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— CASSIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT GAYLEN SMYER



TEXTING TROUBLE

Some schools advising teachers to limit texting, social networking with students

By Andrea Jackson * Times-News writer

He's forbidden to use a cell phone in school, but Preston Miller still sends thousands of text messages every month.

The 15-year-old sophomore at Jerome High School said he sent and received about 4,000 texts in December and he is not alone.

“That’s nothing compared to what some people do,” he said. “Some of my friends have like 25,000.”

With teens texting so frequently, many Magic Valley districts have banned student cell phone use while in school. But it's not just in-school cell phone use that has school districts reacting.

Some districts have crafted policies to limit electronic communication between students and teachers. Two recent criminal cases involving educators from Bliss and Burley raise concerns of how appropriate it is for teachers and students to swap text messages.

“With all that technology at our fingertips sometimes people are making poor decisions and choices and are using it inappropriately,” said Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer. “We draft policies to address those issues when they arise.”

Communication need not be crippled, said Smyer, adding that the school district is

working to identify what reasonable boundaries should be set for teacher communication with students through cell phones and social networking Web sites.

New school policies in Burley were passed by the Cassia County School Board after teacher and coach Chad T. Burnett was charged in a Jan. 15 amended complaint with five counts of sexual battery of a minor, two counts of statutory rape, and possession of sexually exploitative material of a minor.

The case involves the use of Facebook and MySpace accounts, and allegedly unfolded after a 16-year-old female student and Burnett began sending each other text messages and sexual pictures over their cell phones, according to court records.

On one day alone, Burnett and the student

MEAGAN THOMPSON/
Times-News

A high school student uses her cell phone to send a message during a recent Twin Falls High School basketball game in Twin Falls. With so many students using cell phones and social networking Web sites, area school districts are studying just how to monitor communications between faculty and students.

TEXTING BY THE NUMBERS

740 billion

>>> Estimate by CITA, a wireless trade group, on the number of texts sent by Americans in the first half of 2009.

110 billion

>>> Number of texts Americans sent in December 2008 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That compares to only 48 billion in December 2007.

3,146

>>> Average number of texts teens used per month in 2009 according to the Nielsen Company.

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‘Something went wrong’

Fellow Baptist pastors defend Thompson against Haiti charges

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

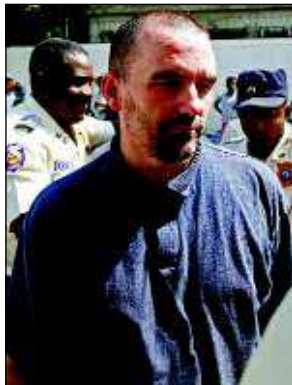
Baptists in south-central Idaho are praying for one of their own one week after a group of missionaries were arrested by Haitian officials and later charged with kidnapping and criminal association.

The charges don't fly, they say, not if you know Paul Thompson, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

Paul Rodriguez, director of Magic Valley Baptist Association, said he's “very disturbed” that Thompson is being held on the criminal charges.

With Thompson in Port-au-Prince is his 19-year-old son Silas, and Steve McMullin, both of Twin Falls and also members of Eastside Baptist Church.

Paul Thompson is known for working closely with the youth in his church and was concerned about homeless children being on the



AP photo

Paul Thompson, 43, of Twin Falls, one of 10 Americans arrested while trying to take 33 children out of Haiti without proper documents, arrives at court in Port-au-Prince on Thursday. The missionaries learned Thursday they will face kidnapping and criminal association charges that could imprison them in Haiti.

INSIDE

Haitian lawyer for jailed U.S. missionaries fired.

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Learning the ropes

Stennett filling husband's Senate seat as he recovers from brain cancer

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — In years past, Michelle Stennett would come to the Capitol and watch her husband, Clint, and other legislators debate issues on the Senate floor.

These days, Sen. Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum, is in her husband's seat for this session as a temporary replacement while he focuses on his recovery from brain cancer.

“I’m not an insider,” she said. “I’m the most rookie person here.”

Though she's the most junior senator in Idaho, Stennett has the benefit of a daily mentor in her husband, now in his eighth term in the Senate.

“We’ve been doing this as a team,” she said.

As a senator, Stennett said she has 34 friends and colleagues who are all helpful, regardless of party affiliation.

“It doesn't matter who,” she said. “Any senator I’ve walked up to has been so polite.”

She said that Idaho's Senate has a collegial atmosphere, despite debates about issues.

“You can disagree about something and walk out and still be friends,” she said.

As a member of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, Stennett voted this week in favor of new state grazing

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Stennett

Activists want makers to come clean on what's actually in cleansers

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It's the mystery under the kitchen sink.

Exactly what's in floor cleaner? What's stain remover made of? And what effects, if any, might they have on human health or the environment?

Environmental advocates want to know, and they asked a court Thursday to use a 1971 New York state law to force such manufacturers as Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive to reveal just what makes up such household staples as Ajax, Ivory soap and Tide.

The cleanser industry — which

recently ramped up voluntary efforts to unveil product ingredients — says that the legal case is unwarranted, and that fears about health risks are misinformed.

But groups including the American Lung Association and

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The environmental group Earth Justice is hoping a New York lawsuit will force Procter & Gamble, manufacturer of these products, to come clean about what's in its household cleaning products.

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Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio

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● Milestone plays for a post-game Super Bowl Party at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. No cover.

● The people of Haiti still need your help. You can donate online at the American Red Cross Web site: www.redcross.org.

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

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Burley traffic stop leads to drug bust

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A traffic stop by a Cassia deputy on Tuesday led to a drug raid Thursday on a Burley residence. During the traffic stop and drug raid four people were arrested and \$1,300 worth of methamphetamine and 10 grams of marijuana were seized.

According to a press release issued by Cassia County Sheriff Randy Kidd a deputy stopped a 2004 Nissan Sentra in the 500 block of Conant Avenue Tuesday, and when a K-9 officer was brought in to search the vehicle the dog indicated the presence of drugs. Officers then searched the car and found 13 grams of meth.

The driver of the car, Stephanie K. Clayton, 45, of Rupert was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and

her passenger Jesse T. Salinas, 32, of Burley was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. The car was seized by the Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force, the release said.

According to the release, as a result of those arrests task force officers were able to receive a warrant for a suspected drug house at 1410 Elba Ave. in Burley. During a search early Thursday morning task force officers arrested Keith S. Nance, 55, of Burley and Steven D. Carter, 40, of Burley for possession of a controlled substance, which was methamphetamine.

During the bust 10 grams of marijuana were found along with methamphetamine residue and a drug pipe, the release said.

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Utah drivers, and other lethal public menaces

There's only one acceptable prejudice left to Idahoans, and that's making fun of Utah drivers. They're terrible, they think they own our roads and they're pretty sure they own Idaho.

So join me, please, in pointing and laughing. I encounter more than my fair share of Utah motorists — or Utah! as their license plates proclaim — because I drive Interstate 84 a lot. Ninety-eight percent of them are speeding.

The other 2 percent are driving 15 mph under the speed limit and straddling the white line because they're gabbing on cell phones.

I have a friend — we grew up on the same street

in Pocatello — who's a Utah Highway Patrol officer. For 30 years, he's worked the Interstate 15 corridor from Salt Lake City to the Idaho border, and I-84 from Tremonton to Snowville.

His observation is that the closer they get to the Idaho state line, the worse Utahns drive.

"My second or third day on the job, I pulled over a car in the Curlew Valley (just south of the Idaho-Utah boundary) that was doing 118 mph," he told me recently. "I didn't know that was possible in

a Rambler."

Native Idahoans — and especially those of us who grew up in southeastern Idaho — have long been of the opinion that Utahns have a colonial view of their neighbors to the north.

"Idaho? How quaint. The place is just brimming with pioneer spirit."

And this isn't a Mormon vs. non-Mormon feud. The harshest critics of Utah drivers are residents of the four Idaho counties that border the Beehive State.

One of the first stories I covered as a young reporter at the Pocatello newspaper was the high-speed chase of a Utah driver from Preston to the Montana state line. That's 189 miles, which I'm sure he covered in about an hour.

During the administrations of Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus and Gov. John Evans, there were signs posted on the state's borders that read "Idaho is too great to litter," with the governor's signature underneath.

Soon after Gov. Phil Batt, Andrus' successor, took office, the signs came down.

I have a friend who was working for the Idaho Transportation Department at the time, and I asked him why.

He shrugged. "Utahns drive so fast that by the time the litter hits the ground, it'll be in Oregon."

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

Thompson

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streets, said Rodriguez, who's known Thompson for about 20 years. Thompson often encouraged families to accept foster children into their homes.

"This thing about trafficking and kidnapping — not Paul. Not Paul. Without a doubt, he had no intentions of trafficking or kidnapping children. Something arose, something went wrong," Rodriguez said.

Thompson was part of a group of 10 missionaries charged Thursday for trying to take 33 children out of Haiti to a hastily arranged refuge just as officials were trying to protect children from predators in the chaos of a great earthquake.

Defense attorney Edwin Coq said the group's leader, Laura Silsby, knew she couldn't take the youngsters without proper paperwork. But he characterized the other nine missionaries as innocents caught up in actions they

didn't understand.

Mark Sjostrom, pastor of Grace Baptist in Twin Falls, said he believes the group went to Haiti with the best of intentions but with poor planning.

"It's possible, and seems quite probable, that Silsby did some things wrong," he said of the group's lead organizer from Meridian. "But clearly, what they've done has nothing to do with human trafficking."

Each of the missionaries is charged with one count of kidnapping, which carries a sentence of five to 15 years in prison, and one of criminal association, punishable by three to nine years.

They had failed to persuade a judge Friday to grant them provisional release pending the outcome of their case. Three more days of hearings are set for this week, starting Monday.

This should be a lesson learned for other congregations, Sjostrom said. Churches should take the time to study and plan before

jumping into relief efforts.

"I think they were foolish in moving so quickly just because of the earthquake," he said. "I think it was done with the best of intentions, but that isn't going to cut it. ... They should have planned better. There needs to be checks and balances."

Rodriguez concurred. "This is a lesson that we need to learn very well," he said. "We need to be more prepared in the future, and make sure that our T's are crossed and our I's are dotted."

The group might have done some things wrong, "but Paul wasn't their leader," said Bill Pyron, a former member of Eastside Baptist.

He and his wife, Eileen, attended the church for about three years before starting Hansen Baptist Fellowship in early 2008. Thompson had commissioned the couple to be missionaries and supported them in their efforts to start their own congregation,

Pyron said.

"We know Paul as a person who is very concerned about the homeless, children, the downtrodden and poor," Pyron said, noting that Thompson's congregation often works with Valley House to provide food and clothing for area needy.

News media, he said, are wrongly portraying his friend.

"They (the reports) are getting blown out of proportion," he said. "I, for one, know that Paul would not do anything that is against the law, such as taking children across the border without proper paper work."

A number of Baptist congregations held prayer services for Thompson on Thursday.

"We're continuing to pray for him and the whole group," Pyron said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report. Andrew Weeks may be reached at 735-3233 or aweeks@magicvalley.com.

Stennett

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rules, after talking with George Bacon, head of the Department of Lands, and becoming convinced that the rule changes could help resolve conflicts that have ended up in the courts.

While not sponsoring personal bills on her own, Stennett is co-sponsoring legislation such as the Democratic-backed Idaho Jobs and Opportunity Blueprint (IJOBS) plan, a package of bills aimed at boosting economic growth

by bringing various benefits for small-business development, and tax incentives for job creation and capital for small businesses.

As an appointed replacement, Stennett said she considers it important to get feedback from constituents in her district.

Stennett said her husband has been off radiation for more than a year and is taking medication and working on getting his immune system built back up.

"It's a very slow process,"

she said. "It's going in the right direction."

Clint Stennett had to sit out the 2009 session because of his illness and also briefly missed part of the 2008 session. He was replaced both times by former Sun Valley mayor Jon Thorson.

Other senators said Michelle Stennett has provided a professional presence in the Senate.

"She's a very bright lady and a great colleague to work with," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "She

doesn't come in with preconceived notions and agendas."

Senate Minority Leader Kate Kelly, D-Boise, echoed that.

"She hit the ground running," Kelly said.

Stennett said she hasn't run into any surprises so far.

"I sort of knew what to expect from watching Clint all these years," she said.

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Cleaners

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the Sierra Club want the public to know more.

Members "want access to the information so they can determine the kind of chemicals that they are introducing into their homes and whether there are any risks associated with them," Keri Powell, an attorney for the environmental firm Earthjustice, told a state judge at a hearing Thursday.

A victory in the New York case would require companies to report their contents only to the state. But the advocates hope it will fuel nationwide reform of regulations on chemicals in cleaners and other products.

The case comes amid growing concerns about potential toxins lurking in consumer goods, from the heavy metal cadmium in jewelry to the chemical bisphenol A in baby bottles. While lawyers argued the cleaning-products case in New York, a Senate subcommittee in Washington held a hearing to examine current science on the public's exposure to toxic chemicals.

Some studies have linked cleaning product components to asthma, antibiotic

"We must be careful about exposures for all household chemicals."

— Joseph A. Gardella Jr., a Sierra Club member

resistance, hormone changes and other health problems. The industry's major trade group, the Soap and Detergent Association, assails the research as flawed, says the products are safe if used correctly and notes that cleaning can itself help stop the spread of disease.

Federal environmental laws don't require most household cleaning products to list their ingredients, though there are congressional proposals to change that. The Consumer Product Safety Commission requires hazard warning labels on some cleansers, and the National Institutes of Health offer some health and safety information for hundreds of cleaning products, drawn from data gathered for industrial use.

Cleanser industry groups unveiled their own ingredient-listing initiative last month, offering information on participating manufacturers' Web sites. New York-based Colgate-Palmolive Co., Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble Co.

and several other industry heavyweights are participating.

"We think we've done it in a meaningful way that provides more information than ever before," Soap and Detergent Association spokesman Brian Sansoni said.

Environmental advocates welcome the disclosures but say they are too selective and vague — some components can be listed simply as "fragrance" or "dye," for instance.

"We must be careful about exposures for all household chemicals," said Joseph A. Gardella Jr., a Sierra Club member from Buffalo.

The activists say only regulation can insure full disclosure, and they hope the New York law can serve as a model.

The law and subsequent regulations authorized the state Department of Environmental Conservation to make manufacturers detail household cleaning products' ingredients, as well as any company-led

research on the products' health and environmental effects.

The DEC, and the companies fighting the lawsuit, say the law allows but doesn't require the agency to collect the data. The companies have said in legal papers they would make the disclosures if required but haven't been officially asked.

"The DEC has never enforced these regulations," John J. Kuster, a lawyer for New York-based Colgate-Palmolive, told the judge Thursday.

The companies — also including Church & Dwight Co. Inc., Procter & Gamble and Reckitt-Benckiser Inc. — asked a state Supreme Court judge to dismiss the case. There's no definite timeframe for a ruling.

Reckitt-Benckiser, a British company with its U.S. headquarters in Parsippany, N.J., makes products including Lysol and Woolite. Princeton, N.J.-based Church & Dwight makes Arm & Hammer cleaners, among other items.

Some other companies have sent ingredient lists to the DEC since Earthjustice and other organizations began asking in 2008.

Legislative humor not defeated by budget woes

A small, black lapel microphone has become something of an unofficial symbol for the state's budget challenges, at least in the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

In JFAC presentations, various agency heads come before the committee, outlining their goals and funding levels to legislators. Those making presentations clip the microphone on before talking.

More often that not, they usually get a friendly reminder from one of the co-chairs of JFAC — Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, or Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome.

Their request to the speakers: Don't walk away with the microphone still clipped on.

After all, they don't have any extras and the state can't really afford to buy another.

"Don't forget about the microphone," Cameron told Idaho State Tax Commission Chairman Royce Chigbrow. "We don't have the money to replace it."

Later in the same day, to Eric Wildman, the 5th District judge overseeing water claims, Bell repeated the reminder.

"We can't afford another

LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK

Ben Botkin

one," she said.

Lawmakers aren't the only ones who use bits of humor to illustrate their budget challenges.

Roger Christensen, chairman of the Catastrophic Health Care Fund Board, alluded to Cameron's mane of dark brown hair when talking about his job on the CAT board.

"When I started, I had a gorgeous head of hair like his," said Christensen, whose hair is sparse in comparison.

Since the hearing, Christensen has told me his take: Cameron has the finest head of hair on the Senate.

Lipstick and lawmakers

In the weekly telephone conference that Magic Valley legislators have with constituents on Friday, lawmakers were asked about a bill that would ban cell-phone use while driving.

The bill would bring a \$75 fine for the offense, but not apply to hands-free cell phones or law enforcement officers and emergency providers.

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READ Capitol Confidential, a blog about politics by Ben Botkin.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, jokingly brought up a possible amendment that the bill may face.

"There's a coalition of us men that want to add cosmetics to it," he said.

After the laughter died down, Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls, said Smith's joke still points to a broader question: Many tasks other than using a cell phone are dangerous while driving. Should they all be regulated?

too, Coiner said.

"We've got to all look at every nickel we're spending," he said.

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Young named Wendell police chief

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Eight years after retiring from law enforcement, Ken Young was clamoring to get back into uniform.

Young, 56, now has that chance, as he fills the vacancy created when former Wendell police chief Kirtus Gaston resigned in December.

The Wendell City Council considered recommendations from Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough, Gooding Police Chief Jeff Perry and various business people before Young was appointed during Thursday's council meeting. The appointment was met with unanimous council support.

Young said he was excited to work for "such a good community"

Young spent 23 years with the Las Vegas Metro Police Department, retiring in April 2001 as a lieutenant. According to a background investigation conducted by

Gough for the city, Young was involved in an on-duty traffic accident in 1981, which resulted in a small reprimand. Young was otherwise praised for meeting or exceeding department standards, Gough said.

During his tenure with Las Vegas police, Young supervised at least 50 patrol cars per shift, in a department of more than 5,000 employees.

Gough indicated in a letter to the city, dated Feb. 2, that he personally knows Young.

"In his short time as a resident Gooding County, Ken has managed to build very good rapport and reputation within the community," Gough stated. "I personally believe Ken's 23 years of law enforcement experience with the last 15 years as a supervisor will bring the skills needed to make the citizens of Wendell proud of their police department."

After the appointment Mayor Brad Christopherson took a moment to thank

Deputy Chief Jeff Lenker, "for stepping up and keeping things running in the police department."

Young told the Times-News that some of his time with Las Vegas police was spent policing smaller communities within Clark County, Nev.

"I spent 2 1/2 years with a residential officer program serving small communities. The city police can't do everything and the program help fill those gaps," Young said. "I'm just looking forward to serving again."

"Even though I was a general contractor these past years the interaction with people is different as a police officer and I'm excited. I really missed working with people and enjoy the public service."

As chief, Young will earn \$47,500 annually, Christopherson said, and will oversee five employees and a \$400,000 annual budget.

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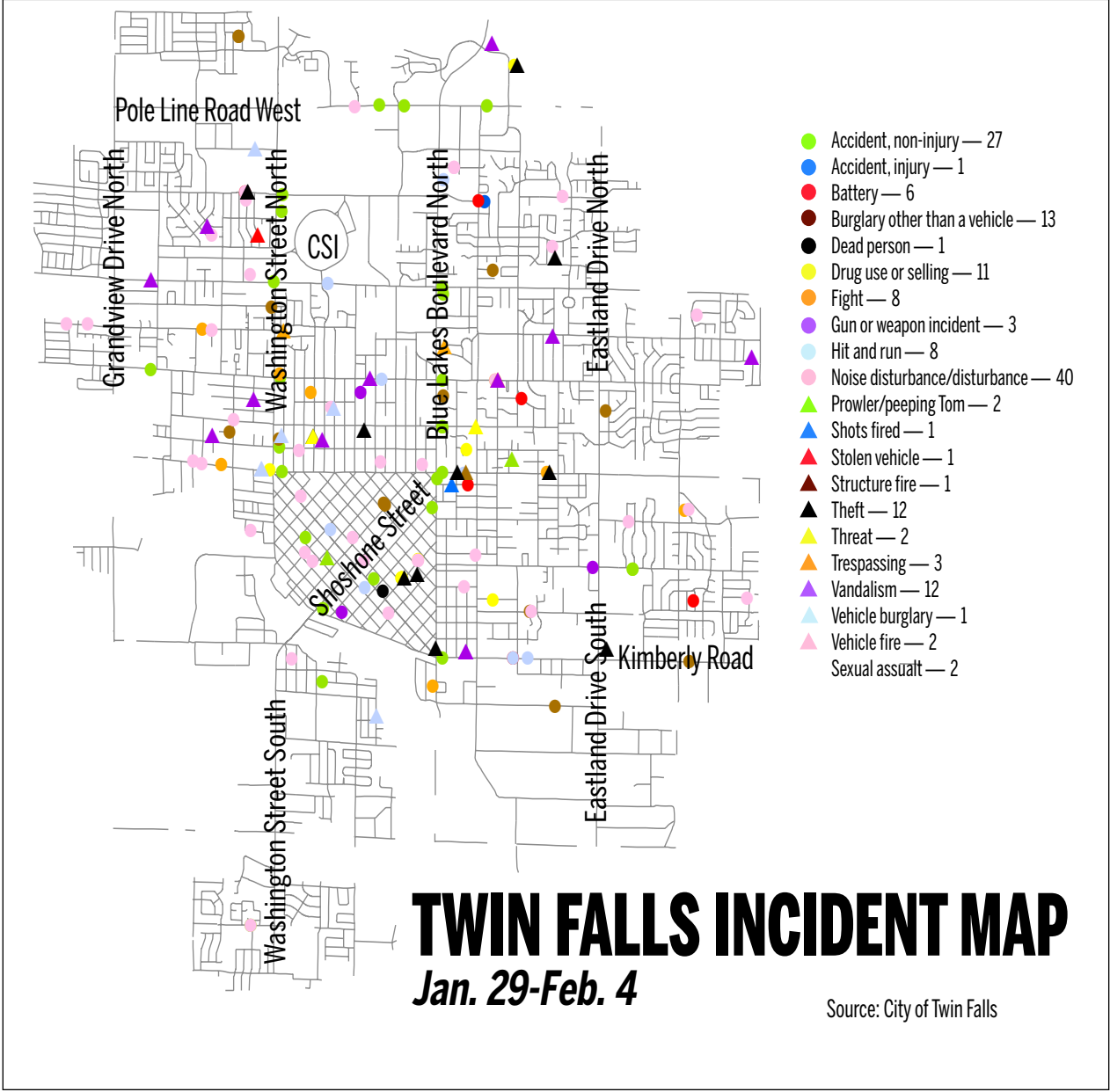
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North Valley plans Gibbons open house

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

North Valley Academy charter school has moved into its new building in Gooding and invites the public to attend an open-house tour from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 25.

NVA purchased the Gibbons Building from the Gooding School District — which had most recently been used as an alternative high school — for \$685,000 late last year.

An additional \$100,000 was borrowed for painting, electrical and plumbing updates, asbestos removal and mold abatement. Kitchen and cafeteria restoration is being completed with another \$100,000 from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

The school currently serves 250 K-12 students and anticipates an additional 25 to 40 students in the fall. Bus rides are also available to students from Jerome and Wendell.

Many people in the community have expressed concern about the charter's role.

“It appears that we may be able to peacefully coexist, after all.

— **North Valley Academy board chairwoman Deby Infanger on the school and the public school in Gooding**

Deby Infanger, the board chairwoman, addressed the issue.

“Our high school expansion has been slow and mostly out of district, which has helped us to manage the growth and kept the Gooding School District from feeling much impact,” Infanger said. “It appears that we may be able to peacefully coexist, after all.

“That is my hope. Charter schools were intended to be incubators for new ideas. We have tried to offer curriculum and extra-curricular choices not offered in neighboring districts ... We will always be small, by design.”

Open enrollment for fall 2010 started last month and ends March 31.

Texting

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allegedly exchanged more than 250 text messages, and the student told police that the contact began after she obtained Burnett's cell phone number to “text him a funny joke,” court records state.

The Cassia County School Board passed new policies on Jan. 26 prohibiting “sexting” — sending text or pictures of a sexually explicit nature by cell phone — as well as “cyberbullying” on phones and the Internet.

“The prohibition (on sexting/cyberbullying) extends not only to actions taking place on school grounds but also actions originating at a remote location and carried out via any technology,” the new Cassia County policy states. Violations can lead to termination or expulsion.

Burnett, 28, is scheduled to be arraigned in Cassia County District Court on March 2.

Not far away in Gooding County, former Bliss High School social studies teacher Anna Bettencourt became a convicted felon after admitting to sexual battery of a minor for having sex with an underage student.

Bettencourt, 40, was sent to a retained jurisdiction program. She admitted in court records to soliciting the boy for sex and “text flirting” with him. Since Bettencourt's conviction, Bliss School District has not passed any new policies related to cell phones, confirmed Superintendent Kevin Lancaster.

Some parents, school officials and prosecutors say teachers should not be texting, e-mailing, Twittering or instant messaging their students at all, as it can lead to misconduct or misunderstanding.

“I don't think teachers should be giving their (cellular) numbers to students. It puts them in a bad situation,” said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb.

“You're responsible for texts you're sending and getting.”

Stopping short of actually prohibiting remote communication, the Twin Falls School District does not allow teachers to e-mail students at all from personal accounts.

“Understand that not only the student but community members see what you post,” the district is telling teachers about social networking Web sites in a PowerPoint-style presentation provided by spokeswoman Beth Pendergrass. “Keep it clean and appropriate. You represent the Twin Falls School District. Unprofessional postings or ‘digital dirt’ can negatively affect employees ... and is grounds for disciplinary action.”

The district advises teachers to be careful when talking with students remotely. The district itself has joined the social networking boom, with addresses on Facebook

and Twitter. Despite potential pitfalls the sites can present, Pendergrass says the district's Facebook page has been a positive, free way for the district to connect with the world online.

“A majority of our friends at this point are staff members, a few students and a few parents,” said Pendergrass. “It is one more way of getting information out. I have yet to experience any downsides associated with social networking.”

The Cassia County School District discussed joining Facebook last month, and received an interactive tour of the site to learn how to use it during a recent board meeting.

“We'd be foolish to ignore something the majority of our patrons are using,” said school board member Debbie Critchfield.

Students and teachers can “friend” each other on Facebook, as local school policies don't prohibit the process, which allows members to interact with other members and access content they post.

The Twin Falls School District is taking out much of the guesswork for teachers opting to be “friends” with their students on Facebook.

“Keep all conversations with students school-related and generic,” the district is telling teachers. “Avoid excess messaging with students.”

The district uses the phrase “I missed you in class today” as an example of what not to say, because its meaning can be misconstrued. More appropriate would be to say



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Preston Miller, 15, and Clayton Miller, 11, of Jerome work on a 4-H pizza fundraiser with their mother and other group members on Jan. 29 in Twin Falls. The boys said they use text messages as a way to communicate with family or friends. Their mother, Lara Miller, said the cell phones are an easy way for the family to keep in touch. 'Mom and Dad can see their phone at any moment,' she said.

“tryouts for cheerleading will be tomorrow,” according to the school district.

In Jerome, Miller said that he talks to some of his teachers on his cell phone outside school, especially one coach. “I talk to him a fair amount outside of school.”

But Miller's mom, Lara, said she thinks teachers should try and refrain from texting students and is aware of her son's communications.

“Mom and Dad can see their phone at any moment,” she said about her family's rule. “Sometimes you do have to make sure you read it first before they have a chance to delete it.”

And that's exactly how one local dad protected his child from drugs. According to court records, 21-year-old Kenneth Noakes of Jerome is

charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

In that case, an area lawyer called police after confiscating his child's cell phone because he suspected his child was using drugs.

Messages to the child allegedly sent by Noakes included “hey I found some acid too,” court records show. Police used the phone to text Noakes, setting up a meeting in a parking lot where he was arrested, allegedly in possession of marijuana, ecstasy and psilocybin mushrooms.

Miller said there have been times when he has received inappropriate messages and said students can misuse their phones by “telling people other things that they heard, rumors, or pictures, forwards, everything.”

Some students are also using their cell phones to cheat, by texting answers to peers on cell phones in their pockets. Miller says that this

happens “all the time.”

Smyer is aware of this mode of cheating and said “we want policies to not be so intrusive and cumbersome that they're difficult to enforce. We want to create a deterrent.”

Miller's mother thinks phones should not be prohibited on school buses, and she thinks teachers should not use their phones in classrooms. “I've seen teachers texting right in front of me when I'm in a parent-teacher conference.”

Area school district officials said elementary students are toting cell phones to school also but couldn't provide numbers for how many.

At least for Miller's youngest son, Clayton, 11, the phone has not gotten as much use as his brother's.

“He's always losing it,” said older brother Preston. “He doesn't keep track of it very good.”

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Woodside Elementary School physical education teacher Craig Eastop, dressed as a cheetah in an alpaca robe, applauds students as they walk the final laps in their walk to cover the distance to Whistler, British Columbia, at the Hailey school.

AN OLYMPIC TREK

Hailey students cover distance to Vancouver, beyond

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — While 2,800 Olympic athletes are on their way to Vancouver, British Columbia, 300 students at Woodside Elementary School in Hailey have already arrived.

One loop at a time around the school's fifth-mile course, the students finished covering the distance from Hailey to Vancouver Friday morning and then continued walking to Whistler, British Columbia, as part of a four-week program to beat playground winter boredom and get healthy.

They started walking on Jan. 15 on the oval track that maintenance staff had plowed in the fields west of the school. They continued their walk each Friday thereafter, with their teachers, some community members and Jamie Ellison's special education class from the high school,

"It was a big challenge. But I thought we could do it because we were all walking together," said student McKenna Nelson.

The older students calculated that it was about 900 miles from Woodside Elementary to Whistler, going by way of Mountain Home, Boise, Baker

City, Ore., Seattle and Bellingham, Wash., said physical education teacher Craig Eastop.

Students were given Olympic tokens each time they made a lap around the track, and the older students calculated how many miles they had walked after each outing.

Their reward for achieving their walk to Whistler will be a high-energy Leader of the Pack assembly on Feb. 12, the day of the Opening Ceremonies at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games. Students will get to dress up like their favorite Olympian — Nelson, for instance, is trying to decide between a swimmer and a snowmobiler. And the school is bringing in an Olympian ice skater to share a few thoughts about the Olympics.

Student Alvaro Hurtado said he was happy to have participated in the walk: "It helped me build muscle," he said.

"I liked it because we got to talk to friends and walk," added Estefani Ambriz.

Nelson says she has a vested interest in the Olympics now: "I can't wait to watch them on TV!"

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Big turnout at Agri Action

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

The economy might have tanked but you never would have noticed at the Agri Action 2010, the largest agricultural showcase in the northwestern United States.

Several thousand people packed the College of Southern Idaho's Eldon Evans Expo Center on Saturday checking out the big boy toys, which ranged from pickups to large farm implements.

The annual trade fair showcases agricultural-related equipment, products and services, pickups and larger vehicles to the dairymen, farmers and ranchers of southern Idaho and surrounding areas.

Along with local truck and farm equipment dealers that come annually, several exhibitors that were new this year ventured to Twin Falls from Nevada, Oregon, Montana, Washington and Wyoming.

The three-day event began Thursday morning and continued through Saturday.

"I've got four or five good leads," said Jim Calhoun, salesman at Rob Green Auto Group. "You never sell something right here, but you get some good exposure," he said.

"It's been pretty steady during the daytime," said Bob Wildman, manager of Twin Falls Tractor & Implement Company. "They like to come and look and make contact at a later date. It's a good place for people to see what we have available."

"Generally, we don't sell a lot out of this show, but we make lots of contacts," said Wildman, an annual participant.

Magic Valley Mini Trucks owner LaVergne Fairchild estimated the turnout at about the same as last year.

A lot of people stopped



DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News

John Hatfield, front, and Ben Hatfield, right, tour the Agri Action 2010 show Saturday at CSI's Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls.

"This year has been really busy,"

Scott Besancon, representing KMVT, who sponsored the event

to look at the Suzuki Mini Truck with the right side steering wheel Fairchild had on display.

She said she wasn't making sales at the show but she invited people to visit her dealership on U.S. Highway 93 in Jerome County and test drive the three-cylinder, four-wheel drive utility trucks that get about 50 miles per gallon.

Neuhoff Communications Group, the parent company of KMVT-TV, has sponsored the event for all of its 33 years.

"Last year was really huge. This year has been really busy," said Scott Besancon, representing KMVT.

He said the 2009 turnout was between 6,000 and 7,000 people and it appeared

that this year's event was at or above that level of attendance.

Patrons paid a \$1 admission or donated two nonperishable food items. A portion of the proceeds benefited a CSI program that works with older nontraditional students reentering college. Food donations benefitted South Central Community Action Partnership.

"It's a good split between funds that go to CSI and the food bank," Besancon said.

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Jerome URA OK's 200 South improvements

By John Plestina
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency board authorized improvements on Thursday for 200 South Road near Walmart due to safety concerns related to increased traffic.

The roadway is within the urban renewal area and several businesses relocated there due to efforts of the agency.

URA administrator Scott Bybee said \$80,000 had been budgeted to add two to three feet of new asphalt along both sides of 200 South but complete repaving, at a cost of \$300,000 to \$400,000, is needed to make the road safer.

The consensus of the board was that complete resurfacing is the better option for both safety and to avoid future liability. The city has faced tort claims due to the poor condition of the road.

The board voted to pursue a cost estimate before its March meeting.

The board also voted to pursue a reconstruction cost estimate of the railroad crossing at 200 South in conjunction with the road reconstruction.

“There are some bad pot-holes on either side,” Bybee said. “It would be a perfect time to do that.”

He said the ideal situation would be an underpass but the cost would be between \$2 million and \$3 million, putting it out of the URA's reach.

The board also voted to pursue an extension of an existing walking and bicycle path and a study to develop a mini park in the same construction area.

In other business, the URA approved a \$92,265 contract extension for a feasibility study of pretreatment for industrial wastewater from Idaho Milk Products, Jerome Cheese and Darigold in an effort to free up capacity at the sewage treatment plant.

Bybee said the project is needed partly because he expects the three companies to expand in the future and he said there are other milk products companies interested in building in Jerome, but did not elaborate further.

Bybee called the feasibility study “staying ahead of the curve.”

In another matter, the URA authorized the expenditure of \$51,300 to install a HAWK Beacon crosswalk signal at the intersection of South Lincoln Street and Avenue I. The HAWK Beacon only lights up when a pedestrian activates it by pressing a button, causing a yellow light to appear followed by a red light to stop traffic.

The city is considering installing a HAWK Beacon to allow pedestrians to safely cross the intersection of North Lincoln and 10th streets, near Summit Elementary School and Jerome Middle School.

The cost is significantly lower than what the city was considering for the crossing because the Idaho Department of Transportation is donating poles and street lighting for the URA South Lincoln project.

The Jerome City Council has not yet made a decision on the North Lincoln signal.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY Friday arraignments Dennis D. Peterson, 42, Buhl; domestic battery, Feb. 23 pretrial, \$100 bond, not-guilty plea, public defender appointed Evan Young, 24, Filer; driving under the influence, Feb. 12 preliminary hearing, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed Evan Young, 24, Filer; driving without privileges, no insurance,	Feb. 23 pretrial, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, not-guilty plea Todd D. Smith, 41, homeless; driving under the influence, public defender appointed, not-guilty plea, Feb. 23 pretrial, \$150 bond Juan Carlos Lizarraga, 23, Buhl; injury to a child, Feb. 12 preliminary hearing, walk-in arraignment, private counsel
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Tea Party founders mull next step for Idaho group

By Dan Popkey
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — When the Idaho Tea Party movement began a year ago, three people were present, protesting federal bailouts at Boise's Capitol Park.

Motorists honked, a few stopped to chat. An unknown man grabbed a picket sign, making a quartet. At the time, many dismissed tea partyers as nutballs hyped up on too much Fox News who would soon crawl back under rocks.

The pundits and politicians got it wrong.

The first Boise event led to an April 15 march that brought 2,500 people to the same spot. At least nine groups have been formed across Idaho, including Tea Party Boise, which claims 2,000 members.

On Wednesday, two of the original Idaho protesters flew to Nashville for the first national Tea Party convention. Brendan Smythe is a co-

founder of Tea Party Boise. A draftsman in Eagle and father of four, he will be among 600 delegates at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. His wife, Michele, who also was at the Feb. 27, 2009, protest, will join him.

Tea Party Boise has its roots in late-night kitchen table conversations between Jim Escobar and Brendan Smythe. Neither had been politically active, but the rise in government debt during both the Bush and Obama administrations left them fearing for their children's futures.

“For me to finally stand up and do something, I knew that meant the movement had clout,” said Escobar, 30, an Idaho native and architect in Meridian who is married to Michele Smythe's sister, Kristin. He was the third protester at the original event.

Smythe and Escobar were soon joined by Al Trees and Tom Lehman to form a core group that organized two

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Palin speaks at national Tea Party convention.

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more protests before the big April 15 event. But the core has since changed. Trees has left the movement, and Lehman is taking a short leave because of a new job and baby. Escobar has decided to take a break from politics to focus on work and a new baby, his fourth.

Smythe, who moved from California in 2005, always thought of himself as a Republican. But he came to believe the party wasn't representing his fiscally conservative views, the proof being big spending while Republicans controlled Congress and the 2008 Bush bailout.

“When you're a capitalist and you do something wrong, you need to fail and go away,” Smythe said.

Tea partyers are debating whether to form a third party, back independent candidates or support reform of the GOP. Smythe says he's not ready to play his cards — a Tea Party Boise survey will help decide that soon.

But he's wary of the third course.

“We have a lack of trust for both parties, any parties, and well we should,” he said.

Smythe's goal is to keep elected officials honest, an effort Tea Party Boise will take on with a new accountability Web site.

“When we vote for these guys, they turn back on their word,” he said.

Two featured speakers at the Nashville convention have backed out: Republican Reps. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota and Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee. Blackburn withdrew after learning the convention's organizer was a for-profit corporation and charging delegates \$549 each.

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By Frank Bajak and Michelle Faul
Associated Press writers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The Haitian lawyer for 10 U.S. Baptists charged with child kidnapping tried to bribe the missionaries’ way out of jail and has been fired, the attorney who hired him said Saturday night.

The Haitian lawyer, Edwin Coq, denied the allegation. He said the \$60,000 he requested from the Americans’ families was his fee.

Jorge Puello, the attorney in the neighboring Dominican Republic retained by relatives of the 10 American missionaries after their arrest last week, told The Associated Press that he fired Coq on Friday night. He had hired Coq to represent the detainees at Haitian legal proceedings.

