

Militants threaten captive Hailey soldier's life

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The life of a captured U.S. soldier from Hailey was threatened late last week when militants reportedly called for the release of a Pakistani woman convicted of attacking American troops.

Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl, the only known American serv-



Bergdahl

iceman in captivity, was based in eastern Afghanistan when he disappeared June 30, 2009. The Taliban claimed responsibility when it released a video of him two weeks later, but little has been heard from him since. A video released Christmas Day featured Bergdahl healthy and criticizing U.S. military operations in

the country.

Now, it appears the Taliban want to use Bergdahl as a bargaining chip.

According to the military newspaper Stars and Stripes, the Taliban claims it will execute Bergdahl unless the U.S. releases Pakistani scientist Aafia Siddiqui, who was convicted of attempted murder by a federal jury in New York on Wednesday. Siddiqui in July 2008 fired on U.S. mili-

tary officers during an escape attempt while in custody at an Afghan police station.

The paper quoted reports from Peshawar by PakTribune and Karachi News. A militant commander interviewed by PakTribune reportedly claimed to have been involved in Bergdahl's abduction and said the soldier had admitted to participating in several raids

in Afghanistan.

"Since he has confessed to all charges against him, our Islamic court had announced death sentence for him," PakTribune quoted the leader as saying.

No information was immediately available on Sunday regarding how seriously U.S. officials are taking the threat or what sort of response they might have.

Lt. Col. Tim Marsano with

the Idaho Army National Guard, the spokesman in the past for Bergdahl's family, said he relayed news of the "disturbing" threat to family members on Friday.

"Whether or not it's accurate, certainly words like this are of great concern to the family and also to those of us in the Wood River Valley who have been watching and waiting and hoping for the best," Marsano said.

INL providing science, math grants to schools

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

If schools can't get money from the education department, they can always look toward a nuclear-energy facility.

The Idaho National Laboratory has announced the availability of grant applications to advance instruction in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs.

The grants aren't huge — INL calls them "mini grants" — but they're helpful. One will provide \$2,000 to fund technology or lab equipment, material for special projects and professional development. Statewide, \$60,000 from the grant is available. Another, labeled "The INL Extreme Classroom Makeover," will award \$10,000 to two schools in an effort to "transform a classroom into a 21st century STEM learning environment."

In Twin Falls, while Canyon Ridge High School has received much of the newer technology,



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Macy Urrutia, 13, touches the leg of Nomar the iguana as Connor Meyerheoffer, 14, and Becca Behrens, 13, look on during their 'prime time' class — their last of the day — at Vera C. O'Leary Middle School in Twin Falls. Eighth-grade physical science teacher Jacque Salisbury said the iguana and other 'pets' in her classroom help her teach students. The Idaho National Laboratory is announcing a new grant geared toward improving science education in Idaho.

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O'Leary students collect hygiene products for Haiti

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

With most death estimates following last month's earthquake in Haiti exceeding 200,000, about 20 students from Vera C. O'Leary Middle School in Twin Falls helped the victims by spending the past couple of weeks collecting items for hygiene kits.

Their goal was seven. They built 24.

History teacher Margie Atkins, who was named the school's Eighth-Grade Teacher of the Month for January as her homeroom students put the packages together, used the devastation to illustrate the inequities of relative comfort in America compared to Haiti's post-earthquake destitution.

The kits include hand towels, washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes and bandages. They'll be sent to a refugee camp, with toothpaste added at a distribution point, through Church World Service, but the project was a secular affair.

"I think this is a really good thing for us to do, because they



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Garrett Moore, 13, and Dakota Turner, 13, fill a plastic bag with supplies, including soap and toothbrushes, Friday afternoon in their Vera C. O'Leary Middle School classroom in Twin Falls.

need help and everything. I think it was sad because we've never had one of these like this, and it was sad that it happened to them, of all people," Nicole Michaud, 14, said.

The word "sad" featured prominently among the teens interviewed during Friday's class.

"I watch it on the news all the time. It's on, like, every day. It was

pretty sad when they found the baby under the building," 13-year-old Salina Aragon said. "It was under there for about four days. They had to bandage it up."

Beau Dunford, 14, was less sentimental but still concerned.

"I thought it must not be very fun down there," he said. "There's

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Baptists likely to face judge again today

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

For the second week, members of two Baptist churches in Twin Falls and Meridian turned their thoughts to absent friends at their regular Sunday services. Little new news came out Sunday regarding 10 Baptists — eight from Idaho — arrested in Haiti and charged with child kidnapping. They are expected to appear before a judge again today, while The Sunday Times of London reported former U.S. President Bill Clinton may be negotiating a deal to release most of them.

The Baptists were arrested Jan. 29 while trying to take a busload of children across the Haitian border to the Dominican Republic. They said they were simply trying to rescue orphans after the catastrophic Jan. 12 earthquake that struck Haiti. But at least 20 of the children had living parents and all 10 Americans were charged Thursday with child kidnapping and criminal association.

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T.F. trash, golf carts on council agenda tonight

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Trash collection, downtown redevelopment and golf-cart fees are among the numerous items before the Twin Falls City Council at its 5 p.m. meeting today.

The city has used PSI Environmental Systems to collect solid waste since 1970. The company is currently on a five-year contract set to end Oct. 1 of this year, with a possible five-year extension.

PSI District Manager Chris Carey has asked the city for that extension, according to staff reports. But two of the three members of the council's finance committee recommended in December that the city solicit proposals for the solid-waste service, something last done in 2005. The council as a result will consider both PSI's request and, if members deny it, a bid spec and related documents developed by city staff.

According to the staff reports, the amount the city pays PSI has risen more than \$18,500 during the current contract, a 25-percent increase between the 2006 and 2010 fiscal years.

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Amid drug war, Mexico less deadly than a decade ago

By Alexandra Olson
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Decapitated bodies dumped on the streets, drug-war shootings and regular attacks on police have obscured a significant fact: A falling homicide rate means people in Mexico are less likely to die violently now than they were more than a decade ago.

It also means tourists as well as locals may be safer than many believe.

Mexico City's homicide rate today is about on par with Los Angeles and is less than a third of that for Washington, D.C.

Yet many Americans are leery of visiting Mexico at all. Drug violence and the swine flu outbreak contributed to a 12.5 percent decline in air travel to Mexico by U.S. citizens in 2009, according to the U.S. Department of

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



Here are two picks for your kids.

- The Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley has started an after-school program to provide activities for students ages 5 to 18. To sign up, call 736-7011.
- A mini-cheerleading camp for youngsters will be held Wednesday through Friday at the Buhl Moose Lodge. Cost is \$20. Call Danielle, 320-8849, to register.
- And for mom and dad, the Tony-award winning

“Avenue Q” plays at 7:30 tonight through Wednesday at the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts on the Boise State University campus, 1910 University Drive. The musical about New York life is not recommended for children. Tickets are \$28 to \$48.

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



NATE POPPINO/Times-News

Members of Eastside Baptist Church in Twin Falls met Sunday for their regular service and asked the media to refrain from covering it. The church's pastor and two other members were arrested Jan. 29 in Haiti.

Baptists

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Suspicion and criticism, even from the group's own lawyers, has largely fallen on group leader Laura Silsby of Meridian.

NBC News reported Saturday that some of the Baptists handed an NBC producer a note through bars of their holding cell earlier in the day that listed the names of all of them but Silsby and her former nanny and partner in the orphanage, Charisa Coulter.

“We only came as volunteers. We had nothing to do with any documents and have been lied to,” NBC quoted the note as saying. “Please we fear our lives!”

Unlike a week ago, Eastside Baptist Church officials in Twin Falls asked reporters to refrain from covering its Sunday worship service in a short note taped to the front door. Its jailed members include Pastor Paul Thompson, 43, his son Silas Thompson, 19, and Steve McMullin, 55.

“Thank You For Your Understanding,” the note stated, adding “Visitors Always Welcome.”

Eastside has long deferred questions about its imprisoned members to Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian, which posted an

update on its Web site Sunday thanking reporters for respecting the sensitivity of its members.

Senior Pastor Clint Henry wrote church members will continue to pray both for the safety of their fellow Baptists and for the matter to quickly be resolved. He thanked U.S. Sen. Jim Risch for calling the church twice Saturday with words of encouragement. And, he said family members he'd spoken to over the past week “are full of hope.”

The Sunday Times cited unnamed “legal sources in Port-au-Prince” for a report that Clinton, now the United Nations' special envoy to Haiti, is brokering a deal to release all of the Baptists but group leader Laura Silsby of Meridian.

The 10 Americans presumably still face more hearings today, following a request late last week by one of their lawyers, Edwin Coq, for a judge to free them pending the outcome of their case.

Coq was fired Friday night by the group's other attorney, Jorge Puello of the Dominican Republic, after Coq allegedly tried to bribe the government to release the Americans. Coq said the \$60,000 he'd asked the Americans for was his fee and denied the accusation.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Council

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The council agenda includes two public hearings. The council will take comments on a proposal to raise stored private golf-cart fees from \$265 to \$300 this year and on a new \$10 small-job permit fee for small electrical, plumbing and mechanical jobs.

A staff report notes the city's current golf-cart fee is lower than what many other city courses charge across southern Idaho. Increasing the fee may also lower the number of carts stored over the long run, freeing up space for city equipment that can't be stored at the new golf maintenance shop. City staff support the increase, but want more time to review other storage options, the

report states.

The Twin Falls Community Foundation will ask for council input on donations it recently received that were designated for redevelopment work along Main Avenue. The foundation intends to focus the funds on the downtown fountain plaza area and, with help from city staff, secured The Land Group to do design work.

No city money will be part of the \$3,285 the foundation will pay for the design, according to a staff report. But the foundation does not want to take the lead in the redevelopment process and wants to be considered one of several possible funding sources, including the city itself, the Urban Renewal Agency, the Business Improvement District and private sources.

The council meets at 305 3rd Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Lets Dance Club with contra and line dance, 6 to 8 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$3, no cost for children under 14 with an adult, 410-5650 or galenslatter.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Mini-Cassia Retired Educators Association meeting, 11 a.m., Connor's Cafe, Heyburn, 436-6426.

Local Chapter 1959 Narfe-National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, meeting for retired and current Federal employees, 11:30 a.m., Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, speaker: Arnold Wetzstein, 732-5597.

Grandparents as Parents Support Group, 1 to 2:30 p.m., South Central Public Health District, Katz Conference Room, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, 736-2122.

Gooding Lions Club meeting, for men and women interested in identifying and meeting needs in the community, 6 p.m., Lincoln Inn, Gooding, new members welcome, 934-4141.

Civil Air Patrol, 7 p.m., Burley Airport, 878-8880.

Minidoka County 4-H leaders meeting, 7:30 p.m., McGregor Center, 85 East Baseline Road, Rupert, 436-7184.

Syringa Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church meeting room, 605 H St., Rupert, 436-9862.

EDUCATION

Advanced German, learn speaking and writing, 3 to 5 p.m.; **Beginning German,** learn basic understanding of the language, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; **Intermediate German,** learn German conversation, 6:30 to 8 p.m., College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$75 registration, taught by Eldora Miller, (non-credit classes), 732-6290 or communityed.csi.edu.

EXHIBITS

Oil paintings by artist Pam Swenson of King Hill, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center, 289 Clear Lakes Road, Buhl, no cost, 543-2721.

“Outside In: Indian Art Abroad,” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

Magic Valley Arts Council's multi-gallery exhibitions, work by gallery members and guest artists: Ely Young with fiber art at Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft, and “The Canyon” oil paintings by Gloria Vaughn Hann at Galeria Pequena, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787 or magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

GOVERNMENT

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B St., Shoshone, 886-2173.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., court-

house, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.

Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland Ave., 878-7302.

Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth St. E., Mountain Home, 587-2129.

Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main St., 934-4841.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., 644-2700.

Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.

Blaine County Commissioners, 10 a.m., old courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Suite 200, Hailey, 788-5505 or www.blainecounty.org.

Twin Falls County Fair Board meeting, lunch at noon, meeting at 12:30 p.m., reorganization of board, fair office, 215 Fair Ave., Filer, 326-4398.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.

Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.

Hailey City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 115 Main St. S., 788-4221.

Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N., 543-5650.

Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 610 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.

Hansen City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 388 Main St., 423-5158.

Jerome County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., 324-9116.

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd St. W., 432-5451.

Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln St., 487-2755.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.

Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., media center, 882 Valley Road S., 829-5333.

Minidoka County Highway District meeting, 7:30 p.m., district office, 50 S. 225 W., Rupert, 436-6112.

Hagerman School Board, 8 p.m., high school, 150 Lake St. W., 837-4777.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and “Curves Smart” personalized coaching, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold-insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: Blaine County Campus gym, CSI gym, Filer Elementary, Gooding ISDB gym, Hagerman High School, Jerome Rec Center, Rupert Civic gym and Shoshone High School (old gym); 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Buhl old Middle School gym and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CSI Mini-Cassia Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 Third Ave. N., Hailey, no cost, 788-3468.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to

11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St., no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jerome Senior Center, 520 N. Lincoln St., no cost for Humana Gold Choice members, \$1 for non-Humana members, 324-5642.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for uninsured, 733-4384.

Grief Share, 13-week continuing program and time for sharing, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., Rupert, 436-3354.

Choices for Recovery, a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 6 p.m., west conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741.

Recovery for Life: “Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing,” includes divorce care, grief share, financial peace, co-dependency for women, 12-Step HOPE (substance abuse recovery), co-dependency for men and women and parenting skills, 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), free childcare and shuttle available, 733-6128.

LIBRARY

Rhyme Time, finger plays and singalongs for toddlers and preschoolers (and their parents), 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

SPORTS

Active seniors pickleball group, pickleball enthusiasts willing to teach newcomers, 6 p.m., Adventist Hilltop School, 131 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, no cost, 837-6365 or rabjab@q.com.

TODAY'S REMINDERS

Meeting Memo for Tuesday: Blue Lakes Rotary Club meeting and breakfast, features speakers from the community, 7 to 8 a.m., Red Lion Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, marlbarn@busyb.myrf.net, 324-4808 or www.bluelakesrotary.com.

Reservation reminder for Feb. 15: Winter Day Camp, for ages 5 to 9: learn back-ground safety, animal tracking and nature in winter, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Castle Rocks State Park, Almo, \$5 with lunch, reservation required: 679-4793.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejmanovic by e-mail at msulejmanovic@magicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

Hygiene

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lots of devastation and people living in not very good conditions, so I wanted to help by giving something they needed.”

Some of the kids were gleeful about the whole thing.

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explained that each package needs to be the same.

“If you were at a refugee camp and somebody was getting more Band-Aids than you did, you would feel neglected,” she said.

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“I feel like we're saving someone's life,” Dakota Turner said — who then, while packing a kit, started singing to himself: “Saving somebody's life with a toothbrush.”

Atkins praised the students for the effort they devoted to the project, pointing out that many of their own families are struggling right now and need help.

Principal John Hyatt,

who was in the classroom for Atkins' award and to observe the Haitian hygiene project, said, “I'm very impressed that the kids would show compassion for poor people in another place in a remote area that doesn't affect their daily lives. They showed empathy and a desire to take care of others ... I'm very proud of the kids and their teacher.”

Grants

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Twin Falls High School is technologically deficient.

“We don't even have projectors in all of the classes. The student body certainly has a need for new equipment,” said Mary Lu Barry, Twin Falls School District secondary education director. “We're definitely looking to integrate as much technology and scientific

resources as we possibly can in our secondary classrooms.”

