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2010 LEGISLATURE

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News
Cleaning supplies and other equipment litter the floor of the House chamber at the Idaho State Capitol in Boise as preparations are made for the 2010 Legislative session, which begins Monday.

READY THE CHOPPING BLOCK

Difficult budget cuts to define this year's lawmaking session

BY BEN BOTKIN • TIMES-NEWS WRITER

BOISE — The 2010 Idaho legislative session is one that will be filled with tough decisions about where to cut from the state budget — and nothing is immune from scrutiny.

In Boise, it will mean detailed looks into revenue projections, hearings with constituents and agencies making their case for funding, and setting a budget for the next fiscal year.

In south-central Idaho, the potential impact of the decisions touches numerous areas, from school field trips, to Thousand Springs State Park, to Medicaid benefits.

Much more will be known Monday, when Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter delivers his state of the state address. In the current fiscal year, there's an estimated revenue shortfall of between $36 million and $51 million — almost 2 percent of the state budget.

The long-term picture is much worse.

In the last two years, Idaho's revenue stream has essentially shriveled by $1 billion, said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

"Now we'll have the full force of the revenue reduction hitting in fiscal year 2011," Cameron said.

For 2011, that's about $450 million less in available funding compared to the current fiscal year.

In the 2009 session, a patchwork of federal stimulus funds and reserves helped offset state cuts.

If lawmakers used all reserves this year, it would still leave a hole of about $220 million to patch, the equivalent of an 8 percent to 10 percent reduction in all state agencies, including public education, Cameron said.

"This year in real dollars we're going to be forced to reduce the budget on top of reductions

See **LEGISLATURE**, Main 4

Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna talks with State Board of Education member Emma Atchley after a Dec. 10 meeting in Twin Falls.

LUNA WALKS TIGHTROPE IN STATE BUDGET CRISIS

Ed head balancing schools' needs with budget concerns

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna faces a daunting task in the 2010 legislative session.

As the state's top education official, he has the job of pushing for advancements in Idaho's public schools system, and his constituents are varied: teachers, administrators, children and parents all have a part in education. He also has the job of working with the Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee to help create a balanced budget during one of the worst state budget crises in recent decades.

See **LUNA**, Main 4

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VOTE in an online poll about the state budget; **WATCH** a video interview with Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna and **READ** Capitol Confidential, the *Times-News* political blog.

MORE INSIDE

Find out which Magic Valley legislators are newsmakers. >> MAIN 4

Shoshone School Dist. sued by former teacher

ESL instructor alleges superintendent verbally harassed her at school

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

The Shoshone School District and Superintendent Mel Wiseman are being sued by a former ESL (English as a second language) teacher.

In the claim, filed in the 5th District Court in Lincoln County on Dec. 21 by attorney Brooke Baldwin, Donna Lankford alleges her contract renewal was denied in violation of the terms of her contract and that Wiseman is criminally culpable.

The criminal allegation relates to Idaho Code 18-916, which reads: "Every parent, guardian or other person who upbraids insults or abuses any teacher of the public schools, in the presence and hearing of a pupil thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

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READ a copy of the lawsuit.

According to court records, Lankford was hired as a librarian in 1995 and recruited as an ESL teacher

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TAX TIME TIES UP LINE

Got a question about filing your taxes? You might be on the line for a while. The IRS is too busy to talk to 3 out of 10 who call for help.
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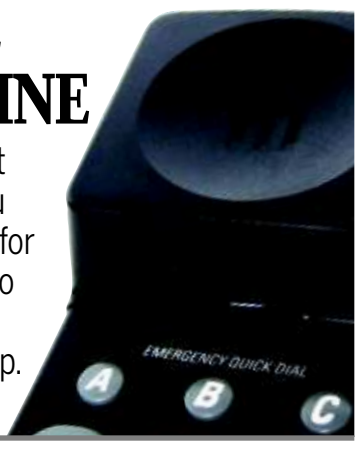

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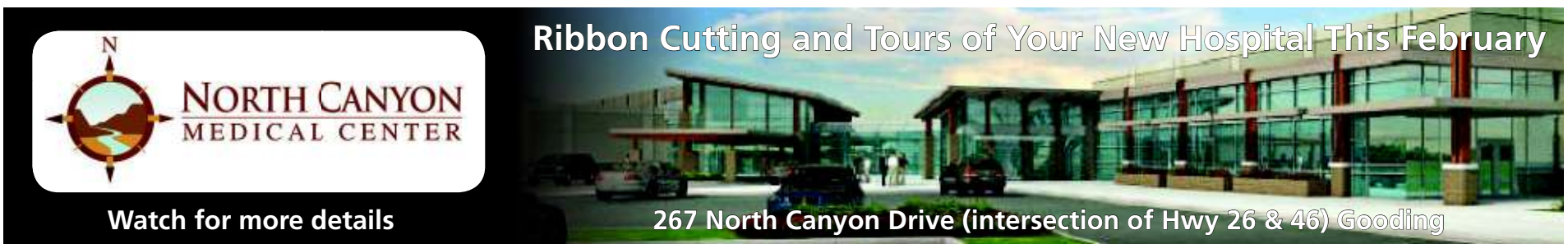

MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio

• Get in some cross-country skiing at the Blaine County Recreation District Quigley Nordic Winter Park from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Activities include free introductory ski lessons from 1 to 3 p.m. Advance reservations are required through Sturtevants in Hailey, 788-7847. There will also be snacks and hot chocolate, sledding and snowshoeing. The district also will offer free skiing all day on the entire BCRD Nordic Trail System.

• Dance to the music of Country Cousins with Floyd Drown from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. The event includes a potluck and door prizes. Admission is $4.

• Remember the movie "The Wedding Singer?" Well, it hits the stage at 7:30 p.m. at the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts on the Boise State University campus, 1910 University Drive, Boise. Tickets are $25 to $46.

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

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Forever Plaid, music, 7:30 p.m., Boiler Room at Sun Valley Village, 1 Sun Valley Rd., Sun Valley, doors open at 6:30 p.m., $15 cover ($12 with valid Idaho identification), free for children 12 and under, 622-2135.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

MARKETS

Magic Valley Flea Market, wide variety of vendors: antiques, Native American Flutes, and crafts, 10 to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Merchant Building #1, 215 Fair Ave., Filer, breakfast and lunch provided, free admission, 208-410-1738.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Ski group lessons, classic skiing group lessons, 10 a.m., Sun Valley Nordic Center, 1 Sun Valley Road, P.O. Box, 10, Sun Valley, $40 package price (includes equipment rental and instructions), 208-622-2250.

Snowsports Camp for kids, four consecutive weeks for ages kindergarten to Sixth grade, 9 to 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 to 3 p.m., Sun Valley Nordic Center, 1 Sun Valley Road, P.O. Box, 10, Sun Valley, $150 for four weeks (lift tickets and lessons), 208-622-2250. (daily)

Locals' Adult Clinics, beginner and low intermediate on Dollar, 10 to noon; intermediate and advanced on Baldly, 1 to 3 p.m., Sun Valley Nordic Center, 1 Sun Valley Road, P.O. Box, 10, Sun Valley, $110 for three weeks (not include lift tickets), 208-622-2250.

TODAY'S DEADLINES

Reservations for: Tuesday's Agape Interfaith Ministry luncheon, featured presentation: "Lessons in Finding Eternity" by June Peterson, noon, Lincoln Inn, 413 Main St., Gooding, reservations: Carolyn Herzinger 934-5700, no charge to attend, lunch $8.50, 208-366-2974.

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

Investigation of Twin Falls baby's death turned over to sheriff's office

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

The name of a 2-month-old girl who died at an apartment near the College of Southern Idaho Friday hasn't been released, but the investigation has been turned over to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

"The father of the child was related to city police," said Lori Stewart, sheriff's office spokeswoman. "That's all I know — that it was somebody in the police department, and anytime that's the case, it's best to have another agency handle it."

Twin Falls Staff Sgt. Dan Lewin referred all questions to the sheriff's office, and Stewart said detectives didn't know the nature of the father's employment.

The police department received a call Friday afternoon from a male at 863 Quincy St., apartment No. 3, saying the child was not breathing, according to authorities on the scene. Stewart confirmed Saturday that the call came from the baby's father but was unable to elaborate on the investigation.

"Both parents were there, and it was the father who made the call," Stewart said.

The baby was unresponsive and pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of death was still unknown Saturday, and authorities declined to comment about whether a crime is suspected.

"Anytime there's an unattended death, law enforcement investigates. That's where we're at," Stewart said. "It's actively under investigation, so at this point, we aren't releasing names or anything ... Everything's really sketchy, but as soon as we get more details, I'll put something out."

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Law & Disorder... ... in Cassia County

From Dec. 11 police reports:

Aggravated Assault, et cetera:

Police responded to a fight in Burley and found two males, ages 22 and 31, bleeding. The 22-year-old said the other man attempted to stab him, according to the report, but the 31-year-old said he didn't pull the knife completely out of his pocket.

When asked if he considered using it, the man reportedly said "he did for a second then thought that it was a felony crime and put it in his pocket." When asked if he pulled the knife because he was "loosing [sic] the fight," he reportedly said, "Well, look at me." The report describes him as 5 feet, 5 inches, 170 pounds. The 22-year-old is listed as 6 feet, 220 pounds.

The 31-year-old was arrested for aggravated assault, disturbing the peace, and possession of marijuana.

Driving without privileges, et cetera:

A 22-year-old Burley male was pulled over when Deputy Kenny Emery recognized him after having dealt with him the day before on a suspicious-person report and knew his license was suspended for failure to provide proof of insurance.

When asked why he was driving, the suspect reportedly said he had to get to work. Emery allegedly found a "baggie of weed" in the suspect's pocket and a marijuana pipe in the glove compartment.

He was arrested for marijuana possession, paraphernalia possession, driving without privileges, and cited again for failure to show proof of insurance.

— Damon Hunzeker

Open house nears on I-84 reconstruction

Times-News

The Idaho Transportation department will hold a public open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the reconstruction of Interstate 84 west of Wendell.

ITD staff will be present to explain the proposed reconstruction, answer questions and gather public comment at the Wendell City Office, 365 First Ave. E. The full-width, seven-mile pavement rehabilitation project is scheduled for 2011.

Topics discussed will include the closure of the west Wendell exit, along with a timeline for the project.

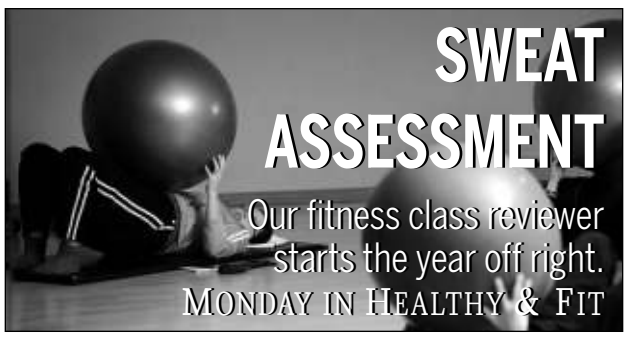
Information: project manager Steve Tonks, 208-886-7888.

THEY'LL HONK, BUT IT'S NOT ROAD RAGE

CHARLIE LITCHFIELD/Idaho Press-Tribune/AP photo

A group of geese cross the street in downtown Boise on Saturday.

COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS



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Upper Snake Basin	59%	28%
Oakley	83%	37%
Salmon Falls	71%	32%

As of Jan. 9

AROUND THE VALLEY

Forest Service seeks seasonal help

The Sawtooth National Forest plans to hold a series of open houses this month for people interested in a summer job doing firefighting, range, timber, trails and recreation work.

Forest officials will start with a workshop from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Community Campus in Hailey, spokeswoman Julie Thomas announced. Open houses are also planned for:

• Burley: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Jan. 19, Burley Public Library.

• Rupert: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20, DeMary Public Library.

• Twin Falls: 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 20 and 21, Sawtooth National Forest Supervisors Office on Kimberly Road.

Jobs are available in Burley, Fairfield, Ketchum, Stanley and Twin Falls.

People interested in attending a workshop should call 208-737-3200 to ensure adequate staff and computers are available. Information on summer jobs can also be found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/.

– Staff report

Suit

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in 2008, expecting that the position would "continue for at least three years as she was required to take several classes and examinations to obtain her ESL certificate."

Instead, court records allege, Lankford's employment was cut short by the school board's decision in July 2009 to not renew her contract and that neither proper notice nor evaluation were provided.

Additionally, the suit claims intimidation and harassment from Wiseman — including an instance in 2008 when Lankford was allegedly asked to report to her ESL room and found Wiseman, along with "four other individuals," who had gone through all of the materials in the room, including her personal property, scattering them throughout the room and placing some of them in the garbage can. Wiseman then allegedly "yelled at Lankford in an intimidating and harassing voice" and said "everything in the ESL room was District property and that they could do whatever they wanted with it."

The lawsuit, despite reference to criminal conduct, never mentions students in the area. But Lankford told the *Times-News* Thursday that students were present during other incidents — such as when Wiseman allegedly "screamed at her to get off the phone" in the library "as it is District property," the filing claims.

During this time, Lankford — who declined to comment further — alleges in the lawsuit that she was advised to avoid meeting with Wiseman without union or legal representation but was ordered to attend a meeting by Wiseman "as her immediate supervisor."

> "We haven't been served with the papers yet, so there's no comment from us, and there won't be until the court proceedings move forward."
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> **– Shoshone School District Superintendent Mel Wiseman**

Lankford was placed on sick leave because her doctor, court records indicate, said she "was suffering from a medical condition that was brought on by stress from the above described events." Additionally, the lawsuit alleges, the school board "failed to adequately address Lankford's concerns regarding communication with or her fear of future intimidation or harassment from Wiseman."

Lankford is seeking a jury trial "for general and special damages in an amount to be determined," as well as reimbursement for attorney fees.

"We haven't been served with the papers yet, so there's no comment from us, and there won't be until the court proceedings move forward," Wiseman said Thursday.

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Fear and loathing on the streets of FarmVille

I've been *unfriended.*

Imagine my shame, if you possibly can. At the time, I didn't even know I'd been *friended* by the Facebook user who subsequently *unfriended* me.

But so it goes on social networking media such as Facebook and Twitter. People you never met are writing on your Wall one minute, and the next you're learning that Deana in Birmingham, England, is wearing a black-and-gold bra.

DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

To promote breast cancer awareness, thousands of female Facebook bloggers have been telling the world about their colorful foundations. I think that's what got me *unfriended.*

Being new to social networking and tragically unhip, I asked Deana from Birmingham why I should care. Within minutes, Deana was dead to me in the Facebook world.

And with serious consequences, I'm sure. I don't know this for a fact, but I suspect that there's a blacklist of the *unfriended.*

Relegated, probably, to another social networking Web site frequented exclusively by adults who still live in their parents' basements, play Mafia Wars 18 hours a day and have set up FarmVille as their home page.

I'm not even sure, technically, if the *unfriended* are permitted to interact with the *friended.* Maybe there's a three-*unfriendings*-and-you're-out rule, after which you're only permitted to play Donkey Kong on your Uncle Edgar's ColecoVision console.

Should I tell my wife that I've been unfriended? What if she asks why? What if she wants to know how come I was asking about the bra colors worn by strange women in the English Midlands?

Do I have to tell the IRS that I've been *unfriended*? Will *unfriending* affect my credit score? Should I advise my pastor?

What if there's a registry, somewhere on Facebook, of users deemed unsupportive of breast cancer awareness? Will I still be able to buy health insurance? Will the United Way still accept my contribution? What if someone tells my adult sons, both avid Facebook users?

Would it help if I wrote on my Wall that I'm in favor of bras of *all* colors? Or would that sound weird?

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

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County
Friday arraignments

Cesar Nava, 42, Twin Falls; fail to purchase driver's license, Feb. 17 pretrial, recognizance release

Heidi J. Peterson, 24, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, recognizance release, public defender appointed, Feb. 17 pretrial

Casper R. McCabe, 24, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, Feb. 17 pretrial, recognizance release, public defender appointed

Alfredo Lua, 32, Twin Falls; petit theft, Feb. 17 pretrial, $250 bond, public defender appointed

Joseph P. Jiminez, 43, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, $500 bond, Feb. 17 pretrial

Matthew Wilford Frantz, 49, Twin Falls; under influence of inhalants, recognizance release, public defender appointed, Feb. 17 pretrial

Wendell starts year with new city government

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Minutes after Brad Christopherson was sworn in as Wendell's mayor at Thursday's City Council meeting he had a few department issues to discuss.

First up was a concern with the police department's patrol of Interstate 84, which dissects the city's south end. Christopherson told Chief Deputy Jeff Lenker many residents didn't feel it was a priority.

"My thought is if you want to patrol the freeway, go be a part of (Idaho State Police)," Christopherson said.

The mayor's comments were met with support from the audience, many of whom nodded their heads in approval.

Lenker indicated police would patrol city streets and property.

"After our conversation a couple of weeks ago, I took care of the problem," Lenker said.

Christopherson then directed comment to Public Works Director Bob Bailey. After expressing great appreciation for all Bailey does for the city he brought up a resident's complaint: public works employees seemingly standing around.

Christopherson said the resident wasn't impressed that three public works employees were texturing a city hall restroom late last year when just one man could have handled the job easily.

"We need to keep the guys busy ... because that's the biggest complaint, guys standing around," Christopherson said.

Bailey said he would approach the department about the complaint and make changes that are necessary.

"If that is what's happening, we need to change it. If it's just perception we need to change that perception," Bailey said.

In other council news, Christopherson withdrew his towing company from the city's towing rotation. The rotation list is used when police must call a tower for abandoned or wrecked vehicles.

Christopherson said it would be a conflict of interest for his company to remain on the list, given that the City Council is responsible for overseeing the rates paid to towers.

Christopherson said he had been on the list for more than 20 years.

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Blaine promotes reverse 911 following Christmas power outage

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — During the Castle Rock fire in 2007, Blaine County contracted with a company to call neighborhoods to warn them of impending danger via a recorded message. Afterwards, because of the success of the system, the county installed a similar one, which was used for the first time during the 24-hour power outage over Christmas.

However, the system automatically calls only people who have phone numbers listed in the telephone directory — and, as Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle noted, many households now have no landline, relying instead on cell phones, text messages and e-mails.

The system also fails to work during a power outage if a household's landline relies on electric power to function, such as phones with portable handsets. These weaknesses have led the county to encourage residents to register their cell phones and e-mail addresses with the Swift911 system.

"My wish is more people would take advantage of it," said Chuck Turner, disaster services coordinator for Blaine County. "I'm quite sure it's just gone right by a lot of people (who haven't registered yet)."

Elle noted that when numbers are registered for the Swift911 system, they do not become part of the public record — they are used only by dispatch to send emergency messages. That preserves the privacy of those who have unlisted numbers.

However, the system has another weakness, which will likely be addressed at an after-action review meeting to be held next week among county first responders to figure out how response can be improved.

During the Christmas outage, calls went out to all the published landlines and anyone who had already registered for the system. However, some people were uncertain whom the call was from, and called back the number that had just called them, or called that number after getting the recorded message to get more details about the situation.

The call-back number turned out to be the county's dispatch personnel, who were already busy handling the emergency components of the outage. They also received 911 calls from people who weren't reporting emergencies, but were asking for similar general information about the outage.

"One of the most important messages is the importance of using 911 for emergency calling only. It's not for general situational inquiries," said County Commission Chairman Larry Schoen.

He and Elle also emphasized that, because of the rural nature of the county, all residents should be prepared to weather any kind of short-term emergency, having on hand water, food, medications, batteries and other resources they might need.

REGISTER YOUR NUMBER

To receive messages in case of emergency in Blaine County, submit your cell phone number and e-mail address to the county's reverse 911 emergency notification system. Visit blainecounty911.org/systems.asp, and follow the directions.

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2010 LEGISLATURE: READY THE CHOPPING BLOCK

MAGIC VALLEY LEGISLATORS: Meet the newsmakers

REP. SCOTT BEDKE, R-Oakley

Known as the more moderate member of the Republican House leadership team, Assistant Majority Bedke and his House colleagues bristled last year when the governor slammed down 35 vetoes. House members reacted by trying to adjourn early. Bedke and other House leaders will probably play nicer with the governor in a lean budget year, and an election year to boot.

REP. WENDY JAQUET, D-Ketchum

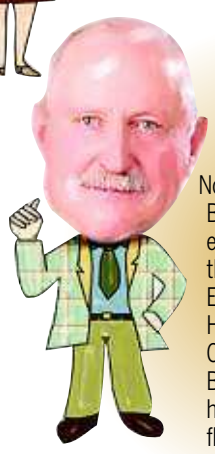
Jaquet starts her second year on JFAC, after leaving minority leadership a year ago. If Democrats hope to make a case to stop education cuts in the next budget year, Jaquet will probably be at the heart of the fight.

REP. FRED WOOD, R-Burley

One of the only physicians in the Legislature, Wood is a rising star who can decipher health and welfare issues with ease. His input may be most influential as legislators wrestle with federal health care reform.

REP. MAXINE BELL, R-Jerome

Bell became a co-chairwoman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee in 2000 and navigated the panel through a dicey recession in 2002-03. This time around, budget cuts will likely carve deeper. As the political matriarch of the House, her stern-but-fair demeanor has earned the respect of both chambers and the governor.



SEN. BERT BRACKETT, R-Rogerson

Now in his fifth year in Boise, Brackett has quietly risen in influence, most prominently on JFAC and the Senate Resources & Environment Committee. Along with House Resources Committee Chairman Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, Brackett's influence may determine how much water resources funding flows during the recession.

REP. SHARON BLOCK, R-Twin Falls

Block, who chairs the House Health and Welfare Committee, faces a perfect storm that includes tight state budgets, growing demand on Medicaid and federal health-care reform. Her committee may be a crucial battleground over how much is cut in state services.

SEN. DEAN CAMERON, R-Rupert

The second-longest-serving member of the Idaho Senate, Cameron shares the stage with Bell as JFAC co-chairman and has honed a steady hand in some inter-chamber squabbles of the past. This session figures to be the most difficult one he's faced yet.

REP. RICH WILLS, R-Glenns Ferry

Wills' stock grew last year when he crafted school funding legislation that soothed a nervous education lobby. He may be called upon again by House leaders to broker manageable school cuts for the next budget year.

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we've already made," Cameron said. "In many cases that will do severe damage to many of these agencies."

EDUCATION

In 2009, the Legislature cut state funding to education, though the difference was made up by federals stimulus funding.

Last year, the state had $293 million in federal stimulus dollars and its rainy day fund for public education to shore up shortfalls. That amount is now just $55.7 million: $22.7 million in the rainy day fund and $33 million in stimulus funds.

In this fiscal year alone, $60 million in stimulus funding prevented deeper cuts to education, and $49 million of rainy day funding offset the blow of mid-year holdbacks.

"There is some reserve left and if you used it all, it probably wouldn't get us through (fiscal year) '11," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, co-chairwoman of JFAC.

In an interview with the *Times-News*, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said he cannot support cuts that would reduce student-teacher contact time or remove programs directly tied to student achievement.

"We can't do things that will have a negative impact on student achievement," Luna said.

At the same time, he said there are still areas with potential savings, which include placing a moratorium on field trips and the state's early retirement incentive program for educators.

The moratorium on the early retirement program would save $4 million, while not funding field trips would save another $2.5 million.

Luna and legislators agree the law passed last year allowing school districts to declare a financial emergency — a step before reopening contract negotiations with employees — needs tweaking.

The law currently requires that a school district's unrestricted fund balance to fall below 5.5 percent of its unrestricted budget. That forces school districts to dip into their reserves before they can make the declaration, a requirement Luna said should be removed.

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, said it's crucial to preserve the infrastructure of education.

"Once you get rid of a program, a lot of times you don't bring it back," she said.

This much is known: education won't escape scrutiny.

"Education will have to take a hit of some sorts and we're trying to work through that and get suggestions," said Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The lion's share of the Department of Health and Welfare goes to Medicaid, which covers the medical costs of low-income residents.

The state's funding for Medicaid was budgeted at $309.17 million for this fiscal year, with federal and dedicated funding covering the rest of the $1.5 billion program. With cuts looming for every agency in the state, the key issue will be how the state maintains those services.

"What we need to figure out is how do we keep that safety net for people in our state that really need it?" said Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum.

On average, the state has about 192,000 participants each month.

Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, noted that personnel costs for Medicaid are just a sliver of its budget. In the Medicaid budget, 1.2 percent goes to personnel, and another 3.2 percent in operating costs. The remaining 95.6 percent covers the benefits.

"It's going to be tough," he said.

Another wild card is that the federal match for Medicaid was increased from 70 percent to 80 percent under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. It's due to revert back to 70 percent in January 2011, unless the federal government extends the match increase.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Thousand Springs State Park's closure could be on the horizon, though there are hopes in the Magic Valley that the park complex near Hagerman will remain open in some form.

The park is one of four items the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has targeted for closure if more budget cuts are made.

Other steps include cutting three positions in the department's Boise headquarters and closing Land of the Yankee Fork State Park near Challis.

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, said a solution would need local support, noting that some parts of Thousand Springs are more heavily used than others.

With a combination of local support and shuttering a portion of the park, Hartgen said it's possible that Thousand Springs could survive in some form.

"I don't think we'll lose the park entirely," he said.

GROCERY TAX CREDIT

This year another issue will likely resurface — whether to delay increases to the grocery tax credit.

In 2008, the Legislature increased the credit to $50 for residents not required to file a state income tax return, and $30 for higher wage earners. The law also set into motion phased in increases of $10 each year until it reaches a maximum of $100 and $120 for seniors.

The idea of delaying the increases arose in the 2009 session, but never gained enough steam to become a reality.

Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, didn't rule out the prospect of a delay in the credit.

"I think it's in jeopardy."

AGRICULTURE

The State Soil Commission, which falls under the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, which oversees conservation efforts in 51 soil conservation districts, could be dissolved and become part of a Division of Resource Conservation that's more closely connected to ISDA.

State agency consolidation — such as the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Department of Agriculture, or Department of Environmental Quality — could be talked about this session.

The key to that discussion will be looking at the functions of the agencies, said Pence, a member of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

"I think the Department of Agriculture has a lot of functions that are really important and I have a little bit of a problem combining all the departments," she said.

Pence said it's crucial to not combine agencies that have functions that are incompatible with each other.

Geddes noted that it's been a wise move in recent years to invest money in water adjudication that has helped water rights issues, particularly in the Magic Valley.

"We made that investment when we had the resources available and I think we're starting to see the fruit develop and ripen in that investment," he said.

Luna

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This year, the two tasks combined create a tightrope between two goals — and Luna's balancing act is barely beginning.

A Republican, Luna said the past three years of working with a governor and Legislature that are on the same page show what can be accomplished, pointing to gains schools have made in student achievement.

"I think you see the result of that," he said. "That doesn't mean we all agree on every point. There's very few relationships anybody has in life where you agree 100 percent with people you work with, from our families to our work environment, definitely when it comes to political office."

Two ideas Luna gave in an interview — placing a moratorium on field trips the state's early retirement program — would yield $6.5 million in total savings, a fraction of what lawmakers say is needed. But like everyone else in state government, Luna is waiting for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's State of the State address on Monday and a budget target to be set.

But his stance regarding education funding is well known and he stresses the need to preserve education's core: teacher and student contact time and programs that directly boost student achievement.

"We can't tell a third-grader who's struggling in math, 'This year we have to wait until the economy improves,'" Luna told the *Times-News*.

Sherri Wood, president of the Idaho Education Association, said Luna has taken a strong stance against cuts.

"I hope he is able to stand firm on that and we're supportive of no more cuts to education," she said, adding that "It's a fallacy to say making education cuts will not hurt kids."

Legislators said support from Luna is crucial.

"I think Superintendent Luna is in a precarious position," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chair of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

Luna showed leadership last year, putting forward his self-titled list of "10 bad ideas" for cutting education, Cameron said.

"He kind of got beat up over it," Cameron said. "This year I think he's a little less anxious to come forward and help but I know we're going to need his help and we're going to need his support."

Cameron remembers when Marilyn Howard, a Democratic superintendent of public instruction from 1999 to 2006, didn't see eye to eye with JFAC.

In the end, the committee simply went around her wishes, which Cameron said minimized her effectiveness.

"The question has always been what's an adequate amount to spend on education?" Howard said in an interview. "The Idaho Legislature has always been, I'd have to say, pretty cautious about that."

While a state superintendent needs to be forward-thinking, that's kept in check with what the needs are, Howard said.

Long-term visions for years to come — a key part of education reform — aren't always in the time frame of a legislator, she said.

"The life of a legislator is two years long and everything is seen two years long," she said.

Then again, state superintendents have elections too.

"People don't elect us just to make decisions and govern in good times, but they elect us to make very tough decisions when things aren't so good," Luna said.

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TOO BUSY TO TALK

IRS won't get to 3 in 10 who call for help

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Need help with your taxes? Good luck reaching the IRS. Three out of 10 people who call the toll-free help line this tax season won't get through to a human being — and that's if the agency meets its goals for service.

Callers lucky enough to get through will have to wait on hold an average of nearly 12 minutes, a level of service deemed unacceptable in a report issued Wednesday by National Taxpayer Advocate Nina E. Olson.

Such poor service "will cause problems for taxpayers and the IRS alike, as some taxpayers give up and don't bother to file or they make avoidable errors that the IRS then must devote resources toward resolving,'' said Olson, an independent watchdog within the IRS.

The IRS said it has been inundated with an unprecedented number of calls the past two years from taxpayers with questions about temporary tax breaks passed by Congress to help revive the economy — a phenomenon that is expected to continue this year.

To help, the agency has upgraded its Web site, posting answers to frequent questions, including the status of tax refunds.

"Resources available to deliver telephone services are finite and staffing allocations must be made in light of competing demands necessary to meet other customer needs and preferences,'' the IRS said in a written response to the report.

Some callers could get busy signals while others will abandon calls after being informed of the wait time. Others may be prompted to go to the IRS Web site, or have their questions answered by the automated system.

The agency's goal is to connect 71 percent of callers to a real person, down from a recent high of 87 percent in 2004.

Olson issues a report each year to Congress highlighting the most serious problems taxpayers encountered in their dealings with the IRS. This year, poor phone service topped the list.

Another problem she cited: The number of federal tax liens filed against delinquent taxpayers increased nearly fivefold over the past decade, to 966,000 in 2009. Olson said many IRS liens were unnecessary and even hurt some taxpayers' ability to pay back taxes because their credit ratings were affected.

The IRS said liens help protect the government's claim for back taxes when taxpayers file for bankruptcy protection.

Taxpayer services were a big issue in 1998 when Congress overhauled the agency, guaranteeing new rights for taxpayers. Before the law, the IRS had "engaged in heavy-handed enforcement tactics,'' said Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee. "I worry that the IRS is reverting to some old habits to taxpayers' detriment.''

The percentage of callers getting accurate legal information has improved since the law was passed. In 2001, just 80 percent of the people who called the toll-free help line received accurate information, according to the agency's own estimates. In 2009, 93 percent of callers got accurate information, according to the IRS.

In 2008, the IRS received 151 million calls on its toll-free line — up from 67 million the year before. Many of the calls were about tax rebate checks issued by the IRS as part of an economic stimulus package passed by Congress. That year, only 53 percent of callers to the toll-free line reached a person.

In 2009, the agency received 94 million calls — some were about the previous year's rebate checks while others were about a new round of tax breaks approved in February to help revive the nation's ailing economy. In 2009, 70 percent of callers reached a person.

IRS workers also had to spend extra time processing claims and amended returns from taxpayers who took advantage of the temporary tax breaks, said Colleen M. Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, which represents IRS workers. "Unfortunately, resources and personnel were diverted from customer service responsibilities to help handle this new workload,'' Kelley said in a statement.

The IRS expects another busy tax season this year as taxpayers continue to have questions about temporary tax breaks, including one for homebuyers.

"The IRS is committed to providing the best possible service to every taxpayer,'' said IRS spokeswoman Michelle Eldridge.

The toll-free help line for individuals is 800-829-1040.

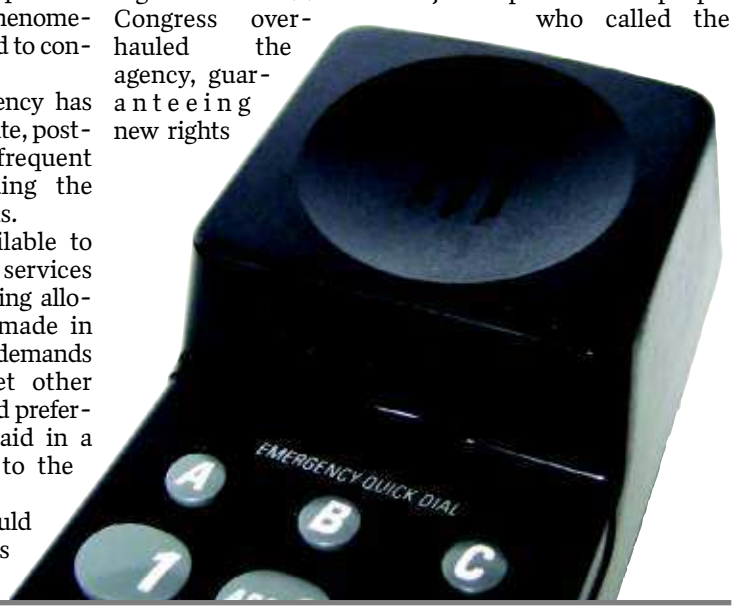
IRS TOUGH TO REACH BY PHONE

By The Associated Press

The percentage of callers to the toll-free IRS help line who were able to reach a person:

Fiscal Year:	Percent
2001	62
2002	69
2003	80
2004	87
2005	83
2006	82
2007	82
2008	53
2009	70

Source: Internal Revenue Service



Filer audit shows solid financial footing

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The city of Filer is in a good financial position to get through the current economic downturn, according to an audit of city finances.

Raymond Ware, of Raymond Ware and Associates, in Twin Falls, reported to the Filer City Council Tuesday the results of an audit of city finances in fiscal year 2008-09.

"You're much better off than many of the entities that we do. You just need to be careful," Ware said. "We like to see between three to four months of general-fund carryover. Right now, the city has between six to seven months ($428,000) and spends about $60,000 per month."

Ware also confirmed that the city was able to retire $90,000 of a 2003 water project debt totaling $2.7 million during the fiscal year. Approximately $1 million of that amount still remains on the books.

In other business Tuesday, the date for opening construction bids on the city's $12.5 million sewer-treatment facility have been delayed from Jan. 7 to Jan. 21.

"Extending the deadline is in the best interest of the city and will give contractors who requested it more time to work on bid costs," said Rob Hegstom, of J-U-B Engineers in Twin Falls. "Right now, I think we have around 18 general contractors and expect some really competitive bidding."

The facility upgrade's price tag includes $4.6 million for upgrades to approximately 7.3 miles of sewer collection line, extending from U.S. Highway 30 to North Street and Fair Avenue to Stevens Street.

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> **– Raymond Ware, of Raymond Ware and Associates**

Lion's Gate Gallery owner Teddy Khteian-Keeton has asked the city to consider the possibility of purchasing her building at 219 Main Street. Since opening its doors in 2006, the gallery has hosted shows of local art and noted state artists.

"I know you don't have the funds but the building is for sale and I'm willing to work with the city to have them acquire the building." Khteian-Keeton said. "I want to move out to the highway and continue in the art business, so I'm offering it to the city first."

The council will hold its next public meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19, in the Filer City Office on Main Street.

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Jerome council OKs winter road spending

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome City Council authorized the city's public works director on Tuesday to spend $10,925 to replace a sander used during winter snow removal and road treatment.

Mayor John Shine called the expenditure an unplanned capital outlay and asked Public Works Director Walt Appell if the funding was in place, to which Appell responded that it was.

Shine said he would ask the Jerome Urban Renewal Agency if it would share the cost of replacing the sander.

The city will purchase the Flink sander from Sawtooth Snow & Ice Inc., of Reno, Nev.

Appell said the old sander is beyond repair. He said the city purchased it from state surplus about 20 years ago.

The council also authorized Water Works Director John Boyd to purchase a 2005 Chevrolet Colorado truck from P&R Auto Sales of Pocatello for $5,295.

Councilwoman Dawn Soto, appointed on Tuesday to fill a vacancy, asked Boyd why the city didn't purchase new vehicles.

Boyd said the city could have purchased three new trucks but the need was for five.

"The average age of their fleet was 20 years," said City Administrator Ben Marchant, adding it isn't currently feasible to purchase all new vehicles.

On Dec. 15, the council authorized vehicle replacements for the Water Works Department to replace trucks and equipment dating to the 1980s. They were: 2006 Chevrolet Silverado for $14,300; two 2004 Silverados and one 2005 Colorado midsize pickup at $24,900 for the three vehicles and a used equipment trailer for $4,500.

The council also authorized Boyd to replace a belt press drive for the sewage treatment plant at a cost of $7,243 from Seepex Pump. Boyd said it would replace equipment that was in use since 2003.

In other business, the council approved a final payment of $6,062 to Sunrise Engineers for services performed for the South Lincoln Street and Main Street project.

The council also approved a landscaping and snow-removal contract for $3,360 to Lawns R Us, the lowest of three bidders, for lawn maintenance and snow removal at the fire stations and City Hall.

Fire Chief Mike Hatfield said the services are needed to relieve firefighters of the duties.

The council also approved the potential sale at auction of surplus vehicles and office equipment for the fire department and waterworks. The city will post the items on publicsurplus.com, an Internet government surplus auction.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Robert J. Trogila, 37, Twin Falls; burglary; 10 years penitentiary; three determinate, seven indeterminate; three years probation; $100.50 costs; $350 public defender fee; $6,557.46 restitution.; concurrent; two counts burglary, dismissed.

Brian D. Burgess, 36, Twin Falls; aggravated assault; four years penitentiary; two determinate, two indeterminate; two years probation; $100.50 costs; 40 hours community service; surety bond.

Brent L. Rasmussen, 45, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; five years penitentiary; three determinate, two indeterminate; three years probation; $1,500 fine; $110.50 costs; substance abuse evaluation and treatment recommended; 100 hours community service.

Thomas E. Lucas, 36, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; six years penitentiary; two determinate, four indeterminate; three years probation; $165.50 costs; $500 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; 100 hours community service; $572.50 restitution; $426 court compliance.

Steven G. Hine, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (two previous misdemeanor DUIs within 10 years); five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate; three years probation; $1,000 fine; $170.50 costs; $500 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; driver's license suspended for one year; surety bond.

FELONY ACQUITTALS

Marty W. Stone, 38, Buhl; rape; verdict: not guilty.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Brandy J. Maltos, 22; sexual abuse to child under 16 years of age; dismissed by prosecutor.

Scott D. Graham, 40; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Preston E. Higgins, 21, Kimberly; driving under the influence; $700 fine, $400 suspended; $132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Jennifer Khanthavilay, 19, Filer; driving under the influence; withheld judgment; $1,000 fine, $700 suspended; $132.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation; no alcohol; 40 hours community service.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Terry L. Maybin, 51, Heyburn; driving under the influence; $1,000 fine, $500 suspended; $90.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 131 suspended, for 49 days served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Javier G. Galvan, 39, Jerome; driving under the influence; $700 fine, $400 suspended; $132.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Odilon B. Hernandez, 21, Buhl; driving under the influence; $500 fine, $300 suspended; $132.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Ricardo C. Beraun Jr., 23, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to first offense; $1,000 fine, $700 suspended; $102.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 85 suspended; driving privileges suspended 180 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation.

Annette L. Marovich, 46, Hansen; driving without privileges; amended to invalid license; $25 fine; $87.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; two days jail, credit for two served, house arrest.

Steven A. Brown, 25, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; $700 fine, $500 suspended; $127.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 16 hours work detail for community service; 12 months probation.

David W. Horne, 60, Hagerman; driving without privileges; $800 fine, $400 suspended; $102.50 costs; 120 days jail, 116 suspended; driving privileges suspended 180 days, consecutive; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation.

Jonathan M. Leverich, Buhl; driving without privileges; $102.50 costs waived; 90 days jail; credit for 51 days served; driving privileges suspended 180 days, consecutive; restricted permit authorized; resisting/obstructing officers; $87.50 costs waived; 90 days jail; credit for 51 days served.

Ernesto A.H. Medina, 41, Buhl; battery; withheld judgment; $500 fine, $300 suspended; $87.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 16 hours work detail for community service; 12 months probation; no contact with victim.

Andrew J. Powlus, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to speeding greater than reasonable/prudent; $800 fine, $400 suspended; $102.50 costs; 120 days jail, 116 suspended; driving privileges suspended 180 days, consecutive; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation.

Andrew J. Powlus, 21, Twin Falls; driving reckless; amended to inattentive/careless driving; $100 fine; 87.50 costs; driving without privileges; amended to speeding-greater than reasonable and prudent; $75 costs.

Calen J. Neal, 19, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; $500 fine, $300 suspended; $127.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 85 suspended, 40 hours work detail community service; 12 months probation.

Debra L. Moon, 56, Hansen; driving without privileges; $500 fine suspended; costs waived; 60 days jail, 58 suspended, credit for one served; 12 months probation; 24 hours community service.

Devon S. Crumpton, 28, Pocatello; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid license; $500 fine, $400 suspended; $87.50 costs; 30 days jail suspended; 12 months probation.

Maria D.D. Garcia, 24, Twin Falls; driving without privileges (first time); $500 fine, $400 suspended; $102.50 costs; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit for two served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; restricted permit authorized; 12 months probation; 16 hours community service.

Nicholas H., Brusacoram, 27, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; $500 fine suspended; $127.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; 12 months probation, concurrent; 16 hours community service.

Nichole C. Jensen, 19, Pocatello; possession of drug paraphernalia; $500 fine, $400 suspended; $127.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 30 days jail suspended; 12 months probation.

Dewey D. Voorhees, 62, Buhl; theft-petit; amended to willful concealment; $500 fine suspended; $87.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 10 days jail suspended, credit for time served; six months probation.

Samuel J. Vargas, 19, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; withheld judgment; $500 fine suspended; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit for two served; 12 months probation; 16 hours community service.

