, Shawnie Higgins 19, Shelby Hancock 3. Totals 15 8-18 40.
3-point goals: Challis 3 (Hamilton 3), Hansen 2 (Lockwood, Higgins). Total fouls: Challis 17, Hansen 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Boys basketball

MELBA 68, GLENN'S FERRY 57

Michael Crane's 33 points weren't enough to stave off Glenns Ferry's first defeat of the season, 68-57 at Melba on Saturday.

Justin Solosabal scored 12 and Ross Arellano 10, but the Pilots (8-1) couldn't find a way back into the game late on.

"They're a solid club. They knocked down free throws, hit open shots and were solid in transition," said Glenns Ferry coach Jeremiah Johnson.

Glenns Ferry hosts Nampa Christian Jan. 5.

Melba 68, Glenns Ferry 57

Glenns Ferry

Melba 68, Glenns Ferry 57

Michael Crane 33, Ross Arellano 10, Phillip Owsley 2, Justin Solosabal 12. Totals 21 10-16 57.
MELBA (68)
Calloway 2, Deus 14, Leavitt 10, J. Nebeker 7, Silver 15, Stebbin 2, S. Nebeker 18. Totals 19 25-36 68.
3-point goals: Glenns Ferry 5 (Crane 2, Arellano 2, Solosabal), Melba 5 (S. Nebeker 2, Leavitt, J. Nebeker, Deus). Total fouls: Glenns Ferry 25, Melba 14. Fouled out: Glenns Ferry, Arellano, Gabe Arevalo. Technical fouls: Glenns Ferry, bench.

SHOSHONE 46, VALLEY 12

Josh Olsen scored 12 and Skye Axelson added nine as Shoshone stayed unbeaten with a 46-12 win at Valley on Saturday.

The Indians scored 13 points in the first quarter and led 27-9 at the half.

Austin Shawver and John Cauhorn each had five for the Vikings, who host Wendell on Jan. 6.

Shoshone 46, Valley 12

Skye Axelson 9, Andrew Sortor 6, Sigü Juarez 4, Thomas Lanham 3, Josh Olsen 12, Shane Walsh 4, Gilberto Hernandez 2, Cody Race 4, Nathan Huyser 2. Totals 18 8-9 46.
VALLEY (12)
Anthony Costello 2, Austin Shawver 5, John Cauhorn 5. Totals 5-2 6 12.
3-point goals: Shoshone 2 (Axelson, Lanham). Total fouls: Shoshone 7, Valley 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

RAFT RIVER 70, ROCKLAND 66

Raft River broke a third-quarter deadlock with an 18-14 scoring edge in the final period to win 70-66 at Rockland on Saturday.

Cade Powers scored 23 for the Trojans, while Nelson Manning added 14 and Rio Manning 12.

Raft River 70, Rockland 66

Cade Powers 23, Rio Manning 12, Taylor Thacker 6, Nelson Manning 14, HD Tuckett 10, Andrew Fenn 5. Totals 25 17-23 70.
ROCKLAND (66)
Christensen 9, Turley 7, Colton 8, Nelson 29, Farr 1, O'Brien 2, Perman 10. Totals 27 8-17 66.

HANSEN 72, CHALLIS 61

Caleb Lehmann scored 18 to lead four Hansen scorers in double figures as the Huskies beat visiting

Challis 72-61 on Saturday.

Hansen (2-5) led 46-25 at halftime and cruised in the final two quarters to the win.

Laton Stanger and Kevin Fuller each had 15 for Hansen, while Pete Veenstra added 14. Dalton Crane led Challis with 16.

"We were tired of getting beat by 38 and 40," said Hansen coach Mike Pfeifer. "It's the last game before the holiday and the kids came out and played to have fun. They were free and relaxed ... Challis is a good ball club. They're going to be a tough team come district tournament time."

Hansen visits Dietrich on Jan. 2.

Hansen 72, Challis 61

Laton Stanger 15, Caleb Lehmann 18, Gage Stimpson 8, Pete Veenstra 14, Garrett Lewis 2, Kevin Fuller 15. Totals 29 8-13 72.
Challis 7 (Crane 4, Parkinson 2, Helm), Hansen 6 (Lehmann 4, Fuller, Stanger) Total fouls: Challis 14, Hansen 20. Fouled out: Hansen, Veenstra. Technical fouls: none.

MINICO 60, PRESTON 52

Minico outscored Preston 18-5 in the third quarter and held off a late Indian rally to earn a non-conference win on the road Saturday.

Coltin Johnson scored 13 and Shad Hubsmitth knocked down four 3-pointers for 12 points. Kevin Jurgensmeier chipped in with 11 for the Spartans.

Minico (4-2) travels to Idaho Falls on Wednesday.

Minico 60, Preston 52

Edgar Espinoza 6, Mark Leon 2, Coltin Johnson 13, Shad Hubsmitth 12, David Fennell 3, Bronson Miller 7, Casey Christiansen 6, Kevin Jurgensmeier 11. Totals 19 13-21 60.
PRESTON (52)
Porter 9, Keller 9, Chatterly 4, Johnson 3, Rasmussen 9, Spackman 16, Yardley 2. Totals 20 7-16 52.
3-point goals: Minico 9 (Espinoza, Johnson, Hubsmitth 4, Miller, Christiansen 2), Preston 5 (Keller, Spackman 4). Total fouls: Minico 14, Preston 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS BRIEFS

Following are local sports announcements submitted to the *Times-News*.

TIMES-NEWS SEEKS INFORMATION ON COLLEGE ATHLETES

The *Times-News* sports staff is seeking information on former area high school players that competed at the college level this fall. Send information to rhowe@magicvalley.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

BASKETBALL

HOLIDAY YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

IDAHO FALLS — Idaho Premier Basketball is accepting team registration for its annual holiday youth basketball tournament. Games will be played in the Idaho Falls area on Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Dec. 30. There are boys divisions for grades 4-8 and girls divisions for grades 5-8. Information: <http://www.idaho-premier.com>.

TFHS HOSTS WINTER KICKOFF CLINIC

TWIN FALLS — The Winter Kickoff Clinic for boys and girls basketball is set for 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Twin Falls High School's Baun Gymnasium.

The clinic is for players in grades 6-8 and will help the girls gear up for AAU and the boys for the junior high school season. The cost is \$25, which includes a T-shirt and basketball. Forms are available at all Twin Falls city schools, Donnelley's Sports on Second Avenue.
Information: Matt Harr at 737-

5208 ext. 3050 or harrma@tfsd.k12.id.us.

BRUIN BASKETBALL OFFERS LITTLE DRIBBLERS CAMP

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School basketball program will again offer the Little Dribblers basketball camp for boys and girls in grades K-5 at Baun Gymnasium.

Practices run from 8 to 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, and Saturday, Jan. 23. Another 30-minute practice is set for 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25. Campers will perform at halftime of the Canyon Ridge vs. Twin Falls girls basketball game on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Baun Gymnasium. The cost is \$30, which includes a T-shirt and basketball.

Information: Matt Harr at 737-5208 ext. 3050 or harrma@tfsd.k12.id.us.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HOLDS OPEN GYM

TWIN FALLS — The Boys and Girls Club (999 Frontier Road) will hold open gym nights for high school students from 8 to 10 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NBC CAMPS OFFERS CLINICS

TWIN FALLS — NBC Camps will hold basketball clinics at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley Dec. 26-27. Boys ages 9-13 may attend from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 26, with girls 9-13 attending from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Boys ages 14-18 may attend from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 27, with girls 14-18 following from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. Players should bring a basketball, a water

bottle and a completed medical release form available at <http://www.nbccamps.com>. To register, visit the Web site or call 1-800-406-3926. Registration deadline is Tuesday.

CAMPS

CLUB CANYON VB CAMP UPCOMING

JEROME — Club Canyon Volleyball will host a minicamp for grads 5 through 8 from 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 28-29 at the Jerome Recreation District. Cost is \$40. Players must sign a release form in order to participate.

Information: Jim Cartisser at 404-2768.

CSI HOLDS ANNUAL BASEBALL CAMP

TWIN FALLS — The annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the College of Southern Idaho. The instructional camp focus on hitting, fielding, catching and pitching. The staff includes college and professional coaches and players.

Information: Boomer Walker 208-732-6650 or 208-734-6285 or visit <http://athletics.csi.edu/baseball/camp.asp>.

GOLF

T.F. GOLF CLUB OFFERS PUNCH CARDS

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Golf Club is selling punch cards for the 2010 season. You may purchase a punch card good for 10 rounds of golf for \$150. Punch cards are available at The Twin Falls Golf Club, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation,

City Hall and Donnelley Sports. The offer expires January 15.

BURLEY G.C. OFFERS WINTER RATES

BURLEY — Burley Golf Course is now offering winter rates. Green fees will be \$7 for nine holes and \$12 for 18. Carts are \$6 per nine holes per person. The course will be open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting.

Information: 208-878-9807.

CLEAR LAKE OFFERS WINTER RATES

BUHL — Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl will offer winter rates through March 1. The 18-hole greens fee is \$20, while the nine-hole in \$12. Fly fishing is also available all winter for \$10 a day for adults and \$3.50 for juniors.

Information: 208-543-4849.

MISCELLANEOUS

JRD HOLDS COUPLES WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will offer a couples weight loss challenge, beginning Jan. 4. The eight-week challenge consists of one free exercise class per week, access to JRD's online nutrition program and weekly weigh-ins. Blood pressure will be taken before and after the contest to assess improvement. The cost is \$50. The couple with the highest percentage of weight loss wins \$300. Friends, siblings, co-workers and spouses are invited to team up.

BRUINS OFFER WRESTLING CLINICS

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls

High School wrestling team will offer a brief youth technique clinic prior to the Bruins' home meets this season at Baun Gymnasium. In addition, there will be a rules clinic for spectators. The clinics are offered prior to the Minico dual (Jan. 5), Burley-Kimberly tri-match (Jan. 19) and the Buhl dual (Feb. 3). The clinics will begin 30 minutes prior to the meet.

T.F. RAPIDS SEEKS PLAYERS

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club is seeking players. The Club offers year-round training for boys and girls ages 8-18, with fall and spring seasonal play, regional tournaments, a summer boot camp and an Olympic development program. The club is a licensed, non-profit organization.

Information: <http://www.twin-fallsrapids.com>.

SUN VALLEY HALF MARATHON REGISTRATION OPEN

SUN VALLEY — Registration is open for the sixth annual Sun Valley Half Marathon, which will be held June 5. Early registration is \$40 and closes May 31. Late registration is \$60 and runs June 1-4. Race-day registration will be available for \$65. Online registration is available at <http://www.active.com>. Mail-in registration is also available. The Wood River Community YMCA will offer a 10-week training program for the run. The program begins in March.

Information: <http://www.sunvalleyhalfmarathon.com>.

REGIONAL COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Montreal leads BSU past Houston Baptist

BYU cruises, Idaho State falls on road by 1 in California

BOISE — Former College of Southern Idaho star Daequon Montreal came off the bench to score a season-high 16 points and grab 12 rebounds to lead Boise State to a 96-59 victory against Houston Baptist on Saturday.

Montreal scored in double figures for the second straight game. The double-double was his first of the season.

The Broncos (6-4) held Houston Baptist without a field goal over a 13-minute stretch and went on a 29-5 run to build a 37-10 lead with 4:16 remaining in the first half. Boise State led 47-21 at halftime.

Houston Baptist (1-10) shot 19.4 percent from the floor in the first half and finished with a season low of 26.8 percent.

The margin of defeat was its largest this season.

The Huskies opened the second half with a 10-3



Boise State's Ike Okoye, right, blocks the shot of Houston Baptist's Mario Flaherty (45) during the first half of Saturday's game in Boise.

run, trimming Boise State's lead to 52-31.

However, the Broncos responded by ripping off a 27-8 run and never allowed

Houston Baptist to get closer than 24 points the rest of the game.

Houston Baptist, in its third season of Division I

competition, has lost 23 of its last 24 road games.

Boise State, which had 11 players score, was led by Anthony Thomas' season-

high 15 points. Paul Noonan had 11 points, and Zach Moritz collected 12 rebounds.

Khris Roy, who didn't start and came into the contest averaging 3.8 points per game, led Houston Baptist with 12 points, and Andrew Gonzalez had 11.

ILLINOIS STATE 73, UTAH 63

SALT LAKE CITY — Osiris Eldridge and Lloyd Phillips each scored 17 points to lead Illinois State over Utah 73-63 on Saturday.

The Redbirds (8-2) led from start to finish. When the Utes cut the margin to 50-45 on Luka Drca's 3-pointer, Eldridge hit a jumper and added a couple of free throws to raise the lead back to 9 and the Utes never got within fewer than 7 points the rest of the way.

Austin Hill scored 12 and Dinma Odiakosa added 10 as the Redbirds returned to their winning ways. Illinois State won its first seven games before losing to Niagara and Ohio.

Kim Tillie led Utah (5-6) with 19 points and Carlon Brown scored 15. Drca had 18 points, eight rebounds and five assists for the

Utes, who were playing without former CSI forward Jay Watkins, sidelined with an abdominal strain.

BYU 91, EASTERN WASHINGTON 34

PROVO, Utah — Jimmer Fredette and Tyler Haws helped Brigham Young burn through a 33-0 run early in the game as the Cougars overpowered Eastern Washington 91-34 on Saturday night in the second round of the HoopTV Las Vegas Classic.

The pair combined for 21 of those 33 points and allowed the Cougars (10-1) to go 10 minutes without a score from the Eagles (4-7).

EWU's Mark Dunn made the first basket of the game, but the team only scored next when Jeffrey Forbes sank a free throw with about nine minutes left in the half.

SACRAMENTO STATE 64, IDAHO STATE 63

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — John Dickson scored 19 to lead Sacramento State to the narrow win.

Broderick Gilchest had a game-high 25 in the loss for the Bengals (2-8).

— The Associated Press

NBA

Boozer, Williams lead Jazz past Bobcats

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Deron Williams had 23 points and 10 assists, Carlos Boozer added 22 points and 11 rebounds, and the Utah Jazz bounced back from a miserable performance a night earlier to beat the Charlotte Bobcats 110-102 on Saturday.

Boozer and Williams combined for eight points and as many turnovers on 3-of-15 shooting before being benched in the third quarter with the rest of Utah's starters in a blowout loss at Atlanta. It prompted Williams to apologize to Utah fans.

Williams came back energized, constantly beating Charlotte in transition, while Boozer dominated the inside as the Bobcats faded early in the fourth quarter.

Gerald Wallace had 30 points and 13 rebounds, and Stephen Jackson added 18 points for the Bobcats, who have dropped two straight.

LAKERS 103, NETS 84

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kobe Bryant had 29 points and 10 rebounds in a matchup of the NBA's best and worst teams.

The Nets dropped their seventh straight, but the game was competitive into the third quarter, when Bryant started taking over about the time the league's lowest-scoring team was enduring one of its usual droughts.

Pau Gasol had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who improved to 21-4 after winning their third straight on a five-game road trip that ends Sunday in Detroit. Lamar Odom added 14 points and 12 boards.

SPURS 100, PACERS 99

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan dunked over Roy Hibbert with 4.6 seconds left to give San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich his 700th career win.

Duncan let out a roar after throwing down the last of his 19 points over Hibbert, who blocked Duncan's first attempt with time winding down before the Spurs' perennial All-Star grabbed the ball back and went over Hibbert for the winning score.

Popovich is the 16th coach in NBA history to reach 700 wins and is among seven active coaches to hit the milestone.

SUNS 121, WIZARDS 95

PHOENIX — Steve Nash had 15 points and 15 assists before sitting out the fourth quarter Saturday night, and Phoenix Suns improved to 10-0 at home.

Amare Stoudemire had 23 points and 14 rebounds and Jason Richardson scored 22 as the Suns remained the only team in the NBA without a home loss. Phoenix has won 19 in a row at home dating to last season.

Gilbert Arenas, who had 45 points and 13 assists as the Wizards snapped a six-game losing streak



Utah Jazz forward Mehmet Okur (13) dunks as Charlotte Bobcats' Gerald Wallace (3) defends in the first half of Saturday's game in Charlotte, N.C.

with a win at Golden State on Friday, scored 22 in 23 minutes but made just 6 of 21 shots.

MAGIC 92, TRAIL BLAZERS 83

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 12 points, 20 rebounds and four blocks, and Rashard Lewis added 15 points for the Magic

Jason Williams scored 13 points and J.J. Redick chipped in 12 as Orlando overcame a sluggish first half to beat Portland for the sixth time in the last seven meetings.

Brandon Roy had 33 points and Andre Miller scored 16, but the Trail Blazers shot just 34 percent after halftime and were outrebounded 54-35 in the game.

BULLS 101, HAWKS 98, OT

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored a career-high 32 points and Chicago overcame a season-high 40 points from Joe Johnson to snap Atlanta's six-game win streak.

Rose scored the tying basket in regulation, then hit two free throws with 10.8 seconds left in overtime to seal it, sending the Bulls to their second straight win.

The Hawks had a chance to tie it, but Johnson missed a 3-point attempt.

KINGS 96, BUCKS 95

MILWAUKEE — Tyreke Evans made a reverse layup around Andrew Bogut with 0.9 seconds left to lift Sacramento in a game that featured the NBA's top two rookies.

ROCKETS 95, THUNDER 90

HOUSTON — Trevor Ariza scored 31 points and hit five 3-pointers, and the Houston Rockets nearly blew a 17-point, third-quarter lead before holding on.

CLIPPERS 112, 76ERS 107, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Kaman scored 24 points and Baron Davis added 20 for Los Angeles.

— The Associated Press

COLLEGE TOP 25

Jayhawks keep up winning ways

No. 9 Tennessee headlines four upset victims

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Marcus Morris had a career-high 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Sherron Collins scored 19 to help No. 1 Kansas beat Michigan 75-64 on Saturday.

Kansas (10-0) wasn't always crisp in winning its 48th straight home game, using a big first-half run to take the lead.

Xavier Henry had 15 points and the Jayhawks held Michigan to 5-for-28 shooting from 3-point range to overcome 14 turnovers and numerous defensive breakdowns.

NO. 2 TEXAS 103, NO. 10 NORTH CAROLINA 90

ARLINGTON, Texas — Damion James had 25 points and 15 rebounds, Dexter Pittman had 23 points and 15 rebounds, and Texas rolled in the first basketball game at Cowboys Stadium.

J'Covan Brown added 21 points and Avery Bradley had 20 for the Longhorns (10-0).

NO. 3 KENTUCKY 90, AUSTIN PEAY 69

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Patrick Patterson scored 21 points, and the Wildcats moved within one victory of becoming the first college basketball program to reach 2,000.

John Wall added 17 points and six assists while DeMarcus Cousins had 19 points and eight rebounds for Kentucky (11-0).

NO. 4 PURDUE 69, BALL STATE 49

INDIANAPOLIS — Robbie Hummel had 19 points and nine rebounds, and the Boilermakers won their 10th straight to start a season for only the second time since the 1936-37 season.

JaJuan Johnson scored 16 points and E'Twaun Moore added 12 for the Boilermakers, who won a game by at least 20 for only the third time in the 10-year history of the Wooden Tradition.

NO. 5 SYRACUSE 85, ST. BONAVENTURE 72

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Rick Jackson scored 18 points, Wes Johnson and Kris Joseph added 17 each, and the Orange pulled away in the second half.

St. Bonaventure (6-4) trailed 39-35 at halftime, but Andy Rautins hit consecutive 3s during a 15-second span to give Syracuse (11-0) a 69-57 lead with 9:19 left.



Kansas guard Xavier Henry (1) shoots while defended by Michigan guard Zack Novak, right, during the first half Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

NO. 6 WEST VIRGINIA 80, CLEVELAND STATE 78

CLEVELAND — Da'Sean Butler scored 18 points, and his layup with 1.2 seconds left helped the Mountaineers hold on after the pesky Vikings rallied from 17 points down.

Kevin Jones scored a career-high 23 points for West Virginia (8-0).

NO. 7 DUKE 76, NO. 15 GONZAGA 41

NEW YORK — Nolan Smith scored 24 points, Jon Scheyer added 20 and the Blue Devils held Gonzaga to its lowest point total in 25 years in the Aeropostale Classic.

Duke (9-1) missed 12 of its first 15 shots from the field and it was only that the Bulldogs (8-3) were struggling as well that the game was close for the first 15 minutes.

NO. 8 VILLANOVA 96, FORDHAM 58

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Reggie Redding returned from a suspension to score 15 points and add nine rebounds in his first game of the season for the Wildcats.

SOUTHERN CAL 77, NO. 9 TENNESSEE 55

LOS ANGELES — Alex Stepheson had 19 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, and the Trojans handed the Vols their worst loss under coach Bruce Pearl.

OLD DOMINION 61, NO. 11 GEORGETOWN 57

WASHINGTON — Old Dominion spoiled Georgetown's annual game at McDonough Arena again, capitalizing on 18 turnovers to hand the Hoyas their first loss of the season.

NO. 12 MICHIGAN ST. 80, IPFW 58

EAST LANSING, Mich. —

Raymar Morgan and Delvon Roe scored 14 points apiece, Kalin Lucas added 10 and the Spartans tuned up for Tuesday's visit to No. 2 Texas.

