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ENDANGERED SPECIES CLASHES: FAR FROM EXTINCT



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Ryan 'Buck' Schiermeier holds a wolf pelt at Schiermeier Taxidermist Studio in Twin Falls. Schiermeier is waiting for nine Idaho wolf pelts to return from a tannery. Wolf hunts opened in Idaho and Montana last year after the predator was removed from the endangered species list. A federal judge could relist wolves this year.

BY NATE POPPINO • TIMES-NEWS WRITER

Listing an endangered species is a serious business.

Steve Damele was one Idahoan who did his best to protect a troubled Western plant. One of several private landowners with slickspot peppergrass, he followed other ranchers and joined a state-led effort to preserve the plant on his Mountain Home land by altering a number of his rangeland practices.

Then last October, after a decade of scientific studies and lawsuits, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced it would list slickspot peppergrass as threatened. And Damele, along with the others, now asks why he should bother to help any species when it won't make a difference.

"It's safe to say everything gets listed eventually," said Damele's fellow rancher Ted Hoffman.

The Endangered Species Act isn't that simple. But locals and state officials who have dealt with it daily argue that the peppergrass decision is the latest sign that something is wrong.

Federal agencies rush but fail to meet deadlines for the ever-growing number of species brought to

their attention. A core of activist environmental groups files lawsuits at a moment's notice. And a decision next month about a humble desert-dwelling bird, the Greater sage grouse, threatens to change land use across the West.

Talk to those agencies or conservationists working to save creatures

in trouble, however, and you'll get a different picture. Pressured by resources, deadlines and a public that knows of only a portion of the work they do, federal biologists simply do their best to cope with the strain of survival.

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Idaho grazing debate sparks ESA rancor

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The endangered species debate in Idaho has long been complicated by another longstanding issue — public-lands grazing.

Environmentalists have never been wild about the way some ranchers treat the public lands they grazed on. But over the past two decades in Idaho, spurred especially by the rise of environmental watchdog Western Watersheds Project, the disagreements between the two have taken on new heat.

Grazing opponents and advocates

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State targets Perez

Idaho AG's
office accuses
Jerome woman
of swindling
immigrants

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

JEROME — She promised immigrants better lives for their families, preyed on their vulnerabilities and ultimately bilked them out of thousands of dollars.

At least that's the picture painted by a civil complaint filed by the Consumer Protection Division of the Idaho Attorney General's Office against Celia Perez and her Jerome-based company, Perez International. Perez, a former Idaho notary public, is accused of posing as a lawyer and deceiving illegal immigrants in the Magic Valley, swiping them of their money and dreams of citizenship.

Selling services advertised as immigration and naturalization consultation, Perez allegedly committed "unconscionable

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Tech use up in kids

Children spend
almost 8 hours a
day viewing media

By LeAnne Italie
Associated Press writer

Like many working parents, Beverly Flaxington armed her daughter with a cell phone in fifth grade, when the time came for her to venture out alone. At first, it was a great way to stay in touch.

That was then.

Now 13, Samantha's grades have slipped drastically and she's obsessed with texting, Facebook and her laptop, sometimes falling asleep in her clothes clutching her phone. When her texting exceeded 2,000 messages a day, her parents shut off the function from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on school nights, and Sam "just went nuts."

"She slammed doors. She accused us of being overly conservative when all of her friends are able to do things at night," said

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



- Get creative and submit your artwork for the Art Guild of Magic Valley T-shirt contest for Art in the Park. If you win, your art may be featured on a T-shirt at the event, and you'll get \$250. The entry deadline is March 1. Information: Art Hoag, 421-1311 or art@maryalicepark.org.
- Think you might be the next J.K. Rowling? Sign up for the College of Southern Idaho non-credit class Writing and Publishing Children's Books, taught by author Stephanie Holman.

Class starts Wednesday. The cost is \$59. Call 732-6442, or register and pay online at <http://community.csi.edu>.

- For a great day, head on up to Pomerelle ski area near Albion. It offers lots to do and you might even learn how to ski or snowboard in lessons taught every day. Information: 208-673-5555.

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

Perez

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conduct," taking thousands of dollars for services that were never performed, according to the 11-page complaint filed Jan. 19.

Perez could not be reached by the *Times-News* for comment, and has yet to file a response to the complaint.

The complaint seeks civil penalties, restitution, fees and costs. It also asks that Perez be barred from working as an immigration consultant and a commissioned notary public ever again in Idaho.

For "numerous years" Perez did business out of her home and from an office in Jerome, where she took advantage of an undisclosed number of consumers who were seeking help with their citizenship but were "unable to protect their interest because of ignorance, illiteracy, inability to understand English or a similar factor," according to the complaint.

After police raided her office last year in August, Jerome County sheriff's authorities said they seized a truckload of documents involving more than 30 victims.

The complaint tells the stories of two — identified only by their initials.

In 2004, one consumer went to Perez for help with adjusting the legal status of her family, ultimately shelling out \$28,000 in fees. Nearly four years later, her husband was deported, according to the complaint.

In 2005, another consumer went to Perez for the same reason. He even "made trips to Salt Lake City for purported immigration interviews that Perez suddenly cancelled" and ultimately paid more than \$27,000 for work Perez never performed, the complaint states.

In September, Shoshone resident Tiburcio Bedolla broke down while telling the *Times-News* about how he lost more than \$16,000 to Perez — money Bedolla said

he paid for citizenship services that were never provided.

The complaint charges Perez with five violations of the Idaho Consumer Protection Act and its rules. She is accused of unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts in her business as a notary public in Idaho between 2003 and April 2009.

"The Attorney General has reason to believe that, if the facts of this case were made public, Perez's conduct would outrage or offend the public conscious," the complaint states. "The price she charged for her services grossly exceeded the price at which similar goods or services were readily available in transactions by more qualified persons."

The complaint further states that Perez "induced consumers to enter into transactions that were excessively one-sided financially in favor of Perez."

The AG's office wants Perez to pay restitution to every person "who suffered hard because of Perez's unlawful conduct." The complaint specifically asks for \$5,000 on each of the five civil counts charged against her.

Also, Perez should be ordered to return the AG's office all of her clients' "original, personal identifying information" such as Social Security cards, birth certificates, visas, passports, driver's licenses and financial records, according to the complaint.

The complaint demands that Perez disclose lists of all the work she has done in her immigration business. An escrow agent should be appointed to oversee the distribution of her assets, according to the complaint, "for the benefit of every person who suffers economic damages from Perez's unlawful conduct."

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dance class and open dance, line, couples and contra dances. 2 to 5 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, open to everyone, \$3 per person, 410-5650.

Forever Plaid, performance, doors open, 6:30 p.m.; show, 7:30 p.m., Boiler Room at Sun Valley Village, 1 Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, \$15 cover (\$12 with valid Idaho identification), no cost for children 12 and under, 208-622-2135.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Secular Student Alliance at College of Southern Idaho, 7 p.m., Room 87, Fine Arts Center, CSI campus, Twin Falls, open to students and members of community, bjensen@csi.edu, deadforsophia@live.com, scox@csi.edu or www.secularstu-dents.org/csi.

208-622-2250.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Snowsports Camp for kids, four consecutive weeks for 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, Sun Valley, \$150 for four weeks (lift tickets and lessons), 208-622-2250.

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

Locals' adult clinics, beginner and low intermediate on Dollar Mountain, 10 to noon; intermediate and advanced on Bald Mountain, 1 to 3 p.m., Sun Valley Nordic Center, 1 Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, \$110 for three weeks (lift tickets no included),

TODAY'S DEADLINES

Reminder for next Sunday: Minidoka Christian Education Association, potato bar and trimmings fundraiser, noon to 2:30 p.m., Praise Chapel First Christian Church, 1110 Eight St., Rupert, freewill donations at the door, 208-436-0449.

To have an event listed or to submit regular updated meetings, 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 phone, 735-2378; 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.

SLEDDING IN SCOTLAND



AP photo

Huskies take part in the 27th Aviemore Sled Dog Rally near Aviemore in Scotland, Saturday. Dog-sled racing took place on snow in Scotland for the first time in 15 years. More than 200 people and in excess of 1,000 dogs took part in the GB Aviemore Sled Dog Rally 2010 on a four-mile track in the foothills of Cairngorm Mountains.

Media

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the mom in Walpole, Mass. "She didn't speak to me for three days. She broke things. You're left with the choice of do I make her a leper because she's not a part of this or do I just spend all of my time fighting?"

Smart phones, MP3 players, laptops and other devices are the air kids breathe — perhaps too deeply, judging from a new study that shows children ages 8 to 18 devote an average of seven hours and 38 minutes a day consuming some form of media for fun. That's an hour and 17 minutes more than they did five years ago, said the study's sponsor, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. And they're champion multitaskers, packing content on top of content for an even heavier onslaught.

"This is a game changer," co-author Donald Roberts said during a panel discussion when the survey of 2,002 young people was released Wednesday. "We're really close to kids being online 24/7."

Kids, the survey showed, now spend more time listening to music, playing games and watching TV on their cell phones than talking on them. Perhaps more surprising: Only about three in 10 said their parents have rules about how much time they can spend watching TV or playing video games.

Not all parents consider all that time spent on technology a bad thing. Craig Kaminer's 19-year-old and 16-year-old boys have laptops, high-speed Internet connections, Xbox, HDTV, iPhones, video chat, iPods, GPSes, DirectTV with DVR, Kindles and digital cameras.

"They're connected to the Internet, each other and us from the second they wake up until they go to sleep," said Kaminer, of St. Louis. "In general, they're very grounded and handle the balance well."

Others, though, find balance elusive. Things changed for Betsy Tant in Knoxville,

Tenn., when her 11-year-old daughter received an iPod for Christmas.

"She's obsessed with it all of a sudden," said Tant, 40. "That really caught me off guard. She's had a computer for a while, but now she wants to check her e-mail all the time. We've had to set limits."

Tant considers herself an exception in the limit-setting department, refusing to provide her daughter text service, for instance. Many parents she knows don't bother.

"It gets them out of their hair, I think," she said.

With so much temptation — Internet-equipped mobile devices, better home connectivity, video gaming online and off, social media and TV-like content on any device — many parents say schoolwork is suffering.

The researchers warned that further study is required to link media use with any impact on the health of young people or their grades. But 47 percent of heavy media users among those surveyed said they earn mostly Cs or lower, compared with 23 percent of light users. The study classified heavy users as consuming more than 16 hours a day and light users as less than three hours.

Flaxington, 49, learned in November that her teen went weeks without turning in homework in math and other subjects, so they arranged for her to complete assignments at the end of the day at school, where cell phones are banned and computers weren't available.

"It was impossible to get her to focus at home," Flaxington said.

Dr. Russell Hyken, a therapist who specializes in tweens and teens, is seeing a growing number of young patients with obsessive interest in gaming and computers, including a high school junior who took to urinating in a bottle while playing online and a college kid who shaved his head to save time on hair washing in the shower so he could return to the computer



AP photo

Harry Stewart, 13, plays a video game while he exercises on a treadmill in the basement of his home in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday. Smart phones, MP3 players, laptops and other devices are the air kids breathe — perhaps too deeply, judging from a new study that shows children ages 8 to 18 devote an average of seven hours and 38 minutes a day consuming some form of media for fun.

more quickly.

Both, he said, were sent to residential treatment programs for those and related problems.

"It's almost an obsessive-compulsive desire to be the best. One client had to be in the top five scores on a Web site at which half a million people were playing," Hyken said. "They're using it as a way to escape reality."

Marci Gerwe in Nashville, Tenn., considers herself among the lucky: Her boys, ages 13 and 15, abide by family rules. No laptops after 10 p.m. No video games during the week unless they're exercising at the same time. And absolutely no texting during meals.

Still, she says she has watched their habits change dramatically in the last

two years.

"With texting and Facebook, I'm seeing there's a whole loss of ability to interact or talk on a more personal level, especially for my older one," she said. "There's a lot of confusion over what people mean."

And many parents report less than stellar success with imposing restrictions on mobile devices and computers. Young people are genius in finding ways around them.

Beth Shumate, who lives near Dallas, said her 13-year-old and 15-year-old boys are so obsessed with the massive online quest game RuneScape that she locks the laptop, keyboard and mouse in her car at night. Before she took that step, "I caught my 13-year-old playing it at 5:30 in the morning."

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On the runway of life, guys are wearing faded genes

I live with a geneticist and a feminist, so as you can imagine my opportunities for touting the superiority of men are limited.

Luckily, I came upon an article in the journal *Nature* that claims the Y chromosome — the thing that makes a man male — is evolving *much* faster than the rest of the genetic code.

A new study comparing the Y chromosomes from humans and chimpanzees, our nearest living relatives, shows that they're about 30 percent different. That's far greater than the 2 percent difference between the rest of the human genetic code and that of the chimp's.

These changes happened in the last 6 million years or so — relatively recently just because the Y chromosome, which determines

DON'T
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Steve Crump



appears to be the most rapidly evolving of the human chromosomes," study co-author Dr. David Page, director of the prestigious Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Mass., and a professor of biology at MIT told The Associated Press. "It's an almost ongoing churning of gene reconstruction. It's like a house that's constantly being rebuilt."

Before us guys get too impressed with ourselves, the study's lead author Jennifer Hughes offered some words of restraint: Just because the Y chromosome, which determines

gender, is evolving at a speedy rate it doesn't necessarily mean men themselves are more evolved.

That, clearly, is a woman's viewpoint.

See, until recently the Y chromosome was considered the Rodney Dangerfield of genetics, mostly because it has fewer genes than other chromosomes. A few years ago some researchers even suggested that the Y chromosome was shrinking so that in 50,000 years it would just disappear — and so would men.

Shoot, my wife's been telling me that for years.

So my new best friend is R. Scott Hawley, a genetics researcher at the Stowers Institute in Kansas City, Mo., who told the AP: "The Y chromosome clearly has the strength and tenacity to fight back," said

Hawley, who wasn't part of the research. "I certainly think the Y chromosome has taken a bad rap for a long time with people doing maps showing areas for channel surfing."

I showed that quote to Victoria.

"Which is why I like to control the remote," she said.

Then my wife turned philosophical.

"What are men becoming?" she asked. "What is evolution doing? It makes sense that the Y chromosome might be able to mutate and evolve faster without the steadying pressure of a partner."

I'm not sure that was a compliment.

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

Bob Barton work to start Wednesday

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The reconstruction of Bob Barton Road (200 South Road) west of Jerome will begin Wednesday.

Traffic will be detoured around the construction on 300 South Road, the Idaho Transportation Department announced Friday. Bob Barton Road will be closed to through traffic from Golf Course Road to 400 West Road while it is reconstructed and widened.

Access will be maintained to Southern Idaho Marine and RV, an limited access will be provided to homes throughout the project. Crews will begin with pipe installation and excavation throughout the project limits, and road construction will begin later in the spring.

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Wendell puts the brakes on drafting day care ordinance

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Although the city of Wendell wants parents and day care providers to know it is serious about child safety, the council recently decided to wait on state action before considering an ordinance regulating such facilities.

During Thursday's City Council meeting Barbara Larsen, owner of Mother Goose Preschool and Child Care, told city leaders it would be best to wait and see what rules are adopted by the state.

"Wendell care providers need to be in compliance with state statute, and the city can pass even tighter regulations than the state," Larsen told the *Times-News*. "But until we know what we're dealing with, we really don't know where to make improvements."

In April, lawmakers set up a basic framework for day care licensing but the final rules, such as a mandated ratio of care workers to children, are still being negotiated. Those rules are expected to be published and enforceable in July.

Highlights of the proposed law include establishing licensing requirements for family day care centers serving four or more children, and requiring background checks for people with contact or access to children.

Larsen believes in the need for background checks and said it is one area the city could expand on.

"I believe that anyone watching children, even if it is just one child, should be required to have a background check," Larsen said. "Parents shouldn't feel resistant to that. They should welcome that as part of knowing their child is in a secure home."

The city's interest in drafting an ordinance came after Idaho Department of Health and Welfare presented the city with a few examples for local control last year.

City employee and Gem Team Chairwoman Marilyn Neal said Wendell wants to have a set of rules that "compliments with state requirements."

"We are going to have a series of workshops and draw opinion from parents and providers alike," Neal said. "The city is going to

initiate extensive research into this ordinance so it is something viable for the long term."

Councilman Barry Brown said the city will consider backing recommendations by local care providers.

"I'm a grandfather but don't really know a lot about

caring for children on a daily basis," Brown said. "I think the city wants to send the message to parents that we take child care and safety seriously and we want to support our area centers."

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Renaissance Arts	\$11,300	Re-Roofing Wilson Theatre
Scottish Rite	\$8,000	Curriculum Materials
Snake River Boy Scouts	\$6,000	Communication System
South Central Community Action	\$6,400	School Supplies
South Central Tourism	\$2,500	Kiosk
St. Lukes/Safe Kids	\$5,000	Car seats and bike helmets
TF County Fair and Rodeo	\$5,000	Electrical for Barn
TF County Historical	\$6,000	Remodel Basement
TF County Soccer	\$11,250	Plant grass on 5 fields
Twin Falls County	\$16,489	Rock Creek/Centennial/Diving Suits
Twin Falls School District	\$6,600	Perrine Playground/Canyon Ridge AEA
Twin Falls Youth Baseball	\$2,625	Harmon Park (Umbrellas)
Valley House	\$13,450	Monitoring System/furniture
Valley Recreation	\$7,500	Baseball/Soccer Field
Wendell School District	\$7,500	Sports Complex
West End Ministerial Assoc	\$5,000	Refrigerators/Flooring
West End Senior Citizens	\$1,000	Lighting
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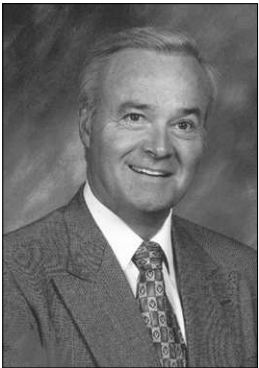
Total Contributions: \$372,303.00
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Combined Contributions made by First Federal to Organizations throughout the Magic Valley in 2009 in excess of \$300,000.



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Rob Newman –
Rob Newman is a lifelong Idahoan and resides in Rupert with his wife and two children. He has been a professional singer for 30 years with over 40 different roles in opera, musical theater and oratorio. Rob has also managed a family rental company as well as owning a contract painting business. He is a member of the Rupert Kiwanis and is active in raising money for the Mini-Cassia Arts organization through the “Idaho Backyard Broadway Bash”.



Ron Rasmussen – First Federal - Twin Falls
Ron, a Twin Falls native was a 1988 graduate of TFHS and a 1992 graduate of Boise State with a degree in Marketing. He began working for First Federal in 1993 and is currently Vice President, Sr. Commercial Loan Officer. He is past President of Paint Magic and the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club. He and his wife, Brandi, reside in Twin Falls with their five children.



Barbara Gietzen –
Barbara Gietzen, an Idaho native, was born in Twin Falls, and graduated high school in Buhl. She is a past president of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, and served as Mayor of Buhl for eight years from 1998 to 2006. In 1995 she received the Woman of the Year award, and an Excellence in Government award in 2006. She and her husband Bob owned and operated Gietzen Electric, Inc. for over 30 years before retiring in 2004. They have three children and five grandchildren.



Jan McBride – First Federal - Twin Falls
Jan is an Idaho native and has lived in Twin Falls for the last 30 years. She and her husband Mike have three grown children. Jan has been an active volunteer while living in Twin Falls participating in the Twin Falls School PTO's Jr. Club, The Boys and Girls Club, PEO, Twin Falls Library Foundation, and Co-chaired the Ascension Church Design Committee. Jan recently completed a 6 year term with the Idaho Community Foundation Grant Board.



Becky Nelson – Twin Falls
Employed at First Federal as the VP/Human Resources Director and SPHR (Senior Professional Human Resources), Becky has been with First Federal since 2003 and has 26 years of banking experience. Current member of the St. Luke's Hospital Foundation Board, St. Luke's Hospital Finance committee and the First Federal Foundation Board. Becky and her husband Steve have 6 children and two beautiful grandchildren.



Linda Watkins – Watkins Distributing
Linda Watkins was born and raised in Spokane, Washington, and graduated from the University of Washington. After several years of teaching in Missoula, Montana Linda moved to Twin Falls in 1988 to purchase what is now Watkins Distributing. Linda and husband Mitch have been blessed with 4 lovely children. Currently they have one child in law school, two in college, and one in middle school. Linda has served on the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation for six years, the State Elementary Accreditation Committee, and Co-Chaired the Twin Falls School District Long Range Planning/ Bond Committee. At this time Linda continues to do advertising for Watkins Distributing and also works as the Twin Falls School District Education Foundation Executive Director.



Kevin Welch – First Federal - Burley
Currently serving as First Federal's Burley Overland branch manager. Graduate of Boise State in 1992 and employed at First Federal since then in various positions. Kevin and his wife, Marianne, have a ten year old, Levi, who attends St. Nicholas School in Rupert. St. Nicholas School Board member for the past three years and enjoys working with the wonderful people associated with the school.



Rick Bensen – Land Title & Escrow, Inc.
Rick Bensen, Vice President of Land Title and Escrow, Inc. and Manager of the Jerome Office. Rick's been in the Title Insurance Industry for 33 years and with Land Title and Escrow for 23 or those years. Rick has been past president of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, Jerome Rotary Club, Jerome Development Corporation and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Foundation and is currently serving on the Executive Board of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center and on the Board of Directors of Region IV Development. Rick is also a volunteer member of the Jerome Rural Fire District and the American Red Cross. Rick has three children Laura age 26, Lisa 24, and Jeff 22.



Rex E. Lytle – First Federal Director - Twin Falls
Rex Lytle, owner of Lytle Signs, Inc. in Twin Falls and Meridian, is a Twin Falls native and graduated from Twin Falls High School and College of Southern Idaho. He is married to Emmalean Lytle and has two children and one grandson. Rex has been a member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce (past Treasurer), a director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley (serving as past President) and a member of the Twin Falls Rotary Club. Rex is a member of the World Sign Associations, Northwest States Division (past Chairman), the United States Sign Council and Northwest Sign Council. He was the recipient of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award and recipient of the Curtis T. Eaton Award.

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ASSETS:	12/31/2009
Cash & Due from Banks	\$4,885,000
Mortgage, Commercial & Consumer Loans.....	342,906,000
Investment Securities	66,161,000
Office Buildings & Equipment (Net of Depreciation).....	14,539,000
Other Assets	13,463,000
Total Assets	\$441,954,000

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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Deposit Accounts.....	\$365,624,000
Commercial Sweep Accounts.....	4,408,000
Borrowings.....	20,660,000
Other Liabilities.....	4,215,000
Equity Capital	47,047,000
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$441,954,000

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Health care, dairy waste Legislature's hot topics in Week 2

One of the core functions of state government — addressing public health — took center stage this past week in the Legislature.

Among the highlights: The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare gave presentations to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

Michelle Britton, administrator of the agency's Division of Family and Community Services, told JFAC child-safety measures will not be jeopardized with budget cuts.

Lawmakers also heard about the state's Catastrophic Health Care Fund, which is estimated to have about \$9 million of bills left to pay when the fiscal year ends.

The fund, which covers health care for those unable to pay, needs \$30 million in the next fiscal year, said Roger Christensen, chairman of the CAT board.

That's \$10.4 million more than the \$19.6 million in Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's budget proposal, a difference that comes with updated caseload numbers.

Livestock waste rears its ugly head

It's not all about funding and budget shortfalls in the Legislature, though.

There's a proposed rule that would put fines of up to \$3,000 in place for third parties who move livestock waste from dairies and stockpile it onto their own properties in violation of setback requirements from neighbors, churches, schools and public highways.

The rule proposal came

LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK

Ben Botkin

about in part from a dispute over stockpiled manure in rural Filer.

This week, the Livestock Subcommittee of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee heard the rule proposal and sent it onto the committee. The Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee, meanwhile, decided it wants to hear from the Department of Environmental Quality, which will happen in a week or so.

Letter writing campaign nears

Magic Valley residents don't need to travel to Boise to get involved in state politics.

There will be a letter-writing event scheduled for people to write letters to the governor and members of JFAC about their concerns with Otter's proposal to remove state funding from the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Otter's plan calls for state funding to gradually be removed over the next four years as the council comes up with alternative sources.

The event is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho, in Taylor building Room 258.

For more information: Lorna Irwin, 208-324-7544.

Ben Botkin may be reached at bbotkin@magic-valley.com.

Name of avalanche victim released

Times-News

Blaine County officials have released the name of the skier who died Friday after being trapped in an avalanche on Bald Mountain near Ketchum.

The skier was 54-year-old Timothy L. Michael of Ketchum, Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel told the Times-News on Saturday.

Michael became trapped in an avalanche that occurred at about 2:30 p.m. Friday in Bald Mountain's Seattle Ridge ski area.

According to a Friday news release from Sun Valley Resort, ski patrol had located Michael within 15 minutes of the avalanche. He was found in a slide below the mountain's Fire Trail Lane above Lower Broadway.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was started while Michael was being transported to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. He was pronounced dead in the emergency room at 3:31 p.m.

Michael's family, not all of whom had been notified Saturday afternoon, were still shaken up about the incident, Mikel said.

In recent weeks, back-country skiers have been warned to be careful on the hills, as the weak snow base increases the danger of avalanches in the Wood River Valley. Although many inches of snow have fallen in the past week, it has fallen on faceted, icy snow that creates slab instability, according to the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center.

Nitrate summit to be held in Burley

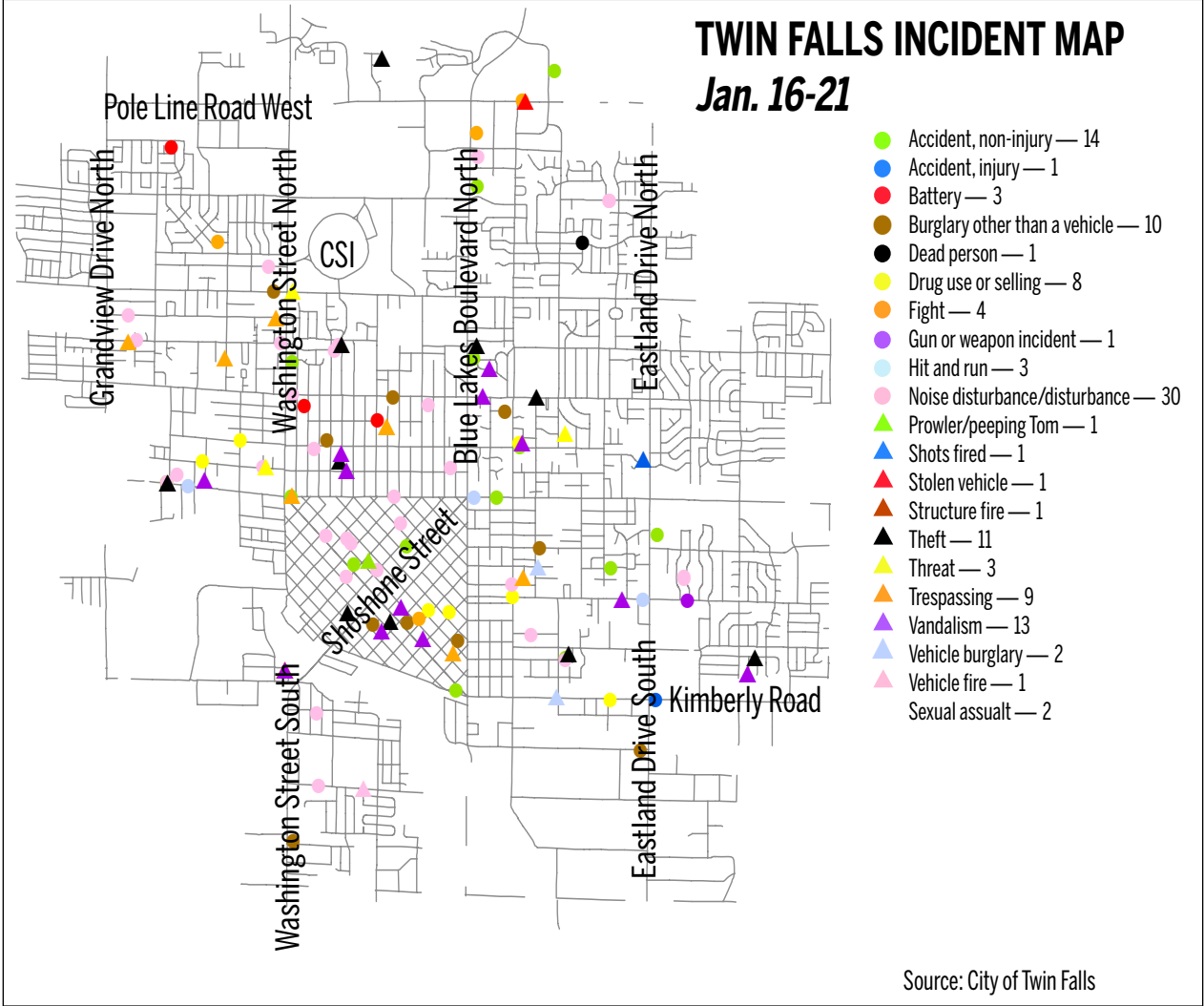
The Cassia County Commission will host a nitrate summit at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Burley City Hall Council Chambers, 1401 Overland Ave.

The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the summit is to discuss the problem of high nitrate levels in the Springdale area and other parts of Cassia County.

A recent study by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Idaho Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources showed elevated levels of nitrates and traces of other chemicals in some Springdale wells.

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Cassia Co. Clerk Mickelsen won't seek re-election

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — An elected Cassia County official announced Friday that he will not seek re-election in May.

County Clerk Larry Mickelsen said in a notice submitted to the Times-News that he will retire on June 1.

Mickelsen said the June 1 retirement date would allow him to get the 2011 budget process under way and give county commissioners the

opportunity to appoint the winner of the primary election as his temporary replacement until his or her term begins in July. Mickelsen said it would also allow a transition with the least amount of disruption.

Mickelsen said his reasons for retiring are health related, for both him and family members who live in another state.

"This will allow us to spend time with them prior to serving a mission for the church," he wrote.

Mickelsen, who has

served as the county's clerk for seven years, has been working mainly from his home in Oakley since August and has been coming into the courthouse before and after business hours.

Mickelsen began the unusual working arrangement after another county employee filed a police report accusing Mickelsen of grabbing her by her wrists as she attempted to leave her office.

County officials would not confirm whether

Mickelsen's absence from the courthouse was related to the alleged incident.

According to the state court database, no charges were ever filed against Mickelsen.

A spokesman for the Idaho Association of Counties told the Times-News that county officials could not speak about any personnel issue publicly.

Laurie Welch may be reached at lwelch@magic-valley.com or 208-677-5025.

Jerome police introduce online crime reporting

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome citizens with missing bikes or bent fenders can now turn to the Internet to inform police.

Jerome Police Chief Dan Hall hopes the online crime reporting option his department launched at the start of the year will both help citizens easily report minor crimes and traffic incidents, and reduce the burden of filing time-consuming reports upon his officers.

The online program at the city's Web site, www.ci.jerome.id.us, is a portal for citizens to report accidents causing less than \$1,500 in damages or crimes, such as bike thefts, of less than \$1,000 in property losses.

"When they file it online, we have the report immediately. They can print a copy if they need a report for insurance purposes. They can get that immediately," Hall said, adding that his department usually has minor reports filed within 24 hours.

Hall said guidelines for crimes eligible for online reporting are:

- The crime must not be in progress
- There is a lack of obvious evidence or investigative leads that would promptly identify a suspect
- The crime must have occurred within Jerome city limits
- All reported statements must be factual

Online reporters must also give their full name and telephone number.

Hall said the program required no software pur-

chase and is provided at no cost to taxpayers.

Hall said only three people have used the form during its three weeks of existence. He said he doesn't have any current measures of the program's success or issues, as people are now learning about it.

Additional information is available from the Jerome Police Department, 208-324-4328.

John Plestina may be reached at jplestina@magic-valley.com or 208-358-7062.

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Jerome Co. puts impact fees on hold

Coordination between county, city encouraged as it considers fees too

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome County Commission on Tuesday put proposed impact fees on new construction on hold, until July at the earliest, following a recommendation that additional fees might be counterproductive to a slumping economy.

Impact fees are levied against new commercial and residential construction for improvements and expansions of roads, fire protection and other public infrastructure.

Following a recommendation from the Impact Fee Advisory Committee, the commission delayed any further decisions.

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— **Impact Fee Advisory Committee Chairman Gerald Martinson**

development right now,” said Advisory Committee Chairman Gerald Martinson. “If the growth projects don’t occur, the improvements don’t occur, either.”

Martinson called for coordination between the county and city of Jerome on impact fee implementation. The city is currently working on an impact fee ordinance.

There was discussion of inviting city officials to participate in a joint meeting with the county advisory committee in July, if the city doesn’t impose impact fees first.

The city has annexed some

unincorporated areas and more are expected.

Martinson called city expansion reaching deep into unincorporated areas “gerrymandering,” and said such annexations impact county services while the city benefits from any impact fees assessed.

“Your community is a popular place for growth in the next 10 years,” said Anne Westcott, of Galena Consulting of Boise.

Westcott, who prepared a report on the county impact fee proposal, called the city’s expansion plans “optimistic.”

“So their growth could go up and our growth could go down simply because of annexation,” said Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell.

Proposed Jerome County impact fees for residential construction are \$1,846 per single-family dwelling within the Jerome Highway District and \$2,808 within the Hillside Highway district due to greater needs within the Hillside district.

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Burley to assume park mowing duties

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — After months of discussion and weeks of reviewing bids the Burley City Council voted Tuesday to take over mowing the grass in city parks and cemeteries, at a yearly cost savings of \$35,913.

Burley City Councilman Gordon Hansen cast the single dissenting vote.

“I’m really glad to see that happen,” said Dana Hull on Friday. Hull, a Rupert resident who has family buried in Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, had approached the City Council about the cemetery’s poor condition last fall and in 2007.

“Now they can’t pass the buck about the weed trimming,” Hull said.

Hull had brought pictures to the city meeting last August showing foot-tall weeds, sunken graves and chipped headstones caused by mowers.

The city had contracted

landscaping services with Greenlon Inc. for about eight years. Burley’s most recent contract with the company expired last October.

Greenlon had submitted the lowest bid of \$160,000 to the city for 26 weeks of mowing and trimming service at parks and cemeteries and for hauling away yard debris from the cemeteries.

But the bid was double what the city paid the company for previous years of service.

The city has about 80 acres of parks, 14 acres at Interstate 84 Exit 208 and 35 acres between the two cemeteries.

According to a cost comparison compiled by the city, it will cost the city \$124,087 this year to purchase landscaping equipment and provide maintenance, fuel and labor. Equipment for both the parks and the cemeteries is expected to cost \$25,081,

labor is expected to run \$84,864, maintenance and fuel is expected to come in at \$11,262, and disposal for the weed seed at the cemeteries will cost \$2,880.

“I think you’re going to see the cost is more than we’ve proposed ourselves,” said Brent Winn, city parks superintendent.

Burley Cemetery Superintendent Jim Hale suggested the city continue a contract with Greenlon for mowing and have the city undertake all of the trimming.

“The problem seems to be in the polishing,” Hale said.

Burley Councilman Vaughn Egan said he questioned how many hours it would actually take city workers to care for the lawns, and said city costs could be trimmed with careful management.

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Film focuses on Mormon role in gay marriage ban

By Jennifer Dobner
Associated Press writer

PARK CITY, Utah — The Utah-based Mormon church plays a starring role in a new Sundance Film Festival documentary about the 2008 ballot initiative that successfully banned gay marriage in California.

Miami-area filmmaker Reed Cowan’s “8: The Mormon Proposition,” premieres Sunday at the Park City festival.

The film contends that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints built on decades of anti-gay teachings to justify its political activism and tried to hide its role as the driving force behind the coalition of conservatives that helped pass Proposition 8. The proposition reversed an earlier court ruling legalizing gay marriage.

The film debuts just as a California federal trial over the constitutionality of the ban enters its third week.

“Karma,” said Cowan of the timing and the film’s inaugural screening in a theater roughly 25 miles from the Mormon church’s headquarters.

“There was no other place on the planet where this could premiere,” he said. “This is where the lies came from, this is where the money came from. The sharpest karma that could be leveled on the Mormon church ... it has to be leveled in their own backyard.”

Church officials have not seen the film but have reviewed a trailer and other materials posted online, a spokeswoman for the faith said. Latter-day Saint leaders have given many interviews on the church’s involvement in Proposition 8, but did not want to participate in something they view as biased, Kim Farah said.

“It appears that accuracy and truth are rare commodities in this film,” Farah said. “Clearly, anyone looking for balance and thoughtful discussion of a serious topic will need to look elsewhere.”

Narrated by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black — who like Cowan is gay and was raised Mormon — the 81-minutes film opens with footage of gay couples saying, “I do,” in San Francisco’s City Hall on June 17, 2008, the first day gays could legally marry and then chronicles what some say was the most expensive initiative campaign in California’s history through election day and angry postelection protest marches outside Mormon church temples nationwide.

The film makes its case for Mormon dominance by relying on the investigative work of California political activist Fred Karger, who claims Mormons turned out some 25,000 members

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— Steven Greenstreet, editor of “8: The Mormon Proposition”

weekly as campaign volunteers and made up 71 percent of individual campaign contributions.

The church also disputes allegations in the film by Karger of inaccurate or deceptive campaign finance reporting practices and has posted its contributions on its Web site.

Shot over 19 months for less than \$250,000, the film uses statements of past church leaders and personal accounts of gay Mormons and their families in an attempt to explain what Cowan contends is a culture of obedience and an entrenched anti-gay sentiment that permeates Mormonism. Those attitudes, he says, contribute to a myriad of social problems including a suicide and homelessness among young gay Mormons.