Manuel D.A. Mejia; battery-domestic violence with no traumatic injury; amended to battery; $700 fine, $500 suspended; $117.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 165 suspended, credit for one served, 14 days house arrest, work release approved; 12 months probation; no contact with victim.

Christopher J. Schaeffer, 31, Jerome; battery; amended to disturbing the peace; $300 fine, $150 suspended; $87.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 90 suspended, credit for three served; six months probation.

Jenna N. Orr, 18, Twin Falls; driving reckless; $500 fine, $300 suspended; $87.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 29 suspended, credit for one served; six months probation; $300 restitution.

Matthew J. Stamper, 39, Murtaugh; dispensing alcohol to minor; $250 fine; $117.50 costs

Adam P. Kober, 30, Twin Falls; dispensing alcohol to minor; $250 fine; $117.50 costs.

John L. Huey, 42, Twin Falls; unlawful passing/overtaking school bus; $100 fine; 87.50 costs.

Sulema A. Ramos, 32, Twin Falls; failure to provide insurance; $500 fine suspended; $87.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 10 days jail suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Chase W. Cantrell, 23, Buhl; unlawful hunting with artificial light; $700 fine, $500 suspended; $95 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 16 hours work detail for community service; 12 months probation; hunting license suspended one year.

Reynaldo C. Aniceto, 31, Hansen; failed to purchase/invalid driver's license; $500 fine suspended; $87.50 costs, $75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit for two served; 12 months probation.

CIVIL FILINGS

Richard K. Edwards vs. Carrie D. Edwards; verified petition for registry of foreign custody judgment. Seeking decree of dissolution of marriage to be registered.

Wesley D. Overlin vs. Patricia M. Dovenmuehler; complaint for custody and support.

Rudy Garcia vs. Elizabeth Garcia. Complaint for custody.

George A. Pullin vs. Brooke D. Pullin; verified complaint for divorce, child custody and support.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child support Services have filed claims against the following:

Beth R. Sheeler. Seeking establishment of state reimbursement: $89.24 foster care expenses and child support.

Ben D. Erling. Seeking establishment of paternity: $381 monthly support plus 62 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance; 62 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Cameron S. Harrison. Seeking establishment of paternity: $268 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance; 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

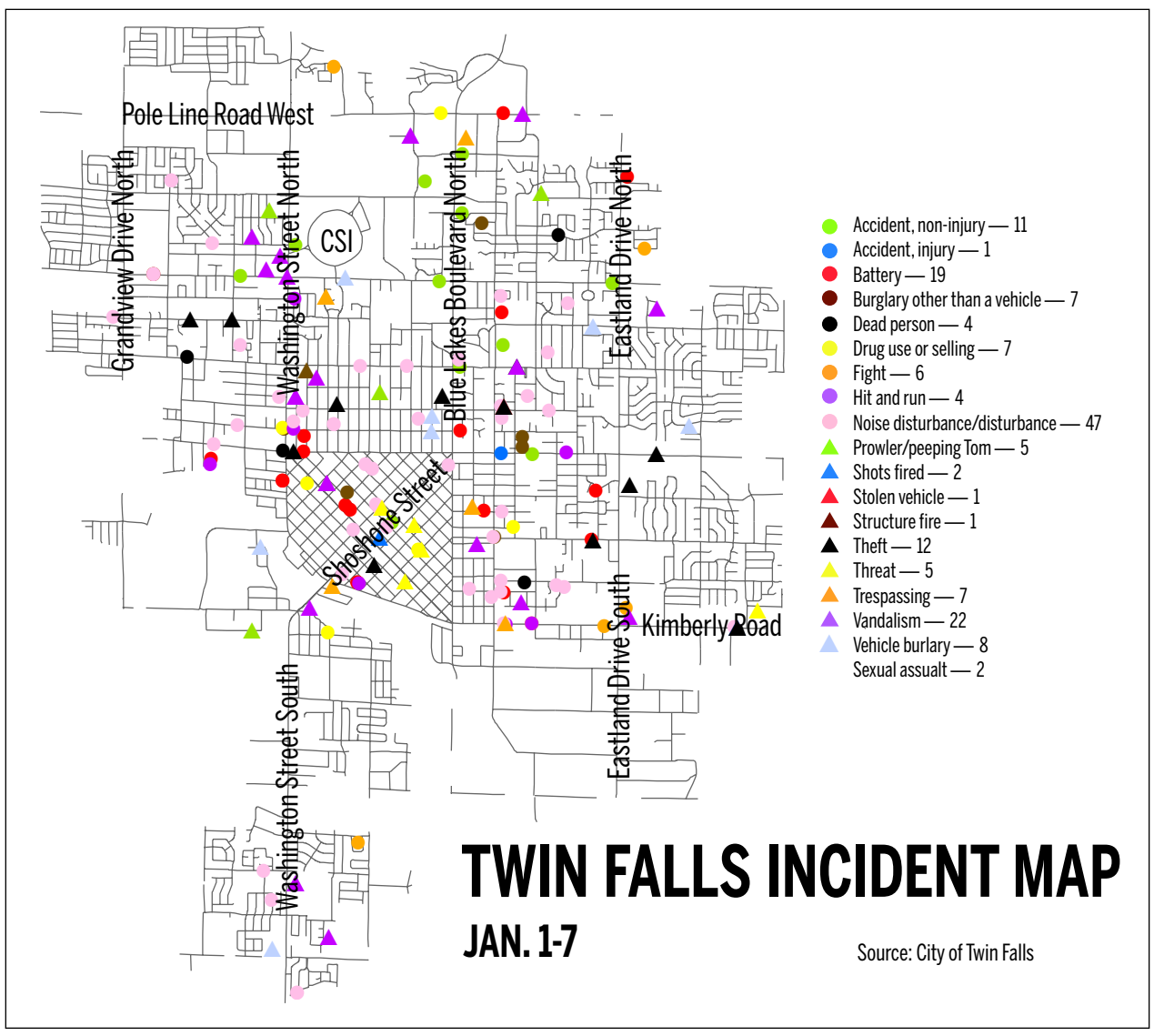
Curtis M. Rose. Seeking establishment for support of children in foster care: $155 monthly support ($209 after conditions have met) plus 50 percent of medical expenses no covered by insurance: provide medical insurance; $599.34 foster care and child support.

Matthew L. Schoonover. Seeking establishing for paternity: $148 monthly support plus 29 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance; 29 percent of any work day care expenses.

DIVORCES FILED

Tracy A. Sligar vs. Brian L. Sligar

Rachel M. Crews vs. Patrick B. Crews



AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. Co. applauds longtime employees

Nearly 50 Twin Falls County employees are being presented this year with certificates honoring their time on the job.

Though the number of employees honored in past years wasn't available Thursday, county officials say they've noticed a drop in turnover in the past few years.

The certificates are awarded for every five years of service. Two employees, Sandra Ruebel with the Division of Motor Vehicles and Celia Montes with the sheriff's office, both topped this year's list at 35 years each on the job.

County commissioners presented certificates to their department staff Thursday. Some other departments have already received theirs, said Human Resources Director Elaine Molignoni.

Commissioner Terry Kramer said several years of salary increases that brought county employees up to par with their peers have helped stabilize employment. Turnover of full- and part-time employees dropped slightly in 2009 from the previous year, Molignoni said, from 63 positions to 52.

"We don't lose our police officers any more to the city," Kramer said.

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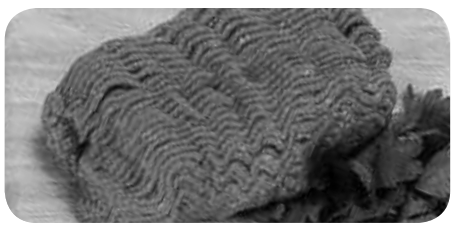

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Fraud suspect spins tale of Obama overthrow plot

By Holbrook Mohr
Associated Press writer

JACKSON, Miss. — If Ronnie Lee Owen is telling the truth, he can save President Barack Obama from a racist plot and stop an armed revolution by Mormon extremists, if police would just let him out of jail.

Authorities haven't let him out of jail. Instead, he goes on trial next week in Gulfport, Miss., on federal fraud charges for having three fake driver's licenses and issuing phony checks.

Owen, a 41-year-old fugitive wanted in eight states, is accused of writing fake checks across the country for thousands of dollars in goods, according to court records.

When he was arrested during a traffic stop in March 2009 in Biloxi, Miss., he and his fiancee had fantastical tales for police and the U.S. Secret Service, according to 101 pages of documents sealed Wednesday by a federal judge in Gulfport. The Associated Press obtained the documents before they were sealed.

According to transcripts of Owen's conversations with authorities, he tried to strike a deal to get out of jail by offering to help stop what he said was a white supremacist plot against Obama. Details were unclear, but Owen said he was contacted by someone he called Billy Ray who wanted information on hacking government computers in connection with the alleged plot, according to court papers.

Owen also said he knows an extremist Mormon leader and could help authorities infiltrate the group to stop an uprising.

Did authorities take him seriously?

"The investigation we have open on Mr. Owen is a fraud case," said Allen Bryant, resident agent in charge of the Secret Service in Mississippi. "That's about the limit of what I can say ..."

Generally, the Secret Service checks out every possible threat, Bryant said. He did not specifically discuss Owen's case.

U.S. Attorney Donald Burkhalter said he can't comment because Owen goes to trial on Wednesday.

Owen's fiance, 55-year-old Claudia Alonzo, told police Owen was a National Security Agency agent who designed security protocols for the Defense Department and was being hunted by an agent for the KGB — the former Soviet Union's secret service — who wanted to control the "New World Order." The KGB was dissolved with the Soviet Union in 1991.

She told police she met Owen through a personal ad on the Web site Craigslist, and now their lives were threatened by secret agents and others, according to a transcript of her police interview.

An NSA spokesman said the agency would neither confirm nor deny anyone's affiliation. Owen's attorney, John Weber, declined to comment Thursday.

However, Owen's father, Thomas Owen, said in a telephone interview that's it's highly unlikely his son ever worked for the government, saying he lives in his "own little fantasy world."

Alonzo was released without charges. Apparently she believed Owen began working with the NSA after he hacked into a federal computer system as a teenager. She also claimed the government has perfected a cloaking device he invented.

Owen, who is originally from the Nashville, Tenn., area, is wanted in at least eight states on fraud or similar charges, according to an affidavit filed by Secret Service Agent Martha Jahnke. When he was pulled over in Biloxi, police said they found two fake Tennessee driver's licenses and another from Indiana in Owen's wallet. They also found fake checks, a computer, a printer and blank check paper in the car.

Authorities say Owen passed fake checks in California, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Washington, according to court records.

Feds delay impact statement in Elko County road plan

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has announced a delay in the environmental review process for a management plan for national forest roads in northeastern Nevada.

Agency officials told Elko County commissioners on Thursday that the draft environmental impact statement for the plan won't be released until April or May.

The draft statement was originally scheduled to be released next month, with a final plan released in May or June.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest officials said the final statement won't be released until the fall because of a lack of resources and staff.

Elko County commissioners have tried to find a way to block the plan, which will designate which roads will be open and which will be closed.

The plan will cover roads on more than 1 million acres in the northern and eastern parts of the 6-million-acre Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, which covers much of Nevada and a portion of the Sierra in California.

Tom Montoya, ranger for the Mountain City District, said once the process is over, a nationwide Forest Service policy requires signs to be placed on roads that will be open. If roads aren't marked, they're closed, he said.

Gar Abbas, ranger for the Jarbidge and Ruby Mountains District, said the agency will post signs on closed roads if there's confusion.

Commission Chairman Charlie Myers said Nevada law requires that closed roads are marked, contrary to the Forest Service's policy.

"The problem I have with the process is that we're going to have two standards in the state," Myers said.

Abbas acknowledged it will be hard to enforce road closures.

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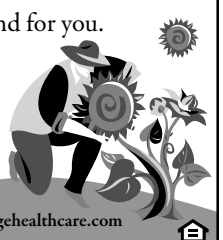
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Twin Falls URA to become owner of former call center

Dell to hand over keys to officials Jan. 29

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Twin Falls will become the reluctant owner of a call center and hundreds of thousands of dollars in computer equipment before the end of the month.

City officials said they received word in late December that Dell Inc. will hand over the keys to its former call center on Jan. 29 — leaving behind almost all of its computer hardware and a building valued at more than $3 million.

"We will acquire everything," said Melinda Anderson, city economic development director. "Basically, they are just handing over the keys to the whole property."

But it will also leave the city of Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency, which helped lead efforts to bring the computer maker to Twin Falls, with $766,000 in debt. Anderson said the agency has that money in its coffers.

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READ a copy of the lease agreement between Dell Inc. and the city of Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency.

That debt must be paid off before the end of the month, according to a copy of the proposed lease agreement.

Under a complicated agreement made in October 2002, the Urban Renewal Agency purchased the building from Albertsons with $1.9 million in financing from Dell. The agency later gave the building to the city, which entered into a lease agreement with Dell — essentially requiring payment from the computer maker to pay off the debt.

Dave McAlindin, the former city economic development director who now has a similar job in Glendale, Ariz., said the arrangement was structured that way to allow Dell to avoid paying real property taxes.

Dell was expected to remain in the building until 2012, under terms of the agreement. However, the agreement did not establish a penalty for early termination of the leases.

In September, Dell announced it would close the center, eliminating 500 jobs and nearly $20 million in local economic activity. However, the computer maker waited nearly three months before informing

See **DELL**, Business 2

CALL CENTER BY THE NUMBERS

$1.9 MILLION
Original purchase price Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency paid to Albertsons for former Dell call center building.

$3 MILLION
Estimated value of building now.

$766,000
Amount of debt URA will be left with after Dell gives the building back to the city.

FRAGILE EXPANSION

GEORGE CLARK/The Hattiesburg American/AP photo

A construction crew starts putting up the siding on a home. Pending home sales dropped significantly in November, suggesting the housing sector could weaken further. A key driver to the nation's nascent recovery, slow sells give economists new reasons to worry about the recession ending.

Nascent recovery could break either way, data show

By Renae Merle and Neil Irwin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A rebound in manufacturing is showing further signs of promise for the economy in the coming year, even as housing, another key driver of the country's nascent recovery, started offering new cause for worry.

Orders at American factories increased in November by more than analysts had expected, the latest in a series of evidence that the manufacturing recovery is accelerating. The industrial sector has been ramping up production since July as demand for all sorts of goods has revived and companies have had to crank up assembly lines to replace depleted inventories.

But pending home sales plummeted during the same month, suggesting that the housing sector could weaken as the impact of government policies to support the industry fade. While housing data are notoriously volatile, the new figures raise the possibility that housing — the sector in which the economic downturn of the past two years started — could have further to fall.

The conflicting signs show the fragility of the expansion as 2010 gets underway. Even positive economic news has come with caveats, and the recovery remains too weak to significantly chip away at the highest jobless rate in a generation.

Some analysts project that unemployment, running at more than 10 percent, could in turn put even more pressure on the housing market, triggering yet another wave of home foreclosures as ever more families fall behind on their mortgages.

So far, housing and manufacturing have been two of the main engines of recovery, along with government spending. The last is also a source of worry for economic forecasters, who see it flagging as federal stimulus spending comes to an end.

These major questions are hanging over the new year despite a growing roll of encouraging signs. Analysts now say they believe that the economy grew at a healthy clip in the final three months of the year, with many forecasters concluding that gross domestic product rose at a 4 percent or faster rate. One leading firm, Macroeconomic Advisers,

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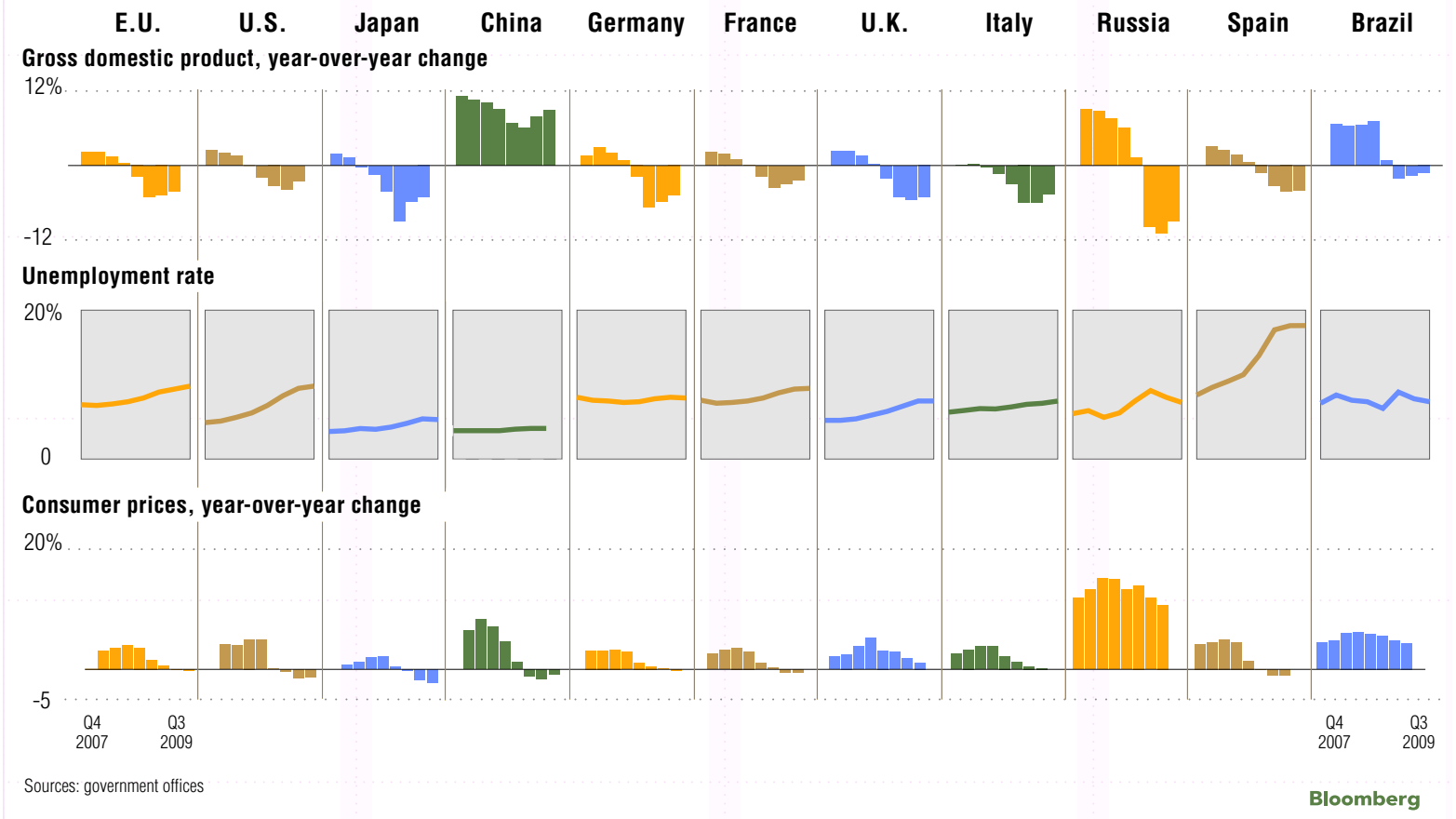
Biggest Economies Still Digging Out From Two-Year Recession

Economies all over the world have been struggling with the deepest global recession since the 1930s. Though the biggest economies aren't contracting as much as they had been, expansion remains elusive and the jobless rate for all but one country is higher.



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Bloomberg

Recession over? Not unless we make a major shift

First column. New year. Time to take stock of where we are economically and where we're headed.

At the moment, it looks to many like the recession is over. Most of the job cutting has been completed, businesses are profitable once again, banks have repaired their balance sheets, consumer and business confidence is on the upswing, and a new bull market has begun on Wall Street, all of it suggesting that a full-blown recovery is under way.

Steven Pearlstein

Unfortunately, folks, it's not gonna be that easy.

My best guess is that the current upswings in economic output, confidence and financial asset prices are largely a reflection of the extraordinary fiscal and monetary juice provided by Treasury and the Federal Reserve, along with the natural rebound that occurs after a collapse in consumer and business spending like that which occurred in the first half of 2009. The surprising strength of the bounce-back testifies to the wisdom of the underlying strengths of the U.S. economy and the success of the policies, but is likely to peter out as the stimulus begins to wear off and the inventory correction is completed. Economist Paul Krugman probably has it about right when he says there is a one-in-three chance that the economy will dip back into recession, with the "optimistic" scenario that the economy will neither shrink nor grow but bounce along the bottom.

Let's review, briefly, the four potential sources of economic growth.

The most potent, since it is the biggest category, would be an increase in consumer spending, which is as unlikely as it is undesirable. With unemployment almost certain to remain around 10 percent, with wages and incomes flat, and with households busy cutting back on debt-financed consumption, it's hard to see how American consumers can again become the engines of the U.S. or global economies.

A second potential source of growth would be an increase in government spending, but that's also

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Retiree annuities may be pushed by Obama after market losses

By Theo Francis
Bloomberg News writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is weighing how the government can encourage workers to turn their savings into guaranteed income streams following a collapse in retiree accounts when the stock market plunged.

The Treasury and Labor Departments will ask for public comment as soon as next week on ways to promote the conversion of 401(k) savings and Individual Retirement Accounts into annuities or other steady payment streams, according to Assistant Labor Secretary Phyllis Borzi and Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary Mark Iwry, who are spearheading the effort.

Annuities generally guarantee income until the retiree's death, and often that of a surviving spouse as well. They are designed to protect against the risk that retirees outlive their savings, a danger made clear by market losses suffered by older Americans over the last year, David Certner, legislative counsel for AARP, said in an interview.

"There's a real desire on a lot of people's parts to try to encourage something other than just rolling over a lump sum, to make sure this money will actually last a lifetime," said Certner, legislative counsel for AARP, the biggest advocacy group for retirees.

The average 401(k) fund balance dropped 31 percent to $47,500 at the end of March 2009 from $69,200 at the end of 2007, according to a Fidelity Investments review of 11 million accounts it manages. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index tumbled 46 percent in that period. The average balance of the Fidelity accounts recovered to $60,700 as of last Sept. 30 as the stock market rebounded.

There is "a tremendous amount of interest in the White House" in retirement-security initiatives, Borzi, who heads the Labor Department's Employee Benefits Security Administration, said in an interview.

In addition to annuities, the inquiry will cover other approaches to guaranteeing income, including longevity insurance that would provide an income stream for retirees living beyond a certain age, she said.

"There's been a fair amount of discussion in the literature taking the view that perhaps there ought to be more lifetime income," Iwry, a senior adviser to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, said in an interview.

"The question is how to encourage it, and whether the government can and should be helpful in that regard," Iwry said.

While traditional defined-benefit pensions were paid out as annuities, providing monthly payments for retirees and often their spouses, workers increasingly are taking advantage of options to receive lump-sum distributions.

Only 2 percent of 401(k) plan participants convert retirement savings into an annuity on retirement, according to a July 2009 report from the Retirement Security Project, a joint venture of Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute and the Brookings Institution in Washington.

A survey of 149 companies released on Dec. 17 by employee- benefits consultant Watson Wyatt Worldwide, now part of Arlington, Va.-based Towers Watson & Co., suggested that about 22 percent of employers with retirement savings plans offered retirees the choice between an annuity and a lump-sum distribution.

Annuity sales to individuals have come under regulatory scrutiny in recent years over the size of sales commissions and whether some varieties are suitable for older investors. Policy makers could avoid those pitfalls by encouraging the use of group annuities, which are bought by employers rather than individuals and often carry lower fees, AARP's Certner said.

Adding lifetime income to 401(k) plans won't be sufficient for many workers because they can't, or don't, save enough to live on in old age, said Karen Ferguson, director of the Pension Rights Center in Washington.

Dell

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city officials about its plans for the 48,000-square-foot building.

The last of about 500 Dell employees carried boxes of personal items to their cars Wednesday evening, marking the end of the eight-year relationship between Dell and the city of Twin Falls.

At the same time, city officials were putting the final touches on a nearly 40-page agreement that will legally hand the former call center back to the city — along with hundreds of thousands of dollars in computers, laptops, desks and other office equipment. Urban Renewal leaders intend to leave that equipment in place, hoping it will help lure a new occupant.

The agreement will be reviewed by the Urban Renewal Agency on Monday, before being sent to the City Council for approval.

Anderson said three companies have toured the former call center seeking to expand or relocate their operations; all three are call centers.

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Recovery

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upgraded its estimate to 4.9 percent Tuesday.

Some analysts say the nation added jobs in December, which would be the first month of job growth in two years. The Labor Department is scheduled Friday to release monthly employment data.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that new orders for factory goods rose 1.1 percent in November, better than the 0.8 percent that analysts had expected on average. That comes on top of survey data Monday indicating that manufacturers continued expanding in December.

Separate reports from major automakers on Tuesday showed that consumers were continuing to buy cars at a faster clip, with the annualized rate of U.S. auto sales in the U.S. climbing to 11.2 million in December. But the industry continues to be roiled by the downsizing of consumer ambitions. Before the recession, auto sales topped 16 million annually, and they aren't expected by industry analysts to return that level any time soon.

"It was a challenging and very volatile year," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. sales and marketing. "For 2010, I'm leaving my seat belt on."

Economic conditions have proven particularly troubling for General Motors and Chrysler, the two automakers rescued by the federal government this summer. Chrysler's sales were down 4 percent from December 2008, and General Motors fell 6 percent. Ford, made a strong showing, with a 33 percent jump in sales for the month.

Positive economic indicators have led some forecasters to become increasingly optimistic, but the housing report showed how this sector could undermine the renewed hopes. The sharp slide in pending home sales reflected an end to the feverish activity of home buyers who, in previous months, had been racing to close deals before the initial Nov. 30 expiration date of a tax credit mainly aimed at first-time purchasers.

Congress expanded and extended the tax credit, and home buyers now have until April 30 to have a contract in place to qualify for the tax credit. First-time buyers are eligible for up to $8,000, while repeat buyers can qualify for a $6,500 tax credit.

"The good news is: On the factory front, we're looking at a much stronger fourth quarter," said Scott Anderson, senior economist at Wells Fargo. "But my worse fears are that the housing market has been propped up by the first-time-home-buyer credit and that housing will not be getting the same boost as the year moves forward."

Pearlstein

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hard to imagine. State and local governments, in fact, are still cutting back spending in response to falling tax revenue, and there's no political consensus for running up bigger federal deficits than we are running now.

The third source of growth is investment, which is finally rebounding after last year's near-total collapse. It is certainly reasonable to expect that profitable businesses will continue to replace aging computers and other equipment. But with so much overcapacity in so many industries — excess hotel rooms, airplanes, office buildings, shopping malls, cargo ships, aluminum smelters and the like — a surge in overall business investment seems unlikely. And with 5 million vacant apartments and another wave of home foreclosures on the horizon, don't count on the housing sector to lead the way out of this recession.

Finally, there is trade. For the first six months of 2009, the U.S. trade deficit was running at less than half the rate of the previous year, thereby adding to economic growth. But when the economy began to rebound in the third quarter, so did the deficit, creating a drag on the economy. The persistence of the trade deficit reflects a fundamental reality not likely to change anytime soon: We no longer produce much of what we like to consume, and cannot make up the difference with exports because of trade barriers and an overvalued currency.

So how do we get out of this predicament? By doing what we should have done a long time ago, moving aggressively from debt-fueled consumption to productive investment.

American households are already well into the shift, having gone from a negative savings rate to one that now fluctuates between 4 and 5 percent. Given our reduced wealth and rapidly aging population, that's the least we should be aiming for. Consumption will follow income, not the other way around.

More disappointing has been the performance of businesses, which seem to have used this period more for paying down debt and building up cash reserves than for modernizing equipment and stepping up research and product development. This would be a good time to change the tax laws so big corporations, like small companies, can expense such investments rather than depreciate them over a number of years. This change, long sought by tax reformers, would delay corporate taxes but not reduce them, while stimulating investment in the short run.

Most important would be for the federal government to step up its spending for infrastructure, basic research, clean-energy development and expanded public higher education. After 20 years of badly underfunding public investment, the first stimulus package was a step in the right direction. A second package would create additional high-paying jobs now, while generating higher growth and tax revenues for decades. A boost in government investment would also provide the perfect political cover for moving aggressively to reduce the government's "consumption" spending by reforming entitlements, reducing farm subsidies and business tax breaks, and eliminating underperforming social and military programs.

Given how we got into this mess, we're probably stuck with several more years of slow growth in jobs and income. The only important question is whether we'll use this opportunity to lay the foundation for another generation of sustained prosperity, or get sidetracked by chasing after short-term stimulus and overzealous deficit reduction.

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NEW JOB, LESS MONEY

For the jobless, finding work often means making less than last job

By Christopher Leonard
Associated Press writer

Unemployed for nearly a year, David Becker was relieved to land a new job in information technology last summer.

The offer carried a price, though: It was a lower-rung job than the one Becker had lost. He had to uproot his family from Wisconsin to Nevada. And, like many formerly jobless people who find work these days, Becker is now paid far less than before — $25,000 less.

It's one of the bleak realities of the economic recovery: Even as more employers are starting to hire, the new jobs typically pay less than the ones that were lost.

In the government's data, a job is a job. More jobs point to a growing economy. But to people who used to earn $60,000, a new $40,000 job means they'll spend less — and contribute less to the recovery.

"In most cases, it means a subdued expansion, for sure," said Marisa Di Natale, director at Moody's Economy.com.

Worse for those affected, people hired at lower wages in a tight job market tend to lag behind their peers for years, sometimes decades. For example, workers laid off during the 1981-82 recession earned 20 percent less than people who remained in a job — even 20 years after they were rehired, a Columbia University study found. The study examined pay for white- and blue-collar workers, managers and hourly workers.

That means a few short months of unemployment could haunt workers such as 34-year-old Jessica Moore for years.

Moore had been employed since graduating from Penn State University more than 12 years ago. But in March, she was laid off from her job as managing editor for digital media at the nonprofit Sesame Workshop in New York, which produces "Sesame Street."

AP photo

Jessica Moore, 34, editor and publisher of Teen Voices Magazine, poses at her desk, Tuesday in Boston. Moore had been steadily employed since graduating from college more than 10 years ago. But last March, she found herself unemployed for the first time after her job was cut as Web site designer in New York.

In April, Moore got an interview for a job opening as editor and publisher of the nonprofit Teen Voices magazine in Boston. The job paid 25 percent less than her previous position. And the company was a fraction the size of Sesame Workshop.

Still, she leapt at the offer.

"I wanted the immediate security," she said.

It's hardly surprising that employers are being stingy with pay these days. Their own businesses were squeezed by the recession. Most depend on consumer spending, which remains tepid.

The first jobs to emerge from a recession typically aren't well-paying ones, says Till Marco von Wachter, a Columbia economics professor. Companies delay hiring for higher-paying jobs, in particular, until they're confident the recovery will last, he says.

In addition, as the unemployed compete for the few job openings available, employers face no pressure to raise wages. More than six people are now vying, on average, for each job opening, according to Labor Department data — compared with just 1.7 workers per opening when the recession began in December 2007.

That's why Becker considered himself lucky to get a job offer this summer as an information-technology manager after months of searching. That was even though he had to move his family from Milwaukee to Reno, Nev., and take less pay than he'd been used to.

"I think a very large number of people will never have the life they had at one time," he said.

Becker, 48, oversees fewer than a dozen employees, compared with the 60 he managed before the recession when he earned $25,000 more, or $150,000. He drained $100,000 in savings to support his family during a year of unemployment to pay his mortgage, health insurance and college tuition for two children.

Though his current job is a step down, he wasn't prepared to hold out for a better and higher-paying one. Too many other workers were lined up for each opening he sought.

John Irons, research and policy director for the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, says that as millions of unemployed workers accept lower pay for new jobs, their collective wage cuts will likely stifle income growth for years.

Inflation-adjusted hourly wages rose throughout most of 2008 but peaked at an average $8.65 in May for non-management hourly employees, as measured in 1982 dollars, according to Labor Department data. (Unadjusted for inflation, the average was $18.53.) Since then, inflation-adjusted wages have fallen 1.3 percent to an estimated $8.54.

The resulting wage depression is part of the economic "scarring" of the labor force, Irons said. For example, inflation-adjusted wages stagnated for four years after the downturn of 1991. And they remained mostly flat from 2002 to 2005, after the mild recession of 2001, according to Labor Department data.

"You can't spend what you don't have," said 35-year-old Travis Becker, who took a 12 percent pay cut when he was hired in July. Becker (no relation to David Becker) had been laid off a few months earlier by a Minnesota company that installed concrete pieces for commercial projects.

Pay cut or no, Becker is grateful to have a job at Wells Concrete in rural Albany, Minn. Becker moved his family from a small town near Minneapolis, lost his seniority and took a job with less responsibility.

"There's no other choice," he said. "It's job or no job."

Becker said he and his wife will remain as frugal as they have been after he was laid off. They dine out rarely and spend mainly on necessities for their three children.

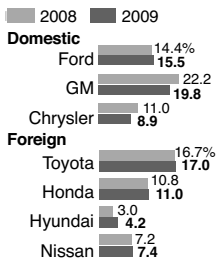
Consumers already are saving more and spending less than they normally do, because of high debt and tight credit. With Becker and other newly hired workers keeping tight grips on their wallets, consumer spending could stay weak well into the recovery, sapping its strength. How much will hinge on how long and how deeply wage growth lags.

Pay tends to stagnate during or immediately after recessions — and it's often severe during "jobless recoveries," when hiring remains weak long after the economy starts growing again, according to a 2005 study by Princeton University economist Henry Farber.

Back from the brink

Ford turned profitable as its domestic rivals filed for bankruptcy and bailouts. Now the new 2011 Ford Focus will compete as a "world car."

U.S. market retail vehicle share



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Ford brings new Focus to Detroit auto show

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — In a year that humbled most automakers in America, Ford came out looking smart.

As 2009 unfolded, auto sales slowed, General Motors and Chrysler nearly collapsed and Toyota faced safety questions after its largest U.S. recall ever. But Ford Motor Co. turned a third-quarter profit, gained market share and saw sales jump 33 percent in December. It was a big turnaround for the second-largest U.S. automaker, which three years ago teetered on the brink of financial ruin.

Thanks to some shrewd moves, Ford is blazing a trail for its Detroit rivals. Under CEO Alan Mulally, Ford borrowed billions before credit markets froze, allowing it to quickly invest in cars and trucks that have stabilized its sales. It also trimmed its lineup, streamlined development and began standardizing most parts for its cars no matter where they're sold in the world.

Those efforts are culminating in the launch of the 2012 Ford Focus at the Detroit auto show this week. Ford hopes the car becomes the standard for how to economically build a vehicle for the world.

This new "world car" shares about 80 percent of its components with twin models in Europe and Asia. Because of the way the 106-year-old company was organized, previous models of the Focus were designed separately by region and didn't share many parts.

While Ford's global product development mimics systems already used by the Japanese, Germany's Volkswagen AG and others, it's far ahead of domestic competitors. Chrysler LLC, which sells relatively few cars outside North America, only recently gained the kind of global reach that Ford has had, when Italian automaker Fiat SpA took control. General Motors Corp. has a global product development system, but it's struggling to shed brands and put a new management team in place.

Grilled or fried? KFC marketing dispute sparks lawsuit

by Ylan Q. Mui
The Washington Post

Is the future grilled or fried?

At Kentucky Fried Chicken, the name once said it all. But the world's most popular chicken chain is betting heavily that its grilled chicken — which racked up nearly $1 billion in sales in its first year — is the Next Big Thing. That has angered a coalition of franchise owners, who run most of the restaurants and believe the focus should remain fried.

The simmering dispute erupted into a lawsuit filed by franchisees that claims KFC management ignored their pleas to stay true to the colonel's original recipe for a product that could be no more than a flash in the pan, and instead devoted the advertising budget to promoting the new grilled chicken.

The company "appears to believe that the future of KFC lies with grilled chicken rather than fried Original Recipe or Extra Crispy chicken products," the franchisees asserted in the suit.

In a written response last week, KFC parent company Yum! Brands called the lawsuit "baseless."

"Yum Brands fully expects to win the suit and minimize the waste of time and money spent on it so that we can continue to satisfy our customers and grow the business," said Jonathan Blum, a senior vice president at Yum.

Nutritionists are fond of reminding us that fried won't make us fit, and Yum chief executive David Novak told analysts recently that the lack of healthy options on the menu was keeping some customers away. Grilled chicken was the answer, with 70 to 180 calories and four to nine grams of fat. Original Recipe fried chicken has 130 to 360 calories and eight to 24 grams of fat.

But what Americans think they should eat isn't always what they actually eat. Jim Cocolin, second vice president of the Association of Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchisees, said fried chicken still rules the roost at his restaurants.

"We need both, but our fried is 80 percent of our business," he said. "That kind of speaks for itself right now."

The furor over the fowl began in 2008, according to the suit, when Yum tapped Roger Eaton, who had led KFC's international divisions, to oversee the brand. That included dealing with the KFC National Council and Advertising Cooperative, which represents KFC franchise owners in the company's marketing decisions.

The suit claims that under Eaton's tenure, KFC executives began dismissing franchise owners' input, refusing to attend meetings and adopting a take-it-or-leave-it attitude. The owners filed suit to force the company to recognize their standing and suggestions. In particular, the suit said, KFC let fried chicken get soggy over the past year while marketing its grilled chicken.

Last spring, the company launched the grilled chicken — dubbed KGC — by proclaiming an UNFry Day. Ads encouraged customers to "unthink KFC" and established a new "grill nation." It held a Myspace contest to hunt for a new colonel. And when Oprah Winfrey offered a coupon for a free KGC meal on her show in May, hungry customers formed block-long lines at restaurants across the country.

"Kentucky Grilled Chicken has been an unqualified success," Novak told analysts in Yum's most recent earnings call. "We needed to broaden the appeal of this brand and we have done it."

Perhaps this is just a case of too much of a good thing. Chicken — in any form — is the second most popular food in America after sandwiches, according to NPD Group, a consumer behavior research firm.

NPD estimates fried chicken, including nuggets and strips, accounted for about 13 percent of meals ordered outside of homes for dinner. Non-fried chicken was about 10.6 percent of meals. All together, chicken makes up nearly a quarter of dinners.

"This country still likes fried chicken," said Harry Balzer, senior analyst with NPD. But, he added, "what we're always looking for is new versions of the things we love. The more important it is to us, the more variety we're looking for."

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy. Highs, 30s to near 40.

Tonight: Scattered clouds. Lows, 20s.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. Highs, 40s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

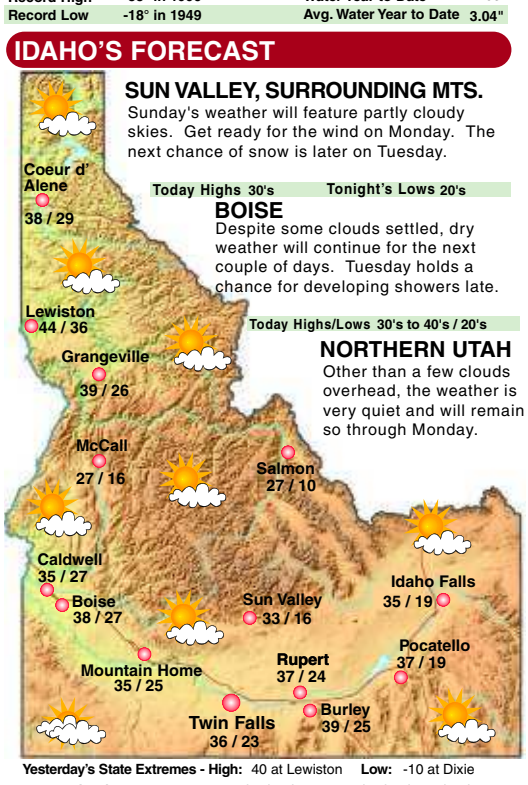
Temperature

Yesterday's High	30°
Yesterday's Low	17°
Normal High / Low	35° / 18°
Record High	55° in 1990
Record Low	-18° in 1949

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.00"
Month to Date	0.33"
Avg. Month to Date	0.36"
Water Year to Date	1.93"
Avg. Water Year to Date	3.04"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



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Sunday's weather will feature partly cloudy skies. Get ready for the wind on Monday. The next chance of snow is later on Tuesday.

Today Highs 30's Tonight's Lows 20's

BOISE

Despite some clouds settled, dry weather will continue for the next couple of days. Tuesday holds a chance for developing showers late.

Today Highs/Lows 30's to 40's / 20's

NORTHERN UTAH

Other than a few clouds overhead, the weather is very quiet and will remain so through Monday.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 40 at Lewiston **Low:** -10 at Dixie

weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers,r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly to mostly cloudy	Fair to partly cloudy	Partly cloudy skies	Scattered showers	Cooler, a rain/snow mix	Back to the sun
High 36°	Low 23°	39° / 27°	40° / 33°	34° / 23°	37° / 19°

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	35	27	0.00"
Challis	19	-2	0.00"
Coeur d' Alene	28	19	0.00"
Idaho Falls	23	-7	0.00"
Jerome	28	17	0.00"
Lewiston	39	28	0.06"
Lowell	35	26	0.05"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	33	24	n/a"
Pocatello	26	6	0.00"
Rexburg	21	-2	0.00"
Salmon	15	-5	0.00"
Stanley	23	-2	0.00"
Sun Valley	33	8	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High	33°
Yesterday's Low	19°
Normal High / Low	34° / 19°
Record High	52° in 2009
Record Low	-11° in 1974

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.00"
Month to Date	0.58"
Avg. Month to Date	0.40"
Water Year to Date	2.96"
Avg. Water Year to Date	3.46"

Humidity

Yesterday's High	71%
Yesterday's Low	58%
Today's Forecast Avg.	83%

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 30.34 in.