RICHMOND 56, NO. 13 FLORIDA 53

SUNRISE, Fla. — Richmond rallied from a 13-point first-half deficit, and Kevin Anderson made four free throws in the final 5.4 seconds to upset the Gators.

WICHITA STATE 85, NO. 16 TEXAS TECH 83

WICHITA, Kan. — Clevin Hannah scored 24 points to spark Wichita State past No. 16 Texas Tech 85-83 on Saturday night, giving the Red Raiders their first loss of the season.

J.T. Durlay scored 14 of his career-high 20 points in the first half for the Shockers (10-1), who trailed for less than 90 seconds of the game's final 27 minutes.

NO. 17 KANSAS STATE 87, ALABAMA 74

MOBILE, Ala. — Jacob Pullen hit six 3-pointers and scored a season-high 30 points, leading No. 17 Kansas State to the win.

NO. 18 OHIO ST. 60, DELAWARE ST. 44

COLUMBUS, Ohio — William Buford had 18 points, David Lighty added 12 and the Buckeyes shot 60 percent from the field in a slow-paced win over the Hornets.

NO. 19 NEW MEXICO 66, CREIGHTON 61

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Darrington Hobson had 22 points and 16 rebounds, and No. 19 New Mexico rallied from its biggest deficit of the season.

NO. 20 MISSISSIPPI 108, CENTENARY 64

OXFORD, Miss. — Terrico White scored 17 points, Eniel Polynice added 13 and the Rebels won their sixth straight in their most lopsided game of the season.

NO. 21 BUTLER 69, XAVIER 68

INDIANAPOLIS — Gordon Hayward put in a layup with 1.2 seconds left, and the basket was upheld after officials reviewed the play and decided an inadvertent stoppage did not take off more time than was left on the clock.

NO. 23 TEXAS A&M 71, THE CITADEL 50

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Donald Sloan scored 17 points and No. 23 Texas A&M got an easy win.

NO. 25 CINCINNATI 80, LIPSCOMB 52

CINCINNATI — Lance Stephenson scored 19 points and led a first-half run that allowed the Bearcats to avoid their third straight loss.

— The Associated Press



AP photo
Rutgers wide receiver Mohamed Sanu (6) stiff arms Center Florida defensive back Kemal Ishmael (18) during the second quarter of the St. Petersburg Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla., Saturday.

Rutgers runs over UCF in St. Petersburg Bowl romp, 45-24

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — With versatile freshman Mohamed Sanu doing a little bit of everything, Rutgers extended its string of postseason success with a 45-24 rout of Central Florida in the St. Petersburg Bowl.

The multi-threat receiver ran for two touchdowns out of the wildcat formation and also scored on an 11-yard reception from Tom Savage, another true freshman who threw for a career-best 294 yards Saturday night.

Rutgers (9-4) claimed a school-record fourth consecutive bowl win to finish with at least nine victories for just the sixth time in 140 years. UCF (8-5) fell to 0-3 in bowl games under coach George O'Leary.

Billy Anderson scored on a 19-yard interception return for Rutgers, which shut down 1,000-yard rusher Brynn Harvey, limiting the running back to 30 yards on 13 carries to end his streak of three consecutive games with at least 129.

The first Rutgers player since 1993 to run for a TD, throw for a TD and catch a pass for a TD in the same season, Sanu rushed for a game-high 47 yards on 14 carries and had four receptions for 97 yards.

He also set up UCF's first touchdown, fumbling a punt that was recovered inside the Rutgers 10. Three plays later, Brett Hodges threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Kamar Aiken for a brief 7-7 tie.

Tim Brown, whose status had been uncertain because of an ankle injury, put the Scarlet Knights

ahead for good when less than a minute later caught a pass over the middle and turned it into a 65-yard TD play.

UCF won five of six after a 3-3 start to earn its third bowl bid in six years under O'Leary — a 106-mile ride from Orlando that's the shortest trip any Football Bowl Subdivision team will make for a postseason game this year.

Rutgers beat South Florida in mid-November for the first time this season, but the Scarlet Knights wound up in St. Petersburg for a pre-Christmas matchup after losing two of three down the stretch to Syracuse and West Virginia.

Sanu scored on runs of 5 and 1 yards in the first half. His first reception, a 61-yard gain to the UCF 12 on a pass that was slightly underthrown, set up his 11-yard TD catch that made it 35-17 early in the third quarter.

Savage completed 14 of 27 passes and was intercepted once. Hodges was 13 of 28 for 171 yards and two interceptions for UCF before being replaced by backup Rob Calabrese late in the fourth quarter.

Central Florida had 5 yards net rushing before Calabrese scrambled for 30 for the big gainer in a 10-play, 75-yard march that inside the Rutgers 10. Jonathan Davis finished with a 2-yard TD run.

Hoping for a chance to pull closer, UCF tried an onside kick that Rutgers' Damaso Munoz scooped up and ran 35 yards for the Scarlet Knights' final touchdown.

Dallas dashes Saints' march

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints are marching toward perfection no more.

Tony Romo and DeMarcus Ware helped Dallas end its December doldrums and the Cowboys held off a frenzied rally by the Saints for a 24-17 victory Saturday night.

The loss by the Saints (13-1) left the Indianapolis Colts (14-0) as the NFL's only unbeaten team this season.

"We'll digest this. It'll sting a little bit going down," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "Nonetheless, it is what it is and we've got to get back to work next week. We have two important games in front of us and we'll take that approach."

The high-powered Saints trailed 24-3 going into the fourth quarter, then scored two fast touchdowns. After Dallas kicker Nick Folk watched his 24-yard field goal try clang off the right upright shortly before the 2-minute warning, Brees got a final chance to tie it.

Brees quickly moved the Saints into Dallas territory. But on second down, Ware sacked Brees and forced a fumble that was recovered by the Cowboys with 6 seconds left.

"As poorly as we played, we were fortunate just to have that chance on the final drive," Payton said. "But we couldn't get anything going, really."

Romo passed for 312 yards, including a 49-yard touchdown to Miles Austin. Ware returned from a neck injury that left his status in doubt and was part of a relentless Dallas pass rush that pressured Brees all night.

Marion Barber had two short touchdown runs for the Cowboys (9-5), who ended a two-game skid and proved they were good enough to beat the top team in the NFC



AP photo
Dallas Cowboys linebacker Anthony Spencer (93) kneels over Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) after sacking him for a 10-yard loss during Saturday's game in New Orleans.

in front of a charged-up, hostile crowd.

The Cowboys' troubles in December had been well documented — they are 4-8 in the month in three seasons under coach Wade Phillips — but this win provided a dramatic boost to their playoff chances. They'll hold on to a wild-card spot for at least another week.

The Saints did not score a touchdown until Mike Bell's 1-yard run with 12:35 to go. Brees followed by capping a seven-play, 70-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Lance Moore with 8 minutes left, cutting New Orleans' deficit to 24-17.

That left it up to the Saints' defense to hold once more. Dallas faced a third-and-7 on its own 23 and the crowd was going so wild Romo had to call timeout a moment before the play clock expired.

The noise was still deafening when Romo returned to the line of scrimmage, but that didn't stop him from finding Austin on a short crossing route for a 32-yard gain. On the next play, Romo spun away from the rush and hit tight end John Phillips for a 23-yard gain to New Orleans' 22. From there, Dallas went conservative and set up what looked to be a game-sealing field goal from

nearly the same distance as Shaun Suisham's miss two weeks ago, which allowed the Saints to come back and beat Washington in overtime.

When Folk's kick bounced off the upright, the crowd erupted, sensing the Saints were simply destined not to loose. And it looked that way after Brees converted a frantic fourth down on a pass over the middle to Marques Colston, who made a one-handed catch.

The Saints marched to midfield in the final minute, but the Cowboys held firm. Ware stripped Brees for the second time in the game and lineman Jay Ratliff recovered.

Wyoming takes N.M. Bowl in double OT

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Wyoming trailed by 11 points in the fourth quarter. Its offense was led by a freshman quarterback, its defense was facing the nation's leading rusher.

Time to worry? Not these comeback Cowboys.

Freshman Austyn Carta-Samuels threw three touchdown passes, the last a 13-yarder to David Leonard in the second overtime Saturday, and Wyoming rallied past Fresno State 35-28 in the New Mexico Bowl.

"Same old deal for all of us," Carta-Samuels said. "We knew we could do it."

The first of 34 bowls was a high-scoring matchup that

was decided at the end by defense.

Wyoming (7-6) stopped the nation's leading rusher, Fresno State's Ryan Mathews, on three rushing attempts from the 1 in the first overtime. The Bulldogs (8-5) tried a quarterback sneak on third down, and Mathews came up short again on fourth down.

"If you can't put it in from the 1-yard line, you have to give a lot of credit to the defensive stand by Wyoming," Bulldogs coach Pat Hill said. "We had our chances."

The Cowboys, who won four times this season after rallying in the fourth quarter,

scored on the first possession in double overtime, then held Fresno State on downs.

"Another typical game by the Wyoming Cowboys," first-year coach Dave Christensen said. "We kept everybody in their seats."

Wyoming fans spilled out of the stands to celebrate as the school band played "Cowboy Joe." This was Wyoming's first bowl appearance since 2005, and it capped a winning season for Christensen after the Cowboys were picked to finish last in the Mountain West.

Mathews, who led the nation in rushing average at



AP photo
Wyoming wide receiver Greg Bolling (84) celebrates his touchdown reception against Fresno State during the first half of the New Mexico Bowl Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

Packers to face tattered and torn Steel Curtain in Pittsburgh

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

What in the wide world of sports is wrong with the Pittsburgh Steelers? The defending Super Bowl champions seem unable to figure it out, and with Green Bay coming to Heinz Field on Sunday the answers might not come against a true playoff contender.

Pittsburgh has dropped five straight after winning five in a row, something we might expect from a mid-dling team with a weak foundation, or a rebuilding club. But from the Steelers?

"In this league, there's a very fine line between winning and losing," coach Mike Tomlin says. "The line is not so fine when you're playing dominant ... But when you're not playing dominant, we've got to find a way to make significant plays at correct moments."

Even if they find the way, it probably is too late for the Steelers (6-7) to get into the playoffs. Sure, 24 teams remain in contention for postseason berths, but Pittsburgh needs to sweep just to stay viable.

The first obstacle is a huge one. Green Bay (9-4) has gone in the exact opposite direction from where the Steelers are headed, winning five straight to take hold of the top NFC wild-card

NFL WEEK 15

The Pittsburgh Steelers will try to avoid their first six-game losing streak in 10 years when they host the surging Packers. Green Bay has won five in a row to move atop the NFC wild-card race and can clinch a playoff berth with a win Sunday.

<p>Two teams heading in different directions</p> <p>Find more NFL news at Magicvalley.com/sports</p>	<p>Chicago at Baltimore (5-8) (7-6)</p> <p>Baltimore still has designs on the playoffs. The Bears could be looking at a lame-duck coach in Lovie Smith if they don't finish strongly.</p>	<p>New England at Buffalo (8-5) (5-8)</p> <p>As lopsided a rivalry as there is. Patriots have won 12 in a row against the Bills, including an opener in which they rallied in final minutes for a 25-24 victory.</p>	<p>Arizona at Detroit (8-5) (2-11)</p> <p>Cardinals need something to brighten their Sunday after last Monday night's seven-turnover debacle. Lions should provide it with their leaky defense.</p>	<p>Cleveland at Kansas City (2-11) (3-10)</p> <p>With both teams struggling, the final stretch of the schedule provides players a chance to make the case they deserve a roster spot next season.</p>
<p>Atlanta at N.Y. Jets (6-7) (7-6)</p> <p>Both teams are in the wild-card mix, although neither has a tiebreaker edge and has no choice but to win out and hope.</p>	<p>San Francisco at Philadelphia (6-7) (9-4)</p> <p>Niners are coming off a strong performance, upsetting Arizona and forcing seven turnovers. Eagles climbed to top of NFC East with four straight victories.</p>	<p>Green Bay at Pittsburgh (9-4) (6-7)</p> <p>Probably too late for Steelers to make playoffs after dropping five straight. Packers have won five straight to take hold of the top NFC wild-card berth.</p>	<p>Houston at St. Louis (6-7) (1-12)</p> <p>Texans have been known to follow big wins with befuddling losses. A defeat here would be especially frustrating, given the Rams' struggles this year.</p>	<p>Miami at Tennessee (7-6) (6-7)</p> <p>Both were a combined 2-12 at end of October. Dolphins have a shot at the AFC East and Titans went from 0-6 to at least being in the postseason hunt.</p>
<p>Oakland at Denver (4-9) (8-5)</p> <p>If Brandon Marshall can catch a record 21 passes against Indy, how many might he grab against Oakland? Look for JaMarcus Russell on the sideline again.</p>	<p>Cincinnati at San Diego (9-4) (10-3)</p> <p>A win gives Chargers a playoff spot. A Denver loss and the AFC West is theirs, too. Bengals can easily be distracted by tragic death of WR Chris Henry.</p>	<p>Tampa Bay at Seattle (1-12) (5-8)</p> <p>Like the Rams, the Bucs have a realistic shot at the top overall draft position, and not much else to look forward to. Seahawks are 4-2 at home.</p>	<p>Minnesota at Carolina (11-2) (5-8)</p> <p>Vikings can take the NFC North crown with a win or a Green Bay defeat. The Panthers have been one of the NFL's biggest flops.</p>	<p>N.Y. Giants at Washington (7-6) (4-9)</p> <p>If the Giants' defense is as leaky against the impotent Redskins (22nd overall), any shot at the playoffs could disappear.</p>

berth. The Pack's new 3-4 defense is beginning to resemble, well, the Steel Curtain, and Green Bay's offensive weapons have found holes in the best defenses. Right now, the Steelers, without star safety

Troy Polamalu, don't have that kind of D.

Also on Sunday, it's Miami at Tennessee; Arizona at Denver; Cincinnati at San Diego; Tampa Bay at Seattle; and Minnesota at Carolina.

On Monday night, the New York Giants go to Cleveland at Kansas City; San Francisco at Philadelphia; Oakland at Denver; Cincinnati at San Diego; Tampa Bay at Seattle; and Minnesota at Carolina.

The Indianapolis Colts became just the third 14-0 team in league history by beating Jacksonville 35-31 Thursday night. They extended their NFL record to 23 straight regular-season

wins as Peyton Manning threw for four touchdowns and surpassed 4,000 yards passing for the 10th time.

Jacksonville fell to 7-7 and lost control of the race for the final AFC wild-card spot.

No. 16 Beavers, No. 15 Cougars unfamiliar foes

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press writer

Oregon State coach Mike Riley's message to his players has been straight forward: The Beavers can't let the disappointment of the recent past creep into Las Vegas Bowl.

Oregon State was one win away from playing in the Rose Bowl, but lost to rival Oregon in a Civil War game that decided the Pac-10 title. Now the Ducks are headed to Pasadena on New Year's Day.

"You can be defeated by your last loss. The same team can beat you twice based on your attitude. It almost becomes like a built-in excuse," Riley said. "Like I told the team: We do not make excuses at Oregon State. So if we don't win this game it won't be about that, it will be about that game, that day."

"Basically, there's no



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room for babies here. This is a men's game and you've got to step up and do what you have done, every game, all year."

The No. 16 Beavers (8-4) will play No. 15 BYU (10-2) at Sam Boyd Stadium on Dec. 22. It is the Oregon State's fourth consecutive bowl appearance, a school record.

The Cougars are playing in the Las Vegas Bowl for the fifth straight year. Last year BYU lost 31-21 to Arizona. It will be the first time that two ranked teams have played in the bowl game, which is sponsored by Maaco.

It also will be the first postseason meeting between the Cougars and Beavers, who have played eight times in the regular season. The Beavers lead the series 5-3 lead.

Oregon State beat BYU 10-7 the last time the two teams met in 1986, when current coach Bronco Mendenhall was a starting safety and made four tackles against the Cougars.

Mendenhall was a graduate assistant at Oregon State in 1989, then returned as defensive line coach in 1995 and defensive coordinator in 1996. Riley joked that he should have grabbed Mendenhall for his own staff.

"I actually had a mini interview with him and obviously made a big mistake in not hiring him," Riley said. "He is at, what I look at now, the perfect place; a great fit, and has a program and has basically established

the values in his program that he wants and then you see the results of that success."

Besides Mendenhall, the Cougars were sort of a mystery to the Beavers earlier this week before they started game-planning.

"I haven't looked at their roster, but I know that the team is one of the oldest teams in the nation," running back Jacquizz Rodgers said. "As a team I know that they play physical and put forth a good effort. I know they're going to come out and play their hardest."

Max Hall has 31 career victories, the most ever for a BYU quarterback in school history. Tight end Dennis Pitta, Hall's brother-in-law, has 57 receptions for 784 yards and seven touchdowns.

Harvey Unga, BYU's best career rusher with 3,384 yards, ran for 1,031 yards and 10 touchdowns this season.

The Cougars finished second in the Mountain West Conference to unbeaten TCU. The team's only losses were to TCU and Florida State.

The Beavers, who finished in a three-way tie with Arizona and Stanford behind Oregon in the Pac-10, are led by the Rodgers brothers, sophomore Jacquizz and his older brother James.

Jacquizz, or Quizz, as he is known, ran for 1,377 yards and a school-record 20 TDs. He was ninth in the nation with 119.36 rushing yards a game. Quizz also caught a touchdown pass and threw another.

James Rodgers led Oregon State with 87 receptions, 1,007 yards and nine TDs this season.

Quarterback Sean Canfield led the conference with 3,103 passing yards, throwing for 21 touchdowns with just six interceptions.

Shooter

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While at the winter championship, Brown spent more than a week in Colorado Springs practicing before taking aim at the three-day competition.

In a sport where even one-tenth of a point can determine the champion from the runner-up, Brown took eighth place on the first day, which qualified him for a 10-shot final later in the afternoon. He shot well enough in the final to move up one spot to seventh.

Day 2: His opening-round seventh-place performance earned him another spot in the final. It was then that Brown beat Jason Turner, a two-time Olympian who won the bronze at the 2008 Beijing games, by 0.7 points to finish fifth.

"He's had to make himself do it, and it's really boring. He'll spend hours in front of a wall, dry firing, just looking at the wall."

- Dan Brown, on his son Will's training routine

Things simmered down on Day 3 as Brown didn't make the final.

"I was two points away," he said. But Brown remained in the top 10, out of first place by a handful of points in the open competition. He defeated other competitors at his level, J1, by 20 points.

"The people at the top are two- and three-time Olympians," Brown said. "Most of these guys have competed internationally a bunch."

The road to get to this point was long, said Randy Shikashio, who is one of many influential trainers in Brown's life. Shikashio credited Brown for his ability to control his focus through years of preparation and competition.

Brown's father, Dan, said it comes down to dedication. Shooting sports don't have the same level of organization as many high school sports, so it's up to Brown to buckle down no matter how tedious the training.

"He's had to make himself do it, and it's really boring," Dan said. "He'll spend hours in front of a wall, dry firing, just looking at the wall. But it's part of the training."

After the winter championship, it was back home for finals and Christmas break, but without a vital part of his arsenal. TSA agents at Colorado Springs Airport are used to seeing air pistols and the compressed-air cylinders (with a capacity of 2,900 psi) as many competitions are held in the area, but one participant failed to follow protocol, which caused the TSA to deny all from checking in their luggage.

"You're supposed to have your cylinders emptied before you get there," Brown said. "(The forgetful participant) emptied them while he was checking his gun."

A friend living as a resident athlete, Nick Mower, was able to pick up Brown's cylinders and mail them to Twin Falls within a week.

It's a problem Brown hopefully won't face again as he travels and competes nationally and internationally — all part of his quest to become an Olympian.

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LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SHOOT?

The Twin Falls Rifle & Pistol Club holds youth and adult league practices and competitions throughout the week as well as open shooting from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays. Firearms allowed are rifles in .22 lr caliber (no magnums) and pistols in .22 lr, .22 Magnum, .25, .32, .380, 9mm, .38 Special, .40, .45 and most standard calibers but no full magnums. The club is located at 253 Fifth Ave. West in Twin Falls. Information: 423-4247, 420-6163 or tfrpstaff@yahoo.com.

Bear-Cat

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can keep improving."

Between Jones and his former teammates over at Twin Falls, the city went 5-for-5 in championship matches at the tournament.

Twin Falls seniors Joe Hamilton (125 pounds), Will Keeter (140) and Zak Slotten (171) had little trouble getting through their championship bouts, but junior Todd Anderson twice pulled third-round magic to unseat Salmon's Luke Weaver in the 152-pound final.

Anderson trailed 5-2 starting the third round against the reigning Class 3A 152-pound champion, and cut Weaver loose to extend the deficit to four. But he quickly took Weaver down and got a three-point near-fall to take a 7-6 lead before cutting him loose again to tie the score.

Weaver took Anderson down, and with time dwindling off the clock it looked like Anderson's chances for his first tournament win since his 2007 state championship were gone. But he threw one last move to reverse and picked up two more back points to seal victory.

"I'm just relieved a lot. I wanted to prove my freshman year (state title) wasn't just a fluke," said Anderson, adding he intended to drop to 145 pounds after Bear-Cat. "I just beat a defending state champion, so that's a huge boost for my confidence."

