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Held up in Haiti

Haiti detains 10 Americans taking kids across border, church members held include three from Twin Falls

By Frank Bajak
Associated Press writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Ten Americans, including three from Twin Falls, were detained by Haitian police on Saturday as they tried to bus 33 children across the border into the Dominican Republic, allegedly without proper documents.

The Baptist church members from Idaho called it a "Haitian Orphan Rescue Mission," meant to save abandoned children from the chaos following Haiti's earthquake. Their plan was to scoop up 100 kids and take them by bus to a rented hotel at a beach resort in the Dominican Republic, where they planned to establish an orphanage.

Whether they realized it or not, these Americans — the first known to be taken into custody since the Jan. 12 earthquake — put themselves in the middle of a firestorm in Haiti, where government leaders have suspended adoptions amid fears that parentless or lost children are more vulnerable than ever to child trafficking.

"In this chaos the government is in right now we were just trying to do the right thing," the group's leader, Laura Silsby, told reporters at the judicial police headquarters in the capital, where the Americans were being held pending a Monday hearing before a judge.

Silsby, 40, of Boise, was asked if she didn't consider it naive to cross the border without adoption papers at a time when Haitians are so concerned about child trafficking. "By no means are we any part of that. That's exactly what we are trying to combat," she said.

Among those detained were Paul Thompson, 43, Silas Thompson, 19 and Steve McMullen, 56, all of Twin Falls.

Renee Thompson of Twin Falls confirmed to the *Times-News* Saturday night that her husband Paul, the pastor for Eastside, was among those being detained

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A soldier's serenity

T.F. man found beauty during war, return to Vietnam



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Former Army Ranger and Vietnam War veteran Gary Dugan speaks at his Twin Falls home about his return to Vietnam last fall, with Mission Vietnam, a Christian outreach project of Riever Educational Assistance Projects (REAP) International. After 42 years, Dugan was able to return to the country he served in and now hopes to return again someday.

By Eric Larsen • Times-News writer

Gary Dugan looked down Vietnam's National Road 13 toward what had been Phu Loi Army Airfield, his body aching.

He'd navigated more than 42 years and 8,000 miles back to Vietnam to find that road between Ho Chi Minh City and Long Binh, and now it was almost too much. Nineteen kilometers — only 12 miles — separated him from the base and the hills beyond, where bullet and bayonet pierced his body, ending his Army career.

"I looked up that road and I thought, oh man it would be so nice to be able to get up there," the 67-year-old Army veteran from Twin Falls said. "It was almost like heartache."

But Dugan had bicycles to deliver in Long Binh, one stop along "The Journey," a 10-day trip from Oct. 30 to Nov. 8, with Mission Vietnam, part of Riever Educational Assistance Projects (REAP) International.

As part of the Christian missionary group's work, Dugan had purchased five new bikes with the bulk of his \$900 traveling money. Their recipients waited as Dugan's group wove its way

through 20 miles of urban sprawl.

Since Dugan last walked it as a 24-year-old Army Ranger with the 1st Infantry Division, much has changed in the Ho Chi Minh City metropolitan area. Corporate giants Nike and Canon are now part of a bustling landscape that's home to seven million people.

For more than a decade Mission Vietnam founder

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Possible DNA bill faces funding roadblock

Idaho one of three states not collecting DNA for all felonies

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

Idaho was one of only three states that didn't require DNA to be taken from every convicted felon last year.

But even in the interest of fighting crime, the state can't afford to change the law now, said Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls.

DNA evidence has been effective across the country in cracking cold cases and helping to exonerate innocent people charged with violent crimes.

Often swabbed from the mouth, DNA is taken from people convicted in Idaho of many violent and dangerous felonies. These DNA profiles are input into a national database for crimes ranging from murder, rape and other violent offenses against people, to racketeering and malicious injury to property.



Patrick

But not all of Idaho's convicted felons must provide their DNA under state law. At least some exceptions include felony driving under the influence and grand theft, state statute shows.

The Idaho Department of Correction collects DNA from felons for 135 crimes, according to department spokesman Jeff Ray.

If DNA was taken from all felons convicted in Idaho and put into the national database then "the question about how many more crimes could be solved is also very difficult to predict," said Idaho State Police Forensic Services Quality Manager Matthew Gamette. "We anticipate that the more samples we populate into a database, the more hits we will generate."

But Gamette adds that there is no way to predict how many more hits — matches between recorded DNA and genetic material gathered from unsolved crimes — they might see.

Local law enforcement can use national DNA databases to help gather leads

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Recession calls into question economics of a college degree

By Mara Rose Williams
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Being "upside-down" means owing more on your house or car than it's worth.

Right now, Patricia Summers is upside-down on her college degree.

She still owes \$18,000 on loans taken to get her degree in advertising

from the University of Missouri. Her college time will end up costing more than \$50,000, not counting what she could have earned from a full-time job had she not gone to college.

But that job probably would have been a dead-end, low-paying service job, advocates of higher education contend.

Which is exactly what Summers is doing now: serving burgers at a Sonic drive-in.

The recession is recalibrating the economics of higher education.

"Whether college is worth it depends on how much you pay for it," said Kevin Carey, the policy director at the Education Sector, a Washington-based education think

tank. "It's not worth much if you pay too much for a degree that has no value in the market, or one that pays too little to pay back what you borrowed."

College costs are rising fast, as are student

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



● Jerome County Sheriff's Deputy James Moulson was killed in the line of duty in 2001. His friends and family are hosting a dinner and wine tasting benefit in his honor at Rock Creek restaurant in Twin Falls. A no-host bar with appetizers starts at 1 p.m. College of Southern Idaho law enforcement professor Brett Reid will speak, and music will be provided by Crossfire. Proceeds help meet the needs of Magic Valley peace officers and will also provide scholarships. Tickets are \$30.

● Parents can register their kids in grades 3-5 for the science camp at the Herrett Center for Arts and

Science, held Feb. 19-20 in Twin Falls. The fee is \$40. Information or to register: 732-6664 or dthornborrow@csi.edu.

● Cold weather and hot springs just go together. In this region, we are fortunate to have several — Miracle, Banbury, Challis and Lava hot springs are just a few to try. There's nothing like relaxing in hot mineral waters to soothe your mind and body. To find more, visit www.idahohot-springs.com

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

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Forever Plaid, 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 (\$12 with valid Idaho identification), no cost for children 12 and under, 622-2135.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

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.

Ninth annual dinner and wine-tasting benefit, in honor of the late James Moulson, 1 p.m., no-host bar with appetizers; 2 to 6 p.m. dinner, entertainment: "Crossfire" and CSI law enforcement professor Brett Reid, (proceeds go to Magic Valley peace officers and scholarships to the Law Enforcement program at CSI), tickets: \$30, Dick's Pharmacy, Rock Creek, or Bob Moulson at CSI, 732-6296.

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, scsx@csi.edu or www.secularstudents.org/csi.

TODAY'S REMINDERS

Reservation reminder for Tuesday: Magic Valley New Neighbor's Club, speaker: Michelle Pospichal from CSI Refugee Center, 11:30 a.m., River Rock Grill, 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, reserve: 735-2422.

What I'd give for a phone with a wire attached

You know those dueling television commercials by Verizon and AT&T that show cell-phone coverage maps? You might want to pay more attention to them.

Because the alternative — the pay telephone — is disappearing faster than whiskey at an Irish wake.

According to data collected by the Federal Communications Commission, the number of pay phones nationally has plummeted from 1.92 million in 2001 to just 872,256 in 2007, the last year statistics are available.

That's a problem, as I found out recently.

I was supposed to pick up my wife in downtown Boise at 3 p.m. one day, but my cell phone battery died at 2:40 and my tire went flat at 2:45.

It so happened I was on Main Street in Meridian —

DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump



about 12 miles away from where my wife was waiting — with City Hall and the post office each about two blocks away from the spot where I was stranded.

So I went looking for a pay phone. If there's one left in Idaho's third-largest city, I couldn't find it — even in public buildings. (Finally, the clerk at a convenience store let me use his personal cell phone, but I had to buy some Cheez Doodles).

About a week later, I had an hour to kill before picking up my son at the Boise airport, so I drove up and down the capital city's main thoroughfares. Not a pay phone in sight.

Now the Boise metropolitan area is home to about 600,000 people. Does every one of them have a cell phone?

I finally found some pay phones at the airport. According to The Detroit News, that's about the only place they're profitable anymore.

All of that would be fine if pay phones were completely reliable and if everybody could afford one. That leaves quit a few people off the grid, I'm thinking.

A friend of mine drives a truck between Twin Falls and Boise five nights a week. Mornings is more like it — his shift runs from midnight to 8 a.m.

During that bitter cold spell in December, he broke down about 100 yards from the Bliss rest area on Interstate 84.

My buddy's cell phone was dead, so he trudged

through the sub-zero temperatures toward the rest area building, which was brilliantly lit up, in search of a pay phone.

All he found was an empty wall, with telephone wires protruding, where the pay phones used to be.

There's not a lot of company at the Bliss rest area at 3 o'clock in the morning, so he had a chilly hour's wait before another motorist stopped.

It happened to be a cell phone company truck, and my friend asked to use the driver's cell. He dialed his dispatcher back in Twin Falls, waited for a minute or so and then looked at the display on the phone.

It said "no coverage."

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

PREPPING FOR CARNIVAL



AP photo

A reveler poses for a photo during the Banda de Ipanema parade in Rio de Janeiro, Saturday. Hundreds gathered in the streets during one of the many parades before Carnival, which runs Feb. 12-15.

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used to solve various cases, including those involving missing people and unidentified remains.

An expansion of Idaho's DNA Database Act to include DNA collection from all convicted felons could increase Idaho's involvement in the national database, and Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs says that is a good idea, but notes "it will cost money."

Patrick agreed, telling the Times-News last week that

money is what will hold back possible legislation on the issue — at least this year.

"I know we will not be able to allocate enough money to go further this year since the database is very expensive," said Patrick. "The only problem is the money it takes to analyze the collections and enter the results in a national database."

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Detained

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along with their son and another Eastside member.

She deferred all other comments to officials at Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian.

Silsby said they only had the best of intentions and paid no money for the children, whom she said they obtained from well-known Haitian pastor named Jean Sambil of the Sharing Jesus Ministries.

Social Affairs Minister Yves Cristallin told reporters the Americans were suspected of taking part in an illegal adoption scheme.

Cristallin said the 33 children were lodged late Saturday at an SOS Children's Village outside of Port-au-Prince.

SOS Children's Villages is a global nonprofit based in Austria.

Many children in Haitian orphanages aren't actually orphans but have been abandoned by family who cannot afford to care for them. Advocates both here and abroad caution that with so many people unaccounted for, adoptions should not go forward until it can be determined that the children have no relatives who can raise them.

UNICEF and other NGOs have been registering children who may have been sep-

arated from their parents. Relief workers are locating children at camps housing the homeless around the capital and are placing them in temporary shelters while they try to locate their parents or a more permanent home.

The U.S. Embassy in Haiti sent consular officials, who met with the detained Americans and gave them bug spray and MREs to eat, according to Sean Lankford of Meridian, Idaho, whose wife and 18-year-old daughter were being held.

"They have to go in front of a judge on Monday," Lankford told The Associated Press.

"There are allegations of child trafficking and that really couldn't be farther from the truth," he added. The children "were going to get the medical attention they needed. They were going to get the clothes and the food and the love they need to be healthy and to start recovering from the tragedy that just happened."

Haiti has imposed new controls on adoptions since the earthquake, which left thousands of children separated from their parents or orphaned. The government now requires Prime Minister Max Bellerive to personally authorize the departure of any child as a way to prevent



AP photo

American citizens pose for a photo at police headquarters in the international airport of Port-au-Prince on Saturday. The 10 U.S. citizens were detained by Haitian police on Saturday as they tried to bus 33 children across the border into the Dominican Republic, allegedly without proper documents. In the front row from left to right are Carla Thompson, 53, of Meridian, Laura Silsby, 40, of Boise, Nicole Lark Ford, 18, of Middleton, and in the back row from left to right are Steve McMullen, 56, of Twin Falls, Jim Allen, 47, of Amarillo, Texas, Silas Thompson, 19, of Twin Falls, Idaho, Paul Thompson, 43, Twin Falls, and Drew Culborth, 34, of Topeka, Kansas. The names of the two Americans not pictured are unknown.

child trafficking.

Silsby said they had documents from the Dominican government, but did not seek any paperwork from the Haitian authorities before taking 33 children from 2 months to 12 years old to the border, where Haitian police stopped them Friday evening. She said the children were brought to her by distant relatives, and that the only ones to be put up for adoption would be those without close family to care for them.

The 10 Americans include members of the Central Valley Baptist Church in

Meridian, Idaho and the Eastside Baptist Church in Twin Falls, Idaho, as well as people from Texas and Kansas. Idaho friends and relatives have been in touch with them through text messages and phone calls, Lankford said.

"The plan was never to go adopt all these kids. The plan was to create this orphanage where kids could live. And kids get adopted out of orphanages. People go down and they're going to fall in love with these kids, and many of these kids will end up getting adopted."

Degree

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debt loads. Take Aaron McNally, 29, who last year received a master's degree in English from the University of Northern Iowa, adding to what eventually became about \$50,000 in debt. That's more than the national average — \$40,208 — for a freshly inked M.A.

On the other end of the four-year slog, salaries are sputtering — if you get the job in your chosen field. Not finding the public relations post, McNally took a job as an assistant manager at an Independence, Mo., grocery store.

Bigger investment. Disappointing returns. Yet college is still the only way to go, right?

Well, don't ask Bill Gates of Microsoft, Steve Jobs of Apple, Michael Dell of Dell, Larry Ellison of Oracle or Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook. They all

dropped out.

Clearly college is not for everyone, but statistics and studies still show a college degree usually translates to a higher income.

"People with high levels of education make more money on average," Carney said. But he warned that whether a diploma means more income or a better life depends on the individual.

"A college education is no guarantee."

With money scarce, many newly cost-conscious families are trying to work out the math:

● They swallow hard when they realize that, based on the current estimated cost of tuition, room and board, four years at Harvard costs \$188,860. Even the \$60,236 four-year cost for an in-state student at the University of Kansas can be daunting.

● The average student debt after four years

is \$22,656.

● A bachelor's degree doesn't earn what it used to. "After adjusting for inflation, the earnings of male college graduates are no higher than they were in the early 1970s, and the earnings of female college graduates have increased only moderately," according to a College Board study of educational benefits.

● Fewer than 1 in 5 students in the class of 2009 had a job at graduation.

That gets us back to that Sonic in Columbia. Summers, who graduated in 2009, still is searching for a job in her field.

The Independence native, who also works at the MU bookstore, has her fingers crossed, and she still thinks college was worth it.

"I learned a lot of skills I couldn't have gotten if I hadn't gone to college."

But Summers said that if a decent job doesn't come

along soon, her feelings about the value of her degree could change.

Although Summers is "upside-down" for the moment, her degree isn't really comparable with a Florida condo mortgage, experts say. There are many non-monetary intangibles that come with college.

Studies indicate that college graduates are healthier, donate more blood, vote more often than other Americans and are more openminded. They smoke less, exercise more and, a 2005 Pew study found, were 25 percent more likely than high school graduates to say they're very happy.

But would such people, with their ambition and discipline, succeed anyway?

Studies have tried to get a fix on what more schooling adds. Some studies looked at twins and found the better-educated sibling fared better.

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Soldier

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Dave Roeber and President Dr. Wayne Wright, of Twin Falls, have brought groups with as many as 50 veterans back to the country. What began as a yearly "reconciliation rally" between U.S. and Viet Cong servicemen has morphed to include both veterans and younger missionaries who take part in the group's Christian outreach efforts. Their work has included the construction of five churches in the past two years and the expansion of an orphanage in Khe Sahn in Vietnam's Central Highlands, Wright said.

Dugan is one of about 12 Magic Valley veterans to have returned to the country with Mission Vietnam, Wright said.

"It gives them an opportunity to seek closure," he said. "There was a lot of angst and a lot of difference in opinion regarding that war. It wasn't a popular war."

It was that vitriol in Dugan's own country, in part, that led him to extend his service in Vietnam. Men he'd served with were spat upon, called murderers, baby killers. A year earlier Dugan himself had been labeled a draft dodger when the Army couldn't locate him after he moved from Maryland to California.

"I wasn't dodging," Dugan said. "I was 24 years old, you know, and I never reported where I was at."

After serving a year, Dugan decided the danger and beauty of Vietnam offered more than confusion and condemnation in America.

"That's why I extended," he said. "I heard all that crap that was going on and I didn't want to go back. I wanted to stay."

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He returned loaded with gear and left orphanage children a trail of bubblegum, tennis balls, small toys and clothing from Ho Chi Minh City north to the foot of Ap Bia Mountain, the site of the Battle of Hamburger Hill. Dugan was again supported by an army, this time the customers and co-workers at the Twin Falls Fred Meyer he's worked at for more than 15 years.

They raised more than half of the \$3,395 cost of the trip through a string of fundraisers and daily donations. Dugan said he'll never be able to adequately thank those who donated or the Mission Vietnam workers who made his turn a reality.

Upon his return to Vietnam he found the same beauty that kept him in a country at war.

"I was going to stay there because I could look and, no matter if we were on patrol or something else, I could see something beautiful."

He remembers a rolling battle back to a base camp, during which bombs rained down all day and gunfire continued to rattle through the jungle.

"I had a kid say, 'Hey, Gramps, look,' said Dugan, who at the time was a 24-year-old elder statesman in his platoon. "And he was pointing at a tree that'd been blown down. And it was a



Gary Dugan poses for a picture with Vietnamese kindergarten students during his return trip to the country last fall. Courtesy photos

"I told the medic, 'Leave me be,' and he asked why. 'Because I'm dead.'"

— Gary Dugan describing his near-fatal injury while serving in Vietnam

tiger, the only one I'd ever seen, sitting up on top of that tree that was blown down, looking at us like, 'What the hell are you guys doing here?'"

The country held a frightening beauty for Dugan, from the six-inch baby black scorpion he keeps framed — its glass encasing cracked somewhere along the course of decades — to the boa constrictor he saw engorged and stuck in a pen after it had swallowed two pot-bellied pigs, the other penned pigs screaming about the predator stuck in their bamboo cage.

There was the king cobra that nearly crawled up his pants leg, its eyes "blood red, like someone smoking two little cigarettes" when it weaved its hooded head in and out of the diffused night-time light.

"You can't believe some of the stuff they got there," he said. There were also the people Dugan met on his return, kind and gracious despite past battles. One man, wearing a war-era Vietnam People's Army jacket, asked about Dugan's service and wished him well.

The language gap remained, as a T-shirt Dugan wore from a church children's gathering was misinterpreted by a Communist agent, Dugan said, who asked if Dugan was a returning prisoner of war. "There's no hostility at all, even when I met this gentleman who was an agent from the north," Dugan said. "He was extremely polite."

Past kindnesses also resurfaced during his return, one unearthed by a glance down the runway at old, familiar hangars in Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat International Airport.

Dugan recalled another time he and another soldier were waiting for a helicopter ride to a stint of R&R, eating ham and egg C-rations when a colonel asked them, "You eat that?"

"I said, 'Yeah, three times a day. We eat it every day,'" Dugan said. "He said, 'You guys like meat?' I said, 'Are you kidding? We'll kill you



Gary Dugan stands with recipients of the bicycles he donated through Mission Vietnam's bicycle ministry in Long Binh, Vietnam. The bicycles are given to Bible school students, pastors, church workers and families in need through the program.

for a steak?"

The colonel arranged a Jeep ride to a mess hall, where they were treated to steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Pepsi and hot coffee.

"I think the biggest treat was a cup of coffee," Dugan said. "I had to stop when we came out of that bustling airport and look down at them old hangars way down at the end. I knew I sat down there when I was a young man, just 24 years old, and I never forgot that."

"There's moments like that that just jump back."

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Dugan's dark memories of his service are belied by the smile that accompanies his recollections — I am here; I am happy, it says.

"The thing that stands out most about Gary is that he had a smile on his face the minute we landed in Saigon and it just got bigger," Wright said.

That does not diminish the gravity of Dugan's memories.

"I've seen young men sitting there drowning, choking in their own blood, telling them — lying to them — 'We're going to get you on that medevac. You're going to make it,'" Dugan said. "And you know damn well they're not going to. Just like they did to me when I was hit."

Remembering the night he was shot, Dugan said he thinks he knows what dying feels like — a crawling loss of sensation that spread from the top of his head and the bottom of his feet until he could feel only a small spot on his lower lip.

"I told the medic, 'Leave me be,' and he asked why," Dugan said. "'Because I'm

dead! ... He looked at me real, real strange and he started hollering, 'Get him out of here. Get him out of here.'"

These are hard, disturbing memories many Vietnam veterans don't want to face, Dugan and Wright both said. During his return Dugan stood at the site of the Hamburger Hill with a veteran of the battle who survived only because he was shot in the hip, and the North Vietnamese soldiers walked over his prone body, assuming him dead.

He made it down the mountain to return four decades later and point to the place where he fell with 20 friends who didn't rise again.

"I could stand and watch and see him — tears in his eyes — and I knew. I knew better than anyone standing in that group what he was going through," Dugan said. "I know he was feeling everything all over again."

It's that moment Dugan now seeks, his opportunity to stand in the place where his Army career effectively ended.

He also hopes to return to a village near Phu Loi where he declined to report the family of a Viet Cong guerrilla Dugan said was digging tunnels in the area. Dugan and his fellow soldiers had previously been fired upon from around the village. But he said the firing stopped after he warned the family he knew about the tunnel and would have to turn the man in if his squad was fired upon again.

He wants to find out if that family made it through the war.

"I didn't get to do that, but there was so much happiness going on that two weeks there, I said, 'Hey, I'm going to go with what I've got right now,'" Dugan said.

While such return trips for veterans are often treated as a reconciliation — one Dugan recommends highly — for him it was rekindling an old love after 42 years of separation.

"I want to go back so bad now I can't stand it!"

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County Thursday arraignments
Kenneth M. Noakes, 21, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, Feb. 8 preliminary hearing, walk-in arraignment, defendant waived counsel
Arturo J. Mendoza, 39, Twin Falls; domestic battery, Feb. 8 preliminary hearing, private counsel, bond previously posted
Todd Stark, 39, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, Feb. 8 preliminary hearing, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed
Todd Stark, 39, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia, March 4 pretrial, \$100 bond, public defender appointed
Frank R. Chaffin, 45, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed, \$100 bond, March 9 pretrial
Frank R. Chaffin, 45, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, Feb. 8 preliminary hearing, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed

Friday arraignments
Kevin Kay, 55, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance, walk-in arraignment, public defender appointed, Feb. 8 preliminary hearing
Terry L. Fabela, 44, Wendell; possession of paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, \$100 bond, March 9 pretrial
Terry L. Fabela, 44, Wendell; possession of a controlled substance, Feb. 8 preliminary hearing, \$10,000 bond, court compliance program

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Legislators still find time to talk with constituents

Magic Valley lawmakers chat it up with their constituents on Fridays — even those who can't make the trip to Boise.

At 7 a.m. Friday, six area legislators hunkered into a small conference room in the statehouse to chat with area residents in a phone call. It was the first call between the lawmakers and people gathered at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

For Magic Valley residents, it's a good way to learn what's happening in the Legislature and offers a mix of insights, depending on the legislator's committee assignments.

The gathering is bipartisan in nature: Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, joined Republicans Sen. Bert Brackett, Rep. Jim Patrick, Sen. Chuck Coiner, Rep. Stephen Hartgen, and Rep. Sharon Block.

Rep. Leon Smith was back in the Magic Valley, at the chamber.

Much of the talk was focused on the budget, naturally.

Brackett, of Rogerson, a member of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, said holdbacks beyond the \$40 million, 1.6 percent cut will be needed.

"We've got tough choices and decisions ahead of us," he said.

One legislator's joke brought laughter and quick denials from two legislators: That Hartgen and Jaquet were going to co-sponsor a bill with a one-cent increase of the sales tax.

And yes, it really was just a joke. Neither one of them supports an increase.

Constitutional conflict?

Time and time again, state lawmakers lament how the state's budget shortfalls point to the Idaho Constitution's requirement for a balanced budget.

Another section of the Constitution may soon become the subject of similar budget-related debate.

The state's is required by the Constitution to manage lands "in such manner as will secure the maximum long-term financial return."

Why's that so important? Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna wants to tap \$58.2 million out of the Public Schools Permanent Endowment Fund to help offset shortfalls.

The Board of Land Commissioners, the trustee of the endowment's lands

LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK

Ben Botkin



and finances, will have to approve Luna's request.

They'll likely hear pros and cons, crunch numbers and finances and talk about the state's Constitution.

Luna's one board member, but he'll need two more votes from the five-member board. The members: Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Secretary of State Ben Yursa, Controller Donna Jones and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

All are elected officials. By sheer luck, it's also an election year.

Commercial-free TV

Television commercials don't work for Idaho Public Television, which gets its money from donations and the state government — for now, at least.

Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terretton, asked if the network could sell time for regular commercials at the JFAC meeting on Wednesday.

Peter Morrill, general manager of IPTV, answered that under its Federal Communications Commission license, it's a noncommercial, educational entity.

In other words, the law doesn't allow commercials.

Siddoway is older than an average Sesame Street audience, of course. But with the state's budget crisis, getting a basic education about IPTV's mission and funding sources is crucial before decisions are made. And that's what the hearing was for.

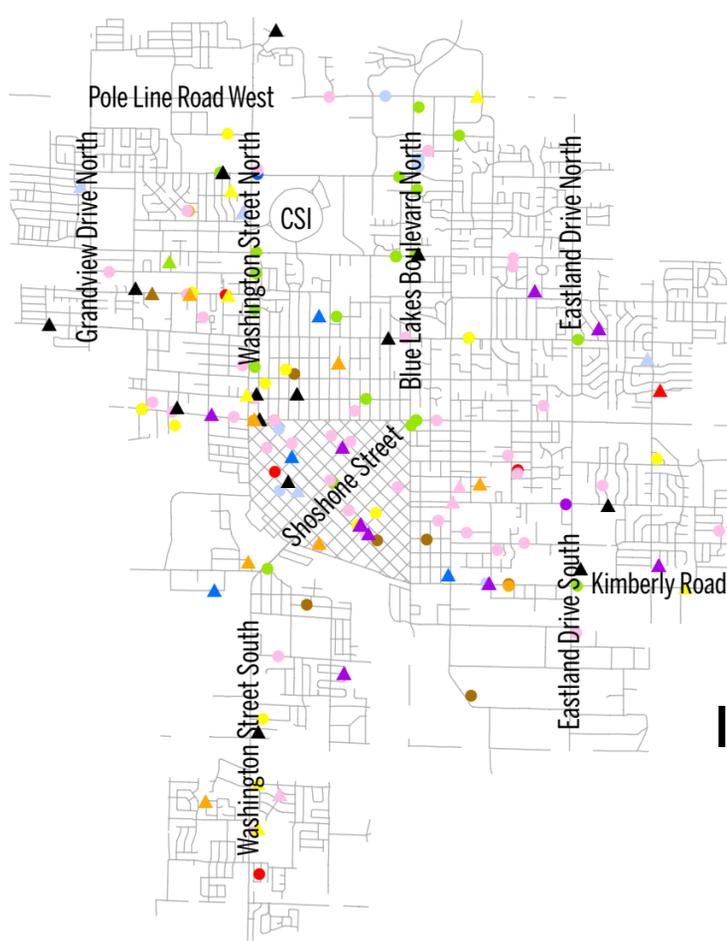
No Internet bill this session

Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, said he doesn't plan to introduce a bill this year aimed at online harassment through the Internet or text messages.

He had made an effort last year with a bill aimed at modernizing the telephone harassment statute.

Hartgen said he wasn't able to get a consensus before the session and noted that the language of the existing telephone harassment law is written broadly enough for prosecutors to charge people who harass others through modern technology.

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Counties investigate kidnapping near King Hill on Friday afternoon

Times-News

Ada and Elmore County sheriff's deputies are investigating a possible kidnapping that occurred Friday afternoon when a 24-year-old man from Ada County was taken at gunpoint from that county, tied up and then abandoned in the King Hill area near Highway 21.

A press release from the Elmore County Sheriff's Department described the suspect as 6 feet tall with short silver hair and wearing a blue mesh cap, brown waist-length polyester jacket, faded blue jeans and a silver beard with three days of growth.

The press release said the victim was tied up with duct tape and photographed by the suspect. After 20 minutes, the

suspect left the area in a vehicle that had stopped in the area. The victim was later able to free himself, according to the sheriff's department, and drove to a residence in King Hill to notify authorities.

Elmore and Ada county officials ask that anyone with information contact them at 587-2121.

A Walmart advertisement circular for Sunday, January 31 — Saturday, February 6, 2010 mistakenly identified the price of 90-day generic prescriptions as \$9 and omitted reference to Prescription Program restrictions. The correct price is \$10 and Prescription Program restrictions can be found at walmart.com/pharmacy and your local Walmart pharmacy.



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Shoshone Air Force sergeant honored for service in Haiti

By John Plestina
Times-News writer



Craig

"He doesn't like to be in the limelight at all," said his mother, Kim Craig, of Shoshone. "We're really proud. It was an historical event and we're proud that he was

A Shoshone man is one of three Air Force air-traffic controllers lauded last week in Haiti by former President Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for their contributions to earthquake relief efforts.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Josh Craig, 25, and two others stationed at Hurlburt Field Air Force Base in Florida, worked around the clock for several days at the airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to safely land about 100 planes daily.

The 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12 destroyed the air traffic control tower at Toussaint Louverture International Airport. A temporary tower is now in place and Craig has returned to Hurlburt Field.

President Obama and former President George W. Bush sent letters of thanks to Craig and the two other controllers.

Craig and the other airmen gained some national notoriety, as news segments aired on Fox and NBC, and an Air Force video included comments from Craig.

a part of it?" "We're very humbled and very proud of what he did," said his grandmother, Shirley Craig, of Shoshone. "I haven't talked to him personally. His mother talked to him yesterday (Thursday)"

Josh Craig is a decorated Iraq war veteran and a recipient of the Bronze Star and Air Force Combat Action medal.

Shoshone High School, where he graduated eight years ago, honored him at an assembly last May while Craig was home on leave.

Prior to enlisting in the Air Force, Craig worked at the Shoshone Snack Bar, which his grandparents own.

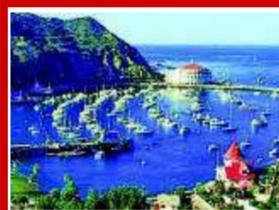
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Hailey to launch urban renewal agency

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — What it comes down to is money, not blight. Although urban renewal agencies are used by some cities to clean up parts of town that have fallen into disrepair, Hailey is preparing to launch a URA to get access to funding.

"If we have sidewalks we need to repair, or if we have streets in that same condition, parking areas or even parks, money from an urban renewal agency can be used for all that," said City Administrator Heather Dawson. "We can also use it to partner with developers, making business development less expensive."

On Monday, Hailey City Council members voted to empanel a commission to advise them on which specific areas of the city — representing up to 10 percent of the city's market value — might be appropriate for URA funds. The council did not decide who will be on that commission. It could be any combination of council members and appointed city residents.

Dawson said she would like to see the commission up and running by the end of February, hoping that by the beginning of July, they would have recommendations on the location of the URA areas. Among these might be sections downtown and near the airport, said Mayor Rick Davis.

"I'd like to see River Street done in a nice way that's pedestrian friendly," he said. "Airport Way could use some uplift, since that's the first street people see when they're coming into our town if they're flying in."

The city is talking to nearby towns that are already into a URA process, including Bellevue and Ketchum.

"I talked with (Bellevue) about what pitfalls and challenges they have overcome, what they've learned," Dawson said.

Some of those may be logistical and others political, as Ketchum experienced in the fall election when the URA became a hot-button issue with some candidates insisting it was being mismanaged or used inappropriately. To keep that from happening in Hailey, Ketchum City Manager Gary Marks urged Hailey to make the process as open as possible.

"You want to be out in front explaining to the community and soliciting their input, but Hailey doesn't need me to tell them that," Marks said.

Throughout the process, Dawson said, there will be many opportunities for public participation, and by the end of the February she hopes to have a section of the city's Web site, Haileycityhall.org, devoted to information about the URA.

Davis and Marks said the possibility of the Legislature changing URA laws this year is concerning.

"I would welcome Hailey into a partnership with us to help promote and preserve the URA tool. It is one of the only, and probably the most significant, economic tools that Idaho has for undertaking economic improvements in their communities," Marks said.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

CASSIA COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Yamin Sanchez, 26, driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$400 suspended, \$167.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, two days community service in lieu of jail.

Samuel A. Barrus, 24, driving under the influence, withheld disposition.
Brandon Harvey Wadsworth, 18, driving under the influence (under age 21), \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$167.50 costs, driver's license suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, 30 days community service; failure to purchase or invalid driver's license, dismissed by prosecutor.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
David W. Winnett, 48, possession of controlled substance, \$1,042 fine, \$85.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, four days community service in lieu of jail; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed by prosecutor.
Lisa Kay Baxter, 35, petit theft, \$1,012 fine, \$800 suspended, \$110.50 costs, \$268.70 restitution, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, two days community service in lieu of jail; malicious injury to property, dismissed by prosecutor.
Kirkland D. Swearingen, 22, vicious dog violation, \$12.50 fine, \$87.50 costs, 12 months probation.

Steve William Smith, 33, petit theft, \$200 fine, \$87.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 86 suspended, two credited, four days community service in lieu of jail.

Leon Barry Doman, 44, fre-

quenting place where controlled substance is used, \$160 fine, \$117.50 costs, 24 months probation, 90 days jail, 75 suspended.
Francisco Gallardo Lopez, 54, alcoholic beverage open container violation, \$170 fine, \$100 suspended, \$152.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 29 suspended, one credited, two days community service in lieu of jail.

Yolanda Ortiz, 41, driving without privileges, \$200 fine, \$137.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, two days community service in lieu of jail.

Esparanza Bayona-Romero, 32, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs.
Alejandro Vasquez-Herrera, 18, racing on public highway amended to inattentive or careless driving, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs.
Leesa Aleen Woodbury, 38, insufficient funds check fraud, \$512 fine, \$250 suspended, \$75.50 costs, \$50 restitution, 12 months probation, 90 days jail suspended.
David Acosta-Delgado, 24, driver's license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$87.50 costs.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Dustin Robert Green, 19, resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed by prosecutor; providing false information to an officer, dismissed by prosecutor.
Heather Michelle Klamm, 38, domestic battery with no traumatic injury, dismissed by prosecutor.

MINIDOKA COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Lioni Gomez Perez, 23, driving under the influence, \$150 fine, \$390.50 costs, driver's license

suspended 180 days, 36 months probation, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, two credited; contempt of court, 10 days jail credited, probation revoked and reinstated, 10 days jail credit towards fines and costs; probation violation, three months probation, five days jail; probation violation, six months probation, 20 days jail, 20 days of previous suspended sentence imposed, probation revoked, reimposed and extended six months; probation violation, 60 days jail.

Salvador Perez, 18, driving under the influence, \$350 fine, \$332.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, nine months probation, 60 days jail, 58 suspended, one credited; probation violation, four months probation.
Miguel Garcia Moreno, 22, driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine suspended, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 153 suspended, 27 credited.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Layne Elizabeth Anderson, 28, felony possession of controlled substance amended to frequenting place of controlled substance use, \$150 fine, \$1,135.50 costs, \$104.89 restitution, 24 months probation, 90 days jail suspended; felony drug stamp violation amended to possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$85.50 costs, 180 days jail, 169 suspended, 11 credited; contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Darwin Contreras, 28, felony delivery or manufacture of drug paraphernalia amended to driving offense by person controlling vehicle, \$200 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 56 suspended, 34 credited.
Max Ramirez Castaneda, 37, fail-

ure to purchase or invalid driver's license, \$200 fine, \$177.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days jail suspended; probation violation, two days jail credited.
Ryan W. Ward, 29, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, \$200 fine, \$277.50 costs, \$102.14, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 179 suspended, one credited, probation violation, \$102.14 restitution, 14 days jail credited; manufacture, distribute or possession of controlled substance, dismissed by court.

Alexandrea Cruz, 17, driver's license violation, \$150 fine, \$87.50 costs, four months probation; contempt of court, dismissed by court.
Jhonny M. Tovar, 21, providing false information to officer, \$150 fine, \$87.50 costs, six months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, two credited; contempt of court, dismissed by court.

Jerry A. Cantu Sr., 64, petit theft, deferred prosecution.
Alberto Sanchez-Jimenez, 25, driving without privileges amended to driving without privileges (third offense), \$400 fine suspended, driver's license suspended 730 days, 24 months probation, 365 days jail, 265 suspended, 24 credited.

Nancy Victoria, 23, driver's license violation, \$125 fine, \$50 suspended, \$87.50 costs.

Charles Lester Strate, 38, driving without privileges amended to driver's license violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs.

Andrew Isaac Coto, 29, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$102.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, four months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, 16 hours community service, two community service in lieu of jail.

Cipriano Vigil Jr., 39, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$102.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, four months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, one credited, eight hours community service, one day community service in lieu of jail.

Oscar Simental, 19, driver's license violation, \$200 fine, \$87.50 costs, six months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, two days community service in lieu of jail.

Miguel C. Calihua, 20, driver's license violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs.

Lioni Gomez Perez, 23, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$102.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Garth Bean, 58, declared nuisance, dismissed by court.

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Former meth addict recounts days of addiction

By Alecia Warren
The Coeur d'Alene Press

COEUR D'ALENE — When Brian Lux's friends prodded him to try meth at 17, he figured it wasn't going to hurt.