A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Sunrise and Sunset

Today	Sunrise: 8:07 AM	Sunset: 5:24 PM
Monday	Sunrise: 8:07 AM	Sunset: 5:25 PM
Tuesday	Sunrise: 8:06 AM	Sunset: 5:27 PM
Wednesday	Sunrise: 8:06 AM	Sunset: 5:28 PM
Thursday	Sunrise: 8:06 AM	Sunset: 5:29 PM

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jan. 15	Jan. 23	Jan. 30	Feb. 6

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 4:26 AM	Moonset: 1:30 PM
Monday	Moonrise: 5:27 AM	Moonset: 2:16 PM
Tuesday	Moonrise: 6:22 AM	Moonset: 3:09 PM

Today's U. V. Index

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Low Moderate High
1 3 5 7 10

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Boise	38	27	pc	41	31	pc	43	31	r
Bonners Ferry	36	29	r	35	29	r	39	29	r
Burley	39	25	pc	44	22	pc	37	22	mx
Challis	34	18	pc	34	17	pc	33	17	ls
Coeur d' Alene	38	29	pc	38	31	r	39	31	r
Elko, NV	37	17	pc	39	17	pc	35	17	mx
Eugene, OR	56	41	hz	56	38	r	55	38	r
Gooding	34	25	pc	37	28	pc	37	28	pc
Grace	36	17	pc	35	15	pc	33	15	pc
Hagerman	37	25	pc	40	28	pc	40	28	pc
Hailey	35	20	pc	34	16	pc	36	16	ls
Idaho Falls	35	19	pc	38	20	pc	32	20	pc
Kalispell, MT	30	24	mx	31	24	pc	35	24	r
Jerome	34	24	pc	36	26	pc	38	26	pc
Lewiston	44	36	pc	45	37	r	47	37	r
Malad City	33	17	pc	33	14	pc	32	14	pc
Malta	37	21	pc	35	20	pc	36	20	ls
McCall	27	16	pc	32	27	pc	35	27	mx
Missoula, MT	31	14	pc	29	17	pc	34	17	r
Pocatello	37	19	pc	36	20	pc	36	20	pc
Portland, OR	51	40	r	51	39	r	50	39	r
Rupert	37	24	pc	36	20	pc	36	20	pc
Rexburg	32	17	pc	31	14	pc	31	14	pc
Richland, WA	40	26	hz	40	30	r	44	30	r
Rogerson	37	22	pc	38	28	pc	37	28	sn
Salmon	27	10	pc	35	11	pc	35	11	r
Salt Lake City, UT	37	20	pc	39	27	su	40	27	mx
Spokane, WA	40	29	mc	40	32	r	42	32	r
Stanley	31	17	pc	31	17	pc	35	17	ls
Sun Valley	33	16	pc	31	15	pc	31	15	ls
Yellowstone, MT	26	2	pc	29	7	pc	28	7	ls

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	30	17	pc	39	21	pc
Atlantic City	31	21	pc	37	24	pc
Baltimore	27	16	pc	32	22	pc
Billings	40	18	pc	45	21	pc
Birmingham	36	16	su	48	21	pc
Boston	25	18	pc	29	21	pc
Charleston, SC	43	23	su	51	29	su
Charleston, WV	24	12	sn	35	20	pc
Chicago	23	17	pc	26	21	ls
Cleveland	26	17	pc	25	19	sn
Denver	50	23	pc	49	23	su
Des Moines	20	18	pc	23	10	ls
Detroit	25	20	pc	25	19	ls
El Paso	57	32	pc	60	32	pc
Fairbanks	-13	-16	pc	-9	-9	pc
Fargo	25	11	mc	25	11	pc
Honolulu	81	66	r	79	66	r
Houston	47	29	pc	56	41	pc
Indianapolis	19	13	pc	26	16	ls
Jacksonville	45	24	pc	54	28	pc
Kansas City	29	26	pc	31	16	sn
Las Vegas	62	44	pc	63	44	pc
Little Rock	34	23	su	46	27	pc
Los Angeles	79	53	pc	75	54	pc
Memphis	32	23	pc	43	29	sn
Miami	57	39	pc	63	47	pc
Milwaukee	25	16	pc	30	18	ls
Nashville	28	17	pc	41	24	pc
New Orleans	43	27	su	50	35	pc
New York	29	21	pc	32	24	pc
Oklahoma City	38	25	su	46	23	su
Omaha	24	17	pc	26	10	ls

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Orlando	47	29	pc	59	31	pc
Philadelphia	29	18	pc	33	23	pc
Phoenix	68	46	pc	72	47	pc
Portland, ME	51	40	r	51	39	r
Raleigh	36	18	su	45	25	pc
Rapid City	41	17	pc	42	15	pc
Reno	48	28	pc	51	35	mc
Sacramento	54	44	mc	53	49	r
St. Louis	24	20	su	32	19	sn
St.Paul	19	13	pc	24	10	ls
Salt Lake City	37	20	pc	39	27	su
San Diego	71	52	pc	69	53	pc
San Francisco	56	48	pc	57	53	r
Seattle	51	40	r	51	39	r
Tucson	72	43	pc	71	43	pc
Washington, DC	29	18	pc	35	24	pc

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	87	70	pc	85	72	pc
Athens	63	50	pc	57	50	pc
Auckland	61	51	r	65	52	r
Bangkok	93	72	pc	92	71	pc
Beijing	23	5	pc	13	0	pc
Berlin	26	24	ls	26	21	ls
Buenos Aires	91	69	th	91	59	pc
Cairo	83	52	pc	76	50	pc
Dhahran	71	59	pc	72	59	pc
Geneva	23	3	pc	27	3	pc
Hong Kong	68	54	r	59	55	r
Jerusalem	80	55	pc	74	50	pc
Johannesburg	80	54	pc	79	59	pc
Kuwait City	68	52	pc	70	54	pc
London	34	32	ls	34	33	ls
Mexico City	54	34	pc	60	40	pc

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Moscow	6	-8	pc	14	9	pc
Nairobi	68	57	r	75	54	r
Oslo	13	10	pc	22	16	pc
Paris	30	20	pc	30	23	pc
Prague	28	21	ls	25	5	ls
Rio de Jane	90	71	th	90	71	th
Rome	48	42	r	48	41	r
Santiago	83	52	pc	73	49	pc
Seoul	22	2	pc	15	-3	pc
Sydney	82	71	pc	96	70	pc
Tel Aviv	72	65	pc	73	62	pc
Tokyo	44	32	pc	38	29	r
Vienna	34	23	ls	30	21	pc
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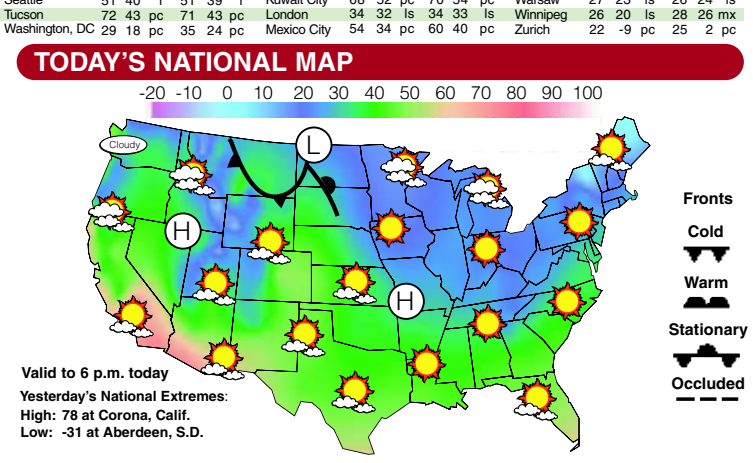

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Cranbrook	32	26	ls	30	29	pc
Edmonton	34	29	r	34	26	pc
Kelowna	32	29	mx	32	31	ls
Lethbridge	34	29	pc	35	32	pc
Regina	31	17	mx	33	28	pc

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Saskatoon	33	19	pc	33	29	pc
Toronto	22	14	pc	22	11	ls
Vancouver	46	43	r	45	44	mx
Victoria	50	46	pc	48	46	r
Winnipeg	26	20	ls	28	26	mx

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Idaho class lets teens step into 'CSI' shoes

By Joe Estrella
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Would you rather learn science in Biology 101 or work a crime scene and study fingerprints, DNA, maggots and blood spatter? Rhees Stilinovich and David Dionato spent a day examining blood types and DNA at a crime scene.

"A person's blood type can put them at the scene," Stilinovich said. "But their DNA can link them to the crime."

Stilinovich, 16, and Dionato, 17, are not cops on TV. They are kids in Eagle, part of a class that is getting students excited about science by processing a crime scene, using maggots to determine time of death, fingerprinting, analyzing blood spatters, determining race and gender based on skeletal remains, DNA testing and ballistics.

Didonato analyzed the blood spatters.

"With a knife wound, for example, a blood spatter indicating a downward trajectory means the attacker was probably right-handed, because with a left-handed person the spatter would be more horizontal," said Didonato, who plans to major in criminal justice at Boise State University and then wants to go to work for the Ada County Sheriff's Office.

"I have my whole life planned out," he said. "I want to retire a captain with the Sheriff's Office."

But student Blake Oren said that while crime scene investigation is a possibility for a career, he likes the class because it "expands your horizons."

The course is the brainchild of Eagle High School biology teacher Misty Sterk. About another 60 students will take the class next semester and the hope is to turn forensic science into a year-long course next school year.

Sterk became intrigued with forensic medicine while she was a student at the University of Colorado. She saw daily reports on the investigation into the JonBenet Ramsey murder in 1996 and the Columbine High School massacre in 1999.

She said her first job with the 60 students who signed up for her class this semester has been to emphasize that a career in forensic science is nothing like what they see each week in the various incarnations of the "CSI" television series.

Eagle High School students Alex Wolford-Griggs, standing, and Blake Oren learn about processing crime scenes, types of fingerprints and ballistics in a class on forensic science, Nov. 2 in Eagle.

Idaho Statesman/ AP photo

> "I have my whole life planned out. I want to retire a captain with the Sheriff's Office."
> **— David Dionato, Eagle High School student who's taking a class on forensic science**

"Interest in the course was clearly inspired by the television show. So my first objective was to show them that crimes are not solved in 60 minutes, minus commercials," Sterk said.

To help students apply what they have learned, Sterk created a "forensic closet," where she recreates crime scenes. Students must interpret the evidence. One scenario involved the outline of a person's body. Blood was on the abdomen. Nearby was a knife, a cell phone, a woman's shoe and a crumpled note from a man asking the deceased to meet him at the scene.

The student's solution: the man was planning to break up with his girlfriend to be with the victim. But the soon-to-be ex-girlfriend found the note and beat him to the scene, leaving a shoe behind after using the knife to kill the victim. The cell phone, they deduced, meant the victim had been talking to the man she planned to meet, or was trying to call for help after being attacked.

"I didn't tell them anything," Sterk said. "They figured it out on their own."

To prepare for her class, Sterk sought help from local law enforcement.

The Boise Police Department provided a lesson in ballistics by having her fire everything from a handgun to an assault rifle.

"I'd fire and then ask, 'Did I hit it?' And Detective (Bill) Bones would say, 'Open your eyes and see,' " Sterk said.

No firearms will be used in her classroom instruction, Sterk said. Instead, Sterk said students will learn about how shots fired into a windshield produce different patterns, and how to determine which shot was fired first.

Don Frickey, a criminologist and latent print expert with the Ada County Crime Lab in Boise, schooled Sterk on fingerprinting and restoring serial numbers that have been filed off stolen goods.

Sterk learned how to process a crime scene from Detective Jaime Barker of the Ada County Sheriff's Office, who taught her about blood spatter patterns, type of weapon used, crime scene management, diagramming the scene, prioritizing and documenting evidence.

Barker told Sterk that "every crime scene has a story to tell," she said. "Every victim has a story to tell. And every suspect has a story to tell. When all three of those match up, you've found the truth."

AP photo

Homeless people seek the warmth of the Church of the Reconciler in Birmingham, Ala., Friday after temperatures dipped into the teens across the South. The church provides food and warmth for homeless people.

Cold stuns Floridians, causes deaths elsewhere

By Brendan Farrington
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Mark and Barbara Willard were at home in Wickford, England two weeks ago checking the weather forecast on the Internet before packing for their trip to Orlando — sunny and 70 degrees.

On Saturday afternoon they had the hoods on their brand new coats pulled tight around their heads as the walked down the International Drive tourist strip. The weather: 35 degrees and cloudy with a chance of icy rain or even snow.

"The good news is two days after we go home we're off to Jamaica," said Mark Willard.

The bad news is they paid in advance for theme park tickets and instead spent more time at shopping malls buying winter clothing — a few hundred dollars worth, he said.

Across Florida, the weather was freakishly cold for a state that's a winter respite for so many. There were snow flurries spotted in several parts of the state, as far south as Naples on the gulf coast. In Miami, the temperature was forecast to drop just below freezing overnight and threatened to break the record for low temperatures in the city.

In suburban Atlanta, which has seen an unusually long stretch of low temperatures, two teens died Saturday after falling through the ice on a partially frozen pond. The surviving teen was in fair condition at Gwinnett Medical Center, said hospital spokeswoman Andrea Wehrmann.

The two boys who died were in the frigid water for nearly an hour before rescuers could reach them, said Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Capt. Tommy Rutledge. He said the three, ages 13 to 15, were playing and sliding on the semi-frozen pond when the ice broke.

Just the day before, Rutledge said the department issued a warning that that local ponds, lakes and streams might look more icy than normal, but they still aren't solid enough to be safe. "Even though it looks inviting, it's a very dangerous thing," he said.

In other parts of the country, the weather was less unusual for winter, but still harsh.

In Vermont, state police said a snowmobiling accident on a partially frozen lake killed three people Saturday, including a 3-year-old girl.

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EDITORIAL

What can we expect from Idaho's crisis Legislature?

The second session of the 60th Idaho Legislature convenes Monday in the most troubled economic atmosphere in generations. What follows are our hopes, and expectations, of the folks we send to Boise, and of the governor who all Idahoans elect:

1. Use the rainy-day and Millennium funds judiciously, but use them. For both the rest of fiscal 2010 and next budget year. Idaho's kids, its seniors and its infirm need the money.

2. Leave corrections alone. Idaho is about one round of budget cuts away from a tragedy in our prison system. Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke is the true hero in Idaho of the Great Recession, in our estimation. Through two rounds of budget reductions, he's protected the public safety with chewing gum and bailing wire, and not much else.

Our view: Our advice to legislators? Wrap things up quickly. But first, do no harm — or at least as little as possible.

3. Partisanship is morally bankrupt in this economic crisis. The most innovative ideas we've heard lately have come from Senate Minority Leader Kate Kelly, who believes the state should hire more auditors for the State Tax Commission and perhaps tax Internet sales. And it should reexamine the Swiss cheese-like state tax code, eliminating some tax credits and extending the sales tax to some services. Is there any reason more Republicans aren't embracing those suggestions other than the fact Kelly is a Democrat?

4. If lawmakers have to allow school districts to borrow against next year's state appropriations to stave off layoffs of teachers and cuts in classes this year, more power to them.

5. Across-the-board cuts are OK when there is still fat left in the state budget, but when the cupboard is bare they're unacceptable. Henceforth in this budget crisis, cuts to state agencies budgets should be targeted.

6. Cut taxes this year? Are proponents of tax cuts in the Legislature really willing to sacrifice Idaho kids in the interest of ideology?

7. There's life beyond the 2010 and 2011 budgets. Thoughtful legislators — are there still are some — are thinking about how Idaho can deliver government services better and for less taxpayer money after the recession ends.

8. Thank goodness for JFAC. The budget-writing Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, from its co-chairs Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert and Rep. Maxine Bell of Jerome to its rank-and-file members Rep. Fred Wood of Burley, Sen. Bert Brackett of Three Creek, Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum and Rep. Jim Patrick of Twin Falls, have somehow managed to keep Idaho's priorities straight. Idahoans, all of us, owe them our thanks.

9. Get it done, and go home. A 117-day legislative session this year, like the one in 2009, would be an insult to taxpayers.

TIMES-NEWS

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Times-News file photo

Children float by Ritter Island in Thousand Springs State Park in September 2009.

KEEP THE PARK OPEN

What Thousand Springs means to Magic Valley

By Shawn Barigar

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and its 883 diverse business members throughout south-central Idaho are concerned with the discussion of closing Thousand Springs State Park. While we understand the need to contain expenses in the operation of government, we believe this is a case of tripping over dollars to save pennies.

According to a report prepared by Jan Roeser, regional economist with the Idaho Department of Labor, the annual losses to the area include the following direct and indirect effects:

Jobs — direct: $367,000
Events — direct: $267,873
Actual area earnings: $634,873
Regional travel — indirect*: $6.5 million
Park visitors — direct:** $4.6 million estimated impact

**Based on Idaho Department of Transportation 2008 average daily traffic counts.*

***Based on Idaho Parks visitor counts, 2009, with expenditures of $50 daily.*

From our understanding, the closure of Thousand Springs State Park would eliminate approximately $150,000 in expenses from the department's budget. But the economic impact to Main Street businesses in our communities who are working to make a living to support our economy could be more than 78 times this amount.

Thousand Springs State Park — and all of the state park properties in Idaho — exist to serve us as citizens and to offer a piece of the dramatic beauty of our state to travelers. These visitors and we ourselves spend money to use these facilities and to purchase goods and services to enhance our experience not only in the parks but throughout our travels in the region. These include fuel for our cars to get to the parks, convenience store and grocery items, hotel rooms, restaurants, retail shops and other attractions throughout south-central

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VISITATIONS BY UNIT:*

Unit	2005	2006	2007	2008
Niagara	48,997	48,591	86,592	67,687
Malad Gorge	45,903	59,514	82,232	59,623
Billingsley Creek	8,960	14,976	42,022	43,279
Box Canyon	N/A	5,904	11,214	10,778
Ritter Island	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	**103,860**	**128,985**	**223,060**	**183,367**

**In 2007, a new method of calculating visitation was used statewide.*

Source: Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

ABOUT THOUSAND SPRINGS

The five-unit, 1,892-acre Thousand Springs State Park complex traces its history to 1970, when the state bought 650 acres at Malad Gorge, added 200 more acres in 1975 and officially opened the park in 1979. In 1976, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation began to assume management responsibility for nearby Niagara Springs through a series of agreements with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The preserve was originally managed as a satellite unit of Malad Gorge but given separate status in 1994.

Three-hundred forty-four-acre Box Canyon was added in 1999, 287-acre Billingsley Creek in 2002 and 390-acre Ritter Island in 2006.

In fiscal year 2008, Thousand Springs generated $51,181 in total revenue — against $473,986 in total expenses. Revenue for fiscal year 2009 is projected at $50,641 and expenses $279,310.

The "self-support index," which is Parks and Rec's set of benchmarks for financial viability, declined to 11 percent in 2008 from 26 percent in 2006.

Are Idahoans willing to pay for their parks?

By Marty Trillhaase
Lewiston Morning Tribune

People who use Idaho's network of parks don't pay for all the services they receive.

The fees they shell out fall about $6.3 million short of running the system.

Idaho taxpayers make up the difference.

In a normal year, that might not matter much.

But in a state that is pondering another round of deep spending cuts in everything from public schools to health programs, how can you justify diverting money into recreation?

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

Lawmakers and Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter already have pulled 22 percent of Parks and Recreation's share of tax dollars. That's one reason the agency shuttered Dworshak Park at Orofino, which was losing about $150,000 a year. Clearwater County commissioners are trying to find a way to retain it.

But more — possibly drastic — cuts are coming. In mid-December, Parks and Rec Director Nancy Merrill said state support may be pulled entirely.

Some parks support themselves or come close — provided they offer camping sites near a body of water and are located close to a large population center. These range from Heyburn, which on average generates an 18 percent profit, to Priest Lake, which runs a 14 percent deficit. Last year, for example, Farragut generated $760,000 in revenues, about $40,000 short of meeting its expenses.

Among the middle tier are parks that offer camping and other services, but require a subsidy. These range from Winchester, which on average generates 48 percent of its operating budget to McCrosky, which covers 81 percent. Hells Gate, for instance, raises $312,623 in fees. Running the park costs $473,248.

Then there are high-cost, low-revenue cultural gems. These range from Land of Yankee Fork, which pays only 10 percent of its bills on average, to Round Lake, which generates 45 percent.

The mission at Cataldo, Idaho's oldest structure, produces $28,600 in fees. Idaho spends $196,000 operating it.

Parks and Rec can raise fees. A day pass now runs $5. A season pass costs $35.Both are up about 20 percent since last year. Further price spikes will push high performing parks — such as Farragut or Priest Lake — into the black.

But at some point, fee increases drive paying customers away.

So downsizing becomes inevitable, exposing the state's treasures to neglect and possibly vandalism — and injuring rural communities that rely on tourism.

Idaho's 29 state parks serve the common good, not a special interest. But to allocate $5 million or $6 million in scarce tax dollars on recreation is to leave $5 million or $6 million less for public schools.

If tax increases are out of the question, then Parks and Recreation must cut expenses, and find more money.

People who use the parks could offer to pay user fees. Perhaps a surcharge on vehicle registration or recreation equipment purchases might suffice. If they're willing, these park enthusiasts had better speak up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Editorial brought to light plight of Health and Wellfare

I read with interest the editorial of Tuesday, Dec. 29, regarding child welfare in Idaho. I am recently retired from the Department of Health and Welfare and spent 33 years working the child welfare system in our state. I appreciate the efforts this editorial took to bring to light some of the challenges and difficulties with public child welfare in Idaho to point out that, as a state/federally funded program, child welfare is subject to budget cuts and holdbacks during hard economic times. The editorial also pointed out that child welfare is a broad issue that includes many services, such as public health, education, juvenile justice and mental health.

The editorial also rightly pointed out that foster parent reimbursement in Idaho is among the lowest in the nation. Foster parents and their families provide a service to children that cannot be measured in terms of money, but receiving recognition through an increased reimbursement would help families to feel more valued and appreciated.

I do have to disagree with some points contained within the editorial, however. While social workers with the Department of Health and Welfare struggle with the size of caseloads and workload, there are standards of practice which define how often children in foster care and in their own homes must be visited. Idaho has made tremendous strides in this area because of the dedication of field staff and administrators. Children in foster care are seen on a regular basis.

Social workers salaries have increased over the past few years. This has caused the turnover rate to decrease from approximately 20.8 percent in fiscal year 2006 to 14.0 percent in FY 2009. However, when holdbacks and budget cuts are imposed, gains made are lost as vacancies cannot filled so that budget can be met. This, of course, has the effect of decreasing services and contacts to families.

To learn more about the positive direction happening in Idaho child welfare, please contact the Department of Health and Welfare or see the Children and Family Services report on the department's Web site.

KATHY JAMES
Twin Falls

Emergency revenue generation program is needed now

It's time for the Legislature to design and implement a bipartisan Emergency Revenue Generation program to assist the state to continue to provide the basic core services that we all depend on. We simply cannot expect our state agencies to further reduce their budgets this year.

When we already allow more of our children to go to bed hungry than 40 other states do and have a similar failing record for almost all other children's protection and care programs when compared with most other states, we need to increase but certainly not decrease assistance. This critical emergency need is only one example of many.

While it is true that many people in Idaho cannot afford to participate in helping to generate needed emergency revenue, most of us can. The evidence for this ability to pay is highlighted when two of our universities just won football bowl games amid a frenzy of travel and other costly self-indulgence. How about a surcharge on all sports events to go to pay for education costs?

It is clear that there are plenty of us who can afford increased fees for services as well as participating in an emergency revenue program for the state. We will receive direct benefits from added and increased use fees. We will receive both direct and indirect benefit from the revenue we provide in the form of continued and perhaps even increased assistance to our children. It a simple matter of placing "service above self."

The Legislature itself can set the tone for all of us by pledging to complete the session on or before the normal ending date and to accept no reimbursement for costs of any kind after that date.

Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow, has proposed a temporary revenue generating proposal that seems to be a good starting point for the Legislature. I hope that Idahoans will urge their legislators to work together and avoid a "train wreck" to our state programs that will take years to repair and will ultimately cost even more.

We all need to take responsibility at this critical time. In the words of Will Rogers "It's a great country, but you can't live in it for nothing."

S. GENE DAY
Twin Falls

The home truth about marriage and family

Chuck Donovan

With each new year comes a new State of the Union Address. Doubtless this year's address will focus on the economy. But as the president's speechwriters hunch over their keyboards to pound out drafts of this year's oration, they would do well to include some language about the state of our family unions.

In good times and bad, the family is the basic building block of society. No matter how the U.S. economy performs in 2010, there is much work to be done to improve the state of the American family.

First, there is work to be done on the propagation of family. Over the last half century, out-of-wedlock childbirth has grown by fits and starts, but it has not once had a recession. In 1950 one in 20 American children was born to an unwed mother. Today that number is nearly four of every 10. Even more worrisome, the rate of childbearing outside of wedlock has risen sharply in recent years, climbing by 26 percent between 2002 and 2007. And that occurred during a period of economic growth.

This trend seems counter-intuitive. Rising gross domestic product and per-capita income should decrease stresses on family life. In flush financial times, one would think key family indicators such as divorce and out-of-wedlock pregnancy would decline. But family dynamics are far more complicated than that. Marriage and family relations react in unpredictable ways to both economic and political conditions.

Last month the University of Virginia's National Marriage Project released a report called "The State of Our Unions 2009." Summarizing a number of studies from leading family researchers across the country, the report provides interesting information, and some cautionary tales, on questions of money and marriage.

For starters, Project Director Dr. Brad Wilcox notes that in 2008, the first year of one of the worst economic downturns in U.S. history, the divorce rate actually declined by seven-tenths of a percent. "Since the downturn began in December of 2007," the report says, "millions of Americans have adopted a home-grown bailout strategy. They are relying more upon their own marriages and families to weather this economic storm."

As times toughen, family members turn to one another for short-term economic help, or even a place to live. As Robert Frost memorably wrote, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." In this deep recession, it is reasonable that families are rediscovering both their inherent practical and morale-nourishing benefits.

However, the cautionary tales are just as real. Last spring the news was full of references to the "mancession," the fact that the current economic downturn has disproportionately impacted males, especially working-class men lacking more than a high school education. The gap between the male and female unemployment rates was 2.5 percentage points last May. Even when the unemployment rate dipped to 10 percent last November, this gap did not narrow. The National Marriage Project report documents the fact that men are 61 percent less likely to rate themselves happy in marriage if they work fewer hours than their wives.

The concern is that the economic mancession could become an economic recovery marriage-cession. If renewed prosperity releases pent-up desire to separate, and more couples believe they can make it on their own, then the recent decline in divorce may be reversed. And because marriage is influenced by cultural forces above all, a resurgence of family breakdown could reinforce today's trends regarding the failure to form families, through delayed marriage and births outside its bonds.

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Idaho and the rest of the state.

The success of economic recovery is going to depend on the individual success of our Idaho Main Street businesses and their employees. State government should be supporting these businesses by keeping Thousand Springs State Park open to draw visitors to these communities and to let the natural economic cycles flourish.

On a personal note, as a fifth-generation native of the Buhl area, I cherish the times I spent as a youngster exploring the natural wonders at Niagara Springs, hiking out to see the eagles fly at Box Canyon, or picnicking with my family at Malad Gorge. Today, I share those experiences with my own sons and wife as we enjoy canoeing around Ritter Island, experiencing the wonderful events hosted in the park units, or trying our luck at fishing. The closure of the park would take away these opportunities for our next generation of Idahoans and visitors to our community.

Again, on behalf of the member businesses of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, we encourage seeking other solutions to cost savings in the department and to refrain from measures that take away access to our state's natural beauty and developed parks. We are happy to continue the work with a coalition of citizens, local, state and federal agencies to come up with a plan to mitigate the budget shortfall and prevent this closure.

Shawn Barigar of Twin Falls is the chief executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

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The trouble with benevolent romanticism

David Brooks

Every age produces its own sort of fables, and our age seems to have produced The White Messiah fable.

This is the oft-repeated story about a manly young adventurer who goes into the wilderness in search of thrills and profit. But, once there, he meets the native people and finds that they are noble and spiritual and pure. And so he emerges as their Messiah, leading them on a righteous crusade against his own rotten civilization.

Avid moviegoers will remember "A Man Called Horse," which began to establish the pattern, and "At Play in the Fields of the Lord." More people will have seen "Dances With Wolves" or "The Last Samurai."

Kids have been given their own pure versions of the fable, like "Pocahontas" and "FernGully."

It's a pretty serviceable formula. Once a director selects the White Messiah fable, he or she doesn't have to waste time explaining the plot because everybody knows roughly what's going to happen.

The formula also gives movies a little socially conscious allure. Audiences like it because it is so environmentally sensitive. Academy Award voters like it because it is so multiculturally aware. Critics like it because the formula inevitably involves the loincloth-clad good guys sticking it to the military-industrial complex.

Yet of all the directors who have used versions of the White Messiah formula over the years, no one has done so with as much exuberance as James Cameron in "Avatar."

"Avatar" is a racial fantasy par excellence. The hero is a white former Marine who is adrift in his civilization. He ends up working with a giant corporation and flies through space to help plunder the environment of a pristine planet and displace its peace-loving natives.

The peace-loving natives are like the peace-loving natives you've seen in a hundred other movies. They're tall, muscular and admirably slender. They walk around nearly naked. They are phenomenal athletes and pretty good singers and dancers.

The white guy notices that the peace-loving natives are much cooler than the greedy corporate tools and the bloodthirsty U.S. military types he came over with. He goes to live with the natives, and, in short order, he's the most awesome member of their tribe.

Along the way, he has his consciousness raised. The peace-loving natives are at one with nature. Because they are not corrupted by things like literacy, cell phones and blockbuster movies, they have deep and tranquil souls.

The natives help the white guy discover that he, too, has a deep and tranquil soul.

When the military-industrial complex comes in to strip mine their homes, they need a White Messiah to lead and inspire the defense.

Our hero leaps in, with the help of a pack of dinosaurs summoned by Mother Earth. As he and his fellow freedom fighters kill wave after wave of Marines or former Marines or whatever they are, he achieves the ultimate prize: He is accepted by the natives and can spend the rest of his life in their excellent culture.

Cameron's handling of the White Messiah fable is not the reason "Avatar" is such a huge global hit. As John Podhoretz wrote in The Weekly Standard, "Cameron has simply used these familiar bromides as shorthand to give his special-effects spectacular some resonance."

Still, would it be totally annoying to point out that the whole White Messiah fable, especially as Cameron applies it, is kind of offensive?

It rests on the stereotype that white people are rationalist and technocratic while colonial victims are spiritual and athletic. It rests on the assumption that nonwhites need the White Messiah to lead their crusades. It rests on the assumption that illiteracy is the path to grace. It also creates a sort of two-edged cultural imperialism. Natives can either have their history shaped by cruel imperialists or benevolent ones, but either way, they are going to be supporting actors in our journey to self-admiration.

It's just escapism, obviously, but benevolent romanticism can be just as condescending as the malevolent kind.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many uses for Knievel jump site

You'd a thunk it, that 30-ought years later, the Evel Knievel launch site would still exist. While walking my two dogs up the Canyon Rim Trail last month, my mind was overcome with thoughts of this magnificent, breathtaking human creation. Images of the Great Pyramids appeared. No, I'm not on drugs. I am an insulin-dependent diabetic and sudden drops in my blood sugar level can trigger illusions of grandeur. I began to think of the possibilities this site possesses. Why after all these years hasn't someone bulldozed this triangular mass of alkaline dirt, rocks and occasional tumbleweed. Then I began to think outside the "box."

Why not make use of this mound and create a regional transportation site. Let's be reasonable for starters. Maybe just a prototype dubbed the "Evil Gondola." The Evil Gondola will be a 15-passenger sky gondola (cargo and pet compartment included), slightly bigger that a Dodge Caravan, fueled by regionally attained animal factory by-products. Upon boarding, passengers will face a control panel about the size of a Coca-Cola vending machine. Illuminated buttons will offer three destinations. Button 1: Shoshone Ice Caves, Button 2: The Mint and Button 3: Arnold's house. Destinations subject to change.

Anyhow, the passenger positioned closest to the control panel will question the passengers just like in an elevator and the Evil Gondola will be activated. The sky gondola will immediately reach speeds in excess of 350 miles per hour. A parachute will automatically deploy some 1,000 feet above the assigned destination and passengers, Toto too, will descend safely to the ground. Return launch sites will have to be made available. Assuming all the planning and permits are in place by 2013, I anticipate completion of the Evil Gondola to be 2019 at best. Inaugural flight passengers may include Arnold, William, Kate plus Eight 8 plus Tiger, Robbie Knievel, and Matt. Alternates: Tom, John, Bruce, or Katie. "Oh, I better drink another glass of O.J."

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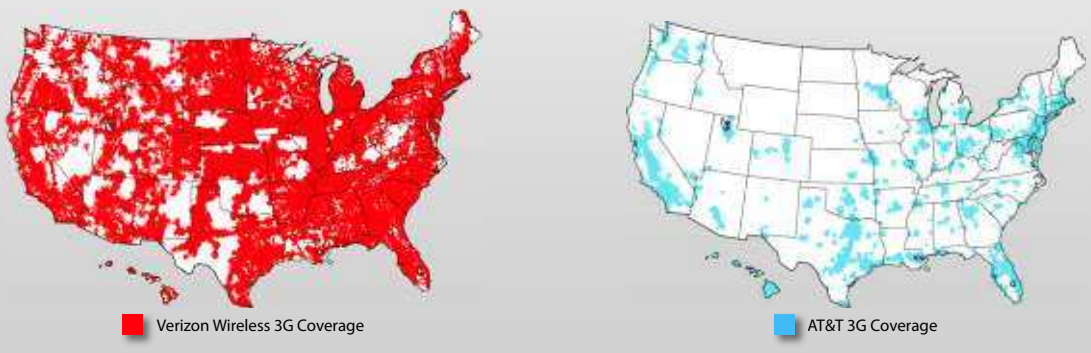

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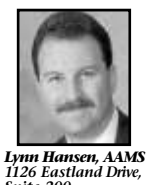
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Video links Pakistan Taliban to deadly CIA bombing

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

KABUL — In a video broadcast after his death, the Jordanian suicide bomber who killed seven CIA employees sits cross-legged on the floor next to the new chief of the Pakistani Taliban, confirming the group was behind the brazen attack in eastern Afghanistan.

Yet multiple insurgent groups have claimed responsibility for the bombing, and a senior Pakistani militant told The Associated Press that al-Qaida and Afghan Taliban fighters were also involved in one of the worst attacks in the U.S. intelligence agency's history.

The suicide attack inside the CIA base — which the bomber said was meant to avenge the death of the former Pakistani Taliban leader in a CIA missile strike — could prompt the U.S. to further pressure the government of Pakistan to crack down on militants who operate on both sides of the Afghan-Pakistani border. U.S. missile strikes against targets on the Pakistan side already are on the rise.

Seven CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer were killed Dec. 30 when the suicide bomber detonated his cache of explosives at Camp Chapman, a tightly secured CIA base in Khost province, a dangerous region southeast of the Afghan capital Kabul.

The CIA had cultivated the bomber — a Jordanian doctor identified as Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi — in hopes of obtaining information about al-Qaida's second in command, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Defending his agents, CIA Director Leon Panetta said the bomber was about to be searched before the blast occurred.

"This was not a question of trusting a potential intelligence asset, even one who had provided information that we could verify independently. It is never that simple, and no one ignored the hazards," Panetta wrote in a Washington Post op-ed piece posted online Saturday. "The individual was about to be searched by our security officers — a distance away from other intelligence personnel — when he set off his explosives."

Al-Balawi turned out to be a double-agent — perhaps even a triple-agent. In the 1½ minute video, the bomber said he attacked the CIA to avenge the death of Baitullah Mehsud, the longtime leader of the Pakistani Taliban who was killed in August.

"This jihadi attack will be the first revenge operation against the Americans and their drone teams outside the Pakistan border," the bomber said on the video. Al-Balawi — wearing an Afghan hat and camouflaged jacket — said the Pakistani Taliban, now under the leadership of its new chief Hakimullah Mehsud, would fight till victory.

Taliban video via APTN/AP photo

This image taken from an undated video purportedly shows Humam Khalil Abu Mulal al-Balawi, right, reading a statement vowing revenge for the death of Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud, while sitting next to the new leader of the Pakistani Taliban, Hakimullah Mehsud.

Gov't health insurance option appears doomed

David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Senior House Democrats have largely abandoned hopes of including a government-run insurance option in the final compromise health care bill taking shape, according to several officials, and are pushing for other measures to rein in private insurers.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other senior Democrats told President Obama in recent meetings they want the legislation to strip the insurance industry of a long-standing exemption from federal antitrust laws, officials said. That provision is in the House-passed measure, but was omitted from the bill that the Senate passed on Christmas Eve.

They also want the final measure to include a House-passed proposal for a nationwide insurance exchange, to be regulated by the federal government, where consumers could shop for private coverage. The Senate bill calls for a state-based system of exchanges.

Additionally, House Democrats want to require insurers to spend a minimum amount of premium income on benefits, thereby limiting what is available for salaries, bonuses, advertising and other items. The House bill sets the floor at 85 percent; the Senate-passed measure lowers it to 80 percent for policies sold to small groups and individuals.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the negotiations are private.

The maneuvering comes as the White House and majority Democrats intensify efforts to agree on a final measure, possibly before Obama delivers his State of the Union address late this month or early in February.

Fanfare for Elvis

AP photo

Fans view the grave of Elvis Presley at Graceland, Presley's home in Memphis, Tenn., on Friday, Presley's 75th birthday.

Thousands celebrate the King's 75th at Graceland

By Caitlin King
Associated Press writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — About 3,000 fans joined Priscilla Presley, Lisa Marie and Elvis Presley's grandkids Friday at Graceland to celebrate what would have been the King of Rock 'n' Roll's 75th birthday.

An international contingent of fans came to commemorate the event. Some came from as far away as Europe, while other fans were right from the King's adopted hometown of Memphis, where he died at Graceland in 1977 at the age of 42.

"I had to come. This is a special day. Seventy-five years is a wonderful period in Elvis' life. I'm out here to support Priscilla and Lisa Marie, and I think so much of them and respect them and their family," said Memphis resident Roger Harvey.

"It means everything to be here. You're counting the days down until you can get on that plane," said Craig Smith of Britain.

For Priscilla Presley, Presley's ex-wife and mother of his only child, Lisa Marie, the day was "bittersweet."

"It's very difficult for me to even fathom that it's been 75 years for him. It's certainly bittersweet," she said.

"Elvis has got the greatest fans. All of us here at Elvis Presley Enterprises are always amazed at the support, the loyalty. I mean, they have certainly helped his legacy be where it is today, there is no doubt," she added.

She said Presley probably wouldn't have made a big fuss over the milestone.

"Elvis wasn't really big on having a whole lot of people, he liked it a little more intimate. He would definitely bring in family of course, friends, very close, intimate friends that he's had more many years," she said. "That's what he really enjoyed the most is people that he knew and friends that he had for gosh, going back to high school years."

At the Graceland ceremony, two of his grandchildren cut a birthday cake that was later shared with the crowd.

THE BEST AND WORST ELVIS PRESLEY RECORDINGS

Elvis at his best:

"Elvis Presley" (1956): Full-length debut remains a rock 'n' roll landmark, with every facet of the singer's music (except gospel) on display.

"For LP Fans Only" (1959): An odds-and-sods collection released while Elvis was in the Army, this is actually loaded with prime material from early in his career, including the landmark "Mystery Train."

"Elvis: NBC-TV Special" (1968): The loose yet mesmerizing nationally televised "comeback" that made the leather-clad Elvis, however briefly, relevant for a new generation of rock fans.

"From Elvis in Memphis" (1969): Coming off a series of vapid soundtrack albums, the singer works with producer Chips Moman and puts his own spin on '60s soul.

"Sunrise" (1999): Where it all began at Memphis' Sun Studios in 1953-56, the extraordinary combination of Scotty Moore's guitar, Bill Black's slap-back bass and Presley's voice, augmented by his fist pounding an acoustic guitar. This is not the first rock 'n' roll ever recorded by a long stretch, but this batch of recordings pushed it into the mainstream.

Elvis at his worst:

"It Happened at the World's Fair" (1963): The Hollywood years in "Cotton Candy Land."

"Fun in Acapulco" (1963): The sound of Elvis phoning it in with songs such as "(There's) No Room to Rhumba in a Sports Car" and "The Bullfighter Was a Lady."

"Speedway" (1968): Another movie soundtrack turkey, with the bonus of Nancy Sinatra sashaying through "Your Groovy Self."

"Having Fun With Elvis on Stage" (1974): No songs, just Elvis mumbling incomprehensible jokes.

"Elvis in Concert" (1977): Pure exploitation as the clearly out-of-it singer sleepwalks through a show months before his death.

— By Greg Kot, Chicago Tribune

Friends: Suspect meant no harm at Newark airport

By David Porter
Associated Press writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Friends described the man charged with breaching security at Newark Liberty International Airport as a romantic who just wanted to see his girlfriend off properly.

Speaking outside Haisong Jiang's home near the Rutgers University campus in Piscataway on Saturday, Ning Huang said he's known the 28-year-old for several years. Huang said Jiang is "a very good person" who didn't realize the ramifications of his actions on Sunday.

Andy Riu, who also described himself as a friend of Jiang, called him "very romantic." Both men said Jiang had been dating the woman for about a year and that he had flown to California several times to visit her.

Jiang

The woman, a recent Rutgers graduate who lives in Los Angeles, was in New Jersey for a holiday visit.

"He loves his girlfriend," Huang said of Jiang, who has not commented publicly since he was arrested Friday night at his home. "He just went to say goodbye to her."

Two cars were parked in the driveway of Jiang's home on Saturday, and at least one person was seen inside the residence. But reporters' repeated knocks on the home's front door were not answered.

Jiang, who is Chinese, is a doctoral student in a joint molecular biosciences program at Rutgers and has been in the U.S. since 2004. He faces a defiant trespassing charge and a fine of up to $500, and he's scheduled to be arraigned this coming week, but a hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

The Newark city prosecutor's office said late Saturday afternoon that they had not been notified whether Jiang had retained an attorney.

It was not known Saturday if the misdemeanor charge would affect Jiang's visa status. Kelly Nantel, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said the agency is aware of the case, but she would not comment specifically on it.