It took similar late-match heroics for Buhl's Blake Finney to win the 189-pound title, as he fell behind in the last round on his second stalling call and was then taken down by Jerome's Riley Argyle for a three-point deficit.

But in what proved to be a tactical error, Argyle let Finney up. The Buhl senior responded with a takedown, back points and ultimately a pin at 5:26.

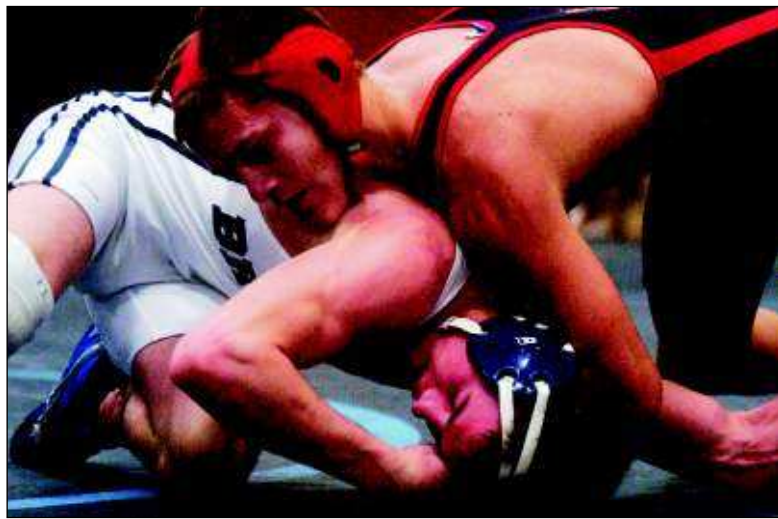
"I was down three when he let me up, and I knew a takedown wasn't going to get me (the win) so I just went for the toss," said Finney, who finished second at Bear-Cat and at the state meet a season ago. "Early in the season it's tough to wrestle a good match in the third round, but I



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ABOVE: Buhl's Blake Finney wrestles Jerome's Riley Argyle in the 189-pound weight class during the final round of the Bear-Cat Invitational Saturday at Twin Falls High School. Finney won the match with a third-round pin.

BELOW: Twin Falls senior Joe Hamilton, bottom, wrestles Highland's Anthony Esplin in the 125-pound championship match at the Bear-Cat Invitational in Twin Falls.



really wanted this one. I've never won here."

In total, District IV had eight individual champions: Jones, the four Twin Falls wrestlers, Finney, Derek Gerratt of Valley (135 pounds) and Tyler Powell of Jerome (160).

Highland placed 11 wrestlers in

the Top 4 and easily won the team title, a full 102 1/2 points ahead of second-place Jerome. Twin Falls was third, a point ahead of Minico in fourth. Keeter and Slotten received the awards for being the most outstanding wrestlers of the tournament.

Bear-Cat Invitational

At Twin Falls HS

Final team scores

1. Highland 226.5 points, 2. Jerome 124, 3. Twin Falls 110, 4. Minico 109, 5. Ontario (Ore.) 101, 6. Buhl 90, 7. Boise 84, 8. (tie) Canyon Ridge and Fruitland 56.5, 10. Salmon 55, 11. Valley 46.5, 12. Burley 40, 13. Wood River 36, 14. Kimberly 35, 15. Elko (Nev.) 31, 16. (tie) Bear Lake and Wendell 30, 18. Gooding 4.

Championship match results

103 pounds: Justin Lineberry, Highland, pinned Eric Ayala, Jerome, 5:46; 112: Brennan Bell, Highland, dec. Andrew Rossow, Boise, 6:2; 119: Donovan Jones, Canyon Ridge, dec. Trey Hugues, Highland, 10:9; 125: Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls, dec. Anthony Esplin, Highland, 12:6; 130: Brennan Schiess, Highland, pinned Jacob Tillotson, Bear Lake, 2:33; 135: Derek Gerratt, Valley, dec. Caleb Walker, Salmon, 2:1; 140: Will Keeter, Twin Falls, maj. dec. Jake Lake, Burley, 12:0; 145: Nico Martinez, Ontario, maj. dec. James Esplin, Highland, 16:4; 152: Todd Anderson, Twin Falls, dec. Luke Weaver, Salmon, 11:9; 160: Tyler Powell, Jerome, pinned Adrian Quiroz, Burley, 1:41; 171: Zak Slotten, Twin Falls, dec. Zack DeLoera, Highland, 5:2; 189: Blake Finney, Buhl, pinned Riley Argyle, Jerome, 5:24; 215: Ryan Erstad, Boise, pinned Jacob Barclay, Minico, 3:25; 285: Gaylen Edmo, Highland, pinned Ramiro Riejas, Minico, 4:56.

Third-place match results

103 pounds: Connor Stubblefield, Canyon Ridge, pinned Brian Jensen, Minico, 0:09; 112: Mark Bigley, Salmon, dec. Kaden Luper, Jerome, 5:3; 119: Ben Alcalá, Boise, dec. Wade Fry, Elko, 7:2; 125: Allen Compton, Buhl, pinned Alberto Ramirez, Jerome, 2:41; 130: Tyler Egbert, Wendell, pinned Tate Patterson, Minico, 0:51; 140: Nathan Nelson, Highland, pinned Eldon McInelly, Fruitland, 4:16; 145: Simon Esparza, Fruitland, dec. Joe Carey, Jerome, 4:3; 152: David Borden, Minico, maj. dec. Daulton Blackwell, Fruitland, 10:1; 160: Brett Walton, Boise, pinned Lane Albright, Kimberly, 1:25; 171: Colby May, Minico, pinned Cameron Wharton, Ontario, 2:53; 189: Cristian Sanchez, Ontario, pinned Riley Stock, Highland, 0:32; 215: Oren Carlton, Buhl, pinned Khuzaymah Perez, Elko, 2:59; 285: Jason Alvarado, Ontario, pinned Nick Castillo, Buhl, 1:57. Most outstanding wrestlers - 103-140 pounds: Will Keeter, Twin Falls; 145-285 pounds: Zak Slotten, Twin Falls.

CSI

Continued from Sports 1

CSI built its second 10-point lead at 62-52 and led 67-60 before Monroe chipped away in the final minutes. With the score knotted at 70-70, CSI's Pierre Jackson had his 3-point try blocked out of bounds by Monroe's Djim Bandomel with 3.2 seconds left in regulation. Odum had the ball knocked away from him on the ensuing inbounds, forcing overtime.

"We just didn't finish plays," said Gosar. "That's been the story and it's frustrating"

Odum and Thomas each scored 15 to lead the Eagles, while Jackson added 14. Owens scored 10, but went 0-for-8 from 3-point range. Felix was held to just seven points and fouled out with four minutes left in regulation.

Bandomel chipped in 12 for Monroe, while A.J. Mathews had nine.

CSI is just 4-5 since starting the season 5-0 and faces a tough test today in 12-2 Three Rivers.

Said Gosar: "We've got to step up and start believing in each other and put teams away."

Monroe College 78, CSI 76, OT

Antonio Owens 3-4-10, Pierre Jackson 5-1-2-14, Odum 6-2-4-15, Byago Diouf 1-0-0-2, Carrick Felix 3-0-0-7, Josten Thomas 5-5-9-15, Romario Souza 4-1-4-9, Kenny Buckner 1-2-2-4, Totals 28-61-15-26-76.
MONROE COLLEGE (78)
AJ Matthews 2-5-8-9, Jeriel Henriquez 2-1-3-6, Paul Scotland 11-8-13-30, Tyrone Lindsay 1-1-2-3, Terric Harris 3-3-5-9, Zviad Antadze 2-0-0-4, Randy DeZouvre 2-0-0-5, Djim Bandomel 6-0-0-12, Totals 28-60-76.
Half-time: CSI 40, Monroe 38. Regulation: CSI 70, Monroe 70, 3-point goals: CSI 5-16, Monroe 2-11. Rebounds: CSI 40, Monroe 38. Assists: CSI 10, Monroe 8. Turnovers: CSI 26, Monroe 20.

Petersen

Continued from Sports 1

vie for a national championship, which wasn't thought possible from the City of Trees. But Petersen is going to his second BCS bowl in four seasons and it's possible that the winner of the Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl between unbeaten BSU and TCU may be in line for a run at the 2011 national championship.

"I think this is a big place," Petersen said. "We've had an opportunity to win a lot of games. We just haven't played Division-I football for that long. These other places have for 100 years. We're making progress. We're continually building. Rome wasn't built in a day."

The BSU program could become the first team to win a national championship as a junior college, a Division I-AA (now FCS) school and as an FBS team. Petersen has seen Hawkins struggle in Boulder, Colo., and saw Dirk Koetter leave and get fired from Arizona State before landing as the offensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Petersen and BSU athletic director Gene Bleymaier are working on a new contract that will keep Petersen in Boise, a place the coach believes a good fit for him and his family.

"I hope he thinks that all the time, at least for a few more years," defensive lineman Ryan Winterswyk said. "It's quite a risk to go somewhere else. He dedicates so much time and energy into this program. He is morally and every way a really upstanding guy. Everyone just feeds off that."

Billy Winn called Petersen a "humble guy" who built BSU's program, turning it into a powerhouse that has never lost a WAC home game, has only lost two home games this decade and leads the nation in scoring at nearly 42 points per game in the 2000s.

Humble as Petersen is, fun as he can be playing games in practice, the buck stops at his door.

"If things aren't going well early, he might have to notify us of the current failures," Moore said. "He's still the CEO of this business. When necessary he's the bearer of bad news. We've been fortunate to not have a lot of bad news around here."

Moore portrayed Petersen as a fair coach, open to talk about anything, football or otherwise, a mentor and father figure for many Broncos.

"When it's business, it's business. When you're off the field and you want to joke around and

talk, you can talk," Moore said. "That's the type of guy you look to be coached by. He's invested a lot in this program. He's the face of Boise State University, Boise State football."

Defensive back Winston Venable hasn't even been in Boise for a full year, but that's enough for him to know his coach.

"I haven't sat in other team's meetings, but I think Coach Pete has a different philosophy," Venable said. "He hits real small details. Not all coaches are like that. He's going to get you right. Not picky, strict. He's the boss man. You're not always going to like your boss, but everyone here likes the boss."

Petersen is probably the most recognizable person in Boise. He runs for and gives to charity. Here he is a hero, a CEO, a king. The city rallies around the team, around the coach.

When Hawkins left, Bronco Nation felt betrayed. If Petersen remains, he has a chance to win games at the most rapid clip in history. He says he wants to stay. And why not? Why would a king leave his kingdom?

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Your Scores

BOWLING

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN, EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: James Stewart 535, Robert Dyer 524, Randy Sunde 504, Dennis Hite 485.
MEN'S GAMES: Rober Dyer 227, James Stewart 195, Lin Gowan 194, Randy Sunde 187.
LADIES SERIES: Cadie Jarrell 363, Dana Gowan 356, Dane Stewart 333, Robyn Rosson 332.
LADIES GAMES: Tina Lewis 136, Dana Stewart 129, Robyn Rosson 127, Dane Gowan 125.
MON. FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Dennis Seckel 658, Steve Allison 617, Bill Boren 598, Kevin Hamblin 565.
MEN'S GAMES: Steve Allison 247, Dennis Seckel 237, Bill Boren 220, Dave Wilson 217.
LADIES SERIES: Michele Seckel 503, Dee Hall 499, Sylvia Inman 490, Kay Puschel 488.
LADIES GAMES: Kay Puschel 201, Monica Morrow 190, Dee Hall 187, Sylvia Inman 183.
SH-BOOM
MEN'S SERIES: Mike Olson 616, Donnie Parsons 604, Danny Brady 567, Clint Koyle 565.
MEN'S GAMES: Gary Canary 225, Mike Olson 222, Danny Brady 213, Clint Koyle 210.
LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 554, Michelle Baughman 523, Stacey Lanier 500, Diana Barnes 487.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Reynolds 210, Kathi Jeroue 189, Michelle Baughman 186, Angel Olson 184.
MID MORN. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Dave Wilson 587, Matt Baysinger 587, Eddie Chappell 572, Maury Miller 568.
MEN'S GAMES: Adam Kepner 223, Mac Brown 221, Dave Wilson 213, Matt Baysinger 206.
LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 550, Ada Perring 545, Jeane Miller 518, Kimberlee Lee 406.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 219, Dawn Kulm 203, Ada Perrine 201, Jeane Miller 188.
TUES. A.M. TRIOS
SERIES: Jessie Biggerstaff 499, Blanche Lanier 486, Amy Milam 486, Barbara Frith 478.
GAMES: Amy Milam 185, Blanche Lanier 181, Jessie Biggerstaff 172, Ann Brewer 170.
LATECOMERS
SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 542, Lisa Allen 531, Barb Aslett 524, Gail McAllister 513.
GAMES: Lisa Allen 202, Charlene Anderson 201, Kristy Rodriguez 195, Barb Aslett 192.
TUESDAY MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 570, Tyler Black 563, Steven Maher 513, Matt Thrall 483.
BOYS' GAMES: Tyler Black 233, Anthony Vest 222, Steven Maher 194, Matt Thrall 179.
GIRLS' SERIES: Koti Jo Moses 508, Brooke Newlan 394, Megan McAllister 365, Miranda Curtis 359.
GIRLS' GAMES: Koti Jo Moses 190, Brooke Newlan 143, Megan McAllister 136, Miranda Curtis 131.
MEN'S CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Kevin Coggins 672, Tony Everts 663, Matt Olson 660, Jon Powlus 651.
GAMES: Tim Cordova 268, Tony Everts 257, Kevin Coggins 247, Maury Miller 247.
M.V. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 625, Ed Dutry 580, Darryl Cameron 561, Clayne Williams 547.
MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 246, Ed Dutry 245, Clayne Williams 241, Darryl Cameron 201.
LADIES SERIES: NaJean Dutry 493, Betty Taylor 481, Jean McGuire 476, Linda Vining 474.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 189, LaVona Young 183, Betty Taylor 180, NaJean Dutry 174.
LADIES CLASSIC
SERIES: Jule Capurro 582, Georgia Randall 556, Angel Campbell 528, Diana Brady 522.
GAMES: Julie Capurro 211, Georgia Randall 210, Carol Quaintance 205, Diana Brady 199.
MIXED BAR NUTS
MEN'S SERIES: Bryan Price 565, Travis Price 545, Jim Shirley 484, Jim Howard 483.
MEN'S GAMES: Bryan Price 219, Travis Price 201, Jim Shirley 188, Jim Howard 183.
LADIES SERIES: Kym Daigh 479, Cindy Countryman 456, Beverly O'Connor 425, Georgia Johnson 413.
LADIES GAMES: Kym Daigh 176, Cindy Countryman 163, Georgia Johnson 160, Beverly O'Connor 149.
SUNSET
SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 574,

Julie Shull 543, Amanda Justman 538, Michele Seckel 536.
GAMES: Stephanie DeBaek 213, Gail Cederlund 208, Kristy Rodriguez 204, Marie Bourn 201, Amanda Justman 201, Julie Shull 201
FRI. P.M. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Rich Farnsworth 547, Myron Schroeder 593, Blaine McAllister 573, Bob Chalfant 551.
MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 234, Blaine McAllister 224, Chelcie Eager 213, Dave Wilson 199.
LADIES SERIES: Jeane Miller 485, Dixie Eager 476, Shirley Kunsman 467, Dawn Kulm 458.
LADIES GAMES: Janet Browning 191, Jeane Miller 182, Jean McGuire 175, Bernie Smith 171.
MOONSHINERS
SERIES: Deanne Heil 542, Jackie Webb 473, Flame Klundt 447, Ariel Bolish 426.
GAMES: Deanne Heil 193, Jackie Boyd 170, Flame Klundt 163, Carol Miller 161.
MOOSE
SERIES: Bob Leazer 705, Don West 694, Mark Shull 678, Cobey Magee 655.
GAMES: Bob Leazer 267, Don West 266, Mark Shull 266, Jim Sorenson 256.
PEEWEE & BUMPER
SERIES: Ravyn Barela 215, Riley Magee 188, Lindsay Beem 164.
GAMES: Ravyn Barela 113, Riley Magee 95, Lindsay Beem 93.
GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Matt Thrall 509, Joe Campbell 496, Jayson Makay 493, Tom Upchurch 448.
BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 204, Matt Thrall 190, Ryan Guittierrez 178, Jayson Makay 175.
GIRLS' SERIES: Ashley Ethers 386, Brooke Newlan 374, Alexis Ybarra 326, Katie Gallilher 321.
GIRLS' GAMES: Ashley Ethers 168, Brooke Newlan 161, Alexis Ybarra 142, Cheyenne Uker 125.
SUNSET LANES, BUHL MONDAY YABA
BOYS' SERIES: Derek Webb 549, Bradley Webb 369, David Dias 296, Chaz Hicks 259.
BOYS' GAMES: Derek Webb 220, Bradley Y Webb 132, David Dias 115, Devin Dias 103.
GIRLS' SERIES: Sarah Thompson 282, Alexis Breck 259, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 213, Amanda DeWitt 122.
GIRLS' GAMES: Sarah Thompson 103, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 100, Alexis Breck 96, Amanda DeWitt 47.
LUCKY STRIKERS
SERIES: Mandi Olson 601, Lois Tomlinson 503, Beverly Rodig 477, Cheryl Russell 475.
GAMES: Mandi Olson 219, Kristi Atkinson 189, Lois Tomlinson 186, Cheryl Russell 181.
MASON'S TROPHY
SERIES: Katie Owsley 453, Dixie Schroeder 453, Verna Kodesh 444, Nancy Bright 435.
GAMES: Verna Kodesh 174, Dixie Schroeder 174, Nancy Bright 168, Katie Owsley 166.
PINBUSTERS
SERIES: Harvey McCoy 666, Al Kooiman 662, Bob Wagner 659, Dirk McCallister 631.
GAMES: Bob Wagner 267, Dirk McCallister 255, Harvey McCoy 247, Keith Simmons 245.
SPARE PAIRS
MEN'S SERIES: Harvey McCoy 743, Curt Quaintance 616, Mitch Olson 595, Josh Kennedy 587.
MEN'S GAMES: Harvey McCoy 269, Curt Quaintance 244, Josh Kennedy 229, Don Huff 215.
LADIES SERIES: Claudene Stricklan 536, Dorothy Moon 502, Lois Tomlinson 474, Darla McCallister 468.
LADIES GAMES: Dorothy Moon 209, Claudene Stricklan 195, Carol Romero 186, Darla McCallister 176.
STARLITE
MEN'S SERIES: Dustin McCallister 651, Dee Maier 588, Mike Larsen 580, Jason Moon 575.
MEN'S GAMES: Dustin McCallister 237, Dee Maier 219, Matt Olson 217, Mike Larsen 213.
LADIES SERIES: Teresa Boehm 595, Mandi Olson 584, Nita Maier 552, Jeanne Hicks 545.
LADIES GAMES: Teresa Boehm 222, Mandi Olson 220, Darla McCallister 197, Jeanne Hicks 193.
MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUNDAY ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Mason 631, Buddy Bryant 614, RD Adema 557, Jeremy Trump 554.
MEN'S GAMES: Kyle Mason 255, Stan Visser 214, Buddy Bryant 214, Travis Dayley 213.
LADIES SERIES: Margie Adema 574, Ida Countryman 531, Stephanie Evans 485, Kim Dreisigacker 475.