Mormon church officials do appear in the film, but only in footage obtained through other filmmakers, media outlets or in church-produced videos that appeared on the Web.

Church officials declined requests for interviews, Cowan said. In one of the film’s audio clips, Farah is heard saying the church does not want to be “front and center in a battle with the gay community.”

Like many faiths, Mormonism teaches that traditional marriage is an institution ordained by God that is central to a healthy society. However, the church has said it does not oppose civil unions or other limited rights, such as those related to hospitalization, employment or housing, as long as they don’t infringe on the constitutional rights of churches.

Steven Greenstreet, the film’s editor and a co-producer, said he hopes the movie will “pull back the curtain” on the power and influence the Mormon church has amassed in the gay marriage debate.

“Voters did not go to the ballot box knowing all the information,” said Greenstreet, himself a former Mormon. “I hope for non-Mormons this film pulls back the curtain on a decades long strategic implementation of a war on gays so that they are able to see who was behind the curtain. We owe to the generations of people who have suffered.”

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Online learning increases in Dietrich

Times-News

Dietrich school trustees on Jan. 14 discussed a spike in local participation in the Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

IDLA allows students to take online courses within

their own school and is intended to allow students in small districts to take courses not otherwise available to them and provide credit recovery for students not passing required classes.

Superintendent Neil Hollingshead said 12 juniors and

seniors currently enrolled in the statewide online program is a significant number for the school and represents a sharp increase from last year.

In other business, the board decided to apply for the federal Race to the Top competitive grant program.

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Wandering wolves unwelcome in Utah

By Mike Stark
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Gray wolves are a rare sight in Utah and a state lawmaker wants to make sure it stays that way.

State Sen. Allen Christensen has proposed a bill that would require state wildlife officials to capture or kill all wild wolves that wander into Utah — even those in areas where they’re protected by the federal Endangered Species Act.

Christensen, a Republican from North Ogden, said he worries that wolves from neighboring states could eventually decimate Utah’s elk and deer populations and hurt the livestock industry.

If enacted, the bill is probably unconstitutional, violating the supremacy clause where federal law supersedes state law, according to the state’s Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Utah already has a management plan that allows wolves into the state, compensates livestock owners for losses and allows for them to be killed or relocated if they drive down game populations.

Christensen’s bill would take state policy further, though, with the hopes of eliminating any chance wolves could get a foothold anywhere in Utah.

Wolves were wiped out of Utah a century ago for good reason, he said.

“Their lifestyle isn’t compatible with ours. People say that’s a haughty attitude.

I’m sorry, we’re here to stay,” Christensen said.

There are about 1,600 wolves in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, most of them descended from 66 animals introduced to the region in the mid-1990s by the federal government. They have been taken off the endangered species list in Montana and Idaho — which recently allowed public hunts — and the northeast corner of Utah.

There are currently no known wolf packs in Utah although a few loners occasionally wander into the state. A radio-collared wolf was captured in a coyote trap in north-central Utah in 2002. That prompted state officials to start a lengthy process to develop a management plan for others that might wander in.

The state plan, approved in 2005, focuses on conserving wolves that arrive but dealing with those that cause serious problems with livestock and local game populations.

A mail-in survey of Utah residents before the plan found that most had favorable attitudes toward wolves, especially residents in urban areas.

Few, though, have had any close encounters lately.

One wolf with a GPS collar traveled through the state last winter, spending several weeks in northern Utah before wandering toward Vail, Colo., according to Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

“They’re capable of these huge movements,” he said.

BLM criticized over deaths of mustangs in Nevada roundup

By Martin Griffith
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Wild-horse advocates are calling for an independent investigation after the deaths of nine mustangs so far in a government roundup of the animals on the range north of Reno.

Two advocacy groups — In Defense of Animals, based in San Rafael, Calif., and the Cloud Foundation in Colorado Springs, Colo. — criticized the U.S. Bureau of Land Management’s handling of the roundup after two more deaths this past week.

A contractor is using two helicopters under BLM supervision to drive horses in the Calico Mountain Complex to corrals. Officials are then trucking the animals to a Fallon holding facility before placing them for adoption or sending them to long-term holding corrals in the Midwest.

BLM officials said the roundup is necessary because an over-population of mustangs is harming native wildlife and the range itself, and threatening the horses with starvation.

Horse activists maintain a colt was run so hard and long during the roundup that the hoof walls of its two hind feet came off, leaving exposed bones and nerves. The colt was euthanized Thursday at the Fallon facility.

The groups also contend a mare fell down in a trailer after being driven for miles on the range by helicopter and failed to receive any help on the four-hour drive to Fallon. The mare was still down on arrival in Fallon and died a short time later.

“These latest tragic and unnecessary deaths document beyond doubt that the BLM helicopter stampedes violate federal requirements for humane and minimally-intrusive management of wild horses,” said Dr. Elliot Katz, president of In Defense of Animals.

“(We) are calling for a full and independent investigation of these and other fatalities and injuries caused by the Calico roundup,” he added.

Katz’s group unsuccessfully sued to halt the roundup, claiming the use of helicopters to drive horses to corrals is inhumane and risks their injury and death.

BLM spokeswoman LoLynn Worley said less than 0.5 percent of wild horses gathered in such roundups die and the agency goes out of its way to minimize the risk to the animals. She disputed the groups’ accounts of the latest deaths.

Worley said the colt had no apparent health problems when it arrived in Fallon, but was placed on antibiotics a couple days later after it was observed with “acute lameness.”

“Apparently what happened is the colt’s two hind feet did develop abscesses and the pressure of that is what made the outer hoof area come off,” Worley said. “It was the veterinarian’s decision to euthanize him.”

Worley said it was speculation on the groups’ part that the mare stayed down in the trailer on the ride to Fallon.

“They stop the truck at various times to make sure animals are on their feet,” she said. “They make every effort to get horses back on their feet when they’re down.”



A paddle surfer, left, navigates his way through debris in Seal Beach, Calif., Saturday, after a week of storms in Southern California. AP photo

Storms trash California beaches, bring snow to southwestern U.S.

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press writer

SEAL BEACH, Calif. — The sky was blue and the sun bright for the first time in days after a week of powerful Southern California rain storms, but all Victoria Macey could see was the mountain of steaming trash and twisted debris on her favorite beach.

“I’m completely shocked. From our house, all we could see was gorgeous clouds and then we come down here and there’s so much trash, it’s really sad,” Macey said as she photographed a sopping plastic baby doll propped atop an overturned end table. “I can’t believe how many shopping carts there are. That’s what blows my mind.”

The mounds of soggy sofa cushions, rusted shopping carts, plastic children’s toys, dented refrigerators and hundreds of plastic cans and food wrappers were just one calling card left by a week of punishing rain that pelted Southern California and went on to tangle with Arizona and New Mexico.

About 35 miles to the north of Seal Beach, hundreds of residents who evacuated from wildfire-scarred communities in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills north of Los Angeles returned home Saturday to assess the damage and remove mud and debris from their properties. There were no reports of major damage despite widespread concerns about mudslides and debris flows from the relentless rain.

About half of the 500 residents of a small western Arizona farming community who were evacuated after floodwaters swept through the town Thursday, returned Saturday. Muddled streets and damaged homes and businesses remained, and La Paz County sheriff’s spokesman Lt. Glenn Gilbert said the community was in cleanup mode. Many said they were happy to survive the storm.

On Saturday, the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office announced the body of 6-year-old Jacob Baudek, who was swept away by rising by floodwaters in central


Arizona Thursday, was spotted by hikers along the Agua Fria River and recovered from the river bank.

At higher elevations, forecasters warned of blowing and drifting snow and issued winter weather and wind advisories for southern New Mexico, with heavy snow expected in the Gila and Sacramento mountains. In the Guadalupe Mountains of southeastern New Mexico, wind gusts could top 90 mph on Saturday. More than 2 feet of snow have fallen in the

Chama area in northern New Mexico, while parts of southwestern New Mexico got 27 inches of snow.

In Northern California, a rare tornado warning was issued Saturday in the San Francisco Bay area’s Contra Costa County after a trained weather spotter reported seeing a funnel cloud. The National Weather Service said the cloud was seen about 9 miles south of Oakley, but it weakened without touching down and the agency’s warning expired.

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Former Canyon County worker charged in theft

NAMPA (AP) — A former Canyon County employee accused of stealing more than \$28,000 from the Sheriff’s Mounted Posse has been charged with five counts of felony theft.

Thirty-three-year-old Cori Hampton was arrested Thursday. Hampton, who worked as a clerk for the Canyon County Commissioners, is accused of stealing the money between 2006 and 2009.

Canyon County Prosecutor John Bujak, citing a conflict of interest, turned over the case to the

Owyhee County Prosecutor. Court records show Hampton volunteered during a four-year span to handle finances for the posse, a search and rescue group.

An investigation into the group’s finances began in August after members questioned the low earnings posted in the account from work done by the posse at the Canyon County Fair.


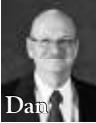

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A bad week for Democrats

Obama calls on campaign architect for advice

By Charles Babington
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A one-two punch of bad news suddenly has Democrats facing an election year with campaign finance rules that favor Republicans and a Senate that can block Democratic initiatives. And President Obama called on the leader of his winning 2008 campaign to help.

Democrats already were bracing for House and Senate losses in November, which typically happens to a president's party after his first two years in office. But a stunning GOP Senate victory in Massachusetts, and a dramatic Supreme Court ruling on political advertising, have made the horizon look even darker for the party that scored big wins in 2006 and 2008.

The week that marked Obama's first year in office turned out to be one of the worst in recent Democratic memory.

Now party insiders are trying to figure out why public sentiment turned against them so quickly. David Plouffe, who led Obama's winning presidential campaign, also will play a larger role in advising the president on strategies for House, Senate and governor's races as reeling Democrats try to rally in an important election year.

Republican strategist John Feehery says the changing sentiment began some time ago with the summertime attacks on Obama's health care plan and continued with the GOP's November



AP photo

House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio speaks during a news conference Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington. A one-two punch of bad news suddenly has Democrats facing an election year with campaign finance rules that favor Republicans and a revised Senate that can block Democratic initiatives.

takeover of the governorships of New Jersey and Virginia.

"It's been bad for the Democrats for a while," Feehery said. "They just haven't realized it. This is the club over their head that wakes them up."

The week's first Democratic setback can be blamed squarely on the party's poor performance coupled with a stellar campaign by a little-known GOP state senator in Massachusetts. Scott Brown tapped voter anger over high unemployment and unsavory dealmaking in Congress to win the seat long held by liberal leader Edward Kennedy.

Brown's election will restore the GOP's ability to use filibusters to block Democratic initiatives in the Senate, where Republicans will hold 41 of the 100 seats. It brought an abrupt halt to Obama's signature issue, overhauling health care, which now hangs in limbo.

The second blow, which landed Thursday, was beyond the president's control. The Supreme Court

reversed a century-long trend of limiting the political influence of corporations, which is likely to prompt a flood of campaign money going mostly to Republicans. The 5-4 ruling will let companies use their general treasuries, and not just employees' limited donations, to produce and air ads for or against federal candidates.

It also applies to labor unions, which typically back Democrats. But union membership and clout have been declining for decades.

Republicans, traditionally friendly with corporate America, hailed the court decision while Democrats attacked it. Obama called it "a major victory for big oil, Wall Street banks, health insurance companies and the other powerful interests that marshal their power every day in Washington to drown out the voices of everyday Americans."

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio called it "a big win for the First Amendment and a step in the right direction."

As if the White House

needed more bad news, late in the week, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke faced mounting Senate opposition for a second term despite Obama's support.

So far, there's no sign of all-out Democratic panic. Party insiders anticipate about two dozen or so net losses in the House this fall. It might be worse, but few think they could lose the 40 seats that would give Republicans the majority. A GOP takeover of the Senate is even less likely.

And Republicans have their own problems, starting with less campaign money than Democrats have. Opinion polls suggest Americans have more faith in Democrats to make good decisions, and Obama's personal popularity remains fairly high.

Also, it's not clear that Republicans can tame and harness the volatile "tea bagger" activists. The fiercely independent conservatives helped Brown win in Massachusetts, but they triggered a damaging right-wing split in a special House race in New York last year.

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In a statement accompanying the announcement, the governor’s office said “It is the goal to keep all recreation opportunities available within (Thousand Springs and Yankee Fork state parks). The agency is exploring alternative management strategies for these parks.”

That probably means the five units at Thousand Springs will remain accessible, but perhaps under private or county management or with the help of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Stakeholders and elected officials, led by Southern Idaho Tourism Director Debbie Dane, have been engaged in a frantic, seven-week search for ways to keep the park in business if the state pulls out.

Parks and Rec Director Nancy Merrill said Friday that “we will have the same parks and we will be open. Our service levels may drop a bit.”

Merrill and Otter’s plan calls for taking \$2 million from RV registration funds, \$1.4 million from cash balances at the department, and \$1.1 million from personnel by cutting 25 positions. The goal is to save \$4.5 million in fiscal 2011.

“This will be very tough, it will be hard for us to do it,” Merrill said. “We will be looking at revenues and our costs, and we will be ... balancing those as a business would.”

Park fees will rise, and the department will keep its headquarters building in east Boise; Otter had proposed selling it off to the private sector.

The governor surprised more than a few folks Friday by proclaiming “the whole idea that we were going to eliminate the parks department was dead wrong.” You sure wouldn’t know that from the budget Otter submitted to the Legislature earlier this month, which zeroed out funding for Parks and Rec and proposed folding its responsibilities into Fish and Game and the Department of Lands.

The latter idea, the governor said Friday, was just “conceptual.”

Whatever the case, this rescue probably wouldn’t have happened without pressure and offers of financial support from stakeholders and the lawmakers who represent them. Idaho’s 26 state parks are located in 16 different districts which together elect 46 percent of the Legislature.

Collectively, they’re much beloved by the public. Despite the recession, state park use was up 16 percent last year, according to Merrill.

Politically, it’s a longshot that any governor could shutter Parks and Rec. We’re gratified that Otter chose to find a way to keep it running.

Our view: Even after the governor reprieved the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, five other state agencies are on track for elimination for budget reasons — plans that have drawn sharp resistance from stakeholders. We’re wondering if it’s politically possible to zero-out any department with a strong constituency.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

What voters REALLY SAID

“No single party has a monopoly on failed policies or over-the-top rhetoric. Republicans and Democrats alike have been poor stewards of taxpayer money and too focused on winning majorities in Congress instead of listening to the majority of Americans.”

By Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho

Massachusetts’ message? Quit squabbling and work together

While the Massachusetts Senate race is a clear rejection of the policies put forward by President Obama and Congressional Democrats, Republicans must not lose sight of the fact that their own policies were rejected with equal fervor just three short years ago. The voters sent a clear message in Massachusetts, but I am worried politicians on both sides of the aisle will misinterpret that message and fail to give the American people the leadership they want and deserve.

While the media has focused on the Democrats’ healthcare bill as the biggest issue in the Massachusetts election, I think the real message voters sent is a rejection of the status quo. To be clear, the American people disapprove of the health care bill, but they also disapprove of a Congress that is out of touch with Main Street and focused too much on who wins and who loses.

What voters really want is for Republicans and Democrats to set aside their party labels and focus on what is best for the country. Voters want their Congressman to focus on ways in which the federal budget can be reduced, not increased. Voters want their Congressman to make their interaction with government simpler, not more complex. Voters want their Congressman to consider each proposal on its merits, instead of selling his or her votes to make political points and giving out special deals for those who have the most leverage. Put simply, voters want a government that works for them, not against them.

No single party has a monopoly on failed policies or over-the-top rhetoric. Republicans and Democrats alike have been poor stewards of taxpayer money and too focused on winning majorities in Congress instead of listening to the majority of Americans.

To get back on track and restore the trust of the American people, I believe Congress needs to undertake a few simple measures that are long overdue. They include:

- New ethics rules in the House and Senate that put an end to special deals, prohibiting members from selling their votes for special favors like those secured for Nebraska in the Senate health care bill.

- A return to open debate in the House of Representatives where amendments to bills like health care reform can be offered by members on both sides of the aisle.
- New rules in the House and Senate that require the final text of legislation to be posted online one week before a vote and ensure bills go through the committee process before being brought to the floor.
- Passage of true pay-as-you-go provisions that limit federal spending and cannot be circumvented by simply lumping big spending initiatives into “emergency” measures.
- Passage of a balanced budget

amendment to the Constitution.

- An honest dialogue with the American people about the shared sacrifice required to get our budget, including programs like Social Security and Medicare, under control.
- The creation of toll-free phone lines that allow constituents to contact congressional offices for free.

While there are many other reforms I believe should be undertaken, those listed above are ones on which members on both sides of the aisle could agree and that could be implemented quickly.

These are reforms that make Congress more open and accessible, provide reassurance to the American people that their members of Congress are not for sale, and start our nation down a path toward fiscal discipline.

Perhaps most importantly, these reforms are not my idea — they are reforms brought to me by the people of Idaho.

I believe these reforms speak to the message I heard coming from voters in Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Jersey over the last several months, and they are reforms I intend to bring to my colleagues in Washington, D.C.

Mike Simpson, a Republican, is serving his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives from Idaho’s 2nd Congressional District.



AP photo
Voters in Seekonk, Mass., cast ballots in last week’s Senate special election to choose a successor to Edward Kennedy.

Idaho Democrats have gone to the dark side

By Murf Raquet
Moscow-Pullman Daily News



Editor’s note:
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Say it ain’t so!
Idaho Democrats are going the way of their Republican brethren when it comes to government secrecy.

The minority Democrats, with just 18 House seats and seven in the Senate, made the decision to caucus behind closed doors to maximize their effectiveness.

That reason doesn’t fly with us.

The party would be more effective if it continued to conduct its business in the open.

Closed meetings between elected officials smack of shady deals and other

shenanigans, once the norm when the public was nothing more than a money source.

Open meeting laws have all but eliminated secret gatherings, but that doesn’t stop elected officials from attempting to meet behind closed doors.

In Idaho, closed caucuses are allowed as a way for

political parties to discuss strategy and priorities. We wonder why Republicans in the Gem State would feel the need to have such meetings when they dominate every aspect of the legislative process by their sheer numbers.

It seems the only resistance the GOP receives on a regular basis is from the state’s Republican governor, who never met a Legislature he couldn’t bully.

It would behoove the Democrats to keep the status quo of open meetings and transparency. There’s not a whole bunch of strategy that’s going to deal a huge setback to the GOP agenda.

Unfettered access to our elected officials is essential

to the governing process, especially on the state and local levels.

The process stops being public once those doors close.

We cannot say for certain if legislation is illegally discussed in caucuses, because we can’t attend the meetings and participants are tight-lipped.

We encourage Idaho Democrats to reconsider their decision. It’s the best way for voters to see how their party conducts its business without having to employ X-ray vision.

Murf Raquet is the Opinion editor of the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sales tax increase would help save state agencies

I am disappointed by Gov. Otter's recommendation to cut funds to state agencies (Health and Welfare, higher education, public education, Idaho Public Television, etc.) even more than last year in order to balance the upcoming state budget.

We know that Idaho has lost around 48,000 jobs during the last year. If Gov. Otter's plan is implemented, Idaho could easily lose another 250 to 500 jobs and reduce the salaries of thousands of state employees. That doesn't seem like an economic recovery plan to me. I think a temporary 0.5 percent sales tax increase on non-grocery items should be explored. For example, a \$500 LCD television at 6 percent sales tax would currently cost \$530. An additional 0.5 percent would increase the cost to \$532.50. I doubt that would discourage someone from buying a new TV.

I know this is not a popular idea, but cutting important agencies down to the bare bone and increasing the unemployment rate doesn't seem to be the better answer. Idaho citizens that are most affected by any tax increase are those in poverty, so that is why grocery items should remain at 6 percent along with the grocery tax credit that is in place.

There are other ways for Idaho to get through these tough times and I hope the Legislature explores its options rather than handing out more pink slips. A very slight and temporary sales tax increase could save jobs, provide important services for Idahoans, and help Idaho recover faster from this difficult time.

DARIN GONZALES
Kimberly

IPTV will be missed if it loses state funding

Reading the article Tuesday morning in the Times-News about our gov-

ernor's plans to cut funding for Idaho Public TV broke my heart. I feel powerless. IPTV is a mainstay in our home. Choices in culture, news, education and classic entertainment are available in our small community on four digital channels.

We support with our contributions to the extent that seniors on a fixed income can, then we depend on our Legislature to help provide a mostly commercial-free source of information, education, culture and political ideas. The great thing is you have an opportunity whether liberal, independent or conservative to think, weigh arguments, understand different views and clarify issues. Programs on IPTV offer many perspectives. For continuing education in our sometimes isolated and neglected state, this is an invaluable tool.

So we are left with commercial TV with its redundancy, hype and skewed perspective of culture. Try watching with a young child and not having to edit or simply turn the TV off because of inappropriate content or information presented with no thought for simple truth.

There are certainly things other than TV available to people on a limited income in Idaho:

State parks — oh, wait they are on the governor's chopping block.

Adult education available at the local colleges; nope, due for cuts.

We can be comforted. Our children's education will benefit because of our sacrifices; oops, their funding will be cut in the current budget plan.

Ok, there is a beautiful new edifice dedicated to our leaders and their functions at the bargain price of \$250 million, a much more beneficial use of our money than \$1.7 million — less than a dollar per person for Idaho Public Educational Television.

I repeat, I am heart-broken.

RENAE TAYLOR
Hagerman

Sheryl Crow & Co. ride off in the wrong direction

I just finished reading The Associated Press Jan. 11 article that appeared in the Twin Falls Times-News titled, "Sheryl Crow tries to ride to the rescue of wild horses." As if the Bureau of Land Management doesn't have enough trouble trying to decide what to do with about 32,000 of the critters in holding facilities and another 37,000 out on the range (about 9,000 over the range's appropriate management level), along comes Sheryl and her band of pseudo-equine experts claiming the BLM is managing the herds to extinction. Other celebrities in her band of "experts" include Willie Nelson, Lily Tomlin, Bill Maher and Ed Harris, who are also riding in on Sheryl's Trojan Horse.

Sheryl has tried to get a rope on the secretary of the interior to halt the Calico Mountain, Nev., 2,500-head roundup now taking place and is also urging him to put a moratorium on all future roundups. So far, she has failed. She even dropped off a saddlebag full of books and DVD's

READER COMMENT
Ben F. Collins

about wild horses at the White House for President Obama and has appeared in a video produced by equine activists. If she really wanted to get a firm grip on the reins and sit tall in the saddle, she would trot her band over to help BLM with its "perfect equine storm" — an unprecedented glut of wild horses.

BLM is caught-up in a colossal "Catch 22." Even though it has the authority to destroy unwanted and unadoptable animals, it has chosen not to because of concern about public and congressional reaction to the large scale slaughter of thousands of horses. The only avenue left for BLM to reduce the number of horses in captivity is (and what has been) a highly successful method — the Adopt-a-Horse program. Even at the very nominal fee of \$125 per horse, horse owners are often abandoning their own horses because of the national economic downturn — not

There is no simple solution to this major dilemma, and Sheryl Crow and other wild horse advocacy groups would be much better off using their time and talent to help solve it.

taking on new ones.

As of 2007, BLM has successfully adopted 235,700 animals since the program started in 1971. What's more, the cost of feeding the horses in captivity is soaring out of control. It is estimated to have cost approximately \$25 million last year. That's a lot of hay! The cost for the entire wild horse program was around \$50 million last year and is expected to surge to around \$85 million by 2012.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said the current program is not sustainable for the animals, the environment or the taxpayer. He is urging Congress to authorize seven wild horse preserves that would include two owned and operated by the

BLM. The agency would work with private groups on the remaining preserves which would likely be located in the Midwest and East. To date, no decision has been made on his proposals.

There is no simple solution to this major dilemma, and Sheryl Crow and other wild horse advocacy groups would be much better off using their time and talent to help solve it. The first step, in my opinion, is to decide how many wild horses and burros are enough and go from there.

Ben F. Collins of Buhl retired from the Bureau of Land Management after 31 years of service. He is the Wild Horse and Burro coordinator for the Public Land Foundation.

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Twin Falls County Zoning and Subdivision Code Update Public Open House #2

Twin Falls County is continuing the comprehensive review of its zoning and subdivision regulations and invites you to attend the second series of community workshops to see how the project is progressing and provide your input as alternative techniques for implementing the 2008 Comprehensive Plan are discussed.

The purposes of the workshops are to obtain input from community members on the alternative strategies under consideration for implementing high-priority Comprehensive Plan goals, and to solicit input on Code organization and format to improve readability and usefulness..

Buhl City Hall	Twin Falls Council Chambers	Kimberly City Hall
January 26, 2010	3rd Floor Conference Room	January 27, 2010
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	January 26, 2010 5 to 7pm	10:00 am to 12:00 pm
203 Broadway Ave. North,	425 Shoshone St. North,	120 Madison W.,
Buhl, ID	Twin Falls, ID	Kimberly, ID

The open houses will be interactive, and will provide for questions and answers, in addition to input and suggestions. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings you can view the project information online at www.twinfallscounty.org.

For additional information contact: Bill Crafton, Planning and Zoning Director,
Phone: (208) 734-9490, Email: bcrafton@co.twin-falls.id.us

ATTENTION BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
WATER USERS
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FEBRUARY 2, 2010

SHALL THE BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR AN INDEBTEDNESS AND ISSUE THE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,900,000, TO BECOME DUE IN SUCH INSTALLMENTS AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE BONDS TO MATURE OVER A TERM WHICH MAY NOT EXCEED THIRTY (30) YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO AND REHABILITATION OF THE SPILLWAY FOR MINIDOKA DAM ON THE SNAKE RIVER, TOGETHER WITH RELATED COSTS AND FEES, SAID BONDS TO BE PAYABLE FROM ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT AS PROVIDED BY LAW, ALL AS SET FORTH IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 9, 2009?

BONDS. YES.....

A 2/3 MAJORITY YES VOTE WILL ALLOW THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FLEXIBILITY TO PURSUE THE BEST FORM OF LOAN REPAYMENT FOR THE DISTRICT.

BONDS. NO.....

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WE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S OF BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT ENCOURAGE THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE DISTRICT TO VOTE YES FOR THE BOND GIVING US THE ABILITY TO SEEK THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR FUNDING.

The Supreme Court vs. Obama

The Supreme Court on Thursday upended a century's worth of campaign finance law. An immediate question raised by the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision is whether this will flood elections with suddenly legal corporate money. Less understood but deeply significant is what this shows about the court and its relationship to the Obama administration and Congress.

This far-reaching ruling augurs a significant power struggle. For the first time since 1937, an increasingly conservative federal judiciary faces a progressive and activist Congress and president. Until now, it was unclear how the justices would accommodate the new political alignment. The Citizens United decision suggests an assertive court, eager to overturn precedent, looming as a challenge to President Obama's agenda.

Through most of American history, courts have usually stood to the right of the elected branches, especially on issues concerning business. Progressive Era federal judges routinely voided social legislation, from the income tax to the minimum wage and limits on the hours worked by women and children. In the New Deal, the Supreme Court's "nine old men" struck down myriad new programs until Franklin Roosevelt tried to pack the court by expanding its ranks. Only then did the justices relent. Republican presidents have appointed 12 of the 15 new justices over the past four decades. But those justices had few liberal laws to react to.

Many expected the first big clash of the Obama era to come in voting rights. Last year the court considered reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the landmark civil rights statute. In oral argument, Roberts and Samuel Alito made clear their distaste for the law. But voting 8 to 1, the justices pulled back from making a constitutional ruling at all. Whether through prudent application of the doctrine of "constitutional avoidance," or canny judicial statesmanship, or just an aversion to bad press, the court swerved away from a confrontation. It upheld the landmark law but left it open to future challenges.

Such restraint seemed a faint memory in Citizens United. For starters, the court boldly reached to consider a major constitutional case when it didn't have to. The case itself addressed an arcane issue: whether campaign finance laws were properly applied to an infomercial critical of Hillary Clinton. The justices easily could have ruled on narrow statutory grounds. Instead, last summer, they announced a rushed re-argument, making clear they



Michael Waldman

were itching to overturn a century of constitutional doctrine, even though the case offered no factual or trial record on the broad question of corporate spending. Last week the justices struck down laws in 22 states and overturned key decisions from 1990 and 2003 — all in the middle of a new election cycle. It is hard to remember an instance where the justices reached so far to make major constitutional law. It will have immediate political consequences. Business managers now will be able to spend at will Bloomberg-level sums in congressional races across the country. In partisan and political impact, this rivals Bush v. Gore.

The decision portends an even more deregulatory thrust in campaign finance. Another big campaign finance case soon likely to reach the high court would test the ban on large "soft money" contributions to political parties, last upheld by the court in 2003. Just days after John McCain's presidential campaign ended, the Republican National Committee sued to overturn the provision that was his proudest legislative accomplishment. That would mark a true plunge into partisan wars. Explaining the case, the RNC's political director was blunt: To have a chance of matching Obama's small donations, "we need to be on an equal footing, and we think that law (McCain-Feingold) keeps us from doing that."

What will this mean for Obama's broader agenda? Health care, climate change, financial reregulation, the auto bailout — all heighten government's role in the economy. The Citizens United ruling suggests the court may smile on even the most audacious conservative legal theories, such as those alleging that regulations are an improper taking by the government. And it shows an unsettling eagerness to overturn precedent in line with ideological predilection. The five votes may be fleeting, depending on who leaves the court next, but the Roberts majority appears ready to use its power while it has it. The Supreme Court and its role may well become a contested issue in this and upcoming elections — as it has been through much of American history. This time it will be progressives demanding an end to judicial activism.

Michael Waldman is executive director of the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minico students, fans disrespectful

I was at the Minico/Jerome game Friday (Jan. 15) night. Your sportswriter's assessment of the game was spot on. It was a very physical battle of two well-matched teams. Kudos to both teams for a well-played game.

However, the real story was the display that Minico's students, administration and fans brought to the gym. After the game, Minico's students rushed the floor for what bystanders thought was gesture of congratulations for their team. We couldn't have been more wrong. The mob gathered at mid-court and as the two teams were offering their postgame handshakes the group began to taunt Jerome's players. This act infuriated Jerome's coaching and administrative staff and the fans that came to support the Tiger basketball program.

One coach confronted Minico's athletic director and expressed his contempt for the lack of sportsmanship shown by the gathering and was told "that's how we roll." Apparently, the values taught at Minico High School is when we win we do it without class. Shame on the athletic director for participating in such antics. Shame on the principal for allowing his staff to behave in this manner. Shame on the Minico community for teaching its children this is acceptable behavior.

BRAD AMOS
Jerome

Commissioners don't represent Cassia Co.

Cassia County residents: The most basic responsibility of our government is to represent and protect. Recently, issues were brought before the Cassia County commissioners affecting the safety of my family and surrounding neighbors. Residents researched the issue and presented accurate information to the commissioners in hearings. The commissioners chose to accept inaccurate testimony from an individual they appointed. This same person receives financial compensation from county funds he assists in administrating.

The commissioners failed to properly research the issue after receiving conflicting testimony on the matter. It was apparent that the commissioners had made their decision before it had ever been brought before the residents of the county.

For many of us, county government is our most basic form of representation. As I have observed the Cassia County commissioners, I have arrived at the realization that they no longer represent the residents. Instead, they choose to govern. By doing so, they have failed in their two most basic responsibilities to represent and protect.

After reading others' let-

ters calling for a change in Cassia County commissioners, I also would add my voice calling for a change.

STAN BUCKLEY
Burley

Get educated about health care reform

Look at the benefits of health care legislation. Gov. Otter is complaining about what the new health care proposals in Congress are going to cost. He has been silent, however, on how we would all benefit from those proposals.

Educate yourselves on what is in those bills and I think you'll support them.

DICK FLORES
Gooding

Gooding student enjoys four-day school week

I go to Gooding Junior High in the seventh grade. I really appreciate the fact that we have four-day school weeks because then we have time to do things with our family if homework permits. Some of these things include going on walks with our dogs, going to museums and doing activities at the public library on Friday. I hope the Gooding School District will continue to have the four-day school week schedule.

An activity that the schools host is a four-hour school day on Fridays for students that are behind on schoolwork. The Friday school is offered so students can get caught up on school work. The program is great because more students have higher grade-point averages.

KEITH BIGLER
Gooding

(Editor's note: Keith Bigler wrote this letter as part of the requirements for his communications merit badge in Boy Scouts.)

Idaho, California help feed America

We have two outstanding governors — C.L. "Butch"

Otter of Idaho and Arnold Schwarzenegger of California.

Between these two great governors, the agricultural production of the two states they represent feeds thousands of people and creates

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JACK STREETER
Mountain Home

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There are tax considerations and other factors that determine whether converting to a Roth IRA is right for you. And changes set for 2010 will eliminate the \$100,000 modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) limit, which means anyone can convert to a Roth IRA.

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We are proud of our record and want to continue offering the best health insurance for the best prices in the country. We favor healthcare reform that contains strong cost control measures and oppose any healthcare legislation that fails to rein in costs.

We're concerned that provisions in currently proposed federal legislation would cause Idaho insurance premiums to go up and we don't want to see that happen to Idaho's families.

The right kind of reform must provide affordable health coverage to everyone. Join us and help achieve the goal of real healthcare reform that improves the quality of care and contains cost. To learn what you can do, visit www.bcidaho.com/healthcare-reform.



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HOME WORK



Federal program provides homes for local families who put in sweat equity

As Don McArthur watches his two young sons scramble through what will soon be the family's home, the 36-year-old still seems a tad overwhelmed.

"I just can't believe that soon, within days, we'll be home owners. We hoped to own our home, everyone has hopes and dreams. This is such a blessing and I'm not sure I'm worthy of it but God has blessed me, my family, with this home," he said.

McArthur and his wife Zandra McArthur, along with their sons Matthew, 6, and Michael, 2, are the first Twin Falls County family to close on a Habitat for Humanity home funded through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The program is part of a \$19 million grant to Idaho, which administered \$900,000 to Twin Falls County through the Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

Of those funds, Magic Valley Habitat for Humanity was granted \$414,995 for the purchase and renovation of foreclosed properties for three families. The program is designed to help those families with limited income.

To qualify for the program families must not make over 50 percent of the area's median income, or \$25,350 in Twin Falls County for a family of four, said Habitat NSP Coordinator Carol Robertson.

"Federal guidelines stipulate that 25 percent of the total funds dispersed through this program must serve low income families and that's what we've been able to do," Robertson said.

While the stabilization program has slightly lower income qualifications, other Habitat guidelines remain the same. The McArthur

BY BLAIR KOCH
Times-News correspondent

family had to complete 300 hours of sweat equity before being able to move in.

Don McArthur was a Habitat volunteer long before applying for a home, so accumulating those hours was no problem.

"I was volunteering anyway, helped build two Habitat homes and remodel a third last year," he said.

Sweat equity hours are looked at as a down payment of sorts toward the mortgage, which is carried by Habitat at a zero percent interest payoff.

"It's awesome. I love that this

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BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News
The McArthur family is all smiles in their new home in Twin Falls. Clockwise, from top left: Zandra, Don, Matthew, 6 and Michael, 2. With just a final inspection and few last-minute fixes necessary, the family will move into their home within days. The family is the first of three families to be sold homes through Habitat for Humanity and funded through a federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The program provided funds so low-income families could be sold foreclosed homes.

Down, but still decent

Manufacturing payrolls in region fare better than most

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The manufacturing industry in south-central Idaho has seen its share of ups and downs during the past two years. But it experienced much worse in other parts of Idaho and the nation, according to data requested by the *Times-News*.

Quarterly comparisons of the manufacturing industry by region, state and nation show manufacturing in south-central Idaho never had the sudden and dramatic growth that was seen in places like Boise and Elkhart, Ind., before the economy collapsed. But it also shows how the industry, which is the second largest employer in the Magic Valley, survived the downturn without the major bankruptcies that shuttered manufacturers like Monaco, Masonite and their suppliers.

Total covered payroll tied to the manufacturing industry in south-central Idaho declined 3 percent during the last three months of 2009 compared to the previous year, while the state and nation reported a 14 percent and 32 percent decline respectively.

"The data indicates that manufacturing is a bit more stable in our region with less wild swings," said Jan Roeser, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor. "When the economy was growing, manufacturing (in south-central Idaho) was growing too but not to the same level as all industries combined. The same went for the downturn — it wasn't as dismal as the rest of the state."

— Jan Roeser,
regional economist
with Idaho
Department of Labor

See MANUFACTURING, Business 2

MANUFACTURING BY THE NUMBERS

AVERAGE INCREASE/DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT:

	Nation	State	South-central Idaho
3rd Quarter — '08	-21%	-4.4%	+0.1%
3rd Quarter — '09	-32%	-14.4%	-5.3%

AVERAGE INCREASE/DECLINE IN WAGES:

	Nation	State	South-central Idaho
3rd Quarter — '08	-.1%	-4.8%	+3.3%
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Source: Idaho Department of Labor and Bureau of Labor Statistics
Third-quarter data is the most recent available

Abandoning health care, and other D.C. nonsense

Okay, so Massachusetts voters elected a hunky, unknown Republican to fill Ted Kennedy's Senate seat. That's no reason to ignore the result of a national general election, throw out a year's worth of hard work on a range of important issues and rush to embrace a bunch of simple-minded solutions meant to mollify an angry electorate.

Honestly, in a city that thrives on nonsense, we've heard more of it in the past few days than you normally do in a year.

One of my favorite bits of Monday morning quarterbacking is that President Obama should have put



Steven Pearlstein

health care and Afghanistan and climate change and everything else on the back burner for the past year and insisted that he and everyone else focus exclusively on jobs, jobs, jobs. What do you call a \$787 billion stimulus package of tax cuts and increased spending, a \$50 billion auto industry bailout, a \$1 trillion prop to the housing sector and nearly another \$1 trillion in

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From bailed out to billion dollar payouts

Two big banks raise employee payouts by billions

By Tomoe Murakami Tse
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Morgan Stanley and Bank of America revealed their 2009 compensation late last week, the latest of the major Wall Street firms to disclose closely watched payouts to employees.