Scott Rogers, the Minidoka County schools superintendent, said he expects science departments to need additional funding soon.

“I think we've kept up with equipment, but we've had some reductions this year and will have some next year that are even more serious, so we'll start to see some of our discretionary funds dry up,” Rogers said. “I think it's safe to say that all schools are going to be in that position.”

Rogers said Minidoka will “start filling some of the holes” by applying for the INL grants.

“It's revenue enhancement. I'd think we would look at everything available,” he said. “Science and technology are important, and they're also expensive ... and that's especially important as we compress the budget.”

One example of expensive science projects, Rogers

pointed out, is dissecting squid.

Barry sounded like a kid discovering a new Christmas catalog when she heard about the grants.

“I will be immediately sending that out to math, science, and engineering teachers,” she said. “Every opportunity that comes across my desk to further integrate technology in the classroom, I immediately send it out.”

As technology changes, the need to incorporate the advances into otherwise timeless disciplines has arisen.

“There's really an emphasis in the 21st century on STEM education,” Barry said, citing the use of “Gizmos” in calculus classes. “With the right hardware and software, students are able to develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills by working through real-world problems to solve in math and science ... You can't necessarily see that if you're figuring out a math prob-

lem on paper.”

Grant applications are due by March 31 and are open to all K-12 Idaho schools or teachers. A panel of judges will evaluate the applications based on learning objectives and how improvements will enhance student achievement. Recipients will be announced in April. Funds are provided by Battelle Energy Alliance, which operates INL for the U.S. Department of Energy.

“With limited funds, many times our technology is supported through grants, et cetera. Schools are always looking for ways to expand the use and availability of technology in their classes and programs,” said Beth Pendergrass, Twin Falls School District spokeswoman.

For more grant information: 626-5940.

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In Utah, company aims to store energy in air

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Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah company plans to dig a series of underground caverns that it hopes to one day fill with compressed air, releasing it to generate electricity by turning a turbine and solving one of the most vexing problems facing the clean-energy industry — how to store power.

Under a barren patch of Utah desert, a private-equity group is bankrolling the project to hollow out a series of energy-storage vaults

from a massive salt deposit a mile underground. It promises to make a perfect repository for storing energy and, in effect, creating a giant subterranean battery.

Energy storage is catching on as a way to make wind and solar power more useful.

Without energy storage, the output of solar and wind power is so erratic — the wind doesn't always blow; cloud cover can shut down solar cells — that utilities can take only so much of it, said Jim Ferland, senior vice president for operations for PNM Resources, the New

Mexico utility.

If renewable power makes up too big a part of a utility's energy mix, it can make the delicate act of balancing loads on a power grid difficult. The lack of storage is one of the things holding back clean energy, say scientists for Sandia National Laboratories' energy systems group in Albuquerque, N.M.

"Storage is the key here," said Charlie Hanley, manager of Sandia's photovoltaic and grid integration group. "We have to find a way to overcome intermittent

swings from cloud cover."

The only commercial-scale, compressed air power plants are in McIntosh, Ala., and Bremen, Germany. Other projects are under development in Norton, Ohio, and Ankeny, Iowa.

Initially, because of market needs, Salt Lake City-based Magnum Energy LLC will store natural gas for Rocky Mountain producers, taking it from a nearby interstate pipeline, in an "energy hub" near Delta, Utah. It hopes to start dissolving the first cavern within a year.

Later, the company is

looking to dig other caverns at the site for compressed air, which could store excess energy generated by a nearby wind farm and then release it later when demand is high to turn turbines and create electricity, and possibly for carbon storage, which could trap a neighboring coal-fired power plant's emissions.

Still other caverns could be devoted to liquid petroleum; yet another pipeline for liquid fuels, passing through the same part of Utah, is close to receiving federal approval.

The company filed for

federal approval in December to build its versatile "energy hub."

A futuristic type of energy storage could involve putting the battery capacity of plug-in electric vehicles to work for the electric grid. It could take extra power from vehicles when needed, while ensuring a vehicle is properly charged overnight, said Daniel Laird, a researcher for Sandia's wind energy technology group.

That will work only when plug-in cars make up a big part of the U.S. vehicle fleet, however.

Mexico

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Commerce, a blow to Mexico's third-largest source of foreign income.

Mexico, Colombia and Haiti are the only countries in the hemisphere subject to a U.S. government advisory warning travelers about violence, even though homicide rates in many Latin American countries are far higher.

"What we hear is, 'Oh the drug war! The dead people on the streets, and the policeman losing his head,'" said Tobias Schluter, 34, a civil engineer from Berlin having a beer at a cafe behind Mexico City's 16th-century cathedral. "But we don't see it. We haven't heard a gunshot or anything."

Mexico's homicide rate has fallen steadily from a high in 1997 of 17 per 100,000 people to 14 per 100,000 in 2009, a year marked by an unprecedented spate of drug slayings concentrated in a few states and cities, Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna said. The national rate hit a low of 10 per 100,000 people in 2007, according to government figures compiled by the independent Citizens' Institute for Crime Studies.

By comparison, Venezuela, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala have homicide rates of between 40 and 60 per 100,000 people, according to recent government statistics. Colombia was close behind with a rate of 33 in 2008. Brazil's was 24 in 2006, the last year when national figures were available.

Mexico City's rate was about 9 per 100,000 in 2008, while Washington, D.C. was more than 30 that year.

"In terms of security, we are like those women who aren't overweight but when they look in the mirror, they think they're fat," said Luis de la Barra, director of the Citizens' Institute. "We are an unsafe country, but we think we are much more unsafe than we really are."

Of course, drug violence has turned some places in Mexico, including the U.S. border region and some parts of the Pacific coast, into near-war zones since President Felipe Calderon intensified the war against cartels with a massive troop deployment in 2006. That has made Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, among the most

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dangerous cities in the world.

"The violence, homicides and cruel and inhuman assassinations, which fill the pages of our media, make us feel that there has been much more violence since this war against drug trafficking," said Bishop Miguel Alba Diaz of La Paz, a vacation city at the tip of the Baja California peninsula.

Mexico's violence is often more shocking than elsewhere in Latin America because powerful cartels go to extremes to intimidate the government and rival smugglers.

In just one week in December, the severed heads of six police investigators were dumped in a public plaza, kingpin Arturo Beltran Leyva died in a two-hour shootout with troops at a luxury apartment complex in a resort city and gunmen slaughtered the family of the only marine killed in that battle.

In the new year, it's become even more grotesque. Three weeks ago, a victim's face was peeled from his skull and sewn onto a soccer ball. Days later, the remains of a 41-year-old former police officer were found divided into two separate ice chests.

Authorities say the vast majority of victims are drug suspects, but bystanders, including children, sometimes get caught in the crossfire.

Mexico has the same problems with corrupt police, gang violence and poverty as other Latin American countries with higher homicide rates. So why the decline in murders?

Experts say while drug violence is up, land disputes have eased. Many farmers have migrated to the cities or abroad and the government has pushed to resolve the land disputes, some centuries old.

During the height of the Zapatista uprising in the mid 1990s — a rebellion fueled by land conflicts — southern Chiapas state had a rate of nearly 40 per 100,000 people with 1,000 homicides a year. By 2008, that fell to 8 per 100,000 people with 364 killings.

De la Barra attributes the downward trend to a general improvement in Mexico's

quality of life. More Mexicans have joined the ranks of the middle class in the past two decades, while education levels and life expectancy have also risen.

Critics of Calderon's drug war say his frontal assault on cartels is giving Mexico a reputation as a violent country but doing little to stop the drug gangs' work.

"It's a bad international image that affects foreign tourism and foreign investment," said Jose Luis Pineyro, a sociologist at Mexico's Autonomous Metropolitan University who has studied the drug war.

Drug violence has encroached on the resort towns of Zihuatanejo, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta and Cancun. The millions of foreign tourists who visit each year are almost never targeted, but a handful have gotten caught in the crossfire. In 2007, two Canadians were grazed by bullets when someone fired into a hotel lobby in Acapulco. In

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January, a Canadian couple was shot and wounded in a robbery attempt just outside Zihuatanejo.

The U.S. State Department travel alert says dozens of U.S. citizens living in Mexico have been kidnapped over the years, and warns Americans against traveling to the states of Chihuahua and Michoacan.

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Saints
nearly went
marching out
of New Orleans

MIAMI — The man who almost made the Saints go marching out of New Orleans is a hero in his hometown now.

According to the official NFL version of the Super Bowl's feel-good story, owner Tom Benson almost single-handedly saved the team in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In truth, he was one of the last people in a very long line to return.



Jim Litke

It was the tradesmen who worked around-the-clock for nine months to put the Superdome back together again that cleared his path and former NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue who refused to let Benson budge in the meantime. Yet even those efforts would have been for naught without the legion of fans who scooped up every ticket and souvenir in sight.

Then, and only then, did Benson forget about staying in San Antonio, where the Saints relocated after the storm, and commit to coming back to New Orleans. Yet there was he was as Super Bowl festivities kicked off early in the week, saying, "At no time did we look anywhere else."

"I think it made us a better club," Benson conceded a moment later. "We came back in 2006, and look what we have done since."

The irony, to be sure, is that Benson really did save the Saints once. But that was in 1985, when he bought the franchise from John Mecom for \$70 million and squashed rumors that it was headed to Jacksonville,

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New Orleans rallies to win Super Bowl, 31-17 over Colts

By Barry Wilner • Associated Press writer

MIAMI, Fla. — Who Dat won the Super Bowl? The New Orleans Saints, that's who.

Ain't kidding.

Put away those paper bags forever. Drew Brees and the Saints are NFL champions, rallying to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 Sunday night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions, the last a 2-yard slant to Jeremy Shockey for the winning points with 5:42 remaining, and was chosen the game's MVP.

"We just believed in ourselves and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us," Brees said. "What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time and it's better than expected."

A surprise onside kick sparked the Saints' second-half comeback. Their 25th-ranked defense made several key stops, and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception return on a pass from Manning, of all people, clinched it.

Manning tried to give chase, but was blocked by a New Orleans defender and fell awkwardly as the cornerback raced by. The four-time NFL MVP forlornly walked to the sideline as the Big Easy celebrations began.

"It's time for the Saints to celebrate," he said. "It's their field and it's their championship."

An NFL embarrassment for much of their 43 years, the Saints' football renaissance, led by Brees and coach Sean Payton, climaxed with Shockey's touchdown and Lance Moore's 2-point conversion catch, originally ruled incomplete but overturned on

Payton's challenge.

Porter's pick, just as dramatic as his interception of Brett Favre's pass to force overtime in the NFC title game, was the game's only turnover. It's one Manning will forever regret.

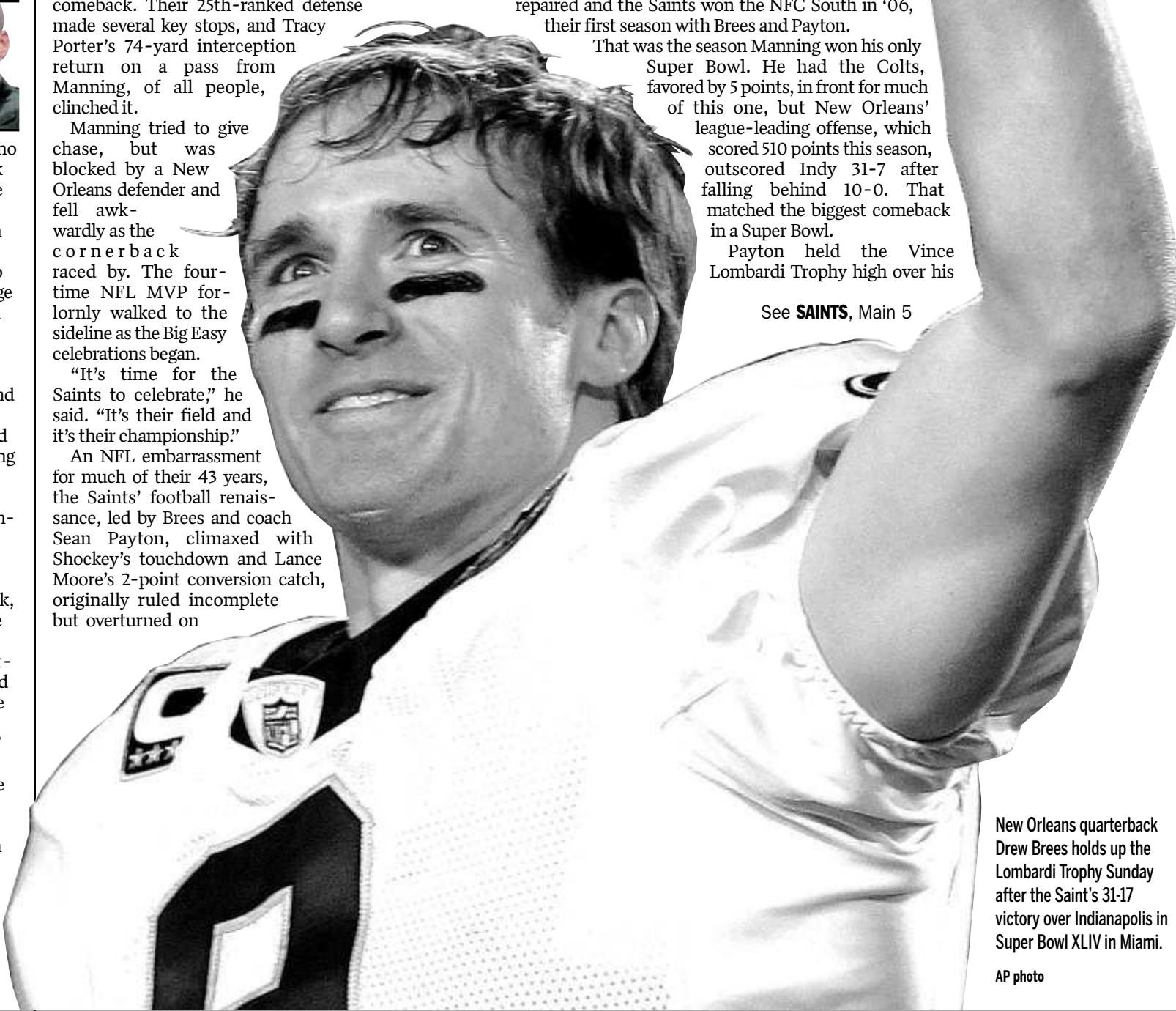
The Saints (16-3) won three post-season games this winter after winning only two in the previous 42 years. They beat Arizona, Minnesota and Indianapolis (16-3) — all division winners — for their first title, scoring 107 points and allowing only 59.

The championship came 4 1/2 years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, making the Saints nomads for the 2005 season. There even was some doubt they would return, but the NFL refused to abandon the city. The Superdome was repaired and the Saints won the NFC South in '06, their first season with Brees and Payton.

That was the season Manning won his only Super Bowl. He had the Colts, favored by 5 points, in front for much of this one, but New Orleans' league-leading offense, which scored 510 points this season, outscored Indy 31-7 after falling behind 10-0. That matched the biggest comeback in a Super Bowl.

Payton held the Vince Lombardi Trophy high over his

See **SAINTS**, Main 5



New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees holds up the Lombardi Trophy Sunday after the Saint's 31-17 victory over Indianapolis in Super Bowl XLIV in Miami.

AP photo

Golden Eagles baseball team drops two to South Mountain CC

Times-News

A lack of timely hitting made all the difference for the College of Southern Idaho baseball team Sunday.