LADIES GAMES: Margie Adema 226, Ida Countryman 205, Stephanie Evans 181, Kim Dreisigacker 169.
COMMERCIAL
SERIES: Tony Brass 651, Rick Frederiksen 647, Robert Watkins 613, Ryan Worden 602.
GAMES: Tony Brass 247, Robert Watkins 246, Glen Adams 244, Rick Frederiksen 232.
MASON
SERIES: Georgia Randall 571, Shanda Pickett 551, Edie Barkley 535, Marie Bruce 515.
GAMES: Shanda Pickett 208, Kathy Gray 201, Edie Barkley 201, Georgia Randall 199.
VALLEY
SERIES: Tony Brass 721, Kyle Mason 704, Robert Watkins 689, Tony Cowan 668.
GAMES: Tony Cowan 300, Kyle Mason 275, Bob Leazer 265, Mike Tackett 258.
FIFTY PLUS
MEN'S SERIES: Chelcie Eager 611, Blaine Ross 604, Jim Brawley 581, Earl McCoy 576.
MEN'S GAMES: Clayne Williams 228, Chelcie Eager 216, Ed Dutry 208, Blaine Ross 206.
LADIES SERIES: Sharon Knudson 533, Dot Van Hook 530, Barbara Smith 522, Marie Bruce 513.
LADIES GAMES: Sharon Knudson 208, Joan Leis 189, Marie Bruce 189, Dot Van Hook 186.
THURS. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Joe McClure 594, Dale Rhyne 575, Jeff Whittemore 554, Charles Lewis 523.
MEN'S GAMES: Jeff Whittemore 216, Russ Austin 215, Joe McClure 212, Dale Rhyne 203.
LADIES SERIES: Kathy McClure 573, Joanna Schreurs 492, Cheryl Kerr 474, Edie Barkley 464.
LADIES GAMES: Kathy McClure 210, Joanna Schreurs 202, Donna Rhyne 197, Edie Barkley 180.
EARLY FRI. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Clint Koyle 666, Mike Goodson 588, Darwin Dudley 585, Tad Capurro 579.
MEN'S GAMES: Clint Koyle 267, Jared Ashmead 224, Tad Capurro 212, Buddy Bryant 212.
LADIES SERIES: Tawnia Bryant 691, Julie Shaffer 535, Krista Wakley 530, Kathy McClure 505.
LADIES GAMES: Tawnia Bryant 235, Krista Wakley 222, Kathy McClure 195, Julie Shaffer 189.
SAT. YABA
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Brady 586, Dominic Curtis 486, Michael Jenkins 438.
BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Brady 202, Michael Jenkins 185.
GIRLS' SERIES: Jessica Jenkins 514, Ali Churchman 399, Rio Leazer 368, Kaitlyn Klassen 361.
GIRLS' GAMES: Jessica Jenkins 202, Kaitlyn Lassen 169, Ali Churchman 155, Rio Leazer 144.
CANYON RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
SERIES: Ricky Merrill 440, Charles Schwenson 346, Courtney Ehrmantraut 328.
GAMES: Rucjt Merrill 198, Courtney Ehrmantraut 149, Charles Schwenson 145.
SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS
SERIES: Lori Parish 522, Diane Stroberg 508, Pat Hicks 504.
GAMES: Diane Stroberg 190, Pat Hicks 188, Lori Parish 185.
LADIES TRIOS
SERIES: Tiffiny hager 646, Annetee Hirsch 618, Anna Rose 575.
GAMES: Tiffiny Hager 259, Annetee Hirsch 245, Anna Rose 202.
MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO
SERIES: Justin Studer 986, Brad Holm 913, Bob Bywater 896.
GAMES: Justin Studer 288, Shon Bywater 265, Brad Holm 245.
TUESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Bywater 789, Rick Hieb 698, Paul Haskell 658.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Bywater 268, Shon Bywater 265, Brad Holm 245.
LADIES SERIES: Tiffiny Hager 558, Stacy Hieb 555, Janet Grant 501.
LADIES GAMES: Janet Grant 213, Tiffiny Hager 204, Stacy Hieb 203.
RAILROADERS
SERIES: Kristine Jones 603, Tammy Rains 588, Janet Grant 527.
GAMES: Tammy Rains 241, Kristine Jones 225, Janet Grant 203.
TUESDAY TEENS
BOYS' SERIES: Andrew Morgan 505, Cameron Black 242, Kaden Black 204.
BOYS' GAMES: Andrew Morgan 180, Cameron Black 90, Kaden Black 80.
GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 506, Rachel Watson 223.
GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 182, Rachel Watson 88.

BURLEY HIGH
BOYS' SERIES: Daniel Posada 435, Cory Anderson 411, Teagen 380.
BOYS' GAMES: Daniel Posada 174, Cory Anderson 157, Luis Novoa 152.
GIRLS' SERIES: Courtney Yoshida 513, Bethany Adams 426, Sydney Kock 384.
GIRLS' GAMES: Courtney Yoshida 204, Bethany Adams 159, Sydney Koch 145.
WEDNESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 714, Ryan Swalling 671, Justin Studer 660.
MEN'S GAMES: Justin Studer 257, Tyson Hirsch 255, Ryan Swalling 154.
LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 539, Bobbi Crow 183, Blanca Lopez 418.
LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 186, Bobbi Crow 183, Blanca Lopez 179.
THURS. MORN. DBLS.
SERIES: Derry Smith 611, Deon Fassett 532, Kym Son 524.
GAMES: Derry Smith 243, Jamie Stewart 201, Deon Fassett 181.
HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Misty Stuart 527, Sharon Rathe 494, Pat Hicks 492.
GAMES: Missy Stuart 331, Pat Hicks 194, Bonnie Murphy 182.
MAJORS
SERIES: Bob Bywater 707, Jonny Amen 675, Steve Studer 669.
GAMES: Chris Warr 277, Bob Bywater 268, Byron Hager 266.
PINHEADS
BOYS' SERIES: Brody Alvertson 551, Andrew Morgan 509, Anthony Meyer 499.
BOYS' GAMES: Brody Albertson 209, Anthony Meyer 184, Andrew Morgan 181.
GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 496, Dominique Powers 432, Bethany Adams 372.
GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 211, Kiara Hieb 168, Cheyenne Powers 148.
MINICO HIGH
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Meyer 524, Shane Amen 511, Brody Albertson 450.
BOYS' GAMES: Shane Amen 202, Brody Albertson 196, Larry Morris 160.
GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 469, Caitlyn Schafer 391, Jackie Mancias 369.
GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 176, Caitlyn Schafer 170, Jackie Mancias 134.

MARTIAL ARTS



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Student of the month

Hunter Fife, pictured with Master Bill Fulcher, is Pii Sung Martial Arts student of the month for November. Fife was chosen by black belts of Pii Sung for his performance at testing last month when he earned his high yellow belt.

SHOOTING

Magic Valley .22 Caliber Gallery League results

Following are results of the Magic Valley .22 Caliber Gallery League, held in Buhl, Rupert and Twin Falls.
Dec. 11
Rifle scores
Master: 1. (tie) Will Brown and John Pitts 392, 3. Mark Bulcher 385.
Expert: 1. Nyles Tilley 384, 2. Dave Gyorfy 378, 3. Wayne Goetz 374.
Sharpshooter: 1. Richard Bean 367, 2. Mark Miller 363, 3. Brue Lohnes 362.
Marksman: 1. George Wagner 334, 2. Jerrod Vaugh 329, 3. Gary Qualman 259.
Sporter Rifle: 1. Jody Osterhout 358, 2. Art Freund 329, 3. Kelly Burrell 321.
Junior rifle: 1. Alisah Lierman 296, 2. Chani Lohnes 145, 3. Drew Vaughn 112, 4. Tyler Unroe 106.
Pistol
Master: 1. Bob Anderon 560, 2. (tie) Bob Beer and Jody Osterhout 551.
Expert: 1. Will Brown 546, 2. Dan Brown 545, 3. Nyles Tilley 544.
Sharpshooter: 1. Mark Bulcher 524, 2. Dave Gyorfy 523, 3. Kelly Burrell 509.
Marksman: 1. Max Vaughn 482, 2. Corey Lierman 472.
Two-handed pistol: 1. Luann Carroll 517, 2. Pam Kubik 499, 3. Pete Gage 460.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Periods of clouds and sun. Highs low 40s

Tonight: Increasing precipitation opportunities. Lows upper 20s.

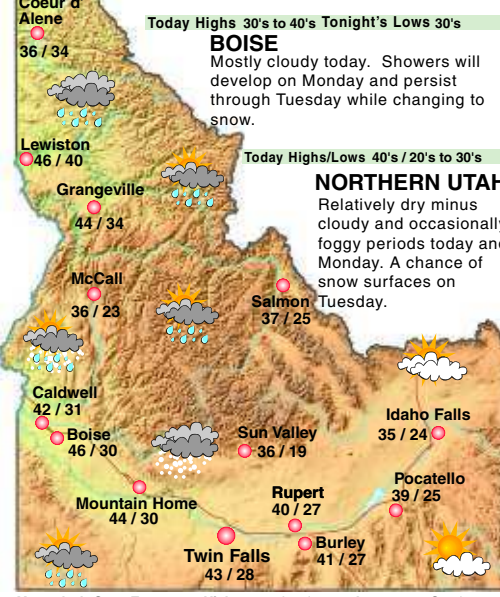
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, showers possible. Highs low 40s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mainly rain showers are expected for the area today and Monday. A change to snow will happen Monday night and Tuesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 48 at Lewiston Low: -2 at Stanley 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

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Prcp. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Water Year to Date.

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Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset. Includes Today, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

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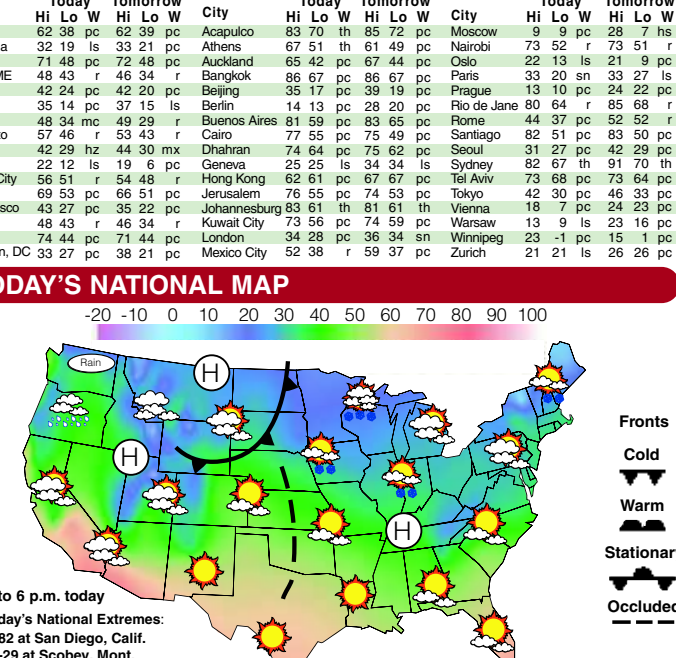
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Penn State rallies from 0-2 down to grab record third straight title

Nittany Lions extend win streak to 102 matches

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Penn State became the first team to win three straight volleyball titles Saturday night, overcoming a two-set deficit to beat Texas in five and extend its record winning streak to 102 straight games.

Megan Hodge led the Nittany Lions (38-0) with 21 kills, including the final one that touched off a wild celebration at midcourt.

"They just won three national championships in a row," Penn State coach Russ Rose said. "Not a lot of people have done stuff like that. Our seniors just willed us to the win."

Penn State's 22-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-21, 15-13 win helped it stake a claim as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, volleyball team in NCAA history.

The Nittany Lions led 22-19 in the first set and were on the brink of going ahead early. Then Texas called timeout, regrouped and rallied for six straight points to put Penn State behind, an unfamiliar position during most of its incredible run.

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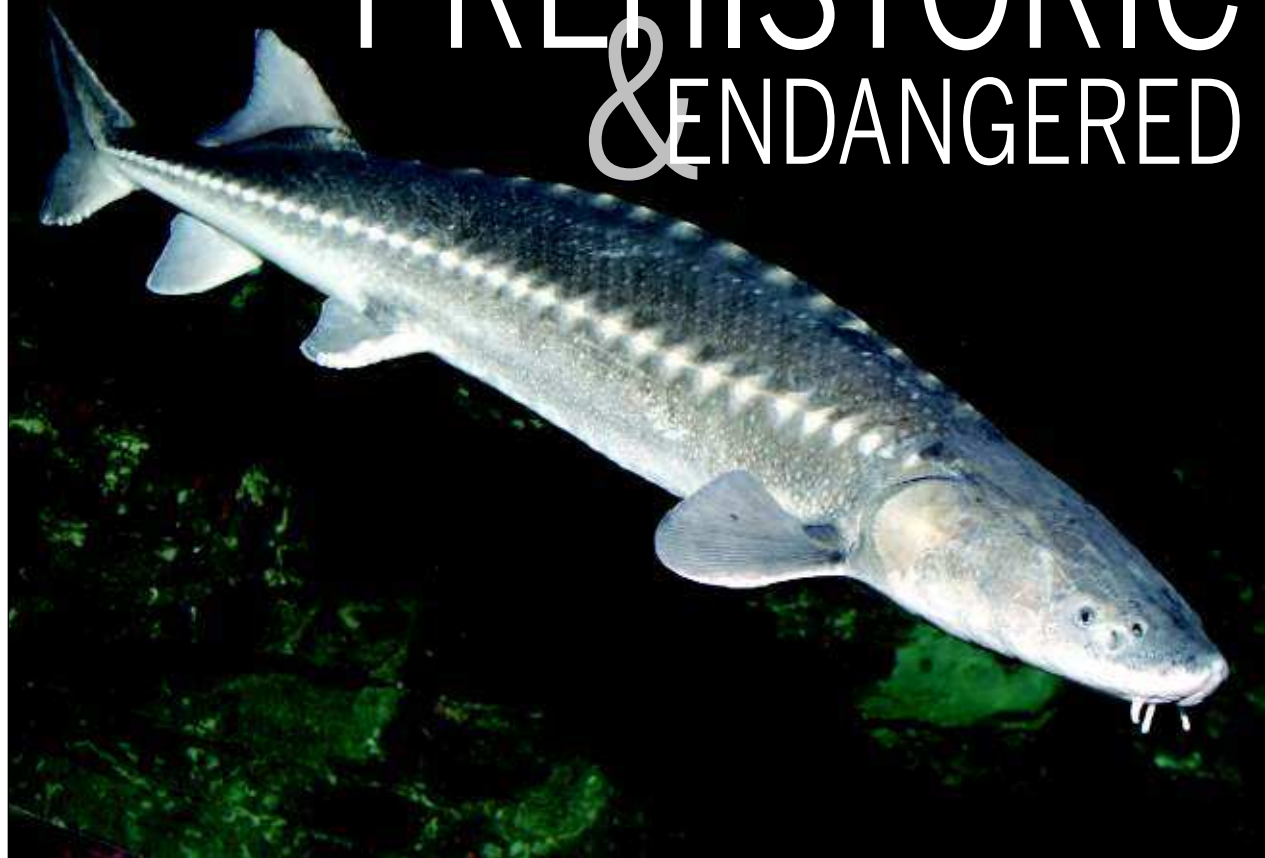
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PREHISTORIC & ENDANGERED



AP photo

This undated image provided by the Monterey Bay Aquarium, shows the endangered Kootenai River white sturgeon. As efforts falter to save this largest freshwater fish — a toothless beast left over from the days of dinosaurs — officials hope to stave off extinction by sending more water hurtling down a river so the fish can spawn in the wild.

Kootenai sturgeon, North America's biggest fish, slips toward extinction

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — As efforts falter to save North America's largest freshwater fish — a toothless beast left over from the days of dinosaurs — officials hope to stave off extinction by sending more water hurtling down a river so the fish can spawn in the wild.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Thursday declared that attempts over the past two years to save the endangered Kootenai River white sturgeon had failed.

The prehistoric sturgeon, characterized by its large head and armor-like scales, can reach 19 feet long and top 1,000 pounds.

An isolated population of the species lives along a stretch of the Kootenai that passes through Montana, northern Idaho and southern British Columbia. Fewer than 500 of the bottom-feeding behemoths survive

— and it's been 35 years since they successfully spawned.

The problem is Libby Dam, a hydroelectric facility in Montana run by the Army Corps of Engineers that serves power markets in the Pacific Northwest. When the dam went up in 1974, it stopped periodic flooding of Bonners Ferry, Idaho — but also high water flows that triggered the sturgeon to move upriver and spawn.

After years of litigation, the federal government agreed to alter how it runs the dam and more closely mimic historical water flows. That hasn't worked, and fisheries officials and the Corps now say they plan to spill more water over the dam next spring.

It could be one of the last chances to stave off disaster for the massive fish: Biologists say it could be on track for extinction within the next decade unless a fix is found.

Even with the increased spillover from the dam, the

Kootenai River would rise to less than half its historical levels.

"We're still kind of tinkering around at the bottom end of what historically used to occur," said Jason Flory, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "But the spring flows that were pre-Libby Dam were what flooded Bonners Ferry. You just don't do that, you don't flood towns!"

Before the dam, there were an estimated 10,000 Kootenai sturgeon.

White sturgeon also are found in the Columbia River, but the Kootenai population is genetically distinct after being isolated since the last Ice Age. There are 24 species of sturgeon worldwide; most are threatened with extinction.

The plan to save the fish in the Kootenai came out of a 2008 settlement with an environmentalists who sued the federal government for failing to take action.

Noah Greenwald, endan-

gered species director for the group behind the lawsuit, the Center for Biological Diversity, said Thursday he was "cautiously optimistic" the new measures would work.

"There's no way of knowing if it will be successful or not," he said.

"We certainly hope so, because the sturgeon is running out of time."

Since the mid-1990s, Idaho's Kootenai Tribe of Indians has stocked the river with thousands of hatchery-raised sturgeon in an attempt to fill the vacuum created as older fish die off.

To satisfy the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the fish would have to reproduce naturally before the species is considered recovered.

It's not known if the ploy will work. And because it takes 20 or 30 years for white sturgeon to mature and reproduce, the older fish will likely be gone before researchers find out.

With demand up, charities face tough holidays

By David Crary
Associated Press writer

For many of America's social service charities, this holiday season is providing a daunting mix of heavier demand for services, reduced funding and an ever-widening range of clients seeking help as economic woes persist.

Two recent surveys convey the extent of the challenges.

According to Catholic Charities, 76 percent of the agencies in its national network are seeing an increased demand for food while 72 percent have cut operating costs. The Bridgespan Group, a Boston-based adviser to charities, said 80 percent of the 100 nonprofits responding to its latest survey are coping with funding cuts.

Rebecca Brislain, executive director of the Florida Association of Food Banks, said many of her affiliates are experiencing unprecedented demand for assistance as the state reels from rampant home foreclosures and job losses.

"A lot of people are accessing food banks for the first time and don't know how to navigate the system," she said. "Just a few months ago they were living the American dream."

Brislain said one charity in the Fort Myers area was surprised to get a request for a food delivery to a home in a seemingly affluent gated community. Inside, she said, were a



AP file photo

A bell ringer for the Salvation Army solicits donations on Fifth Avenue in New York on Dec. 17, 2008.

mother and father who'd both lost their jobs and had been sleeping on the floor along with their children after selling most of their possessions — including furniture — in an effort to keep their house.

In Boca Raton, on the other side of Florida, the new clients seeking help from Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services include victims of Bernard Madoff's investment Ponzi scheme.

Beth Levine, the nonprofit's administrative services director, cited the woes of a 78-year-old man who'd been investing with Madoff since the 1970s.

"Now he and his wife are living on Social Security," Levine said. "It's heart-breaking. He told me, 'We had a wonderful life, but now the ride is over.'"

She said the man initially declined assistance but

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AP photo

Chief executive officer Peter Prizzio of the Daily Planet, which operates programs for the homeless and also operates a health clinic, stands in the doorway of the facility in Richmond, Va., on Monday. For many of America's social service charities, this holiday season is providing a daunting mix of heavier demand for services, reduced funding and an ever-widening range of clients seeking help as economic woes persist.

Veterans find peace working on San Diego-area farm

By Jacob Adelman
Associated Press writer

VALLEY CENTER, Calif. — When Carlos Rivera returned from fighting in Iraq and found work as an electrician, he felt co-workers who knew about his military experience were gawking at him. He went home angry each day.

That's not a problem at his current job working alongside other combat veterans picking avocados, mixing organic fertilizers and gathering basil amid northern San Diego County's undulating ochre hills.

"I'm outdoors, not stuck inside somewhere feeling suffocated," said Rivera, 25, who returned from Iraq in 2007 after four years as a Marine. "There's always someone to talk to, someone there to understand."

Rivera works at Archi's Acres, a 3-acre high-tech organic farm owned by Colin Archipley, who served three tours in Iraq and is trying to



AP photo

Colin Archipley, a Marine veteran who spent three tours in Iraq before becoming a farmer, inspects his basil in a greenhouse before sending it out for delivery at his organic farm in Valley Center, Calif., on Dec. 8.

help other combat vets shake the trauma of war by turning swords to plowshares.

Working the earth has long been recognized as good therapy for war veterans. About 20 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs centers have gardening programs, said Anthony Campinell, the VA's national

director for work therapy programs. He said Archi's Acres is the only fully commercial enterprise of which he was aware.

Veterans have grown fruits, vegetables and flowers on a 12-acre parcel at the VA hospital in west Los Angeles since 1986. They sold their produce at farmers markets until April, when

"When our hands stop working and our minds start running, that's when bad things start to happen.

So we keep the work load heavy. We stay busy."

— Colin Archipley, owner of a 3-acre high-tech organic farm called Archi's Acres

administrators had them take a break while they work out a deal for a nonprofit group to take over the commercial parts of that program.

Patients at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center near Newark, N.J., meanwhile, work in a 2-year-old garden harvesting corn, rhubarb and collard greens, some of which are served at the hospital's cafe.

"How much better can one feel about themselves than if you can make a meal out of things that you grew?" said UCLA psychiatry professor C. Scott Saunders, who specializes in treating post-traumatic stress disorder among combat veterans.

Archipley, 28, whose unit

took part in the initial invasion of Iraq and the later decisive battles in Fallujah and Haditha, returned from battle in 2006 too agitated to pursue plans to sell houses.

Instead, he decided to try his hand at farming, despite having no background in agriculture. He and his wife Karen started with the 200 avocado trees left on the property they bought while he was still a Marine sergeant.

Realizing the trees were not enough to sustain a business, the Archipleys added herbs and leafy greens grown using hydroponics, a method of cultivating plants without soil that requires less water and land than traditional farming.

The balmy air in

Archipley's sunlit greenhouse is thick with the aroma of basil, bunches of which poke through holes in long plastic tubes arranged in vertical rows. Thin streams of water enriched with a potent "compost tea" run silently along the bottoms of the tubes.