Morgan Stanley said it had earmarked \$14.4 billion for compensation expenses, a bulk of which is year-end bonuses. That amount is 31 percent higher than last year, but it translates to a slightly lower average payout per employee, \$235,193,

because Morgan Stanley added thousands of brokers to its payroll through its Smith Barney joint venture with Citigroup.

Bank of America, meanwhile, said its personnel expenses for 2009 would total \$31.5 billion, up from \$18.4 billion in the previous year after absorbing traders and bankers from Merrill Lynch at the start of the year. The 2009 figures also reflect the first full year former Countrywide employees have been on the payroll. The average pay per employee was up 45 percent, to \$111,125.

The compensation pool disclosures comes after hefty payouts announced by J.P. Morgan Chase last week. On Tuesday, Citigroup released figures showing that it would pay slightly less compensation per employee

compared with 2008. As a group, the nation's largest banks and investment firms are expected to make payouts that would rival pre-crisis levels.

The numbers drew fresh fire from Washington lawmakers eager to address populist anger ahead of the November mid-term elections. Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., who recently introduced a bill to tax Wall Street bonuses and use the funds for small-business lending, said interest in the legislation was up Wednesday.

Morgan Stanley and Bank of America defended the pay plans, noting that a substantially larger portion of bonuses was being meted out in deferred compensation — which would be subject to "clawbacks."

Morgan Stanley's com-

pensation pool represents 62 percent of its revenue, the highest in at least a decade. Typically, Wall Street firms have used about 50 percent of revenue to pay employees.

Colm Kelleher, a Morgan Stanley executive who was chief financial officer during 2009, said in an interview that the compensation ratio was higher in part because of by a brokerage joint venture it introduced this year with Citigroup. "While I do believe compensation for the industry is inflated, there's a competitive pressure," he added.

Spokesman Rob Stickler noted that Bank of America's compensation expense, as is the case with other firms, includes various items other than bonuses, such as 401(k) contributions and benefits paid to retirees.

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From left: Connie Hunt, Bookkeeper; Judy Bragg, payroll tax specialist; Janet Neel, CPA and owner; Misty Kerr, customer service manager; and Sheryl Liu-Philo, certified public accountant. The Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors had a red ribbon cutting for Neel & Associates, Chtd. at their new location, 247 River Vista Place Ste.101 in Twin Falls. Neel & Associates is a local certified public accounting firm that provides complete accounting, tax and consulting services to businesses and individuals. To schedule a tax consultation contact 208-734-8879 or www.neelcpa.com.

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CHARLTON ATTENDS 2009 BILL WOODUL MECHANICS CLINIC



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Bob Charlton of Bob's Bike Shop at 509 Second St. in Rupert, recently attended the 2009 Bill Woodul Mechanics Clinic, which took place at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 9-13. The seminar gave students the opportunity to learn from industry experts, receive hands-on experience, and network with leaders in the cycling industry. Upon completion, Bob received his USA Cycling Mechanic's License as well as USA Cycling Official's License.

CAREER MOVES

Condie joins Condie Stoker & Associates

Kyle D. Condie, CPA, recently joined Condie Stoker & Associates, a public accounting firm in Rupert. Kyle will be helping clients with their tax, audit and accounting needs. Condie graduated from Minico High School in 2000, and then attended Utah State University. He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting, and in 2007 graduated with a Master's in accounting. Condie moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, and worked for Hansen Barnett & Maxwell in their audit department. He was in charge of audit, review and compilation engagements. Condie can be reached at 436-9911 or kyle@condiestoker.com.



Condie

Physical, occupational therapists complete professional development coursework

Physical and occupational therapists from Primary Therapy Source completed their professional development coursework.

Ivan Hardcastle, OTR/L and **Tara Parsons**, COTA/L, traveled to Tyler, Texas, for the Beckman Oral Motor Assessment and Intervention workshop, where they learned assessment and intervention strategies to improve facial muscle function for eating and speech.

Parsons also attended the STEPSI workshop in Boise, which addressed treatment options for individuals with sensory modulation difficulties. STEPSI refers to Sensation, Task, Environment, Predictability, Self-Monitoring and Interactions.

Amanda Lee, OTR/L, participated in Listening Program Provider Training in Ogden, Utah, that focused on improving auditory processing to encourage enhanced social participation, self-regulation, speech and language, sensory integration and school performance in children.

Jan Yingst, MPT and PCS, attended a Pediatric Rehabilitation Conference in Boise, where she completed the Manual Therapy for Pediatrics course, focusing on manual techniques used for treatment of the spine, ribs and pelvis.

Jon Gardunia, DPT, participated in spinal manipulation training in Post Falls, which provided physical therapists with updated techniques, using evidence-based practices, to perform safe and effective manipulations specific to each region of the spine.

Jackie Dux-Price, DPT, traveled to Colorado for a workshop on Speed, Agility and Quickness Training, that included designing appropriate drills and training techniques to improve performance in athletes and those in rehabilitation from sports injuries. Dux-Price is working toward certification in athletic training.



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Pearlstein

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old-fashioned monetary stimulus — chopped liver? And how exactly do you square the idea that the president and Congress should be working 24-7 to “create” jobs with that other nugget of conventional wisdom, that Americans are demanding smaller government, less spending and lower budget deficits?

Then there is the big question of what to do about health care now that the voters have allegedly turned against the president's proposal.

One reasonable-sounding idea is that the president should reduce it down to just a few of its most popular provisions, such as the one requiring that insurance companies be barred from refusing to cover people with preexisting conditions or charging them sky-high premiums.

The problem with that, of course, is that if you don't require everyone to buy insurance, then there will be lots of people who will wait to buy their policies until they get sick and then demand coverage at the “community” rate. That's a great way to drive up premiums, which in turn will drive even more healthy people to drop coverage, which will raise premiums even further.

To prevent this kind of debilitating “insurance spiral,” you could add one more feature — a mandate requiring everyone to buy at least a basic insurance package. Unfortunately, there are lots of low-income households for which the newly mandated premiums could eat up as much as a half of after-tax income, which hardly seems fair. So you'd probably want to make sure that there's enough competition among insurers to keep premiums down, which is what those government-supervised exchanges are all about. And you'd want to have some subsidies to limit the financial hit to low-income families. To pay for the subsidies, you'd either have to raise taxes or cut spending in other areas.

And that, basically, is the outline of Obama's health plan, just as it was Clinton's health plan and the Nixon plan before that. In fact, if you want a health-care system that's universal and affordable and based on a competitive market of private insurers and health-care providers, that's pretty much where you have to start. There is no simple solution to this puzzle.

Of course, there are plenty of details that we can talk about — how comprehensive the basic

insurance plan should be, how the insurance exchanges should be structured, how big the subsidies should be and what combination of taxes and spending cuts should be used to pay for them. In fact, we've had a rather vigorous debate on those issues for more than a year now, which ought to put the lie to another piece of nonsense put forth by the Republicans — namely that health reform has been “rushed” through Congress without any input from them or the public.

Instead of moving to take back the health-care issue, however, President Obama on Thursday seemed more interested in changing the subject, launching another broadside against the big Wall Street banks.

In the populist imagination, the root of the recent financial crisis was the decision in the 1990s to allow commercial banks, which take deposits and make loans, to get into the riskier but more lucrative investment banking business, where firms underwrite and trade securities on behalf of their customers and themselves. For months, liberals have been pushing to reinstate the old rules to separate the two activities. And for months, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner has pushed back, arguing that many of the banks that got in trouble did so the old-fashioned way, by making stupid loans, while many of the institutions that contributed most to the crisis — Bear Stearns, Lehman Brothers and AIG — weren't in commercial banking at all.

However, Obama suddenly reversed course and embraced the populist critique, demanding that commercial banks give up their risky investment activities. In truth, the new rules probably would not do much to reduce the chance of another crisis, or another bailout. The president's motives seemed less substantive than they were political, allowing him to shift from defense to offense and put Republicans in the uncomfortable position of having to defend the Wall Street status quo.

This is a leadership moment for the president. It is a chance to show he can respond to setbacks not by running for cover or resorting to political gamesmanship, but by calmly and confidently reasserting his control over his party and the public debate.

Steven Pearlstein is a columnist for the Washington Post.

Manufacturing

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Exactly why the region never experience the “wild swings” is unknown, say manufacturers and labor officials. But it's one that both groups are closely watching as the industry becomes a larger player in the region's industry base.

Some manufacturers attribute the stability, at least in part, to the inelasticity of certain products.

For example, Jayco Inc. and Dutchmen, two recreational trailer manufacturers in Burley and Twin Falls, build a product that remains affordable to many consumers whose discretionary income

growth has slowed from almost 6 percent in 2008 to 4 percent in 2009.

Sales of luxury recreation vehicles, trailers and Class A motorhomes, which start and \$80,000, have fallen to their lowest point in almost 30 years, according to RVindustrynews.com. However, company officials at Jayco, which builds recreational trailers priced between \$25,000 and \$45,000 said its order backlog is the largest in more than two years.

“It has become increasingly clear that 2009 will end better than we had expected,” said Sid Johnson, director of marketing at Jayco's corporate

office, told the *Times-News* in November. “And our business plan anticipates a substantial increase in sales next year.”

Other manufacturers attribute the stability to their business model.

Bob Seastrom, owner of Seastrom Manufacturing in Twin Falls, said his company provides products for about 7,000 customers.

“What we see is that when one customer is going through a decline, another customer somewhere is experiencing growth,” he said. “You want to have a good balance, so you can weather through the bad times.”

That doesn't mean the past two years have been smooth sailing.

Both Seastroms and Jayco cut their workforce in 2008 and 2009 when orders declined. But both companies have been hiring back employees as demand rebounded during the last six months of 2009.

However, the cuts reduced industry wages in the region by more than 6 percent during the last three months of 2009 compared to the previous year.

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Small investors can buy into Buffett at lower cost

By Margery A. Beck
Associated Press writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Peter Eischeid has long had his nose pressed to the glass of billionaire Warren Buffett's investment empire, yearning to be among those with the means to buy their way in.

No more. Thanks to a stock split approved Wednesday, Eischeid and other small investors plan to snatch up lower-tier Berkshire Hathaway Inc. shares that will sell for just \$69 and change. That's down from about \$3,500 that each Class B share commanded before.

"I avoided that conglomerate mainly because of the entry prices of the shares," said Eischeid, 34, of Salt Lake City. "I know there are a lot of people that will definitely be intrigued by that lower share price."

There will indeed, said Andy Kilpatrick, a stockbroker and author of a two-volume tome on Buffett's life and business.

"It now makes it available to a child who cuts grass for spending money," Kilpatrick said. "There's nobody who can't find \$66. The last time Berkshire stock was at \$66 was in 1971."

Buffett has built his reputation as a savvy investor who spots quality businesses selling cheaply and either buys the stock or the whole company. Omaha-based Berkshire has investments in such companies as Coca-Cola Co. and Wells Fargo & Co., and owns more than 60 subsidiaries, including clothing, furniture and jewelry companies. Its insurance and utility businesses typically account for more than half of its revenue.

The company's prized Class A shares, which carry more voting rights and are not being split, are the nation's most expensive stock at around \$100,000 each. The Class

B shares, dubbed "Baby Berkshires," are splitting 50-for-1 as a way to facilitate the company's plan to buy Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.

Among investors drawn by the lower price is Adam Bray-Ali, a self-described small investor from Los Angeles, who bought two shares of the Class B stock for just under \$3,300 each two days before the split, and planned to buy another 50 or so afterward. By the end of Thursday, he plans to have about 150 shares.

But there's more at play than the stock's new affordability.

"I can go to the shareholder meeting this year," the 35-year-old Bray-Ali said.

Berkshire's annual meeting is the mecca of shareholder events, routinely drawing more than 30,000 to Omaha for the three-day affair that has an almost carnival-like atmosphere. The event includes a shareholder reception on the eve of the meeting, various parties and a six-hour question-and-answer session with Buffett, who tosses out financial observations in terms even the most uninitiated investor can follow.

"I would say that for some young investor ... if you want to learn about investments, then the annual meeting is the place to go," Kilpatrick said.

That's a draw for University of Tennessee senior Nick Vantrease. The 21-year-old, who is

"I have a lot of older people ask me what they should invest in. They don't want to be ripped off. I'd be the first to recommend Buffett."

— Terry Porter of Kansas City, Mo., a 60-year-old retiree

president of the school's Financial Management Association, said he will consider buying Berkshire stock once he graduates in May and starts working. He expects the split to be a key topic at Buffett's scheduled meeting with college business students next month.

"It'll be interesting to hear what he has to say about it," said Vantrease. "It definitely makes the stock more affordable."

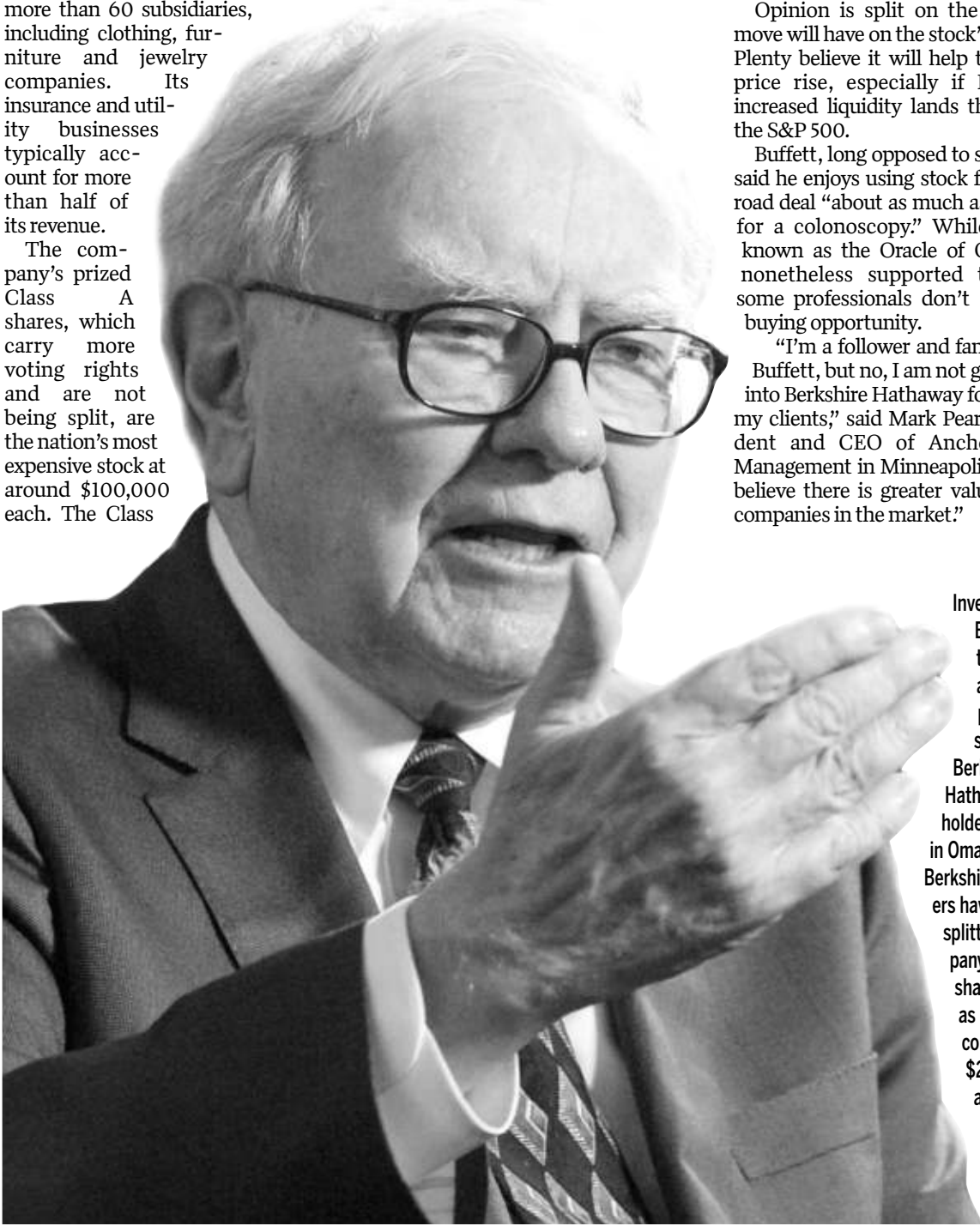
Terry Porter of Kansas City, Mo., who has held Class B shares for years, believes it's not just young investors who can take advantage of the lower entry price.

"I have a lot of older people ask me what they should invest in. They don't want to be ripped off," said the 60-year-old retiree. "I'd be the first to recommend Buffett."

Opinion is split on the effect the move will have on the stock's direction. Plenty believe it will help the Class B price rise, especially if Berkshire's increased liquidity lands the stock in the S&P 500.

Buffett, long opposed to stock splits, said he enjoys using stock for the railroad deal "about as much as preparing for a colonoscopy." While the man known as the Oracle of Omaha has nonetheless supported the move, some professionals don't see it as a buying opportunity.

"I'm a follower and fan of Warren Buffett, but no, I am not going to buy into Berkshire Hathaway for myself or my clients," said Mark Pearson, president and CEO of Anchor Capital Management in Minneapolis. "I firmly believe there is greater value in other companies in the market."



AP photo
Investor Warren Buffett gestures during an interview prior to a special Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting in Omaha, Neb. Berkshire shareholders have approved splitting the company's Class B shares 50-for-1 as part of the company's \$26.3 billion acquisition of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp.

Equity

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home has a big vinyl fence around the yard where our boys can play. We are feeling really blessed to be here," said Zandra McArthur.

McArthur, who works in construction, said he'll continue volunteering long after making the first mortgage payment.

"Some families, you seem to never see them again after they move in but I'm going to continue using the skills God gave me," he said.

Two other area families are building sweat equity while Habitat works behind the scenes to secure homes.

Habitat Director Linda Fleming said families don't even know where their prospective homes are located until they've been closed on.

"As things do happen, we do not want the families to be disappointed," Fleming said.

After closing, Habitat goes to work at remodeling and bringing infrastructure up to code. With so many foreclosed homes on the market, the organization is able to find newer homes for each family.

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Germany plans conference on regulation

The Associated Press


BERLIN — Germany's finance minister says he plans to host an international conference on market regulation before the Group of 20's next summit.

Wolfgang Schaueble was quoted Saturday as telling the Welt am Sonntag newspaper that it's important to keep up international efforts to improve regulation.

He added that "to support this process, I will ask people to a high-level international conference in Berlin ahead of the next G-20 summit."


Schaueble didn't elaborate. G-20 leaders are to meet in Canada in June.

Germany has described President Obama's proposals for an overhaul of the financial sector as a helpful contribution to international discussions.



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Biden: U.S. to appeal dismissal of Blackwater case

By Matt Apuzzo
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The U.S. will appeal a court decision dismissing manslaughter charges against five Blackwater Worldwide guards involved in a deadly 2007 Baghdad shooting, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden said Saturday.

Biden's announcement after a meeting with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani shows just how diplomatically sensitive the incident remains nearly three years later. A

lawyer for one guard, noting that word of the intended appeal came in Iraq, accused the Obama administration of political expediency and said the U.S. was pursuing an innocent man, rather than justice.

Blackwater security contractors were guarding U.S. diplomats when the guards opened fire in Nisoor Square, a crowded Baghdad intersection, on Sept. 16, 2007. Seventeen people were killed, including women and children, in a shooting that

inflamed anti-American sentiment in Iraq.

Biden expressed his "personal regret" for the shooting and said the Obama administration was disappointed by the dismissal. "A dismissal is not an acquittal," he said.

The U.S. rebuffed Iraqi demands that the U.S. contractors face trial in Iraqi courts. After a lengthy investigation, U.S. prosecutors charged five of the contractors



Biden

with manslaughter and took a guilty plea from a sixth.

But the case fell apart when a federal trial judge in Washington, Ricardo Urbina, said in a Dec. 31 ruling that the Justice Department mishandled evidence and violated the guards' constitutional rights. Prosecutors now face difficult odds getting an appeals court to reinstate the case.

The dismissal outraged

many Iraqis, who said it showed the Americans considered themselves above the law. The Iraqi government began collecting signatures for a class-action lawsuit from victims who were wounded or lost relatives.

Lawyers for two of the Blackwater guards — Donald Ball, a former U.S. Marine from West Valley City, Utah, and Dustin Heard, a former U.S. Marine from Knoxville, Tenn. — sharply criticized the U.S. government's planned appeal.

"By announcing this decision in Iraq, through an elected official, the United States makes clear it has decided to do what is politically expedient, rather than what is just based on Judge Urbina's unshakable findings that the prosecutors engaged in gross misconduct and intentionally violated Mr. Ball's constitutional rights," attorney Steven McCool, who represents Ball, said in a statement. "In the end, the United States has shown it will pursue an innocent man, rather than justice."

'Inglourious Basterds' wins SAG film award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Bridges of "Crazy Heart" and Sandra Bullock of "The Blind Side" claimed top acting honors at Saturday's Screen Actors Guild Awards, building momentum for possible Academy Awards glory for the two stars.

"I love being an actor — pretending to be other people and getting into the shoes of other folks," said Bridges, who plays a hard-luck, hard-living country singer in the drama.

Although respected by his peers, Bridges has largely been bypassed for major awards. Bullock also got a rare chance to bask in the awards spotlight, winning for her portrayal of a tenacious real-life mom, Leigh Anne Tuohy, who helped a youth in need, future NFL player Michael Oher.



Bridges

Both Bridges and Bullock had picked up Golden Globes trophies for their roles less than a week ago. Backstage, Bullock refused to speculate on her Oscar chances in March.

"Shhhhh. Shhhh. Shhhh," she said, repeatedly, to a reporter asking the question.

"I would be a hostess or a waitress or a house restorer before I ever considered myself an actor, because I never thought I was good enough," Bullock added.

In another repeat of the Golden Globes, Christoph Waltz was honored as best supporting actor for his role as an energetically ruthless Nazi in the film "Inglourious Basterds," while Mo'Nique's searing portrayal of an abusive mother in "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' By Sapphire," was honored as best supporting actress.

The cast of "Inglourious Basterds," an off-kilter World War II revenge saga from Quentin Tarantino, won the award for best ensemble performance, a possible sign of the film's Oscar chances for a best-movie nomination and nod for Tarantino.

"It was an honor to be part of it, Quentin," cast member Eli Roth said in accepting the award for the cast.

The cast of AMC's 1960s Madison Avenue saga "Mad Men" won the trophy for best drama series ensemble for the second year in a row, while 19 cast members of Fox TV newcomer "Glee," about misfits in a high school singing club, accepted the award for best comedy series ensemble.

Hundreds mourn two clerics in Haiti

By Scott Wilson
The Washington Post

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Hundreds of the capital's Catholic faithful gathered Saturday to bury Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot, killed with scores of parishioners when the Jan. 12 earthquake broke apart the cathedral where he worked and prayed.

For the service, wooden pews from the ruined church, where countless bodies remain entombed beneath pale pink rubble and shattered stained glass, were set out in the broad courtyard in front of the cathedral.

Amid blooming oleander bushes and the occasional pop of gunfire from the volatile business district nearby, politicians and diplomats, seminarians and novices prayed, sang and remembered Miot, 63, and Bishop Charles Benoit, the city's vicar general, who was also crushed to death in the quake. His body lay in a white casket, topped with a spray of bright flowers, next to the one holding

TELETHON RAISES \$57 MILLION, SO FAR

NEW YORK (AP) — Organizers for the all-star "Hope for Haiti Now" telethon say the event raised \$57 million — and counting. "The public has set a new standard of giving for a relief telethon with 'Hope for Haiti Now,' and the donations continue to come in," Lisa Paulsen, president and CEO of the Entertainment Industry Foundation, said in a statement released Saturday. The group is helping to oversee the funds gathered from the event. The two-hour telethon aired Friday night on the major networks and dozens of other channels, including MTV, Bravo, and PBS, and was also streamed live online. Stars like Brad Pitt, Beyonce, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen and more used their presence to encourage donations for Haiti, following a Jan. 12 earthquake that killed an estimated 200,000 people.

the archbishop.

"If Monsignor Miot were alive, he would tell us to have courage, to be strong in starting over," said Marie-Andre Baril, 53, a bank teller whose home was destroyed.

The devout Catholic population of this city has lost the head of its church, a vivid example of one of the quake's cruelest outcomes. Many of those killed were the very people who, in times of tragedy, would be sought out for solace and explanation.

The Haitian government Saturday placed the death

toll from the 7.0-magnitude quake at 111,000 and rising, the vast majority of the victims from the capital, where up to a third of the country's people once lived.

And Saturday, a day after the government called off the search for survivors, another was found.

Greek TV journalists covering the looting in the city's commercial district heard from the crowd that there was someone calling out from the Napoli Hotel restaurant. The journalists heard him, too, and called the Greek search and rescue team.



AP photo

A sister from Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity touches the body of Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot, who died in the Jan. 12 earthquake, at his funeral outside the ruins of the National Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Saturday.

Oil spilled at E. Texas port as ships collide

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — As much as 450,000 gallons of crude oil may have spilled in a southeast Texas port when two vessels collided Saturday morning, but it's unclear whether that much actually leaked from the damaged tank, a U.S. Coast Guard official said.

No one was injured in the collision, but the Port of Port Arthur was closed and some nearby residents were evacuated for about seven hours.

Coast Guard officials would not say late Saturday when the size of the oil spill would be determined or how long the cleanup would take.

According to Petty Officer Richard Brahm, the ship's crew members said they pumped 69,000 barrels from the damaged tank that carried 80,000 barrels, so they have 11,000 barrels — about 450,000 gallons — that they can't account for.

Several local officials said only 1,000 barrels, or about 42,000 gallons, of oil had been spilled into the water.

Brahm acknowledged that it doesn't look like hundreds of thousands of gallons of crude was in the water. He said some might still be in the damaged tank.

"We can't get in there and look at it," he said.

Fewer than 100 people were evacuated from the area following the collision,



A barge is seen after hitting the Eagle Otome and causing a 450,000-gallon crude oil spill Saturday in Port Arthur, Texas. Officials contained the spill, but were still assessing the cause. No injuries were reported.

Houston Chronicle/AP photo

but they were allowed to go home by Saturday evening.

Port Arthur police Sgt. Ken Carona told television station KFDM that said hydrogen sulfide — a hazardous gas with a rotten egg smell — was emanating from the oil. He told the station that the levels weren't hazardous, but were a nuisance.

The mandatory evacuation order was lifted about 6 p.m., said Mike Free, a battalion chief with the Port Arthur fire department. He said he didn't know when the ships would be separated, but they would re-evaluate whether to order another evacuation then. He said the vessels were not expected to be separated Saturday night.

He said fire department monitors were no longer detecting hydrogen sulfide.

Greg Fountain, the Jefferson County emergency management coordinator, said there could be a risk of an explosion when the two metal vessels are separated.

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This undated photo shows a billboard at 52nd St. and Broadway in New York City featuring a photo of Charles Phillips and YaVaughnie Wilkins.

Oracle exec admits affair, solving billboard mystery

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A co-president of software maker Oracle acknowledges he had an affair with a woman he was shown snuggling with on billboards in New York, Atlanta and San Francisco.

Charles Phillips released a statement Thursday about his relationship with YaVaughnie Wilkins after blogs went abuzz over the mysterious billboards.

“I had an 8½ year serious relationship with YaVaughnie Wilkins,” Phillips said. “My divorce proceedings began in 2008. The relationship with Ms. Wilkins has since ended and we both wish each other well.”

Wilkins did not respond to calls for comment, and no one has taken credit for the billboards, which were taken down by Friday.

The billboards directed viewers to a Web site,

charlesphillipsandyavaughniewilkins.com, which is now out of service. The site included pictures purported to be of the pair, organized by yearly albums starting in 2001.

The pictures appeared to show Wilkins and Phillips at parties, on vacation and hanging out with friends.

The site also included digital images of love letters supposedly sent to Wilkins from Phillips and recordings of the pair singing karaoke.

The man who designed the site, Bela Kovacs, told *The Wall Street Journal* that Wilkins commissioned the site in late summer. Kovacs said he assumed the site was for a happy couple and he never met Phillips.

Kovacs told *The New York Post* that Wilkins told him the site, which cost about \$1,400, was a gift for Phillips.

Homeless veteran who saved 5 in fire laid to rest with honors

By Brett Zongker
Associated Press writer

ARLINGTON, Va. — Ray Vivier had been an adventurer, a Marine veteran who explored the country from South Carolina to Alaska, the father of five children.

The 61-year-old also was a man starting to get his life back together after living for years in a shanty beneath a Cleveland bridge. He had struggled with alcoholism, but by November he had a welding job, friends and a place to stay at a boarding house.

He rescued five people from that house when arsonists set it ablaze — but Vivier couldn’t save himself. He and three others died, and two people have been charged in their deaths. Vivier’s body, unclaimed and unidentified for weeks, seemed destined for an anonymous, modest burial.

However, Jody Fesco — who met Vivier while she was volunteering at a soup kitchen and had even invited him to her wedding — heard that Vivier may have died. Fesco and her husband contacted their friend Haraz Ghanbari, an Associated Press photographer, about the situation. Ghanbari took the lead to make sure Vivier wasn’t forgotten, tracking down the family members and arranging a proper funeral.

On Friday, Vivier’s ashes were interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

“You can see from what he did that he definitely had a good heart,” said Mercedes Cruz, Vivier’s ex-wife of 23 years, who attended the funeral with the couple’s children. “No matter what our difficulties were in our marriage, I’m very proud of what’s happened.”

For his grown children — who now are scattered around the country — Vivier

had been gone for about 15 years. They know of his heroism now — but they don’t know much about the man he was trying to become. They remember their dad’s struggles with alcohol and other troubles.

“What I’m trying to get out of this is to have one good, concrete memory that I can have of him for what he did to save those people,” said his oldest daughter, Elisha Vivier. “I’m proud of the man that he was becoming.”

Vivier was a private in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965 and 1966, though he didn’t see combat. He was stationed at Parris Island, S.C., Cruz said.

After his discharge, Vivier spent years working as a machinist, welder, iron worker and other tough jobs. He loved the outdoors and moved his family from Alaska to Oregon.

“He was just adventurous,” Cruz said. “He loved to see different places and see what it was like to live there.”

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Roberta Rasmussen Jones

BURLEY — Roberta Rasmussen Jones slipped quietly from this life on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at the age of 87. At the time of her death, she was a resident of the Spanish Fork Nursing and Rehab facility in Spanish Fork, Utah.

From August 1967 until September 2008, Roberta lived in Burley, among numerous friends and family members. She moved to Spanish Fork to be close to her son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Christine Jones and their family for the last 16 months of her life. The family will always cherish this time of special closeness. They express their deep appreciation to the nursing home staff for their loving and professional care.

Roberta was born to Jens Edward Rasmussen and Sarah Jane Darrington on Jan. 2, 1923, in Elba, Idaho. She grew up on the farm with five brothers during the Great Depression. During her youth, when she wasn't in school, she spent her time preparing food, keeping house, doing laundry, and working with the animals and garden. Yet, the slower pace of life in those days also gave her ample time to appreciate the beauties of nature beneath her beloved Mt. Independence. She attended high school in Malta, Idaho.

Roberta married a young local businessman named Floyd Tracy of Yost, Utah, in 1941. They had two sons, Floyd Stewart and Charles Douglas. In the late 1940s, Roberta became a licensed practical nurse and the family moved to Brigham City, Utah. She worked at Cooley Memorial Hospital for the next 18 years and found herself in the giving of comfort to others. Roberta and Floyd divorced in 1955.

Roberta married Ross Jones of Brigham City in 1957, and they had two sons, Paul Edward and Keith Ross. Keith died at the age of 11 days in 1958. Ross and Roberta were lifelong members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and their parents taught them the gospel. As young adults they both drifted some from their faith, but after Keith's death they determined to change the course of their lives. In 1963, they were sealed in the Logan LDS Temple to each other and to their little boys for time and eternity.

In 1966, the little family moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where Ross and Roberta held various jobs. Severe earthquakes and flooding prompted them to relocate to Burley in August of 1967. Roberta worked at Van Engelen's Department Store for a year, then worked for the next 17 years in the Merc



Department Store. She loved fabric and sewing and working with the public.

Roberta was a gifted mother. She read to Paul as a little boy and conversed with him hours on end about every topic imaginable. She taught faith, hope and charity, a love for the simple gifts of life and the joy of learning. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and caring for her yard. She and Ross cared for all four-legged creatures, large and small.

Roberta was a true Latter-day Saint. She learned from her experience to turn to the Lord and depend on him. She loved the scriptures and teaching the gospel. She cared for a number of widows left alone by their own children. She held various positions in the Sunday school, Primary and Relief Society and was a service missionary at the Church Distribution Center.

Roberta was preceded in death by her father and mother; her brothers, Joel Rasmussen, Floyd Rasmussen and Ralph Rasmussen; her infant son, Keith Ross; and her second husband, Ross Jones.

She is survived by her brothers, Elmo Rasmussen (Faye) and Robert Rasmussen (June); her first husband, Floyd Tracy; her sons, Floyd Stewart Tracy (Vickie), Charles Douglas Tracy and Paul Edward Jones (Christine); and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Burley LDS 2nd Ward Church, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop Clay Handy officiating. Burial will follow at the Brigham City Cemetery in Brigham City, Utah. Friends may call from 9 until 9:45 a.m. Thursday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

RUPERT — Verla Mae Parsons Berry Garrard, 66-year-old Rupert resident, returned to her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010.

Mae was born June 24, 1943, in Douglas County, Mo., to Floyd and Anna Rhodes Parsons. She was the first of seven children. She worked 17 years for the J.R. Simplot Company. She married Dewey Berry Sr. in 1964; they later divorced. She married Lawrence Garrard in 1990. She had a delightful sense of humor, was accepting of everyone and loved to serve those around her. Nurturing came natural to her. She loved her family very much. She appreciated the beauty of nature, enjoying rides and walks in the mountains and watching things bloom and grow. She worked hard to bring this joy to her grandchildren's eyes and ears, the chirp of a bird, a bird nest, the rain on the lake, the smell of the pine. She loved hunting, fishing and camping, especially with her children and grandchildren. She



loved the simple things in life.

Mae is survived by her husband, Lawrence Garrard; her children, Tenna (Tim) Berry Murray, Dewey (Dollene) Berry Jr. and Nicole Berry Weems, all of Burley; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; her stepchildren, Tom (Suzy) Garrard of Jerome, Randy (Cindy) Garrard of Burley, Lola (Pat) McMurtry of Boise, Becky (Lee) Rogers of Preston and Belva Rhoads of West Valley City, Utah; 14 step grandchildren and 29 step great-grandchildren; her siblings, Beverly (Robert) Sage of Heyburn, Valdi (Fred) McCoy of Burley, Steven (Cheryl) Parsons of Burley and Pauline (John) Taylor of Silverton, Ore. She was preceded in death by her father and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert.

Cremation services are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

Alice 'Kathleen' Wendling

FILER — Kathleen was born May 10, 1925, in Trinidad, Colo., to William Robert and Alice Lewis Crebo. After the passing of William R. Crebo from the effects of German gas attacks in World War I, her mother, Alice Lewis Crebo, returned to her roots and family in Harrisburg, Ill., with daughters, Kathleen and Alberta. Mother Crebo enjoyed a lengthy and respected career as an elementary teacher in Colorado and Illinois.

Kathleen attended grade and high school in Harrisburg, followed by the University of Illinois as a journalism major. She married Jack H. Wendling in 1944, and following World War II and her husband's graduation from the University of Michigan the family, now three, settled in Dayton, Ohio. When the last of four children entered elementary school, Kathleen began a distinguished news writing career concentrating on human interest and historical subjects in Ohio, and again following a move to her



adopted state, Idaho.

Kathleen suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in early January, and was operated on Jan. 9. While recovering, she suffered further complications and passed away peacefully in a deep sleep on Jan. 21, 2010, with her family by her side.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her mother, and sister, Alberta. She is survived by her husband of 65 years; her four children, Mark (Kathy), Sue, Scott (Eileen) and Ann; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebrating Kathleen's life is planned for Mothers Day, May 9, followed by inurnment on her birthday, May 10, at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

Kathleen will be remembered as a wife, best friend, mother and grandma, devoted to the happiness of her family. Her great sense of humor, vivacious personality and kindness toward others made for joy to be in her company. Words can never express the impact of her passing on friends and family.

Mike Christophersen

KIMBERLY — Michael H. "Mike" Christophersen, 58, of Kimberly, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Mike was born Dec. 6, 1951, at Victorville, Calif., to Leland and Shirley Meacham Christophersen. His family moved to Idaho when he was very young and he was raised and educated in the Treasure Valley. He graduated from Borah High School in 1969. Mike was an avid baseball player in high school and was drafted by the New York Yankees. He was unable to play for them due to the draft for the Vietnam War. He was enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1970 and was later honorably discharged. Mike married Sydney Wilkins and together they had two sons.

Mike enjoyed playing golf and fishing. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and loved them very much. He also



loved his blonde dog, "Chico." "Blondes have more fun!" Mike will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his children, Jasen (Kris) Christophersen and their children, Masen and Mattisen of Filer, Adam (Cindy) Christophersen and their son, Jase of Anchorage, Alaska; his honorary son, Nathan Cooke of Kimberly; sisters, Mary Jo Christophersen of Middleton and Holly (Jeff) Howell of Powell, Wyo.; a niece and nephew, Jenny Howell and Chad Howell; numerous cousins; and his dog, "Chico." His parents preceded him in death.