Coq orchestrated “some kind of extortion with government officials” that would have led to the release of nine of the 10 missionaries,



Laura Silsby, 40, center, and Charisa Coulter, 24, left, both of Meridian, are escorted out of the court building in Port-au-Prince, Thursday after they and eight others were charged with child kidnapping and criminal association.

Puello charged.

“He had some people inside the court that asked him for money, and he was part of this scheme,” Puello said.

Coq denied the requested \$60,000 payment amounted to a bribe.

“I have worked for 10 peo-

ple for four days working all hours,” he said. “Look at what hour I’m working now, responding to these calls. I have the right to this money?”

INSIDE

For Haiti’s orphans, earthquake only increased desperate situation.

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On Friday, Coq had told the AP that he was working for no fee.

Puello said Coq initially requested \$10,000 but kept asking for bigger and bigger amounts. He said that when Coq reached \$60,000, he said he could guarantee it would lead to the Americans’ release.

A magistrate charged the group’s members Thursday with child kidnapping and criminal association for trying to take 33 children out of earthquake-ravaged Haiti without the proper documents.

The Americans said they were a humanitarian mission to rescue orphans after Haiti’s catastrophic Jan. 12 quake.

But at least 20 of the chil-

dren had living parents. Some told the AP they gave the kids to the group because the missionaries promised to educate them at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic and said they would allow parents to visit.

Coq said Thursday that the group’s leader, Laura Silsby of Meridian, deceived the others by telling them she had the proper documents to remove the children from Haiti.

Puello raised similar concerns. He told the AP that he warned Silsby on Friday, the day the group was detained at the border, that she lacked the required papers and risked being arrested for child trafficking.

Asked if Silsby had deceived the other nine Baptists in assuring them she had the proper papers, Puello said, “I believe that is true.”

He referred further questions on that issue to Sean Lankford, also of Meridian and the husband and father of two of the jailed missionaries.

Ex-inmate gets \$2.9M judgment for serving too much time in prison

SODA SPRINGS (AP) — Officials in Caribou County in eastern Idaho say they will file a motion to set aside a \$2.92 million judgment against the county obtained by a man who spent an extra five years in prison due to a clerical error.

Lalo Girardo Hernandez recently obtained a default judgment after Caribou County failed to respond so his civil suit within the specified time period.

Caribou County Prosecutor Gregg Haney said the judgment will be quickly appealed and he’s confident it will be set aside because the civil suit by Hernandez was improperly filed.

“We expect that motion to set it aside to be filed in the next week to 10 days,” Haney told the Idaho State Journal. “We’re confident it will be set aside. If this sitting judge in Ada County doesn’t set it aside, we’ll appeal him. For \$3 million, we’ll take it all the way to the Idaho Supreme Court.”

Haney said the judgment should be overturned because an action called a service of process needed to be done on a county commissioner or county clerk, rather than the deputy clerk. Haney said the document was never brought to the attention of the county clerk or the commissioners.

He also said the county shouldn’t be held responsible anyway.

“We have a real defense,” Haney said. “What affirmative duty did we breach? Yes, there was an error in the original order of conviction. It was found out about, it was remedied and an amended order was sent to Department of Corrections and that was the last involvement our county had with the situation. We don’t know what happened then.”

Hernandez was sentenced to one year of home confinement and one year of prison in 1998 following a conviction for felony possession of a controlled substance.

However, a different case number was applied to the sentence received by Hernandez. Haney said that was corrected by Judge Don Harding in 1998, but not by the state Board of Corrections.

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TAXES SPECIAL EDITION

Editor's note: Congress approved hundreds of changes to tax laws in 2009 — some that could increase individual refunds by more than a thousand dollars. But knowing how to use them is complicated.

The Times-News' Taxes Special Edition is a three-week series that gives readers insight into these changes.

I WANT YOU TO LEARN WHAT'S NEW IN TAXES



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There are hundreds of changes to individual and business tax returns for 2009 — what you don't know, can hurt you

By Carole Feldman
Associated Press writer

More forms to file. New and expanded credits and deductions.

When taxpayers sit down to file their 2009 returns, they will find plenty new — some the result of adjusting for inflation, and others changes passed by Congress last year to try to bring the country out of recession.

“Depending on their individual situation, there could be good news and there could be bad news,” said Amy McAnarney, executive director of the Tax Institute at H&R Block.

Some things affect all taxpayers. The

personal exemption, for example, has increased, to \$3,650 each for the taxpayer and dependents, up \$150 from 2008.

And tax brackets have been adjusted upward by about 5 percent since 2008, said Greg Rosica, tax partner at Ernst & Young and a contributing author to the “Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2010.” That means you might not jump to a higher tax bracket if you earned more.

“Certainly there are benefits there for all taxpayers,” said Rosica. “There are ones that span the entire income spectrum out there.”

Others revisions are more likely to affect low- and moderate-income workers.

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— Greg Rosica, tax partner with Ernst & Young and a contributing author to the “Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2010”

Roth IRA conversions available for everybody — but aren't for everyone

Usually when Washington gives you a tax break with one hand, they take something else away with the other — leaving you to decide which is better. That's certainly the case with new rules making it easier to convert your regular IRA account to a Roth IRA. This could be a great opportunity for you, but it's not a slam-dunk.

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Why is this such a hot button issue this tax season? The revision is somewhat complicated and it can be used as an after year-end tax planning tool because you can contribute to your IRA's until April 15th and still capture benefits for your 2009 taxes.

This is to help you decide if you should investigate it further.

Under current law, there are two kinds of IRAs. The regular IRA lets you deduct contributions today, and defer tax on your funds until you withdraw them. The Roth IRA, on the other hand, offers no up-front deduction, but allows you to take money tax-free during retirement. And there are no required minimum distributions as with regular IRAs.

Prior to 2010, you could convert your regular IRA to a Roth IRA, if your income was under \$100,000. However, as of Jan. 1, 2010, you can convert regardless of how much money you earn.

What's the catch?

You have to pay the tax on the full amount you convert now by either splitting it up into 2011 and 2012 or paying it all at once in 2010.

If the tax you pay to convert today is less than the tax you would pay to withdraw the money tomorrow, it makes sense. But deciding isn't as easy as you might think — who knows where tax rates will be tomorrow?

Even calculating the actual tax you'll pay to convert today is harder than it looks. You can't just assume that you'll pay your regular marginal rate. That's because you take the full amount you convert and add it to the rest of your income. And that has ripple effects to consider — like phasing out itemized deductions and personal exemptions, subjecting Social Security benefits to tax, and even pushing yourself into a higher tax bracket.

In addition, these new Roth IRA conversion provisions may even pose benefits for conversion of monies held within certain qualified retirement plans.

Bottom line: this is not a do-it-yourself calculation. So if you're curious about this opportunity at all, don't make an expensive mistake you can avoid. Your tax adviser can provide the details.

Todd Wadsworth is a CPA, CVA, and Partner with Cooper Norman Certified Public Accountants.

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General tips from the Internal Revenue Service as the filing season begins. >>> BUSINESS 2

Changes

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Income limits for the earned income tax credit have been raised and there's a new category — families with three or more children. The Internal Revenue Service says one in six taxpayers claim the credit.

Still other changes affect those at higher income levels. The exemption for the alternative minimum tax has been increased once again, this time to \$70,950 for joint returns and \$46,700 for individuals. If your income is higher than these amounts, you could be subject to the AMT tax.

These changes are among those that happen every year, to keep taxes in line with inflation. But there are a host of other revisions, new for 2009, that will make filing your tax return this year a little more complicated.

For one thing, the standard deduction for taxpayers who don't itemize has become a little less standard.

The standard deduction itself has increased, to \$11,400 for married couples filing jointly, \$5,700 for individuals and \$8,350 for heads of household. As before, it is even bigger if you are blind or 65 or over.

But new this year, you can take more of a standard deduction if you paid state or local real estate taxes, bought a new car and paid sales or excise taxes and met the income limits, or were a victim of a federally declared disaster.

If you choose to increase your standard deduction by one or more of these items, you'll have to file a new form Schedule L. Otherwise, you can just enter the standard deduction on Form 1040.

The three deductions — for state or local real estate taxes, sales or excise taxes on new car purchases or net disaster losses — also can be taken by people who itemize.

There are expanded tax credits for home purchases and education. And a tax credit for making your home more energy efficient has been reinstated.

Tax experts caution people to be careful that they're claiming every deduction and credit to which they're entitled. A credit reduces the amount of tax you owe; a deduction reduces the income on which taxes are assessed.

You're likely already receiving the benefit of the Making Work Pay credit under the stimulus bill that Congress passed last year. However, you may have to pay a portion back if you're a married couple and both spouses work, or if you have more than one job. If you're a low- or moderate-income worker, you might have some money due to you. A new form, Schedule M, will have to be filed to claim the credit.

"Each year carries with it changes in the tax law. It's important that people understand what has changed in their personal situation," Rosica said.

Did you get married or have a baby? Did you buy or sell stock? Did you inherit money, property or other goods?

Jeff Schnepfer, MSN Money tax expert, recommends that people sit down with a tax professional at least once every three years to review their life changes and financial situation.

"First of all, it's deductible," he said. "Second of all, if you're not a professional, you don't know the minutiae. You don't know all the things you can do right and you don't know all the things you're about to do wrong."

Experts point to common mistakes that people make, which could delay a refund.

According to the Ernst & Young tax guide, some of these errors are mathematical. Others involve omission — like failing to include your Social Security number or those of your dependents. Make sure you pick the correct filing status — head of household or surviving spouse vs. single, for example. And don't forget to sign your return.

Last year, the IRS received more than 141 million tax returns. Of those, about 70 percent were filed electronically. More than 110 million filers were due refunds, averaging \$2,753 each.

The IRS encourages people to file electronically, saying it reduces errors and enables people to get their refunds more quickly. People who file electronically and use direct deposit can get their refunds as soon as 10 days after they file.

This year, the agency estimates that it will take taxpayers using form 1040 an average 21.4 hours to complete their taxes. That includes record keeping, tax planning, and completing and filing the return. The more complicated your return, the more time it will take to complete it.

One major thing that taxpayers will find different this year is the homebuyer tax credit.

"It's already gone through three iterations," said Mark Luscombe, principal analyst for CCH's tax and accounting group.

In 2008, the credit was actually an interest-free, long-term loan. For people who purchased a home in 2009, the credit is a true credit — it only has to be paid back if you stop using the home as your principal residence within three years of purchase. The credit is \$8,000 for first-time homebuyers, defined as those who haven't owned a home in the last three years.

Congress also added a credit for long-time homeowners who purchase a new principal residence — \$6,500. To qualify, a homebuyer would have had to live at least five years in a previously owned home.

There are income limitations for both.

There also is an expanded credit for college education.

The new American opportunity credit provides a maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student for each of the first four years of college. The Hope credit that the new credit replaces temporarily covered only the first two years and for most people was smaller. To be eligible, taxpayers would have to pay \$4,000 or more in tuition, fees and course materials.

The credit, which phases out at higher incomes, is 40 percent refundable. "This means that even people who owe no tax can get an annual payment of the credit up to \$1,000 for each eligible student," the IRS said.

What about those students who take more than four years to finish college? "If you're in your fifth year, you're out of luck," Luscombe said.

However, there is another credit — the lifetime learning credit — that may be available for students in their fifth or sixth year of college, or in graduate school.

Other changes include the reinstatement of the credit for making your home more energy efficient. The maximum credit has increased, to \$1,500 for \$5,000 in expenditures on things like insulation, storm windows or an energy efficient furnace.

For people who lost jobs, the first \$2,400 in unemployment benefits is not taxable.

To benefit from most of the tax breaks, you would have had to take action before the end of 2009. But there are a couple of exceptions.

You still might be able to claim the homebuyer credit if you have a signed contract by April 30.

And, if at the end of the day you find you owe the IRS money or want a bigger refund, you may be able to contribute to an individual retirement account until April 15 and take a deduction on your 2009 taxes.

If you're covered by a plan at work, you may be able to deduct a contribution of \$5,000 — \$6,000 if you're at least 50 — if your modified adjusted gross income is less than \$65,000 if you're filing as an individual, or \$109,000 if you're married filing jointly.

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- **Maximizing breaks** — If you thought you had the tax laws figured out, guess again. Every year, Congress makes changes. Make sure you are claiming all the deductions and credits to which you are entitled.
- **Unique to '09** — Home buyer tax credits, energy efficiency credits and education. These are new or expanded credits that could increase your refund.
- **Free tax prep** — The AARP will continue to host several free tax preparation sites in Magic Valley. Find out where they are in your community.

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- **Looking ahead** — It's not too early to start thinking about your 2010 taxes. Some of the credits and deductions put in place last year will continue. Others won't. And there are some new things to consider.
- **Estate planning** — The changes to the capital gains tax may have reduced the amount you pay on the sale of your estate, but it also means your inheritors will pay a hefty price.

Important numbers as you prepare to file your 2009 tax return

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Personal exemption:

- Each personal or dependent exemption is now worth \$3,650, up \$150 from 2008.

Standard deduction:

- **\$11,400 for married couples** filing a joint return, and qualifying widows and widowers.
- **\$5,700 for singles and married individuals** filing separate returns.
- **\$8,350 for heads** of household.
- **You may be able to claim** a higher standard deduction if you are 65 or older, blind, paid state or local real estate taxes or sales or excise taxes on a new vehicle, or were a victim of a federally declared disaster.

Long-term capital gains taxes:

- **0 percent** if taxed in the 10 percent to 15 percent brackets.
- **15 percent** maximum for taxpayers in higher brackets.

Home buyer credit:

- **Up to \$8,000 for first-time homebuyers** for purchases made through April 30, 2010.

- **Up to \$6,500 for long-time homeowners** for purchases made between Nov. 7, 2009 and April 30, 2010.

- **To qualify, the home must be used** as a primary residence. The credit begins phasing out for married couples filing jointly with modified adjusted gross incomes above \$225,000 and for individuals with incomes above \$125,000.

Alternative minimum tax exemption:

- **\$70,950 for a married couple** filing a joint return, and qualifying widows and widowers.
- **\$35,475 for a married person** filing separately.
- **\$46,700 for singles and heads** of household.

Energy efficiency credit:

- **30 percent of the cost** of installing energy-efficient windows or doors, air conditioners or furnaces, or other energy-saving improvements, up to a maximum \$1,500.

American Opportunity Credit:

- **Up to \$2,500 to cover college tuition,** fees and required course materials.

The IRS actually wants to help you

Handy tips from the government to easily file your taxes

Times-News staff and wire reports

Some tips from the Internal Revenue Service as the tax filing season begins:

- **Gather the documents** you need to file your returns, including W-2 and 1099 forms and receipts and canceled checks for any deductions or credits you may claim.
- **Consider how you will fill out**

your tax forms. Will you do it yourself, use tax preparation software, go to a professional tax preparer, or seek help at an IRS office or volunteer site?

- **Check and double-check** your return for mistakes.
- **Check out the tax resources** on www.irs.gov. The IRS specifically points to Publication 17, which it says is "a comprehensive collection of information for taxpayers highlight-

ing everything you'll need to know when filing your return." IRS customer service can be reached by phone at 800-829-1040.

- **File electronically** and use direct deposit. You'll get your refund sooner. If your income is \$57,000 or less, you may be eligible for Free File, an IRS partnership with 20 tax software companies that provides free tax preparation software and electronic filing.

Macmillan books coming back to Amazon

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — After a weeklong absence, new copies of Andrew Young's "The Politician," Hilary Mantel's "Wolf Hall" and other books published by Macmillan are available for purchase on Amazon.com.

Since last Friday, Amazon had limited the availability of Macmillan releases in a dispute over e-books, with Macmillan calling for a new pricing system that would end the \$9.99 rate Amazon had been setting for best-sellers on its Kindle e-reader. Macmillan and other publishers believe \$9.99 is too low and threatens the value of books overall.

During the dispute, Amazon had stopped offering new copies and e-book editions of many Macmillan titles, allowing purchases only through third-party sellers.

Amazon, where new copies of Macmillan books were returning Friday night, had announced last week it expected to "capitulate and accept Macmillan's terms because Macmillan has a monopoly over their own titles, and we will want to offer them to you even at prices we believe are needlessly high for e-books."

On Thursday, Macmillan

CEO John Sargent had issued a memo saying a resolution was probably near. Macmillan's authors include Janet Evanovich, Jonathan Franzen, Barbara Ehrenreich and its imprints include Farrar, Straus & Giroux, St. Martin's Press and Henry Holt & Co.

Under Macmillan's model, known as the "agency model," e-books will be priced from \$12.99 to \$14.99 when first released, with prices changing over time. Macmillan and other publishers are widely believed to have agreed to a similar structure for Apple's iPad device, coming in March and expected to strongly challenge Amazon's dominance of the growing digital market.

Hachette Book Group USA, where authors include Stephenie Meyer and Malcolm Gladwell, announced Thursday its support for the agency model, which gives publishers more control over pricing.

The new revenue sharing system will likely reduce initial profits for publishers, but publishers, authors and agents believe that setting a higher price benefits the industry in the long-term.

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More migration has meant more economic stress

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press writer

Fast growth from 2007 to 2008, the early part of the recession, turned out to be a strong predictor of problems as the recession dragged on, according to an Associated Press analysis of recently released Internal Revenue Service migration data, which compares where taxpayers filed their returns from one year to the next.

For every 4 percent increase in new taxpayers from 2007 to 2008, there was a 1 point increase in the Associated Press Economic Stress Index scores from the start of the recession until now.

AP's Economic Stress Index calculates a score from 1 to 100 based on a county's unemployment, foreclosure and bankruptcy rates. The higher the score, the worse off the county. The average county stress score was 10.2 in November 2009, the most recent month for which figures are available.



Across the country, a lot of people are now staying put, whether they want to or not. IRS data shows a slowing down in U.S. mobility, a phenomenon supported by estimates released by the Census Bureau at the end of 2009.

The 11.9 percent annual migration rate is the lowest in decades.

The AP's analysis shows that counties with wealthier, better educated taxpayers generally were most likely to see county-to-county migration gains. Counties where the work force had large numbers of jobs in support positions — such as office administrators or payroll clerks — construction and mining, including high-paying jobs in oil and natural gas extraction,

were also most likely to draw newcomers.

The AP analysis also showed something unusual in a fraction of the nation's 3,141 counties: total incomes rose in more than 200 counties even though they lost households. That was because poorer migrants moved out and richer ones moved in. Topping that list were several counties known for beaches, second homes and retirees: Collier, Palm Beach and Pinellas counties in Florida and Barnstable County, Mass., home to Cape Cod.

“People who move tend to be younger and have lower incomes,” said demographer William Frey of the Brookings Institution. “Normally, if there is a big influx of young people, that could pull down the income of an area and if there is a big outflux of young

people that can raise income in an area.”

The reverse was true for a handful of states. Iowa, Missouri, Louisiana, Virginia and West Virginia gained population but lost income from 2007 to 2008, indicating that wealthier residents left and poorer ones moved in.

AP's analysis offers an explanation:

- Iowa and Virginia had large numbers of foreign migrants arriving.
- Large outflows of income from Missouri and West Virginia went to two popular states for retirement: Florida and North Carolina.
- Large outflows of income from Louisiana went to Texas, even as the state gained households. The new arrivals tended to have less education, and income, than those who left the state.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Matt Stokes

State Farm announce Matt Stokes as the sole recipient in the State of Idaho for its 2009 Pacesetter Award. Matt also earned State Farm's Ambassador Award for his service in 2009. Both awards are focused on meeting client needs and delivering a high level of customer satisfaction. Stokes has been an agent with State Farm in Twin Falls for over eight years, and has qualified for both the Ambassador and Pacesetter Awards, each of those eight years. He is quick to credit his success to his team. “Stacy Price, Janie Nielsen, Ruth Doria – they're the best,” he says. Stokes' team offers State Farm's full line of insurance and financial service products. Visit them in person at 1821 Addison Ave E. in Twin Falls, by phone at 734-3400, or at www.twinfallsinsurance.com.



Stokes

Marsha Samson

The Summit Group honored Marsha Samson on Feb. 3 for 15 years of service. In honor of her service she will receive an additional five year diamond to be added to her Summit Group Black Hills Gold necklace. Samson started out at the Comfort Inn of Twin Falls as a desk associate. She learned the tricks of the trade quickly and helped develop a strong customer base there Seven years after the Comfort Inn was built, Marsha helped the Summit Group open the Holiday Inn Express and Suites next door. Marsha is now at the newest Holiday Inn Express, where she currently puts her customer service skills to use. The Summit Group appreciates all the hard work and dedication Samson has put into the business.



Samson

Donna Erickson

Donna Erickson, owner of Kitchen Tune-Up of Twin Falls, has just completed her national Certified Home Improvement Professional program. She was awarded a CHIP pin and certificate, following extensive advanced training in kitchen remodeling, training others, upholding their company's Eight Trustpoints, and receiving excellent customer service ratings. Donna and her husband Noel provide a variety of kitchen solutions for any budget, including their unique one-day cabinet and wood restoration service, re-facing cabinets with new doors, and new custom cabinets. The Ericksons are celebrating the 13th anniversary of their multi-award winning franchise this month. They can be reached at KitchenTuneUp.com or at 736-1036.



Donna Erickson



Noel Erickson

Doug Kaut

Doug Kaut has been certified by the Modern Tennis Methodology Coaching Academy USA as an MTM tennis professional for excellence in tennis coaching.

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SWEET EXPANSION

Burley's Sweetheart Manor expands to host larger events

By Judy Albertson
Times News writer

If things are slow and businesses are in a slump, you could never tell it by looking at the Sweetheart Manor in Burley.

Diane Bevan, owner of the business located at 217 S. Idaho Hwy. 27 in Burley, said they have added a 1,500 square-foot garden room to the east side of the business. They also added another 6-foot French door to connect with the dining area, and a new flared staircase for the brides to walk down.

Bevan said due to bookings, they could only give Brent Mitchell Construction six weeks to complete the task.

"I told them if they can build a whole house on tele-

"Weddings are a year-round business.

The Sweetheart Manor has always had a good summer business, but really was crowded in the winter.

— Diane Bevan, owner of Sweetheart Manor

vision in seven days then they could build my garden room in six weeks," Bevan said. "It was amazing. I have never seen so many contractors work together so well. Two hours before the wedding in November we still had several contractors still working, and a bulldozer



Photos by JUDY ALBERTSON/For the Times-News

Sweetheart Manor's new garden room can seat up to 180 guests at the wedding ceremony.

cleaning up outside. But they did it."

Bevan said with the economy the way it is, it was hard to make the decision to expand, but the cold winter weather helped the decision.

"Weddings are a year-round business. The Sweetheart Manor has always had a good summer business, but really was crowded in the winter. It was a short season for sit-down events. Last April and May we had beautiful weather, but June turned cool and we had to put shawls around the grandmas," said Bevan.

Bevan said they have hosted almost 12 events since the remodel and have a fully booked spring schedule.

"The remodeling made us able to host some pretty big Christmas parties and weddings. We just hosted probably the largest reception that we have ever had with 400 to 500 guests over a three hour period and even though we were full, I felt that it flowed really well," Bevan said.

The Bevans purchased the business in May 2007, and their events have more than doubled since then. Last year they hosted more than 40 events, and already have over 20 events scheduled for 2010 — five of them in March. They also host other

events such as anniversaries and class reunions.

Bevan said they can do eight or nine weddings per month and can handle 150 to 180 guests in the new Garden Room for the ceremony and up to 500 for the reception. There seems to be an increasing number of guests attending weddings, she added.

"I think we are seeing that people want to get out, and because they can't afford to go on a weekend trip they are going to more local events. Some weddings are exceeding the numbers that have been expected," Bevan said. "June is always the most popular, of course. But last year we had nine weddings in December. I think couples are having shorter engagements, and they are scheduling around school breaks, apartment leases and things like that."

The Sweetheart Manor is a full service wedding facility offering such things as invitations, tuxedo rentals, gown alterations, food catering and photography.



Jennie Jeppson descends the new staircase at Sweetheart Manor at her wedding held the day after Christmas.

Feds take deliberate approach in second round of oil shale leasing

DENVER (AP) — Concerns and conflict over the first round of federal oil shale leases in the Rockies have made the government more deliberate in the second round, a federal official said Friday.

Alan Gilbert, a senior adviser to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, said during an oil shale forum that a team of federal and state representatives will review the applications from three companies for 160-acre parcels.

The leases on public land are for research and development of technology to tap the oil locked in shale under northwest Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. The companies showing progress could expand work to 640 acres.

"There is a more deliberate pace, intentionally, toward this second round of leasing," Gilbert said at a daylong oil shale conference by the University of Colorado Law School's Natural Resources Law Center.

As a U.S. senator from Colorado, Salazar criticized the Bush administration's plan for opening nearly 2 million acres of federal land in the Rockies to oil shale development before there was proven technology or more information about the potential impacts. He objected to the royalty rate and other terms of six research and development leases awarded in 2007 in Colorado and Utah.

As Interior secretary, Salazar made changes to the second-round of oil shale leases after first withdrawing the Bush administration's solicitations for proposals. Salazar announced the changes in October, saying he

was including more environmental safeguards and benchmarks, such as apply-

ing for permits within 18 months, to show that progress is being made.

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It's revolution time, Palin tells 'tea party' convention

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sarah Palin declared “America is ready for another revolution” and repeatedly assailed President Barack Obama on Saturday before adoring “tea party” activists. They make up a seemingly natural constituency should she run for president.

“This movement is about the people,” the 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee said as the crowd roared. “Government is supposed to be working for the people.”

Palin note Democrats’ electoral losses since Obama took office a year ago with talk of hope and promises of change and asked: “How’s that hope-y, change-y stuff workin’ out for you?”

Her audience waved flags and erupted in cheers during multiple standing ovations as Palin gave the keynote address at the first national convention of the “tea party” coalition. It’s an anti-establishment, grass-roots



AP photo
Former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin addresses the National Tea Party Convention in Nashville, Tenn., Saturday.

network motivated by anger over the growth of government, budget-busting spending and Obama’s policies.

Filled with Palin’s trademark folksy jokes, the speech amounted to a 45-minute pep talk for the coalition and promotion of

its principles. The speech also was rife with criticism for Obama and Democrats who control Congress, but delivered with a light touch. But, aside from broad conservative principles like lower taxes and a strong national defense, the speech was short on Palin’s own policy ideas that typically indicate someone is seriously laying the groundwork to run for the White House.

Indeed, Republican observers say she’s seemingly done more lately to establish herself as a political celebrity focused on publicity rather than a political candidate focused on policy.

Catering to her crowd, Palin talked of limited government, strict adherence to the Constitution, and the “God-given right” of freedom. She said the “fresh, young and fragile” movement is the future of American politics because it’s “a ground-up call to action” to both major political parties to change how

they do business. “You’ve got both party machines running scared,” she said.

Palin suggested that the party should remain leaderless and cautioned against allowing the movement to be defined by any one person. “This is about the people” and “it’s a lot bigger than any charismatic guy with a teleprompter,” she said, jabbing at Obama.

“Let us not get bogged down in the small squabbles. Let us get caught up in the big ideas,” she said, though she offered few of her own.

The former Alaska governor, who resigned from office last summer before completing her first term, didn’t indicate whether her political future would extend beyond cable news punditry and paid speeches to an actual presidential candidacy.

All she offered was a smile when a moderator asking her questions used the phrase “President Palin.” That prompted most in the audience to stand up and chant “Run, Sarah, run!”

Authorities: Two planes collide in Colorado, killing 3

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A small plane clipped the towline of another plane pulling a glider Saturday, sparking a fiery midair crash in Colorado and killing at least three people, authorities said.

The glider disconnected from the plane just before the second plane hit the tow rope, Boulder County sheriff’s office spokesman Rick Brough said.

NTSB field investigator Jennifer Rodi said the accident happened at about 1:30 p.m. near the Boulder Municipal Airport.

The glider landed safely — with no injuries to any of the three people on board — just after the planes made impact, authorities said.

“We understand the glider went through a fireball after the impact,” Rodi said.

Brough said one of the planes, a Piper Pawnee, belonged to Mile High Gliding Inc. and had just taken off from the Boulder

airport with the glider in tow shortly before the accident happened.

A woman who answered the phone at the glider company declined to comment.

Glider, or sailplanes, are lightweight aircraft that are often towed into the sky, then released to glide to the ground.

The crash spread debris over a 1½ mile region, scorching several sections of prairie in the Rocky Mountain foothills. The crash happened near a suburban area dotted with homes and businesses, but no one on the ground was injured.

It was unclear from where the single-engine, four-seat Cirrus SR20 that clipped the tow line took off. Tail numbers were not immediately available.

An amateur video shot at the scene showed a plane on fire, floating to the ground trailing thick, black smoke and a parachute.

Mudslides sweep away cars, damage homes near L.A.

By Thomas Watkins
Associated Press writer

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. — Thunderous mudslides damaged dozens of homes, swept away cars and pushed furniture into the streets of the foothills north of Los Angeles on Saturday as intense winter rain poured down mountains denuded by a summer wildfire.

No injuries were reported but residents and emergency responders were caught off guard by the unpredicted ferocity of the storm, which damaged more than 40 homes and dozens of vehicles.

Some 540 homes were eventually evacuated at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains after heavy rains overflowed debris basins, carried away cement barricades and filled houses with mud and rocks.

Another 300 homes to the east in Sierra Madre were evacuated for much of the day, but residents were told they could return home Saturday night when another wave of rain proved tame. Flash flood warnings for foothill areas also were called off.

Some residents of La Canada Flintridge complained they were not told to

get out until the brunt of the damage was done — unlike during heavy rains last month when officials repeatedly warned foothill communities to be on alert.

“Nobody knew it was going to be this bad,” said Katherine Markgraf, whose mother’s house was filled with more than two feet of mud, debris and tangled tree roots. “Last time, they started warning us in time to prepare for it.”

The storm’s payload came between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. Markgraf said she only got an alert around 10:30 a.m., though officials later said that warning was to prepare residents for a second band of rain.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Michael Freeman said by the time officials saw how serious the storm was, it was too late to order evacuations and it was determined that it would be safer for people to shelter in their homes.

“We are operating just like everyone else, based on weather predictions,” Freeman said.

Rainfall totals topped 4 inches in a 24 hour period in some areas, the National Weather Service said.



AP photo
Cars are stuck in mud after an intense winter storm brought down hillsides in wildfire burn areas, Saturday in La Canada Flintridge, Calif., north of Los Angeles.



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Dentist fixes bald eagle's broken beak

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — An Alaska dentist has given a bald eagle a unique crown — using a temporary crown, sticky poster putty and yellow highlighter.

The bird was found in December with severe damage to its beak, apparently from fishing line that wrapped around it and started cutting into it.

Cindy Palmatier at the Bird Treatment and Learning Center says staff there decided to turn to dentist Kirk Johnson, who thought of patching up the beak with the same material used to make temporary crowns for people.

The “crown” is being held on with poster putty, and Johnson colored it in using highlighter to give it a yellow tint.

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Lillian Agnes Rosengren Ryan

SLIDELL, La. — Lillian Agnes Rosengren Ryan, age 86 years, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

Beloved wife of Harold James Ryan Jr.; daughter of the late Carl Rosengren and Agnes Mary McGrain; mother of Patrick J. Ryan (wife, Peggy) of Slidell, La., Michael D. Ryan (wife, Lisa) of Slidell, La., Joseph S. Ryan (wife, Paula) of Mandeville, La., Kevin F. Ryan (wife, Kathy) of Algiers, La., and Carol Ryan Dumas of Twin Falls, Idaho; sister of Elizabeth "Betty" Jean Wright of Waukegan, Ill., and the late Robert Carl Rosengren and William George Rosengren; also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her infant grandson, Scott Ryan.

She was born in Waukegan, Ill., and lived in Algiers and most recently Slidell, La. She attended Whittier Elementary school and graduated from Waukegan Township High School. She worked at Vascoloy-Ramet before

marrying Harold James "Jim" Ryan in February 1949 at Great Lakes. Through Jim's Navy career, Lillian and Jim transferred to San Diego, the Philippines, New Orleans Key West and back to New Orleans, where they put down roots in the early 1960s in Algiers and raised a family. She was an active volunteer in community, school and charitable activities, including many years with Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans and F. Edward Hebert Hospital in Algiers, and an active long-time member of Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 162 based in Gretna.

She was a loving, generous, gracious person who touched the lives of many.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a funeral at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the Mothe Funeral Home, 1300 Vallette St. in Algiers, La. Interment will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will take place from noon until funeral time Monday at the funeral home. For directions or further information, call 504-366-4343.

Scott Gray Davis

Scott Gray Davis, 53, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at his residence in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Scott was born Oct. 31, 1956, in Kansas City, Mo. He was raised in Kansas and Texas. After high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served in Europe and Southeast Asia. He worked at various jobs throughout his life, but his favorite was the freedom of the open road driving long-haul truck. When he came to Twin Falls, he worked for Cactus Petes and Dell.

Scott is survived by his daughter, Rhiannon Davis, and sons, Jason Davis of Texas and Sgt. Kevin (Britney) Davis, currently on active duty in the U.S. Army; his brother, Justin Davis of California; and his sister, Karen Davis of Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Keith and Ruth Davis, and sister, Kathy Davis.

A family burial with military honors will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

today at the Sims Funeral Home and one hour before the service at the church.

Jeffrey J. Wood of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Fortino Leon of Jerome, memorial Mass at noon today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

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

Abortion-rights pioneer Susan Hill dies at 61

McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — Susan Hill, a national women's rights advocate and the owner of several abortion clinics around the country, died last week from breast cancer.

Hill, who made her home in Raleigh, was 61.

Hill focused on establishing clinics in rural areas, where women had no access to abortion services, and opened more clinic than anyone else in the United States, sometimes drawing 1,000 protesters at a time. She sued protesters 34 times for blocking entrances and physically preventing people from going into the facilities.

"She's probably the toughest person I ever knew," said her older brother Dan Hill, who lives in Durham, N.C. "She's the only person I knew who wore a bulletproof vest to work or was supposed to wear one to work. People really wanted to kill her, and she never flinched."

In 2007, Hill received the Nancy Susan Reynolds award from North Carolina for public advocacy in the face of personal risk. She also received the North

Carolina Planned Parenthood Margaret Sanger Award and the Raleigh National Organization for Women award.

"She was a determined pioneer for women's rights, always elegant and super brilliant," said Lajuan Carpenter, Hill's assistant at the National Women's Health Foundation, which has clinics in Raleigh, as well as in Georgia, Indiana and Mississippi.

Hill, who was born in Durham and graduated from Meredith College with a social work degree in 1970, began her career in 1973 in a Florida abortion clinic outside Miami one week after the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, made abortion legal.

A small girl walked through Hill's door that day, hands curled by cerebral palsy, pregnant by an abusive uncle. Hill recalled in 2007 that the girl was too stricken and disabled to speak about her problem, but her mother had driven her 250 miles that morning to fix it.

Hill said it was the women's stories that kept her motivated even though bomb threats, death threats, arsonists and insults marked her career.

William (Bill) Stemmerman

SHOSHONE — William (Bill) Stemmerman, 80, a resident of Shoshone, Idaho, passed away Friday, Jan. 29, 2010.

Bill was born Oct. 31, 1929, in Boone, Iowa, the son of William and Marie Stemmerman. He was raised and educated in Boone. Bill served honorable in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He attended the University of Southern California (USC), graduating with a master's degree in history and political science.

He was a proud member of the American Legion, Post 13 for 54 years and served as the 18th District Commander in Pasadena, Calif. He was a member of the "40 and 8" for 24 years, a 3rd degree in the Knights of Columbus, and a lifelong Democrat and devoted Catholic.

Bill married Rita Stamas on July 27, 1970, in Mexico. Rita brought daughter, Colette, and son, Jeff, to the



marriage. A year later they gave birth to their son, Erick.

Colette provided Bill three grandchildren, Morgan, Reed and Rachel; and Jeff provides Bill; Shane, Haley and Chad.

Two weeks before Bill passed; Erick gave Bill his grandson, Marius. Above his joy for cooking, sports, politics, history and reading was the love Bill felt for his family, his grandchildren, his sister Elaine Ingram and the many friends he made throughout his life. He loved and was loved by many. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and beloved dog and companion Sunshine.

A private service for family was held Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Memorial contributions may be sent to his son, Erick Stemmerman at 2633 N. Arlington Place, Portland, OR 97217. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Frank Accomando

GOODING — Frank Accomando, 74, of Gooding, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Frank was born Nov. 16, 1935, in Garfield, N.J., to Frank and Marian Accomando. He was raised and educated in Garfield, N.J., schools and some in Passaic, N.J. He attended college for two years in New York City at the Academy of Aeronautics and graduated in 1955 as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Frank went on to serve for 22 years as a helicopter pilot (aircraft commander). He received 42 air medals, two gold stars, two distinguished flying crosses, one Purple Heart and other numerous awards. He also flew President John F. Kennedy as his escort and worked at the Pentagon.

Frank married Debra Strickland Accomando on Oct. 10, 1986, in Jacksonville, N.C., honeymooning in Myrtle Beach, N.C. They lived in North Carolina for 12 years and then moved to Gooding to take care of Debbie's mother, Berniece Strickland. He continued to live in Gooding until his death, where his wife is a florist. They spent 24 wonderful years together and spent almost every waking hour together. Frank spent 23 years in the scouting program as a cub master, troop advancement chairman, district advancement chairman, and flag etiquette instructor, and Eagle Board



chairman for the district office. Frank loved his scouts and his family. Frank also loved the lord.

He is survived by wife, Debra; sons, Frank Accomando Jr. (USAF retired) of Illinois, Jon Scott Milisavljevich of Gooding; daughters, Aleisa Ashlan of North Carolina and Donna Smith of North Carolina; and six grandchildren, Brittany, Lindsey, Nicholas Accomando, Kyle, Austin Smith, and Kaitlyn Milisavljevich.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Marian Cangialosi Accomando; brother, Thomas Accomando; and grandparents, Accomando, Cangialosi and Panapinto.

The funeral for Frank will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell, Idaho. Viewing for family and friends will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Cancer Institute or the Catholic or LDS churches. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

James J. Butler Jr.

HAILEY — James Joseph "Jim" Butler Jr., 85, of Hailey and Ogden, Utah, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, in Ogden.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Hailey Cemetery; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at 007 Broadford Road in Hailey (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome).

William H. Tracy

ALMO — William Hugh Tracy, 80, of Almo, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Almo LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and noon to 12:45 p.m. Thursday, both at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Mary G. Anderson

Mary G. Anderson, 100, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at Curry Retirement Estates.

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

Hartvey A. Lundin

FILER — Hartvey Allen Lundin, 56, of Filer, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at his home.

Arrangements will be

announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Eugene C. Seese

HAZELTON — Eugene C. Seese, 86, of Hazelton, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

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

Charles Steinmetz

EDEN — Charles Steinmetz, 78, of Eden, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at his home.