Wrinkled leaves of chard and deep-green lettuces sprout outside the greenhouse.

Archipley said he knew other vets would be solid employees and they would benefit from the distraction provided by steady, regimented labor, just as he had.

"When our hands stop working and our minds start running, that's when bad

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Charity

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later requested deliveries from the agency's Kosher food pantry.

"He's a very proud man," Levine said. "He said, 'I'm so embarrassed. But I don't have a choice.'"

The background for this charity season is grim, with a national jobless rate of 10 percent, cutbacks in social service spending by many states, and 49 million Americans lacking access to adequate nutrition — the highest level of "food insecurity" since the Agriculture Department began tracking it in 1995.

In Richmond, Va., the number of people seeking help from the Central Virginia Foodbank is up 50 percent from last year, said executive vice president Rich Schultz.

"You hear a lot of tough stories out there, the husband and wife both are laid off and doing their best to make ends meet," Schultz said. "They just need help to put food on the table."

Yet even as many local food banks struggle to meet demand, a few places are seeing signs of hope.

Feeding America, an umbrella organization for about 200 food banks, reports that donations of money and food to its national operation are up significantly this holiday season.

"We think the reason is that when times are tough, and people have to limit their charitable giving, they'll give to the most essential services," said Feeding America spokesman Ross Fraser. "It's things like the opera and ballet that lose out."

Arne Nelson, president of Orlando-based Catholic Charities of Central Florida, said he'd been heartened by a recent fundraising drive in his region's parishes — the size of an average gift was down, but more people were giving.

"Americans are understanding that it's our neighbors who are really suffering," he said. "We may not know who they are, but we care about them."

In Minnesota last month, charity officials were astounded when roughly 45,000 people participated in an online "Give to the Max Day" and donated \$14 million to more than 3,400 charities in a 24-hour span.

For the Salvation Army, the overall giving statistics aren't so encouraging. Major George Hood, a national spokesman, said donations to the seasonal Red Kettle campaign are down 18 percent from a year ago in the Northeast and 8 to 10 percent lower in other regions, even as demand for services is up.

To boost donations, the Salvation Army is trying several technological innovations, including its own iPhone application and a give-by-credit-card option available at about 300 of its kettles.

In the suburbs of Birmingham, Ala., the Shelby County Salvation

Army is struggling to keep pace with a record number of requests for a program providing gifts for needy children.

Families have signed up about 500 children to receive presents and 150 more are on a waiting list, said program coordinator Linda Wyngarden. So far, though, there are only donations to provide for about 450 children, meaning some 200 kids may be disappointed on Christmas.

"It's because of the recession," said Wyngarden. "It

may be that people had jobs lost and just can't give anymore."

Among those helping Wyngarden sort gifts was Vickie Langston, who needed assistance of her own from the charity this year after being laid off.

"I've never had to ask for help for anything in my life, but I didn't have a choice," Langston said. "At least I can help doing this."

Bob Martens, chief executive of Family Service and Community Mental Health Center in McHenry, Ill., said

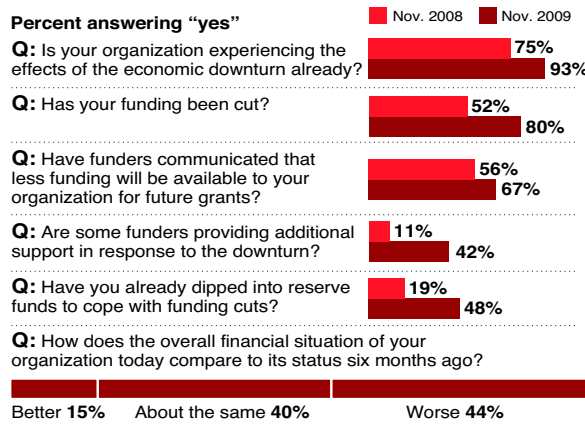
he's seen a drop in attendance — and donations — at various charity events.

"I can't help but feel there are people out there who want to give," he said. "It's whether or not they have the wherewithal."

For the Baldwin Center, which serves residents of the hard-hit industrial community of Pontiac north of Detroit, getting through the year has required a greater reliance on small donations. One casualty was the annual golf outing, once its largest fundraiser.

Nonprofit sector struggles

Charities are coping with funding cuts in the holiday season as they also face increased demand because of foreclosures and job losses.



Survey of approximately 600 leaders of nonprofits at six month intervals, about 100 responses received to each survey

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Veterans

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things start to happen. So we keep the work load heavy. We stay busy," he said. "For me, if I slow down, if I stop doing what I'm focussed on, that's when I can get myself in trouble."

Archipley said he thinks his workers are soothed by the farm's rural atmosphere, since the noise and pace of city life might remind them of the urban battle zones where many fought.

Jeffery Scanlon, who

places veterans at Archi's Acres as manager of the VA's work therapy programs in San Diego, said working with plants appears to help war-rattled vets regain their self-confidence.

"The plants aren't talking back to them," he said. "You feel more in touch with something that doesn't give you what we would consider negative feedback."

Archipley pays a fee to the VA to cover salaries and placement program expenses.

The VA takes care of the workers' insurance, health care and other costs.

Archipley's staff has grown from two to eight since he began hiring the veterans, and he recently bought an adjacent three-acre parcel where he plans more greenhouses and outdoor growing facilities.

The farm's growth is being sustained by demand for its products, which are sold at area Whole Foods outlets, other grocery stores and

farmers' markets.

Scanlon said he has spoken with VA administrators about replicating the collaboration with the farm in other parts of the country. The emphasis on greenhouse cultivation makes it a model for areas too cold for year-round field farming, he said.

Campinell said he's open to that idea, but his department would need to find other hydroponic farms that want to hire veterans, since

the VA doesn't set up new businesses.

The veterans at Archipley's operation, meanwhile, appear grateful for the opportunity to put down their own roots in civilian life.

"This type of work, gardening, getting your hands in the mix, it all helps," said Anthony Licon, whose 21 years in Army and Marines special operations forces took him to trouble spots in the Middle East, Central

America and other locations.

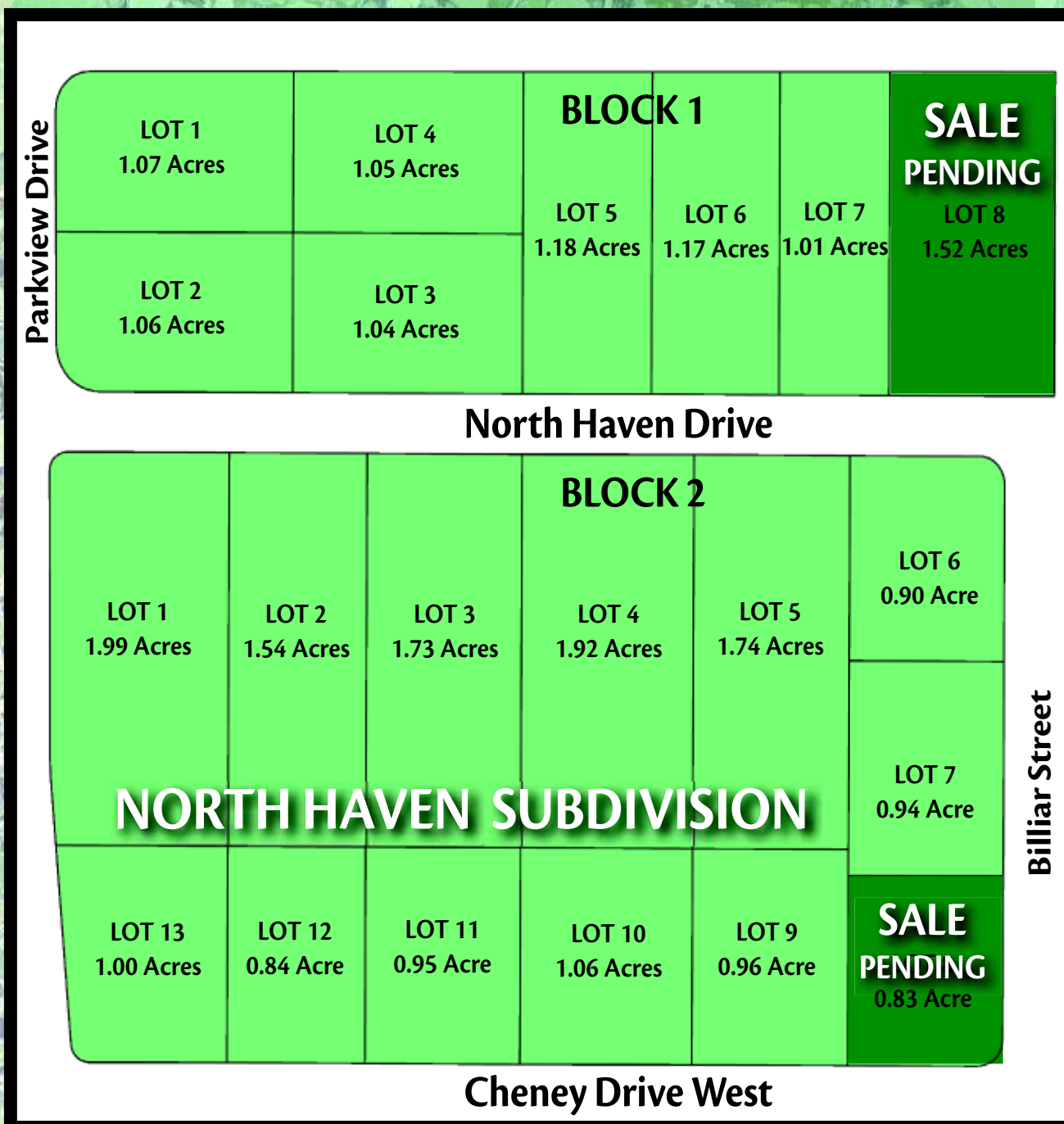
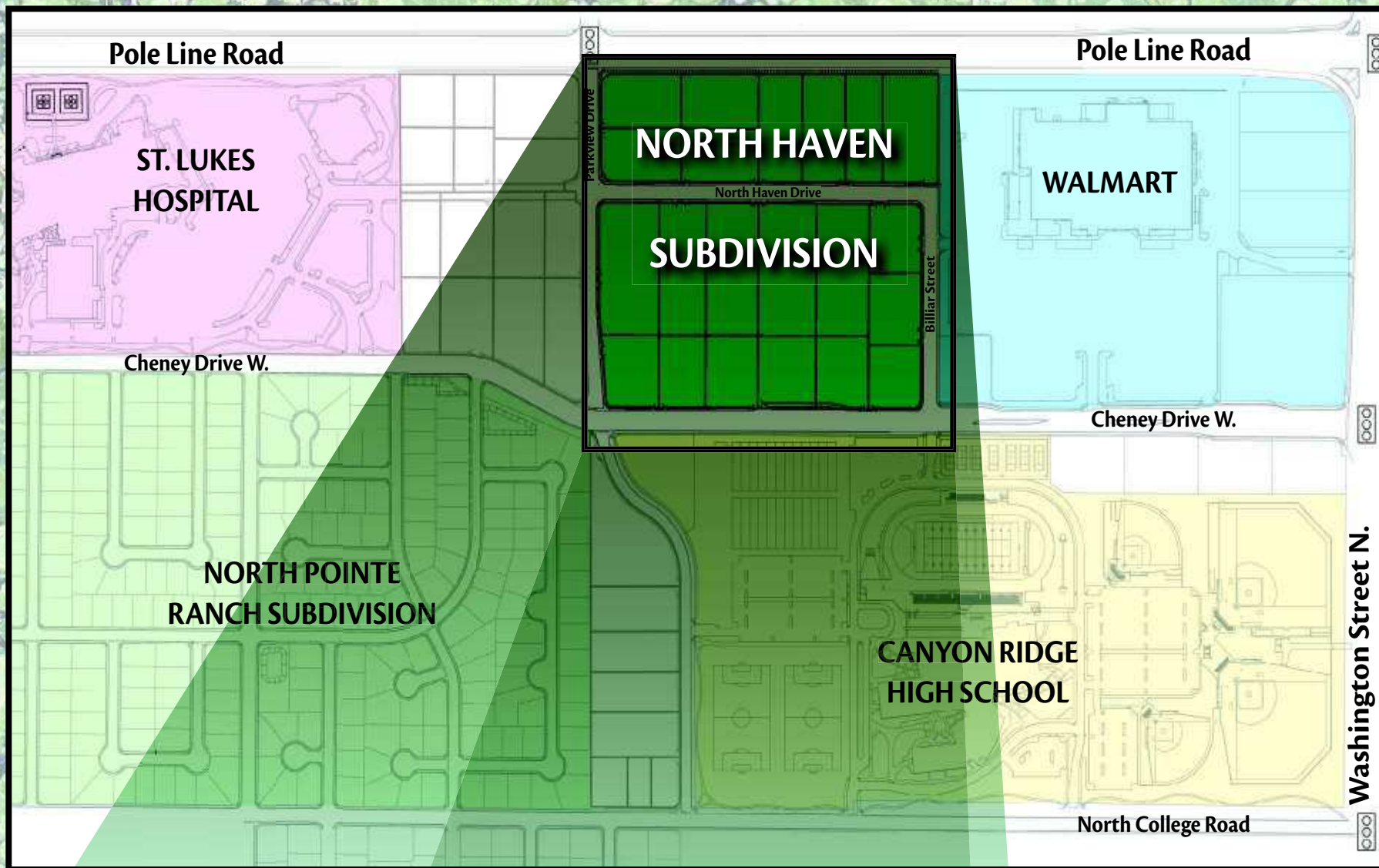
Rivera said talking with customers at farmers markets has helped him the most.

"I'm dealing with people and looking them in the eye and learning how to be happy around people," he said.

"The other jobs I had, I used to just go home and be angry," he continued. "Now I actually look forward to work."

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Cash gifts, liquid lunch—the case for impeachment

By Ben Evans
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's not the lifestyle of a typical federal judge: Five or six vodka cocktails during lunch; gambling with borrowed money; bankruptcy under a phony name, and cash, trips or home repairs from lawyers and a bail bondsman with business before his court.

Witnesses in the congressional impeachment case against U.S. District Court Judge G. Thomas Porteous Jr. paint a jarring portrait of the former Louisiana state judge who was appointed to the federal bench in 1994 by President Clinton.



Judge G. Thomas Porteous Jr.

As Congress wrapped up several weeks of evidence-gathering hearings last week, legal experts who testified before a House task force suggested Porteous is a

clear candidate to become just the eighth federal judge in U.S. history to be impeached and convicted by Congress. Lawmakers appear poised to take their advice and bring charges early next year, setting up a historic trial in the Senate.

"The fact is that we are discovering a pattern of misbehavior that occurred over such a long period of time that it's virtually unique in the annals of impeachment," Michael Gerhardt, a constitutional law professor at the University of North Carolina, told the House panel. "Just imagine what happens if you don't act here? What kind of precedent does that set?"

Porteous, who sits in the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans, so far has offered little in his defense. And while his defense attorney, Richard Westling, acknowledges that the evidence doesn't look good, he says the House has disregarded key facts and circumstances. Porteous may have made mistakes, Westling argues, but his transgressions don't warrant impeachment.

"The presentation before the task force has been one-sided and clearly aimed at moving forward toward eventual impeachment," Westling said in an interview. "We hope that senators will withhold judgment

until we have been given a full and fair opportunity to confront the allegations in a Senate trial."

Westling has his work cut out for him.

In the opening hearing, House investigators said Porteous had racked up more than \$150,000 in credit card debt by 2000, mostly for cash advances spent in casinos.

Two New Orleans attorneys who once worked with Porteous said they gave the judge at least \$20,000 in cash gifts while he was a judge, including \$2,000 stuffed in an envelope in 1999, just before Porteous decided a major civil case in their client's favor.

After they complained to

Porteous about his frequent solicitations for cash and threatened to cut him off, the attorneys said, Porteous began sending court-appointed work to their firm. In return, the attorneys sent some of the fees they received to the judge.

At another hearing, the lawyer Porteous hired for his 2001 bankruptcy discussed how he and Porteous initially filed the judge's bankruptcy under the name "Orteous," with a hastily arranged post office box as his address, to keep his name out of the newspaper. House investigators said Porteous also lied about his debts and assets in an effort to lower his bankruptcy payments.



Drivers ed instructor Leo Madrigal watches students practice driving at Miami Killian Senior High School in Miami.

ON A COLLISION COURSE?

Schools drop driver's ed to cut costs; move prompts safety concerns

By Christine Armario
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Beginning driver Ashley Crawford grips the worn gray steering wheel and warily begins maneuvering the 1999 Ford Escort through a set of bright orange traffic cones outside Killian Senior High School.

She considers herself lucky: Because of budget cuts, many schools around the country are leaving driver's ed by the side of the road. They are cutting back on behind-the-wheel instruction or eliminating it altogether, leaving it to parents to either teach their teenagers themselves or send them to commercial driving schools.

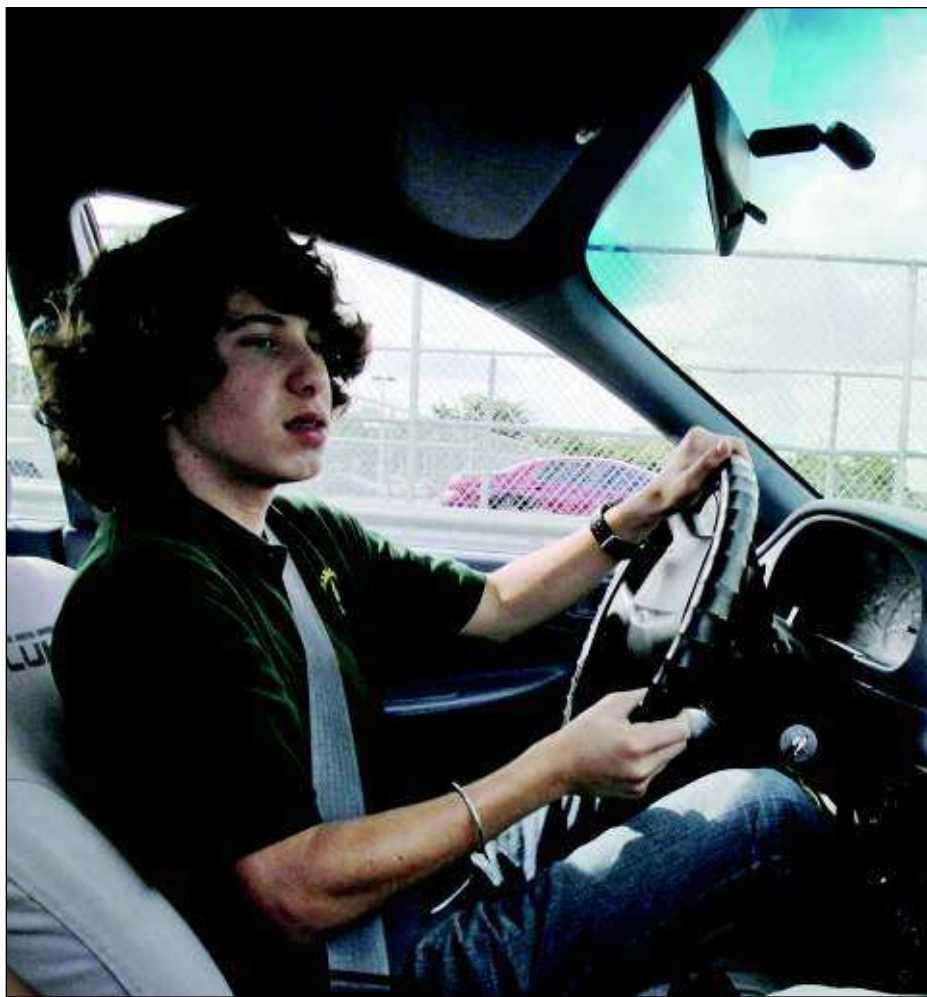
"If my parents would have taught me, it would have been different," said Ashley, a 16-year-old sophomore. "When I drive, they try to tell me what to do, and I get nervous."

Some educators and others worry that such cutbacks could prove tragic.

"As soon as people start taking driver's education away from the kids, we're going to pay for it with lost lives, collisions, and ultimately that costs everybody," said John Bolen, past president of the Florida Professional Driving School Association.

Some worry also that many parents can't afford the \$350 to \$700 that private lessons can cost or don't have the skills to teach their kids themselves. Even for those who can do it, the combination of parents, teenagers and learning how to drive can be volatile.

In more than half the states, minors who want a license must take driver's education from a certified instructor, said Allen Robinson, CEO of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. However, that



ABOVE: Driver's ed student Elliot Nicholson, 15, drives a course at Miami Killian Senior High School in Miami.



Driver's ed students drive a course at Miami Killian Senior High School in Miami last month. Because of budget cuts, many schools around the country are leaving driver's ed by the side of the road.

doesn't necessarily mean schools are required to offer a class. (Generally, after age 18, would-be drivers do not have to undergo any formal instruction.)

High schools started rolling back driver's ed after

their effectiveness was called into question in the 1980s. The more recent cutbacks have been driven by school funding shortages, and the trend might be accelerating because of the downturn in the economy, said J. Peter

Kissinger, president and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Robinson said the nation's schools have all but eliminated driver's ed as an elective course offered during the school day.