"Euphoric," the 39-year-old described the feeling of his first high. "I thought it was great."

The decades that followed, though — not so much.

By the time the Coeur d'Alene resident was 30, what he had sustained as a side habit suddenly consumed his life.

After losing his job as a painter, he started manufacturing meth in the woods to deal out, anything to keep money coming in.

"I wasn't looking for a job. It became my job," Lux said.

The 6-foot-tall man weighed roughly 130 pounds, he estimated, and every day was committing acts he had never thought himself capable of.

"You have to do things. Like when people rip you off, you have to get back at them somehow, so their friends don't rip you off, too," he said. "You never know what you're going to get into. I've done a lot of things I'm not proud of. Probably ruined other people's lives in the process."

But now his story might save some lives, too.

A volunteer for the Idaho Meth Project, Lux was a featured speaker at a recent community forum the non-profit held at North Idaho College to reveal the impacts of methamphetamine.

Megan Ronk, IMP executive director, said it's crucial for people to hear stories like Lux's.

"It helps folks understand this drug can happen to a normal person in a normal family," Ronk said. "I think we all in our minds have that

image of the stereotypical drug user, and meth doesn't necessarily fall within those boundaries."

Former addicts she meets through IMP often describe seeing their families and livelihoods fall apart, she added.

"People's priorities change. Some end up committing crimes to support their habit. Violence is very common with the people they love," she said. "And even the first couple times a person uses, it has a devastating impact on the brain. The implications are lifelong."

It wasn't until Lux was arrested for possession a few years ago that he wanted to get clean, he said.

"My family disowned me," he said. "I realized I was getting older. This wasn't how I wanted to live."

He enrolled in several rehabilitation programs, and is now living in a halfway house while studying information technology at NIC.

One of the most crucial steps was disassociating himself from his old meth crowd, Lux said.

"It wasn't really hard. I knew what it was coming down to, and I didn't want any more part of it," he said. "It really wasn't too much fun."

Local law enforcement sees meth used more than any other illegal drug, said Coeur d'Alene Police Chief Wayne Longo, who also spoke at the IMP forum.

"It's not just Kootenai County, it's the whole country," Longo said. "The interesting thing with meth is you can't point to any one age group and say 'It's just young people or older people or baby boomers.' It pretty much crosses all age barriers and all socioeconomic barriers."

The drug is popular because of the cocaine-like high it induces, Longo said. It's also easy to obtain the substance, which can be manufactured from store-bought products or smuggled in from Mexico.

Society at large is affected by widespread meth use, he said, like when breadwinners lose their jobs because of addictions and put their families on state assistance.

"The biggest issue we're going to see is as the majority of addicts start getting older, we'll start to see the physical part of what meth does to the body medically," he said. "We'll see those folks coming into the medical system, and they don't have insurance."



Brian Lux is interviewed on Jan. 20 in Coeur d'Alene. The former meth addict is now a volunteer for the Idaho Meth Project.

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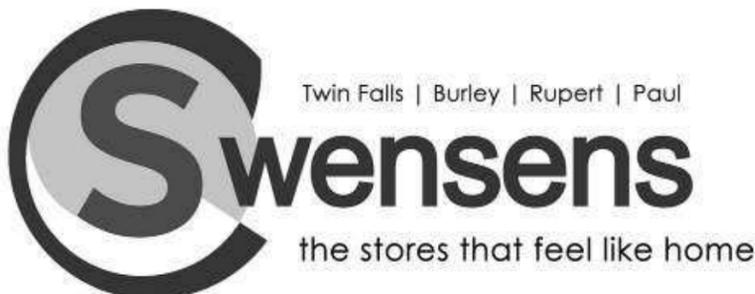
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GOING THE DISTANCE

Developer to build longest car wash in U.S.

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

It was a sliver of land along the busiest corridor in south-central Idaho for nearly four years, littered with abandoned trailer homes, cars and other unmentionables.

The plot at 1122 Blue Lakes Blvd. was a tough nut for developers to crack, made difficult by a \$2 million price tag and awkward dimensions that didn't accommodate most ventures.

Now local developers Joe and Janet Russell are turning the plot, which was nicknamed by some "the spaghetti strip," into a car wash that will be the longest in the U.S., according to the Western Carwash Association. Massive cranes began installing concrete walls for the car wash late last week, after completing work on the in-ground conveyor and water collection system.

The Rocket Express car wash, the developers say, was a long road to fruition — and one that began as a retail office building. It's a story about finding what fits a narrow plot of land and an ever-changing economy.

"We had a beautiful retail and office building designed by an architect when we started," said Janet Russell, a commercial real estate agent and co-owner of the car wash. "But a lot of things changed that made us turn in a different direction."

That's when Joe Russell, who is an estate planner by profession but developed Renaissance Office Park, Centre Pointe Plaza and other area projects, started researching an idea that caught his interest years earlier — a car wash to end all car washes.

Joe Russell and a Spokane, Wash.-based car wash consultant named Robert Hodge came up with a design for a 270-foot-



A crew from Boise Crane Inc. positions concrete tilt panels Thursday at the Rocket Wash construction site in Twin Falls. The new car wash, which will open by June 1, is almost 270 feet long.

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long automated car wash that washes, waxes, dries and polishes — even the tires. Keeping in line with Russell's sense of flair, the facade was

designed with custom paneling that changes its hue in the light, a liberal amount of LED lighting and 30,000 square feet of landscaping.

"Why not?" Joe Russell asked.

"We only need to wash four more cars a day to pay for it, and it's something that pays

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An artist's rendering of the complete Rocket Wash car that is being constructed at 1122 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Courtesy Rocket Express LLC

Marginal impact?

Small businesses leery of Obama's jobs plan

By Ylan Q. Mui and David Cho
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Obama's plan to combat the country's double-digit unemployment rate hinges on a package of small-business loans and tax incentives that some company owners worry won't be enough to spur hiring.

Similar proposals have already been considered by Congress and discarded. And a main trade group for small business said that even if the package materializes, it expects the impact to be marginal at best.

"We are skeptical," said Bill Rys, tax counsel for the National Federation of Independent Business. "Until you have customers coming in the door, you're going to have less of a reason to hire."

In his State of the Union address on Wednesday, Obama outlined four central proposals aimed at small businesses: eliminating the capital gains tax, bolstering lending with \$30 billion in federal rescue money, and establishing tax credits for new hires and for investments in equipment and facilities.

But reviving lending to small businesses has bedeviled the administration's economic team since early last year. In the latest iteration of the proposal, the White House plans

to ask Congress to modify the law so that the banks taking aid to help small businesses would not face restrictions, such as limits on executive pay. The program would also be rebranded, so banks would not face the stigma of taking money from the highly unpopular Troubled Assets Relief Program.

"The president made crystal clear his commitment to transfer tens of billions of TARP funds to a new program to help as many small banks as possible get the credit they need to grow and create jobs," said Gene Sperling, a counselor to Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner.

But Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez, D-N.Y., the chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business, wasn't convinced the program would work.

"All of the efforts so far have focused on helping banks, and yet small businesses still can't find affordable loans," Velázquez said.

Lenders say they are caught between conflicting government demands. On one hand, the administration is telling them to boost lending.

But regulators are also pressing them to build up their capital reserves to prepare for an expected sharp downturn in commercial real estate. That saps the amount of money they can lend to small businesses, many of which are risky borrowers.

"You get this schizophrenic message coming out of the administration and Congress," said Camden Fine, president of the Independent Community Bankers of America. "In any given week, you may hear them say, 'Lend, lend, lend!' And then you may hear, 'We have to crack down on these bankers.' ... What happens? The bankers hunker down."

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The speech you should have heard from Obama on Wednesday

My fellow Americans, the state of our union is ... well, quite wretched at the moment. As president, I owe you that honesty and candor.

It would be bad enough that we're stuck in an endless war against vicious terrorists or that we've just been through a financial crisis that wiped out a quarter of our wealth and left

Steven Pearlstein



one in six adults without a job or underemployed, to say nothing of the fact that our planet is on the brink of an environmental calamity. What's truly depressing, however, is that as a country

we seem to have completely lost the will and the capacity to collectively confront these challenges. Our union has been torn asunder by a clash of ideologies and special interests and brigades of power-hungry partisans that has resulted in a paralyzing political stalemate. In response, our citizens have become angry, cynical, distrustful and dispirited. Economists have long

recognized that what distinguishes successful and wealthy countries from those that are poor and failing is not their natural endowments or even their level of human capital, but rather the quality of their institutions. By institutions, economists refer not only to governmental, business, educational and civic entities, but also the formal rules and informal protocols

by which decisions are made, disputes are resolved, commerce is conducted and people interact. It was the quality of its institutions that led our country to become the richest, most powerful and most admired on the planet. Now the deterioration of those institutions threatens our standing in the world.

Hardly a day passes now that doesn't bring further

evidence of this institutional deterioration.

Only a year after taxpayers were forced to mount an unprecedented rescue of the financial sector, industry profits and bonuses are back to near pre-crisis levels, and the Wall Street casino is again open for business.

While millions of homeowners struggle to keep up

See **PEARLSTEIN**, Business 2

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

BOB'S BIKE SHOP



Courtesy photo

Bob Charlton of Bob's Bike Shop in Twin Falls, 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.

URBAN HAIR & NAIL DESIGN



Courtesy photo

The Mini-Cassia Chamber Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting at Urban Hair & Nail Design, at 1247 Oakley Ave., Burley, to commemorate their grand opening.

The salon is owned and managed by Robert Barrera and Mikea Kanopp. Robert is pictured cutting the ribbon with Mikea Kanopp and Billie Sendon. Business hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; their business number is 878-4422.

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Terry Downs, far right, of Modern Woodmen delivers a Matching Funds check for \$4,900 to the Dietrich School's Blue Devil Boosters. Receiving the check, from left, is Tonia Dilworth, Shauna Porter and Teresa Smith.

Members of the Twin Falls Modern Woodmen of America Camp chapter recently helped raise money for Dietrich Schools Technology and Athletic departments with a carnival and chili feed. The event, held in November, raised \$4,900. This includes \$2,000 matched by Modern Woodmen's home office through the organization's Matching Fund program. The money will be used for new computers and athletic equipment. Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States. The organization's Twin Falls camp provides a number of volunteer services and social activities for local members.

CAREER MOVES

Center for Physical Rehabilitation

Dave Little, PT, has joined the staff at Center for Physical Rehabilitation (CPR). Little owned and operated Family Physical therapy and Sports Medicine Clinic for 25 years, specializing in outpatient care, prior to moving his practice as a new partner with CPR. He graduated from the University of Colorado Health Center in 1982. He specializes in spinal care, upper extremity therapy combined with carpal tunnel testing and hand therapy and bracing. Little has been a member of the American Physical Therapy Association for 28 years, Idaho Physical Therapy Association for 25 years, and belongs to the specialty sections of EMG and hand therapy.



Little

Council for Resource Development

Debra J. Wilson, associate executive director for the College of Southern Idaho's Foundation, has been named the 2010 president for the Council for Resource Development. CRD is an education and networking organization of 1,600 members from 700 community colleges. Members are development officers, grant writers, foundation directors, and college administrators. Wilson has been with the CSI Foundation for nearly 20 years. She earned her associate's degree in agriculture from CSI and a bachelor's degree in agriculture science and technology from the University of Idaho.



Wilson

AAA Idaho

Janet Johnston has joined the Twin Falls office of AAA Idaho as a travel agency specialist, and she will specialize in cruises and tour packages. She has more than 25 years of experience in the travel and hotel industry. Previously, she was director of sales for major Pacific Northwest resorts including: The Resort at The Mountain, Welches, Ore.; Salishan Spa & Golf Resort in Oregon.; and Courtyard by Marriott, Portland, Ore. Twin Falls insurance agent, Jerri Quaintance, was recently honored for earning top Idaho sales honors for AAA Oregon and Idaho. She has been ranked first among her Idaho peers since 2006, and was named to AAA Oregon and Idaho's prestigious President's Circle for the sixth consecutive year. That honor is granted to the top 12 AAA insurance agents among approximately 65 positions in Oregon and Idaho. AAA Idaho Twin Falls office is located at 1445 Fillmore St., Suite 1100 and their business number is 734-6441.



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The Eckrote Team

The Eckrote Team of Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties has been awarded third place in residential units for the third quarter of 2009 by Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., a Prudential Financial, Inc. company. The award recognizes sales professionals who exemplified great sales measures in closed residential properties for the quarter. Rose Ann Eckrote specializes in residential sales including existing homes, new construction and building lots. She just completed the required education to receive her Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource Certification by the National Association of REALTORS. Frank Eckrote specializes in commercial sales, land development, investment and farms and ranch sales. They can be reached at 737-4201 or www.TwinFallsHomeFinder.com.



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with home mortgages and student loans, highflying financiers and money managers think nothing of walking away from their bad investments and handing the keys over to their creditors.

Our highest court has abandoned all pretense of judicial restraint, allowing itself to become just another political branch doing the bidding of special interests and political factions.

California is now a failed state, financially bankrupt and politically incapacitated, while Massachusetts, which for nearly half a century proudly sent a senator to Washington to fight for social justice and universal health care, has chosen as his replacement someone who campaigned in effect on the slogan "We've got ours, so the hell with everyone else."

No institution, however, has deteriorated more than the one in which I stand now, the U.S. Congress, which has transformed itself into a hyper-partisan swamp that fails to live up even to its most basic constitutional duties — making timely appropriations, confirming nominees for top positions and declaring when we are at war. You have saddled the country with a monstrous debt and projected deficits that will bankrupt the nation, yet you refuse even to allow an independent commission to draw up a reasonable plan to cut spending and raise taxes. You have spent a year deliberating on the urgent issues of health care, global warming and financial regulation, yet so far you have been able to agree on nothing.

I will be the first to acknowledge that I, too, have contributed to this institutional failure. I was elected to change the way business was done here in Washington, but too often, in my zeal to accomplish great things, I succumbed to the temptation to play the old games just to move things along or gain tactical advantage. As a result, I wound up sacrificing the

support of too many of the idealistic and independent voters who provided the margin of victory in my election.

So here is what I'm going to do to try to get things back on track:

I pledge to veto any bill that increases the national debt unless it authorizes a bipartisan commission to recommend a plan to bring down the deficit through spending cuts and tax increases. I will do so even if it means shutting down the government until a commission is authorized.

Next week, I will send to Congress for its immediate consideration a health-care package that blends the best features of the House and Senate proposals while stripping out provisions meant to buy the support of individual legislators or special interests.

Given the urgency of global warming and the political difficulties of passing a complex cap-and-trade bill, I am asking Congress, as an interim step, to impose a modest carbon tax beginning in 2011 equal to 25 cents on a gallon of gasoline, rising to 50 cents in five years, with the revenue to be used to reduce payroll taxes. That will result in no net increases in federal taxes.

Tonight, I am instructing the secretary of the Treasury and other financial regulators to draw up a plan to implement as many of the financial reforms that I have proposed as possible, using the broad regulatory authority they have under existing law. The plan will take effect April 1 unless Congress acts on a broader regulatory reform bill.

I look forward to discussing these initiatives with you. I am open to reasonable and principled compromises. But there will be no more games, no more business as usual — just straight talk and the hard work of governing. On one thing we should all be clear: The do-nothing option is not acceptable — not to me, and more importantly not to the voters who sent us here.

Steven Pearlstein is a columnist for the *Washington Post*.

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Mixing It Up

February is a favorite month for me and my office staff. It offers the hope of a quickly approaching spring. It also provides us with a unique opportunity to mingle with the great people of the Magic Valley at two of the area's most popular trade shows. KMVT's annual Agri Action Show will be occurring on February 4th, 5th, and 6th. It will be followed by the Southern Idaho Home & Garden Show on February 19th through the 21st. These family friendly events will both be held at the CSI Expo center. Modern Woodmen will be hosting a booth at both shows.



Terry R. Downs*

The popular appeal of these shows is rooted in the opportunity to get out of the house despite the February weather. I have seen children and adults both marvel at the assortment of tractors that fill the aisles of the farm show. Not to be outdone, the Home and Garden show offers innovations for your home and ideas for landscaping. The greenery at this event is a popular remedy for cabin fever.

When attending these activities, you are encouraged to stop by Modern Woodmen of America's booth. We will offer some great handouts for kids and adults. There will be several door prizes worthy of your effort to participate in the drawing. Best of all, we will get the opportunity to meet you, the readers of this monthly column.

Do you have questions about retirement planning or saving for your children's college? Would you like information regarding our fraternal offerings (think community service)? Perhaps you have a suggested topic for this monthly column. Your presence at these venues allows us to hear your ideas and answer your questions. You are encouraged to stop by. We look forward to mixing it up with the Magic Valley in February.

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Obama wants to repeal tax on company cell phones

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Ever make a personal call on your company cell phone? Did you record the value of that call as taxable income, as required by law?

Join the club, but don't worry. President Obama will propose repealing the widely ignored requirement as part of his 2011 budget plan, a Treasury Department official said Saturday.

The administration made a similar proposal in June, and it was well received in Congress. Lawmakers, however, became preoccupied by the health care debate for much of the year and a lot of their work on tax law was delayed.

Obama is scheduled to release his proposed tax and spending plan on Monday. If the cell phone tax is repealed this year, taxpayers would be off the hook for all of 2010, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the budget had not yet been released.

A 1989 law says that personal use of a company cell phone should be taxed like other fringe benefits, such as a company car. The law, however, was passed when cell phones were referred to as car phones and were considered a luxury. Today, workers increasingly use company-issued mobile devices for texting, e-mailing and browsing the Internet — sometimes for work, sometimes for personal use.

Last summer, the Internal Revenue Service issued a request for comments on ways to improve compliance with the tax, and there was such a backlash that the administration proposed repealing it.

At the time, IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said the tax was "poorly understood by taxpayers" and acknowledged it was difficult to enforce consistently.

Some employers have faced big tax bills after failing to comply with the law.

In 2008, the IRS audited two University of California branches, in Los Angeles and San Diego. As part of a settlement, UCLA paid a tax assessment of \$238,474 and San Diego paid \$186,471.



Toyota dealers may lose \$2.47 billion a month

By Mike Ramsey and Doron Levin
Bloomberg News

Dealers who sell Toyota's namesake brand could lose as much as \$2.47 billion in combined monthly revenue because of the halt of sales of eight models, including the popular Camry and Corolla sedans.

The 1,234 Toyota brand dealers would miss out on \$1.75 million to \$2 million a month in revenue from new and used versions of the models that aren't allowed to be sold, said John McEleney, the chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association and owner of McEleney Toyota in Clinton, Iowa.

"We've never really dealt with anything like this with any manufacturer," said McEleney, who also owns a Chevrolet dealership in Clinton.

Hyundai Thursday joined Ford and General Motors in offering discounts to lure Toyota owners, while consumer Web site Edmunds.com said fewer shoppers are aiming to buy Toyotas. The company's U.S. market share may fall to 14.7 percent in January, its lowest since March 2006.

At the same time, dealers are preparing to replace accelerator pedals in 2.3 million recalled vehicles that have a part that may be defective. The pedal flaw also triggered recalls of models in Europe and China. Profit from that service work may blunt the damage

Sources: Government clears Toyota gas pedal fix

By Tom Krisher and Ken Thomas
Associated Press writers

DETROIT — Federal regulators have cleared Toyota's plan to fix millions of sticky gas pedals, and dealers could get parts to make the repairs as early as Thursday or Friday, people briefed on the matter said Saturday.

Two dealers said they were told the news by Toyota executives, and a Department of Transportation official confirmed that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration had no objections to Toyota's plans.

Toyota plans to announce details early Monday, according to the dealers, who asked not to be identified because the fix had not been made public. The DOT official also requested anonymity because the announcement had not been made.

Telephone messages left with three Toyota spokesmen Saturday were not immediately returned.

Toyota has recalled 4.2 million vehicles worldwide because the gas pedal systems can get stuck. The

company said the problem is rare and is caused by condensation that builds up in the gas pedal assembly.

Several dealers have said the fix involves slipping a shim into an area where springs push the gas pedal back to its resting position after a driver has eased off the gas, but Toyota has not commented on the repair.

Dealers have been in the difficult position of having no parts to fix the cars ever since the recall was announced on Jan. 21.

The recall in the U.S. covers 2.3 million vehicles and involves the 2009-10 RAV4 crossover, the 2009-10 Corolla, the 2009-10 Matrix hatchback, the 2005-10 Avalon, the 2007-10 Camry, the 2010 Highlander crossover, the 2007-10 Tundra pickup and the 2008-10 Sequoia SUV. The recall has been expanded to models in Europe and China.

Toyota said that not all the models listed in the recall have the faulty gas pedals, which were made by CTS Corp. of Elkhart, Ind. Dealers can tell which models have the CTS pedals. Models made in Japan, and some

models built in the U.S., have pedal systems made by another parts supplier, Denso Corp., which function well.

"They've got a fix and it's been approved by NHTSA," said one of the dealers who was happy that parts would be coming soon.

Toyota announced late Friday that it would begin shipping new gas pedal systems to dealers as well.

Legally Toyota did not need NHTSA's approval for the fix, but the company submitted the plan to the government agency on Thursday, and it would be unlikely to proceed without the government's blessing.

Earl Stewart, owner of a Toyota dealership in North Palm Beach, Fla., said Saturday he had not been notified of the fix by Toyota. But he's happy to be able to tell customers that he'll soon be getting parts, ending a frustrating week with little information to give them.

"There's light at the end of the tunnel if that's the thing to get this thing behind us," he said. "That's wonderful news for everybody!"

Toyota has told dealers it will help to offset the interest expense on loans for vehicles in inventory that can't be sold, McEleney said.

As well as the Camry and Corolla, the vehicles that Toyota has prohibited selling include the Avalon, Highlander, Matrix, RAV4, Sequoia and Tundra. The eight models accounted for 106,012 sales in December and about \$2.5 billion in revenue to dealers, according to data from vehicle research firm Edmunds.com.

"It's a little premature to guess or estimate the impact on sales at this point," said Celeste Migliore, a spokeswoman for Toyota's U.S. sales unit in Torrance, Calif. The company will discuss sales in detail on Feb. 2, when it releases figures for the entire month of January, she said.

Rivals Honda Motor Co. and GM probably are gaining buyers as consumers shy away from Toyota brands, Edmunds.com said.

The share of people intending to purchase a Toyota-brand model fell to 10 percent Jan. 27 from 13 percent a day earlier, while GM and Honda each rose 1 percentage point to 15 percent and 12 percent, according to Edmunds.com. The analysis is based on visits to the Edmunds.com Web site.

from lost new and used car revenue, said dealers. Toyota remained the top-selling brand in the United States last year, while the parent company was again the world's largest automaker.

The estimated loss of revenue per dealership assumes the vehicles affected account for 56 percent of the new-car volume and 30 percent of the used-car sales at an average dealer with a transaction price of around \$30,000, McEleney said. The loss of

revenue from new cars would be \$1.25 million to \$1.5 million with the rest coming from lost used-car sales.

"We're still selling cars," said Billy Rinker, general manager of Toyota of Santa Monica in California. Many customers are asking about the recall and focusing on the information in the media, he said. "We've been explaining to customers that it's something happening in a small percent of high-mileage vehicles,"

Rinker said. Warranty work can be highly profitable for franchised dealers, which typically bill at least \$75 an hour for labor and could realize a gross profit of \$100 to \$150 for each accelerator that needs to be replaced, said Marc Cannon, spokesman for AutoNation Inc., the nation's biggest Toyota dealer with 25 franchises.

"Once the fix gets announced it will be a positive for our business," said

Tony Pordon, a spokesman for Penske Automotive Group, based in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. "Parts and service work is much more profitable than selling vehicles, comprising almost half of gross profit."

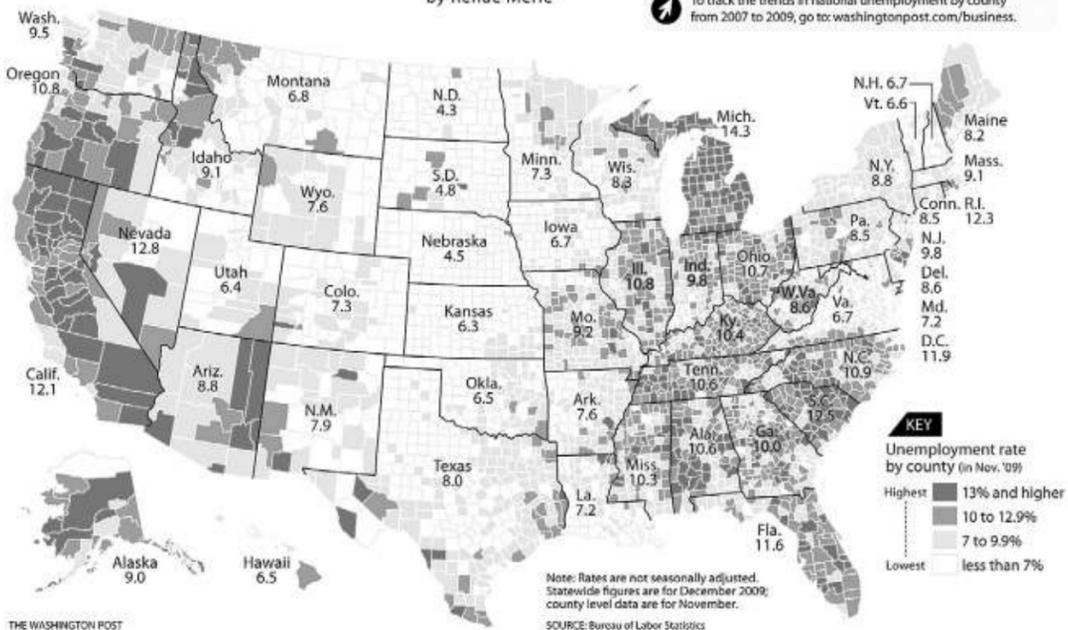
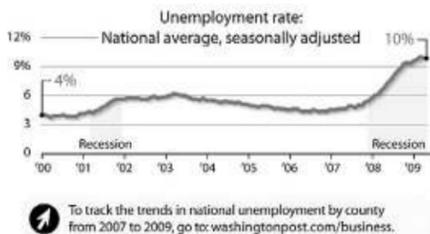
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Joblessness across America

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by Renae Merle



Rocket

Continued from Business 1
for itself by attracting business."

But the look and design are also part of a larger marketing plan to brand an image that will go farther than Twin Falls. Russell said his long-term vision is to expand the car wash into a franchise outside Magic Valley. However, he did not want to disclose locations that are on the drawing board.

"This is a prototype, so we

want to get it right," said Janet Russell. "After that, we can build these car washes almost anywhere."

The Russells are calling on veteran car wash manager JC Smullins of Twin Falls and 15 full-time employees to get the Twin Falls location up and running. They will keep the car wash running from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The car wash will open on or before June 1.

Washes will range in price

from \$6 to \$10; however, discount packages will be available for businesses and owners of fleet vehicles.

"We have it set up so that we can put a computer chip in your car and it will automatically recognize your account," Joe Russell said. "There's no need to stop and pay — you just drive through and the wash scans the chip."

By charging lower prices and offering the unique perks, he said the car wash will be competitive in most markets. "Rocket Express is going to take care of consumers' two most valuable assets — their time and their automobiles."

Joshua Palmer may be reached at jpalm@magicvalley.com.

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Ford posts \$2.7 billion 2009 profit

By Keith Naughton
Bloomberg News writer

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Company is leading the race to become America's top car maker by putting itself on stable financial ground. Ford posted 2009 net income of \$2.7 billion last week, ending three straight annual losses, and forecast a 2010 pretax operating profit as Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally reaped the benefits of his recovery plan.

Fourth-quarter earnings were \$868 million, or 25 cents a share, compared with a year-earlier net loss of \$5.98 billion, or \$2.51, Ford said Thursday. Excluding one-time costs, profit was 43 cents a share, beating analysts' estimates, and the shares rose.

The full-year profit was Mulally's first since coming from Boeing in 2006. Dearborn, Mich.-based Ford gained U.S. market share for the first year since 1995 with new models such as the revamped Taurus sedan while the predecessors of General Motors and Chrysler reorganized with federal aid.

"Ford is well along the road in their turnaround," said John Wolkonowicz, an analyst at IHS Global Insight in Lexington, Mass. "They did it without government help and by themselves. That's giving them the highest consideration and public acceptance they've had in decades."

Analysts expected an adjusted fourth-quarter profit of 26 cents a share,



AP photo

Ford Motor Co. President and Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally talks about Ford's progress during the economic recession, during a news conference at the Washington Auto Show in Washington. Ford Motor Co. said it made \$2.7 billion in 2009, its first annual profit in four years.

based on the average of 12 estimates compiled by Bloomberg. For 2010 operating profit, analysts had expected \$3.57 billion, the average of five estimates. Ford hadn't provided a 2010 outlook before Thursday, and didn't give a number.

"This is a real step forward," Chief Financial Officer Lewis Booth said of the 2010 projection, reiterating Mulally's timetable to have Ford "solidly profitable in 2011."

Mulally, 64, has focused on refreshing Ford's lineup,

including adding small cars, while working to slash costs. He pared the North American workforce by about 47 percent, sold the Jaguar, Land Rover and Aston Martin luxury brands, and is near a sale of the Volvo unit to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co.

The Volvo deal may close next quarter, Ford said Thursday. Ford and Hangzhou, China-based Geely aim to reach an agreement before mid-February, according to three people familiar with

the negotiations.

Ford's 2009 profit followed a record net loss of \$14.7 billion a year earlier. Full-year 2009 operating profit was \$454 million, compared with an average estimate of a loss of \$1.02 billion from five analysts.

Automotive debt, which excludes Ford Motor Credit, was \$34.3 billion at year's end, an increase from \$26.9 billion on Sept. 30, the company said. Booth said Ford

will take steps such as last year's debt restructuring to reduce its obligations, without elaborating.

"We're not kidding ourselves," Booth told reporters in Dearborn. "We know we have a huge amount of debt and an uncompetitive balance sheet."

Ford managed to avoid the bankruptcies that befell its U.S. rivals by borrowing \$23 billion in late 2006 before credit markets froze.

The automaker put up all major assets, including the Ford name, as collateral to build a cash cushion to withstand losses while developing new models.

"The turnaround is still not a slam dunk because of challenges from competitors and the economy," said Efraim Levy, a New York-based equity analyst for Standard & Poor's. "But clearly they are making progress."

A recovery in auto demand may help the company in 2010, with Ford saying today that industrywide U.S. light-vehicle sales may rise to a range of 11.3 million to 12.3 million from last year's 10.4 million. Counting medium- and heavy-duty trucks, the 2010 tally may be as much as 12.5 million.

Ford boosted first-quarter North American production to 570,000, an increase of 20,000 vehicles from a plan announced in December.

Ford also said it will pay profit sharing of about \$450 to each of its 43,000 U.S. hourly workers represented by the United Auto Workers union. Ford said it won't award performance bonuses to salaried employees for 2009, though it is reinstating merit-pay increases in 2010 for white-collar workers.

The UAW is protesting the raises for salaried employees and has accused the automaker of violating a pledge to provide an equality of sacrifice among all workers.

Books pulled from Amazon in pricing dispute

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — New copies of Hilary Mantel's "Wolf Hall," Andrew Young's "The Politician" and other books published by Macmillan were unavailable Saturday on Amazon.com, apparently the biggest rift yet in the ongoing dispute over e-book prices.

An official with knowledge of the dispute said the two sides were in discussions, but would not say why Amazon.com Inc. took such a public step. The official asked not to be identified, citing the sensitivity of the talks.

Macmillan and other publishers have criticized Amazon for charging just \$9.99 for best-selling e-books on its Kindle e-reader, a price publishers say is too low and could hurt hardcover sales.

For its part, Amazon wants to keep a lid on prices as competitors line up to challenge its dominant position in a rapidly expanding market. The company did not immediately return messages seeking comment Saturday.

Barnes & Noble's Nook and Sony Corp.'s e-book readers are already on sale. But the latest and most talked about challenger is Apple Inc., which just introduced the long-awaited iPad tablet computer and a new online book store modeled on iTunes. Apple CEO Steve Jobs, in an interview with The Wall Street Journal, suggested publishers may offer some e-titles to Apple before they are allowed to go on sales at Amazon.com.

The e-book market is an increasingly important one for Amazon. The company hasn't given specific sales figures on the Kindle, but CEO Jeff Bezos said Thursday that "millions" own the device. The company now sells six digital copies to every 10 physical ones of books available in either format.

Authors and publishers also see opportunity in e-books, particularly as a way to expand the market for



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos displays the Kindle e-book reader during an interview in October 2009 in Cupertino, Calif.

AP file photo

older titles that are more difficult for readers to obtain otherwise.

But they worry that discounting by retailers will cannibalize sales of print editions. While Amazon typically sells new releases for just \$9.99 in its Kindle store, hardcover editions

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To preserve the more lucrative hardcover business, publishers including Simon & Schuster and HarperCollins Hachette Book Group USA have said they will impose delays on the release of digital copies.

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Miss Virginia wins 2010 Miss America crown

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Miss Virginia Caressa Cameron won the 2010 Miss America title Saturday night after strutting in a skintight yellow dress, belting Beyonce's "Listen" from "Dreamgirls" and telling kids they should get outside more often.

Cameron, a 22-year-old from Fredericksburg, Va., won a \$50,000 scholarship and the crown in Las Vegas after a pageant that started with 53 contestants. She outlasted her opponents in swimsuit, evening gown,

talent and interview competitions.

Cameron is broadcast journalism student at Virginia Commonwealth University, and wants to become an anchor.

When asked during the interview portion of the competition her thoughts on fighting childhood obesity, Cameron said parents should curb television and video games.

"We need to get our kids



Cameron

back outside, playing with sticks in the street like I did when I was little," she said. "Expand your mind, go outside and get to see what this world is like."

Cameron said her win was a testament to her family's strength.

"You can be and become anything that you want to be, even Miss America," she said.

Miss California Kristy Cavinder was the first run-

ner-up, winning \$25,000.

The young women who came out on stage at the beginning of the pageant and danced to "I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas are from all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

After a week of preliminary competition, they each introduced themselves to the crowd Saturday at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

"From the home of the

Governor, I am here to pump you up," Cavinder said as she was introduced.

The judges, the public and contestants themselves then trimmed the field over the next two hours.

Actor and "Extra" host Mario Lopez hosted the 89-year-old pageant with help from Clinton Kelly of TLC's "What Not to Wear." The pageant was broadcast live on TLC.

The panel of judges included radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, actress

Vivica Fox, musician Dave Koz, Miss America 2002 Katie Harman, gymnast Shawn Johnson and former "American Idol" finalist Brooke White. Comedian Paul Rodriguez was set to be a judge, but organizers said he pulled out because of a family emergency.

Cameron, crowned by 2009 Miss America Katie Stam, will embark on a year-long run with the title to represent the organization and raise awareness for her chosen platform.

Many obstacles to choosing a site for 9/11 trials

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that President Obama's administration is considering moving the Sept. 11 trial away from a courthouse in Manhattan, the question is: Where to?

Legally, the Justice Department could choose a variety of locations in which to bring an indictment. There is no requirement that the trials of professed Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and others be held in the places where the most victims died, experts said.

Politically, though, the administration faces a bigger challenge.

Though the Justice Department has yet to publicly back down from its plan to try the suspects in New York City, officials have acknowledged that other sites are under consideration. But a growing number of lawmakers in the president's own party say they would rather not have the proceedings in their states.

Opponents include Democrats such as Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, who was among five lawmakers last week who urged Attorney General Eric Holder to reverse his decision to try Mohammed and other conspirators in civilian courts, and U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, who said a local trial would be too disruptive, whether in Manhattan or upstate.

The same held true for top Democrats in Pennsylvania, talked about by some as a potential site because of the crash of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 near Shanksville, Pa.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg "has given good reasons why the trial should not be held in New York City and that same reasoning would apply for Pennsylvania as well," said U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. Bloomberg has cited the costs of securing the Manhattan courthouse as an impediment to hosting the trial.

A congressional aide said Saturday that the Obama administration is proposing a \$200 million fund to help pay for security costs in cities hosting the trials, to be included in the president's budget being released Monday. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the budget hasn't been announced.

A spokesman for Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell said Saturday that the proposed \$200 million would help assuage some of the governor's concerns about cost, but not safety.

Other likely candidates include Alexandria, Va., which hosted the 2006 sentencing trial of 9/11 plotter Zacarias Moussaoui, or a new high-security courthouse in an industrial area in Newport News, Va., not far from a major naval station.

Alexandria city officials remained opposed Saturday to hosting a terror trial, citing worries over security and inconveniences for the thousands of people who live and work around the federal courthouse.

"Even with any special funding, we're still opposed to it," city spokesman Tony Castrilli said.

Obama seeks \$200M to help cities host 9/11 trials

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is proposing a \$200 million fund to help pay for security costs in cities hosting the trials of accused terrorists such as Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

The money will be included in a budget plan for 2011 of roughly \$3.7 trillion that President Barack Obama will submit to Congress on Monday, administration and congressional aides said Saturday. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the spending blueprint hasn't been announced.

The administration said late last year the trials would take place in federal court in lower Manhattan, near where the World Trade Center once stood. But there's growing opposition from the city, and it now seems likely that the White House will decide to hold the trial elsewhere.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has put the cost of tighter security at \$216 million just for the first year after Mohammed and the others were to arrive from the U.S. military detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. New York City officials had warned of massive gridlock in lower Manhattan due to the extraordinary security steps that would have been

required to host the trial.

Options for alternative trial sites include the northern Virginia city of Alexandria, which hosted the 2006 sentencing trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, who pled guilty to helping plan the 9/11 attacks.

Republicans have led the opposition to hosting Guantanamo detainee trials in the U.S.