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

Lenore L. Hogsed

RUPERT — Lenore L. Hogsed, 64, of Kelso, Wash., died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert.

Karen Wills

PAUL — Karen Wills, 69, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Paul, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at a hospital in Las Vegas.

Arrangements will be announced by Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert.

Lucille Larson & Darrell Larson

JEROME — Lucille Larson, born Aug. 6, 1942, entered eternity on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, and Darrell Larson, born Dec. 4, 1936, entered eternity on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010.

A Jerome resident since 1992, Darrell worked as a mechanic at Roy Raymond Ford and for Fred Kenyon. Darrell was also a school bus driver for Jerome School District.

Lucille Larson was a homemaker for the 48 years of their marriage.

Darrell loved to ride his horse "Lucky;" dance and make people smile.

Darrell and Lucy were greatly loved and will be dearly missed.



They are survived by their children, David Albares, Darrell Larson, Susan Cloward, Daniel Larson and Larry Larson; grandchildren, Jonathan Cloward, Amanda Young, Jennifer Flora, Cierra Larson and Curtis Larson; brothers, Larry Larson, Jack Larson, Robert White, Jim White; and sister, Ann Coey.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the Snake River Elks Lodge in Jerome.

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THE ROAD TO RECALLS

Absence of a highway safety chief in Obama's first year prevented review of safety concerns

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — When Peter Boddeart's Lexus lurched forward and rear-ended another vehicle in Fauquier County, Va., earning him a police citation, he wrote to federal regulators imploring them to look into his case “before someone ends up seriously injured or killed.”

That was in 2003. The years since have seen hundreds of drivers' complaints about unwanted acceleration of their Toyotas, six inconclusive federal investigations, multiple reports of deaths and repeated denials from the automaker that it had a major problem on its hands.

That's just the sort of bureaucratic inertia Barack Obama pointedly criticized as a presidential candidate. Yet his administration was without a federal highway safety chief for most of its first year and, like the Bush administration before it, missed signals in the Toyota case.

After several investigations, it was only last week that Toyota owners learned federal regulators, concerned that the company was not taking apparently dangerous defects seriously enough, traveled to Japan in December to light a fire under corporate executives. Meanwhile, millions of Toyotas continued to be driven by drivers unaware of the potential scope of the problem, and the cars continued to be sold.

Combined with a recall involving the toxic metal cadmium that arose from press scrutiny rather than federal oversight, the Toyota episode has raised questions about whether the government under Democrats will be any more agile in enforcement of consumer protections than the Bush administration was.

“When you've got a government regulatory agency, it has to be a government cop on the corporate beat,” said Joan Claybrook, who was chief of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration during the Carter administration. “And it's got to act like a cop.”

Claybrook said that while most of the Toyota investigations took place during the Bush administration, the absence of a permanent administrator during Obama's first year prevented a new team from conducting a full review of dozens of pending defect investigations and a fresh look at the Toyota cases.



This undated photo provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows an unsecured driver's-side floor mat trapping the accelerator pedal in a 2007 Lexus ES350. NHTSA/AP photo



AP photo
Toyota Motor Corp. President and CEO Akio Toyoda, 53, speaks Friday during his first news conference since Toyota announced a recall for faulty gas pedals on Jan. 21 affecting 4.5 million vehicles.

Toyota's string of recalls burst into the open in late September, leaving millions of car owners unsure if their vehicles were safe to drive and tarnishing the reputation of a company once synonymous with safe, reliable cars. The road to the recall of millions of Camrys, Corollas and other popular Toyota models began years ago, touched off by warnings from Boddeart, who died in April, and others who worried their cars might bolt forward and cause a crash.

Back in 2003, Boddeart told regulators that his accident marked the third time his 1999 Lexus LS400 accelerated unexpectedly and asked them to investigate. Five months later, the 83-year-old's petition to the agency was panned “in view of the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources,” a common refrain in rejection letters.

Several investigations followed.

In 2004, Carol Mathews, a nurse from Rockville, Md., crashed into a tree when her Lexus suddenly accelerated. She asked the agency to investigate. The government reviewed problems with electronic throttles in about 1 million Toyota and Lexus vehicles and found more than

100 complaints.

Seeking to limit the scope of the review, Toyota urged the government to consider a “vehicle surge to be something less than a wide-open throttle.” No defect was found after 4 1/2 months of investigating and the case was closed.

In July 2005, Jordan Ziprin, a retired attorney in Phoenix, asked the government to dig into the problem after his 2002 Camry XLE spun out of control and crashed into an electric utility box. “Had there been any vehicles or pedestrians in the street, deaths would probably have followed,” he wrote.

Reviewing Toyota models built from 2002 to 2005, the agency found that 20 percent of 432 complaints reviewed involved “sudden or unintended acceleration.” But regulators said the complaint rate was “unremarkable.” The government closed the case, citing “insufficient evidence.”

A separate investigation launched in March 2007 reviewed allegations that floor mats were interfering with accelerator pedals. Toyota said a month later that there was “no possibility of the pedal interference with the all-weather floor mat if it's placed properly and secured.”

By that August, government investigators had tied the problem to 12 deaths and a survey of 600 Lexus owners found about 10 percent reported sudden or unexpected acceleration. In September, Toyota recalled 55,000 Camry and ES350 vehicles to replace the floor mats. But that was hardly the end of the problems.

In January 2008, William Kronholm of Helena, Mont., complained about his 2006 Tacoma truck accelerating while he hit the brakes. During the investigation, Toyota told NHTSA it believed complaints by Kronholm, a retired

Associated Press editor, and others were attributed to “extensive media coverage” and many of the problems cited by consumers — including lurching when the vehicle came to a stop and engine idle speed changes when the vehicle was stopped — were “minor drivability concerns.” Kronholm's case was closed in August 2008 without a defect finding.

Last August, a high-speed crash near San Diego killed a California highway patrol officer, his wife, daughter and brother-in-law, bringing renewed attention to the problems, now the regulatory responsibility of the Obama administration.

The highway patrol officer's loaner Lexus ES350 reached speeds of more than 120 mph, struck an SUV, launched off an embankment, rolled several times and burst into flames. The family frantically called 911 from the Lexus, telling the dispatcher the pedal was stuck and they couldn't stop.

In October, Toyota issued its largest-ever U.S. recall, involving about 4 million vehicles. The fix, which is still under way, includes reconfiguring the gas pedal and installing brake override software on some vehicles.

In November, Toyota said federal regulators had concluded “no defect exists” in the case, drawing a rare rebuke from the government. NHTSA said the company issued inaccurate information. In December, federal officials traveled to Japan to urge Toyota to take the safety concerns seriously and report defects promptly. Toyota said it would comply.

On Jan. 12, a top Toyota executive said the company was addressing the problems. “We have learned from these mistakes and we are confident that we're doing the right thing for our customers,” Toyota Motor Sales USA president Yoshi Inaba said in a Detroit speech.



AP file photo
Lt. Col. Hal Bidlack, left, comforts Rick Glen Strandlof in September 2008 during a memorial at the Pioneers Museum in Colorado Springs, Colo. Strandlof claimed he was an ex-Marine wounded in Iraq and received the Purple Heart and Silver Star, but military officials said they had no record of his service.

Court cases test law barring lies about war medals

DENVER (AP) — The federal courts are wrestling with a question of both liberty and patriotism: Does the First Amendment right to free speech protect people who lie about being war heroes?

At issue is a three-year-old federal law called the Stolen Valor Act that makes it a crime punishable by up to a year in jail to falsely claim to have received a medal from the U.S. military. It is a crime even if the liar makes no effort to profit from his stolen glory.

Attorneys in Colorado and California are challenging the law on behalf of two men charged, saying the First Amendment protects almost all speech that doesn't hurt someone else. Neither man has been accused by prosecutors of seeking financial gain for himself.

Jonathan Turley, a professor at George Washington University Law School who is not involved in the two cases, said the Stolen Valor Act raises serious constitutional questions because it in effect bans bragging or exaggerating about yourself.

“Half the pickup lines in bars across the country could be criminalized under that concept,” he said.

Craig Missakian, a federal prosecutor in the California case, argued that deliberate lies are not protected. He also said the Constitution gives Congress the authority to raise and support an army, and that includes, by extension, “protecting the worth and value of these medals.”

The Stolen Valor Act revised and toughened a law that forbids anyone to wear a military medal that was not earned. The revised measure sailed through Congress in late 2006, receiving unanimous approval in the Senate.

Dozens of people have been arrested under the law

at a time when veterans coming home from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are being embraced as heroes. Many of the cases involve men who simply got caught living a lie without profiting from it. Virtually all the impostors were ordered to perform community service.

In one case, a man posing as a Marine war hero was accused of using his hero status to receive discount airline tickets and a free place to stay near Phoenix.

Defense attorneys say the law is problematic in the way it does not require the lie to be part of a scheme for gain. Turley said someone lying about having a medal to profit financially should instead be charged with fraud.

One of the men challenging the law is Xavier Alvarez of Pomona, Calif. He had just been elected to a water district board in 2007 when he said at a public meeting that he was a retired Marine who received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration.

His claim aroused suspicion, and he was indicted 2007. Alvarez, who apparently never served in the military, pleaded guilty on condition that he be allowed to appeal on the First Amendment question. He was sentenced to more than 400 hours of community service at a veterans hospital and fined \$5,000. The case is now before a federal appeals court.

The other person challenging the law is Rick Glen Strandlof, who claimed he was an ex-Marine wounded in Iraq and received the Purple Heart and Silver Star. He founded an organization in Colorado Springs that helped homeless veterans.

Military officials said they had no record that he ever served. He has pleaded not guilty, and a judge is considering whether to throw out the charge.

Many seniors aren't getting vital vaccinations, study finds

By David Goldstein
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — States require that children have all their immunizations before they can enroll in school. Veterinarians send reminder cards to pet owners when Fido or Tabby is due for a shot. No such safety net exists for adults, however, and especially for the elderly, who are particularly susceptible to many diseases that vaccines can prevent, according to a new report about the low rate of adult immunization.

It found that a third of seniors had received no immunizations against pneumonia in 36 states as of 2008. Just less than a third of

people who were older than 65 also went without the seasonal flu vaccine that year.

“The country has an absolutely stunningly first-rate system for immunizing children, but too many adults fall through the cracks,” said Dr. William Schaffner, an expert on infectious diseases at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

The report was prepared by the Trust for America's Health, a nonpartisan health research group; the Infectious Diseases Society of America; and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the largest health care philanthropy in the country.

The report, “Adult

Immunization: Shots to Save Lives,” says that millions of Americans forgo routine vaccinations for preventable diseases. Some 40,000 to 50,000 adults die every year as a result.

Failure to use the vaccines adds about \$10 billion annually to the cost of health care, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Seasonal flu can lead to pneumonia among the elderly, and it can be particularly lethal in that age group,

experts said.

Concern about the widespread availability of vaccines has figured in the debate over health care. Both the House of Representatives and Senate bills contain language that would make vaccines more easily obtainable.

“We need a national strategy to make vaccines a regular part of medical care and educate Americans about the effectiveness and safety of vaccines,” said Jeffrey Levi, the executive director

of the Trust for America's Health.

The CDC has recommended that everyone older than 65 be vaccinated for pneumonia. It hopes to reach a 90 percent immunization rate this year.

The report cites a 2007 National Immunization Survey by the CDC to highlight the problem of low adult vaccination rates:

- Just 2.1 percent of eligible adults had received vaccines for tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria.

- Less than 2 percent of patients 60 and older had gotten the vaccine for shingles, an extremely painful condition.

- Just 10 percent of women 18 to 26 years old, the eligible age for the human papillomavirus vaccine, had received it.

- Only 36.1 percent of adults have been vaccinated annually for seasonal flu.

“It sort of plateaued at that level,” Glen Nowack, a spokesman for the CDC, said of the seasonal flu shots.

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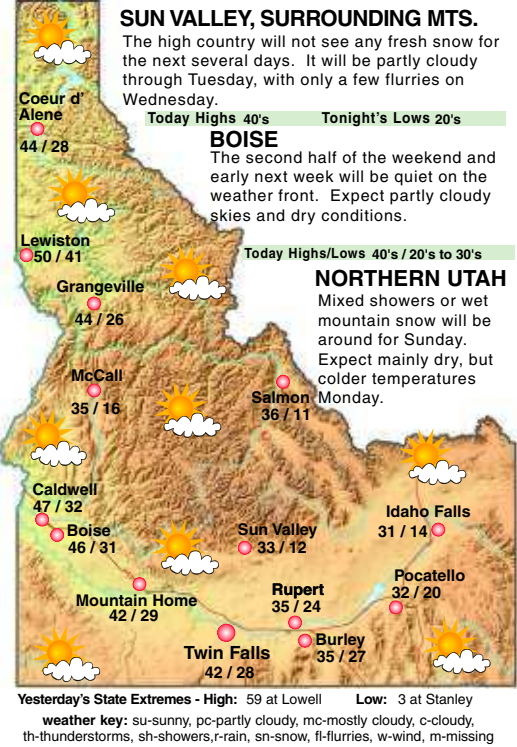
Tonight: Scattered clouds. Lows, 20s.

Tomorrow: A few clouds overhead. Highs, 30s.

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Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	41°	Yesterday's	Trace
Yesterday's Low	26°	Month to Date	0.09"
Normal High / Low	39° / 20°	Avg. Month to Date	0.17"
Record High	65° in 1963	Water Year to Date	2.38"
Record Low	-12° in 1989	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.00"

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
A few clouds	Dry and partly cloudy	Scattered clouds	Partly cloudy	More clouds, but still dry	Clouding up
High 42°	Low 28°	38° / 25°	37° / 26°	42° / 29°	35° / 27°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	43°	Yesterday's	Trace	Yesterday's High	93%	5 pm Yesterday	29.87 in.	Today	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM
Yesterday's Low	28°	Month to Date	0.15"	Yesterday's Low	70%	Today		Monday	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM
Normal High / Low	37° / 19°	Avg. Month to Date	0.20"	Today's Forecast Avg.	78%	Tuesday		Tuesday	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM
Record High	56° in 1995	Water Year to Date	3.45"			Wednesday		Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM
Record Low	-11° in 1989	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.55"			Thursday		Thursday	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM

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Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 3:21 AM	Moonset: 12:13 PM
Monday	Moonrise: 4:18 AM	Moonset: 1:04 PM
Tuesday	Moonrise: 5:06 AM	Moonset: 2:00 PM

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Low 3 Moderate 5 High 7 10

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City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	46 31 pc	44 30 pc	44 30 pc
Bonnars Ferry	42 25 pc	39 23 pc	37 23 pc
Burley	35 27 pc	37 21 pc	36 21 pc
Challis	31 18 pc	32 14 pc	33 14 pc
Coeur d'Alene	44 28 pc	43 26 pc	40 26 pc
Elko, NV	37 9 sn	34 18 pc	35 18 ls
Eugene, OR	53 36 r	54 36 r	51 36 r
Gooding	39 28 pc	36 26 pc	34 26 pc
Grace	33 20 sn	31 10 pc	30 10 pc
Hagerman	44 30 pc	42 28 pc	40 28 pc
Hailey	36 16 pc	35 17 pc	33 17 pc
Idaho Falls	31 14 pc	28 6 pc	26 6 pc
Kalispell, MT	38 16 pc	33 13 pc	34 13 pc
Jerome	40 26 pc	36 25 pc	36 25 pc
Lewiston	50 41 pc	51 42 pc	50 42 pc
Malad City	32 21 mx	30 13 pc	29 13 ls
Malta	32 25 mx	37 17 pc	36 17 pc
McCall	35 16 pc	32 16 pc	33 16 pc
Missoula, MT	41 18 pc	34 16 pc	36 16 pc
Pocatello	32 20 pc	31 13 pc	30 13 pc
Portland, OR	55 38 pc	54 38 r	51 38 r
Rupert	35 24 pc	35 17 pc	34 17 pc
Rexburg	30 1 pc	24 2 pc	23 2 pc
Richland, WA	48 31 pc	48 32 hz	47 32 hz
Rogerson	33 25 sn	32 21 pc	32 21 ls
Salmon	36 11 pc	31 8 pc	31 8 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	44 24 mx	34 23 pc	40 23 ls
Spokane, WA	47 30 pc	46 30 pc	45 30 pc
Stanley	35 11 pc	34 9 pc	33 9 pc
Sun Valley	33 12 pc	32 11 pc	31 11 pc
Yellowstone, MT	24 -10 mc	17 -10 mc	18 -10 pc

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	47 30 pc	52 39 pc
Atlanta City	29 18 pc	33 23 pc
Baltimore	30 11 pc	32 17 pc
Billing	22 3 ls	13 -6 pc
Birmingham	49 25 pc	55 39 pc
Boston	29 17 pc	33 21 mc
Charleston, SC	49 37 pc	53 41 pc
Charleston, WV	27 11 pc	31 21 pc
Chicago	28 21 sn	27 22 ls
Cleveland	24 16 sn	27 19 pc
Denver	35 15 ls	21 7 ls
Des Moines	28 20 ls	22 7 hs
Detroit	26 13 sn	28 19 pc
El Paso	63 42 pc	55 33 pc
Fairbanks	22 -20 pc	8 -1 ls
Fargo	21 6 ls	16 1 ls
Honolulu	78 68 pc	78 68 pc
Houston	57 49 pc	65 39 th
Indianapolis	25 14 mc	27 23 pc
Jacksonville	54 37 pc	61 53 pc
Kansas City	34 24 ls	27 12 hs
Las Vegas	53 43 r	57 44 pc
Lille Rock	44 32 pc	43 27 mx
Los Angeles	61 47 pc	64 48 pc
Memphis	42 29 pc	43 31 mx
Miami	70 48 pc	73 59 pc
Milwaukee	30 22 sn	27 26 ls
Nashville	38 23 pc	43 35 mx
New Orleans	55 42 pc	63 49 r
New York	31 21 su	31 22 pc
Oklahoma City	39 35 r	35 12 hs
Omaha	33 18 ls	19 4 ls

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	26 14 pc	26 8 pc
Edmonton	23 18 pc	23 13 pc
Kelowna	32 20 pc	29 3 pc
Lethbridge	27 15 pc	26 12 pc
Regina	21 -12 pc	5 -3 pc

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A car with a Minnesota license plate is buried under more than 30 inches of snow during a winter storm in Columbia, Md., Saturday.

‘Snowmageddon’ blankets Mid-Atlantic in white

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Skiers lapped the Reflecting Pool along the National Mall; others used the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for a slope. Hundreds crowded Dupont Circle for a snowball fight organized online, while elsewhere the capital's famed avenues were all but desolate.

Washington took on a surreal, almost magical feel as it was buried under nearly 2 feet of snow Saturday in one of the worst blizzards in the city's history. The nearly 18 inches recorded at Reagan National Airport was the fourth-highest storm total for the city. At nearby Dulles International Airport, the record was shattered with 32 inches.

"Right now it's like the Epcot Center version of Washington," said Mary Lord, 56, a D.C. resident for some 30 years who had skied around the city.

"Snowmageddon," President Obama called it. And even the president's motorcade — which featured SUVs instead of limousines — fell victim as a tree limb snapped and crashed onto a motorcade vehicle carrying press. No one was injured.

From Pennsylvania to New Jersey, south to Virginia, the region was under at least 2 feet of snow. Parts of northern Maryland had 3 feet.

And while the storm created serious inconveniences for many who were without power and faced with digging out, the monuments at Washington's heart seemed even more stately and serene.

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, soldiers' names were buried 16 rows deep, while higher up snow had

settled into the letters so they stood out against the black background. The wreaths of the World War II Memorial looked like giant white-frosted doughnuts. The big attraction at the Lincoln Memorial was not the nation's 16th president, but rather a snowman with eyes of copper pennies bearing Lincoln's likeness.

Obama, a snow veteran from his days in Chicago, spoke at the Democratic National Committee winter meeting and thanked those for being "willing to brave a blizzard. Snowmageddon here in D.C."

But after that, the president went inside, hunkering down in the White House.

The snow fell too quickly for crews to keep up, and officials begged residents to stay home. The hope was everyone could return to work on Monday.

The usually traffic-snarled roads were mostly barren, save for some snow plows, fire trucks, ambulances and a few SUVs. People walked down the middle of New York Avenue near the Verizon Center without fear of being hit.

The Wizards game to be played there had been canceled.

The Capital Beltway, always filled with cars, was empty at times. Metro, the area's rail system, shut down by 11 p.m., partly because of so-few riders.

"Our car is stuck. We're not even trying," said Tihana Blanc who was walking her dog in northwest Washington.

Philadelphia, the nation's sixth-largest city, was virtually shut down with a record of nearly 27 inches. The Philadelphia International Auto Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center downtown was a ghost town.

"Last year when I came, there was a line getting in," said Walt Gursky, 28. "Much more relaxing in here — you can actually see what you want."

Carolyn Matuska loved the quiet during her morning run along Washington's National Mall.

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Storm could affect Super Bowl

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — No chance of any flakes falling at the Super Bowl. Still, a brutal winter storm that buried Mid-Atlantic residents under several feet of snow could have a big impact on the big game Sunday.

With power and cable television knocked out for hundreds of thousands of residents Saturday, some were fretting about what to do if it wasn't back on in time for Sunday's 6 p.m. kickoff.

"That's the first thing I thought when I came downstairs this morning," said Lou Kozloff, a vascular surgeon in

Rockville, Md., "I was like, 'Oh nuts, I'm going to miss the game tomorrow!'"

But CBS, which is televising the game, believes the storm will actually boost ratings when MVP Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts take on the New Orleans Saints in what is traditionally the most-watched event of the year.

David Poltrack, the network's chief of research, said the blizzard that struck from Pennsylvania to New Jersey, dumping as much as 3 feet of snow, means more people will be staying at home to watch the game instead of

going out to parties and bars. Since the Nielsen Co. does a much better job estimating viewership in homes than it does elsewhere, that's a plus for CBS.

"Anything to keep people home is a good thing," he said.

Poltrack said he doesn't foresee power outages being so widespread by Sunday evening they would have a significant affect on the ratings. Besides, he added, it's the Super Bowl — most people will do whatever they can to watch the game, even it means getting a battery-powered TV.

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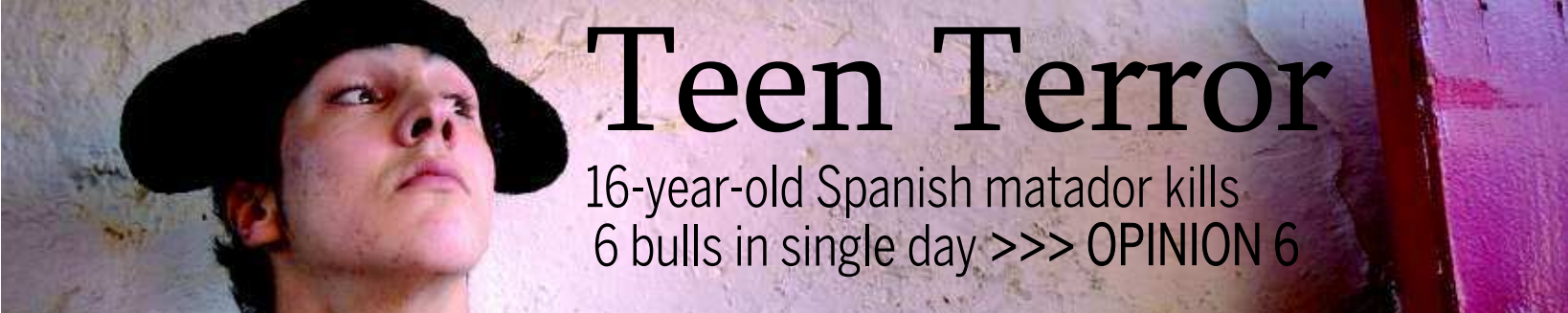
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EDITORIAL

Luna to the rescue of Idaho education budget

Single-handedly, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna may have rescued Idaho public schools from draconian cuts.

A week ago, Luna recommended using \$53 million from the Public Schools Earnings Reserve Fund to offset up to \$130 million in reductions in the state budget. He also proposes shifting \$5 million in reserves in driver training and safe and drug-free schools to the public education budget.

That may be enough to save financially strapped Idaho school districts such as Shoshone and Minidoka County from deep cuts in their budgets.

Along with \$74 million from the Millennium Fund, paid to Idaho by tobacco companies in settlement of a class-action lawsuit, Idaho may stave off significant damage to public education — and perhaps to other state agencies as well.

The Public Schools Earnings Reserve Fund comes from investments and management of state lands. The fund pays about \$31 million a year to schools and has built up a three-year reserve, Luna said.

“This is the schools’ money,” he said in a Friday interview with the *Times-News* editorial board. “Ten years ago, this fund didn’t exist.”

Luna said he’s canvassed other members of the Land Board — Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter, Lt. Gov. Brad Little, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Secretary of State Ben Ysura and Controller Donna Jones — and hasn’t encountered significant opposition to using the reserve fund. The Land Board’s next meeting is Wednesday.

“His ideas deserve to be studied closely and carefully,” Otter told the Idaho Statesman last week. “At the same time, we must remember that both the Legislature and the Land Board have jurisdiction over endowment funds, and the constitutional process for exploring that option must be respected.”

Luna’s proposal also comes with cuts, saving \$6 million by freezing pay hikes for teachers who get raises for more time on the job. He also suggests eliminating the \$2 million early retirement incentives, cutting reimbursement for field trips to save \$1 million, reducing money paid to teachers for classroom supplies to save \$2 million, eliminating funding that guarantees a district 99 percent of its average daily attendance funding from year to year if enrollment drops to preserve \$5 million, and combining textbook funds and trimming funding to save \$9 million.

The superintendent’s plan still must pass muster with the Legislature’s Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, some of whose members are skeptical of his ideas. But if lawmakers are truly serious about avoiding deep and damaging cuts in public education, it will heed Luna’s recommendations.

Luna has emerged as not only the spokesman for Idaho’s kids, but their protector. He takes damage to the public schools personally.

Idaho hasn’t had a schools superintendent that committed since Jerry Evans left office in 1995.

Our view: State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna takes the specter of deep cuts in public education funding seriously. So he’s come up with some intriguing alternatives.

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

HURTING SMALL-TOWN IDAHO

Closing state parks is an unacceptable alternative



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Zander deBelloy looks in the street for a piece of candy thrown by a parade float as his grandparents, Dave and Lynne Beutler, look on in 2008 at the Fossil Days Parade in Hagerman. Like many small Idaho towns, Hagerman depends economically on a nearby state park.

By Steve Stuebner

All of this talk about closing Idaho parks to balance the state budget is outrageously short-sighted. It’s high time for all Idahoans to speak up and let Gov. Otter and legislators know that gutting the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is not only wrong, it would crush rural counties and eliminate one of our state’s greatest assets.

I’m a longtime outdoor recreationist who has had the privilege to visit all of our state parks, from Priest Lake to Bear Lake. I’ve fly-fished in Harriman State Park, marveled at the turquoise-clear waters of Bear Lake, paddled a canoe under Thousand Springs, climbed to the top of the Bruneau Dunes, ridden my bike on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille in Farragut State Park and so much more.

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IDAHO STATE PARKS

1. **City of Rocks National Reserve**, Almo — **Acres:** 14,407. **Elevation:** 5,720 feet. **Camping:** Standard, firewood. **Trails:** Hiking, mountain biking, equestrian. **Activities:** Rock climbing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. **Season:** Year-round. **Hours:** Visitor center, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Fees:** \$10 reservation fee, \$12 campsite per night, \$5 extra vehicle per night
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3. **Heyburn State Park**, Plummer — **Acres:** 5,744. **Elevation:** 2,128 feet. **Camping:** Electricity, sewer, maximum 55-foot sites, dump station, firewood, flush toilets. **Trails:** Hiking, biking, equestrian. **Boating:** on Chatcolet, Benewah and Hidden lakes: Ramps, boat camping, marina. **Activities:** Fishing, beaches, biking, cross-country skiing, waterfowl hunting. **Season:** Summer, fall, winter. **Hours:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. **Fees:** \$4 per vehicle per day, separate camping fees.

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Will Otter play Samuelson to Allred’s Andrus?

By Marty Trilhaase
Lewiston Tribune

For any Idaho Democrat hoping to score an upset against a Republican incumbent, the election of 1970 looms large.

That year, Democrat Cecil D. Andrus dislodged Republican Gov. Don Samuelson.

The latest is Keith Allred, The Idaho Common Interest founder who launched a gubernatorial bid late last year. Speaking at the Tribune last week, Allred labeled Republican Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter the weakest incumbent since Samuelson, offering an “exceptional moment in history.”

Then as now, the GOP is fractured.

Samuelson personified the split. In the 1966 primary, he defeated Republican Gov. Bob Smylie with 61 percent. Four years later, he held off a primary challenge from Rexburg Sen. Dick Smith with 58 percent.

In Otter’s case, insurgents ousted Kirk Sullivan, the governor’s choice for party chairman. They’ve pressed for a closed primary. And the ongoing fight for Idaho’s 1st Congressional District pits moderate against conservative camps.

Both Samuelson and Otter secured office by less-than-convincing margins.



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Samuelson won a four-way race in 1966 with 41.4 percent. Four years ago, with the state prospering and his party having delivered tax relief, Otter won the governor’s office with 52.7 percent, the worst showing since 1994.

Like Samuelson, Otter has had a contentious relationship with his own Republican Legislature. Last spring, Otter vetoed 36 bills. That’s second place for the most vetoes in a single session. The record — 39 — belongs to Samuelson in the 1967 session.

And both men share a gift for the gaffe.

In Samuelson’s case, it was an awkward, unfortunate speaking style that earned him the moniker “Big Dumb Don.” With Otter, it’s political fumbles that have fomented a reputation for incompetence.

Allred is no Andrus. By 1970, the future governor was a seasoned politician,

having been on the state scene for a decade.

Four decades ago, Idaho voters were ticket-splitters. Today, Idahoans vote solidly Republican, especially if an election becomes a referendum on the national politics.

But Samuelson didn’t have the burden of Otter’s economy, with the highest unemployment and deepest budget cuts since World War II. Nor is it clear that the recent Republican wins in Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts signal a coming tidal wave against Democrats — which would benefit Otter — or a populist undertow against incumbents — which could undermine Idaho’s millionaire governor.

Then as now, it could come down to a game changer.

In 1970, Samuelson supported a molybdenum mine at Castle Peak in the Boulder-White Cloud Range. Andrus opposed it.

The emblematic mountain range was under consideration for inclusion in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Environmentalism was just flowering in the year of the first Earth Day, but in Idaho it remained a movement of blue-collar workers, outdoers writers, Teddy Roosevelt Republicans and hunters and anglers.

By supporting the mine, Samuelson placed himself outside the mainstream of Idaho politics and was perceived as doing the bidding of a special interest, the American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO).

Certainly, Otter is capable of doing the same thing. While still in Congress, he momentarily flirted with the idea of selling off public lands to pay for Hurricane Katrina relief, a stance that 2006 Democratic candidate Jerry Brady ridiculed. Some think Otter’s recent mishandling of the state parks program — by proposing to fold the parks and recreation department into the Department of Lands, he might have cost Idaho the 1,100-acre Harriman State Park near Island Park — could have been equally damaging, had the governor not found a way to preserve the program.

The question is whether Otter slips again and does so in such a profound way that it resonates with voters the way the Boulder-White Clouds did two generations back.

And if he does, will Allred be shrewd enough to capitalize on it?

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The story behind the economic crisis

WASHINGTON — We need to get the story straight. Already, a crude consensus has formed over what caused the financial crisis. We were victimized by dishonest mortgage brokers, greedy bankers and inept regulators. Easy credit from the Federal Reserve probably made matters worse. True, debate continues over details. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke recently gave a speech denying that it had loosened credit too much, though he admitted to lax bank regulation. A congressionally created commission opened hearings on the causes of the crisis. Still, the basic consensus seems well-established and highly reassuring. It suggests that if we toughen regulation, suppress outrageous avarice and improve the Fed's policies, we can prevent anything like this from ever occurring again.

There's only one problem: The consensus is wrong — or at least vastly simplified. Viewed historically, what



Robert Samuelson

we experienced was a classic boom and bust. Prolonged prosperity dulled people's sense of risk. With hindsight, we know that investors, mortgage brokers and bankers engaged in reckless behavior that created economic havoc. We know that regulators turned a blind eye to practices that, in retrospect, were ruinous, unethical and sometimes criminal. We know that the Fed kept interest rates low for a long period (the overnight Fed funds rate fell to 1 percent in June 2003). But the crucial question is: Why? Greed and shortsightedness didn't suddenly burst forth seven or eight years ago; they are constants of human nature. One answer is this: Speculation and complacency flourished, because the

prevailing view was that the economy and financial system had become safer. For a quarter-century, from 1983 to 2007, the United States enjoyed what was arguably the greatest prosperity in its history. The boom was triggered by the conquest of high inflation, which had destabilized the economy since the late 1960s. From 1970 to 1984, inflation dropped from almost 13 percent to 4 percent. By 2001, it was 1.6 percent. As inflation fell, interest rates followed — though the relationship was loose — and as interest rates fell, the stock market and housing prices soared. Feeling enriched by higher home values and stock portfolios, many Americans skimped on savings or borrowed more. The parallel surge in consumer spending, housing construction and renovation propelled the economy and created jobs, 36 million of them from 1983 to 2001. There were only two recessions in these years, both historically mild: those of 1990-91 and 2001.

Monthly unemployment peaked at 7.8 percent in mid-1992. The hard-won triumph over double-digit inflation in the early 1980s, engineered by then-Fed Chairman Paul Volcker and backed by newly elected President Ronald Reagan, qualifies as one of the great achievements of economic policy since World War II. The temptation is to portray it as a pleasing morality tale. The economic theories that led to higher inflation were bad; the theories that subdued higher inflation were good. Superior ideas displaced inferior ones, and the reward was the increased prosperity and economic stability of the 1980s and later. But that, unfortunately, is only half the story. Success also planted the seeds of disaster by creating self-defeating expectations and behaviors. The huge profits made in these decades by both professional and amateur investors conditioned many to believe in the underlying benevolence

of financial markets. Although they might periodically go to excess, they would ultimately self-correct without too much collateral damage. Money managers, regulators, economists and the general public all succumbed to these seductive beliefs. Because the government ultimately stands behind financial markets, regulation is justified to limit taxpayer expense and to prevent catastrophic economic instability. But it's neither possible — nor desirable — to regulate away all risk. Every "bubble" is not a potential Depression.

Popped bubbles and losses must occur to deter speculation and compel investors and borrowers to evaluate risk. The overregulation of finance may discourage useful innovation and clog the channels for capital on which an expanding economy depends. Finally, a single-minded focus on the blunders of Wall Street may also distract us from other possible sources of future crises, including excessive government debt and borrowing.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No human is illegal

With the multiple DUI's of Benito Diaz, I wonder why we're rushing to deport this man. Banishing an illegal alien after only six strikes is hardly the compassionate country I know and love. The *Times-News* article's mere four lines mentioned nothing of accidents or fatalities which renders them a victimless crime, just like crossing the border. If he's working jobs that millions of unemployed Americans won't do, how can our fragile economy afford to lose Benito and absorb the cost of sending him home? Who foots the bill for any family left behind and their health care?

We enabled him to cross the border, get a job and presumably drink and drive with a state-issued license, so in essence, his tragedy is our fault. There must be some rehabilitation our taxes can pay for that would avoid this silly deportation thing? I can only hope that blanket amnesty is jammed through Congress so Benito can exit prison in three or four years and return to his dream life in Hailey instead of the hell that must be back home.

A study some years ago claimed 12 Americans are killed by illegal aliens in DUI-related accidents each day, and I say who cares. It's time to legalize hard-working folks like Benito and shun the racist idea that the murders are an illegal problem and embrace it as America's extended family problems. Removing the stress and fears of deportation will undoubtedly reduce the number of DUI's I'm sure.

No human is illegal! Tear down the fence! Stop all deportation and immigration enforcement now! I implore Obama and Gutierrez to ram amnesty down our throats for our own good. No need to read the bill, it's a guaranteed masterpiece.

(For a stronger facetious flavor, heap more salt on the American voter.)

DAN LYON
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EPA doesn't need to regulate carbon dioxide

Just in time to bolster President Obama's "green" credentials at the U.N. Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lisa Jackson announced on Dec. 7, 2009: "Today I'm proud to announce that EPA has finalized its endangerment finding on greenhouse gas pollution and is now authorized and obligated to make reasonable efforts to reduce greenhouse pollutants under the Clean Air Act."

So, even though the cap-and-trade energy tax bill was stalled in the U.S. Senate, President Obama was able to point to the EPA announcement in Copenhagen to show the commitment of the U.S. government to take measures to reduce greenhouse gases as part of the whole global warming/climate change charade being participated in by our political, academic and news media elites.

Fortunately, there is a movement in Congress to prohibit the EPA from regulating carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases. There are two bills in the House and one proposed amendment in the Senate to do just this. The first bill in the House is H.R. 391, which was introduced by Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., on Jan. 9, 2009, and which currently has 151 co-sponsors. The second bill in the House is H.R. 4396, which was introduced by Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., on Dec. 16, 2009. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, has taken a different approach in the Senate with a resolution, which is supported by 35 Republicans and three Democrats so far, that could be used as an amendment and attached to the bill of her choice or introduced as a standalone bill. Contact Rep. Mike Simpson and ask him to "stop the unconstitutional, jobs-killing, EPA regulation of carbon dioxide."

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Is blogging a slog? Some young people think so

Blogging on the rise among those 30 and older

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Could it be that blogs have become online fodder for the — gasp! — more mature reader?

A new study has found that young people are losing interest in long-form blogging, as their communication habits have become increasingly brief, and mobile. Tech experts say it doesn't mean blogging is going away. Rather, it's gone the way of the telephone and e-mail — still useful, just not sexy.

“Remember when ‘You’ve got mail!’ used to produce a moment of enthusiasm and not dread?” asks Danah Boyd, a fellow at Harvard University’s Berkman Center for Internet and

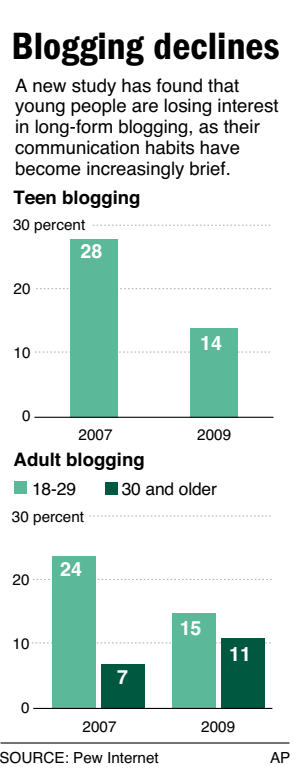
Society. Now when it comes to blogs, she says, “people focus on using them for what they’re good for and turning to other channels for more exciting things.”