Here in Miami-Dade County, the nation's fourth-largest school system got rid of driver's ed during the day at all but Killian and another school. Students can still enroll in a free after-school course at one of the district's adult education centers. But that is not an option for the many thousands of students who play sports or are involved in other extracurricular

activities, or cannot get a ride.

About 10 high schools in Georgia eliminated or reduced driver's education this school year. A dozen more did the same in Kansas last year. In Volusia County, Fla., schools eliminated daytime driver's ed three years ago, replacing it with summer, after-school and Saturday classes. Enrollment plummeted two-thirds, saving about \$400,000 a year.

"This is not because they don't believe in driver's ed," said Bob Dallas, director of the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety. "They do, but they're facing the same financial pressure that everybody in government is facing."

In rural Pennsylvania, the Titusville district got rid of the behind-the-wheel portion of its program last spring, saving about \$20,000. In Blountville, Tenn., the driver's education program was cut in half about five years ago because of budget woes. Administrators considered eliminating the \$130,000-a-year program last spring, but did not.

"It could save lives. It's very simple," said Jack Barnes, director of schools in Sullivan County, Tenn. "We don't want any of our students injured or killed because of mistakes they made that possibly a program like this could help."

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens; in 2007, an average of 11 16- to 19-year-olds died every day. But Russ Rader, a spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said studies show there is no difference in crash risk between 16- and 17-year-olds who take driver's ed and those who don't.

"In some cases, driver's education has a negative effect because in some states you can get a license sooner if you take driver's ed," he said.

Nigeria's future, president's power in question

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — After decades of military rule, coups and strong-armed elections, Africa's most populous nation now finds itself with a seriously ill, and absent, president.

For weeks, President Umaru Yar'Adua has been hospitalized in Saudi Arabia for what staffers say is a serious heart condition. With no clear successor, Nigeria is roiled by uncertainty and some prominent citizens are even calling for his resignation. Even militants in the oil-rich Niger Delta, whom Yar'Adua brought into peace talks only weeks ago, now worry they have no "good faith partner" to negotiate an end to attacks that have cut into Nigeria's oil-dependent economy.



Yar'Adua

The president, long troubled by a kidney ailment and poor health, did not formally appoint an acting leader in the West African country before he left, as the constitution requires. The constitution puts Vice President Goodluck Jonathan next in line, but it's unclear if the Muslim-dominated north would allow the Muslim Yar'Adua to be replaced with a Christian, as Jonathan is. Customarily, the Nigerian presidency alternates between Christian and Muslim leaders. Northerner Yar'Adua still has two years left in his term.

As Yar'Adua's absence grew from days to weeks, a group of 50 prominent Nigerians this month issued a petition calling on Yar'Adua to resign if he's medically incapable of running the country.

The vice president has sat in on federal meetings in Yar'Adua's place. Dora Akunyili, Nigeria's information minister, said Friday that she cannot comment on the president's absence or the growing calls for him to step down from office.

"I don't think anything has changed," Akunyili said, adding that the president is responding well to treatment. Further pressed, she asked a reporter to call her back "after Christmas."

But negotiations with militants in the Delta remain at a sensitive point. Their attacks on the infrastructure and kidnappings of oil workers cut Nigeria's oil production by about a million barrels a day, allowing Angola to surge ahead as Africa's top oil producer.

Atom smasher preparing 2010 new science restart

GENEVA (AP) — The world's largest atom smasher, which exceeded expectations after its comeback from heavy damage, will be ready to begin a groundbreaking research program in February, the operator said Friday.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, has shut down the machine for the planned year-end break. In January, there will be preparation to increase the energy used to smash protons into each other far above previous levels in hopes of revealing secrets of matter and the universe.

The new collisions are expected to shatter the subatomic particles into still smaller fragments and forces than previously achieved on any

collider, including the previous record-holder — the Tevatron at Fermilab outside Chicago.

The new \$10 billion machine, which has made a nearly flawless comeback after being heavily damaged during a startup failure a year ago, was built to examine suspected phenomena such as dark matter, antimatter and ultimately the creation of the universe billions of years ago, which many theorize occurred as an explosion known as the Big Bang.

Repairs and refinements costing \$40 million are being made to the Large Hadron Collider in a 17-mile (27-kilometer) circular tunnel 300 feet (100 meters) under the Swiss-French border at Geneva.

"So far, it is all systems go for the

LHC," CERN Director-General Rolf Heuer said.

All of the collider's systems have been tested and more than 1 million proton collisions have provided ample data to the six "experiments" in vast underground rooms so that they can calibrate their huge detectors to work accurately when the research program starts.

"We could not have asked for a better way to bring 2009 to a close," Heuer said.

Last weekend, two beams of circulating particles traveling in opposite directions at 1.18 trillion electron volts, or TeV, produced around 50,000 collisions. The record-breaking energy reached was about 20 percent higher than the previous

record set at Fermilab.

After the shutdown and further tests and improvements, CERN will ramp up the energy pushing the beams of protons still higher, to 3 1/2 times the highest levels reached in Chicago. The showers of particles created at the level are expected to reveal still more about the makeup of matter.

The long-term goal, after more modifications, will be to run the proton beams at 7 TeV in each direction.

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DEAR ABBY: "Hayley" is one of the few good friends I have at college. We take a class together. It's in a building across campus, so I drive. I always contact Hayley to see if she wants me to take her. (She typically does.) Because the class requires physical activity, we dress in appropriate clothing.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

When I pick Hayley up, I am already dressed and ready to go. The problem is, she isn't. She is either eating or on her computer when I arrive. Once I come in, she begins to get ready. This has made us late for class several times. It has reached the point that I have to arrive earlier and earlier to get her to be on time.

I understand that I am more organized than she is, but it grates on my nerves. I am the one giving her a ride, and she causes us both to be late. I think she should be ready to leave when I get there. I know she has a busy schedule, but this is driving me crazy. I care about Hayley dearly, and I don't want to hurt her feelings. Should I say something to her?

CAMPUS CLOCK-WATCHER

DEAR CLOCK-WATCHER: Yes, absolutely, because Hayley isn't a mind reader and if you haven't spoken up, she may be under the impression that you don't mind. Tell your friend you are no longer willing to be late to class, you expect her to be ready to leave at the time you get there, and if she isn't, you will leave without her. THEN FOLLOW THROUGH. I predict Hayley won't be late after that.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single man living in Florida. Without being invited, my sister called to inform me that she and her husband would be coming to visit me over the Christmas/New Year holiday. She said they planned to stay "a month or so" to escape the harsh northern winter. Caught off guard, I said I'd love to have them come for a week or 10 days, but I didn't want them to move in with me. At that point, she became miffed and said not to worry about it — she and my brother-in-law would visit her son in Las Vegas instead.

Now I'm wondering if I was rude. I don't want them planting themselves in my home for months on end, but I don't want to destroy our relationship either. I love them both, but I have a life of my own. Did I make a mistake, or is it normal for relatives to visit for months?

CONFOUNDED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONFOUNDED: You did not make a mistake, and it is not "normal" for people to invite themselves to be houseguests as your sister did. Her attitude was presumptuous. Your reaction was honest. What she proposed was an imposition. If defending your privacy "destroys" your relationship, your sibling bond wasn't strong to begin with. Frankly, I think your sister had a lot of nerve, and her son has my sympathy because it's going to be a long winter in Las Vegas.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 70s, and I honestly do not know how to respond when people ask me, "How are you?" I have had many health problems in the last few years, and I don't think anyone really wants to hear about them.

I'M JUST SAYIN'

DEAR JUST SAYIN': If you have any reason to think that the person asking the question really doesn't care how you are, then spare him or her an organ recital. Convey the expected response, which is, "I'm fine — how are you?"

NOTICES

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NOTICE OF RULE MAKING OF THE IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION CONCERNING AMENDMENT TO THE RULES GOVERNING SINGLE FAMILY LOANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Idaho Housing and Finance Association ("IHFA") is considering comments to an amendment to its rules for existing and new construction purchase price limitations (the "Rule Amendment") for the IHFA Single Family Loan Program. The said Rule Amendment is being adopted in accordance with Section 67-6206(g), Idaho Code, as amended. Copies of the said Rule Amendment may be obtained from the Director of Homeownership Lending of IHFA at 565 W. Myrtle Street, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho 83707 1899, (208) 331-4726. Written comments on said changes may be submitted to the Director of Homeownership Lending at the above address until 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2010.

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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).**

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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.

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4. Akita/Border Collie cross white/black adult male animal shelter
5. Australian Shepherd light brown/white older adult neutered male 3880 N 3835 E
6. Boxer brindle/white adult neutered male black collar, 259 Rock Creek Ave.
7. German Shepherd cross tan/black male pup, VanBuren Kimberly, ID
8. Lab/Pit Bull cross black adult female, 2304 Eldridge
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6. Lab/Hound cross black/white 5 mo neutered male
7. Lab/Hound cross black 5 month old spayed female
8. German Shepherd/Basset cross black/brown/white 8 mo spayed female
9. Hound cross black/chocolate 4 mo neutered male
10. Terrier cross black/tan 8 month old spayed female
11. Mastiff/Hound cross tan/black 11 mo neutered male
12. German Shepherd cross red/black/white 9 mo neutered male
13. Shepherd/Collie cross red/black 1 yr spayed female
14. Retriever/Mastiff cross black/brindle 3 yr neutered male
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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: While I was playing two hearts, one opponent revoked on the first round of trumps. When she discovered the revoke, she played her trump ace at her first opportunity. How many tricks should the revoke penalty be? If I had made 10 tricks, would that have given us game?

No-Joke Revoke, Orlando, Fla.

ANSWER: The revoke penalty laws now say that if you personally win the trick on which you revoked and subsequently your side wins another trick, it is a two-trick penalty; if not, it is one trick if your side wins a subsequent trick. If the penalty does not restore equity, the Tournament Director (or the other players in a social game) will try to do so. At rubber, if you did not bid game, you can never get the game bonus. If you play two hearts, you will get that score below the line, with over-tricks above the line, as increased by the revoke.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When your partner doubles an opening bid of three diamonds and you hold ♠ A-8-4-3, ♥ A-Q-9-7-3, ♦ 3, ♣ J-10-3, should you do more than bid four hearts? I could envision this hand getting our side to slam, but I did not know how to find out.

Reach for the Stars, Duluth, Minn.

ANSWER: I understand why you felt inclined to bid more than four hearts. Maybe if you cue-bid four diamonds, intending to pass a response in either major, you will get to the right trump fit most of the time. And if your partner has real extras, he may do more than settle for a four-level action, so you get the best of all worlds.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Is my opening bid of four clubs asking for aces? If not, what does it show?

In the Clover, Monterey, Calif.

ANSWER: No, an opening four-club bid shows more clubs than a three-club opening bid but fewer than a five-club call. In fact, most experts will use a four-club bid as Gerber (ace-asking) only when the partner has opened or rebid no-trump at his previous turn.

Dear Mr. Wolff: You open one diamond, your LHO bids two hearts, and partner bids two hearts. What should you do with ♠ Q-9-6-4, ♥ A, ♦ A-Q-8-6-4, ♣ 10-9-8? Was two hearts forcing? If so, what is the least lie now, since two spades would be a reverse?

Confused, Boise, Idaho

ANSWER: Bidding spades at the two-level is not strength-showing. If partner had responded one heart and you had rebid one spade, that would just show four spades and not promise extras. You did not boost the level of the auction here; your LHO and partner did that. Two spades is natural — it may contain extras, but does not promise them.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When reading your discussion of a safety play, I was reminded of sacrifice plays in baseball. The intentional walk, sacrifice bunt, and sacrifice fly all came to mind. Are these appropriate parallels?

Club Manager, Austin, Texas

ANSWER: The difference, if there is one, comes from the fact that most safety plays at bridge definitely advance your side's cause. The sacrifice bunt may not do so — but I agree that the suicide squeeze, safety squeeze and sacrifice fly all get a run in when well executed and now the comparison is indeed apt. From a defensive perspective, the situations with bringing the infield in or leaving it out for double plays are also tactically and strategically challenging and perhaps comparable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

101 Lost and Found

FOUND 12/14 Large Lab cross, black, white patch on front left paw and chest. Found on Highway 25 between Jerome and Eden. Call 208-539-5599.

FOUND 14 karat gold earring between T.J. Maxx and Michaels parking lot on 12/12. Ruthie 731-6334

FOUND Aussie/Border Collie in the Burley area. Tri-colored female. Call Lisa at 208-312-3475.

FOUND Cat, in vicinity of E. 18th St., Burley. Black and farty with bob tail, nick in left ear, male. Call 208-878-3964

FOUND Chihuahua, male, in Canyon Ridge High School area. Call to identify 208-404-8225.

FOUND Husky at 300 N of Rupert. Call to identify 208-436-3075 or 208-431-2028.

FOUND Lab Pit mix? Female, fox red, red collar. Found at Lake City Trucks in Twin Falls. 208-219-1000 or 208-733-4266

FOUND Pet Goose by new China House in Gooding. Call to identify 208-539-3071.

FOUND Puppy, male, 3 months old, yellow and white, kind of blend together, no collar, found on highway between Shoshone and Richfield. 731-8350 or 208-655-4277.

LOST 9mm Hi-Point pistol in case approx 11/26. This gun has been reported to the police. 539-7373

LOST Black carved African cane, badly needed for stroke victim. Possible lost at ShopKo. 944-0508

LOST Black Lab mix, male named Buddy, on Nov. 10th, 7.5 miles N of Jerome. Has Boise tags on collar. Reward. Call 208-324-5000.

LOST Hound Dog in Mini Cassis area, female, black and tan, \$100 REWARD. 312-5462, 431-7387

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LOOSE LADY By Alan Arbesfeld

- ACROSS**
1 Have the final turn
7 Kin of ibid.
12 Plenty
16 Alastair of "A
Christmas Carol"
19 Since way
back when
20 Moonshine
21 Convertible, maybe
22 Game whose name
must be spoken
during play
23 Seafood restaurant
starter
25 Toned down
27 Drops by Niagara
Falls?
28 Sweep's target,
perhaps
29 Hard worker's
output
31 Actress Woodard
32 Mountain nymph
34 Follow
36 Will Smith title role
37 Swabs
38 Heirloom quality
43 "Nothing ___!"
44 Unsavory pair
of options
45 "I've ___ had!"
46 Entrance
48 "The Big Chill"
director
51 Heavy weight
52 Ill-gotten gains
53 Tulsa sch. named
for an evangelist
54 Acid rain
component
60 Monopoly
buys: Abbr.
63 Gives pieces to
65 In just a bit
66 Old knowledge
67 Palace abroad
69 Prom night rentals
71 Indic language
73 Smooth
in the shop
75 Shining
76 Portrait
photographer
Richard
78 Major in
astronomy?
80 Old Italian bread
82 History
83 Sun. discourse
84 Literally, "with
highest praise"
88 Driving aid
89 Hot day refuge
91 "The Partridge
Family" actress
92 Disquiet
94 Expand
96 City ESE of Mocha

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- 98 French noble
Is under
the weather
101 The world's
longest crosses
Japan's Akashi
Strait
107 Party leaders
109 Milk units: Abbr.
110 Queens stadium
111 Vast, in verse
112 When a teen's
curfew may be
113 Did some after-
dinner work,
maybe?
115 Extended
117 Fair-hiring org.
118 Gist
120 1961 #1 hit for
Dion, and a literal
hint to this puzzle's
hidden theme
123 Duke's gp.
124 Character ___
125 Tarnish
126 Songlike
127 Jeanne d'Arc,
e.g.: Abbr.
128 Squaler
129 They may
follow dogs
130 Seeded

- DOWN**
1 Doodads
2 Available for work
3 Only World Series
perfect game
pitcher
4 Worked up
5 Theological inst.
6 Cup's 48: Abbr.
7 Natives of Lima
or Toledo
8 Popular yellow
curfew product
9 ___ au vin
10 Hosp. areas
11 It's caused by
standing fans
12 Tear into
13 Plunder
14 Vacationing
15 Breezy farewells
16 Nickname heard
in Manhattan
17 Couch potato quality
18 "The only sure bait
when you angle for
praise": Lord
Chesterfield
24 Waterside inn
26 One who
gets you up
30 Pizazz
33 Celebrated singers

- 35 Workers
39 Less
40 Frequent McEnroe
opponent
41 Wrinkly fruit
42 ___ Cologne
47 Immune system
lymphocyte
48 Eucalyptus eaters
49 Show up
50 June observance
51 Arctic plain
55 Bud's bud
56 Discussion site
57 Aegean island
58 How much
medication is taken
59 City near Dayton
61 Finds another
purpose for
62 Deadly sins, e.g.
64 Earth
68 Kennel sound
70 "What a pity"
72 Sch. with a record
33 Rose Bowl
appearances: Lord
Joanne of film
77 Ones who can
barely be seen?
79 "The Age of
Anxiety" Pulitzer
winner

- 81 "What ___ idea!":
"How stupid!"
85 Course list
86 Smart set
87 ___ nous
90 Pick up the pace
93 Kept under control
94 Atlantic
commonwealth
95 Reading in a
disorderly class?
96 2-BR listings,
perhaps
97 Strands
98 Pals
99 Bridge bid,
for short
102 Bellyache
103 Large-kitchen
feature
104 Manages
105 Bellyache
106 Ran the show
108 Get a whiff of
113 Noodle
114 Twofold
116 ___ gum:
thickening agent
119 Mid sixth-
century date
121 Never, in
Nuremberg
122 Strong D.C. lobby

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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

3	8					5	1	
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			1	9	2			
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Answer to previous puzzle

5	2	6	1	3	9	8	7	4
3	7	8	5	4	6	1	9	2
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4	1	9	3	6	8	7	2	5
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Today is Sunday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2009. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

In 1976, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley died at age 74.

In 1978, former White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman was released from prison after serving 18 months for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

In 1987, more than 4,300 people were killed when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro Island.

In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

In 1998, Nkem Chukwu gave birth in Houston to five girls and two boys, 12 days after giving birth to another child, a girl. (However, the tiniest of the octuplets died a week later.)

Ten years ago: The Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded couples of the opposite sex. Country music legend Hank Snow died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 85.

Five years ago: In a sobering assessment of the Iraq war, President George W. Bush acknowledged during a news conference that Americans' resolve had been shaken by grisly scenes of death and destruction, and he pointedly criticized the performance of U.S.-trained Iraqi troops. Attorneys presented opening statements in the Robert Blake murder trial in Los Angeles.

One year ago: A Continental Airlines Boeing 737-500 taking off from Denver veered off the runway into a ravine, injuring 37 people. Olga Lepeshinskaya, the Bolshoi Ballet's prima ballerina for three decades during Soviet times, died in Moscow at age 92. Filmmaker Robert Mulligan ("To Kill a Mockingbird") died in Lyme, Conn., at age 83.

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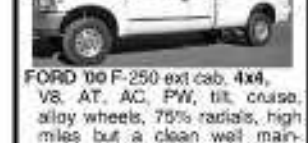
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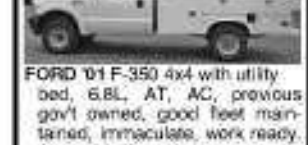
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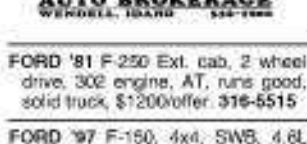
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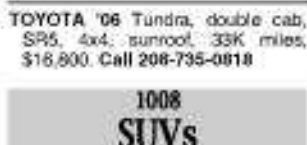
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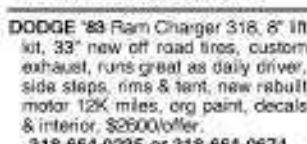
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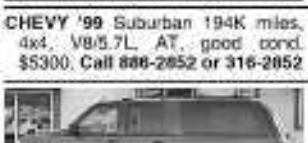


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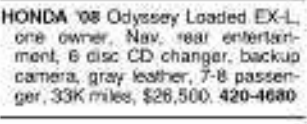


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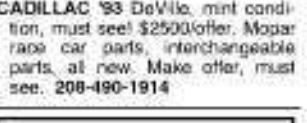
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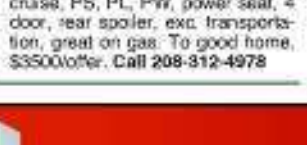
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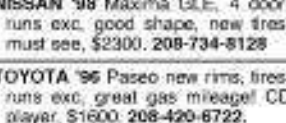


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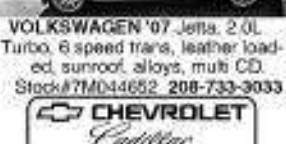
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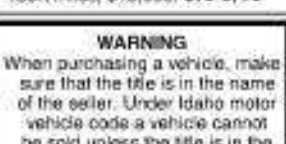
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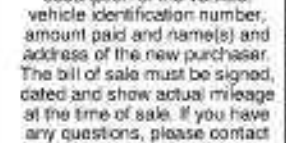
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They enrich our lives with their songs, make us think with their poetry, captivate our imaginations with their sculptures. Maybe they give new life to antique autos or create their own fashions that wow their peers.
No matter what they do, we want to

meet south-central Idaho's most creative people.
The *Times-News* is working on a series that explores how creativity spans generations, in which we will feature one artist, craftsman or other inventive spirit from each decade of life.