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Shannon Lee Wolf

FAIRFIELD — Shannon Lee Wolf, 44, of Fairfield, lost his life in an avalanche on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, northwest of Fairfield.

Shannon was born Aug. 9, 1965, in Sun Valley, Idaho, the son of Danell and Frank Wolf. He attended Camas County schools, graduating in 1983. He attended Boise State University and Utah State University before returning to farm on the Camas Prairie in 1988.

He married Michelle Jensen on Jan. 9, 1993, in Boise, Idaho. Together they have four beautiful children. Shannon was a dedicated, loving dad, and his family was the single most important part of his life. His greatest joy was being able to spend countless hours outdoors with his family and many friends. He loved camping, boating, snowmobiling, backpacking, and playing in the oceans of Hawaii.

Shannon was a hard-working, successful farmer that loved the time he spent in his John Deere tractors. He enjoyed having his kids join him in the tractor during the long summer baling hours. Shannon also spent many hours working in his shop alongside his lifelong friend, Chris Gunder. Shannon and



Lou Andersen, friend and business partner, formed S&L Commodities Inc. in 1995. Shannon was a member of the Camas County School Board and coached Camas

Youth Soccer and Basketball. Many friends will miss seeing his big blue truck driving the roads of Camas Prairie with his big wave and friendly smile.

Shannon is survived by his wife, Michelle; his sons, Tanner and Nolan Wolf; his daughters, Laken and Keely Wolf; his parents, Danell and Frank Wolf of Hill City, Idaho; his brother, Clint Wolf (Amber) of Boise, Idaho; several nieces and nephews; extended family; and numerous friends. Shannon was preceded in death by his grandparents, Grace and Max Wolf.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Camas County High School gymnasium in Fairfield, Idaho. A private burial will be in the Hill City Cemetery in Hill City, Idaho. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made in Shannon's name to the Camas County Athletic Fund or the Camas County Academic Fund.

Donald W. Billings

RUPERT — Donald W. Billings, 64, of Rupert, passed away Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.



Don was born Sept. 3, 1945, in Emporia, Kan., to John William and Thelma Bain Billings and moved to Pingree, Idaho, where his family farmed for many years. He graduated from Snake River High School in 1963 and from Utah State University in 1967. He served a tour of duty for the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. On Dec. 18, 1971, he married Cheryl Tuck at the Methodist Church in Pocatello, Idaho. He has lived in the Mini-Cassia area for the past 30 years.

Don has worked in the irrigation industry for 35 years. At the time of his death, he was the vice president of the Rocky Mountain and Northwest regions for Rain For Rent. Don was a member of the Rupert United Methodist Church, Rotary Club, Rupert Elks, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, board member of South Central Public Health District, and past president of the Rupert Country Club. He was also a past board member, vice president, and president of the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association and he was the Idaho

Irrigation Equipment Association 1998 Person of the Year.

He enjoyed golfing, skiing, boating, traveling, and Broadway musicals.

Don is survived by his wife, Cheryl Tuck Billings; son, Matt Billings of Los Angeles, Calif.; daughter, Michael Billings (Brennan) Townley of Seattle, Wash.; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Heather Tuck of Butte, Mont.; brother, Jim Billings of Omaha, Neb.; sisters, Diane Dean of Mapleton, Ore., and Carolyn Billings of Pingree, Idaho; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with Pastor Pam Meese and the Rev. Tammy Jones officiating.

Memorials in Don's name may be made to Minidoka Memorial Hospital or a charity of choice.

The family would like to thank Dr. Greg Boettcher and the wonderful staff at Minidoka Memorial Hospital for their compassionate caring of Don.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary. Condolences may be given at hansen-mortuary.com.

Lenora Frances Robison

Lenora F. Robison, 79, of Twin Falls, passed away late Tuesday evening, Jan. 26, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Lenora was born April 27, 1930, in Palacios, Texas, the daughter of Otis and Mary Belle Maddox Johnson. She grew up and attended schools in Texas. She married Ira Glen Robison Sr. on Jan. 16, 1946, in Conrow, Texas. They lived in Texas for several years before moving to California, settling in Tracy, Calif. Ira worked for the Tracy Defense Depot in Tracy, Calif. Together, Ira and Lenora raised seven children, Frances, Glen, Jimmy, Jeannie, Judy, Patty and Mary. Following Ira's retirement, they moved to Elko, Nev., where they spent 23 years. After Ira's death on Jan. 6, 2006, Lenora moved with her daughter to Twin Falls, Idaho, to be near her grandson, Chris Mulvaney, and family.

Lenora enjoyed being in the outdoors working in her yard, being an animal advocate,



camping and fishing trips, road trips, and hunting for stones. Her love of her life was her family and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren.

Lenora is survived by her five children, Frances (Ron) Slaughter of Sedro Woolley, Wash., Jeannie (Ronald Sr.) Imperial of Sparks, Nev., Judy Robison of Elko, Nev., Patty (Bill) Parrington of Merced, Calif., and Mary (Chris) Mulvaney of Twin Falls. Also surviving are her brothers and sisters in Texas and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ira Glen Robison Sr.; two sons, Glen Robison Jr. and Jimmy Robison; and two grandsons, Robert Vallejo and Ronald Imperial Jr.

A celebration of Lenora's life will be held in Tracy, Calif., with burial at the Tracy Public Cemetery. Local arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Patricia Wickel

COEUR D'ALENE — Patricia Jane Wickel, age 87, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, at Kootenai Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 1, 1922, in Hope, Kan., the daughter of Ralph Pence and Iona Jeanette (Jones) Engle. She graduated from high school in Abilene, Kan., and then completed her secretarial training through a business college. During World War II, Patty worked as a nurse's aide. She married Wallace Wickel on Dec. 25, 1959, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They shared 50 wonderful years together.

Patty worked as a secretary in the banking and security industry prior to co-owning the Wolf Lodge Inn in Coeur d'Alene for more than 24 years. During this time, she started her restaurant business with hamburgers and chicken eventually establishing the award-winning steak house listed in the "Good Food Book" that is distributed throughout the United States. She enjoyed nature and loved feeding the deer, turkeys and raccoons near their home and in having a beautiful flower garden. She loved all animals — especially her three cats. Additionally, she spent countless hours working crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Wallace Wickel of Coeur d'Alene; her children, Dixie (Bill) Estes of Declo, Idaho, Carlton Wallace (Judi) Williams of Pinchbeck, England, Connie (Mike) Bryan of Heyburn, Idaho, and Delilah Reed of Declo, Idaho; 16 grandchild-



ren; 43 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; her nephews and nieces, Tom (Lisa) Engle, Michael (Jane) Rohr, Donald Jack (Alexandra) Engle, Susan (Randy) Bick and Jim Rohr; and many cousins and other family members including, Patricia (Don) Williams, Mike (Suzi) Thorpe and Chloe A. (Henry) Rutz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband's parents, Lou and Eva Wickel; one sister, Roberta Gail Engle Rohr; a brother, Jack Donald Engle; and a great-grandson, Wyatt Rodgers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, Idaho, where friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Burial will be in the Grand View Cemetery in Elba, Idaho.

Frank Thomas Wilkinson Jr.

FILER — Frank Thomas Wilkinson Jr. passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at his home from an extended illness.

He was born to Frank Thomas Wilkinson Sr. and Mary Elsie Ericksen on Jan. 9, 1939, in Mount Pleasant, Utah. He settled in McGill, Nev., with his family. He joined the Air Force serving two years active duty and a few years in the reserves. Frank met the love of his life, Norma Hendrix, in 1963. They were married in St. George LDS Temple on June 3, 1964. They lived in McGill, Nev., until 1966 when they moved to Reno, where they lived for 15 years. In 1981, they moved to Filer, Idaho. He worked for Acme Mfg. in Filer until he became disabled in 1999. He also worked at RC Quick Stop and Gould Mfg.

Tom was a member of the LDS Church in Filer, where he served various callings. He loved genealogy work and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; children, Evan (Tonya) Wilkinson of Mountain Home, Idaho, Bryan (Julie) Wilkinson of Smithville, Utah, Russell (Rachal) Wilkinson of Price,



Utah, Nathan (Krystal) Wilkinson of Well, Nev., Marguerite (James) Wray of Meridian, Idaho, Mark (Linda) Wilkinson of Jerome, Idaho, and Rebecca (Michael)

Richardson of Bainbridge, Ga.; sister, Sonja Veara of Sacramento, Calif.; brother, Paul Wilkinson of Springville, Utah; 18 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his father-in-law, Norman E. Hendrix. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

The family would like to thank Hospice Visions for their loving care. Donations to help with funeral expenses would be greatly appreciated. The family would also like to thank Rosenau Funeral Home for their great services.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Filer LDS Chapel in Filer, Idaho, with family greeting friends from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Filer Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Family and friends are encouraged to share their memories of Tom at www.rosenaufuneral-home.com.

Golden Robert Bennett

Golden Robert Bennett, 82, passed quietly in the early morning hours on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at River Ridge (Sunbridge) Alzheimer's Unit in Twin Falls.

Golden was born June 11, 1927, to Robert and Verda (Norton) Bennett (U.S. citizens) in Magrath, Alberta, Canada. The family moved to Idaho when Golden was very young. He attended school in Boise and graduated high school in Burley. He joined the Army after graduation and served in post World War II Germany. He returned to Idaho to start college at the University of Idaho.

He married his high school sweetheart, Elaine June Chaney on May 28, 1947. He completed his education and graduated with his law degree in 1952.

Golden enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he and Elaine had many adventures starting in California. They then moved to Michigan, where they proudly adopted their first son, Mark, in 1962. After a while, they were relocated to Anchorage, Alaska, where they experienced the Great Alaskan Earthquake of 1964. Golden was then stationed at McChord Air Force Base, where they were blessed with the adoption of their second son, Steve, on Christmas of 1965.



Golden retired from the Air Force as lieutenant colonel in 1968. Golden, Elaine and their two sons moved to Twin Falls, where he practiced law for 30 years.

He is survived by his loving sister, Marcia Chamlee, and nephew, Brian (LeAnne) Chamlee of Chino, Calif.; son, Mark (Jean) Bennett of Twin Falls; granddaughter, Kristina (Devin) Loder; and great-granddaughter, Dara of Gooding, Idaho; and son, Steve Bennett; granddaughter, Elaine Bennett; and grandson, Casey Bennett, all of Boise, Idaho.

Golden is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elaine; brother-in-law, Floyd Chamlee; and niece, Linda (Chamlee) Black.

The family would like to acknowledge the loving care given by the dedicated nurses and aides at River Ridge Care Center.

A casual gathering to celebrate Golden's life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Amon Edgar Burgess

BUHL — Amon Edgar Burgess, 92, of Buhl, passed away Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at Desert View Care Center in Buhl. He will be missed by those whose lives he so tenderly touched.

He was born March 2, 1917, to John and Melinda Burgess in Nine Mile, Tenn. Edgar was a resident of Ely, Nev., and Buhl, Idaho, for the majority of his life.

Edgar was preceded in death by two wives, Lilas and Blanche; daughter, Barbara Joan; and a son, Lavaun.

He is survived by his daughter, Luella (Max) Vigil;



sons, Dwayne (Dawna) Burgess and Lee (Layne) Burgess; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Main Street LDS Church in Buhl. A viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. prior to the funeral at the church. Interment will be at Buhl West End Cemetery. A luncheon will follow interment at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Peggy Hoogendoorn

YUMA, Ariz. — Peggy Osborn Hoogendoorn, 72, formerly of Jerome and Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, in Yuma, Ariz. A celebration of life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Valley Life Community Church, 6325 N. Locust

Grove Road in Meridian.

Merlin D. Cox

WENDELL — Merlin Dee Cox, 78, of Wendell, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at home. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

SERVICES

William "Bill" Conrad Amen of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Monday at First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth St, Rupert; visitation 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St., Rupert, and an hour before the service at the church.

Wilma Baker of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Raymond Theodore Brun of Pine, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at South Fork Boise River Senior Center in Pine (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Stanley J. Sorenson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Leonard O. Addison

RUPERT — Leonard O. Addison, 66-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.



Brown (Penny) of Burley, Idaho, and Mark Brown (Tracy) of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Kathleen Lutenege (Joe) of South Dakota; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Leonard was born April 7, 1943, in Kadoka, S.D., the son of Leonard M. and Cleo Addison. He married Joan on June 7, 1980, in Elko, Nev. He was a truck driver for Massey Ferguson and Idaho Milk Transport. He loved to go fishing and camping, and spend time with his family.

He is survived by his children, Melodie Waldron of Utah, Memorie Nelson (Jamie) of Savannah, Ga., Monica Sodiak (Lee) of Texas, Mary Oneal (William) of Memphis, Tenn., Letha McCurie (Randy) of Burley, Idaho, Cheryl Mason (Herb) of Chloride, Ariz., Monte

dren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; and his parents, Leonard M. and Cleo R. Addison of South Dakota.

To keep with Leonard's wishes, no formal services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 2676 Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705, or to the Intermountain Home Health and Hospice, 1501 Hiland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Cremation services have been under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

Margene Marie Smith Lind

OREM, Utah — Margene Marie Smith Lind, 78, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at home in Orem, Utah.

Born March 6, 1931, in Sugar City, Idaho, to Edwin and Elda Smith, Margene was the third of eight children. She married her loving companion, Gerald Norberg Lind on June 3, 1953, in the Idaho Falls, Idaho Temple, and they were blessed with three sons and four daughters.

Margene's family was the love and joy of her life. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and had a way of making everyone around her feel her love and concern. Her life was dedicated to faithful service in the LDS Church, always serving wherever she was asked. After raising their family, Margene and Gerald served three missions for the LDS Church to Geneva, Switzerland, Donetsk, Ukraine, and Houston, Texas. She leaves a wonderful legacy of faith, love and service for her family and all who knew her.

Margene is preceded in

death by her parents, Edwin and Elda Smith, and youngest son, Gayde Norberg Lind. She is survived by her loving husband, Gerald; children, Ilene Smith, Ed (Becky) Lind, Louise (Lary) Larson, Janiel (Steve) Whitehouse, Pam (Mark) Roberts and Wayne (Rachelle) Lind; brothers and sisters, Jay Hamilton (Kirma) Smith, Donetta (Reynold) George, Morgan Smith, Carol Black, Wilma (Herb) Livsey, Bradley (Gail) Smith and Lillian (Dean) Klingler; and 31 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Northridge Stake Center, 1674 N. 200 W. in Orem, Utah. A viewing will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral. Interment will be at the Brigham City Cemetery under the direction of Olpin Family Mortuary of Pleasant Grove, Utah.

The family wishes to thank Alpine Care Center Hospice staff Verna and Missy and Drs. Cordell Bott and Michael Cosgrave for their loving care and service.

Conviction in doctor slaying angers anti-abortion militants

The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Those living on the virulent edge of the anti-abortion movement pinned their hopes on Scott Roeder.

Testifying in his own defense, a remorseless and resolute Roeder insisted he had committed a justified act for the defense of unborn children by killing Dr. George Tiller, one of the country's few physicians to offer late-term abortions. It was a bold legal strategy that, if successful, had the potential to radically alter the debate over abortion by reducing the price for committing such an act of violence.

When it failed, those who share Roeder's passionate, militant belief against abortion were outraged: One said they are getting tired of being treated as a "piece of dirt" unable to express the reasons for such acts in court. So while relieved at the outcome, abortion-rights advocates worry a verdict that should be a deterrent will instead further embolden those prone to violence.

"Many of those who came here in his support

will be key to making (Roeder) a martyr for their cause — all in furtherance of advocating deadly violence," said Kathy Spillar, executive vice president of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Roeder faces a minimum sentence of life imprisonment with the possibility of parole after 25 years in prison when he's sentenced March 9, although prosecutors will ask the judge to require the 51-year-old Kansas City, Mo., man to serve at least 50 years behind bars before he is eligible for parole. His attorneys plan to appeal, arguing jurors should have been allowed to consider the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter, requiring proof that Roeder had an unreasonable but honest belief that deadly force was justified.

The Rev. Donald Spitz, of Chesapeake, Va., who runs the Army of God Web site supporting violence against abortion providers, said the rejection of that argument has upset those who view Roeder as a hero.

"I know there is not a lot

of good feeling out there — everybody is pretty angry," he said.

Spitz was the spiritual adviser to Paul Hill and was with him at his 2003 execution for the killing of a Florida abortion provider and a clinic escort in 1994, an event that led to a lull in violence at abortion clinics. While saying he knows nothing of impending plans by others against abortion doctors, Spitz scoffed at suggestions that Roeder's conviction will have a similar effect.

"Times change," Spitz said. "People are not as passive as they have been. They are more assertive."

Such comments terrify abortion-rights advocates, who say they'll continue to press the Obama administration for deeper protections, such as buffer zones around clinics, to protect doctors against others who might follow in Roeder's steps. Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation, said her group had noticed a rise in anti-abortion violence over the past year.

Roeder

Police: Former mother-in-law killed Utah teacher

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 70-year-old woman shot and killed her former daughter-in-law in the parking lot of the preschool where the young teacher worked, Utah police said Saturday.

Mary Nance Hanson is accused of firing multiple shots into the car of Tetyana Nikitina, 34, as she prepared to leave Friday from the Salt Lake Community Action Program Head Start school.

Police said the suspect called 911 and was waiting at the scene when officers

arrived. When asked why she had fired the shots, she told a 911 dispatcher, "I don't know, and that's all I'm going to say."

Nikitina, a single mother of two, was behind the steering wheel when officers arrived. She was taken to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

According to court records obtained by the Deseret News, Nikitina filed for divorce from Dale Jankowski in February 2005. Police say they believe Jankowski is

Hanson's son.

Records show that twice after the divorce, in August 2005 and in January 2006, Nikitina filed for protective orders against Jankowski, claiming cohabitant abuse.

Unified Police Lt. Don Hutson told the Deseret News they can't identify a specific event that triggered the shooting. He said there were ongoing custody battles.

Hanson, a concealed weapons permit holder, was booked into the Salt Lake

County Jail on suspicion of murder. She lives in Taylorsville, as did Nikitina.

Salt Lake Community Action Program Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive early childhood development program serving low-income children between the ages of 3 and 5.

Nikitina had been with the school for five years as an assistant teacher.

Hutson said no children attend classes on Fridays, but teachers were there for training.

Tough old soldier battles new enemy: Army suicide epidemic

By Halimah Abdullah
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Rhodes keeps pictures of the dead in his pockets.

They're the faces of young soldiers whose eyes stare out resolutely from photocopied pages worn and creased by the ritual of unfolding them, smoothing them flat and refolding them.

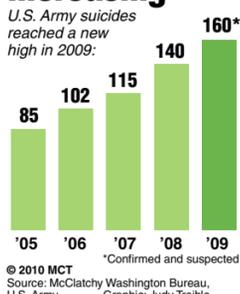
They're the faces of men who, haunted by problems at home or memories of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — the dead children, the fallen comrades and the lingering smell of burnt flesh — pressed guns to their heads and pulled the triggers or tied ropes with military precision and hanged themselves.

The pictures remind Rhodes of how close he came to joining them and how, sometimes when the sadness presses in, dark and suffocating, he still mentally pens suicide notes.

"How many times have I written that letter in my head? I still think about suicide, but when I start thinking about it I have to think, 'What's the impact on everyone I care about?'"

It's been roughly five years since Rhodes came home from his third tour in Iraq. And despite a highly decorated 29-year career in the Army, a new book, more than a hundred speaking engagements and praise

Army suicides increasing



from the likes of Gen. George Casey, the Army chief of staff, for his efforts in suicide prevention, Rhodes still wrestles with his own demons. When he speaks to crowds and gently holds up the photos of fellow servicemen who've committed suicide, it's as if he's holding up a mirror.

"It's not about me," he tells soldiers. "Every one of us can tell our own story. Start telling it. Change the culture of silence."

Rhodes, 49, is among a small cadre of senior non-commissioned officers and officers who are opening up about their journeys back from the brink of suicide — efforts that top military commanders applaud as they battle a suicide epidemic. The open support from the military's uppermost ranks for openly discussing a topic long considered taboo is a revolution triggered largely by both greater awareness and pressure to curb record-high suicide rates.



MCT photo

Retired Sgt. Maj. Samuel Rhodes, an Iraq war veteran, spends time with his horses at his home in Harris County, Georgia, Friday.

This month, the Defense Department reported that there were 160 reported active-duty Army suicides in 2009, up from 140 in 2008. Of these, 114 have been confirmed, while the cause of death in the remaining 46 remains to be determined. The increase in military suicides includes men between the ages of 18 and 30, mid-career officers and, increasingly, women.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other military leaders have said the increase is likely related to

repeated deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan and to the stigma long associated with seeking treatment for mental health problems. Many soldiers are embarrassed to seek help and worried that doing so will hamper their prospects for advancement.

In response, the Pentagon has poured millions of dollars into new suicide-prevention programs and thousands of hours on helping soldiers suffering from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Through programs such as

the Real Warriors Campaign, with its catchphrase of "Resilience. Recovery. Reintegration," the military encourages sol-

diers to help others by sharing their stories of sorrow.

Veterans such as Rhodes put a different face on grief.

"The one thing that I've found when talking to soldiers and leaders, a lot of the response has been, 'this is the first time we've had a senior leader who has dealt with this talk about it,'" Rhodes said. "At the end of the day, it doesn't matter how much money we put into this system to change policies and whatever else. At the end of the day, it's leadership."

For Rhodes — who grew up in Ringgold, Ga., and lives in the shadow of Fort Benning, near Columbus, Ga., where he once commanded troops — the Iraq war was a greedy ghost that stole him away for 30 months and gnawed at his marriage and his sanity.

He lost both during his third tour.

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Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

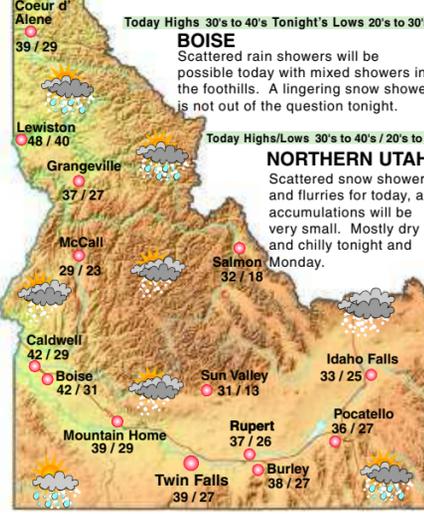
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

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Light snow will be falling today with a few inches of new snow possible. Scattered snow showers and flurries tonight and Monday.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, including weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table of weather data for various Idaho locations including Boise, Challis, and Coeur d'Alene, showing High, Low, and Precipitation.

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Table showing sunrise and sunset times for Today, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Today and Tuesday.

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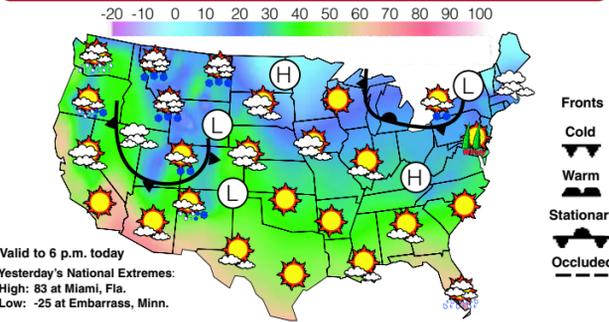
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Heart of Gold: Grammy weekend begins with salute to Neil Young

By Sandy Cohen, Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Neil Young sat in the audience as 20 of his best known songs were performed on stage. Elton John, James Taylor, Dave Matthews and more than a dozen other artists launched Grammy weekend with performances honoring Young as the MusiCares Person of the Year.

decades of philanthropic service, including work with Farm Aid and the Bridge School Concerts, which raise money to provide services for kids with severe speech and physical impairments.

had been "unforgettably, awesomely and life-changingly" influenced by Young's music. They included John, who said Young was "my hero" as an artist, philanthropist and humanitarian.

Me Why," and Crow played the accordion as she sang with Stephen Stills on "Long May You Run." "Neil, how are you enjoying your Bar Mitzvah so far?" Black cracked.

Crosby, a previous MusiCares honoree. Young watched the show with his wife, Pegi, by his side. At the end of the night, a humble Young took the stage and said he hoped the songs he's writing today are as good as the ones performed Friday.

Large advertisement for New Holland tractors, featuring a photo of a tractor and text describing its features and availability at Twin Falls Tractor & Implement Co.

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EDITORIAL

Handshakes and trust disappear from species protection

Idahoans understand the kind of government gridlock going on in Washington, D.C., all too well. After all, we've had lots of experience with the Endangered Species Act.

Times-News reporter Nate Poppino's three-part series on Idaho and the ESA pointed out how frequently the parties involved — ranchers, environmentalists and the government — talk past each other. And how, far too often, good deeds are punished.

The ESA has evolved into a massive, slow-moving creature driven by court decisions. That's not what Stewart Udall, the Interior secretary who was the godfather of the ESA, had in mind.

"Something will have gone out of us as a people if we drive the few remaining members of the wild species into zoos or to extinction," he said back in the 1960s.

That, of course, was before the lawyers got involved.

Today, the identification and listing of threatened or endangered animals or plants seems capricious to most Westerners, including those who use the land. Let it be known that you have, say, slickspot peppergrass or greater sage grouse on your property or your grazing allotment, and you risk losing its use.

Whereas Udall envisioned cooperation and shared vision as the route to preserving species, it's nowadays littered with mandates — from the courts and from federal regulators. Under the complex rules of species conservation today, common sense is too often trumped by precedent, unbending rules and fear of litigation.

That drives consensus completely out of the equation, and makes the mantra "shoot, shovel and shut up" all too appealing.

So much, after all, is at stake. There's a good chance that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will list the sage grouse as threatened or endangered next month. That would have a sizeable impact on energy projects, traditional land uses and economic growth in southern Idaho.

We suspect that if Udall, now 89, could work his will, he would tap the willingness of land users — ranchers, farmers and recreationists — to take care of the wild. That would be a powerful force for species protection if it were still relevant in the ESA process.

Instead, stakeholders are forever waiting for the other shoe to drop.

More than anything else, clarity is missing from America's way of species protection. For land users, there are few meaningful benchmarks of success because measured progress can always be undone by administrative fiat or the stroke of a judge's pen.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has alienated too many of its natural allies in the great cause of saving our wild heritage. For threatened species to be truly secure, it must get those allies back.

Our view:

Ultimately, America won't succeed in preserving endangered plants and animals unless land users are on board.

What do you think?

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

Idaho's lopsided

Own a home? You're paying more than your share

By Ken Robison

Who pays what

Declining market values resulted in a \$62.9 million reduction in total property taxes on owner-occupied homes in Idaho in 2009, according to a report from the State Tax Commission. Total taxable value dropped \$7.5 billion to \$40 billion and taxes declined to \$455.6 million.

Yearly reports show that, over the past decade, total homeowner taxes increased \$199.5 million, 77.8 percent. Taxes on non owner-occupied homes increased \$189.6 million, 88 percent.

See TAXES, Opinion 2

Idaho property taxes by property category (Figures are in millions of dollars):

Year	Residential	% of total	Commercial*	Utility	Farm	Timber	Mining
2009	\$861.1	64.2%	\$384.3	\$42.8	\$42	\$7.8	\$3.2
2008	\$868.1	69.7%	\$359.2	\$38.4	\$39.1	\$7.5	\$3.1
2007	\$809.2	66.4%	\$323.9	\$36.6	\$37.9	\$6.9	\$3.1
2006	\$702.7	63.9%	\$308.4	\$38	\$38.4	\$6.4	\$3.5
2005	\$783.6	63.2%	\$345.2	\$48	\$49.1	\$9.3	\$3.8
2004	\$702.2	61.6%	\$327.5	\$49.9	\$47.4	\$11.4	\$3.4
2003	\$640.5	59.2%	\$327.5	\$52	\$46.1	\$11.4	\$3.4
2002	\$588.9	57.6%	\$319.2	\$52.5	\$45	\$12.4	\$3.2
2001	\$541.3	57.1%	\$299	\$48.7	\$44.9	\$12.9	\$1.5
2000	\$509.3	55.8%	\$286	\$46.8	\$55.2	\$13.3	\$2.1
1999	\$471.9	54.9%	\$270	\$46.6	\$54.7	\$14.3	\$2.3
Change	+84.4%	+17%	+42.3	-8.1%	-23.2%	-45.4%	-39%

*The commercial property total includes residential rentals in complexes of five units or more. These are classed as commercial rather than residential property and taxes are typically less per unit than for similar rentals classed a residential.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

"Total property taxes increased 56 percent from 1999 to 2009, \$481.3 million, to \$1,341 million. Residential property paid 80 percent of the total increase."



Open minds in short supply at Idaho Legislature

By Jill Kuraitis
New West (Missoula, Mont.)

There are a lot of people stories being told the Idaho legislature prompted by Gov. Butch Otter's plan to eliminate state money for five commissions.

Otter wants to end state funding over the next four years for the Human Rights Commission, Hispanic Commission, Developmental Disabilities Council, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Council, and Independent Living Council.

Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee members (last week) heard first from Wayne Hammon, the governor's budget chief, who said that there has been some "misunderstanding" about Otter's plan, and that "eliminating" the commissions is not the governor's plan.

Hammon pointed out some alternative configurations for combining agencies or their services.

JFAC members then heard presentations from agency and department heads about the human costs of the proposals.

Speaking were Robbi Barrutia from the State Independent Living Council, Margie Gonzalez from the Hispanic Commission, and Colonel Brassuell from the Division of Veterans Services.



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

All stated, and pleaded, their cases. Several told heartbreaking stories of what happens when people who need their services can't get them.

Democrats Sen. Nicole LeFavour of Boise and Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum had the most questions, pushing JFAC members to listen to what they saw as salient points about cuts in funding. JFAC Co-Chair Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert took the unusual step of admonishing LeFavour for "making political statements instead of asking questions."

But it's doubtful that any legislator is happy about the proposed cuts. Republicans are defending them with grim faces, and Democrats are insisting there are other ways to raise and save money and say they are trying to be the voice of ordinary citizens.

Rep. Phyllis King, D-Boise, wrote to constituents recently:

"... 'One example of sales tax exemption that maybe could be repealed is the ski

lifts and grooming equipment. I noticed that this year, Bogus Basin purchased \$25 million in new equipment (that would have been \$1.5 million sales tax to the general fund) but they did not pay a penny of sales tax to Idaho. However, when my company, King Studio, purchased a new camera a few years ago, I paid about \$300 in sales tax. This is an example of how sales tax exemptions are unfair for small businesses."

Another Democrat agrees with the idea of cutting tax exemptions. Tuesday, gubernatorial candidate Keith Allred ... said ... he would take a different tack, making the elimination of tax exemptions a critical means of reducing the overall tax rate and increasing job creation ...

The Idaho Statesman's Dan Popkey published this column saying the legislators are receiving the benefits of full-time state employees, and that if they were made part-time workers, the savings would be enough to fund three commissions Otter wants to eliminate.

Often boastful about serving in a part-time Legislature, lawmakers are full time when it comes to state benefits. For years, that didn't make much difference.

But in November, more than 2,000 part-time employees started paying much more for health

insurance, saving the state millions.

If lawmakers were classified as part-timers working fewer than 28 hours a week — a more-than-fair figure for an annual salary of \$16,116 in a job of such import — the state would save \$304,000, according to the Department of Administration.

That would cover most of Otter's cuts of the Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Council on Developmental Disabilities and State Independent Living Council, which serves people with disabilities.

Eliminating tax exemptions, a notion regarded as preposterous by Republicans, and cutting legislator benefits, another idea sure to find disfavor with the majority, aren't likely. But proposals other than cutting and eliminating are not coming from the right side of the aisle.

That doesn't mean the governor isn't open to new ideas. Generally more able to see shades of grey than legislators of his party, Otter has made it known he's in a listening mood. But his libertarian/conservative ideology may get in the way of his serious consideration of proposals which Democrats believe deserve a hearing.

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What it's worth

Changes in taxable property value (Figures in billions of dollars):

Year	Owner-occupied residential	Other residential	Total	Non-residential total
2009	\$40.1	\$43.8	\$83.9	\$40
2008	\$47.6	\$43.2	\$90.9	\$39.5
2007	\$47.9	\$40	\$87.9	\$37
2006	\$41.5	\$32	\$73.5	\$33.7
2005	\$35.2	\$24	\$59.3	\$30.1
2004	\$29.8	\$20.1	\$50	\$28.1
2003	\$26.9	\$17.9	\$44.9	\$28.4
2002	\$23.5	\$18.1	\$41.6	\$28.2
2001	\$19.4	\$18.6	\$38.1	\$27.2
2000	\$16.4	\$18.7	\$35.1	\$26.9
1999	\$15.6	\$17.2	\$32.9	\$26

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

Note that in 2006, after the Legislature was told that raising the upper limit on Idaho's homeowners exemption would reduce the taxable value of owner-occupied homes by \$5 billion and shift \$47 million in taxes to other property, taxable value of owner-occupied homes actually went up \$6.3 billion and there was no such shift. Industry lobbyists had told legislators that an increase in the sales tax with replacement of \$3 per \$1,000 in property taxes was necessary to avoid an increase in taxes on non-residential property that would be the result of this shift. Also note that total taxes on owner-occupied homes declined almost as much in 2009 with the decline in market value as with the updated exemption and the school levy replacement in 2006.

Taxes

Continued from Opinion 1

Total residential taxes increased \$389 million, 82 percent — 3 1/2 times as much as the 23 percent increase in total taxes on non-residential property, up \$91 million. Non-residential includes commercial, industrial, utility, farm, timber and mining property. The commercial category includes residential rentals of five units or more.

Total property taxes increased 56 percent from

1999 to 2009, \$481.3 million, to \$1,341 million. Residential property paid 80 percent of the total increase. The residential share of total property taxes increased from 54.9 to 64.2 percent.

Ken Robison, a Boise Democrat, served in the Idaho House of Representatives for 17 years. He was a member of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Easy to assume some agencies unnecessary

In an editorial published Jan. 21, the *Times-News* wrote in support of the Human Rights Commission "Maybe Idaho can do without a Commission on Hispanic Affairs, a State Independent Living Council, a Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing..."

It is easy for those who do not belong to the populations served by these agencies to assume they are unnecessary. If I were Hispanic, or an adult with a disability, I could probably make the case for funding the first two agencies mentioned.

I happen to have raised a child (now a young adult) who is deaf while living in the state of Idaho both before and after the creation of the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I have seen Idaho go from a state that repeatedly failed to establish a telephone relay system to one that has one of the best track records in the nation for screening newborns for hearing loss. The CDHH deserves credit for this and much more.

Thirty-eight states have a similar agency or state department. Idaho's council functions with less money and fewer employees than most, even those in states of comparable size.

If we can finally create a state in which deaf and hard of hearing citizens receive early identification, good educations, and employment commensurate with their abilities, Idaho will get back in tax dollars more than enough to repay the paltry \$150,000 spent to support the CDHH this year.

The real issue here is the same for all the agencies facing demise through non-funding. All were the result of legislation carefully written, debated and passed by Legislatures convinced of their worth. They deserve

the same consideration now, and should not be eliminated — simply being treated as targets during an economic crisis.

LORNA IRWIN Jerome

A healthy PBS is good for America

Let's not defund PBS. As a longtime watcher and contributor, I appreciate its educational value and diversity. I watch PBS more than the networks combined, and its bottom line isn't chasing profit and the political correctness that entails.

In 1984, I bought a satellite dish and VCR for the main purpose of home-schooling our kids through science programs available only on PBS. It worked great. As a tool for education, it's unmatched. Perhaps by the same logic, we should defund public education as well.

There's little in-depth news on free TV outside of PBS. Switching through the networks, you quickly notice they all smell about the same except PBS.

Could PBS pare back? Probably. Could it save by running old science shows? Probably. How critical is British comedy to the mission? Could I contribute more? Yeah.

It's a sad fact that titillation and mindless drivel is the steady diet of most TV watchers, punctuated frequently with slick ads seducing folks to buy more crap they don't need, except for PBS.

If it's a closet desire of conservatives to assist people in buying more, borrowing more and saving less, dumping PBS makes good sense. If Republicans want to limit informed public debate, muffling PBS will work well. If ignorance of science for youth and adults fits a neocon agenda, defunding PBS is a great way to promote ignorance.

Best be careful! Penny wise and pound foolish?

This is one issue on which both parties ought to be in agreement. A healthy PBS is good for America.

PHIL AUTH Berger

Otter needs to make cuts wherever he can

Honorable Gov. Otter: Some difficult, sometimes scary decisions have to be made when running a household or business with less money. Why should the state be any different? Cut it back, Mr. Otter! Cut it wherever and however you can! It is in cutting expenditures and reducing waste that a bright future is ensured.

We will complain and cry and stamp our feet because we have become spoiled, dependent little babies. Please cut and reduce. Don't borrow. Please don't borrow — not for schools, not for roads, not for anything. Things will get better.

Don't squander our future to appease us when we hold our breath until we get what we want. It may well be that our childish tantrums are because we are terrified of an awful truth: we can do well, even flourish with less. We are counting on your courageous leadership. This is your moment to lead. Don't waste it to change the diapers of all crying interests waiting for their funding

CHAD FRIDAL Malta

Rift between GOP and Democrats must end

As I watched the State of the Union address, I found myself in complete agreement with the need for health care reform, jobs creation, energy and infrastructure renewal as well as others, but my representa-

tives chose to sit on their butts and not stand in support of the very things I want!

This GOP vs. Dem war has got to stop! If my representatives can't or won't do what I want or need to, then I want them to resign, give back the monies we paid them to represent us and put someone in office who can accomplish something. I am tired of having Jim Risch look out for rich people's interests or listening to crap from Mike Crapo. We can do much better!