Those channels might include anything from social networking sites to others that feature games or video.

The study, released Wednesday by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, found that 14 percent of Internet youths, ages 12 to 17, now say they blog, compared with just over a quarter who did so in 2006. And only about half in that age group say they comment on friends’ blogs, down from three-quarters who did so four years ago.

Pew found a similar drop in blogging among 18- to 29-year-olds.

Overall, Pew estimates that roughly one in 10 online adults maintain a blog — a number that has remained consistent since 2005, when blogs became a more mainstream activity. In the U.S.,



that would mean there are more than 30 million adults who blog.

“That’s a pretty remarkable thing to have gone from

zero to 30 million in the last 10 years,” says David Sifry, founder of blog search site Technorati.

But according to the data, that population is aging.

The Pew study found, for instance, that the percentage of Internet users age 30 and older who maintain a blog increased from 7 percent in 2007 to 11 percent in 2009.

Pew’s over-18 data, collected in the last half of last year, were based on interviews with 2,253 adults and have a margin of error of plus or minus 2.7 percentage points. The under-18 data came from phone interviews with 800 12- to 17-year-olds and their parents. The margin of error for that data was plus or minus 3.8 percentage points.

So why are young people less interested in blogging?

The explosion of social networking is one obvious answer. The Pew survey found that nearly three-quarters of 12- to 17-year-

olds who have access to the Internet use social networking sites, such as Facebook. That compares with 55 percent four years ago.

With social networking has come the ability to do a quick status update and that has “kind of sucked the life out of long-form blogging,” says Amanda Lenhart, a Pew senior researcher and lead author of the latest study.

More young people are also accessing the Internet from their mobile phones, only increasing the need for brevity. The survey found, for instance, that half of 18- to 29-year-olds had done so.

All of that rings true to Sarah Rondeau, a freshman at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

“It’s a matter of typing quickly. People these days don’t find reading that fun,” the 18-year-old student says. She loves Facebook and has recently started using Twitter to share pictures of her dorm room and blurbs

about campus life, which are, in turn, shared on the Holy Cross Web site for prospective students.

Meanwhile, New Yorker Jackie Huang hasn’t made a posting on her long-form blog in two years, and she now uses Facebook and Twitter because her friends do — though she’s still not too hot on tweeting.

Now 25, she started blogging when she was a college freshman, using Xanga and then Wordpress to tell friends, family and a few strangers about anything from travel experiences to pop culture to politics.

“My blog was my own little soapbox,” says Huang, who now works for a communications agency. “Unfortunately, I don’t think I’m interesting enough for my followers to want to know where I am every hour of the day and what I’m thinking. I’m not Ashton Kutcher, and I don’t post racy pictures of Demi Moore in her skivvies.”

Frustrated job seekers deciding to call it quits

By Christopher Leonard
Associated Press writer

Many jobless people have reached a conclusion that captures the depth of the unemployment crisis: Looking for a job is a waste of time.

The economy is growing. Yet it's creating few jobs. That's why in the past eight months, 1.8 million people without jobs left the labor market. Many had grown so frustrated by their failure to find a job that they threw up their hands and quit looking for one.

And it's why Barbara Bishop sat down at her kitchen table in suburban Atlanta last month and joined their ranks. Her decision came seven months after she quit a PR job that seemed about to be axed. Sending out resumes got her nowhere. So Bishop made a list of her skills and decided to launch her own business.

“I don’t want to look any more,” she said of the job hunt. “It’s become very discouraging.”

The nation’s unemployment rate is 9.7 percent. But so many jobless people have quit looking that if they’re combined with the number of part-time workers who’d prefer to work full time, the so-called “underemployment” rate is 16.5 percent.

Their outsize numbers show that even though the economy is growing, the job market is stagnant. Employers remain reluctant to hire.

The exodus did halt in January, when a net total of 111,000 people re-entered the job market. But 661,000 had left in December. And the overall trend since spring has been people leaving the work force.

“It’s very unusual,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Economy.com. “At this point in the business cycle, we should be seeing some sort of labor force growth. Layoffs have abated, but there really has been no pickup in hiring.”

Job creation was stronger early in previous recoveries. And jobless people responded by streaming back into the labor force. Even before the 1990-1991 and 2001 recessions ended, for instance, more people entered than left the job market, according to an analysis by Moody’s Economy.com. The work force did shrink after the severe 1981-1982 recession ended — but not as severely as it has this time, the analysis shows.

Some workers are concluding it’s more practical to return to school, start a business or care at home for their kids until the job market improves. In some cases, it even makes financial sense to stop looking for work.

Jennifer McDonald, for example, decided she could

help her family more by staying home than by hunting for jobs that don’t seem to exist near her home in Elizabethtown, Pa. Laid off as a receptionist a year ago, McDonald spent months searching for work as a receptionist or store clerk.

She and her husband ultimately decided that with two kids, her staying at home made more sense: It would save roughly \$300 a week on childcare, along with gas money and time shuttling the kids. The savings would help stretch her husband’s income from an auto-body shop.

Besides, there were no jobs anyway.

“If you’re just sitting there working on the computer all day, not getting paid to do it, it’s not very profitable,” she said.

Those leaving the work force have been beaten down by the competition for few jobs. A record 6.4 unemployed Americans, on average, are vying for each job opening, according to the most recent Labor Department data. That’s up from 1.7 jobless people per opening in December 2007, when the recession began. And a record 6.3 million people have been jobless for at least six months.

Even if the economy continues growing this year, it won’t likely recover many of

the 8.4 million net jobs that vanished in the recession. Economists say the nation would be fortunate to get back 1.5 million of those jobs this year.

Part of the problem is that outsized growth in the real estate and construction industries disappeared when the housing bubble burst. Many of those jobs are gone for good.

Construction of homes, for example, could jump 30 percent this year to an annual rate of 715,000, said John Lonski, chief economist of Moody’s Capital Markets Research Group. But the industry won’t be rehiring many who lost jobs after 2007. That year, there were 1.3 million housing starts.

The economy would have to grow at an average rate of 5 percent for all of 2010 just to lower the average jobless rate for the year by 1 percentage point. Yet most analysts think the economy will grow 2.5 percent or less for the year.

That leaves workers hunting for jobs the economy won’t likely create for months or even years.

As head of the Go! Network group in St. Louis, Chuck Aranda has seen how the slog of job hunting wears people down. His networking group offers seminars and breakfast meetings to get frustrated job-hunters out of the house.



AP photo
Kelley Bryan checks her blueberry muffins after removing them from an oven during a cooking class Monday at L'Ecole Culinaire chef training school, in Ladue, Mo. Bryan is hoping to re-enter the job market next year, retrained for a new career. She was laid off this month after more than 20 years as a secretary. Most recently, she worked at a public TV station.



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Whalers, activists clash again

By Rohan Sullivan
Associated Press writer

SYDNEY — Anti-whaling ship the Bob Barker and a Japanese harpoon boat collided in icy Antarctic waters in the second major clash this year in increasingly aggressive confrontations between conservationists and the whaling fleet.

No one was injured in the clash Saturday, which each side blamed on the other.

The U.S.-based activist group Sea Shepherd, which sends vessels to confront the Japanese fleet each year, accused the Japanese ship of deliberately rammed the Bob Barker — named after the U.S. game show host who donated millions of dollars for the anti-whaling group to buy it.

But Japan's Fisheries Agency said the activist boat caused the collision by suddenly approaching the harpoon vessel No. 3 Yushin Maru to throw bottles containing bad-smelling butyric acid at the Japanese ship.

The agency accused Sea Shepherd of "an act of sabotage" on the Japanese expedition, noting that it is allowed under world whaling regulations as a scientific expedition. Conservationists call the annual hunt a cover for commercial whaling.

Neither side's account could be verified. Video shot from the Bob Barker and released by Sea Shepherd shows the two ships side by side moving quickly through the water. The ships come closer together and the Japanese ship then appears to turn away, but its stern swings sharply toward the Bob Barker. The collision is obscured by spray, but a loud clanging noise can be heard before the vessels separate.

Sea Shepherd founder Paul Watson said a 3-foot-long, 4-inch-wide hole was torn in the Bob Barker's hull, but it was above the water line and was not a threat to the ship.



Robert Park, left, is escorted by a U.S. official as he is surrounded by journalists upon his arrival at the Beijing Capital Airport, Saturday in China. His arrival in Beijing came a day after North Korea announced it would free him, after holding him for 43 days.

AP photo

Missionary who was held in N. Korea arrives in U.S.

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles airport spokeswoman says a commercial airplane carrying an American missionary who was detained in North Korea for 43 days has landed in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles International Airport spokeswoman Nancy Castle says Robert Park arrived on a flight from Beijing Saturday evening. Earlier in the day, he flew to the Chinese capital from Pyongyang.

The 28-year-old Korean-American crossed the frozen Tumen River from China into North Korea on Dec. 25. He was carrying letters calling on leader Kim Jong Il to close the country's notoriously brutal prison camps and step down from power — acts that could have risked execution in the hard-line communist country.

North Korea announced Friday that Park would be freed.

As the American missionary made his way home to California, loved ones wondered how 43 days of detention in the world's most secretive nation had taken their toll on the young man who so brashly demanded religious and political reforms.

Park, his eyes almost closed, made no comment

as U.S. consular officials guided him to a transit area in Beijing's airport after his morning arrival from Pyongyang.

In Washington, the State Department welcomed Park's release. It said Park had asked the government not to provide specifics regarding his release.

North Korea disclosed nothing about Park during his 43 days in custody before announcing Friday that he would be freed and saying Park now viewed the nation favorably on religious freedom and human rights.

The North Korean government "decided to leniently forgive and release him, taking his admission and sincere repentance of his wrongdoings into consideration," the

official Korean Central News Agency said.

The report by North Korea's government mouthpiece quoted Park, of Tucson, Arizona, as saying he was ashamed of the "biased" view he once held of the communist nation.

Park said he was now convinced "there's complete religious freedom for all people everywhere" in North Korea, citing the return of his Bible and a service he attended at Pongsu Church in Pyongyang, KCNA said.

"I would not have committed such crime if I had known that the (North) respects the rights of all the people and guarantees their freedom and they enjoy a happy and stable life," it quoted him as saying.

Obama tries to rally fellow Democrats

By Peter Nicholas
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Attempting to rouse a party shaken by electoral setbacks, President Obama told fellow Democrats Saturday he would press ahead with his health care proposal and other pieces of his ambitious agenda, rejecting suggestions a more cautious approach might minimize losses in the upcoming midterm elections.

Obama, who left the White House during a blizzard, sought to rally Democratic National Committee members in a speech that was part pep talk and part prescription for what the party must do to overcome problems culminating in the loss of the Massachusetts Senate seat held by the late Democratic

icon, Edward M. Kennedy. Trimming goals and postponing hard choices is the wrong approach, the president said.

In an emotional high-point of his 20-minute address, Obama conceded the public wonders if elected officials can overcome the immense power of lobbyists and special interests and "confront the real problems that touch their lives?"

He said: "So just in case there's any confusion out there, let me be clear. I am not going to walk away from health insurance reform. I'm not going to walk away from the American people. I'm not going to walk away from this challenge. I'm not going to walk away from any challenge. We're moving forward!"

His voice rising, he added: "We are moving forward!"

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For Haiti's orphans, earthquake only made desperate situation worse

By Scott Hiaasen,
Kathleen McGrory, Jacqueline
Charles and Trenton Daniel
McClatchy Newspapers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — In the fall of 2008, a pastor traveled through the barren countryside of Haiti asking parents to give him their children. He promised an education and a better life at an orphanage he said was bankrolled by Americans.

Twenty-eight children were sent with the pastor. But his promise proved false: Within three months, one child had died, and two dozen more were sick and emaciated when discovered by Haitian police, according to United Nations reports on the incident.

Even before the Port-au-Prince earthquake left as many as 300,000 children homeless — and before the spotlight fell on 10 Idaho missionaries charged with kidnapping Haitian kids — Haiti was a country where children were commonly reduced to a commodity. They were smuggled across the border as cheap labor, peddled for black-market adoptions, abandoned by their parents or forced into servitude, records and interviews show.

Despite the constant urging of human rights organizations, Haiti's government has made little progress toward protecting its children from exploitation or neglect, a McClatchy Newspapers examination found. By its own account, the government inspected only half of the country's documented orphanages — and no one can say how many orphanages work off the books.

The situation is sure to worsen. Thousands more children were left homeless or lost parents in the earthquake, while the country's feeble safety net was left in tatters.

"The government must care for the children," said Father Luc Jolicoeur of the Good Shepherd orphanage in Port-au-Prince's Delmas neighborhood. He said no government inspector has

ever visited his orphanage, where he fed oatmeal breakfasts to 78 boys Thursday morning.

"No one asked me anything," Jolicoeur said. "That means those children are forgotten."

Many Haitian orphanages open with good intentions, and the plight of the suddenly parentless in the impoverished country has triggered an outpouring of people rushing to Haiti. Yet even those wanting to help enter a system woefully unregulated and facing a crushing need that overwhelms.

Haiti's record before the Jan. 12 earthquake showed just how vulnerable to abuse the country's children have been. Consider:

In September, U.S. prosecutors indicted Douglas Perlitz, a Colorado missionary, on charges that he used food and gifts to extract sexual favors from teens at an orphanage he ran in northern Haiti. The orphanage was financed with donations from a Connecticut church group. Perlitz has pleaded not guilty.

Two years ago, two Canadian aid workers were convicted in their home country of sexually abusing boys at an orphanage in southern Haiti.

In 2007, the International Organization for Migration discovered 47 children who were solicited from their parents by the operators of a rogue adoption center in Port-au-Prince.

That same year, Haitian police arrested the operator of an orphanage housing 32 children being offered in black-market adoptions.

Haiti is overwhelmed with children with nowhere to go. Thirty-eight percent of the population is under 15, nearly double the U.S. rate of 20 percent.

Nobody knows how many Haitian children are living in orphanages or group homes — making the problem hard to measure and harder to trace. UNICEF estimated that roughly 50,000 children in Haiti lived in orphanages before the earthquake, but



MCT photo

A young boy prays during morning mass Wednesday at the Good Shepherd orphanage in the Delmas neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

the nonprofit Save the Children puts the figure at 380,000. After the earthquake, the number of vulnerable children is estimated to be as high as one million.

Unaccompanied children now wander the cramped, chaotic squalor of Port-au-Prince's tent camps, seeking food and protection from strangers.

Even before the earthquake, it was not uncommon for parents to give up their children. More than 200,000 are in forced domestic servitude. Meanwhile, aid groups estimate that less than half of the children in orphanages were true orphans. Most were kids whose parents simply had no way to care for them.

"There are such levels of poverty that a family will put a child in an orphanage just so that they get fed," said Melissa Winkler of the International Rescue Committee.

Experts believe most of the country's orphanages — several of which are financed or managed by American charities or church groups — operate without any regulation or oversight. Only about 600 orphanages are officially registered with the government.

Inspectors reach just 300 of those, according to UNICEF.

The owners of some facilities don't consider themselves orphanages, and feel no need to submit to government oversight. Karen Bultje, who runs an unregistered home called Coram Deo in

Delmas, said all but one of the 13 children in her care were brought by their families.

"They're not true orphans without a mother and father," Bultje said. "I'm helping out families because the families can't look after them."

Yet a disturbing pattern of exploitation has also emerged from the orphanage industry, Haitian officials say — illustrated most recently by the case of the 10 American missionaries, who were charged Thursday with kidnapping for trying to cross Haiti's border with 33 undocumented children.

The missionaries have said they planned to set up an orphanage for earthquake orphans in the Dominican Republic. Haitian police said the group was planning adoptions for the kids without government approval, and many of the children found with the missionaries were not orphans at all; they had been solicited from their families.

Aid workers and Haitian officials say in many cases parents are tricked or manipulated into giving up their children to traffickers, not realizing the kids could be taken out of the country.

"If they believe this person can save their child, they will choose to give the child away," Haiti's Social Affairs Minister, Yves Christalin, told McClatchy Newspapers. "But when the shock is over, many begin to realize the error of their decision."

Shiite militants kidnap American in Iraq

By Liz Sly
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi Shiite group with close ties to Iran has claimed in a videotape Saturday it was holding an American hostage who is believed to be an El Cajon, Calif., man reported missing in Baghdad by the Pentagon.

A brief Defense Department statement Friday said that Issa T. Salomi, 60, who works as a civilian contractor, had been unaccounted for since Jan. 23.

The undated videotape posted on an Islamist Web site shows a gray-haired man wearing U.S. military combat fatigues seated beneath a black banner bearing the name Asaib al Haq — or League of the Righteous. U.S. officials say the group, which has been linked to previous abductions of British and U.S. contractors, is armed, trained and funded by Iran.

In a brief statement accompanying the video, Asaib al Haq claims it is holding the man as a result of a "kidnapping operation" carried out in Baghdad.

It gives no further details, but the Associated Press quoted an unnamed Iraqi defense official identifying the man as Salomi and saying that he was abducted in the central Baghdad district of Karada after being lured to the area by his kidnappers.

If the kidnapping is confirmed, it will be the first abduction of a Westerner in Iraq since 2007, raising fears once again for the safety of foreigners in the country just as Iraq is hoping to open its doors to overseas investment.

The man, who does not give his name, calmly recites what appears to be a memorized statement containing "justifiable demands" addressed to the U.S. government in the name of "the Islamic resistance of Iraq."

He calls for the release of all Iraqi prisoners who have not committed crimes against fellow Iraqis. He also demands punishment for members of the security firm formerly known as Blackwater for their "unjustifiable crimes against innocent Iraqi citizens" and asks that their families be given compensation.

Blackwater, now called Xe, is embroiled in a legal battle with the Iraqi government over the shooting deaths of at least 14 Iraqi civilians in Baghdad's Nissour Square in

September 2007, as well as a number of other instances in which its guards are alleged to have killed Iraqi civilians. The Obama administration has said it will appeal the Dec. 31 dismissal by a federal judge of criminal charges against five of the guards.

The man opens his statement by extending "good wishes" to his wife, family and friends and adds, "I am being treated kindly and I am in good health." He concludes by calling for the withdrawal of all foreign forces in Iraq.

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Landscape for area football changing again

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

The sand of the District IV football scene is shifting yet again.

With the Idaho High School Activities Association's final approval for 2010-2012 reclassification, the local football landscape will undergo a drastic overhaul.

At the Class 4A ranks the change makes minimal difference as the Great Basin Conference will lose one berth into the Great 8 to District VI, which will add Shelley and Madison to form a six-team conference of its own.

Class 3A and 2A is where the jumbling begins.

Buhl, Filer and Kimberly will comprise the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference at the 3A level, while Wendell and Gooding both drop to form a five-team Canyon Conference with Declo, Glenns Ferry and Valley.

The SCIC will get two berths (down from three last season) to the sub-state round of the playoffs, while the Canyon now gets three (up from two). That makes one less bid in an already competitive SCIC.

"We've always been five teams since the SCIC started, whether it was Declo and whoever, it's been pretty well off," said Buhl coach Stacy Wilson. "This time we're the short-end of the stick. No one likes a three-team conference. It's unfortunate, but not much we can do."

The bigger issue with the SCIC and Canyon Conference is scheduling. The Canyon Conference back-loaded its conference schedule, Wilson said, much like the SCIC used to do so that the conference games were played toward the end of the season. But while SCIC teams would play Canyon Conference foes in the past during bye weeks, Buhl was forced to pick up a pair of games from outside the area because there weren't enough local games to go around.

"I'm not saying that I don't want to play those teams," Wilson said, referring to Payette and South Fremont, the two schools Buhl picked up. "But when the budgets are tight and those are pretty heavy travel costs to visit either ... I don't know what's going to happen."

Glenns Ferry will drop from Class 2A to Class 1A Division I in all sports except football and baseball, courtesy of shared agreements with Bliss (football) and Rimrock (baseball). Butte County and North Fremont, both slated to drop to 1A Division I as well, successfully appealed to remain

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S u p e r



Quarterback Drew Brees leads the New Orleans Saints in today's Super Bowl.

AP photos

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Quarterback Peyton Manning leads the Indianapolis Colts in today's Super Bowl.

Who Dats and Hoosiers in Super Bowl


By **Barry Wilner**
Associated Press

MIAMI — Hoosiers and Who Dats.

And, oh yes, the two best teams in the NFL also happen to be on hand for Sunday's Super Bowl.

Peyton Manning and his AFC champion Indianapolis Colts are 5-point favorites to spoil the ending of the New Orleans football renaissance for Drew Brees and the Saints. The odd twist to this story is that the boy who grew up in the Big Easy rooting for his dad as he quarterbacked the awful Saints may end up breaking its heart.

"You hear the term Hoosier Hospitality, and I really didn't know what that meant, coming from New Orleans, where you



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INSIDE

A full-page breakdown of Super Bowl XLIV.

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hear Southern Hospitality," says Manning, the league's only four-time MVP who guided the Colts to the NFL title three years ago, in the same stadium. "I really feel it is kind of the same thing. It is good people.

"What has been exciting for me since I have lived there, it's always been a

sports town, but it's really turned into a football town. That is the kind of place you want to play football."

New Orleans always has been a football town, even when the Saints were the Aints — back in the days Archie Manning led the team and fans wore paper bags on their heads. But that four-decade love affair morphed into something soulful when the Saints inspired a city in ruin in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"It's important for not only the people in New Orleans, but I think the people around the country because you do understand how much it means to that community and what they've been through," Brees says. "Our success as a team over the last four

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Oh say can you see?

They don't call it Super for nothing. Super Bowl Sunday is the most over-the-top sports day of the year, from the celebrity sideshows to the rock concert halftime to the \$3 million for 30-second TV ads. Not to mention the super party platter that precedes the super dose of antacids.



Ryan
Howe

Depending on how you look at it, one of the day's most overboard moments could be the singing of our national anthem. Don't get me wrong; I love my country and believe its freedoms and opportunities should be celebrated. But when it comes to The Star-Spangled Banner, I prefer a more reverent interpretation.

Before the Colts and Saints kick off Super Bowl XLIV today, country music superstar Carrie Underwood will perform the national anthem. It's sure to be a spectacle, complete with fireworks, fighter jet fly-overs and an extravagant display of vocal acrobatics.

Hardly what Francis Scott Key had in mind when he penned the poem.

In my line of work, I'm privileged to hear The Star-Spangled Banner several times a week as it's performed prior to each sporting event I cover. If that doesn't make me an expert on the subject, then Ellen DeGeneres shouldn't be judging American Idol, either.

If the Super Bowl folks had asked me, I would have suggested Tiana Thibault sing this year's national anthem.

I have never heard a more touching performance than the one Thibault gave on Jan. 6 prior to the Burley vs. Twin Falls boys basketball game. The most amazing thing happened when the 10-year-old took the mic and started into "Oh say can you see ..." as the entire gym fell completely still.

A gym that was rowdy just moments before — and immediately after — was utterly silent. Not even a cough. Chatty high school kids can't stay that quiet for that long if you paid them.

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View the video of Tiana Thibault singing the national anthem at Magicvalley.com.

Jerome girls clinch state berth against T.F.

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

JEROME — Be careful what you wish for.

After singling out this game against Jerome for almost two weeks, the Twin Falls girls basketball team found itself on the wrong end of a 15-4 first-quarter run as Jerome shifted into over-

drive early into the Saturday's game and never looked back for a 53-42 win that was far more dominant than the final score indicated.

The win gives Jerome (21-1) a berth into the Class 4A state tournament in two weeks in Meridian, and also advances the

See **JEROME**, Sports 3



Twin Falls junior Erin Grubbs-Imhoff drives to the basket around Jerome's Haylee Burnham at the Great Basin Conference Tournament.

DOUG GASKILL/
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Times-News

Unified CSI men roll in Rangely

Times-News

Sometimes seeing your mistakes is the best way to avoid repeating them. It worked for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team.

The Golden Eagles stayed up late Friday night watching film of Friday's 91-73 loss at Eastern Utah that featured a lack of hustle and teamwork. Both of those

See **CSI**, Sports 3

INSIDE
CSI women roll.
See **Sports 3**

Shoshone girls upset Challis for SRC title

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — Beating a team three times in a season is a tough chore. Challis found that out Saturday night.

The two top teams from the Snake River Conference North met for the third time this season, playing for the Snake River Conference championship. Second-seeded Shoshone took an early lead and kept its pressure and hustle up the entire game, beating Challis 48-45.

“We all had little symbols on our wrists to make us believe in ourselves,” said Shoshone junior Jennica Kerner. “We just kept gaining confidence.”

The Indians led 18-9 at the end of the first quarter and 27-21 at the half as Shoshone’s defense held 6-foot-2 Challis standout Lauren Garlie to only six points in the half.

“We gained confidence from not having to play from behind,” said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. “The



Shoshone coach Tim Chapman, center, celebrates with his players after upsetting Challis for the Snake River Conference championship Saturday in Murtaugh.

key was we got out early.”

And the Shoshone offense was burying 3-pointers, hitting six for the game.

“It’s the best night of my senior year,” said Shoshone’s Lacey Kniep.

Challis nearly rallied in the final period, tying the game at 45-45 on a trey by Nicole Helm. But Shoshone’s Kelcie Hutchins was fouled and made one of two free throws followed by a pair from Kylee

Stein to seal the win.

Kerner led Shoshone with 12 points and Hutchins followed with 11.

For Challis, Jenna Hamilton scored 12 and Garlie added nine.

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Hagerman boys nip Carey

Times-News

The Hagerman Pirates took down the Class 1A Division II No. 1-ranked Carey Panthers Saturday afternoon, winning 68-60.

Dylan Brooks knocked in six 3-pointers and scored 27 points while Ryan Luttmner added 15 for the Pirates.

For the Panthers Brett Adamson led with 19 points while Trevor Peck, Blair Peck and Jacey Baird each scored eight.

Hagerman is back in action this Thursday at Lighthouse Christian and Carey is off until Feb. 15, when it hosts Bliss.

Hagerman 68, Carey 60
21 8 12 19-60
26 13 14 15-68
CAREY (68)

Dillion Simpson 8, Brett Adamson 19, Trevor Peck 8, Blair Peck 8, Shane Bingham 1, Wacey Barg 7, Jacey Baird 8, Tyler Chavez 1. Total fouls: 19-29-60.

HAGERMAN (68)
Dylan Brooks 27, Ryan Arnold 7, Ryan Luttmner 15, Talyn Henslee 8, Zac Reid 5, Josh Douville 6. Totals 20 17-24 68.
3-point goals: Carey 7 (Adamson 2, Luttner 2, B. Peck 2, Simpson), Hagerman 11 (Brooks 6, Peck 3, Arnold, Henslee). Total fouls: Carey 19, Hagerman 19. Fouled out: Carey, Simpson; Hagerman, Douville. Technical fouls: none.

Oakley 72, Sho-Ban 53

Payson Bedke scored 16 points and Paxton Robinson added 14 as Oakley rolled to a 72-53 road win over Sho-Ban on Friday.

Brett Arnell and Hunter Wadsworth each chipped in 11 for Oakley, while Jevon Grant led Sho-Ban with 11.

“The guys played well the whole game,” said Oakley coach Tyler Matlock. “We had to go to a zone defense. The guys did well with the zone defense. That was why we won that game.”

Oakley shot 19-for-25 from the free throw line, its best result this season.

Oakley 72, Sho-Ban 53
17 14 19 22-72
16 8 12 17-53
OAKLEY (72)

Payson Bedke 16, Brett Arnell 11, Weston Cooper 2, Hunter Wadsworth 11, Travis Robinson 4, Paxton Robinson 14, Daniel Whittle 3, Garret Critchfield 5, Eddie Setoki 6.

SHO-BAN (53)
Shawn Running Horse 7, Andre Graves 4, Alonzo Coby 10, Tyler Bosquez 3, Danny Sanchez 6, Jevon Grant 11, Levander Eschier 6, Tony Tone 4, Jordan Plenty Hawk 2.

Minico 63, Pocatello 38

Minico trounced visiting Pocatello Saturday night, winning 63-38.

Mark Leon and Coltin Johnson each scored 12 points while Shad Hubsmith added 10 for the Spartans.

Hubsmith also recorded a double-double on the night with 10 rebounds.

Minico heads to Burley Wednesday for its final

Great Basin Conference game of the season.

Minico 63, Pocatello 38
6 10 10 12-38
18 15 12 18-63
POCATELLO (38)

Jenkins 2, Mattson 3, Carrel 3, Meacham 6, Payne 5, Smelley 5, Helton 2, Oderstein 6, Howard 6. Totals 16 3-12 38.

MINICO (63)
Mark Leon 12, Coltin Johnson 12, Shad Hubsmith 10, Fennell 7, Vogt 3, Bronson Miller 5, Casey Christiansen 5, Kade Miller 4, Kevin Jurgensmeier 5. Totals 25 8-17 63.
3-point goals: Pocatello 3 (Howard 2, Mattson), Minico 5 (Leon, Johnson, Hubsmith, Vogt, Christiansen). Total fouls: Pocatello 15, Minico 11. Fouled out: Minico, Fennel. Technical fouls: none.

Eureka (Nev.) 45, Jackpot (Nev.) 43

A bad second quarter tamed the Jaguars with the Vandals of Eureka, Nev., holding Jackpot to just four points on Saturday. The final was decided at the charity stripe with the Vandals coming out on top 45-43.

“It came down to seconds and we weren’t able to hit a couple free throws,” said Jackpot Coach Carlos Perez.

He said his squad going cold during the second period in the face of Eureka’s half-court press dampened things as Eureka took a six-point, 26-20 lead into halftime.

“We’re continuing to play really hard in the second half of our league play,” Perez said, adding that the Jaguars have clinched a playoff spot in the 1A Eastern Nevada conference.

The Jaguars play Friday at Austin, Nev.

Eureka (Nev.) 45, Jackpot (Nev.) 43
12 14 8 11-45
16 4 7 16-43
EUREKA (45)

Dylan Allen 16, Justin Moyle 9, Jared Burnham 6, Odome Jackson 5, Pat Damele 4, Juan Davila 3, Walker 2.

JACKPOT (43)
David Blanco 11, Michael Avila 11, Juan Ruiz 9, Caleb Funkle 8, Narciso Camacho 2.
3-point goals: Eureka 1 (Davila); Jackpot 3 (Blanco 2, Ruiz 1). Total fouls: 15 Jackpot, 12 Eureka. Fouled out: Ruiz. Technical fouls: None.

Girls basketball NORTHSIDE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CAMAS COUNTY 60, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 23

The Community School fell to Camas County 60-23 at the Class 1A, Division II Northside Conference Tournament at Carey on Saturday.

The Musers’ Katelyn Peterson led all scoring with 22 points and broke a school record for the most points scored in a single season with 368 as of Saturday.

“The opening round of the tournament the girls wanted to play that number

one draw Richfield, and they will Monday night,” said Camas County coach Matt McLam.

Leading by eight points at halftime, Camas County scored 20 third-quarter points, holding the Community School to just one point.

Camas County 60, Community School 23
2 10 11 10-23
16 4 20 20-60
CAMAS COUNTY (60)

Maggie Flood 10, Austin Nalen 5, Julie Doan 2, Chelsea Cloud 2, Ella Marks 2, Kayla Cloud 2.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL (23)
Katelyn Peterson 22, Erica Phanbarasen 8, Darian Cantu 8, Sunnie Vouch 5, Megan Stampke 5, Sierra Sabin 5, Irena Miller 2, Stephanie Moore 2, Daniele Knowlton 2, Brittany Hulme 1.
3-point goals: Camas 3 (Vouch, Stampke, Sabin). Total fouls: Community School 10, Camas County 13. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Carey 65, Bliss 8

The Panthers bit hard and deep and kept biting when Bliss visited Carey for the Class 1A, Division II Northside Conference Tournament on Saturday.

Carey finished the first quarter with a 19-2 lead and never looked back.

The Parke sisters, Jaide and Jessica, counted nearly half of the Panthers’ scoring with 20 and 10 respectively.

Michaela Adamson added 17 points for Carey.

“It was a good game for Michaela. She started us off really well and we worked really hard with a defensive effort,” said Carey coach Lane Durtschi.

The Panthers host Dietrich Monday night.

Carey 65, Bliss 8
19 15 22 9-65
2 4 0 2-8
CAREY (65)

Jaide Parke 20, Jessica Parke 10, Amy Ellsworth 4, Michaela Adamson 17, Nicky Gomez 8, Candice Hennifer 6.

BLISS (8)
Abby Burk 6, Demsie Butler 2.
3-point goals: Carey 3 (Ja. Parke 2, Je. Parke). Total Fouls: Carey 3, Bliss 6. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Wrestling THREE LOCALS WIN AT CHALLIS INVITE, MINICO FOURTH

Minico finished in fourth place with a mix of varsity and JV wrestlers at the Challis Invitational Saturday.

Heavyweight Ramiro Riojas took home a first place medal. Finishing second was Salvador Gutierrez (215) and Joel Simental (135). In third place was Pete Coates (145). Four wrestlers took fourth place. They were Nathaniel Rios, Jorge Vega (160), Joseph Valincia (140) and Carlos Salinas (130).

Burley finished fifth. In second place was Christian Parke (130). Jeff Garza (119) and Brandon Chesley (112) finished third. Jonathan Martin (103) and Ryan Lott (171) finished fourth. Fifth place finishers were Jason Conrad (152) and Adrian Quiroz (160). Morgan McCracken was sixth (189).

Donovan Jones of Canyon Ridge (119) and Nick Chase of Wood River (145) also claimed individual titles.

**Challis Invitational
Team scores**

1. Challis 204, 2. Salmon 191.5, 3. Wood River 141.5, 4. Minico 128.5, Burley 120, 6. Canyon Ridge 117, 7. Wendell 107, 8. Bonneville 106.5, 9. West Jefferson 93, 10. South Fremont 12.

Individual results
103 pounds: 1. Ulvestad, Salmon; 2. Anderson, Wood River; 3. Stubblefield, Canyon Ridge; 4. Martin, Burley; 5. Marley, Bonneville; 6. Williams, Challis; 112: 1. Bigley, Burley; 2. Vanhooser, Wendell; 3. Chesley, Burley; 4. Bartlette, Wood River; 5. Regua, Canyon Ridge; 6. Holenbeck, Bonneville; 119: 1. Jones, Canyon Ridge; 2. Gines, Wendell; 3. Garza, Burley; 4. Crittenden, South Fremont; 5. Robins, Challis; 6. Puglisi, Salmon; 125: 1. Hansen, West Jefferson; 2. Broadham, Challis; 3. Jeffery, Canyon Ridge; 4. LeBlanc, Canyon Ridge; 5. Diaz, Wendell; 6. Nelson, Burley; 130: 1. Walker, Salmon; 2. Parke, Burley; 3. Egbert, Wendell; 4. Salmoninas, Minico; 5. Pancheri, West Jefferson; 6. Price, Canyon Ridge; 135: 1. Plummer, Challis; 2. Simental, Minico; 3. Szabo, Bonneville; 4. Hukic, Canyon Ridge; 5. Diaz, Wendell; 6. Nelson, Burley; 145: 1. Hansen, West Jefferson; 2. Benson, Wendell; 3. Ganske, Salmon; 4. Ashcraft, West Jefferson; 5. Kippes, Minico; 6. Aldous, Salmon; 145: 1. Chase, Wood River; 2. Brewer, Salmon; 3. Coats, Minico; 4. Rembelski, Challis; 5. Carmack, Challis; 6. Housley, Wendell; 152: 1. Weaver, Salmon; 2. Orchard, Wood River; 3. Laughlin, Challis; 4. Metcalf, Canyon Ridge; 5. Conrad, Burley; 6. Hansen, Wendell; 160: 1. Hansen, Bonneville; 2. Gerrish, Challis; 3. Smith, Canyon Ridge; 4. Vega, Minico; 5. Quiroz, Burley; 6. Fitte, Salmon; 171: 1. Latimer, Challis; 2. Rainey, West Jefferson; 3. Graves, Salmon; 4. Lott, Burley; 5. Hill, Wood River; 6. Williams, Salmon; 189: 1. Richardson, Bonneville; 2. Barker, Wood River; 3. Ryan, Bonneville; 4. Valencia, Minico; 5. Ruiz, Wood River; 6. McCracken, Burley; 215: 1. Hoffman, Bonneville; 2. Gutierrez, Minico; 3. Ruiter, Wood River; 4. Fredrickson, Challis; 285: 1. Riojas, Minico; 2. Amar, Challis; 3. Pancheri, West Jefferson; 4. Rios, Minico; 5. Thomas, Wood River; 6. Bradshaw, Canyon Ridge.

FINNEY THIRD IN WEISER

Buhl wrestler Blake Finney worked his way through the Weiser Tournament this weekend coming out with a 189-pound division third place tournament finish Saturday night.

On the other side of the bracket, reigning 3A state champion V.J Giulio of American Falls also lost his semifinal match, setting up last years state title rematch.

Finney beat the American Falls wrestler 12-8 to take third place.

No. 2-seeded Finney lost his semifinal 5-4 to No. 4 Joey Barbion of Payette to set up his match with Giulio, though neither of the two anticipated it being for third place.

“Finney just overlooked the match, he just wanted to get straight to the championship,” said Buhl coach Chris Porter.

Buhl hosts Canyon Ridge Wednesday.

HANSEN 49, CASTLEFORD 36

Led by Nadine Guerrero and Shelbie Hancock with 12 points apiece, the Huskies knocked the Castleford Wolves from the tournament, beating the Wolves 49-36. Shawnie Higgins added 10 points.

Courtney Allred had 12 points for the Wolves and Allison Rodgers followed with nine.

RAFT RIVER 67, HAGERMAN 45

Raft River senior Whitney Holtman scored 15 points and freshman Hailey Greenwood added 10 as the Trojans eliminated Hagerman 67-45.

“We made our shots early today,” said Raft River coach Jeremy Qualls. “I was pleased with the mental and physical effort after a tough loss (Friday) night to Shoshone.”

After holding a 34-21 lead at the break, Raft River broke the game open with 19 third-quarter points while holding the Pirates to six.

Hagerman was led by Kyla Coates with 14 and Amanda Regnier followed with 11.

“I think we ran out of gas,” said Hagerman coach Brett Arriaga. “But we look to rebound next year.”

Hagerman ends the season at 4-19.

Snake River Conference boxes
Shoshone 48, Challis 45
18 9 7 14-48
9 12 5 19-45
SHOSHONE (48)

Shelly Bozzuto 3, Kelcie Hutchins 11, Taylor Astle 7, Lacey Kniep 6, Jessica Chitwood2, Kylee Stein 5, Jennica Kerner 12. Totals 15 12-19 48.