A celebration of life will be held for Mike from 2 until 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the home of his son, Jasen, at 2380 E. 4300 N. in Filer, Idaho. For more information, please contact the funeral home. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Harry Dean Strakbein (Dean)

MOHAVE VALLEY, Ariz. — Dean was born Nov. 12, 1950, in Eugene, Ore., to Lloyd and Barbara Strakbein and raised by his mom and stepdad, Dale Lowman. Dean left on his final journey on Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, surrounded by family, after being diagnosed with cancer.

Dean was a loving family man and friend who was always willing to lend a helping hand without expecting anything in return. He was a hard-working, fun-loving man that had many talents and could repair or make anything work. Dean grew up in Eugene, Ore., and spent most of his younger years playing and singing music. His first band, The Sires, won the local Battle of the Bands in 1967. Dean enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1968. He served in Vietnam and received many ribbons and awards after stepping on a land mine while moving fellow wounded Marines to a waiting helicopter. He believed and lived the Semper Fi motto throughout his life.

In 1985, Dean met his soul mate, Holly; they were married July 4, 1987. They resided in Kingman, Ariz., until 1994 when they had



the opportunity to become "Snowbirds." They spent their summers at Sessions and Smiley Creek Lodge in the Sawtooth Mountains in Idaho and wintered in Quartzsite, Ariz. Dean and Holly moved to Mohave Valley, Ariz., in 2001 to be closer to Dean's mom.

Dean loved camping, fishing, boating, playing horse shoes, driving his race car (The Silver Bullet No. 11), riding motorcycles and playing music, all the while having family and friends right there beside him having fun. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched. We love him and will always cherish the wonderful memories he has blessed us with.

Dean is survived by his mom, Barbara; wife, Holly; daughter, Angie (Bryan Fager); sons, Chris and Chad Strakbein; three granddaughters, Genny, Abby and Ellie; sisters, Tina Seal, Terry and Leann Lowman; and nine nieces and nephews.

A brief memorial for Dean will be held at the Mohave Valley Raceway on Feb. 6. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Compassus, 1225 Hancock Road, Suite 200, Bullhead City, AZ 86442.

Eleanor Glarborg

HAZELTON — Eleanor Glarborg, age 83, passed away of natural causes on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Ashton, Idaho, on Oct. 17, 1926. Her parents were Gustav and Martha Steinmann from Ashton.

She married George Glarborg on June 7, 1947. After graduating from college, they went farming in Ashton until 1957 when they moved to a homestead in Hazelton, Idaho, where they have resided since.

Eleanor graduated from Ashton High School in 1944 and received a degree in social work from the University of Idaho in 1948. She was baptized and confirmed in the faith as a member of the Lutheran church. Eleanor was an active member of the Dorcas Society at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. She was also actively involved in the women's organization at the Rupert Country Club, enjoyed bowl-



ing, and made many friendships within her activities. Living on the busiest street in Idaho, I-84, she welcomed innumerable visitors warmly and graciously over the years.

Eleanor is survived by her husband of 62 years, George Glarborg; son, Carl (Marsha) Glarborg; daughter, Chris (Blake) Coats; daughter, Karen (John) Cummings; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Mabel Marotz; her brother, Herb Steinmann; and her sister, Martha Van Zee.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, Idaho, with Pastor David Poovey officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Memorial Fund for Camp Perkins camperships.

Funeral arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth Meiser

JEROME — Kenneth Meiser, 90, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010, in Ogden, Utah.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; no viewing is planned.

Eula M. Olsen

JEROME — Eula Maxine Olsen, 87, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, at Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the funeral chapel.

Martha D. Palmer

CHUBBUCK — Martha Darlene Palmer, 78, of Chubbuck, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Paradise LDS Ward, Tyhee Stake Center on Yellowstone

Highway; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Cornelison Funeral Home, 431 N. 15th Ave. in Pocatello, and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Kenneth Freestone

HEYBURN — Kenneth Freestone, 74, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at his home.

No formal service will be held at this time (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Willard Bates

JEROME — Willard "Bill" Bates, 72, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Clifford Conner

RICHFIELD — Clifford Conner, 93, of Richfield, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, at a care facility in Meridian.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

SERVICES

Deloris Regina Phillips of Rupert, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary.

Martie Lentz Crandall of Twin Falls, funeral at noon Monday at the Twin Falls LDS Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.; visitation from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Monday at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Boyd Wright Woodward of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Emerson LDS Church, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Irene Lillian Wiseman of Twin Falls, gathering for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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Esther Leone Guthrie Babcock

GOODING — Esther passed to her heavenly reward on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at the age of 89. Esther had been living at the Lincoln County Care Center in Shoshone since August of 2006.

Esther Leone Guthrie Babcock was born at Sand Creek, Idaho, near Basalt outside Shelley on Dec. 29, 1920, the third of seven children born to Arro Dean and Edna Mary Betty Guthrie. She was educated in Basalt schools and graduated from Shelly High School in 1939.

Esther and Bill Gabriel (W.V.) married in 1940 in Idaho Falls and moved to North Shoshone in 1942 and farmed for several years. Esther was active in the North Shoshone Home Improvement Club, Wood River Grange and was a 4-H leader for many years. She moved to California in 1958 and married Kay Moore in 1959 and moved back to Shoshone, Idaho, then moved to New Mexico. After returning to Idaho, she made a short move to Oregon and finally back to Gooding, Idaho, to stay.

She met and married George Babcock in 1981 at the VFW in Gooding. They lived on Idaho Street and were very active in VFW and both Gooding and Hagerman Grange.

Esther was an RN and worked at many different positions during her active work life. She earned her LPN in 1965 and later her RN from College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Idaho. She last worked at the Center for Substance Abuse in Gooding.

Mother always had a heart for the Idaho School for the Deaf in Gooding where her sister, Elaine, graduated from high school. She was the state chair for deaf programs as supported by the grange for several years before her health made her give it up.

Esther was a 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was active in both the Shoshone Chapter and the Gooding Chapter. She held various positions in both chapters.

Mother was always known for her beautiful rose and flower gardens. She dearly loved flowers and always was willing to share them with her friends and neighbors. After George passed away, mother lived alone and lovingly tended her flowers until moving to the Lincoln County Care Center in Shoshone, Idaho, in August 2006.

Mother loved to do things for and help out other people. This began in 1946 when she was born again and joined the Methodist Church in Gooding, Idaho. Throughout her life, she attended various churches and was a member of First Christian Church in Gooding at the time of her passing, although she had been unable to attend services for some time.

Mother always worked



hard and expected everyone else to do the same. She just knew everyone was good and expected them to act in the right manner. She never met a stranger and was always a very friendly individual. She was generous to a fault and was ever ready to lend a helping hand. Her saying was “do the right thing!!” She was proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her extended family, especially all the generations who had come before her. She was the keeper of all things of the Betty family and Guthrie family, which included trunks of photos and boxes of mementoes from the late 1800s until 2006. Betty Hood has happily inherited this position.

She is survived by one sister, Elaine (Dean) Cools of Redding, Calif.; and by her daughters, Leanna Yvonne Gabriel (Milton “Gerry”) Ikard of Chandler, Texas, and Betty Renee’ Gabriel (Wendell) Hood of Town Creek, Ala.; and son, James H. (Cindy) Moore of Town Creek, Ala. She had three grandsons, Tracy A. Ikard (June) of Idaho Falls, Idaho, William D. Ikard (Millette) of Whitesburg, Ky., and James H Moore Jr. of Madison, Ala.; and five granddaughters, Anna Lee Higgins (T.J.) McConnell of Town Creek, Ala., Wendy Jennifer Hood (Michael) Smith of Sheffield, Ala., and Regina Autumn Hood (Jason) Burchfield of Coleman, Ala., Jasmine Moore and Kayla Moore of Town Creek, Ala.; and three step grandchildren, Catie Ard, Curtis Ard and Calvin Ard of Town Creek, Ala. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, two step great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren in Hawaii and Alabama. Esther is also survived by many nieces and nephews and scores of cousins in Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her parents of North Shoshone; two sisters, Elsie (Henry) Chabis of Firth, Idaho, and Elva (George Ira) McInelley of Shelley, Idaho; three brothers, Eldon “Red” (Joann) Guthrie and Eugene Guthrie, both of Gooding, Idaho, and Evan Guthrie of Twin Falls, Idaho; and infant identical twin sons, Larry Gene and William Dean Gabriel.

Her family will miss her dearly. We, her children, can’t express enough, our thanks to the personnel at the Lincoln County Care Center for taking such good care of and loving her for so many years. She loved all of you in return and thanked God for you.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel in Gooding. A graveside service will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. Viewing for family and friends will be an hour prior to the service on Tuesday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Network television pioneer Frances Buss Buch dies at 92

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Frances Buss Buch, a pioneer of network TV and the first female TV director, has died. She was 92.

Buch died Tuesday at a rest home near Hendersonville in western North Carolina, her great-nephew, Mark Spencer, confirmed Saturday.

“She was presented with an opportunity, especially as a woman, at a time when broadcasting was definitely a man’s world. She seized it and had no problem getting in there and mixing it up with the guys,” said Spencer, of Northbrook, Ill.

“It was that boldness as a woman that led to her success.”

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Orvil Delore Atkinson

NAMPA — “Marvelous” Orvil Delore Atkinson, 73, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully with honor, dignity and grace at his son’s home in Nampa, Idaho, on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010.

He was born to William Delore Atkinson and Mary Vivian Ricks Atkinson on Sept. 14, 1936, in Rexburg, Idaho. He spent his childhood in Hibbard and St. Anthony, Idaho, and the West Yellowstone area of Montana. As a young boy, he especially loved his family, friends and being outdoors. His extreme bond and relationship with nature only grew stronger throughout his entire life.

Orvil graduated from high school and moved to Moscow, Idaho, where he attended the University of Idaho for seven years. Some remember Orvil taking his dogs to class with him. After graduating from law school, he passed the Idaho Bar Exam on Oct. 6, 1961. He practiced law in northern Idaho and later Washington state. After several years of being an attorney, Orvil left his practice to pursue his passion and love for the great outdoors!

Over the last 40 years, he has worked for employers who allowed him the time and flexibility to enjoy what he loved to do. All who knew Orvil understood his sincere passion for his dogs, family, friends, camping, hunting, fishing, river running, golf and nature as a whole. He always showed a great interest for sports cars, motorcycles and all sports.



Orvil belonged to three very special clubs in Twin Falls — the “Canyon Cruisers,” “The Sons of Knute” and the “North Park Rowdies.” Orvil was a great friend to so many wonderful people. His family and friends can attest to his belief in “Happiness is where you find it.” Orvil truly had found his happiness. Shortly before his passing, he had expressed “how happy he was with his life and how much he appreciated his family, especially his granddaughter, Tayler.” We know he would want you to cherish all of the special memories you may have had together, just as he truly did.

Orvil is survived by his son, Gary Atkinson and family of Nampa; sister, Gay Davis and family of Twin Falls; an uncle, Mark Ricks and family of Rexburg; many great friends; and, not to be forgotten, his favorite hunting companions, Buddy and Radar. He was preceded in death by both of his parents, one nephew, many K-9s and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. All stories are welcome. Arrangements have been provided by the Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa (467-7300).

Our family would like to thank his many friends for all of the kindness and support they have shown. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Red Cross, Haiti Relief Fund.

Robert Eugene Drum

Robert Eugene Drum, 65, of Twin Falls, passed away from a lingering illness on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010. He had survived chemo radiation, surgery and rehab, and they were looking very optimistic for him to be able to go home when he passed away.

Robert was born in Vallejo, Calif., on June 29, 1944, the middle child of Edna Mae (Roberson) and Edwin E. Drum. He graduated from South Lake Tahoe High School in California. His earlier years were spent in California and then he moved to Nevada, where he first started working in casino restaurants. In 1981, he moved to Idaho just north of Shoshone, where his dad and older brother were ranching. He moved to Twin Falls in the fall of 1987.

He married Louise Price on Aug. 5, 1992, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Bob enjoyed square dancing, which is where he and Louise met. He also liked playing pinocle with his family and the Wednesday night pinocle group at the DAV hall. He went back to working in restaurants in 1986 and worked first for Cactus Petes for three years; then at various Twin Falls restaurants doing a variety of jobs until ill health forced him to take an early retirement. Louise and Bob had saved loose change to pay for a trip they had planned to take for their 20th anniversary.

Bob is survived by his mother, Edna Drum of Terrebone, Ore.; wife, Louise Drum of Twin Falls; brothers, Everett Drum of Shoshone, Idaho, Mike Drum of Terrebone, Ore., and Richard Drum of Carson City, Nev.; sister, Barbara (Gary) Allott of Spokane, Wash.; stepdaughter, Lisa (Shelton) Durfée of Jerome, Idaho; stepson, Kelly (Karen) Jones of Filer, Idaho; his grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Edwin Drum, and stepmother, Donna.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bob’s name to the Twin Falls United Methodist Church, the Twin Falls Rock Creek Community Church, or to a charity of choice.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at White Mortuary “Chapel by the Park.”



Country singing star Carl Smith dies at 82

The Washington Post

Carl Smith, a singer and guitarist who became one of country music’s most popular and durable performers and who was the first husband of singer June Carter, died Jan. 16 at his home in Franklin, Tenn., of complications from a stroke. He was 82.

Dubbed “The Country Gentleman,” Smith developed a singing style that captured the raw twang of Hank Williams Sr. and Roy Acuff but smoothed their rough edges. The approach gave him many hit records, with a string of 21 consecutive Top 10 Billboard country songs from 1951 to 1955. He remained a consistent hitmaker into the 1970s.

“He was ruggedly handsome and wore custom-tailored clothes,” said John Rumble, senior historian at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. “Back then, when people wanted to see a star, they didn’t want to see someone in blue jeans. They wanted someone who looked like a star. And he was smart enough to pick really good, commercial songs.”

Many of Smith’s songs reflected a swaggering ladies’ man image on such up-tempo numbers as “(When You Feel Like You’re In Love) Don’t Just Stand There,” “Go Boy Go” and “You Are The One.” But he also had a penchant for slower, plaintive songs such as “I Overlooked An Orchid (While Looking For A Rose)” and “Are You Teasing Me.”

Smith often performed with singer June Carter, to whom he was married from 1952 to 1956. A daughter from their marriage, Rebecca Carlene Smith, is a successful country rock musician who performs as Carlene Carter. June Carter later married entertainer Johnny Cash.

Smith’s second wife, the singer Goldie Hill, whom he married in 1957, also performed with him. She died in 2005.

In addition to Carlene Carter, survivors include two sons and a daughter.

‘Guys and Dolls’ actress Jean Simmons dies at 80

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Jean Simmons, whose ethereal screen presence and starring roles with Hollywood’s top actors made her a mid-century film icon, has died at age 80.

The actress, who sang with Marlon Brando in “Guys and Dolls;” costarred with Gregory Peck, Paul Newman and Kirk Douglas; and played Ophelia to Laurence Olivier’s Hamlet, died Friday at her home in Santa Monica, her agent Judy Page told the Los Angeles Times. She had lung cancer.

Already a stunning beauty at 14, Simmons made her movie debut in the 1944 British production “Give Us the Moon.”

Several minor films followed before British director David Lean gave the London-born actress her breakthrough role of Estella, Lancaster), “Until They Sail” (with Newman), “The Big Country” (Peck), “Spartacus,” (Douglas), “This Earth Is Mine” (Rock Hudson), “All the Way Home” (Robert Preston), “Mister Buddwing” (James Garner) and “Rough Night in Jericho” (Dean Martin).



Simmons, in 1965

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we’d like to express our deepest thanks to St. Lukes (M.S.T.I.) and Idaho Home Health & Hospice in Twin Falls.

Thank you so much for your great care, smiles and laughter along his journey.

Caldwell Family

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love and care that has been shown by family, friends, and the community following the loss of

Robert Jones.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Burley New Beginnings Church and the LDS Burley 9th Ward for providing us with such a wonderful meal after the service. To Dustin and the entire staff at White’s Mortuary and Morrison’s Mortuary, there are just no words to thank you for your kindness, patience, and sensitivity. Thank you for helping us put together a beautiful tribute of Rob’s life.

It is with deep gratitude and love that we say thank you to Dave and Barb Lind for your message of hope and the countless hours spent in prayer.

We would also like to thank The Mini-Cassia Veterans for honoring Rob’s service to his country with a 21- gun salute. Rob was very patriotic and we know he would have been pleased.

To our family and friends: We want everyone to know that your thoughtfulness has blessed us profoundly. We are truly grateful for your generous donations to the fund for Zachary and Kamie, the wonderful meals provided, the beautiful flowers, and most of all the company of good friends. We recognize how blessed we are to have such wonderful and caring people in our lives.

With our love — The Garth Jones Family

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Morrill's milestone

Former TFHS star Brady Jardine helps
USU coach earn 500th victory

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In the clutch

CSI men make key plays to outlast Bruins

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

No more.

Two weeks ago, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team vowed it was done losing close games. The Golden Eagles also vowed they were done losing at home.

So far they've lived up to their promises.

Making all the key plays in the closing minutes, CSI outlasted its chief rival, downing No. 25 Salt Lake Community College 65-57 before a raucous crowd at CSI Gymnasium.

The Eagles (15-7, 7-5 Scenic West Athletic Conference) outscored the Bruins 13-2 in the final 4:08, rallying to claim their fourth straight win.

"To play that hard for 35 minutes and then finish the last five that strong is just a big testament to the kids' character," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar.

Once again, sophomore guard Chuck Odum came up big in the clutch. His two free throws with 2:02 to play — on a night when CSI went a miserable 16 of 32 at the stripe — got CSI within 55-54. On the ensuing Salt Lake possession, Odum picked off the ball at midcourt and raced in for a slam, putting the Eagles up for good.

"I just told myself, 'We need a stop,'" said Odum, who made a similar steal and jam to help CSI win an overtime game over Eastern Utah Jan.



CSI's Byago Diouf passes the ball while Salt Lake Community College's Wil Carter defends Saturday in Twin Falls. **DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News**

14. "I just get myself into position and if he crosses over, I'm going to take it."

Odum wasn't alone in the big play department. With 2:49 left, Josten Thomas' athletic tip-in of a missed free

throw gave CSI a 59-55 lead. In a game that featured plenty of trash talk by both teams, Thomas took advantage of the Bruins' chatter.

"They were busy talking to me trying to get in my head,"

he said. "I started talking back and their guy stood up (on the foul lane). I took the opportunity to just get inside of him and get that rebound."

See **CSI**, Sports 5

Getting defensive: CSI women thwart Salt Lake

Coach Randy Rogers earns 200th win

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

With a brilliantly executed defensive game plan and an active effort on the offensive glass, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team gave head coach Randy Rogers' his 200th win Saturday with a 74-59 triumph over No. 2 Salt Lake Community College.

"This kind of adrenaline and this kind of rush, playing against our rival, it's great," said sophomore guard Nicole Harper. "And for Coach Rogers' 200th win, it couldn't have been better."

Harper grabbed three early offensive rebounds, setting the tone for a night that saw the Eagles get 23 offensive boards and rebound the Bruins 45-36.

Even more impressive was CSI's defense, which switched from full-court pressure, to half-court pressure, to various traps, a zone and man-to-man. The Eagles (15-7, 7-5 Scenic West Athletic Conference) held



College of Southern Idaho guard Nicole Harper defends a Salt Lake Community College Bruin Saturday at CSI in Twin Falls. **DREW GODLESKI/Times-News**

See **EAGLES**, Sports 5

Vikings vs. Saints a tasty dish in Orleans

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — What a spicy Cajun mix for the NFC championship game.

Brett Favre, headed for the Hall of Fame someday, highlights yet another comeback by facing the team he rooted for while growing up in Mississippi.

His Minnesota Vikings — ouch, say Packers fans — are on the doorstep of their first Super Bowl trip in 33 years, with the 40-year-old quarterback resembling the wide-eyed youngster who took Green Bay to the title in the very same Superdome in 1997.



NFC
Championship
Vikings at Saints
4:40 p.m., FOX

INSIDE

A full-page breakdown of today's championship games.

See **Sports 6**

And those Superdome tenants, the New Orleans Saints, are hosting a conference championship for the first time. A Super Bowl would provide a massive lift for a city still recovering from Hurricane Katrina's devastation and torment more than four years ago.

A Saints victory Sunday could set off Mardi Gras a few weeks early, with the celebration carrying on right up until the Feb. 7 big game in Miami.

Along with those tasty story lines, remember that these are the NFL's two highest-scoring teams, with offensive playmakers who can light up scoreboards and make fans' heads spin.

See **NFC**, Sports 5

Colts vs. Jets: rematch with a Super Bowl at stake

By Michael Marot
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Jim Caldwell traded the perfect season for what he hoped would be the perfect ending.

On Sunday, Caldwell and Indianapolis will play it by the book.

Nearly a month after the Colts coach pulled his starters against the New York Jets, granting Rex Ryan's Christmas wish, the Colts can show everyone they made the right move by redeeming themselves in the AFC Championship game.

"We're very eager to get out there," Colts defensive lineman Raheem Brock said. "We've got something to prove. They've got a good running game, a good offensive line, but now we've got to go out and prove ourselves again."

In December, the Colts didn't have to prove anything.

They were rolling along on an NFL record 23-game regular-season winning streak and had just set a franchise record with their 13th consecutive



AFC
Championship
Jets at Colts
1 p.m., CBS

See **AFC**, Sports 5

DIFFERENT STROKES

The Magic Valley Marlin hosted the Igloo Pentathlon Saturday at the YMCA City Pool in Twin Falls. Pictured, Magic Valley's Mason Johnson swims the 50-yard backstroke. For results, see Sports 2.



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Declo survives against Aberdeen in 67-56 contest

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

DECLO — The Aberdeen Tigers wouldn't go away.

Despite leading the entire way, Declo allowed Aberdeen to hang around far too long on Saturday night. But with a 10-point fourth quarter from Tyler Briggs, the Hornets finally finished off a 67-56 nonconference win.

Declo (10-4) struggled to stop Aberdeen's dribble penetration, especially from seniors Austin George and Wade Wahlen, who combined to score 44 of the Tigers' points.

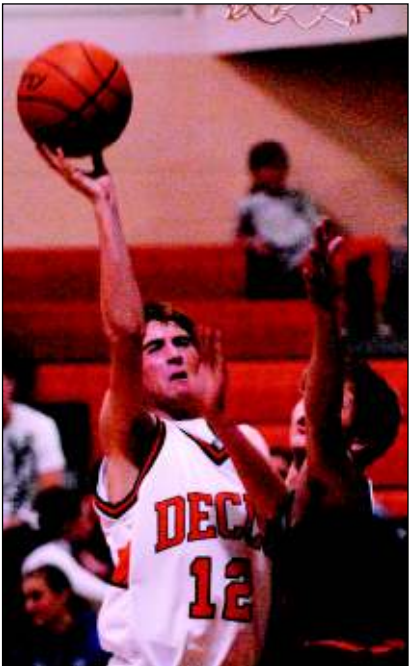
"We didn't have a good defensive night," Briggs said. "They got a lot of

layups driving the middle and that killed us. We need to work on communication so that we can have someone step off and help."

On the few occasions that the Hornets were able to stop the dribble, they would get caught reaching for a foul and send Aberdeen to the free throw line, or the Tigers would simply beat Declo's rotation and dish off to an open teammate for the easy bucket.

"They were subbing when they made their second free throw so that they could set their press (defense) so we couldn't run," said Declo coach Dee Jones. "That kept us down a little bit."

See **DECLO**, Sports 2



RYAN HOWE/Times-News
Declo's Dane Janak (12) takes the ball to the rim against Aberdeen on Saturday.

Slotten wins at Tiger-Grizz invite

Times-News

The Twin Falls wrestling team finished 12th out of the 35 teams at the Tiger-Grizz Invitational in Idaho Falls Saturday.

Four Bruins recorded top-six finishes, led by Zak Slotten, who won the 171-pound weight class.

Will Keeter finished third in 140. Joe Hamilton was sixth in 125 and Todd Anderson claimed sixth place in 145.

Tiger-Grizz Invitational At Skyline High, Idaho Falls

Individual results
1. Box Elder 192.5, 2. Columbia 186, 3. Highland 181, 4. Star Valley, Wyo. 166, 5. Porcello 127, 6. Borah 124, 7. Wasatch, Utah 119, 8. Blackfoot 104.5, 9. Capital 104, 10. Mountain View 101, 11. Idaho Falls 99.5, 12. Twin Falls 98, 13. Layton, Utah 97.5, 14. Spring Creek, Nev. 88.5, 15. Rock Springs, Wyo. 83, 16. Bonneville 82, 17. South Fremont 82, 18. Weber, Utah 71.5, 19. High 71, 20. Skyline 68.5, 21. Kuna 62, 22. Evanston, Wyo. 49, 23. Meridian 47.5, 24. Shelley 47, 25. Preston 45.5, 26. Rocky Mountain 45, 27. Eagle 42, 28. Stansbury, Utah 41, 29. Sugar-Salem 35.5, 30. Snake River 32, 31. Hillcrest 29, 32. Mountain Home 17, 33. Canyon Ridge 14, 34. Madison 10, 35. Century 6

103 pounds: 1. Tyler Twiss, TFF, 2. Juan Navarro, BF, 3. Garrett Bradley, WAS, 4. Ryan Slater BOR, 5. Justin Lineberry HIG, 6. Alex Moore BE
121: 1. Brayden Humphreys LAY, 2. Brennan Bell HIG, 3. Morgan Sweat WAS, 4. Ben Ferry BE, 5. Kam Reddish COL, 6. Tate Hansen BF
139: 1. Beau Roberts MTV, 2. Nic Portner PRC, 3. Anthony Esplin HIG, 4. Chase Call SH, 5. T.J. Guild SV, 6. Eddie Millward POC
125: 1. Brock Banta SF, 2. Brenn Schiess HIG, 3. Hayden Heap SV, 4. Joe Hamilton TF, 5. Rasten Yeates BE, 6. Ryan Slaughter RS
130: 1. Cody Bunderson BE, 2. Jesus Dozal COL, 3. Derek Moran WEB, 4. Jacob Hall HIG, 5. Tyler Praska POC, 5. Royce Tortal BOR
135: 1. Austin Powell COL, 2. Koletton Hardy BE, 3. Bryce Howard BOR, 4. Josh Bundschuh BOR, 5. Mark Vanslyke SV, 6. Nicolas Moreno HIL
140: 1. Holden Packard MTV, 2. Taylor West BOR, 3. Will Keeter TF, 4. Cole Jenkins SKV, 5. Cody VanBuren WEB, 6. Chad Ritchie SH
145: 1. Nick Woodson SC, 2. Ryan Packard COL, 3. Darin Taylor SV, 4. Paddon Nolan KUN, 5. Jayce Warren WEB, 6. Todd Anderson TF
152: 1. Andy McCulley RS, 2. Teddy Hackford WAS, 3. Tre Jarboe COL, 4. Dalton Dance SV, 5. Logan Irwin SV, 6. Colter Tucker RIG
160: 1. Jordan Cox IF, 2. Charlie MacMartin CAP, 3. Shawn Segalla EVA, 4. Andrew Lords RIG, 5. Jordan Ibarra COL, 6. Chris Percy BF
171: 1. Zak Slotten TF, 2. Cody Carlson CAP, 3. Jesse Paulsen IF, 4. Zack Deleora HIG, 5. Garrett Myers SKV, 6. Colin Hill BF
189: 1. Tanner Hall MER, 2. Derek Thomas LAY, 3. Ben Price BOR, 4. Sean Smith BC, 5. D.J. Maloney KUN, 6. Nick Edwards SV
215: 1. Trevor Rupp POC, 2. Christian Denry IF, 3. Brian Rhodehouse SF, 4. Drake Peterson, RIG, 5. Patrick Evans BOR, 6. Ty Jordan COL
285: 1. Daniel Crook BE, 2. Beaughey Meyer CAP, 3. Wes Howard POC, 4. Gaylen Edmold HIGH, 5. Adam Walton SV, 6. Roberto Chavez BF

FILER, WENDELL FINISH WELL AT PARMA TOURNEY

The Wendell wrestling team had four wrestlers place Saturday at the Parma Tournament.

Kevin Vanhoozer took fourth in the 112-pound division, while Derek Gines was second at 119. Tyler Egbert placed fourth at 130, while Alan Benson finished fourth in the 140-pound division.

Filer placed sixth overall at the event as Andrew Jaurez (112 pounds), Jacob Bogner (171) and Nick Fleenor (215) all placed second in their divisions.

Ryan Orr was fourth at 160, while Brett Packham placed fourth at 275.

Boys basketball

HIGHLAND 47, MINICO 40

Nate Hartman hit consecutive 3-pointers in the late going to lift Highland to

a 47-40 win over visiting Minico on Saturday. The Spartans (9-5) got 12 points from Mark Leion and nine from Shad Hubsmith in a game that was close throughout.

Minico resumes Great Basin Conference play on Wednesday, hosting Wood River.

Highland 47, Minico 40
15 41 10 - 40
17 9 14 - 47
MINICO (47)
Edgar Espinoza 3, Mark Leon 12, Collin Johnson 3, Shad Hubsmith 9, Bronson Miller 6, Casey Christensen 3, Kevin Jurgensmeyer 4, Totals 14 7-11 40.

HIGHLAND 47
Tanner Nielson 5, Talsan Mann 4, Jordan Finn 3, Dallin Mower 2, Jace Ashby 5, Nate Hartman 15, James Carter 8, Cole Ashby 2, Harding 3. Totals 15 11-16 47.
3-point goals: Minico 5 (Leon 2, Hubsmith, Miller, Christensen); Highland (Nielson 1, Finn 1, Hansen 1, Hartman 3). Total fouls: Minico 14, Highland 14.

OAKLEY 72, HANSEN 31

A quicker and more athletic Oakley team forced 17 Hansen turnovers as the host Hornets powered over the Huskies 72-31 in Snake River South Conference action.

“We’re on a three-game winning streak and playing our best of the season,” said Oakley coach Tyler Matlock. “We have our hands full this week with Raft River and Carey.”

Weston Cooper posted 16 points and Hunter Wadsworth added 14 for Oakley. Kevin Fuller led Hansen with nine.

Hansen (2-12, 0-4) hosts Hagerman on Tuesday.

Oakley (5-6, 2-2) is at Raft River on Friday and Carey ext Saturday.

Oakley 72, Hansen 31

10 9 8 4 - 31
20 20 12 - 72
HANSEN (31)
Laton Stanger 4, Caleb Lehman 6, Gage Stimpson 2, Pete Veenstra 2, Devon Spearing 3, Kevin Fuller 7, Nathan Wilken 4, Jay Ratto 3. Totals 11 5-14 31.

OAKLEY (72)
Pavon Bedke 2, Brett Arnell 8, Weston Cooper 16, Rhyann Greenwell 6, Hunter Wadsworth 14, Travis Robinson 3, Daniel Whittle 6, Garrett Critchfield 9, Eddie Setok 8. Totals 29 13-27 72.
3-point goals: Hansen 4 (Lehman 2, Spearing, Fuller), Oakley 1 (Wadsworth). Total fouls: Hansen 15, Oakley 11. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

FILER 56, GOODING 30

Filer smashed Gooding 56-30 Saturday night. Bryce Beard scored 14 points and Justin Orban added 12 for the Wildcats.

Austin Basterrechea and Breck Stuart each scored 11 points for the Senators.

The Wildcats travel to SCIC conference rival Kimberly Tuesday while Gooding hosts Valley on Wednesday.

Filer 56, Gooding 30

15 11 17 13 - 56
6 8 9 7 - 30
FILER (56)
Matt Ramseyer 6, Bryce Beard 14, Ryan Karel 5, Cassidy Babbs 9, Terrell Bailey 2, Trevor Doney, Tyler Krefl 6, Justin Orban 12. Totals 22 9-34 56.

GOODING (30)
Jon Jensen 5, Austin Basterrechea 11, Breck Stuart 11, Devan McCool 3. Totals 11 7-9 30.
3-point goals: Filer 9 (Beard 4, Orban 2, Krefl, Babbs, Karel); Gooding (Stuart). Total fouls: Filer 13, Gooding 5. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CASTLEFORD 66, VALLEY 31

The Wolves showed no

mercy Saturday night as they shredded Valley 66-31.

Kale Weekes dumped in 17 points and Michael Wiseman added 15 for Castleford. Matt Ivey was the leading scorer for the Vikings with nine points. Castleford hosts Hagerman Monday while Valley travels to Gooding on Wednesday.

Castleford 66, Valley 31

15 21 19 11 - 66
5 10 14 2 - 31
CASTLEFORD (66)
Clayton Kline 9, Nick Howard 7, Houston Horner 2, Kale Weekes 17, Sam Chavez 10, Tyler Hansen 4, Michael Wiseman 15, Ethan Tverdy 2. Totals 28 7-18 66.

VALLEY (31)
Justin Johnson 4, Anthony Costello 6, Ricardo Mora 3, Austin Shawver 2, Matt Ivey 9, John Cauhorn 6, Chase Brown 1. Totals 10 9-13 31.
3-point goals: Castleford 3 (Chavez 2, Kline 1); Valley 2 (Mora, Cauhorn). Total fouls: Castleford 17, Valley 15. Fouled out: Brown, Valley. Technical fouls: none.

RAFT RIVER 76, CHALLIS 58

Cade Powers scored 18 points as Raft River beat Challis 76-58.

Taylor Thacker scored 17 and Rio Manning added 16 for the Trojans.

Craig Olson scored 14 points and Matt Helm added 11 for the Vikings.

Raft River hosts Shoshone Wednesday.

Raft River 76, Challis 58

19 15 23 19 - 76
13 18 15 - 58
RAFT RIVER (76)
Cade Powers 18, Rio Manning 16, Taylor Thacker 17, Nelson Manning 9, H.D. Tuckett 8, Andrew Fenn 3, Sam Clark 2, Jason Hurst 3. Totals 29 13-17 76.

CHALLIS (58)
Jay Parkinson 9, Danny Evans 6, Matt Helm 11, Craig Olson 14, Dalton Crane 8, Dylan Savage 10. Totals 19 16-23 58.
3-point goals: Raft River 5 (Tuckett 2, Powers, Thacker, Fenn); Challis 4 (Helm 2, Parkinson, Crane 1). Total fouls: Raft River 17, Challis 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 78, BLISS 42

Carey blasted Bliss 78-42 Saturday night behind Brett Adamson's 23 points.

Trevor Peck scored 20, and Blair Peck contributed 18 for the Panthers.

Cameron Schoessler was the leading scorer Bliss with 10 points.

Carey hosts Dietrich Tuesday.

Carey 78, Bliss 42

19 22 25 12 - 78
10 8 20 4 - 42
CAREY (78)
Dillon Simpson 5, Brett Adamson 23, Trevor Peck 20, Blair Peck 18, Shane Bingham 2, Wacey Barg 8, Caleb Cenarusa 2. Totals 34 2-78 78.

BLISS (42)
Alex Cortez 9, Cameron Schoessler 10, Cole Erkins 9, Zae Vincent 5, Thomas Palmer 9. Totals 13 11-22 42.
3-point goals: Carey 8 (T. Peck 4, B. Peck 2, Adamson, Simpson); Bliss 5 (Erkins 3, Cortez, Palmer 1). Total fouls: Carey 18, Bliss 8. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Girls basketball

GOODING 47, HAGERMAN 23

Brittany Wirth posted 22 points to lead Gooding to a home 47-23 win over the Hagerman Pirates.

“Mackenzie Stevens was our spark plug tonight,” said Gooding coach Luanne Axelson. “She had 10 rebounds and four were offensive.” Kaitlyn Nebeker led the

Senators with seven points.

Hagerman (2-16, 1-4 Snake River North) hosts Lighthouse Christian and Gooding (10-5, 2-4 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) is at Filer on Wednesday.

Gooding 47, Hagerman 23

5 9 7 12 - 23
16 9 13 9 - 47
HAGERMAN (23)
Cheyenne Crist 5, Kaitlyn Nebeker 7, Tobin Wickham 1, Kyla Coates 2, Jessica Regnier 4, Raven Aiken 2, Amanda Regnier 2. Totals 8 5-6 23.

Angela Vitek 8, Kourtney Agerbroad 2, Mackenzie Stevens 3, Danielle Baker 7, Carrie Baker 4, Brittany Wirth 22, Laraine Turner 1. Totals 16 15-24 47.
3-point goals: Hagerman 2 (Crist, Nebeker), Gooding 1 (Vitek). Total fouls: Hagerman 16, Gooding 5. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

DIETRICH 47, MINICO JUNIORS 32

Behind 18 points and seven rebounds from junior Dayna Phillips, the Blue Devils handed the host Minico juniors a 47-32 nonconference loss.

“Dayna was close to a double-double and played an excellent game,” said Dietrich coach Acey Shaw. “She was really tough on the boards and at the free throw line. We are starting to look like the team we were earlier in the season.”

Dietrich senior Kelci Dalton was also in double figures with 10 points.

Jena Bingham and Melinda Martinez each scored eight points for the Spartans.

Dietrich (14-2, 6-0 Northside Conference) is at Carey on Tuesday.

Dietrich 47, Minico Juniors 32

17 11 12 - 47
4 13 11 - 32
DIETRICH (47)
Kelci Dalton 3, Nakia Norman 7, Jessica Perron 4, Moriah Dill 2, Shavyla Porter 3, Kelci Dalton 10, Dayna Phillips 18. Totals 17 12-17 47.

MINICO JUNIORS (32)
Linsie Bair 4, Jena Bingham 8, Malaria Pratt 7, Micaela Merrill 2, Taylor O'Connell 3, Melinda Martinez 8. Totals 14 5-5 32.
3-point goals: Dietrich 1 (Dalton), Minico juniors 1 (Pratt). Total fouls: Dietrich 5, Minico juniors 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 60, BLISS 9

Carey senior Amy Ellsworth recorded a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds to lead Carey to a 60-9 Northside Conference win over the host Bears. Jaide Parke was also in double figures with 18 points for the Panthers.