Nantel said misdemeanor convictions generally do not effect someone's visa status, though more serious felony convictions often can result in a visa being revoked.

Reid apologizes to Obama for 'no Negro dialect' remark

By Phillip Elliott
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid apologized on Saturday for saying the race of Barack Obama — whom he described as a "light skinned" African-American "with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one" — would help rather than hurt his eventual presidential bid.

Obama quickly accepted, saying "As far as I am concerned, the book is closed." Reid, facing a tough re-election bid this year, spent the day telephoning civil rights leaders and fellow Democrats in hopes of mitigating the political damage.

The revelations about Reid's 2008 comments were included in the book "Game Change" by Time Magazine's Mark Halperin and New York magazine's John Heilemann. The behind-the-scenes look at the 2008 campaign that elevated Obama to the White House is based on the writers' interviews with more than 200 sources, most of whom were granted anonymity and thus much of the material could not be immediately corroborated.

Reid

Among the details in the book:

• Presidential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton said she believed Obama's team had used out-of-state supporters to win the Iowa caucuses and had intentionally exploited Obama's race. She said the country faced a "a terrible choice" between Obama and Republican nominee John McCain.

• Obama and running mate Joe Biden barely spoke, kept separate schedules and seldom campaigned together. The campaign kept Biden off the nightly calls that included Obama, instead having the campaign manager and senior strategist brief Biden separately.

• Aides to McCain described the difficulties they faced with their vice presidential pick, then-Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. Steve Schmidt, a senior adviser to McCain, is quoted telling Palin's foreign policy tutors: "You guys have a lot of work to do. She doesn't know anything."

• Former President Bill Clinton's efforts to persuade Sen. Edward M. Kennedy to endorse his wife's presidential bid fell flat when Clinton told the Democratic lawmaker that just a few years ago, Obama would have been serving the pair coffee.

But what caused the biggest stir Saturday was the Reid statement.

"He (Reid) was wowed by Obama's oratorical gifts and believed that the country was ready to embrace a black presidential candidate, especially one such as Obama — a 'light-skinned' African American 'with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one,' as he later put it privately," according to the book.

NYC man charged with getting al-Qaida training

By Tom Hays
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A New York City man under investigation for his links to a terror suspect pleaded not guilty Saturday to charges that he flew to Pakistan to get military training from al-Qaida.

Adis Medunjanin entered the plea during a swift arraignment at a federal court in Brooklyn. He faces counts of receiving military training from a foreign terrorist organization and conspiracy to commit murder in a foreign country.

The 25-year-old was one of two Queens men arrested early Friday in connection with the investigation of Najibullah Zazi, a Colorado airport driver who pleaded not guilty last year to supporting terrorism.

The indictment made public by prosecutors on Saturday provided scant details on the accusations against Medunjanin, who was born in Bosnia but is a U.S. citizen.

It said the charges were related to a trip he made to Pakistan in August of 2008. Prosecutors have said that Zazi, Medunjanin and a third man, Zarein Ahmedzay, traveled there together that summer. All three attended high school together and lived for years in the same Queens neighborhood.

AP photo

In this courtroom sketch, Assistant U.S. Attorney James Loonam, left, is seen with defense attorney Robert Gottlieb, center, and Gottlieb's client, defendant Adis Medunjanin, during the latter's arraignment at the federal courthouse in New York City, Saturday.

Zazi has been under arrest since September, charged with getting explosives training from al-Qaida and later hatching a foiled scheme to attack targets in New York with homemade bombs. The new indictment did not directly tie Medunjanin to the New York plot — what Attorney General Eric Holder has called one of the most serious terrorism cases since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Outside court, defense attorney Robert C. Gottlieb told reporters that his client's not guilty plea was "emphatic." He accused authorities of holding and interrogating Medunjanin for two days without letting him see his family or a lawyer.

"The questioning was illegal," Gottlieb said. Prosecutors declined to comment.

Ahmedzay pleaded not guilty Friday to charges that he lied to the FBI during the probe about places he visited during the 2008 trip. He was taken into custody early Friday morning while working a late-night shift driving a cab in Manhattan.

Ahmedzay, 24, and Medunjanin were first publicly linked to the investigation in September, when the FBI raided their homes shortly before Zazi's arrest.

FBI agents had Medunjanin under surveillance, but apparently did not intend to arrest him when they went to his Queens apartment Thursday afternoon to seize his passport. Once that happened, authorities say he became upset and took off in his car.

A law enforcement official confirmed reports that Medunjanin then phoned 911 and ranted in Arabic, "We love death more than you love life," before purposely ramming his car into another vehicle and fleeing on foot.

The official was not authorized to discuss the arrest and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

After being captured and treated for minor injuries, federal investigators took him into custody. There were no signs of injury Saturday when he appeared in court wearing a black hooded winter jacket and entered his plea in a firm voice.

Gottlieb suggested that the car incident had been overblown, saying, "Let's see what the evidence is."

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3 die when snowmobiles go through ice on Vermont lake

SALISBURY, Vt. (AP) — Three snowmobiles crossing a frozen Vermont lake plunged through the ice Saturday, killing a man, his 24-year-old daughter and 3-year-old granddaughter, police said.

The snowmobiles were carrying six people on Lake Dunmore when the accident occurred about 100 yards from shore at about noon Saturday. Five people went into the water and were later pulled out by rescue crews. A 4-year-old was pushed to safety before the snowmobile he was riding went through the ice.

Kevin Flynn, 50, Carrie Flynn, 24, both of Whiting, and 3-year-old Bryanna Popp, of Brandon, were pronounced dead at Porter Hospital in nearby Middlebury.

Kevin Flynn's wife, 47-year-old Terry Flynn, and Bryanna's brother, 6-year-old Jeremiah Popp, survived, as did the 4-year-old, whose name wasn't immediately released.

Carrie Flynn was the aunt of at least two of the children.

The accident was the latest in a series of fatal mishaps involving snowmobiles in Vermont.

"It was just a very, very tragic accident for some people who were out to have a good time," said Middlebury Fire Chief Rick Cole, who was on the scene.

The 4-year-old apparently ran to shore for help, according to Foster Provencher, assistant chief of the Salisbury Fire Department, who helped pull Jeremiah Popp from the water.

Provencher and two other rescuers used a ladder, a roof rake and a 200-foot length of rope in the rescue. The boy was conscious when pulled from the water, which is about 30 feet deep or more in that section of the lake, he said.

"We did what we could do," said Provencher.

Just how thick the ice was at the time of the accident wasn't immediately clear, but Provencher said others had left snowmobiling tracks in the area before the accident.

The snowmobiles in Saturday's accident punctured the ice in three places, according to Cole, who said the bodies of Kevin Flynn and Carrie Flynn were pulled from the water near two of the holes by rescuers using ropes. About 25 people participated in the rescue and recovery efforts, working from a canoe and a small island near where the snowmobiles went in, Cole said.

"It was a situation where we had to be very careful with the ice. We had three through and we didn't want any more," said Cole.

Mary Quesnel, who is Kevin Flynn's sister, declined to comment on the accident when reached by telephone late Saturday.

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NOTICE
OF REGULAR STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 12th of January, 2010. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Rick Allen Room in the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

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

Director from District 3 – (Filer) will be elected for a one year term.
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

Alpha Mae Royce

BURLEY — Alpha Mae Royce, 79-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation.

She was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Kimberly, Idaho, the daughter of Frank and Lela Hand Kreigh. In 1948, she married Glenn Clampitt. To this union, three daughters were born. Glenn passed away in 1967, and later she married Lee Royce. To this union, a son was born.

Alpha was a very hard worker, living and working in several Idaho communities. She loved crocheting, puzzles and sewing. She also loved to collect knickknacks, especially owls. Alpha will truly be missed by all her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Chuck (Bonnie) Clampitt of Scottsbluff, Neb., Jessie (Dick) Byrd of Rogerson, Idaho, Glenda (Tim) Carter of Shoshone, Idaho, and Brenda (Tim) Pierce of Burley, Idaho, along with several extended family members. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; her son, Michael; one sister; and one granddaughter, along with other stepchildren.

A memorial service for Alpha will be held at a later date. Cremation services are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

Gumby creator Art Clokey dies at 88

Animator also made 'Davey and Goliath' series

AP file photo

Art Clokey, the creator of Gumby, poses with a stuffed version of his creation to mark its 50th anniversary in May 2005 at the Lynn House Gallery in Antioch, Calif.

LOS OSOS, Calif. — Animator Art Clokey, whose bendable creation Gumby became a pop culture phenomenon through decades of toys, revivals and satires, died Friday. He was 88.

Clokey, who suffered from repeated bladder infections, died in his sleep at his home in Los Osos on California's Central Coast, son Joseph told the Los Angeles Times.

Gumby grew out of a student project Clokey produced at the University of Southern California in the early 1950s called "Gumbasia."

That led to his making shorts featuring Gumby and his horse friend Pokey for the "Howdy Doody Show" and several series through the years.

He said he based Gumby's swooping head on the cowlick hairdo of his father, who died in a car accident when Clokey was a boy. And Clokey's wife suggested he give Gumby the body of a gingerbread man.

Clokey said that though Gumby eventually became one of the most familiar toys of all time, he was at first resistant to roll out the bendable doll.

"I didn't allow merchandising for seven years after it was on the air," Clokey told San Luis Obispo Tribune in 2002, "because I was very idealistic, and I didn't want parents to think we were trying to exploit their children."

Clokey also created the moralizing and often satirized claymation duo "Davey and Goliath."

The Lutheran Church hired Clokey to make the "Davey and Goliath" shorts, and Clokey used the money to help bring a Gumby series back to television in the 1960s.

Eddie Murphy brought a surge in Gumby's popularity in the 1980s with his send-up of the character on "Saturday Night Live" as a cigar-smoking show business primadonna.

Clokey said he enjoyed Murphy's profane Gumby.

"Gumby can laugh at himself," Clokey told the Tribune.

Eddie Murphy's Gumby brought new toy sales and eventually led to a new syndicated series starting in 1988.

It was only then that Clokey started seeing serious financial returns on his creation.

"It took 40 years," he said.

Widow of Nazi Germany resistance leader dies at 98

The Washington Post

Freya von Moltke, who married into one of Germany's most prominent military families and preserved the memory of the Nazi resistance activities that led to her husband's execution, died of a viral infection Jan. 1 at her home in Norwich, Vt., where she had lived for the past 50 years. She was 98.

Von Moltke outlived her husband, Count Helmuth James von Moltke, by almost 65 years. He was hanged in Berlin on Jan. 23, 1945. Together they ran the Kreisau Circle resistance group from their estate in rural Silesia, which was then German territory and is now part of Poland.

The full extent of the von Moltkes' activities did not emerge until decades later with the publication of two books: "Letters to Freya: 1939-1945," a collection of their correspondence published in 1990, and "Memories of Kreisau and the German Resistance," von Moltke's memoirs published in English in 2003.

A group of several dozen German intellectuals, the Kreisau Circle participated in discussions of an attempt on Hitler's life. For moral and practical reasons, Helmuth von Moltke and other members disagreed with the assassination plan, at least initially. Other members supported and ultimately aided the unsuccessful 1944 bomb plot.

Mostly, the Kreisau Circle used its several wartime summits at the von Moltkes' home to map out the democratic Germany they thought would follow the collapse of Nazism. Few in the group lived to see the end of the war, the others having been rounded up and killed.

"Our husbands died, but it was surely worth it," von Moltke told the Daily Telegraph in 2004. "These men were acting on behalf of humanity."

Freya Deichmann was born March 11, 1911, to a prosperous banking family in Cologne. She was 18 when she met the man who would become her husband, a descendant of one of Bismarck's chief military strategists. They were married within a few years.

Beverly Rue Wellington

Beverly Rue Wellington, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, after an extended illness.

Beloved by everyone who knew her, Beverly was born Oct. 30, 1926, in Bismarck, N.D., to Milton and Norma Rue. She grew up in Bismarck where she graduated from high school. She attended the University of Wisconsin where she majored in journalism, beginning a lifelong passion for writing. At Wisconsin, she met Bradley J. Hurd, an airman stationed at Truax Air Base.

The couple was married Sept. 16, 1946, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., where the Rue family had a summer home. The couple soon moved to Denver, Colo., where they raised four children. In 1960, the family moved to Longmont, Colo. The couple was divorced in 1964, after which she completed college, graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in education and began a long career as an elementary teacher.

In 1967, she married L.W. Wellington in Breckenridge, Colo. She opened her life and shared her love with his children and the combined families lived several years in Frisco, Colo. They moved to Florida after the death of a son, Stephen Wellington, in 1969.

Always eager for a new adventure, the couple later moved to Red Lodge, Mont., enjoying its small-town, mountain culture. In Red Lodge, she wrote a history of the town's historic buildings as a fundraiser for the local historical society. The book remains in print today, with proceeds supporting historic preservation. She also wrote two family history books that are cherished by everyone who's read them. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and the PEO Sisterhood and volunteered for a variety of organizations.

The couple later lived in Washington and Oregon. After the death of her husband in 2000, she moved to Bend, Ore., to live near her daughter.

In May of 2005, she moved to Twin Falls to live near a son. She was fond of the community and its friendliness and made many friends among the residents and caregivers at the assisted living facility where she lived.

Survivors include her daughter, Christine (Jerry) Barnes of Bend, Ore.; sons, Bradley (Jody) Hurd of Twin Falls, Jeffrey Hurd of U.S. Virgin Islands and Michael (Sheila) Hurd of Missoula, Mont.; two stepdaughters, Lynn (Tom) Ostberg of Boston, Mass., and Kim Wellington of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary (Daniel) Dahl of Detroit, Mich.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Milton Rue Jr.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

A reception for family and friends will be held afterward at the home of her son. At a later date, she will be inurned near her husband at Valley Brook Cemetery in Breckenridge, Colo.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Central Oregon SMART reading program, in care of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dorothy Mae 'Gruner' Amen

PAUL — Dorothy Mae "Gruner" Amen passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, peacefully at home with her family by her side at the age of 87. She was married to Richard Amen of Paul, Idaho, for 66 years.

Dorothy was born May 20, 1922, in Chicago, Ill., to Lawrence and Emma Gruner. During the Great Depression years, the Gruner family moved to Los Angles, Calif., in search of work. Dorothy finished her school years there and worked various jobs to help support her family.

During World War II, Dorothy worked for the Defense Department, where she met Richard Amen, the love of her life. They were later married in Santa Monica, Calif., on Sept. 4, 1943.

After the war, they moved to the Jackson area of southern Idaho to begin their farming adventures. In 1964, they moved to their farm in Paul, Idaho, where they have continued to reside. Dorothy loved to grow a garden and flowers. Her favorite thing to do was raise chickens.

Dorothy has been a faithful member of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1953 and loved to talk to people about the Bible and the hope she had of a Paradise Earth.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Richard Amen; four children, Judy (Frankie) Hermansen of Paul, Rod (Claudia) Amen of Paul, Duane (Mary) Amen of Paul and Tom Amen of Pocatello, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald and David; and three sisters, Fern, Natalie and Jean. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Evelyn and Linnea.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Hansen Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley, Idaho. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, also at the mortuary. Services will conclude with burial in the Riverside Cemetery.

Kristopher Lynn VanTassel

KIMBERLY — Kristopher Lynn VanTassel, 29, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, in Cassia County.

He was born Jan. 12, 1980, in Twin Falls, the oldest of two sons born to Thomas Lynn VanTassel and Lorrie Ann Thieme VanTassel. He attended Twin Falls schools. After high school, he went to work for Doug McCoy Construction. On July 2, 2005, he married the love of his life, Jeni Prichard. They later divorced, but they never stopped loving each other.

Kris could not wait for hunting season each year. He loved to hunt with his father, mother, brother, family and friends. Some of his best times were spent in the mountains. His family and friends will terribly miss all of his visits and talks.

He is survived by his father and mother, Tom and Lorrie VanTassel of Hagerman; his brother, Shawn Lynn VanTassel of Twin Falls; and two grandmothers, Irene Thieme of Filer and Mearl VanTassel of Carlin, Nev.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by both of his grandfathers, two aunts and two cousins.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Lawrence Vedder officiating.

Kris' family would like to thank all of the hundreds of volunteers for the many hours spent searching for Kris to bring him home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Kris VanTassel to: Twin Falls County Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 146, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0146.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Della M. Blades

JEROME — Della Mae Blades, 88, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in the spring. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Rose E. McClain

Rose Evelyn McClain, 95, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at a local care center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Akasha Nelson

Akasha Nelson, 2 months old, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ralph Hicken

BURLEY — Ralph Fisher Hicken, 98, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at Highland Estates in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

May we send our heartfelt thanks to all who gave so generously of their kindness and sympathy in the death of a loved and respected husband and father,

Emery Winks.

We especially want to thank those who visited us at the funeral home, Bishop Larry Kloepfer, the 8th Ward Relief Society, the Intermountain Home Hospice, the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization and the management and staff of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

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SERVICES

Edward R. "Ted" Smith of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Opal Eldridge Dickson, formerly of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Gooding United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Carmen Rodriquez Guzman of Jerome, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 3 to 5 p.m., with rosary at 5 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Margaret "Margie" Espinoza Stephenson of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., with rosary at 5 p.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Beverly Rue Wellington of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Norma Jean Billington Woody, formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Nellie V. "Babe" Anderson of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Togo seeks apology from Angola after soccer team attacked, 3 killed

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press writer

AP photo

Angolan police on motorcycles escort the Ivory Coast soccer team from its compound in Cabinda, Angola, Saturday. Three people on the bus carrying Togo's national soccer team were killed Saturday when the bus came under fire as it drove through Cabinda, which is plagued by separatist violence.

CABINDA, Angola — Togo's government wants an apology from Angola and African Cup of Nations organizers for sending its soccer team into unruly Cabinda, where gunmen killed two team officials and the bus driver.

A day after Togo's bus was fired on with machine guns shortly after crossing from Congo into Angola, Togo government spokesman Pascal Bodjona said Saturday it was difficult to understand why Angolan authorities chose Cabinda to host African Cup matches when it knew "the area was a dangerous and risky zone."

It was unclear whether Togo would remain in the tournament. Team forward Thomas Dossevi told The Associated Press in a phone interview Saturday that the team would pull out of the competition and fly out of Angola early today. But midfielder Alaixys Romao told L'Equipe today the team had decided to play.

"The entire delegation just met and, after all, we'll be on the pitch Monday to play against Ghana," Romao said in a story on the French sports daily's Web site.

Efforts by the AP to reach a tournament spokesman and Dossevi after L'Equipe's report was posted were unsuccessful.

Speaking in the Togo capital Lome, Bodjona said Saturday nobody informed his country that it was hazardous to travel by road to Cabinda. He also demanded an apology from the Angola government and African Cup officials.

The ambush killed an assistant coach, a team spokesperson, and the Angolan bus driver, according to the team and Togo government. At least two players had gunshot wounds.

"People died for this tournament, others were injured. We can't abandon them and leave like cowards," Romao told L'Equipe. "If we stay here, it's for them. But also so as not to give satisfaction to the rebels.

"Our government doesn't necessarily agree with us but we are determined to play in this competition. The decision was taken unanimously."

Unrest in Cabinda, a northern enclave cut off from the rest of Angola by a strip of Congo, had been at low levels. The Angolan information minister blamed the main separatist group, the Front for the Liberation of the Enclave of Cabinda, or FLEC, for the attack.

Portugal's state-run Lusa news agency said FLEC claimed responsibility in a message on Friday. In a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press on Saturday, the civilian arm of the separatist group did not claim responsibility for what it called an "unfortunate incident," but said it was irresponsible of organizers to have ignored warnings from separatists that matches should not be held in Cabinda.

Confederation of African Football president Issa Hayatou said he received guarantees from Angola Prime Minister Antonio Paulo Kassoma on Saturday that security will be increased at all venues, at the request of all teams.

Following that meeting, Hayatou and most of the CAF leadership flew to Cabinda and agreed with Angolan officials to play all scheduled matches there.

Then they met with the teams based in Cabinda: Togo, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Ghana.

"In case you decide to leave the competition," Hayatou told Togo, "we will definitely understand your decision and it will be accepted. It is a difficult choice — individual and collective — and you are the only ones who can decide."

Though Africa's soccer championship will open as planned on Sunday, other teams remained shocked and worried by the ambush.

"We have goose bumps ... who knows what is going to happen to us," Mozambique assistant Amade Chababe told AP Television News when the squad passed through Johannesburg en route to Angola on Saturday.

Yemen's conflicts flare amid al-Qaida fight

By Lee Keath
Associated Press writer

Two members of the Yemeni Defense Ministry's anti-terrorism force take part in a training exercise at a camp north of San'a, Yemen, on Saturday.

AP photo

SAN'A, Yemen — While ramping up the fight against al-Qaida with U.S. help, the Yemeni government has also escalated its own internal conflicts in the north and south that threaten to throw the fractured country into greater chaos and even nourish the terror group's growth.

Yemeni troops backed with tanks and artillery launched new assaults against Shiite rebels, the military said Saturday, the latest offensive in an increasingly bloody war that has been raging for years on the capital's northern doorstep.

Also, lethal clashes erupted this week between protesters and security forces struggling to put an end to a secessionist movement in the once-independent south, where bitterness toward San'a is swelling.

Observers question if the impoverished nation's military can wage a determined campaign against al-Qaida under the strain of the multiple conflicts, and there are fears the terror group is seeking to link up with insurgents for new recruits, particularly in the south.

The United States, which is funneling millions of dollars to Yemen's government to fight al-Qaida, is pressing San'a to resolve its internal turmoil and focus on the terror group. Washington warns that the al-Qaida offshoot here has become a global threat after it allegedly plotted a failed attempt to bomb a U.S. passenger jet on Christmas.

"There have been numerous conflicts in Yemen and they seem to just get worse and worse," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday. "There are expectations and conditions on our continuing support for the government."

Yemen's deputy prime minister in charge of security and defense, Rashad al-Alimi, said Thursday that fighting al-Qaida was the government's "first priority." On Saturday, counter-terror units conducted exercises outside San'a, attacking a mock al-Qaida hideout and practicing a hostage-rescue operation.

What fuels Yemen's instability is widespread alienation among tribes and factions toward a regime they complain has for years hoarded power and wealth among a small circle of supporters. They say their regions have been neglected, with poverty spreading and infrastructure left to deteriorate.

In much of the country, powerful tribes have filled the void, some sheltering al-Qaida fighters. The government holds firm authority only around the capital, and the troops or administrators it sends to lawless areas are seen by many locals as interlopers.

The government accuses al-Qaida of working with the Shiite rebels and southern secessionists, a claim denied by both. Unless the conflicts are resolved, al-Qaida may find allies, particularly among the southerners, Mohammed Abdel-Malik al-Mutawakkil, a political scientist at San'a University, told The Associated Press.

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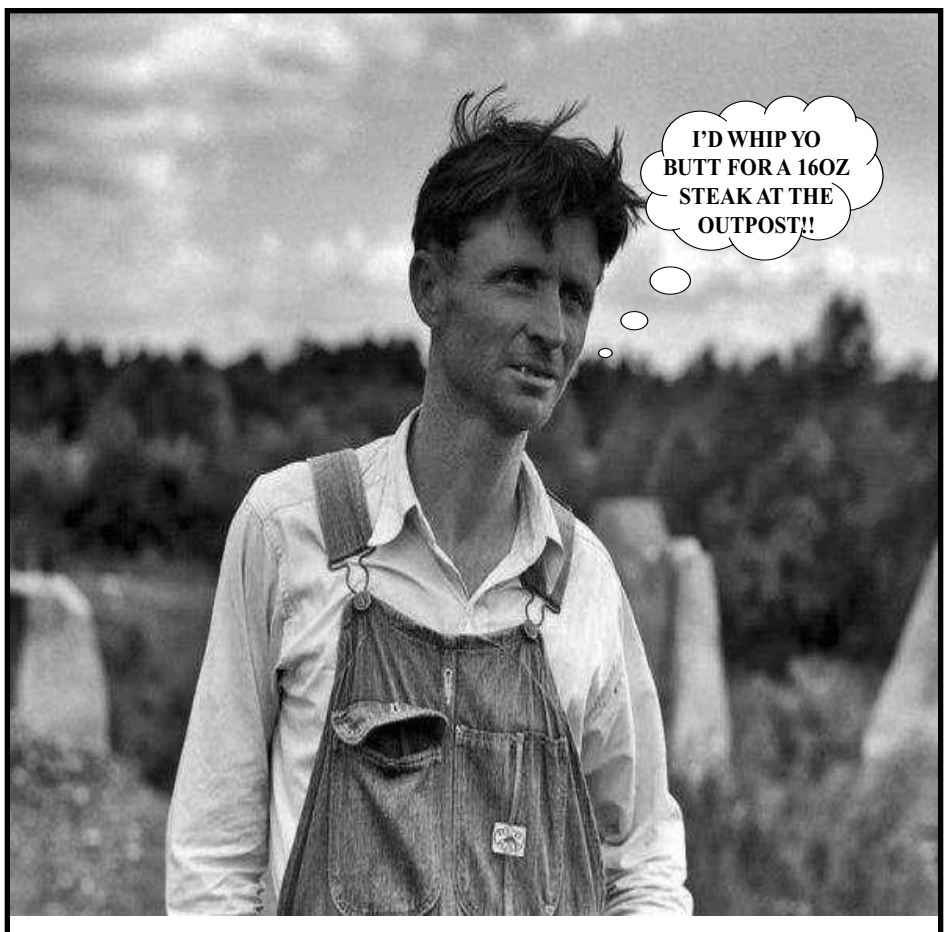

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Iris Robinson, seen in January 2008 with husband, Northern Ireland's First Minister Peter Robinson, is expected to step down as a lawmaker within days after admitting to an affair with a far younger man.

Disgraced wife of N. Ireland leader to step down as lawmaker

LONDON (AP) — The wife of Northern Ireland's leader will step down as a lawmaker within days, British media reported Saturday, as pressure mounted on Peter Robinson's shaky coalition government over her admissions of an affair with a far younger man.

The BBC and Britain's Press Association cited unidentified sources within the Robinson's Democratic Unionist Party as saying that his wife Iris, 60, would relinquish her dual position as parliamentarian in London and representative to Northern Ireland's regional assembly in Belfast within days.

The reported move follows the revelation that she had an adulterous relationship with a man nearly 40 years her junior — and allegations that she solicited tens of thousands of pounds (dollars) from businessmen to help the teenager launch a cafe.

Iris Robinson was 58 at the time, and the man, Kirk McCambley, was 19.

News of the affair has played poorly with the Robinsons' socially conservative political base. Protestant minister Rev. David McIlveen, a friend of former Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley, who preceded Robinson as Northern Ireland's first minister, said Robinson needed to step down — at least for a while.

"I do believe that his position is becoming increasingly untenable,'' he told the BBC. "He has a major problem with regard to solving his own family difficulties, and I personally cannot take the view that a person's private life does not affect their public life.''

Iris Robinson did not immediately return an e-mail seeking comment Saturday. The phones listed on her Web site and at her party's office in Belfast rang unanswered.

The scandal has turned the couple into a target of ridicule in the British press, and it could have serious political consequences, as well. Robinson's shaky coalition with Irish Catholics — the central achievement of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord — is already under strain over his refusal to agree to transfer responsibility for Northern Ireland's justice system from London to Belfast.

The political tensions coincide with ongoing attacks by IRA dissidents against police and British soldiers in Northern Ireland. Last year, IRA dissidents killed two soldiers and a policeman. They were the first killings of British security forces in Northern Ireland since 1998.

On Friday, a prominent Catholic policeman was badly injured when a bomb hidden beneath his car exploded. He remained in critical condition Saturday.

UK police charge 2 men after Heathrow bomb threat

LONDON (AP) — Two men have been charged with making a false bomb threat and being drunk aboard a passenger plane following a security scare at London's Heathrow Airport, British police said Saturday.

Armed police officers pulled Robert George Fowles and Alexander Bain McGinn from an Emirates plane preparing for take-off to Dubai late Friday, after crew members reported that verbal threats were made to staff.

Police said Fowles, 58, will appear in custody at court on Monday. McGinn, 48, has been bailed and is due to appear at court on Jan.22.

A third man who was arrested along with the other two suspects was released, police said. He was not identified.

Police removed all passengers from the plane, but said a search found nothing suspicious aboard.

The arrests came amid heightened concern over airline security following an alleged Christmas Day attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines plane. In a separate incident Friday, fighter jets were launched to catch up with an AirTran Airways jet to San Francisco after a report that an intoxicated passenger had locked himself in a bathroom.

The Emirates flight, which had 331 passengers on board, was grounded in London overnight but had taken off Saturday afternoon.

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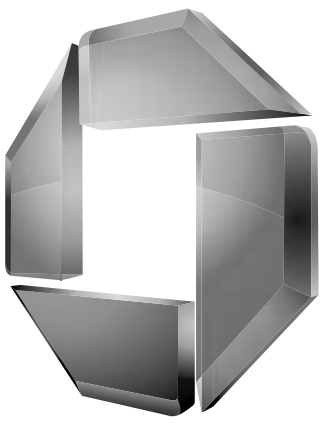

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Cowboys end long playoff skid by trouncing Philly

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — These aren't the same old disappointing Dallas Cowboys. If anything, they're starting to play like some of the really old versions.

Tony Romo broke open a scoreless game with five straight scoring drives in the second quarter and Dallas' defense kept up its recent dominance, sending the Cowboys past Philadelphia 34-14 Saturday night for their first playoff victory since 1996.

AP photo

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) reacts after the Cowboys won an NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Philadelphia Eagles Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

Dallas had lost six straight postseason games and would've set an NFL record with another. But now those skids are history, buried along with the notions that Wade Phillips (0-4 as a head coach) and Romo (0-2) couldn't win a playoff game.

"The demons are gone!" owner Jerry Jones said.

The way the Cowboys have played over the last four games — all wins, powered by the defense and an efficient offense — they could be sticking around a while this postseason. Next up for Dallas is a trip to Minnesota on Sunday, with Romo taking on childhood hero Brett Favre.

"Just keep trying to get better and eventually things will go your way," said Romo, who presented game balls to Jones and Phillips in the locker room. "Going out there and playing this way we have lately is very exciting. If we just keep going forward, we got a chance."

Since losing back-to-back games in early December, the Cowboys haven't even trailed any of the last four games.

"This team has hung together all year, got stronger at the end of the year and is playing our best football," Phillips said. "I think we're playing as good as anybody right now."

The Eagles are one-and-done in the playoffs for the first time under coach Andy Reid. Philadelphia had been 7-0 in playoff openers with Reid and 6-0 with Donovan McNabb at quarterback.

Dallas beat Philadelphia twice in the regular season, including 24-0 last weekend at Cowboys Stadium. About all that changed for the Eagles was getting Michael Vick back from an injury and using him in place of McNabb for a few plays — for better and worse.

Vick threw a 76-yard touchdown pass that made it 7-7 early in the second quarter, but later messed up a handoff deep in his own territory, with Dallas recovering the fumble. Romo turned it into a touchdown that made it 24-7 on the way to 27-7 at the half.

"They were better all the way around," Reid said.

Tigers on top

Thorne, Jerome roll at Buhl invite

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

BUHL — Nick Thorne's anticlimactic match didn't prevent him from celebrating the final whistle.

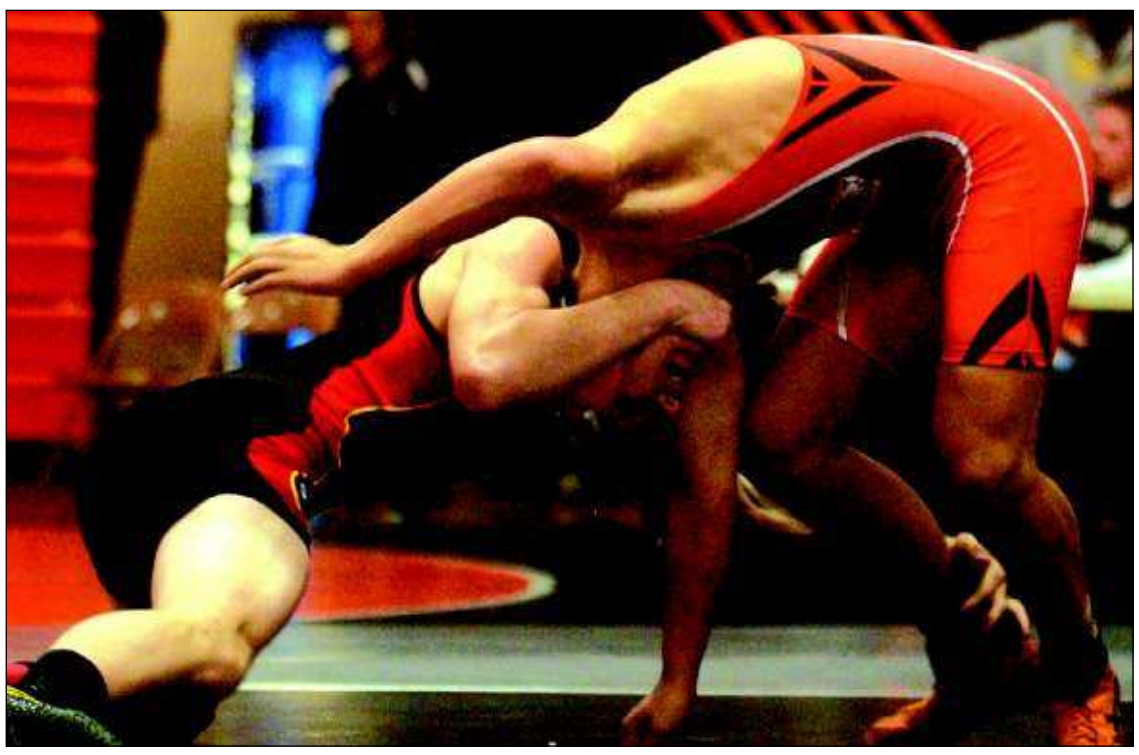
The Jerome wrestler pumped both his fists several times and let out a shout after the referee signaled a pin in his favor over previously unbeaten Sam Bishop of North Fremont, handing Thorne the 130-pound championship at the Buhl Invitational Saturday.

Thorne dominated Bishop from the opening whistle, capping his classy performance with style by throwing a cradle to seal the pin.

"In championship matches you have to be aggressive or you don't get anything out of it," Thorne said. "I wasn't really looking for the pin but he gave me a leg so I went for it.

"This is my first season on varsity and first placement at a tournament, so to know that I did it and beat an undefeated guy to do it is amazing."

Thorne was the only individual winner for Jerome, and one of eight local winners overall. But the Tigers had three beaten finalists and eight placers overall as they cruised to the team title with 163.5 points. Twin Falls, Spring Creek (Nev.) and Minico finished Nos. 2-4.



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Jerome's Tyler Powell, right, takes on Minico's David Borden in the 152-pound championship match at the Buhl Invitational Saturday at in Buhl.

One of the wrestlers able to overcome a Jerome opponent was Minico's David Borden, who topped Tyler Powell 5-1 to win the 152-pound championship.

Borden said he used a sluggish match earlier in the week at Twin Falls as motivation heading into the tournament.

"I didn't like my performance (at Twin Falls) but I turned it up here and it paid off," Borden said of his first tournament win. "You always know you can do it, but actually doing it helps (your confidence)."

Not even a grisly injury could derail Twin Falls 171-pounder Zak Slotten's confidence.

About two hours before he dispatched Kaleb Latimer of Challis by a 12-3 major decision in the

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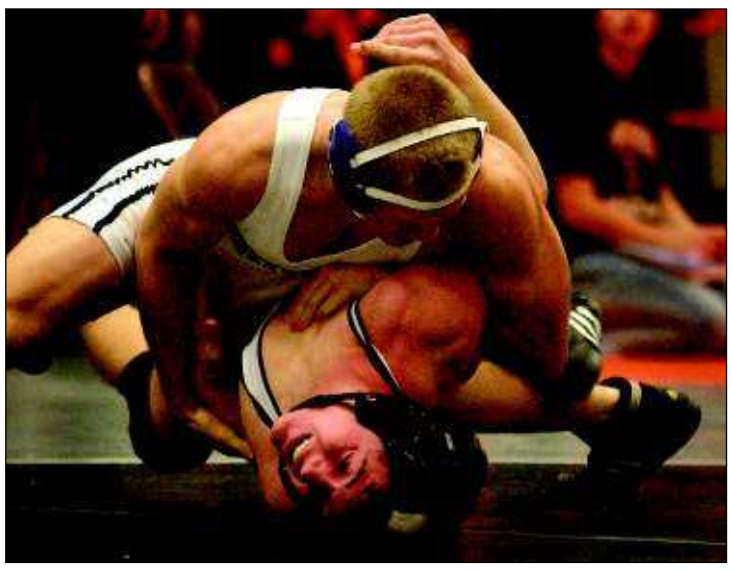

Twin Falls wrestler Will Keeter, top, takes on Jesse Vogler of Snake River in the 140-pound championship match at the Buhl Invitational Saturday in Buhl.

Free-throw woes sink CSI at NIC

Times-News

Close, but not quite. Again.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team fell to 3-5 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play and 11-7 overall with an 80-73 loss to No. 12 North Idaho College Saturday in Coeur d'Alene.

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The defeat, like most the Golden Eagles have suffered this season, came in close fashion. As has been the story, CSI made just enough mistakes to

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Barrage of 3-pointers buries CSI

Times-News

The logic seemed sound: Employ a zone defense to take away shots from North Idaho stars Kama Griffitts and Tugce Canitez.

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Forty minutes later, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team found itself buried under an avalanche of 3-pointers that resulted in a lopsided 76-62 loss in Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

"That's what makes that team good," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told AM 1450 KEZJ. "They had some kids step up and knock down some big-time shots."

See **CSI**, Sports 4

Minico boys wins big over Canyon Ridge

Spartans run away with 75-35 victory

Canyon Ridge guard Alex Ridgeway (4) and Minico forward Shad Hubsmith battle for a rebound Saturday at Minico High School.

RYAN HOWE/Times-News

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — On Friday night, Twin Falls' 51-point victory over Canyon Ridge hinted once again that the Bruins are head-and-shoulders above their Great Basin Conference foes.

On Saturday, Minico made a case for not being too far behind.

The Spartans led by as many as 48 and ran away with a 75-35 victory over Canyon Ridge.

But when asked about the Minico-Twin Falls comparison, Spartans coach Mike Graefe shrugged off any implications of his team trying to make a statement.

> "We're just focused on playing hard, because we haven't done that consistently."
> — Mike Graefe, Minico coach

"We're just focused on playing hard, because we haven't done that consistently," Graefe said, despite Minico (6-3, 2-0 GBC) having won four of its last five.

"It's been so up and down with this group and it's largely because we haven't been able to give a real consistent effort every day in practice," Graefe said. "At times we're horrible. At times when we decide to play, we're great."

The Spartans certainly looked "great" as they opened the second quarter with an 18-0 run that erased any questions of an upset.

With Minico's pair of 6-foot-10 towers — David Fennell and Kevin Jurgensmeier — clogging the paint, Canyon Ridge's drive-and-dish offense was more dish than drive in the first half. The Riverhawks seemed content to launch 3-pointers, as 13 of their 23 shot attempts in the first half came from beyond the arc.

"That's usually our philosophy because we feel like we have a lot of good shooters, we just haven't been getting them the ball," said Canyon Ridge senior Casey Petty, who scored a team-high 14 points. "It's just mental. I think people were tired having played the night before, but it's just mentality, you've got to want it."

See **MINICO**, Sports 2

Dietrich girls grind past Richfield

Times-News

The No. 1-ranked Dietrich Blue Devils won a 30-26 defensive struggle against No. 2-ranked and defending Class 1A Division II state champion Richfield on Saturday.

Nakia Norman led Dietrich with eight points, while Kelsie Dalton and Halie Stoddard teamed up defensively to hold Richfield star Teenie Kent to 12 points, including just two after half-time.

"The girls played some amazing defense," said Dietrich coach Acey Shaw.

Richfield visits the Community School on Tuesday, while Dietrich (11-1, 4-0 Northside Conference) travels to face the Cutthroats on Thursday.

Dietrich 30, Richfield 26

Richfield	11	5	6	4 – 26
Dietrich	10	9	5	6 – 30

RICHFIELD (26)

Sasha Kent 3, Teenie Kent 12, Breanna Brockman 2, Mirian Rivas 9. Totals 10 2-2 26.

DIETRICH

Jesica Perron 3, Nakia Norman 8, Shayla Porter 4, Kelsie Dalton 3, Moriah Dill 4, Halie Stoddard 2, Dayna Phillips 6. Totals 13 2-6 30.

3-point goals: Richfield 4 (T. Kent 2, S. Kent, Rivas); Dietrich 2 (Norman, Perron). Total fouls: Richfield 16, Dietrich 7. Fouled out: Richfield, S. Kent. Technical fouls: none.

TWIN FALLS 61, CENTURY 48

Erin Grubbs-Imhoff scored 18 points as Twin Falls cruised to a 61-48 win over Century in Pocatello on Saturday. Grubbs-Imhoff hit three 3-pointers, while Allie Kelsey knocked down four treys as part of her 15-point afternoon.

Jazlyn Nielsen chipped in 10 points for the 7-6 Bruins, who travel to Buhl on Tuesday.

Twin Falls 61, Century 48

Twin Falls	13	15	7	26 – 61
Century	6	14	11	17 – 48

TWIN FALLS (61)

Josie Jordan 7, Erin Grubbs-Imhoff 18, Brianna Bishop 1, Mallory Jund 6, Allie Kelsey 15, Brylee Bartlett 2, Jazlyn Nielsen 10, Alex Simmons 2. Totals 15-35 10-18 61.

CENTURY (48)

Ellis 5, Pattie 3, Reeder 1, Peck 8, Kelemete 14, Togiai 11, Donaldson 1, Roberts 5. Totals 21-37 11-27 48.

3-point goals: Twin Falls 7 (Kelsey 4, Grubbs-Imhoff 3) Total fouls: Twin Falls 16, Century 16. Fouled out: Century, Reeder, Roberts.