RICHARD VAUGHAN Twin Falls

Heyburn not included in Burley plans

I was surprised to read in Sound Off that the big chicken plant under discussion in Burley will not be built in Burley. I guess that the people west of where the plant was going to be built must have more power than the people in Heyburn.

The plant is now expected to be built in that area of Burley behind Burger King. If there is any stink, it will blow from the west over The Marriott, Burley Inn, McDonald's, JB's and on into Heyburn. Burley screwed up by not including the elected officials of Heyburn when a new airport was being discussed, and even worse when an attempt was made to buy the farmland to site the airport.

I think Burley's elected officials should make darn sure to include the city of Heyburn in any plans that might affect Heyburn. How difficult would it be for the new mayor of Burley and the city council to get together with Heyburn's? Not difficult at all, if you want my opinion.

THAYNE GALLEGOS Heyburn

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America needs a saner, updated Ross Perot

There is a specter haunting America: the specter of a saner, updated version of Ross Perot. He is lurking out there, ready to ride the free-floating anger and distrust of Washington. He is out there now in one of his homes or private jets, getting madder by the day. He is large of ego, full of money and cranky in mien.

When he enters the arena, he'll say that Washingtonians, all of them, are a bunch of failures. Over the past five years, Washington has tried to reform Social Security, immigration, health care and energy policy. All of these efforts have either failed or are close to failure — thousands of people working millions of hours and in all likelihood producing nothing.

He'll point out that Washingtonians, all of them, breed selfishness. Republicans refuse to accept tax increases. Democrats reject spending cuts. They've put the country on a highway to a fiscal crisis, and there are no exit ramps.

When he comes, he'll present himself warts and all. Yes, I'm an obnoxious SOB, he'll say. But you need me right now. Yes, I am a blank slate, but people are so desperate that they're voting for blank slates. When he comes — this billionaire Simon Cowell, this political Bobby Knight — he will change the political landscape, at least for a time.

If I were one of those fellows advising Barack Obama, I would tell him that you can either get run over by that saner Ross Perot or you can be the saner Ross Perot. You're not ornery, but you are a bit of a loner. You're not a billionaire with a huge ego, but that's because you're not that rich. God gave you self-esteem. You might as well use it for good.

First, I would say, you need to distance yourself



David Brooks

from the status quo. You need to detach from the Old Bull committee chairmen you foolishly affixed yourself to in your first year. You need to detach from all those deals with pharmaceutical lobbyists and earmark champions. You need to detach yourself from Washington's ping-pong match of ideological overreach — as each party interprets victory as a mandate to grab everything.

You made a good start in the State of the Union address, I would tell him. In that speech, you began to reclaim the mantle of the permanent outsider.

First, you distanced yourself from the Democratic orthodoxy. You embraced some traditional Democratic policies, but also an eclectic grab bag of other policies that play well with independents: a spending freeze that excluded defense, nuclear power, offshore drilling, the elimination of a capital gains tax on small business, a fiscal commission, free trade deals and earmark reform.

Second, you distanced yourself from the old debates. You sidestepped the whole big-government-versus-small-government question. Instead of doing the liberal-people-versus-the-powerful shtick, you emphasized targeted tax cuts, deficit reduction and community bank subsidies.

Third, you distanced yourself from Washington morality. At times the speech was like a vice principal's lecture to an unruly middle school classroom. You scolded Democrats and Republicans about excessive partisanship, pettiness and insider-dealing. You cast yourself as the sole cool-

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headed man in Gomorrah.

In short, you made it clear that you will not be going down with the congressional Titanic. You took a few steps toward recapturing your image as the last thoughtful reformer. Now you have to embrace that role with a vengeance.

There aren't going to be any big new policy initiatives this year anyway. You might as well cross the country on a Perot-like tour of consciousness-raising, complete with charts and everything.

The deficits are the issue around which everything else revolves. The mounting deficits both symbolize Washington's institutional dysfunction and genuinely threaten the nation.

You want to cross the country screaming the facts. As you do, states like California and Illinois will be undergoing fiscal implosions to illustrate your ongoing point. You want to use the fiscal crisis as a wedge to change the way the whole system operates.

If you get a deficit-reduction deal, you break through the polarized rigidities that encrust everything else. You wipe clean the special-interest barnacles that encrust the tax code. You force the country to think in 30-year increments and deliver a blow to the tyranny of the news cycle. You force the country to accept common sacrifice. This is the issue that unlocks everything else. So will you establish your credibility and offer to raise taxes on the lower 98 percent? Yes, you can!

If the setbacks of the last year haven't radicalized you about the sickness of our current political system, Mr. President, I don't know

what will. Are you really content to spend the year

lobbying for tiny tax credits for ineffective

training programs?

He's out there — that saner Ross Perot. He's a-comin'. The country would be better off if it were you.

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Festival of Trees

The St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation would like to thank the following donors for contributing to the 2009 Festival of Trees. Their names were inadvertently excluded from the "thank you" ad that originally ran on January 8, 2010.

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— Former Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking to Britain's Iraq Inquiry about his decision to back the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq

"When it snows, everyone goes out and buys milk and eggs — and beer.

We're like the Pony Express."

— Jason Martin, who delivered beer to Lonnie's Western Room in Nashville, Tenn.

"The Leadership Council considers this mere futile and baseless rumors. The Leadership Council once again emphasizes continuation of Islamic jihad against all invaders as a mean to frustrate these conspiracies."

— The Taliban denying reports their representatives met with a U.N. official to discuss prospects for peace in Afghanistan

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'Tea party' remains disorganized by changing goals internal disputes

By Kathleen Hennessey
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — When Matt Clemente went to a December meeting of "tea party" activists in Worcester, Mass., he was shocked to find the hall packed.

"They were all talking about Scott Brown," he said.

That was when Clemente, a student at College of the Holy Cross, realized Brown wasn't just another Republican running a long-shot campaign for the seat held by liberal Sen. Edward M. Kennedy since 1962. He actually had a chance to win, and the conservative activists who had been organizing around the country against the health care overhaul, bank bailouts and increased government regulation could put him over the top if they could get organized in time.

Clemente is also a state coordinator for the Washington-based advocacy group FreedomWorks. After the Worcester meeting, he called the group and reported what he had seen.

The Senate race became a big moment for the sometimes fractured and ragtag group of right-wing activists.

"The movement rallied around the idea of defying the establishment," said Eric Odom, founder of another tea party network, American Liberty Alliance, which ushered volunteers to Massachusetts in the final days of Brown's winning campaign. "This had far less to do with Scott Brown and far more to do with proving we could coordinate and act in a mass way, showing we could move political mountains. We don't view this as support of a candidate; we view it as opposition to a candidate."

But as much as the various groups contributed — with e-mails, volunteers, money, TV ads — the victory still had the feel of a crowd running to

the sound of the guns.

The movement is far from a well-disciplined army. Its pivot from protesting to politics has been fraught with internal disputes, turf wars and lawsuits. It has continued to struggle with its relationship to the Republican Party, which would very much like to harness the movement's energy without being subsumed by it.

Recent weeks have seen activists tangled in infighting over an attempt to organize a national convention. In Florida, tea party leaders have filed a lawsuit accusing a lawyer of hijacking their movement. Separately, two high-profile national groups are at odds amid accusations of coziness with the Republican establishment.

Underlying each dispute is a debate about how a movement born of an anti-incumbent fervor and homemade revolution ethos can cooperate with the political party it sees as tied to Wall Street.

"People certainly feel betrayed and ripped off by the Republican Party. But I think people are getting out of revenge mode," Odom said. "The primary goal is to defeat people who are not looking out for our interests, in defeating health care, cap-and-trade. That goal is to win politically."

There's evidence of success on that front beyond the Massachusetts vote. Tea party activists helped topple a Republican Party chairman in Florida who endorsed moderate GOP Gov. Charlie Crist in the Senate primary over the more conservative Marco Rubio. In California, Republican Senate candidate Chuck DeVore credits tea party activists with helping raise more than \$1 million in small donations.

But DeVore said the financial effect of the tea party movement was hard to measure. "It's so decentralized I wouldn't even know how to do that," he said.



AP file photo
A man holds up a tea kettle during the Atlanta Tea Party tax protest in April 2009 in Atlanta.

Born as a series of locally organized protests inspired by the Boston Tea Party, the movement remains a series of small clubs, some loosely connected by Web-based umbrella organizations, some not.

The largest single grassroots network, Tea Party Patriots, claims to have nearly 1,000 tea party groups in its database. There is general agreement that it's time to connect the outposts, but little consensus on how.

Plans for a National Tea Party Convention in February drew early attention for its keynote speaker — former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin — and its gesture toward unity. The event, planned by Nashville attorney Judson Phillips, bears all the trappings of a political convention, with lobster tail on the menu and an invitation aimed at "delegates" representing tea party groups from around the country.

But activists balked at the cost — \$560 a ticket, not including a hotel room for the weekend. The price was necessitated by the cost of

the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and speakers' fees, Phillips said.

Palin's fee is more than \$100,000, with travel expenses, according to a source familiar with the booking. After the hubbub erupted, Palin suggested she

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— Eric Odom, founder of American Liberty Alliance

wouldn't keep the fee, saying she would use the money to "contribute to campaigns, candidates and issues that will help our country."

Phillips, an attorney with a history in local Republican politics, would not discuss the matter. The criticism only mounted as Phillips acknowledged that the convention, like his for-profit social networking site Tea Party Nation, is a money-making venture.

Fear of Republican takeover is also a persistent thread in tea party disputes.

When Tea Party Express, a project of a Sacramento consulting firm run by Republicans, tried to team up with Tea Party Patriots, it sparked an internal fight on the Patriots' national board. The debate heated up after Tea Party Express filed its most recent financial disclosure form: It raised more than \$1.3 million from July to November, with the vast majority going to the consulting firm.

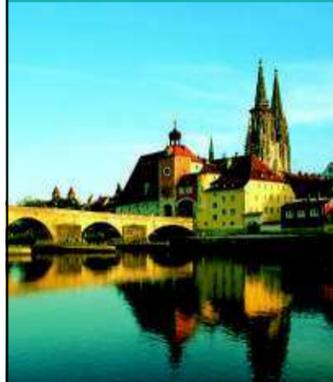
Although many groups say

they want to stay separate from the Republican establishment, only a few are pushing to create a third party. Many activists believe such a move would only split the conservative vote and put more Democrats in office.

Still, well-funded, well-established conservative groups are trying to corral the chaos in a direction that benefits Republicans. Among those is FreedomWorks, led by former House Republican leader Dick Armey.

FreedomWorks President Matt Kibbe is blunt about his hope that the tea party movement will "take over the Republican Party." FreedomWorks plans to fund opposition research, mail, door-to-door and get-out-the-vote efforts in 50 House and a dozen Senate races with the hope of electing ideologically pure conservatives, Kibbe said. It's raising money for its "Take Back America" campaign, but has yet to report its fundraising.

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Storm blankets South with ice and snow; mid-Atlantic next

By Erik Schelzig
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A storm that blanketed the South with snow Saturday had children eager to sled down hills, while grown-ups were warned to stay off slippery roads as officials worked to clear a mess of wrecks and downed power lines.

Nearly a foot of snow had fallen in parts of western North Carolina, and nearly 10 inches had fallen in some areas north of Memphis, Tenn. In Nashville, about a half-foot of snow was on the ground, the National Weather Service said.

A central Tennessee woman was killed when a tree weighed down with ice crashed into her mobile home early Saturday, Maury County Fire Department Assistant Chief Roy Brooks told The Tennessean of Nashville. The woman, whose name was not immediately released, was pronounced dead at the scene.

To the northeast, the Washington-Baltimore area was preparing for 4 to 8 inches of snow as the storm approached. The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for parts of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia.

In southern Maryland, one person was found dead after a house fire in Accokeek that firefighters said they had a hard time getting to because of the snow. Prince George's County fire department spokesman Mark Brady said the winter storm and snowfall made driving conditions hazardous.

About a foot of snow was reported in the Richmond area in Virginia, the weather service said.

In northern Virginia, the weather caused several multi-vehicle crashes along Interstate 81 in Shenandoah County, Virginia State Police said. Four people were hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries.

Transportation officials were urging drivers to stay

off the roads.

The weather also cut short a farewell celebration Saturday at the National Zoo in Washington for young panda Tai Shan, who will be flown to China on Thursday to become part of a breeding program.

The storm left roads icy and snowpacked across the South, and thousands were without power as ice accumulated. Although police said they had to clear hundreds of wrecks overnight, there were no deaths or serious injuries reported.

Few cars were on roads around Nashville, and most people seemed to be hunkered down indoors. Some ventured out on camouflage all-terrain vehicles usually reserved for hunting season.

Jake Guthrie, manager of a Nashville Ace Hardware, pasted a "Sold Out of Sleds" sign at the entrance of the store after selling "several hundred" in the past two days. Workers had to tell a steady stream of callers that they wouldn't have any more sleds until Friday.

"But winter's not over yet," Guthrie said.

The DuBose family was enjoying a second day of sledding on Nashville's outskirts.

"We ran over the dogs yesterday, so we left them at home today," said Jane DuBose, 47, as her two sons, ages 8 and 12, were sledding down the entrance ramp to a closed road.

In Smyrna, southeast of Nashville, a high school bowling tournament was postponed after snow and ice caused the roof to collapse at the bowling alley where it was to be held, according to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

Will O'Halloran, publisher of City Social Magazine in Baton Rouge, La., got caught in the storm in both directions of his monthly trip to pick up the publication from a printer outside Louisville, Ky. At one point he thought his headlights were broken, only to find they were covered in ice.



A worker de-ices a Delta jet Saturday at Nashville International Airport in Nashville, Tenn. A strong winter storm dropped freezing rain, sleet and snow across Tennessee as it headed east Friday.

AP photo

GOP hopes Hawaii meeting will help turn tide in 2010

By Philip Rucker
The Washington Post

HONOLULU — You knew something unusual was going on here when you saw men in navy blazers thumbing furiously on their BlackBerries, a correspondent from "The Daily Show" interviewing passersby near the beach and a burly 69-year-old Texan in a black cowboy hat, suede blazer and leather boots striding past a waterfall swimming pool, pink flamingoes and a scarlet macaw.

Republicans had arrived on Waikiki Beach.

Party leaders from as far away as Maine and American Samoa jetted to Hawaii for the Republican National Committee's four-day winter meeting that concluded Saturday, where they debated purity, assailed Democrats and, yes, enjoyed some fun in the sun.

Republicans spent their first night here under the stars at a traditional luau that began with a conch-shell blowing and concluded with their charismatic chairman, Michael Steele, on stage with grass-skirted islanders, dancing the hula. RNC members called him "a natural," joking that if he

stepped down as chairman he could be cast in a luau revue.

Fortunately for Steele — who last week embraced the local culture by wearing bead necklaces, a flower lei, untucked Hawaiian shirts and sandals — his hula dance has not surfaced on YouTube. (The event was closed to the media.)

But that does not mean the party chief has escaped the image of Republicans gathering at a windswept beach resort in sunny Honolulu — 5,000 miles from snow-covered Washington and seemingly a world away from millions of Americans who are without jobs.

Steele defended his decision to come to Hawaii, saying it is no different than the other 49 states and that the meeting here symbolizes the party's 2010 ambitions. Republicans will compete in every state, he said, including the traditionally Democratic homeland of President Obama.

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Relations strained after NATO airstrike kills 4 Afghan troops

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press writer

KABUL — A joint U.S.-Afghan force called in an airstrike on what turned out to be an Afghan army post after taking fire from there before dawn Saturday, killing four Afghan soldiers and prompting an angry demand for punishment from the country's defense ministry.

Both NATO and Afghan authorities described the clash around a snow-covered outpost in Wardak province southwest of Kabul as a case of mistaken identity. NATO called the attack "unfortunate" and promised a full investigation.

Nevertheless, the deadly strike threatens to strain relations between NATO and the Afghan government at a time when both sides are calling for closer partnership in the fight against the Taliban. The fighting came on the heels of several cases of bloodshed between Afghans and Americans in recent weeks.

NATO and Afghan officials said an Afghan interpreter angry over "job issues" shot and killed two U.S. soldiers Friday before he was gunned down by an American service member in the same district as the airstrike. NATO officials said the two attacks appeared unrelated.

Saturday's fighting erupted about 3 a.m. when a group of U.S. Special Forces and Afghan commandos approached a remote Afghan



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Afghan Defense Ministry is condemning this incident," an Afghan statement said. "After the investigation is completed, the Defense Ministry wants to bring those responsible to justice."

Associated Press Television News video of the aftermath showed snow around the fortified compound blackened by the airstrike. American armored vehicles stood guard on the highway, about a half mile from the hilltop outpost, while a U.S. Black Hawk helicopter roamed the skies overhead.

"I am from this area, and I witnessed the entire incident myself," said local resident Khan Mohammed. "Planes arrived and bombed the Afghan National Army checkpoint. They hit some of the houses around the area with mortars."

NATO said the joint force called in the airstrike only after failing to halt the fighting with return fire. The alliance said a joint Afghan-NATO investigation would

"determine the facts and circumstances of this unfortunate incident."

"We work extremely hard to coordinate and synchronize our operations," NATO spokesman Brig Gen. Eric Tremblay said.

It was believed to be the first fatal friendly fire incident since November, when eight Afghans — four soldiers, three policemen and an interpreter — were killed in northwestern Afghanistan during close combat as troops searched for a missing U.S. paratrooper who was later found dead.

Afghanistan's Defense Ministry said at the time that the deaths had been caused by "an air attack by NATO forces" during the fighting.

Last year, the top U.S. and NATO commander, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, curbed

the use of airpower to assuage rising public anger over civilian casualties. Commanders still have the option of calling in airstrikes if they come under fire and civilians are not at risk.

Saturday's clash and the string of recent deadly encounters between Americans and Afghans are likely to stoke public anger against foreign forces — even though the United Nations

reported this month that most civilian casualties were caused by the Taliban.

NATO said its troops opened fire Friday on a taxi as it sped toward a patrol in Ghazni province, killing two civilians and wounding another.

U.S. soldiers shot and killed an Afghan imam Thursday when his car approached a convoy on the eastern outskirts of Kabul.



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Police: Suicide bomber kills two in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber detonated an explosives belt Saturday at a restaurant popular with Iraqi security forces in a city that was once a flash point for sectarian slaughter, killing at least two people, authorities said.

The attack came the same day an al-Qaida front group in Iraq claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing Tuesday at Baghdad's main crime lab that killed 22 people. The bombings appeared aimed at rattling and embarrassing the U.S.-backed Iraqi leadership before national elections in March.

In Saturday's attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a falafel restaurant near a famed Shiite shrine in the Sunni-dominated city of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, a police official said.

The bomber appeared to have targeted the restaurant because it is popular with police and members of Sunni Awakening Councils, also known as Sons of Iraq — ex-fighters who turned against al-Qaida and joined forces with the United States.

Twenty-five people, including 10 policemen and six Sons of Iraq, were wounded, he added.

A medical official at the Samarra hospital confirmed the casualties, saying at least five of the wounded were in critical condition.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

Shiite tradition says the Askariya shrine is near the place where the last of the 12 Shiite imams, Mohammed al-Mahdi, disappeared. Shiites believe he is still alive and will return to restore justice to humanity.

In February 2006, a huge explosion destroyed the Askariya shrine's golden dome and ignited fierce fighting between Sunnis and Shiites that killed tens of thousands across Iraq and pushed the country to the brink of civil war. In June 2007, another bombing brought down the twin minarets on the mosque's compound.

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U.S. halts airlifts of Haiti patients, citing space

By Jennifer Kay
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — The U.S. military has halted flights carrying Haitian earthquake victims to the United States because of an apparent dispute over where seriously injured patients should be taken for treatment.

An American doctor treating victims in Port-au-Prince warned that at least 100 patients needed to get to better hospitals or they could die, while the U.S. government said it was working to expand hospital capacity in both Haiti and in the U.S.

It was unclear exactly what prompted the Wednesday decision by the U.S. military to suspend the flights, or when it would end. Military officials said some states were refusing to take patients, though they wouldn't say which states.

"There has been no policy decision by anyone to suspend evacuee flights," White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said.



Musicians play as they walk behind a hearse carrying the remains of Elimene Josephe during her funeral Saturday in Port-au-Prince. Josephe, 59, died Monday of injuries suffered during Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake.

AP photo

The halt came one day after Florida Gov. Charlie Crist wrote a letter to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, warning that "Florida's health care system is quickly

reaching saturation, especially in the area of high level trauma care."

But officials in Crist's office said they didn't know of any Florida hospitals were turning away patients. He

asked Sebelius to activate the National Disaster Medical System, which is typically used in domestic disasters and pays for victims' care.

Poor coordination and

limited resources, not costs, drove the governor's request, said John Cherry, spokesman for the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

"We've made it clear that (the cost) is an issue we'll deal with down the road," he said.

State health officials say some medical flights landed in Florida without any notice, and the poor coordination may be keeping some survivors from getting the help they need, Cherry said. He cited the case of a burn victim flown earlier this week to Tampa, which is not equipped to treat those injuries.

Meanwhile, Dr. Barth Green, a doctor involved in the relief effort in Port-au-Prince, warned that his patients needed to get to better hospitals.

"We have 100 critically ill patients who will die in the next day or two if we don't Medevac them," said Green,

chairman of the University of Miami's Global Institute for Community Health and Development.

Civilian flights have not been stopped, but Green said he was relying on U.S. military flights to fly out patients because they are larger and better equipped to handle injured patients.

At a temporary field hospital at Haiti's international airport set up with donations to Green's institute, two men had already died of tetanus. Doctors said 5-year-old Betina Joseph faced a similar fate within 24 hours unless evacuated to a U.S. hospital where she can be put on a respirator.

The girl — infected with tetanus through a two-inch cut on her thigh — weakly shooed a fly buzzing around her face as her mother caressed her corn rows, apparently unaware that getting the girl out could mean life or death.

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SANITATION

Relief officials are scrambling to confront a sanitation crisis that could spread malaria, cholera and other diseases throughout chaotic camps packed with hundreds of thousands of survivors. Shortages of food, clean water, adequate shelter and latrines are creating a potential spawning ground for epidemics in a country with an estimated 1 million homeless.

EVACUATION

The U.S. military has halted flights carrying victims to the United States because of an apparent dispute over where seriously injured patients should be taken for treatment.

It was unclear exactly what prompted the decision to suspend the flights, or when it would end. Military officials said some U.S.

states were refusing to take patients, though they wouldn't say which states.

AIRPORTS

The U.S. military is assessing Haitian airports to which it can divert military traffic to allow Port-au-Prince's congested international airport to return to its civilian functions, said U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Col. Rick Kaiser.

Port-au-Prince's Toussaint Louverture International Airport is being strained by international relief efforts, with more than 160 flights a day landing at one point.

RUBBLE

The rubble from destroyed buildings in Port-au-Prince could easily fill to the limit five football stadiums the size of New Orleans' Superdome.

Kaiser said Haiti's government could put the rubble to good use — perhaps building an artificial reef to augment fishing or using it as landfill to reinforce Haiti's many eroded mountains and ravines, thus preventing mudslides.

PORT

After temporary repairs by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Port-au-Prince's earthquake-damaged port now can handle some 2½ times the number of containers it was dealing with before the disaster. The port's northern pier collapsed entirely under water in the earthquake, and the partially collapsed southern pier received further damage from aftershocks.

— The Associated Press

U.S. boosts missile defenses in Persian Gulf

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — As the Obama administration edges toward imposing tougher sanctions on Iran, it has begun upgrading its approach to defending its Persian Gulf allies against potential Iranian missile strikes, officials said Saturday.

The United States has quietly increased the capability of land-based Patriot defensive missiles in several Gulf Arab nations, and one military official said the Navy is beefing up the presence of ships capable of knocking down hostile missiles in flight.

The officials discussed aspects of the defensive strategy on condition of anonymity because some elements are classified.

The moves have been in the works for months and are part of a broader adjustment in the U.S. approach to missile defense, including in Europe and Asia. Details have not been publicly announced, in part because of diplomatic sensitivities in Gulf countries which worry about Iranian military capabilities but are cautious about acknowledging U.S. protection.

The administration will send a review of ballistic missile strategy to Congress on Monday that frames the larger shifts. Attention to defense of the Persian Gulf region, a focus on diffuse networks of sensors and weapons and cooperation with Russia are major elements of the study, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Russia opposed Bush administration plans for a land-based missile defense site in Eastern Europe, and President Barack Obama's decision to walk away from that plan last year was partly in pursuit of new capabilities that might hold greater promise and partly in deference to Russia.

One military official said the adjustments in the Gulf should be seen as prudent defensive measures designed to deter Iran from taking aggressive action in the region, more than as a



AP photo

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton gestures during a news conference with French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, Friday at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris.

signal that Washington expects Iran to retaliate for any additional sanctions.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton consulted with numerous allies during a visit to London this week. She told reporters that the evident failure of U.S. offers to engage Iran in negotiations over its nuclear program means the U.S. will now press for additional sanctions against the Iranian government.

Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. Central Command chief who is responsible for U.S. military operations

across the Middle East, mentioned in several recent public speeches one element of the defensive strategy in the Gulf: upgrading Patriot missile systems, which originally were deployed in the region to shoot down aircraft but now can hit missiles in flight.

In remarks at Georgetown Law School on Jan. 21, Petraeus said the U.S. now has eight Patriot missile batteries stationed in the Gulf region — two each in four countries. He did not name the countries, but Kuwait has long been

known to have Patriots on its territory.

A military official said Saturday that the three other countries are the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain — which also hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet headquarters — and Qatar, home to a modernized U.S. air operations center that has played a key role in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

In a presentation Jan. 22 at the Institute for the Study of War, Petraeus explicitly linked the actions to concerns about Iran.

"Iran is clearly seen as a very serious threat by those on the other side of the Gulf front, and, indeed, it has been a catalyst for the implementation of the architecture that we envision and have now been trying to implement," he said.

He said that "architecture" includes the extra Patriot batteries "that weren't there, say, two years ago."

"Other countries have certainly increased their Patriots, a whole host of different systems; Aegis ballistic missile cruisers are in the Gulf at all times now," Petraeus added.

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U.S. troops more than welcome in Haiti – for now

By Ben Fox
Associated Press writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Young men gripping a steel fence along Port-au-Prince's waterfront call out "Hi, Sir!" to two U.S. Army soldiers, pleading for jobs as translators, drivers, laborers.

None are getting any jobs today. But that doesn't dampen their enthusiasm for the U.S. military, despite a checkered history in Haiti for the forces that are now providing a huge humanitarian mission after the Jan. 12 earthquake killed at least 150,000 people.

"The Americans are our friends," said Jean Rony Doudou, a 28-year-old job-seeker. "They are here to help us."

Many Haitians — at least for now — share that sentiment as they see U.S. troops bandaging the wounded, clearing debris, handing out food and water and even directing traffic. The soldiers are generating goodwill and are given a large degree of credit for keeping Haiti relatively peaceful during these worst of circumstances.

And for the soldiers, Haiti is a welcome respite from dodging suicide bombers, snipers and roadside explosives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Here you don't go in there with your war face," said Sgt.



A U.S. Army soldier with the 82nd Airborne Division is cheered by locals as he arrives at the scene where looters stormed a home appliance store, Friday in downtown Port-au-Prince. Sporadic looting continues as earthquake survivors scavenge for anything they can find in the rubble left by Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake.

AP photo

"Here you don't go in there with your war face.

You go in there with your peace face.
You try and treat people like you would in the United States."

— Sgt. Warren Bell from Hampton, Va., a paratrooper handing out meals in Haiti

Warren Bell from Hampton, Va., a paratrooper who did three tours in Iraq before handing out meals in Haiti. "You go in there with your peace face. You try and treat people like you would in the United States?"

"We want to show that

face of compassion," Capt. Clark Carpenter, a spokesman for the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, said in Leogane, just west of the capital. "We're here to help the Haitian people. We're here to get relief to them as quickly as possible."

American troops, part of a 20,000-strong U.S. military humanitarian mission in Haiti, are not supposed to be arresting looters.

"They are not there to participate in any police operations," said Jose Ruiz, a spokesman for the U.S. Southern Command.

But as Haitian police and private security guards struggle to maintain control, the U.S. soldiers will have to decide how and whether to get involved.

A dozen Army soldiers decided to take action Friday when they came upon a vio-

lent confrontation after a private security guard shot and killed a man who was among a group of organized looters inside an appliance store. The U.S. Army 82nd Airborne platoon, which happened to be on patrol nearby, rushed up and quickly dominated the scene, shouting "Stop it!" and pulling guards off the captives.

The crowd outside cheered the Americans. But the incident underscored the tensions and growing frustrations among Haitians in the earthquake's aftermath, which could present a securi-

ty challenge for U.S. troops.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Mike Billman sees the Haiti mission as a way to change opinions after the Abu Ghraib prison scandal tarnished the military's image.

"Now they see us helping others in a third-world country. They see us bringing food," said Billman, 30, of Centerville, S.D. "They know there is a softer side."

Billman, who now leads supply convoys from the airport to the paratroopers' base in the hills overlooking Port-au-Prince, had to hop out recently to check on a truck that broke down. In Iraq, it would have exposed him to a possible ambush. Here, Haitians patted him on the back and thanked him for coming.

"It felt safe walking down the road. I wasn't worried about some guy on a rooftop," Billman said. "All they want is food and water from us."

The Haiti effort could not be more multinational — with peacekeepers, rescue teams and medical volunteers from across the planet — but the U.S. presence is the most visible. There are more than 6,000 troops on the ground, including Marines west of Port-au-Prince and an 82nd Airborne Division brigade in the city. The rest are aboard 23 Navy vessels, led by the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson.

Latrines join food, water and shelter on Haiti's critical needs list

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Relief officials are scrambling to confront a sanitation crisis that could spread malaria, cholera and other deadly diseases throughout the chaotic camps packed with hundreds of thousands of Haitian earthquake survivors.

Shortages of food, clean water, adequate shelter and latrines are creating a potential spawning ground for epi-

demics in a country with an estimated 1 million people made homeless by the Jan. 12 quake.

On Saturday, a single portable toilet served about 2,000 people in a sprawling camp across a street from the collapsed National Palace, forcing most to use a gutter that runs next to an area where vendors cook food and mothers struggle to bathe their children.

"We wash the vegetables first from water brought in by trucks, but a lot of times the water isn't clean," said Marie Marthe, 45, cooking a large pot of collard greens, carrots and goat as flies gathered on her daughter's diaper. "We don't have any choice."

Survivors have erected flimsy shelters of cloth, cardboard or plastic in nearly every open space left in the capital.

Women wait until night to bathe out of buckets, shielding their bodies behind damaged cars and trucks. Water is recycled — used first for brushing teeth, then for washing food, then for bathing.

"My 1-year-old has had diarrhea for a week now, probably because of the water," said Bernadel Perkington, 40. "When the earthquake happened I had

500 gourdes (about 15 U.S. dollars), which I was using for clean water for her. The money for that ran out yesterday."

The crowding and puddles of filthy water that breed mosquitoes have begun to spread diseases such as dengue and malaria, which were already endemic in Haiti. Some hospitals report that half the children they treat have malaria, though

the rainy season — the peak time for mosquitoes — won't start until April.

Tight quarters also expose people to cholera, dysentery, tetanus and other diseases.

Dr. Louise Ivers, Haiti clinical director for Partners in Health, said she fears "a mass outbreak of measles, which would really be potentially devastating for a camp where there are 10,000 people living."

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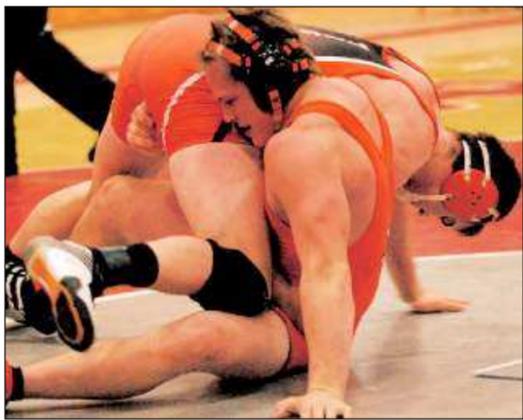
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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Blake Finney of Buhl, front, and Riley Argyle of Jerome wrestle in the 189-pound championship match of the Red Halverson Memorial Invitational Saturday at Minico High School. Finney pinned Argyle in the third period.

Four locals take Halverson titles

Highland takes team crown, Jerome places third

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Mat rivals Blake Finney of Buhl and Riley Argyle of Jerome met for the fourth time this season on Saturday to settle who is the area's best 189-pound wrestler in an orange singlet.

Just like their previous bouts, it was tightly contested. And just like their previous bouts, Finney came out on top, this time to claim the 189-pound title at the Red Halverson Memorial Invitational at Minico High School.

"There's quite a bit of a rivalry," Finney said. "He's one of the toughest kids I've wrestled all year. I've met him in the finals (of tournaments) three times. He's gotten close to beating me a few times."

Although Finney had an 11-9 advantage after two periods, control of the match swung back and forth. Finally, with about a minute to go in the final period, Finney got Argyle in a cradle and held on tight for the pin.

Finney remained undefeated, 28-0, on the season, while Argyle is still undefeated against opponents not

named Finney. Argyle is now 26-4.

"He shuts down when you have a really tough offense against him, he gets really defensive," said Finney, who also pinned Argyle at last year's 160-pound third-place match at the Red Halverson. "That's the only way to stop him is you've got to be scoring points and not letting him."

Finney was one of four individual champions from Magic Valley on Saturday. Will Keeter of Twin Falls became a two-time Red Halverson champ with an 11-3 major decision victory over Borah's Taylor West at 140 pounds. Sophomore David Borden of

See **HALVERSON**, Sports 2

CSI's pick-up artist

Freshman post Buckner flourishing in first year of organized hoops

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

If Kenny Buckner's success seems improbable, it's only to those who don't know him.

Buckner is starting — and flourishing — for the College of Southern Idaho while playing his first year of organized basketball in arguably the toughest junior college conference in the nation. Picking up the game in a league full of future NCAA Division I talent is a tall order, but one the 6-foot-8 Washington, D.C., native has handled in one long stride after another.

"It feels like it's been easy," Buckner said before rethinking his reply. "It hasn't been easy, but I've just been picking it up."

That statement tells the story of Buckner's entire life.

Laying the foundation

Buckner was a toddler when his mother passed away. His care fell upon his grandmother, Elaine Webster, who said she fills the role of "mother, father, grandmother and grandfather" in his life.

From an early age, Webster saw evidence of her grandson's inner drive. In the winter, he'd pray for snow. When those prayers were answered, he'd grab his shovel and head out the door early in the morning to shovel walks and driveways for money. In the fall, he'd trade his shovel for a rake.

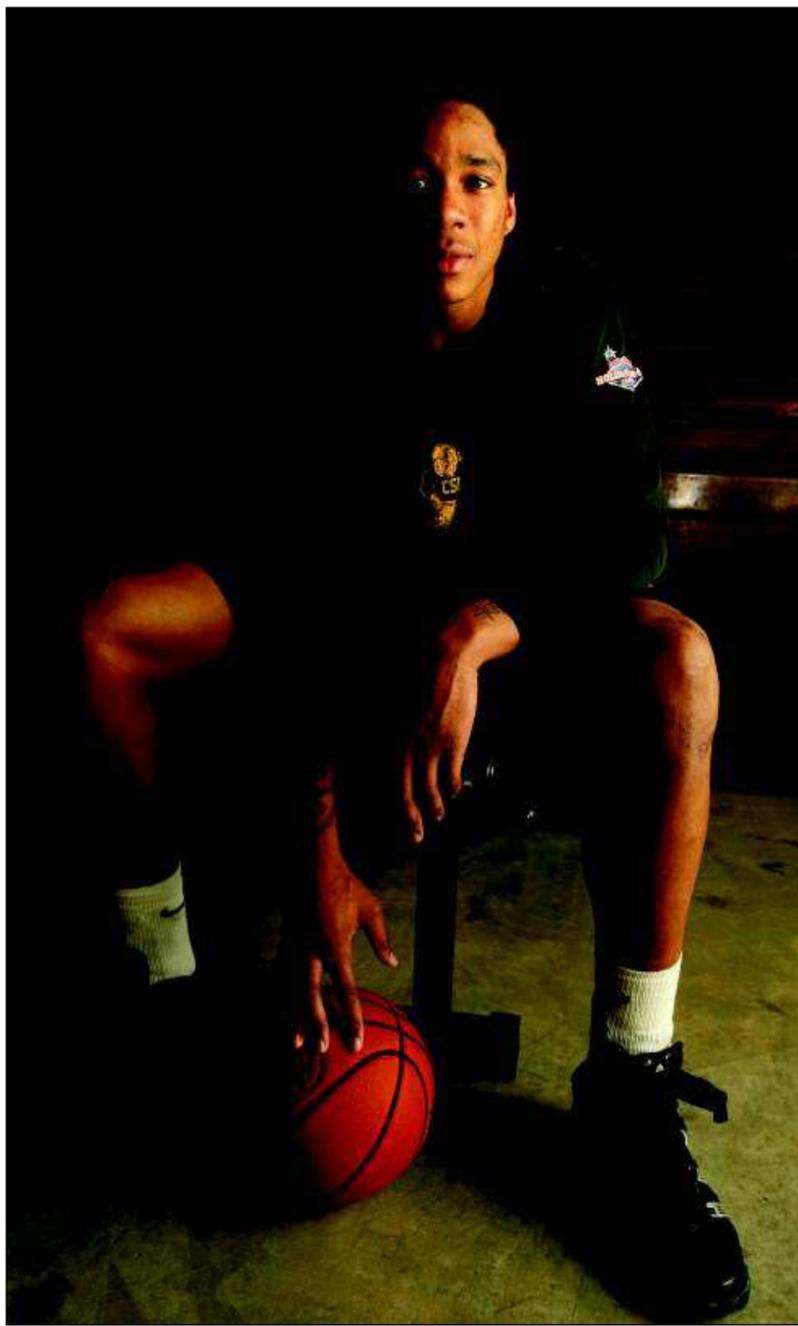
Webster said her grandson hasn't had the easiest life, but it's both shaped and shown his character.