The Golden Eagles lost both halves of a doubleheader against South Mountain Community

College in Phoenix by scores of 6-5 and 2-1.

"We had a lot of opportunities to win the game," head coach Boomer Walker said. "We had the bases loaded a few times. We just didn't get a big hit when we needed to."

The Eagles and Cougars went to

extra innings in the first game, but South Mountain was the team to put the ball in play in the right place at the right time, scoring a runner from second with two outs to end it 6-5. CSI held a three-run lead until late in the game thanks to a solid performance from

freshman pitcher Mike Renner.

"We threw one sophomore out of seven guys," said Walker, who put his freshman to the test early. "Renner started that first game and did a good job. He gave us a chance to win."

Walker noted that the pitching the Eagles faced against South

Mountain will be similar to what they'll see against the top opponents in the Scenic West Athletic Conference later in the season.

Complete statistics were not available Sunday. The Golden Eagles are back in action today against GateWay Community College, also in Phoenix.

MAGIC VALLEY SPORTS WEEK

The *Times-News* sports staff picks your best sports bets for this week

MONDAY

District tournaments continue for girls basketball teams across southern Idaho. There is at least one game from each of the divisions, Class 4A to 1A Division II. See the schedule on Main 5.

TUESDAY

Two of the hottest boys basketball teams in the area hook up when Castleford visits Shoshone (approximate 7:30 p.m. tipoff). In Class 3A action, Filer hosts Kimberly in a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference battle. Girls districts continue.

WEDNESDAY

It's a night for boys basketball rivalries in Twin Falls and Mini-Cassia: Burley hosts Minico and Canyon Ridge hosts Twin Falls, with tipoffs set for 7:30. The SCIC and Northside conferences crown a girls tournament champion: the SCIC title is decided at the College of Southern Idaho at 7, while the Northside match in Carey is set for 7:30.

THURSDAY

The Great Basin and Canyon conference tournament titles are up for grabs. Jerome hosts an opponent to be determined at 7, while Declo gets either Valley or Glenns Ferry, also at 7.

FRIDAY

Feel like road tripping? The Golden Eagle men's and women's basketball teams face Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City (5:30 and 7:30 p.m.). Want to stay close? The Twin Falls Bruin boys host Jerome at 7:30. Want to stay at home? The Winter Olympics opening ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m. on NBC.

SATURDAY

Let the 2010 Winter Olympic Games begin: ski jumping, speed skating, hockey, luge and more on NBC.

SUNDAY

It's the final day of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf event on CBS or catch the Daytona 500 on FOX.

Magic use 19-0 burst in 3rd to top Celtics 96-89

BOSTON — Vince Carter led a 19-0 surge in the third quarter and finished with 20 points as the Orlando Magic beat Boston 96-89 on Sunday, moving ahead of the Celtics and into second place in the Eastern Conference.

Carter scored nine points during a rally that began after Rajon Rondo's 3-pointer gave the Celtics a 60-51 lead with 7:17 left in the third quarter — Boston's fourth and final field goal of the period.

The Magic turned a 51-40 halftime deficit into a 76-62 lead after the third and stayed in front by at least five points the rest of the way.

Dwight Howard had 16 points and 13 rebounds for Orlando.

Rajon Rondo scored 17 points and Ray Allen added 13 for the Celtics.

length and amount of maximum value contracts, and elements of a "hard" salary cap to replace the current system that forces teams exceeding the cap to pay a luxury tax.

Neither the league nor the union have commented about the proposal, but it will surely be a topic when commissioner David Stern, and perhaps players' association executive director Billy Hunter, meets with the media on Saturday.

The league's last lockout reduced the 1999 season to 50 games. Stern has been optimistic that starting talks early will help prevent another work stoppage.

The current deal will expire July 1, 2011. The league has an option to extend it another year, but has already informed the players it won't.

COLLEGE MEN'S TOP 25
NO. 3 SYRACUSE 71, CINCINNATI 54
CINCINNATI — Kris Joseph hit a pair of 3s that sparked Syracuse's decisive second-half run Sunday, and the Orange kept the best start in school history going with a 71-54 victory over Cincinnati, their 10th in a row.

Syracuse (23-1, 10-1 Big East) closed the game with a 28-5 run that featured Joseph's two 3-pointers and a lot of good defense. Andy Rautins led the Orange with 20 points.

The Bearcats (14-9, 5-6) fell apart down the stretch, getting only one field goal and three free throws after pulling ahead 49-43 with 12:26 to go. Ibrahima Thomas led Cincinnati with a season-high 13 points.

Wes Johnson, who fell hard in Syracuse's win over Providence on Tuesday, was back in the starting lineup but played only 23 minutes. The forward took only three shots and had five points.

NO. 13 OHIO ST. 68, IOWA 58
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Evan Turner matched his career high with 32 points, helping the Buckeyes stretch their Big Ten winning streak to seven.

Jon Diebler added 12 points for Ohio State (18-6, 8-3), which has won four in a row overall and seven of eight.

Eric May scored 16 points, Aaron Fuller and Cully Payne each added 11, and Matt Gatens had 10 for the Hawkeyes (8-16, 2-9), who have lost four in a row and have just one road victory this season.

— The Associated Press

Stricker wins at Riviera, goes to No. 2 in world

LOS ANGELES — In a tournament everyone expected him to win, Steve Stricker was trying not to lose.

Instead of firing at flags and trying to make birdies, which allowed him to build a six-shot lead at Riviera, he suddenly found himself playing it safe and trying not to make bogeys. Instead of having a chance to break the 25-year-old tournament scoring record, he feared matching a PGA Tour record for blowing the biggest lead.

The Northern Trust Open ultimately ended Sunday the way everyone thought it would — Stricker in tears after another victory.

"I just knew it was going to be hard," Stricker said after closing with a 1-under 70 for a two-shot victory over Luke Donald. "You're playing a different game than what you normally play. You played scared — at least I did there for a while."

Back-to-back birdies at the turn settled him down. Another clutch putt for par on the 15th hole essentially clinched it for him.

Stricker won for the fourth time in his last 15 starts, moving up to No. 2 in the world for the second time in his career. It was his eighth career victory, and the eighth time he couldn't make it through his TV interview without wiping tears from his eyes.

Stricker finished at 16-under 268 and earned \$1.152 million to go over \$25 million for his career.

Dustin Johnson, who shot a 74 on Saturday to fall out of the lead, made one last run and got within three shots. He shot a 66 and tied for third with J.B. Holmes, who closed with a 67.



AP photo

Steve Stricker becomes emotional Sunday as he is interviewed as the winner of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles.

Phil Mickelson, trying to become the first player to win three straight years at Riviera, had a 73 and finished 14 shots behind.

This is the second time Stricker has gone to No. 2 in the world — he also got there in September after winning in Boston.

JIMENEZ WINS DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez won the Dubai Desert Classic for his 16th European tour title, beating England's Lee Westwood with a 4-foot par putt on the third hole of a play-off.

Both players closed with even-par 72s to finish at 11-under 277. Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee (73) was third, a stroke back.

— The Associated Press

Saints

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head and ran into the end zone toward several hundred fans chanting the Saints' rally cry: "Who dat, who dat, who dat say gonna beat dem Saints?"

Nobody can say it now.

"Everybody back in New Orleans gets a piece of this trophy," he said.

"I think I could kiss him," owner Tom Benson said.

Before many of the 74,059 fans got settled following the Who's halftime show, the Saints worked a little football voodoo. Garrett Hartley's onside kick was touched by the Colts' Hank Baskett, then recovered by Chris Reis at the New Orleans 42.

"I just told our guys you've got to make me look good on this," Payton said. "That really becomes like a turnover."

Looking like the NFL's most potent offense, the Saints seized the opportunity to take their first lead. It came on Pierre Thomas' brilliant 16-yard run with a screen pass, capped by a dive into the end zone.

Manning simply shrugged, found Dallas Clark for 45 yards on a 76-

yard drive, and Joseph Addai used a spin move a figure skater would envy to score from the 4.

But that was it for Indy.

Hartley, the hero of the NFC title game with his 40-yard field goal in OT, made a 47-yarder later in the third period. After Matt Stover was wide left on a 51-yarder early in the final quarter, Brees led the biggest drive in Saints history.

Manning looked sharp on the Colts' first two series, taking them 53 yards to a 38-yard field goal by Stover, at 42 the oldest player in Super Bowl history.

Then Manning led a 96-yard, 11-play drive that appeared almost routine, even though it tied the longest march in a Super Bowl. Addai rushed for 53 yards on the series, and Manning found Pierre Garcon behind backup cornerback Osama Young for the 19-yard score on third down.

New Orleans couldn't match that, but did get a 46-yard field goal by Hartley to make it 10-3. Brees was sacked on third down by All-Pro defensive

end Dwight Freeney, who sure looked frisky despite ligament damage in his right ankle that made his availability uncertain for two weeks.

Then Indy's defense, ranked 18th during the season but staunch in the playoffs, really showed some power. After the Saints marched 71 yards, including 40 yards on two receptions by Marques Colston, New Orleans had third-and-goal at the 1. Mike Bell slipped running right behind All-Pro guard Jahri Evans, and Thomas was stacked up at the line by Gary Brackett and Clint Sessions on fourth down.

But the Colts went against type and ran three times, leaving 35 seconds for the league's most prolific offense to get in position for Hartley's 44-yard field goal and a more manageable 10-6 halftime deficit.

Shootout? More like a slowdown. Indy had two three-and-outs and New Orleans had one.

But the points came quickly after halftime — mostly for the Saints.

Litke

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Fla. Benson was hailed as a hero then, too, feted as the impulsive multimillionaire who popped open a black parasol with gold fringes and fleur-de-lis, then did a second-line dance on the field of the Superdome in the closing minutes of wins.

In a town that loves dancing, the "Benson Boogie" soon became all the rage. Yet few people loved it more than Benson's bright, dark-eyed granddaughter, the same kid whose idea of light reading was biographies of CEOs and who was already being groomed as his successor.

"I remember the Dome shaking from everybody singing along to 'Who Dat?' and thinking, 'This is concrete and it's vibrating,'" Rita Benson LeBlanc, now 33, recalled. "How amazing is that?"

"From then on, I wanted to be where my grandfather was," she added, "because that's where the action was."

Her story since has been one of those about being careful what you wish for. In the tumultuous months after the flood waters drove the Saints to San Antonio, LeBlanc took a more active role in day-to-day management and became the face of the franchise back in

New Orleans.

Whether it was overseeing reconstruction of the Superdome, getting back in touch with disgruntled season-ticket holders, or putting in time at shelters and food banks, LeBlanc worked tirelessly to repair the tenuous thread that bound the team to the town. In time, thanks in part to the kind of success the Saints had rarely known, those efforts catapulted them to the top of the page in nearly every story about the city rising from the muck of Katrina.

"Having three daughters, she's someone that I identified with," said Indianapolis owner Jim Irsay, who labored long and hard himself to rebuild the Colts' image after his father was reviled for uprooting the team from Baltimore in 1984. "She's done a tremendous job behind the scenes."

None of those tasks, though, was more impressive than the way LeBlanc softened her grandfather's rough edges. He enraged the New Orleans citizenry several times in the months after Katrina, carrying on a verbal battle with then-mayor Ray Nagin and a public flirtation with San Antonio, where Benson owns several dealerships and

spends much of the year.

But his hands were tied by then-commissioner Tagliabue, whose commitment to New Orleans never wavered, and current NFL boss Roger Goodell, who served as the league's point man in smoothing over what was a very tough transition.

"The team has taken their role in that community to a whole new level, which is more than great for the Gulf Coast, it's been great for the NFL," Goodell said Friday, during his annual state of the league address. "We're proud of that relationship. I'm very familiar with the steps that were made, because I was

involved with it. ...

"We've awarded the Super Bowl to the community (in 2013), it's a great success story for us," he continued. "And while I can't root for a team, I'm really proud of what happened there."

What made it come together, above all, was winning. After 43 years filled mostly with futility, the Saints finally made it to the Super Bowl. The run helped transform Benson's image from ruthless, restless businessman to genial graying eminence.

During media day, the 82-year-old Benson worked the room with his soft Louisiana drawl and wife

Gayle clinging tightly to his side. Occasional bursts of laughter erupted from the pockets of reporters that surrounded him.

A few yards away, LeBlanc held court on her own. Every so often, she broke eye contact and cast a protective glance in the direction of her grandfather. On this day, at least, she had nothing to worry about. Benson had his story down pat and though his story might suggest other-

wise, he was sticking to it.

"I think that as we look back at it, it was the right decision because it certainly has been a great thing for New Orleans. It is the thing that is getting our city back. We know it's back," Benson added, a defiant sparkle lighting up his eyes, "but now we're telling the whole world."

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

DISTRICT IV TOURNAMENTS

Class 4A Great Basin Conf.
Today
Game 8: Wood River (17-6) at Minico (13-8), 7 p.m.
Tuesday
Game 9: Winner 8 at Twin Falls (15-8), 7 p.m.
Thursday
Championship: Winner 9 at Jerome (21-1), 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12
Second championship: If necessary, 7 p.m.
First and second place qualify for state tournament, Feb. 18-20 at Mountain View HS in Meridian.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
Today
Game 7: Filer (9-11) at Gooding (12-9), 7 p.m.
Wednesday
At CSI
Championship: Kimberly (18-2) vs. Winner 7, 7 p.m.
Thursday
Second championship: If necessary, 7 p.m.
First place qualifies for state tournament, Feb. 18-20 at Skyview HS in Nampa. Second place advances to state play-in vs. second place from District VI at 1 p.m., Feb. 13 at Highland HS in Pocatello.

Class 2A Canyon Conference
Today
Game 3: Valley (8-12) at Glens Ferry (6-16), 7 p.m.
Thursday
Championship: Winner 3 at Declo (16-5), 7 p.m.
Friday
Second championship: If necessary, 7 p.m.
First place qualifies for state tournament, Feb. 18-20 at Kuna HS.

Class 1A Division I Snake River Conference
Today
At Murtaugh
Game 12: Raft River (13-9) vs. Hansen (11-11), 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Second place: Winner 12 vs. Challis (18-3), 7 p.m.
First and second place qualify for state tournament Feb. 18-20 at Columbia HS in Nampa. Third place advances to state play-in vs. third place from District III at 3 p.m., Feb. 13 at Glens Ferry HS.

Class 1A Division II Northside Conference
At Carey
Today
Game 3: Camas County (11-8) vs. No. 1 Richfield (16-2), 6 p.m.
Game 4: Carey (14-5) vs. No. 2 Dietrich (16-4), 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Game 5: Community School (4-11) vs. Loser 4, 6 p.m.
Game 6: Bliss (6-11) vs. Loser 3, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Game 7: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 6 p.m.
Championship: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4, 7:30 p.m.
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Second place game: Winner 7 vs. Loser 8, 7 p.m.
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Winter missing in Vancouver as Olympic Games approach

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — As Olympians arrive by the day, the Winter Games seem to be missing something. Namely, winter.

There's more snow in D.C., as in District of Columbia, than B.C., or British Columbia.

Vancouver Olympic officials have touted these as "The Green Games," but Mother Nature might be taking that to an extreme. Some Vancouverites are now referring to them as "The Brown Games," given the muddy conditions at Cypress Mountain.

"When I got off the airplane it was like, 'What's this green grass doing here? This is the Winter

Olympics,'" U.S. speed-skater Trevor Marsicano said Sunday, recalling his reaction after flying in last week from Milwaukee, Wis.

"For me it's nice, because I'm used to, like, zero-degrees. This is awesome."