CHALLIS 66, HAGERMAN 38

Lauren Garlie scored 15 and Nicole Helm added 13 as Challis strolled 66-38 at Hagerman on Saturday.

Jenna Hamilton and Amber Kemmerer each scored 11 for the Vikings (13-1, 3-0 Snake River North).

Kyla Coats led Hagerman (2-12, 1-3) with 11 points.

The Pirates host Wendell on Friday.

Challis 66, Hagerman 38

Challis	13	21	16	16 – 66
Hagerman	11	13	6	8 – 38

CHALLIS (66)

Nicole Helm 13, Jenna Hamilton 11, Amber Kemmerer 11, Lonnie Dowton 8, Lacen Moss 3, Lauren Garlie 15, Rachelle Chamberlain 1, Amber Cotant 4. Totals 25 13-23 66.

HAGERMAN (38)

Kaitlyn Nebeker 9, Tobi Wickham 7, Kyla Coates 11, Raven Aiken 4, Amanda Regnier 7. Totals 15 4-11 38

3-point goals: Challis 3 (Helm, Hamilton, Moss); Hagerman 4 (Coats 3, Nebeker). Total fouls: Challis 13, Hagerman 16. Fouled out: Hagerman, Coates, Regnier. Technical fouls: none.

BUHL 49, GLENNS FERRY 46

Tied at 44 with a little more than a minute left, Buhl forced a few turnovers and hit key free throws to take a 49-46 win at Glenns Ferry on Saturday.

Kendyl Hamilton scored 16 to lead the Indians. Karli McHone had a game-high 24 for the Pilots (4-10).

Glenns Ferry is at Castleford on Wednesday.

Buhl 49, Glenns Ferry 46

Buhl	5	18	9	17 – 49
Glenns Ferry	9	10	12	15 – 46

BUHL (49)

STEVE MERRICK/For the Times-News

Shoshone's Skye Axelson soars in for a lay-up against Valley on Saturday.

Cassidee Kippes 2, Mercedes Pearson 3, Toni Wuensch 6, Kendyl Hamilton 16, Courtney Azevedo 2, Katherine Hunter 8, Arly Pettinger 2, Bailee Montgomery 10. Totals 16 17-27 49.

GLENNS FERRY (46)

Rebecca Wody 8, Karli McHone 24, Aspen Martell 1, Jenny Popoca 4, Mollee Shrum 3, Cassandra Garza 1, Sara Arellano 5. Totals 16 11-25 46.

3-point goals: Glenns Ferry 3 (McHone 2, Arellano). Total fouls: Buhl 23, Glenns Ferry 21. Fouled out: Glenns Ferry, Shrum. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 50, OAKLEY 40

Carey improved to 8-3 as the host Panthers defeated Oakley 50-40. Carey outrebounded Oakley 43-17, including 23 offensive rebounds resulting in several second-chance goals. Jessica Parke scored a game-high 23 points followed by Jaide Parke with nine and Amy Ellsworth recorded 15 boards for the Panthers. Kori Poulton led the Hornets with 14 points.

Oakley (4-9, 2-2 Snake River South) hosts Raft River and Carey (4-1 Northside Conference) is at Camas County on Tuesday.

Carey 50, Oakley 40

Oakley	12	6	11	11 – 40
Carey	8	14	15	13 – 50

OAKLEY (40)

Hanna Pickett 4, Jordan Lierman 8, Sabrina Wybenga 5, Kori Poulton 14, Victoria Hale 9. Totals 14 9-15 40.

CAREY (50)

Jaide Parke 9, Jessica Parke 23, Amy Ellsworth 6, Micaela Adamson 6, Nicky Gomez 6. Totals 18 13-23 50.

3-point goals: Oakley 3 (Pickett, Lierman, Poulton), Carey 1 (Jaide Parke). Total fouls: Oakley 17, Carey 14. Fouled out: Oakley, Lierman. Technical fouls: none.

RAFT RIVER 40, CASTLEFORD 31

Chelzee Nye scored 14 points as Raft River beat Castleford 40-31. Allison Rodgers scored 11 points and Lisa Canuto added 10 for the Wolves. Raft River (7-6, 4-0) travels to Oakley on Tuesday while Castleford visits Hansen.

Raft River 40, Castleford 31

Raft River	7	12	12	9–40
Castleford	11	4	6	10–31

RAFT RIVER (40)

Kassie Ottley 2, Echo Hansen 2, Hailey Higley 7, Whitney Holtman 5, Wynter Holtman 8, Chelzee Nye 14, CeAnn Carpenter 2. Totals 15 8-12 40.

CASTLEFORD (31)

Allison Rodgers 11, Courtney Allred 6, Lisa Canuto 10, Roxanne Hill 2, Jessica Welch 2. Totals 12 7-16 31.

3-point goals: none. Total fouls: Raft River 14, Castleford 12. Fouled out: Raft River, Holtman; Castleford, Maricela Rodriguez. Technical fouls none.

DECLO 34, FILER 27

Declo beat Filer 34-27 Saturday night as Melissa Carson scored 12 points for the Hornets.

Natalie Hughes scored eight points for the Wildcats.

Filer (5-8) hosts Kimberly on Tuesday while Declo hosts Valley.

Declo 34, Filer 27

Declo	10	6	15	4–34
Filer	9	5	4	9–27

DECLO (34)

Brinlee Breshears 3, Melissa Carson 12, Sierra Zollinger 4, Sydney Webb 6, Ashton Albertson 1, Jennifer Stuart 2, Jezzura Durfee 2, Emilie Moore 4. Totals 15 3-13 34.

FILER (27)

Brandie White 2, Alyssa Lekkerkerk 2, Charmaine Weatherly 2, Taylor Twitchell 6, Sierra Koyle 4, Taylor Oyler 3, Natalie Hughes 8. Totals 10 5-12 27.

3-point goals: Declo (Breshears); Filer 2 (Twitchell 2). Total fouls: Declo 15, Filer 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Boys basketball

JEROME 56, BUHL 46

Kameron Pearce scored 20 and Jake Hollifield added 12 as Jerome topped visiting Buhl 56-46 on Saturday.

The Indians (4-4) were led by J.D. Leckenby's 20 points.

Jerome (7-3) hosts Wood River Tuesday.

Jerome 56, Buhl 46

Buhl	14	9	16	7 – 46
Jerome	13	16	17	10 – 56

BUHL (46)

J.D. Leckenby 20, Brian Schofield 7, Scott Harris 5, Cader Owen 6, Matt Hamilton 2, Markus Lively 2, Isaac McCreery 2, Marco Avelar 2. Totals 19 7-14 46.

JEROME (56)

Kameron Pearce 20, Gus Callen 9, Jake Hollifield 12, Nolan McDonald 6, Chace Capps 4, Cameron Stauffer 3, Spencer Parker 2. Totals 21 11-17 56.

3-point goals: Buhl 1 (Harris); Jerome 3 (Pearce 2, Callen). Total fouls: Buhl 14, Jerome 11. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

BLACKFOOT 56, BURLEY 51

Despite 11 points from Alex Greener and 10 from Bill Blauer, Burley dropped a 56-51 decision at Blackfoot on Saturday.

The Bobcats (4-7) hit just 22 of 36 free throws in the loss. Burley travels to rival Minico on Tuesday.

Blackfoot 56, Burley 51

Burley	8	16	14	14 – 51
Blackfoot	9	14	16	17 – 56

BURLEY (51)

Karch Hinckley 8, Alex Larson 4, Zach Martin 9, Alex Greener 11, Jake Mills 5, Nelson Geary 2, Bill Blauer 10, Aaron Tolman 2. Totals 14 22-36 51.

BLACKFOOT (56)

Beau Hoskins 5, Anthony Clark3 2, Wood 8, Zac Packer 7, Justin Callister 2, Nate Walker 7, Collin Rockwood 4, Austin Dance 2, Julio Flores 9, Logan Chidester 2. Totals 17 17-30 56.

3-point goals: Burley 1 (Mills); Blackfoot 5 (Packer 2, Dance 2, Hoskins).

CASTLEFORD 57, RAFT RIVER 50

Ethan Tverdy scored 16 and Tyler Hansen chipped in 14 to lead Castleford to a hard-fought 57-50 win at Raft River on Saturday.

Cade Powers led three Trojans in double figures with 16 points but Raft River couldn't get over the hump.

Raft River (5-3, 1-1 Snake River South) hosts Hansen on Thursday.

Castleford 57, Raft River 50

Castleford	15	16	14	12 - 57
Raft River	13	15	14	8 - 50

CASTLEFORD (57)

Clayton Kline 7, Nick Howard 2, Oscar Vargas 8, Kale Weekes 4, Sam Chavez 6, Tyler Hansen 14, Ethan Tverdy 16. Totals 26 2-7 57.

RAFT RIVER (50)

Cade Powers 16, Rio Manning 12, Taylor Thacker 12, Nelson Manning 6, H.D. Tuckett 2, Andrew Fenn 2. Totals 22 4-10 50.

3-point goals: Castleford 3 (Chavez 2, Kline); Raft River 2 (Powers, Thacker). Total fouls: Castleford 12, Raft River 8. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

BLISS 58, MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN 34

Cole Erkins led three Bliss players in double figures with 23 points as the Bears picked up a Northside Conference road win, beating Magic Valley Christian 58-34. Alex Cortez followed with 13 and Thomas Palmer had 11 for the Bears (5-3, 2-3).

Zach Van Esch was the leading scorer for Magic Valley Christian with 21.

Magic Valley Christian is at Lighthouse Christian on Tuesday.

Bliss 58, Magic Valley Christian 34

Bliss	13	14	13	18 – 58
Magic Valley Christian	8	8	4	14 – 34

BLISS (58)

Francisco Sanchez 2, Alex Cortez 13, Cameron Schoessler 4, Cole Erkins 23, Zae Vincent 5, Thomas Palmer 11. Totals 21 12-27 58.

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN (34)

Robert Ryder 6, Zach Van Esch 21, Matt McClimans 7. Totals 12 7-13 34.

3-point goals: Bliss 4 (Erkins 4), Magic Valley Christian 3 (Van Esch 3). Fouled out: Magic Valley Christian, Dillon Van Esch. Technical fouls: none.

HAGERMAN 54, CHALLIS 44

Hagerman evened its Snake River North record at 1-1 as the host Pirates defeated Challis 54-44.

Dylan Brooks led all players with 23 points for Hagerman (3-5) and Dillon Savage paced Challis with 12.

Hagerman travels to Oakley on Wednesday.

Hagerman 54, Challis 44

Challis	12	13	6	13 – 44
Hagerman	14	14	12	14 – 54

CHALLIS (44)

Jay Parkinson 2, Danny Evans 10, Matt Helm 9, Craig Olson 9, Dalton Crane 2, Dillon Savage 12. Totals 13-214-19 44.

HAGERMAN (54)

Dylan Brooks 23, Ryan Arnold 3, Ambrosio Nava 5, Ryan Luttmer 4, Trevor Johnson 2, Talyn Henslee 6, Zac Reid 9, Zarek Tupper 2. Totals 20 11-23 54.

3-point goals: Challis 4 (Helm 3, Evans), Hagerman 3 (Brooks 3). Total fouls: Challis 16, Hagerman 19. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 56, OAKLEY 52

Despite a game-high 21 points by Garret Critchfield of Oakley, the visiting Hornets were edged by the Panthers 56-52. Carey was led in scoring by Brett Adamson with 19 points and 14 by Trevor Peck. Wacey Barg pulled down 10 rebounds for Carey (7-1, 5-0 Northside Conference).

Carey is on the road at Camas County on Tuesday.

Oakley (2-5, 0-2 Snake River South) hosts Hagerman on Wednesday.

Carey 56, Oakley 52

Oakley	8	18	12	14 – 52
Carey	15	10	14	17 – 56

OAKLEY (52)

Payson Bedke 8, Brett Arnell 3, Weston Cooper 4, Hunter Wadsworth 14, Garret Critchfield 21. Totals 20 8-19 52.

CAREY (56)

Dillon Simpson 5, Brett Adamson 19, Trevor Peck 14, Blair Peck 9, Shane Bingham 4, Wacey Barg 5. Totals 16 19-31 56.

3-point goals: Oakley 4 (Bedke 2, Wadswoth 2), Carey 5 (T. Peck 2, B. Peck 2, Adamson). Total fouls: Oakley 22, Carey 17. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

SHOSHONE 55, VALLEY 20

Shoshone improved to 8-0 by smoking Valley 55-20 Saturday night.

Skye Axelson scored 12 points and Josh Olsen added 11 for Shoshone. Justin Johnson was the leading scorer for the Vikings with six.

Shoshone travels to Sho-Ban on Tuesday while Valley visits Glenns Ferry on Wednesday.

Shoshone 55, Valley 20

Shoshone	11	14	16	14 – 55
Valley	2	10	3	5 – 20

SHOSHONE (55)

Justin Santana 4, Skye Axelson 12, Andrew Sortor 4, Sigi Juarez 5, Thomas Lanhan 8, Josh Olsen 11, Gilberto Hernandez 5, Cody Race 4, Nathan Huyser 2. Totals 25 4-8 55.

VALLEY (20)

Anthony Costello 6, Matt Ivey 2, John Caurhorn 5, Chase Brown 1, Justin Johnson 6. Totals 8 3-7 20.

3-point goals: Shoshone (Olsen); Valley (Johnson). Total fouls: Shoshone 8, Valley 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls none.

DIETRICH 59, RICHFIELD 32

Dietrich took advantage of a short-handed Richfield team Friday night as the Blue Devils won 59-32.

Richfield's star Michael Lezamiz sat out the game.

Dietrich's Jay Liu was the leading scorer with 19 points. Tyler Cenarrusa scored 10 points for the Tigers.

Dietrich (6-2) travels to Murtaugh Tuesday.

Dietrich 59, Richfield 32

Dietrich	16	18	16	9–59
Richfield	6	6	7	13–32

DIETRICH (59)

Whit Bingham 7, Jay Liu 19, Dylan Perron 2, Brant McDaniel 3, Alex Heimerdinger 4, Dion Norman 2, Kolton Hubert 2, Andrew Rocha 8, Walter Hansen 8, Brody Astle 2, Jacob Howard 2. Totals 24 4-14 59.

RICHFIELD (32)

Ben Robles 5, Zac Turnage 6, Tucker Smith 2, Tyler Cenarrusa 10, Jose Rivas 7, Mathew Ellis 2. Totals 14 2-8 32.

3-point goals: Dietrich 7 (Bingham, Liu 3, McDaniel, Rocha 2); Richfield 2 (Turnage 2), Total fouls: Dietrich 11, Richfield 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none

Boise State falls at home to N.M. St.

BOISE — Jonathan Gibson scored 26 points to lead New Mexico State to an 88-85 victory over Boise State on Saturday.

Gibson connected on four 3-point baskets, including one from the left baseline with one minute remaining, to put New Mexico State (9-7, 2-1 Western Athletic Conference) ahead to stay. The victory was the Aggies' sixth in seven games.

Boise State (9-7, 0-3) had a chance to force overtime but missed three 3-point shots in the final 17 seconds. Anthony Thomas' last-second attempt with two New Mexico State defenders draped on him didn't draw rim.

Jahmar Young added 19 points for New Mexico State, which made 13 3-point baskets and shot 55.2 percent overall.

Robert Arnold scored 26 points to lead Boise State, while former College of Southern Idaho star Daequon Montreal added 12 points and a team-high nine rebounds. The Broncos scored 11 consecutive points to take an 85-81 edge with 1:53 to play and kept the lead until Gibson's decisive 3.

AP photo

New Mexico State's Jonathan Gibson (22) tries to get in front of the drive of Boise State's Daequon Montreal (2) during the first half Saturday in Boise.

LOUISIANA TECH 77, IDAHO 71

MOSCOW — Kyle Gibson scored 28 points to lead Louisiana Tech over Idaho 77-71 on Saturday.

The Bulldogs (15-2, 3-0 Western Athletic) won their eighth in a row by shooting 57 percent from the field and going 17 of 24 from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs had three players in double figures with DeAndre Brown scoring 19 points and Olu Ashaolu adding 12 and grabbing nine rebounds.

The Vandals (8-6, 1-2) were led by Mac Hopson, who scored 24 points. Steffan Johnson added 13.

NORTHERN COLORADO 78, IDAHO STATE 66

GREELEY, Colo. — Chris Kaba scored 17 points and Northern Colorado pulled away to beat Idaho State 78-66 Saturday night.

Will Figures added 16 points and Taylor Montgomery had 13 for Northern Colorado (15-3, 4-2 Big Sky).

Amorrow Morgan's 25 points led Idaho State (4-13, 1-4). Broderick Gilchrest added 15 points and Donnie Carson 12 for the Bengals, who lost their third straight.

NO. 25 BYU 83, UTEP 77

EL PASO, Texas — Tyler Haws scored 20 points to help No. 25 BYU beat Texas-El Paso 83-77 on Saturday night.

BYU (16-1) played without Jimmer Fredette, the junior guard sidelined by mononucleosis.

Jeremy Williams had 17 points for UTEP (10-4). The Miners led early, but couldn't recover after losing the lead on Jonathan Tavernari's 3-pointer with 1:26 left in the first half.

UTAH 65, TEXAS CHRISTIAN 45.

SALT LAKE CITY — Luka Drca scored all 14 of his points in the second half to help Utah blow past Texas Christian 65-45 on Saturday.

Drca, Utah's only healthy senior, made three 3-pointers and engineered the offense as the Utes turned a close game into a blowout in their conference opener.

Former College of Southern Idaho star Jay Watkins and Carlon Brown had 11 points.

TOP 25 HIGHLIGHTS NO. 17 WISCONSIN 73, NO. 4 PURDUE 66

MADISON, Wis. — Jordan Taylor scored a career-high 23 points and Wisconsin handed Purdue its first loss of the season.

NO. 20 GEORGIA TECH 71, NO. 5 DUKE 67

ATLANTA — Gani Lawal scored 21 points, including a crucial shot with just over a minute remaining, for Georgia Tech (12-3, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

NO. 12 GEORGETOWN 73, NO. 13 CONNECTICUT 69

WASHINGTON — Austin Freeman scored 28 of his career-high 33 points in the second half, helping No. 12 Georgetown erase a 15-point halftime deficit in a 73-69 victory over No. 13 Connecticut on Saturday.

Greg Monroe added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Georgetown (12-2, 3-1 Big East), while Chris Wright scored 14 points. Stanley Robinson led UConn (11-4, 2-2) with 16 points and eight rebounds.

UNLV 74, NO. 15 NEW MEXICO 62

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Kendall Wallace made six of his seven 3-pointers in the second half and finished with a career-high 21 points to help UNLV (13-3, 1-1 Mountain West) end New Mexico's 19-game home winning streak.

OKLAHOMA ST. 81, NO. 22 TEXAS TECH 52

STILLWATER, Okla. — James Anderson scored 25 of his 28 points in the first half and Oklahoma State beat Texas Tech in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

— The Associated Press

Invite

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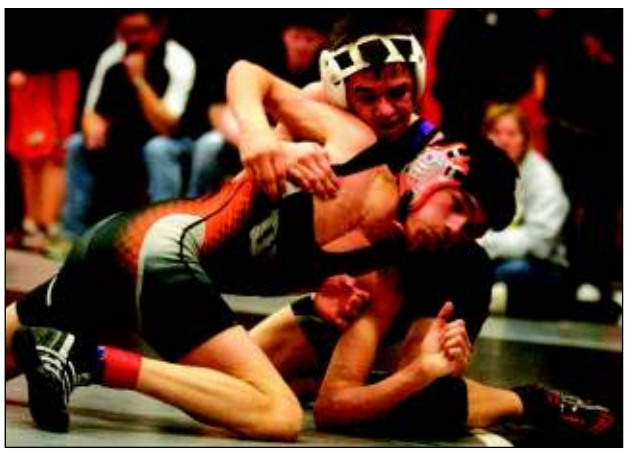
championship, Slotten advanced via injury default when Spring Creek wrestler Chase Saxton's knee gave out.

Slotten and Saxton were engaged in the first period of their semifinal bout, when Saxton planted a foot and tried to turn into Slotten near the end of the round in order to get an escape point. Slotten continued to drive through Saxton in an effort to force him back to the mat, and Saxton's knee simply collapsed beneath him.

Saxton cried out in pain and trainers and medics immediately rushed to his aid.

"I don't really remember (what happened) ... I was just running through him and I guess he tried to turn and we fell over. When I got off him I heard him shouting and I saw his knee pointed sideways," Slotten said. "I feel bad because I hate when people get injured like that. It was just a freak accident ... it could have happened to anyone."

Action was delayed for roughly half an hour on one of the four mats as Saxton was tended to. Saxton was transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center with what the Spring Creek coaching staff called a dislocated knee and kneecap.



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Declo's Jamie Alonzo, front, takes on Spring Creek's Tyler Tate in the 103-pound championship match at the Buhl Invitational.

Buhl Invitational

Final results

Team scores

1. Jerome 163.5 points, 2. Twin Falls 115.5, 3. Spring Creek (Nev.) 114.5, 4. Minico 114, 5. North Fremont 97, 6. South Fremont 94, 7. (tie) New Plymouth and Mountain Home 85, 9. Snake River 84.5, 10. Elko (Nev.) 73, 11. Declo 67, 12. Canyon Ridge 65.5, 13. Emmett 61, 14. Burley 57, 15. Buhl 53, 16. Challis 51.5, 17. Wendell 48, 18. Wood River 41, 19. Valley 35, 20. (tie) Filer and Kimberly 26, 22. Gooding 19, 23. Glenns Ferry 5.

Championship match results

103 pounds: Tyler Tate, Spring Creek, dec. Jaime Alonzo, Declo, 8-2. 112: Kolten Glider, South Fremont, pinned Joe Gutierrez, Mountain Home. 119: Donovan Jones, Canyon Ridge, maj. dec. Wade Fry, Elko, 18-8. 125: Brock Banta, South Fremont, dec. Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls, 5-1. 130: Nick Thorne, Jerome, pinned Sam Bishop, North Fremont. 135: Derek Gerratt, Valley, T-fall Taylor Martindale, North Fremont, 19-4. 140: Will Keeter, Twin Falls, maj. dec. Jesse Vogler, Snake River, 15-5. 145: Nick Wooden, Spring Creek, T-fall Todd Anderson, Twin Falls, 20-3. 152: David Borden, Minico, dec. Tyler Powell, Jerome, 5-1. 160: Coben Hoch, New Plymouth, pinned Regg Angell, South Fremont. 171: Zak Slotten, Twin Falls, maj. dec. Kaleb Latimer, Challis, 12-3. 189: Blake Finney, Buhl, pinned Riley Argyle, Jerome. 215: Mike Duff, Snake River, pinned Seth Gaskins, New Plymouth. 285: Ramiro Riojas, Minico, dec. Layne Lasike, Jerome, 5-4.

Third-place match results

103 pounds: Aldon Bishop, North Fremont, dec. Eric Ayala, Jerome, 5-4. 112: Skyler Valengine, Snake River, dec. Isaiah Alvarado, Minico, 9-8. 119: Devonte McClain, Mountain Home, pinned Derek Gines, Wendell. 125: Casey Short, Emmett, dec. Grayden Bloxham, Challis, 6-4. 130: D.J. Hale, Mountain Home, dec. Tyler Egbert, Wendell, 6-1. 135: Michael McDonald, Buhl, dec. Jonathan Albers, Jerome, 7-4. 140: Jacob Lake, Burley, dec. Mike Archey, New Plymouth, 10-6. 145: Jared Dalton, North Fremont, dec. Heyden Thacker, Jerome, 3-1. 152: Jordan Staley, Twin Falls, dec. Tanner Orchard, Wood River, 8-2. 160: Cody McCoy, Jerome, dec. Nick Nolte, Spring Creek, 9-5. 171: Colby May, Minico, pinned Jacob Bogner, Filer. 189: Tyler Usko, Spring Creek, pinned Casey Pierson, Gooding. 215: Brian Rhodehouse, South Fremont, def. Zack Stetter, Elko, 2-0. 285: Khuzaymah Perez, Elko, dec. Brandan Bradshaw, Canyon Ridge, 12-5.

Minico

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Although Minico had a size advantage inside, it was one of the Spartans' smallest players, Mark Leon, who made the biggest difference in the first half, as the senior guard scored 12 of his 15 points before the break.

Coltin Johnson scored 18 points — including 12 straight in the third quarter — to lead Minico in scoring. Jurgensmeier added 12 points and Minico shot 58.8 percent from the field.

Minico hosts Mini-Cassia rival Burley on Tuesday. Canyon Ridge (1-8, 0-4) hosts Snake River on Tuesday.

Minico 75, Canyon Ridge 35

Canyon Ridge	9	4	10	12 - 35
Minico	16	25	25	9 - 75

CANYON RIDGE (35)

Alex Ridgeway 6, Garren Moreno 6, Tyler Myers 7, Chase Joslin 2, Casey Petty 14. Totals 11 10-16 35.

MINICO (75)

Mark Leon 15, Coltin Johnson 18, Shad Hubsmith 8, David Fennell 6, Bronson Miller 2, Casey Christiansen 6, Kade Miller 8, Kevin Jurgensmeier 12. Totals 30 8-11 75.

3-point goals: Canyon Ridge 6 (Petty 4, Moreno 2), Minico 5 (Leon 2, Johnson 3). Total fouls: Canyon Ridge 13, Minico 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

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Williams returns, leads Jazz past Mavericks

SAN ANTONIO — Deron Williams had 20 points and nine assists in his return to the lineup, Carlos Boozer added 15 points, and the Utah Jazz beat the Dallas Mavericks 111-93 on Saturday night.

Williams, a former Dallas-area high school star, missed the previous two games because of a bruised right wrist.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 29 points, Jason Kidd had 19 and Jason Terry 16 for the Mavericks, who had won two in a row and five of their previous seven.

The Mavericks played without forwards Josh Howard and Drew Gooden. Howard sustained a left thigh contusion Friday against San Antonio, while Gooden sprained his right ring finger and needed four stitches to close a cut on his chin in the same game.

MAGIC 113, HAWKS 81

ORLANDO, Fla. — J.J. Redick scored 17 points in place of an injured Vince Carter, and the Orlando Magic ended a four-game losing streak with a 113-81 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday night.

Matt Barnes finished with 18 points, and reserve Jason Williams added 14 points to help the Magic build a 38-point lead and stay atop the Southeast Division.

THUNDER 108, PACERS 102

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant matched his season high with 40 points, and Oklahoma City won for the seventh time in nine games.

Russell Westbrook added 18 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Thunder (20-16), who are three wins shy of matching their total from last season.

ROCKETS 105, KNICKS 96

HOUSTON — Luis Scola matched a season high with 23 points, Aaron Brooks added 20 and Houston snapped a three-game losing streak.

Kyle Lowry added 16 points, seven rebounds and three steals, and Carl Landry scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter for the Rockets.

BOBCATS 89, GRIZZLIES 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace tipped in Raymond Felton's missed shot at the buzzer to help Charlotte improve to 13-4 at home.

Felton scored 19 points and Wallace had 18 points and eight rebounds for the Bobcats.

76ERS 104, PISTONS 94

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Elton Brand matched a season high with 25 points to help Philadelphia send Detroit to its 12th straight loss, the team's worst skid since April 1994.

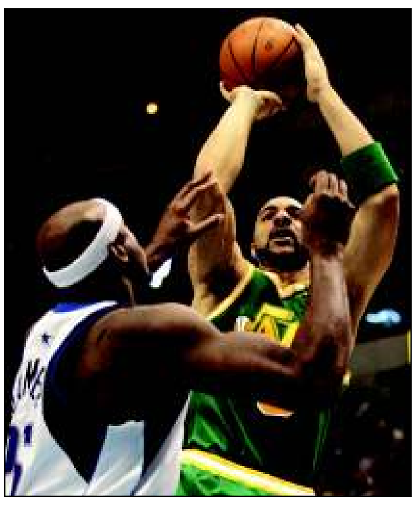
Ben Gordon had 20 points, including the 10 millionth point in NBA history, and Charlie Villanueva scored 19 for the Pistons.

BULLS 110, TIMBERWOLVES 96

CHICAGO — Joakim Noah had 20 points and nine rebounds, and Kirk Hinrich had 20 points and seven assists to help Chicago end a three-game losing streak.

Reserve John Salmons scored 14 points and rookie Taj Gibson had 13 points and nine rebounds.

— The Associated Press



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Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, right, shoots against Dallas Mavericks center Erick Dampier during the first half in Dallas on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

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EASTERN

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	9	.735	—
Toronto	19	18	.514	7½
New York	15	21	.417	11
Philadelphia	11	25	.306	15
New Jersey	3	33	.083	23
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Orlando	25	12	.676	—
Atlanta	23	13	.639	1½
Miami	18	16	.529	5½
Charlotte	16	19	.457	8
Washington	12	22	.353	11½
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	28	10	.737	—
Milwaukee	15	18	.455	10½
Chicago	15	20	.429	11½
Detroit	11	24	.314	15½
Indiana	11	25	.306	16

WESTERN

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	25	12	.676	—
San Antonio	21	13	.618	2½
Houston	21	16	.568	4
New Orleans	18	16	.529	5½
Memphis	18	18	.500	6½
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Denver	23	13	.639	—
Portland	23	15	.605	1
Oklahoma City	20	16	.556	3
Utah	20	17	.541	3½
Minnesota	8	30	.211	16
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	28	8	.778	—
Phoenix	23	14	.622	5½
L.A. Clippers	16	18	.471	11
Sacramento	14	21	.400	13½
Golden State	11	24	.314	16½

Friday's Games

Washington 104, Orlando 97
Toronto 108, Philadelphia 106
Atlanta 93, Boston 85
Memphis 91, Utah 89
New Orleans 103, New Jersey 99
Minnesota 116, Indiana 109
Milwaukee 96, Chicago 93
Dallas 112, San Antonio 103
Miami 109, Phoenix 105
Portland 107, L.A. Lakers 98
Golden State 108, Sacramento 101
Denver 99, Cleveland 97

Saturday's Games

Charlotte 89, Memphis 87
Orlando 113, Atlanta 81
Philadelphia 104, Detroit 94
Oklahoma City 108, Indiana 102
Chicago 110, Minnesota 96
Houston 105, New York 96
Utah 111, Dallas 93
Denver at Sacramento, late

Sunday's Games

Boston at Toronto, 11 a.m.
New Orleans at Washington, 11 a.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's NBA Boxes

BOBCATS 89, GRIZZLIES 87

MEMPHIS (87)
Gay 6-17 3-4 15, Randolph 7-17 3-5 17, Gasol 3-11 0-0 6, Williams 3-8 1-1 7, Mayo 10-22 1-2 25, Thabeet 2-2 2-2 6, Young 3-4 2-2 8, Tinsley 1-4 1-2 3, Carroll 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-86 13-18 87.
CHARLOTTE (89)
Wallace 8-15 2-3 18, Diaw 3-11 0-0 7, Mohammed 2-4 3-4 7, Felton 7-12 4-6 19, Jackson 6-20 3-6 15, Diop 0-1 0-0 0, Augustin 1-3 2-2 5, Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Murray 4-8 4-4 14. Totals 33-78 18-25 89.

Memphis	21	31	16	19	—	87
Charlotte	25	17	22	25	—	89

3-Point Goals—Memphis 4-13 (Mayo 4-6, Randolph 0-1, Williams 0-1, Tinsley 0-2, Gay 0-3), Charlotte 5-18 (Murray 2-3, Augustin 1-2, Felton 1-3, Diaw 1-5, Wallace 0-2, Jackson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 55 (Randolph 12), Charlotte 53 (Diaw 10). Assists—Memphis 20 (Williams 8), Charlotte 20 (Diaw 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 19, Charlotte 17. Technicals—Memphis defensive three second. A—15,438 (19,077).

MAGIC 113, HAWKS 81

ATLANTA (81)
M.Williams 5-8 0-0 11, Jos.Smith 5-13 1-2 11, Horford 6-7 2-4 14, Bibby 1-5 3-4 5, J.Johnson 2-9 2-4 7, Crawford 4-14 1-1 10, Pachulia 2-5 3-6 7, Evans 3-5 2-2 9, Teague 3-8 0-0 6, Morris 0-3 1-2 1, Collins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-78 15-25 81.
ORLANDO (113)
Barnes 8-11 0-1 18, Lewis 4-8 3-4 13, Howard 4-8 4-6 12, Nelson 3-7 1-1 7, Redick 7-12 0-0 17, Pietrus 4-11 2-2 11, Anderson 5-10 4-4 16, Gortat 2-6 1-2 5, J.Williams 6-9 0-0 14. Totals 43-82 15-20 113.

Atlanta	21	16	22	22	—	81
Orlando	29	37	25	22	—	113

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-17 (Evans 1-2, J.Johnson 1-2, M.Williams 1-3, Crawford 1-5, Teague 0-1, Pachulia 0-1, Bibby 0-3), Orlando 12-28 (Redick 3-6, Barnes 2-2, J.Williams 2-4, Anderson 2-5, Lewis 2-5, Pietrus 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 49 (Jos.Smith 7), Orlando 52 (Gortat 12). Assists—Atlanta 12 (Jos.Smith, J.Johnson 3), Orlando 15 (J.Williams 6). Total Fouls—Atlanta 20, Orlando 23. Technicals—Howard, Orlando defensive three second 2. A—17,461 (17,461).

JAZZ 111, MAVERICKS 93

UTAH (111)
Miles 3-8 1-2 8, Boozer 6-14 3-4 15, Okur 4-10 6-6 14, D.Williams 7-13 3-4 20, Brewer 4-7 1-2 9, Kirilenko 3-5 3-5 9, Millsap 5-11 2-2 12, Matthews 4-5 0-0 10, Price 0-0 0-0 0, Korver 5-5 0-0 12, Gaines 1-1 0-0 2, Fesenko 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-79 19-25 111.
DALLAS (93)
Marion 5-10 0-2 10, Nowitzki 9-22 11-11 29, Dampier 1-4 0-0 2, Kidd 7-11 1-2 19, Barea 3-8 1-2 8, Terry 5-14 4-4 16, Thomas 1-5 0-0 2, Singleton 0-1 0-0 0, Beaubois 0-2 2-2 2, Ross 1-2 0-0 2, Carroll 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 33-80 19-23 93.

Utah	26	24	33	28	—	111
Dallas	18	22	22	31	—	93

3-Point Goals—Utah 8-17 (D.Williams 3-7, Korver 2-2, Matthews 2-3, Miles 1-4, Kirilenko 0-1), Dallas 8-21 (Kidd 4-5, Terry 2-7, Carroll 1-1, Barea 1-3, Thomas 0-1, Beaubois 0-1, Singleton 0-1, Ross 0-1, Nowitzki 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 45 (Kirilenko 8), Dallas 49 (Dampier 13). Assists—Utah 28 (D.Williams 9), Dallas 21 (Kidd 8). Total Fouls—Utah 19, Dallas 19. A—19,922 (19,200).

THUNDER 108, PACERS 102

INDIANA (102)
Granger 6-21 9-13 25, Murphy 7-12 0-0 15, Hibbert 4-11 1-1 9, Watson 3-7 0-0 6, Head 2-8 2-2 6, S.Jones 1-3 3-4 5, D.Jones 1-4 0-0 2, Dunleavy 2-8 3-3 8, Rush 1-2 0-0 3, Price 9-15 2-2 23. Totals 36-91 20-25 102.
OKLAHOMA CITY (108)
Durant 12-18 14-16 40, Green 5-13 1-1 12, Krstic 3-3 0-2 6, Westbrook 8-16 2-3 18, Sefolosha 1-5 3-5 5, Harden 3-7 4-6 13, Collison 3-4 2-4 8, Maynor 0-3 0-0 0, Ibaka 1-1 0-0 2, Mullens 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 38-74 26-37 108.

Indiana	21	26	27	28	—	102
Oklahoma City	24	29	34	21	—	108

3-Point Goals—Indiana 10-26 (Granger 4-10, Price 3-5, Murphy 1-1, Rush 1-2, Dunleavy 1-5, Watson 0-1, Head 0-1, Hibbert 0-1), Oklahoma City 6-13 (Harden 3-4, Durant 2-2, Green 1-5, Sefolosha 0-2). Fouled Out—S.Jones, Westbrook. Rebounds—Indiana 53 (Murphy 15), Oklahoma City 54 (Durant 12). Assists—Indiana 21 (Watson 9), Oklahoma City 20 (Westbrook 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 27, Oklahoma City 26. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second. A—18,203 (18,203).

ROCKETS 105, KNICKS 96

NEW YORK (96)
Gallinari 4-10 2-4 11, Jeffries 4-10 4-5 12, Lee 12-17 2-2 26, Duhon 3-8 0-0 8, Chandler 8-13 0-0 17, Robinson 7-13 3-4 20, Bender 1-4 0-0 2, M.Landry 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-75 11-15 96.
HOUSTON (105)
Battier 2-7 0-0 4, Scola 10-16 3-3 23, Hayes 0-4 0-0 0, Brooks 8-15 2-2 20, Ariza 4-8 0-0 10, C.Landry 6-11 2-4 14, Lowry 5-9 5-6 16, Budinger 3-7 2-2 8, Andersen 4-8 2-2 10. Totals 42-85 16-19 105.

New York	32	25	22	17	—	96
Houston	21	30	27	27	—	105

3-Point Goals—New York 7-20 (Robinson 3-6, Duhon 2-6, Chandler 1-1, Gallinari 1-4, Bender 0-1, Jeffries 0-2), Houston 5-19 (Brooks 2-4, Ariza 2-6, Lowry 1-2, Scola 0-1, Budinger 0-1, Andersen 0-2, Battier 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 41 (Lee 12), Houston 45 (Lowry, Scola 7). Assists—New York 17 (Lee 6), Houston 21 (Battier 5). Total Fouls—New York 19, Houston 17. A—15,693 (18,043).

76ERS 104, PISTONS 94

PHILADELPHIA (104)
Iguodala 4-6 7-7 16, Young 3-10 4-6 10, Dalembert 8-9 0-0 16, Williams 5-10 2-3 14, Green 6-10 1-2 15, Brand 10-16 5-8 25, Holiday 2-4 1-2 6, Speights 1-3 0-0 2, Carney 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-68 20-28 104.
DETROIT (94)
Prince 1-3 0-0 2, Maxiell 1-4 2-2 4, Wallace 5-7 0-2 10, Stuckey 2-8 2-2 6, Hamilton 6-22 0-0 12, Gordon 6-15 7-8 20, Villanueva 7-13 3-3 19, Atkins 0-2 0-0 0, Wilcox 2-2 1-1 5, Jerebko 2-6 2-2 6, Daye 4-5 0-0 10. Totals 36-87 17-20 94.

Philadelphia	26	30	20	28	—	104
Detroit	10	20	29	35	—	94

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 6-9 (Green 2-2, Williams 2-3, Holiday 1-1, Iguodala 1-2, Young 0-1), Detroit 5-17 (Daye 2-2, Villanueva 2-4, Gordon 1-5, Stuckey 0-1, Atkins 0-2, Hamilton 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 47 (Dalembert 9), Detroit 44 (Daye 7). Assists—Philadelphia 22 (Holiday 6), Detroit 23 (Hamilton 7). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 18, Detroit 26. A—19,784 (22,076).

BULLS 110, TIMBERWOLVES 96

MINNESOTA (96)
Wilkins 2-3 0-0 5, Love 3-8 3-4 9, Jefferson 5-13 2-2 12, Flynn 6-14 2-2 14, Brewer 3-9 4-8 12, Gomes 6-13 3-4 15, Jawai 2-3 0-0 4, Ellington 1-7 1-2 3, Pavlovic 4-7 0-0 9, Sessions 2-4 1-2 5, Cardinal 1-1 0-0 3, Pecherov 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 37-86 16-24 96.
CHICAGO (110)
Deng 4-11 0-0 8, Gibson 4-8 5-6 13, Noah 9-13 2-2 20, Rose 3-7 2-4 8, Hinrich 8-15 0-0 20, Thomas 3-7 3-4 9, Salmons 6-10 1-1 14, Miller 4-7 3-3 12, Johnson 2-2 1-2 6, Pargo 0-1 0-0 0, Gray 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 43-83 17-22 110.

Minnesota	32	14	18	32	—	96
Chicago	28	24	27	31	—	110

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 6-17 (Brewer 2-5, Wilkins 1-1, Cardinal 1-1, Pavlovic 1-1, Pecherov 1-1, Ellington 0-1, Gomes 0-3, Flynn 0-4), Chicago 7-14 (Hinrich 4-9, Salmons 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Miller 1-2, Pargo 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 48 (Love 10), Chicago 54 (Noah, Gibson 9). Assists—Minnesota 21 (Flynn 8), Chicago 26 (Hinrich, Rose 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 14, Chicago 20. Technicals—Minnesota Coach Rambis, Minnesota defensive three second. A—20,255 (20,917).

Friday's Late NBA Boxes

NUGGETS 99, CAVALIERS 97

CLEVELAND (97)
James 12-28 9-13 35, Hickson 2-6 0-0 4, O'Neal 4-5 2-4 10, M.Williams 4-11 0-0 11, Parker 3-3 0-0 8, Varejao 2-6 5-10 9, Ilgauskas 4-8 2-2 11, West 2-5 0-0 5, Gibson 0-1 0-0 0, J.Williams 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 35-75 18-29 97.
DENVER (99)
Graham 1-5 1-2 3, Martin 9-21 0-0 19, Nene 6-9 8-10 20, Billups 8-14 5-7 23, Afflalo 4-9 2-3 12, Andersen 3-7 2-4 8, Smith 3-10 4-4 11, Carter 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 35-78 22-30 99.

Cleveland	24	25	24	24	—	97
Denver	30	18	21	30	—	99

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-22 (M.Williams 3-7, Parker 2-2, James 2-8, West 1-2, Ilgauskas 1-2, Gibson 0-1), Denver 7-17 (Billups 2-5, Afflalo 2-5, Martin 1-1, Smith 1-3, Carter 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 58 (Varejao 15), Denver 44 (Martin 12). Assists—Cleveland 20 (James 7), Denver 20 (Billups 5). Total Fouls—Cleveland 25, Denver 23. Technicals—Cleveland defensive three second. A—19,996 (19,155).