CHALLIS (45)
Nicole Helm 8, Jenna Hamilton 12, Amber Kemmerer 4, Loni Dowton 7, Lacey Moss 5, Lauren Garlie 9. Totals 13 16-20 45.
3-point goals: Shoshone 6 (Hutchins 2, Bozzuto, Astle, Kniep, Kerner), Challis 3 (Helm 2, Moss). Total fouls: Shoshone 14, Challis 18. Fouled out: Shoshone, Astle, Challis. Technical fouls: none.

Raft River 67, Hagerman 45
17 4 4 18-47
25 9 19 14-67
HAGERMAN (45)

Kaitlyn Nebeker 4, Kyla Coates 14, Raven Aiken 8, Megan Bean 2, Amanda Regnier 11. Totals 16 10-20 45.

RAFT RIVER (67)
Kassie Ottley 5, Echo Hansen 8, Hailey Higley 6, Denali Manning 5, CeAnn Carpenter 1, Whitney Holtman 15, Samantha Ward 2, Wynter Holtman 8, Chelzee Nye 7, Hailey Greenwood 10. Totals 22 21-31 67.
3-point goals: Hagerman 3 (Coates 2, Aiken), Raft River 2 (Hansen 2). Total fouls: Hagerman 20, Raft River 19. Fouled out: Hagerman, Crist. Technical fouls: none.

Hansen 49, Castleford 36
12 9 13 15-49
6 8 7 15-36
HANSEN (49)

Nadine Giardina 12, Dori Lockwood 7, Micklenie Baxter 2, Hannah Stanger 4, Shawnie Higgins 10, Shelbie Hancock 12, Taylor Thomas 2. Totals 13 18-27 49.

CASTLEFORD (36)
Allison Rodgers 9, Callie Higgins, Courtney Allred 12, Lisa Canuto 6, Marcela Rodriguez 6. Totals 14 6-16 36.
3-point goals: Hansen 1 (Higgins), Castleford 2 (Rodgers, Allred). Total fouls: Hansen 16, Castleford 20. Fouled out: Castleford, Rodgers. Technical fouls: none.

Changes

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in the 2A ranks, leaving seven teams in the Snake River Conference for 2010.

Grace comes into the conference while Castleford, Lighthouse Christian and Sho-Ban drop to the 1A Division II classification. Challis, Hagerman, Hansen, Oakley, Raft River and Shoshone will join Grace in the chase for two state quarterfinal berths (down from three).

There won’t be a 16th team in the Sawtooth Conference in the 2010 season as was originally discussed. North Valley Academy in Gooding did not apply for full membership in football by the January deadline, which was moved to January of each year at last month’s meeting. NVA is currently an associate member but has applied for full membership in cheerleading and track and field, according to IHSAA Executive Director John Billetz.

The other six newcomers were confirmed, however. Camas County, Carey, Dietrich, Jackpot (Nev.), Mackay, Magic Valley Christian, Murtaugh, North Gem, Richfield, and Rockland will be joined by Castleford, Clark County, Leadore, Lighthouse Christian, Magic Valley Christian and Sho-Ban.

The Sawtooth will be split into North and South divisions, with the conference earning five of the eight state quarterfinal berths next year (up from four). Of the 24 Class 1A Division II

2010 District IV football conferences

Class 4A Great Basin Conference (3 berths to sub-state round): Burley, Canyon Ridge, Jerome, Minico, Twin Falls, Wood River.
Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference (2 berths to sub-state round): Buhl, Filer, Kimberly.
Class 2A Canyon Conference (3 berths to sub-state round): Declo, Glenss Ferry, Gooding, Valley, Wendell.
Class 1A Division I Snake River Conference (2 berths to state quarterfinals): Challis, Grace, Hagerman, Hansen, Oakley, Raft River, Shoshone.
Class 1A Division II Sawtooth Conference (5 berths to state quarterfinals): North Division — Camas County, Carey, Clark County, Dietrich, Leadore, Mackay, Richfield; South Division — Castleford, Jackpot (Nev.), Lighthouse Christian, Murtaugh, North Gem, Rockland, Sho-Ban.

football teams in the state, 15 are in the new Sawtooth Conference.

“We’re very excited about having 15 teams in the Sawtooth Conference,” Carey coach Lane Kirkland said in a voice message left with the *Times-News*. “We have prided ourselves on working together to help the small schools, and I think this proves that 8-man football in the small schools will stay alive.”

All classification switches were approved as final by the IHSAA, while the state tournament berth allocation and bracketing have been given approval but await a final vote.

Anthem

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posted the video at magic-valley.com. I suggest turning down the TV volume today when Carrie Underwood is singing and turn up your computer speakers to hear Thibeault instead.

No riffs, no runs. No fireworks or fly-overs. She didn’t knock anybody’s socks off with a booming voice. But there was a beautiful innocence to her cadence, and a sincerity that captured the peaceful assurance born of triumph that would make Frank Key proud.

It would make her uncle proud, too.

You see, Thibeault is the niece of Curtis Hall, who died in April 2007 while serving in the Navy in Iraq. Hall was a 2000 graduate of Burley High, where he played basketball. Each year the Hall family awards a memorial scholarship to a Burley High player. As part of the pregame ceremony, Hall’s sister Brenda Thibeault asked her daughter Tiana to sing the national anthem.

Tiana had never sung in

public before, but she agreed to do it for Uncle Curtis. After all, he’s the one who was teaching her to play guitar. He’s the one who always brought her presents when he came home on leave.

I didn’t know Curtis Hall, so I don’t know why I got misty-eyed as Tiana sang. Maybe it’s because Curtis and I are the same age. Maybe it’s because we both have 10-year-old nieces who love to sing.

Maybe it’s because every day I go to work, caught up in sports teams’ pursuits to hang championship banners in their rafters — rather unimportant stuff, considering.

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New BSU coordinator hoping experience helps

BOISE (AP) — When Boise State head coach Chris Petersen went shopping for a new defensive coordinator, he moved quickly and looked no further than his own cadre of assistants.

Petersen promoted Pete Kwiatkowski this week to take charge of the Broncos defense, a unit that ranked 14th in the nation last year in total defense and has been

one of the stingiest in the Western Athletic Conference the last five seasons.

Kwiatkowski, a former Bronco player and leader of the defensive line since 2006, takes over for Justin Wilcox, who helped Petersen compile a 49-4 record the last four years but moved on this week to take the top defensive job at Tennessee.

Petersen says he expects Kwiatkowski to put his own stamp on the Bronco defense, but opponents shouldn’t expect any major makeovers when the Broncos take the field next season.

Kwiatkowski, 43, graduated from Boise State in 1990 and was a consensus I-AA All-American defensive lineman in 1987 and is a

member of the Boise State Hall of Fame.

The biggest change, Kwiatkowski said, will be the reality that all defensive decisions rest with him alone.

“I’m hoping that the 20-something years of coaching has prepared me to handle the stress better than I did when I was a younger coach,” Kwiatkowski said.

Pilot boys outlast Declo

Glenns Ferry claws back, defeats Hornets in OT

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

DECLO — An energized crowd, giant momentum shifts, clutch shots, buzzer beaters, and overtime: Saturday night's Glenns Ferry-Declo boys basketball game gave fans everything they could want from the two top-ranked Class 2A teams in Idaho.

Glenns Ferry clawed back from a 15-point deficit to beat Declo 69-67 in over-time to clinch the No. 1 seed and home court advantage for the upcoming Canyon Conference tournament.

Ross Arellano scored 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds and Michael Crane had 22 points and 18 boards for the Pilots (16-2, 4-0).

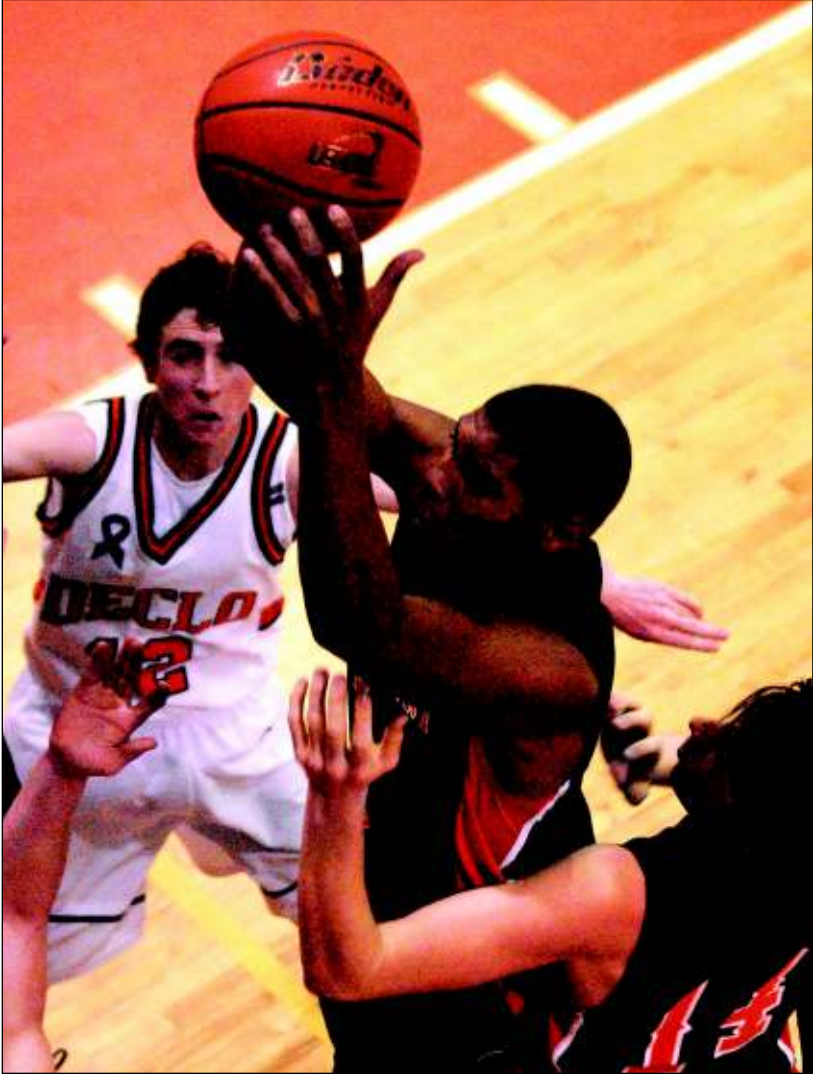
After free throws by Brandon Petersen and McCoy Stoker gave Declo a 62-60 lead with six seconds left, Crane dribbled the length of the court and dished to a wide-open Arellano under the basket for the tying lay-up at the buzzer that sent it to over-time.

"I was trying to push it up and I looked up and saw Ross with his hands up underneath the basket," Crane said. "I knew he would finish it."

Rory Hance scored four of the Pilots' seven points in the extra period, including the go-ahead score on an assist by Crane with 34 seconds remaining.

The ending was a sigh of relief for Glenns Ferry, which found itself down 15 points after the first quarter.

For Declo, it was raining



Michael Crane of Glenns Ferry grabs a rebound during the Pilots' game at Declo on Saturday.

RYAN HOWE/
Times-News

3s, but Glenns Ferry weathered the storm. The Hornets hit four consecutive treys — including Stoker's leap-and-lean buzzer-beater — to close out the first period on a 12-0 run.

"We knew they'd come out with a big spark at home," Crane said. "The main thing we did was weather that first storm. We never got on each other or put our heads down. We got into our groove and just kept going from there."

Tyler Briggs, who is Declo's leading scorer on the season and had 10 points in the first quarter, picked up his third foul with 7:47 to play in the second quarter and sat the rest of the half. Without him on the floor, the Pilots got back to within four points at halftime.

"(Briggs) is a big part of their offense and defense, so it gave us a chance to take it down low and kind of beat up on them and get rebounds," Crane said.

Crane drew an offensive foul on Briggs midway through the third quarter, sending him back to the bench to avoid fouling out.

Several Hornets helped to pick up the slack, however. Jeremy Jenkins, who finished with 13 points and 18 rebounds, had a hand in Declo's first nine points of the fourth quarter, including seven points, an assist and a two-handed dunk. Dane Janak scored 21 points for Declo, including six 3-pointers.

Declo (14-5, 2-2) will have the No. 2 seed for the district tournament. Hornets coach

Dee Lewis said his team "fixed some things" since its 92-72 loss at Glenns Ferry on Jan. 19, but added that "we still have some more things to fix."

"Our kids know that the important games are still to come," Lewis said, referring to the district tourney.

Glenns Ferry hosts Richfield on Monday before finishing its regular season at Buhl on Friday. Declo wraps up its regular season at American Falls on Friday.

Glenns Ferry 69, Declo 67, OT
Glenns Ferry 9 20 20 13 7 - 69
Declo 24 9 10 19 5 - 67

GLENN'S FERRY (69)
Michael Crane 22, Ross Arellano 26, Gabe Arevalo 8, Rory Hance 5, Zach Owsley 2, Justin Solosabal 6. Totals 28 7-19 69.

DECLO (67)
Jeremy Jenkins 13, McCoy Stoker 4, Tyler Briggs 14, Brandon Peterson 10, Dane Janak 21, Davis Jones 3, Levi Howard 2. Totals 25 7-16 67.
3-point goals: Glenns Ferry 6 (Arellano 3, Arevalo 2, Crane), Declo 10 (Stoker, Petersen 2, Janak 6, Jones). Total fouls: Glenns Ferry 14, Declo 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CSI rolls past CNCC women

Times-News

Stifling first-half defense and a dominating effort on the boards keyed the College of Southern Idaho women's 74-51 rout of Colorado Northwestern Community College Saturday in Rangely, Colo.

CSI's early pressure defense flustered CNCC (2-19, 0-15 Scenic West Athletic Conference) and the Golden Eagles (17-7, 9-5 SWAC) jumped to a 21-5 lead and led 46-20 at halftime.

Daidra Brown's 16 points led CSI, while Laurel Kearsley added 14 and Shauneice Samms 10.

Yateria Wilson and Da'naiveia

McDade each scored 13 for the Spartans, who shot just 29 percent for the game.

"We always know coming in that if we play our game we can do pretty well against these guys," CSI sophomore guard Nicole Harper told 1450 AM KEZJ.

The win keeps CSI tied for third place in the SWAC standings with Snow College and within striking distance of first-place teams Salt Lake Community College (19-4, 11-3) and North Idaho College (20-3, 11-3). NIC beat Eastern Utah 80-69 on Saturday, while Snow beat SLCC 70-67, drop-



Harper

ping the Bruins into a tie with NIC.

"We still have the opportunity if we win out to win this league," said Harper, who had seven points and three assists. "That's what we're looking forward to."

CSI 74, Colorado Northwest CC 51
CSI 17 15 12 51
Colorado Northwest CC 13 16 12 10

CNCC (51)
Kylie Hardison 0 2-2 2, Emilyya Vancheva 1 2-2 5, Felicity Jones 1 3-6 5, Holly Checketts 1 0-0 2, Shauneice Samms 4 2-2 10, Daidra Brown 6 3-6 16, Laurel Kearsley 6 2-4 14, Nicole Harper 2 2-2 7, Devan Matkin 1 1-2 3, Tina Fakahatua 2 0-2 4, Maddy Plunkett 3 0-0 6. Totals 27-60 17-30 74.

CSI (74)
Yateria Wilson 13, Tamekia Hunt 6, Ariel Sanchez 5, Tira Calloway 5, Kelsey Samuelson 2, Charlotte Epperson 3, Danielle Jackson 4, Da'naiveia McDade 13. Totals 17-58 11-20 51.
Halftime: CSI 46, CNCC 20. 3-point goals: CSI 3-8 (Vancheva, Brown, Harper); CNCC 6-20. Rebounds: CSI 47; CNCC 29. Assists: CSI 9; CNCC 5. Turnovers: CSI 20; CNCC 24.

CSI

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elements abounded Saturday as CSI shredded host Colorado Northwestern Community College 96-75 in Rangely, Colo.

"I thought we bounced back really well," CSI head coach Steve Gosar told 1450 AM KEZJ. "The guys had great energy tonight, were great teammates tonight."

Gosar praised his team for on-court communication, defensive hustle, clearing the glass and passing effectively.

Kenny Buckner and Josten Thomas led the effort on the

boards with 14 and 10 rebounds respectively, as CSI outboarded CNCC 47-25. Point guard Pierre Jackson spurred CSI's transition game, scoring 16 points and dishing some nice passes.

"Pierre started to show the things we know he can do," said Gosar. "... He was electric tonight. He got guys involved and made some great decisions."

Byago Diouf and Carrick Felix each scored 15 for CSI (16-8, 8-6 Scenic West



Jackson

Athletic Conference), while Buckner completed a double-double with 14 points. Chuck Odum and Romario Souza added 11 apiece. Diouf, Felix and Odum did most of their damage in the open floor.

"We got a lot of easy baskets," said Gosar.

CSI led 6-0 before CNCC (1-22, 1-14 SWAC) heated up from long range in a 14-2 run. Down 14-8, CSI soon tied things up at 17-17 and took the lead for good from there.

"Hopefully we're sharpening the blade a little bit

and getting that edge back to us," said Gosar.

CSI stays on the road this week with games at Salt Lake Community College (19-5, 10-4) on Friday and Snow College (9-15, 3-11) on Saturday. Those teams met yesterday, with Salt Lake winning 86-65.

CSI 96, Colorado Northwestern CC 75
CSI 17 15 12 51
Colorado Northwest CC 13 16 12 10

CNCC (75)
Pierre Jackson 16, Chuck Odum 11, Byago Diouf 15, Carrick Felix 15, Josten Thomas 8, Dennis Mikelonis 6, Romario Souza 11, Kenny Buckner 14. Totals 39-75 14-22 96.

CSI (96)
Teddy Aegerter 4, Dominic Tillmon 6, Kenneth Gilbert 18, Steven Robinson 8, Seth Holly 5, Terrance Tatum 11, Jon Henderson 20, Dustin Welch 3. Totals 32-67 4-13 75.
3-point goals: CSI 4-11; CNCC 7-17. Rebounds: CSI 47, CNCC 25.

CSI baseball wins season opener

Times-News

Tanner Craswell singled home J.C. Paquin in the top of the sixth inning for the go-ahead run as the College of Southern Idaho baseball team won its season opener Saturday, taking a 4-2 win over GateWay Community College in Mesa, Ariz.

CSI (1-0) got five solid innings from Casey Lish, who gave way to Chris

Kerns. The Boise freshman was even more impressive, striking out seven without allowing a hit in four innings to pick up the win.

The Golden Eagles trailed 2-1 heading into the sixth inning when Paquin launched a pinch-hit RBI triple to tie the game, then Craswell singled him in for the winner. CSI tacked on a run in the seventh when Lionel Morrill

tripled and scored.

Morrill, Paquin and Blake Lively all had two hits for CSI, which had eight in the game.

"We're just excited to play. Guys were chomping at the bit since we got on the bus yesterday afternoon. We got to the park early just to get some energy out of them," said CSI coach Boomer Walker. "For the first game and not being outside very

much we played great defense, made some plays and didn't make many errors.

"And our pitchers threw strikes; to only walk one was huge. Typically three, four, six walks isn't out of the question for the first game."

CSI plays South Mountain Community College (Phoenix) today in a double-header before facing GateWay again on Monday.

CSI softball splits on final day in Yuma

Times-News

New day, same results.

The College of Southern Idaho softball team faced both El Paso Community College and Eastern Arizona College for the second consecutive day in Yuma, Ariz., and came away with similar endings.

The Golden Eagles beat El Paso 7-2 on Saturday after topping the Texas team 11-6 on Friday. But CSI fell 8-2 to EAC, which also beat the Eagles 4-1 on Friday.

Generra Nielson struck out nine batters without issuing a walk in the El Paso win, grinding out a solid performance despite having pitched late Friday night as well.

Marie Williams led the way at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Brie Dimond took the loss against EAC despite a good effort.

"Brie threw well, we just didn't make a couple of players behind her," said CSI head coach Nick Baumert.

Mikkel Griffin's RBI triple and Lyndi Miller's RBI double provided the runs for CSI in the loss as the Eagles wrapped up a 5-3 stay in Yuma.

"I think we saw progress," said Baumert. "We're definitely not playing our best softball by any means. But we're not worried about it. We're starting six freshmen on defense and we have a lot of room to grow."

CSI (9-5) opens Scenic West Athletic Conference play this week with 1 p.m. doubleheaders Wednesday and Thursday against Colorado Northwestern Community College in St. George, Utah. A busy week continues with doubleheaders against Salt Lake Community College Friday and Saturday.

CSI 7, El Paso 2
CSI 123 100 0 - 7 8 4
El Paso 000 020 0 - 2 5 1
Generra Nielson and Chelsea Nix. Erickson, Torres (4) and Walsh. Extra-base hits — none.

Eastern Arizona 8, CSI 2
CSI 000 100 0 - 2 6 3
Eastern Arizona 201 230 8 - 8 9 2
Brie Dimond, Kelsey Bryant (4) and Chelsea Nix. Diaz and Teo. Extra-base hits — 3B: CSI, Mikkel Griffin. 2B: CSI, Lyndi Miller. HR: EAC, Senas.

Jerome

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Tigers into Thursday's Great Basin Conference Tournament championship game.

Twin Falls (15-8) got the first bucket of the game during a sequence of confusion which saw neither team remember which basket it was attacking or defending. A fire alarm sounded after the game was tied, and the building partially emptied. Jerome could have used the opportunity to regroup, but didn't.

"We were just wanting to stay warm if we had to go outside," said Jerome's Tinley Garey, who scored 11 of her 15 points in the first half.

What Jerome wanted, Jerome got, coming back out blistering hot. Aubree Callen, who scored a game-high 19, went to the basket for two points, then Garey and Carrie Thibault hit 3-pointers and the rout was on.

"We were just firing well; everything was so smooth," said Callen, who finished with 10 rebounds for a double-double. "We were able to get some stops and that moved right into our offense. We got shots there and if we didn't get them in we rebounded and kicked it back out."

Erin Grubbs-Imhoff scored a game-high 12 for Twin Falls, which scored the last 18 points of the game after Jerome called off the dogs. Jazlyn Nielsen and Mallory Jund each had 10.

"We were just a step slow, and timid," said Nielsen. "We've played Jerome so many times that we know they're known for that quick hit. We finally got a spark going (in the fourth quarter) but it was too late."

Twin Falls plays Tuesday at home against the winner of Monday's game between Minico and Wood River. Tuesday's winner clinches a trip to state and a visit to Jerome for the GBC title game.

The Tigers, meanwhile, can sit back and wait. They will go for their third straight district championship and 40th straight home win on Thursday.

WOOD RIVER 38, BURLEY 14

Kaitana Martinez matched Burley's scoring all by herself, bagging 14



DOUG GASKILL/For the Times-News
Twin Falls Bruin Alex Clark attempts a jump shot against several Jerome defenders at Jerome High School.

points as Wood River eliminated the Bobcats 38-14 on Saturday.

The Wolverines (17-6) held Burley to just three points after halftime, and were up 27-11 at the break.

"At halftime we talked about maintaining the effort and we really stepped up the defense in that second half," said Wood River assistant coach Kevin Stilling. "I'm glad we were able to get a big lead and keep the lead so we could keep some kids' legs fresh for a big game Monday."

Wood River visits Minico on Monday in another elimination game. Burley, playing its final game under head coach Gordon Kerbs, finished its season at 11-12.

GBC Tournament Boxes
Jerome 53, Twin Falls 42
Twin Falls 69 9 18 - 42
Jerome 17 15 12 - 53
TWIN FALLS (42)
Josie Jordan 4, Erin Grubbs-Imhoff 12, Mallory Jund 10, Allie Kelsey 4, Jazlyn Nielsen 10, Taylor Williams 2. Totals 14 8-14 42.

JEROME (53)
Aubree Callen 19, Haylee Burnham 6, Carrie Thibault 7, Tinley Garey 15, Baylie Smith 6. Totals 19 11-12 53.
3-point goals: Twin Falls 6 (Grubbs-Imhoff 3, Jund 2, Nielsen), Jerome 4 (Burnham 2, Thibault, Garey). Total fouls: Twin Falls 15, Jerome 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Wood River 38, Burley 14
Burley 5 6 21 - 14
Wood River 10 17 7 4 - 38
BURLEY (14)
Cheri Preston 1, Mikaela Salazar 2, Yliana Daniel 1, Teresa Waymunt 4, Jessica Laumit 2, Sara Behunin 2, Shawna Pace 2. Totals 3 8-20 14.

WOOD RIVER (38)
Alex Lindbloom 3, Kaitana Martinez 14, Grace Lagodich 2, Allie Hestersten 2, Monica Garceau 6, Tristin Bowers 6, Cheyenne Swanson 5. Totals 11 12-16 38.
3-point goals: Wood River 4 (Martinez 2, Bowers, Lindbloom). Total fouls: Burley 14, Wood River 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Kirilenko leads Jazz over Nuggets, 116-106

SALT LAKE CITY — Andrei Kirilenko had 22 points and five steals and Carlos Boozer finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds in his return to the lineup as the Utah Jazz won their eighth straight, beating the short-handed Denver Nuggets 116-106 on Saturday night.

The Jazz pulled within two games of the Nuggets in the Northwest Division and avoided a four-game sweep by Denver, which sat Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups for the second straight visit to Utah.

Even without their top two players, the Nuggets were able to cut a 17-point deficit to three early in the fourth quarter before Utah put the game away.

Deron Williams added 22 points, nine assists and three blocks for the Jazz.

Ty Lawson led Denver with 25 points.

CAVALIERS 113, KNICKS 106

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 47 points, including 24 straight for Cleveland in the first half, and the Cavaliers held off the New York Knicks for their 11th



straight victory.

James, who historically has saved some of his best performances for the Knicks, set a franchise record with 35 points in the first half thanks to his remarkable streak. He finished one point shy of his season high while adding eight rebounds and eight assists.

76ERS 102, ROCKETS 95

HOUSTON — Reserve Thaddeus Young scored 17 points, Willie Green added 15, and the Philadelphia 76ers overcame a 13-

point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Houston Rockets 102-95 on Saturday night for their fourth straight victory.

The 76ers hadn't won four in a row since last March 11-17.

BULLS 95, HEAT 91

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored 25 points, Derrick Rose added 24 and Chicago snapped a three-game losing streak.

After blowing a fourth-quarter lead the previous night at Atlanta, the Bulls showed the poise that led

Denver Nuggets forward Kenyon Martin (4) loses control of the ball after being fouled on his way to the basket by Utah Jazz forward Mehmet Okur (13) during the first half Saturday in Salt Lake City.

AP photo

to five straight wins before this skid and prevailed even though they were missing the injured Joakim Noah and suspended Tyrus Thomas.

HORNETS 104, BOBCATS 99

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Darren Collison scored a career-high 24 points filling in for Chris Paul, David West added 21 points, and New Orleans gave Emeka Okafor a victory in his return to Charlotte.

In the first regular-season meeting since the July trade that sent Okafor to New Orleans for Tyson Chandler, the Hornets rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to snap a three-game losing streak since Paul was sidelined with a left knee injury. Okafor, the Bobcats' first draft pick, had 16 points and seven rebounds.

TIMBERWOLVES 109, GRIZZLIES 102

MINNEAPOLIS — Al Jefferson rallied Minnesota to its season-high fourth straight victory by scoring 16 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter.

Jefferson was quiet all night against steadily improving big man Marc Gasol, until the Grizzlies

stretched their lead to seven points with 8 minutes left. Jefferson found his touch, scoring 12 straight and giving the Timberwolves the final

BUCKS 93, PACERS 81

MILWAUKEE — Andrew Bogut scored 21 points and Luc Mbah a Moute had 18 to lead Milwaukee to the victory.

One night after departing in the first quarter against the New York Knicks with a migraine headache, Bogut dominated inside. He hit 9 of 15 shots and grabbed eight rebounds to help the Bucks win for the fifth time in six games.

PISTONS 99, NETS 92

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jonas Jerebko scored 20 points on 9-for-9 shooting, and the Pistons snapped a five-game home losing streak.

Detroit has won only two of its last eight, both in the last five days over New Jersey. The Nets lost their 14th straight on the road and are 1-26 away from home this season.

— The Associated Press

Idaho's Luiz Toledo (21) and Boise State's Kurt Cunningham (50) go up for a rebound during the first half Saturday in Boise.



AP photo

Idaho crushes Boise St.

BOISE - Luciano De Souza gave Idaho a boost early and the Vandals never looked back, beating Boise State 79-55 Saturday night, the biggest Vandal margin in the 40-year history of the rivalry.

De Souza came off the bench to tie a career high with 16 points, including four 3-pointers that helped Idaho (11-11, 3-7 Western Athletic) take control with a 25-3 run during a seven-minute span midway through the first half.

The victory topped a 97-74 Idaho win in 1975 and avenged a 77-66 overtime loss to the Broncos (11-12, 2-8) in Moscow two weeks ago.

"No question him coming in and making some shots was a lift," Idaho coach Don Verlin said of the sophomore forward from Brazil. "He hasn't shot it very well lately and we got him some open looks and he knocked them down tonight."

The Vandals also got 12 points from Kashif Watson and 11 points apiece from Mac Hopson and Luiz Toledo. Toledo also led the team with seven rebounds.

Idaho shot well the entire game, hitting 56 percent from the floor and 10-of-20 from behind the 3-point line.

But the Broncos also helped the Vandal cause.

Daequon Montreal led the Broncos with 16 points and La'Shard Anderson had 12 points, the only two Broncos with double figures in scoring.

Boise State committed 19 turnovers, with 14 of those

coming in the first half as Idaho built a 45-19 lead by intermission.

The Broncos had won two straight coming into the game, but were sluggish and careless with the ball early, and then failed to shut down the Vandal offense, dimming any hopes of cutting into the double-digit lead. Montreal's baseline jumper at 7:51 brought Boise State within 19 points, but the Vandals answered with a 10-5 run over the next three minutes.

The Broncos shot 45.2 percent from the field and made just 4-of-14 3-point attempts in losing at home to Idaho for the second straight season.

"Just way too many turnovers," said Boise State coach Greg Graham, who has a 13-3 all-time record against Idaho. "Again, I think we just came to play and they came to get after us and win. They gave it to us early and by the time we woke up and tried to rally back" it was too late.

Idaho dominated in every facet. The Vandals outrebounded the Broncos, the Idaho bench outscored the Boise State reserves 33-14, and cashed in 18 points off of turnovers.

Idaho hosts Nevada Wednesday. Boise State, which has struggled in the second half of the season, at one point losing its first eight WAC games, plays Thursday against Utah State, which started Saturday night tied with Louisiana Tech for first place in the conference.

MONTANA 91, IDAHO STATE 68

MISSOULA, Mont. — Anthony Johnson poured in 30 points and Brian Qvale added 18 to lead Montana to a 91-68 thumping of Idaho State Saturday night.

The Grizzlies (17-7, 8-4 Big Sky) avenged a two-point loss on Dec. 31 in Pocatello, Idaho, and took advantage of the absence of Amorrow Morgan, the Bengals' leading scorer who was sidelined by a sprained ankle suffered Friday against Montana State.

Montana led 53-46 with 12:51 remaining before putting it away with a 21-2 run over a 5-minute span. The Grizzlies sizzled from the floor, shooting 65 percent (32-of-49) for the game. Qvale was 8-for-8 from the field to go with a game-high nine rebounds.

Broderick Gilchrest scored 22 points to lead Idaho State (6-17, 3-8), which has dropped three in a row. Austin Kilpatrick and Chron Tatum added 13 apiece.

UTAH STATE 76, NEVADA 65

Twin Falls High School product Brady Jardine came off the bench to tally 13 points and eight rebounds as Utah State (18-6) took a 76-65 win at Nevada.

Tai Wesley led the Aggies with 19 points and nine boards, while Pooh Williams scored 16.

Nevada (13-9) was led by 20 points from Luke Babbitt and 19 from Armon Johnson.

— The Associated Press

Willis, UNLV bury BYU

LAS VEGAS — Junior guard Tre'Von Willis had a career-high 33 points to lead UNLV into a first-place tie with BYU and New Mexico in the Mountain West Conference.

Willis, who finished with eight assists and five rebounds for the Rebels (19-4, 7-2), scored 21 in the first half as UNLV jumped to leads of 15-2 and 47-18. Willis, whose previous high was 30 points at TCU on Jan. 23, was 11 of 20 from the field, including 4 of 7 from 3-point range.

Jimmer Fredette led the Cougars (22-3, 7-2) with 21 points going 11 of 13 from the free-throw line, just but 2 of 7 from 3-point range. Fredette had seven rebounds and six assists.

NO. 1 KANSAS 75, NEBRASKA 64

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Cole Aldrich scored six points during a 16-1 run and Kansas used a big second half to stretch its home winning streak to 55 games.

The Jayhawks (22-1, 8-0 Big 12) led almost the entire first half but Nebraska charged out after the break on a 10-2 tear.

NO. 7 GEORGETOWN 103, NO. 2 VILLANOVA 90

WASHINGTON — Austin Freeman scored 25 points and Jason Clark had 24 as Georgetown forced 16 first-half turnovers and ended Villanova's 11-game winning streak and ruined the Wildcats' perfect Big East record.

Georgetown (17-5, 7-4) led by as many as 23 points in the first half and 50-31 at halftime. Villanova (20-2, 9-1) cut the margin to 10 but never threatened to complete the comeback in the game played on a day the nation's capital was blanketed with well over a foot of snow.

NO. 4 KENTUCKY 81, LSU 55

BATON ROUGE, La. — Freshman DeMarcus Cousins had 19 points and 13 rebounds for his sixth consecutive double-double for Kentucky.

Cousins, who played only 20 minutes, is eighth in the country in doubles-doubles with 14 and 24th in the nation in rebounding.

MICHIGAN STATE 78, NO. 5 ILLINOIS 73

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Demetri McCamey had 22 points and 11 assists to lead Illinois to a 78-73 upset of No. 5 Michigan State on Saturday night, sending the Spartans to another loss without Kalin Lucas.

The Illini led by a point at halftime and by seven in the game's final minutes. But they couldn't put the Spartans away until freshman D.J. Richardson hit a free throw with 15 seconds to play for a 76-73 lead.

NO. 6 WEST VIRGINIA 79, ST. JOHN'S 60

NEW YORK — Da'Sean



AP photo

BYU's Jimmer Fredette, right, is guarded by UNLV's Brice Massamba in Las Vegas on Saturday. UNLV defeated BYU 88-74.

Butler scored a season-high 33 points, hitting all seven 3-point attempts, and West Virginia rallied for the victory.

The Mountaineers (19-3, 8-2 Big East) trailed 43-30 more than 4 minutes into the second half before storming into the lead behind a trapping defense and a barrage of 3-pointers.

OKLAHOMA 80, NO. 9 TEXAS 71

NORMAN, Okla. — Tommy Mason-Griffin scored 24 points for Oklahoma and Cade Davis added 20 points and 10 rebounds for the second double-double of his career.

Texas (19-4, 5-3 Big 12) cut a 19-point, second-half deficit to five in the final 2 minutes but were hampered the whole game by free-throw shooting. Texas made just 10 of its 27 foul shots and were 4 of 11 in the second half.

NO. 10 DUKE 66, BOSTON COLLEGE 63

BOSTON — Jon Scheyer and Nolan Smith scored 21 points apiece to lead Duke.

Boston College cut a 10-point halftime deficit to 64-63 on Reggie Jackson's long 3-pointer with 16 seconds left. Scheyer was fouled and made both free throws before BC's Joe Trapani put a long 3-point attempt off the front of the rim at the buzzer.

NO. 10 KANSAS ST. 79, IOWA ST. 75

AMES, Iowa — Denis Clemente scored a season-high 30 points, including six 3-pointers, and Kansas State won its fourth straight road game.

Curtis Kelly and Jacob Pullen added 15 points each for the Wildcats, who also extended their winning streak over the Cyclones to eight games dating to 2006.

NO. 14 TENNESSEE 79, SOUTH CAROLINA 53

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Wayne Chism scored a career-high 30 points for Tennessee.

NO. 15 NEW MEXICO 88, SAN DIEGO ST. 86, OT

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Darington Hobson

scored eight of his 29 points in overtime, including two free throws with 2.7 seconds remaining, to lift New Mexico.

Hobson added 12 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season and the Lobos (21-3, 7-2) won their seventh straight to forge a three-way tie atop the Mountain West standings.

NO. 16 WISCONSIN 62, MICHIGAN 44

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jason Bohannon scored 18 points to lead Wisconsin.

Trevon Hughes added 14 points and Jordan Taylor had 13 for the Badgers (18-5, 8-3 Big Ten), who were 9 of 13 from

NO. 17 GONZAGA 66, MEMPHIS 58

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Matt Bouldin scored 19 points and Gonzaga pulled away at the end, closing the game with an 8-1 run.

Robert Sacre added 13 points and Steven Gray finished with 12, despite shooting 4 of 12 from the field for Gonzaga (19-4). Gray had seven rebounds.

GEORGIA 72, NO. 18 VANDERBILT 58

ATHENS, Ga. — Travis Leslie scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half and Georgia rallied to beat Vanderbilt.

RICHMOND 71, NO. 19 TEMPLE 54

RICHMOND, Va. — Kevin Anderson scored 16 of his 29 points in a blistering first half for Richmond.

TEXAS A&M 78, NO. 20 BAYLOR 71

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Bryan Davis scored 22 points and B.J. Holmes hit three late 3-pointers to lead Texas A&M.

NO. 21 GEORGIA TECH 73, NORTH CAROLINA ST. 71

ATLANTA — Zachery Peacock scored 22 points and freshman Derrick Favors added 16 as Georgia Tech held off North Carolina State.

NO. 22 PITTSBURGH 83, SETON HALL 58

PITTSBURGH — Gilbert Brown bounced back from a scoreless game with 23 points and Pittsburgh nearly shut out Seton Hall scoring leader Jeremy Hazell.

NO. 23 BUTLER 74, WRIGHT STATE 62

INDIANAPOLIS — Willie Veasley had a career-high 19 points, leading Butler to its 12th straight win.

NO. 24 NORTHERN IOWA 55, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 52

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — Adam Koch scored 11 consecutive points for Northern Iowa down the stretch.

NO. 25 MISSISSIPPI 74, ALABAMA 67

OXFORD, Miss. — Chris Warren scored 21 points to help Mississippi rally from a 23-point deficit.