We want to meet elementary school Picassos, grandparents who compose, middle-aged weavers, or anyone of any age who brings beauty into the world.
Send nominations to features writer Melissa Davlin at melissa.davlin@lee.net, or call 208-735-3234.

She's got attitude



Amy Lindstrom, right, holds her younger son, Dawson, 4, while his twin sister, Mallory, and their older brother, Jake, play in the family's Hailey home. The twins were born more than three months early and suffered multiple medical problems. Amy Lindstrom says optimism and faith helped her family through the stress.

Lindstrom family keeps positive through preemie births, years of surgeries

Story and photos by Ariel Hansen | Times-News



Above: Weighing just 19 pounds, 4-year-old Dawson spends most of his day lying on an air mattress in the bedroom he shares with his older brother. On a shelf are bottles of formula, which he is fed via a tube in his stomach, while the classical and religious music that calms him plays constantly nearby.

HAILEY — Dawson Lindstrom is 4 1/2 years old, but he weighs just 19 pounds. He spends most of his day lying flat on his back, his constant pain relieved a little by listening to classical and religious music. When it all gets to be too much, he screams out, and when his mom comes, he nestles his nearly blind eyes into her shoulder.
Amy Lindstrom doesn't expect that her youngest son will live much longer, but she's grateful for him. "Every single day we have him is such a blessing. It's a lesson in faith for us because he's such a beautiful little spirit," she said.
Every family struggles with adversity at one time or another — and the Lindstroms have gotten more than most — but optimism can trump even the worst of circumstances.
That's Amy's attitude, one she has been sharing since her twins, Mallory and Dawson, were born more than three months early in August 2005. They immediately had severe medical problems, and later a doctor

told Amy he had expected Dawson wouldn't live a week, Amy said.
Dawson has had more than 40 surgeries, 27 of them on his brain.
"We've lost count, which I didn't think would happen," Amy said with a tiny chuckle. She is quick to smile, and to laugh at Mallory's antics as the girl builds a couch-cushion fort for her toy cars, but while telling the twins' story she also chokes up frequently.
"One day I think I'll look back on this time of my life and I'll realize how hard it was," Amy said. "This is so far beyond me and my abilities. ... I was so afraid I was totally inadequate for this."
She credits the support of others — friends, family, church members and her husband, Ryan — and her faith in God for helping her weather the difficulties.
"It's not that you won't be given more than you can handle," she said. "You'll be given the strength to handle it."
She also feels called to
See **LINDSTROM**, Family Life 3



Amy Lindstrom visits with one of her twins, Mallory, left, at the hospital shortly after the babies' premature birth four years ago.
Amy and Ryan Lindstrom's twin son, Dawson, right, was nicknamed 'Skeleton' in the hospital because of the emaciated appearance visible in this family photo.
Courtesy photos



Learn more

Visit Amy Lindstrom's two blogs: Thewondertwins.blogspot.com is about the twins' birth and medical struggles and the Lindstrom family. In August, this blog was one of 50 honored as "influential" by General Mills.
Yourlifeuncommon.com is a "network of positivity" where Lindstrom, who just launched the site, and others will share motivation and inspiration as well as organization, coupon and craft ideas.

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: Broccoli beef with noodles
Tuesday: Chicken cordon bleu
Wednesday: Barbecue pork ribs
Thursday: Hors d'oeuvres party

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 SHIBA, 12:30 p.m.
 Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch
 Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
 Basket weaving, 404-6377
 Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday:
 Quilting, 8 a.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11 a.m. to noon
 Cliff Haak Band, 11 a.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 SHIBA, 12:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Oil painting by appointment

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: Vegetable soup, tuna sandwich
Tuesday: Potato bar
Wednesday: Brown bag lunch
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Christmas ham dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Regular board meeting, 1 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Hot ball special bingo, 7 p.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: Chicken breast
Wednesday: Vegetable beef barley soup
Thursday: Christmas ham dinner
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, open to the public, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Christmas dinner, noon
 Gift exchange (\$5 or less), 12:30 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Sweet-and-sour pork over rice
Wednesday: Lasagna

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.; every-one over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.

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: Pepper steak
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese/ham
Wednesday: Creamed chicken over rice
Thursday: Pot roast
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.
 Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 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: Spaghetti and meatballs
Wednesday: Christmas turkey dinner

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:
Monday: Salisbury steak
Tuesday: Ham
Wednesday: Polish sausage
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Commission for the Blind SilverSneakers, 5:20 to 6:20 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Snack bar, 6 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.

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: Christmas dinner and gift exchange

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Closed for the holidays.

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: Ham
Wednesday: Soup and sandwich
Then closed until Jan. 5.

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: Spinach chicken feta pasta
Wednesday: Ham and turkey dinner
Thursday: Brunch
ACTIVITIES:
Today: Go caroling
Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Knitters Anonymous, 10:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 12:30 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
 Arts and crafts, 1 to 2 p.m.
 St. Thomas singers

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.
MENUS:
Thursday: Ham and turkey dinner

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Closed for the holidays.

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: Chicken fried steak
Tuesday: Roast beef
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
Monday: Tater Tot casserole
Tuesday: Birdine Schmidt birthday choice
Wednesday: Joe Taylor birthday choice
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise

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: Beef stew
Tuesday: Baked ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Holiday baskets
 Foot clinic

Study: Decade drop in teen pot use stalls

By David N. Goodman
 Associated Press writer

DETROIT — A decade-long decline in teens' use of pot has stalled and some teen attitudes on how harmful marijuana can be may be softening, according to a federal survey on teen drug use released last week.

The findings were based on a survey of roughly 47,000 eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders conducted by the University of Michigan for the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The national debate over medical use of marijuana could be making the drugs seem safer to teenagers, researchers said. In addition to marijuana, fewer teens also view prescription drugs and Ecstasy as dangerous, which often means more could use them in the future, said White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske.

"These latest data confirm that we must redouble our efforts to implement a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to preventing and treating drug use," Kerlikowske, the director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said in remarks prepared for his Monday speech at the National Press Club in Washington.

Marijuana use across the three grades showed a consistent downward trend starting in the late 1990s. But the decline has since stopped, and use rates for the three grades showed a slight uptick between 2007 and 2009, from about 12.9

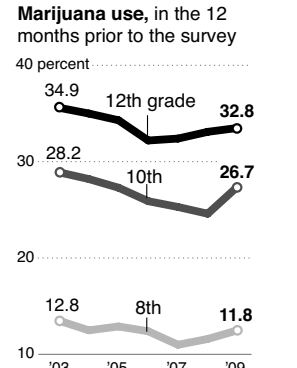


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National Institute on Drug Abuse's director, Nora Volkow, left, accompanied by National Drug Control Policy Director R. Gil Kerlikowske, announces results of the 2009 Monitoring the Future survey Monday in Washington.

Pot use rises among teens

While well off peak levels of the late 1990s, the use of marijuana has edged up after nearly a decade of steady decline.



SOURCE: University of Michigan AP

percent to about 14.3 percent, lead researcher Lloyd Johnston said Monday night.

In the 2009 survey, reported past-year marijuana use was 32.8 percent of 12th graders, 26.7 percent of 10th graders and 11.8 percent of eighth graders, generally not

the following years you see an increase in use," said National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Nora Volkow.

A group backing legalization of marijuana said the figures show the futility of trying to ban pot, rather than regulate its use.

"Clearly, regulation of tobacco products has worked to curb access by teens, and it's time to apply those same sensible policies to marijuana," said Bruce Mirken, spokesman for the Washington-based Marijuana Policy Project.

The survey also found that in the past five years, a drop in methamphetamine use in the past year was found among all three grades.

From 2004 to 2009, alcohol use across the three grades also dropped. By all measures, alcohol remained the most widely used illicit substance among teens, with 43.5 percent of 12th-graders reporting taking a drink in the past month. That's a little change from the same period last year, but down from 52.7 percent in 1997 — a year that showed high percentages of substance abuse. All three grades reported drops in binge drinking from 2004 to 2009.

Cigarette use continued its dramatic drop from a decade ago. In 1997, 19.4 percent of eighth-graders reported smoking within a month.

That fell to 6.8 percent last year and 6.5 percent this year. The rate for 12th-graders dropped from 36.5

percent in 1997 to 20.1 percent this year.

"There's not going to be much further improvement unless policies change," such as higher taxes to discourage kids on a budget and further limits on public smoking, said Johnston.

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Mallory Lindstrom, 4, has fewer lasting effects than her twin brother from their premature births. She suffers some developmental delays, has frequent anxiety attacks and is small for her age, says mom Amy Lindstrom, but has become a true 'little girl,' adoring pink and ponies.

Lindstrom

Continued from Family Life 1

share her experience and her attitude with others. When the twins were born, she and Ryan started a blog to share details with family and friends who couldn't visit the Salt Lake City hospital. Since then the blog has become a vehicle not only for the ongoing medical drama, but for her gratitude for support and prayers.

"I feel like it's so important to share hope and faith with people," she said. "I can't talk about them (the twins) and our experience without mentioning faith and prayer, knowing they're in the Lord's hands."

Last month, Amy was asked by her friend Elizabeth Sharp to speak about optimism to a Relief Society meeting of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Jerome First Ward.

"She has got the most amazing outlook on adversity," said Debbie Hunt of Jerome, recalling the presentation and relating it to her own grandson's three open-heart surgeries. "It made me stop thinking why



The Lindstrom family is unusual because of the medical problems they have faced following the birth of 4-year-old twins Mallory, left, and Dawson, held by Amy Lindstrom. But neither Mallory nor her older brother, Jake, are exempt from family chores, which Mallory tracks with a chart.

(my grandson) had to go through what he had to go through, to quit questioning God's intentions — that question 'why?' that we ask ourselves. It just is, and we have to learn to trust and love."

Sheila Coy of Jerome, who was widowed decades ago when her children were young, said she learned more about handling adversity from Amy.

"It makes us as individuals think how lucky we are,"

Coy said. "We weren't told life was going to be easy; it's how we deal with it that makes all the difference in the world."

Coy also echoed something else Amy said she has learned in the past four years: how to "get in contact with her true self" through difficult situations. Last week, Amy launched a new blog, all about sharing positive attitudes with others. It will include ideas she has been building through

writing the family blog, and information about couponing, crafts and organization as well as faith, optimism and inspiration.

All these things, she said, are part of the "true self" she has found through adversity. "I can't possibly write a blog about bettering myself and being happy without bettering myself and being happy," Amy said with a laugh.

And she is happy, most of the time. She enjoys watching Mallory blossom into full little-girlhood, complete with My Little Pony fruit snacks and a crystal chandelier in her pastel bedroom.

There are still moments of sadness, seeing the scars across Dawson's tiny body and knowing he likely won't be with the family much longer, but she doesn't dwell on them. She keeps faith, keeps enjoying the moments she has with her children, and keeps sharing that positive attitude.

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An alternative to a disposable sandwich bag

By Monica Eng
Chicago Tribune

It's hard to warn your kids against the dangers of a "throwaway society" when you're tossing out sandwich bags left and right.

So for rhetorical and practical purposes I turn to fetching fabric-based reusable sandwich bags. One uses a high-grade plastic (known as low-density polyethylene) lining, and others are lined with nylon. But all can be washed and hung overnight to dry, thus allowing you to use them dozens — maybe even hundreds — of times. And they all claim to be BPA-free.

Wrap-N-Mat, wrap-n-mat.com: True to its name, this piece of cotton/polyester, lined with clear heavy plastic, both wraps your sandwich and unfolds into a handy eating mat. Sadly it doesn't wrap super tightly, allowing crumbs to fall out

of the corners. Additionally, the fabrics are a little nerdy and the clear plastic can tear over time. \$7.99

Snack Taxis, snacktaxi.com: These snazzy durable, nylon-lined pouches come in some stylish fabrics and fit snugly against our sandwiches, locking in moisture and crumbs. This also makes them a little tougher to wash and dry, and they don't give you an eating surface the way Wrap-N-Mat does. \$8.95.

Similar nylon-lined sandwich bags are sold through Litter Free Lunch, shop.litterfreelunch.com, for \$8.99

All of these products also come in a snack bag sized for \$2 less.

The name game

The Washington Post

Your pet's name should reflect his personality. Go figure why the most popular dog names these days are Dinah, Clyde, Bianca and Baxter.

A new book, "Move Over, Rover" by Kyr Kirkwood (Clarkson Potter, \$14), explores the intriguing subject of how to come up with the just the right name for your puppy. There's a Puppy Personality test that will target the right name based on your pet's individuality. And, if you want something with a political provenance, presidential dog names from the past are listed. There is no doubt that there are a few more dogs named Bo running around out there these

days. The book also lists Biblical dog's names (Heel, Nicodemus!) and movie names in case you want to name your dog after Precious from "Silence of the Lambs" or Bruiser from "Legally Blonde."

It's fun to recall dogs from your past in the chapter "Blast from the Past Names." Remember Prince, Pumpkin, Ace and Frenchie?

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Don't bother wrapping these Gifts of the Magi

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My youngest daughter, while not the busiest bee in our beehive, had assembled a small cache of savings through a litany of tasks. Her modest amount was the most saved by any of our kids this Christmas, since the others squandered their loot on video games, roller skating trips and jaunts to the convenience store.

To this dad, it just didn't seem fair that a 5-year-old would put her savings toward a gift that a sibling would just treat like old fruitcake.

So this holiday, I'm wistfully encouraging a new tradition for gift-giving, one described a century ago with lasting success.

The author known as O. Henry began writing fiction while serving a prison term for bank embezzlement. After his release, he used his pen name and submitted short stories to the New York World — none more famous than "The Gift of the Magi."

The tale describes a poor, young couple desperate to give each other something special for Christmas. Unbeknownst to the other, each sells a most prized possession — he, a keepsake pocket watch; she, her lovely brown tresses — to purchase gifts rendered useless by their own generosity.

Somehow that message should be big enough for my own children in the 21st century. The problem is weaving a narrative for several kids with empty wallets, but a mischievous desire to give. There's a workable pattern to fit the spirit of the story. So follow along.

Start with my pre-teen boy, who feels guilty for bullying little brother, and decides to use the liners of



SPLILT MILK
David Cooper

his best boots to make a pair of slippers. That way little brother, who sleeps with baby brother, doesn't have to howl in pain each night walking on LEGOs.

Middle brother, however, has already sacrificed said LEGOs, using every piece to reassemble a new Lite-Brite carriage for little sister. Maybe this will make amends for the one he and older brother put in the dishwasher last year.

Little do they know, younger sister gave up her remaining Lite-Brite pegs, and crafted a snazzy disco ball for her older sister. Now big sis will have the perfect decor for her beloved karaoke machine.

But big sister just isn't into karaoke these days, especially her "High School Musical" collection. HSM star Zac Efron doesn't reply to the fan letters she wrote. So she has fashioned the CDs into a rifle target for big brother to use with his .22 rifle.

Unfortunately, shooting is out for a while, since big brother ruined the liner of his hunting boots to style a pair of slippers.

Maybe it won't work out entirely that way. A father can only hope.

However, in his tale, O. Henry wrote of "foolish children ... who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house." Such gifts may not be the most treasured, "but in a last word to the wise ... let it be said that of all who give gifts these ... were the wisest."

In an age lacking wisdom, here's hoping we all find some this Christmas.

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Craft the gift bag to add something extra to your gift

By Jennifer Forker
For The Associated Press

Put down the tape dispenser and the wrapping paper.

Instead, make your own gift bags this Christmas. They can be done in a snap, and in their homemade splendor, they become part of the gift.

There's a gift bag for every sewing level; if you have sharp scissors and holiday-themed fabric, you're basically ready to go.

Non-sewers can turn to "furoshiki," a Japanese term for a simple square of fabric into which nearly anything can be tied. Crafters who can sew a straight line may want to try a cinched gift bag, while more advanced sewers can tackle something like the "eco-wrap pouch" created by craft blogger Jessica Okui.

The cinched gift bag is a favorite of Shawn Whyte of Helena, Mont., who got tired of the mess generated by paper gift bags and wrapping. She began folding fabric in half and sewing it up the sides, often with a drawstring or ribbon sewn inside. She's been whipping out these uber-simple, colorfully patterned fabric bags for seven years, and throws nearly every gift into them.

Whyte learned a valuable lesson along the way.

"Initially, I put a lot of effort into the bag, as it was part of the gift. I would hem the edges, and do everything to make it look great," she says. "Then I cut myself some slack and figured out a way to whip them together — super simple, no fancy sewing. And guess what? People loved them just as much as the ones that took a lot of time."

What's amusing is that friends heard Whyte's crafted bags.

"Until people get about five from me, they won't reuse them," she says.

Okui, of the San Francisco Bay

area, also created her fabric gift wraps to reduce the piles of crumpled gift paper on Christmas mornings.

Her "Eco Christmas Gift Wrap" is a lined pouch perfect for smaller, more delicate gifts, or anything that needs special presentation.

"It's really not that difficult to make," says Okui. "I don't consider myself an advanced seamstress."

Instructions are available on her crafting blog site, Zakka Life (under the craft projects' "Christmas" category).

Okui also enjoys making the furoshiki, traditionally used in Japan to wrap anything from books to melons, throughout the year. "We use them more for potlucks to bring food," says Okui, adding that dinner hosts love receiving these simple wrapping cloths.

"It's something different," says Okui. "Anything that's different is going to appeal to someone."

Wrapping something in a furoshiki isn't always simple; there are more than a dozen ways to wrap objects, depending on whether you're wrapping a box or something more unusual, say, a fishing pole.

The government of Japan offers downloadable instructions for how to wrap a furoshiki 14 ways, at this PDF: <http://www.env.go.jp/en/focus/attach/060403-5.html>.

Or search YouTube.com for video instructions.

Cindy Hopper, a craft blogger in Topeka, Kan., is an ardent furoshiki fan.

"I am totally taken with this method for wrapping gifts," Hopper says on her crafting blog, Skip To My Lou. "It is not only beautiful but also eco-friendly."

Hopper recommends the book "Wrapagami" (St. Martin's Griffin, 2009) for its beautifully photographed examples of furoshiki wrapping.

Lightweight fabrics, such as silk, work best for furoshikis, but Hopper says anything can be used, even burlap. Or go simpler and use a bandanna, large dinner napkin, scarf or scraps of old clothing.

She recommends starting with a 20-by-20-inch fabric square (the standard size is larger, 28-by-28 inches). Hem it — or don't. Fabric can be cut with pinking shears to limit unraveling.

SHAWN WHYTE'S FABRIC GIFT BAGS

Supplies:
Fabric
Thread in coordinating color
Scissors
Sewing machine
Ribbon, drawstring cord or ponytail holder

Assembly:
1. Working with any size fabric, fold it in half with right sides together (the folded end becomes the bottom of your bag). Sew the two sides, preferably creating 1/4-inch seams (it now should resemble a pillow case).

You can press these seams open, but Whyte doesn't bother. She uses the fabric's manufactured edge as the open end (no hemming). Turn right side out, and you have your gift bag.

2. For the tie, either wrap the gift bag with ribbon or drawstring cord, or sew it into the bag. Here's how:

If using ribbon, before sewing the bag, with fabric right sides together, pin the center point of the ribbon about 4 inches from the top (opening) of the bag between two sides of fabric. The ribbon sews into the bag seam as you sew that side (don't let it get sewn elsewhere by accident).

If using a drawstring cord, after sewing the two sides of the bag and keeping it right sides together, fold the opening down about 2 inches, pin, and sew near



A furoshiki — a traditional Japanese wrapping cloth — is a novel, and reusable, way to wrap holiday gifts this season.

AP photo/
Cindy Hopper

Jessica Okui's lined gift pouch has a Velcro closure. It's perfect for small gifts that need special presentation. Learn how to make this at Okui's crafting blog site, Zakka Life.

AP photo/
Jessica Okui

the salvage. Insert cord by attaching a safety pin to the end of it and pulling it through the drawstring opening. Turn right-side out, and the bag is finished.

Optional: Forget the ribbon or cord altogether and tie the bag with a ponytail holder (a decorative one becomes part of the gift).

When your youth turns into a stranger

By Sandra Beasley
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Some days, nearing age 30, I think, This must be adulthood. I worry about health insurance. I own guest towels. I play "Auntie" to five babies.

Yet on the night of my housewarming — to celebrate the first rental to feel like a real home — I was a kid wobbling in my mother's high heels. Determined to take an evolutionary step beyond beer pong, I'd declared the party's theme would be pie. Earlier that day I'd dutifully put Marie Callender's frozen handiwork into the oven. Perfect, I'd thought, lining up four pies on the counter.

But my oldest friends, who used to polish off scores of pizza slices without a second thought, now counted calories. We had made progress only on the pecan. The razzleberry's crust, which had split to reveal a volcanic bubble of juice, was untouched. I plated some Dutch apple crumble.

"Anybody?" I offered. "C'mon, anybody? There's Key lime, too!"

We were all exhausted, preoccupied with work. The conversation meandered from billable hours

"Juliet may have invited them in, but it was Mama Capulet who ushered them out. Ready or not, I had become the lady of the house."

to the county school system. I'd been so worried about hosting a grown-up party, I hadn't thought to worry about hosting a boring grown-up party.