WARRIORS 108, KINGS 101

SACRAMENTO (101)
Casspi 1-8 2-2 4, Thompson 5-14 1-3 11, Hawes 5-8 0-0 10, Evans 8-17 8-9 25, Udoka 7-10 1-2 19, Brockman 0-0 4-4 4, Nocioni 3-11 4-4 10, Udrih 6-14 1-1 14, Rodriguez 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 37-84 21-25 101.
GOLDEN STATE (108)
Maggette 6-16 12-14 24, Randolph 2-4 2-2 6, Turiaf 2-2 4-4 8, Curry 5-10 1-2 12, Ellis 15-29 8-8 39, Biedrins 3-3 0-0 6, Watson 3-6 0-1 6, Hunter 0-2 0-0 0, Morrow 1-3 2-2 5, Radmanovic 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 38-79 29-33 108.

Sacramento	32	29	25	15	—	101
Golden State	28	18	30	32	—	108

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 6-23 (Udoka 4-6, Evans 1-2, Udrih 1-6, Hawes 0-1, Casspi 0-3, Nocioni 0-5), Golden State 3-11 (Curry 1-2, Ellis 1-3, Morrow 1-3, Radmanovic 0-1, Maggette 0-1, Watson 0-1). Fouled Out—Evans. Rebounds—Sacramento 51 (Udoka 14), Golden State 45 (Biedrins 9). Assists—Sacramento 23 (Evans, Thompson 6), Golden State 21 (Ellis 6). Total Fouls—Sacramento 27, Golden State 20. Technicals—Maggette, Golden State defensive three second. A—18,327 (19,596).

TRAIL BLAZERS 107, LAKERS 98

L.A. LAKERS (98)
Odom 7-9 0-1 15, Artest 5-9 0-0 13, Bynum 6-13 1-2 13, Fisher 5-11 1-1 15, Bryant 14-37 2-4 32, Farmar 1-6 0-0 3, Brown 3-8 0-0 6, Mbenga 0-0 0-0 0, Powell 0-0 1-2 1, Vujacic 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 41-95 5-10 98.
PORTLAND (107)
Webster 6-17 0-2 14, Aldridge 3-8 2-2 8, Howard 4-8 0-0 8, Miller 5-10 6-7 17, Roy 9-11 13-14 32, Bayless 5-9 10-12 21, Cunningham 3-6 1-2 7, Pendergraph 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-69 32-39 107.

L.A. Lakers	24	19	28	27	—	98
Portland	30	25	26	26	—	107

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-28 (Fisher 4-9, Artest 3-4, Bryant 2-8, Odom 1-2, Farmar 1-2, Vujacic 0-1, Brown 0-2), Portland 5-15 (Webster 2-10, Bayless 1-1, Miller 1-1, Roy 1-2, Cunningham 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 50 (Odom 13), Portland 50 (Howard 10). Assists—L.A. Lakers 17 (Bryant 7), Portland 22 (Miller 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 24, Portland 15. Technicals—L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A—20,629 (19,980).

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

GOLF
7:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Africa Open, final round (same-day tape)
4 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, SBS Championship, final round

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
2 p.m.
CBS — Kansas at Tennessee
1:30 p.m.
FSN — Washington St. at Arizona St.
3:30 p.m.
FSN — Florida St. at Maryland
5:30 p.m.
FSN — Virginia Tech at North Carolina
8:30 p.m.
FSN — Oregon St. at Oregon

NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Cleveland at Portland

NFL FOOTBALL
11 a.m.
CBS — Playoffs, AFC Wild-card game, Baltimore at New England
2:40 p.m.
FOX — Playoffs, NFC Wild-card game, Green Bay at Arizona

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
1 p.m.
ESPN2 — Temple at Xavier
3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Southern Miss. at Marshall

Men's College Scores

FAR WEST

Cal St.-Fullerton 69, UC Riverside 56
Colorado St. 70, Air Force 48
Fresno St. 78, Hawaii 64
Long Beach St. 55, UC Irvine 53
Louisiana Tech 77, Idaho 71
Montana 90, Portland St. 58
N. Colorado 78, Idaho St. 66
New Mexico St. 88, Boise St. 85
S. Dakota St. 72, S. Utah 62
Sacramento St. 80, Seattle 67
Stanford 70, UCLA 59
UNLV 74, New Mexico 62
Utah 65, TCU 45
Utah Valley 48, Chicago St. 43
Weber St. 87, N. Arizona 62
Wyoming 85, San Diego St. 83

MIDWEST

Akron 71, Bowling Green 45
Cent. Michigan 59, Toledo 48
Cleveland St. 70, Ill.-Chicago 63
Dayton 78, Duquesne 72, OT
Drake 70, S. Illinois 65
E. Illinois 88, SE Missouri 68
IUPUI 67, W. Illinois 54
Illinois 66, Indiana 60
Iowa St. 73, N. Dakota St. 71
Kent St. 62, Ohio 60
Michigan St. 71, Iowa 53
Minnesota 73, Ohio St. 62
Missouri 74, Kansas St. 68
Missouri St. 88, Bradley 69
N. Illinois 62, Ball St. 48
N. Iowa 59, Illinois St. 44
Notre Dame 70, West Virginia 68
Saint Louis 63, Richmond 58
South Dakota 100, SIU-Edwardsville 76
W. Michigan 61, E. Michigan 47
Wichita St. 70, Creighton 58
Wis.-Milwaukee 71, Wis.-Green Bay 51
Wisconsin 73, Purdue 66
Youngstown St. 71, Loyola of Chicago 67

SOUTHWEST

BYU 83, UTEP 77
Baylor 91, Oklahoma 60
Middle Tennessee 66, Ark.-Little Rock 52
North Texas 71, New Orleans 57
Oklahoma St. 81, Texas Tech 52
Oral Roberts 68, IPFW 55
Prairie View 65, Texas Southern 60
SMU 78, N.C. Central 50
Sam Houston St. 66, Stephen F.Austin 57
Texas 103, Colorado 86
Texas A&M 64, Nebraska 53
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 64, Cent. Arkansas 59
Texas St. 64, Texas-Arlington 60
Tulsa 86, Houston 80

SOUTH

Alabama 66, LSU 49
Appalachian St. 78, Davidson 68
Ark.-Pine Bluff 82, Alabama A&M 72
Arkansas St. 69, South Alabama 63
Bethune-Cookman 77, Norfolk St. 61
Campbell 63, Kennesaw St. 53
Charleston Southern 77, UNC Asheville 74, OT
Charlotte 57, St. Bonaventure 54
Clemson 72, Boston College 56
Coastal Carolina 80, Gardner-Webb 64
Coll. of Charleston 61, The Citadel 55
Delaware St. 49, Winston-Salem 48
E. Kentucky 78, Tennessee Tech 73
Florida A&M 70, N. Carolina A&T 66
Florida Atlantic 74, Louisiana-Monroe 61
George Mason 59, UNC Wilmington 46
Georgia Southern 81, W. Carolina 76
Georgia Tech 71, Duke 67
Hampton 69, Coppin St. 67
High Point 83, Radford 77
James Madison 69, Towson 66
Kentucky 76, Georgia 68
Lipscomb 80, S.C.-Upstate 66
Louisville 75, St. John's 68
MVSU 76, Alabama St. 73
Marshall 83, East Carolina 65
Memphis 59, Southern Miss. 57
Mercer 83, ETSU 78
Miami 67, Wake Forest 66
Mississippi St. 80, Mississippi 75
Morehead St. 78, Jacksonville St. 71
Morgan St. 90, Howard 58
Murray St. 69, Austin Peay 53
Nicholls St. 79, Northwestern St. 72
Northeastern 66, Georgia St. 54
Oakland, Mich. 88, Centenary 50
Old Dominion 57, Hofstra 46
Presbyterian 89, VMI 75, OT
S. Carolina St. 80, Md.-Eastern Shore 67
SE Louisiana 78, Lamar 56
South Carolina 80, Auburn 71
Southern U. 73, Grambling St. 67
Tennessee St. 73, Tenn.-Martin 59
Troy 84, Fla. International 68
UAB 58, Tulane 49
UCF 77, Rice 58
UNC Greensboro 88, Furman 78
UTSA 78, McNeese St. 69
Va. Commonwealth 77, Delaware 64
Vanderbilt 95, Florida 87
Virginia 70, N.C. State 62
Winthrop 65, Liberty 62
Wofford 72, Elon 55

EAST

Boston U. 84, Hartford 70
Buffalo 73, Miami (Ohio) 55
Canisius 72, Marist 57
Colgate 68, Army 58, OT
Fairleigh Dickinson 83, Cent. Connecticut St. 74
Georgetown 72, Connecticut 69
Harvard 76, Dartmouth 47
Iona 69, Rider 49
Lafayette 84, Holy Cross 74
Lehigh 78, American U. 67
Long Island U. 89, St. Francis, Pa. 80
Monmouth, N.J. 67, Bryant 62
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 69, Sacred Heart 65
Navy 69, Bucknell 67
Providence 94, Rutgers 81
Quinnipiac 78, Wagner 66
Robert Morris 67, St. Francis, NY 63
Saint Joseph's 82, Fordham 69
Seton Hall 83, Cincinnati 76
Siena 83, Niagara 65
Villanova 78, Marquette 76
William & Mary 73, Drexel 48
Yale 79, N.J. Tech 48

How the AP Top 25 Fared

Saturday

1. Kansas (14-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Tennessee, Sunday.
2. Texas (15-0) beat Colorado 103-86. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.
3. Kentucky (16-0) beat Georgia 76-68. Next: at Florida, Tuesday.
4. Purdue (14-1) lost to No. 17 Wisconsin 73-66. Next: vs. Ohio State, Tuesday.
5. Duke (13-2) lost to No. 20 Georgia Tech 71-67. Next: vs. Boston College, Wednesday.
6. Villanova (14-1) beat Marquette 78-76. Next: at Louisville, Monday.
7. Syracuse (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Sunday.
8. West Virginia (12-2) lost to Notre Dame 70-68. Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.
9. North Carolina (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.
10. Michigan State (13-3) beat Iowa 71-53. Next: vs. Minnesota, Wednesday.
11. Kansas State (13-2) lost to Missouri 74-68. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Tuesday.
12. Georgetown (12-2) beat No. 13 Connecticut 72-69. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Thursday.
13. Connecticut (11-4) lost to No. 12 Georgetown 72-69. Next: vs. No. 23 Pittsburgh, Wednesday.
14. Mississippi (12-3) lost to Mississippi State 80-75. Next: at Georgia, Wednesday.
15. New Mexico (14-3) lost to UNLV 74-62. Next: vs. Utah, Wednesday.
16. Tennessee (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Kansas, Sunday.
17. Wisconsin (13-3) beat No. 4 Purdue 73-66. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
18. Florida State (13-2) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Sunday.
19. Gonzaga (11-3) at Portland. Next: at St. Mary's, Calif., Thursday.
20. Georgia Tech (12-3) beat No. 5 Duke 71-67. Next: at Virginia, Wednesday.
21. Temple (12-3) did not play. Next: at Rhode Island, Sunday.
22. Texas Tech (12-3) lost to Oklahoma State 81-52. Next: vs. Missouri, Wednesday.
23. Pittsburgh (13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Connecticut, Wednesday.
24. Washington (10-4) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Sunday.
25. BYU (16-1) beat UTEP 83-77. Next: at Air Force, Wednesday.

BETTING

Glantz-Culver Line

For Jan. 10
NFL Playoffs
Today

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at New England	4	3½	(43)	Baltimore
Green Bay	+1½	1	(47½)	at Arizona

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs

All Times MST
Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 9

N.Y. Jets 24, Cincinnati 14
Dallas 34, Philadelphia 14

Sunday, Jan. 10

Baltimore at New England, 11 a.m.(CBS)
Green Bay at Arizona, 2:40 p.m.(FOX)

NFL Playoff Boxes

COWBOYS 34, EAGLES 14

Philadelphia	0	7	0	7	—	14
Dallas	0	27	7	0	—	34

Second Quarter
Dal—Phillips 1 pass from Romo (Suisham kick), 14:09.
Phi—Maclin 76 pass from Vick (Akers kick), 13:19.
Dal—Choice 1 run (Suisham kick), 9:14.
Dal—FG Suisham 25, 3:39.
Dal—Austin 6 pass from Romo (Suisham kick), 1:55.
Dal—FG Suisham 48, :02.
Third Quarter
Dal—Jones 73 run (Suisham kick), 5:33.
Fourth Quarter
Phi—D.Jackson 4 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 13:30.
A—92,951.

	Phi	Dal
First downs	17	27
Total Net Yards	340	426
Rushes-yards	13-56	35-198
Passing	284	228
Punt Returns	2-9	3-56
Kickoff Returns	4-51	3-39
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-(-1)
Comp-Att-Int	20-39-1	23-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-22	2-16
Punts	5-50.6	6-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-116	14-112
Time of Possession	20:26	39:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Philadelphia, McCoy 5-24, Weaver 5-19, McNabb 2-13, Vick 1-0. Dallas, Jones 16-148, Choice 14-42, Barber 3-4, Romo 2-4.
PASSING—Philadelphia, McNabb 19-37-1-230, Vick 1-2-0-76. Dallas, Romo 23-35-0-244.
RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Maclin 7-146, Celek 3-59, D.Jackson 3-14, Avant 2-32, Weaver 2-11, Westbrook 1-27, McCoy 1-9, Smith 1-8. Dallas, Austin 7-82, R.Williams 5-59, Witten 4-27, Crayton 3-34, Jones 1-30, Choice 1-6, Ogletree 1-5, Phillips 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

JETS 24, BENGALS 14

N.Y. Jets	0	14	7	3	—	24
Cincinnati	7	0	0	7	—	14

First Quarter
Cin—Coles 11 pass from C.Palmer (Graham kick), 7:07.
Second Quarter
NYJ—Greene 39 run (Feely kick), 11:52.
NYJ—Keller 45 pass from Sanchez (Feely kick), 6:19.
Third Quarter
NYJ—Jones 9 run (Feely kick), 2:18.
Fourth Quarter
Cin—Benson 47 run (Graham kick), 11:04.
NYJ—FG Feely 20, 5:47.
A—63,686.

	NYJ	Cin
First downs	15	18
Total Net Yards	353	281
Rushes-yards	41-171	22-171
Passing	182	110
Punt Returns	2-26	1-23
Kickoff Returns	3-56	5-128
Interceptions Ret.	1-20	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	12-15-0	18-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-36
Punts	7-31.4	4-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-76	6-55
Time of Possession	33:02	26:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—N.Y. Jets, Greene 21-135, Jones 15-34, B.Smith 2-4, Sanchez 3-(-2). Cincinnati, Benson 21-169, C.Palmer 1-2.
PASSING—N.Y. Jets, Sanchez 12-15-0-182. Cincinnati, C.Palmer 18-36-1-146.
RECEIVING—N.Y. Jets, Cotchery 6-67, Keller 3-99, Edwards 2-15, B.Smith 1-1. Cincinnati, Coles 6-48, Cosby 3-26, Benson 3-12, Ochocinco 2-28, Caldwell 2-25, Leonard 2-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Cincinnati, Graham 35 (WL), 28 (WR).

GOLF

SBS Championship

Saturday
At Plantation Course At Kapalua
Kapalua, Hawaii
Purse: $5.6 Million
Yardage: 7,411 Par 73
Third Round

Lucas Glover	66-65-71—202	-17
Geoff Ogilvy	69-66-68—203	-16
Martin Laird	67-68-69—204	-15
Ryan Moore	69-68-68—205	-14
Retief Goosen	70-69-67—206	-13
Stewart Cink	68-69-69—206	-13
Angel Cabrera	68-68-70—206	-13
Matt Kuchar	67-68-71—206	-13
Sean O'hair	68-67-71—206	-13
John Rollins	68-66-72—206	-13
Kenny Perry	70-67-70—207	-12
Pat Perez	71-70-67—208	-11
Paul Casey	70-69-69—208	-11
Nick Watney	67-71-70—208	-11
Rory Sabbatini	70-68-70—208	-11
Y.E. Yang	70-74-66—210	-9
Dustin Johnson	67-71-72—210	-9
Steve Stricker	73-70-68—211	-8
Stephen Ames	71-69-71—211	-8
Zach Johnson	72-69-71—212	-7
Brian Gay	72-71-70—213	-6
Jerry Kelly	69-70-74—213	-6
Nathan Green	67-70-77—214	-5
Mark Wilson	74-71-70—215	-4
Bo Van Pelt	72-70-73—215	-4
Michael Bradley	73-72-71—216	-3
Troy Matteson	73-70-73—216	-3
Heath Slocum	75-71-71—217	-2

HOCKEY

NHL

All Times MST

EASTERN

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
New Jersey	42	31	10	1	63	124	90
Pittsburgh	46	28	17	1	57	146	126
N.Y. Rangers	45	22	17	6	50	120	122
Philadelphia	44	22	19	3	47	134	125
N.Y. Islanders	46	19	19	8	46	118	144
NORTHEAST	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Buffalo	44	28	11	5	61	123	102
Boston	44	22	15	7	51	114	107
Ottawa	45	22	19	4	48	125	137
Montreal	47	22	21	4	48	119	126
Toronto	46	15	22	9	39	123	160
SOUTHEAST	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	44	27	11	6	60	162	121
Atlanta	44	19	19	6	44	137	149
Florida	45	18	20	7	43	128	140
Tampa Bay	43	16	17	10	42	107	130
Carolina	43	12	24	7	31	106	151

WESTERN

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Chicago	45	31	10	4	66	151	99
Nashville	45	26	16	3	55	128	127
Detroit	43	22	15	6	50	111	109
Columbus	46	17	20	9	43	122	154
St. Louis	43	17	19	7	41	111	127
NORTHWEST	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Colorado	46	25	15	6	56	135	132
Vancouver	44	27	16	1	55	143	106
Calgary	44	25	14	5	55	120	106
Minnesota	45	22	20	3	47	122	134
Edmonton	44	16	23	5	37	121	147
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
San Jose	44	28	9	7	63	146	113
Phoenix	46	26	15	5	57	120	112
Los Angeles	44	25	16	3	53	131	124
Dallas	44	19	14	11	49	128	139
Anaheim	45	19	19	7	45	126	142

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games

Carolina 2, Colorado 1
Buffalo 3, Toronto 2
Dallas 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Columbus 3, Calgary 2
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, ppd., power outage

Saturday's Games

Colorado 4, Buffalo 3, SO
Minnesota 6, Chicago 5, SO
N.Y. Islanders 5, Phoenix 4, SO
N.Y. Rangers 3, Boston 1
Pittsburgh 4, Toronto 1
New Jersey 2, Montreal 1, OT
Florida 3, Ottawa 0
Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 1
Washington 8, Atlanta 1
Anaheim 3, Nashville 2
Calgary at Vancouver, late
St. Louis at Los Angeles, late
Detroit at San Jose, late

Sunday's Games

Ottawa at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 5 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 5 p.m.

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Designated INF Luis Hernandez for assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired LHP Zach Jackson from Cleveland for a player to be named.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled F Ryan White from Hamilton (AHL).
American Hockey League
ALBANY RIVER RATS—Released F Marc Cavosie.
ADIRONDACK PHANTOMS—Announced G Ray Emery was loaned to the team by Philadelphia (NHL).
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Recalled D Ryan Turek from Alaska (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL—Suspended Utah players LW Lance Galbraith and C Tony Romano and Alaska players D Lee Green, RW Matt Stefanishion and F Nick Tuzzolino one game and fined them an undisclosed amount for their actions in a game on Jan. 8.
READING ROYALS—Signed F Travis Whitehead.
COLLEGE
ARKANSAS—Announced offensive line coach Mike Summers is leaving to take a similar job at Kentucky.

Texas Tech hires Tuberville as Leach replacement

LUBBOCK, Texas — Tommy Tuberville was hired on Saturday by Texas Tech to replace Mike Leach as the Red Raiders' coach.

The school announced the decision in a release and said that Tuberville will be introduced today.

Leach was fired last month amid allegations he mistreated a player who suffered a concussion.

Tuberville stepped down at Auburn in December 2008, ending a 10-year tenure that included a perfect season and a string of teams that contended for Southeastern Conference championships.

Glover barely keeps SBS lead

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Lucas Glover finally hit his stride when the wind shifted and finished with a birdie for a 2-under 71 that allowed him to stay in the lead at the SBS Championship.

Glover lost his three-shot lead on the front nine with consecutive three-putts, and several players took advantage Saturday. Defending champion Geoff Ogilvy surged two shots ahead until losing some momentum on the back nine and settled for 5-under 68 to finish one shot behind. It was his seventh straight round in the 60s at Kapalua.

Glover was at 17-under 202 as he tries to go wire-to-wire on the Plantation Course.

Eleven players are separated by five shots going into the final round.

MAGIC VALLEY

Jerome boosters slate meeting

JEROME — The Jerome High School boosters will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday in room 101 of the high school. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Sports Shorts

Send Magic Valley briefs to sports@magicvalley.com

Bruin Boosters to meet Monday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Bruin Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the faculty lounge at TFHS. All persons interested in participating or helping with booster activities are invited to attend.

Kimberly Boosters hold meeting

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the media center at Kimberly High School. Anyone interested in joining or getting involved is invited to attend.

TF baseball holding registration

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will hold baseball and softball registration for players ages 8 to 15 from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14, and Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Locust Grove Business Park, on the corner of Locust and Falls Avenue East.

Interested participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate as well as the registration fee ($50 for Cal Ripken baseball and 10U/12U softball, $65 for Babe Ruth baseball and U14 softball).

Fundraiser participation is required. Parent involvement is encouraged.

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Week 7 (Jan. 1)

Rifle scores
Master: 1. Will Brown 398 points, 2. John Pitts 390.
Expert: 1. Nyles Tilley 383, 2. Bruce Lohnes 376.
Sharpshooter: 1. Dave Gyorfy 368, 2. Mark Miller 357.
Marksman: 1. Richard Bean 348, 2. Walt Charles 322, 3. Norma Charles 272.
Sporter: 1. Tana Ricondo 323, 2. Art Freund 322, 3. Jesse Vaughn 321.
Junior: 1. Chani Lohnes 204.

Pistol scores
Master: 1. Bob Anderson 572, 2. Nyles Tilley 555, 3. Will Brown 553.
Expert: 1. Dan Brown 540, 2. James Wert 537, 3. Dave Gyorfy 532.
Sharpshooter: 1. Bruce Lohnes 522, 2. Jesse Vaughn 516, 3. Nick Barnes 514.
Marksman: 1. Richard Bean 471, 2. Quickdraw 457.
Two-handed pistol: 1. Luann Carroll 512, 2. (tie) Art Freund and Walt Charles 474.

AP photo

New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez (6) passes against the Cincinnati Bengals in the first half of an NFL wild-card playoff football game Saturday in Cincinnati.

Sanchez, Jets beat Cinci

CINCINNATI (AP) — With their rookie quarterback playing mistake-free, the New York Jets turned their surprising playoff appearance into a long-running production.

Mark Sanchez handled single-degree wind chills and the playoff pressure with no problems Saturday, throwing a touchdown pass on a rollout play, and the NFL's top running game took it from there, setting up a 24-14 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Sanchez went 12 of 15 for 182 yards, becoming the fourth rookie quarterback since 1950 to start and win a playoff game. Considered the Jets' weakest link heading into the playoffs, he became their rallying point.

"He just kept getting better as the season went along," coach Rex Ryan said. "I told him this was his second season now. His first season is over. This is the playoffs."

Third-round pick Shonn Greene ran for 135 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown, as the Jets' rookies made plays under the biggest pressure.

The Jets (10-7) got their first playoff victory since 2004 and pulled off a rare back-to-back sweep of the Bengals (10-7), who got a team playoff-record 169 yards from Cedric Benson but little else. Cincinnati's streak without a playoff win reached 19 years and counting.

Today's games

Ravens at Patriots
11 a.m., CBS

Packers at Cardinals
2:40 p.m., FOX

Cincinnati went to the Meadowlands six days earlier and got turned into road kill. The Jets ran for 257 yards, and the Bengals managed a total of 72 yards, with Chad Ochocinco getting shut out.

Little changed the second time around.

"This was a great team effort," said Ryan, who won in his playoff debut as a head coach. "We're a good football team. If people don't believe that, they soon will."

No one should count the Jets out now, not the way their coach did two weeks ago. Ryan thought the Jets were out of contention following a 10-7 loss to the Falcons that was set up by Sanchez's three interceptions. Then, everything lined up in their favor.

The Colts pulled their starters a week later, allowing the Jets to rally for a win, while four other playoff contenders lost. Then, the AFC North champs showed up at the Meadowlands last week and lost 37-0 with little at stake.

Manning wins 4th MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Maybe the award should be renamed Most Valuable Peyton.

Peyton Manning became the first player to win The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player honors four times. The Indianapolis Colts' sensational quarterback romped to the award Saturday in balloting by 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the league.

He received 39½ votes to 7½ for Drew Brees of New Orleans. Only four players — all quarterbacks — earned votes. The other two were Philip Rivers of San Diego (2) and Brett Favre of Minnesota (1).

Manning

Manning also won in 2003, 2004 and 2008, breaking a tie with Favre at three MVPs.

"I'm very humbled and grateful to be honored with this award and I really feel like it is a reflection of our team," said Manning, who guided the Colts to a 14-0 record before they rested starters in the second half of two games and finished 14-2.

"I have to believe that starting 14-0 and having seven comeback wins has a lot to do with this award coming our way, and I'm very grateful to all the players and the coaches and our fans, who were a big part of it. There were a number of other extremely deserving candidates."

The Colts play in the divisional round next week and have home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. The Super Bowl is Feb. 7 in Miami, the same place they won it three years ago.

Manning threw for 4,500 and 33 touchdowns this season. Perhaps most impressive, he led the Colts to all those comeback victories. The 33-year-old quarterback has started every game in his career, 192 in the regular season and 15 in the playoffs.

He is durable and dynamic, dependable and decisive. In other words, most valuable.

"He's been such a highly accomplished performer year in and year out. Just when you think you've seen his best, he improves upon it," said Jim Caldwell, who succeeded Tony Dungy as coach and benefited from the same kind of performances Manning gave Dungy. "This year is one of those in terms of when you look at his numbers and how he's been able to play consistently well over a long period of time. It's been remarkable."

Seahawks CEO flying to LA to meet with Carroll

SEATTLE (AP) — The chief executive of the Seattle Seahawks is headed to California to meet with Pete Carroll, as the struggling team closes in on a deal with the charismatic coach at Southern California.

A Seahawks spokesman confirmed Saturday night that team CEO Tod Leiweke will fly to Los Angeles today to interview Carroll for the coaching position and that the talks could last into Monday morning.

The Seahawks still do not have an agreement despite widespread reports, but are closing in on a coaching contract, according to a league official with direct knowledge of Seattle's coaching search.

The official told The Associated Press Saturday the team is in "discussions" with Carroll and does not plan on giving him the additional title of president. The official added the Seahawks will hire a general manager and coach separately.

Carroll

"No, they do not have an agreement. They are not there," the official told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because the Seahawks are not commenting on how far talks have progressed. "(Seattle) would not name him GM or president — for obvious reasons."

The last time the Seahawks gave a coach dual authority as a GM was in 1999, when they lured Mike Holmgren from Green Bay. By 2003, they had stripped Holmgren of the GM duties — and only after he was simply the coach did the franchise realize its finest seasons and make its only Super Bowl.

When asked if Carroll will become the eighth coach in Seattle's 34-year history, the official said all signs point that way, just "not so fast" as has been reported.

Carroll coached the New York Jets and New England Patriots a decade ago and has spent the last nine years at USC. He is under consideration by a Seattle team that went 5-11 this season and fired coach Jim Mora on Friday after one miserable season.

Eagles

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cost itself a win.

"We're very close to being a good club," CSI head coach Steve Gosar told 1450 AM KEZJ, repeating a familiar refrain this season. "Unfortunately right now we're just not there yet."

CSI surrendered 16 offensive rebounds to NIC and made only 18 of 31 free throws. The Eagles sent the Cardinals to the foul line far too often, as North Idaho went 35-for-44 at the strip.

"Very alarming to me," Gosar said of his team's efforts on the boards and the foul line. "… All we need is two more or three more down the stretch and it's a different ball game."

B.J. Shearry and Michael Hale each scored 15 for North Idaho, which moved into a tie for first place atop the SWAC thanks to Snow College's 83-80 upset of Eastern Utah (12-5, 6-2) on Saturday. Renado Parker chipped in 14 for the Cardinals (16-2, 6-2 SWAC), while Guy Marc Michel had six blocks.

Carrick Felix paced CSI, netting 21 points, while Josten Thomas had 15 and Chuck Odum, who missed Friday's game with illness, scored 14. CSI hit 7 of 13 shots from 3-point range as Gosar praised his team for taking good 3s.

The Eagles trailed 39-29 at halftime and fell behind 46-32 before coming alive. Felix scored 17 second-half points and Thomas keyed a spurt that got the Eagles within 63-61 on a layup with 5 minutes to play. But CSI struggled at the charity stripe down the stretch and NIC did just enough to win.

"It wasn't our night," said Gosar. "We went to the line and just left too many (points) out there."

Notes: After playing six straight SWAC games on the road, the Golden Eagles return home this week to host Eastern Utah on Thursday and Colorado Northwestern Community College on Saturday. … Injured center Aziz N'diaye will learn Tuesday if he is medically cleared to play the remainder of the season.

North Idaho 80, CSI 73

CSI (73)
Pierre Jackson 2, Chuck Odum 14, Byago Diouf 9, Carrick Felix 21, Josten Thomas 15, Dennis Mikelonis 2, Romario Souza 4, Kenny Buckner 6. Totals 24-54 18-31 73.

NIC (80)
DeAndre Taylor 2, Idell Bell 5, Renado Parker 14, Michael Hale 15, Logan Jones 9, BJ Shearry 15, Taylor Stevens 6, Guy Marc Michel 12, Emeka Iweka 2. Totals 20-53 35-44 80.
Halftime: NIC 39, CSI 29. 3-point goals: NIC 5-13, CSI 7-13. Rebounds: NIC 42, CSI 33. Assists: NIC 15, CSI 7. Turnovers: CSI 14, NIC 17.

CSI

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Camille Reynolds hit three 3-pointers on her way to 17 points, while Amy Warbrick drained two triples and scored 15. Griffitts wound up with 17, and Canitez, from Turkey, chipped in 13.

North Idaho (15-2, 6-2 SWAC) finished 8 of 14 from 3-point range and earned a two-game cushion on CSI (12-6, 4-4) in the conference standings.

"That's a quality team," said Rogers. "We're not at their level yet."

CSI got a game-high 18 points from All-American forward Shauneice Samms, but only Laurel Kearsley (10 points) joined Samms in double figures.

The Golden Eagles fell behind 22-10 midway through the first half, but rallied within five thanks to Devan Matkin's seven first-half points. North Idaho closed the half on an 8-2 run to rebuild its double-digit lead and never looked back, hitting 17 of 19 free throws after intermission.

The Cardinals ballooned the lead to 24 before CSI mounted a modest rally in the closing minutes.

Rogers said his team needs to improve its conditioning and get more production from former All-American Maddy Plunkett, who had just four points in the game.

After nine straight away games, CSI returns home this week to host Eastern Utah on Thursday and Colorado Northwestern Community College on Saturday.

North Idaho 76, CSI 62

CSI (62)
Kylie Hardison 2, Felicity Jones 2, Kalika Tullock 2, Holly Checketts 5, Shauneice Samms 18, Daidra Brown 3, Laurel Kearsley 10, Nicole Harper 1, Devan Matkin 7, Kayla Williams 1, Tina Fakahafua 7, Maddy Plunkett 4. Totals 21 16-25 62.

NIC (76)
Camille Reynolds 17, Kama Griffitts 17, Amy Warbrick 15, Tugce Canitez 13, Chantel Divilbiss 5, Deanna Dotts 5, Amanda Carlton 2, Sadie Lazzarini 1, Sanders 1. Totals 24-52 20-26 76.
Halftime: NIC 35, CSI 24. 3-point goals: NIC 8-14, CSI 4-13. Rebounds: CSI 34, NIC 34. Assists: CSI 12, NIC 16. Turnovers: CSI 20, NIC 17.

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AP photos

1st Lt. Mark Hogan, 24, of the U.S. Army's 2nd Platoon, Apache Company, 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment, sits in his vacant apartment in Sackets Harbor, N.Y., waiting for the moving company to show up on Dec. 31, the day his platoon returned from a year-long deployment in Afghanistan.

BACK HOME AGAIN

After year in Afghanistan, platoon savors return

By David Goldman
For The Associated press

WATERTOWN, N.Y. — Just hours after they arrived home from a year-long deployment in Afghanistan the clock struck midnight, and soldiers of 2nd Platoon, Apache Company of the 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment, gathering at their local bar, Fat Boys, hugged each other, shouting "Happy New Year" and "I love you."

Amidst the celebration stood Olivia Nammack, 26, and her husband Spc. Don Johnson, 28, locked in a kiss and a long embrace.

Nammack felt "relaxed for the first time in 12 months and just so happy," she said later.

The 2/87, part of the 3rd Combat Brigade 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Drum, N.Y., was originally slated to deploy to Iraq but was re-routed to Afghanistan instead, departing in late 2008.

These soldiers represented U.S. forces' first major push into Logar and Wardak provinces, where heavy anti-coalition resurgence helped make last year the worst for deaths among NATO forces since the war began in 2001.

In an attempt to secure Kabul from falling back into the hands of the Taliban, the US bolstered forces with the deployment of the 3/10 in Logar and Wardak Province, less than 30 minutes from the capital, from approximately 500 troops in 2008 to 3000 in 2009. The brigade was the first substantial illustration of the America's new military focus in Afghanistan.

A year later, the troops' return home has brought myriad emotions as they readjust to normal life.

Playing his turn on his 6-year-old stepdaughter Ariana's guitar video game as she runs circles around the apartment, Spc. Mike Schmidt said, "Now that I'm home it feels like only yesterday I left, but when I was over there in Afghanistan it felt like I was gone three or four years."

Natalie Pickett, 23, left, kisses her husband, Sgt. Paul Pickett, 23, both of Minden, La., on Dec. 31, as his unit, the U.S. Army's Apache Company, 2nd Battalion 87th Infantry Regiment, returns to Fort Drum., N.Y., after a year-long deployment in Afghanistan.

The 23-year-old acknowledged, "It's overwhelming. It still feels a little weird."

His wife Jackie said she noticed how Ariana handled the separation: "It definitely got harder as it went on. The last few months were the worst for her. She would talk a lot more about missing him."

The soldiers of 2nd Platoon balance the routine tasks of re-entry — finding apartments, continuing the artwork on an old tattoo or getting mani/pedi's with the wife at the mall — with deeper emotional and physical readjustments.

"I'm not used to the peacefulness here," said Spc. Todd Beatty, 30, looking out the window of his new home, the barracks on base. "I slept better over there than I do over here. Probably cause I was drained tired back in Afghanistan and it's just too quiet here. I'm hearing gunshots sometimes in my sleep."

The platoon leader, 1st Lt. Mark Hogan, 24, sitting in his vacant apartment waiting for the movers to show up, reflects while drinking his first beer: "It feels really surreal now, almost like I never left. Like the whole year in Afghanistan was just a dream."

For Pfc. Daniel Neer, 20, who came back early after being injured by a bomb in the dangerous Tangi Valley of Wardak province, a scar the length of his neck is a constant reminder.

"The shrapnel went an eighth of an inch from my artery. I came close, really close. I think about how close I came on a daily basis, hourly basis, every time I feel my throat. I'm glad to be alive, lucky be alive. If that hit my artery I wouldn't be here, I would have bled out on the field," he said.

"Everything's different now. The little things that bothered me before don't bother me anymore. You get a whole new perspective on life."

Following a lobster and clams dinner with some of the platoon, who think of themselves as a second family, the idea of coming home is starting to sink in for the soldiers.

"It's a lot of disbelief that I'm back for good," says Spc. Johnson, "In the beginning, it felt like I was home, but not for good. Now it feels like I'm home and I'm not going anywhere."

Pentagon may cut production of Lockheed's F-35

By Christopher Hinton
MarketWatch

NEW YORK — The Pentagon is proposing delays and production cuts for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter through 2015, in a setback for Lockheed Martin Corp., on concerns that the military contractor has fallen behind schedule on development and testing, according to media reports Thursday.

The Defense Department will release its official budget request for fiscal 2011 on Feb. 1, and a representative said there have been no final decisions and no official statement on the reported cuts.

Lockheed Martin said the total number of planes would be the same, though some would be pushed out into later production.

"Should these changes become reality, they may have implications for fiscal 2011 and beyond production quantities, but not necessarily the program budget," company spokesman Christian Geisel wrote in an email.

More than $2.8 billion was to be set aside in the next fiscal budget to purchase the stealthy jet fighter, but that would instead be used to continue its development, reports said.

The rollback would be a short-term blow to Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed, which is looking to ramp up its production rate for the F-35 to one a day within the next five years to six years. Higher production rates help lower the individual cost for each plane, and the company is relying heavily on automated and assembly-line manufacturing to reach its target.

Just last year, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he wanted to accelerate the program's ramp-up to squeeze out even more costs. At the time, Gates sought to purchase 513 F-35s through 2015, and ultimately have a fleet of 2,443.

In Thursday's reports, the Pentagon is considering a cut of 10 planes from its planned F-35 purchases for 2011, and a total reduction of 122 through 2015.

In a note, equity-research firm Broadpoint AmTech lowered its rating on Lockheed Martin to neutral from buy, citing the reported delays.

"A pending adjustment to the JSF program was well telegraphed; however, the extent of the actual production delays exceeds expectations," Broadpoint AmTech said.

The firm cut its price target for Lockheed stock to $73 from $86.

Shares of Lockheed fell 2.7 percent to close at $74.41. The United States is not the F-35's only customer, but it is by far the largest. The United Kingdom, Italy, the Netherlands, Canada, Norway, Denmark, Australia and Turkey also are members of the program.

Sales of the F-35 are expected to exceed $16 billion by 2016, or about 25 percent of Lockheed's total revenue, according to data provided by Bernstein Research.

The fly-away cost for the jet is about $83 million, according to the military, though Lockheed expects that to drop to $80 million by 2014.

Arlington's caisson horses do double duty in riding program

By T. Rees Shapiro
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A stronger blast, a little less luck, and the horse that Marine Sgt. Michael Blair is riding down an Arlington, Va., trail could easily be pulling his coffin.

"It's an honor riding these horses, knowing what they do," he said.

The horses that Blair rides in a rehabilitation program for wounded service members also pull the caissons that carry fallen troops for burial at Arlington National Cemetery. At times, Blair rides them along the same road, turning and heading back to the barn before reaching the cemetery.

Blair, 34, was on a security mission in Iraq when the Humvee he was driving rolled over a pressure-plate mine packed with explosives. When he regained consciousness, he saw two singed holes in his camouflage pants where his knees should have been.

After 60 surgeries, including the fusion of cadaver bone to his right knee, Blair still walks on his own two legs, his recovery aided in large part by the civilian therapeutic riding program he entered in 2006.

Today, the Caisson Platoon Equine-Assisted Riding Program, headed by military veterans Mary Jo Beckman and Larry Pence and supported by the Veterans Administration, counts hundreds of service members as testament to the success of matching wounded warriors with horses. The program, based at Fort Myer, accepts any service member, wounded physically or psychologically, certain that it has benefits for all participants.

The connection that the caisson horses have with the military community helps the wounded troops in ways other forms of traditional rehabilitation can't, Beckman and Pence said. It allows troops to bond with the horses they ride, which, Pence said, has been shown to help improve the riders' moods.

Unlike in some other rehabilitation programs, riders work their muscles naturally, said Pence, 63, a retired Army command sergeant major from Fredericksburg, Va. As the service members ride, they exercise the same muscle groups they would if they were walking and simultaneously train core muscles to help improve balance and stability.

The riding program takes wounded troops outside, far beyond the walls of the clinical setting of a hospital. It is the only therapeutic riding program at a military base on the East Coast. Instead of nurses, it uses combat soldiers assigned to the Old Guard, the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment.

Beckman, 58, a retired Navy commander from Falls Church, Va., is a certified therapeutic riding instructor for the physically disabled. She designed the program to help service members who suffer from a variety of impairments, including amputations and traumatic brain injuries. For many participants, it is their first time on a horse.

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207 Education

EDUCATION
The Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind is accepting applications for two **Instruction Assistants**. The first position is 40 hrs per week with benefits and the second position is 19.5 hrs per week with no benefits. Duties include but are not limited to assisting an instructor in a classroom.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume, and three letters of recommendations or the names and contact information of three professional references to IESDB, Dept of Human Resources,
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Full-Time position. Successful candidate will have a strong understanding of fundraising efforts with proven experience to grow and diversify the fundraising capacity of the foundation. Strong skills in the day to day operations of managing a hospital foundation and grant writing experience preferred.

Housekeeper/Maintenance Assistant.
1 Full-time position and 1 Part-Time position. Mon-Fri with some weekend coverage with full benefits. Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds regularly and up to 100 pounds on occasion. Responsible for cleaning patient rooms, offices, and common areas. Must be able to read MSDS and chemical label information.

Medical Lab Tech or Medical Technologist
PRN position. ASCP or equivalent certification.

Perioperative Operating Room RN
Part-Time position. Licensed as a RN in the State of Idaho. Prefer 2 years current OR experience. Current BLS certification. ACLS Certification and procedural sedation competency required within 90 days of hire. Thorough knowledge of surgical instruments, surgical supplies, aseptic technique and intra-operative medications.

Perioperative PACU RN
Full-Time position. Licensed as a RN in the State of Idaho. Prefer 2 years current OR, PACU, ICU, or CCU experience. Current BLS certification, ACLS Certification, and procedural sedation competency required.