Carey (11-4, 6-1) hosts Dietrich on Tuesday.

Bliss (6-7, 1-7) hosts the Community School on Wednesday.

Carey 60, Bliss 9

18 16 17 9 - 60
6 2 0 1 - 9
CAREY (60)
Jessica Parke 5, Jaide Parke 18, Angela Ellsworth 5, Darby Northcott 2, Amy Ellsworth 18, Micaela Adamson 4, Candace Hennelner 6, Morgan Parke 2. Totals 27 5-10 60.

BLISS (9)
Amy Young 6, Demsie Douthard 2, Savannah Keher 1. Totals 3 1-6 9.
3-point goals: Carey 1 (Angela Ellsworth), Bliss 2 (Young 2). Total fouls: Carey 9, Bliss 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.



Magic Valley swimmer Marlin Matt Twiss swims the 50-yard backstroke Saturday during the Igloo Pentathlon in Twin Falls.

DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

Trio leads M.V. Marlins at Igloo

Times-News

Mason Johnson, Parker Twiss and Wes Walton of the Magic Valley YMCA Marlins each won two events at the Igloo Pentathlon, held at the YMCA City Pool in Twin Falls on Saturday.

Johnson won the 50-yard butterfly and 100-yard individual medley in the 9-10 year division, while Twiss won the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley in the 13-14 year division. Walton won the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley in the 15-16 year division.

Other local winners included Evan Brock, the 50-yard breaststroke winner in the 11-12 division, and Hannah Biedenbach in the 13-14 year 200-yard individual medley.

2010 Igloo Pentathlon Swimmers' results

(Top 5 plus local finishers only)

Boys

Age 6 and under

25-yard fly: 1. Trey Scott, BY, 29.95; 2. Landry Vereecken, TAC, 33.23; 3. Xander Smith, MSL, 50.63.
25-yard back: 1. Xander Smith, MSL, 27.79; 2. Trey Scott, BY, 27.98; 3. Ricky Henderson, IFST, 30.03; 4. Landry Vereecken, TAC, 30.28; 5. Colton Pimentel, SRSS, 36.52.
25-yard breast: 1. Trey Scott, BY, 31.25; 2. Landry Vereecken, TAC, 39.00; 3. Xander Smith, MSL, 42.78.
25-yard free: 1. Xander Smith, MSL, 25.03; 2. Ethan Brown, IFST, 25.12; 3. Isaiah Beck, NST, 25.61; 4. Ben Hounshell, IFST, 27.27; 5. Coleman Sandy, TAC, 27.36; 9. Trace Mayo, MV, 36.03.

25-yard free: 1. Ethan Bruemmer, IFST, 16.49; 2. Randon Hall, BY, 17.31; 3. Wyatt Kjar, TAC, 18.05; 4. Coleman Sandy, TAC, 21.67; 5. Ben Hounshell, IFST, 22.32; 6. Trace Mayo, MV, 22.34; 10. Dylan Morris, MV, 22.94; 15. Asher Brown, MV, 25.93; 18. Thomas Huetting, MV, 37.43.

100-yard IM: 1. Randon Hall, BY, 1:35.07; 2. Ethan Bruemmer, IFST, 1:36.79; 3. Wyatt Kjar, TAC, 1:55.59; 4. Dylan Morris, MV, 2:00.30; 5. Braxton Silcock, HEAT, 2:21.07.

Age 11-12

50-yard fly: 1. Mason Johnson, MV, 38.32; 2. Elijah Beck, MST, 39.90; 3. Kekona Ream, MV, 42.13; 4. Thomas Roark, BY, 42.95; 5. Sam Bruneel, BY, 46.48; 6. Reilly Jones, MV, 48.41.

50-yard back: 1. Thomas Roark, BY, 39.84; 2. Luke Yost, TAC, 40.42; 3. Mason Johnson, MV, 40.52; 4. Sam Bruneel, BY, 41.40; 5. Kekona Ream, MV, 44.04; 7. Reilly Jones, MV, 47.67; 16. Lincoln Schuyler, MV, 52.89; 21. Dalton Rasgorshek, MV, 128.07.

50-yard breast: 1. Sam Bruneel, BY, 44.19; 2. Thomas Roark, BY, 46.93; 3. Elijah Beck, NST, 47.96; 4. Kekona Ream, MV, 49.01; 5. Mason Johnson, MV, 49.88; 13. IFST, 1:01.05.

50-yard free: 1. Thomas Roark, BY, 32.99; 2. Luke Yost, TAC, 33.48; 3. Sam Bruneel, BY, 33.59; 4. Mason Johnson, MV, 33.85; 5. Elijah Beck, NST, 36.73; 7. Kekona Ream, MV, 38.02; 8. Reilly Jones, MV, 38.79; 20. Dalton Rasgorshek, MV, 1:19.16.

100-yard IM: 1. Mason Johnson, MV, 1:26.93; 2. Sam Bruneel, BY, 1:28.17; 3. Elijah Beck, NST, 1:28.69; 4. Luke Yost, TAC, 1:29.79; 5. Thomas Roark, BY, 1:33.83; 6. Kekona Ream, MV, 1:37.49; 8. Reilly Jones, MV, 1:47.87; 14. Lincoln Schuyler, MV, 2:08.57.

Age 11-12

50-yard fly: 1. Mac Beers, MSL, 33.03; 2. Jay Van Buren, MSL, 33.97; 3. Caleb McAfee, MV, 34.66; 4. Matt Twiss, MV, 36.28; 5. Bryton Bollwinkle, MSL, 38.17; 6. Kepano Ream, MV, 38.74.

50-yard back: 1. Jay Van Buren, MSL, 33.98; 2. Matt Twiss, MV, 35.21; 3. Caleb McAfee, MV, 35.21; 4. Evan Brock, MV, 35.99; 5. Bryton Bollwinkle, MSL, 37.48; 6. Kepano Ream, MV, 37.92.

50-yard breast: 1. Evan Brock, MV, 39.80; 2. Jay Van Buren, MSL, 41.08; 3. Mac Beers, MSL, 41.96; 4. Matt Twiss, MV, 42.96; 5. Caleb McAfee, MV, 43.08; 9. Kepano Ream, MV, 46.97.

50-yard free: 1. Jay Van Buren, MSL, 28.76; 2. Matt Twiss, MV, 30.31; 3. Mac Beers, MSL, 30.68; 4. Caleb McAfee, MV, 30.76; 5. Evan Brock, MV, 30.90; 9. Kepano Ream, MV, 33.77.

100-yard IM: 1. Mac Beers, MSL, 1:15.53; 2. Jay Van Buren, MSL, 1:16.13; 3. Matt Twiss, MV, 1:16.39; 4. Caleb McAfee, MV, 1:20.45; 5. Bryton Bollwinkle, MSL, 1:26.33; 6. Kepano Ream, MV, 1:27.46.

100-yard fly: 1. Joseph Davis, IFST, 1:05.23; 2. Hayd Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 1:06.03; 3. Parker Twiss, MV, 1:07.00; 4. Brandon Hoard, MV, 1:09.04; 5. Ryan Van Buren, MSL, 1:10.47.

100-yard back: 1. Stuart Boyd, BY, 1:06.11; 2. Kevin Fanter, BY, 1:06.34; 3. Hayd Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 1:07.86; 4. Ryan Van Buren, MSL, 1:08.86; 5. Marcus Bartolome, IFST, 1:08.93; 7. Brandon Hoard, MV, 1:09.74; 8. Parker Twiss, MV, 1:09.99.

100-yard breast: 1. Parker Twiss, MV, 1:05.96; 2. Kevin Fanter, BY, 1:11.19; 3. Ryan Van Buren, MSL, 1:13.35; 4. Hayd Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 1:15.29; 5. Joseph Davis, IFST, 1:15.65; 6. Brandon Hoard, MV, 1:18.38.

100-yard free: 1. Stuart Boyd, BY, 56.76; 2. Parker Twiss, MV, 57.26; 3. Ryan Van Buren, MSL, 57.36; 4. Joseph Davis, IFST, 58.05; 5. Tanner Brodt, BY, 58.74; 8. Brandon Hoard, MV, 1:00.22.

200-yard IM: 1. Parker Twiss, MV, 2:18.79; 2. Kevin Fanter, BY, 2:23.04; 3. Hayd Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 2:23.57; 4. Joseph Davis, IFST, 2:23.93; 5. Ryan Van Buren, MSL, 2:26.68; 6. Brandon Hoard, MV, 2:36.65.

Age 15-16

100-yard fly: 1. Taylor Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 56.48; 2. Wes Walton, MV, 1:00.27; 3. Rhett Southard, BY, 1:00.85; 4. Chaney Boyle, IFST, 1:01.58; 5. Kevin Miller, IFST, 1:01.95.

100-yard back: 1. Wes Walton, MV, 58.56; 2. Taylor Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 59.95; 3. Chaney Boyle, IFST, 1:03.38; 4. Kevin Miller, IFST, 1:05.45; 5. Rhett Southard, BY, 1:06.31; 9. Trevor Downs, MV, 1:24.80.

100-yard breast: 1. Chaney Boyle, IFST, 1:08.16; 2. Wes Walton, MV, 1:08.21; 3. Taylor Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 1:09.93; 4. Kevin Miller, IFST, 1:14.91; 5. Rhett Southard, BY, 1:16.18; 6. Trevor Downs, MV, 1:26.47.

100-yard free: 1. Taylor Clayton-Brooks, SRSS, 54.09; 2. Wes Walton, MV, 54.22; 3. Chaney Boyle, IFST, 54.49; 4. Kevin Miller, IFST, 56.45; 5. Rh

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	28	13	.683	—
Toronto	22	22	.500	7½
New York	17	25	.405	11½
Philadelphia	15	28	.349	14
New Jersey	3	40	.070	26
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	14	.667	—
Orlando	29	15	.659	—
Miami	23	20	.535	5½
Charlotte	21	21	.500	7
Washington	14	28	.333	14
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	11	.756	—
Chicago	20	22	.476	12½
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	14½
Detroit	17	28	.379	18
Indiana	15	29	.341	18½
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	28	15	.651	—
San Antonio	24	19	.558	2½
Houston	24	19	.558	4
Memphis	23	19	.548	4½
New Orleans	23	20	.535	5
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	29	14	.674	—
Portland	27	18	.600	3
Utah	25	18	.581	4
Oklahoma City	24	20	.545	5½
Minnesota	9	36	.200	21
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	33	10	.767	—
Phoenix	26	19	.578	8
L.A. Clippers	19	23	.452	13½
Sacramento	15	28	.349	18
Golden State	13	29	.310	19½

Friday's Games				
Miami 112, Washington 88				
Toronto 101, Milwaukee 96				
Philadelphia 92, Dallas 81				
Orlando 100, Sacramento 84				
Atlanta 103, Charlotte 89				
Boston 98, Portland 95, OT				
Memphis 86, Oklahoma City 94				
New Orleans 96, Minnesota 94				
Indiana 105, Detroit 93				
L.A. Lakers 115, New York 105				
Houston 116, San Antonio 109				
Golden State 111, New Jersey 79				
Chicago 115, Phoenix 104				
Saturday's Games				
Philadelphia 107, Indiana 97				
Orlando 106, Charlotte 95, OT				
Portland 97, Detroit 93				
Cleveland 100, Oklahoma City 99				
Miami 115, Sacramento 84				
Chicago 104, Houston 97				
Milwaukee 127, Minnesota 94				
Denver 116, New Orleans 110, OT				
Phoenix 116, New Jersey 83				
Philadelphia 121, Golden State 103				
Sunday's Games				
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 11 a.m.				
L.A. Lakers at New York, 11 a.m.				
Monday's Games				
Indiana at Philadelphia 5 p.m.				
Atlanta at Boston, 5:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at Miami, 5:30 p.m.				
Orlando at Memphis, 6 p.m.				
Atlanta at Houston, 6:30 p.m.				
Chicago at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.				
Charlotte at Denver, 7 p.m.				
Phoenix at Utah, 7 p.m.				
New Orleans at Portland, 8 p.m.				

NBA Boxes

Trail Blazers 97, Pistons 93				
Portland (97)				
Webster 39-4-4-28, Aldridge 10-18-12-21, Pendergrah 14-8-10-20, Miller 3-6-5-6-11, Blake 5-12-0-10, Fernandez 4-8-10-19, Cunningham 12-12-3, Howard 1-5-0-2-2. Totals 34-71-26-97.				
Detroit (93)				
Prince 2-6-2-6, Wilcox 4-6-0-1-8, Wallace 2-4-2-6-6, Stuckey 8-17-4-20, Hamilton 6-16-11-15, Jerbeko 2-4-0-5, Villanueva 7-16-2-17, Atkins 0-1-0-0-0, Maxiell 1-2-4-6-6, Daye 0-1-0-0-0. Totals 32-75-25-94.				
Portland 32, Detroit 21				
Portland	32	24	18	23
Detroit	21	22	24	23
3-Point Goals—Portland 8-22 (Webster 6-13, Fernandez 1-3, Blake 1-4, Aldridge 0-1, Cunningham 0-1), Detroit 4-21 (Hamilton 2-5, Jerbeko 1-2, Villanueva 1-9, Atkins 0-1, Daye 0-1, Prince 0-1, Stuckey 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 43 (Aldridge 8), Detroit 51 (Wallace, Wilcox 8), Assists—Portland 27 (Miller 13), Detroit 19 (Hamilton 9), Total Fouls—Portland 24, Detroit 23. Technicals—Blake, Howard, Portland defensive three second 2, Maxiell, Villanueva, Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva. A—19,114 (22,076).				

Bulls 104, Rockets 97				
Chicago (104)				
Deng 5-10-2-23, Gibson 6-8-4-6-16, Miller 3-14-5-5-25, Rose 7-14-6-8-20, Adrien 4-13-1-2, Thomas 3-5-12-7, Salmons 5-8-0-1-2, Johnson 0-1-0-0-0, Pargo 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 39-73-19-26-104.				
Houston (97)				
Battier 1-4-0-0-2, Scola 7-16-6-7-20, Hayes 1-2-0-0-2, Brooks 8-19-1-20, Ariza 3-14-1-2-8, Landry 8-14-6-6-22, Lowry 1-6-2-5, Budinger 4-8-4-4-15, Andersen 1-2-1-3. Totals 34-85-21-23.				
Chicago 32, Houston 21				
Chicago	32	32	16	24
Houston	21	31	23	24
3-Point Goals—Chicago 7-12 (Hinch 3-5, Miller 2-2, Salmons 2-3, Deng 0-1, Rose 0-1), Houston 8-22 (Budinger 3-4, Brooks 3-8, Lowry 1-2, Ariza 1-7, Battier 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 50 (Gibson 14), Houston 44 (Battier 8), Assists—Chicago 17 (Hinch 7), Houston 18 (Lowry 5), Total Fouls—Chicago 28, Houston 20. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second, Landry. A—18,119 (18,043).				

Nuggets 116, Hornets 110				
New Orleans (110)				
Stojakovic 6-15-0-0-16, Sengaila 8-13-4-20, Okafor 7-13-2-4-16, Paul 10-18-5-26, D.Brown 1-8-4-4-7, Wright 0-2-0-0-0, Posey 3-7-0-2, Thornton 5-12-3-3-13, Marks 0-0-1-1, Collison 2-4-0-0-4. Totals 42-92-19-22-110.				
Denver (116)				
Anthony 9-28-11-33-30, Martin 10-16-0-2-20, Nene 2-3-6-8-10, Billups 6-14-5-5-20, Afflalo 7-12-0-20, Andersen 3-5-0-2-6, Smith 1-5-0-0-3, Lawson 2-7-4-6-8, Totals 40-90-26-36-116.				
New Orleans 33, Denver 21				
New Orleans	33	21	24	23
Denver	21	26	22	15
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 7-26 (Stojakovic 4-10, D.Brown 1-4, Paul 1-4, Posey 1-5, Thornton 0-3), Denver 10-27 (Afflalo 5-9, Billups 3-7, Anthony 1-4, Smith 1-5, Martin 0-1, Lawson 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 41 (Okafor 10), Denver 72 (Martin 14), Assists—New Orleans 22 (Paul 10), Denver 26 (Billups 9), Total Fouls—New Orleans 20, Denver 21. Technicals—Paul, New Orleans defensive three second, Anthony. A—19,807 (19,155).				

Jazz 116, Nets 83				
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New Jersey (83)				
Douglas-Roberts 1-1-0-0-2, Yi 6-12-3-5-16, Lopez 5-7-4-5-14, Dooling 1-7-0-0-3, Lee 2-5-1-1-5, Humphries 3-8-4-6-10, T.Williams 5-10-2-2-13, Quinn 3-6-0-0-9, Hayes 3-12-0-0-7, Hassell 1-3-0-2, Battie 0-1-0-2-0, Boone 1-1-0-0-2. Totals 31-73-14-23-83.				
Utah (116)				
Kirilenko 4-5-3-4-11, Boozer 10-14-2-2-22, Okur 8-12-3-4-20, D.Williams 1-4-2-2-4, Brewer 5-5-5-15, Millsap 7-10-6-8-20, Price 3-4-1-7, Miles 1-2-1-2-3, Matthews 3-7-3-9, Korver 1-5-0-0-3, Koufos 0-1-0-0-0, Gaines 1-3-0-0-2. Totals 44-72-26-34-116.				
New Jersey 21, Utah 21				
New Jersey	21	21	20	21
Utah	21	26	24	22
3-Point Goals—New Jersey 7-19 (Quinn 3-4, Yi 1-1, T.Williams 1-1, Dooling 1-5, Hayes 1-6, Lee 0-1, Battie 0-1), Utah 2-7 (Korver 1-2, Okur 1-3, Miles 0-1, D.Williams 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 38 (T.Williams 6), Utah 49 (Okur 11), Assists—New Jersey 20 (Quinn, Lopez, T.Williams, Hayes 3), Utah 28 (D.Williams 8), Total Fouls—New Jersey 22, Utah 21. Technicals—Okur, Utah defensive three second, A—19,911 (19,911).				
Heat 115, Kings 84				
Sacramento (84)				
Greene 2-9-3-5-8, Thompson 2-6-2-3-6, Brockman 2-4-2-4, Evans 5-10-5-15, Martin 1-7-3-5-5, Udoka 1-3-0-0-2, Hawes 7-12-0-2-14, Nocioni 2-4-0-0-5, Casspi 6-10-1-3-13, Udrih 1-4-1-1-3, Rodriguez 2-2-1-3-5, Armstrong 1-2-0-0-2, Totals 22-73-18-32-84.				
Miami (115)				
Richardson 3-4-2-4-9, Beasley 8-15-5-21, O'Neal 5-10-2-5-12, Alston 2-2-6, Wade 11-15-5-27, Anthony 0-0-2-0-0, Haslem 5-11-4-4-14, Wright 4-8-0-1-0, Chalmers 2-3-2-2, Magloire 0-2-0-0-0, Jones 1-3-0-0-3, Arroyo 3-3-0-0-6. Totals 44-78-21-32-115.				
Sacramento 25, Miami 16				
Sacramento	25	20	16	23
Miami	16	32	24	26
3-Point Goals—Sacramento 2-11 (Nocioni 1, Greene 1, Martin 0-1, Marlin 0-1, Evans 0-1, Udoka 0-1, Casspi 0-3), Miami 6-15 (Wright 2-3, Chalmers 1-2, Richardson 1-2, Jones 1-2, Alston 1-3, Wade 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 47 (Thompson, Hawes 7), Miami 53 (Beasley 13), Assists—Sacramento 15 (Martin, Evans 3), Miami 21 (Wade 8), Total Fouls—Sacramento 20, Miami 22. Technicals—Greene, Sacramento defensive three second, Sacramento Bench, O'Neal, Miami defensive three second 2. A—18,521 (19,600).				

Magic 106, Bobcats 95				
Orlando (106)				
Barnes 4-11-3-4-13, Lewis 6-17-2-2-18, Howard 4-11-2-4-10, Nelson 8-12-2-2-12, Carter 8-16-3-5-21, Williams 2-4-0-0-4, Anderson 1-5-3-3-5, Redick 3-5-1-2-9, Pietrus 1-5-0-0-3, Gortat 1-1-0-0-2, Totals 38-87-16-22-106.				
Charlotte (95)				
Wallace 2-11-4-4-9, Diaw 2-9-2-2-7, Mohammed 5-9-2-3-12, Feltton 6-15-1-2-14, Jackson 6-18-3-16-15, Diop 3-3-0-0-6, Augustin 6-14-1-1-7, Murray 1-6-2-5, Brown 2-3-1-2-5, Totals 35-88-16-22-95.				
Orlando 24, Charlotte 14				
Orlando	24	25	24	106
Charlotte	14	21	24	95
3-Point Goals—Orlando 14-39 (Lewis 4-13, Nelson 3-3, Redick 2-4, Barnes 2-5, Carter 2-6, Pietrus 1-5, Anderson 0-1, Howard 0-1, Williams 0-1, Charlotte 9-27 (Augustin 5-9, Murray 1-2, Feltton 1-3, Wallace 1-3, Diaw 1-6, Jackson 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 58 (Howard 20), Charlotte 56 (Wallace, Diaw 10), Assists—Orlando 22 (Nelson 7), Charlotte 17 (Diaw 5), Total Fouls—Orlando 21, Charlotte 21. Technicals—Jackson. A—19,277 (19,077).				
76ers 107, Pacers 97				
Philadelphia (107)				
Iguodala 3-9-0-0-9, Brand 9-21-5-6-23, Dalembert 0-5-2-2, Holiday 2-6-0-0-4, Iverson 3-16-2-17, Williams 4-10-5-6-14, Speigels 2-2-2, Vujanovic 9-14-2-2, Green 4-10-1-10, Carney 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 40-97-20-32-107.				
Indiana (97)				
Granger 7-13-7-22, Murphy 4-10-2-3-11, Hibbert 1-6-2-2-4, Watson 1-4-4-6-8, Rush 6-11-0-10-14, Dunleavy 1-9-1-8, Head 2-7-0-0-5, Price 5-8-3-15-10, Jones 3-6-0-0-6, J.Jones 2-0-0-4. Totals 37-89-19-27-97.				
Philadelphia 29, Indiana 21				
Philadelphia	29	21	29	107
Indiana	21	29	24	97
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 7-11 (Iguodala 3-4, Williams 1-1, Iverson 1-1, Young 1-2, Green 1-3), Indiana 10-17 (Price 4-4, Rush 2-5, Sefolosha 1-3, Head 1-3, Granger 1-4, Dunleavy 1-5, Watson 0-1, J.Jones 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 55 (Dalembert 12), Indiana 50 (Murphy 12), Assists—Philadelphia 19 (Iguodala, Brand 4), Indiana 17 (Murphy, Watson, D.Jones, Rush, Granger 3), Total Fouls—Philadelphia 20, Indiana 21. A—16,074 (18,165).				

Cavaliers 100, Thunder 99				
Oklahoma City (99)				
Durant 10-25-12-33-34, J.Greene 4-14-2-2-11, Krstic 4-8-1-3-9, Westbrook 12-18-7-23, Sefolosha 2-5-0-0-5, Collison 1-2-0-0-2, Harden 1-8-6-6-9, Ibaka 2-3-0-0-4, Morris 0-1-0-0-0, Mullens 1-2-0-0-2, Totals 33-86-28-33-99.				
Cleveland (100)				
James 9-19-13-19-37, Hickson 4-6-1-2-9, O'Neal 8-10-6-15-22, Gibson 5-13-0-1-3, Parker 1-7-0-0-2, J.Williams 5-7-0-1-2, Varejao 1-2-0-0-2, D.Greene 1-3-0-0-3, Iltisgass 0-2-0-0-2, C.Jackson 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 34-69-20-40-100.				
Oklahoma City 26, Cleveland 23				
Oklahoma City	26	30	21	99
Cleveland	23	30	23	100
3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 5-11 (Durant 2-3, Sefolosha 1-1, Harden 1-1, J.Greene 1-3, Westbrook 0-1), Cleveland 12-28 (James 6-10, Gibson 3-8, J.Williams 2-3, D.Green 1-3, Parker 0-4), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 51 (Durant 10), Cleveland 62 (James, Hickson 9), Assists—Oklahoma City 15 (Westbrook 5), Cleveland 19 (James 12), Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 25, Cleveland 25. Technicals—Oklahoma City defensive three second. A—20,562 (20,562).				

Bucks 127, Timberwolves 94				
MINNESOTA (94)				
Wilkins 0-3-0-0-2, Love 6-17-2-10-17, Jefferson 4-11-1-2-9, Flynn 8-15-4-4-20, Brewer 6-13-4-5-18, Gomes 3-7-0-1-6, Hollins 0-1-1-2, Ellington 4-8-2-10-20, Sessions 3-7-0-1-7, Pecherov 0-2-0-0-0, Pavlovic 0-3-1-2-1, Cardinal 0-1-0-0-0. Totals 33-86-26-37-94.				
Milwaukee (127)				
Delfino 9-11-2-3-24, Mbah a Moute 0-0-1-2-1, Bogut 5-6-4-14, Jennings 8-16-0-1-8, Bell 3-8-0-0-8, Ilyasova 3-9-0-0-8, Stachhouse 6-12-2-14, Thomas 2-3-0-0-4, Roudour 3-8-2-2-9, Warrick 7-8-4-8-18, Meeks 2-2-2-2-6, gadtz 1-2-1-3. Totals 48-95-18-21-127.				
Minnesota 22, Milwaukee 32				
Minnesota	22	22	22	94
Milwaukee	32	23	30	127
3-Point Goals—Minnesota 2-13 (Brewer 2-4, Pavlovic 0-1, Pecherov 0-1, Love 0-1, Ellington 0-1, Gomes 0-2, Flynn 0-3), Milwaukee 11-23 (Delfino 4-6, Ilyasova 2-3, Jennings 2-3, Bell 2-5, Roudour 1-2, Stachhouse 0-3), Fouled Out—Hollins. Rebounds—Minnesota 48 (Love 12), Milwaukee 55 (Delfino, Ilyasova 8), Assists—Minnesota 15 (Flynn 5), Milwaukee 36 (Jennings 13), Total Fouls—Minnesota 23, Milwaukee 26. Technicals—Bogut. A—17,742 (18,717).				

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MINNESOTA (94)				
Wynn 8-3-0-20, Lewis 5-12-7-17, Jefferson 4-11-1-29				
Flkors 0-10-20, Brewer 6-13-4-15, Gomes 3-7-0-16				
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Morrill hits milestone as Utah State beats Idaho

MOSCOW — Jared Quayle scored 16 points and Utah State defeated Idaho 60-48 Saturday night, giving Aggies coach Stew Morrill his 500th victory as a Division I coach.

Morrill is 500-235 (.680) in 24 seasons as a Division I head coach. This is his 12th season at Utah State. He's the 19th active coach in Division I to reach the milestone.

"I think in coaching you worry about trying to get the next one more than the past 500," Morrill said. "I mean, you take a little time to reflect because in life, you have to reflect on a few things, but mostly you think about the great people you've been involved with — assistant coaches, players."

One of his former assistants, Idaho coach Don Verlin, worked with Morrill for 15 years.

"The man knows what he's doing," Verlin said. "It's the same thing every year, nothing changes. ... If it's any one thing, he's a model of consistency and that's how he lives. What you see is what you get. He won't tell you what you want to hear, he'll just get it done."

Utah State alternated a 3-2 zone and a man-to-man defense to stop Idaho from penetrating the key, and at times the Vandals seemed flummoxed.

Tai Wesley dominated the



Utah State forward Brady Jardine (22) blocks the layup attempt of Idaho forward Luiz Toledo during the second half Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum in Moscow. Utah State won 60-48, for head coach Stew Morrill's

AP photo

paint for the Aggies (15-6, 5-2 Western Athletic), scoring 11 points and grabbing six rebounds while Brady Jardine added 10 points and six boards.

Quayle had seven rebounds as Utah State held a 35-23 advantage on the glass and limited the Vandals to two 3-pointers. Quayle was 4-for-8 from behind the arc.

Utah State shot 50 percent from the field for the game,

while its defense held Idaho to 18.2 percent in the second half.

Kashif Watson led Idaho (8-9, 1-5) with 16 points. The Vandals have lost five straight.

UTAH 71, AIR FORCE 54

SALT LAKE CITY — Marshall Henderson tied his career high with 22 points to lead Utah over Air Force 71-54 on Saturday.

The Utes (10-9, 3-2

Mountain West) put the game away midway through the second half with 12 consecutive points that turned a 46-34 lead into a 58-34 advantage.

Henderson capped the run with a layup and a pair of free throws with 8:24 to play.

IDAHO STATE 88, PORTLAND STATE 80, OT

POCATELLO — Amorrow Morgan scored 30 points to lead Idaho State to an 88-80 overtime win against Portland State on Saturday night.

The Bengals (6-14, 3-5 Big Sky) were up 66-56 with about five minutes left in the second half. But the Vikings (8-12, 3-5) went on a late rally, and Phil Nelson hit a 3-pointer with 26 seconds remaining to tie it at 73.

Idaho State's Austin Kilpatrick missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. From there, Kilpatrick picked up five points and the Bengals outscored the Vikings 15-7 for the win.

Broderick Gilchrest finished with 18 points for the Bengals, while Kilpatrick scored 13 and Chron Tatum added 10.

Jamie Jones had a double-double for the Vikings with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Melvin Jones finished with 20 points, and Julius Thomas and Nelson each added 10.

— The Associated Press

Okur leads Jazz in rout

SALT LAKE CITY — Mehmet Okur had 20 points and 11 rebounds and the Utah Jazz beat the bumbling New Jersey Nets 116-83 on Saturday night, keeping the Nets winless against the Western Conference.

Carlos Boozer had 22 points and nine rebounds, and Ronnie Brewer added 15 points for Utah. The Jazz have won five of six and are seven games above .500 for the first time this season at 25-18.

Utah shot 67 percent in the first half and easily held off the Nets, who lost their 11th straight and fell to 1-23 on the road and 3-40 overall.

Brook Lopez had 14 points, five rebounds and two blocks, and Yi Jianlian scored 16 points for New Jersey.

Deron Williams had eight assists, and Andrei Kirilenko scored 11 points before sitting out the fourth quarter with the other Jazz starters, who got to rest up for a big game Monday at home against Phoenix.



AP photo

Utah Jazz guard Ronnie Price (17) slides under the basket for a shot against New Jersey Nets forward Yi Jianlian (9) during the second half Saturday in Salt Lake City. The Jazz beat the Nets 116-83.

CAVALIERS 100, THUNDER 99

CLEVELAND — Daniel Gibson's 3-pointer with 8.7 seconds remaining gave the Cleveland Cavaliers a 100-99 victory over Oklahoma City on Saturday night, the Thunder's second loss in two nights in the final seconds.

LeBron James had 37 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds, and Shaquille O'Neal added a season-high 22 points to help the Cavaliers (34-11) win their fourth straight.

Kevin Durant had 34 points, and Russell Westbrook added 23 for Oklahoma City. The the Thunder (24-20) lost to Memphis on Friday night when Rudy Gay hit a 20-foot jumper with 1.3 seconds remaining.

Gibson's 3 gave Cleveland a 98-96 lead. Durant had a chance to tie, but his shot with 0.9 seconds left was blocked by James as Durant fell to the ground. James made a two free throws to seal it, and Durant hit a meaningless 25-footer at the buzzer.

HEAT 115, KINGS 84

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade had 27 points and eight assists before sitting out the fourth quarter, Michael Beasley added 21 points and 13 rebounds and a bizarre week of blowouts continued for Miami.

The Heat beat Indiana by 30 on Tuesday night, lost to Charlotte by 39 on Wednesday night and won in Washington by 24 on Friday night. Only one of Miami's last nine games has been decided by less than 10 points.

MAGIC 106, BOBCATS 95, OT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jameer Nelson scored six of his 21 points in overtime and Orlando recovered after blowing a big lead.

Vince Carter also had 21 points to help the Magic end the Bobcats' home winning streak at nine. Orlando scored the first 11 points in overtime.

NUGGETS 116, HORNETS 110, OT

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony scored four of his 30 points in overtime and added 11 rebounds for Denver in the Nuggets' season-high sixth straight victory.

Kenyon Martin added 20 points and 14 rebounds, and Chauncey Billups had 20 points and nine assists, and Arron Afflalo had 19 points, hitting two 3-pointers in overtime.

SUNS 112, WARRIORS 103

PHOENIX — Goran Dragic scored 18 of his career-high 20 points in the fourth quarter and Steve Nash scored 23 points for Phoenix in the Suns' 10th consecutive victory over Golden State in Phoenix.

Corey Maggette led Golden State with 27 points.

76ERS 107, PACERS 97

INDIANAPOLIS — Elton Brand scored 23 points, and Thaddeus Young had 22 points and 10 rebounds in Philadelphia's second straight victory.

BULLS 104, ROCKETS 97

HOUSTON — Brad Miller scored 25 points in place of the injured Joakim Noah, and Taj Gibson had 16 points and 14 rebounds for Chicago.

Derrick Rose added 20 points for the Bulls, 6-2 in their last eight. Noah was a last-minute scratch for the Bulls because of a left foot injury.

TRAIL BLAZERS 97, PISTONS 93

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Martell Webster scored a career-high 28 points, and LaMarcus Aldridge added 21 for short-handed Portland.

Richard Hamilton led Detroit with 25 points.

BUCKS 127, TIMBERWOLVES 94

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Delfino scored 24 points, and rookie Brandon Jennings had 18 points and a career-high 13 assists for Milwaukee.

Rookie Jonny Flynn led Minnesota with 20 points. The Timberwolves have lost seven of eight and 12 of 14.

— The Associated Press

Dyson, UConn knock off No. 1 Texas

STORRS, Conn. — Jerome Dyson scored a career-high 32 points and Connecticut overcame a 10-point second-half deficit to upset top-ranked Texas 88-74 on Saturday.

It was the Longhorns' second consecutive loss after winning their first 17 games.

The Huskies (13-6) outscored Texas (17-2) 54-32 in the second half and earned their first win over a ranked opponent this season in five attempts.

Kemba Walker had 19 points and 10 assists, and Stanley Robinson added 17 points and 12 rebounds for UConn, which again was without coach Jim Calhoun, who missed his second game on a doctor-ordered leave of absence.

The win likely will put the Huskies back into the Top 25 after they missed the poll for the first time in 36 weeks. It was their second straight victory after three consecutive losses.

Damion James had 23 points and seven rebounds and Avery Bradley scored 15 for Texas.



AP photo

Connecticut's Kemba Walker, left, and Stanley Robinson celebrate late in the second half against No. 1 Texas in Storrs, Conn., on Saturday.

the best start in school history.

NO. 5 SYRACUSE 76, MARQUETTE 71

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Wes Johnson scored 22 points, including a momentum-bursting alley-oop, and added 15 rebounds to lead fifth-ranked Orange.

NO. 6 MICHIGAN STATE 65, MINNESOTA 64

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Kalin Lucas scored 22 points, Raymar Morgan added 17 and the No. 6 Spartans won their eighth straight while matching their best Big Ten start since 1977-78.

NO. 7 DUKE 60, NO. 17 CLEMSON 47

CLEMSON, S.C. — Nolan Smith scored 22 points and Duke earned a measure of revenge for its most lopsided defeat in two decades last season at Clemson.

Lance Thomas added 13 points, Kyle Singler had 12 and Jon Scheyer 11 for Duke (16-3, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), which suffered 74-47 loss to the Tigers at

Littlejohn Coliseum last February.

GEORGIA 78, NO. 8 TENNESSEE 63

ATHENS, Ga. — Trey Thompkins scored 21 points and Georgia led by double digits most of the way to end the Vols' seven-game winning streak.

OKLAHOMA ST. 73, NO. 10 KANSAS ST. 69

MANHATTAN, Kan. — James Anderson scored 30 points and Obi Muonelo hit two key 3-pointers in the final minutes to boost Oklahoma State just six days after Kansas State beat No. 1 Texas on the same court.

NO. 11 WEST VIRGINIA 71, NO. 21 OHIO STATE 65

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Da'Sean Butler scored 21 points and West Virginia rallied from a 14-point deficit.

NO. 12 GEORGETOWN 88, RUTGERS 63

WASHINGTON — Greg Monroe made his first eight shots and finished with 21 points and 14 rebounds for Georgetown, which never trailed and shot 63 percent for the game.

NO. 13 PURDUE 69, MICHIGAN 59

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — JaJuan Johnson scored 21 points, E'Twaun Moore had 19 points and six assists and Robbie Hummel added 13 points for the No. 13 Boilermakers.

NO. 14 BYU 71, SAN DIEGO ST. 69

SAN DIEGO — Jimmer Fredette scored 33 points and helped key a 15-0 run midway through the second half that carried BYU to its 15th straight victory.

BYU (20-1, 5-0 Mountain West Conference) has the sec-

ond-longest winning streak in the nation, behind Kentucky's 19 straight, and reached 20 wins for the fifth straight season.

Freshman Kawhi Leonard had 16 points and 11 rebounds for SDSU (14-6, 3-3).

NO. 15 GONZAGA 85, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT 69

SPOKANE, Wash. — Sensational freshman Elias Harris scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds as Gonzaga won its eighth straight game.

Matt Bouldin added 19 points and Steven Gray 18 for Gonzaga (16-3, 5-0 West Coast Conference), which beat LMU for the 29th time in 31 meetings.

NO. 16 TEMPLE 62, FORDHAM 45

NEW YORK — Juan Fernandez scored 13 points, Scootie Randall had 12 and the No. 16 Owls came on after a poor-shooting first half to run their winning streak to six.

NO. 22 MISSISSIPPI 73, LSU 63

BATON ROUGE, La. — Chris Warren scored all 14 of his points in the final nine minutes to help the No. 22 Rebels hold on against LSU.

ALABAMA 62, NO. 23 MISSISSIPPI ST. 57

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Anthony Brock and JaMychal Green each made two free throws in the final 18 seconds to lift the Crimson Tide over the cold-shooting No. 23 Bulldogs.