Trouble is, with opening ceremonies only five days away, the above-freezing temperatures in Vancouver — it got above 50 on Saturday — continue to raise concerns for other sports, particularly snowboarding and freestyle skiing, two events being held on the mountain overlooking the city.

The biggest test comes Monday, when freestyle moguls training sessions are scheduled to begin.

Those sessions will provide the first onsite test after organizers spent much of the past few weeks hauling in snow by helicopter and by truck.

"It's not so much the warm weather; it's the wind that does the most damage," said John Furlong, head of local organizing committee VANOC. "We may get help from Mother Nature, but we're not counting on it. The team is calculating what they have to do. The effort for the past 10 days has been super human. They've moved an extraordinary amount of snow."

Although organizers have stressed the courses on Cypress are almost com-

plete, they did announce Sunday that they've pushed back training sessions on the parallel giant slalom snowboarding course by two days. The event begins Feb. 26.

Training on the halfpipe was cut earlier from five to three days.

"The forecast is looking positive this week, and we'll hopeful see some colder temperatures," Tim Gayda, vice president for sport for the Vancouver organizing committee said Saturday.

The outlook, however, still appears as gray as the clouds that hung over the city and clung to the North Shore Mountains for most of Sunday.

An intermittent drizzle

fell on Vancouver, and temperatures hovered around 40. It was colder on Cypress, with temperatures in the 30s, with a light rain.

The long-range forecast has temperatures dropping to as low as 19 on Wednesday, and a light snowfall projected for Saturday. And yet there are chances of daytime show-ers for much of this week, too.

It's even relatively warm in Whistler, where numerous events — including Alpine skiing, bobsled and biathlon — will be held in the mountain-locked community two hours north of Vancouver. The forecast for this week has temperatures hovering at

the freezing mark.

"What everyone is counting on is a bit of magic, a bit of snow," Furlong said. "As far as the visuals in Whistler, I just don't have the words to describe how fantastic it is."

In Vancouver, along the city streets and gardens, crocuses are starting to sprout and apple blossoms are starting to bud on trees, making for an unusual sight for a Winter Games host city.

The warm temperatures are somewhat unseasonable even for Vancouver, which like Seattle to the south is warmed by the Pacific currents and traditionally enjoys a mild year-round climate.

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	17	.653	—
Toronto	28	23	.549	5
New York	19	31	.380	13½
Philadelphia	19	31	.380	13½
New Jersey	4	46	.080	28½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	34	17	.667	—
Atlanta	32	17	.653	1
Charlotte	24	25	.490	9
Miami	24	27	.471	10
Washington	17	32	.347	16
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
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	31	19	.620	—
San Antonio	29	20	.592	1½
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
Oklahoma City	29	21	.580	4½
Portland	30	23	.566	5
Minnesota	13	38	.255	21
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	39	13	.750	—
Phoenix	31	21	.596	8
L.A. Clippers	21	29	.420	17
Sacramento	16	34	.320	22
Golden State	13	36	.265	24½

Saturday's Games

New Orleans 104, Charlotte 99
Atlanta at Washington, p.m., 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 99, Portland 82
Oklahoma City 104, Golden State 95
San Antonio 98, L.A. Clippers 81

Sunday's Games

Toronto 115, Sacramento 104
Orlando 96, Boston 89

Monday's Games

New Orleans at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Washington at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 5:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Portland, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes																							
RAPTORS 115, KINGS 104																							
SACRAMENTO (104)																							
Casspi 1-5 1-2 3, Greene 4-10 2-5 13, Hawes 6-16 2-2 14, TEvans 3-8 5-11, Martin 7-18 9-12 24, Thompson 4-7 2-3 10, Nocioni 4-10 2-11 11, May 4-5 0-0 8, Udrih 3-5 2-5 8, Udoka 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-85 25-36 104.																							
TORONTO (115)																							
Turkoglu 6-14 2-4 16, Bosh 14-18 8-11 36, Bargnani 9-15 3-4 22, Jack 3-8 1-1 7, DeRozan 3-6 1-1 7, Weems 2-4 0-0 4, Johnson 0-3 0-0 0, Calderon 3-7 0-0 7, Wright 6-7 2-16. Totals 46-82 17-23 115.																							
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3-Point Goals—Sacramento 5-14 (Greene 3-3, Nocioni 1-3, Martin 1-6, Hawes 0-1, Udrih 0-1), Toronto 6-17 (Wright 2-3, Turkoglu 2-5, Calderon 1-2, Bargnani 1-5, Jack 0-2). Fouled Out—Turkoglu. Rebounds—Sacramento 54 (Hawes 11), Toronto 47 (Bosh 11). Assists—Sacramento 19 (TEvans 9), Toronto 28 (Jack 9). Total Fouls—Sacramento 18, Toronto 25. Technicals—Jack, Toronto defensive three second. A—18,007 (19,800).																							
MAGIC 96, CELTICS 89																							
ORLANDO (96)																							
Barnes 4-6 0-0 11, Lewis 5-13 2-2 14, Howard 4-9 8-12 16, Nelson 5-10 4-4 15, Carter 7-13 3-4 20, Gortat 1-4 0-0 2, Redick 1-3 2-4 1, Pietrus 2-5 2-3 8, J. Williams 2-2 2-6 2, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-67 23-29 96.																							
BOSTON (89)																							
Pierce 5-12 2-2 13, Garnett 5-13 3-3 13, Perkins 1-3 0-0 2, Rondo 7-13 1-3 9, T. Allen 4-13 5-6 14, Wallace 1-6 0-0 2, Davis 4-11 1-3 9, T. Allen 1-2 2-4 8, House 3-4 0-0 7, Daniels 4-7 2-4 8. Totals 35-83 14-19 89.																							
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3-Point Goals—Orlando 11-22 (Carter 3-4, Barnes 3-4, Lewis 2-3, Pietrus 2-4, Nelson 1-3, Anderson 0-1, Gortat 0-1, Redick 0-2), Boston 5-16 (Rondo 2-2, House 1-1, R. Allen 1-5, Pierce 1-6, Wallace 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 40 (Howard 13), Boston 49 (Garnett 9). Assists—Orlando 17 (Nelson 4), Boston 24 (Rondo 9). Total Fouls—Orlando 19, Boston 22. Technicals—Boston defensive three second. A—18,624 (18,624).																							

Saturday's Late NBA Boxes

THUNDER 104, WARRIORS 95

OKLAHOMA CITY (104)

Durant 7-21 13-15 29, Green 7-16 2-2 18, Krsitic 4-10 2-2 10, Westbrook 8-17 5-6 21, Seloloshia 4-7 0-0 8, Collison 1-4 0-0 2, Turiaf 1-1 0-0 2, Morrow 2-4 0-0 5, Hunter 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 37-88 13-21 95.

OKLAHOMA CITY 26 26 36 16 - 104

Golden State 27 23 23 22 - 95

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 6-14 (Durant 2-4, Green 2-5, Maynor 1-1, Harden 1-3, Seloloshia 0-1), Golden State 8-23 (Curry 3-7, Ellis 2-5, Toller 1-4, Morrow 1-2, Karl 1-6, Watson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 54 (Collison 10), Golden State 59 (Biedris 18). Assists—Oklahoma City 22 (Westbrook 10), Golden State 23 (Ellis 6). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 23, Golden State 19—17-25 (19,596).

SPURS 98, CLIPPERS 81

SAN ANTONIO (98)

Jefferson 2-9 0-0 5, Duncan 5-9 1-2 11, McDiyes 4-8 0-0 8, Parker 6-12 1-2 14, Hill 8-11 2-2 22, Bogans 1-2 0-0 2, Bonner 3-8 2-2 11, Ginobili 2-6 4-6 9, Blair 2-7 1-1 5, Mason 1-2 2-4, Finley 2-4 0-0 5, Ratliff 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-86 13-17 98.

L.A. CLIPPERS (81)

Butler 1-8 0-0 2, Camby 2-5 0-0 4, Kaman 8-16 5-5 21, B.Davis 3-8 2-2 8, Gordon 7-14 6-7 20, Collins 2-5 2-2 6, Jordan 3-6 0-0 6, R.Davis 2-3 1-2 6, Smith 2-7 0-0 4, Thornton 0-0 2-2 2, Novak 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-75 18-20 81.

San Antonio 10 17 35 16 - 98

L.A. Clippers 10 17 35 19 - 81

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 11-28 (Hill 4-6, Bonner 3-8, Parker 1-1, Ginobili 1-2, Finley 1-3, Jefferson 1-4, Bogans 0-1, Mason 0-3), L.A. Clippers 1-9 (R.Davis 1-1, Collins 0-1, B.Davis 0-1, Gordon 0-3, Butler 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 48 (McDiyes 10), L.A. Clippers 51 (Camby 12, Assists—San Antonio 26 (Parker 14), L.A. Clippers 21 (B.Davis 9). Total Fouls—San Antonio 18, L.A. Clippers 19. Technicals—B.Davis, Kaman. A—18,258 (19,060).

LAKERS 99, TRAIL BLAZERS 82

L.A. LAKERS (99)

Odum 4-9 2-2 10, Gasol 6-14 1-2 13, Bynum 1-3 1-2 3, Fisher 5-10 2-3 14, Artest 9-12 0-0 21, Brown 8-15 2-3 19, Powell 1-5 0-0 2, Farmer 5-9 0-2 12, Walton 0-3 0-0 0, Vujacic 2-4 1-1 5. Totals 41-84 9-15 99.

PORTLAND (82)

Webster 17 0-0 2, Aldridge 7-16 2-2 16, Howard 5-7 0-0 10, Miller 5-8 4-4 14, Bayless 4-8 5-6 13, Batum 3-9 0-2 8, Cunningham 3-5 2-2 8, Fernandez 2-6 1-1 7, Blake 1-5 0-0 3, Pendergraph 0-0 0-0 0, Mills 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 31-71 15-19 82.

L.A. Lakers 26 28 19 26 - 99

Portland 29 19 16 18 - 82

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 8-19 (Artest 3-4, Fisher 2-2, Farmer 2-5, Brown 1-3, Walton 0-1, Vujacic 0-1, Odum 0-3), Portland 5-18 (Fernandez 2-4, Batum 2-5, Blake 1-5, Webster 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 55 (Odum 22), Portland 38 (Howard 7). Assists—L.A. Lakers 24 (Fisher, Odum 6), Portland 20 (Blake 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 16, Portland 18. Technicals—Gasol, Bayless, Portland defensive three second. A—20,688 (19,980).

Men's College Basketball

Major Scores

N. Colorado 70, N. Arizona 63, OT

Sacramento St. 74, E. Washington 67

Seattle 80, Portland St. 73

East

Army 63, Colgate 59

Ala. 65, 68

Albany, Md. 62, Manhattan 56

Saint Joseph's 78, St. Bonaventure 71

St. Peter's 73, Canisius 72, OT

South

Belmont 70, North Florida 56

Piscataway 79, Jacksonville 61

Marlyland 92, North Carolina 71

Morgan St. 94, Middle Tenn. 68

Radford 77, High Point 63

Midwest

North Dakota 56, SIU-Edwardsville 50

Northwestern 78, Indiana 61

Men's College Basketball

Far West	
N. Colorado 70, N. Arizona 63, OT	
Sacramento St. 74, E. Washington 67	
Seattle 80, Portland St. 77	
East	
Army 63, Colgate 49	
Iona 56, Marist 51	
Loyola, Md. 62, Manhattan 56	
Saint Joseph's 78, St. Bonaventure 71	
St. Peter's 73, Canisius 72, OT	
South	
Belmont 70, North Florida 56	
Lipscomb 79, Jacksonville 61	
Maryland 92, North Carolina 71	
Morgan St. 94, Florida A&M 68	
Radford 77, High Point 63	
Midwest	
North Dakota 57, SIU-Edwardsville 50	
Northwestern 78, Indiana 61	

GAME PLAN

LOCAL	
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
6 p.m.	
CSI at Gateway CC (Ariz.)	
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m.	
Richfield at Glens Ferry	
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Class 4A Great Basin Conference Tournament	
See Main 5	
Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament	
See Main 5	
Class 2A Canyon Conference Tournament	
See Main 5	
Class 1A Division I Sawtooth Conference Tournament	
See Main 5	
HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING	
6 p.m.	
Canyon Ridge at Wendell	

Notre Dame 65, South Florida 62 Ohio St. 68, Iowa 58 Syracuse 71, Cincinnati 54

Women's College Basketball

Major Scores Far West	
East	
Stanford 77, Southern Cal 39	
South	
Hofstra 73, UNC Wilmington 58 Long Island U. 67, St. Francis, NY 57 Ohio St. 86, Penn St. 73 Siena 75, Iona 67, OT St. John's 66, Seton Hall 45 UMBC 57, Maine 45	
Midwest	
Bradley 60, S. Illinois 45 Creighton 58, Wichita St. 48 Dayton 73, Saint Louis Tech 57 Indiana 67, Illinois 54 Iowa 77, Michigan St. 66 Iowa St. 65, Missouri 39 Kansas 70, Kansas St. 60 Michigan 74, Minnesota 40 Missouri 87, Drake 78 N. Iowa 71, Evansville 52 Purdue 58, Wisconsin 56 Xavier 67, Richmond 55	
Southwest	
Houston 68, Memphis 62 Kentucky 71, Arkansas 57 Rice 72, UAB 58 Texas 81, Texas Tech 51 UTEP 75, Tulsa 58	

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs	
Wild-card Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 9	
N.Y. Jets 24, Cincinnati 14 Dallas 34, Philadelphia 14	
Sunday, Jan. 10	
Baltimore 33, New England 14 Arizona 51, Green Bay 45, OT	
Divisional Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 16	
New Orleans 45, Arizona 14 N.C. State 70, Virginia Tech 57	
Sunday, Jan. 17	
Minnesota 34, Dallas 3 N.Y. Jets 17, San Diego 14	
Conference Championships	

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
5 p.m.	
ESPN — Villanova at West Virginia	
7 p.m.	
ESPN — Kansas at Texas	
NBA BASKETBALL	
6:15 p.m.	
TNT — New Orleans at Orlando	
8:30 p.m.	
TNT — San Antonio at L.A. Lakers	
NHL HOCKEY	
5 p.m.	
VERSUS — New Jersey at Philadelphia	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
5 p.m.	
ESPN2 — North Carolina at Duke	
7 p.m.	
ESPN2 — Tennessee at Vanderbilt	

Sunday, Jan. 24
Indianapolis 30, N.Y. Jets 17
New Orleans 31, Minnesota 28, OT

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Miami

Super Bowl XLIV
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Miami

AFC 41, NFC 34
New Orleans 31, Indianapolis 17

SAINTS 31, COLTS 17				
New Orleans	0	6	10	15 - 31
Indianapolis	0	0	7	0 - 17
First Quarter				
Ind—FG Stover 38, 7:29				
Ind—Garcon 19 pass from Manning (Stover kick), :36.				
Second Quarter				
NO—FG Hartley 46, 9:34.				
NO—FG Hartley 44, :00.				
Third Quarter				
NO—PThomas 16 pass from Brees (Hartley kick), 11:41.				
Ind—Addai 4 run (Stover kick), 6:15.				
NO—FG Hartley 47, 2:01.				
Fourth Quarter				
NO—Shockey 2 pass from Brees (Moore pass from Brees), 5:42.				
NO—Porter 74 interception return (Hartley kick), 3:12. A-74,059.				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
RUSHING—New Orleans, PThomas 9-30, Bush 5-25, Bell 2-4, Brees 1-11, Henderson 1-7. Indianapolis, Addai 15-77, Brown 4-18, Hart 2-4.				
PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 23-39-0-288.				
Indianapolis, Manning 31-451-333.				
RECEIVING—New Orleans, Colston 7-83, Henderson 7-63, PThomas 6-55, Bush 4-38, Shockey 3-13, Moore 2-21, Meachem 2-6, D.Thomas 1-9. Indianapolis, Clark 7-86, Addai 7-58, Collie 6-66, Garcon 5-66, Wayne 5-46, Brown 1-11.				
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis, Stover 51 (WL).				