"He's been a fighter," she said. "He never gives up."

Nor has he paid much mind to the obstacles he's faced, including during his introduction to sports.

"He decided he wanted to play baseball," said Webster, "but he knew nothing about baseball."

Buckner rolled some socks into a ball and



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho redshirt freshman Kenny Buckner is thriving for the Golden Eagles despite playing organized basketball for the first time in his life.



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WATCH Kenny Buckner talk about his experience at CSI.

asked his grandmother to help him learn to catch. That meager beginning translated into three standout seasons at first base for D.C.'s Woodrow Wilson High School, his team winning the area championship

during each.

He earned a spot as a first baseman and pitcher at Maryland's Montgomery College after high school. But the grind of the daily Metro commute from D.C. and the failing health of his grandmother led Buckner to withdraw from school in mid-semester.

Buckner kept closer to home, though his

See **BUCKNER**, Sports 2

CSI BOXING SMOKER



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

CSI student Justin Scherer (red) fights Twin Falls resident David Burgara during the 33rd Annual CSI Cowboy & Cowgirl Boxing Smoker Saturday night at a packed Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls.

Pro Bowl serves as Super Bowl warmup

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — The Pro Bowl's experimental one-year move to Miami has resulted in better ticket sales, more media coverage and some grousing by players.

"I like Hawaii a lot better," Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison said. He and the other all-stars wanted to end the season in Miami — but not this week.

With a new venue and new slot on the league calendar, the Pro Bowl will be played Sunday as a preliminary to next week's Super Bowl on the same field.

It definitely feels like a warmup act.

"There's a bittersweet taste," said quarterback Tony Romo, a late addition to the NFC roster after his Dallas Cowboys came up two wins shy of a Super Bowl berth. "You're always hoping to play in the big game."

The NFL is trying to transform the Pro Bowl into a bigger game by playing it before the Super Bowl for the first time. The league also moved the game from Honolulu, its home since 1980.

One result: the best attendance in 51 years, with a sellout crowd of more than 70,000 expected. But some players said

See **BOWL**, Sports 5

Serena claims fifth Australian Open title

Williams dashes Henin's hopes

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams won her second straight Australian Open championship, ending Justine Henin's hopes of a Grand Slam title in her return from retirement with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory Saturday.

Williams withstood a determined challenge from

Henin before securing her fifth Australian Open title overall and 12th Grand Slam singles championship, tying Billie Jean King.

King was at the stadium on Saturday night to take part in a pre-match ceremony to honor the 40-year anniversary of Margaret Court's four Grand Slam tournament wins in 1970.

"Billie, we are tied," Williams said. "So I've reached my goal."

Williams' five Australian titles is the most by any woman in the Open Era,

since 1968, surpassing the four held by Margaret Court, Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles. Court holds 11 Australian Open titles overall, most coming before 1968.

Henin, who had most of the crowd support at Rod Laver Arena, couldn't match her fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters' feat of winning in her Grand Slam comeback tournament. Clijsters won last year's U.S. Open in her return from a two-year retirement after getting married and having a daughter.

Williams won the last four games to clinch the championship in just over two hours, falling on her back in celebration after match point.

"It was definitely a tough match mentally and physically," Williams said. "We were both out there to prove something, and I think we did at the end of the day."

It was an impressive run by Henin. She lost in the final of the Brisbane International tournament to Clijsters two weeks ago.

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AP photo

Serena Williams reacts to a point won against Justine Henin during the Australian Open women's singles championship match Saturday in Melbourne, Australia.

Brooks half-courter lifts Hagerman boys over Gooding

Times-News

Dylan Brooks hit a half-court shot with 1 second left to lift the Hagerman boys basketball team to a 53-51 victory over Gooding in Hagerman on Saturday.

Brooks led Hagerman with 14 points while Ryan Luttmir had 13. Jacob Decker led Gooding with 14 and Austin Basterrecha with 14 and Austin Basterrecha had 13.

After Gooding scored to take a 51-50 lead with 5 seconds left, the Pirates (7-9) called timeout to devise a scheme to get the ball down court quickly, but the play broke down.

Brooks caught the inbound and took two dribbles, throwing it up from midcourt and finding the net.

"Just how we drew it up," Hagerman coach Kevin Cato joked.

"The kids were excited," he added. "We're trying to build some confidence, and those are the things that

hopefully help us take the next step."

Hagerman hosts Castleford on Tuesday. Gooding goes to Buhl Friday.

Hagerman 53, Gooding 51
Gooding 12 13 13 19 - 51
Hagerman 14 14 18 17 - 53
GOODING (5)

Braden Urritia 4, Jacob Decker 14, John Jensen 8, Austin Basterrecha 13, Jeremy Martinez 3, Brock Stewart 9. Totals 21-24-51.

HAGERMAN (5)
Dylan Brooks 14, Ryan Arnold 6, Ryan Luttmir 13, Trevor Johnson 4, Talyn Henslee 6, Zac Reid 10. Totals 20-7-11-53.
3-point goals: Gooding 7 (Decker 4, Stewart 2, Martinez); Hagerman 6 (Luttmir 3, Brooks 2, Reid). Total fouls: Gooding 14, Hagerman 10. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

SHOSHONE 61, JEROME JUNIORS 53
Thomas Lanhan scored 20 and Andrew Sortor had a 12-point, 11-rebound double-double as Shoshone bounced back from its first loss of the season to beat the Jerome Juniors 61-53 in Shoshone on Saturday.

Josh Olsen also hit double figures for the Indians (15-1), scoring 10.

Shoshone hosts Oakley on Tuesday.

Shoshone 61, Jerome Juniors 53
Jerome 17 6 13 17 - 53

SHOSHONE 11 17 13 20 - 61
JEROME (5)
Craig 15, Geist 11, Kennedy 12, Garrard 8, Parrish 7. Totals 20-9-9-53.
SHOSHONE (6)
Justin Santana 2, Nell Valencia 4, Skye Axelson 7, Andrew Sortor 12, Thomas Lanhan 20, Josh Olson 10, Cody Race 5. Total 23-10-19-61.
Jerome 8 (Craig 3, Geist 3, Kennedy 2), Shoshone 5 (Lanhan 2, Olsen, Axelson, Valencia), Jerome 14, Shoshone 14. Fouled out: Jerome, Garrard. Technical fouls: none.

HILLCREST 62, WOOD RIVER 28
Matt Hansen scored 14 and Kade Olson added 12 as Hillcrest shredded Wood River 62-28 in Hailey on Saturday.

Alex Padilla led the Wolverines with seven points. Stone Sutton and Juan Martinez both had six.

Hillcrest 62, Wood River 28
Hillcrest 23 14 13 12 - 62
Wood River 11 4 7 6 - 28
HILLCREST (6)

Taylor Roe 7, Brantley Brooks 9, Kade Olson 12, Jordan Johnson 5, Brook Andrus 1, Matt Hansen 14, Ian Johnson 2, Ethan Moeldi 4, Tyler Cunningham 4, Ben Eaton 4. Totals 24-9-9-62.

WOOD RIVER (2)
Alex Padilla 7, Kevin Jensen 2, Stone Sutton 6, Juan Martinez 6, Quentin Dowdle 1, Ollie Hoeglund 2, Pedro Contreras 4. Totals 11-3-5-28.
3-point goals: Hillcrest 9 (Brooks 3, Olson 2, Hansen 2, J. Johnson, Rowe); Wood River 3 (Martinez 2, Padilla). Total fouls: Hillcrest 15, Wood River 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Girls basketball
RICHFIELD 45, RIMROCK 35
Teenie Kent scored 28 to

lead Richfield to a 45-35 home win over Rimrock on Saturday.

The Tigers (14-2) broke a tie game open with a 12-2 fourth-quarter run. Brianna Brockman had six for Richfield, while Sasha Kent had five.

"Teenie obviously had a great game and I thought Brianna did a fine job in the high post for us," said Richfield coach Steve Kent. "That's the co-champs in the (Class 1A Division I) Western Idaho Conference and it's the biggest team we've seen, so that's good preparation for when we play Dietrich next week."

Richfield hosts Bliss on Monday.

Richfield 45, Rimrock 35
Rimrock 8 9 8 10 - 35
Richfield 11 14 6 14 - 45
RIMROCK (5)
Denton 2, Smith 3, Cantrell 8, Richardson 7, Thurman 10, Gillespie 5. Totals 15-2-8-35.

RICHFIELD (4)
Teenie Kent 28, Miran Rivas 2, Sasha Kent 5, Brianna Brockman 6, Victoria Hettenbach 2, Danielle Edwards 2. Totals 16-7-10-45.
3-point goals: Rimrock 3 (Thurman, Richardson); Richfield 6 (T. Kent 6). Total fouls: Rimrock 11, Richfield 10. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CSI knocks off No. 1 Yavapai

Eagles finish tourney 4-2

Times-News

It was another mixed bag for the College of Southern Idaho softball team Saturday, but suffice it to say the Golden Eagles will gladly come home with a 4-2 record.

Twentieth-ranked CSI throttled Gateway College (Ariz.) 20-1 in the first game at the Southern Nevada tournament in Henderson, Nev., before knocking off No. 1 Yavapai College (Ariz.) 7-4 in the middle game. The Golden Eagles fell to No. 10 Chattanooga State Community College (Tenn.) in the third game.

Lyndi Miller doubled and homered for CSI in the Gateway game, while MeChel Hunt and Mikkel Griffin both doubled twice. Kelsey Bryant picked up the win in the circle.

Brittany Gonzales hit a two-run homer for the Golden Eagles in the Yavapai game, which saw CSI twice take the lead and have Yavapai claw back to tie it. CSI scratched across three runs in the fifth inning to settle matters and give Generra Nielson the victory.

"We were able to right the ship when they put pressure on us. It was pretty good to see there," said CSI coach Nick Baumert.

Chattanooga State put a walloping on CSI starter Brie Dimond, but Baumert said it was more an issue with spending so much time on

the field over two days than a lack of execution or effort.

"Brie threw well, I think it was a matter of us just kind of running out of gas," said Baumert. "We were at the field at 11 p.m. (Friday) night and then we had an 8 a.m. game (Saturday) so we were here at 7. Six games in a couple days, we just ran out of gas a little bit."

"Overall the day and the weekend I was pretty pleased with the effort and the play. To go 4-2 in an early tournament is good."

CSI will return home for a couple days before shipping back out to Yuma, Ariz., for a tournament hosted by Arizona Western College.

Surrago commits: CSI is set to pick up another local player for the 2011 season, as Jerome High School catcher T.J. Surrago gave the Golden Eagles a verbal commitment earlier in the week. Surrago is expected to sign her NJCAA National Letter of Intent shortly after the team returns from the Arizona Western trip.

No. 20 CSI 20, Gateway 1
CSI 432 1001 - 20 19 0
000 01 - 1 5 6
Kelsey Bryant and Lyndi Miller; Morales, Ross (4) and Lopez, W. Bryant, L. Morales.
Extra-base hits - 2B: CSI, Mikkel Griffin 2, Miller, MeChel Hunt 2. HR: CSI, Miller.

CSI 7, No. 1 Yavapai College 4
Yavapai 020 110 0 - 4 8 3
220 030 - 7 5 3
Generra Nielson and Chelsea Mik; Workman and Tieda, W. Nielson, L. Workman.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Yavapai, Nebeker, Muniz. HR: CSI, Brittany Gonzales.

No. 10 Chattanooga State 10, CSI 1
Chattanooga State 110 210 5 - 10 11 1
CSI 001 000 0 - 1 5 2
Lamberson, Burning (3), Lamberson (4), Burning (4) and Coombs, Brie Dimond, Kelsey Bryant (7) and Kayla Powell, Lyndi Miller (7). W: Lamberson, L. Dimond.
Extra-base hits - 2B: CSI, Brittany Gonzales. 3B: Chattanooga State, McNew. HR: Chattanooga State, Jackson, Galloway.

Herschel Walker wins mixed-martial arts debut

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Former NFL star Herschel Walker stopped Hungarian fighter Greg Nagy in the third round Saturday night to win his mixed-martial arts debut.

Walker drove Nagy into the fence early in the third. After a flurry of punches, referee Troy Waugh called

the fight.

"The experience was exciting," Walker said. "This is the hardest thing I've ever done."

Still trim and fit at 47, Walker used his strength advantage to wear down the 26-year-old Nagy (1-2). He appeared to be close to the win near the end of the second

five-minute round, but Nagy managed to extend the bout.

Walker was the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner while at Georgia and played professionally for Dallas, Philadelphia, Minnesota, the New York Giants and the USFL's New Jersey Generals.

In his football days, Walker dropped jaws with a

workout regimen that included upwards of 3,000 situps and pushups every day. He also holds a fifth-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Walker, a 1992 U.S. Olympian in the two-man bobsled, turned his attention to MMA about 2½ months ago.

Buckner

Continued from Sports 1 hiatus from college athletics would be short-lived.

Changing games

Growing up, Buckner played pick-up basketball at local playgrounds or recreation centers a couple times a week. A rare visit to Lamond Recreation Center put the wheels of change in motion when an employee invited Buckner to join his rec league team, which Buckner helped to a D.C. area title.

He figured that was that, until his phone rang.

"I wasn't expecting nothing. It came out of the blue," Buckner said of the call he received from Garden City (Kan.) Community College coach Kris Baumann, who offered him a basketball scholarship.

Buckner headed to Garden City ready to contribute, but his withdrawal from Montgomery meant he couldn't play his first year in Kansas. Still, Baumann saw the left-handed big man as the best post on the team. Buckner never got the chance to show it on the floor, as an academic issue led to his dismissal from the team.

That's when Baumann picked up the phone and called his friend Steve Gosar, CSI's head coach.

"I'm not going to lie to you," Gosar said. "Hearing that he'd never played high school basketball, I did have my doubts. But I believed in Kris. He said Kenny had a great feel for the game and a huge upside, that his work ethic was second to none."

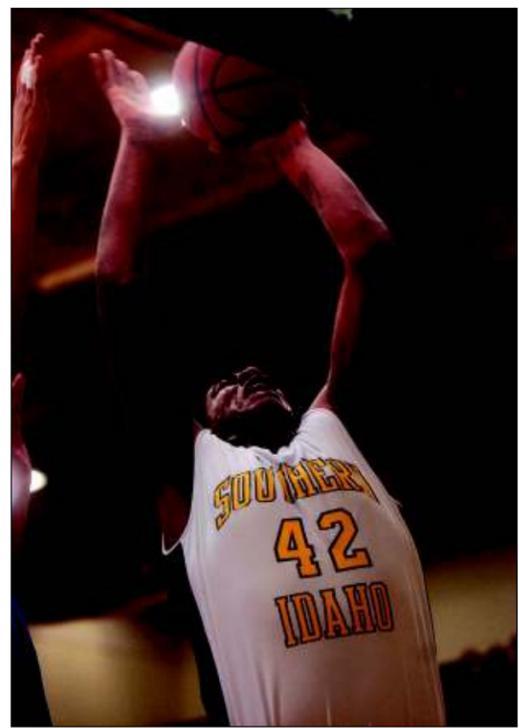
Two days after leaving Garden City, Buckner arrived in Twin Falls and began flattening out a typically steep learning curve.

"If I can see it, I can do it," Buckner said. That's proven true.

"He's a sponge, he wants to get better and he works hard," said Gosar. "He has the ability to pick things up the first time you show him."

Building a basketball player

Buckner didn't just have to learn the game, he had to mold his body. He's struggled to get in basketball shape and his weight — listed at 245 pounds — has limited his agility. He shed some



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

CSI center Kenny Buckner puts up a basket against Salt Lake Community College Jan. 23 in Twin Falls.

weight over the summer, "but whatever he lost, he found it again and we were back at square one in the fall," Gosar said.

Buckner started the first five games of the season for CSI, but struggled with early foul trouble and became a reserve for the next 10 games. He contributed, averaging 6.2 points and 4.1 rebounds, but his playing time was sporadic.

In early January, that started to change.

CSI assistant coach Ryan Devlin called in a favor from University of Texas assistant coach Russell Springham. Devlin had been an assistant coach at Montrose Christian School in Maryland during the time Montrose star Kevin Durant was being recruited to Texas by Springham. Devlin asked Springham to pass along the training program to the Longhorns used to help current Texas center Dexter Pittman shed 100 pounds.

With that plan in hand, Devlin and Buckner started hitting the weight room each night after practice. The basics: Buckner repeats a low-weight lift until he experiences total muscle failure. Then it's on to next exercise. In the first week, Buckner lost six pounds.

The second week? That's

when Buckner really turned some heads.

On Jan. 14, he turned in his first double-double, a 13-point, 13-rebound effort as CSI beat Eastern Utah in overtime to ignite a four-game winning streak. He followed that with 12 boards against Colorado Northwestern Community College and added 15 points and nine rebounds in a Jan. 21 win over Snow College.

"He's worked hard and he's seeing immediate results," Devlin said. "... It's making him more explosive. He's finishing above the rim instead of below the rim."

"You can just see the weight falling off of him and he's getting in better and better shape," Gosar said. "With his better conditioning you see him with more energy, more activity. He's quicker to the ball, quicker to finish, quicker to run down the court. All that's translating into rebounds and points."

Not even the optimistic Buckner expected the immediacy of the improved results.

"I'm surprised," he said. "It shocks me."

Support from the nation's capital

The biggest challenge for

Buckner at CSI isn't losing weight or learning the ins and outs of college hoops. It's being apart from his grandmother.

"She's the only person I have a real relationship with in my family," he said.

"We've always been very, very close," said Webster. "... He's my life."

For most of his life, Buckner helped care for Webster, who is legally blind and in a wheelchair. But with the pair 2,000 miles apart, caregivers now fill that role.

"It's very hard, but knowing that Kenny is making a positive life for himself makes it easy," Webster said. The two keep in close contact through frequent phone calls, especially on game days. Buckner calls Webster before every game and phones her again afterward, despite the fact his calls usually come after midnight on the East Coast.

"When I know that he's playing, I cannot sleep until I get that call," said Webster.

Not going to stop

While Devlin cajoled Buckner into the weight room in the first days of the program, those roles have reversed.

"He's wanting it," Devlin said. "It's important to him, he's really buying into it."

Now that he's conquering what he calls the hardest part of the game — "just running up and down the court" — Buckner can focus on what he feels he does best: "Put the ball in my left hand and know it's going to go in."

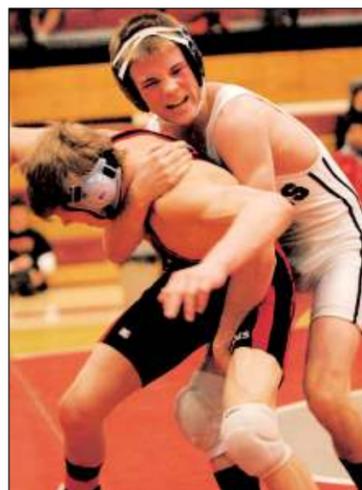
More often than not, it does. Buckner leads CSI in field-goal shooting, hitting 64.3 percent of his attempts.

As Gosar put it, "When you have a talented person that works hard, you can accomplish an unbelievable amount of things."

Of course, none of Buckner's basketball success surprises Webster. It's just the latest evidence of a truth she's known for more than 20 years.

"He's an amazing young man," she said. "... He's always looking for his goal and he's not going to stop until he reaches it."

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Joe Hamilton, right, of Twin Falls, wrestles with Brenn Schiess of Highland in the 125-pound championship match of the Red Halverson Memorial Invitational Saturday at Minico High School.

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Halverson

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Minico won a 5-0 decision over Rigby's Colter Tucker at 152 pounds. And Zak Sloten held on for a slim 1-0 decision over Cody Roman of Centennial at 171.

"When you're at home, people come to watch, so it's good to wrestle well for the fans," said Borden, who won his second tournament this year, including the Buhl Invite. "I wrestled pretty well, but I can always turn it up and go harder. I've just got to keep working and getting better."

As far as the team competition, the Highland coaches should have brought in recliners to sit at the corner of the championship mat, since they rarely left that spot. With six champions and a runner-up, the Rams easily ran away with the team title with 248 points, almost doubling the total of second-place Pocatello (126). Jerome was one point behind the Indians at 125 points. Twin Falls finished fifth with 121.

One of the captivating side stories to this weekend's tourney was the performance of Class 2A Declo, the smallest school competing. The Hornets held their own, and had 103-pounder Jamie Alonzo finish runner-up.

"I was a little nervous at first because this is the biggest tournament that we go to," said Alonzo's teammate, Garrett Lindsay. "We have the best 103-pounder in the state, he can compete with anyone here. Our team's not strong enough to be in it team score-wise, but individually we can do pretty good."

Other runners-up included Joe Hamilton of Twin Falls, who lost in the 125-pound finals to Brenn Schiess of Highland. Hamilton scored a reversal with 20 seconds remaining in the third period to take a 4-3 lead, but was penalized for locking hands just before the clock expired, which sent it into overtime. Schiess pinned him in the overtime period.

2010 Red Halverson Memorial Wrestling Invitational

Saturday's results

Final team standings

1. Highland 248; 2. Pocatello 126; 3. Jerome 125; 4. Borah 123; 5. Twin Falls 121; 6. Rigby 113; 7. Nampa 111.5; 8. Bonneville 109.5; 9. Centennial 101.5; 10. Rocky River 58; 14. Kuna 56; 15. Mountain Home 54.5; 16. Preston 49; 17. Declo 48; 18. Burley 34; 19. tie, Canyon Ridge, Kimberly 25; 21. Middleton.

Championship match results
103 pounds: Justin Lineberger, Highland, pinned Jamie Alonzo, Declo. 112: Brennan Bell, Highland, pinned David Tovar, Nampa. 119: Anthony Esplin, Highland, dec. Nik Porter, Preston. 120: 125: Brenn Schiess, Highland, pinned Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls. OT: 130: Jacob Hall, Highland, dec. Tyler Praska, Pocatello. 8-6. 135: Bryce Howard, Bonneville, dec. Kerek Hansen, Nampa. 6-4. 140: Will Keefer, Twin Falls, maj, dec. Taylor West, Borah. 11-3. 145: Eric Steingruber, Rocky Mountain, pinned James Esplin, Highland. 152: David Borden, Minico, dec. Colter Tucker, Rigby. 5-0. 160: Andrew Loris, Rigby, dec. Joey Dondero, Kuna. 7-3. 171: Zak Sloten, Twin Falls, dec. Cody Roman, Centennial. 1-0. 189: Blake Finney, Buhl, pinned Riley Argyle, Jerome. 215: Trevor Rupp, Pocatello, pinned Patrick Evans, Borah. 285: Gaylen Edmo, Highland, pinned Travis Lundquist, Rigby.

Third-place match results
103 pounds: Taylor Higbee, Pocatello, pinned Cayd Freeman, Bonneville. 112: Kaden Luper, Jerome, dec. Skyler Valentine, Snake River. 8-6. 119: Donovan Jones, Canyon Ridge, dec. Devonte McClain, Mountain Home. 10-5 (OT). 125: Kester Thueson, Nampa, pinned Kris McFarlane, Centennial. 130: Royce Torrel, Bonneville, pinned Christian Parker, Burley. 135: Josh Bundschrub, Borah, pinned Cole Weir, Highland. 140: Jess Vogler, Snake River, pinned Nathan Nelson, Highland. 145: Dylan Bingham, Pocatello, won by default over Todd Anderson, Twin Falls. 152: Tyler Powell, Jerome, dec. Jordan Stales, Twin Falls. 4-3. 160: Cody McCoy, Jerome, dec. Ian Carson, Centennial. 171: Colby May, Minico, maj, dec. Preston Anderson, Rigby. 189: Creed Richardson, Bonneville, won by default over DJ Maloney, Kuna. 215: Drake Peterson, Rigby, pinned Oren Carlton, Buhl. 285: Josh Price, Borah, dec. Wes Howard, Pocatello.

Fifth-place match results
103 pounds: Eric Ayala, Jerome, F-fall Cameron Dietrich, Preston. 112: Jace Johnson, Centennial, pinned Joe Gutierrez, Mountain Home. 119: Kaden Steingruber, Rocky Mountain, pinned Andrew Juarez, Declo. 125: Cory Pinque, Mountain Home, dec. Alberto Ramirez, Minico. 181-4. 130: Nick Thorne, Jerome, won by default over Jesse Barron, Nampa. 135: Michael McDonald, Buhl, F-fall Tyson Alder, Preston. 17-0. 140: Liam Smith, Centennial, dec. Jake Lake, Burley. 11-4. 145: Tyson Hardy, Kimberly, dec. Andrew Peterson, Snake River. 5-0. 152: Nolan Crawford, Rocky Mountain, pinned Jimmy Durbin, Borah. 160: Mark Christensen, Twin Falls, dec. Matt Odeberry, Pocatello. 6-5. 171: Brixton Alton, Kimberly, dec. Zack Delora, Highland. 11-7. Ben Price, Borah, pinned Riley Stock, Highland. 215: Tim Thurman, Nampa, dec. Mike Duff, Snake River. 6-5. 285: Mike Boyd, Nampa, dec. Zach Pickering, Bonneville.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST				
EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	15	.659	-
Toronto	25	22	.532	5½
New York	18	28	.391	12
Philadelphia	15	31	.326	15
New Jersey	4	41	.089	25½
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	31	16	.660	-
Atlanta	30	16	.652	½
Charlotte	23	22	.511	7
Miami	24	23	.511	7
Washington	16	30	.348	14½
CENTRAL				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	37	11	.771	-
Chicago	23	22	.511	12½
Milwaukee	20	25	.444	15½
Indiana	15	30	.333	20½
Detroit	15	30	.333	20½
WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	30	17	.638	-
San Antonio	27	18	.600	2
New Orleans	26	21	.553	4
Houston	25	21	.543	4½
Memphis	25	21	.543	4½
NORTHWEST				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	31	15	.674	-
Utah	28	18	.609	3
Portland	28	21	.571	4½
Oklahoma City	25	21	.543	6
Minnesota	10	38	.208	22
PACIFIC				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	36	11	.766	-
Phoenix	27	21	.563	9½
L.A. Clippers	20	26	.435	15½
Sacramento	16	29	.356	19
Golden State	13	32	.289	22

Gallinari 4-12 0-0 11, Chandler 6-13 1-2 13, Lee 10-18 4-6 24, Duhon 2-7 3-4 8, Jeffries 7-11 1-5 17, Bender 0-3 0-0 0, Robinson 7-12 2-2 16, Hill 2-9 3-3 7, Totals 38-85 14-22 96.

WASHINGTON (06)
Butler 5-14 0-0 10, Jamison 10-26 1-3 21, Hayward 3-4 1-1 7, Foye 6-12 0-0 14, Miller 9-15 0-0 25, Blatche 5-10 0-0 10, Young 3-11 2-2 10, McGuire 0-0 0-0 0, Boykins 3-6 3-4 9, Totals 44-98 7-10 106.

New York
Washington 36 14 32 24 - 106
3-Point Goals—New York 6-21 (Gallinari 3-10, Jeffries 2-4, Duhon 1-3, Bender 0-1, Robinson 0-3), Washington 11-21 (Miller 7-10, Young 2-2, Foye 2-5, Butler 0-1, Jamison 0-1, Boykins 0-2). Fouled Out—None.
Rebounds—New York 48 (Gallinari 10), Washington 64 (Jamison 23). Assists—New York 25 (Duhon, Lee 6), Washington 23 (Miller 8). Total Fouls—New York 14, Washington 19. A—16,233 (20,173).

TRAIL BLAZERS 114, MAVERICKS 112, OT
Portland 114, Dallas 112
Webster 13-22 4, Aldridge 10-20 1-4 21, Ju Howard 1-3 0-0 2, Miller 22-31 7-8 52, Bayless 7-10 3-4 17, Pendergraph 13-0 0-2, Blake 4-10 0-0 10, Fernandez 0-3 3-3 3, Batum 0-2 2-2 2, Cunningham 0-0 1-1 2. Totals 46-86 19-25 114.

PORTLAND (14)
Marion 11-0 0-12, Nowitzki 9-19 10-10 28, Dampier 0-2 0-0 0, Kidd 4-8 0-0 10, Terry 7-14 2-2 18, Jo Howard 6-14 4-5 17, Barea 4-11 4-4 13, Gooden 4-8 0-0 8, Beaubois 1-1 1-1 3, Najera 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 42-89 21-22 112.

Dallas (12)
Marion 11-0 0-12, Nowitzki 9-19 10-10 28, Dampier 0-2 0-0 0, Kidd 4-8 0-0 10, Terry 7-14 2-2 18, Jo Howard 6-14 4-5 17, Barea 4-11 4-4 13, Gooden 4-8 0-0 8, Beaubois 1-1 1-1 3, Najera 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 42-89 21-22 112.

Portland 26 18 29 30 11- 114
Dallas 21 26 22 34 9- 112
3-Point Goals—Portland 3-10 (Blake 2-4, Miller 1-1, Batum 0-1, Bayless 0-2, Fernandez 0-2), Dallas 7-14 (Kidd 2-5, Terry 2-5, Najera 1-1, Jo Howard 1-1, Barea 1-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 46 (Ju Howard 12), Dallas 48 (Nowitzki 9). Assists—Portland 9 (Blake 3), Dallas 23 (Kidd 10). Total Fouls—Portland 26, Dallas 19. Technicals—Nowitzki, Dallas defensive three second. A—20,078 (19,200).

Friday's Late NBA Box

BOBCATS 121, WARRIORS 110

CHARLOTTE (21)
Wallace 8-16 13-16 30, Diaw 5-12 0-0 12, Mohammed 2-5 2-4 6, Felton 6-10 1-2 14, Miller 9-15 0-0 20, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Graham 0-2 0-2, Augustin 9-11 14, Murray 2-6 8-10 12, Henderson 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 41-81 29-39 121.

GOLDEN STATE (10)
Moggette 9-16 7-9 25, Tolliver 5-7 2-4 13, Biedrins 2-3 0-0 4, Curry 8-15 4-4 22, Ellis 12-23 2-4 22, George 1-3 2-4 4, Turrill 3-3 0-4 6, Radmanovic 3-6 0-0 6, Watson 2-5 0-0 4, Martin 2-0 0-0 4, Hunter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-85 17-29 110.

Charlotte 24 41 27 29 - 121
Golden State 28 31 21 30 - 110
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 10-18 (Augustin 3-5, Jackson 3-6, Diaw 2-4, Wallace 1, Felton 1, Graham 0-1), Golden State 3-19 (Curry 2-4, Tolliver 1-3, Watson 0-1, Radmanovic 0-2, George 0-2, Martin 0-2, Ellis 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 61 (Wallace 13), Golden State 41 (Biedrins 7). Assists—Charlotte 25 (Augustin, Felton 6), Golden State 27 (Curry 9). Total Fouls—Charlotte 20, Golden State 24. Technicals—Ellis, Golden State defensive three second. A—17,850 (19,556).

Men's College Scores

Far West
Air Force 70, Wyoming 62
Arizona St. 88, Stanford 70
BYU 82, Utah 69
CS Bakersfield 57, Cal Poly 53
Cal St.-Fullerton 74, UC Irvine 68
Long Beach St. 80, UC Davis 58
Montana 84, N. Arizona 64
Oregon St. Southern 67
Pacific 72, UC Riverside 57
Portland St. 85, E. Washington 77
S. Utah 69, UMKC 56
Sacramento St. 72, Idaho St. 55
San Diego 66, Pepperdine 44
San Diego St. 64, Colorado St. 52
UCLA 62, Oregon St. 52
Utah St. 77, San Jose St. 58
Washington 92, Washington St. 64

Midwest
Akron 59, Toledo 45
Buffalo 95, N. Illinois 83
Cent. Michigan 64, Bowling Green 52
Cincinnati 92, Providence 64
Cleveland St. 77, Youngstown St. 69
Detroit 76, Ill.-Chicago 73
Drake 79, Creighton 74
Illinois St. 72, Indiana 70
Illinois St. 66, Bradley 47
Iowa St. 64, Colorado 63
Kansas 67, Kansas St. 79, OT
Kent St. 74, W. Michigan 73
Miami (Ohio) 61, E. Michigan 51
Michigan 60, Iowa 46
Michigan St. 79, Northwestern 70
Missouri 95, Oklahoma St. 80
N. Iowa 55, Missouri 54
North Dakota 63, Oklahoma 46
Oakland, Mich. 68, W. Illinois 64
Syracuse 59, DePaul 57
Wright St. 66, Loyola of Chicago 48

Southwest
Ark.-Pine Bluff 92, Grambling St. 69
Arkansas St. 73, Denver 62
Baylor 58, Texas 77, OT
Houston 81, Marshall 66
Houston Baptist 75, North Dakota 65
Lamar 64, UTSA 57
New Mexico 73, TCU 57
Northwestern St. 74, Cent. Arkansas 68
Oral Roberts 65, S. Dakota 51
SMU 70, Memphis 60
Sam Houston St. 70, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 58
South Dakota 72, Texas-Pan American 71
Texas A&M 85, Texas Tech 70
Texas-Arlington 82, Texas St. 78

Alabama A&M 59, Prairie View 54
Alabama St. 62, Texas Southern 61
Auburn 58, Alabama 77
Belmont 75, Campbell 50
Chattanooga 85, Appalachian St. 80
Coll. of Charleston 90, Georgia Southern 72
Davidson 67, The Citadel 63
Delaware St. 58, Hampton 56
Florida A&M 75, Winston-Salem 69
Florida Atlantic 106, Fla. International 88
George Mason 70, James Madison 68
Georgia Tech 98, Kentucky St. 50
High Point 82, Gardner-Webb 80, OT
Jackson St. 77, MVSU 59
Jacksonville St. 70, E. Illinois 55
Kennesaw St. 77, Florida Gulf Coast 70
Kentucky 85, Vanderbilt 72
Lipscomb 85, ETSU 84, OT
Longwood 112, Columbia Union 90
Louisiana-Lafayette 72, Louisiana-Monroe 67
Mid.-Eastern Shore 67, Howard 66
Mercer 91, Stetson 57
Middle Tennessee 69, North Texas 64
Mississippi St. 67, LSU 51
Murray St. 77, Tenn.-Martin 45
N. Dakota St. 73, Centenary 62
N.C. State 77, N.C. Central 42
New Mexico St. 91, Louisiana Tech 77
Presbyterian 58, Charleston Southern 51
Rice 69, East Carolina 58
Richmond 62, Saint Louis 36
S. Carolina St. 58, Bethune-Cookman 55
SE Louisiana 84, Nicholls 65

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

BOWLING
11 a.m.
ESPN2 — PBA, Dick Weber Open, at Fountain Valley, Calif.

EXTREME SPORTS
10 a.m.
ESPN — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo.

5 p.m.
ESPN2 — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo. (delayed tape)

11:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo. (delayed tape)

GOLF
5:30 a.m.
TGC — Nationwide Tour, New Zealand PGA Championship, final round, at Christchurch, New Zealand (same-day tape)

7:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Qatar Masters, final round, at Doha, Qatar (same-day tape)

11 a.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Farmers Insurance Open, final round, at La Jolla, Calif.

1 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Farmers Insurance Open, final round, at La Jolla, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11 a.m.
CBS — Minnesota at Ohio St.