NO. 25 BAYLOR 71, MASSACHUSETTS 45

WACO, Texas — Ekpe Udoh and Tweety Carter each scored 23 points as the No. 25 Bears extended their home winning streak to a school-record 11 straight.

— The Associated Press

Murray, Zheng get through; Petrova upsets Kuznetsova

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Andy Murray overcame big-serving John Isner 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2 on Sunday to set up a possible Australian Open quarterfinal match against defending champion Rafael Nadal.

Nadia Petrova also advanced with another upset win, beating third-ranked Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to reach the quarters.

In the other section of Petrova's half of the draw, Zheng Jie set another national mark by becoming the first Chinese player to reach the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park with a 7-6 (6), 6-4 victory over Alona Bondarenko.

Kuznetsova committed 52 unforced errors compared to 22 winners and had her serve broken three times in the deciding set after rallying in the second to level the all-Russian match.

No. 19 Petrova had a stunning 6-0, 6-1 win over U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters in the third round. Her run to the quarterfinals equals her best run at the Australian Open. Her best run at a Grand Slam was to the French Open semifinals twice.

Murray wants to expand on a resume that includes one Grand Slam final loss.

The 22-year-old Scot rated Isner's serve among the best in

the game, so he was delighted to wear down the American after a crucial service break in the eighth game of the second set. He fended off break-point chances in the next game to serve out the set.

"It's tough. I had my coach serving at me from the service line this morning to try to get used to it," Murray said of the 6-foot-9 Isner's serve. "But once you get out there it's kind of tricky."

Fifth-seeded Murray broke serve again in the seventh game of the third set when Isner netted a forehand and then smashed his racket into the court in disgust.



AP photo

Britain's Andy Murray shouts after winning the first set against John Isner during their men's singles match.

Watson leads in Hawaii

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii — Tom Watson birdied six holes on the back nine for a 6-under 66 and a two-stroke lead Saturday over senior newcomer Fred Couples after the second round of the Champions Tour’s season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship.

The 60-year-old Watson, coming off a win with Jack Nicklaus in the Champions Skins at Kaanapali, overcame a rocky start and finished with nine birdies and three bogeys for a 15-under 129 total.

Couples, who shot a bogey-free 66, is making his first official Champions Tour start on a sponsors exemption to the winners-only event.

Tom Lehman had a 67 to join Michael Allen (66) at 12 under.



AP photo
Tom Watson tees off on the No. 4 hole during the second round of the Mitsubishi Electric Championship golf tournament on Saturday at Kaupulehu-Kona, Hawaii.

After momentarily giving away the lead missing three very short par putts on the

front nine, Watson surged back with five straight birdies to start the back nine.

PRUGH IN FRONT AT BOB HOPE CLASSIC

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Alex Prugh surged ahead in the Bob Hope Classic when the sun finally came out, shooting a 7-under 65 on the tough La Quinta course to take a one-stroke lead over Bubba Watson and fellow tour rookie Martin Flores.

With his third straight remarkably consistent round in the five-round, four-course tournament, Prugh pulled ahead at 21-under 195. Prugh is the first rookie to lead a round at the event since John Senden took the second-round lead in 2002.

Flores was every bit as impressive as Prugh, shooting the second straight 65 of

his bogey-free tournament to pull into a tie with second-round leader Watson (68), who rallied after a slow start on the Arnold Palmer Private course.

Joe Ogilvie (68) was four strokes back at 17 under. Chad Collins (69), Tim Clark (67) and Bill Haas (66) were 16 under, and Mike Weir (67) was 15 under.

ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Germany’s Martin Kaymer shot his third straight 5-under 67 to take a one-stroke lead in the Abu Dhabi Championship.

Kaymer won the 2008 tournament and tied for second last year. Northern Ireland’s Rory McIlroy and England’s Ian Poulter were tied for second. They both shot 67s.



AP photo

West quarterback Max Hall, left, of BYU, congratulates East quarterback Mike Kafka, of Northwestern, after the East-West Shrine football game in Orlando, Fla., Saturday.

Northwestern’s Kafka shines in Shrine game

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Mike Kafka was the only East team quarterback who didn’t get to practice the 2-minute drill in front of NFL scouts before the East-West Shrine Game this week.

Instead, he showed the pros what he could do in live action.

The former Northwestern quarterback threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Quarless with 6 seconds remaining, lifting the East to a 13-10 win over the West on Saturday in the annual showcase for college all-stars looking to make an impression on NFL scouts.

“At Northwestern, we were notorious for close games,” Kafka said. “I felt like a spent my whole career playing games right down to the wire.”

Kafka overcame a slow start to lead the 11-play, 55-yard drive on a day when his team’s defense was dominant. He finished with 150 yards passing and was selected the Offensive most valuable player.

It was just as sweet for Quarless, who helped Penn State rally over LSU in the Capital One Bowl in the same stadium on Jan. 1, to have consecutive comeback wins. He slipped behind the defense and allowed Kafka to loft a pass over the middle so he could make the leaping catch.

“In the huddle I told Kafka, ‘Just throw it up and I’ll make a play.’ He threw a perfect pass,” Quarless said. “It just feels good to go out with a bang.”

A play before the winning TD pass to Penn State’s tight end, Kafka was smothered and sur-

rounded by pass rushers but somehow managed to elude them for 9 yards up the middle.

Max Hall of BYU tossed an 8-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Moya of UCLA moments before the East rallied.

Joshua Shene of Ole Miss added field goals of 44 and 40 yards for the East. And Texas’ Hunter Lawrence had a 47-yarder for the West.

The attendance of 8,345 was the lowest in the history of the longest running college all-star game, according to the game’s media guide. The Shrine has been played every year since 1925. This was the first year it was held in Florida.

The good news for players: NFL scouts were still there.

“I think I can make all the throws,” Hall said. “More importantly, I think that I can lead a team. I hope the scouts saw that.”

Van Eskridge of East Carolina, who was chosen as defensive MVP, intercepted a pass by Kansas’ Todd Reesing that hung in the air far too long in the second quarter. Wisconsin’s O’Brien Schofield intercepted Hall earlier in the game.

Reesing, already dogged for his 5-foot-11 height, was disappointed with his effort but said one game doesn’t define his abilities, especially with limited snaps.

“I’m tall enough to ride the rides over at Universal Studios,” said Reesing, who was 2 for 5 passing for 11 yards with the interception. “I was a successful quarterback in high school and college, and I can do the same as a professional.”

Eagles

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the Bruins (17-3, 9-2) scoreless for eight minutes and eight seconds in the second half, turning a 39-all tie into a 55-39 lead. That margin ballooned as high as 19 and SLCC never got closer than 11 the rest of the way.

“Salt Lake’s a team that likes to get the ball in spot A, spot B and then they execute off of those spots,” said Rogers, 200-56 overall in his eighth season. “We tried to extend it, put full-court pressure on them and just get them out of sync a little bit.”

The defensive effort held Salt Lake star Haley Holmstead to nine points, well below her NJCAA-leading 23.3 per game. Holmstead thrives on getting to the foul line but didn’t shoot a single free throw on Saturday, while SLCC was just 5-of-7 for the game.

“The thing about the SWAC conference is we all know each other so well, so we thought defensively we can throw them off a little,”



DREW GODLESKI/Times-News

CSI head coach Randy Rogers earned his 200th victory after defeating Salt Lake Community College on Saturday.

said Harper. “And it also keeps us fired up, switching defenses and getting out there and going hard.”

CSI shot only 40.6 percent from the field and went 17-for-31 at the foul line, but got enough offense to send the Bruins to their second straight SWAC loss.

Shauneice Samms had 16 points, while Laurel Kearsley added 13. Point guard Daidra Brown overcame a 3-for-19 shooting night to tally 13 points, seven assists and

seven steals. Harper and Felicity Jones each netted nine points.

Maddy Plunkett led the rebounding effort for 10 boards, while Samms, Kearsley, Brown, Jones and Harper all had five or more rebounds.

“That just means everybody’s getting involved,” said Rogers, who praised Harper for snagging five offensive caroms.

“If you’re a kid and you want to stay in a game, do

what Nicole did,” he said. “... She was active, got on the glass.”

CSI is off this week, but returns to the court Feb. 5-6 for games at Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern.

Notes: Snow College, which beat CSI on Thursday, added an upset of league-leader North Idaho, beating the Cardinals 68-67 in Coeur d’Alene. The loss drops NIC (18-3, 9-3 SWAC) half a game behind the Bruins, while Snow (15-6, 6-5) is half a game back of CSI for third place.

CSI 74, No. 2 Salt Lake CC 59

SALT LAKE CC (59)
Dayna Burgess 3-4 0-1 8, Sheila Adams 0-3 0-0 0, Kelsey Sparkman 3-11 2-2 8, Allie Blake 8-11 1-1 17, Haley Holmstead 4-12 0-0 9, Mina Jovanovic 5-10 2-2 12, Erin Rockwood 2-5 0-1 5, Amie Williams 2-3 0-1 4, Tina Fakalua 0-1 0-0 0, Maddy Plunkett 2-6 2-2 7. Totals 28-64 17-31 74.

CSI (74)
Felicity Jones 4-8 0-0 9, Shauneice Samms 5-8 6-10 16, Daidra Brown 3-19 6-11 13, Laurel Kearsley 6-10 0-2 13, Nicole Harper 3-6 2-4 9, Kalika Tullock 1-2 1-1 3, Devan Matkin 0-1 0-0 0, Kayla Williams 2-3 0-1 4, Tina Fakalua 0-1 0-0 0, Maddy Plunkett 2-6 2-2 7. Totals 28-64 17-31 74.
Halftime: SLCC 37, CSI 37. 3-point goals: SLCC 4-12 (Burgess 2-3, Adams 0-2, Sparkman 0-2, Holmstead 1-3, Rockwood 1-2); CSI 1-18 (Jones 1-2, Samms 0-1, Brown 1-8, Kearsley 1-2, Tullock 0-1, Matkin 0-1). Plunkett 1-2. Rebounds: SLCC 36 (Jovanovic 8); CSI 45 (Plunkett 10). Assists: SLCC 14 (Burgess 4); CSI 16 (Brown 7). Turnovers: SLCC 23; CSI 14. Total fouls: SLCC 20; CSI 14. Fouled out: SLCC, Blake. Technical fouls: none.

CSI

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Salt Lake (16-5, 7-4) went 0-for-4 at the foul line in the closing minutes and missed 3-pointers on its final three possessions, while CSI hit 5 of 6 free throws in the final minute. The Eagles held the Bruins to 33.9 percent shooting, including a 2-for-20 showing from distance.

“We’re not going to lose no more, especially not at home,” said Thomas, who led CSI with 17 points and 11 boards. “We’re going to fight to the end to try to get to Hutch, to get that conference championship.”

Odum finished with 12 points, eight rebounds and two steals, while Byago Diouf and Carrick Felix each chipped in eight points. John Hayward-Mayhew led Salt Lake with 15 points and eight rebounds, while Wil Carter had 13 points and eight boards before fouling out.



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

College of Southern Idaho guard Carrick Felix, left, battles for a loose ball with Salt Lake Community College’s Collin Chirerton Saturday in Twin Falls.

The Bruins’ leading scorer, Collin Chiverton, was held to nine points and went 1-for-7 from 3-point range.

CSI held a 47-35 edge on

the boards, with Diouf grabbing eight caroms.

“We didn’t play a perfect game by any stretch of the imagination, but the guys

NFC

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But they also have such defensive standouts as Vikings All-Pro end Jared Allen, who led the NFC with 14½ sacks; Saints end Will Smith, who was second to Allen with 13; and New Orleans All-Pro Darren Sharper, a ball-hawking safety who ran back three of his league-leading nine interceptions for touchdowns and, incidentally, was dumped by the Vikings last year after four seasons in Minnesota.

TV couldn’t come up with a better script for prime-time viewing.

“It’s hard to explain,” Favre said. “But as exciting and as exhilarating as the win is, the reality is I was fortunate enough to win one Super Bowl (1997 in New Orleans), the next year we lose one. And I think more about the one we lost than

the one we won. I can’t explain it to you how that feeling is, so the championship game is no different. I’ve always treated every playoff game like it’s the Super Bowl.”

Few of the Saints (14-3) have been in such a position. As a long-under-achieving franchise since their founding in 1966, the Saints have been to exactly one conference final, losing at Chicago three years ago. This is just their seventh time in the playoffs in a 44-year existence perhaps most renowned for their fans wearing paper bags on their heads — nope, Favre never went that far growing up — and dubbing the team Aints.

Their recent success, particularly in the 2006 season following a year as nomads because of Katrina, has been inspiring. The

prospect of being host in the rebuilt Superdome — a symbol for New Orleans as important as the Golden Gate Bridge is for San Francisco — has locals in a frenzy. One of the great party cities in America, New Orleans might be ready for an unprecedented celebration if the Saints conquer the Vikings (13-4).

“Sometimes you have to make those tough decisions and fight through adversity in order to kind of achieve what you thought you maybe might not be able to achieve otherwise,” Saints quarterback Drew Brees said.

Brees’ arrival as a free agent in 2006, along with that of coach Sean Payton, began the difficult turnaround in the Big Easy.

“I would say this city having gone through what it’s gone through, and this

organization having gone through what it’s gone through over the past five or six years before Katrina and post-Katrina, has allowed us to have the opportunity that we have now. It’s hardened us, given us an edge,” he said. “But, in the end, it’s made us tougher. It’s brought us together. It’s united us. That’s all for the better.”

The Vikings never have been the better team in Super Bowls. They are 4-4 when getting this far. Then, zippo.

Of course, Favre was in elementary school the last time Minnesota won the NFC. Most of the other Vikings weren’t even born then.

The Vikings prefer to ignore their history. Those Super Bowl losses belong to another generation; yes, even Favre is not part of that generation.

AFC

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home victory. They had swept the AFC South, beaten seven straight teams fighting to make the playoffs, locked up the AFC’s top seed and had everyone talking about completing a 19-0 season.

Then Caldwell did the unthinkable. With less than six minutes to go in the third quarter, the Colts leading 15-10 and six quarters from being 16-0, he yanked Peyton Manning and the other starters to avoid risking injury.

Fans responded immediately with a cascade of boos in Lucas Oil Stadium. Those were replaced over the next several days by even louder complaints from fans on local radio shows and comments on blogs after the Jets rallied for a 29-15 victory. The decision set off a national debate about whether the Colts did the right thing, and it became so intense that Manning eventually asked fans to forgive the team.

Nobody has forgotten what happened — least of all the Colts (15-2).

“In history, they’ll be remembered as the team that gave us our first loss of 2009,” Colts left tackle Charlie Johnson said. “Going out and playing everybody a full four quarters, it’ll be a good test for us to see who is really better.”

New York (11-7) took advantage of the Colts’ help and hasn’t lost since.

The Jets knocked off AFC North champion Cincinnati in the Giants Stadium finale the following week, clinching a playoff spot. Then they won the wild-card rematch at Cincinnati. Last week, New York upset the Chargers 17-14 in San Diego, setting up Sunday’s high-stakes rematch in Indy.

It’s the first time two rookie coaches have met in a conference championship game. And it’s not just the Colts who feel they have something to prove.

“If we end up beating them, maybe they need to look at that (pulling the starters),” cornerback Darrelle Revis said. “We know that Peyton will be playing in this game the whole time. We have to see him and he has to see us as well for the whole game.”

Clearly, the odds are in Indy’s favor.

A F C C H A M P I O N S H I P

Jets vs. Colts

1 p.m., CBS



Mark Sanchez



Dwight Freeney

When the Jets have the ball

New York is very consistent in what it does, even when it trails in a game, as it has in both playoff contests. The Jets run with Thomas Jones (20) and Shonn Greene (23), then run some more. Greene has been a revelation in the postseason after Jones ranked third in the league with 1,402 yards rushing and scored 14 times. The rookie broke two long runs for touchdowns and is averaging 6.0 yards a carry for 263 yards overall. With veteran FB Tony Richardson (49) blocking behind one of the league's top offensive lines — C Nick Mangold (74) is an All-Pro and the tackles and guards had good years — the Jets ranked first in rushing.

Indianapolis, which was 24th against the run during the season, must clamp down on the Jets as it did last week against the

Ravens' Ray Rice and Willis McGahee. That means LBs Gary Brackett (58) and Clint Session (55) plugging holes. DT Dan Muir (90) excelled against Baltimore.

If rookie QB Mark Sanchez (5) has to win this game, the Jets are in trouble. He's protected the ball well as New York grabbed the wild card and advanced this far. If All-Pro DE Dwight Freeney (93) and partner Robert Mathis (98), along with backup Raheem Brock (79), get in his face in passing situations, standout safety Antoine Bethea (41) and CBs Kelvin Hayden (26) and Jacob Lacey (27) might have opportunities for picks.

Simply put, the Jets must establish their running game and keep moving on the ground.



Peyton Manning



Darrelle Revis

When the Colts have the ball

Although the Colts can be effective with RBs Joseph Addai (29), Mike Hart (32) and rookie Donald Brown (31), they have no issues with having their QB throw. Who would if that guy is four-time MVP Peyton Manning?

Manning's work this season might be his most impressive considering he had to train two new wideouts in rookie Austin Collie (17) and the raw Pierre Garcon (85). Both became dynamic under Manning's guidance, and All-Pro tight end Dallas Clark (44) had his best season with 100 catches.

Throw in — and throw to — Reggie Wayne (87), who also had 100 receptions, and the backs, and Manning has all the threats he needs.

Wayne will be matched up with All-Pro cornerback Darrelle Revis (24), who pretty

much has shut down every top receiver he's faced, especially lately. Then again, those guys didn't have Manning passing to them in a meaningful game.

New York's top-ranked defense isn't great at getting sacks, and the Colts yielded only 13 all season, but did give up two last week. Instead, the Jets will try to pressure Manning into throwing before he wants to; disguising coverages rarely works against him anymore.

DE Shaun Ellis (92) has a broken hand, which could limit his effectiveness. The Jets' key playmakers are LBs David Harris (52) and Bart Scott (57), Revis and safeties Kerry Rhodes (25) and Jim Leonhard (33).

The way Manning and the Colts handled Baltimore's strong and experienced defense last week bodes well against a unit very similar to the Ravens.



Matt Stover



Jay Feely

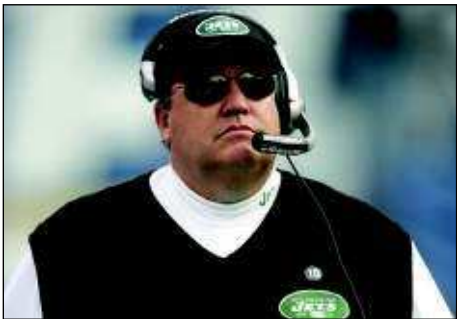
Special teams

Neither team is particularly dangerous returning kicks, although WR Brad Smith (16) ran back a kickoff 106 yards in the previous meeting. The Jets have missed the explosiveness of injured Leon Washington on returns. Indianapolis had a 93-yarder by Chad Simpson during the season.

The Colts have Matt Stover (3) handling field goals and PATs with Adam Vinatieri (4) still hurt, and Stover is very reliable. He

doesn't have as long range as the Jets' Jay Feely (3), who also has been quite accurate. Considering the low-scoring games New York tends to play, Feely is an important weapon.

Steve Weatherford missed the Jets' wild-card win at Cincinnati with an irregular heartbeat, but was back last week at San Diego. Colts rookie Pat McAfee (1) had a superb game last week against Baltimore.



Rex Ryan



Jim Caldwell

Coaching

A pair of rookie head coaches with entirely different demeanors and backgrounds, but superb resumes — including, naturally, their work this season.

The bombastic Rex Ryan went through endless interviews in recent years before landing in New Jersey. He has made football fun again for his players and an organization with little history of success since the Joe Namath era. Like his father Buddy, Rex Ryan speaks his mind, shows the utmost confidence in "my guys," and claims there is no limit to what they can achieve. Heck, he already declared the wild-card Jets as a Super Bowl favorite.

With an attacking defense anchored by Revis, a powerful offensive line starring Mangold, and the NFL's best running game, Ryan is using the formula that worked for

the Ravens when he was defensive coordinator.

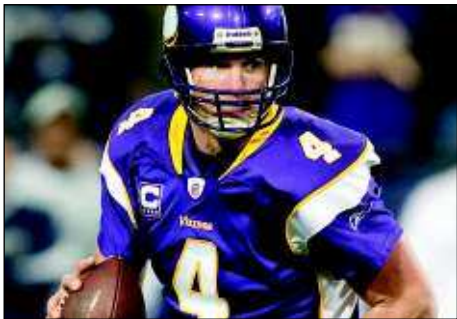
Jim Caldwell was Tony Dungy's hand-chosen successor, a coach-in-waiting until Dungy retired after last season. The soft-spoken Caldwell has a background on offense and, unlike Ryan, was a head coach at the top level of college football, at Wake Forest.

Caldwell didn't do much more than tweak the system the Colts have used so successfully for more than a decade. But replacing a Dungy brings its own set of pressures, and Caldwell handled them so magnificently that the Colts went 14-0. Only when he chose to rest his starters, against the Jets coincidentally, and not chase the unbeaten season did Caldwell taste any controversy.

N F C C H A M P I O N S H I P

Vikings vs. Saints

4:40 p.m., FOX



Brett Favre



Jabari Greer

When the Vikings have the ball

Feeding All-Pro RB Adrian Peterson (28) the ball always is a good idea, particularly against a New Orleans defense that ranked 21st against the run. Then again, with the way QB Brett Favre (4) played against Dallas last week — and the spotty performances of the Saints against the pass — maybe the 40-year-old from neighboring Mississippi will have his own aerial Mardi Gras.

The Saints struggled without top cover cornerback Jabari Greer (32), but he's healthy now. Safety Darren Sharper (42), the ball-hawking All-Pro and longtime confidant of Favre's, tied for the NFL lead with nine interceptions and ran back three for scores.

His frequent matchups with TE Visanthe

Shiancoe (81) will be worth watching.

New Orleans' active linebackers, particularly Jonathan Vilma (51) and Scott Fujita (55), will be the keys to the Saints' run defense. If Peterson consistently is breaking off solid gains — or especially long ones — it will draw Sharper, Roman Harper (41) and other DBs closer to the line. Favre would love to see that, because his favorite targets, Sidney Rice (18) and Offensive Rookie of the Year Percy Harvin (12), would get less attention.

Of course, the Saints had 26 interceptions and 39 takeaways, and they might need a few Sunday. They also are a decent sacks team, led by DE Will Smith (91), who had 13, and the Vikings did allow 34; Dallas got three last week.



Drew Brees



Jared Allen

When the Saints have the ball

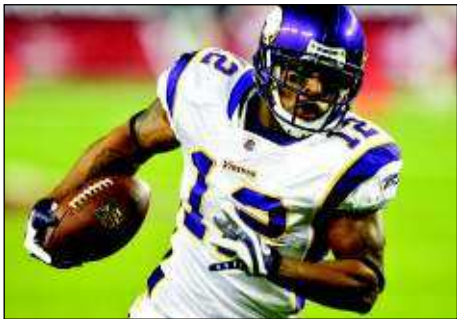
Drew Brees (9) is as accurate a passer as the league has seen, and he loves the offensive scheme of coach Sean Payton. Brees has a number of options on every passing play, and the running game is solid, if not spectacular.

Uh, make that solid with Pierre Thomas (23) and Mike Bell (21), but spectacular when Reggie Bush (25) plays the way he did against Arizona in the divisional round. Finally recovered from knee woes, Bush was a difference maker last week, and he had a brilliant performance against Minnesota in the past.

New Orleans would like to establish something on the ground to help negate

Minnesota's staunch pass rush, led by All-Pro DE Jared Allen (69); Ray Edwards (91), who had three sacks of Tony Romo; and DT Kevin Williams (93). Even if Brees is pressured, though, the Vikings rarely intercept passes. They had only 11, led by CB Cedric Griffin (23) with four.

Given time, Brees can pick apart any unit by using outstanding receivers Marques Colston (12), Devery Henderson (19), Robert Meachem (17), Lance Moore (160), and TEs David Thomas (85) and Jeremy Shockey (88), once a teammate of Shiancoe's with the Giants. All of New Orleans' wideouts can get deep, a particular challenge for Griffin and CB Antoine Winfield (26).



Percy Harvin



Reggie Bush

Special teams

Where both teams excel is in the return game. First-round pick Harvin came from the Florida Gators with a rep for big plays and he's made lots of them for the Vikes. He ranked fourth in the NFL with a 25.9 kickoff return average and scored twice. The Saints' Courtney Roby (15) had the same average and scored once.

Then there's the ultradangerous, if inconsistent, Bush on punt runbacks. He struggled in the regular season, but erupted for an 83-yard TD against Arizona.

Vikings placekicker Ryan Longwell (8) is a clutch veteran with a strong leg. He missed only two of his 28 field goal attempts this season. New Orleans used both longtime standby John Carney and Garrett Hartley (5) in 2009. Hartley has the job now and is far more unproven than Longwell.

Neither Minnesota's Chris Kluwe (5) nor Saints rookie Thomas Moorstead (6) has been lights-out punters. Kluwe is efficient at getting kicks inside opponents' 20.



Brad Childress



Sean Payton

Coaching

Two of the finest offensive minds in the game go at it. Sean Payton and Vikings coach Brad Childress were coveted coordinators before landing their current jobs. Favre probably wouldn't have postponed retirement — again — for any other coach, save Mike Holmgren.

Childress' scheme is almost exactly what Favre ran in Green Bay, and although they had a sideline tiff late in the season, the two agree on most strategies. While Childress is an Andy Reid disciple, he recognizes the value of the running game more than his former boss; when you have Peterson in your backfield, you'd better do so.

The fact Favre had his best passer rating and threw only seven picks in 531 attempts says much about the influence Childress and coordinator Darrell Bevell have had on the old QB.

Brees and Payton share the same strategic mindset, too, which makes for a free-flowing, versatile attack. While Payton toys with the offensive playbook, he entrusts the defense to Gregg Williams, and the Saints did improve there this season. But they aren't as stingy or physical as the Vikings under coordinator Leslie Frazier, who has been a candidate for several head coaching positions in recent years.

BOWLING

Magic Valley Youth Bowling Travel League concludes season

The Magic Valley Youth Bowling Travel League recently concluded its season. Winners received college scholarship money through the United State Bowling Congress SMART Scholarship program.



Courtesy photos

Bowladrome A team

The Bowladrome A team claimed the regular-season championship with 37.5 wins and 4.5 losses and won the tournament title. Each bowler received \$100 for the regular-season title and \$125 for the tournament win. Pictured, from left, Tyler Black, Stevie Reeves, Anthony Vest, Koti Jo Moses and Cody Worden.



Jerome boys team

The Jerome boys team took second place in the tournament, claiming \$100 per bowler. Pictured, from left, Jace Bloom, Gage Ferrero, Jordan Jerke, Tyler Jense and Gerad Chojnacky.



Cedar Lanes team

The Cedar Lanes team took third place at the tournament, earning \$75 each. Pictured, from left, Tyler Ridgeway (kneeling), Maranda Barrutia, Bridgett Crowley, Michael Barrutia and Nick Ridgeway.

Magic Valley .22-caliber Gallery League

Week 9 Jan. 15 Rifle results Master: 1. John Pitts 390, 2. Mark Bulcher 387, 3. Jeff Wagner 385. Expert: 1. Dave Gyorfy 372, 2. Nyles Tilley 370. Sharpshooter: 1. Bruce Lohnes 368, 2. George Wagner 357, 3. Mark Miller 356. Marksman: 1. Walt Charles 321, 2. Gary Qualman 293, 3. Scott Henscheid 269. Sporter: 1. Jody Osterhout 346, 2. Art Freund 345, 3. Kelly Burrell 339. Junior: 1. Alisah Leirman 280, 2. Lohnes 152. Pistol results Master: 1. (tie) Jeff Wagner and Bob Anderson 564, 3. Nyles Tilley 558, 4. George Wagner 555. Expert: 1. Mark Bulcher 549, 2. Wayne Goetz 546, 3. Dan Brown 545. Sharpshooter: 1. James Wert 522, 2. Cory Lierman 521, 3. Dave Gyorfy 515. Marksman: 1. Richard Bean 484, 2. Kelly Burrell 478, 3. Nick Barnes 473. Two-handed: 1. (tie) Luann	Carroll and Art Freund 516, 3. Dave Smith 481, 4. Pam Kubik 467. Week 8 Jan. 8 Rifle results Master: 1. John Pitts 387, 2. Nyles Tilley 385. Expert: 1. (tie) Bruce Lohnes and Mark Bulcher 379, 3. Dave Gyorfy 376, 4. Jeff Wagner 374. Sharpshooter: 1. Richard Bean 361, 2. George Wagner 351. Marksman: 1. Norma Charles 284. Sporter: 1. Jesse Vaughn 332, 2. Jody Osterhout 307, 3. Ed Smith 304. Junior: 1. Alisah Lierman 273, 2. Chani Lohnes 158. Pistol results Master: 1. Jody Osterhout 553, 2. Mark Bulcher 551. Expert: 1. Jeff Wagner 549, 2. Dan Brown 538, 3. Mark Miller 531. Sharpshooter: 1. Bruce Lohnes 522, 2. Dave Gyorfy 520, 3. Bob Beer 517. Marksman: 1. (tie) Nick Barnes and Richard Bean 483, 3. Ed Smith 458. Two-handed: 1. Luann Carroll 522, 2. Pam Kubik 507, 3. Dave Smith 486.
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GYMNASTICS

Magic Valley gymnasts shine at Icebreaker



Ashley Giest competes in the uneven bars during the level 7 competition at the Ice Breaker Invitational Jan. 16 in Twin Falls.

DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

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More than 200 gymnasts from Idaho competed at the Magic Valley Gymnastics Ice Breaker on Jan. 16.

Several Magic Valley Gymnastics gymnasts came away with first place in their level and age group, while the level 5 team placed second in the team standings.

Tannah Sellers (Child C) and Lindsey Fustos (Junior A) each placed first in all around in level 5.

Brinley Reed took home first place in level 7 open division, Courtney Ellis placed first in level 8 open division and McKensy Martinez won the level 10 division.

The Magic Valley optional team will travel to Salt Lake to compete in the Crystal Cup this weekend.

Below is a full listing of results for Magic Valley Gymnastics competitors.

Level 4 Child B Rylee Leak Vault – 10th; Bars – 10th; Beam – 9th; Floor – 9th All Around – 10th (27.225) Child D Chloe Mohlenbrink – Vault – 2nd; Bars – 7th; Beam – 9th; Floor – 5th All Around – 7th (29.625) Alexa Thomas – Vault 9th; Bars – 6th; Beam – 6th; Floor – 7th All Around – 8th (29.525)
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Junior A Megan Henard – Vault – 7th; Bars – 8th; Beam – 8th; and Floor – 7th All Around – 7th (30.350) Kylie Hansen – Vault – 9th; Bars – 9th; Beam – 6th; Floor – 10th All Around – 9th (28.950) Junior B Alexis Powell – Vault – 11th; Bars – 5th; Beam – 11th; Floor – 10th All Around – 11th (27.675) Junior C Amy Gossi – Vault – 2nd; Bars – 2nd; Beam – 1st; and Floor – 4th All Around – 1st (34.550) Zoe Rivas – Vault – 5th; Bars – 5th; Beam – 5th; and Floor – 7th All Around – 5th (32.525) Level 5 Grace Parker – Vault – 4th; Bars – 2nd; Beam – 8th; Floor 7th All Around – 6th (32.325) Child C Tanner Sellers – Vault – 8th; Bars – 2nd; Beam – 1st; Floor – 1st All Around – 1st (34.975) Junior A Linsay Fustos – Vault – 4th; Bars - 1st; Beam – 3rd; Floor – 2nd All Around – 1st (34.250) Junior B Amy Roemer – Vault – 2nd; Bars 2nd; Beam 6th; Floor – 2nd All Around – 2nd (31.925) Level 6 Child Abigail Huettig – Vault – 10th; Bars –

BOWLING

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Jake Carnahan 555, Ward Westburg 518, Gerald Brant 507, Lin Gowan 481. MEN'S GAMES: James Stewart 204, Gerald Brant 196, Jake Carnahan 195, Robert Dyer 193. LADIES SERIES: Charlene Jarrell 459, Ludy Harkins 444, Debbie Westburg 373, Carla Sunde 367. LADIES SERIES: Charlene Jarrell 174, Ludy Harkins 157, Barb Brant 144, Debbie Westburg 144. MONDAY FOLLIES MEN'S SERIES: Kevin Hamblin 621, Rocky Reece 611, Rick Morrow 601, Dennis Seckel 578. MEN'S GAMES: Rocky Reece 240, Rick Morrow 233, Mike Watchford 232, Dennis Seckel 225. LADIES SERIES: RaeNae Reece 599, Georgia Randall 546, Kay Puschel 540, Michele Seckiel 503. LADIES GAMES: Georgia Randall 227, RaeNae Reece 224, Kay Puschel 215, Michele Seckel 211. SH-BOOM MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Parsons 696, Donnie Parsons 645, Kelly Jeroue 637, Clint Koyle 626. MEN'S GAMES: Nick Parsons 247, Danny Brady 244, Donnie Parsons 234, Kelly Jeroue 225. LADIES SERIES: Diana Brady 592, Kathi Jeroue 561, Angel Olson 516, Barbara Reynolds 492. LADIES GAMES: Diana Brady 232, Kathi Jeroue 212, Michelle Baughman 198, Barbara Reynolds 189. MID MORN. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 656, Blaine McAllister 598, Chelcie Eager 590, Maury Miller 556. MEN'S GAMES: Blaine Ross 251, Eddie Chappell 235, Blaine McAllister 230, Chelcie Eager 217. LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 508, Vicki Kiesig 507, Dixie Eager 487, Kimberlie Lee 464. LADIES GAMES: Vicki Kiesig 201, Linda Vining 177, Dixie Eager 173, Bonnie Draper 173. TUES. A.M. TRIOS SERIES: NaJean Dutry 514, Blanche Lanier 501, Mindy Wise 486, Edith Sutherland 475. GAMES: Blanche Lanier 215, Mindy Wise 193, NaJean Dutry 191, Edith Sutherland 190. LATECOMERS SERIES: Susan Kepner 576, Barb Aslett 573, Kristy Rodriguez 563, Lisa Allen 498. GAMES: Barb Aslett 230, Lisa Allen 196, Susan Kepner 194, Judi Tarter 192. TUES. MAJORS BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 662, Joe Campbell 619, Cody Worden 580, Anthony Brady 574. BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 246, Anthony Brady 232, Joe Campbell 228, Cody Worden 225. GIRLS' SERIES: Koti Jo Moses 573, Stevie Reeves 459, Erica Reeves 452, Rio Leazer 430. GIRLS' GAMES: Koti Jo Moses 222, Paige Maher 191, Erica Reeves 167, Stevie Reeves 157. CONSOLIDATED SERIES: Randy Gentry 771, Jon Powlius 717, Mark Breske 687, Tony Everts 686. GAMES: Kris Armstrong 279, Neil Welsh 279, Randy Gentry 279, Kris Kosteletzky 266. M.V. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Ed Dutry 569, Gary Hartruff 550, Myron Schroeder 520, Clayne Williams 513. MEN'S GAMES: Ed Dutry 243, Gary Hartruff 220, Victor Hagood 192, Del McGuire 190, Myron Schroeder 190. LADIES SERIES: Betty Taylor 504, Linda Vining 495, Dottie Hagood 483, Shirley Kunsman 455. LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 194, Dottie Hagood 182, Betty Taylor 180, Shirley Kunsman 173. LADIES CLASSIC SERIES: Kay Puschel 589, Georgia Randall 533, Dani Bruns 524, Lorenia Rodriguez 521. GAMES: Kay Puschel 217, Georgia Randall 212, Lorenia Rodriguez 208, Ann Shepherd 190. SUNSET SERIES: Brittney Rackham 604, Kristy Rodriguez 596, Stephanie Evans 591, Joelle Moses 538. GAMES: Heather Rackham 223, Brittney Rackham 219, Kristy Rodriguez 211, Margaret Watson 208, Stephanie Evans 208. SOMETHING ELSE MEN'S SERIES: Randy Gentry 642, Todd Fiscus 591, Scott Nelson 542, Rusty Biggs 520. MEN'S GAMES: Randy Gentry 254, Chad Kepner 228, Rusty Biggs 215, Todd Fiscus 200. LADIES SERIES: Susan Kepner 516, Penny Gentry 479, Kim Ward 472, Shanna Kal 462. FRI. P.M. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Doug Sutherland 570, Clayne Williams 569, Dave Wilson 567, Jim Brawley 561. MEN'S GAMES: Eddie Chappell 216, Clayne Williams 209, Myron Schoreder 204, Bud Flenniken 204. LADIES SERIES: Joann Burket 551, Bonnie Draper 530, Jessie Biggerstaff 516, Jeanne Miller 515. LADIES GAMES: Jeane Miller 226, Joann Burket 217, Bonnie Draper 190, Barbara Frith 188, Edith Sutherland 188. MOONSHINERS SERIES: Deanna Heil 516, Hilarie Smith 444, Ariel Bolish 437, Jackie Boyd 419. GAMES: Deanna Heil 179, Hilarie Smith 169, Jackie Boyd 158, Flame Klundt 155. MOOSE SERIES: Tony Cowan 803, Nate Jones 752, Bob