— The Associated Press

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	16	.667	—
Toronto	27	23	.540	6
New York	19	31	.380	14
Philadelphia	19	31	.380	14
New Jersey	4	46	.080	29
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	33	17	.660	—
Atlanta	32	17	.653	½
Charlotte	24	25	.490	8½
Miami	24	27	.471	9½
Washington	17	32	.347	29

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	11	.788	—
Chicago	24	25	.490	15½
Milwaukee	23	26	.469	16½
Indiana	18	33	.353	22½
Detroit	17	32	.347	22½

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	31	19	.620	—
San Antonio	28	20	.583	2
Houston	27	23	.540	4
New Orleans	27	24	.529	4½
Memphis	26	24	.520	5

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	34	17	.667	—
Utah	31	18	.633	2
Portland	30	22	.577	4½
Oklahoma City	28	21	.571	5
Minnesota	13	38	.255	21

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	38	13	.745	—
Phoenix	31	21	.596	7½
L.A. Clippers	21	28	.429	16
Sacramento	16	33	.327	21
Golden State	13	35	.271	23½

Friday's Games				
Indiana 107, Detroit 83				
Washington 92, Orlando 91				
Boston 96, New Jersey 87				
Milwaukee 114, New York 107				
Houston 101, Memphis 83				
Philadelphia 101, New Orleans 94				
Alexia 91, Chicago 81				
Minnesota 117, Dallas 108				
Philadelphia 104, Sacramento 102				
Denver 126, L.A. Lakers 113				

Saturday's Games				
New Orleans 104, Charlotte 99				
Atlanta at Washington, ppd., snow				
Detroit 99, New Jersey 92				
Cleveland 113, New York 106				
Chicago 95, Miami 91				
Minnesota 109, Memphis 102				
Philadelphia 102, Houston 95				
Milwaukee 93, Indiana 81				
Utah 116, Denver 106				
L.A. Lakers at Portland, late				
Atlanta City at Golden State, late				
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, late				

Sunday's Games				
Sacramento at Toronto, 10 a.m.				
Orlando at Boston, 12:30 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.				
Dallas at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.				
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.				

NBA Boxes

BULLS 95, HEAT 91

MIAMI (91)				
Richardson 5-13 0-0 13, Beasley 2-11 2-2 6, O'Neal 9-16 6-24, Alston 4-6 0-0 11, Wade 7-11 6-8 20, Haslem 2-5 0-0 4, Anthony 0-0 2-2 2, Wright 3-6 0-0 7, Arroyo 2-4 0-0 4, Totals 34-82 16-19 91.				
CHICAGO (95)				
Deng 8-19 9-11 25, Gibson 3-7 2-4 8, Miller 3-9 6-7 13, Rose 9-19 6-8 24, Hinrich 3-7 0-0 6, Salmons 5-13 5-15, Richard 1-4 0-0 2, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Pargo 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 33-82 28-35 95.				
DENVER (106)				
Graham 7-9 2-2 16, Martin 6-14 4-16, Nene 1-3 2-2 4, Lawson 8-13 8-11 25, Afflalo 1-9 0-0 3, Carter 0-3 0-3, Wright 1-4, Brown 0-1, Hinrich 0-1, Salmons 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 57 (O'Neal 16), Chicago 50 (Miller 8), Assists—Miami 19 (Wade 8), Chicago 16 (Salmons 5). Total Fouls—Miami 23, Chicago 16. Technicals—Richardson, A—22,352 (20,917).				

JAZZ 116, NUGGETS 106				
Denver 7-9 2-2 16, Martin 6-14 4-16, Nene 1-3 2-2 4, Lawson 8-13 8-11 25, Afflalo 1-9 0-0 3, Carter 0-3 0-3, Wright 1-4, Brown 0-1, Hinrich 0-1, Salmons 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 57 (O'Neal 16), Chicago 50 (Miller 8), Assists—Miami 19 (Wade 8), Chicago 16 (Salmons 5). Total Fouls—Miami 23, Chicago 16. Technicals—Richardson, A—22,352 (20,917).				

DENVER (106)				
Graham 7-9 2-2 16, Martin 6-14 4-16, Nene 1-3 2-2 4, Lawson 8-13 8-11 25, Afflalo 1-9 0-0 3, Carter 0-3 0-3, Wright 1-4, Brown 0-1, Hinrich 0-1, Salmons 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 57 (O'Neal 16), Chicago 50 (Miller 8), Assists—Miami 19 (Wade 8), Chicago 16 (Salmons 5). Total Fouls—Miami 23, Chicago 16. Technicals—Richardson, A—22,352 (20,917).				
UTAH (116)				
Kirilenko 8-11 5-6 22, Boozler 8-11 3-3 19, Okur 3-10 2-2 8, Williams 7-16 7-10 22, Brewer 1-4 4-6 6, Millsap 6-7 4-16, Price 2-4 0-0 4, Miles 4-10 1-12, Matthews 1-8 5-6 7, Totals 40-81 31-40 116.				
DENVER (106)				
3-Point Goals—Denver 4-16 (Smith 2-6, Lawson 1-2, Afflalo 1-3, Graham 0-1, Andersen 0-1, Carter 0-3), Utah 5-17 (Miles 3-6, Kirilenko 1-3, Williams 1-4, Okur 0-2, Matthews 0-2). Fouled Out—Millsap. Rebounds—Denver 52 (Martin 13), Utah 50 (Boozler 13), Assists—Denver 14 (Lawson 4), Utah 27 (Williams 9). Total Fouls—Denver 27, Utah 26. Flagrant Fouls—Graham, A—19,911 (19,911).				

CAVALIERS 113, KNICKS 106				
New York 106				
Gallinari 5-10 7-5 0 13, Chandler 2-7 2-2 6, Lee 10-14 0-0 20, Robinson 9-18 3-3 26, Jeffries 3-4 5-12, Duhon 2-6 0-0 5, Harrington 0-4 2-2 16, Hill 4-5 0-0 8, Totals 48-84 17-24 106.				
CLEVELAND (113)				
James 17-31 7-7 47, Hickson 5-7 0-0 10, O'Neal 8-13 3-5 19, Carter 2-9 0-0 6, Parker 4-6 1-2 11, Ileguaskas 3-6 0-0 6, Moon 1-2 1-3 1, Varejao 3-5 0-0 6, Williams 1-4 2-2 5, Totals 44-80 14-17 113.				
NEW YORK (106)				
3-Point Goals—New York 12-27 (Robinson 5-7, Gallinari 3-5, Harrington 2-8, Jeffries 1-2, Duhon 1-3, Chandler 0-2), Cleveland 11-22 (James 6-12, Parker 2-3, Gibson 2-3, Williams 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 35 (Lee 8), Cleveland 41 (James 8), Assists—New York 27 (Duhon 8), Cleveland 22 (James 3), Total Fouls—New York 15, Cleveland 10. A—20,562 (20,562).				

PISTONS 99, NETS 92				
New Jersey 92				
Hayes 3-6 2-2 9, Yi 17 4-4 6, Lopez 8-12 4-5 20, Harris				

7-12 4-5 21, Lee 4-2 0-0 9, Humphries 6-14 2-4 14, Douglas-Roberts 0-1 0-1 0, Dooling 4-7 0-0 11, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 34-74 16-21 92.				
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3-Point Goals—New Orleans 9-22 (Posey 3-6, Stojakovic 3-7, Peterson 2-5, Collison 1-4), Charlotte 7-18 (Jackson 4-5, Augustin 1-1, Graham 1-3, Wallace 1-4, Felton 0-1, Diaw 0-2, Murray 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 44 (Posey 8), Charlotte 47 (Diaw 8). Assists—New Orleans 20 (West, Collison, Peterson 4), Charlotte 29 (Felton 7). Total Fouls—New Orleans 20, Charlotte 20.

COLTS VS. SAINTS



4:25 P.M., CBS

SUPER LINEUPS



Indianapolis Colts

Offense

WR — 87 Reggie Wayne; 85 Pierre Garcon; 17 Austin Collie
LT — 74 Charlie Johnson; 67 Tony Ugoh
LG — 65 Ryan Lilja; 61 Jamey Richard
C — 63 Jeff Saturday; 66 Kyle DeVan
RG — 66 Kyle DeVan; 78 Mike Pollak
RT — 71 Ryan Diem; 75 Michael Toudouze
TE — 44 Dallas Clark; 47 Gijon Robinson; 84 Jacob Tamme; 46 Colin Cloherty
WR — 85 Pierre Garcon; 81 Hank Baskett; 14 Sam Giguere
QB — 18 Peyton Manning; 7 Curtis Painter
RB — 29 Joseph Addai; 31 Donald Brown; 35 Chad Simpson; 32 Mike Hart
FB/HB — 47 Gijon Robinson; 84 Jacob Tamme

Defense

LE — 98 Robert Mathis; 96 Keyunta Dawson; 94 Ervin Baldwin
LT — 99 Antonio Johnson; 68 Eric Foster; 69 John Gill
RT — 90 Daniel Muir; 95 Fili Moala
RE — 93 Dwight Freeney; 79 Raheem Brock
LLB — 50 Philip Wheeler; 52 Cody Glenn
MLB — 58 Gary Brackett; 54 Freddy Keiaho
RLB — 55 Clint Session; 59 Ramon Humber
LCB — 26 Kelvin Hayden; 27 Jacob Lacey; 20 T.J. Rushing
SS — 33 Melvin Bullitt; 40 Jamie Silva
FS — 41 Antoine Bethea; 43 Aaron Francisco

Special Teams

K — 3 Matt Stover; 4 Adam Vinatieri
P — 1 Pat McAfee
LS — 48 Justin Snow; 84 Jacob Tamme
H — 1 Pat McAfee
KR — 35 Chad Simpson; 20 T.J. Rushing; Austin Collie
PR — 20 T.J. Rushing; 85 Pierre Garcon; 25 Jerraud Powers



New Orleans Saints

Offense

WRL — 12 Marques Colston; 16 Lance Moore; 87 Adrian Arrington
LT — 74 Jermon Bushrod; 64 Zach Strief
LG — 77 Carl Nicks; 67 Jamar Nesbit
C — 76 Jonathan Goodwin; 60 Nick Leckey
RG — 73 Jahri Evans
RT — 78 Jon Stinchcomb; 64 Zach Strief
TE — 88 Jeremy Shockey; 85 David Thomas; 80 Darnell Dinkins; 84 Tory Humphrey
WRR — 19 Devery Henderson; 17 Robert Meachem; 15 Courtney Roby
QB — 9 Drew Brees; 11 Mark Brunell; 10 Chase Daniel
RB — 25 Reggie Bush; 23 Pierre Thomas; 21 Mike Bell; 30 Lynell Hamilton
FB — 36 Kyle Eckel

Defense

LDE — 93 Bobby McCray; 96 Paul Spicer
NT — 92 Remi Ayodele; 90 DeMario Pressley
DT — 98 Sedrick Ellis; 69 Anthony Hargrove
RDE — 91 Will Smith; 97 Jeff Charleston
SLB — 55 Scott Fujita; 54 Troy Evans; 59 Anthony Waters
MLB — 51 Jonathan Vilma; 50 Marvin Mitchell
WLB — 58 Scott Shanle; 54 Troy Evans; 52 Jonathan Casillas
LCB — 32 Jabari Greer; 20 Randall Gay
SS — 41 Roman Harper; 31 Pierson Prioleau; 39 Chris Reis
FS — 42 Darren Sharper; 28 Usama Young
RCB — 22 Tracy Porter; 27 Malcolm Jenkins

Special Teams

P — 6 Thomas Morstead
PK — 5 Garret Hartley
LS — 57 Jason Kyle
H — 11 Mark Brunell
KR — 15 Courtney Roby; 23 Pierre Thomas; 17 Robert Meachem
PR — 25 Reggie Bush; 16 Lance Moore

SUPER MATCHUP

By Barry Wilner • Associated Press



Colts receiver Austin Collie



Saints safety Darren Sharper

WHEN THE COLTS HAVE THE BALL

The Saints' chore on defense is obvious yet very complicated — stop Peyton Manning (18). Manning has been marvelous again this season, winning an unprecedented fourth MVP award, then making the key completions in playoff victories over the Ravens and Jets. Indeed, he found weaknesses in two of the league's stingiest defenses, completing 67.5 percent of his throws for 623 yards, five touchdowns and one interception. His 104.6 rating is far higher than he managed in leading the Colts to the 2007 Super Bowl, where they beat the Chicago Bears. New Orleans must find a pass rush, and DE Will Smith was second in the NFC with 13

sacks. But the Saints have only one in the playoffs, even though they regularly hit Brett Favre last week. DT Sedrick Ellis (98), DE Bobby McCray (93) and linebackers Jon Vilma (51), Scott Fujita (55) and Scott Shanle (58) need to pressure Manning, or he will use a deep collection of receivers to pick apart the Saints. Reggie Wayne (87) wasn't much of a factor in the AFC title game matched up with Darrelle Revis, but the Saints have nobody in Revis' class. CBs Jabari Greer (32) and Tracy Porter (22) struggled against the Vikings, and against the Cardinals the previous week. If New Orleans native Manning is salivating, it isn't over Cajun cuisine, but because of the

opportunities he envisions for Wayne, his fellow WRs Pierre Garcon (85) and Austin Collie (17), and All-Pro tight end Dallas Clark (44). Clark versus another All-Pro, safety Darren Sharper (42), will be a juicy matchup. Clark had 100 receptions this season, and Sharper tied for the league lead with nine interceptions, running back three for scores. The ball-hawking Saints forced 39 turnovers. The Colts will try to run with Joseph Addai (29) and Donald Brown (31) behind a line that was built to protect Manning but is effective enough in the ground game. Center Jeff Saturday (63) and RT Ryan Diem (71) are their premier blockers, but Indy has to win through the air.



Saints tight end Jeremy Shockey



Colts defensive end Robert Mathis

WHEN THE SAINTS HAVE THE BALL

New Orleans scored 510 points to lead the league and has 76 in two playoff games. The Saints have gotten everyone involved, with Drew Brees (9), the NFL's most accurate passer, throwing for six TDs while not being intercepted. Brees has more mobility than Manning and is effective, even brilliant at times, throwing on the run. Brees can be unstoppable when he uses short drops for quick-hitting plays over the middle. So DEs Robert Mathis (98) and All-Pro Dwight Freeney (93) need to get in his face rapidly, but Freeney is plagued by ligament damage in his right ankle and his availability

will be a game-time decision. If the Colts can't get a decent pass rush, Brees will find WRs Marques Colston (12), Devery Henderson (19), Robert Meachem (17), and Lance Moore (16), and TEs Jeremy Shockey (88) and David Thomas (85). Shockey has been plagued by right knee problems and Thomas has capably filled in. Indy will deploy lots of cornerbacks to handle the wideouts, including Kelvin Hayden (26), a hero of the Super Bowl win over the Bears; rookies Jacob Lacey (27) and Jerraud Powers (25), who missed the AFC

title game with a left foot problem; and Tim Jennings. What the Colts must avoid is winding up with standout safeties Antoine Bethea (41) or Melvin Bullitt (33) in single coverage on RB Reggie Bush (25). The dynamic Bush often is a make-or-break proposition for New Orleans, and he's most dangerous in the passing game. Nose tackle Dan Muir (90), coming off two strong efforts, and active LBs Gary Brackett (58) and Clint Session (55) are the keys to slowing the running attack led by Pierre Thomas (23), Bush and Mike Bell (21).



Colts punter Pat McAfee



Saints punter Thomas Morstead

SPECIAL TEAMS

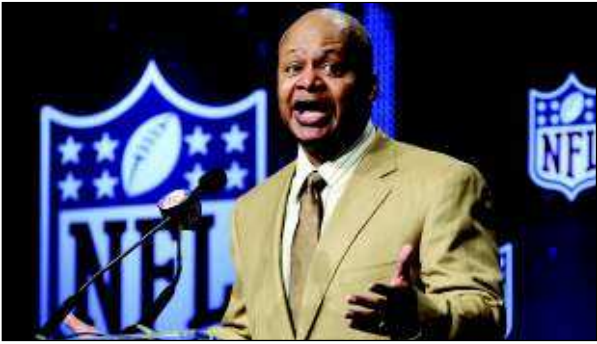
Saints PK Garrett Hartley (5) isn't likely to face a more stressful kick than the 40-yard field goal he made to lift his team into the Super Bowl. Unless, of course, he's asked to replicate that feat next Sunday. Hartley missed the first four games of the season for using a banned stimulant and has benefited from the guidance of veteran John Carney, who stepped aside and became a kicking consultant when Hartley returned.

Indy has the opposite situation in veteran Matt Stover (3), who has replaced the injured Adam Vinatieri (4), the most successful Super Bowl kicker ever. Stover doesn't have long range, but is plenty accurate. Tight situations rarely have bothered the 20-year veteran. Rookie punter Thomas Morstead (6) has been steady for New Orleans and comes off a strong game. Indy rookie Pat McAfee (1)

also has performed well. Both can boom deep kickoffs, too. Bush is the most dangerous returner. He broke free to score on an 83-yard punt run-back against Arizona, but his muff against Minnesota nearly cost the Saints the game. Chad Simpson (35) had a 93-yard kickoff return TD during the season. Indy's kick coverage teams are superior to New Orleans'.



Saints coach Sean Payton



Colts coach Jim Caldwell

COACHING

For anyone who argues that Jim Caldwell inherited a championship-caliber team when he replaced Tony Dungy, remember that it took Dungy five seasons in Indy to reach a Super Bowl. Caldwell is the fifth rookie coach to take his team to the title game. Caldwell learned well from his mentor, and being the hand-chosen successor to Dungy made the transition easier. That doesn't mean Caldwell didn't have significant issues to deal with, beginning with the offseason retirements of key assistants Tom Moore, the only offensive coordinator Manning has worked with, and line coach Howard Mudd. Getting them back on staff

as "consultants" settled Manning's mind, and the introduction of newcomers Collie and Brown, plus the development of Garcon, went smoothly thanks to their presence. Perhaps most important, Caldwell's approach and demeanor are similar to Dungy's, meaning the adjustment wasn't overwhelming. Sean Payton is the architect of the Saints' on-field turnaround from stumbling nomads to offensive powerhouse and NFC champions. Brees was his hand-picked quarterback, and together they've gotten the Saints to their first two conference title games and, now, the Super Bowl.

Payton's brilliance at offensive strategies and ability to recognize talent have been critical in New Orleans' rise. Yes, he got lucky with Colston, a seventh-round draft pick, and undrafted free agents Pierre Thomas and Lance Moore. But he and general manager Mickey Loomis used trades and free agency to bring in such key contributors as Shockey, Vilma, Fujita and Shanle. Oh yeah, and Brees. This season, Payton diverted some of his salary to hire defensive coordinator Gregg Williams. While the Saints aren't exactly staunch without the ball, they are improved, and they have a knack for takeaways.

SUPER FACTS

AT STAKE — National Football League Championship for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.
PARTICIPANTS — Indianapolis Colts (AFC) and New Orleans Saints (NFC). This the fourth appearance for the Colts and the first appearance for the Saints.
SITE — Sun Life Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla. This is the 10th Super Bowl played in Miami and the fifth at this stadium.
SEATING CAPACITY — 74,000.
DATE — Feb. 7, 2010.
GAMETIME — 4 p.m. MST.
NETWORK COVERAGE — By CBS-TV to more than 200 stations throughout the United States.

Westwood One Radio to 600 stations within the United States. The Armed Forces Television will also provide broadcast to 175 countries throughout the world. The game will be distributed internationally by the NFL and NFL International to more than 185 countries and broadcast in 30 different languages.
PLAYERS SHARE — Winners: \$83,000 per man. Losers: \$42,000 per man.
PLAYER UNIFORMS — Indianapolis will be the home team and use the South sideline. The Colts have their choice of wearing their colored or white jersey.

SUDDEN DEATH — If the game is tied at regulation time 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden death overtime. The team scoring first (by safety, field goal, or touchdown) will win.

At the end of regulation playing time, the referee will immediately toss a coin at the center of the field, in accordance with rules pertaining to the usual pre-game toss. The captain of NFC team (the visiting team) will call the toss. Following a three-minute intermission after the end of the regular game, play will continue by 15-minute periods with a two-minute intermission between each such overtime period with no halftime intermission. The teams will change goals between each period, there will be a two-minute warning at the end of each period.

OFFICIAL TIME — The scoreboard clock will be official.
OFFICIALS — There will be seven officials and two alternates appointed by the Commissioner's office.

TROPHY — The winning team receives permanent possession of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, a sterling silver trophy created by Tiffany & Company and presented annually to the winner of the Super Bowl. The trophy was named after the late coach Vince Lombardi of the two-time Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers before the 1971 Super Bowl. The trophy is a regulation silver football mounted in a kicking position on a pyramid-like stand of three concave sides. The trophy stands 20¾ inches tall, weighs 6.7 pounds and is valued more than \$25,000. The words "Vince Lombardi" and "Super Bowl XLIV" are engraved on the base along with the NFL shield.

ATTENDANCE — To date, 3,347,608 have attended Super Bowl games. The largest crowd was 103,985 at the 14th Super Bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

RECENT SUPER BOWL CHAMPS
2009—Pittsburgh (AFC) 27, Arizona (NFC) 23
2008—N.Y. Giants (NFC) 17, New England (AFC) 14
2007—Indianapolis (AFC) 29, Chicago (NFC) 17
2006—Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Seattle (NFC) 10
2005—New England (AFC) 24, Philadelphia (NFC) 21
2004—New England (AFC) 32, Carolina (NFC) 29
2003—Tampa Bay (NFC) 48, Oakland (AFC) 21
2002—New England (AFC) 20, St. Louis (NFC) 17
2001—Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 34, N.Y. Giants (NFC) 7
2000—St. Louis (NFC) 23, Tennessee (AFC) 16
1999—Denver (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 19
1998—Denver (AFC) 31, Green Bay (NFC) 24
1997—Green Bay (NFC) 35, New England (AFC) 21
1996—Dallas (NFC) 27, Pittsburgh (AFC) 17
1995—San Francisco (NFC) 49, San Diego (AFC) 26
1994—Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13

Planet Cheer shines at pair of regional meets

Planet Cheer competed at the UCA Regionals Jan. 23 and USA Regionals Jan. 16 in Utah.

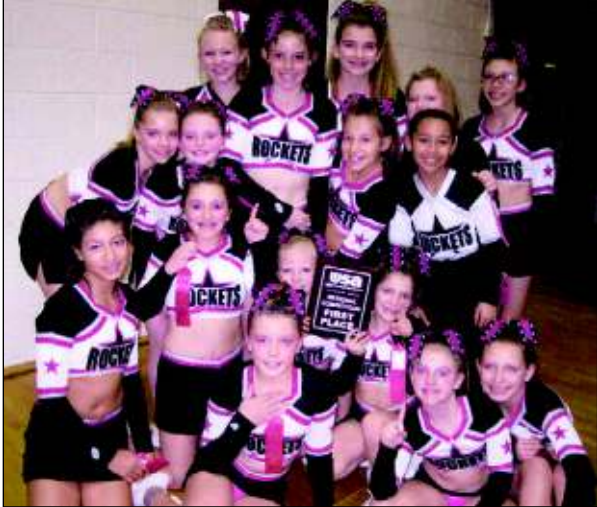
At the UCA Regionals, the junior level three team took first place, while the tiny and mini teams were second. The youth level two squad was third.

At USA Regionals, the senior co-ed level four team took first place and earned a

bid to USA and IALC nationals, as did the level 3 junior team.

The mini team placed second, while the youth level two squad was third. Both earned spots at nationals. Planet Cheer's tiny team took fourth.

For more information on Planet Cheer, visit <http://www.planetcheer-inc.com> or call 735-1270.



Courtesy photos

Junior co-ed team

Members of the Planet Cheer junior co-ed team are Jane Petruzzelli, Tristan Hall, Kassidi Heidemann, Makayla Nielson, Zoie Dudley, Ashley Long, Lyndsey Stoneberg, Ashley McClure, Anthony Carr, Alex Ortega, Keely Davis, Jailyn Gartner, Joelyynn Carr, McKynlee Bingham, Savannah Fitzgerald, Autumn Burdick and Micheala Phillips.



Mini team

Members of the Planet Cheer mini team are Madison Schutz, Madison Cargile, Bethany Bates, Emily Aguirre, Kaydence Poulsen, Jchandra Brown, Tinlyi Plew, Karlee Long, Aylah Strong, Makayla Lacoste, Alexis Mendoza, Brooklyn Blair, Aspen Dudley, Gabie Carter, Gabriella Solozaro.



Youth team

Members of the Planet Cheer youth team are Abby Hansen, Destry Anderson, Jacie Blair, Karlee Price, Billei Lynn McCarthy, Morgain Baker, Jaylee Bingham, Kiyanna Cox, Bailee Price, Patricia DeVries, Chanel Chandler, Shelby Veenstra, Madison Rencher, Kori Gartner, Kaleigh Baker, Rylee Gamache, Hailee Ostrom, Nik Shaw and Noah Noffsinger.



Tiny team

Members of the Planet Cheer tiny team are Kennedy Blair, Aubri Ellison, Chloe Chandler, Jadyn Baker, Savannah Slagel and Hannah Aguirre.



Senior co-ed team

Members of the Planet Cheer senior co-ed team are Kelsey Schutz, Tori Exxon, Tayler Stimpson, Brittanie Fairbanks, Jen Drysdale, Carrisa Clements, Cody Larson, Nicole Savage, Josh Hall, McKayla Luper, Grady Carlton, Jessica Tucker, Shea Mendoza, Jessica Pedraza, Miyoko Freeman, Lexi Bingham, Destiny Hall, Brooke Fitzgerald, Clara Comer, Kassidi Heidemann, Bobbie Jo Evans, Kelsie Fairbanks and Emiko Freeman.

BOWLING

SUNSET LANES, BUHL

SUNSET SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: John Haxby 582, Ron Fugate 519, Ed Hanna 517, David Hanna 516.

MEN'S GAMES: John Haxby 232, David Hanna 194, Ron Fugate 191, Wiley Bothum 190, Charlie Hill 190.

LADIES SERIES: Verna Kodesh 452, Cathe Woods 439, Dixie Schroeder 397, Elda Huff 384.

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MON. YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Derek Webb 425, Bradley Webb 383, Devin Dias 358, David Dias 272.

BOYS' GAMES: Derek Webb 157, Bradley Webb 131, Devin Dias 128, Chris Thompson 119.

GIRLS' SERIES: Sarah Thompson 260, Alexis Breck 219, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 184, Amanda Dewitt 124.

GIRLS' GAMES: Sarah Thompson 101, Alexis Breck 87, Julie Anne Nejezchleba 76, Amanda Dewitt 44.

LUCKY STRIKERS

SERIES: Darla McCallister 546, Beverly Rodig 526, Claudene Stricklan 499, Dorothy Moon 491.

GAMES: Claudene Stricklan 194, Darla MCCallister 193, Beverly Rodigh 189, Dorothy Moon 181.

MASON TROPHY

SERIES: Katie Owsley 473, Linda Loomis 468, Verna Kodesh 447, Nancy Bright 401.

GAMES: Linda Loomis 199, Katie Owsley 174, Verna Kodesh 152, Dixie Schroeder 147.

PINBUSTERS

SERIES: Bob Wagner 656, Dee Maier 655, Cortlin Runyan 640, Skip Leitch 636.

GAMES: Shan Blick 265, Cortlin Runyan 258, Skip Leitch 257, Larry Miller 148.

SPARE PAIRS

MEN'S SERIES: Josh Kennedy 609, Cliff Rediker 607, Pat Russell 585, Skip Leitch 583.

MEN'S GAMES: Cliff Rediker 243, John Haxby 222, Curt Quaintance 216, Pat Russell 214.

LADIES SERIES: Claudene Stricklan 492, Lois Tomlinson 488, Dorothy Moon 471, Sheila Lemmons 461.

LADIES GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 185, Claudene Stricklan 173, Darla McCallister 166, Dorothy Moon 165, Morgan Breck 165, Sandra Wiggs 165.

STARLITE

MEN'S SERIES: Dustin McCallister 595, Dirk McCallister 582, Damon Hyde 571, Chuck Hicks 561.

MEN'S GAMES: Dirk McCallister 239, Riggan Maier 236, Chuck Hicks 231, Jim Boehm 224.

LADIES SERIES: Mandi Olson 563, Dorothy Moon 557, Darla McCallister 556, Jeanne Hicks 521.

LADIES GAMES: Darla McCallister 219, Mandi Olson 214, Dorothy Moon 192, Nita Maier 189, Jeanne Hicks 189.

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MONDAY MARAUDERS

SERIES: Derry Smith 524, Diane Strolberg 507, Lori Parish 481.

GAMES: Derry Smith 194, Diane Strolberg 181, Edna Renz 175.

LADIES TRIOS

SERIES: Kris Jones 654, Tiffinay Hager 638, Anna Rose 592.

GAMES: Tiffinay Hager 246, Kris Jones 236, Theresa Knowlton 213.

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIOS

SERIES (4 GAMES): Justin Studer 924, Wally Studer 898, Logan Parish 872.

GAMES: Wally Studer 265, Justin Studer 248, Logan Parish 245.

TUES. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Rick Hieb 796, Byron Hager 650, Matt Blauer 612.

MEN'S GAMES: Rick Hieb 279, Chuck Carter 236, Byron Hager 230.

LADIES SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 626, Stacy Hieb 578, Alicia Bywater 486.

LADIES GAMES: Tiffinay Hager 246, Stacy Hieb 243, Alicia Bywater 2105.

RAILROADERS

SERIES: Lisa Hutchison 544, Janet Grant 514, Theresa Knowlton 513.

GAMES: Theresa Knowlton 228, Lisa Hutchison 213, Sharon Hissung 196.

BURLEY HIGH

BOYS' SERIES: Broc Winn 460, Alfonso Sanchez 447, Jim Hollahan 406.

BOYS' GAMES: Broc Winn 180, Jim Hollahan 176, Alfonso Sanchez 171.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 551, Courtney Yoshida 512, Bethany Adams 344.

GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 222, Courtney Yoshida 195, Kyleigh 122.

WED. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 644, Justin Studer 616,

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Galan Rogers 599.

MEN'S GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 258, Spencer Meyer 235, Justin Studer 217.

LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 556, Jessica Meyer 480, Bobbi Crow 469.

LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 218, Jessica Meyer 100, Bobbi Crow 469.

THURS. MORN. DBLS.

SERIES: Derry Smith 517, Stephanie Stelly 494, Bonnie Murphy 485.

GAMES: Derry Smith 206, Carol McAfee 168, Kym Son 159.

HOUSEWIVES

SERIES: Kristie Johnston 517, Stephanie Stelly 188, Kristie Johnston 187.

GAMES: Pat Hicks 197, Stephanie Stelly 188, Kristie Johnston 187.

MAJORS

SERIES: Erin Nelson 707, Bob Bywater 687, Justin Studer 681.

GAMES: Erin Nelson 267, Justin Mayer 257, Justin Studer 242.

PINHEADS

BOYS' SERIES: Jared Studer 610, Logan Hollins 289, Teagan Uscola 212.

BOYS' GAMES: Jared Studer 230, Logan Hollins 178, Teagan Uscola 85.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 539, Cheyenne Powers 445.

GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 222, Cheyenne Powers 190.

MINICO HIGH

BOYS' SERIES: Shane Amen 420, Brody Albertson 362, Larry Morris 320.

BOYS' GAMES: Brody Albertson 181, Shane Amen 150, Kolby Widmier 147.

GIRLS' SERIES: Jessica Hodge 427, Bridget Albertson 402, Caitlin Schafer 344.

GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 202, Caitlin Schafer 186, Jessica Hodge 180.

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS

SUN. EARLY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Lin Gowan 619, Randy Sunde 545, Jake Carnahan 533, Matthew Elmore 520.

MEN'S GAMES: Jake Carnahan 226, Lin Gowan 217, Matthew Elmore 206, Randy Sunde 197.

LADIES SERIES: Nikki Harris 411, Tasha Hampton 411, Dana Stewart 386, Barb Brant 368.

MON. MIXED FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Steve Inman 616, Doug Hamrick 596, Mike Wratthford 588, Rocky Reece 583.

MEN'S GAMES: Mike Wratthford 247, Kevin Hamlin 225, Doug Hamrick 219, Steve Inman 215.

LADIES SERIES: Kay Puschel 596, Sylvia Inman 539, Lorenia Rodriguez 519, RaeNae Reece 512.

SH-BOOM

MEN'S SERIES: Mitch Barnes 602, Donnie Parsons 595, Nick Parsons 580, Darrell Reynolds 571.

MEN'S GAMES: Ryan Shull 223, Nick Parsons 216, Donnie Parsons 214, Clint Koyle 213.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 530, Jody Galan 527, Julie Shull 521, Diana Brady 490.

LADIES GAMES: Diana Brady 213, Barbara Reynolds 212, Jody Galan 192, Stacey Lanier 187.

MID MORN. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Matt Baysinger 626, Eddie Chappell 602, Dick DeRoche 594, Blaine Ross 570.

MEN'S GAMES: Matt Baysinger 258, Bob Brown 217, Blaine Ross 216, Dave Wilson 214.

LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 572, Margie Howard 517, Ada Perrine 516, Dixie Eager 499.

LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 214, Kim Leazer 213, Dixie Eager 202, Ada Perrine 195.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Gail McAllister 540, Jessie Biggerstaff 538, Amber Beguhl 484, Jean McGuire 474.

GAMES: Gail McAllister 195, Barbara Frith 186, NaJean Dutry 184, Maggie Giles 181.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 542, Charlene Anderson 536, Shawna Obenchain 533, Susan Kepner 529.

GAMES: Shawna Obenchain 230, Kristy Rodriguez 209, Susan Kepner 198, Gail McAllister 193, Mona Neill 193.

TUES. MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Tyler Black 614, Anthony Vest 603, Dustin Davids 588, Anthony Brady 531.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 228, Tyler Black 226, Dustin Davids 221, Anthony Brady 194.

GIRLS' SERIES: Stevie Reeves 543, Koti Jo Moses 498, Rio Leazer 476, Megan McAllister 440.

CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Tony Everts 706, Nicholas Parsons 693, Todd Fiscus 572, Tony Cowan 658.

GAMES: Nicholas Parsons 257, Dave Wilson 257, Tony Everts 253, Matt Olson 247.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Clayne Williams 565, Eddie Chappell 550, Ed Dutry 494, Skip Barrett 475.

MEN'S GAMES: Eddie Chappell224, Clayne Williams

200, Ed Dutry 190, Jim Vining 182.

LADIES SERIES: Belva Coval 498, Lavona Young 481, Sondra Hill 480, Jeannine Bennett 477.

LADIES GAMES: Belva Coval 202, Shirley Kunsman 184, Jean McGuire 181, Sondra Hill 176.

LADIES CLASSIC

SERIES: Cindy Morrison 558, Diana Brady 556, Georgia Randall 552, Teya Moses 525.

GAMES: Sharon Simmons 210, Michele Seckel 204, Cindy Morrison 201, Carol Quaintance 197.

SOMETHING ELSE

MEN'S SERIES: Dave Gyorffy 606, Steve Gentry Jr. 602, Jim Gyorffy 547, Blaine McAllister 541.

MEN'S GAMES: Dave Gyorffy 242, Mark Warren 212, Scott Nelson 205, Steve Gentry Jr. 203.

LADIES SERIES: Sherry Blass 596, Gail McAllister 468, Susan Kepner 437, Patty Lyman 433.

LADIES GAMES: Sherry Blass 235, Patty Lyman 176, Gail McAllister 165, Sharla Warren 150.

SUNSET

SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 613, Kim Leazer 597, Michele Seckel 581, Leanna Magee 554.

GAMES: Mary Doerr 226, Michele Seckel 214, Kim Leazer 213, Judy Cui 211.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Dave Wilson 594, Eddie Chappell 590, Bill Boren 588, Myron Schroeder 570.

MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 243, Eddie Chappell 226, Bill Boren 215, Cy Bullers 214.

LADIES SERIES: Jean McGuire 563, Shirley Merrill 513, Dixie Eager 511, Jeanne Miller 503.

LADIES GAMES: Dixie Eager 235, Bonnie Draper 204, Jean McGuire 203, Shirley Merrill 203.

MOOSE

SERIES: Tony Cowan 835, Zach Black 663, Don West 653, Tony Brass 652.

GAMES: Tony Cowan 289, Don West 255, Cobey Magee 246, Tony Brass 240.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Deanna Heil 484, Jackie Boyd 458, Hilarie Smith 451, Flame Klundt 534.

GIANTS

BOYS' SERIES: Ryan Gutierrez 440, Joe Campbell 427, Braeden Lowe 390, Andrea Krohn 331.

BOYS' GAMES: Ryan Gutierrez 186, Joe Campbell 150, Braeden Lowe 143, Brandon Galliner 124.

GIRLS' SERIES: Shelbi Waters 468, Brooke Newlan 376, Cheyenne Utker 355, Ashley Ethers 341.

GIRLS' GAMES: Shelbi Waters 209, Brooke Newlan 132, Ashley Ethers 132, Cheyenne Utker 127.

PEEWEE & BUMPER

BOYS' SERIES: Riley Magee 197.

BOYS' GAMES: Riley Magee 101.

GIRLS' SERIES: Ravyn Barela 122, Lindsay Beem 148.

GIRLS' GAMES: Ravyn Barela 127, Lindsay Beem 78.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS

SUN. ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Mason 696, Rick Frederiksen 681, Trevor Wakley 668, RD Adema 646.

MEN'S GAMES: Kyle Mason 259, Rick Frederiksen 257, Trevor Wakley 244, Zach Black 232.

LADIES SERIES: Amanda Crider 609, Stephanie Evans 553, Nicole Trump 531, Stephanie Debaeke 520.

LADIES GAMES: Amanda Crider 237, Stephanie Debaeke 198, Nicole Trump 193, Kim Dreisigacker 181.

COMMERCIAL

SERIES: Kyle Mason 689, Tony Watkins 631, Rick Frederiksen 630, Leon Klimes 524.

GAMES: Kyle Mason 264, Rick Frederiksen 259, Tony Watkins 254, Leon Klimes 245.

MASON

SERIES: Georgia Randall 556, Kathy McClure 546, Shanda Pickett 522, Dot Van Hook 504.

GAMES: Dot Van Hook 212, Shanda Pickett 203, Georgia Randall 195, Kathy McClure 192.

VALLEY

SERIES: Jody Bryaant 671, Mike Tackett 671, Bob Leazer 667, Cobey Magee 662.

GAMES: Henk Heeling 266, Mike Tackett 248, Cobey Magee 244, Rick Frederiksen 238.

FIFTY PLUS

MEN'S SERIES: Jim Brawley 611, Roy Couch 559, Rich Farnsworth 555, Russ Bartlett 540.