1:30 p.m.
FSN — California at Arizona

3:30 p.m.
FSN — Maryland at Clemson

5:30 p.m.
FSN — Virginia at North Carolina

NBA BASKETBALL
11 a.m.
ABC — Denver at San Antonio

1:30 p.m.
ABC — L.A. Lakers at Boston

NFL FOOTBALL
5:20 p.m.
ESPN — Pro Bowl, at Miami

NHL HOCKEY
10:30 a.m.
NBC — Detroit at Pittsburgh

RODEO
6 p.m.
VERSUS — PBR, Tampa Invitational, at Tampa, Fla. (same-day tape)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11 a.m.
FSN — Oklahoma St. at Texas A&M

1 p.m.
ESPN2 — Purdue at Iowa

3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Baylor at Texas

Alabama St. 81, Allen 62
South Carolina 78, Georgia 77
Southern Miss. 58, Tulane 40
Southern U. 84, Alcorn St. 65
Tennessee Tech 82, SE Missouri 68
Towson 58, UNC Wilmington 53
Troy 73, South Alabama 66, OT
Tulsa 55, UC 50
UTEP 74, UA8 65, 20T
Va. Commonwealth 78, Georgia St. 62
W. Carolina 62, Samford 50
W. Kentucky 76, New Orleans 56
Winthrop 67, Coastal Carolina 64
Wofford 57, Furman 46

East
American U. 76, Lafayette 67
Binghamton 76, New Hampshire 73, OT
Bucknell 55, Army 48
Cent. Connecticut St. 77, Fairleigh Dickinson 67
Charlotte 72, Massachusetts 58
Columbia 63, Dartmouth 61
Cornell 86, Harvard 50
Dayton 75, St. Bonaventure 58
Florida St. 61, Boston College 57
Georgetown 89, Duke 77
Hofstra 77, Delaware 67
Marquette 70, Connecticut 68
Monmouth, N.J. 50, Bryant 46
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 61, Quinnipiac 56
N.J. Tech 71, Utah Valley 46
Navy 100, Colgate 91
Northeastern 74, Old Dominion 64
Penn 55, Brown 54
Princeton 58, Yale 45
Rhode Island 72, George Washington 66
Rider 88, Fairfield 80
Robert Morris 74, St. Francis, NY 56
Rutgers 74, Notre Dame 73
Sierra 79, Marist 60
St. Francis, Pa. 74, Long Island U. 73, OT
Stony Brook 71, Boston U. 55
Temple 64, La Salle 52
UMBC 56, Maine 55
Vermont 64, Albany, N.Y. 46
Wagner 74, Sacred Heart 73
West Virginia 77, Louisville 74

Women's College Scores
Far West
Arizona St. 63, California 61
BYU 69, Utah 52
Boise St. 70, Utah St. 63
Gonzaga 93, San Francisco 53
Montana 58, N. Arizona 48
Nebraska 63, Colorado 64
Nevada 64, New Mexico St. 60
New Mexico 67, TCU 53
Oregon 85, Southern Cal 79
Pepperdine 61, San Diego 49
Portland 73, Santa Clara 65
Portland St. 67, E. Washington 60
Sacramento St. 80, Idaho St. 51
Saint Mary's, Calif. 77, Loyola Marymount 63
San Diego St. 59, Colorado St. 38
Stanford 83, Arizona 62
UC Irvine 73, Cal St.-Fullerton 65
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Idaho
Bogus Basin — Sat 5:22 p.m. mcldy 38 degrees loose granular 56 - 68 base 45 of 52 trails, 27 miles, 2450 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, 85% open, Mon-Fri: 10a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-10p.
Brundage — Sat 5:48 a.m. mcldy 26 degrees packed powder 54 - 60 base 46 of 46 trails, 25 miles, 1500 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p.
Kelly Canyon — Sat 5:00 a.m. variable 20 - 28 base 26 of 26 trails 2 of 5 lifts, 100% open, Tue-Thru: 12:30p-9:30p, Fri: 9:30a-9:30p Sat: 9:30a-9:30p, Sun: 9:30a-4:30p, Open Tue-Sun.
Lookout Pass — Sat 5:31 a.m. overcast 27 degrees packed powder machine groomed 45 - 80 base 34 of 34 trails, 18 miles, 540 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.
Pebble Creek — Sat 7:51 a.m. mclear 24 degrees packed powder machine groomed 14 - 37 base 49 of 54 trails, 3 of 3 lifts, 80% open, Mon-Thur: 9:30a-4p, Fri: 9:30a-9:30p Sat: 9:30a-9:30p, Sun: 9:30a-4p.
Pomeroy — Sat 8:40 a.m. mclear 36 degrees packed powder machine groomed 60 - 84 base 24 of 24 trails, 90 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open, Mon: 9a-4p, Tue-Fri: 9a-9p Sat: 9a-9p, Sun: 9a-4p.
Schweitzer Mountain — Sat 4:31 a.m. clear 27 degrees packed powder groomed 45 - 73 base 92 of 92 trails, 2900 acres, 9 of 9 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Thur: 9a-4p, Fri: 9a-7p Sat: 9a-7p, Sun: 9a-4p.
Silver Mountain — Sat 7:08 a.m. cldy 33 degrees packed powder machine groomed 25 - 54 base 61 of 73 trails, 6 of 7 lifts, 86% open, Mon, Thu/Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Thu-Mon.
Snowhaven — Sat 10:57 a.m. —PPP 26 - 36 base 7 of 7 trails 2 of 2 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 10a-4p, Sat: 10a-9p, Sun: 10a-4p.
Soldier Mountain — Sat 8:21 a.m. mclear 25 degrees packed powder machine groomed 29 - 36 base 36 of 36 trails, 1147 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open.
Sun Valley — Sat 5:49 a.m. mcldy 35 degrees packed powder 36 - 68 base 67 of 75 trails, 1000 acres, 12 of 19 lifts, 95% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Utah
Alta — Sat 5:23 a.m. packed powder 84 - 84 base 114 of 114 trails, 100% open 2200 acres, 10 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:15a-4:30p, Sat/Sun: 9:15a-4:30p.
Beaver Mountain — Sat 3:44 p.m. packed powder 43 - 49 base 48 of 48 trails 100% open, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Brian Head — Sat 3:46 p.m. packed powder 69 - 69 base 65 of 65 trails 100% open, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p, Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p.
Brighton — Sat 4:13 a.m. packed powder 84 - 84 base 66 of 66 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Deer Valley — Sat 5:23 a.m. packed powder 66 - 66 base 100 of 100 trails 100% open, 21 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4:15p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4:15p.
Park City — Sat 5:36 a.m. packed powder 47 - 67 base 107 of 107 trails 100% open, 16 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-7:30p, Sat/Sun: 9a-7:30p.
Powder Mountain — Sat 3:52 p.m. packed powder 58 - 58 base 124 of 144 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-9p, Sat/Sun: 9a-9p.
Snowbasin — Sat 5:28 a.m. packed powder machine groomed 50 - 58 base 113 of 113 trails 100% open, 28 miles, 2210 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Snowbird — Sat 3:53 p.m. packed powder 85 - 85 base 85 of 85 trails 100% open, 12 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-5p, Sat/Sun: 9a-5p.
Solitude — Sat 7:09 a.m. packed powder machine groomed 83 - 83 base 60 of 64 trails, 95% open 1200 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Sundance — Sat 3:27 a.m. packed powder 58 - 58 base 42 of 42 trails 100% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon,Wed, Fri: 9a-9p Tue/Thu: 9a-4:30p Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-4:30p.
The Canyons — Sat 6:54 a.m. powder machine groomed 48 - 60 base 155 of 167 trails 93% open, 3434 acres, 17 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:45a-4p, Sat/Sun: 8:45a-4p.
Wolf Creek Utah — Sat 3:56 p.m. packed powder 66 - 66 base 20 of 20 trails 100% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 1p-9p, Sat/Sun: 9a-9p.

Wyoming
Grand Targhee — Sat 6:22 a.m. packed powder 76 - 76 base 74 of 74 trails 100% open, 45 miles, 2402 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Jackson Hole — Sat 6:10 a.m. packed powder machine groomed 54 - 69 base 114 of 116 trails 100% open, 2500 acres, 11 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

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Calgary	54	26	20	8	60	137	141		
Minnesota	54	27	23	4	58	151	158		
Edmonton	52	16	30	6	38	136	178		
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San Jose	54	35	10	9	79	182	132		
Phoenix	55	32	18	5	69	150	143		
Los Angeles	54	32	19	3	67	163	149		
Dallas	54	24	19	11	59	157	175		
Anaheim	55	25	23	7	57	152	172		
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Ben Crane	65n-71s-69s-205	-11
Michael Sim	73s-62n-70s-205	-11
Lucas Glover	71s-67n-68s-206	-10
Brandt Snedeker	71s-68n-68s-207	-9
K.J. Choi	72s-66n-69s-207	-9
Phil Mickelson	70s-67n-70s-207	-9
Rickie Fowler	67n-70s-70s-207	-9
D.A. Points	68n-65s-74s-207	-9
Matt Every	65n-70s-72s-207	-9
Troy Merritt	69n-72s-67s-208	-8
Ernie Els	70s-69n-69s-208	-8
Tom Leishman	68s-69n-71s-208	-8
Robert Allenby	67s-69n-72s-208	-8
Spencer Levin	69n-70s-70s-209	-7
Vance Veazey	67n-71s-71s-209	-7
Charles Howell III	71s-69n-	

Howard lifts Magic to big win over Hawks

Orlando now in first place in division

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 31 points and 19 rebounds and the Orlando Magic coasted to a 104-86 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday.

The Magic took over first place in the Southeast Division with the victory and beat the Hawks for the third straight time this season. Rashard Lewis added 17 points, Ryan Anderson had 16 and J.J. Redick had eight points and a career-high seven assists as the Magic reserves had 32 points and 11 assists.

Joe Johnson and Jamal Crawford had 19 points apiece for the Hawks, who shot only 39.5 percent in the game. Al Horford, selected to back up Howard in the All-Star Game, had only four points and four rebounds against Howard.

HORNETS 109, GRIZZLIES 102, OT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Emeka Okafor had 21 points, Darren

Collison added 17 points and a career-high 18 assists and New Orleans ended Memphis' 11-game home winning streak.

New Orleans overcame a 21-point deficit in the third quarter to win its third game out of the past four.

Four of the Hornets past 10 games have gone to overtime, and New Orleans had lost the previous three before Saturday's victory.

Collison's steal and dunk with 24 seconds left put the game out of reach.

TRAIL BLAZERS 114, MAVERICKS 112, OT

DALLAS — Andre Miller scored a career-high 52 points, including 25 in the fourth quarter and overtime, and Juwan Howard hit a jumper with 44.8 seconds left.

Miller was 22 of 31 from the floor and hit 7 of 8 from the foul line as the Blazers snapped a three-game losing streak.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points, but he missed two shots in the final minute and one just before the buzzer that could have sent the game into a second overtime.

BUCKS 95, HEAT 84

MILWAUKEE — Hakim Warrick scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and Milwaukee held off short-handed Miami.

Andrew Bogut and Brandon Jennings each had 17 points for Milwaukee.

Dwyane Wade led the Heat with 21 points, but was in foul trouble most of the game. Quentin Richardson had 16 points and Jermaine O'Neal had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

WIZARDS 106, KNICKS 96

WASHINGTON — Mike Miller scored a season-high 25 points — including seven 3-pointers — and Antawn Jamison had 21 points and a career-high 23 rebounds to lead Washington over New York.

Miller, who missed 26 games due to injuries this season, had four 3-pointers late in the third quarter and early in the fourth as the Wizards took an 85-73 lead with 10:45 to play in the fourth quarter.

— The Associated Press



AP photo

Orlando Magic guard Vince Carter, center, goes up for a shot between Atlanta Hawks guard Maurice Evans, left, and Zaza Pachulia during the second half of their game in Orlando, Fla., Saturday.

Fredette nets 36 as BYU tops Utah in chippy affair

PROVO, Utah — Jimmer Fredette scored 36 points, including 23 in the second half, and No. 12 BYU built a big lead before holding off Utah 82-69 on Saturday night for its sixth victory in the last seven meetings between the longtime rivals.

Tyler Haws added 15 points and seven rebounds, and Jackson Emery finished with eight points, seven rebounds and six steals for BYU (21-2, 6-1 Mountain West).

Utah (10-11, 3-3) trimmed an 18-point deficit to four, but couldn't complete the comeback.

Former College of Southern Idaho player Jay Watkins led the Utes with 18 points and 11 rebounds, scoring 13 in the second half as Utah got more aggressive on both ends of the floor and got back in the game.

In an appropriately physical game for the Beehive State rivalry, players from both teams had to be separated after a scuffle on the baseline with 34 seconds left. Officials and coaches kept it from escalating.

Emery and Utah's Marshall Henderson had some words before an inbound play after the Cougars had already wrapped up the win. Henderson flailed his arm as he walked away from Emery, who appeared to take the shot right on the chin and went down hard. BYU's Jonathan Tavernari immediately went after Henderson and had to be held back as both benches emptied.

It took a few minutes for the officials to sort it out, but in the end Henderson was ejected for a flagrant foul and both teams were calmed down enough for the postgame handshake.

Henderson, who was escorted to the locker room to keep any overzealous BYU fans from retaliating, scored 16 for the Utes.

UTAH STATE 77, SAN JOSE STATE 58

LOGAN, Utah — Nate Bendall scored a career-high 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Saturday as Utah State won its sixth straight game with a 77-58 victory over San Jose State.

Former Twin Falls High School star Brady Jardine added a career-high 17 points for the Aggies (16-6, 6-2 Western Athletic) and Pooh Williams had 14.

Adrian Oliver had 19 points and Mac Peterson 11 for the Spartans (12-9, 5-4).

Up 39-36 at halftime, Utah State used four straight points from Jardine and a 3-pointer from Brian Green to extend the lead to 53-42 with 13:03 to play.

The Aggies got 24 points in the paint in the second half compared to eight for San Jose State. Utah State also shot 60.7 percent from



AP photo

Utah's Jay Watkins (1) goes to the basket against BYU's Chris Miles (54) during their game on Saturday in Provo, Utah.

the field in the second half, while the Spartans were held to 21.4 percent.

SACRAMENTO STATE 72, IDAHO STATE 55

POCATELLO — Led by Sultan Toles-Bey's 20 points and Duro Bjugovic's double-double, Sacramento State beat Idaho State 72-55 on Saturday night.

Bjugovic scored 17 points and hauled in 12 rebounds for the Hornets (8-15, 2-8 Big Sky). Jonathan Malloy scored 16 points, and Toles-Bey added three rebounds and two assists.

Idaho State (6-15, 3-6) was led by Broderick Gilcrest's 14 points and Chron Tatum's 12 points and nine rebounds. Donnie Carson scored 10 points.

The Hornets hit seven of their first 13 3-point attempts to take a 36-23 halftime lead, shooting 56 percent.

The hot shooting continued early in the second half. Sacramento State started with an 11-5 run to earn its largest lead at 47-28 with 13:44 remaining.

The Hornets matched that lead four minutes later, and the Bengals never came closer than 10 points after that, trailing 63-53 with 1:58 to go.

Sacramento State ended with a 52 percent shooting percentage and sank 9 of 19 3-pointers. Idaho State was held to 39 percent shooting and connected on just 2 of 15 3-point attempts.

Idaho State, which had a six-point lead with 11:58 to go in the first half, outrebounded Sacramento State 31-26.

BOISE STATE 65, FRESNO STATE 49

BOISE — Former College of Southern Idaho star Daequon Montreal had 13 points to lead Boise State over Fresno State.

Kurt Cunningham also had 13 for the Broncos, while Paul Noonan added 12.

Jerry Brown Jr. had 10 to lead the Bulldogs.

IDAHO 87, SEATTLE 85

SEATTLE — Steffan Johnson led four Vandals in double figures with 18 points as Idaho rallied from a halftime deficit to take the road win.

Luiz Toledo had 16 for Idaho, while Kashif Watson added 14 and Marvin Jefferson had 13.

Charles Garcia scored a game-high 23 for the Redhawks, while Chris Gweth had 15, Cervante Burrell scored 12 and Aaron Broussard had 11.

— The Associated Press

Collins helps Jayhawks escape Octagon of Doom

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Sherron Collins bounced back from a back injury to score on a hard drive with nine seconds left in overtime, helping No. 2 Kansas pull out a gritty 81-79 win over No. 11 Kansas State on Saturday night.

Kansas (20-1, 6-0 Big 12) dismantled Missouri on Monday and closed out the rivalry week sweep by winning an epic back-and-forth battle with Kansas State (17-4, 4-3).

Collins hit the floor with 2:44 left in overtime and went to the bench holding his back, then returned just in time to score on a baseline drive. He missed the free throw, but Cole Aldrich grabbed the rebound and Brady Morningstar hit two free throws to close out the Jayhawks' 26th win in their last 27 games in Manhattan.

NO. 7 GEORGETOWN 89, NO. 8 DUKE 77

WASHINGTON — With President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden seated in the front row, the No. 7 Hoyas shot 71.7 percent — their best shooting game in 30 years.

Chris Wright seemed pumped for it all, scoring 21 points on 8-for-9 shooting and making two defensive plays that helped ignite an 18-3 run and gave the Hoyas (16-4) the lead for good.

NO. 5 MICHIGAN ST. 79, NORTHWESTERN 70

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Durrell Summers started each half with an alley-oop dunk and finished with a season-high 24 points and 10 rebounds.

The Spartans (19-3) are off to their first 9-0 start in Big Ten play.

NO. 1 KENTUCKY 85, NO. 21 VANDERBILT 72

LEXINGTON, Ky. — DeMarcus Cousins posted his 12th double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds as Kentucky beat Vanderbilt to bounce back from Tuesday's loss at South Carolina.

Darnell Dodson added 16 points in a rare start for the Wildcats (20-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference), who played like the nation's top-ranked team for long stretches in front of special guest LeBron James.

NO. 4 SYRACUSE 59, DEPAUL 57

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Wes Johnson scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, and the Orange rallied from 18 down to win their eighth straight game.

Syracuse scored 16 straight to cut its deficit to two late in the first half, then took the lead with a 16-2 run in the second. DePaul's Will Walker missed a 3 in the closing seconds.

NO. 24 BAYLOR 80, NO. 6 TEXAS 77, OT

AUSTIN, Texas — Freshman guard A.J. Walton, a 47 percent free-throw shooter, made three of four foul shots in the final 17 seconds of overtime to help Baylor hold off Texas.

The Longhorns had a chance to tie it at the end but Avery Bradley's 3-pointer bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

NO. 9 WEST VIRGINIA 77, LOUISVILLE 74

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Da'Sean Butler scored a season-high 27 points, including the go-ahead basket with 16 seconds left, as the Mountaineers overcame a 12-point



AP photo

Kansas State forward Dominique Sutton (23) and Kansas center Cole Aldrich (45) battle for the ball during the first half of their game Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.

second-half deficit.

West Virginia (17-3, 6-2 Big East) snapped a four-game losing streak to the Cardinals (13-8, 4-4), who managed only two baskets over the final seven minutes.

NO. 15 TEMPLE 64, LA SALLE 52

PHILADELPHIA — Ramone Moore scored 14 points, Lavoy Allen had 12 points and 10 rebounds and the Owls held on before a crowd that included longtime coach John Chaney.

Temple (18-4, 6-1 A-10) got key buckets down the stretch from their second-teenagers during an 11-2 run that helped squash La Salle's upset bid.

MARQUETTE 70, NO. 19 CONNECTICUT 68

HARTFORD, Conn. — Jimmy Butler's driving shot with 2.4 seconds left gave the Golden Eagles their first road win of the season.

Butler finished with 21 points and Lazar Hayward had 20 for Marquette (13-8, 4-5 Big East).

NO. 23 NEW MEXICO 73, TCU 57

FORT WORTH, Texas — Darrington Hobson scored 19 points with some key second-half baskets and No. 23 New Mexico stretched its winning streak to six games.

Plagued by turnovers, pesky TCU was still close until Hobson scored consecutive baskets for the Lobos (20-3, 6-2 Mountain West) to start a 9-0 run over a 3-minute span in the second half. Hobson's tip-in pushed the lead to 43-32 with just under 13 minutes left and the Horned Frogs never got closer than nine after that.

NO. 22 GEORGIA TECH 98, KENTUCKY STATE 50

ATLANTA — Glen Rice Jr. scored 15 points, D'Andre Bell added 14 and the Yellow Jackets breezed to an easy win over the Division II Thorobreds.

Georgia Tech (16-5) has won four of five and improved to 11-1 at home.

UTEP 74, NO. 25 UAB 65, 2OT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Derrick Character had 20 points and 18 rebounds to lead UTEP to a double-overtime victory.

With the score tied at 58 at the end of regulation, an apparent winning shot by UTEP's Julyan Stone was nullified when teammate Arnett Moultrie was called for basket interference.

SAN FRANCISCO 81, NO. 13 GONZAGA 77, OT

SAN FRANCISCO — The Gonzaga Bulldogs fell in overtime to San Francisco, snapping their nine-game win streak. No other details were available.

— The Associated Press

Montoya, Ganassi lead early in 24 Hours of Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Chip Ganassi Racing was on its way to reclaiming the 24 Hours of Daytona title, with Juan Pablo Montoya leading more than seven hours into the sports car endurance race Saturday night.

Montoya powered past Lucas

Luhr on the outside of the slippery track after a restart on the 169th lap. He deftly guided the No. 02 BMW Riley with clean and crisp moves on Daytona International Speedway's infield twists that had been pelted with rain early, causing cautions and skid outs.

Montoya's teammates and fellow Indianapolis 500 champions Dario Franchitti and Scott Dixon held the lead for a combined 123 laps through seven hours. They considered their start a big accomplishment under the conditions.

Gilyard's big plays lead North

Tebow struggles in Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Mardy Gilyard once worked four jobs to stay in school after losing his scholarship.

The former Cincinnati star turned in an awfully strong audition for a much more lucrative career in Saturday's Senior Bowl, racking up 103 yards receiving and catching a 32-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to help the North race to a 31-13 victory over the South.

"All my hard work just kind of came into one game," an exuberant Gilyard said. "I'm truly blessed. I worked my butt off and I played my butt off. I've been through so much in my career.

"This game sums up everything, because I've been through all the hard work, all the ups and all the downs, the peaks and the valleys. I've been through everything. I've been from the brown sticky stuff at the bottom of the barrel to the cream at the top of the coffee."

In 2006, an academically ineligible Gilyard lost his scholarship and had to take jobs ranging from cutlery salesman to construction worker to pay his steep out-of-state tuition bills. He eventually won back his scholarship.

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, meanwhile, had a shaky outing running a pro-style offense against a sturdy defense.

He fumbled twice and finished 8 of 12 passing for 50 yards in the showcase for senior NFL prospects. Tebow's longest completion was 11 yards and he netted 4 yards on four rushes, but



AP photo
South squad quarterback Jarrett Brown (16) of West Virginia, is sacked by North squad defender Brandon Graham (55) of Michigan, during the first half of the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Saturday.

was never turned loose as a power runner as he often was with the Gators. He battled strep throat early but didn't miss any practice time during a week when he was trying to prove to skeptical NFL teams and draft analysts that he could be a starting pro quarterback.

"I think I'm definitely open to improving my fundamentals," Tebow said. "I think I definitely showed that by being here. If you just watched the way I played, you could see there is room for improvement and what I need to work on."

One of the nation's top all-purpose threats, Gilyard also set up a third-quarter touchdown with a 43-yard catch down the right sideline and had five receptions. Both that pass and the TD

came from Central Michigan's Dan LeFevour.

Michigan defensive lineman Brandon Graham had two sacks and a forced fumble and was chosen the game's Most Valuable Player. The South committed six turnovers.

"It shows that I'm going to go hard 100 percent of the time all day and whoever gets me is going to love me," Graham said.

Gilyard returned two kicks for 52 yards and gained 24 on two punt returns. He was chosen offensive player of the game while Mississippi State's Jamar Chaney earned defensive honors.

Tulane receiver Jeremy Williams had six catches for 82 yards, added a 27-yard run on an end around and was named the South's most

outstanding player. That honor went to Central Michigan's LeFevour for the North. He completed half of his 10 passes for 97 yards and added a 1-yard touchdown run on a sneak, once again outdistancing the much more heralded Tebow.

LeFevour finished with more total touchdowns (150) than any other player in Football Bowl Subdivision, including Tebow (145).

Zac Robinson had the game's best passing numbers, throwing for 176 yards and a touchdown before getting intercepted late in the game.

Tebow played 11 snaps in the first half, and the South was down two scores by the time he re-entered the game to loud applause late in the third.

Leinart will try to fill huge void left by Warner's retirement

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Life after Kurt Warner has begun for the Arizona Cardinals with Matt Leinart stepping into that giant void at quarterback.

Leinart watched for 2½ seasons while Warner took the team to a level of success long-suffering Cardinals fans had never dared to even imagine: two NFC West championships, consecutive winning seasons and, of course, a Super Bowl.

In the few chances Leinart got to play, his performances often were erratic, and fans who once hailed him as a savior for the franchise turned on him.

Through it all, Leinart has stayed the good soldier, praising Warner, saying he would work hard and would be ready when he got his chance.

For now at least, Leinart has that chance. Whether Arizona makes any move to add someone else remains to be seen.

"We've got plenty of time to sort things out," coach Ken Whisenhunt said after Warner announced his retirement at a news conference on Friday. "Matt's not a rookie. He's been in this offense for three years. He's worked everyday with a guy that was playing at a high level as anybody in the game and understands a lot more

now about what he has to do to prepare in this offense."

Leinart has 17 starts in his four NFL seasons, but 16 came in his first two years. Then-coach Dennis Green benched Warner in favor of the rookie Leinart five games into the 2006 season.

When Whisenhunt took over the following season, Leinart remained the starter, although increasingly Warner was used when Arizona went to a no-huddle offense. When Leinart went down with a broken collarbone five games into the season, Warner took over.

Leinart has had one start since then — this season against Tennessee when Warner was out with a concussion. Leinart played without the benefit of the practice reps a first-string quarterback normally gets because the decision to hold Warner out came at the last minute.

"What I think back to is the second half in the preseason when he threw for 300 yards," Whisenhunt said.

Of course, that was mostly against Packers reserves.

Warner said he knows he is leaving the team with a big hole to fill. He said many people — "some of them in this room" — tried to talk him in to returning.



Leinart

"I think that was one of the hardest parts of the decision — knowing an organization, a coaching staff, teammates, how they've counted on you, what a big part of the puzzle you are," he said. "There's no question that's the hardest part for me."

If Leinart is the quarterback, he will inherit the same talented receivers that caught so many passes from Warner, with one possible exception.

Anquan Boldin goes into the final year of his contract and, with his long-held desire for a bigger deal, a trade becomes a greater possibility.

But Arizona has something Leinart never had in his days as a starter, a sound and improving running game in Beanie Wells and Tim Hightower. Whisenhunt could well choose to reign in the offense and move toward a greater emphasis on the running game, a tactic he used in his days as offensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Whatever the future holds for the Cardinals, message boards abound with jubilation from fans of the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks, who see Arizona's days as the NFC West powerhouse coming to an end.

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they preferred the more exotic setting of Honolulu for the game.

"Hawaii is considered kind of a vacation," San Diego tight end Antonio Gates said. "A lot of these guys are from Florida, and a lot of people come to Florida on a regular basis."

Defections by players were numerous, as usual. More than a dozen pulled out citing injuries. Minnesota tackle Bryant McKinnie was dismissed from the NFC team for unexcused absences after missing two days of practice.

Nearly 40 percent of those originally selected won't play. That includes seven Colts and seven Saints missing because they're preparing for the Super Bowl, a drawback to playing the Pro Bowl first.

"You take 14 guys from the Super Bowl teams that are not here," Gates said. "Does it mean it's a true all-star game now?"

Frank Supovitz, the NFL's senior vice president for events, noted that the high defection rate was nothing new. It's not what the league sought to fix by changing the date and site of the

game, he said.

"The changes were meant to look at two things: Whether we could create more excitement with the Pro Bowl being the first event of Super Bowl week, and whether it would have an impact on TV ratings," he said.

Ticket sales show the excitement level is up, Supovitz said. And he's optimistic about the television audience for the game.

"It's being shown on a weekend when there's usually no football and interest in the NFL is at its highest," he said.

Those tuning in will see established stars such as Ray Lewis, Chad Ochocinco and DeMarcus Ware, as well as first-time Pro Bowlers such as DeAngelo Williams, Clay Matthews and Matt Schaub. The TV audience they attract will help the NFL decide where and when to play future Pro Bowls.

The game will return to Honolulu in 2011 and 2012, but the league hasn't decided whether to hold those games before or after the Super Bowl. The Pro Bowl site for 2013 and beyond hasn't been determined.



AP photo
Ryuji Imada pitches from the canyon side on No. 16, where he saved par while shooting a two-under-par 70 in the third round of the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines Golf Course Saturday in San Diego.

Imada builds a 2-shot lead at Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO — Ryuji Imada, a runner-up at Torrey Pines two years ago, has a much better opportunity this time. He won't be starting the final round 12 shots behind, or trying to catch up to Tiger Woods.

Imada avoided the trauma that caught up with so many other contenders Saturday, making only one bogey and escaping with several key pars for a 2-under 70 that gave him a two-shot lead over Ben Crane and Michael Sim in the Farmers Insurance Open.

Imada essentially won the B-Flight two years ago when he closed with a 67 to finish eight shots behind Woods. No matter the score or who's in the field, he obviously has figured out something about the tough South Course at Torrey Pines.

He was at 13-under 203 and will be in the final group with Crane, who had a 69, and Sim, the 25-year-old Australian playing Torrey Pines for the first time since he was a teenager at the Junior World Championship in 2002.

"The score looks pretty solid, but it was a struggle out there," Imada said.

He made a nifty up-and-down from short of the 15th green for one par, saved another par from left of the 16th green, and finished the day with a 35-foot birdie putt that gave him a slightly bigger cushion than he expected.

For so many others, the birdies were offset by adventures.

Phil Mickelson lost a ball in a eucalyptus tree and took double bogey, then rallied for a 70 and was four shots behind. U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover made double bogey on one of the easiest par 4s, then followed with four birdies for a 68, leaving him three shots behind going into Sunday.

MICKELSON NOT TAKING 'CHEATING' ACCUSATION LIGHTLY

SAN DIEGO — Phil Mickelson is upset about being "publicly slandered" with accusations of cheating. He is suggesting that

unless the PGA Tour steps in, he might let others handle it.

Mickelson did not mention Scott McCarron by name in his interviews Saturday at Torrey Pines. It was McCarron who was quoted in The San Francisco Chronicle as saying about Mickelson using the Ping-Eye 2 wedge, "It's cheating, and I'm appalled Phil has put it in play."

Mickelson says he expects the Ping wedges with square grooves, which are approved because of a legal settlement, to be a topic of discussion. But he says when it leads to a player being slandered, the tour needs to step in — "or someone else."

Asked if he was considering a lawsuit, Mickelson declined to get into specifics.

CASEY, DREDGE TIED FOR LEAD AT QATAR MASTERS

DOHA, Qatar — Paul Casey showed a return to form in shooting a 6-under 66 Saturday to share the lead with Bradley Dredge after the third round of the Qatar Masters.

The 32-year-old Casey arrived in Doha still feeling the effects of a lingering rib muscle injury and having missed the cut in each of his three previous appearances at the tournament. But he made seven birdies to sit tied with Dredge (70) with a 10-under total of 206.

The duo will be chased by Lee Westwood in the final round, after the Englishman shot a 70 to stay one shot off the lead.

GATES LEADS NEW ZEALAND OPEN

QUEENSTOWN, New Zealand — American Robert Gates shot a 4-under 68 on Saturday to take a three-stroke lead in the Nationwide Tour's season-opening New Zealand Open.

Gates, the 6-foot-6 former Texas A&M player making his Nationwide Tour debut, had a 16-under 200 total in the event also sanctioned by the PGA Tour of Australasia.

— The Associated Press

Open

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The unranked and unseeded Henin then beat four seeded players en route to the Australian Open final, including No. 5 and Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva in the second round.

"It's been a very emotional two weeks for me," said Henin, who put her hand on her heart as she thanked the crowd for support. "I thought it would never happen to me again. I'd like to congratulate Serena. She's a real champion."

Later, Henin said there was a feeling of disappointment, but accomplishment.

"It's just more than what I could expect, I just

have to remember that," Henin said. "Even if it's quite soon after the match now, I'm sure there will be a lot of positive things I can think about in a few days. It's been almost perfect. Just the last step, I couldn't make it."

And she's certain now about her decision to come back on the tour.

"I was curious about what my level would be and how I was going to deal with just the atmosphere on and off the court, how it would feel," Henin said.

"I felt I took the right decision, so it's good enough for me already. I got the results also in the last four weeks — two finals. So I can be really happy about that."

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Regular-season • postseason stats

OFFENSE

Total yards (avg.): 363.1

Passing	Rushing
282.2	80.9

Postseason: 368.0

296.5	71.5
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First downs (339)

Rushing	Passing	Penalty
69	241	29

Postseason (49)

8	35	6
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DEFENSE

Yards allowed (avg.): 339.2

Passing	Rushing
212.7	126.5

Postseason: 329.0

242.5	86.5
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SCORING (PPG)

Points for	Pts. allowed
26.0	19.2

Postseason

25.0	10.0
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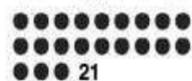
Coaches' corner

For anyone who argues that **Jim Caldwell** inherited a championship caliber team when he replaced **Tony Dungy**, remember that it took Dungy five seasons' Indy to react, a Super Bowl.

Caldwell's record

Regular season	Playoffs
YEAR W L PCT	YEAR W L PCT
2009 14 2 .875	2009 2 0 1.000

Colts with Super Bowl experience



Formula for success

Team makeup

Current 53-man roster

Drafted	Free agents
28	22

Waivers 3

In the red

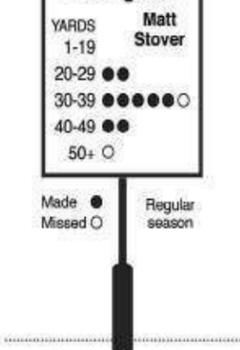
Production inside the 20-yard line, regular season:

OFFENSE	Field goals	No score
Touchdowns	11.3%	11.3%
66.0%	22.6%	22.6%

DEFENSE

49.0%	29.4%	21.6%
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Field goals



MVP season

Total passing yards: 4,500

WEEK	TOUCHDOWNS	YARDS
1	●●●●	301
2	●●●●	303
3	●●●●	379
4	●●●●	353
5	●●●●	309
6	Bye	
7	●●●●	235
8	●●●●	347
9	●●●●	318
10	●●●●	327
11	●●●●	299
12	●●●●	244
13	●●●●	270
14	●●●●	220
15	●●●●	308
16	●●●●	192
17	●●●●	95

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Two of the NFL's most prolific passing arms get ready to fill the South Florida night with an offensive display on one of sports' biggest stages ...

Aerial assault

In a marquee matchup of superstar quarterbacks, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees will square off in Super Bowl XLIV. Brees finished second to Manning in this season's MVP race and now the signal-callers get a chance to settle the score with a championship at stake.

It is the first time since 1993 that the top seeds from each conference will meet in football's biggest game. The Colts, who are in the Super Bowl for the fourth time, are 2-1 in the title game. Manning, a

native son of New Orleans, will try to spoil the Saints' first trip to the Super Bowl.

The elite quarterbacks and their high-octane passing attacks should play a key role in determining which team will leave Miami with the ultimate prize — the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Sun Life Stadium, Miami • Feb. 7 • 6 p.m. EST (CBS)

Ready when called upon

The Colts do not run the ball much. When the Colts want to get the ball to running back **Joseph Addai**, they often pass it to him. He caught 51 passes this season.

RUSHING				RECEIVING			
Regular season				Regular season			
CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
219	828	3.8	10	51	336	6.6	3
Postseason				Postseason			
27	103	3.8	0	4	27	6.8	0



SAINTS ON DEFENSE

The Saints must pressure Manning or he will use his deep collection of receivers to pick them apart. DE **Will Smith** was second in the NFC with 13 sacks.



Heavenly receptions

Marques Colston was targeted only five times in the NFC title game, but expect Brees to look to throw to his most trusted target.

Total catches

Regular season (TDs)
70 WR Marques Colston (9)
51 WR Devery Henderson (2)
48 TE Jeremy Shockey (3)
47 RB Reggie Bush (3)
45 WR Robert Meachem (9)

Spreading it around

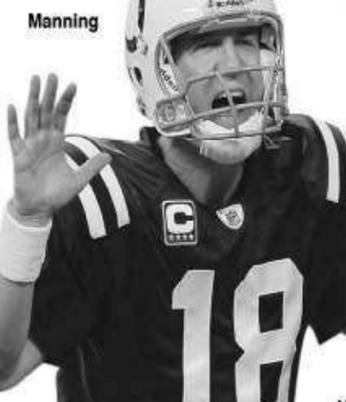
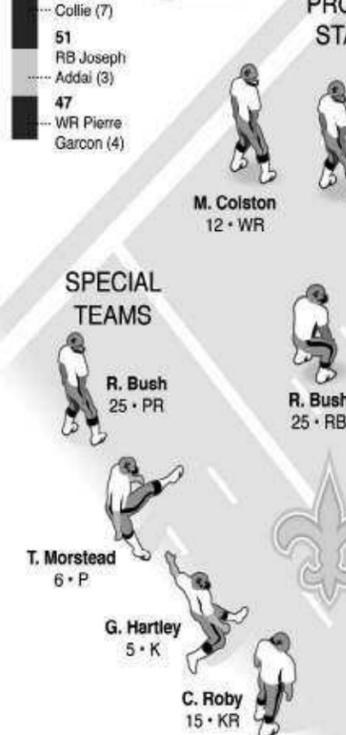
The Saints know the depth and versatility of the Colts' receiving corps. **Reggie Wayne** and **Dallas Clark** are Manning's top two targets, but **Austin Collie** and **Pierre Garcon** can be equally dangerous.

Total catches

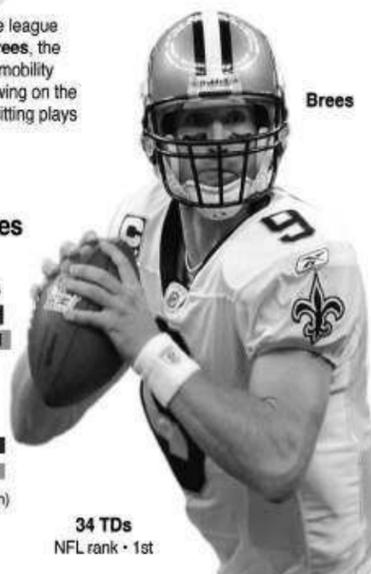
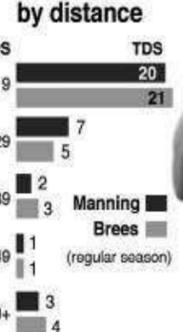
Regular season (TDs)
100 WR Reggie Wayne (10)
100 TE Dallas Clark (10)
60 WR Austin Collie (7)
51 RB Joseph Addai (3)
47 WR Pierre Garcon (4)

COLTS ON OFFENSE

Manning has a lot of options in the receiving corps, where he can do significant damage with wideout **Reggie Wayne** and All-Pro tight end **Dallas Clark**. In addition, he has WRs **Pierre Garcon** and **Austin Collie**, who came up big in the AFC title game.