Receptionist
Full-time position. Mon-Fri days. Receptionist duties include answering phone, registering patients, greeting visitors. Successful candidate will have knowledge of patient billing procedures, experience as a receptionist preferably in a healthcare setting, and be able to interact effectively with persons of all backgrounds.

Send resume to: Sara Otto
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Compensation will be commensurate with experience and includes a comprehensive benefit package.
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Send completed application and resume to:

Human Resources Department
Idaho Housing and Finance Association
P.O. Box 7899
Boise, Idaho 83707-1899

Above description is not inclusive of all job duties. Qualified candidates must be able to perform essential functions with or without accommodation. AA/EOE

ADMINISTRATIVE

Family Health Services has openings for the following administrative positions:

Credentialing Specialist Full-time position is responsible for accurately credentialing all FHS providers with a variety of insurance companies. Prior medical credentialing or insurance billing experience preferred. Successful candidates will possess strong interpersonal skills, sound decision making skills and be proficient in all Microsoft office applications.

Diabetes Program Coordinator Part-time position (20 hrs.week) will provide administrative and clerical support for the FHS diabetes program. Provide assistance to patients and providers by scheduling appointments and establishing partnerships with area diabetes specialists. Strong written and verbal communication skills and proficient data entry skills required. Must be bilingual Spanish/English. Flexible work schedule.

Family Health Services offers competitive wages. Full-time positions are eligible for a full range of benefits including health insurance, short and long-term disability, life insurance, PTO, holiday pay and 401(k) retirement.

Applicants may fill out an application on-line at **www.fhsid.org** or send a cover letter and CV to:

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209 General

EXPERIENCED SHEEP SHEARERS
wanted from to fill 11 temporary positions from 02/01/2010 to 6/1/2010 shear sheep in Custer, Butte, Blaine, Twin Falls, Cassia, Jefferson & Minidoka Counties, ID; Utah, Sanpete & Cache Counties, UT; Beaverhead County, MT; White Pine County, NV; and Unita County, WY.. Must be able shear 96-125 ewes a day w/power driven tools after initial break-in period; shear loose, clipping wool close to hide for removal in one piece. Uses care in shearing to avoid nicking, pinking or cutting skin to avoid double cuts. May help move sheep in and out of shearing area. Oils hand pieces and sharpens combs/cutters. May tie fleece. Employer reimburses in-bound transportation/subsistence to work site after 50% completion of contract period, AND transportation/subsistence to place of recruitment or subsequent legal employment after completion of contract period. Tools/equipment provided as necessary. Employer guarantees employment for 3/4 of workdays in contract period, starting with first workday. Wage Rates depend on the State where work is performed. $1.80-$4.50 per head (workers using employer¡Çs tools will be paid 5 cents less per head). Employer guarantees earnings of $9.06-$11.10 per hour depending on work location. 3 months experience required. Apply for this job at the nearest IDAHO Workforce Service office, reference job listing **1361413 -Wilde Shearing/Edric Wilde, Carey, Idaho**

FOOD SERVICE
Immediate Opening
Cook supervisor for Twin Falls Correction Facilities. Work in an institutional dining is a plus. Competitive wages and benefits. Must pass background check and pre-employment drug screen. Contact Maria at **208-736-4114 fax 208-735-4385** or email resume to **hr11@abimanagement.com Attn 625** EOE.

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209 General

CLERICAL/Bookkeeping
10 hours/week. Formally trained bookkeeper and general office assistant. Only those proficient with Quickbooks, Excel, and Word need apply. Some flexibility req. Ideal for semi-retired individual. 2 references. 734-6700

GENERAL
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GENERAL

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Full time position in Twin Falls, Idaho. If position is filled below the full performance level, the duties will be commensurate with the grade level. Duties include loan making and servicing complex Rural Development business-cooperative program loans, loan guarantees, and grants, and provides technical assistance under program authorities to rural people, business concerns and communities within Idaho. The incumbent analyzes rural business, community and area status, determining the need, value, economic potential, and developmental potential of proposed projects. The incumbent makes site visits to lender, borrower and grantee; maintains financial analysis spreadsheets on borrowers; and represents the agency in contacts essential to the success of Rural Development business-cooperative services programs with federal, state, and local government agencies, planning groups, private industry, colleges and credit institutions. Will be required to travel 30 to 45% of the time within the service area, and 8 to 10% overnight travel. Starting salary at GS-09 is $46,625 and at GS-11 is $56,411. There is an additional announcement for a trainee level with salary starting at $30,772.

In addition to resume, narrative response to specialized experience questions is required. Copy of announcement must be obtained from the internet at **http://www.usajobs.opm.gov**. Click on "Search Jobs"; click on Search Series tab; insert in series "1165"; complete salary and geographical area; reply to the remaining questions. You may also obtain a copy of the announcement by calling USDA, Rural Development, Attention Human Resources, 9173 W. Barnes Dr., Suite A1, Boise, 208-378-5607.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answers are on page Nation/World 8

209 General

GENERAL
Experienced wool fleece graders wanted to fill 4 temporary positions, 02/01/2010-06/01/2010 in in Custer, Butte, Blaine, Twin Falls, Cassia, Jefferson & Minidoka Counties, ID; Utah, Sanpete & Cache Counties, UT; Beaverhead County, MT; White Pine County, NV; and Unita County, WY. Workers will examine and sort wool; separate locks of fleece, examine fibers for quality, according to governmental standards, and place wool in containers. Employer reimburses in-bound transportation and subsistence to the work site after 50% completion of the contract period. Will also pay transportation and subsistence to place of recruitment or subsequent legal employment after completion of the contract. Housing will be provided. Employer guarantees employment for 3/4 of the work days in the contract, starting with the worker¡Çs first day of work. Wage rate is 13 Cents per fleece. Employer guarantees earnings of $9.06-$11.10 per hour depending on work location. 3 months experience required. Apply for this job at the nearest IDAHO Workforce Service office, reference job listing **1361412-Wilde Shearing/Edric Wilde, Carey, Idaho**

GENERAL
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- Ski Resort Night Manager
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LANDSCAPE

WEBB

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LIVESTOCK WORKERS
Experienced Open Range Livestock Workers wanted fill 5 temporary positions, from 02/01/2010 to 11/30/2010. Workers attend to livestock primarily on open rangelands; feed, water & herd livestock to pasture for grazing; examine for diseases/injuries; assist with vaccination; apply medications to cuts/bruises, spray livestock with insecticide or herds them into insecticide bath; assist with castration; Clip identifying notches on or brand animals. Worker/s to be on-call 24-hours a day/7 days a week, including Holidays. 3/4 of contract period guaranteed, starting w/arrival at worksite. Employer provides: tools, supplies & equipment at no cost to worker; transportation & subsistence expenses to/from worksite. 3 months experience & up to two references required. $875 Month + Room & Board. Contact the nearest Idaho Workforce Service Agency and reference job listing number/s: **1361057-Marty Bennett Gooding, Idaho; 2458722-Kathryn Sanger, Saratoga, WY.**

MANAGER
Looking for experienced retail **Nursery/Greenhouse manager.** Apply with resume at **1201 Falls Ave E Ste 24** or call 733-9277

209 General

MECHANIC

PSI

PSI Environmental is looking for **Lead Diesel Mechanic.** We are looking for a hands on manager to oversee (4)Diesel Mechanics in our Twin Falls shop. Must have at least 2 years of supervisory exp. Call Lance at 360-281-9919 Or apply online at www.wasteconnections.com

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SHEEPHERDER
Experienced Sheepherders wanted to fill 1 temporary position, from 02/01/10 to 1/31/11 Requires workers to tend/move sheep flocks grazing on range; prevent animals from straying; protect flock from predators/bad weather; assist with lambing. Worker/s will be on-call 24-hours a day/7 days a week including Holidays. 3/4 of contract period guaranteed, starting w/arrival at worksite. Employer provides tools, supplies & equipment at no cost to worker; and, transportation & subsistence expenses to/from worksite. $750 Month + Room & Board. 3 months experience and 1 verifiable reference required. Contact the nearest Idaho Workforce Service Agency and reference job listing number: **1361054 David Rogers, Rupert, Idaho**

211 Medical

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MEDICAL
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MEDICAL
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213 Professional

PROFESSIONAL
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Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 1/10

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	8	3	6	7	4	1	2
6	2	3	1	4	8	9	7	5
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

NOTICES

NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of East End Mutual Electric will be held Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

Members attendance at this meeting is needed so important business of the company may be conducted. A Director for District 3 will be elected. Vic Forgeon is presently the Director for the District. Refreshments will be served.

PUBLISH: January 3, 10 and 13, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the North Side Pumping Company, will be held at the office of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, Monday, January 18, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company.

The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term.

One Director from District No. 3

One Director at Large

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 18, 2010 and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 18, 2010, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of said Company.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2009 at Jerome, Idaho.
NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY
BY: Terry Walters, Secretary

PUBLISH: January 3 and 10, 2010

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., will be held in the conference room at Con Paulos Chevrolet, 251 Frontage Road South, Jerome, Idaho, Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company.

The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term.

One Director from District No. 3

One Director from District No. 6

One Director at Large

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 14, 2010, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 14, 2010, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Company.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2009 at Jerome, Idaho.
NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.
BY: Terry Walters, Assist-Sec'y

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Owner: Unincorporated Town of Jackpot and Elko County, NV
155 South 9th Street
Elko, Nevada 89801

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 11:00 a.m. (PST) on January 29, 2010, and then publicly opened and read aloud. **A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in Jackpot, Nevada on January 20, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (PST).**

The project includes the construction of a 1,060,000 Gallon Per Day Wastewater Treatment Facility and land application of sludge from the existing primary treatment lagoons. The State Labor Commissioner has assigned Public Works Project Number PWP No. EL-2010-91 to this project. All work shall be in conformance with State of Nevada Administrative Codes and Elko County Standards.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

The Office of the Engineer: Stantec Consulting Inc.
3995 South 700 East, Suite 300
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

or

The County Offices: Elko County Public Works Department
155 South 9th Street
Elko, Nevada 89801

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Stantec Consulting Inc located at 3995 South 700 East Salt Lake City, Utah 84107, 801-261-0090 upon payment of $75.00 for each individual package set (NON-REFUNDABLE) after Monday, January 11, 2010.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained off The Engineer's ftp site beginning January 11, 2010 after 5:00 pm with no charge.

PUBLISH: January 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2010

ANNOUCEMENTS

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Black Lab on Golf Course Rd. in Jerome. It showed up on 12/31. **Call Mike at 731-5527**

FOUND Black Lab pup, male, found at Qwest building SW of Jerome. **Call 324-1425 or 539-1425**

FOUND DOG on Park Avenue in Twin Falls on January 5th. **Call 208-316-2119**

FOUND Male dog, black/white, possible Border Collie mix, found 12/31 near 2600 E. 4200 N. Twin Falls/Filer. **Call 420-2653**

FOUND Terrier, small adult male, near Stars Ferry. Call to identify. Will place for adoption if not claimed 208-431-2526.

FOUND Yorkie on 12/31, male, at Kelly Garden Center. Taken to the Humane Society. **736-2299.**

LOST Dachshund, male, around 4th Ave. N. & Addison. Long-haired, 6 mos old. **731-1217**

LOST female Schipperke, small black dog, old with a blue collar, vicinity of 500 E., Filer. **734-3661 or 539-6993**

LOST Shih Tzu, male, tan/white, has a red collar with Max on the tag, lost New Years Eve near 2600 E/3200 Twin Falls. Has old phone number on tag, **REWARD! Call 736-6089/731-4416 instead.**

Trying to find a good used automobile? Check out the classifieds for the largest selection available in your area today. 733-0931

101 Lost and Found

LOST black Manx female cat near fairgrounds in Rupert offering reward. **Please call 208-670-5966**

LOST male Chocolate Lab, in Declo area. REWARD **208-431-7787**

106 Special Notices

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS
*Have you forgotten to pickup your **birthday photos?** We have some **photos** we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be **picked up** at The Times-News Classified Dept.*

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108 Professional Services

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L'il Tikes Childcare & Preschool. After school, preschool, snacks & meals provided. $15/day. Multi-child discounts. ICCP Cert. 12 years exp. **208-260-5488**

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301 Business Opportunities

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PEOPLE FOR PETS
420 Victory Ave. - PO Box 1163
Twin Falls, Idaho
736-2299

LOST & FOUND

1. Lab cross black/white female pup the Buhl Duck Blinds
2. Border Collie cross white/black/tan on face male pup 262 5th Ave. N
3. Akita cross black/white adult female, 2190 Filer Ave.
4. Australian Shepherd cross brindle/white adult male 146 Addison Ave.
5. Golden Retriever red adult female pink/brown collar 3798 N 3850 E
6. Terrier/Border Collie cross black/white young adult male found at 3400 N 3400 E
7. Pointer/Pit Bull cross white/brown adult female 3100 N 2900 E
8. Husky grey/white adult male, 3222 E 3600 N
9. Border Collie/Lab cross red/white young adult male 1903 River Rd. E in Buhl, ID
10. Lab yellow adult female, 600 W 1400 S Oakley, ID
11. Lab cross chocolate female puppy, 185 Rose St.
12. Chihuahua cross red/white adult male, Blue Lakes & N. College
12. Toy Poodle grey adult female, Quincy & Addison
13. Border Collie cross white/tan female pup Jackpot, NV
14. German Shepherd cross brown/black/white female puppy found in Jackpot, NV

ADOPTIONS

1. Bassett/Lab cross black/brown 4 mo spayed female pup
2. Lab cross black/white 3 mo old spayed female pup
3. Lab/Retriever cross black 3 mo spayed female pup
4. German Shepherd cross tan/black/white 6 mo neutered male
5. Pit Bull/Boxer cross black/white on chest 2 year old neutered male
6. Golden Retriever red -1 year old spayed female
7. Terrier/Border Collie cross black/white 1 year old neutered male
8. Pointer/Pit Bull cross white/brown 1 year old neutered male
9. German Shorthair liver/white 2 yr old spayed female
10. German Shepherd/Border Collie cross red/black 2 year old spayed female
11. Border Collie/Lab cross red/white 10 mo neutered male
12. Pit Bull white/brown spots 6 mo old neutered male
13. Chihuahua cross red/white 4 yr old neutered male
14. Pit Bull/German Shepherd cross brindle/white 2 month old neutered male
15. Dachshund/Pug cross brindle 3 mo neutered male

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301 Business Opportunities

Business Opportunities and Commercial Properties

- ***GameWorld*** of Idaho Falls, asset liquidation price of $68,500
- ***Home Based Mobile Store Business,*** make extra income, relocatable, $38K
- ***Y-Stop General Store*** in Prairie, Idaho. Price includes business and real estate. $550K
- ***Popular Ketchum Restr.,*** downtown, price REDUCED to $85K!
- ***Off Road Graphics,*** easily relocatable business
- ***Unique Resort Area Retail,*** established 60+ years, $250K

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MASSAGE TRAINING:
Basic Swedish training, 108 hrs, Fri. 7-10pm & Sat. 10-5:30pm for12 weeks starting Feb. 5th. **Massage Therapy Program** up to 850 hrs. Call for info 326-4870 Twin Falls Institute of Holistic Studies.

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center
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REAL ESTATE

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502 Homes For Sale

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin or an intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination. "Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodian; pregnant women and people securing custody or children under 18,

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD Toll-free telephone number at 800-669-9777. The Toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 800-927-8275.

FILER By Owner. Craftsman bungalow, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 car garage, 1525 sq. ft., very large kitchen, partial basement, fireplace, lots of updates, fenced yard, auto sprinklers. 129 5th Street. $135,000. **208-326-5647**

502 Homes For Sale

HAGERMAN Retire in the beautiful Hagerman Valley, new home 3 bdrm, 2 bath, all kitchen appls., fireplace, landscaped & RV pad, 1.2 acres, close to boat dock. See to appreciate. **208-543-2902 or 208-539-4774**

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JEROME 5 bdrm, 3 bath, 3000 sq. ft., hot tub/gazebo, all on approx 5 acres, horse property, metal corrals, 2 large shops 1 fully insulated, wired 220 3 car, great location on the edge of town, $410,000. **Call 208-731-2139**

JEROME on golf course. Panoramic premiere view, 2100 sq. ft. Spacious 3 bdrm split master & 2 marble baths. Huge great room with fireplace. Magnificent Travertine kitchen, cathedral 15' ceilings. Huge windows for views & pond/waterfalls, security system. Will sell with high-end furnishings. **208-293-8992** or **961-1604.** $225,000. By far Best Price on golf course. Many extras, moving to CA.

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1315 sq. ft. main floor, 2 bdrm, bath, office/nursery, living room and kitchen, full basement (also 1315 sq. ft.) features 1 bdrm, 1 hobby room, lg family room, bath w/shower & a furnace room with plenty of storage. Upstairs (490 sq. ft.) features 2 bdrms. Vinyl windows in 4 of 5 bdrms & bathroom. $190,000 (less if you don't want the whole property) **Call 208-670-8735**

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm., 2½ bath, large storage room, 2 car garage, fenced backyard, finished bem't, $155,000. **208-404-8060.**

TWIN FALLS
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TWIN FALLS Large family home, priced to sell at $89/sq. ft. 5 bdrm, 3.5 bath, nice location, newer, 3 car garage, stainless steel appls, incl. double oven range. $259,000. ***twinfallshomeforsale.blogspot.com*** **208-734-0944 or 208-731-0701**

TWIN FALLS

Priced Reduced! Seller pays 3% of buyers closing costs! Nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge fenced yard $124,900. **2068 Falls Ave E.-208-404-4799**

513 Acreage and Lots

FILER Horse Property 1+ acre, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, fireplace, all kitchen appls, covered patio, 2 car attached garage, auto sprinklers, 3 rail fenced pasture and corral, 12x24 shed, firepit. $195,000 will be listing with agent, in 2 mos at higher price. **208-731-6878**

KIMBERLY 3.78 acres. Pressurized water, horses okay. Fantastic views. Asking price $85,000. **208-734-6158 or 208-404-1003**

514 Income Property

TWIN FALLS '01 4plex Exc. cond. Each unit 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garages, laminate floors in half, rents for $700/mo. 379 Lenore St. Priced to move fast. $285,000. **208-720-7345**

515 Commercial Property

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518 Mobile Homes

FLEETWOOD 2 bdrm, 2 bath. Under $500 with lot rent. Take over payments. **Call 208-404-3963**

TWIN FALLS

Approx 24x48 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home, forced heat, in 62+ park, DW doesn't work, No W/D, new furniture can be purchased. **John 208-736-0333**

TWIN FALLS Nice, clean, 14'x52', 2 bdrm mobile home in family park, new vinyl windows, $8,500/offer. **208-404-3989** or **208-539-9331**

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IF JANUARY 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: During the next four weeks you are filled with energy and can use this to initiate a new exercise regimen or health plan successfully. Avoid temptations and the allure of something that seems too good to be true. Your judgment about business and your love life is better in late March and April. That might be a good time for a holiday trip and to concentrate on your ambitions. June is the best month to make wishes come true; you can put your most important plans into motion or make key decisions because in some ways you are wiser than usual. Any opportunity that is offered during this time will be beneficial and helpful in the long run.

HOROSCOPE
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Project confidence. During the upcoming week you can boldly go where no man has gone before.

TAURUS (Apr. 20- May 20): Mobilize mentally when faced by change. Shifting allegiances may give you a chance to realign your goals.

GEMINI (May 21- June 20): If you merely go through the motions, you might miss a chance to improve your situation in one or more areas of your life.

CANCER (June 21- July 22): Confidence in future plenty may provoke you to work harder than ever to reach the promised land of security and comfort.

LEO (July 23- Aug. 22): This may be a good week to latch onto a new idea or accept a change of plan and pull a valuable rabbit out of your hat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23- Sept. 22): Because you have unfailing faith in the future, you might see the value and opportunity in the latest society-altering innovations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23- Oct. 22.): If you refused to flinch in the past when faced by a torrent of criticism, you will be able to steady your nerves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23- Nov. 21): Find the balance between conflicting priorities. Your enthusiasms may be set aflame if you sense progress is passing you by.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): The more flexible you are this week, the more you will be able to successfully navigate sudden surprises and changes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19): Whenever money is concerned, it is difficult to remain solvent when there are more "takers" on hand than "providers."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20- Feb. 18): You can experiment with new views or enjoy meeting people from different walks of life without losing your own priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 19- Mar. 20): Promote innovation. Thinking outside the box can help you win friends and influence people during the week to come.

519 Cemetery Lots

CEMETARY LOT Filer IOOF Cemetary 1 plot $475. **Call Susan 324-5327 or 329-9547**

RENTAL PROPERTIES

0602 Unfurnished Homes

BUHL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced, $550 month + $300 deposit. **208-212-1678**

BUHL 3 bdrm, 1 bath, electric heat, carport, please no pets. $575 + $625 dep. **208-731-0937**

BUHL 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home. Near schools, available now. $450 + dep (negotiable).. Needs a little TLC. **Call 208-731-2338**

BUHL Nice 1 bdrm $395 + deposit. Stove & refrig incld. **Call 208-733-5668**

BUHL One 2 bdrm & one 3 bdrm, no pets, ref. req. water included in rent. **731-5584 or 543-8087**

BUHL Quiet country home with full basement for lease between Buhl and Filer. $575/month + deposit. **Barker Realtors Call 543-4371**

BURLEY 1-3 bdrm houses and apts ranging from Twin Falls to Burley. **208-423-4301 or 909-881-2045**

BURLEY Country 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath $500/mo. + $300 dep. **208-312-5961 or 208-312-5962**

BURLEY/DECLO 1st & last months rent, $500/mo + $500 dep. 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath duplex. **208-678-8206**

FILER 1-3 bdrm houses and apts ranging from Twin Falls to Burley. **208-423-4301 or 909-881-2045**

FILER 2 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home, new bath with soaker tub, $515 includes water/sewer/garbage, no smoking/pets. **208-720-4255**

FILER 3 bdrm., 1 bath house, W/D hookup, some utils paid, $600 + $500 deposit. **208-837-6571.**

FILER Cozy 2 bedroom home for lease. $475/month + deposit. **Barker Realtors Call 543-4371**

FILER extra clean, 2 bdrm mobile with lg storage bldg. Low heat bill, great area, $380 inclds water, no pets, references. 326-5886.

GOODING 2 bdrm house for rent with fenced yard, $550 + deposit. No pets. **Call 208-731-6581.**

GOODING Small cozy 2 bdrm house. Appliances included for $600 or no appliances $550 per month. Security deposit $500. **Call 539-1130.**

JEROME ½ way to Wendell, **VERY SMALL** 1 bdrm, appls, $350 + dep. No alcohol/drugs. **324-7901**

JEROME 1900 sq. ft. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, built in 2007. 10K sq. ft. lot, many upgrades, rent to own or for sale $950/mo. **Call 360-448-3000**

JEROME 3 bdrm, 1¼ bath, fenced yard on East 3rd, no pets/smoking. $700 + dep. **Call 208-420-6235**

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile homes. $550-$600. No pets. Long term. **324-8903 or 208-788-2817**

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath with attached garage, $675 month. **759 17th Ave. E. ~ 208-539-1403**

JEROME 3 bdrm., 1 bath, nice location, close to schools, $800 + $800 security dep., no pets. N Fillmore. 208-539-4602 or eves 829-5830.

JEROME 3, 2 & 1 bdrms, ranging from $450-$750, water, sewer, trash included, 50% off 1st mo. rent w/signed 1 year lease. **733-7818**

JEROME nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath, $550 + dep. No smoking/pets. **Call 208-324-7555.**

KIMBERLY 1-3 bdrm houses & apts ranging from Twin Falls to Burley. **208-423-4301 or 909-881-2045**

KIMBERLY 2 bdrm with W/D, small pet ok, $425/mo. + deposit. 208-423-5826 or 410-0199

KIMBERLY 3 bedroom, 1 bath, $750, newer, sprinklers, outside storage. **Call 208-420-8887.**

RUPERT 918 4th St. 1 bdrm, 1 bath, $450 month, $200 dep. No smoking/pets. **208-436-9774**

SHOSHONE House with gas heat, $420 month. Large Apts. $220-$280 month **208-309-2160 lv msg**

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, 1 bath, W/D hookup, stove/refrig, 1 yr. lease req. no pets/smoking, $440+dep. Avail. now. **Call 208-733-1500**

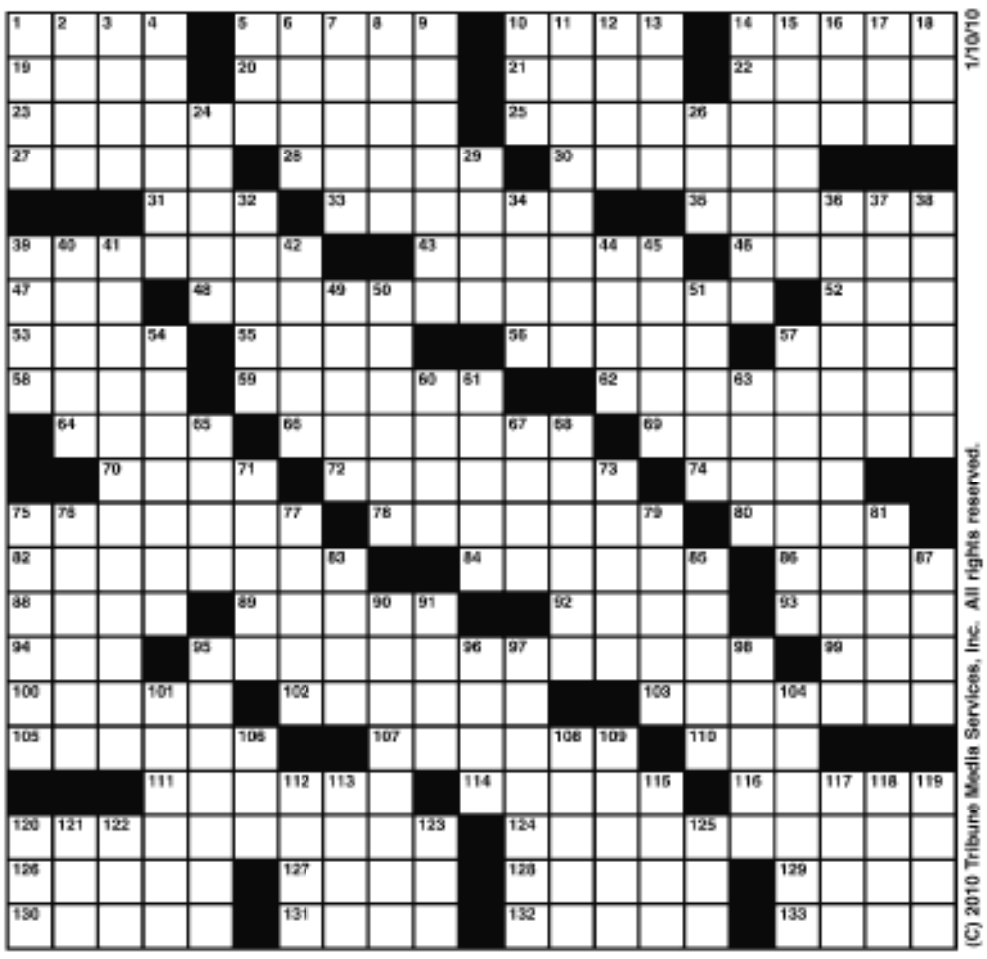
TWIN FALLS 1 bedroom, 1 bath, $425 month + $300 deposit. **208-212-1678**

TWIN FALLS 2 Bdrm House, $800 1803 Elizabeth Blvd. Pets Negotiable. **734-4334**

Sunday Crossword

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"JUST DO IT" By Nora Pearlstone



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0602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, water paid, big yard, $500 + $450 dep. No pets. **420-2076 or 733-6816**

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, $575, bsmt, laundry area, carport, & fenced back yard. **208-420-8887**

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, $600 + $500 deposit. No smoking/pets. **420-1488 or 423-6348**

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 2 bath, W/D hookups, microwave, refrig $575, security dep $575 No smoking/pets. **215 Locust. 208-539-4602**

TWIN FALLS 2 beautiful newer homes $1100/mo. + dep. Each have 3 bdrms, 2 baths, fireplaces. No smoking/pets. **Call 404-3159 or 326-5653**

TWIN FALLS 2 possible 3 bdrm, 1½ bath, nice location, $675 month + $400 deposit. **208-212-1678**

TWIN FALLS 2-3 bdrm, lg kitchen, W/D hookups, no pets/smoking, $595+$500 dep **410-7907** after 5pm

TWIN FALLS 211 Tyler St. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, all electric, $580/mo. + $580 dep. **293-5376 or 733-1438**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm 2 bath + office Near Sawtooth Elementary. Incld all appl & central heating & A/C $950/mo. **Call 420-1804**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, duplex w/full bsmt, no smoking, great neighborhood, W/D incl. $750/mo. + dep. **208-473-1060**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath one level, no steps. Gas heat, AC, DW, range, refrig, 2 car garage, private, clean, quiet, no pets/smoking, $800/mo. + $800 dep. **Call 208-731-4268**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, Magic Valley Ranch. $850 month **Call 208-731-4060.**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 2 bath, all appls, pet neg, $850/$850. **JEROME** 3 bdrm., 2 bath, all appls, no pets, $800/$800. 539-4907.

TWIN FALLS 3-4 bdrm, 2 bath home very nice, no pets, $800 + $500 security dep. **731-0919**

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Today's Highlight:

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1910, Hallmark Cards had its origins as its founder, Joyce Clyde Hall, arrived in Kansas City, Mo., to begin selling postcards wholesale.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.

In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.

In 1978, the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule for a rendezvous with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.

In 1980, former AFL-CIO president George Meany died in Washington, D.C., at 85.

Ten years ago: America Online announced it was buying Time Warner for $162 billion (the resulting disastrous merger ended in December 2009). Peace talks between Israel and Syria recessed in West Virginia without agreement on new borders or any other major elements of a land-for-peace treaty.

Five years ago: CBS issued a damning independent review of mistakes related to a "60 Minutes Wednesday" report on President George W. Bush's National Guard service and fired three news executives and a producer for their "myopic zeal" in rushing it to air. A mudslide in La Conchita, Calif., crushed homes and killed 10 residents. Gunmen assassinated Baghdad's deputy police chief and his son; al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility. Ukraine's Election Commission declared Viktor Yushchenko the winner of the presidential vote.

One year ago: Vice President-elect Joe Biden arrived in Afghanistan for talks with the country's leaders. Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in cities across Europe and in Lebanon against the Israeli offensive in Gaza. The aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush was commissioned with its namesake, the 41st president, and other members of the Bush family on hand for the ceremonies at Naval Station Norfolk.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband constantly leers at women. He bases many of his choices on the "best views" available for girl watching: his seat in a restaurant, where he parks to pick up the kids from high school, seats at sporting events that are close to the cheerleaders, even TV shows that feature cute blondes — the scantier clad the better.

The most upsetting incident happened when we were saying goodbye to our daughter whom we had taken to college. With tears in my eyes, I turned to my husband for comfort. Abby, instead of offering any, his eyes were glued on the rear end of a cute co-ed as she crossed the lobby.

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I have begged, pleaded and explained repeatedly to my husband that his behavior is humiliating, degrading to all involved and just plain disgusting. He either denies he's doing it, becomes defensive, says I need help or tells me I'm "overreacting" — that ALL men do it.

I have had enough, but at my age starting over seems scary. AM I overreacting?

— YOO-HOO, I'M OVER HERE!

DEAR HERE!: If your husband was 20 years younger, his behavior would be classified as "boys will be boys." But he is no longer a boy, and the older he gets the more his behavior is beginning to resemble that of a creepy old man. Most men may look occasionally, but it appears your husband is obsessive. He owes you an apology for his lack of sensitivity regarding your feelings and should make an effort at behavior modification.

Staying in an unhappy marriage because the idea of starting over "seems scary" is the wrong reason. But before you throw in the towel, both of you should talk to a marriage counselor — or an optometrist who can help your husband practice tunnel vision.

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son, "Brandon," dated several girls in high school — none seriously. But now that he's thinking about colleges, he has fallen head-over-heels for someone named "Michelle." I'm OK with that; my problem is Michelle's mother. It's like she's trying to get them married as soon as possible.

This woman manipulates situations so that her daughter and Brandon spend the majority of their time at her house. Every time we make plans to have Michelle over for dinner or a movie, there's either a reason she can't come, or her mother calls asking her to return home.

Michelle's mom constantly calls and texts my son. On Facebook she carries on about how much she misses him. Whenever Brandon makes a comment about his wonderful girlfriend, her mother chimes in with, "What about her wonderful mother?"

Brandon is being set up and manipulated, but becomes defensive if I try to point it out. We live in a small town, and I have had several unsolicited warnings of "watch out for the mother" whenever people find out who Brandon is dating. Would it be wrong to approach this woman?

— LEVEL-HEADED IN MONROE, N.C.

DEAR LEVEL-HEADED: It appears that Michelle's mother is living vicariously through her daughter and is trying to "help" her land your son. Although the woman's behavior is over-the-top, I doubt that confronting her would discourage her.

Before this goes any further, Brandon needs to understand that Michelle's mother is a textbook example of a problem mother-in-law. If your son has a father, uncle or grandfather in the picture, he may be more receptive to a man-to-man talk about what's going on than he is to a warning from his mother.

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Rueful Robert, Kansas City, Mo.

ANSWER: I hate to say it, but your partner is right. There are different rules for declarer and the defenders. For declarer, a card has to be played (or the equivalent of played) — and not dropped. For the defenders, a card is played if his partner could have seen it because it reached a position where it was in view.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I read that one of your teammates for many years, Dick Freeman, died recently. How did you rate him as a player and a teammate?

Historian, Nashville, Tenn.

ANSWER: Dick was absolutely brilliant — he had something like a photographic memory and a genius for numbers. As a player he and Nick Nickell became one of the soundest pairs in the world. They realized that if they brought back solid, normal results, the team would be in a great position to win. And they generally achieved precisely that.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At unfavorable vulnerability I was second to speak with ♠ A-J-3, ♥ K-Q-4, ♦ Q-7-3-2, ♣ Q-3-2 and heard three clubs on my right. Was I wrong to double? I could not stand to be stolen from here. Suffice it to say, bidding did NOT work out well.

Burglar-Proof, Trenton, N.J.

ANSWER: I have a little, but only a little, sympathy for you. When in doubt, act with shortness in their suit, but pass with length. Here you had the values to consider bidding but very much the wrong club-holding. Paradoxically, with two small clubs and a small spade instead of the club queen, you are closer to doubling and should certainly balance if three clubs came around to you in protective seat.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
What percentage of deals you use are from actual play and what from your own (or others') fertile imagination?

Inquiring Mind, Fredericksburg, Va.

ANSWER: So long as you do not tell anyone else, I will say that all deals where a player or location is specified are absolutely real. I try to leave the spot-cards unchanged, except to eliminate unnecessary complications. About half the rest are real deals, sometimes modified, sometimes with the protagonists anonymous; the rest are creations or variations on a genuine theme.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I opened one spade with ♠ A-Q-9-4-2, ♥ A-3-2, ♦ Q-10-3-2, ♣ Q. When my partner bid a game-forcing two clubs, I tried two diamonds. Now my partner bid three clubs, and since we were in a game-force, I bid three no-trump. My partner said that this action was premature. Was he right?

Fast Arrival, Janesville, Wis.

ANSWER: I would have bid three hearts, probing for three no-trump, but not prepared to end the auction by bidding it myself. If, for example, partner has seven good clubs and short hearts, we could be very close to making slam. Conversely, three no-trump might struggle if a club had to be lost.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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Amy Peterson holds her son Steven, 4, while sitting next to her daughter, Amanda, 14, and sons Cody, 7, and Ryan, 12, at their home in Jerome. Peterson wrote a book titled 'Balancing Breast & Bottle: Reaching Your Breastfeeding Goals' with Mindy Harmer.

SUCKLING SOS

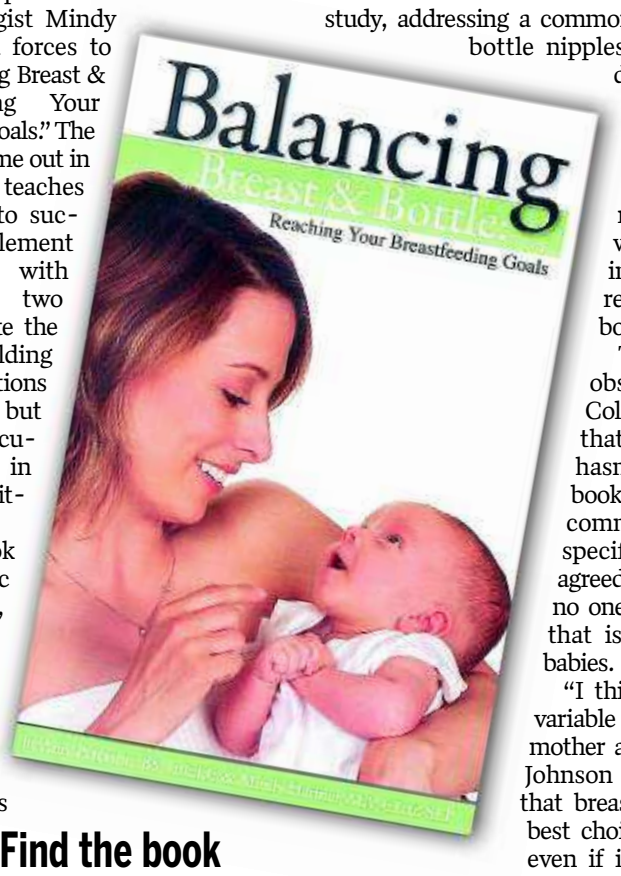
Magic Valley authors teach mothers how to bottle-feed breast milk

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Dedicated to breast-feeding your baby, but not sure how to provide milk while at work? You have a new resource.

Jerome lactation consultant Amy Peterson and Twin Falls speech-language pathologist Mindy Harmer joined forces to write "Balancing Breast & Bottle: Reaching Your Breastfeeding Goals." The book, which came out in December, teaches mothers how to successfully supplement breast-feeding with bottles. The two decided to write the book after fielding the same questions from mothers, but finding few accurate answers in breast-feeding literature.

Their book mixes scientific information, like the makeup of breast milk, with an abundance of detailed, practical tips to help moms collect and store breast milk, identify a proper latch, pick the right bottle nipple for their baby and more. Appendices provide checklists and charts for parents, and sources are cited in an index. Pictures throughout the book give examples of improper latches and the different types of bottle nipples. At first glance, the black-and-white pictures might seem low-quality, but they provide all the information mothers need.



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"Balancing Breast & Bottle: Reaching Your Breastfeeding Goals," by Magic Valley residents Amy Peterson and Mindy Harmer, is $21.95 at ibreastfeeding.com and amazon.com, and at 9 Months Later in Twin Falls.

The book addresses one of the biggest problems bottle-feeding mothers face: babies weaning themselves from the breast after being introduced to the bottle.

"What usually happens is if a mother picks a bottle, her baby might learn to prefer how fast the milk flows from the bottle, or the shape of a bottle nipple," Peterson said.

Peterson said that while working with mothers, she typically sees two kinds of cases: women who didn't know that introducing a bottle would lead to breast-feeding problems, and women who are overcautious and won't use a bottle, even if one is needed.

But with the right bottle nipple, Peterson said, mothers can be confident that their babies will eat, even if they are separated. Bottle nipple choices shouldn't be based on marketing, but rather on finding what works best for the baby, she added.

The authors also did an independent study, addressing a common myth about bottle nipples: Those that drip flow too fast. Peterson and Harmer found that drip has nothing to do with flow, and included the results in their book.

Twin Falls obstetrician Dr. Cole Johnson said that although he hasn't seen the book and couldn't comment on it specifically, he agreed that there is no one bottle nipple that is right for all babies.

"I think it's highly variable based on the mother and the child," Johnson said, adding that breast milk is the best choice for babies, even if it is delivered through a bottle.

"I would encourage breast milk regardless of how it's administered," he said.

Twin Falls nurse and lactation consultant Alecia French agreed. Although she is available to help mothers at any stage in breast-feeding, the bulk of her work is consulting mothers who have just had their babies. Although she hasn't seen the book, she is glad it is available for new mothers.

"When you're in labor and afterwards, you're so depleted of energy that the learning curve is very low at that time," French said. Eighty percent of new mothers start off breast-feeding their babies, but that number drops after one month due to problems, she said.

"We like to see them to six to nine months, or maybe a year," French said. Hopefully, Peterson and Harmer's book helps mothers stick with it.

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Breast-feeding budget friendly

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The recession and a new baby are a scary pairing, but some are hoping it will inspire more mothers to breast-feed.

"You can save $1,000 to $3,000 a year just by breast-feeding," says Gina Cicatelli Ciagne, director of breast-feeding and consumer relations for Lansinoh, which sells breast-feeding accessories.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says breast-feeding has been increasing for the last decade, with recent data showing 74 percent of new mothers initiating breast-feeding. That's up from 68 percent in 1999. And women appear to be breast-feeding longer, with 43 percent still breast-feeding at six months and 23 percent at 12 months (up from 33 percent at 6 months and 15 percent at 12 months in 1999).

But Deborah Dee, epidemiologist at the CDC, cautions against linking the increases to the recession.

"There are no data we know of on that," Dee says, though she welcomes the increase. "We want as many people as possible to breast-feed."

The Healthy People 2010 initiative — a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agenda to increase quality and years of life — sets specific goals for breast-feeding. The objectives call for 75 percent of women to initiate breast-feeding, 50 percent to continue breast-feeding at least six months and 25 percent to breast-feed at least one year.

Ciagne says women are often discouraged when breast-feeding becomes difficult ("It's natural, but it doesn't always come naturally") and give up after a few weeks. She urges moms to seek help from the International Lactation Consultant Association (ilca.org) or La Leche League (llli.org).

"Beyond the cost of formula, research shows the health benefits for mom and baby translate to fewer days out of the office and school, fewer insurance claims, fewer doctors' visits," she adds. "It's really the best preventive medicine you could ask for."

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Stephanie Bryson nurses 5-week-old daughter Catherine in the pharmacy area of a Kroger grocery store in Flowood, Miss., in 2006.