MEN'S GAMES: Jim Brawley 256, Roy Couch 215, Russ Bartlett 210, Bud Whismore 201.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Smith 531, Sharon Knudson 519, Pat Glass 494, Linda Vining 486.

LADIES GAMES: Barbara Smith 215, Dixie Eager 204, Linda Vining 203, Sharon Knudson 201.

THURS. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Joe McClure 611, Charles Lewis 568, Tom Kerr 514, Dale Rhyne 488.

MEN'S GAMES: Joe McClure 245, Jeff Whittemore 215, Charles Lewis 212, Tom Kerr 178.

LADIES SERIES: Edie Barkley 490, Kathy McClure 487, Cheryl Kerr 476, Nancy Lewis 458.

LADIES GAMES: Kathy McClure 187, Cheryl Kerr 181, Nancy Lewis 177, Edie Barkley 176.

MARTIAL ARTS

Success names new black belts

Stacey Pound, right, and Teron Patheal completed the next step in their respective Black Belt Mastery Journey's Jan. 30 at Success Martial Arts in Twin Falls. Pound has been in training for nearly five years to achieve Shodan Adult Black Belt. Patheal achieved his Nidan Jr Black Belt after six years of training. For information on Success Martial Arts, call 733-8910 or visit <http://www.youtube.com/user/coachhiggins>.

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Perfect game for Vest

Anthony Vest, 18, of Twin Falls bowled his first perfect game Feb. 2 at Bowladrome. Vest's 300 game came during the Tuesday Majors Youth League. He rolled a series of 184, 300 and 237. He averages 210.

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Stricker takes big lead at Riviera

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steve Stricker hit enough crisp irons and made his usual share of putts to pull away from the field at Riviera and build a five-shot lead going into the final day of the rain-delayed Northern Trust Open.

Stricker was at 14-under par and had a 30-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole when it was too dark to continue. He will return Sunday morning to finish the third round.

Luke Donald finished his round at 5-under 66 just before the siren sounded and shared the clubhouse lead with J.B. Holmes (67) at 9-under 204. Andres Romero, playing in the final group with Stricker and 36-hole leader Dustin Johnson, also was 9 under with four holes left.

George McNeill shot a 66 and was 8 under along with Johnson and Kevin Stadler. Johnson had four holes to play, and Stadler had three left.

The tournament caught a



AP photo

Steve Stricker celebrates his birdie putt on the No. 10 green during the third round of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles Saturday.

huge break with the weather. A storm system off the California coast managed to dodge Riviera in the afternoon, leaving mostly sunny conditions and allowing for enough play that the tournament is expected to end Sunday.

Johnson returned Saturday morning to play two holes to finish his second round, and it turned out to be quite an advantage. A day after some players couldn't reach the 18th green with a 3-wood, Johnson flew a 9-iron over the green and deep into the soggy turf. After a free drop, he chipped in for birdie to complete a 67 and take a one-shot lead.

But that didn't last long.

Johnson hooked his tee shot into the deep grass well left of the third fairway and never found it. He had to return to the tee to play his third shot, scrambled for a double bogey and it rattled him. He missed a 6-foot par putt on the fourth, had to scramble for pars, then missed a 5-foot par putt on the ninth to fall farther behind.

Stricker, meanwhile, was practically flawless.

During a seven-hole stretch in the middle of his round, Stricker gave himself birdie chances inside 15 feet

on six holes. He made from 15 feet on the sixth and from just inside 10 feet on the eighth, after hitting into the ditch splitting the fairways. The exception came on the ninth, where Stricker drove into the left bunker and faced such a steep lip that he could only blast out to the fairway.

From 123 yards, his wedge settled 8 feet away and he made it for par.

QUIROS LEAD DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Spain's Alvaro Quiros shot a 5-under 67, and England's Lee Westwood and Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez had 68s for a share of the Dubai Desert Classic lead with Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee.

Thongchai shot a 69 to finish at 11-under 205. Defending champion Rory McIlroy was two shots back after a 69. Tom Watson was nine strokes back after a 71.

— The Associated Press

Smith, Rice lead 7 new football Hall of Famers

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Here's how you stop Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith: Put them in the Hall of Fame and watch them break down and cry.

The men who tore apart NFL defenses couldn't handle the emotions Saturday when they were elected to the shrine along with five others.

"They told me 'Don't cry,'" Rice said, his eyes wet with tears. "It meant the world to me, just like winning a Super Bowl. On draft day, I didn't take that for granted. I didn't take this for granted."

He could have.

A nominee needs 80 percent approval from the 44 media members who vote and Rice and Smith were slam-dunks in their first year of eligibility. Vote totals aren't announced.

"I am just honored ... to stand up there with greatness," Rice added.

Smith teared up when speaking about his father and how "I was living his dream."

"We are blessed to achieve this level of greatness together," Smith said, referring to Rice.

They will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on Aug. 7.

Rice and Smith each won three Super Bowls and was the MVP in one of those victories. Smith was the 1993 league MVP, as well.

Rice, the NFL's career receiving and touchdowns leader, and Smith, the top rusher, were joined in the Hall by John Randle, Russ Grimm, Rickey Jackson, Floyd Little and Dick LeBeau. Little and LeBeau were elected as senior committee nominees.

Rice, the perfect receiver for the West Coast offense, played 20 seasons for San Francisco, Oakland and Seattle. He made 1,549 catches for 22,895 yards, had 14 1,000-yard seasons and scored 208 touchdowns.

Smith, among the most durable running backs,



AP photo

Jerry Rice pauses as he gets emotional while speaking in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

"I am just honored ... to stand up there with greatness."

— Jerry Rice

rushed for 18,355 yards and 164 touchdowns for Dallas and Arizona.

"This is almost perfect," Smith said. "I don't think even Steven Spielberg could have written a script this nice. So many people said I could not do it. I believed in that little giant inside of me that said I can."

Added Rice, standing shoulder to shoulder with Smith: "It's just like playing in that big game, this is something you think about, and it is happening. I never thought I would go in with this guy here."

Steve Young, one of two Hall of Fame quarterbacks who threw to Rice, got the first hug from the new inductee, then said: "They made yards after the catch a stat because of Jerry Rice."

Two other all-time top receivers, Cris Carter and Tim Brown, weren't elected. Carter, in his third year of eligibility, stands third in career receptions with 1,101, while Brown, in his first year on the ballot, made 1,094.

Martin, Earnhardt Jr. up front for Daytona 500

Fla. — Rick Hendrick, Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. spent the last month talking about how those in-house, offseason moves would make a difference.

On Saturday, they may have convinced everyone else.

Martin and Earnhardt posted the top qualifying runs and secured the front row for next week's Daytona 500. It might not mean as much as Hendrick Motorsports' 1-2-3 finish in last season's Sprint Cup standings, but the latest sweep provided some validation to those changes made in hopes of bolstering both teams and getting crew chiefs Alan Gustafson (Martin) and Lance McGrew (Earnhardt) on the same page.

Martin, the only driver to top 191 mph, earned his first Daytona 500 pole. At 51, he also became the oldest driver to earn the top spot for

Patrick finishes 6th in stock car debut

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Bobby Gerhart's record-setting sixth victory at Daytona International Speedway was overshadowed by the successful stock car debut of IndyCar star Danica Patrick, who finished sixth Saturday in the crash-filled ARCA race.

Patrick spent much of the race among the top 10 in her widely anticipated stock car racing debut, but she bumped fenders with Nelson Piquet Jr. and spun out through the infield grass on lap 54, costing her any hopes of a victory.

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"I love getting records," Martin said.

Earnhardt, meanwhile, will start second in his

attempt to rebound from the worst season in his Sprint Cup career.

"This is just a small step in the right direction for the 88," Earnhardt said.

Martin and Earnhardt are the only drivers in the 43-man field who have their starting positions locked in. The top 35 drivers from 2009 are guaranteed starting spots in next Sunday's race, but their positions won't be set until Thursday's 150-mile qualifying races.

Two-time Daytona 500 champion Bill Elliott, Scott Speed and Joe Nemechek also locked up spots in the season-opening race, and Bobby Labonte will get in based on a past series champions provisional. That leaves four spots up for grabs in those Thursday races, which could be wild affairs because NASCAR is giving drivers more horsepower and more leeway for aggressive driving.

HARVICK WINS BUDWEISER SHOOTOUT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kevin Harvick has won the Budweiser Shootout for the second consecutive season, blowing past Greg Biffle in the exhibition race.

Harvick was in fourth when the racing resumed with two laps to go at Daytona International Speedway. He quickly pulled out of line to dive underneath Biffle and claim the lead. Jeff Gordon rammed into the back of Biffle moments later to trigger a huge accident behind the leader.

NASCAR waited several moments before calling caution, presumably to see if the wreckage cleared and the race could end under green. Instead, Harvick passed under the yellow flag and won under caution.

Kasey Kahne was second and followed by Jamie McMurray, Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin.

— The Associated Press

Super

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defensive end Dwight Freeney and his 13½ sacks can't go on his damaged right ankle, Brees, Reggie Bush, Marques Colston and company might light up the Miami night with touchdowns.

So could the Colts (16-2) with their deep receiving corps and the incomparable Manning. Surpassing the 75 points in the 1995 Super Bowl (San Francisco 49, San Diego 26) is not out of the question. Doing it by half-time isn't totally absurd.

When the Colts won their only championship representing Indy, Tony Dungy was the coach. Now it's his hand-chosen successor, Jim Caldwell, and only two rookie coaches have ever won the Super Bowl. One of them, Don McCafferty, did it for the Baltimore Colts in 1971, the first title game after the AFL-NFL merger.

Dungy's championship came in a historic matchup with Lovie Smith, the first two black head coaches in a Super Bowl. Caldwell's presence as the fourth black man to guide his team to the big game has been a virtual non-issue.

"I think because of the fact that it's becoming less of a story shows you that obviously there is some progress being made," Caldwell says. "But I really do believe there are still a lot of things I think in terms of different thresholds and milestones to be crossed in that particular area."

The Saints and Colts approached the unbeaten threshold in December. New Orleans was 13-0, fell at home to Dallas, then rested many regulars in losing the last two games. Indianapolis was 14-0 and perhaps headed for a 15th victory when Manning and other starters were removed in the third

quarter against the Jets. New York rallied to win, and the backups lost at Buffalo in the season finale.

Didn't matter much, did it? They both got here, albeit in different manners. The Colts handled the Ravens and Jets pretty easily. The Saints, following a romp past Arizona, needed several mistakes by Minnesota — including Brett Favre throwing an interception in the final seconds — before finally erasing that Super Bowl void in an overtime victory.

So will it be Mardi Gras in Miami or Peyton's place?

"I feel like both teams have gotten to this point because of the success of the teams," Manning says.

"Certainly if you look at our regular season and playoff schedule it has been a team season. Different guys have stepped up along the way, making critical plays at critical times.

"That is how I feel this

game is going to turn out. It will be somebody stepping up along the way, in a critical situation, making a play and you never know just who it might be."

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Workers wanted: fill 15 temporary
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11/30/2010. Workers attend to
livestock primarily on open range-
lands; feed, water & herd livestock
to pasture for grazing; examine for
diseases/injuries; assist with
vaccination; apply medications to
cuts/bruises; spray livestock with
insecticide or herbs them into
insecticide bath; assist with castra-
tion; Clip identifying notches on or
brand animals. Workers to be
on-call 24-hours a day/7 days a
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expenses to/from worksite.
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2459521-Hal Bowles, Hulet WY;
2458938-Aaron Bricker,
Saratoga WY; 2459515 Elizabeth
& Frank Philip, Shoshoni, WY

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Experienced Open Range Calvers
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gether at all times; prevent cattle
from eating poisonous plants; pro-
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theft. Worker will be on call 24
hours a day, 7 days a week, in-
cluding holidays. \$1600 +Room
& Board and a deduction of
\$10.45 per day will be made from
the worker's monthly wages. ¾ of
contract period guaranteed, start-
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ment at no cost to worker; and
transportation & subsistence
expenses to/from worksite. Six(8)
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

4	7			3		2	
5				8			6
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				1			
2		9				1	
8	4				5	9	

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

2/07

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	1	6	9	8	4	5	2
6	5	8	4	1	2	3	9	7
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5	4	7	1	2	6	9	8	3
9	8	2	3	4	5	7	1	6
1	6	3	8	7	9	2	4	5
8	7	5	2	6	4	1	3	9
3	1	9	5	8	7	6	2	4
4	2	6	9	3	1	5	7	8

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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209
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tect flock from predators/bad
weather; assist with lambing.
Workers will be on-call 24-hours a
day/7 days a week
including Holidays. 3/4 of contract
period guaranteed, starting
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ment at no cost to worker; and,
transportation & subsistence
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Kaycee WY; 2459470-Mark
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Medical

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213
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
The Southern Idaho Solid Waste
Board of Directors is seeking
candidates to fill the position of
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Applications with resumes will be
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The Executive Director is
responsible for the management
of solid waste programs in a
seven county regional solid
waste district in South Central
Idaho. Minimum qualifications
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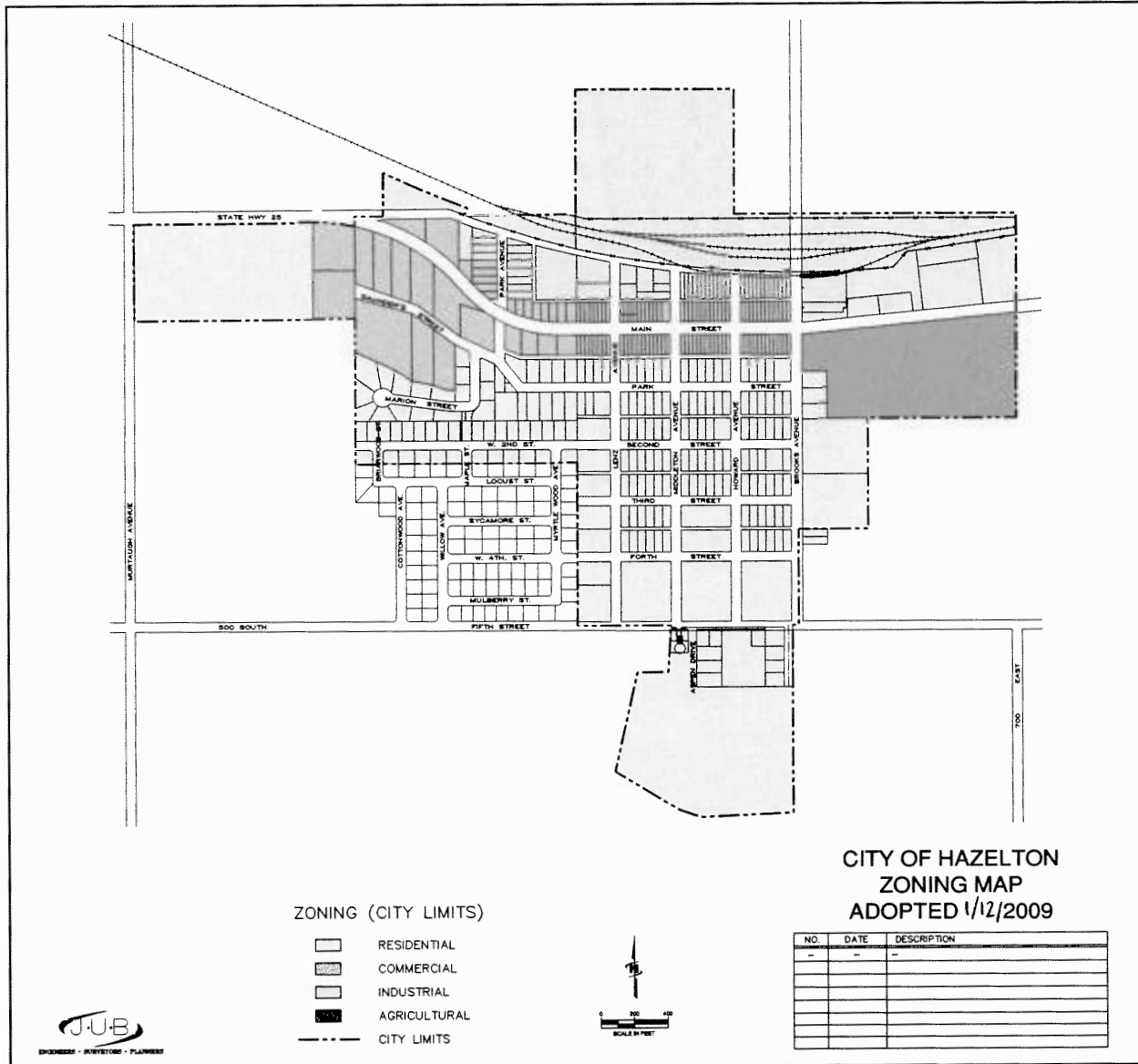
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ZONING (CITY LIMITS)

- RESIDENTIAL
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- CITY LIMITS

CITY OF HAZELTON
ZONING MAP
ADOPTED 1/12/2009

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION

SUMMARIZATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 240
OF THE CITY OF HAZELTON, IDAHO MADE PURSUANT
TO IDAHO CODE 50-901(A).

THE CITY OF HAZELTON, IDAHO PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF ITS ORDINANCE NO. 240 IN CONFORMANCE WITH IDAHO CODE 50-901(A) AS FOLLOWS:

A. The name of the city is Hazelton, Idaho.

B. The number assigned to the ordinance is 240.

C. A descriptive title of the ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAZELTON, IDAHO, REPEALING ORDINANCE #210; ADOPTING A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY, INTERPRETATION, SCOPE, DEFINITIONS, ZONING DISTRICTS, AND NON-CONFORMING USES; PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED AND SPECIAL USES IN ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR A ZONING MAP; REQUIRING BUILDING PERMITS AND STREET STANDARDS; PROVIDING A SEPARABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS, AMENDMENTS AND VARIANCES; PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

D. A summary of the principal provisions of the foregoing ordinance, including penalties, and the effective date, is as follows:

Section 1 Repeal of City Ordinance #210

Section 2 Specifies the title of this ordinance as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hazelton.

Section 3 Specifies that this ordinance is created in accordance with pertinent provisions of the Idaho Constitution and Idaho Code.

Section 4 Specifies how the provisions of this ordinance are to be interpreted and applied.

Section 5 Specifies that where the provisions of this ordinance impose greater restrictions upon land, buildings or structures than current law provides, the provisions of this ordinance control.

Section 6 Provides for definition of terms.

Section 7 Divides the City of Hazelton into four (4) zoning districts as shown on a zoning map.

Section 8 Describes the restrictions and regulations applicable to buildings, structures, and general land use within the Residential Zone, including manufactured homes.

Section 9 Describes the restrictions and regulations applicable to buildings, structures, and general land use within the Commercial Zone.

Section 10 Describes the restrictions and regulations applicable to buildings, structures, and general land use within the Industrial Zone.

Section 11 Describes the restrictions and regulations applicable to buildings, structures, and general land use within the Agricultural Zone.

Section 12 Providing for permitted uses, special uses, and prohibited uses in each zoning district.

Section 13 Describes building permit requirements and their application to existing or proposed buildings, structures, and established land usages in the Residential Zone. This section also specifies height restrictions for fences, walls, and hedges located in the respective zones.

Section 14 Provides regulations for the installation of signs in each of the zoning districts and requiring permits for some signs.

Section 15 Describes parking space size and availability requirements and their applicability to particular types of buildings, structures, or land usages.

Section 16 Provides standards for non-conforming uses.

Section 17 Provides for the determination of zoning district boundaries by reference to the official zoning map and other rules for determining zoning district boundaries.

Section 18 Provides for issuance of occupancy permits; provides for requirements of street access as a condition for a building permit; provides for construction of public and private roads; and provides for procedures for annexation of land.

Section 19 Provides for a Zoning Administrator and a Planning and Zoning Commission; provides for procedures for adopting amendments to zoning ordinance, variances, and special use permits.

Section 20 Provides for standards and procedures for public hearings under the zoning ordinance.

Section 21 Provides for appeals of decisions made by the Planning and Zoning Commission to the City Council.

Section 22 Provides for the separability of unlawful provisions of the ordinance.

Section 23 Penalties. The City may in addition to taking whatever criminal action deemed necessary, take steps to civilly enjoin any violation of this ordinance. The criminal penalty for a violation of this ordinance, unless elsewhere otherwise specifically provided, shall be as follows:

Violations of any of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute a misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Council or any other public official or private citizen from taking such lawful action as is necessary to restrain or prevent any violation of this title or of the Idaho Code.

Section 24 Provides for an effective date.

E. The full text of Ordinance No. 240 is available at City Hall and will be provided to any citizen upon personal request during normal office hours.

DATED THIS 12th day of January, 2010.

CITY OF HAZELTON, IDAHO

By: Mayor

ATTEST:

JOANN WOLF, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ATTORNEY

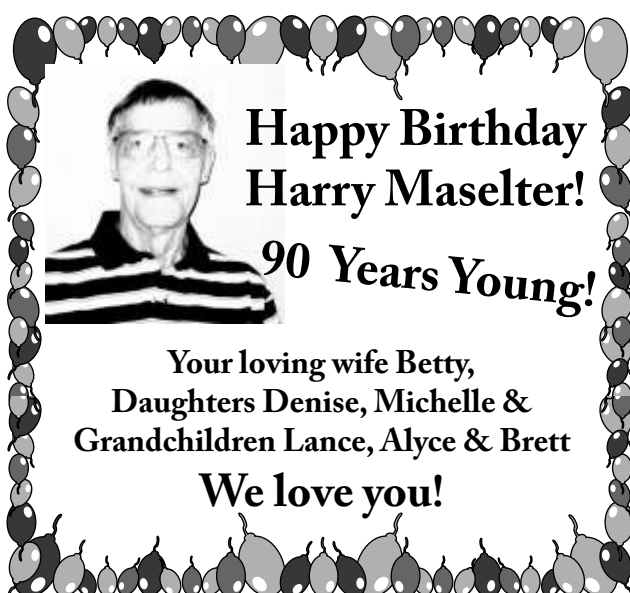
I, John B. Lothspeich, attorney for the City of Hazelton, Idaho hereby certify that the Summary of Ordinance No. 240 attached hereto, is a true and complete summary of Ordinance No. 240 and the Summary provides adequate notice to the public of its contents.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2010

Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP

John B. Lothspeich

PUBLISH: February 7, 2010



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LANDS FOR LEASE

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The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until NOON on March 4, 2010 on various Farm/Pasture leases on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at (208) 238-2305 or 238-2307.

PUBLISH: January 31, February 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 and March 3, 2010

NOTICE OF SALE

Storage Unit Auction to be held at Praxair Distribution Inc. 3135 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Id 83301 on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:00 am. The following storage units will be sold at auction to help satisfy past due storage rent.

Russell Brower, Unit 212, 1503 Maple Ave, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Personal Items

Michelle Bridge, Unit 253, 3890 North 3400 East, Kimberly, ID 83341. Personal Items

Amanda Thacker, Unit 140, PO Box 144, Murtaugh, ID 83344. Personal Items

Shawn Thacker, Unit 19, 183 South Crestview, Paul, ID 83347. Personal Items

Kerry Noble, Unit 73, 2836 East 250 South, Paul, ID 83347. Personal Items

Pam Robirds, Unit 15, 265 Overland Ave W, Box 424, Hansen, ID 83334. Personal Items

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- Pomeranian/Chihuahua cross red/white older adult male 22689 Hwy 30
- Catahoula black/tan/white adult female 1213 8th Ave E
- Pit Bull tan adult male found at Dicks Pharmacy
- Pit Bull brindle adult male found at 2015 11th Ave. E
- Pit Bull cross white/black spots male pup 890 3rd Ave. E
- 2 Lab crosses black male puppies 3652 N 2500 E
- 2 Australian Shepherds chocolate merles adult male & female 246 Caprice
- Shepherd cross crème/white male pup - Sparks
- 5 Spaniel/Border Collie crosses black/white male & female puppies Grocery Outlet
- Hound black male puppy CSI
- Pit Bull/Whippet cross chocolate/white Blue Lakes Ave.
- Rottweiler cross tan adult male Fairview Vet in Buhl, ID
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- Lab/Chow cross black/white on chest male puppy

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- Border Collie cross black/white/tan 6 mo spayed female
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- Pomeranian/Chihuahua cross red/white 6 yr neutered male
- Pit Bull/Mastiff cross brindle/white 4 mo spayed female pup
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- Border Collie cross brown/white 3 yr spayed female
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- Lab cross black 3 year old spayed female
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- Lab black 4 month old spayed female
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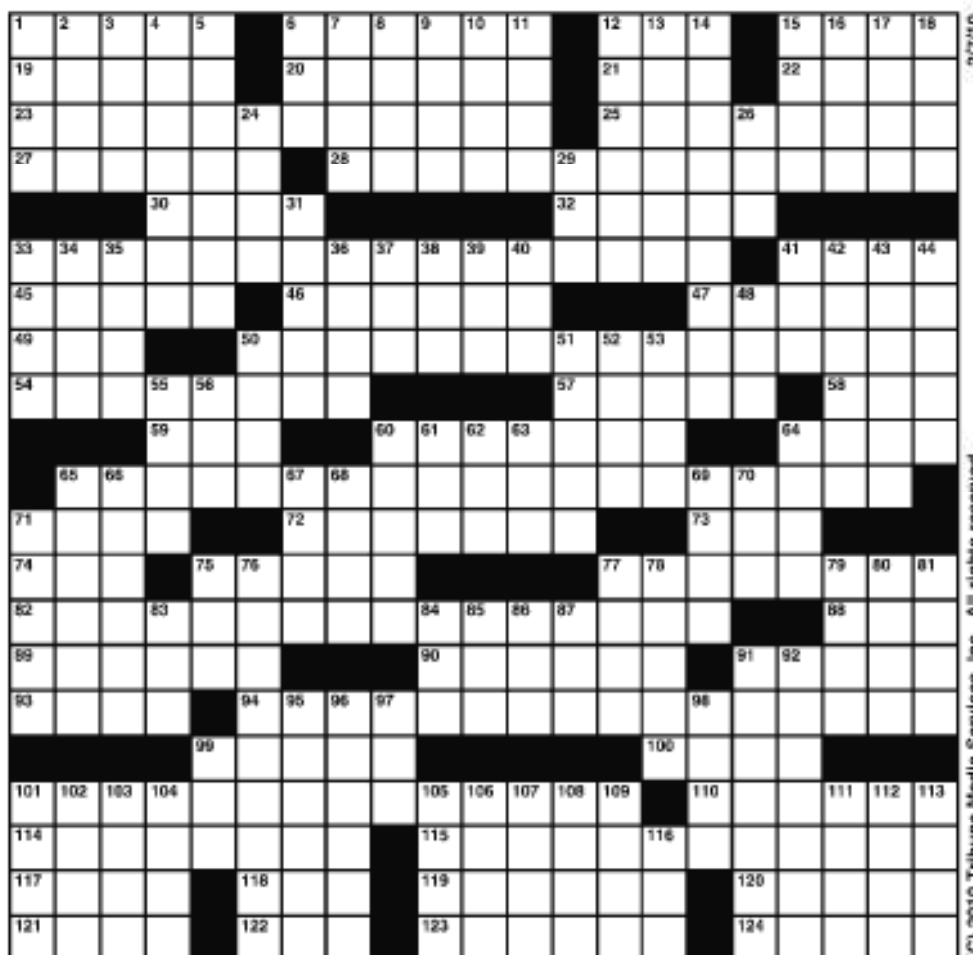
Sunday Crossword

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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ACROSS

- 1 Zingers
- 6 Dennis in comics, e.g.
- 12 Phone button letters
- 15 Prince William's alma mater
- 19 Voodoo relative
- 20 Iron target
- 21 It's not free of charge
- 22 One of a 15th century trio
- 23 Confidential town green projects?
- 25 Old English pub proprietors
- 27 It might be a bust
- 28 Inferior salad dressing ingredient?
- 30 Gillette razor
- 32 Access
- 33 What a white flag indicates?
- 41 Musical work
- 45 Slightest
- 46 Metallic money
- 47 Chaperon
- 49 Big name in ice cream
- 50 Pine tar?
- 54 Song for which Pavarotti won a 1990 Grammy
- 57 U.S. security
- 58 "Evita" role
- 59 Author Levin
- 60 "Tahitian Women on the Beach" artist
- 64 Trounce
- 65 Early 1600s threat to the English throne?
- 71 Divide
- 72 Wave through, as at a guard station
- 73 Reef dweller
- 74 "Just as I thought!"
- 75 Grave
- 77 Hostage negotiator's group
- 82 Government overseer of the mortgage crisis?
- 88 Letters before F?
- 89 Vehicle with caterpillar treads
- 90 Wicker material
- 91 Procyon or Canopus
- 93 Vittles
- 94 Dannon disciples?
- 99 Welsh actress Tessa
- 100 Next in line



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- 101 Bookkeeper's gift?
- 110 Looked like a wolf
- 114 '60s Defense secretary
- 115 Sensational sapphire, say?
- 117 Server of many kosher meals
- 118 Sylvester, to Tweety
- 119 Stereo knob
- 120 Malfunction
- 121 Sing the blues
- 122 That, in Tijuana
- 123 Becomes pervasive
- 124 Identity — DOWN
- 1 Head honcho
- 2 Touch
- 3 Country's McEntire
- 4 Drinkers may run them
- 5 Berate loudly
- 6 "Red Seal" record co.
- 7 Some dadaist works
- 8 12-time Pro Bowl NFLer Junior
- 9 Low-___ diet
- 10 Soliloquy
- 11 For fear that

- 12 Designer Versace
- 13 Not abandon, as principles
- 14 Sincerely
- 15 Seat of Oklahoma's Garfield County
- 16 Modern recorder
- 17 "Dedicated to the Love": 1960s hit
- 18 Cosmos' org.
- 24 Spanish muralist
- 26 Like some humor
- 29 DDE opponent
- 31 Very, in music
- 33 Jazzy Laine
- 34 Refs. that take up lots of shelf space
- 35 It may be held at lunchtime
- 36 "What've you been ___?"
- 37 Get in the pool
- 38 Old AT&T rival
- 39 "There's no ___ team"
- 40 Line part: Abbr.
- 41 Andean stew
- 42 Something to save for a rainy day
- 43 Ragamuffin
- 44 Expensive

- 48 Fr. holy woman
- 50 Key with five sharps: Abbr.
- 51 Concert souvenirs
- 52 Place to get your B.S.
- 53 Token concession
- 55 Naval buildup
- 56 Tiny bit of work
- 60 "___ while they're hot!"
- 61 Nile biter
- 62 ___ Today
- 63 Gloomy guy
- 64 Chamberlain of the NBA
- 65 Hawaiian priest
- 66 Collection in which Asimov's story "Robbie" appears
- 67 Grad
- 68 Hand (out)
- 69 Keister
- 70 Jazz club unit
- 71 Riders after robbers
- 75 Heavenly altar
- 76 Carthage, for one
- 77 Attempt
- 78 Lusty lass
- 79 Words following Casca's "Speak, hands, for me!"

- 80 Food thickener
- 81 Bog down
- 83 Staples, briefly
- 84 Discount rack abbr.
- 85 Columnist Hentoff
- 86 "___ show time!"
- 87 Disco ___ of "The Simpsons"
- 91 Charges
- 92 Track
- 95 Mitchell family
- 96 Trattoria dessert
- 97 Former Mideast inits.
- 98 River to the Ubangi
- 99 Tuba's first note?
- 101 Diving duck
- 102 Bruins' home
- 103 ___ B'rith
- 104 Towering
- 105 Round nos.
- 106 Restore to health
- 107 Aid's partner
- 108 Overseas bar degs.
- 109 Taylor of "Six Feet Under"
- 111 Memorization
- 112 Sufficient, in slang
- 113 Interior, e.g.: Abbr.
- 116 Guys

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

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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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SUMMONS By Publication

TO: LUIS EDUARDO TRUJILLO

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Date: 2-4-10 Cassia County District Court
By Sandra Albertson

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HOROSCOPE
 **Jeraldine Saunders**

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Love goes toward love. You can embrace someone and receive a warm hug in return during the week ahead. The people who are most strongly attracted to you are probably the best people to be with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Rely on the kindness of strangers. You are quite likely to get more than your fair share of attention in public during the week to come, so this is a good time for presentations or social networking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Although you can read the writing on the wall you might assume that the message is addressed to someone else. Errors in judgment are possible early in the week because you refuse to see fault in anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Direct your energy in the best possible manner this week. There are those who revel in a messy desk and those who frantically go on a cleaning spree when a paper is left askew. Avoid extremes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A shrewd career move might involve a partner or significant other. In the upcoming week, you could have the support and assistance needed to move further up the corporate rungs. Reward loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Straddle both sides of the tidiness issue. If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, then you might need to consider what an empty desk means. This week, concentrate on making the workplace efficient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ancient and modern fables are sprinkled with what you imagine to be perfect individuals; fairy-tale characters, movie stars and other role models. Gain empowerment and strength from a sweetheart this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you want to gather honey, don't kick over the beehive. When you are faced by emotional issues in the week ahead, don't place emphasis on what is logical. You can't use an abacus to count love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be a laser beam, not a searchlight. Don't waste your time this week gazing all around you — focus your energies on what you really want but make sure no one gets scorched.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): No one needs to drop an apple onto your head for you to notice gravity. In much the same way it is obvious that you can make money by taking advantage of worthy impulses in the week to come.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The difference that makes no difference should make no difference. This week, you can weigh your options and come to a delightful conclusion. People will easily accept you with all of your flaws.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stop to smell the flowers. All flowers eventually fade and turn into compost, so take advantage of every opportunity to spend quality time with loved ones. In the week ahead, you can buy tasteful personal items.

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My family roots are Scandinavian. Growing up, I used to hate that we rarely showed our emotions. I vowed to be different, but now I'm afraid I have fallen into the same nondemonstrative pattern.

As a single dad who tries hard to lead by example, how do I reintroduce this healthy demonstration of love?

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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR DAD: Your older boys may be less affectionate because they're a teenager and a pre-teen and concerned that kissing you would appear unmasculine or childish. It's possible that when they're older they will realize the importance of expressing warm emotions as you did.

Talk to your sons. Tell them you miss the demonstrations of affection and that while growing up you felt your family had missed out on something important. Many families are extremely affectionate, and in many cultures demonstrations of affection between males is the norm.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an active senior citizen, very involved in my community. Because I understand how important it is to stay technologically up-to-date and not be buried in "the way it was," I use a cell phone and am somewhat computer literate. But I have reached my limit of patience with the extreme dependence on cell phones on the part of my family as well as others.

It's increasingly hard to have a simple visit or dinner without constant interruption, to the point of rudeness. What has happened to us that we can't spend time together without injecting an "Oops! Need to take this call..."

Abby, how about making a helpful list of courtesy rules to share with your readers?

— GRANDMA JOY

IN RICHLAND, MISS.

DEAR GRANDMA JOY: There is really just one "rule," and it's longstanding: When carrying on a conversation — or sharing a meal — give your companion your undivided attention. Taking a phone call and allowing yourself to be interrupted sends a message that the person you are with is less important than the caller.

The only exceptions to this I can think of would be an emergency call from a family member, baby-sitter or employer — or if the person being called was a doctor. Or bail bondsman.

DEAR ABBY: My extended family has frequent birthday parties, usually on Sundays. My sister-in-law recently changed jobs so she is no longer able to attend. She sends empty containers along with my brother so he can take home leftovers for her.

If we go out to a restaurant, she has him order a meal to take home. (Our mother picks up the bill.)

Personally, I think what my sister-in-law is doing is rude. Is this something new?

— LAURIE

IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR LAURIE: It is not unusual for family members to take leftovers home from a house party if someone can't attend. But to expect a host to pay for a takeout dinner from a restaurant for a guest who did not attend is, in my opinion, presumptuous.

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ANSWER: Raising partner is the best way to get to game when you have a fit — and to stay low when you know you don't have a fit. If responder wants to find out about the range of the opening hand after a raise, a sophisticated way is to ask with a relay of two no-trump. Responses are by steps: three trumps, minimum hand; three, maximum; four, minimum; four, maximum.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I held ♠ 9, ♥ J-9-3-2, ♦ A-10-3-2, ♣ K-Q-7-4. As a passed hand I responded one no-trump to one spade, and the next hand butted in with two diamonds. What did my partner show by doubling? Was it extra values, takeout, or penalty?

No Compass, Atlanta, Ga.

ANSWER: While there is no firm agreement on what a double means here, I like it to be takeout, and this is what your hand suggests it to be. Partner's typical shape would be a 5-3-1-4 pattern. (With both majors one might simply bid hearts, not double.) So with your actual hand, passing would not be absurd, but maybe cue-bidding three diamonds also works. You plan to bid no-trump over a three-spade call; raise hearts, or cue-bid your diamond ace over a club call, looking for a club slam.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I play rubber bridge every week with the same group. One of the players tends to win more often than the others. Some say it's because he gets all the cards. Over the years, would you not expect the cards to average out?

Lucky Charm, Montreal, Quebec

ANSWER: Unless your friend is good at dealing himself aces (but you would have noticed that!), I'd say the luck evens out. But beware: the better players always seem lucky. As Gary Player said, "The more I practice, the luckier I get."

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ Q-10-9-5-3, ♥ 2, ♦ 10-3, ♣ A-K-Q-7-4, the young Turks in our neighborhood open one spade, planning to rebid the suit after a two-level red-suit response. The old-timers, like me, prefer one club, planning to rebid spades twice, with the partnership agreement that this does not promise extras. What say you?

Shore and Tell, Durham, N.C.

ANSWER: My first instinct is to go along with you, bidding suits I want my partner to lead. The problem auctions sometimes come at your third turn after opening clubs and bidding spades: How do you distinguish a minimum 5-5 from one with an extra ace? It is not an easy problem! But perhaps you should open one spade with much better spades than clubs, or with a stronger hand — and open one club with this hand.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I assume you would open one club, planning to rebid one no-trump over any one-level response, with ♠ K-J-9, ♥ J-10-2, ♦ 10-8, ♣ A-K-Q-7-4. That was what I did. I heard one diamond on my left, a negative double from partner, and now I had to guess what to do. The deal came up at pairs, with no one vulnerable.

Gerry Manfreading, Sioux Falls, S.D.

ANSWER: I agree with your decision to open one club, although in playing strength the hand resembles a strong no-trump. Now you have to decide what to rebid. If partner has a diamond stop, you may be best off in no-trump; but I would guess to bid one heart because even facing one diamond stopper, you may find you need to take diamond ruffs in the short trump hand.

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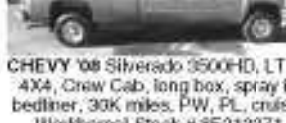
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The *Times-News* tracked down a few of the many creative people who grace south-central Idaho. We’re featuring one person per decade of life — a weaver in her 90s, a poet in his 50s, a photographer in her teens — to celebrate art and beauty in all its forms, no matter the age of its creator.