"Hey, Sandra," Dave said. "Come out on the balcony and hear this."

A melody rose above Dupont Circle's Friday-night revelry: "See-ya-HAHM-ba koo-ka nyeh-ne kwen-kos ..." I grinned, recognizing the lyrics to "Siyahamba." Most of the girls at the party had met in high school choir; we'd bonded over heartbreaks caused by earnest tenors and curly-haired basses. I scanned the street for the culprits.

"Hey! Hey there!" I shouted. They looked up: college Romeos in shaggy haircuts. What makes a capella boys so crush-worthy? Maybe that there's no dub, no remix, just the vulnerability of naked voices. I felt like Juliet, a teen-ager leaning from her balcony. "Want to come up and sing?"

"Uh," Dave said, "What are you doing?"

"What's in it for us?" one of the singers asked.

My Capulet name. "Beer," I called down.

They conferred for a few seconds. "OK."

I dashed downstairs. Real Simple doesn't offer tips for inviting total strangers to your party; I was on my own. Five guys and a girl followed me up to my apartment.

"That's a lot of pie," one said. The guys were recent members of Yale's Society of Orpheus and Bacchus ("SOBs for short," they volunteered). One said he'd biked down from New Jersey for this reunion. One had flown in from a doctoral program in the Midwest.

"Astrophysics?" I guessed. The future PhD wore practical glasses and a blue polo.

He blushed. "Physics, yeah!"

These guys are harmless, I thought. "All the beer and pie you want," I said. "For two songs?"

My friends reverted to the migratory patterns of our decade-younger selves. The women formed an audience while the men fled to the balcony, muttering as they watched the

women cluster. The singers created a half-circle in my living room. One pulled out a pitch pipe, and they launched into "The Weight":

"I pulled in to Nazareth, was feeling 'bout half past dead.

I just need some place where I can lay my head."

Even after a night on the town, they sounded good. I nodded along, remembering how it felt to be just out of college — like a bird discovering its wingspan, all self-conscious gawk and grace. One guy snapped just slightly behind the beat. The one with pure falsetto slouched, hands jammed in his pockets.

After the closing harmony, we applauded wildly. "That," I said, "was awesome!"

They huddled over the second choice, trying several pitches out on the pipe. "This is a song for the ladies," they began, without naming the tune. "But fellas, listen closely!"

"I'm gonna (unprintable verb) you sweetly," they crooned. Huh?

"I'm gonna (unprintable verb) you discreetly!" I put

my head in my hands. I didn't know what this was, but it was definitely not Shakespeare. Or The Band. It was four choruses of promises, positions and propositions.

After the last salacious, operatic note, the room was quiet. "Thanks. That was ..." I paused, unsure how to finish.

"— Tenacious D?" asked my friend Haven. "That was Tenacious D, right?"

A younger me might have been charmed. The older me knew that there comes a point, at every party, when those who have just offered to (unprintable verb) you discreetly should take their exit. I handed out coats, and poured their drinks from glass to plastic. "Nice to meet you," I said. "Get home safe!"

"Break for it," one stage-whispered. I watched as they stumbled down the stairs, laughing, clutching their Solo cups.

Juliet may have invited them in, but it was Mama Capulet who ushered them out. Ready or not, I had become the lady of the house.

Keep kids entertained during long holiday trips

The Washington Post

During the holiday season, parents worry about getting to destinations and meal preparation, but kids are excited. Keep your little ones preoccupied with activities during the lull of the trip:

• **If driving or flying,** bring a bag of goodies with books, games, small toys (check batteries!) and stuffed animals. Also, take a small photo album to familiarize kids with the names and faces of relatives who will be present at dinner. And please be considerate of other passengers — avoid toys that make noise.

• **If you're hosting dinner,** invite kids to help with preparations. They can set the table, decorate a platter with fruits and veggies, or even help in the kitchen. But make sure the duties are age-appropriate. Also, make appetizers or buy snacks. Kids (and even some adults) will appreciate an edible teaser prior to dinner — especially if dinner is running late.

Ex-etiquette: My son's mother won't stop calling him on my time

By Jann Blackstone-Ford
and Sharyl Jupe
Contra Costa Times

Q. Is it OK to put a limit of one 10-minute phone call on my 11-year-old son to his mother on my every-other-weekend visits? They call each other morning, noon and night and stay on the phone for 20-60 minutes each time. When he gets off the phone with her his mood has soured.

A. Sometimes in situations

like this, a parent will say it's because their child has told them they hate going to visit the other parent, so they're trying to make it easier by reminding him or her the time away will be over soon. In other cases, the parent is afraid their child will forget them or like it more with the other parent — so they call to remind the child how much they're loved, often talking about what the child left behind when he or she is away with comments like, "Don't worry, I

fed your puppy," or, even more underhandedly, "Your puppy misses you when you are gone!" In yet other cases, constant phone calls are simply a tool to alienate the child from the other parent. Parents who use this tactic must understand the lasting psychological impact this behavior has on their child.

While each case should be examined individually, it's not uncommon for a child to tell an anxious parent exactly what he or she thinks the parent wants to

hear — even if it's untrue. "I hate going to Dad's! It's boring!" even if the truth is that Dad just bought him a new X-box and he's dying to get over there. That's when the parents end up in a counselor's office looking for a custody change because they think they are doing exactly what their child wants.

In actuality, neither knows the truth.

To eliminate this issue, phone calls should be limited to one a day — a "Hi ya son, good to hear

your voice" phone call is all that's needed. Also, the parents must improve their communication with each other. The more the parents talk directly to each other, the less room there is for the child to interpret by himself. Help him to cope by supporting the other parent's visitation. It is in his best interest.

Jann Blackstone-Ford and her husband's ex-wife, Sharyl Jupe, are authors of "Ex-Etiquette for Parents."

A recent posting by a Times-News mom blogger. Read more on Magicvalley.com



I haven't been just sitting around

So some of you might have been wondering what I have been up to the last couple of months. I had talked about budgeting in our house in a post before the blogs went down. My husband re-worked our budget before we had our third son in July of 2008, and at that time we went to a cash system. I take out a set amount of cash each week for us to use on food/household items, spending money and any other incidentals. We do not use debit card or credit to live on. It has been working really well, and we are continually reworking our system and hopefully improving. Early in the summer we even decided to take a portion of our weekly cash and start setting aside for Christmas shopping. This has really made this year's Christmas shopping a lot less stressful.

My husband is Dutch and I am sure you have heard many a joke about how tight the Dutch are with their money. I was raised a "frugal farm girl" as I like to call it, so even though I am not Dutch I think we make the perfect combination. In fact it was one of my selling qualities my husband's aunt bragged about to his mom when they were conspiring to set us up.

Avoiding the land mines

A few pointers for when it's time to meet your beloved's family for the first time

By William Hageman
Chicago Tribune

There's a scene in the film "Meet the Parents" in which one of the characters, who has brought her boyfriend home to introduce him to her family, asks the poor chump how things are going.

"Oh, great," he tells her, "considering I desecrated your grandma's remains, found out you were engaged and had your father ask me to milk him."

Most first-time meetings with a significant other's family aren't nearly that much fun. What they often are is awkward and intimidating. Set up the visit during the holidays, throw in a few festive cocktails, and never has a four-hour flight out of town looked so good.

But these first meetings need not be painful. It just takes a little planning. The payoff is worth it.

"In most cases in my experience, families are pretty welcoming," says psychologist Dale Atkins, author of "Sanity Savers: Tips for Women to Live a Balanced Life" (Avon). "It's not that they want to make it difficult; it's just that they're different. They're different from your family."

Family members might yell when they want to make a point, or they may have a messy house, behaviors you're not used to. Atkins says not to judge them or be critical. Remember: These people raised the person you love.

With that as a starting point, here are some other things to consider before that first visit.

Do your homework

When Serena Thomas was going to meet the family of boyfriend Dustin French, she asked him what to expect.

"He told me they were very friendly," says the 25-year-old publicist from St. Louis. "He mentioned that he had a lot of aunts and they'd all be very chatty and wanting to get to know the new person."

Not much to go on, but

enough to get things off on the right foot. ("And an aunt bought me a beer, so that was good.")

Any information you can glean beforehand helps.

"Find out as much as you can about the family," Atkins advises. "Find out where they're from, what they're interested in. ... Just try to get facts, get information, so you have a basis on which to have a conversation."

Know what topics are safe and what aren't. When French was going to meet Thomas' family, for example, she suggested French rein in his sense of humor, which comes across as serious and escapes many people.

"And I was told not to use any swear words," he adds.

Atkins says that it's probably best to avoid lightning-rod topics around the dinner table. But, depending on the personalities involved, controversial subjects can be broached, resulting in a positive experience for both sides.

"You may be able to have some very interesting conversations, and it may be spirited," she says. "But it always has to be respectful."

And know ahead of time what is expected of you. Are you supposed to hang out with the relatives nonstop? Or will it be possible to slip away for some personal time — catching up on a little work, going for a walk, grabbing a nap, working out? A break lets you regroup and will do everyone good. (It's also an opportunity for you and your intended to gauge how things are going.)

Fitting in

Kristy Archuleta, an assistant professor at the Kansas State University School of Family Studies and Human Services, says the most important thing is to be yourself, and treat the meeting like a job interview.

"You need to be on your best behavior, use your best manners, show respect," she says. "But part of a good job interview is being yourself."

So, don't say things just

because you think that's what people want to hear.

"You don't want to pretend to be somebody that you're not," she says. "If you do end up making this person a lifetime partner, then you don't want to be stuck with those things you said or did to fit in. If you're a solid Republican and they're Democrats and you said and did things to fit in politically, then you're stuck being that way the rest of your life."

A newcomer should be as kind and empathetic as possible.

"You'd like the people to like you, and you want to try to find something about them that you like," Atkins says.

A little buttering up won't hurt, but be sincere. Draw a connection between a mother's good decorating taste and her child's sense of style. Tell dad that his son has his smile. Also, parents note how you treat their kid.

"I find that (if) people are enamored of someone's children, and they compliment that person in front of their parents, it's really nice," Atkins says. "I think parents like to know that the people their children are with appreciate their children."

Sidestepping land mines

Don't get sucked into family disputes. If mom and dad are squaring off and you get put on the spot with "Well, what do you think?" be diplomatic. Explain that you don't have enough information to take a side, or say you'd rather not get involved.

And discuss with your beloved which topics you're comfortable with and to what extent. Get your script straight and know how far to go. When Uncle Ernie starts asking about you setting a wedding date, give him an agreed-upon response.

What if there's some hostility? You could be the second coming of Cary Grant and these people just won't like you. Worse, they'll start comparing you with a previous beau.

"There'll be people who say, 'He's a nice guy but he's certainly not as nice as Joe was,' or something like that," Atkins says. "There's kind of this undercutting-sense. It might not be with words but it's with attitude or dismissiveness."

She suggests getting away: taking walks, going to the movies, playing with the little kids in the family — anything that doesn't require you to be sitting among the group, talking.

Ho ho ho

"The holidays can be a very stressful time anyway because of the busy-ness, trying to get from place to place, trying to make all the events, the cooking," says Archuleta. "But it's often the time when families get together, and if there is tension there in the first place, adding someone else new to the picture might be stressful. It may not be the best time, depending on the family, to introduce somebody for the first time."

Still, the holiday season presents an opportunity you might not get at other times.

Is there going to be a big dinner? Have your partner find out what you can do, whether it's making an appetizer, baking cookies or setting the table. Is there a tree to decorate? Volunteer.

"You've got to be on your best behavior," Archuleta says. "Be helpful, be respectful."

Of course, that assumes you and the family are like-minded. Atkins tells of a young man who wanted to help in the kitchen, but his girlfriend's family was old-school; the men watched football and the women handled the meal. Atkins says the young man was uncomfortable with the setup, but it was important for him to defer to his hosts.

"He ended up in the living room watching the game while all the women were doing the dishes," Atkins says. "His girlfriend was OK with it because she knows her family. But she did say, 'This is not the way it's going to be at our house,' which, of course, he knew."

Share your holiday light display

Is your home a sparkling Christmas display?

Then share your holiday spirit with the community. The Times-News is looking for great outdoor Christmas lights to list on its Web site, Magicvalley.com.

If one of those happy homes is yours, e-mail your address to [patm@magic-](mailto:patm@magicvalley.com)

valley.com. Photos are welcome, but optional.

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Info: Pat Marcantonio, Times-News' online editor, at 735-3288.

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WEDDINGS

Mothersheads

Keith Mothershead and Tina A. Snell were married on September 18, 2009 in Sparks, Nevada.

Keith grew up in Hansen, Idaho and graduated in 1976 from Hansen High School.

Tina grew up in Sparks, Nevada and graduated in 1979 from Reed High School.

Keith has been a Meat Cutter for Albertsons and now Save Mart for the past 28 years.



Tina and Keith Mothershead

Tina has worked for the State of Nevada Division of Welfare for the past 21 years.

Godfreys

Kim and Debra Smith of Malta, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kayla Marie, to Robert Glen Godfrey, son of Glen and Ann Godfrey, of Clarkston.

The couple was married Dec. 19, in the Twin Falls Idaho Temple. A reception in their honor was held that evening at Morey's Steakhouse Event Center.

Robert graduated from Sky View High School in 2004. He is currently working at ATK.

Kayla graduated from



Kayla and Robert Godfrey

Raft River High School in 2006. She graduated from Career Beauty College and is currently working as a hair stylist.

The couple is residing in Malta.

Guittons

Kevin and Linda Trainor are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Whitney to Antoine Guitton. The couple was married November 25, 2009 in San Francisco.

Antoine is the son of Danielle Bureau and Daniel Guitton of Nantes, France. He is a graduate of Ecole de Physique du Globe, Strasbourg, France, and earned an MS and a PhD from Stanford University in geophysics. He currently works for Geo-Imaging Solutions Inc. as a senior research geophysicist.

A 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School Whitney received her BS in geophysics from Colorado school of Mines in 2001. She was a



Whitney and Antoine Guitton

Peace Corp Volunteer in Panama from 2002-2004. Whitney earned her Masters degree in geophysics from Stanford in 2006. Currently she is a doctoral candidate at Stanford in the Program of Earth, Energy, and Environmental Science, due to receive her PhD in June 2010.

The couple lives in Menlo Park, CA.

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Jose Angel Madrigal Morales, son of Javier Madrigal Orozco and Cynthia Morales of Jerome, was born Sept. 30, 2009.

Donte David Vargas, son of Gracie Vargas of Gooding, was born Oct. 15, 2009.

Connor Alan Loewen, son of Crystal Loewen of Jerome, was born Oct. 25, 2009.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Marley Kate Brown, daughter of Catheryn Michelle and James Todd Brown of Kimberly, was born Nov. 27, 2009.

Eric Robert Patterson,

son of Atina Dawn Adams of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2009.

Konnor Jeramiah Turner, son of Christina Marie Shisler of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 2, 2009.

Holt Riley Koudelka, son of Denise Diane and Jeffrey Mailon Koudelka of Carey, was born Dec. 6, 2009.

Wyatt Theodore Fenton, son of Nicole Pernell Fenton of Jerome, was born Dec. 7, 2009.

Allison Ryan Lynard, daughter of Laura Lenee and Zachary Charles Lynard of Filer, was born Dec. 9, 2009.

Alyssa Jocelyn Orr, daughter of Sonya Sue and David Shawn Orr of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2009.

Gryffon Alexander White, son of Tracy

JoAnne and David Alan White of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2009.

William Lee Wicklund, son of Jennifer Lois and Jerry Lee Wicklund of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 10, 2009.

Iella Bree Gutches, daughter of Rebecca Janina and Joshua Craig Gutches of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 12, 2009.

Amy Aliya Jimenez, daughter of Maria Guadalupe and Juan

Eduardo Jimenez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 13, 2009.

Payton Tommy Sutherland, son of Nancy Marie and Victor Rex Sutherland of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 13, 2009.

Mollie Kay Norris, daughter of Rebecca Nadine and Gregory Carl Norris of Hansen, was born Dec. 15, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

The Timmons



Bill and Donna Timmons

Bill and Donna Timmons of Rupert, were united in marriage on Dec. 28, 1979, at the United Methodist Church in American Falls, Idaho.

Bill and Donna have two children: Matt (Gelina) Timmons and Marie (Wesley Jr.) Burr. They have



seven grandchildren: Kolbie, Stacey, James, Dakota, Kinsie, Shelby and Tamika.

Their children will host a celebration for their 30th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 2009, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the First Christian Praise Chapel Church, 1110 8th St., Rupert.

Kids Only

Kids test the toys, find what is nice

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

Every year KidsPost asks young students at Washington-area schools to test a new crop of toys and tell us which ones they like. This year, we sent more than 75 toys to 10 classrooms, from second to sixth grade, and what emerged is that there are some great games out there.

Card games, electronic games and educational

games all won fans. There were a few other stars, including a well-designed smoothie maker that was among the best cooking toys we tested, and the electronic hamsters known as Zhu Zhu Pets were a hit, too, which explains why they are scurrying off the shelves at shops.

And here, to help you make your wish list, are what kids your age picked as the toys they are most likely to ask for, be playing with six months from now and even to be willing to spend their own money on!



Girl Gourmet Sweets Candy Bead Studio
Jakks Pacific

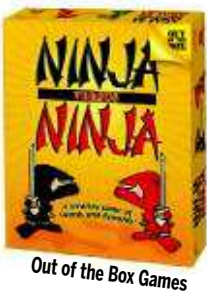
Toy test: Games

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

WarStone, Duncan Toys, 8 and older, \$13-\$25. This new trading card game has an old-fashioned twist — marbles — that appealed to our third-grade testers. Like many trading card games in the style of Yu-Gi-Oh and Bakugan, this game can get complex, but the kids didn't mind that. The marbles have cool creatures inside.

Kid Cranium SpongeBob SquarePants edition, Hasbro, 7 and older, \$25. Be prepared to act, crack codes, sketch and sculpt to win this SpongeBob-themed game. The fourth-grade testers said that it was "interactive" and that it "never got old."

Nina Versus Ninja, Out of the Box, 8 and older, \$25. Players are challenged to go into one another's territory and get back out without being captured. The fifth-graders loved that it was easy to set up and fun for beginners and masters. "Cool" and "awesome" were the



Out of the Box Games



Buffalo Games

words used a lot to describe this game.

Count Down & Spell Up, Cadaco, 6 and older, \$15. This combination of two award-winning games really works. Third-graders liked the reversible design that let them test their spelling and math skills in one game.

100 Really Dumb Things, Patch Products, 7 and older, \$15. Silliness rules in this game, which has you do goofy things either every time it's your turn or when something specific happens. One fifth-grade tester described it as "the best game ever."

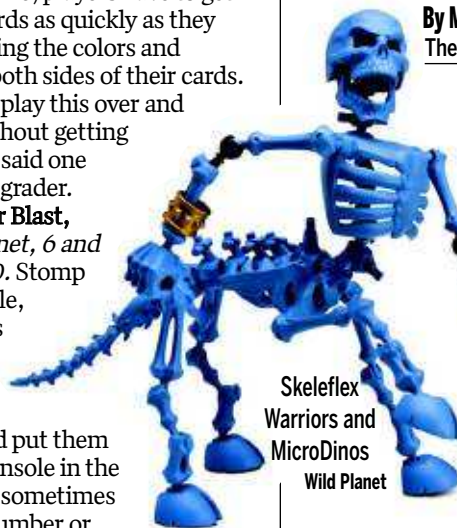
Truth Be Told, Buffalo Games, 12 and older, \$28. The host player writes the answer to a personal question, and other players write down what they think the host's answer would be. You win points by guessing which answer is the real one. Sixth-graders

enjoyed this game.

On the Double card game, PlayRoom, 8 and older, \$12. In this fast-paced game, players have to get rid of their cards as quickly as they can by matching the colors and shapes on both sides of their cards.

You could play this over and over "without getting bored," said one fourth-grader.

Hyper Blast, Wild Planet, 6 and older, \$20. Stomp on the console, and little balls fly around the room. You have to grab them and put them back in the console in the right order — sometimes by color, by number or using math. It's harder than it looks! The testers in third grade loved "blasting it" and "running around."



Skeflex Warriors and MicroDinos
Wild Planet



Patch Products

Toy test: Electronic

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

Zhu Zhu Pets, Cepia, 4 and older, \$10-\$22. These new toys are already very popular, so put them on your list now if you want your parents to be able to find them. Our second-grade testers loved the

squeaking, unpredictable little hamsters and the twisty playground they move around in. The animals also have toys, habitats and accessories, all of which are sold separately.

Roborover, WowWee, 8 and older, \$69. Getting this toy robot out of the box took a while, but the payoff was worth it, testers said. The alien-like robot responds to commands and talks back, getting smarter the more you work with it. "We didn't get to play with it long enough" was the worst thing our testers in second

grade could say about it. **FlyTech LightStar remote control toy**, WowWee, 8 and older, \$20. Third-grade testers said this "fun" indoor flying toy is "easy to control" but complained that the battery didn't last long enough.



The Roborover
WowWee



EZ-2 Make Jamba Juice Smoothie and Ice Pop Maker

WowWee



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