The clock is ticking on Father Time

January is one of those months where it seems you have all the time in the world. When raising five children, however, it's more than apparent the fight against the clock never really ends.

All of us, eventually, reach a stage of life where time is more valuable than money or possessions. When you figure that over two-thirds of your daily life is spent at work, or getting sleep, that leaves a remaining six or seven hours at your own discretion.

SPILT MILK
David Cooper

But those remaining hours never mesh easily. With three children in public schools, and two at home, the usual time in a weekday that we have together as family — mom, dad and all children at home at the same time — is about two hours a day. And that's when we're lucky.

That's still enough time to make a difference, even if it's in 15-minute blocks. By reserving just 15 minutes a day with each child, doing whatever the situation at hand requires, you can skillfully remove the parental guilt that comes from spending too much time at work.

Within 15 minutes of one-on-one time, you learn a whole lot. You hear the mishaps of recess, bad school lunch, the smell of the bus, the band practice that was less than harmonious, the substitute teacher who smells like Raisin Bran, the report on fennec foxes due before Christmas, the arguments with friends and the eventual reconciliation, the proper way to cook oatmeal in the morning, the stomachache that hits suddenly when yams are for dinner, and the way it flees when there's banana pudding for dessert.

You don't always make a connection, especially with older kids, but the effort counts for something. For younger children, the 15 minutes means as much as if it were 15 hours.

This kind of commitment may sound like a faint-hearted attempt at a new year's resolution — which is a tradition I hate — but it's not.

The truth is that for parents with kids in school, January is a harsh awakening. The school year is half through, and you are jolted with a realization that your kids truly are growing up at a frightening rate. What seemed like monumental ages of 5 or 12 fade as quickly as your old record collection. Eventually, you forget what grades they're in, what their teachers' names are, what you did for a family vacation last summer.

Sure it's sad, but it's part of life. As long as you're making a daily effort to make a memory, it's also understandable.

Many a father comes to the reality he won't be a scratch golfer, he won't win the Boston Marathon and he's not going to drive a sports car. He's just a reliable dad.

And that's OK. As long as there's 15 minutes to enjoy it.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $4.50, seniors; $5.50, under 60; $2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, $5.50; seniors 60 and older, $4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:

Monday: Salisbury steak
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Chicken patty

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.
Let's Dance, with Country Cousins, 2 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Tai chi, 1 p.m., $1
Bunco and contra dancing, 6 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
Cinnamon rolls, 8 a.m. to noon; $1.50 each
AARP driving class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Bernie, 733-1168
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: AARP driving class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Bernie, 733-1168
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Money bingo, 6:30 to 10 p.m. (minimum $7, medium $11, average $15; 16 games)
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.
Tai chi, 1 p.m., $1
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.

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Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Chicken a la king

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Today: Chicken breast dinner, 1 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

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: Stuffed peppers
Wednesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, noon
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Board of directors meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: $4, seniors; $5, under 60; $2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Friday: Pork chops

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Liver and onions
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas
Wednesday: Baked ham
Thursday: Mandarin chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $3, seniors; $5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Monday: Salad and soup bar
Thursday: Chicken with lemon and feta

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: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Chili
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Call for time and date of foot clinic, $5; Rose, 837-6120

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. Trans IV bus run Monday through Friday, call 736-2133 for information.

MENUS:

Monday: Malibu chicken
Tuesday: Polish sausage
Wednesday: Salisbury loaf
Thursday: Ham
Friday: Chicken salad

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Free massages, 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10 a.m.
Pinochle and bingo, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Early Bird bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Kids Club, 3:30 to 5 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: Spaghetti
Thursday: Barbecued chicken

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $3.50, seniors; $5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Turkey a la king
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich
Friday: Potato bar

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Saturday: Pancake breakfast

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: Roast chicken
Wednesday: Soup and sandwich
Friday: Pizza
Saturday: Pancake breakfast

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $3, seniors; $5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Salad and soup bar
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Beef goulash
Thursday: Chicken with lemon and feta
Friday: Hamburger and sour cream casserole

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.
Blaine Manor tea, 3 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Knitters Anonymous, 10:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 12:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Arts and crafts, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Movie "Answer Man," starring Jeff Daniels, 1 p.m.; $2
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Hailey's birthday lunch

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: Tuna sandwich
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Finger steaks
Thursday: Chicken-fried steak
Friday: Chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $4.50, seniors and children under 12; $6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Beef tomato macaroni
Tuesday: Sandwich
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner
Thursday: Rib sandwich
Friday: Taco salad

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $4, seniors; $6, under 60; $2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Crispy fish
Tuesday: Pork stir-fry with rice
Thursday: Beef pot pie

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Census meeting
Wednesday: Birthday bingo, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall-proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 10 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: $3.50, seniors; $5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Thursday: Egg salad sandwich and soup

What's eating the overweight son?

By Armin Brott
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Q: Our son is only 10, but he is already extremely overweight. He loves food and we don't want to deny him his favorite dishes, but we're starting to get worried about his health. What should we do?

A: You're absolutely right to be concerned. Obesity in this country is a huge problem. And it's getting bigger by the day. Back in the 1960s, fewer than one in 10 kids 6-19 were considered overweight. Today it's more than one in three. Put a little differently, when you were growing up, the average child drank three glasses of milk for every one of soda. Today, kids are drinking twice as much soda as milk.

As you probably know, obesity poses some pretty serious health risks: Heart disease and diabetes are just two of the biggies, so it's important that you act now. Obese children tend to become obese — and unhealthy — adults.

Changing your son's diet and making sure he gets plenty of exercise are essential steps. But they may not be enough. To start with, he may have a medical condition such as thyroid dysfunction, that's making him put on weight. So your first step should be a visit to your son's pediatrician to rule out any physical issues. Once that's done, he or she will probably refer you to a nutritionist, who will put together an age-appropriate, healthy diet for your son.

You've heard the saying: "It's not what you eat, but what's eating you," right? Well, your son may be overeating for reasons other than he loves your grandmother's brownie recipe. People of all ages — kids included — often seek comfort in food to fill in emotional voids in their lives. Those could be as simple as boredom or as complex as depression. So if there are no physical causes behind your son's weight gain, ask the pediatrician to help figure out what's really eating your son.

In the meantime:

• **Explain** to your child why being overweight is bad for him. Sure, it's about looks, but, more importantly, it's about staying healthy. Make sure you're leading by example. If your diet and exercise habit leave something to be desired, your anti-obesity arguments will be lost on him. This could be the perfect time to get the whole family on a healthier track.

• **Make sure** your fridge and pantry are always stocked with healthy munchies (granola bars, unsalted nuts, sliced veggies) that won't put on those extra pounds.

• **As a family**, avoid foods full of saturated and trans fats, and choose a diet rich in grains, vegetables and fruits, making sure the foods you serve provide enough calcium and iron kids your son's age need. This kind of diet will benefit everyone in the family.

• **Practice** portion control. Serve enough to satisfy hunger but resist the urge to dish out second helpings. Studies show that the bigger the helping, the more people eat.

• **You don't** have to give up desserts, but save them for special occasions. Instead, serve other foods that will satisfy everyone's sweet tooth without packing in the calories, such as fresh fruit or frozen yogurt.

• **Find a regular** physical activity your son will enjoy, whether it's playing ball or biking. You may also want to do more physical things as a family so your son won't feel like he's being singled out.

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Hunting newborn tests for super-rare gene diseases

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — At his first birthday, John Klor couldn't sit up on his own. A few months later, he was cruising like any healthy toddler — thanks to a special diet that's treating the North Carolina boy's mysterious disease.

What doctors initially called cerebral palsy instead was a rare metabolic disorder assaulting his brain and muscles, yet one that's treatable if caught in time.

Urged by John's family, Duke University researchers are working on a way to test newborns for this disease, called GAMT deficiency. It's part of a growing movement to add some of the rarest of rare illnesses — with such names as bubble-boy disease, Pompe disease, Krabbe disease — to the battery of screenings given to U.S. babies hours after birth.

"There's other children out there that can be helped and be saved," says Melissa Klor, John's mother.

But just how many illnesses can that tiny spot of blood pricked from a baby's heel really turn up? And not all are treatable, so when is population-wide testing appropriate?

"Families go through these odysseys of diagnosis" to learn what's wrong with a child, says Dr. Alan Fleischman of the March of Dimes, who's part of a government advisory committee studying what to add to the national screening list. Often, "they argue that they would have been better off knowing even if there were no treatments."

Since 2004, specialists have urged that every U.S. newborn be tested for 29 rare but devastating genetic diseases, using that single heel-prick of blood, to catch the fraction who need fast treatment to avoid retardation, severe illness, even death. States gradually adopted those recommendations, and federal health officials say the testing catches about 5,000 babies a year with disorders ranging from sickle cell anemia to maple syrup urine disease and others with such tongue-twisting names that they go by acronyms like LCHAD.

AP photo/family photo

John Klor, then 16 months old, pushes a toy in September. At his first birthday, John couldn't even sit up on his own. But a lucky break finally diagnosed the North Carolina boy's mysterious disease.

John Klor's illness is too new for that list.

By the time her son was 6 months old, Melissa Klor knew something was wrong. John missed developmental milestones, unable to sit, stop his head from wobbling, or babble. He regressed, quitting rolling over. He stared blankly for moments at a time, a kind of mini-seizure.

A neurologist diagnosed cerebral palsy. But John never had an MRI scan to prove the diagnosis, and Klor eventually sought a second opinion. Right after John's first birthday came the news: His brain scan showed no sign of cerebral palsy, but he might have any of a number of degenerative metabolic disorders.

In a lucky break, John's blood and urine were sent to Duke's genetics laboratory for specialized testing that found he couldn't process protein correctly. John's body wasn't producing a substance called creatine that's crucial for providing energy to the brain and muscles, leading other protein metabolites to basically clog his system and damage his brain.

Creatine deficiency syndromes weren't discovered until 1994; Duke is one of the few labs able to diagnose them. Fortunately, John's version — called GAMT deficiency for the enzyme, guanidinoacetate methyltransferase, that his body lacks — is treatable in the young.

Doctors ordered a vegan diet — only fruits, vegetables and specially processed pastas — with no more than 6 grams of protein daily. John drinks a formula containing creatine and other missing nutrients.

"Within days, we started to see him getting stronger," says Klor, of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.

Today at 19 months, John runs and climbs stairs. He's starting to make sounds like "ma" but speech is coming more slowly; doctors are optimistic but make Klor no promises.

Only 40 cases of GAMT deficiency have been reported in medical journals, but Duke specialists say creatine disorders probably are underdiagnosed, with symptoms similar to other metabolic diseases. GAMT deficiency may eventually be a candidate for newborn screening, although it's not yet clear if the troublesome substances will show up in blood at birth or if a different test will be required, cautions medical geneticist David Millington. His lab is studying that now.

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MOM SPEAK
A BLOG BY SHELLEY BONNES

Who would have thought ...

... that my expired coupons would provide my two oldest boys with hours of entertainment and learning? When I started learning how to coupon on a serious basis, there was a day when I laid out all of my coupons to organize and set up my coupon binder. It was then that my 7-year-old asked me what I was doing. ... I explained that using coupons was going to help us to save money and to be able to buy more than before. As the past few weeks have gone by, he has started asking me anytime I buy something, whether or not I used a coupon for it.

It was on Saturday, as I sat going through my coupon binder pulling out the expired coupons, that he asked me if he could have them. Before I knew it he had found his builder's apron, put it on, and was putting the coupons into the pockets. By then my 4-year-old wanted to know what he was doing. He explained the coupons to his little brother and I told him that he needed to share. They spent the next three hours (I'm not kidding) playing store with my expired coupons, adding up how much they could save and what things would cost.

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Keeping the peace between children, teachers

By Wendy Donahue
Chicago Tribune

Your child says he "hates" his teacher. What do you do?

Parent advice

The principal at my kids' school says moving a child to a new class is not her first inclination; she likes children to learn self-advocacy — to learn that they can have a conversation with a teacher in a calm way and that it can bring about a result. ... Whenever my children come to me and complain they don't like a teacher, the first thing I do is suggest there is a life lesson to be learned. If this is a personality conflict, I remind my children there will be teachers, coaches and ultimately co-workers and employers with whom they don't get along. Learning to coexist and, in some cases, win them over, can be among their great achievements in life.

— Colleen Burns

My son had this experience, and after repeated complaints about the teacher, I decided to go see for myself. Just before the bell rang I slipped in the door and sat in the back of the room in a corner. Kids looked, but I didn't make eye contact. I had cleared this visit with the principal ahead of time. It took less than 10 minutes to see that the complaints were legitimate, at least to some extent. From there I could talk to the teacher and to my son to figure out a solution. It was not a perfect solution, but it sent an important message to both my son and the teacher: "I'm paying attention, and I want my kid to be able to learn."

— Maureen LoBue

As a speech/language pathologist in an elementary school, I hear this complaint occasionally. I would remind the child that "hate" is a word reserved for non-living things (i.e., "I hate spinach"); "dislike" is more appropriate for people. As the parent, find out specifics from the child for why he dislikes his teacher. Write them down. Contact the teacher, and discuss your concerns. Oftentimes, it isn't the teacher that is disliked; it may be that challenging content or expectations are what the child associates with dislike for the teacher. Teachers are typically willing to make realistic accommodations for a student's needs; if the teacher is less than receptive, contact the principal, and schedule a meeting regarding your child's needs.

— Paula Glenn

Expert advice

Your best initial response is to halt your judgments, says Michele Borba, author of "The Big Book of Parenting Solutions" (Jossey-Bass, 2009). "Don't bad-mouth the teacher; the problem may miraculously cure itself the next day."

Next, figure out what your child really means. "Why" questions usually get you nowhere, Borba says, so pose "What" questions instead: "What does the teacher do that concerns you?" "What have you tried to make this work?"

This might be a personality conflict, or it might be masking another problem: It's possible she is dealing with separation anxiety or has a learning problem.

If complaints persist, get perspective. Talk to other parents to see if the concerns are shared. Go to open-house night, listen to the teacher's expectations and watch her or his style.

If your child's behavior deteriorates — increased anxiety, trouble sleeping — set up a conference with the teacher. "Listen to the teacher's side," says Borba. "Begin positively, 'Here's what happening ...' Stick to the facts as you know them. Then ask, 'What can we do?'"

In most instances, especially with an older child, Borba would suggest that a child attend the conference and do the speaking. "Explain that you are there to support your child but he needs to try to work things out with the teacher. Once there, watch the teacher's interaction with your child. Are you catching positive vibes and a genuine concern? The goal in the meeting is to see if your child and teacher are able to talk through their differences and come up with a positive solution."

If the situation worsens, go to the principal or counselor.

Worst case, your child may have to switch schools. "A positive learning experience," Borba says, "is crucial for your child's education."

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Lindstrom family finds peace after boy's death

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — They knew it was coming, that 4-year-old Dawson Lindstrom probably wouldn't live much longer, following his premature birth and dozens of brain surgeries.

What the Lindstrom family didn't know was when they would lose their "little angel," Amy Lindstrom told the *Times-News* for an article that appeared Dec. 20.

"Just after the article ran, there was something — it was almost like he let me know he had done everything he came to do. It was a communication from his spirit to me that he was almost done," she said Wednesday. Dawson died just before midnight Tuesday, surrounded by family as they vacationed for the holiday in Utah.

"He took a sweet little breath and just went," she said. "Last night, afterwards, there was so much peace knowing he was in such a better place, knowing he was OK."

The family planned to return to their Hailey home after holding services for Dawson in Utah on Saturday.

They are accepting condolences through the Olpin Family Mortuary — Eileen@olpinmortuary.com, olpinmortuary.com or 801-785-3503 — and also on the family's blogs, thewondertwins.blogspot.com and yourlifeuncommon.com.

Lindstrom said the family has found comfort during Dawson's illness and following his death through faith and friends.

"His life has taught us that when we rely on the Lord for strength, we are able to overcome anything and our lives will be blessed because of it," she said. "We are so grateful for our friends and family that have helped us through the last five years, because we couldn't have done it without them."

Times-News file photo

Amy Lindstrom, right, holds her 4-year-old son, Dawson, in December while his siblings play in the family's Hailey home. Dawson, who was born prematurely and underwent dozens of brain surgeries, died Tuesday in Utah.

AP photos

Leadouts, people who lead greyhounds to the track, have dogs officially weighed in at Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha, Wis., in December. Dairyland stopped greyhound racing at the end of 2009, and greyhound advocates are scrambling to find homes for hundreds of dogs that will no longer be racing.

UNCERTAIN FUTURES

As dog racing drops, greyhound adoption need rises

By Carrie Antlfinger and Bob Salsberg
Associated Press writers

KENOSHA, Wis. — Seven dog tracks halted racing across the country last year, forcing hundreds of greyhounds into an uncertain future. With fewer tracks available for them to race, the sleek long-limbed dogs are now flooding the adoption market at a difficult time.

Economic hardships are preventing many dog lovers from adopting, or worse, forcing them to give back animals they can no longer afford to keep. Misconceptions about the breed — that greyhounds are hyperactive and crave constant stimulation and exercise — also scare away some potential owners, advocates say.

And most have spent their lives inside racetracks and kennels with little exposure to families, kids or even the most basic household activities, say greyhound lovers like Rhonda Mack, who took in two dogs from the Dairyland Greyhound Park in southern Wisconsin, which closed at the end of the year.

"You bring a dog home … They've never been outside the racetrack," said the 50-year-old from Lake Zurich, Ill., who now has three greyhounds, including new additions Lexi and Jack. "They go into your house — they don't know what a window is, they don't know what stairs are. They walk right into windows like they aren't even there."

The track in Wisconsin ran its last dog race on New Year's Eve; another in Phoenix and one in Massachusetts also ended dog racing last month, bringing the total to seven tracks that pulled the mechanical rabbit in 2009.

There are no precise figures, however greyhound advocates estimate more than 1,000 greyhounds now need new homes. That's in addition to the best racers, who will be sent to tracks that remain open elsewhere or to breeders.

Sharyell Highland, adoption coordinator at Dairyland Greyhound Park, shows off one of the greyhounds up for adoption.

Since greyhound racing began decades ago, there's always been an issue of what to do with retired race dogs. Previously they largely found homes through a fragmented network of breed adoption and other placement groups, but the recent deluge of dogs in need of dwellings has magnified the issue.

"It is a domino effect," said Michael McCann, president of The Greyhound Project Inc., a Boston-based nonprofit that provides support and information about greyhound adoptions. "Everything that happens in one state affects … the dog adoption effort in other states."

It doesn't help that the economic downturn has made some people hesitant to become dog owners and pushed others to give up their pets because of the costs of caring for them. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals estimates that as many as 2 million pets have been abandoned since the recession began in December 2007.

With so many dogs needing homes, Kevin Neuman of Overland Park, Kan., started the nonprofit greyhoundcentral.org, which he hopes will serve as a clearinghouse for greyhound adoption.

The aim is to connect available dogs to owners, as well as people willing to transport animals from kennels in one state to new homes in another, said Neuman, who has adopted 11 greyhounds over the past 16 years.

When Woodlands Greyhound Park in Kansas City closed in 2008, Neuman said his group found homes for some 500 dogs, including about 200 placed in adoptive homes in the area.

In Wisconsin, the Dairyland track has offered a $5,000 incentive to its kennels to find all dogs homes by Feb. 5. General Manager Bill Apgar said even if that deadline is not met, the kennel compound will remain open until all are placed.

On a recent visit to the track's kennel, there were some positive signs. Almost all the dogs' cages had "adopted" signs on them. The message on the scoreboard read: "Retired greyhounds make great pets. Visit our 1st floor adoption office to find out more!"

"We are just besieged with adoption requests," Apgar said.

Greyhound lovers are constantly trying to clear up misconceptions about the breed. Despite their athletic training and competitive instincts, the dogs are calm, easy to care for and do not require constant exercise as might be assumed, they say.

"If you want a dog to go play Frisbee with, this isn't it," said Kari Morrison Young, director of Arizona Adopt-A-Greyhound.

Lynn Rapa of Methuen, Mass., has adopted six former racing dogs.

As "sight hounds," they are bred to chase a lure, so that chase instinct could be a problem in homes with cats or other small pets, she said. Rapa recommends that greyhounds be kept in a fenced backyard or on a leash.

Dogs who have spent their lives in track settings also benefit from transitional foster homes, where they can learn how to do things like go up and down stairs and become acclimated to unfamiliar household noises such as microwaves or vacuum cleaners, she said.

Mack, who adopted the dogs from the Kenosha track, agrees.

"I had a huge dog that came home … Two minutes it took him to figure out the stairs, but his back legs, he hopped like a bunny. It was this gigantic dog hopping like a bunny down the stairs," she said, laughing.

Greyhounds walk great on a leash, sleep 22 hours a day and are "couch potatoes," she added. "They are very, very laid-back dogs."

> "You bring a dog home … They've never been outside the racetrack. They go into your house — they don't know what a window is, they don't know what stairs are. They walk right into windows like they aren't even there."
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> **— Rhonda Mack of Lake Zurich, Ill., who now has three greyhounds, including new additions Lexi and Jack**

Noble and notorious parents of the decade

By Aisha Sultan
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In the past decade, there have been parents who have challenged our notion of parenthood, influenced how we define a family and sparked plenty of water cooler conversation. There are those who reflected what we have become and those who raised questions we have yet to answer. From the notorious to those with noble intentions, these are the mothers and fathers who shaped our national conversation about what it means to be a parent.

10. MILITARY PARENTS

In October 2001, President George W. Bush began the war in Afghanistan. In March 2003, he launched the second Iraq war. In this decade defined by terrorist attacks and wars, the parents who have served and continue to serve sacrifice months, sometimes years, away from their children. And too many come back broken.

9. BRANGELINA

Long before Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, celebrities adopted children. But this power couple's personal rainbow coalition of children — three adopted, three biological — representing a variety of ethnic backgrounds, is a virtual U.N. goodwill mission in its mere existence. Their message: Family trumps race, ethnicity and biology.

8. CELEBRITY PARENTS

The baby bump was the must-have fashion accessory this decade, with Hollywood's hottest starlets each sporting their own. From Halle Berry to Gwyneth Paltrow, Katie Holmes to Nicole Richie, the public was fascinated by iconic baby fashion, strange baby names and even stranger parenting behavior. Who can forget the image of Michael Jackson dangling a blanketed baby out of a balcony or erase that unfortunate phone message Alec Baldwin left for his daughter? Bad behavior notwithstanding, we're glad that celeb moms brought sexy back.

7. THE DUGGARS

Jim Bob and Michelle recently gave birth to their 19th child, and their supersized family has become reality television darlings. With their religious convictions and homeschooled brood, they seem like families from another era — with cameras rolling, of course.

6. THE HELICOPTER PARENT

Thanks to these hovering, problem-solving, hyperprotective parents, there is a generation of children unable to survive on their own. Or least, their extended adultolecense continues well into their 20s.

5. JON AND KATE, PLUS 8, MINUS 2

The reality-TV parents who showed us just how ugly it can get when a family breaks up in front of millions. They sacrificed their privacy for stardom, and neither seems willing or able to leave the spotlight. Our collective obsession with their dysfunction seems to have spawned deranged offshoots like Balloon Boy's parents, who appear so desperate for their 15 minutes of faux-celebrity, their children become an afterthought.

4. POLITICAL PARENTS OF THE DECADE

Sarah Palin, mom and grandmother, and her teenage daughter (also a mom) Bristol. Barack and Michelle Obama. The hockey mom prompted a new round of questions about what it means to be a mother of young children while fighting for one of the country's top jobs. Meanwhile, the first lady sidelined her own career for an ambitious spouse and young daughters they are trying to shield from the public eye. Diametrically opposed, Palin and Michelle Obama, whether they were being idolized or vilified, shaped the public discourse about motherhood and modern families.

3. ROSIE O'DONNELL

When she quit her popular talk show, saying she wanted to spend more time with her children, Rosie brought gay parents into the limelight. In the past decade, families with two daddies or two mommies have become increasingly mainstream. So much so, that the popular new sitcom, "Modern Family," features an adoptive gay couple as two of the main characters, and they seem like the most normal family in the bunch.

2. OCTOMOM

Certainly, the most ethically perplexing womb of the decade belonged to Nadya Suleman, the single mom of six young children, artificially impregnated with octuplets. Her story sparked such an outrage, possibly because the wild west of fertility treatments seemed to abandon the multiple tiny human lives involved once they exited the womb and entered Suleman's crazy, celebrity-seeking world.

1. DOOCE

Perhaps she has the least recognizable face on this list. But, "Dooce," aka Heather Armstrong, is the original mommy blogger. She became famous on the Internet for losing her job because of what she was posting on a blog. But, it was her ability to write so openly, often starkly, about becoming a parent that gained her a following of millions and has earned her family a new livelihood.

She is the ultimate symbol of how the Internet has changed parenting. Her willingness to sacrifice privacy for confession and validation has spawned a nation of mommy bloggers.

These virtual communities and social networks have transformed the way parents communicate about our children, the way we make decisions for our families and how we connect with other parents. Perhaps we have not fully considered the trade: Will our children ever recognize or value their own privacy once it's been so exposed and commercialized? Have we commodified mommies so completely that we've lost something essential? We shall see from the fruits of our labor.

What would Grandma do?

Self-help from your grandmother

By Emily Langer
The Washington Post

SARAH L. VOISIN/Washington Post

Bea Neidorf, 94, of Washington, is one of 10 grandmothers who offer advice in the new book 'How to Sew a Button and Other Nifty Things Your Grandmother Knew.' Here, she holds a homemade apple pie.

WASHINGTON — It all started with a terrible pie.

Erin Bried, a 35-year-old senior staff writer at Self magazine, wanted to impress some dinner guests with a homemade dessert. And it worked, at first. "Who makes pie these days?'' her company exclaimed as she placed her strawberry-rhubarb masterpiece on the table.

Then they took their first bites, and Bried discovered that what she'd thought was rhubarb was actually Swiss chard.

"That's when it hit me,'' she writes in the introduction to her new book, "How to Sew a Button and Other Nifty Things Your Grandmother Knew'' (Ballantine Books, $15). "When I was a child, I used to help my grandmother clip rhubarb out of the garden; now, as an adult, I can't even identify the vegetable in the grocery store.''

At that I had to think of my grandmother, who made the finest pie you could ever find. (Take it from her friend, who said at her funeral nine years ago that pies in heaven had just gotten a lot better.)

"What is simultaneously comforting and alarming about my domestic incompetence,'' Bried continues in the book, "is that I am hardly alone. I'm joined by millions of women, Gen Xers and Gen Yers, who either have consciously rejected household endeavors in favor of career or, even more likely, were simply raised in the ultimate age of convenience and consumerism. Why do for ourselves, we shrug, when we can pay someone else to do it for us?''

Thanks to the Great Recession, Bried writes, many of our grandmothers' money-saving household skills are back in style. So she set out to learn not only to sew a button and make a pie, but to roast a chicken, plant a vegetable garden, knit a scarf, spring clean, make the most of a night in — and to do many other things that her grandmothers and others knew and know, things that today can seem rather complicated.

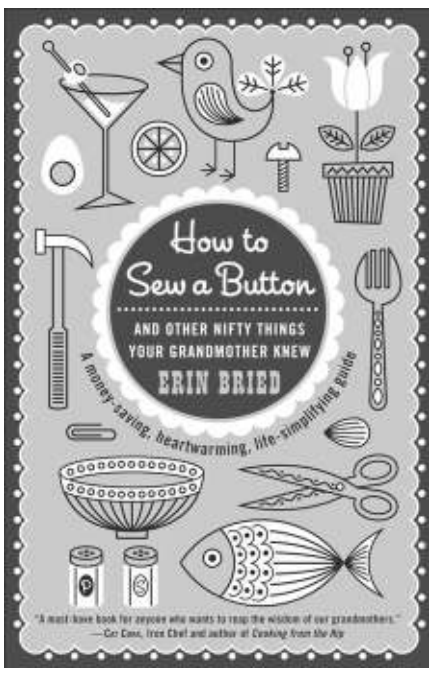
For her day job at Self, Bried often interviews A-list celebrities. For this study of homemaking, she interviewed 10 grandmothers across the country, none of them famous but each of them, she said, just as worthy of being celebrated.

One was 94-year-old Bea Neidorf, who has lived in Washington since shortly before the end of World War II and still volunteers at the Kennedy Center and the Hillwood museum. Of all the keepsakes on the corner table in her dining room, "How to Sew a Button'' is the most modern by several decades. The pink paperback sits cheerfully next to a display of black-and-white family photographs.

"It was funny,'' Neidorf said as she laughed about being interviewed for Bried's book, or any book. "I would think that people would know how to hem some pants.''

Spend some time with her, or just open Bried's book, and you'll see that Neidorf is more than a seamstress. In the chapter about cleaning, she gives this advice: "Vinegar is like a miracle cleaner.'' In the section on thriving, no matter how little you have, she says: "Good posture is very important. ... Look straight out at the world and say, 'Here I am!'" On the topic of parenting, she offers: "Reading your kids bedtime stories is a wonderful thing and so intimate. Do the voices.'' And on married life, she cautions: "for a happy marriage, don't think of yourself.''

Neidorf recognizes that modern life leaves little time for some of the time-consuming skills that, for her, were just "part of your routine of being a homemaker.'' She is quick to note, however, that she and other grandmothers weren't born knowing how to do everything. She still remembers the first real dinner she cooked as a newlywed: steak, baked potatoes, string beans and gingerbread with whipped cream.



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Ballantine Books

"How to Sew a Button'' is a handy guide to running your household and, in many ways, your life. Each how-to is doable, but homemaking isn't always easy. Maybe for fear of scaring off readers, Bried tries to buck you up ("Put on some good music. Remember, the word mop doesn't end with an e,'' she writes in explaining how to mop). And she prods you along before you give up ("Get over yourself,'' she writes, explaining how to remove a chicken's innards).

Any questions, about anything? Find a grandmother.

In the presence of such a knowledgeable one, I asked Neidorf how she makes her pies. After some hesitation, she confessed that she doesn't fully agree with the section in the book titled "Find a Slice of Heaven: How to Make a Pie.'' After browning the crust at 425 degrees for 10 minutes, she reduces the oven temperature to 350 degrees, a step not included in Bried's recipe. At first Neidorf didn't want to tell Bried, whom she adores, but she decided to speak out on behalf of a greater cause: "I don't want everybody to burn up their pies!''

I couldn't help but think that it is only right for the book to be imperfect, at least according to Neidorf. Just as it was only right that the first Thanksgiving pies I made after my grandmother died were terrible. As my mother said, she probably would have been secretly pleased: It just goes to show how much grandmothers know.

Don't know the rules? Lost the directions? Hasbro, Mattel Web sites can help

By Serena Maria Daniels
Chicago Tribune

Is your unscrupulous cousin bending the Monopoly rules? Are you afraid you threw the directions for your kids' new toys out with the wrapping paper? Don't fear, there are places you can turn to for help.

Whether you're trying to assemble the vintage Lite Brite or would like to avoid a family argument over whether that three-letter French word will really score you double-word points, you're likely to find the answers you seek in a toymaker's self-serve online database.

Hasbro, a heavy-hitter in board game offerings, owns titles from Milton Bradley, Parker Brothers and Cranium, among others. Answers on its Web site (http://www.hasbro.com/customer-service/toy-game-instructions.cfm) include: where to find discontinued products, what to do about missing puzzle pieces, and instructions for more than 7,200 games and toys.

Mattel offers a similar database (http://service.mattel.com/us/instruction_sheets.aspx) for its brands, including Fisher-Price, Hot Wheels, Barbie and American Girl.

A number of other Web sites offer board game advice, including how to cheat at popular games such as Scrabble. On boardgames.lovetoknow.com, one article shows common two-letter words, including one that begins with the hard-to-use Q. And gamesinfodepot.com tips off the secrets to winning at Clue.

But there's one thing even the experts can't help you avoid: getting caught while cheating.

Ex-etiquette: Don't let labels get in the way of being a friend

By Jann Blackstone-Ford and Sharyl Jupe
Contra Costa Times

Q: My ex-husband's ex-wife has just been diagnosed with breast cancer. She's the mother of his children, and this has affected our entire family. It's early in the diagnostic stages and we don't know very much, but we are all very upset. What is appropriate to say to the kids and to their mother at this stage? I just don't want to overdo it, but I want her and the kids to know how sorry I am they are going through this.

A: It sounds to us like you may be letting the labels — ex-husband, ex-wife — get in the way because, truly, you wouldn't say anything different to them than you would say to any friend or family member facing a potentially life-threatening disease. We don't think "I'm sorry'' is exactly what you want to say. "I'm sorry for your loss'' is appropriate when someone passes — but cancer is no longer an automatic death sentence.

We're reminded of a commercial we've seen on TV for a cancer treatment center. In it, a survivor who was given only months to live says that her new doctor told her, "I see no expiration date stamped anywhere on your body.'' She explained that simple statement changed her attitude and made her realize survival was possible. Translating that comment to your situation we suggest finding a way to integrate that short statement into whatever we said to someone who had a loved one. This is not meant to diminish your obvious empathy, which is a lovely trait. However, ask yourself, "If it was me, at this stage, would I rather hear someone tell me how sorry they were, or offer positive reinforcement that my loved one will survive?''

As time goes on and the immediate family needs help, be like any other friend and look for ways to help — maybe cook dinners or offer transportation to kid events. If you don't feel comfortable interacting on this "friend'' level because of the "ex'' labels (but you still want to do something), then a card saying, "You are in my thoughts'' is always appropriate.

Jann Blackstone-Ford and her husband's ex-wife, Sharyl Jupe, are authors of "Ex-Etiquette for Parents."

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Corban Kim Smurthwaite, son of Heather Rae and Jeremy Kim Smurthwaite of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 18, 2009.

Damian Karter Altamirano, son of Karla Edith Diaz and Jaime Ernesto Altamirano Enriquez of Bliss, was born Dec. 18, 2009.

Jose Trey Torres, son of Shayla Marie Zamora of Jerome, was born Dec. 20, 2009.

Taiten Channing Van Tassell, son of Cynthia Dawn and Reginald Van Tassell of Jerome, was born Dec. 21, 2009.

Bryson Ed Lee Kimball, son of Jessica Marie Kimball of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 23, 2009.

Izobel True Walker, daughter of Lucianne and Robert Davis Walker of Buhl, was born Dec. 23, 2009.

Adalyn Maey Howard, daughter of April Marie and Conn Matney Howard of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 24, 2009.

Maqlynn Rose Lancaster, daughter of Leslie Jaylene Tolle and Jysen Robert Lancaster of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 24, 2009.

Christian Steven-Don Van Leishout, son of Stephanie Melody and Michael Kent Van Leishout of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 25, 2009.

Payton Allen Tolman, son of Wendi Ann and Spencer H. Tolman of Jerome, was born Dec. 26, 2009.

Matilda Grace Hild, daughter of Angela Christine and Shane Jeremy Hild of Filer, was born Dec. 26, 2009.

Lacey Lee Lyons, daughter of Christen Nicole and Brennan Michael Lyons of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 28, 2009.

Warden Willis Williams, son of Jennifer Anne and Brandon Spencer Williams of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 28, 2009.

Diedra Lynn Strickland, daughter of Georgeann Marie Bock and Anthony Gary Strickland of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 28, 2009.

Daniele Rose Crider, daughter of Amanda Michele and Jared Jamieson Crider of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 29, 2009.

Jeremiah LaSean Galbreath, son of Alissa Breann Carmnell and Branden Alexander Galbreath of Jerome, was born Dec. 29, 2009.

Shyloh Elizabeth Perkins, daughter of Kelsee Elizabeth and Levi Perkins of Murtaugh, was born Dec. 29, 2009.

Ellie Addison Wurzer, daughter of Rachel Ann and Zachariah James Wurzer of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 29, 2009.

Maritza Yatzaret Murillo, daughter of Isabel Arellano and Fernando Murillo of Jerome, was born Dec. 30, 2009.

Eva Athena Victory Finley, daughter of Rebecca Lynn and Jason Alan Finley of Wendell, was born Dec. 30, 2009.

Benjamin Jack Slane, son of Tami Lou and Douglas Scott Slane of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 30, 2009.

Katlie Jane Stiles-Welch, daughter of Katherine Mary Stiles-Welch and Robert Wayne Welch of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2009.

Courtney Lynn Ryals, daughter of Danielle Lynn and Donald Adam Ryals of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2009.

Aaron Stockton Brown, son of Amanda Lynn Brown of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2009.

Hannah LaRee Harmon, daughter of Rebekah Irene and Matthias Edward Harmon of Carey, was born Dec. 31, 2009.

Abigail Charlotte Plane, daughter of Stefanie Jo and Michael Adam Plane of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2009.

Micah James Steele, son of Sharmy De and Jed Bradley Steele of Jerome, was born Dec. 31, 2009.

Wyatt Craig Wilson, son of Tera Lee and Richard Craig Wilson of Paul, was born Dec. 31, 2009.

Ejay Laurence-Dean Smith, son of Kristian Gill and Daniel Laurence Smith of Gooding, was born Jan. 1, 2010.

Dominic Martin Babayan Campbell, son of Liyah Gohar Martinovna Babayan and Timothy William Campbell of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 2, 2010.

Priscilla Gaby Luna Romero, daughter of Veronica Luna Salas and Candido Luna Jr. of Rogerson, was born Jan. 2, 2010.

Braden Alexander Elfe, son of Casey Ann and Kyle Scott Elfe of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 2, 2010.

Ty Scott Zollinger, son of Tess and Lance Melvin Zollinger of Kimberly, was born Jan. 3, 2010.

Elisabeth Grace Erickson, daughter of Jessica Leigh and Nathan Patrick Erickson of Hansen, was born Jan. 4, 2010.

Leland Lawrence James Shilling, son of Brandy Lynn and Garth Avery Shilling of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 4, 2010.

Marvin Velazquez, son of Paula and Abelardo Velazquez of Jerome, was born Jan. 4, 2010.

Avenna Marie Lantz, daughter of Sara Christine Brooks and Brett Allen Lantz Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 4, 2010.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Standley-Rosen

Sarah Standley and Kodey Rosen

Tom and Cathie Standley of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Kodey Rosen, son of Ray and Deanna Rosen of Pocatello.

Standley is a 2006 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and received an associate degree from Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon. Standley played softball for the TVCC Chukars while in Oregon. Currently, she attends Idaho State University and would like to receive a degree in Physical Therapy.

Rosen is a 2005 graduate of Highland High School. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Calgary, Canada. Rosen is currently employed with Fire Services of Idaho in Pocatello, Idaho.

The wedding is planned for January 22nd in the Twin Falls Idaho LDS Temple. A reception will be held that evening from 6:00-8:00pm at the Stake Center, 2085 South Temple Drive in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Pocatello, Idaho, where Kodey will continue to work for Fire Services of Idaho. Sarah plans to work and continue her education at ISU.

Kids Only

FUNNY DAYS

National Nothing Day, Kid Inventors' Day, Jell-O Week and more

By Moira E. McLaughlin • The Washington Post

January
16: National Nothing Day! Celebrate absolutely nothing today.
17: Kid Inventors' Day.

February
7-13: Jell-O Week. How much Jell-O can you consume in one week?
8-14: Laughter Week! Hahahaha! Laugh this week. Although we recommend you do not laugh and eat Jell-O at the same time.

March
March is Optimism Month. It's going to be great.
4: Do Something Day! Move closer to achieving your goal. You can do it.
7-13: Celebrate Your Name Week. What a good name it is!

April
1: There is no April Fools' Day this year (see note below).

May
2-8: This is our favorite week. It's Kids Win Week!
6: No Homework Day.
8: No Socks Day.

June
17-19: Ice Cream Days.

July
It's National Blueberry Month, National Hot Dog Month, National Ice Cream Month and National Horseradish Month. It's gonna be a busy month.

August
Happiness Happens Month.
15: National Relaxation Day. Ahhhh.

September
5: Be Late for Something Day.
5-11: National Waffle Week.
12: National Hug Your Hound Day.

October
10: National Cake Decorating Day.
12: International Moment of Frustration Scream Day. At 7 a.m., scream to get your frustrations out!
30: Haunted Refrigerator Night

November
3: Cliche Day. Because, why not?
7: Wisconsin holds the 10th annual International Tongue Twister Contest.
13: World Kindness Day.

December
6: Saint Nicholas Day.
21: Humbug Day. Bah!

Note: April Fool! (Did we get you?!)

Why you feel cold when you have a fever

By Howard Bennett
Special to The Washington Post

Since this is cold and flu season, there's a good chance that someone in your family has had a fever in the past few weeks. Having a fever can make you feel miserable and creates some odd sensations. Instead of feeling hot, people with fever usually feel cold. They also may experience chills, rapid breathing and muscle aches. Patients can even wake up in a pool of sweat as the fever breaks.

Body temperature results from a balance between the heat generated by our cells and the heat "lost" to the environment. Heat created by our cells comes from the energy used to keep us alive. Heat is lost through our skin and the air we breathe out. Human beings have an average temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The brain monitors body temperature and controls our bodies to keep our temperature within the normal range.

If the brain detects a drop in temperature, it directs the body to make a number of changes to correct the imbalance. Those changes include increasing heat production within the body (by shivering, for example) and reducing heat loss to the environment.

If the brain senses a rise in temperature, the opposite changes occur. This is accomplished by increasing blood flow to the skin, breathing faster and by sweating. (When your sweat evaporates, it cools the body.)

If you get a fever, it's because your brain has told your body to get hotter. There's evidence that many germs don't thrive as well if you have a fever, so fever could be a way the body protects itself when you're ill. Medicine can make fevers drop (until the medicine wears off), but it's not always effective.

Lots of parents worry that fever is harmful, but the fever that accompanies illness is not dangerous. Doctors are concerned when kids develop fevers, but we are concerned about the cause of the fever rather than the temperature itself. We treat fever to make children more comfortable (which in turn makes them more willing to drink and stay hydrated), not because it's essential to reduce the fever.

So the next time you're sick, do yourself and your parents a favor by resting, drinking lots of fluids and eating when you can.