Touchdown passes by distance



Regular-season • postseason stats

OFFENSE

Total yards (avg.): 403.8

Passing	Rushing
272.2	131.6

Postseason: 337.5

218.0	119.5
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First downs (348)

Rushing	Passing	Penalty
115	215	18

Postseason (42)

14	23	5
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DEFENSE

Yards allowed (avg.): 357.8

Passing	Rushing
235.6	122.2

Postseason: 417.0

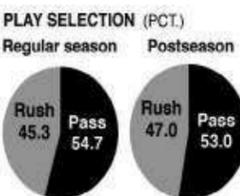
284.0	133.0
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SCORING (PPG)

Points for	Pts. allowed
31.9	21.3

Postseason

38.0	21.0
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Coaches' corner

Sean Payton's brilliance with offensive strategies and his ability to recognize talent have been critical in the team's rise.

Payton's record

Regular season	Playoffs
YEAR W L PCT	YEAR W L PCT
2006 10 6 .625	2006 1 1 .500
2007 7 9 .438	2007 2 0 .1000
2008 8 8 .500	2008 3 1 .750
2009 13 3 .813	
Total 38 26 .659	

Saints with Super Bowl experience



Building blocks

Team makeup

Current 53-man roster

Drafted	Free agents
19	30

Trades 4

Zoning in

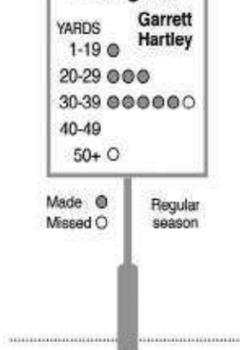
The Saints had 71 trips on offense inside the red zone, most in the NFL. (Regular season)

OFFENSE	Field score	No score
Touchdowns	15.5%	15.5%
57.7%	26.8%	26.8%

DEFENSE

39.3%	35.7%	25.0%
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Field goals



Brees-ing along

Total passing yards: 4,388

WEEK	TOUCHDOWNS	YARDS
1	●●●●●	358
2	●●●●●	311
3	●●●●●	172
4	●●●●●	190
5	Bye	
6	●●●●●	369
7	●●●●●	298
8	●●●●●	308
9	●●●●●	330
10	●●●●●	223
11	●●●●●	187
12	●●●●●	371
13	●●●●●	419
14	●●●●●	296
15	●●●●●	298
16	●●●●●	258
17	Did not start in the loss	

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YOUTH BASKETBALL

Gooding Elks Lodge holds annual hoop shoot contest

The Gooding Elks Lodge No. 1745 sponsored the annual Elks Hoop Shoot Jan. 9 for boys and girls. Contestants ages 8-13 from schools north of the Snake River, with the exception of

Jerome, competed at the event, shooting 25 free throws each. Winners advance to the district event, with the possibility to moving on to state, regional and national competitions.



Courtesy photos

8-9 girls

Pictured, from left, Cierra Fields, Shoshone (first place); Keely Wolf, Fairfield (second); Riley Comstock, Gooding (third).



8-9 boys

Pictured, from left, Wacey Williams, Gooding (first place); Tracy Smith, Fairfield (second); Hunter Zachrias, Wendell (third).



10-11 girls

Pictured, from left, Robin Moreno, Wendell (first place); Etta Seaman, Fairfield (second); Brittany Brinkley, Gooding (third).



10-11 boys

Pictured, from left, Riley White, Hagerman (second); Clancy Cockerham, Gooding (second); Devan Bollar, Shoshone (third).



12-13 girls

Pictured, from left, Brittanie Booth, Fairfield (first place) and Bailey Stevens, Gooding (second).



12-13 boys

Pictured, from left, Wyatt Williams, Gooding (first place); Johnny Pavkov, Gooding (second); Isaac Simon, Fairfield (third).

GYMNASTICS



Courtesy photo

Magic Valley Gymnastics Club members, pictured from left, are Madison Miller, Brinley Reed, Ciera Hawkins, Gabby Borrayo and Courtney Ellis.

Magic Valley gymnasts compete in Salt Lake

For the Times-news

Magic Valley Gymnastics club members Brinley Reed and Madison Miller placed in the top five of their divisions at the Crystal Cup Invitational Jan. 22-23 in Salt Lake City. The meet, hosted by Olympus Gymnastics, was held at Salt Lake Community College. Reed placed fourth in level seven with a 33.55, while Miller was fifth with a 33.0.

Magic Valley's level seven team finished sixth.

Crystal Cup Invitational Magic Valley Gymnastics results

Level 7						
Name	Age	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All around
Brinley Reed	10	6	6	4	5	4
Madison Miller	11	5	4	8	4	5
Gabby Borrayo	13	6	4	12	11	10
Level 8						
Courtney Ellis	13	9	7	12	13	12
Ciera Hawkins	17	6	11	12	11	10

SHOOTING

Magic Valley .22 Caliber Gallery League

Following are Magic Valley .22 Caliber Gallery League results for Jan. 22.

Pistol
Master: 1. Jeff Wagner 572, 2. Bob Anderson 560.
Expert: 1. George Wagner 549, 2. (tie) Mark Miller and Jody Osterhout 548, 4. Nyles Tilley 539.
Sharpshooter: 1. Jesse Vaughn 516, 2. Corey Leirman 513, 3. Dave goryfy 503.
Marksman: 1. Kirt Short 491, 2. Nick Barnes 488, 3. Kelly Burrell 487.
Two-handed pistol: 1. Luann

Carroll 520, 2. Dave Smith 475, 3. Pete Gage 451.

Rifle
Expert: 1. Nyles Tilley 384, 2. Jeff Wagner 377, 3. Richard Bean 372.
Sharpshooter: 1. Dave Gyorfy 370, 2. Mark Miller 355.
Marksman: 1. George Wagner 340, 2. Jerrod Vaughn 331, 3. Gary Qualman 310.
Sporter rifle: 1. Kelly Burrell 337, 2. (tie) Art Freund and Jody Osterhout 331; 4. (tie) Kirt Short and Jessie Vaughn 312.
Junior rifle: 1. Alisah Leirman 297, 2. Drew Vaughn 150.

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MARTIAL ARTS



Courtesy photo

Bethke gets the third degree

Neka Bethke, center, received her junior third-degree black belt after two days of testing. Bethke, pictured with Chief Master Jay Hartwell, left, and Pil Sung Master Bill Fulcher, endured self-defense one steps, three sparring matches, a two-on-one sparring match and three board breaks.

BOWLING

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: Trevor Wakley 672, Rick Frederiksen 650, Stan Visser 608, Con Honstein 605.
MEN'S GAMES: Rick Frederiksen 248, Trevor Wakley 235, David Holley 222, Kieith Kelly 221.
LADIES SERIES: Margie Adema 540, Stephanie Debaeke 496, Kim Dreisigacker 491, Stephanie Evans 460.
LADIES GAMES: Margie Adema 202, Kim Dreisigacker 183, Adrea Dayley 180, Robin Mason 179.

COMMERCIAL
 SERIES: Tony Brass 688, Jody Bryant 681, Dale McCord 613, Zach Black 602.
GAMES: Tony Brass 257, Jody Bryant 256, Zach Black 234, Dale McCord 233.

VALLEY
 SERIES: Tony Brass 738, Leon Klimes 714, Cobey Magee 695, Tad Capurro 683.
GAMES: Tony Brass 278, Jeff Thuren 267, Mike Tackett 258, Rod Jerke 246, Cobey Magee 246.

FITLY PLUS
MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 592, Ed Dutry 585, Tom Glass 581, Gerald Leis 580.
MEN'S GAMES: Jim Vining 230, Blaine Ross 226, Rich Farnsworth 218, Clayne Williams 213.
LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 526, Belva Coval 518, Barbara Smith 508, Vi Croshaw 492.
LADIES GAMES: Belva Coval 210, Vi Croshaw 202, Joan Leis 195, Pat Glass 190.

EARLY FRI. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Clint Koyle 651, Tad Capurro 648, Joe Lamana 601, Trevor Wakley 561.
MEN'S GAMES: Tad Capurro 244, Joe McClure 229, Clint Koyle 228, Todd Dickenson 223.
LADIES SERIES: Kelsie Bryant 540, Julie Shaffer 526, Kimber Dudley 522, Tawnia Bryant 521.
LADIES GAMES: Paula Wakley 203, Kelsie Bryant 199, Julie Capurro 192, Julie Shaffer 192.

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Lin Gowan 622, Randy Sunde 559, Robert Dyer 550, Mathew Elmore 500.
MEN'S GAMES: Lin Gowan 256, Robert Dyer 221, Randy Sunde 210, Ward Westburg 200.
LADIES SERIES: Brandy Dyer 434, Dana Stewart 434, Debbie Westburg 411, Charlene Jarrell 402.
LADIES GAMES: Dana Stewart 160, Tasha Hampron 159, Dana Gowan 156, Brandy Dyer 156.

FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Rocky Bennett 717, Jim Brawley 612, Dennis Seckel 598, Mike Wratchford 594.
MEN'S GAMES: Rocky Bennett 268, Mike Wratchford 235, Dennis Seckel 227, Jim Brawley 225.
LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 569, Ann Shepherd 539, Teya Moses 531, Michele Seckel 518.
LADIES GAMES: Kay Puschel 207, Sylvia Wood 203, Georgia Randall 201, Ann Shepherd 191.

SH-BOOM
MEN'S SERIES: Kelly Jeroue 625, Nick Parsons 616, Danny Brady 608, Blake Kondracki 594.
MEN'S GAMES: Danny Brady 235, Nick Parsons 234, Kelly Jeroue 226, Kelly Jeroue 225.
LADIES SERIES: Julie Shull 563, Kathi Jeroue 526, Michele Baughman 522, Diana Brady 510.
LADIES GAMES: Michelle Baughman 211, Barbara Reynolds 200, Diana Brady 192, Krislyn Canary 191.

MID MORN. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 671, Con Moser 632, Matt Baysinger 608, Chelcie Eager 597.
MEN'S GAMES: Blaine Ross 257, Chelcie Eager 236, Maury Miller 236, Matt

Your Scores

Baysinger 235.
LADIES SERIES: Vicki Kiesig 571, Kim Leazer 556, Gail Cederlund 514, Jeanne Miller 490.
LADIES GAMES: Kim Leazer 214, Bonnie Draper 196, Vicki Kiesig 193, Gail Cederlund 191.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS
 SERIES: Jean McGuire 524, Gail McCallister 518, Nancy Mayo 484, Londa Stout 484.
GAMES: Kathy Salisbury 204, Dot Moody 195, Jean McGuire 188, Gail McCallister 184.

LATECOMERS
 SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 567, Charlene Anderson 534, Dee Hall 528, Susan Kepner 528.
GAMES: Kristy Rodriguez 213, Gail McCallister 197, Dee Hall 196, Susan Kepner 196.

TUES. MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 650, Cody Worden 550, Matt Thrall 523, Tyler Black 514.
BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 231, Cody Worden 206, Matt Thrall 192, Tyler Black 179.
GIRLS' SERIES: Koti Jo Moses 518, Miranda Curtis 433, Rio Leazer 431, Brooke Newlan 430.
GIRLS' GAMES: Megan McAllister 193, Miranda Curtis 189, Koti Jo Moses 180, Rio Leazer 433.

CONSOLIDATED
 SERIES: Zach Black 737, Ron Galloway 701, Tony Cowan 660, Mark Branham 651.
GAMES: Ron Galloway 278, Zach Black 254, Tony Cowan 246, Mark Branham 236.

M.V. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 634, Clayne Williams 545, Victor Hagoood 544, Del McGuire 499.
LADIES SERIES: Myron Schroeder 234, Clayne Williams 223, Victor Hagoood 203, Cy Bullers 187.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 547, Barbara Frith 475, Shirley Kunsman 470, Sondra Hill 452.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 197, Shirley Kunsman 191, Sondra Hill 190, Sandy Schroeder 189.

LADIES CLASSIC
 SERIES: Ann Shepherd 612, Georgia Randall 580, Michele Seckel 535, Kay Puschel 551.
GAMES: Georgia Randall 236, Ann Shepherd 233, Diana Brady 220, Michele Seckel 206.

SUNSET
 SERIES: Barb Aslett 625, Kristy Rodriguez 597, Michele Seckel 567, Stephanie Evans 539, Susan McPherson 539.
GAMES: Barb Aslett 259, Kristy Rodriguez 226, Susan McPherson 215, Michele Seckel 208.

MIXED BAR NUTS
MEN'S SERIES: Jim Howard 615, Bryan Price 550, Travis Price 484, Jim Shirley 411.
MEN'S GAMES: Jim Howard 241, Bryan Price 231, Travis Price 176, Jim Shirley 171.
LADIES SERIES: Cindy Countryman 513, Beverly O'Connor 459, Kym Daigh 431, Anjie Howard 351.
LADIES GAMES: Cindy Countryman 202, Beverly O'Connor 163, Kym Daigh 158, Dani Sue Shirley 126.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Clayne Williams 627, Dave Wilson 594, Bob Brown 565, Jim Brawley 554.
MEN'S GAMES: Clayne Williams 238, Keith Petersen 213, Jim Brawley 211.
LADIES SERIES: Joann Burket 569, Gail McAllister 551, Bernie Smith 485, Bonnie Draper 482.
LADIES GAMES: Joann Burket 211, Gail

McAllister 210, Bernie Smith 190, Bonnie Draper 187.
MOONSHINERS
 SERIES: Deanna Heil 531, Hilarie Smith 429, Hayley Knowlton 403, Flame Klundt 398.
GAMES: Deanna Heil 204, Hayley Knowlton 156, Hilarie Smith 156, Flame Klundt 147.

MOOSE
 SERIES: Tony Cowan 753, Tony Brass 748, Nate Jones 678, Cobey Magee 665.
GAMES: Tony Cowan 279, Tony Brass 269, Cobey Magee 269, Ray Turpin 257.

GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Joe Campbell 502, Ryan Gutierrez 477, Tom Upchurch 344, Brandon Gallier 343.
BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 202, Ryan Gutierrez 179, Brandon Gallier 139, Tom Upchurch 124.
GIRLS' SERIES: Brooke Newlan 376, Shelbi Waters 358, Cheyenne Uker 339, Ashley Eters 338.
GIRLS' GAMES: Brooke Newlan 142, Ashley Eters 133, Katie Upchurch 129, Shelbi Waters 129.

PEEWEE & BUMPER
BOYS' SERIES: Riley Magee 236, Eli Cook 181.
BOYS' GAMES: Riley Magee 134, Eli Cook 98.
GIRLS' SERIES: Ravyn Barela 193, Lindsay Beem 135.
GIRLS' GAMES: Ravyn Barela 102, Lindsay Beem 68.

SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MON. MARAUDERS
 SERIES: Derry Smith 497, Pat Hicks 489, Lori Parish 484.
GAMES: Lori Parish 184, Derry Smith 180, Pat Hicks 179.

LADIES TRIOS
 SERIES: Kris Jones 654, Tiffanay Hager 638, Anna Rose 592.
GAMES: Tiffanay Hager 246, Kris Jones 236, Theresa Knowlton 213.
MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO (4 GAMES)
 SERIES: Bob Bywater 984, Delbert Bennett 892, Brad Holm 847.
GAMES: Bob Bywater 270, Brad Holm 263, Delbert Bennett 257.

TUESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Jordan Parish 694, Rick Hieb 682, Bob Bywater 631.
MEN'S GAMES: Rick Hieb 279, Jordan Parish 259, Matt Blauer 252.
LADIES SERIES: Tiffanay Hager 755, Stacy Hieb 581, Georgia Schultz 483.

RAILROADERS
 SERIES: Kristine Jones 564, Jamie Stewart 530, Theresa Knowlton 522.
GAMES: Kristine Jones 235, Jamie Stewart 213, Theresa Knowlton 205.

BURLEY HIGH
BOYS' SERIES: Broc Winn 469, Corey Anderson 381, Andrew Morgan 317.
BOYS' GAMES: Andrew Morgan 182, Broc Winn 179, Cory Anderson 141.
GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 556, Courtney Yoshida 478, Bethany Adams 442.
GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 201, Courtney Yoshida 174, Bethany Adams 162.

WED. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 672, Galen Rogers 662, Jordan Parish 606.
MEN'S GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 256, Galen Rogers 237, Jordan Parish 228.
LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 512, Bobbi Crow 504, Gayle Erikson 447.
LADIES GAMES: Bobbi Crow 203, Annette Hirsch 178, Gayle Erikson 447.

THURS. MORN. DBLS.
 SERIES: Derry Smith 517, Kym Son 467, Carol McAfee 464.
GAMES: Derry Smith 206, Carol McAfee 168, Kym Son 159.
HOUSEWIVES
 SERIES: Kristie Johnston 517, Stephanie Stelly 494, Bonnie Murphy 485.

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Vonn's World Cup win streak ends at six

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland (AP) — Lindsey Vonn's perfect downhill season ended Saturday when her ski hit a hole and she finished fifth in a World Cup race won by Maria Riesch of Germany.

Riesch clocked 1 minute, 41.31 seconds on the Corviglia piste to close the gap on Vonn to 61 points in the overall World Cup standings.

Vonn, who had six straight wins including the final downhill race of last season, finished 1.21 back. The American lost speed and nearly lost her balance after her skis struck a hole in the snow, coming out of a tight right-hand corner in the second half of the course.

"It was definitely dangerous,"

"I'm a little upset that there had to be this hole from (Friday) and I just wish it could have been a more fair race. Definitely the early runners had an advantage but that happens, that's life."

— Lindsey Vonn

said Vonn, who raced after her friend Riesch and equaled her time at the first check. "There are a lot more bumps on the course today. I lost my direction and barely made my next gate. I was pretty close to going out there."

The damage appeared to have been created by racing in the super-G portion of Friday's super-

combined event. Vonn was one of several racers to find trouble at the same spot.

"I'm a little upset that there had to be this hole from (Friday) and I just wish it could have been a more fair race," Vonn said. "Definitely the early runners had an advantage but that happens, that's life."

Riesch improved her result after

skiing out in the super-combi on Friday, when she misjudged her racing line.

"It's an important success for me, to have the feeling that I can win," said Riesch, who was twice runner-up when Vonn won the season's first five downhill. "This last victory before the Olympics is very important."

Ingrid Jacquemod of France was second, 0.79 seconds behind Riesch, and Fabienne Suter of Switzerland trailed by 0.96 in third.

Jacquemod got her best result in five years and her third podium finish of the season.

"It may be my best season in speed events. I just want to enjoy

this day," the 31-year-old said.

Seven of the top 10 finishers were among the first 11 starters, including two more Americans.

Alice McKennis got a career-best World Cup finish in ninth, and Chelsea Marshall's 10th place was her best of the season. Other American finishers were Stacey Cook (12th), Leanne Smith (18th), Julia Mancuso (22nd) and Laurene Ross (28th).

Of the later racers, only Vonn and Friday's winner Anja Paerson — who placed fourth, 0.01 off the podium — came within 1.77 of Riesch.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No.: CV 2010-58

A Petition to change the name of Merisol Whittle, born May 11, 2002 in Burley, Idaho residing at PO Box 53 Oakley, Idaho 83346, has been filed in Cassia County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Merisol Colleen Whittle, because she has asked for the middle name to be added to her name. The child's father is living and his address is PO Box 53, Oakley, Idaho 83346.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 1:30 o'clock PM on February 22, 2010, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 1-15-2010.
By Deputy Clerk

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ACROSS

- 1 Amy Winehouse Grammy-winning song
- 6 Annapolis inst.
- 10 At least as
- 16 Apr. advisor
- 19 Charlie Chaplin, from 1952 to 1972
- 20 Trepidation
- 21 Hardens
- 22 Leia's love
- 23 Crisp named for an opera singer
- 25 Illusion
- 27 Pump measure
- 28 The one in my hand
- 30 H+ and Cl-
- 31 Ex-Dodger Hershiser
- 32 Squelch
- 33 Narcs, e.g.
- 35 Disconcerting look
- 36 Popular date destination
- 40 They're slanted
- 43 Starting point, perhaps
- 44 ___ canto
- 45 It can span centuries
- 47 Infamous Idi
- 48 Harry Palmer creator Deighton
- 49 Union
- 51 1936 Chaplin classic
- 56 Bankrupt Korean automaker
- 58 Make out
- 60 International show
- 61 State that's home to Nike H.Q.
- 62 Powwows
- 64 Brink
- 67 Completely fall apart
- 70 New Orleans player
- 72 Frankie Laine chart-topper
- 75 Under siege
- 76 Uses as partial payment
- 78 Dark genre
- 79 Revlon offering
- 81 Dark time for poets
- 82 Cut out, e.g.
- 84 French pronoun
- 86 Regular crowd
- 89 Painter's aid
- 94 Fashion
- 96 Woo with words
- 97 Choice word
- 98 Con ___ briskly, in music
- 100 Hiring term initiated under LBJ
- 101 Chips follower?

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102 Sways while moving

105 1979 Nobel Peace Prize recipient

108 Blake's daybreaks

109 Source of flowing water

111 Teeny bit

112 Words of woe

113 Cyan relative

115 Win __, lose ...

116 Flares up

120 Singer's voice, e.g.

123 Money-making knack

125 E-bay action

126 Place for a drip, briefly

127 Attacking the job

128 ___ Bubba: gum brand

129 Notre Dame's Parseghian

130 Blotto

131 Endangered island flier

132 Nineveh's land: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Riviera resort

2 Business VIP

3 Weapon handle

4 NATO member since 4/1/2009

5 Retro headgear

6 Area 51 sighting, briefly

7 "Click it or ticket" subject

8 New Hampshire city

9 Experts

10 Strategic math game

11 Broadcasting

12 Court player

13 Hibernia

14 Brief moments

15 Its last flight was Nov. 26, 2003

16 Former French president

17 Harness horses

18 It's commonly turned

24 Typical, as a case

26 Corkscrew pasta

29 Calliope power

34 Therefore

35 Thin cut

36 Even-tempered

37 Greek music halls

38 Shakespearean merchant Antonio et al.

39 "___ Alibi": Sellaek film

41 Silvery game fish

42 "Are too!" response

46 Drink stand buy

49 Nick of "Affliction"

50 Loaf's end

52 Vet

53 Ringo and George each wore one

54 Lake-effect snow city

55 In the mail

57 Fairy godmother's prop

59 Garden locale

63 Teeny bit

65 Pontiac muscle car

66 ___ the Red

68 Quite heavy

69 Bausch & Lomb brand

70 Musical note feature

71 High pressure ___

73 Curriculum part

74 Mars counterpart

77 Suspect

80 Skirtlike trousers

83 Inverness topper

85 Saturated with

87 "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" author

88 Tofu source

90 Wheat seed

91 The Philippines, to Philippe

92 Pear or apple

93 Broad collars

95 "___ durn tootin'!"

99 Armchair partner

101 Herculean

102 One sharing the wealth?

103 Noted 1588 loser

104 Absorb

106 Descendant of Noah's second son

107 Singer Kitt

108 Deadly African snake

110 Annapolis newbie

113 Show saver

114 Prefix with plasm

117 Taverns

118 Frozen dessert franchise

119 ___-Pei: strong dog

121 Up to, casually

122 "Dilbert" Generic Guy

124 Wolfed down

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By Dave Green

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1/31

Answer to previous puzzle

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Today is Monday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2010. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights:
On Jan. 25, 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1759, Scottish poet Robert Burns was born in Alloway.

In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1858, Britain's Princess Victoria, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, married Crown Prince Frederick William (the future German Emperor and King of Prussia) at St. James's Palace.

In 1909, the opera "Elektra" by Richard Strauss premiered in Dresden, Germany.

In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service between New York and San Francisco.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1959, American Airlines began jet flights between New York and Los Angeles on the Boeing 707.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1990, an Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, Long Island, N.Y.; 73 of the 158 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

Ten years ago: Under government orders, the Florida relatives of Elian Gonzalez agreed to make the boy available for a meeting with his Cuban grandmothers at a neutral site. Martina Navratilova entered the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: A videotape showed Roy Hallums, an American kidnapped in Baghdad the previous November, pleading for his life. (Hallums was rescued by coalition troops on September 7, 2005.) A stampede during a Hindu festival in western India killed at least 258 people. Architect Philip Johnson died in New Canaan, Conn. at age 98.

One year ago: The White House used the Sunday talk shows to warn the country could face a long and painful financial recovery, even with major government intervention. The Eastern Conference won the NHL All-Star game 12-11. Jeremy Abbott won his first title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Cleveland. "Slumdog Millionaire" won the Screen Actors Guild Award for best cast of a motion picture; "30 Rock" and "Mad Men" won best for TV comedy and drama casts.

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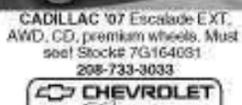


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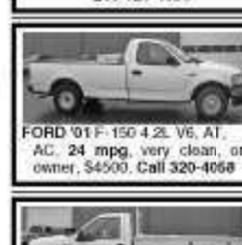
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Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010

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Dear Mr. Wolff:
When your partner opens a weak-two in diamonds and you hold ♠ J-3, ♥ K-Q-10-6-4, ♦ A-Q-7, ♣ 10-3-2, what should you do? Do you pass, raise diamonds (and if so, how high?) or introduce the hearts?

Pointed Question, Albuquerque, N.M.

ANSWER: I would bid two hearts, intending it as natural and forcing, not because I thought we could make four hearts, but because with my big diamond fit I'd want to try to keep the opponents quiet. Suggesting I have a good hand with hearts might just do that. I plan to give preference to diamonds at my next turn, unless partner raises hearts, and that would be nonforcing.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I have a lot of problems when discarding in a suit contract. Does pitching an encouraging high card send a stronger message than throwing a discouraging low card in another suit? And what does it mean when you start with the discard of a neutral suit (one you cannot want to encourage in)?

Pitch and Toss, Corpus Christi, Texas

ANSWER: Discarding from a neutral suit first always dilutes the message that follows. (If you felt strongly about one suit or another, you'd begin by sending that message.) But if you want to encourage a suit, it is sometimes clearer and safer to discourage the other suit. That way, you retain all your winners in the key suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I assume that you would respond one heart to one diamond when you hold ♠ A-9-6-4, ♥ K-9-6-4, ♦ 2, ♣ 10-8-6-4. When partner rebids two clubs, should you pass or raise to three clubs? If you would pass, how much more might you need to bid three clubs?

Gear Changer, Springfield, Mass.

ANSWER: I would pass, expecting there was a fair chance that my heart king would not be pulling much weight (facing shortage). But change the heart king to the ace and I'd dredge up a raise to three clubs. I might even bid on at teams if I had as little extra as the jack in one of my long suits.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
You recently answered a letter about Gerber, restricting its use to no-trump auctions. Why not use it after a one-heart opening has been raised to three, for example?

All-Purpose Bid, Miami, Fla.

ANSWER: Four no-trump asks for aces, but if the call has another meaning, we need to ask for aces a different way. Sometimes the four-no-trump call is quantitative: bid on with a maximum or pass with a minimum. This happens only when the last bid was in no-trump. Accordingly, four no-trump is always available as Blackwood UNLESS the last call was one or two no-trump, when it is quantitative. Hence, Gerber is needed only in those auctions.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Say you elected to open one no-trump with ♠ A-J-7-4-3, ♥ 9-2, ♦ A-Q-7, ♣ A-Q-3. After two hearts on your left, I assume you balance with two spades, and now partner raises to three spades. What next?

Lost in Space, Phoenix, Ariz.

ANSWER: This hand is deeply flawed for a one-no-trump opening. It is too strong, with both a five-card major and a weak doubleton. I'd open one spade and raise one no-trump to two no-trump, showing 18-19 or so. Having balanced with two spades (suggesting some of these extras), I guess I would bid game now. I'd hope to find nothing in hearts opposite and maybe a minor I could establish.

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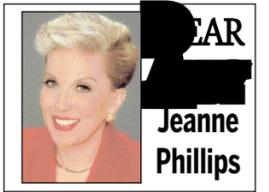
That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your pictures.

DEAR ABBY: When my partner and I eat at a restaurant, the server often clears my partner's plate before I am finished. I am not a slow eater, but I generally finish after she does.

When the server removes her plate, I'm left feeling like I have to rush to finish my meal and that our "shared dinner time" is over.

Am I wrong to feel that it's rude to take away the dishes before everyone at the table is done? As a hostess at home, I wait until the entire table is finished eating before I clear. On the other hand, just about every place where we eat out does this, so maybe I should get used to it. What do you think?

—SUE IN LOUCESTER, MASS.



JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR SUE: Here in the United States, it is common for servers to take the empty plates from the table. In Europe, diners often linger over a meal, enjoying coffee — a liqueur, perhaps — and good conversation.

How does your partner feel about having her plate cleared? If she would prefer that it remain while you finish your dinner, all she needs to do is say to the server, "Please leave it until Sue is done." If she's unwilling to do that, then I think you'll have to get used to it.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance died three years ago of cancer. He was only 27. His diagnosis was a shock, and he was gone from complications of treatment barely a month later.

Prior to this, while planning our life together, I became close with his family. After his death, I don't know what I'd have done if they hadn't been there for me. Although many people sympathized, my almost-in-laws came closest to understanding my devastation and pain. Simply put, we helped each other through it.

We remain close to this day. I spend time with his mom and sisters, am invited to birthday dinners and holidays, and we get together on his birthday and the anniversary of his passing.

Is this OK? Is it normal? When people hear that we're still so close, I have had reactions from, "That's wonderful!" to "You're holding onto the past." Although there are still some tears, there is now more laughter when we share memories. And I have begun dating again.

I don't feel that by preserving our relationship we are stuck in the past. Do you?

—DOUBTING IN WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

DEAR DOUBTING: There are degrees of involvement. You came very close to being an official member of that family, but fate thought otherwise. Whether your ties remain as tight when you fall in love again remains to be seen. But for now you are all meeting each other's needs — and as long as it doesn't hold you back, it's all right with me.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I married four years ago. My oldest daughter dates my husband's brother and they're expecting a baby together, although they are not married.

Can you please tell me what this child should call me, my husband and our other children? We're confused about it and don't want the child to be confused about who's who. Any help you can offer on this will be greatly appreciated.

—TAMI IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TAMI: You are the baby's biological grandmother, and your husband is the baby's biological uncle and step-grandfather. Your children are going to be aunts or uncles. Congratulations to all of you.

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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.

Did you miss last Sunday's stories? Catch them on Magicvalley.com. And watch for the final collection of stories in the series next Sunday in Family Life.

Have an idea for a creative child to feature? Contact reporter Melissa Davlin at 735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

PRINT MAKING AT 33

Jason Hicks has been making art since he was a child. But it wasn't until college, when he had access to printing presses, that he started exploring reliefs and prints.

"When I went to college, I just got involved in all the printing ... I could get my hands on," he said.

Now, the Twin Falls art teacher has developed his own kind of relief technique. He etches a picture into a sheet of industrial aluminum, then puts it in an acid bath. He then inks the top surface and puts it through a press, creating an image on paper. In one series, he added hand embellishments, stencil shapes and other flourishes to the 16 pictures. Some are on permanent display at the Frederick R. Weisman Art

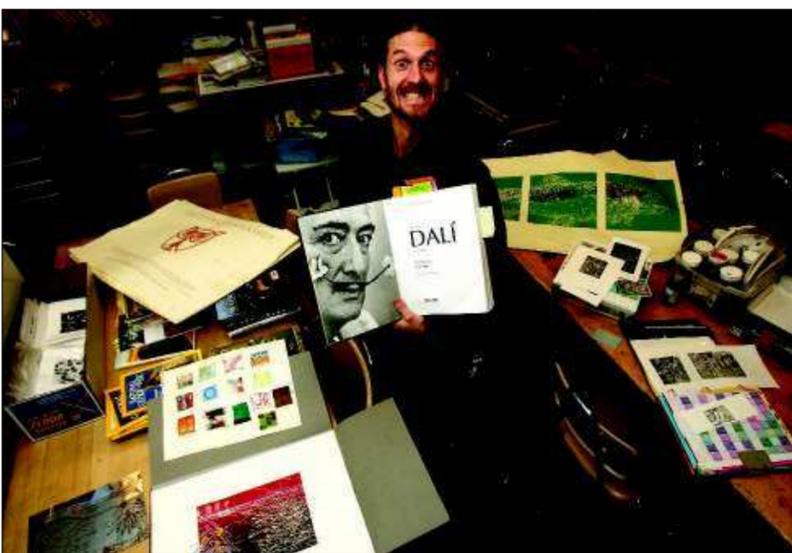
Museum in Minneapolis, he said.

Hicks (whose father is the fly tying Ron Hicks, also featured today) also paints, sculpts and works with glass. He finds inspiration in Salvador Dali and Jackson Pollock. One of Hicks' Pollock-inspired drip paintings is displayed outside his father's frame shop; he used a 25-foot cherry picker to pour paint on it, with the help of a student and his dad.

"And then we lit it on fire," Hicks said.

Hicks can talk endlessly on the history of printing, silk screens and woodblock prints, as well as varying relief techniques. The information adds another layer to the colors and textures of his complex paintings.

— Melissa Davlin



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Jason Hicks, a teacher at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls, poses with a portrait of his idol, Salvador Dali. He is also surrounded by his own work, resting on tables in his classroom.

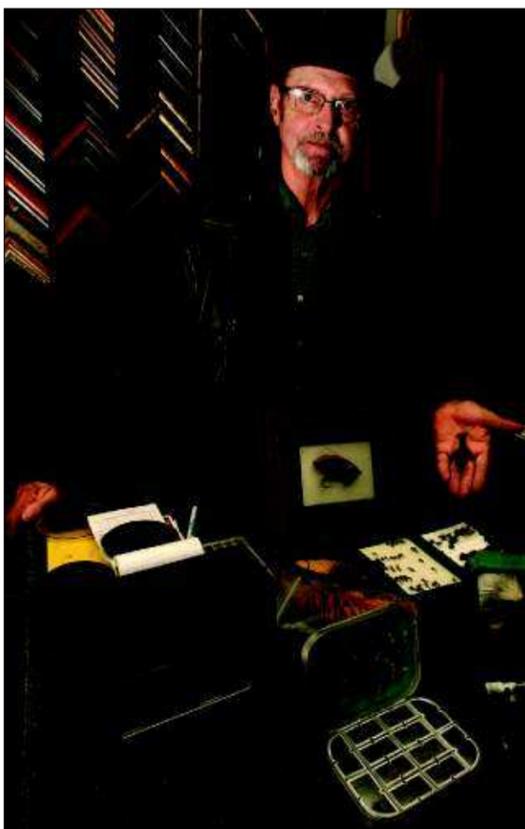
FLY TYING AT 61

Ron Hicks frames art for a living. Most of it is paintings, prints or photos, but sometimes, he puts his own creations on display.

Hicks ties flies, and not just those used to catch fish. The Twin Falls man specializes in Atlantic Salmon flies — large, intricate, Victorian-era flies that resemble butterfly wings and take up to 12 hours to put together.

Perfectly proportioned feathers are necessary for the project; about half the time Hicks spends on the flies is devoted to sorting and picking feathers. He uses plumes from exotic birds, like macaws and golden pheasants, then arranges them. Sometimes he follows traditional patterns; other times, he creates his own. His original Star Garnet fly shimmers with dark blues, reds and purples, much like the Idaho state gem. Don't ask him about his feather source, though — the materials are hard to come by, and good fly makers never give away their secrets, he said.

Other flies mimic the look of crayfish and insects. A big feather makes up the body, and small, split feathers are the jointed legs. He displays the finished products in frames with rocks added for scenery.



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Ron Hicks shows some of his fly tying creations at his Twin Falls frame shop. He ties flies for fun and sends them to competitions around the world.

Hicks has competed at international fly tying expositions in Norway and has placed in the top 10 for the past several years. This

year, he hopes to break into the top three — an honor that has eluded him in the past.

— Melissa Davlin

COMING NEXT WEEK

Watch for more stories on creative people from all ages.

RHYMING AT 54

Anthony Bohrn isn't the literary type.

The Hansen-based construction worker doesn't read much and wasn't an English major. But his words have moved listeners to tears.

Bohrn writes poetry. Before 1990, he would tell stories aloud to his children, sometimes making up rhyming couplets as he went. They encouraged him to write down his tales, and his poems emerged.

He writes when the mood strikes him. Sometimes a poem will form in 10 minutes; other times, a story will sit in his head for a year before materializing on paper.

Bohrn has written poems for his wife, and some about deaf and blind children for his daughter, who attended Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. In one, "Sounds of Color," he writes of a blind girl who doesn't want anyone to feel sorry for her:

*"It's a picture in my mind
That keeps me free
and the sounds of color
That helps me see."*

Bohrn has also written cowboy poetry, which he performed for listeners at The Yellow Pine Harmonica Contest in Yellow Pine, Idaho. Some listeners cried.



MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

Tony Bohrn of Hansen writes poems inspired by his children and cowboy culture.

His writing hasn't been published yet, but he hopes to see it in publications marketed to cowboys and western culture. In the meantime, he'll keep writing for himself.

— 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: Chicken a la king
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Salisbury steak
Friday: Baked potato bar with toppings

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Unitarian church service, 8 a.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Foot clinic, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Bunco-contr dancing, 6 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Duplicate bridge, 12:30 p.m. Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Let's Dance, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Blood pressure check, 11 a.m. to noon
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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. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Energy assistance by appointment, 736-0676.