Super Bowl Champions

2010—New Orleans (NFC) 31, Indianapolis (AFC) 17
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

By Mastroianni and Hart



Beetle Bailey



Dilbert



For Better or For Worse



Garfield



Hi and Lois



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Non Sequitur



Dennis the Menace



Baby Blues



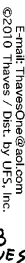
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The Elderberries



Frank and Ernest



Hagar the Horrible



Luann



Pearls Before Swine



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OPINION

QUOTABLE

“D.C. traditionally panics when it comes to snow. This time, it may be more justifiable.”
— Arlington, Va., resident Becky Shipp, on the blizzard that battered the Mid-Atlantic region Saturday

EDITORIAL

Close Idaho primaries? That’s crazy for GOP

A group of Idaho Republicans seeking to close the party’s primary elections may or may not get its way, depending on what U.S. District Judge Lynn Winnmill decides.

That said, historically the Idaho GOP has flourished crossing over to vote in open primary elections.

In 1937, the Democratic-controlled Idaho Legislature amended the 1931 direct primary law so that voters could obtain the ballot of either party regardless of their own political affiliation.

You can trace the rise of the Idaho Republican Party from day.

In the 1938 primary, Republicans crossed over in the primary to nominate the weaker Democratic gubernatorial candidate — C. Ben Ross — and to deny renomination to incumbent U.S. Sen. James Pope, a liberal Democrat.

Even President Franklin Delano Roosevelt noticed: “... the chief question of discussion (between Roosevelt and Pope) was a matter that involves public morality,” the president said. “The figures in the state of Idaho, for example, show that whereas in 1936 the Republican primary vote was about 42,000 and the Democratic primary vote was about 55,000, this year (1938) the Republican primary vote was only 30,000 and the Democratic primary vote was 85,000, which, of course, no matter how much you might try to hem and haw it off, was complete proof positive that the direct primary system was completely violated so far as morality went by the entrance of 15,000 to 2,000 Republicans into the Democratic primary.”

The open primary permitted Republicans to help nominate vulnerable Democratic candidates, which the party has done time and again in gubernatorial, senatorial and congressional elections.

The 1938 was a watershed event for the GOP in Idaho, which elected nine of the next 12 governors, 10 of the next 15 U.S. senators and 16 of the next 24 congressmen.

So why, exactly, would Republicans want to change the rules?

Our view:

Idaho Republicans have made out like bandits with the state’s open primary elections law. Why would they want to do anything differently?

What do you think?

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

Limbaugh’s barbs test Palin

I never thought it would come to this. Sarah Palin is going to have to unheart Rush Limbaugh. Otherwise the only conclusion is that she fakes her emotions, even those that seem most genuine.

In her reaction to a remark by Rahm Emanuel, the crude White House chief of staff, her hurt seemed real. Last August, according to a Jan. 26 article in *The Wall Street Journal*, Emanuel called congressional liberals not supporting the president “retarded,” preceded by a favorite curse word of his. Palin called for his head.



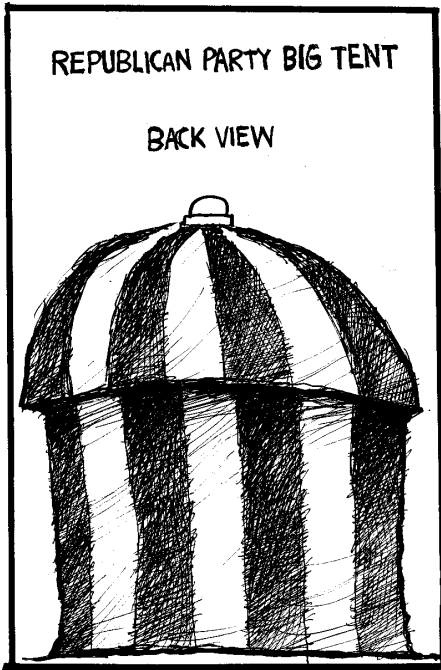
Margaret Carlson

“Just as we’d be appalled if any public figure of Rahm’s stature ever used the ‘N-word’ or other such inappropriate language, Rahm’s slur on all God’s children with cognitive and developmental disabilities — and the people who love them — is unacceptable, and it’s heartbreaking,” Palin wrote on her Facebook page.

Nothing about Palin is more appealing than her love for her child born with Down syndrome. Palin may wear her other children on her sleeve, and on stage, but Trig she holds in her heart.

Emanuel apologized privately to Tim Shriver, head of Special Olympics, which was started by his mother, Eunice, to encourage the developmentally disabled through sports. Last Wednesday, Emanuel had Shriver and a number of disability groups come to the White House for a public apology.

Limbaugh took the occasion to double-down on Emanuel’s remark. On his radio show, Limbaugh made an even more derogatory comment, insisting that there can be no insult in “calling a bunch of people

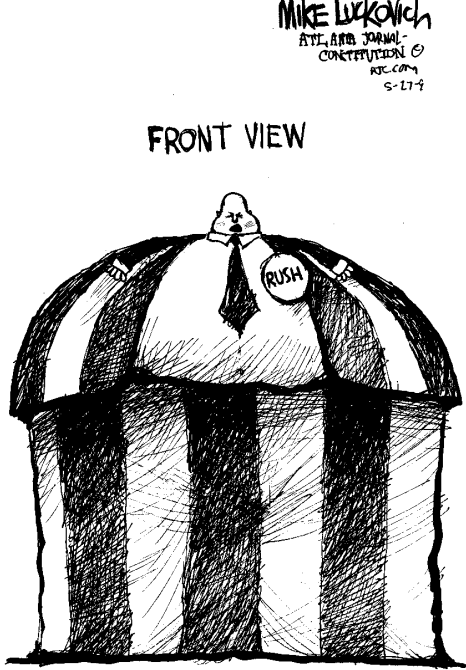


who are retards, retards.” The real news, Limbaugh continued, was that Emanuel had directed his “retard” comment at Obama supporters. “So now there’s going to be a meeting,” he said. “There’s going to be a retard summit at the White House.”

Having called out Emanuel, Palin can’t let Limbaugh get away with his own “slur on all God’s children.” Surely Limbaugh qualifies as a “public figure,” one with far more reach than Emanuel. If a six-month-old Emanuel remark uttered at a private meeting broke her heart, Limbaugh’s rant must have crushed her.

Limbaugh’s on-air claim Thursday that, in throwing around the word “retard,” he had been “just quoting Emanuel” is, of course, laughable. As for his observation that the “drive-by” media is “trying to goad Sarah Palin into denouncing” him for his remarks: Well, why not goad, even if we’re not as good at it as Rush is?

Limbaugh’s reference to a “retard summit” wasn’t reflexive crudeness. He made the comment with malice aforethought, cloaked in his usual objection to political correctness, on which he bases his license to pick on the weak.



Palin, usually among Rush’s chosen strong, is among the weak in this instance. Mean words about her son touch a spot so tender she flinches.

I get a slew of hate mail about my opinions, stupidity and hair. It comes with the privilege of writing a column. The only cruelty I can’t stand is against my mentally disabled brother. I spent much of my childhood forcing the neighborhood kids to choose him for their teams. Now that I’m his guardian, I run a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Jimmy. The need to protect never goes away.

In Palin’s case, we’ll see if politics triumph. She will not want to treat Limbaugh as she did Emanuel, a political enemy. She and Limbaugh are in a mutual-admiration society, working the same side of the street, manning the barricades against the heathen liberals, enforcing the same pure strain of conservatism against infidels.

Rush has a conscience. One reason his television show wasn’t as successful as his radio one was that he couldn’t play himself. Inside the cocoon of his radio studio, he exempts himself from the usual rules. He’s an entertainer, so he can say anything. He’s not a jour-

nalist, so he doesn’t need to be factual. Liberals are mushy-headed wimps, so he can attack those they coddle to even the score.

Physical disability is not off limits. He went after Michael J. Fox with relish, performing a spastic chair dance while claiming that Fox had purposely not taken his medication so that his Parkinson’s disease would be on full display in a TV ad in favor of candidates supporting stem-cell research.

I have a lot of questions about Palin as a candidate for president but not about her maternal instinct. I bet she would give up everything if it would make her child well. I would for my brother.

Politics has gotten much meaner since 1995, when I had a long interview with Rush as part of a cover package on him for *Time* magazine.

I went in thinking he was a jerk but came away believing that underneath his jerky persona was a not-so-bad, hyperbolic talk jockey. Now, if he doesn’t apologize for his gratuitous cruelty, I’ll have to conclude that underneath that talk-show bluster, he’s a jerk.

Margaret Carlson is a Bloomberg News columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some sports shouldn't be in the Olympics

Now I love football, baseball, blackjack, chess and running to hounds, but they’re games. The Olympics were created to perfect the human talents needed in warfare. Those things were based on strength, running, throwing, etc. Events were won or lost based on distance and speed. There was no scoring or subjective judging involved. Scoring is used in games like basketball, hockey, billiards pool and snooker. Figure skating, water ballet, gymnastics, yodeling and pole dancing must be judged by someone’s perception of the performances.

For that reason, the Olympics used to be called “The Olympics,” not the Olympic Games. Ballroom dancing is about as athletic and aerobic as there is, but it’s not a proper Olympic event. Nor is freestyle watermelon seed spitting, ear hair braiding or perfect pitch snoring. There may be a proper outlet for such incredible talents, but the

Olympics ain’t it. Guinness or Ripley love such things and there should be great potential for international events of such genre as pumpkin pitching, blowfish eating, belly thumping to a Rossini aria, electric eel catching and costumed pig kissing. Maybe American Idol has a spot for such things — but, sadly, they’re just not Olympic events.

VAUGHN PHELPS
Twin Falls

Publishing names of wolf hunters not persecution

After I read the article in the *Times-News* about wolf advocate Rick Hobson, I felt compelled to throw in my 2 cents’ worth.

It will be an honor to see the names of the great sportsmen who did a small part in eliminating 125 of these savage beasts. I also hope you list their addresses so they can be personally thanked.

Publishing their names isn’t persecution but a privileged honor, and

I’m all for it.

As for the wolf numbers, this won’t even put a dent in this exploding population.

I would like to make a few suggestions to the U.S. Wildlife and Idaho Fish and Game departments:

1. The only requirement for hunting wolves is a valid hunting license.
2. No limit. Shoot as many as one likes.
3. Put a bounty of \$50 on every wolf terminated (maybe a \$500 bonus for the largest).
4. When each and every wolf is dead, the Fish and Game can go back to managing real game like deer and elk.

In 20 to 30 years, maybe game numbers will return to pre-wolf numbers. Livestock owners will no longer have to look over their shoulders for these heartless beasts.

The only people who don’t agree with me are a handful of environmentalists. I believe most of these people are not indigenous to this area. In other words, they can go back to California or back east

where they belong.

I have another suggestion for these wolf lovers: Move up to Canada or Alaska. They have plenty of wolves, and you won’t be missed by us true native Idahoans.

Have a nice day!
ROGER PAULSON
Shoshone

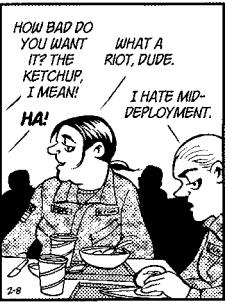
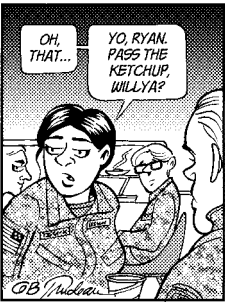
Jerome firemen used to mow lawns

When my husband went to work for the Jerome Fire Department, there were three paid men — the chief and two drivers. The drivers were on 24 hours and off 24 hours. Their duties included cleaning the fire station and city hall and mowing lawns, trimming trees, planting flowers and shoveling snow. My fireman put in the first lawn sprinkler system, while on duty, of course. He retired after 20 years of firefighting, shoveling snow and mowing lawns.

Now there are several paid men but no time to mow lawns or shovel snow.
LORETTA LEWIS
Jerome

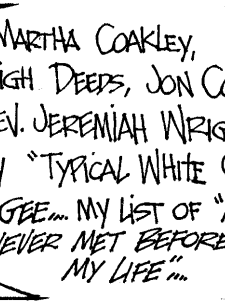
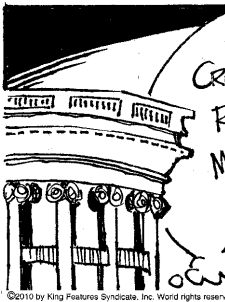
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Obama invites GOP leaders to health care talk

By Charles Babington
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama, battling complaints that he has been too partisan and secretive in pushing his health care agenda, said Sunday he will host leaders of both parties to discuss the topic later this month.

The announcement came as Obama and Congress' Democratic leaders seek a way to overhaul the nation's health care system even though Senate Republicans are again able to block legislation with filibusters.

Polls show that many Americans feel Obama and his congressional allies have not sought enough GOP input, although Democrats say Republicans have shown

virtually no interest in seeking a realistic agreement.

Many people also have criticized Democrats' closed-door negotiations, which led to special accommodations for Nebraska and Louisiana senators when their votes were in question. Some Republicans taunted Obama for suggesting earlier that health care negotiations should be aired on C-SPAN, and one GOP senator said health care would be the president's Waterloo.

In an interview Sunday with CBS's Katie Couric, Obama said the closed-door deal-cutting was not helpful to the process.

The White House said the half-day bipartisan session will take place Feb. 25 and will be aired live on television.

It's unclear whether the bipartisan gathering might lead to changes in Democratic-crafted legislation that has passed the House and Senate in separate forms, or whether it will largely be seen as a showy stab at bipartisanship that yields few results. Congress' Democratic and Republican leaders have differed sharply on most major questions in the long-running health care debate.

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio included a few jabs at Democrats while accepting Obama's invitation.

Boehner said he was glad the White House "finally seems interested in a real, bipartisan conversation on health care." He said Americans have rejected

"the job-killing, trillion-dollar government takeover of health care bills passed by the House and Senate."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she was hopeful "that the Republican leadership will work in a bipartisan fashion on the great challenges the American people face."

White House officials said Sunday that Obama does not intend to restart the health care legislative process from scratch. Many liberal groups and lawmakers want congressional Democrats to use all the parliamentary muscle they have to enact the measure that the Senate passed on Christmas Eve, employing rules that could bypass GOP filibusters to make changes demanded by House Democrats.

Gas blast at Connecticut power plant kills at least 5

By Pat Eaton-Robb and John Christoffersen
Associated Press writers

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — An explosion blew apart a power plant under construction as workers purged natural gas lines Sunday, killing at least five people and injuring a dozen or more in a blast that shook homes for miles.

At least 12 people were injured in the explosion at the Kleen Energy Systems plant in Middletown, about 20 miles south of Hartford. Crews with dogs were still searching the rubble for survivors as darkness fell over the plant, overlooking the Connecticut River.