Our series winds up its three-Sunday run today. Did you miss the previous stories? Catch them on Magicvalley.com.

THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

PHOTOGRAPHING AT 18



Portrait photographer Alisha Neal, 18, is shown in her favorite shooting environment: downtown Twin Falls. She says she enjoys the creative outlet that photography provides.

Alisha Neal’s photos stand out among local portrait photographers’ work. Her subjects are edgy, their poses striking, their surroundings grungy.

Neal also does family and wedding portraits, but her fashion photography is where she shines. She finds models by networking online, and some travel to have Neal take their pictures.

Neal views her models as clay — ready to be molded to best fit her vision. Sometimes, models come to the shoot with preconceived ideas, but usually they let her take over, she explained.

She describes her work as “high-fashion. Or low-fashion. I don’t know.” Her portfolio is packed with alternative models in angular poses, gussied up and posing in crumbling industrial settings. One woman poses with a snake in a Twin Falls alley, while another, wearing a corset and thigh-high stockings, poses on a stage with a

beat-up trunk.

Neal shoots with a Fujifilm FinePix digital camera and posts her work online at myspace.com/alishareneephoto. As talented as she is, she doesn’t plan on trying to make a living from her art — she isn’t interested in being a starving artist, she said. Instead, she is studying psychology at College of Southern Idaho.

Neal isn’t setting aside her camera, though. Her goal: to be a counselor who does photography on the side.

— Melissa Davlin



Photo courtesy of ALISHA NEAL
Alisha Neal took this photo of a model in a downtown Twin Falls alley.

THROWING AT 46

David LaMure Jr. started working with clay at 12 years old. His uncle got him started, he said, and he hasn’t stopped since.

The Kimberly man specializes in raku, a Japanese style of pottery that is fired at a low temperature. Much of LaMure’s inspiration comes from the West — cat-tle skulls, buffalo bones, trout and jagged mountains are common motifs in his work. When working with clay, LaMure will add imprints from deer antlers or other found items from nature. Sometimes, he’ll incorporate bone straight into the piece. The alterations throw off the symmetry and make the piece more organic and natural.

LaMure especially enjoys forming vessels. He sees vessels as a metaphor for his art.

“What matters is the empty space inside the vessel,” LaMure said. “It’s the empty space, what we make, what creates our inspiration or creativity or what we



LaMure



Photos courtesy of DAVID LAMURE JR.

This vessel, which features watusi cattle, is one example of David Lamure Jr.’s work.

do next.”

In addition to clay, LaMure works with bronze and glass.

“I love the glass,” he said, adding that it serves as another metaphor with its transparency and fragility.

“The glass to me is

very unforgiving.”

LaMure’s work has been featured in exhibits from Washington to South Carolina, and HGTV featured him on “Modern Masters.”

— Melissa Davlin

READ MORE ONLINE

If you missed any of the nine artists we featured, catch their stories at Magicvalley.com

SINGING AT 26

Jason Parton got hooked on music in sixth-grade band class.

That juvenile interest turned into a lifelong obsession. Since picking up his first clarinet, the Rupert man has been adding other instruments to his musical arsenal: guitar, drums, bass, saxophone, keyboards and a number of woodwind and percussion instruments.

In addition to writing his own music and playing with two bands, Parton teaches guitar lessons and records other area bands with his portable studio. Parton has released three CDs under his stage name, Darzee the Tailorbird — all of which are available at Amazon.com.

Parton’s musical style has evolved since he started playing. His first CD, “Living in Genesis,” is more rock, while his second and third CDs, “Argonaut” and “Good Pirates Of The Forgotten Bayou,” are acoustic indie. He has a fourth CD in the works right now.



Photo courtesy of JASON PARTON

Rupert musician Jason Parton writes his own music and plays several instruments, including guitar, saxophone, drums and keyboard.

Parton finds inspiration for his songs from his own experiences. The best material, he said, comes from negative episodes, like break-ups.

“A lot of it is just from life, basically,” he said.

— 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: Pork chops
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Unitarian Church service, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Bunco-contr dancing, 6 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch
Duplicate bridge, noon
AARP tax aid by appointment
Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, noon
Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Oil painting by appointment, 734-0509
Money bingo, 6:30 to 10 p.m. (minimum \$7, medium \$11, average \$15; 16 games)
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Bingo at lunch
Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., *Buhl*. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. 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: Chicken garden soup
Tuesday: Ham slice
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken over rice

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Barbecued ribs, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., *Filer*. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: French dip sandwich
Thursday: Maple-glazed Cornish game hen

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 6:30 p.m.; public welcome
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, noon
Idaho Food Bank, 2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Haak Band, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.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: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Baked ham
Friday: Turkey and dressing

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic
Blood sugar check
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., *Gooding*. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: German sausage and sauerkraut
Tuesday: New England clam chowder
Wednesday: Enchiladas
Thursday: Beef stroganoff with noodles

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.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Foot clinic
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, *Hagerman*. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken Parmesan
Wednesday: Soup and salad bar
Friday: Tacos

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Foot clinic; bring towel; \$5

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, *Richfield*. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Sausage gravy over biscuits
Thursday: Chicken patty sandwich and soup

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: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Tuesday: Creamed chicken over biscuits
Wednesday: Malibu chicken
Thursday: Hash brown casserole with ham
Friday: Oven-baked chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Dance with Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Free massage
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Census presentation
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
Census presentation
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Board meeting, 10 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Marriage class, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
AARP tax aid by appointment, noon to 4 p.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, *Eden*. Lunch at

noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chicken and noodles
Thursday: Open-face roast beef sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast buffet, 8 to 10:30 a.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: Meat pizza
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Friday: Baked potato bar with toppings

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

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: Pizza
Wednesday: Rosemary chicken
Thursday: Baked potato bar with toppings
Friday: Valentine brunch

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.
Energy assistance, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Biggest losers, 2 p.m.
Blaine Manor Tea, 3 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Knitters and Crocheters Anonymous,

10:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 12:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wii bowling, 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Arts and crafts with Cassi Griffin, 1 p.m.
Biggest losers, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Movie "Bucket List," 1 p.m.; \$2
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Valentine brunch, 11 a.m.
No biggest-losers class

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Monday: Soup and salad bar
Thursday: Baked potato bar with toppings

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. Tax preparation by appointment: Linda at 436-1907. Medicare Part D assistance by appointments: Kitty Andrews at 677-4872, ext. 2.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken-fried steak
Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Wednesday: Lasagna
Thursday: BLT sandwich
Friday: Chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; \$7 and \$11 packets; 25-cent and \$1 games.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7 a.m. to noon; \$10

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: Chicken alfredo
Tuesday: Baked ham
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner
Thursday: Squash bowls
Friday: Swedish meatballs

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to noon
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Movie, 9:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Community dance, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Fundraiser dinner and show, 6:30 p.m.; \$10 each or \$15 per couple

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: Hamburger
Tuesday: Mandarin pork chops
Thursday: Cornish game hen

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Tax preparation, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday bingo
Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 10 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.
Ribbon-cutting ceremony
Saturday: Tax preparation, 1 to 4 p.m.

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: Hungarian goulash
Wednesday: Baked beans with ham
Friday: Cook's choice

ACTIVITIES:

Saturday: Fundraising breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

Childhood friendships can't be forced

By Gregory Ramey
Cox Newspapers

Q: Our friends have a pre-school child who is the same age as my daughter. While this couple is our best friend, the girls have never gotten along very well. My daughter said she doesn't like to play with our friends' daughter, but does very well with other children. How do I get my daughter to learn to get along with this child as I don't want to endanger our friendship with this wonderful family?

A: If these people are really such good friends, why don't you try being honest with them? Tell them that the connection between the kids does not seem to be good, and that at least for a while you want to minimize their contact. True friends would be understanding and appreciative of that approach.

I don't see any reason why

you should force your daughter to become friends with someone she doesn't like.

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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HOW DOES YOUR FAMILY HANDLE KIDS' ELECTRONICS?

With MP3 players, smart phones, laptops and video games consuming so much of kids' time, what's a parent to do? The *Times-News* is searching for a few local families willing to discuss how they balance their children's multimedia

time, and what rules they set for electronics use.

If you're willing to discuss your household's rules and your children's gadgets, contact correspondent Blair Koch at 316-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.



ALGERINA PERNA/The Baltimore Sun

Tressa and Michael Schuler stayed in a suite at Gramercy Mansion in Baltimore, Md., after trimming wedding plans, which had grown to a guest list of 170 and costs nearing \$20,000, to an 'elopement' package that provided for 20 guests at a cost of \$1,600.

Economy forces couples to shun big weddings

By Joe Burris
The Baltimore Sun

Michael and Tressa Schuler of Towson, Md., had their wedding all planned: an elaborate but intimate affair at historic Gramercy Mansion with about 75 guests. But then family members extended more invitations, and soon the guest list swelled to 170.

"It just started to get too stressful, and we felt that it was a time that we should be happy planning this," Michael Schuler said.

With their wedding costs approaching \$20,000, the couple opted instead for an "elopement" package at Gramercy that was limited to 20 guests. The bill: \$1,600.

With the recession in mind, couples like the Schulers are shunning grand settings and pricey accessories, opting instead for simple, do-it-yourself ceremonies that are high on creativity, low on stress and easy on the budget.

"As much as it's supposed to be the best day of your life, when it's over, you're depressed because you put so much time and effort into an event that was over before you blinked," said Kerry McCullough of Kensington, Md.

After struggling to find

COST CUTTING

Wedding costs are being downsized with the rest of the economy. Here are some examples:

- **The average cost** of a wedding in the U.S. for the third quarter of 2009 was \$22,121, down from \$28,730 in 2007, according to The Wedding Report.
- **The average wedding** guest list was 145 people in 2008, down from 166 in 2007, The Wedding Report found.
- **Brides spent** an average of \$1,032 on their wedding gowns in 2008, down 22 percent from the previous year, according to a survey by www.theknot.com.

budget-friendly ideas for her wedding in 2008, she founded Maryland Budget Wise Weddings, a Web service that helps couples create their own special day.

"People are getting very creative in order to meet their budgets," McCullough said. "You have to think about whether you want to put \$30,000 into a five-hour event."

Shane McMurray, chief executive of The Wedding Report, an Arizona-based industry tracker, said the average wedding for the second quarter of 2009 cost about \$16,500. The average cost rebounded to \$22,121 in the third quarter.

McMurray says the overall average wedding cost for the year would be about \$19,000. That's down from \$28,730 in 2007.

Weddings are also getting smaller. Guest lists averaged

145 people in 2008, down from 166 people in 2007, McMurray said.

"The economy is what's on everybody's mind. More than anything, people are saying, 'We want to get married, but how do we pay for it?'" McMurray said.

He said wedding trends involve saving money and include smaller weddings, more reliance on family and friends to provide services, and cutting down on the cost of food.

"Elopements are up big time," said wedding officiant Ken Patterson, senior pastor at Grace International Church in Baltimore, in late 2009. "I've done 20 this year, compared to eight last year."

He said couples are more likely to marry soon after deciding to do so rather than plan for a large wedding in the distant future.

"This is a time," Patterson

said, "where people who have been hanging out and dating say, 'We're struggling individually. Why not see if we can do better together?'"

Tressa Schuler said the thought of her parents being saddled with exorbitant costs added to her stress.

"We were looking at \$100 per person for the meal, and my parents aren't millionaires," she said. "It came to the point where I was just so overwhelmed with everything that I just said, 'That's it,'" and she and Michael changed plans.

Their deposit for the original wedding paid for the elopement package.

"It seemed like a normal wedding, but everything was scaled down so tremendously," Michael Schuler said.

However, the changes meant that about 100 people who had been sent "Save the Date" notices had to be told that they were no longer invited.

"I wrote letters of apology saying, 'Sorry for the inconvenience, but the wedding has been dramatically downsized,'" Tressa Schuler said. "Some people were disappointed. But some people said, 'It's what you want, so if that makes you happy, good for you.' At the end of the day, everyone was fine."

Cold burgers from your date-night intrusions

It pains me to put a wet towel on your romantic Valentine's Day dinner plans. But if you're a parent with kids at home, try to make sure your entree comes with a to-go box.

In the 13 years since I met my wife, our traditional date night has undergone a major makeover — not for the better, I might add.

Even the conventional notion of dinner and a movie ain't what she used to be. What began as courtship with nights at a bistro and tickets to "Les Miserables" is now a trip to the A&W drive-thru with a "Bob the Builder" DVD blaring in the background.

Maybe I'm just being pigheaded, but an evening of romance goes all wrong when you're asked if you want to supersize your fries.

But the real problem with date night, on those occasions when you do escape from the house, is the fact that you don't make a full getaway. As much as I loathe the use of a cell phone, it's an unavoidable device for a night away from the kids. Eventually the children just become part of the dinner conversation anyway.

Here's a chronological sampling of the calls my wife and I got during a recent evening out, after leaving our kids in the care of our oldest son.

6:02 p.m. — Although he's instructed not to go on the computer, one child calls to ask me what date is our anniversary. Then he calls back asking for my mother's maiden name, then my wife's mother's maiden name.



SPILT MILK
David Cooper

Clearly, I'm onto him. So I say, "Here's the computer password: G-R-O-U-N-D-E-D-2-W-X." He quickly hangs up.

6:15 p.m. — Older sister calls with a fake cry. One of the boys has stopped trying to hack the computer, and is now going after the girls' dolls and makeup. "Is he putting on the makeup?" I ask, and she says no. "Then there's nothing to worry about," I reply.

6:27 p.m. — No dialogue, just a strange call with an assortment of screams, cries and shouts, then a sudden hang-up.

6:41 p.m. — The two older kids call asking how to change a diaper. Does the cartoon go in the front or the back? Is it OK to use the entire box of wipes?

6:52 p.m. — "We're hungry," shouts one kid into the phone, even though we fed them stacks of pancakes before we left. "Will you bring something home?" We agree to it, and he hangs up to arrange their order.

6:58 p.m. — One kid wants fried chicken, two want burgers, another wants fried rice.

6:59 p.m. — My son calls back about the food. "Read that order back to me," he asks my wife. "Did you get it right?"

And no, I didn't ask him if he wants supersized fries.

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Dr. Karp tells how to calm the crying baby

By Edward M. Eveld
McClatchy Newspapers

Dr. Harvey Karp knows the skill new parents crave: the ability to calm their baby. And they're right to want that, said the renowned pediatrician and author.

Crying and sleeplessness in the first few months lead to all manner of bad effects for the family, from marital discord to child abuse to depression.

For too long, Karp said, parents have been told that babies cry because they have gas, and there's little parents can do to calm them. He has a different message.

• **On "the fourth trimester":** That's what Karp calls a newborn's first few months. "Our babies are born about three months before they're ready for the world." Once parents realize that their babies are more like fetuses, everything else

makes sense, he said.

• **On what a baby's cry means:** A baby crying is like a telephone ringing, Karp said. You can't get a message from a ring. It could be that somebody in the room laughed loudly. As long as the baby has been fed, "in the first three months, all bets are off," Karp said. "You can't really know why the baby is crying."

• **On the "calming reflex":** "It's a virtual off switch for crying and on switch for sleep

that can calm even colicky babies in minutes or less," Karp said. The key is to imitate the womb environment with the five S's: swaddling, side or stomach position, the "shhhhh" sound, swinging and sucking.

Karp's DVDs, CDs and books, including "The Happiest Baby on the Block" and "The Happiest Toddler on the Block," are popular with parents and parenting instructors.

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Helping teens sort those piles of crumpled papers

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — There's a reason why a new book about helping disorganized teenagers was published midway through the school year, rather than in September.

"When you go back to school in September, everything is fresh and everything is new," said Ana Homayoun, author of "That Crumpled Paper Was Due Last Week" (Perigee/Penguin, \$15.95). "But now you've got first-semester grades," and that can be a reality check.

Midwinter is also a good time to establish new habits for what's left of the school year, and getting a handle on all the crumpled papers lurking in backpacks, folders, desks and elsewhere is an important first step, Homayoun said in an interview.

"We typically recycle a few brown paper bags full of paper in the course of going through their backpacks and organizing their binders for the first time," said Homayoun, founder of Green Ivy Educational Consulting, based in the San Francisco Bay area.

Homayoun says she motivates kids by explaining that once they're organized, "they're going to get their homework done faster, and they'll have more time to do the things they want to do," whether it's music, sports, video games, Facebook or just hanging out with friends. She added that getting organized not only helps kids with school work, but also reduces stress and helps them succeed in other areas as well.

To get maximum cooperation from your teen for the paper-sorting project, schedule a mutually agreeable time a few days ahead. Saturday afternoon is ideal.

Then clear a flat, empty surface for the paper dump. Dining room tables are perfect.

A three-hole punch is crucial to Homayoun's system, along with an inch-thick binder for every subject in school, with tabbed dividers in each notebook for homework, quizzes, notes, etc. Get large envelopes for storing papers from last semester (one per subject), and have a recycling bin handy for paper that can be thrown away.

Homayoun says the accordion files and pocket folders recommended by many schools don't work for all students. "It overwhelms them," she said. "Kids need to know they have a place for everything."

As you work through the pile, don't berate your child for the quiz with the low grade, the homework that wasn't handed in or the notice you never got. Just punch holes in each sheet, place it in its new home and move on.

"The key is that you go through every piece of paper," she said.

Set a timer and see how much you can do in an hour. Homayoun says she can get



Ana Homayoun, author of a new book, 'That Crumpled Paper Was Due Last Week,' works with a student.

through any pile in 90 minutes, but she cautions against spending more than two hours at home on the project.

Some kids may welcome your help, but if your teen wants to tackle the pile alone, Homayoun recommends that you get your own paperwork to organize — taxes, anyone? — and work side by side.

Once the papers are under control and the new organizational system is in place, Homayoun says a few other changes are essential to help your teen work more effectively.

One of the most important things you can do is to create a study space for teens outside their rooms. The dining room, which in many homes is underutilized and is often located away from TVs and computers, may be ideal for studying.

Homework that doesn't require a computer should be done first, Homayoun says, because once kids sit down in front of a screen, hours can be wasted on Facebook, IMs, games and surfing.

She emphasized that parents have no idea how much time kids fritter away when they are in their rooms supposedly doing school work. "Kids are really honest with me," she said. "I'm not there to judge them, so they'll tell me, 'I regularly spend two hours a night just on text messages or I spend five hours on Facebook.'"

With that in mind, design-

nate a "technology box" where cell phones and iPods can be put away until homework is done. Otherwise kids constantly interrupt their concentration to respond to texts and calls. Homayoun said music — unless it's classical — is also distracting.

Also, provide a planner with a weekly grid and enough room so kids can jot down assignments for each class, each day. Some schools hand out planners, but Homayoun says they are often so small that kids can't easily use them, especially kids with large handwriting. She says calendar apps on smart phones are also too small for juggling assignments; kids need to see the big picture of what's due when.

The subtitle of Homayoun's book is "Helping Disorganized and Distracted Boys Succeed in School and Life," but she says some girls need help as well. While Homayoun has observed that teenage girls are often better at multitasking than boys, about a third of the students Green Ivy sees are female.

Regardless of gender, Homayoun has noticed that after the initial paper cleanup, a lot of kids say, "My backpack is so much lighter now!"

She's not sure the crumpled papers weighed all that much, but sorting through the mess "is both a literal and a figurative load off their shoulders."

Enforce computer boundaries

By Gregory Ramey
Cox Newspapers

Q: We bought a computer for our teenage son to use in his bedroom. We established some ground rules, including the fact that he would not visit sexually explicit sites. We recently found out that he has been spending a great deal of time on some of these Web sites.

Many kids in my generation looked at Playboy and other similar magazines, so

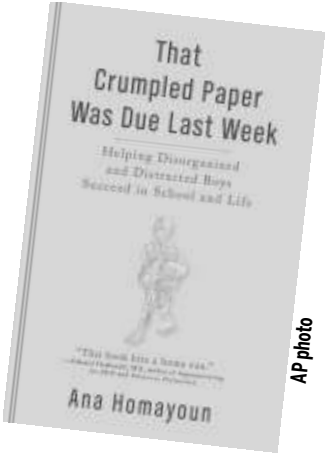
I find it hard to punish my son for doing something that is quite common among adolescent boys. How should we hand this?

A: Your son agreed to the ground rules and violated them. If you don't follow through with some actions, you lose all credibility that your rules have any meaning. Second, some of the sexually explicit Web sites available to teens are quite different from the rather "mild" pictures available in Playboy of previous genera-

tions.

Remove the computer from his room and put it in a public setting. This communicates to your son that rules have consequences, and that you won't tolerate his visiting Web sites that you feel are harmful to his development.

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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Parents: Can this romance be saved?

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

Between jobs and errands and other commitments, you and your partner feel you don't see enough of the kids. But you also know "date nights" are important. What's a couple to do?

Parent advice

We got a subscription to the symphony or opera or ballet every year. That forced us to take time for us, and the rest of our free time was for the kids. We had our date nights scheduled, and with the kids we could be more spontaneous.

— Marie Grass Amenta

We definitely want to spend time alone but often feel guilty leaving our three kids. So we make sure our children are fed, bathed and in bed for the night and then we go out and enjoy a romantic evening minus the guilt.

— Dawn DeGrazia

If parents are happy, the family is happy. Parents can sacrifice one night a month or every other month to refresh their relationship. In addition, as a family, have a weekly fun night to play board games, cook a meal together or watch a kid movie snuggling on the couch together (no sneaking away to do laundry).

— Paula Glenn

Expert advice

"The good news is that, as far as your relationship with your spouse is concerned, a little action goes a long way," says Julia Stone, author of "Babyproofing Your Marriage" (HarperCollins, 2007). "You don't need to have romantic, candlelit gour-

met dinners to keep the flames alive. Small but strategic, and regularly practiced, gestures are all you need to keep your marriage humming."

Stone and her co-authors, Cathy O'Neill and Stacie Cockrell, offer these tips to get you started:

No baby sitter required. You can have a "night out" without leaving the house. One tablecloth, two candles, one bottle of wine, one takeout order, zero electronic gadgets turned on and zero children awake officially add up to a date night.

Don't ration the romance. Don't reserve the handholding, hugging and kisses for date nights. Practice SGIs (small gestures of intimacy) every day, even on those days when your spouse and/or your kids are driving you crazy. Those are the days you need them more than ever. Small acts of tenderness are the oil that greases the marital wheels.

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WHITE LIES: Fibbing in the name of love

By Jessica Yadegaran
Contra Costa Times

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Keevin of Fremont, Calif., didn't think twice before fibbing to his wife about her pork. Keevin, who is 29 and considered the family cook, had come home an hour earlier than his wife and tasted the roast she'd prepared in the crock pot earlier that day.

It was bland. So, he added salt, pepper and garlic before tasting it again. "Perfection?" Keevin recalls. That night, when they sat down to dinner, his wife was mesmerized by the dish, exclaiming: "This is the best roast I've ever made." Keevin agreed.

He realizes he lied by omission, but his wife had a bad day, and he wanted her to feel better about herself.

"White lies are OK as long as you're trying to make someone smile," he says.

Some of the people interviewed for this story were reluctant for obvious reasons to divulge both first and last names, but most people in relationships do it: tell what they consider tiny, benign lies to keep the peace or salvage a partner's feelings.

But is it always harmless? Most couples and relationship experts agree that white lies in moderation and that have little consequence are fine, especially if the fibbing comes from a place of love. But, if you're a chronic white liar, you may be avoiding a conflict that needs to be discussed and resolved, says Lisa Gray, a Livermore, Calif., marriage and family therapist.

White lies are so common that AARP's relationship expert Pepper Schwartz suggests couples discuss early on whether they're the lying kind.

"You could say, 'I would prefer to save your feelings and not get in trouble so I may not tell you the whole truth all the time.' Then the partner could say, 'Forget it. I would much rather be a little

upset and get 100 percent truth from you,'" she says.

Kindall Reding, a Danville, Calif., stay-at-home mom, says her husband is the most honest person she knows. "He tells it how it is," says Reding, 35. The closest he came to telling her a white lie, Reding says, is when she was pregnant and would complain about her weight.

Her husband's response? "He would tell me I was being crazy and not to worry about it," Reding recalls. "Again, almost being too honest. My girlfriends or sister, on the other hand, would be more apt to give me compliments — possible white lies — to salvage my feelings."

When it comes to appearances, white lies are harmless as long as you use good judgment, Schwartz says. "Go ahead, tell her she looks lovely in that dress," Schwartz says. "As long as you don't think it's so ugly that she'll scare someone in public." Same goes for weight, she says. But, if your partner has gained weight and it concerns you, use the "Does this make me look fat" question as an opportunity to talk about it.

"I'm a realist," Schwartz says. "There are some people who think even the slightest lie is a betrayal beyond measure. But I say, is the consequence to the relationship better with the white lie?"

As an example, Schwartz cites a person who is frivolous with money. If the partner in charge of the finances gives her a more modest economic report, it will make the relationship interpersonally and financially better, she says. "The ends justify the means a bit, but I can see how some people wouldn't agree with that," Schwartz adds.

Samantha, a Berkeley, Calif., computer engineer, does agree. Samantha, 44, told her boyfriend a winter coat was on sale to justify the recent purchase, since she already had one and worried

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he'd judge her for buying it. "He doesn't understand my shopping habit," she says. "Some of us need two coats."

According to Schwartz, white lies are gender-specific. Women tend to lie about how much things cost because they often take it on themselves to keep costs down in the relationship and believe men are ignorant about how much things cost for women. Men, on the other hand, are more likely to lie about work because their egos are tied up in their careers and if things aren't going well, they don't want to look weak or unsuccessful, she says.

In her practice, therapist Gray has noticed a similar trend. "I see men who say, 'I don't want to burden my wife with what's going on at work or how much I don't like it,'" Gray says. "But if he does that all the time, then she doesn't really know him and his life at work." Instead of the flat reply of "fine," tell your wife how your day really was, Gray says.

Furthermore, Gray believes you should examine why you tell white lies. Are you avoiding conflict? Do you feel like you're not accepted? And most importantly: Does telling a white lie benefit your partner, or does it benefit you? If you have a long-term disagreement or can predict your partner's reaction, you may tell a white lie to avoid a discussion. But that only breeds mistrust and distance, Gray says.

"People have this impression that fighting is bad and means you're not happy," she says. "But there's nothing wrong with conflict. True intimacy is knowing someone as they really are."

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Alessa Mae Holton, daughter of Danielle Dawn Holton of Jerome, was born Dec. 29, 2009.

Aiden Marie Garcia, daughter of Adrienne Chapa of Jerome, was born Jan. 13, 2010.

Olivia Jayne Derrick, daughter of Kari Sue Thomas of Castleford, was born Jan. 14, 2010.

Hunter Whited, son of Morgan Lee Dudley of Buhl, was born Jan. 18, 2010.

Zoey Lynn Owens, daughter of Katie Ann and Anthony Jeremiah Owens of Buhl, was born Jan. 24, 2010.

Troy Christopher Michael Galbraith, son of Sunlit Shapel Galbraith of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 24, 2010.

Samuel James Shepherd, son of Amy Lynnette and David Samuel Shepherd of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 24, 2010.

Avery Leigh Blair, daughter of Amber Leigh and Jason Charlie Blair of Wendell, was born Jan. 25, 2010.

Wakely LaRue Lamm, daughter of Heather Marie and Daret R. Lamm of Wendell, was born Jan. 25, 2010.

Emmarae Layne Martinez, daughter of Roxanne Layne Dugger-Martinez and Victor Manuel Martinez of Buhl, was born Jan. 25, 2010.

Kourtnee Ann Hoyt, daughter of Kelly Kathleen and Shaun David Hoyt of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 25, 2010.

Emma Danielle Birdsong, daughter of Kimberly Hazel and Michael Boyd Birdsong of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 26, 2010.

Raegen Kynlee Gray,

daughter of Breah Ann and Eric Wilson Gray of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 26, 2010.

Madison Brooke Maschek, daughter of Emily Brooke and Steven Lee Maschek of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 27, 2010.

Ryder Mark Mulligan, son of Amanda Dawn and Justin Mark Mulligan of Jerome, was born Jan. 27, 2010.

Brandon Joel Martinez Sierra, son of Alicia Sierra and Joel Martinez of Jerome, was born Jan. 27, 2010.

Kinleigh Mae Hill, daughter of Brandy Lee and John William Hill of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 27, 2010.

Megan Alene Hartwell, daughter of Amy Lynn and Jeremy David Hartwell of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 27, 2010.

Drew Austin Holdeman, son of Melissa Remea and Denton Wayne Holdeman of Buhl, was born Jan. 28, 2010.

Maria Ayari Ramirez, daughter of Adriana Ramirez Garcia of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 28, 2010.

Addison Kay Bingham, daughter of Juniel Mary and Stewart Albert Bingham of Gooding, was born Jan. 29, 2010.

Monica Ann Calihua, daughter of Armandina Lee and Zenon Calihua of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 29, 2010.

Asha Paige Koehler, daughter of Keri Danna and Johnny Rebel Koehler of Twin Falls, was born

Jan. 29, 2010.

Piper Jiana Marolf, daughter of Karima Walid and Richard Dee Marolf of Fairfield, was born Jan. 30, 2010.

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Child-Coleman

Michael and Christa Child of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to David Coleman, son of John and Amy Coleman of Twin Falls.

Kathleen is a 2008 graduate of Minico High School, and is currently in the LPN Program at CSI and will graduate in August, with plans to apply for the RN program.

David is a 2006 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Knoxville TN. He is currently employed at Swensen's Market and Farmers National Bank, and is in the Computer Support Techni-

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... when you are learning to breathe in childbirth class that the breathing doesn't just help you deal with labor, but is going to be an essential tool in raising your children. The way I see it is that getting through labor and the birth of your children is really just the beginning. So you deliver your baby and, really, the first time you nurse your baby you need to take a nice slow deep breath. Then, the first time your baby is getting shots at the doctor's office and you feel anxious seeing your baby get poked, you need some slow deep breathing to get you through to be able to comfort your baby. What about the first time you let someone else watch your baby? Slow deep breaths and the wonders of a cell phone to call and check in. As you watch your baby stand and teeter you need a few deep breaths to allow them the opportunity to fall and get back up again. ... Also there is all the well-meaning advice that others like to give, in which sometimes you need to just take some nice deep cleansing breaths to keep your calm and realize that everything you are doing is not wrong and that you can make the choices for your child based on what you think is best.

Obese boys more likely to begin puberty late, study finds

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times

While obesity has been shown to bring on puberty earlier in girls, a new study finds the opposite trend for overweight boys: Male children whose body-mass index (BMI) is consistently highest through early and mid-childhood are significantly more likely than thinner boys to have delayed puberty. (BMI is assessed somewhat differently for children and teens than for adults.)

In a study published in the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, researchers at 10 study sites

across the country tracked the height and weight growth of 401 boys born in 1991, and gauged which boys had signs of genital growth indicative of puberty's onset by the time they had reached 11 1/2.

Among the roughly 28 percent of boys whose weight was consistently highest through early and middle childhood, 14 percent appeared not to have begun pubertal changes at 11 1/2 — a rate nearly twice as high as that seen among the slimmest group of boys (only 7.7 percent of whom had failed to begin puberty at that age). Among the whole group, 12.2 percent

were prepubertal at 11 1/2.

The authors, led by University of Michigan pediatric endocrinologist Joyce M. Lee, said their findings offer insights into the differing processes that push girls and boys toward sexual maturation, as well as how obesity might disrupt that process in boys. They speculated that either of two hormones — the digestive hormone leptin, and the sex hormone estradiol — could play an important role in triggering boys' puberty. Both hormones in appear to be high in obese pre-adolescent boys, which might delay the onset of puberty.

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Kathleen Child and David Coleman

Wagners

Ivy Fischer and Ryan Wagner were married on January 1st, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ivy is a 2004 graduate of Bitburg High School in Bitburg, Germany.

She is the daughter of Leslie Fischer of Colfax, California.

Ryan is a 2002 graduate of Buhl High School and a 2007 graduate of Boise State University.

Ryan is the son of Arnie and Gayla Wagner of Buhl, ID.

Ivy and Ryan serve in

Ivy and Ryan Wagner

the Idaho Army National Guard. They both work and reside in Boise, ID.

A reception in their honor will follow at a later date.

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By Moira E. McLaughlin
The Washington Post

"Cumulonimbus" or "nimbostratus" may sound like names for your big brother after he steals your iPod and loads it with songs you don't like, but they are actually the names of clouds that most often bring snow.

Clouds are made of drops of water attached to foreign particles such as dust or pollen. When the temperature reaches 32 degrees or colder in a cloud, the droplets turn to small bits of ice. As the ice particles move through a cloud, they bump into other ice particles, creating snowflakes. When the snowflakes get heavy, gravity pulls them down. If it's cold enough below, they will hit

the ground as snow.

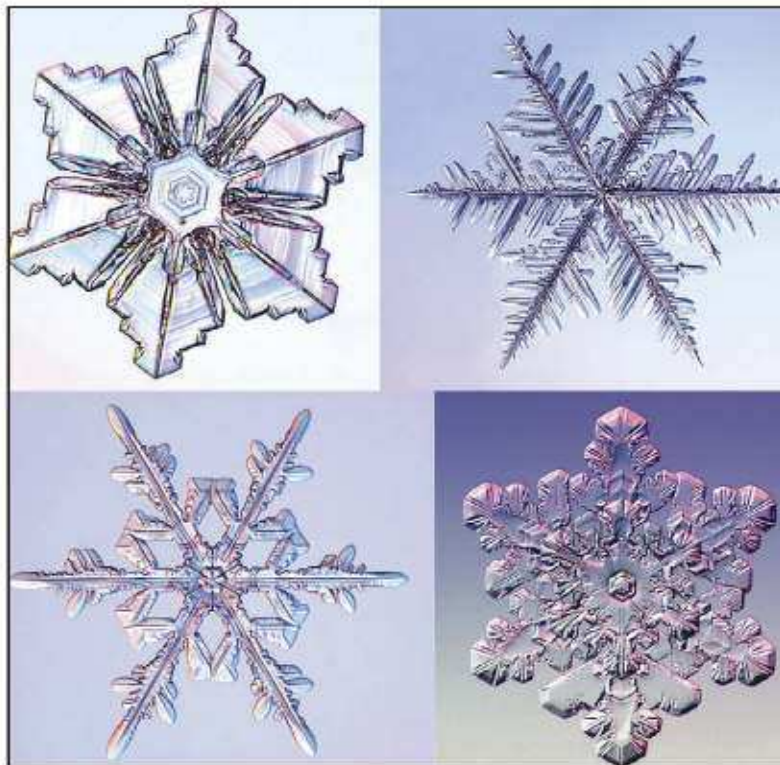
It has snowed in every state, even Hawaii! But since it has to be cold to snow, it snows mostly in northern climates and places that are at high elevation. Elevation is how far above the sea a place sits. Mount Rainier in Washington state has an elevation of more than 14,000 feet. It's the snowiest place in the U.S., getting about 680 inches (about 57 feet) a year.

It is never too cold to snow, but prime snow conditions are often associated with milder temperatures. That's because very cold air is usually dry, meaning it doesn't contain much water. If there is no water in the air, then there is no potential for snow.

It's true that no two snowflakes are identical, but

they are all hexagonal, meaning they have six sides. In 1951, the International Commission on Snow and Ice began classifying snowflakes into 16 categories.

Most snowflakes are less than half an inch across, but some measure almost two inches. No one knows for sure how big snowflakes can be. (Can you imagine trying to measure all the snowflakes that fall in the world? That would be a big job!) A California physicist named Ken Libbrecht does study snowflakes, however. On his Web site (www.snowcrystals.com), he encourages people to use a magnifying glass to check out flakes for themselves. He calls snowflakes "remarkably



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For adults who don't get the day off when it snows, snow can be a pain. For you, snow can mean no school, sledding and hot chocolate. And that is truly beautiful, too!

Why do you BURRRRP?

By Howard Bennett
Special to The Washington Post

There are four people in the Bennett household: two parents and two kids. One of the kids is a 14-year-old boy, and the other is a 17-year-old girl. We were finishing a scrumptious salmon dinner the other night when one of us (I won't say who) let out a humongous burp. Of the four people in the room, two laughed and two were grossed out.

What is it about burps that brings out such different reactions in people? And what is it that causes burps in the first place? The second question is easier to answer, so I will tackle that one first.

When you drink or eat, swallowed air makes it into your stomach along with whatever else was in your mouth. As your stomach begins to churn, some of the swallowed air rises to the top. A burp is what happens when swallowed air makes the return trip back up your esophagus (swallowing tube). However, most of the air you swallow does not come back when you burp. There are only two openings to your digestive tract, so what do you think happens to this un-burped air? I'll give you a hint: Flatulence (passing gas) will be the subject of a future article!

Even though burping can raise a few eyebrows, it is an important function for proper digestion. If a person swallows lots of air, it can make the stomach bloated, which can cause gas pains. That's why babies can get fussy and stop drinking unless Mom

The record for the loudest burp is 107.1 decibels. That's louder than a motorcycle or a lawnmower!

or Dad burps them during a feeding.

Now that we know burping is an important function, let's look at the other question. Why does listening to burps bother some people and not others? In some cultures, including the Inuit of Canada, no one

seems to mind if a dinner guest burps. Similarly, no one bats an eye if a baby or toddler burps during a meal. But somewhere along the line, Western culture decided that burping in older people was rude. As a result, the small child who gets away with burping becomes the school-age child who is reminded by Mom or Dad to cover his mouth when he burps.

I think two facts explain why certain people — kids — love to burp. First, children are fascinated by bodily functions. Second, adults frown on certain bodily functions, which make them infinitely more

interesting to kids.

Bonus fact: The record for the loudest burp is 107.1 decibels. The ear-splitting sound was emitted by Paul Hunn, of London, on Sept. 24, 2008. It was more intense than the sound of a motorcycle (102 decibels) or a power mower (105 decibels).

Howard Bennett is a Washington pediatrician and author of health-related books for kids.

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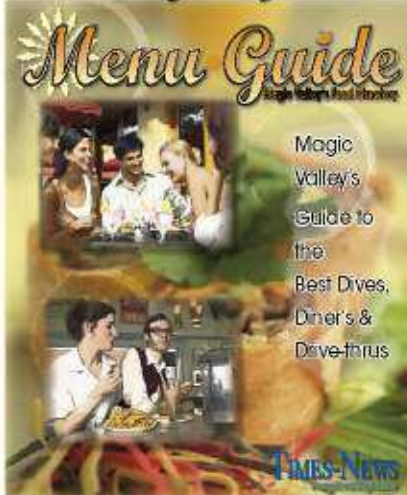
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