MENUS:

Monday: Tomato soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Hamburger and zucchini casserole

Thursday: Potato bar with toppings

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Roast beef, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon, Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.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: Taco salad
Wednesday: Pizza
Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce

Tuesday: Stuffed chicken breast
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese with ham
Thursday: Roast turkey and dressing

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. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Energy assistance
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

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105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken pot pie
Wednesday: Lasagna
Friday: Baked trout

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.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: Salisbury loaf
Tuesday: Ham
Wednesday: Tater Tot casserole
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Barbecued ribs

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 5 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Dick and John Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m. Free Will Baptist Church marriage class, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Kids Club, 3 to 5 p.m. AARP free tax preparation, noon to 4 p.m.; by appointment only, 324-5642

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: Potato bar
Thursday: Lasagna

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Sauerkraut and wieners
Wednesday: Barbecued pork sandwich
Friday: Beef stroganoff

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Monday: Salad and soup bar
Thursday: Mild chili Colorado

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$4.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV,

videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie
Wednesday: Beef, broccoli and rice casserole
Friday: Ham

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: Hamburgers and hot dogs
Wednesday: Cranberry roast
Thursday: Mild chili Colorado
Friday: Baked ham

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m. Biggest loser class, 2 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Knitters and Crocheters Anonymous, 10:30 a.m. Caregivers meeting, 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 with Cassi Griffin, 1 p.m. Biggest loser, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Movie "Julie & Julia" and popcorn, 1 p.m.; \$2
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m. Biggest loser, 2 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked turkey
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich

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: Roast beef dip sandwich
Tuesday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Biscuits and sausage gravy

Thursday: Chef salad
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 3:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Bruce Young's birthday choice
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Lemon-pepper chicken
Thursday: Gene Price's birthday choice
Friday: Taco salad

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Thursday: Pool Exercise
Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken bundles
Tuesday: Baked fish
Thursday: Pot roast

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m. Tax preparation, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 10 a.m.
Saturday: Tax preparation, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Childhood depression a growing problem

By Gregory Ramey
Cox Newspapers

Q: My 8-year-old son seems to have the perfect life, but he is unhappy and negative most of the time. He has two parents who love him, numerous friends, and achieves well in virtually everything he does. Is it

sible for an 8-year-old to be depressed?

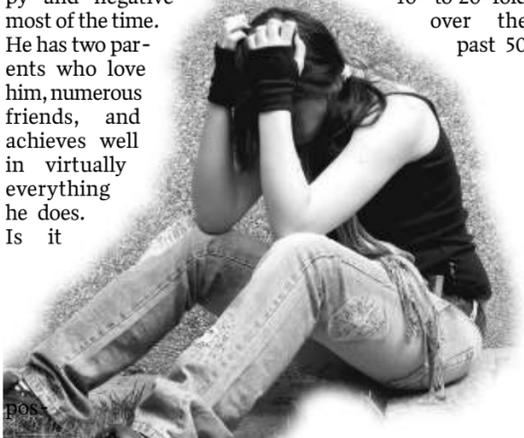
A: The prevalence of depression among both children and adults appears to have increased 10- to 20-fold over the past 50

years. This is probably due to cultural factors and parenting style, rather than any genetic or biochemical causes. The response to your question is that childhood depression in 8-year-olds is not uncommon today. Consult with your physician about obtaining a referral to a mental health professional who specializes in working with young children.

While medication can initially be very effective for

some youngsters, I would advise against it unless your child is in a severe crisis. A more appropriate approach would be working with a therapist who utilizes Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to change the underlying thought processes of these depressed youngsters.

Gregory Ramey is a child psychologist and vice president for outpatient services at The Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Ohio.



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Young girls may learn math anxiety from female teachers

By **Randolph E. Schmid**
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Little girls may learn to fear math from the women who are their earliest teachers.

Despite gains in recent years, women still trail men in some areas of math achievement, and the question of why has provoked controversy. Now, a study of first- and second-graders suggests what may be part of the answer: Female elementary school teachers who are concerned about their own math skills could be passing that along to the little girls they teach.

Young students tend to model themselves after adults of the same sex, and having a female teacher who is anxious about math may reinforce the stereotype that boys are better at math than girls, explained Sian L. Beilock, an associate professor in psychology at the University of Chicago.

Beilock and colleagues studied 52 boys and 65 girls who in classes taught by 17 different teachers. Ninety percent of U.S. ele-

mentary school teachers are women, as were all of those in this study.

Student math ability was not related to teacher math anxiety at the start of the school year, the researchers reported in Tuesday's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

But by the end of the year, the more anxious teachers were about their own math skills, the more likely their female students — but not the boys — were to agree that “boys are good at math and girls are good at reading.”

In addition, the girls who answered that way scored lower on math tests than either the classes' boys or the girls who had not developed a belief in the stereotype, the researchers found.

“It's actually surprising in a way, and not. People have had a hunch that teachers could impact the students in this way, but didn't know how it might do so in gender-specific fashion,” Beilock said in a tele-

phone interview. Beilock, who studies how anxieties and stress can affect people's performance, noted that other research has indicated that elementary education majors at the college level have the highest levels of math anxiety of any college major.

“We wanted to see how that impacted their performance,” she said.

After seeing the results, the researchers recommended that the math requirements for obtaining an elementary education teaching degree be rethought.

“If the next generation of teachers — especially elementary school teachers — is going to teach their students effectively, more care needs to be taken to develop both strong math skills and positive math attitudes in these educators,” the researchers wrote.

Janet S. Hyde, a professor in the Department of

Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, called the study a “great paper, very clever research.”

“It squares with an impression I've had for a long time,” said Hyde, who was not part of the research team.

Teacher math anxiety was measured on a 25-question test about situations that made them anxious, such as reading a cash register receipt or studying for a math test. A separate test checked the math skills of the teachers, who worked in a large Midwestern urban school district.

Student math skills were tested in the first three months of the school year and again in the last two months of the year.

The research was funded by the National Science Foundation.

Gov't genealogy service lets family history leap off page

By **Anna Gorman**
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — At first glance, the photo-copied documents simply looked like government forms and applications.

But when Susanne Mori read more closely, she found the story of her grandfather's life as he made his way in America more than five decades ago.

Those 23 pages of facts and dates revealed how a young man, Jinbei Mori, left Japan and arrived in San Francisco the month after the 1906 earthquake, how he spent decades working for Union Pacific Railroad, how his home was searched by the FBI during World War II.

Mori said seeing her grandfather's photographs and reading his words brought his immigrant experience to life.

“We are all descendants from immigrants, and at some point our families decided to leave the place they called home for whatever reason and come to someplace new and start over,” said Mori, 52, of Santa Barbara, Calif. “Seeing in print the name of a ship and where (my grandfather) was born somehow makes it more real.”

The documents came from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which runs a little-known genealogy service for relatives wanting to learn more about their family history.

The records include naturalization files, visa applications and citizenship tests, and may reveal family secrets and mysteries, said Marian Smith, the agency's historian.

“The details of the story have been told over time, and the edges kind of wear off,” Smith said. With the documents, “there are a lot of ah-ha moments.”

In the past, genealogy researchers had to file document requests under the Freedom of Information Act and sometimes waited years for a response.

Under the genealogy pro-



Susanne Mori sits at her home in Santa Barbara, Calif., with documents she found through a new program at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. She found documents about her grandfather, a Japanese immigrant who arrived in the States in 1906.

MCT photo

gram, which started in 2008, requests are usually completed within 90 days. For \$20, the government will run a search of the name, as long as the person is deceased. If there are records available, the government charges additional fees for the files.

In fiscal year 2009, more than 5,300 requests were made, fewer than expected. In addition to relatives, historians or researchers can also request files.

Alan Latteri, 34, had a very practical reason for the document search. The Brentwood, Calif., man wanted dual citizenship with Italy and needed to know exactly when his grandfather was naturalized to complete the complex application. After requesting the documents, Latteri learned that he was not eligible. But he did learn more about his grandfather.

“Reading about him is really interesting,” Latteri said. “I don't really have a connection to him other than seeing a few photos and hearing a few stories from my dad.”

Mori was just a toddler when her grandfather died, and she wanted to find out more about his life. She heard about the immigration documents during a

genealogy class and submitted a request early last year.

Even though she knew some information, the documents completed the picture in her grandfather's words.

According to the immigration files, Jinbei Mori was born in Okugaita, Japan, on May 25, 1888, and came to the U.S. in May 1906 on the steamship Korea from Hawaii. Soon after, he started working for Union Pacific and became a section foreman. He married and had four sons and a daughter. The family lived in several states, including Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

During World War II, Mori completed an application listing his height as 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches and his complexion as “yellow.” A photo shows a stern man with a tall forehead who is wearing a dark suit.

In April 1942, the FBI searched his home in Brigham City, Utah, looking

for anything prohibited for “enemy aliens of Japanese, German and Italian nationalities.” The agents interviewed his wife, who said her husband had turned in a Spartan shortwave radio to the sheriff's office.

In 1953, Mori applied for naturalization and took the citizenship test just before Christmas. Though his answers were in Japanese, a notation about the test said, “Apparently OK.” On March 9, 1954, he became a U.S. citizen.

Susanne Mori said the documents confirmed a lot of family stories. She remembered her father talking about making that radio from a kit and how annoyed he was that his father turned it over to authorities. The papers also cleared up some confusion about dates. “What we know about our relatives is what they choose to tell us, and they don't always tell you the truth,” she said. The files also gave her leads for future research.

“It will be a treasure chest for genealogists,” said Southern California Genealogical Society President Pam Wiedenbeck. “Oftentimes these files will have information on brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles that will help connect the dots.”

For experienced genealogists, the files may open the doors to even more research, perhaps leading people to exact hometowns in their ancestors' native countries. And for those new to genealogy, they may be just the beginning. “For every question you answer you come up with two or three more,” Wiedenbeck said.

For more information about the program, check out www.uscis.gov/genealogy.

Princess phase is OK

By **Niesha Lofing**
McClatchy Newspapers

My daughter fell in love with royalty. It happened at Disneyland, as we strolled past a storefront full of finery for princesses.

“Mama, it's Cinderella!” Elle exclaimed.

So imagine her delight when we came upon a character meet-and-greet that included Cinderella in all of her blue-gowned glory. My 23-month-old grinned and giggled as Cinderella hugged her.

Elle was enchanted.

She has slept with a Cinderella doll every night since. She often asks to wear her Disney princess nightgown, and says “I a princess” if she and her brother are playing make-believe.

If I dare sit at the computer in our living room, she asks me to print a Cinderella coloring page.

Part of me wants to indulge this innocent adoration, but could doing so lead to an unhappily ever after?

Kristen Lagattuta, a psychology professor who specializes in child development at University of California, Davis, says the concern is common among mothers, but there's no need to worry.

A fascination with princesses is typical in children ages 2 to 4, although children as old as 7 may remain interested, she said.

“Part of it is related to gender identity,” Lagattuta said. “Children that age have very stereo-typical views of what a man is and what a woman is, and they are trying to establish that and let everyone know that they are either a boy or a girl!”

Furthering the fascination is sparkly, fun princess merchandise, something that young girls find appealing. The Disney Princess fran-

chise hauls in a good chunk of change for the company — \$4 billion in global retail sales in fiscal 2007, according to Disney Consumer Products' Web site.

Looks like I'm not the only parent indulging a daughter's fantasy.

Yet letting a little girl enjoy fairy tales and pretend to be Belle or Snow White won't warp her sense of reality, Lagattuta said.

“It doesn't mean that they are limiting themselves for the rest of their life and going to expect to be rescued,” she said.

Parents may have cause for concern, however, if an older child (about 8 to 10 years old) refuses to wear clothes other than princess costumes, neglects friends or other activities in favor of make-believe, or focuses on appearance and status as markers of value.

“By and large, that doesn't happen very often,” Lagattuta said, adding that most children outgrow the princess phase on their own.

In the meantime, I'm going to work on encouraging Elle toward princesses with other, well, redeeming qualities.

There's nothing wrong with Cinderella — she's kind and helps others. It's the servant aspect and getting dumped on that is bothersome.

Disney's latest princess, Tiana of “The Princess and the Frog,” is one of the most admirable. The heroine works two jobs to open her own restaurant — a fulfillment of her late father's dream — and knows that hard work, not wishes or magic, will help her succeed.

I also plan on lots of home science projects, encouraging sports and having her father teach her how to water ski in a few years.

If she wants to put princess stickers on her skis, so be it.

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Parents, doctors debate tots TEETERING IN HEELS

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — A pair of sparkly, peekaboo shoes with heels 2 inches high are favorites of 6-year-old Helena Bell ever since she got them for a wedding.

"She's worn them to the point where the jewels have fallen off," says Helena's mother, Dana Bell of Woodland Hills, Calif. "It's not my preference, but I've stopped fighting it."

The heels aren't allowed at school, but the first-grader slips on her white treasures first thing when she gets home and wears them to church every Sunday. "I think if it's within reason, it's OK," her mom says.

As images of 3 1/2-year-old Suri Cruise out and about in blingy heels recently hit magazines and the Internet, reactions to the grown-up look for not-so-old kids have ranged from cries of inappropriate to defense of a little girl's right to be girly. Suri's mom, Katie Holmes, told Access Hollywood she considers the kitten heels supportive because they were made specifically for kids learning ballroom dancing.

Samantha Fein of San Jose, Calif., says her 6-year-old daughter has attracted some double-edge remarks — "My, look at your big girl shoes" — when she wears her knee-high boots with a 2-inch chunky heel or her brown wedges with only slightly less height. Fein notes that her child wears sneakers 90 percent of the time and heels on special occasions, like birthday parties.

"It's not like I'm sending her to the park in them," she says. "I think there's a time and a place for everything."

The San Francisco Bay area is pretty fashion forward, so it's not unusual to see girls that young wearing heels. Fein says they've helped her daughter learn to walk like a lady. "They're definitely not suggestive at all. Suggestive to me is inappropriate."

The phenom falls in line with other trends in clothing, books, music and movies once reserved for



Six-year-old Helena Bell puts on her short high-heeled shoes at her home in Los Angeles. Helena first wore the heels as flower girl at a wedding about six months ago.

AP photo

"You put a kid in a heel and someone touches them and says tag, they're it — they're off.

Moderation is key."

— Matthew Dairman, a Suffolk, Va., foot and ankle surgeon

older audiences trickling down the age ladder.

As Christina Vercelletto, senior editor of Parenting magazine, has been putting together the spring fashion edition, she's noticed shoes for girls as young as 5 and 6 sporting heels as high as an inch.

"I am seeing these heeled shoes, shoes that would be considered a little too grown up typically for a girl that age," she says. "I think it's definitely a trend for 5- or 6-year-olds."

In years past, Vercelletto says, heels usually stopped at sizes for 8- or 9-year-olds. She unsuccessfully tried to nab a pair of stacked heel boots that arrived in a bag of hand-me-downs for her own 6-year-old but wasn't quick enough. Now, Vercelletto tries to keep them out of sight in the back of a closet.

"I do feel that it's rushing it a little to put a girl 3 years old in shoes like that," said Vercelletto, among those who fear the physical perils.

Unlike other trends, heels

pose physical risks that include a tightening of the heel cord and changes in the growth plate.

Matthew Dairman, a Suffolk, Va., foot and ankle surgeon and a spokesman for the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, urges parents to limit wear to once or twice a week for four hours at a stretch — if at all. Another important factor, he says, is difficulty in keeping kids from running, which could make those in heels more susceptible to ankle sprains or broken bones.

"You put a kid in a heel and someone touches them and says tag, they're it — they're off," Dairman says. "Moderation is key."

Michael Penrod, a sales representative for children's footwear with a showroom at Dallas Market Center, a wholesale merchandise marketplace, says adult styles began surfacing in children's footwear a decade ago. While manufacturers do offer heels in sizes small enough to possibly fit a 3-year-old, stores are more

likely to carry sizes meant from age 5 and up.

Dr. James W. Brodsky, a Dallas orthopedic surgeon and past president of the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society, says healthy shoes for kids are similar to healthy shoes for adults — not too high a heel, plenty of width in the toe box, soft natural materials to conform to the shape of the foot and good support.

Dairman does see some value in girls around 12 or so learning to wear heels, when their bones have developed. And while he doesn't think younger girls wearing heels is that widespread, "as kids seem to be aging quicker, it's something that should be addressed."

Lisa Spiegel, a counselor and director of Soho Parenting, a New York City parenting resource center, says worry about kids aging too fast is often on the minds of parents today. She says she hasn't noticed a prevalence of young girls wearing heels but does know parents contending with young girls wanting to wear makeup or dress in too-skimpy clothes.

"We really, really try to help families hold onto their better instincts that kids should be children and not little adults," she says.

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Mom on a mission

This past Friday we received some news that affected our household finances greatly. This meant that my husband and I had to some major reworking/cutting of our budget. When super-couponing first started to catch my eye last year, all I can tell you is that it kept nudging at me that this was something that I needed to learn ... the news we received on Friday made me so thankful/grateful that I had taken the steps forward to pursue it. On Friday I became determined that with my knowledge of couponing, that my goal for the week was to see what and how much I could add to my household stock of groceries for as cheap as possible and even free ...

You should have seen my husband's face when he saw all my purchases and I told him what I spent. I guess you could say I am a little determined to make the most of the situation, and regardless of the economy I am going to keep a positive attitude!



Balancing act

Around midsummer sometime, I sent my kids upstairs with very clear instructions to clean up the playroom while I was busy downstairs doing some other chores. About 15 minutes later, I started to tune in to the sounds coming from the second floor. They were not the sounds of cleaning. They were the sounds of playing. No fighting or problems with sharing or destruction of any kind, just my kids happily playing. Together.

I know this will make me sound like a crazy person, but I wasn't really sure what to do about this. I had very specifically asked them to clean up their toys. They were very obviously not obeying me. But, they were playing together and were happy. Did I want to storm up there with lectures and punishments and pleas for obedience or did I just want to let them continue playing nicely?

I mean, they are just children, right? As mothers, where do we find the balance of letting our kids be kids versus making them learn to be responsible and obedient and to do what they have been asked to do?

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Children's board games go beyond classroom lessons

By Mari-Jane Williams
The Washington Post

Disconnect the Xbox, uninstall the computer game software and close the laptop. You want your child to have fun but learn at the same time, at a fraction of the cost? Play a board game, experts say.

Candy Land, for example, in its 61st year, might be one of the best deals going in early childhood education, using visions of sweet treats to disguise lessons in color recognition and counting. And its colorful cousin Chutes and Ladders has been subtly instilling early math skills since 1943 by exposing kids to the concept of numbers. Both cost about \$5. Some teachers tout Uno, introduced in 1971, as a way to teach number and color recognition, sorting skills and strategic thinking. Uno is \$7.

There are so many benefits to playing board games. For years, they've been known to help children with social interaction, taking turns and learning to follow rules and to win and lose gracefully. But teachers also find ways to use board games to supplement their lesson plans, particularly in preschool and early elementary school.

"Any game that requires a student to count and move a game piece at the same time is good for developing one-to-one correspondence while counting," said Jayne Cooke-Cobern, a kindergarten teacher in Woodbridge, Va. She lists Trouble, Chutes and Ladders, Uno, Yahtzee, Racko and Apples to Apples among her favorite games for the classroom.

"They're not just paper and pencil for little ones," said Lisa Barnes, also a kindergarten teacher, who uses Memory (recognition of numbers, sight words and color words), bingo (letters, shapes and rhyming words) and dominoes (numbers and the concept of more and less) with her students. "It gets everyone using their hands. They are having fun and learning at the same time."

According to the NPD Group, a market research firm based in Port Washington, N.Y., sales of board games through October were up 4 percent over the same period in 2008. Web-connected toys were down 39 percent.

Toy experts attribute the increase in board game sales to the recession. A board game can cost less than a movie ticket and can be played repeatedly. These games are strong sellers for another reason: The moms and dads who decades later can still name all the properties around a Monopoly board or recall a particularly satisfying triple word score in Scrabble.

A 2007 study by Carnegie Mellon University showed that in a group of low-income preschoolers, playing a board

game with numbers, such as Chutes and Ladders, helped them improve their performance on four kinds of numerical tasks. Those gains were still evident nine weeks later.

By pushing young children to think strategically and plan ahead, and to attach abstract thoughts to concrete objects, many games can help develop more-sophisticated thinking skills, educators said.

"One of the primary skills (board games) develop is self-regulation," said Peter Pizzolongo, director of professional development at the National Association for the Education of Young Children. "You have to be able to wait your turn and think ahead. ... With many board games, particularly those that involve numerals, you have to learn your numbers. But being able to attach those numbers to something you're doing requires a higher level of function, and that's going to happen with board games."

Marilyn Fleetwood, president of the Academy of the Child, a Montessori preschool and elementary school in Germantown, Md., says her teachers use games such as Lotto, bingo and Scrabble to improve fine motor skills and vocabulary. They also have

turned Candy Land into a gross-motor extravaganza on occasion, with the entire floor serving as the game board and the children acting as markers.

Fleetwood also uses board games to teach social skills. Unlike reading, writing and math, there are no established rules or tricks for teaching social skills.

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CSI offers class for parents teaching children to talk

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center is offering a noncredit "Help Your Child Talk — Speech & Language Development" class, taught by ShaLisa Larsen.

Larsen has a master's degree in communicative disorders and deaf education, specializing in speech-language pathology.

Parents and caregivers can become their child's greatest teachers from birth through adolescence in language development and acquisition, class promoters say. Students will discover ways to increase language learning in their home environment, with opportunity for discussion and

sharing ideas.

Class will be 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 4 through March 11, at CSI in Shields 105. Cost is \$50.

Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.



STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Natalie M. Capelo, daughter of Kimberly Ruth Akin and Anthony Capelo of Hagerman, was born Jan. 6, 2010.

Marquez Jordan Cabral, son of Yuliana Gil Heredia of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 11, 2010.

Davian D' Angelo Palomo, son of Chanita Aguinaga and Santiato Palomo Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 17, 2010.

Angelique Ximena Gonzalez, daughter Esmeralda Bennett and Rigoberto Gonzalez of Jerome, was born Jan. 17, 2010.

Jarely Joslynn Martinez, daughter of Laurie Josephine Miller and Daniel Nicholas Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 18, 2010.

Max James Heider, son of Annie May and Kirk Thomas Heider of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 18, 2010.

Dylan Cole Wood, son of Jessica Marie and Nicholas Tyrel Wood of Kimberly, was born Jan. 18, 2010.

Miles Jay Wight, son of Jamie Lynne and Riley Jay Wight of Jerome, was born Jan. 18, 2010.

Dakoda Allen Jones, son of Melissa Colleen and Tyson Lee Jones of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 18, 2010.

Abigail Emilia Astorga Paz, daughter of Rosalia Astorga and Alberto Astorga-Zepeda of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 19, 2010.

Daphne Loea Bunde, daughter of Julene Pohaikaloha and Andrew Jerome Bunde of Filer, was born Jan. 19, 2010.

Daxton Winsor Severe, son of Cynthia Lee and Branden Lars Severe of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 19, 2010.

Keegan JayScott Wayment, son of Kayla Nicole Long and Joseph Scott Wayment of Filer, was born

Jan. 20, 2010.

Jairius Dean Flinn, son of Nicole Marie Gumbel and Tyler Dean Flinn of Filer, was born Jan. 20, 2010.

Tyce T. Wooten, son of Shannon and Justin Wade Wooten of King Hill, was born Jan. 20, 2010.

Jared Dean Lloyd, son of Bonnie Michelle and Zachary David Lloyd of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 20, 2010.

Belle Anne McLeroy, daughter of Irene and Joey Edward McLeroy of Buhl, was born Jan. 20, 2010.

Heather Ayumi Gayer, daughter of Rebecca Rose and James Roland Gayer of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 20, 2010.

Graydon Kenneth Arrington, son of Kieri and Alex Kenneth Arrington of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 21, 2010.

Mikaela Joy Irene Conklin, daughter of Nance Marie and Phillip Duane Conklin of Gooding, was born Jan. 21, 2010.

Joel Abraham Naranjo, son of Devina Valentina and Alejandro Naranjo of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 21, 2010.

Sarah Jane Brackett, daughter of Kimberly Dawn and William August Brackett of Rogerson, was born Jan. 22, 2010.

Alexandra Paige Shelley, daughter of Jennifer Lindsey and Thomas Duane Shelley of Jerome, was born Jan. 22, 2010.

Joseph Black Pavkov, son of Jenyfer Lea Black-Pavkov and John Scott Pavkov of Gooding, was born Jan. 23, 2010.

Brexlle Nicole Ormond, daughter of Pamela Nicole and Logan Spencer Ormond of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 13, 2010.

Arely Elizalde Diaz, daughter of Mercedes Diaz Vargas and Javier Octavio Elizalde Mendoza of Filer, was born Jan. 18, 2010.

Web sites help online data survive beyond the grave

By Michael S. Rosenwald
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Heather Pierce lives in Washington, but much of her life floats in the cloud.

Her e-mail is stored in that vast digital space, bouncing between Yahoo server farms. Her bank statements reside there, too, along with her mortgage payments, credit-card files, movie rental account, library book list, home videos and hundreds of photos — on Shutterfly, Facebook and her blog. She has only a few hard-copy photos of her 17-month-old daughter.

If Pierce's house caught fire, what would she dash in to save? Not much, probably. "All of that important stuff is online now," she said. "That's where our lives are."

Which is why Pierce, 38, recently paid \$29.99 to sign up for a year's access to yet another account in the cloud — one that stores all her passwords and log-in information and, when the worst happens, will be accessible to whomever she designates as digital executor. On its Web site, under serene pictures of clouds against a deep blue sky, the company calls its service "a digital safety deposit box."

Pierce's backup service, San Francisco-based Legacy Locker, is one of a dozen businesses that have sprung up to help denizens of the digital world grapple with the thorny issues raised after your physical being leaves behind only its virtual reality. Internet experts and estate planners say a cybercrisis is brewing because popular Internet services have policies that, barring an order from a court, forbid accessing or transferring accounts — including recovering money — unless someone has the password.

The legal fog affects not only personal lives — the photo site Flickr has 40 mil-

lion members — but millions of business accounts on such sites as eBay and PayPal and the virtual community of Second Life, which generated \$55 million of real money for users last year. Despite our increasing reliance on cloud computing — storing all sorts of data online through Web applications — very few Internet users have begun to think about what happens to all that data should we get hit by a bus.

"We haven't truly seen the breadth of this issue play out yet, but I'm telling you, this is a huge problem," said Chicago lawyer Karin Prangle, who has spoken on the topic at conferences. "Ten or 15 years ago, someone could go into your house and find the paper trail if you die. Now the paper trail is online."

Naturally, so are the proposed solutions. The dot-coms occupying the new digital beyond run the gamut from pure password storage sites like Legacy Locker — a competitor in Switzerland promises a "Swiss bank" for assets — to such start-ups as Bcelebrated.com, which helps users create online memorials that go live after they die and e-mails to be sent from the grave. It is now possible to essentially hit "send" from 6 feet under, on an e-mail confessing to chopping down the cherry tree.

But the e-mails also serve another purpose, particularly as relationships stretch as wide as the cloud that nurtures them. The traditional rites and legal procedures that follow death are geared to friends and family in the physical world, but businesses are cropping up to also serve the new universe of friends, those on chat boards or on Facebook. How will, say, 700 of your Twitter followers find out about your death if you can't log in to tell them?

"Back in the day, we never moved far from home, and

people could read about our deaths in the obit column," said Debra Joy, founder of Bcelebrated.com. "But now we move around, we have friends around the world that we connect with on the Internet. We need to reach them somehow."

The new sites, with such names as DataInherit, Entrustet, Parting Wishes, VitalLock, My Last Email and If I Die, deliver the bad news in novel ways. With death-switch.com, if users don't respond to regular e-mails to confirm that they are still alive, the site gets increasingly worried about them, sending notes that nearly beg for a reply: "Please log on using the link below to demonstrate that you are still alive." If users don't respond within a set period of time, "post-mortem" e-mails stored in their account are delivered.

The missives could be basic information, such as e-mail passwords sent to a girlfriend or banking data to relatives — or more emotionally explosive notes that tell a spouse or friend what couldn't be said during life.

"It's really important for someone to know all of this information we have out there," said Gary Altman, a Rockville, Md., estate lawyer who asks his clients to arrange to give passwords to family members. "Everything is hidden in the clouds. If no one knows it's there or where to get it, how are you going to find it?"

Pierce learned this lesson the hard way. Her sister-in-law died suddenly last year and, as the family was grieving, the woman's husband realized that decisions needed to be made about her swimming-lesson business. But nobody knew her passwords to e-mail accounts or other sites. The relatives guessed. They guessed some more. Finally, after more than a week, they were able to get in.

"This awful tragedy was compounded by the fact that nobody knew her passwords," Pierce said.

Service providers offer varying degrees of helpfulness in such situations.

Some, like Google, will unlock e-mail, video, photo and shopping accounts if family members have a death certificate and a previous e-mail sent to them by the departed. The process can take a while. Facebook will close accounts if hoops are jumped through; otherwise, the account goes into "memorial" mode, meaning it's still out there but most features are disabled.

Other providers are more stringent. SecondLife will not transfer an account unless there is a will, court order or other relevant legal documents. Yahoo, with 106 million e-mail users, is perhaps the toughest. In a statement, the company said, "Internet users who want to be sure their e-mail and other online accounts are accessible to their legal heirs may want to work with their attorneys to plan an offline process for such access as part of their estate planning process."

Similar rules apply to the firm's popular photo sharing site, Flickr. Asked whether pictures would remain online unless the user leaves other instructions in a will or gives the password to someone else, a Yahoo spokeswoman said, "Yes, that is correct."

For many, like Pierce, having loved ones locked out of her accounts is a scary prospect. A month ago, when a friend sent her a link to Legacy Locker, she signed up. The site asks for two verifiers who would be contacted to confirm a death. Pierce chose her husband and her best friend, who then received e-mails checking to see whether they were willing to "help oversee the distribution of Heather Pierce's digital assets."

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Engagements

Herrmann-Culver

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Herrmann of Fort Wayne, Indiana, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Tiffany Herrmann to Erick Culver, son of Fred Culver of Boise, Idaho, and Rhonda Kevan of Filer, Idaho, and step-son of Jim Kevan, of Filer, Idaho. A June 2010 wedding is planned.



Tiffany Herrmann and Erick Culver

Mickelsen-Parkin

Mr. David Mickelsen of Mountain Home and Mrs. Dixie Smith of Rupert would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Scott Lynn Parkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parkin of Rupert.

The couple will exchange vows on February 6, 2010 at the Acequia L.D.S. Church in Acequia, Idaho.

A reception from 6-8pm will follow to honor the couple.

Becky and Scott both graduated from Minico High School with the class of 1990.



Rebecca Mickelsen and Scott Parkin

Becky is employed at Family Health Services in Twin Falls as a dental assistant and Scott is employed at Brewster Cheese in Rupert.

The couple will make their home in Rupert.

Lake-Jones

Rodney and Rebecca Lake of Burley are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi Lake to Jaxson Jones son of KayC and Valerie Jones of Burley.

Heidi is a 2004 graduate of Burley High School and a 2008 graduate of The Hair Academy, A Paul Mitchell Partner School, in Rexburg. She is currently employed at "That Look Salon" and Maurices in Burley.

Jaxson is a 2002 graduate of Burley High School. He served an LDS mission to Minneapolis, Minnesota 2003-2005.

He is currently employed



Heidi Lake and Jaxson Jones

at Burley Iron Works.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday Feb. 2 in the Twin Falls LDS Temple and a reception will be held on Friday Feb. 5 at Sweetheart Manor in Burley from 6-8pm.

The couple make their home in Burley.

Anniversaries

The Andersons



Florence and George Anderson

Florence and George Anderson are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary with their family.

They were married in Willmar, Minnesota on February 3, 1940.

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Elizabeth (Dennis) Summers, and Cathy Lipman.

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George and Florence moved to Twin Falls in 1952 and still reside there.

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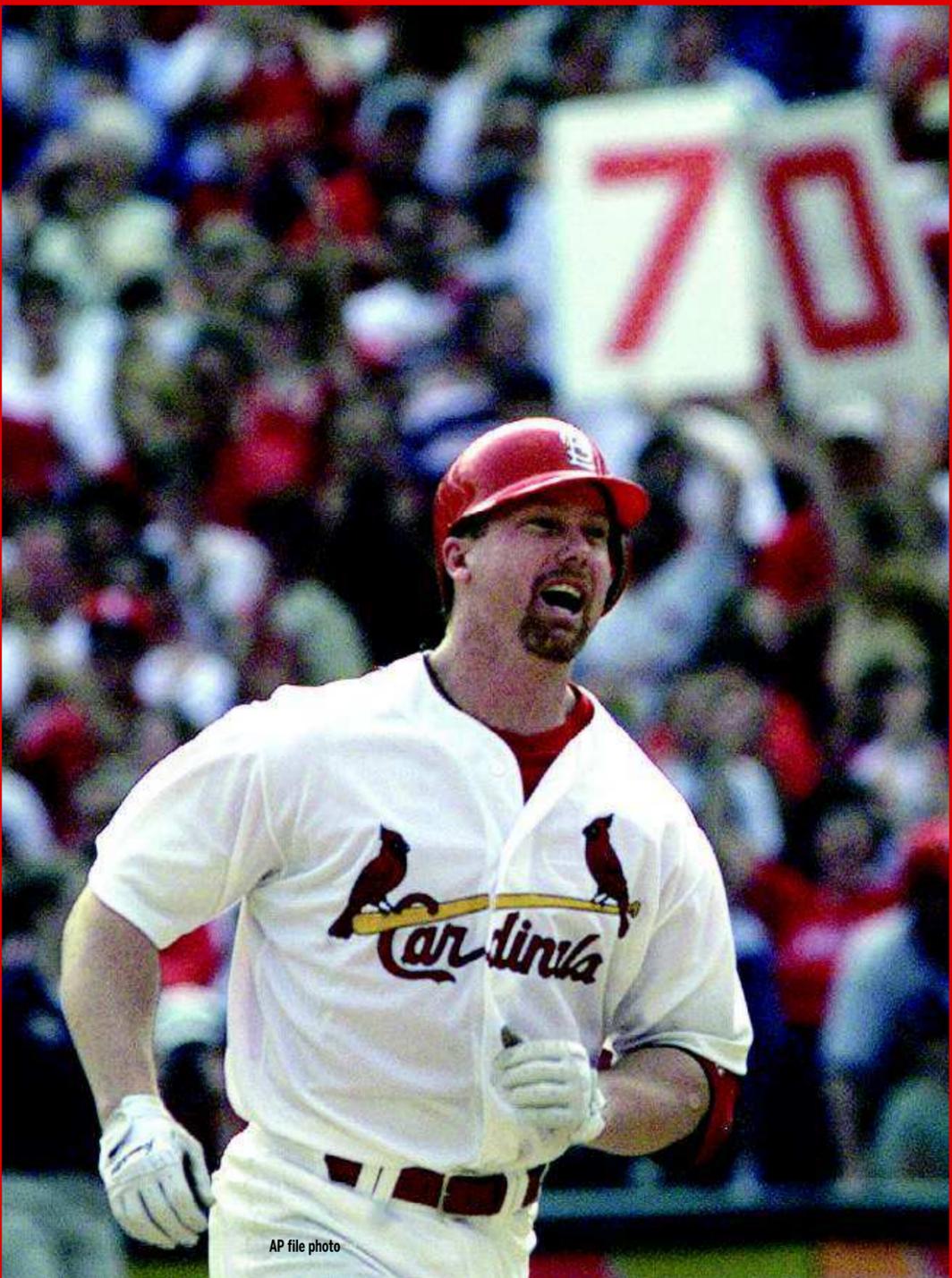
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Kids Only

McGwire cheated himself



AP file photo

and baseball

By Fred Bowen
Special to The Washington Post

I remember the day as if it were yesterday. It was the fall of 1998. I was sitting in the stands watching my son and two teams of 14-year-olds play a baseball game. The small aluminum bleachers around the local high school field were filled with parents and kids.

One father who was late for the game rushed up to the stands. He breathlessly announced to everyone, "McGwire just hit another one!"

Immediately, everyone at the game began to talk excitedly. That summer, Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals and Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs had electrified sports fans everywhere with their race for the single-season home run record. McGwire ended that season with 70 home runs, breaking the previous record of 61, set by Roger Maris in 1961.

I thought of that afternoon when McGwire admitted recently that he had taken steroids during long periods of his baseball career, including that record-breaking season. Steroids are substances that can make athletes stronger and able to hit the ball farther. But steroids are also dangerous and against the rules. McGwire clearly cheated when he took steroids.

I am glad that McGwire finally told the truth. It must be hard to live with a lie that big. McGwire also told his son, his parents and even

Maris's widow that he cheated. That must have been really hard.

But now baseball fans have questions:

- **Should** McGwire be allowed in the Hall of Fame?
- **Should** his 583 career home runs or 70 home runs in 1998 stay in the record books?
- **Would** McGwire's teams have made it to the playoffs and the World Series if he hadn't used steroids?

Sports fans love to watch two evenly matched teams in a close game when they are battling hard and fair. It's fun

to root for your favorite team in a game like that. Later, it's fun to remember the great games and players and talk about them with our family and friends.

But what fun is it to remember a player or team who breaks the rules? Why would anyone care about a cheater?

So now when I think back

on that sunny fall afternoon when everyone was talking about McGwire and baseball, I am sad.

I realize that McGwire did not just take steroids, he took a great sports memory.

Bowen is the author of sports books for kids including "Winners Take All," about cheating in baseball.

I am glad that McGwire finally told the truth. It must be hard to live with a lie that big.

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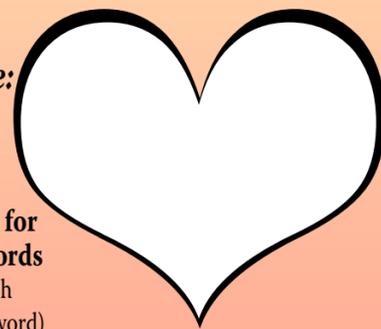
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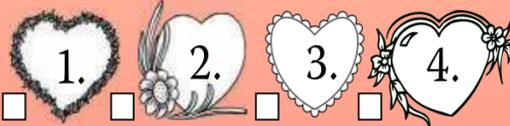
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