It wasn't clear how many people, if any, were still buried. Deputy Fire Marshal Al Santostefano told The Associated Press that 50 to 60 people were in the area at the time of the explosion, but authorities said multiple contractors were working on the project, making it difficult to pinpoint exactly how many people were missing.



AP photo by CASEY CASSERINO

In this photo provided by Casey Casserino, the Kleen Energy plant on River Road in Middletown, Conn., is seen Sunday. An explosion blew apart the power plant under construction as workers purged natural gas lines, killing at least 5 people and injuring at least 12 in a blast that shook homes miles away, officials said.

the conditions of the other injured people by Sunday evening, although they said at least a dozen people had injuries ranging from minor to very serious.

The thundering blast shook houses for miles.

"I felt the house shake, I thought a tree fell on the house," said Middletown resident Steve Clark.

Barrett Robbins-Pianka, who lives about a mile away and has monitored the project for years, said she was running outside and heard what she called "a tremendous boom."

"I thought it might be some test or something, but it was really loud, a definite explosion," she said.

Kleen Energy Systems LLC began construction on the power plant in February 2008. It had signed a capacity deal with Connecticut Light and Power for the electricity produced by the plant. Construction was scheduled to be completed by mid-2010.

The company is run by president and former Middletown City Council member William Corvo. A message left at Corvo's home was not immediately returned. Calls to Gordon Holk, general manager of Power Plant Management Services, which has a contract to manage the plant, weren't immediately returned.

Energy Investors Funds, a private equity fund that indirectly owns a majority share in the power plant, said it is fully cooperating with authorities investigating the explosion. In a written statement, the company offered sympathy and concern and would release more information on the explosion as it becomes available.

Palin says 'absurd' not to ponder presidential bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sarah Palin says it would be "absurd" for her not to consider running for president in 2012.

The former Alaska governor and the Republican

vice presidential nominee in 2008 says she will run for president if she believes it's right for the country and right for her family.

Palin was asked on "Fox

News Sunday" if she knows more today about domestic and foreign affairs than she did two years ago. Her response: "Well, I would hope so."

She says her focus has

widened since she was governor of Alaska. Palin says she gets daily briefings by e-mail on domestic and foreign policy issues from advisers in Washington.

AROUND THE WORLD

CALIFORNIA

Evacuees return to LA-area homes swamped with mud

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. — Residents evacuated from foothill communities deluged by weekend mudslides north of Los Angeles were allowed to return home Sunday as crews moved debris and cleared catch basins in anticipation of more rain later in the week.

The final evacuation order was lifted for about 70 homes in the Paradise Valley area of La Canada Flintridge, L.A. County Sheriff's Dep. Guillermina Saldana said. Only residents with valid identification were allowed back into the neighborhood that was choked with a thick layer of mud and debris during a pummeling rain early Saturday.

Forty-three homes in the La Canada Flintridge area were damaged and 500 more evacuated Saturday after mud and water overflowed basins and surged into streets, taking furniture, cars and concrete barriers with it. Nine houses were declared unsafe to enter. About 25 vehicles were damaged.

\$141.4 million annuity or \$69.6 million in cash, minus federal and state withholdings, if the winner elects to take the lump sum.

AFGHANISTAN

Hundreds flee Afghan town ahead of NATO offensive

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Minivans piled high with mattresses and clothing lined up at checkpoints Sunday as hundreds of civilians fled a Taliban-controlled area ahead of a planned NATO offensive in southern Afghanistan.

The militants, meanwhile, dug in for a fight, reinforcing their positions with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy weapons, according to witnesses.

The U.S. military has not given a start date for the operation to clear insurgents from the Helmand province town of Marjah, the biggest community in the south under insurgent control. But the military has said fighting will start soon and many residents weren't taking any chances.

NORTH CAROLINA

Winning Powerball ticket bought in North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. — A winning Powerball ticket worth more than \$140 million was sold in western North Carolina.

The North Carolina Education Lottery announced Sunday that the winning ticket from Saturday night's Powerball drawing was sold in Asheville.

Spokeswoman Pamela Walker says the ticket was sold at a Wilco Hess convenience store.

The winning numbers were 14, 22, 52, 54, 59, with the Powerball 4. The ticket was worth a

UKRAINE

Yanukovych leading in Ukraine's presidential vote

KIEV, Ukraine — Pro-Russian candidate Viktor Yanukovych has declared victory in Ukraine's presidential contest even though exit polls show a very tight race.

His opponent, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, says it's too early to concede Sunday's vote.

Yanukovych called on the country's politicians Sunday night to unite to fight corruption, poverty and irresponsibility and said he would strive to earn the trust of all Ukrainians.

All of the major exit polls predict Yanukovych will win but only by a few percentage points.

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From Paris with Love (R) 7:30 9:45 **To Save a Life** (13) 7:00 9:30
The Spy Next Door (PG) 7:30 9:45

Matinees Friday at the Twin & Odyssey

Gordon Keith Opial

TWIN FALLS — Gordon Keith Opial, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Feb. 5, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born Sept. 9, 1926, in Sheraton, Wyo., the son of Louis and Mildred McClenton Opial.



On Aug. 10, 1974, he married the love of his life, Edith, in Stanwood, Wash. She passed away in 2005. Gordon worked for Kaiser Aerospace in the electronics industry. Gordon served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953.

Surviving are his daughter Tammy Rudy of Baltimore, Md.; step-daughter Pam Otterson of Stanwood, Wash.; step-son Fred Hasse of Eugene, Ore.; brother Lewis Opial of Charleston, S.C.; sisters Jean Maime of

Kelso, Wash., and Donna Vanhorn of Hemet, Calif.; along with six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Edith, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with military honors offered by the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Deanna Garcia

RUPERT — Deanna Garcia, 41, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, in Burley.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Heber 'Ace' Harmon

TWIN FALLS — Heber "Ace" Harmon, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, at a local care center.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

Diane Marie Short

RUPERT — Diane Marie Short, 60, of Rupert, passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, at home.

Funeral services are pending under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Clinton Tidquist

TWIN FALLS — Clinton Tidquist, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, at a local care center.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Timothy Roe Radabaugh, infant son of Brian and Faith Radabaugh of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Harry Ridge of Soda Springs, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hooper LDS 4th Ward Chapel in Soda Springs; graveside service at 3 p.m. today at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; visitation one hour before the service at the church (Sims Funeral Home).

Frank Accomando of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Gooding LDS Church; visitation one hour before the service at the church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Lillian Agnes Rosengren Ryan of Slidell, La., funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Mothe Funeral Home, 1300 Vallette St. in Algiers, La.; visitation from noon to 2 p.m. today at

the funeral home.

Lucille Larson and **Darrell Larson** of Jerome, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Snake River Elks Lodge in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

James Joseph "Jim" Butler Jr. of Hailey and Ogden, Utah, graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday 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 Hugh Tracy of Almo, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday 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).

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).

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Snow shuts down federal government; many stranded

WASHINGTON (AP) — Planes were grounded, trains stood still and Greyhound buses weren't rolling in the Mid-Atlantic on Sunday, leaving stranded travelers wondering when they'll be able to escape the icy, gray mess created by a major snowstorm.

Hundreds of thousands of homes were without power with temperatures below freezing all day, with utilities warning it could be days before it's all restored. Plows had scraped down to bare pavement on some main thoroughfares while not touching streets in many areas buried by 2 feet or more.

In the nation's capital, meanwhile, today will be another day for residents to get back to normal. The federal government made the decision to close agencies, and many school districts across the region were giving students a snow day. For those stranded, however, the thought of another day of weekend wasn't much to smile about.

Joel Jones of Durham, N.C., said he was on a bus from Baltimore on Friday. When he arrived in Washington, the rest of the trip was canceled. He walked to Union Station to get a train, where he has remained, sleeping on chairs.



AP photo

Shown near the U.S. Capitol Eugene Wilson, 82, uses a broom to push snow off of the roof of his Lincoln Towncar after it was buried by a snow storm in Washington, Sunday.

"I'm starting to worry because I take insulin," said the 41-year-old, who has diabetes. "I got enough for like one more shot, so I have enough until tomorrow. Hopefully, I'll get on the bus in the morning."

The National Weather Service called the storm "historic" and reported a foot of snow in parts of Ohio and 2 feet or more in Washington, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Parts of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia got closer to 3 feet.

Many roads reopened but officials continued to warn residents that highways were still icy, a remnant from the storm President Obama called "Snowmageddon." In Washington, the sun was finally shining Sunday and the sounds of shovels could be heard on streets. In contrast to Saturday, when people were frolicking on the barren streets, thoughts turned Sunday to cleanup.

The snow snapped tree limbs onto power lines, and several roofs collapsed under the weight.

Making matters worse, the weather service issued a storm watch for Tuesday.

In Philadelphia, 28.5 inches of snow fell during the storm, just shy of the record 30.7 inches during the January 1996 blizzard. Snow totals were even higher to the west in Pennsylvania, with 31 inches recorded in Upper Strasburg and 30 inches in Somerset.

Almost 18 inches was recorded at Washington's Reagan National Airport, which had canceled all flights.

Obama hasn't ruled out New York trial for Sept. 11 attack planner

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama said Sunday he has not ruled out a New York federal court trial for Sept. 11 planner Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, but he was taking into account the objections of the city's mayor and police commissioner.

The Obama administration has come under withering attack, mainly from Republicans, for a decision by his Justice Department to try the terrorist mastermind in a U.S. court near Ground Zero, site of the attack that destroyed New York's World

Trade Center.

Obama said using the traditional judicial method was a "virtue of our system" in which Americans should take pride.

He also defended his decision, noting again that the administration of former President George W. Bush had handled terror suspects arrested in the United States in the same way.

"They prosecuted 190 folks in these Article III courts, got convictions and those folks are in maximum security prisons right now. And there have been no escapes," Obama said. "And it is a virtue of our system we

should be proud of."

In a pre-Super Bowl interview with CBS' Katie Couric, Obama also said that passing health care reform remained the key to bringing down America's skyrocketing budget deficit. He said he was calling Republican and Democratic congressional leaders to a meeting later this month to thoroughly air the issue.

"The biggest thing, the most important thing we can do on deficits ... is to get a health reform package passed," Obama said.

Obama is reaching out again to Republicans on health care reform, despite their unanimous opposition

and the election of a new GOP senator who gives the party the necessary votes to block a Senate vote on the overhaul package.

He also said negotiations in Congress that gave special concessions to Democratic Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Ben Nelson of Nebraska in return for their health care votes "did not help. They frustrate me."

"I would have loved nothing better than to have come up with some very elegant, academically approved approach to health care and didn't have any legislative fingerprints on it," he said. "But hey, that's the way democracy works."

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Climbing, DANCING and dogfighting



Jay Campos, a Canyon Rim YMCA patron, works his upper body on the SCIFIT, one of the new pieces of cardio equipment at the renovated facility.



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

YMCA fitness director Eric Snow demonstrates Thursday how members can use the VersaClimber for a full-body workout at the newly renovated Canyon Rim facility on Twin Falls' Pole Line Road. The empty space next to the machine were to be filled with more top-of-the-line exercise equipment.

New YMCA cardio room offers something different

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Sick of the same old treadmills and ellipticals? The Canyon Rim YMCA might have a solution.

The YMCA updated its offerings last week, and a cardio room with all-new equipment is its crown jewel. Other improvements include a kids' room, a lounge, an aerobics room facelift and new coats of paint.

The new cardio room occupies the area where two former racquetball courts used to be. (Don't worry, racquet fans — two other courts remain.) When the construction dust settles, 32 machines will fill the space. As of Thursday, the gym was still waiting for delivery of four more machines.

Included in the mix are cardio machines for people with mobility problems. The SCIFIT PRO allows users to sit while getting an upper-body cardio workout, said Twin Falls YMCA chief executive Gary Ettenger.

"You pedal using your arms, which is pretty awesome," he said. The machine is also popular with hardcore athletes training for triathlons.

Next to the SCIFIT PRO machines are four Espresso Bikes, which combine working out with video games. Users pedal through different sceneries, and the bike's resistance changes to match the shifting scene. Y members love the Espresso Bikes at the Elizabeth Street YMCA, said fitness director Eric Snow, so Y leaders decided to add more to the Canyon Ridge facility, along with two Dogfight Active Gaming Flight Simulators. The Dogfight machines let users shoot at hot air balloons — or, if they prefer, each other — while using the pedals to propel themselves. The Espresso Bikes and Dogfight machines give the same physical benefits as regular bikes, but add a layer of fun to the sweat.

"It's a total distraction from the actual workout," Snow said as he demonstrated the Dogfight.

Member Justin Lammers espe-



YMCA members can keep their minds busy as their bodies work, as employee Eric Snow demonstrates.

MEMBERS ONLY

Interested in taking advantage of the remodeled YMCA facility? Memberships are \$49 per month for families, \$36 per month for individuals and \$25 per month for youth. Memberships include access to all three Twin Falls YMCA facilities — including the City Pool — and unlimited classes. Information: 733-4384.

cially enjoyed the bikes during a Thursday workout. "Those things are awesome," he said.

Lammers was still trying to get the hang of the climbing station across the room from the bikes, although he was optimistic about the machines once he figured them out. Two VersaClimbers and two Jacob's Ladders are designed to work Y members' whole bodies. On the other side of the room, two Precor AMT machines customize workouts by adapting to a user's movements. Instead of being on a track, the elliptical-like steps move freely back and forth and up and down, and can be used as a stair-stepper or a glider.

The cardio room isn't all high-tech. Ten new Precor treadmills

and six Precor ellipticals flood the floor and are still among the most popular machines, Ettenger said. Nine 52-inch Sony flatscreen televisions with wireless audio transmitters face the exercisers, and most machines are equipped with wireless receivers. Plug in your personal headphones, pick which channel to listen to and you're set for the workout.

"The TVs are a bonus," said Y member Chris Campos. Although he has been a member for only a month, he is still impressed with the new equipment. "It's way better than the old stuff," the Twin Falls man said.

Not all the improvements are downstairs. The second-floor aerobics room has a new vinyl tile floor that looks like wood.

"It has a lot of give to it," Ettenger said, adding that it's forgiving on knee joints. That room is home to the new aerobics class "Drums Alive," in which participants rhythmically beat on stability balls with drum sticks, explained instructor Kay Parker.

The spinning room, adjacent to the fitness room, is awaiting its makeover. One of the biggest problems with the old facility, Ettenger said, was the huge spinning room sitting unused for all but two hours a day. Soon, an 82-

inch television will play spinning DVDs all day, so people who can't make it to the twice-daily classes can still take advantage of the 25 new Schwinn bikes.