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Leazer 721, Cory Moore 707. GAMES: Nate Jones 298, Bret Fuller 289, Ward Westburg 279, Tony Cowan 277. PEEWEE & BUMPER BOYS' SERIES: Riley Magee 202, Eli Cook 172. BOYS' GAMES: Riley Magee 108, Eli Cook 90. GIRLS' SERIES: Ravyn Barela 205, Lindsay Beam 142. GIRLS' GAMES: Ravyn Barela 113, Lindsay Beam 82. GIANTS BOYS' SERIES: Tom Upchurch 374, Ryan Gutierrez 354, Braeden Lowe 319, Brandon Galliher 304. BOYS' GAMES: Tom Upchurch 155, Ryan Gutierrez 137, Braeden Lowe 115, Andrea Krohn 110. GIRLS' SERIES: Shelbi Waters 517, Katie Galliher 371, Cheyenne Uker 319, Katie Upchurch 317. GIRLS' GAMES: Shelbi Waters 230, Cheyenne Uker 166, Katie Galliher 145, Alexis Ybarra 296. MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Mason 600, RD Adema 576, Rick Frederiksen 567, Vance Mason 560. MEN'S GAMES: Kyle Mason 233, Rick Frederiksen 224, Keith Kelly 214, RD Adema 206. LADIES SERIES: Margie Adema 532, Nicole Trump 493, Suzi Leon 473, Shanda Pickett 461. LADIES GAMES: Margie Adema 191, Suzi Leon 186, Cindy Skinner 179, Shanda Pickett 173. COMMERCIAL SERIES: Tony Brass 643, Ron Romero Jr. 629, Greg Hancock 616, Ian DeVries 614. GAMES: Ron Romero Jr. 268, Justin Sharp 247, Tony Brass 246, Harvey McCoy 244. MASON SERIES: Kathy McClure 570, Glenda Barrutia 543, Georgia Randall 542, Edie Barkley 505. GAMES: Kathy McClure 202, Glenda Barrutia 197, Mary Murray 196, Jean Stokesberry 195. VALLEY SERIES: Cobey Magee 687, Mike Tackett 655, Bob Leazer 642, Jody Bryant 628. GAMES: Cobey Magee 266, Jody Bryant 246, Matt Olson 241, Buddy Bryant 241. FIFTY PLUS MEN'S SERIES: Roger Graefe 619, Blaine Ross 606, Hubert Bluteau 593, Charles Lees 588. MEN'S GAMES: Hubert Bluteau 244, Blaine Ross 230, Roger Graefe 230, Howard Harder 213, Fred Ott 213. LADIES SERIES: Dot Van Hook 520, Gloria Harder 501, Dixie Eager 487, Sharon Knudson 482. LADIES GAMES: Sharon Knudson 190, Gloria Harder 189, Dixie Eager 183, Dot Van Hook 182. THURS. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Charles Lewis 645, Robert Watkins 565, Brent Lasure 551, Jeff Whittemore 543. MEN'S GAMES: Charles Lewis 248, Brent Lasure 204, Jeff Whittemore 199, Robert Watkins 195. LADIES SERIES: Edie Barkley 547, Nancy Lewis 456, Kathy McClure 450, Cheryl Kerr 447. LADIES GAMES: Edie Barkley 199, Kathy McClure 170, Danita Johnson 165, Cheryl Kerr 161. EARLY FRI. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Tad Capurro 650, Todd Dickinson 647, Joe McClure 615, Trevor	Wakley 615. MEN'S GAMES: Todd Dickinson 269, Joe McClure 235, Tad Capurro 235, Trevor Wakley 230. LADIES SERIES: Debbie Thompson 526, Tawnia Bryant 501, Julie Shaffer 500. LADIES GAMES: Kimber Dudley 211, Ladona Molsee 209, Melissa Straub 205, Bobbie Thompson 200. SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS SERIES: Derry Smith 496, Lori Parish 483, Diane Stroberg 465. GAMES: Derry Smith 184, Lori Parish 181, Pat Hicks 173. LADIES TRIOS SERIES: Anna Rose 606, Tiffnay Hager 600, Kris Jones 541. GAMES: Debbie Morgan 230, Anna Rose 225, Stephanie Long 210. MEN'S CLASSIC TRIOS (4 games) SERIES: Bob Bywater 1015, Logan Parish 936, Brad Holm 870. GAMES: Bob Bywater 276, Jordan Parish 267, Gene Smith 257. TUESDAY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Bob Bywater 689, Jordan Parish 685, Shon Bywater 618. MEN'S GAMES: Jordan Parish 263, Bob Bywater 244, Byron Hager 238. LADIES SERIES: Tiffnay Hager 743, Stacy Hieb 544, Kristie Johnston 531. LADIES GAMES: Tiffnay Hager 254, Stacy Hieb 235, Janet Grant 208. RAILROADERS SERIES: Kristie Jones 602, Tammy Rains 539, Jamie Stewart 513. GAMES: Kristie Jones 230, Tammy Rains 213, Theresa Knowlton 212. WED. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 727, Galen Rogers 620, Spencer Meyer 573. MEN'S GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 257, Galen Rogers 224, Spencer Meyer 204. LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 550, Bobbi Crow 493, Gayle Erikson 436. LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 203, Bobbi Crow 187, Gayle Erikson 155. THURS. MORN. DBLS. SERIES: Kym Son 552, Karen Dansie 473, Derry Smith 449. GAMES: Kym Son 214, Karen Dansie 179, Derry Smith 158. HOUSEWIVES SERIES: Kristie Johnston 517, Stephanie Stelly 494, Bonnie Murphy 485. GAMES: Pat Hicks 197, Stephanie Stelly 188, Kristie Johnston 187. MAJORS SERIES: Bob Bywater 756, Stan Chambliss 675, George Sanders 667. GAMES: Bob Bywater 267, Chris Warr 256, Larry Iwakiri 255. PINHEADS BOYS' SERIES: Jared Studer 610, Logan Hollins 289, Teagan Uscola 212. GAMES: Jared Studer 230, Logan Hollins 178, Teagan Uscola 85. GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 539, Cheyenne Powers 445. GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 122, Cheyenne Powers 190. BURLEY HIGH BOYS' SERIES: Broc Winn 321, Jim Hollahan 305.
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1st; Beam – 4th; and Floor – 4th All Around – 2nd (32.875) Kylie Baumert – Vault – 3rd; Bars – 6th; Beam – 3rd; and Floor – 7th All Around – 6th (32.325) Junior A Brookelyn Herman – Vault – 1st; Bars – 4th; Beam – 3rd; Floor – 3rd All Around – 2nd (33.550) Level 7 Open Brinley Reed – Vault – 6th; Bars – 1st; Beam – 2nd; Floor – 2nd All Around – 1st (34.900) Madison Miller – Vault – 5th; Bars – 2nd; Beam – 3rd; Floor – 4th All Around – 2nd (34.100) Gabrielle Borraro – Vault – 1st; Bars – 3rd; Beam – 6th; Floor – 3rd All Around – 3rd (33.700) Ashley Geist – Vault – 3rd; Bars – 6th; Beam – 1st; Floor – 1st All Around – 4th (33.625) Lani Roemer – Vault 4th; Bars – 5th; Beam – 4th; Floor – 7th All Around – 5th (31.825) Level 8 Open Courtney Ellis – Vault 1st; Bars – 1st; Beam – 1st; Floor – 1st All Around – 1st (34.175) Ciera Hawkins – Vault 2nd; Bars – 2nd; Beam – 2nd; Floor – 2nd All Around – 2nd (31.950) Level 10 Open McKenzey Martinez – Vault – 1st; Bars – 1st; Beam – 1st; and Floor – 1st All Around – 1st (35.800)

BOYS' GAMES: Jim Hollahan 165, Broc Winn 120. GIRLS' SERIES: Courtney Yoshida 511, Kiara Hieb 506, Kyleigh Wilson 326. GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 208, Courtney Yoshida 196, Kyleigh Wilson 113. MINICO HIGH BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Meyer 556, Brody Albertson 509, Shane Amen 418. BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Meyer 214, Shane Amen 210, Brody Albertson 202. GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 548, Caitlin Schaefer 524, Jessica Hodge 375. GIRLS' GAMES: Caitlin Schaefer 221, Bridget Albertson 209, Jessica Hodge 171. SUNSET LANES, BUHL MON. YABA BOYS' SERIES: Derek Webb 428, Bradley Webb 279, Chris Thompson 259, David Dias 256. BOYS' GAMES: Derek Webb 154, Bradley Webb 109, Chaz Hicks 101, Devin Dias 95. GIRLS' SERIES: Alexis Breck 257, Sarah Thompson 214, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 197, Amanda DeWitt 143. GIRLS' GAMES: Alexis Breck 117, Sarah Thompson 74, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 73, Amanda DeWitt 59. LUCKY STRIKERS SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 548, Mandi Olson 536, Dannielle Kennison 474, Darla McCallister 470. GAMES: Mandi Olson 200, Lois Tomlinson 198, Dorothy Moon 171, Darla McCallister 170. SUNSET SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Tom Kinnett 521, Ralph Dubois 502, Ed Hanna 487, Ron Fugate 468. MEN'S GAMES: Ralph Dubois 199, Tom Kinnett 191, Gene Schroeder 190, Ed Hanna 185. LADIES SERIES: Dixie Schroeder 509, Carol Ruhter 408, Verna Kodesch 407, Bonne Sligar 402. LADIES GAMES: Dixie Schroeder 171, Cathe Woods 155, Carol Ruhter 151, Bonne Sligar 148. MASON TROPHY SERIES: Verna Kodesch 510, Dianne Davis 437, Nancy Bright 429, Linda Loomis 421. GAMES: Verna Kodesch 177, Linda Loomis 176, Nancy Bright 157, Katie Owsley 155. PINBUSTERS SERIES: Karl Nejezchleba 684, Lee Taylor 658, Pat Russel 613, Dee Maier 579. GAMES: Karl Nejezchleba 279, Lee Taylor 253, Dustin McCallister 115, Dee Maier 225, Pat Russel 225. SPARE PAIRS MEN'S SERIES: Cliff Rediker 578, Bob Fields 535, Harvey McCoy 516, TC Tomlinson 491. MEN'S GAMES: Cliff Rediker 211, Dirk McCallister 201, Tom Wiggs 195, Bob Fields 194, Curt Quaintance 194. LADIES SERIES: Darla McCallister 484, Lois Tomlinson 458, Dorothy Moon 452, Linda Miller 450. LADIES GAMES: Darla McCallister 166, Linda Miller 163, Lois Tomlinson 162, Dorothy Moon 162. STARLITE MEN'S SERIES: Matt Olson 600, Gene Schroeder 549, Chuck Hicks 530, Mike Larsen 524. MEN'S GAMES: Matt Olson 235, Gene Schroeder 215, Mike Larsen 202, Chuck Hicks 190. LADIES SERIES: Darla McCallister 529, Diana Griffin 527, Teresa Boehm 490, Debbie Graham 466. LADIES GAMES: Diana Griffin 220, Darla McCallister 210, Teresa Boehm 184, Debbie Graham 176.
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly dry with decreasing clouds. Highs middle to upper 30s

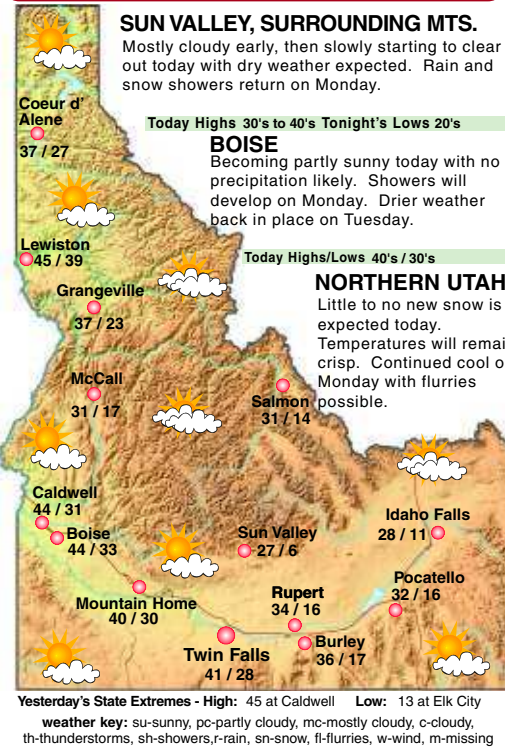
Tonight: Clouding back up. Lows upper teens.

Tomorrow: Chance of snow possibly mixing with rain. Highs upper 30s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	37°	Yesterday's	Trace"
Yesterday's Low	31°	Month to Date	0.44"
Normal High / Low	36° / 19°	Avg. Month to Date	0.91"
Record High	57° in 1994	Water Year to Date	2.03"
Record Low	-25° in 1962	Avg. Water Year to Date	3.58"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Becoming partly sunny	Clouding back up	Rain and snow showers	Less likely to shower	Filtered sunshine	Becoming partly sunny
High 41°	Low 28°	38° / 31°	37° / 29°	41° / 26°	40° / 24°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure	
Yesterday's High	39°	Yesterday's	Trace	Yesterday's High	75%	5 pm Yesterday	29.84 in.
Yesterday's Low	33°	Month to Date	0.61"	Yesterday's Low	52%	Today	
Normal High / Low	35° / 19°	Avg. Month to Date	1.00"	Today's Forecast Avg.	66%	Monday	
Record High	52° in 1981	Water Year to Date	3.07"			Tuesday	
Record Low	-7° in 2008	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.06"			Wednesday	

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Moon Phases



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	Hi 44 Lo 33	Hi 45 Lo 32	Hi 40 Lo 32
Bonniers Ferry	35 25	32 24	33 24
Burley	36 17	39 25	33 24
Challis	29 9	31 13	32 13
Coeur d'Alene	37 27	34 29	35 29
Elko, NV	30 17	35 23	33 23
Eugene, OR	48 42	49 40	49 40
Gooding	38 26	37 29	36 29
Grace	28 8	29 19	32 19
Hagerman	42 29	42 31	40 31
Hailey	31 12	31 18	32 18
Idaho Falls	28 11	29 18	31 18
Kalispell, MT	31 18	31 22	30 22
Jerome	38 27	37 30	36 30
Lewiston	45 39	44 37	44 37
Malad City	28 7	30 19	30 19
Malla	34 15	36 23	38 23
McCall	31 17	31 21	33 21
Missoula, MT	34 19	34 25	33 25
Pocatello	32 16	35 22	36 22
Portland, OR	47 40	48 40	48 40
Rupert	34 16	37 24	37 24
Rexburg	26 10	24 17	29 17
Richland, WA	44 32	41 31	43 31
Rogerson	31 18	33 23	31 23
Salmon	31 14	30 17	30 17
Salt Lake City, UT	31 17	36 24	39 24
Spokane, WA	40 31	36 29	37 29
Stanley	28 5	31 12	32 12
Sun Valley	27 6	28 14	31 14
Yellowstone, MT	16 -4	18 1	22 3

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	Hi 61 Lo 43	Hi 58 Lo 33	Orlando	79 63	72 47
Atlantic City	50 48	56 37	Philadelphia	51 47	56 35
Baltimore	48 46	54 34	Phoenix	59 41	63 46
Billings	26 10	21 9	Portland, ME	47 40	48 40
Birmingham	67 40	55 30	Raleigh	63 55	60 37
Boston	42 39	58 34	Rapid City	24 13	25 9
Charleston, SC	65 58	63 40	Reno	38 33	42 35
Charleston, WV	61 42	45 28	Sacramento	49 44	51 44
Chicago	44 30	30 22	St. Louis	43 29	34 24
Cleveland	48 39	39 28	St. Paul	34 25	28 8
Denver	33 22	40 24	Salt Lake City	37 18	36 24
Des Moines	34 22	25 10	San Diego	59 51	63 56
Detroit	47 35	39 26	San Francisco	54 49	55 47
El Paso	53 30	55 32	Seattle	47 40	48 40
Fairbanks	13 -12	10 -16	Tucson	56 38	62 41
Fargo	33 18	19 -1	Washington, DC	51 48	56 36
Honolulu	76 68	77 68			
Houston	67 46	54 45			
Indianapolis	50 31	35 23			
Jacksonville	76 65	67 43			
Kansas City	39 26	32 20			
Las Vegas	54 37	53 43			
Little Rock	58 34	50 30			
Los Angeles	62 45	66 50			
Memphis	63 38	49 29			
Miami	80 73	79 56			
Milwaukee	41 29	34 20			
Nashville	64 38	48 30			
New Orleans	70 48	63 42			
New York	46 46	56 35			
Oklahoma City	53 29	51 27			
Omaha	32 23	26 11			

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	18 5	11 -1	Saskatoon	24 -9	13 -10
Crabbrook	21 8	19 3	Toronto	38 31	39 25
Edmonton	19 -7	8 -14	Vancouver	39 36	39 34
Kelowna	26 18	27 14	Victoria	42 40	44 37
Lethbridge	22 7	14 1	Winnipeg	32 7	20 -3
Regina	22 -6	13 -10			

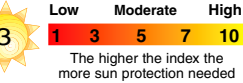
Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prp
Boise	41	34	0.01"
Challis	35	15	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	43	28	0.00"
Idaho Falls	32	30	Trace
Jerome	36	30	Trace
Lewiston	39	33	0.23"
Lowell	43	37	0.12"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malla	37	30	n/a"
Pocatello	33	30	0.01"
Rexburg	30	28	Trace
Salmon	36	27	0.04"
Stanley	28	17	0.08"
Sun Valley	34	19	0.00"

Sunrise and Sunset

Today	Sunrise: 7:59 AM	Sunset: 5:41 PM
Monday	Sunrise: 7:58 AM	Sunset: 5:43 PM
Tuesday	Sunrise: 7:58 AM	Sunset: 5:44 PM
Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:57 AM	Sunset: 5:45 PM
Thursday	Sunrise: 7:57 AM	Sunset: 5:46 PM

Today's U. V. Index

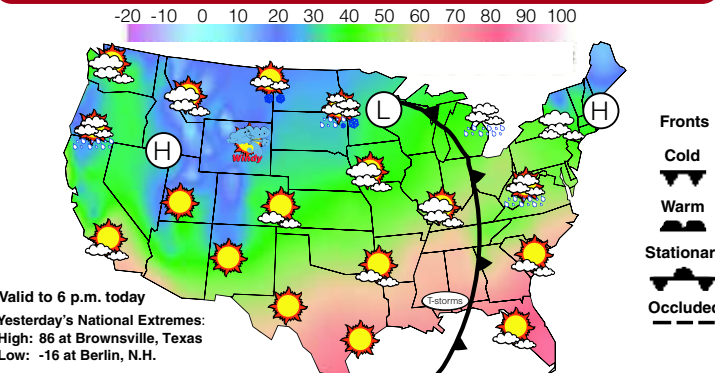


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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	82 65	81 65	Moscow	0 -16	pc -1 -23
Athens	45 41	44 41	Nairobi	76 53	r 75 51
Bangkok	89 75	r 89 73	Oslo	21 -1	pc 15 3
Beijing	29 9	33 20	Paris	42 35	pc 42 26
Berlin	18 16	24 16	Prague	19 16	pc 26 18
Buenos Aires	95 68	94 70	Rio de Janeiro	86 70	th 79 71
Cairo	65 45	pc 56 38	Rome	51 42	pc 50 48
Dhahran	77 67	78 63	Santiago	87 60	pc 87 57
Geneva	37 29	32 19	Seoul	32 14	pc 33 26
Hong Kong	66 61	pc 65 65	Sydney	82 69	th 93 71
Jerusalem	65 49	53 44	Taipei	64 58	th 60 55
Johannesburg	76 60	th 78 63	Tokyo	53 31	pc 43 30
Kuwait City	66 60	76 54	Vienna	23 14	pc 23 20
London	42 31	40 30	Warsaw	10 2	pc 13 7
Mexico City	72 40	pc 67 39	Winnipeg	32 7	ls 20 -3
			Zurich	33 27	pc 30 0

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be."

George Sheehan

MIDDLEKAUFF

Buckeyes' Titus famous for NOT playing

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Mark Titus seldom even gets into a game for No. 21 Ohio State. Incredibly, that hasn't kept him from becoming one of the most popular and famous college basketball players in the nation.

How many stars have a blog that has had more than 2.1 million visits? How many guys scoring 20 points a game have produced a video called "The Rainmaker" for NBA scouts that has gotten more than 115,000 hits on YouTube.com in the last week? How many future pros are cheered by opposing fans and players and have been lavishly profiled in The New York Times, on Yahoo.com and on ESPN's SportsNation and First Take?

And that's the point. Titus' blog is about NOT being a superstar or being worshipped at the age of 20. It's about losing, getting little or no respect, learning and having fun — sort of a microcosm of the college experience.

"There are so few stars, and that's why they are stars," Titus said after taking his lumps in Thursday's practice. "There are only so many people who can win the national player of the year. But on every single team there are two or three guys that will never get in. And that's true for every team at every level. Everyone at some point, it seems, has been a bench warmer. And they can identify with that."

Titus named his blog "Club Trillion" because that's a typical box-score line for a scrub: a 1 in the minute column, followed by nine zeros (for shots attempted and made, and so on). Now Club Trillion has actually become a brand, if you can believe it.

It's been a weird and wild ride for a kid who scored 1,000 points and was considered a high school star back in Brownsburg, Ind., a town of roughly 18,000 souls nestled in the middle of farm country in the basketball-crazy state.

Titus turned down a few scholarship offers and came to Ohio State because he wanted to be a part of a major university with big-time athletics. Not long after he came to campus in the autumn 2006, he offered to serve as a manager for the basketball team. After a week or so of filling up water bottles and picking up wet towels, he quit.

Within a week, he got a call back. Ohio State's prized big-man recruit, Greg Oden, had an injured wrist and a couple of other players had hurt their ankles. The



AP photo

Ohio State's Mark Titus smiles from the bench while watching the second half against Northwestern Jan. 19 in Columbus, Ohio.

Buckeyes didn't have 10 guys to even scrimmage. Would Titus consider being a walk-on?

He embraced the opportunity and stuck around when Oden, who would go

on to be the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft after that season, and the others returned.

A few weeks in, he got the idea to write about being cannon fodder on the nation's No. 1 team. He didn't really know what a blog was, but he researched it and started one. It was a way to inform his family and friends back home of what was going on with him, and it was a way to log some of what he was going through so he wouldn't forget.

"When he first told me kind of what he was doing, I just said, 'Hey, use your head. Be smart,'" said coach Thad Matta, who concedes he doesn't read it closely but also concedes that maybe he should. "I haven't heard anything otherwise."

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because I'm paying my own way through college, it's not a huge deal if I skip a few workouts so I can make some money bagging groceries at my neighborhood supermarket," Titus wrote. "Sure I used the off time to go golfing and never actually did any grocery bagging, but the coaches don't have to know that."

One of the first times Titus gained public notice came after the Buckeyes capped a 35-4 season with an 84-75 loss to Florida in the 2007 national champi-

onship game after that freshman season. The team was welcomed home with several thousand people showing up at the arena.

Speculation was rampant that Oden, point guard Michael Conley and shooting forward Daequan Cook might skip to the NBA after their freshman seasons. When Oden was introduced, the crowd chanted, "ONE MORE YEAR!"

That prompted Titus to grab the microphone and say, "I heard the fans chanting 'one more year.' I sat

down with my family and just want to say that I'll be back next year."

The crowd went nuts. A legend was born — well, except for the basketball part.

To date, he has played in 31 games and has scored nine points, his production (and playing time) falling off precipitously the past three seasons when he has combined for just four points in 17 games).

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LOST Brittany Spaniel in the Milner
area on 1/17. Male, white with
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old. Lost 1/16 on 2000 East Rd
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410-9108 or 208-410-9639

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Wed 1/20 near Declo trl park Both
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HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Enjoy the good times while they last. The week ahead may show you that you can be good to the finish if you eat your spinach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make your personal comfort a priority in the week to come. If a matter requires a shirt and tie, then it is not for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your feet on the ground. Remain practical and don't take on more responsibilities than you can handle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid getting cooped up in your workspace; get out, at least for a little bit, and enjoy the great outdoors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play first, work later. Your energies are best spent entertaining a certain special someone today and leaving work for another day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Utilize a brief surge in your mathematical prowess to balance that checkbook or measure out space for a new sofa.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Let your hair down and enjoy yourself this week. Look to meet new people; don't hesitate to throw in a helping hand when needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep a positive attitude and you'll be drawn away for a period of fun and games this week. A special someone will brighten your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Expect the unexpected. A plan or presentation may indeed seem fool-proof but this week the powers that be may not see it that way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you've got it, flaunt it. There's no harm in going out and showing off your valued possessions this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Animosity can be innocently created by a lack of clear communication. Don't become angered by criticism this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can't always go by the book. Sometimes you must simply go with your gut instinct and take your chances.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

1848 — James Marshall finds gold nugget in U.S. state of California, touching off Gold Rush of '49.

1908 — The first Boy Scout troop is organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

1935 — Canned beer goes on sale for the first time in the United States.

1946 — U.N. General Assembly votes to create U.N. Atomic Energy Commission.

1967 — South Vietnam's Premier Nguyen Cao Ky runs into wild anti-war demonstration on visit to New Zealand.

1972 — The U.S. Supreme Court strikes down laws that deny welfare benefits to people who have resided in a state for less than a year.

1973 — U.S. negotiator Henry Kissinger says Vietnam peace agreement worked out in Paris also means end to fighting in Laos and Cambodia. Hanoi's Le Duc Tho calls agreement "a great victory for the Vietnamese people."

1978 — A nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunges through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrates, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

1985 — The space shuttle Discovery is launched in NASA's first secret military flight.

1989 — Confessed serial killer Ted Bundy is put to death in Florida's electric chair.

1995 — In a move of uncertain efficacy, U.S. President Bill Clinton freezes assets of suspected terrorist groups in American banks; the prosecution gives its opening statement at the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

1996 — An explosion at a NATO housing compound in Sarajevo, Bosnia, kills at least three peacekeeping troops and wounds seven.

1999 — Olympic leaders recommend the expulsion of six members of the International Olympic Committee in an unprecedented response to the biggest corruption scandal in the history of the games.

2001 — Japan's military dumped swarms of infected fleas on China that triggered outbreaks of bubonic plague in the 1940s, two Chinese doctors testify at a trial in Tokyo. Nearly 200 Chinese plaintiffs demand compensation and an apology from the Japanese government for the deaths of their relatives.

2002 — John Walker Lindh, a U.S. citizen captured while fighting alongside Afghan-istan's deposed Taliban militia, appears in U.S. District Court to face charges of conspiring to kill Americans and supporting terrorist groups.

2005 — With calls of "never again," the U.N. General Assembly commemorates the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps with a special session, a stark change for a body that has been reluctant to address the extermination of the Jews during World War II.

2007 — Israeli President Moshe Katsav, facing charges of rape and abuse of power, asks parliament to temporarily remove him from office in an effort to blunt a growing demand for his resignation.

2008 — French bank Societe Generale uncovers an alleged 4.9 billion euro (\$7.14 billion) fraud by a futures trader, Jerome Kerviel, who fooled regulators and overstepped his authority.

2009 — Hundreds of migrants and refugees break out of an overcrowded immigration facility on a Sicilian island to protest their treatment. About 2,000 people have been crammed into a facility built for 850.

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm nice lg duplex hardwood floors fenced yd great area W/D driveway \$660 420-6628

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm wbsmt, no smoking/pets, 621 Morningside Dr. \$600+\$375 dep Avail Feb 423-4421

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, water paid, big yard, \$500 + \$450 dep. No pets. Call 208-732-5265

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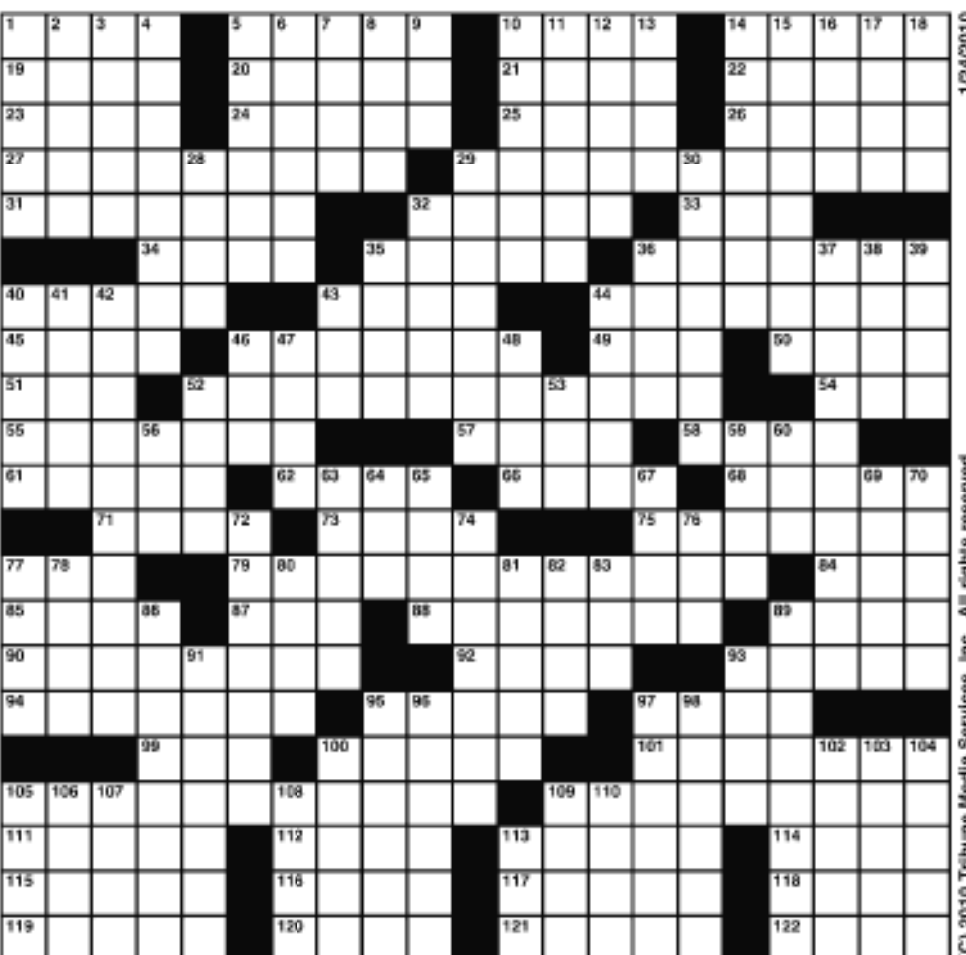
Sunday Crossword

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

GROSS WORDS By Gail Grabowski

ACROSS

- 1 Junk, e.g.
- 5 Lawrence's men
- 10 Adapter letters
- 14 Sired
- 19 High style
- 20 Principle
- 21 Stadium replaced by Citi Field
- 22 Brand on a range
- 23 Hard to fathom
- 24 Monthly reading for some
- 25 Markers
- 26 Railroad car
- 27 Tammany Hall expo?
- 29 Result of a run?
- 31 Before now
- 32 Cultivate
- 33 Talk about salvation, e.g.: Abbr.
- 34 Bakery fixture
- 35 Feel
- 36 Wealthy widow
- 40 Childish retort
- 43 Single-minded sort
- 44 Excuse that's often exaggerated
- 45 Mystery writer Nevada
- 46 "Quit fidgeting!"
- 49 Gp. that supports malpractice damage award limits
- 50 Sculptor Nadelman
- 51 Thing to grind
- 52 Glutton for fuzzy fruit?
- 54 Moines
- 55 Inferior cookware
- 57 Day-care charges
- 58 Put in stacks, say
- 61 Dais VIP
- 62 2009 A.L. MVP Joe Mauer, e.g.
- 66 Pirate's loot
- 68 Makeup item
- 71 Ones acting badly
- 73 It's sometimes enough
- 75 Like Dorothy's magical shoes
- 77 Identify
- 79 Low-priced drink holder?
- 84 Frat party supply
- 85 Wide-eyed
- 87 "Told you so!"
- 88 "Too much information!"



- 89 majesty:
- 90 Open-bodied antique auto
- 92 Verve
- 93 Vestibule
- 94 Posh properties
- 95 Font flourish
- 97 Film noir blade
- 99 To this day
- 100 Carrier more likely to be tipped
- 101 Accumulates
- 105 Mr. Clean?
- 109 Telemarketing at dinner time?
- 111 Summary
- 112 Burn slightly
- 113 Ad infinitum
- 114 Utah ski resort
- 115 Cybermemo
- 116 Nail to the wall
- 117 Oklahoma native
- 118 Jupiter neighbor
- 119 Lost strength
- 120 Affectedly flamboyant
- 121 Try to prevent
- 122 Dutch cheese
- DOWN
- 1 Move slightly
- 2 Verdi work

- 3 "Be ...": start of a polite request
- 4 Penthouse place
- 5 Charge for cash
- 6 Get back, as lost trust
- 7 Start to knock?
- 8 Brewski
- 9 Orchestra sect.
- 10 The way things stand
- 11 Go for
- 12 Court tie
- 13 Port container
- 14 Half of a "Which do you want first?" pair
- 15 Leave the country, perhaps
- 16 Turf controller
- 17 Draft status
- 18 Infield protector
- 28 DVR brand
- 29 Urban play area
- 30 Indicators of equal pressure
- 32 Get (a ship) ready to sail again
- 35 Adam's third
- 36 Capitol cap
- 37 Award for the best flop?

- 38 One of a noted quintet
- 39 Deli selections
- 40 Let up
- 41 Saying
- 42 Kid in a ditch?
- 43 White House advisory gp.
- 44 Topping for chips
- 46 Push in some chips
- 47 Right direction?
- 48 Heavily financed deals, briefly
- 52 Pound product
- 53 Incidentally, in chat rooms
- 56 Little legume
- 59 Heavenly bodies
- 60 Hall of Fame goalie Patrick
- 63 Beau
- 64 B&B
- 65 Two-strippers, e.g.: Abbr.
- 67 Fat unit
- 69 Ninnies
- 70 Turf tool
- 72 Sonnet sections
- 74 Augustus, for one
- 76 Benefit
- 77 Whittle
- 78 Bigheads

- 80 Bocce pair?
- 81 Certain Ivy Leaguer
- 82 1980s-'90s women's tennis player who was #1 for a record total of 377 weeks
- 83 Actor Cariou
- 86 Sydney salutation
- 89 Shutout for 82-Down
- 91 Drenched
- 93 Grind, in a way
- 95 Scholar
- 96 Get-up-and-go
- 97 Spot remover
- 98 Impede
- 100 Spelled-out
- 102 Dressing recipient
- 103 Part of UHF
- 104 Suffix with proto-
- 105 Cultivated
- 106 Sofer of soaps
- 107 Pic to click
- 108 Org. concerned with ergonomics
- 109 Masquerade (as)
- 110 Pressure
- 113 Silent assent

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DEAR ABBY: I have chosen to celebrate my children's birthdays with family and one friend. I want my children to understand early on that birthdays are not about getting loads of gifts, but to celebrate life with family. We are invited to many parties for their friends and classmates, but I have always chosen to attend only those of our close friends.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I find it disheartening to watch children these days rip into a bunch of gifts and toss them aside without saying thank you or even commenting on the gift. It's all about the next package and the volume.

Because of this, I'm considering no longer giving a gift but making a donation to a charity in honor of the birthday boy or girl instead. But I'm worried about the reaction I'll get from friends. On the other hand, I feel much better about donating to a worthwhile charity instead of another toy for children who already have so much these days. Is a donation appropriate instead of a gift?

— WONDERING
IN BIRMINGHAM

DEAR WONDERING: Your sentiments are noble, but your teaching method is heavy-handed and I don't recommend it. If the children are in grammar school, a donation in their name to a charity will go over like a lead balloon.

Teach your children proper manners by explaining how to practice them and setting a good example. By preventing them from interacting socially with their friends and classmates, you are slowing down their socialization and isolating them.

Because you prefer that your children not receive "loads of gifts," when you plan their birthday celebrations, explain your philosophy to your family and your one friend and also to your children. Then let your kids choose a charity and request that attendees bring an item to be donated. That way all the children can enjoy themselves and learn the satisfaction that comes from helping others at the same time.

DEAR ABBY: My mother — who is 50 — divorced her husband about a year ago. I fully supported her through the divorce, but now I am beginning to regret it. I feel as if I have been taking the place of my father when, at 22, I should be finding my way and exploring the world.

I hate myself for feeling this way because I love my mother. I want her to be happy, but she does not try to meet new people or make friends. I find myself staying at home so she won't be alone, and I know I'm missing out. Should I talk to my mother about this?

— DAUGHTER
IN NEW YORK

DEAR DAUGHTER: Yes. Do it now, before resentment builds and you reach the point where you say something you'll regret. Do it when you are both in a relaxed mood and won't be interrupted.

Explain that you are worried about her and because she is now a free woman it's time for her to develop new interests and meet new people. Encourage her to get out, be active, join social or charitable groups, take classes — ANYTHING but sit at home alone.

And stop making yourself so available for mother-sitting. You are young and you have a right to a life. You'll be doing both you and your mom a favor if you stop allowing her to be so emotionally dependent upon you.

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Dear Mr. Wolff:
I read your "Aces on Bridge" every day in the Vancouver Sun. Please tell this loyal reader when it is proper to declare honors.

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ANSWER: Honors can be declared after dummy comes down, but it may not be in your interest to do so. So wait until you've played them all out, or claim them at the end of the deal. You have until the end of the rubber to claim them if you have forgotten at the proper moment.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
In fourth seat at duplicate I held the hand of a lifetime: ♠ —, ♥ A, ♦ A-K-Q-J-7-3-2, ♣ A-K-J-10-3. Naturally the opponents got in my face, but only to the extent of a two-spade opening on my left, passed around to me. Any thoughts as to the best way forward?

Ripley's Revenge, Elmira, N.Y.

ANSWER: After the two-spade call came around to me, I'd bid five no-trump (pick a minor at the six-level, partner) and raise the response to seven. With hearts and a minor I'd cue-bid five spades instead, and work it out from there. I could not stand to stay out of a grand slam with a hand this good.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
What behavior is permitted at the table in terms of mannerisms or tempo if the object is solely to confuse or deceive the opponents?

Crime Stopper, Pleasantville, N.Y.