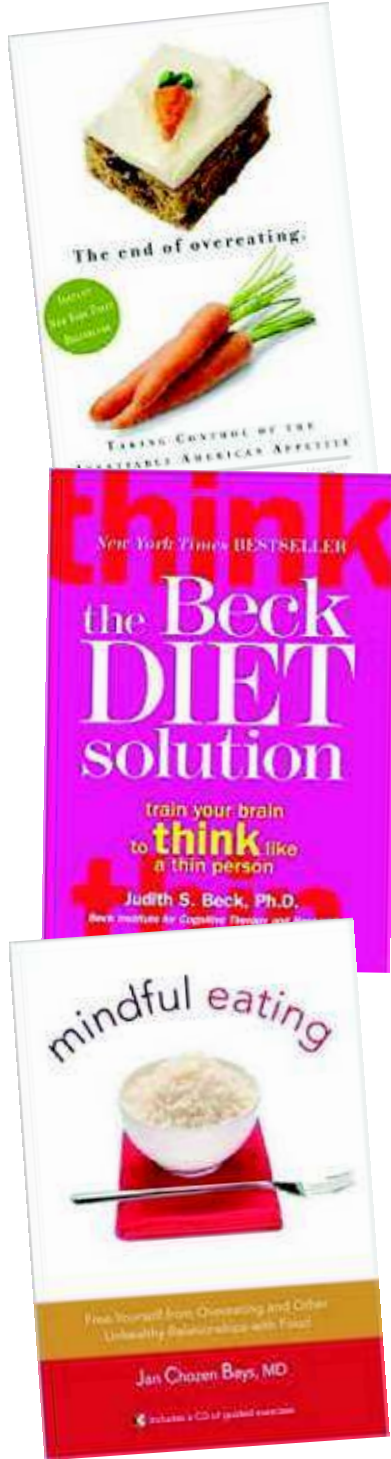
Down the freshly painted hall, a kids' room offers supervised, active play for children while Dad jogs or Mom lifts. The room has foosball, air hockey, dome hockey, two ping pong tables and space for a television that will have a Nintendo Wii and fitness video games. A similar setup at the Elizabeth Street YMCA is constantly packed, Ettenger and Snow said.

A downstairs area that formerly housed a few treadmills and a small television will be transformed into a lounge where people can relax, play pool and socialize after workouts or while waiting for classes.

Although Ettenger doesn't want to be "bragadocius," he said, the 25-year YMCA employee is confident this facility now has the nicest cardio theater in the West.

Although the remodeling wasn't finished on Thursday, Ettenger said he had already heard fantastic feedback from members.

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Watching what and why we eat instead of merely how much

By Jennifer LaRue Huget
Special to The Washington Post

Are we done dieting?

Many of us want to lose weight, and many more probably should. But in recent months I've seen a subtle shift in the diet-guidance market: Instead of prescribing eating regimens, many weight-loss experts are suggesting that we re-evaluate our relationship with food, focus on eating healthful whole foods and use psychology to aid our efforts to shed pounds.

Books such as "The End of Overeating," "Mindful Eating" and "Overcoming Overeating" omit the word "diet" from their titles. Others, such as "The Beck Diet Solution" and "The 9-Inch 'Diet,'" retain the word but rebel against it; the first book's subtitle is "Train Your Brain to Think Like a Thin Person."

Of course, there are still plenty of conventional diet plans. There's no escaping the "Biggest Loser" series or the "Flat Belly Diet!" Some people will always prefer to be told what to eat and when to eat it. And for those who like to count, be it calories, fat, carbs or protein grams, options still abound.

In fact, the research firm Marketdata Enterprises shows that the dieting industry earned \$55 billion in 2006, a number that's expected to rise to \$68.7 billion this year. High-profile programs such as Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig continue to do big business; Marketdata says they made \$1.2 billion and \$462 million, respectively, in 2006.

But at the same time, the research firm reports that of an estimated 72 million American dieters, 70 percent are trying to lose weight on their own.

Those people, many of whom might seek guidance from books, now can choose resources that offer a

To do for You

Breastfeeding

“Breastfeeding 101” class, 7-9 p.m. today in the lobby of St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center’s downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

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‘Baby and Me’

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center’s “Baby and Me” classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 101 First Ave. E.

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Learn CPR

“Heartsaver Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation” class, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke’s Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

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Cost is \$67. Preregistration required; “Call St. Luke’s” class referral service, 737-2998.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, this week to March 9, in the lobby at St. Luke’s downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics: wellness of the mother; labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques; care of the postpartum mother and newborn; breastfeeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women’s and Infant Center. Bring a labor support person, if possible.

Cost is \$60. Preregistration required; “Call St. Luke’s” class referral service, 737-2998.

Health workshop

Marion and Tara’s Massage and Nutrition for Body, Mind and Spirit is offering a health workshops, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Intrinsic Health Center, 276 Eastland Drive. N. in Twin Falls. Exercise session begins at 5:45 p.m.

The workshop is presented by Marion Wallace, registered nurse and certified massage therapist, and Tara Abbott, licensed massage therapist. Workshop includes an initial consultation, exam and report of findings.

Free; 420-0488 or 731-8681.

About Alzheimer’s

Alzheimer’s Support Group meetings, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday and 2-3 p.m. Saturday, at Rosetta Eastridge, 1177 Eastridge Court in Twin Falls.

Open to Twin Falls County residents who have family members with Alzheimer’s. Preregistration required: Lisa Junod, 734-9422.

About childbirth

The birthing class of St. Benedicts’ prepared childbirth series, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, at Jerome Public Library, 101 First Ave. E.

Topics: the birth process and breathing techniques. Bring a labor support person, if possible. Mothers may enroll even if their babies will be born at a different hospital. The class is offered separately, or as part of the childbirth series.

Cost is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

Breastfeeding support

Breastfeeding Bunch, 7 p.m. Wednesdays, at St. Luke’s surgical waiting room, 650 Addison Ave. W.

in Twin Falls.

A moms’ support group designed to foster interaction among women who are breastfeeding their infants. A breastfeeding educator will facilitate and answer questions. Babies are welcome.

Free; no preregistration required; 737-2998.

Mental health support

Mental Health Support Group, 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at Family Health Services/Behavioral Health, 1102 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Open to individuals in Magic Valley with a mental health diagnosis.

Free; 734-1281.

About C-sections

Caesarean childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, in the lobby at St. Luke’s downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics: Caesarean deliveries, pain management, non-conforming labors and hospital procedures.

Free. Preregistration required; “Call St. Luke’s” class referral service, 737-2998.

About diabetes

Diabetes education class, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital’s conference room, 1224 Eighth St. in Rupert.

Diabetes educator Tennille Houston presents tips for feeling better and staying healthy.

Free; 677-6288.

About infant care

Infant care class of St. Benedicts’ prepared childbirth series, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, at Jerome Public Library, 101 First Ave. E.

Topics: baby care and early parenting. The class is offered separately, or as part of the childbirth series. Mothers may enroll even if their babies will be born at a different hospital.

Cost is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

Learn CPR, first aid

Magic Valley Lifeline is offering a pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid course (includes infant, child and adult) with automated external defibrillator instruction, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at YMCA on Elizabeth Street in Twin Falls.

The course meets ICCP and daycare licensing requirements for Idaho.

Cost is \$35. Preregistration required; 733-4384 or 410-7006.

Health fair

Buhl Community Health and Information Fair, 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 16 at Popplewell Elementary School, 200 N. Sixth Ave. in Buhl.

The fair includes vision screenings, blood pressure checks, informational booths, free dinner and entertainment. The event is hosted in part by West End Head Start and Buhl Chamber of Commerce.

Free admission; 543-6682.

“To do for you” is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday’s Healthy & Fit section: ramona@magicvalley.com.

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The healing power of arts and crafts

Artistic expression found to help some patients

By Melissa Kossler Dutton
For The Associated Press

Anne Turville knows radiation and chemotherapy killed the cancer in her daughter’s ribs and lungs. But the Gahanna, Ohio, mother believes that making pottery also helped keep Sarah alive.

Sarah, now 16, discovered pottery in 2006 at a camp for sick children, and insisted on taking lessons when she returned home.

“She has done remarkably well,” Turville said. “I am sure that pottery had a big part in this.”

The opportunity for artistic expression often makes a meaningful difference in a patient’s health, said Dr. Larry Norton, deputy physician-in-chief for breast cancer programs at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Others find yoga, exercise or writing helpful.

“There’s a growing awareness among people that healing is about more than what pill you take,” Norton said.

Art therapy — the connection between the creative process and healing — is being explored in hospital rooms and art studios around the country.

Norton sees art helping patients develop a greater self-awareness, which allows them to make sounder decisions about their health and treatments. Dealing with cancer requires “knowledge of who you are,” he said. “Art really helps that.”

Often, art provides a way for patients to express feelings they can’t put into



AP photo/Tracys Kids
Shannon Eastman of Falls Church, Va., left, works with Tracys Kids art therapist Gretchen Kircher at the Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders of Northern Virginia in Falls Church.



A ‘Tubey-bag,’ artwork by a 3-year-old participant in the Tracy’s Kids program at Life with Cancer/Inova Fairfax Hospital.

words, added art therapist Tracy Council, who runs a program for children with cancer at the Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown University Children’s Medical Center, in Washington, D.C.

Creating vases and other pottery pieces made Sarah Turville feel better and worry less, she said. “I thought it was fun and

wanted to continue doing it,” she said.

Alicia Paulson used art to quell the pain she endured after being hit by a garbage truck and seriously injuring her foot in March 1998.

She received an embroidery kit in a care package after her accident, and began embroidering sheets and pillowcases.

“It literally became a pain management technique,” said Paulson, of Portland, Ore. “It became something I had to do to survive the pain I was feeling from the recovery of my surgeries.”

Paulson eventually started a business selling embroidery pieces and other handmade items. Today, she works as a craft designer, author and photographer. Her reconstructed foot causes her daily pain.

During her recovery, Paulson said she was

attracted to embroidery because she had control over the process. She found it “very satisfying to watch those spaces fill up with color.”

Patients often are drawn to art because it is something they can control, Council said.

“It really helps them feel like they can get their feet on the ground,” she said.

Patients tend to relax when they’re doing art, and that helps them process what’s happening to them, she said.

“Often they figure out what questions they have,” she said. “It helps them articulate (their needs and concerns) to doctors and nurses.”

While being treated for leukemia, 12-year-old Daniel Shank-Rowe looked forward to going to the Lombardi Cancer Center, where he created figures out of pipe cleaners and a castle out of boxes.

“Doing art doesn’t make you feel like a normal kid,” he said. “It makes how you are feeling normal for once.”

Exercising restraint

The Washington Post

Gyms and fitness centers are getting crowded, but don’t let your enthusiasm cloud good judgment.

If you’ve been inactive for an extended period of time, take it slow. The American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society says that a rapid increase of activity can induce a number of ankle and foot problems such as stress fractures, plantar fasciitis or ruptured tendons.

To avoid these injuries, the society offers a few preventive tips:

- **Know** your limits. Listen to your body.
- **Use** proper footwear for specific types of exercise.
- **To warm up**, walk, stretch and focus on strengthening the muscles in the calf.
- **Follow** a sensible exercise program. Start out slowly.
- **Increase** running or walking distance and speed gradually, in increments no greater than 10 percent per week.
- **Take** the time to cool down properly. Check out www.aofas.org for more information.

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- Watch television or play electronic game to relax
- Depart at last minute and take car, bus or subway
- Let dog out to exercise in yard
- Order home-deliver pizza or dinner
- Watch sports on television
- Use self-propelled lawn mower, riding mower
- Use garden tilling machine
- Use leaf blower

. . . and use these alternatives

- Walk up stairs
- Go for leisurely walk to relax
- Allow a little extra time and walk or bicycle to destination
- Take dog for walks
- Walk to nearby restaurant and get takeout dinner
- Go outside or to gym and play catch, shoot a basketball, or kick around a soccer ball
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CHAPPED LIPS

Back pain?

By Rachel Saslow
The Washington Post

“Rescue Your Back” (The Mahon Group, \$24.99, includes DVD). Annapolis physical therapist Cathy Mahon’s book and DVD introduces a program of care that she believes can help people address back pain, a malady that can be difficult for doctors to solve because its cause is often unknown.

Mahon got the idea for “Rescue Your Back” after she moved from practicing in a big clinic to her own private office and had more time to spend with her patients. Mahon began taking measurements that she had learned in med school 20-odd years earlier, evaluating her patients’ range of motion, strength, posture and motor control, and listening to their descriptions of the pain. With this approach, Mahon often could identify the cause of back pain: They were compensating for mechanical limitations in another part of their bodies.

The book is meant to be used in conjunction with physical therapy sessions and includes diagrams of 32 exercises.

Eyes on the scale

Meet the contestants in a Magic Valley weight-loss challenge.

NEXT WEEK IN
HEALTHY & FIT

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Screen-siren red lips might be the rage in Hollywood, but, for most of us, red lips are far less glamorous: They’re a sign that they’re chapped.

Lips are susceptible to dryness — the root cause of the burning, cracking and flaking — because the skin is thin and they lack oil glands and natural moisture. Chapping can happen any-time of year, although lips are particularly susceptible in the winter when there is little humidity in the air.

The best way to prevent it is to keep lips protected and moisturized all the time, says Dr. Charles Zugerman, associate professor of dermatology at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. “The key to keeping lips healthy and moist is simple — you have to care for them every day. A layer of lip balm applied every morning and again when it’s needed throughout the day will help form a protective layer between lips and the elements.”

Lip balm has become a big beauty category, and the choices in stores range from waxy sticks to gooey gels. The right one depends on personal preference and condition. A gel tends to be soothing and moisturizing while giving the appearance of dewiness, with little or no color, explains Chase Aston, international makeup artist for The Body Shop. Wax-based products provide



AP photo/Blistex

A model uses Blistex Complete Moisture.

more of a protective shield, and cream-based formulas tend to be thicker and heavily nourishing, he says.

The richest, creamiest options are often called “butters,” Aston says.

Linda Wells, editor-in-chief of Allure magazine, likes the gooey ones, especially with petrolatum jelly or shea butter. Sometimes she’ll put a waxy one on top.

Her best tip, she says: “Avoid scented or flavored balms — these can irritate

your skin.” She also makes the case for SPF 15 so you don’t add injury to insult.

Naturals and botanicals are increasingly important in all skin-care categories but perhaps none more so than lip products. Surely, between eating and talking, some of your balm ends up being ingested.

Kiehl’s signature lip-balm ingredient is squalane, made from olive oil, which mimics the skin’s natural oils, says Clyde Johnson, the brand’s



director of education. Additionally, wheat-germ oil is very emollient, avocado is gentle and calming, and vitamin E is a protective antioxidant — so they are other key ingredients to look for, he says.

Aston recommends products with beeswax, shea butter, coconut oil and lanolin.

Some balms have a textured-tip applicator to more deeply work moisturizers into the lip.

It’s a conscious choice not to flavor Kiehl’s products with sweet flavors, Johnson says, because that could make licking them tempting — and the evaporating saliva left on your lips when you

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Diets

Continued from H&F 1

holistic and, to my mind, more realistic approach than the standard diet guide. Rather than dictate consumption of specific foods (and avoidance of others) according to a strict schedule, non-diet approaches encourage us to seek a healthful balance of nutrients in our meals and snacks and to recognize and learn to overcome the triggers that lead us to overeat. They urge us to pay close attention to food as we eat it so we feel fully satisfied with a modest amount, and they press us to monitor portion sizes more than calorie counts. These habits may sustain us in our weight control better than the latest fad diet will.

Even Weight Watchers has tuned in to this phenomenon: The program’s current tag line is “Stop Dieting. Start Living,” and supporting text notes that “Weight Watchers works because it’s not a diet,” though the program still has participants tally “points” for the foods they eat and dictates how many points to consume to achieve weight loss. That sounds like a diet to me.

Dieting for weight loss is a relatively recent phenomenon. For much of human history, simply keeping enough flesh on our bones to survive winter was feat enough. Even once we’d moved indoors, a bit of pudginess was long viewed as a sign of wealth and well-being. Only in the past century and a half has “diet” come to mean a means of making ourselves skinny.