ANSWER: The short answer is that nothing is permitted if the sole purpose is to deceive. You can of course deceive the opponents by the card you play but not the manner in which you play it. You can try to equalize the tempo — do not rush to make your easy

plays to avoid giving the show away. But you may not hesitate without a reason.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Are there any partnerships left who do not defend against pre-empts by doubling for takeout?

Old-Timer, Bristol, Va.

ANSWER: Again, the short answer to that question is no. Almost everyone plays takeout doubles to one-suited pre-empts. There are variations possible against two-suited pre-emptive openings, but the simplest and most effective way into most if not all auctions is to double for takeout. After all, if they are long in one suit, you will most commonly be short in that suit, not long.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I was in second seat with ♠ A-8, ♥ K-Q-9, ♦ J-7-3-2, ♣ Q-10-3-2 and decided not to open because most of my points were in my short suits. My LHO opened one heart and we ended up defending one no-trump, conceding 120. Everyone else opened my hand and went down in one no-trump our way, sometimes one trick, sometimes more. Was it acceptable for me to pass here?

Slow Coach, Doylestown, Pa.

ANSWER: Your judgment was quite sound although I might not have been as discreet as you. I'd look at the guarded honors and simply open one of the minors. With 4-3-3-3 pattern or with the spade nine instead of the heart nine, I would pass, disliking the honor locations and the balanced nature of the hand. But you and I might be in a small minority here.

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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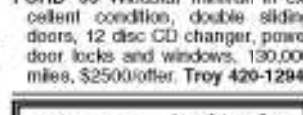


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Creativity is ageless.

The *Times-News* tracked down a few of the many creative people who grace south-central Idaho. We're featuring one person per decade of life — a weaver in her 90s, a poet in his 50s, a photographer in her teens — to celebrate art and beauty in all its forms, no matter the age of its creator.

Watch for more stories for the next two Sundays in Family Life.

Have an idea for someone to feature? The *Times-News* is still looking for creative children and young adults. Contact reporter Melissa Davlin at 735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

Buckle up, Dad, it's Pinewood Derby month

Fatherhood has its limits, and nowhere are those limits as visible as the annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby.

As far as boyhood rites of passage are concerned, few can match the competitive flair of Pinewood Derby racing. Every winter when the racecar kits are handed out to Cub Scouts, an aggressive vein begins to emerge. Almost overnight, a household is emboldened by a swirl of testosterone and creativity and a cutthroat thirst to take the checkered flag.

SPILT MILK
David Cooper



Of course, I'm talking about the dads, not necessarily the boys.

The greatness of a pinewood car is its simplicity. Cars are made from a basic block of pine that has two notches grooved for wheels. The car kit includes four nails for axles and four plastic stock wheels — regulation type only.

A pinewood car has no propulsion system and uses only gravity on an inclined track to make it go. The car cannot exceed 5 ounces, and cannot be longer than the standard kit's block of wood. The Scout is allowed to design however he wishes.

Sounds simple enough, right? Well, that's precisely the point, to give an 8- or 9-year-old boy the chance to craft something with little or no help from an adult.

But nothing is ever that simple. The overwhelming urge is for a father with good intentions to assist his son in making a tidy, efficient and entertaining derby car. By the end of the project, however, the dad has thrown on rear spoilers, NASCAR decals, a welded weight system and nitrous oxide tanks — if he can find some that small.

Some people think parents need to back off. But I'm in the camp that says a parent should always lend a helping hand.

As a kid, my pinewood creations had, shall I say, a purely aesthetic design. I think I whittled one with a butter knife.

One year, like a dozen other boys, I needed more weight added to near the 5-ounce limit. So the dedicated wife of our Cubmaster broke out the propane torch and started soldering whatever she could find into the bottom of the cars.

On the night of the races, my confidence surged. After placing my car on the track for the first heat, I watched it take off — then stop midway down the inclined track.

Turned out the metal that was soldered into the car's base was too thick to clear the track rail. I didn't finish a race that night. But I think they gave me a ribbon for "Best Braking System."

Fortunately for my son, he enjoys the creative side of making a car as much as the racing. This year, he wants his car to resemble his favorite food — a strip of bacon.

Maybe he won't win the race. But with a bacon-themed car, he's clearly preparing for manhood.

David Cooper may be reached at dcooper@magic-valley.com.

THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

WEAVING AT 92

Peg Sass has no shortage of place mats, scarves and tapestries in her Twin Falls home. And all were born of her loom.

Sass, 92, started weaving in the '70s. She saw an advertisement for a \$25 loom in a magazine and sent away for it. It was too small to make anything except belts and straps, but it was enough to lure in Sass.

The Twin Falls woman draws on her time as a water-color painter for inspiration. She no longer paints — having materials out for both crafts would take up too much space in her home — so she throws all of her artistic experience into weaving, making pictures with cotton, tinsel and wool. Wall hangings mingle with her water-colors on the walls.

Sass gravitates toward different colors depending on her mood. Sometimes she works with earth tones, sometimes bright colors.

One of Peg Sass' tapestries hangs on her living room wall.



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Peg Sass, 92, of Twin Falls stands with one of her looms. Sass' home is filled with paintings that she says helped her learn how to see, and she credits her background in oil painting and watercolors with helping her develop a vision for her loom work.

"If I do too many earth, I want color. If I do too much color, I want earth," she said. She likes the way colors play off each other and how different pairings give the threads new life.

And no matter what Sass envisions when she sets up her loom for a new project, the finished product always surprises her.

"You never know until it comes off the loom what it's going to look like," she said.

— *Melissa Davlin*



Colorful spools are ready to be used in Peg Sass' weaving.

RESTORING AT 84

CREATIVE SPIRIT AT ALL AGES

Working with his hands since he was a boy, T.F. 70-year-old specializes in intricate Italian woodworking.

See Family Life 4

Watch for more stories for the next two Sundays in Family Life.

Joe Taylor doesn't live on a farm anymore, but he actively looks for old John Deere tractors to buy. These days, they're his creative outlet.

The Burley real estate agent started restoring tractors about 20 years ago with the help of his two sons. Because he's blind, he relies on touch and sound to put pieces together.



Taylor

which powers the spark plugs, he listens to make sure they are running smoothly. He leaves the painting and a few other tasks to others.

Taylor doesn't sell many of his tractors. Rather, he rides them during parades while someone else drives, or



MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

A 1937 John Deere tractor sits at Joe Taylor's Burley home. The tractor is one of about 12 that Taylor has restored over the past 20 years.

lends them out for tractor pulls. He restores them as closely as he can to the originals without spending too much money, he said. He finds tractors and parts at salvage yards and online auctions. He recently got a tractor from a junkyard in

Wyoming. He and his sons rescued another that was partially buried in mud and manure.

Many of the parts are rusted, so Taylor painstakingly cleans every part and loosens the bolts.

Taylor has several more

unfinished tractors waiting at his son's property south of Twin Falls, but said he won't finish all of them in his lifetime. But for now, he continues to give life back to the rusted, forgotten pieces of metal.

— *Melissa Davlin*

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: Beef stew
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Birthday dinner, roast beef
Thursday: Chow mein with noodles
Friday: Swedish meatballs

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Unitarian Church service, 10 a.m.
Let's Dance, 2 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
Bridge, 8 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 to 11:15 a.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.
Commission for the Blind, 1 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Basket weaving, 404-6377
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls, 8 a.m. to noon; \$1.50 each
Quilting, 8 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Haak Band, 11 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Red Hatters, 5 p.m.
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
Saturday: Twin Falls Flea Market

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

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: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 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: Fish sticks
Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas
Friday: Baked ham

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.

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: Seafood platter
Tuesday: French onion soup
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie
Thursday: Pot roast

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Foot clinic
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Birthday party
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.

MENUS:
Monday: Hash brown casserole
Tuesday: Chicken a la king
Wednesday: Hot pork sandwich

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: Biscuits and sausage gravy
Wednesday: Tuna sandwich and soup
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:
Monday: Fried chicken
Thursday: Tuna sandwich and soup

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: Pork roast
Thursday: Hamburger steak

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: Soup and salad bar
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Upside-down pizza
Thursday: Pesto pasta with chicken
Friday: Ribs

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.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, Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," 1 p.m.; \$2
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.

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. Medicare Part D assistance: Kitty Andrews at 677-4872, ext. 2, for appointments.

MENUS:
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Barbecued chicken
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 to

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: Spaghetti
Tuesday: BLT sandwich
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Chicken cordon bleu
Friday: Sweet-and-sour meatballs

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: Chicken and noodles
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with ham
Thursday: Lasagna

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Foot clinic
Food pantry
Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENUS:
Monday: Salad and soup bar
Thursday: Pesto pasta with chicken

Bingo

Studies show self control, or lack of it, is contagious

By Meredith Cohn
The Baltimore Sun

Your ability to resist eating a cookie, or your inability to control yourself, may have a lot to do with whom you hang out with, according to a new study from the University of Georgia.

Researchers say self-control is contagious. Ditto for lack of self control.

The series of studies involved hundreds of volunteers. They found that watching or even thinking about someone with good self-control made them more likely to exert their own self control. The opposite was also true — so much so that seeing the name of someone with good or bad self-control flashing on a screen for just 10 milliseconds changed behavior.

“The take home message of this study is that picking social influences that are positive can improve your self-control.”

— **Michelle vanDellen, assistant professor in the Georgia department of psychology**

true when it comes to smoking, drug use and obesity, the researcher said. But the new study is thought to be the first to show that self-control is contagious across behaviors.

Researchers said that means that thinking about someone who regularly exercises can make a person more likely to stick with his financial goals, career goals or other things that involve self-control.

The finding were published in the online edition of the journal “Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin.”

VanDellen said the findings, however, do not absolve people of accountability for their actions. She said it was more of a “nudge” toward or away from temptation.

So eat the cookie, but don’t blame the baker.

STORK REPORT

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Carter Bruce Whiteman, son of Collette Nichole Curtis of Gooding, was born Jan. 5, 2010.
Viviana Josielyn Martinez, daughter of Katrina Kay and Fidel Escobar Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 11, 2010.
Logan Kane Ulrich Katona, son of Rachele Monet West and Clifford Kane Katona of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2010.
Samuel Eli-Paul Neyhart, son of Heidi Lynn and Samuel Carl Neyhart of Filer, was born Jan. 12, 2010.

Jackson Harrison Rippee, son of Kate Louise and Jason Harrison Rippee of Shoshone, was born Jan. 12, 2010.
Evelyn Geraldyn Lopez Ramirez, daughter of Maria Guadalupe Ramirez Reyes and Oscar Manuel Lopez Juarez of Filer, was born Jan. 12, 2010.
Noah James Egan, son of Heidi Jo and Bryan Robert Egan of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2010.
Taytum Rae Verhoeven, daughter of Kendra Camille and Richard Gilbert Verhoeven of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2010.
Bailey Renea Tawney, daughter of Joyce Ann Meyer and Richard Andrew Tawney of Fairfield, was born Jan. 13, 2010.
Kathryn Bek Younger, daughter of Rochelle Elizabeth and Jonathan Alan

Younger of Buhl, was born Jan. 13, 2010.
Landon Eugene Monroe, son of Veronica Jean and Bradlee Alan Monroe of Filer, was born Jan. 13, 2010.
Cesar Valdez, son of Irene Catalina Valdez and Eustaquio Valdez of Gooding, was born Jan. 14, 2010.
Hailey Rachelle Summy, daughter of Rebekah Lynn and William Steven Summy of Castleford, was born Jan. 14, 2010.
Weston Gage Archer, son of Amber Sue and Justin Wayne Archer of Kimberly, was born Jan. 15, 2010.
Oliver Bradley Dixon, son of Kara and Aaron Christopher Dixon of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 15, 2010.

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Kailer Espen Kjaersgaard and Helena Avery Kjaersgaard, twin son and daughter of Laura Elise and Jeppe Hvelpluno Kjaersgaard of Kimberly, were born Jan. 15, 2010.
Angie Nicole Lyons, daughter of Heather Eileen and Parker William Lyons of Filer, was born Jan. 15, 2010.
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The sweat, and the sweetness, of hosting your own big day

By Dina ElBoghdady
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Julie McLaughlin singled out her brother’s suburban house, with its two-tiered deck and garden gazebo, as the ideal spot for her wedding.

And the price was right. “I couldn’t swallow spending \$3,000 to \$5,000 to rent a location,” McLaughlin said. “We didn’t want to pay. Our total wedding budget was \$5,000.”

The reasons for having a wedding at home range from the financial to the sentimental. But many couples are taken aback by the sweat equity needed to pull off such an event and how quickly the costs mount when you have to rent everything from the tent to the silverware and portable restrooms.

The cost of a wedding averaged about \$22,000 in 2008, according to Wedding Report, a wedding market research firm. Of course, averages don’t say much when one couple opts for a quickie justice-of-the-peace ceremony and a dinner at home for 10 while another throws a \$100,000 soiree for 200 people under a tent fit for a White House state dinner.

But whatever the national average is, many wedding consultants insist that the cost climbs even higher at a home wedding.

“I’ve never told a client not to have a wedding at their home. But I do tell them that it costs anywhere from 10 to 15 percent more,” said Katie Martin, a wedding planner at Elegance & Simplicity in Bethesda, Md. “They have to bring in all sorts of vendors to make it a reality.”

Add to that the pressure and angst people feel when they’re hosting a large group of guests in their home and — cha-ching!

“You feel that everything about your home has to be immaculate because so many people will see it,” Martin said. “Before you know it, you’re spending money to have someone clean up the home, to landscape and even to buy new furniture.”

McLaughlin’s relatives took on many of these tasks themselves. But hosting 60 guests wasn’t as easy as the bride expected.

Three tree stumps had to be removed to make room for the buffet tables; ultimately,



By Franmarie Metzler
Joe Callahan and Julie McLaughlin at their wedding at a relative's home in Fairfax Station, Va. 'I couldn't swallow spending \$3,000 to \$5,000 to rent a location,' McLaughlin says. Still, the sweat equity and costs needed to pull off a home wedding can add up quickly.

the caterer had to use a different space because the ground was too muddy after days of rain.

“That took three weeks of digging and hauling these things out so we could have a nice, flat area,” said Melissa McLaughlin, the bride’s sister-in-law.

Friends and family helped plant bulbs and bushes, then surrounded them with truckloads of free mulch from a nearby recycling center so the couple could exchange vows in the gazebo surrounded by blooming flowerbeds and neatly arranged hydrangeas.

Rose petals, bought in bulk online, were strewn around the deck. Candles were hung in the trees and bushes. Tulle and flower arrangements draped the gazebo entrance, and white Christmas lights twinkled in surrounding trees.

“It was informal, comfortable and beautiful,” McLaughlin said. “But it was also way more involved than we had planned.” And more expensive. The couple still busted their budget by about \$3,000, even though they skipped the more lavish trappings often associated with at-home weddings.

No tent. (The weather cooperated.)

No band. (Just a harpist and an iPod.)

No fancy restroom trailers.

(Two indoor bathrooms sufficed.)

No valet parking. (But a few cars ripped up the lawn.)

If you pony up money for all those frills, not only does the price tag rise substantially but also the potential for mishaps.

“The longer the guest list gets, the more nitty-gritty things you have to worry about,” said Laura Weatherly, a wedding planner at Engaging Affairs in Alexandria, Va. “You’re not only having to rent tables and chairs and linens, but oftentimes you’re bringing in a tent, lights and power generators. It’s not always possible to run power from the house for the live band, or even for the caterer’s coffee machine, without blowing a circuit.”

There are safety issues, too. If it’s an outdoor wedding, for instance, you have to think about people trudging through your yard from the tent to the house and back, Weatherly said. “Will there be enough light so they don’t trip themselves? It’s easy to trip with variations in the lawn.”

Always plan for the worst-case scenario, said Davis Richardson, president of Sugarplum Tent in Maryland. “The best thing from the standpoint of the wedding planners and the families and the rental companies is to

plan well in advance and have a contingency plan.”

In areas where the weather is unpredictable, don’t wait until the rainy wedding day to ask for siding or sturdier floors for your tent, Richardson said. “In muddy

conditions, it’s very difficult to save the event after the fact.”

Don’t set your heart on a particular look for the event until you’ve spoken to a professional, Richardson said. Couples intent on setting up

a tent over the home’s beautiful deck are bound to be disappointed. “Tents are very regular in shape, normally rectangular, and rectangular shapes are difficult to match with angular decks,” he said.

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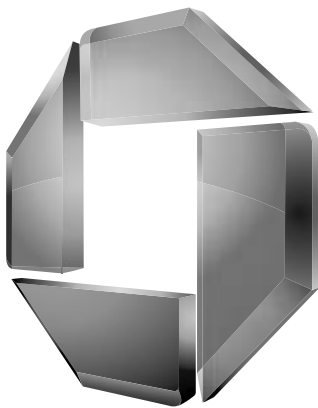
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THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

CONTINUED FROM FAMILY LIFE 1

WOODWORKING AT 70

Stan McLaughlin has worked with his hands since he was a boy.

In the 1940s, he carved bars of Ivory soap into animal shapes. Now, he puts all his creative energy into intarsia.

Intarsia is an Italian woodworking art that takes shaped pieces of wood and fits them together to form a picture, much like a puzzle. McLaughlin mixes different kinds of wood for his pictures to add color and dimension, and painstakingly lines up the wood grain to create an illusion of flowing water, scales or hair.

He rarely buys new wood, preferring instead to find his materials and inspiration in salvaged wood from discarded pallets. Some of his most beautiful pieces came from barn wood.

"It had manure all over it," he said. He cleaned it up and used it in several pictures, working his magic to bring out its natural beauty.

The pictures are made from paper patterns, which McLaughlin cuts apart and pastes on the wood. He orders some patterns and makes others himself. One picture of a grizzly bear incorporates more than 100 pieces of wood, cut by a band saw.



Stan McLaughlin is surrounded by panels of wood, tools and finished pieces of art — his favorite is the grizzly bear at upper left — in his woodworking studio in Twin Falls.

McLaughlin sells many of his pictures but keeps a choice few in his living room. On the wall is a rose with purple heart petals — a gift to his wife, Jane Merritt. Merritt makes stained glass pictures, which fill the living room windows. Almost everything decorating the room is handmade, McLaughlin said.

And although the rose isn't McLaughlin's favorite piece, Merritt insists on displaying it. It was made with



A tropical scene by Stan McLaughlin. The artist says he has clients from all over the world, and he tends to recreate pieces that sell well.

Teens don't ring bells, they TOA (text on arrival)

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Planet Teenager, where I unfortunately live, is a busy and surprising place.

On this planet, kids come and go at all hours, but nobody ever rings a bell or knocks on a door. Nobody calls to warn, "I'm on my way." Nobody beeps a horn to say, "Your ride is here."

Instead, teenagers suddenly appear in my living room (often around dinner-time), only to vanish again without so much as a "Sorry for barging in" or "So long, it's been good to know ya!"

How do they manage to infiltrate my house without my knowing it?

Simple: They text on arrival — TOA — and another teenager lets them in.

To tell you the truth, it used to freak me out. Suddenly my 17-year-old would bolt from the table and open the door without a word, and to my utter astonishment, another teenager would be standing on the threshold.

"But ... but ... how did you know he was here?" I was foolish enough to sputter the first time I witnessed this practice some months ago.

The answer, of course, was that texts had been silently exchanged, rendering obsolete the ridiculously old-fashioned routine of ringing a bell, knocking, or even phoning to say that one's arrival was imminent.

Now my only hope for anticipating the appearance of guests is the dog. Dear old Buddy, whose extraordinary hearing and Doggie ESP can detect the lightest footstep, still twitches an ear and sometimes even pads over to the door if someone is about to enter. Since I am never the one receiving the "I'm here" texts, Buddy is my beacon, my four-legged head's up.

I'm not saying TOA is a bad thing. I'm just saying, for a mom who lived most of her life in the 20th century, it takes a little getting used to.

As my niece who's in college pointed out to me, teenagers aren't the only ones who TOA. But based on

my observations, the practice hasn't yet caught on among grown-ups — uh, I mean, old people. (Actually I mean middle-aged people, but I'm sure to a college student, middle-aged people are old people.)

Yes, I still ring the bell when I go to someone's house, fuddy-duddy that I am, and my friends still ring the bell when they come to visit me.

But I have to admit, TOA has its advantages, especially for city-dwellers. How many times have I rung the bell to get into an apartment building, only to realize that the bell wasn't working. In the old days, you either had to slip into the building behind someone else who had a key, or find a pay phone on the corner to call your friend. Nowadays, of course, you could call your friend on your cell — or you could just TOA.

Another advantage to TOA: Nobody has to sit in the car in front of a house beeping the horn to show that Cinderella's coach has arrived. (Or if they did, you'd be well within your rights to open the window and scream: "Lay off the horn, will ya! Can't you just send a text that you're here?")

Still, the way teens appear and vanish thanks to TOA reminds me of the old TV show, "Bewitched," where the witchy housewife Samantha's supernatural relatives were always conjuring themselves up in her living room, without using normal means of access like the door. Naturally this annoyed her mortal husband no end.

But now that TOA is the new normal, I predict the day will soon come when children watching a classic movie or old sitcom will be unable to understand the clichéd line "Don't you ever knock?" — usually said in an angry tone of voice when neighbors, roommates or nosy relatives barge in at awkward moments.

In fact, in sitcoms of the future, when someone barges in unannounced, I wouldn't be surprised if the characters instead say, "Don't you ever text?"

In the war of dogs vs. cats, clear winner: dogs

By Sue Manning
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Cats. Dogs. Those can be fighting words in some circles.

Cats are "nasty, stinking creatures," says Mark David of Warrensburg, Mo. And dogs? They're noisy, disruptive and "lick you and themselves," counters Sanford Reikes of Louisville, Ky.

Clearly, there are dog people and there are cat people. But it's not much of a contest: 74 percent of people like dogs a lot, and only 41 percent like cats a lot.

Cats win the dislike vote handily, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll. Fifteen percent of the adults questioned said they disliked cats a lot while the number who said they disliked dogs a lot was just 2 percent.

Joseph Moreus, 61, of Westminster, Calif., understands why dogs come out on top.

"They have more person-

ality. They are loyal," he said. "Cats are all about cats but dogs are interested in pleasing their owners. Cats don't care if they please you or not."

And cats can be destructive, said Joy Rasch, 70, of Kennewick, Wash., who gets mad at the neighborhood cats who kill robins, quail and squirrels in her backyard. Male cats will spray their territory or get in the wood pile at 3 a.m. and "screech like bad brakes on a car," she added.

Of course, cat lovers, if smaller in numbers, are equal in passion.

"Cats are 1,000 times smarter than dogs," said Bonnie Hanson, 77, of Sioux Falls, S.D. She and her late husband had a black Siamese cat, Kitty, that she said "always wanted to comfort people, anybody who was ill or unhappy."

"My husband would have chest pains and wouldn't tell me. But Kitty would come and look at me and I'd know.

We called him our psychic Siamese," she said. "Every cat I ever had was a help and a comfort."

About 59 percent of American households own pets, according to the poll. About 74 percent of pet owners polled said they had dogs, and 47 percent said they had cats.

Those most likely to dislike cats were blacks, Hispanics and married men. Men were a bit more likely than women to say they disliked cats.

Dog people are more adamant about their preference than cat people, the poll found. Of those who owned only a dog, 34 percent said they disliked cats; of those who owned only a cat, only 5 percent disliked dogs.

David, 28, who runs a

landscaping company in Warrensburg, dislikes cats but he says he owes his life to a dog. Two years ago, his 5-year-old black lab Zena was with him when a tractor rolled onto his leg, leaving him pinned and bleeding. Zena went to get his wife.

"She wasn't a Lassie by any means, but she was smart enough to go for help," David said.

Still, all this sniping doesn't mean there is no harmony in the country. Sixty percent of all adults said they liked both dogs and cats.

The AP-Petside.com poll was conducted Oct. 1-5, 2009, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media. It involved telephone interviews on landline and cell phones with 1,967 adults nationwide, including 1,166 pet owners.

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INTERVIEWS ABOUT INTIMACY

By Ellen McCarthy
The Washington Post

“He just held me while I cried over another man.”

That’s the line that steals John Bowe’s breath every time he reads it. The sentence comes at the end of a story Marty Edwards, a 56-year-old Oklahoma woman, tells about being in love with a man who pulls away from her after learning he’ll suffer an ugly death from liver failure. Find someone else, the man tells her, and eventually she does. Edwards meets a younger guy who doesn’t care that her heart is divided, who knows he’s giving more affection than she can return and who will comfort her when it comes time to grieve the death of another lover.

“This is the total fabric of everything we do,” says Bowe, editor of “Us: Americans Talk About Love,” a new collection of 44 personal narratives from people describing the dynamics of their most inti-

mate relationships. “There’s the money and existential stuff ... but then this love stuff fills in almost everything else.”

In a follow-up to “Gig: Americans Talk About Their Jobs,” Bowe and his colleagues interviewed people with backgrounds and experiences as wide-ranging as the country is diverse, and whittled those dialogues down to short stories told in the subject’s own voice. A compulsive cheater talks about her double life. A homeless woman describes her relationship with a man who keeps her on the streets. A middle-aged New Yorker explains why he still lives in the basement of his ex-wife’s house.

It’s a dream book for anyone with a respectable sense of voyeurism, but was a far trickier endeavor than Bowe expected. “It was so much harder than it was with ‘Gig,’” he says, “because it’s the most intimate thing.” Eventually though, he learned how to get people to

open up about what it was like to find a wife attempting suicide, or to hear, as a teenager, that your boyfriend has taken up with your best friend.

For Bowe, who is 45 and unmarried, listening to these tales of how love played out was like going to business school and “studying dozens and dozens of business plans for businesses that work or businesses that don’t work.

“Anything going on in my personal life or with my friends, I definitely have this sort of guiding map of, ‘OK this fits into human experience that I know of and these people ended up happy,’” he says. “Or, ‘These people ended up miserable, and watch out.’”

Bowe was surprised, in his interviews, by how reluctant most Americans are to discuss sex, and yet how funny and crude they can be, how frequently they swear, even while invoking God, and how high their expectations are for love, no matter how

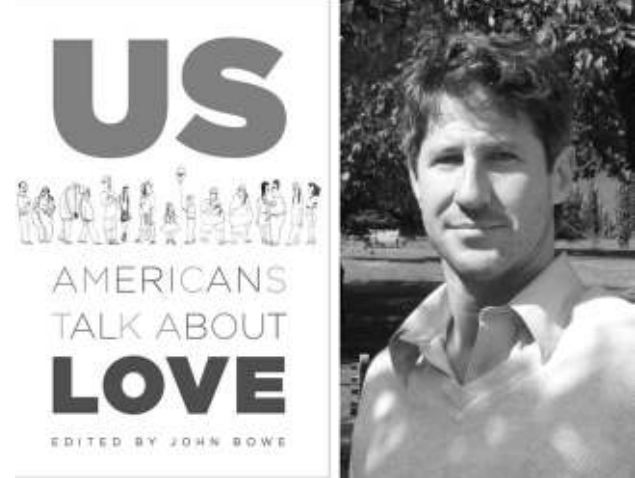
many times it’s disappointed them in the past.

He encountered plenty of foolishness and despicable behavior: “Some people become horrible people because of love or they do horrible things for love,” he says.

And yet, he also found that the “the right love and the right situation definitely will pick a whole bunch of locks. ... And people become much bigger people than they otherwise would have.”

“Us” is meant to be an oral history, a collection of snapshots that make up a larger portrait depicting the modern American experience with love. But it became, along the way, something like a self-help book.

At least for Bowe it did. “This is going to sound New Age-y and gross, but it’s true,” he says. The stories “have really become these points of light in my emotional firmament. ... You would almost have to end up wiser after reading them.”



Courtesy John Bowe

John Bowe is editor of ‘Us: Americans Talk About Love,’ a new collection of 44 personal narratives from people describing the dynamics of their most intimate relationships.

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Car seats: What’s a parent to do?

By Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press writer

FAIRWAY, Kan. — Anne Epperson thought little of it when she flipped her daughter’s convertible car seat around so she could face forward after her first birthday.

But if car seat advocates get their way, parents like Epperson will be delaying the switch, possibly for years.



AP photo

Anne Epperson unbuckles her daughter Sydney, 2, from her car seat while Madeline, 3, right, waits her turn at their home in Westwood, Kan. Many parents find themselves confused by new car seat research that suggests children should remain in rear-facing car seats much longer than the one year of age or 20-pound benchmark long accepted by officials.

times less likely to be injured in a crash between their first and second birthdays if they are rear facing.

“We rarely if ever see spine injuries in children in rear-facing car seats,” said Dr. Marilyn J. Bull, the contributing pediatric researcher in the study. “We will see head injuries or we will see a few other injuries, but the vast majority of serious injuries occur when children are forward facing.”

The AAP is still discussing how it is going to revise the recommendations.

Dr. Dennis Durbin, who is leading the effort to update the group’s policy on child passenger safety, said the emphasis will be more on remaining rear facing to the upper weight limit of the seat. The academy is hoping to introduce the new guidelines late this year.

Durbin said he is well aware of the research and said one of the goals with the revision is to reorder the policy and “really state what the ideal is.”

That’s good news to safety advocates.

“When it is written one year and 20 pounds, parents don’t pay attention to the rest,” complained Pam Holt, the previous chairwoman of the National Child Passenger Safety Board and the trauma prevention coordinator at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

Count Epperson among

the confused parents. The 35-year-old said she doesn’t recall getting advice to keep her 23-month-old daughter or 3-year-old daughter rear facing longer.

“I’ve read a lot of books, but I’ve never heard that,” Epperson said as she picked her daughters up from a church daycare in the Kansas City suburb of Fairway, Kan. “I had no idea.”

Pediatricians get some of the blame, said Dr. Benjamin Hoffman, part of an American Academy of Pediatrics committee that helps educate parents and doctors about injury prevention. The Albuquerque, N.M., pediatrician said some are still promoting old guidelines that say children must be turned forward at a year.

Hoffman, also a certified car seat technician, came across a mother recently whose pediatrician had given her that old advice, and she balked when he suggested she keep her 1-year-old son in the rear-facing position.

“I don’t care what you think,” she told Hoffman. “You aren’t my pediatrician.”

Stories like these make activists shake their heads. Motor vehicle crashes are the single leading cause of death for U.S. children, claiming an average of about four lives a day. Hoffman said it is tragic that “people are not operating on the best information they possibly could.”

“The bottom line is that in a crash, a child who is rear facing is going to have all the crash forces spread over their entire back, from the tops of their head to the tips of their toes,” Hoffman said. “And spreading all that force out over such a wide area significantly decreases the risk of injury.”

Experts said part of the problem is that parents often have viewed switching their children to the forward-facing position as a rite of passage.

“It’s like graduating from preschool into kindergarten,” Hoffman said. “They view it as a good thing. What we need to do is work on changing people’s attitudes so that they recognize that every step you make from rear facing to forward facing to booster, you lose some safety, and that people should switch only when absolutely necessary. It’s not necessarily a negative step but neither is it a positive step.

“And the fact of the matter is the kids don’t know any different. And if our first priority was to keep the kids as safe as possible, it would be a no-brainer.”

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Bushyager graduated from Northwood Academy in 2005 and College of Charleston in 2009. He has a degree in Political Science and a minor in Latin American Studies.

The couple met in France at the University of Strasbourg where they were both participating in the Study Abroad Program.

The wedding and reception will be held May 2, 2010 at the Arizona Snow Bowl, Hart Prairie Lodge, north of Flagstaff.

The Fitzpatricks

Everett and Iva Fitzpatrick of Eden will be honored at an open house to celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend this special occasion which will be held at noon on January 30, 2010 at the Eden Senior Citizen Center.

Everett Fitzpatrick and Iva Pherigo were married February 1, 1960. They have worked and lived in the community for the past 44 years.

The event is hosted by their children Joann Acklin from Soldotna, Alaska, Shelly Wormsbaker from Kimberly, T.J. Acklin

The Merrills

Keith C Merrill Jr. and Margaret Hawkes Merrill are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on January 28, 2010.

They were married in Paul, Idaho on January 28, 1940. One year later their marriage was solemnized in the Logan, Utah Temple.

They have lived in Paul all their married lives, except time spent in Moscow, Idaho for schooling and time served in the military, during WW2.

He has a masters degree in Ag Education and has taught VoAg at Kimberly High School, Heyburn High School and Minico High School until retirement.

Margaret has not worked outside the home, but has been a wonderful homemaker all her life.

Keith and Margaret Merrill

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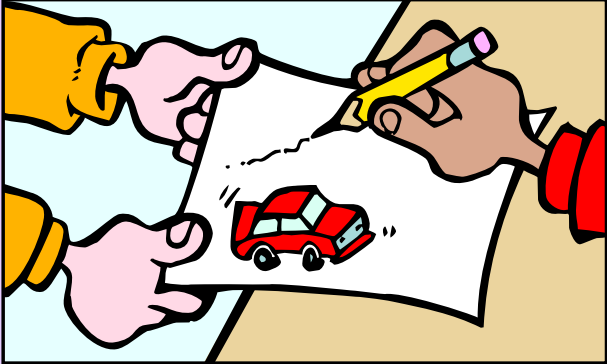


Measuring Earthquakes

An **earthquake** is one of the most powerful forces on earth. On January 12, 2010 a major earthquake near Haiti’s capital city of Port-au-Prince destroyed buildings throughout this tiny nation. Thousands of lives were lost.

Try This

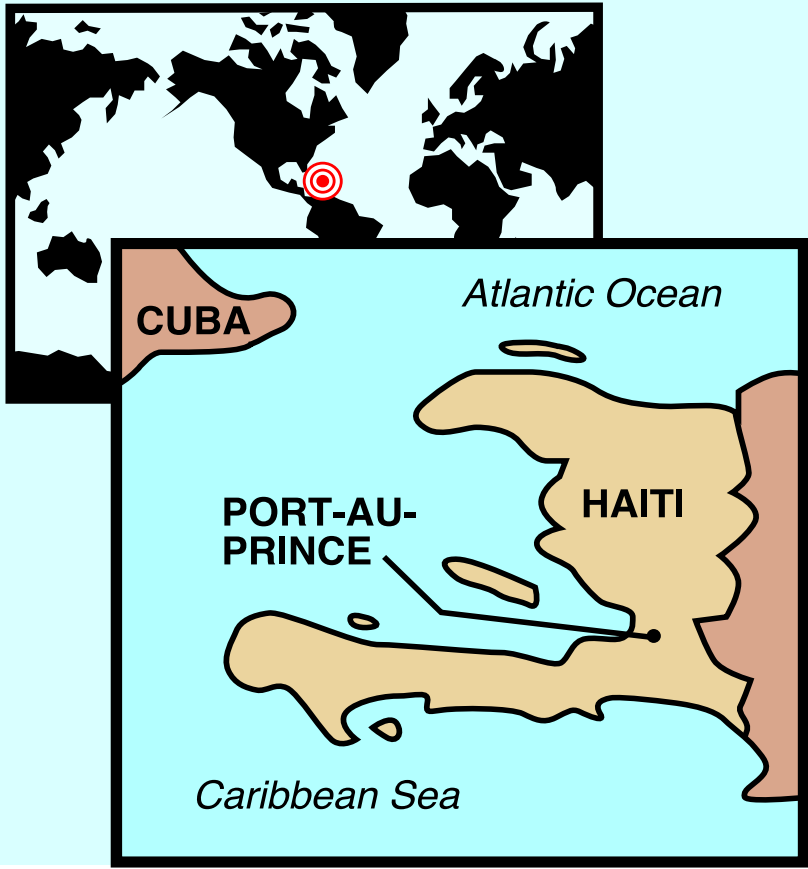
Scientists use an instrument called a **seismograph** to measure earthquakes. Try this activity with a friend to find out how a seismograph works.



1. On a table place a small toy car on a piece of paper.
2. One person holds a pencil with the lead lightly resting on the paper.
3. The other person moves the paper back and forth very slowly. What kind of line does the pencil make? Does the car move?
4. Now move the paper so that the car starts to slide around. What kind of line does the pencil make now?

Where is Haiti?

Haiti is an island nation located in the Caribbean Sea, south of the United States.



How do earthquakes happen?



When you crack the shell of a hard-boiled egg, you get a lot of separate pieces or **plates** of shell. The crust of the earth is like the shell of a hard-boiled egg. It is broken up into plates, too. But, unlike the pieces of a hard-boiled egg, the plates of the earth’s crust move.

It All Adds Up

Following Hurricane Katrina, Kid Scoop readers came up with creative ideas to raise a lot of money, a little at a time. A student in Pennsylvania told us ...

We helped with a game called **PENNY WARS!** In Penny Wars, each class competes against other classes. Each class tries to have the smallest amount of money in its class bin at the end of the week. How? Students donate money to another class’s bin to make the amount in the other bins higher than the home class bin. We hoped to raise \$400 in the week-long competition. Thanks to generous donations, we raised 5 times our goal, a total of \$2,184.60!

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Sense of Kindness

What if you could understand kindness with all of your senses? Look through the newspaper for pictures that show what kindness:

- looks like
- sounds like
- feels like
- smells like
- tastes like

Can you find an example for all five?

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand that being a good citizen involves acting in certain ways.

This Idea Makes Cents!

Ask an adult if there are some chores around home you could do to raise a little money for Haiti earthquake victims. You’ll be helping two places at once!



The Power of the Paper

Newspapers provide more than just news about disasters. They also bring people together to help those suffering from disasters like Haiti’s earthquake. Newspapers help people support each other in their own communities. As you complete this special newspaper page, look around and get to know how your paper delivers news and hope. Newspapers make the world a better place.

Note to teachers and parents: Kid Scoop's Special Haiti Earthquake Edition was designed to give you the vocabulary and background needed to better understand the news articles about this historic disaster.

UNICEF

UNICEF is helping in Haiti by providing children with clean water, food and emergency security services.

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