But if diets have increased in popularity since the late 1800s, well, they haven’t

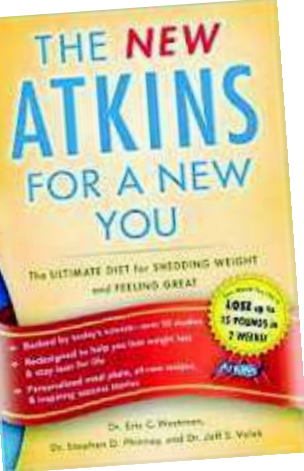
worked. An astounding one-third of Americans are obese, according to federal data released last month, and more than two-thirds of us are at least overweight.

Bonnie Taub-Dix, a registered dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, says she encourages people to take what she calls a “more introspective approach” to weight loss, one that takes into account the outside influences that contribute to eating habits. “You need to learn to eat for life,” she says. “A lot of people think following a diet plan makes things easier, more mindless,” Taub-Dix says. “But the reality is that it’s not easy to eat that way.”

“Dieting is very often like a magnet attached to the word ‘deprivation,’” she continues. “When you’re on a diet, you feel deprived, outcast, and you can’t wait for it to end.”

“I’m glad fad diets come and go,” Taub-Dix says, “and I’m happiest when they go. Most are unhealthy, anyway,” in that they tend to “emphasize one food group over another” rather than promoting a balanced mix. Such schemes, she says, are “doomed to fail. They only work on a temporary basis.”

Taub-Dix, who says she lost 30 pounds as a teen and has maintained a healthy weight ever since, asserts that the most successful weight-management program is one that’s as close as possible to what you normally do. Even so, she notes, losing weight’s not easy. “It’s not easy to raise kids. It’s not easy to hold onto a job. It’s



not easy to drive in heavy traffic. There’s a lot of things we do every day that aren’t easy. Why should food be different?”

The dietitian is clearly not alone in embracing her no-diet philosophy. Still, I don’t really believe the demise of the diet is in sight. Even as I was writing this column, FedEx delivered a package to my door. In it was a review copy of a new book: “The New Atkins for a New You,” an updated version of the popular low-carb diet plan, to be published March 2.

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If you would like to make a comment on the proposed Rezone application, please plan to attend the hearing. Written comments may be sent to the City of Shoshone, Box 208, Shoshone Idaho 83352, or left at City Hall on or before the public hearing on 2-23-10 during regular business hours.

Dena Mabbutt
Deputy City Clerk

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TOM COLE, P.E.
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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

		1	7		2		
	6	3				7	
7		8		5		4	1
			8		7		1
5		7			6		8
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		9		8	6		

Difficulty Level ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Answer to previous puzzle

6	4	7	5	9	3	8	2	1
9	5	2	1	7	8	4	3	6
8	1	3	6	2	4	9	5	7
1	6	5	2	8	9	7	4	3
3	2	8	7	4	5	1	6	9
4	7	9	3	6	1	2	8	5
5	9	6	8	1	2	3	7	4
2	3	4	9	5	7	6	1	8
7	8	1	4	3	6	5	9	2

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“...’cause I’m sick in bed with a cold.”

Today is Monday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2010. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony.

In 1837, the Senate selected the vice president of the United States, choosing Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

In 1960, work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C. during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1978, the deliberations of the Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treaties.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

In 2007, model, actress and tabloid sensation Anna Nicole Smith died in Florida at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose.

Ten years ago: Internet vandals continued an unprecedented campaign of electronic assaults against the biggest names in cyberspace, disrupting access for consumers to popular Web sites including eBay, Amazon.com and CNN.com. Republican George W. Bush won the Delaware presidential primary.

Five years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (ah-ree-EL' shah-ROHN') and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas (mahk-MOOD' ah-BAHS') announced a cease-fire at a summit in Egypt. An earlier-than-usual Mardi Gras festival opened in New Orleans with sparse crowds. Longtime CBS newsman George Herman died in Washington D.C. at age 85. Doobie Brothers drummer Keith Knudsen died in Kentfield, Calif. at age 56.

One year ago: Robert Plant and Alison Krauss won five Grammys, including album of the year, for "Raising Sand." R&B singer Chris Brown was arrested on suspicion of making a criminal threat (he was later sentenced to five years of probation for beating his longtime girlfriend, singer Rihanna). The NFC rallied to a 30-21 victory over the AFC in the Pro Bowl.

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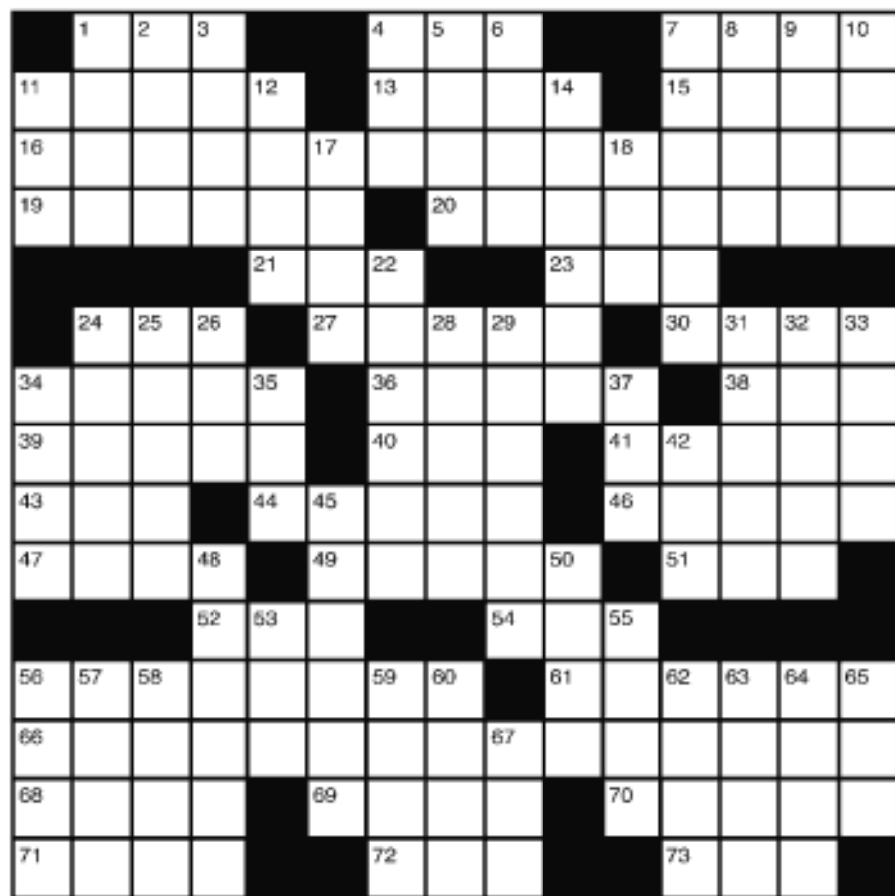
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You can make quite a bit of
progress with your career
and financial aspirations if
you do not clash or argue
with people who are in
authority. The first half of
June is a good time to make
important assessments
about people in your life or
your future. Your judgment
will be somewhat better
than usual so it is a good
time to put significant plans
into motion.



ARIES (March 21-April
19): Work hard, play hard.
Your energies can be put to
good use and make a lasting
impression. A special some-
one might want to know
your innermost secrets and
to share every minute of your
day.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20): Sympathy and under-
standing can take a relation-
ship to a new level. Don't
forget to give hugs and a pat
on the back to the people
who deserve them, as that
can turn the tide. Romance
might be in the stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June
20): You could compare the
mind to a battery cell, with
intelligence as the switch. All
of this is well and good, but
you could use this to power
up a light bulb. Avoid trivial
pursuits and apply your
mind.

CANCER (June 21-July
22): You have an excellent
eye for beauty. Think about
ways to make your sur-
roundings pleasant and har-
monious without spending a
lot of cash. You might be
able to use elbow grease
wisely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Take pride in accomplish-
ments. The only things
worth having are the things
you work hard to get. But
because you have already
worked hard you surely
deserve to enjoy whatever is
right at your fingertips.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22): Good will begets more
good will. Acts of kindness
or small sacrifices can
improve a significant rela-
tionship and make your love
life just a bit sweeter. This is
a good time to ask for advice
or favors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
There's nothing like unre-
quited love to take the spring
out of your step. But you
won't find that to be a prob-
lem under these stars. This is
a good time to make your
move or wear your heart on
your sleeve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21): Friendships can turn
into intimacy. Relationships
that have potential can take
on a timeless quality so
spend time with those who
are on the same wavelength.
Enjoy theater or music
under these stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21): Home base can help
you make a home run. You
will find that family mem-
bers can be counted upon to
have your best interests at
heart. Seek reassurance and
support close to home today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19): Grab your partner
and do-si-do. Your life
could be compared to a
square dance where every-
one has a step to make. If you
are in tune with a special
someone, you can make
beautiful music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18): Dreams can come true.
Voice your desires. Intimate
dialogues can spin off into
fantasy as you speak of what
you really want to attain.
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heartfelt wishes with a spe-
cial someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20): Your intuition should be
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DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced when I was 6, and my father remarried when I was 8. My father got custody of my brother and me. A year later, my half-sister was born and that's when my stepmother began physically and mentally abusing me.

My brother told family members about the abuse, but nothing was done. My father didn't believe us kids. The abuse finally ended when my grandparents — my mother's parents — saw the marks on my body and took me to an attorney. My mother got custody of me when I was 12.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

My half-sister, "Liz," was only 4 when I left, so we were never close growing up. I'm now in my early 40s. Last summer, while I was visiting family, I went shopping with Liz and her daughter. Tired of all the secrets, I told her the reason I left when she was little. It came as a shock to her because her mother had never abused her.

Now my father and brother are mad at me for telling. My brother even told Liz it wasn't true to "protect" her. Was I wrong for disclosing something that happened long ago? The memories are still fresh after all these years, and doesn't it send a message to protect the abuser?

— **TIRED OF SECRETS**
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DEAR TIRE OF SECRETS: What your stepmother did was disgraceful, but you were wrong to try to exact revenge through her daughter. All it could do was cause your half-sister pain. As to your brother accusing you of lying after having revealed the truth — that was wrong, too, because it victimized you twice.

DEAR ABBY: I am 25, and have been in a relationship with a wonderful man I'll call "Tom" for a year. Tom is attentive, caring, funny, self-sufficient and comes from a great family. In short, he's everything a woman says she wants.

So why do I still constantly look at other men? I always worry that there's someone better-suited to me and that I'm just settling. Tom is definitely the best man I've ever met, and he would make a wonderful husband and father one day. So, how do I learn to appreciate what I have instead of always seeking something better, which very well may not exist?

— **WANDERING EYE**
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DEAR ABBY: I am a single woman who has recently started a career in local government. In my position, I am often invited to functions with federal, state and local officials. On more than one occasion, "royalty" has attended as well.

At these events, I am often introduced to officials or dignitaries after I am already seated. Should I stand when introduced as the men do, or as a lady, should I remain seated? I have watched other women, including a few old "pros," and the results are split. Can you please tell me what is proper and respectful in these situations?

— **PROTOCOL-CHALLENGED**
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The prudent declarer who looks ahead appreciates that the club jack in dummy is his passport to the winning spades. But he can only utilize that card if he preserves both small clubs in his hand. Accordingly, he avoids the false economy of winning the first trick cheaply in hand. Instead, he captures the club lead with his king, unblocks the A-K of spades, and later uses the club jack as an entry to the board to take dummy's spade winners.

NORTH 02-8-A

♠ Q J 8 3
♥ J 7
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 8 6 5

EAST

♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ K Q 10 8
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ 4

SOUTH

♠ A K
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ A K 9 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣*	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	All pass

*Stayman

Opening lead: Club two

LEAD WITH THE ACES

02-8-B

South holds:

♠ 10 3
♥ J 7 6 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ K J 9 2

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	

All pass

ANSWER: This auction should not dissuade you from leading a club. When the opponents bid like this, they do not announce a lock on the club suit. Partner may or may not have length or strength there, but no other lead looks remotely attractive. So you might as well lead from what you know to be length, rather than hit one of declarer's suits.

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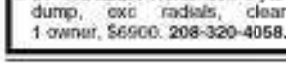
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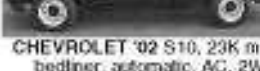
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CADILLAC '07 Escalade EXT, AWD, CD, premium wheels, Must see! Stock # 7G164031 208-733-3033



CHEVROLET '02 S10, 23K miles, bedliner, automatic, AC, 2WD, nice little truck, only \$7950.



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CHEVY '02 1500 ext. cab 4x4, leather, 81K miles, AT, 5.3, \$10,995. Call 208-736-0818

CHEVY '02 2500 pickup, V8 engine, with 120K miles, Reg Cab flatbed, great work truck, \$8000/offer. Call 208-431-4050

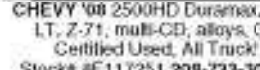
CHEVY '02 Avalanche 1500 Z71, 4x4, 4 door, black, leather, all power, sun roof, 155K miles, good condition, \$8,000. Call 208-539-2420 or 208-324-4831



CHEVY '05 Crew Cab, loaded, 2WD, leather, Stock # 51261358D, \$14,999 733-5776



CHEVY '08 2500HD Duramax, 4x4 LT, Z-71, multi-CD, alloys, GM Certified Used, All Truck! Stock # 117251 208-733-3033



BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs, lower 30s.

Tonight: Quiet, dry weather continuing. Lows, teens.

Tomorrow: A few clouds. Highs, 30s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature

Yesterday's High	37°
Yesterday's Low	23°
Normal High/Low	41°/32°
Record High	59° in 1991
Record Low	-8° in 1989

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.00"
Month to Date	0.00"
Avg. Month to Date	0.20"
Water Year to Date	2.38"
Avg. Water Year to Date	4.03"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Staying dry	A few clouds overhead	Partly cloudy skies	A mix of sun and clouds	Clouding up, night snow	Passing snow showers
High 37°	Low 21°	36° / 22°	38° / 27°	42° / 32°	37° / 25°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High	42°
Yesterday's Low	25°
Normal High/Low	38°/20°
Record High	56° in 2007
Record Low	-4° in 1989

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.00"
Month to Date	0.15"
Avg. Month to Date	0.23"
Water Year to Date	2.45"
Avg. Water Year to Date	4.59"

Humidity

Yesterday's High	85%
Yesterday's Low	50%
Today's Forecast Avg.	78%

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday	29.92 in.
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Sunrise and Sunset

Today	Sunrise: 7:44 AM	Sunset: 6:01 PM
Yesterday	Sunrise: 7:43 AM	Sunset: 6:00 PM
Tomorrow	Sunrise: 7:41 AM	Sunset: 6:03 PM
Thursday	Sunrise: 7:40 AM	Sunset: 6:06 PM
Friday	Sunrise: 7:40 AM	Sunset: 6:06 PM

Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 4:18 AM	Moonset: 1:04 PM
Yesterday	Moonrise: 3:04 AM	Moonset: 2:00 PM
Wednesday	Moonrise: 3:47 AM	Moonset: 3:00 PM

Today's U.V. Index



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	38-48	37-48	40-51
Bonniers Ferry	38-48	37-48	40-51
Burley	38-48	37-48	40-51
Challis	38-48	37-48	40-51
Coeur d'Alene	38-48	37-48	40-51
Elko, NV	38-48	37-48	40-51
Eugene, OR	38-48	37-48	40-51
Grangeville	38-48	37-48	40-51
Hailey	38-48	37-48	40-51
Idaho Falls	38-48	37-48	40-51
Kalispell, MT	38-48	37-48	40-51
Jerome	38-48	37-48	40-51
Lettington	38-48	37-48	40-51
Malheur City	38-48	37-48	40-51
McCall	38-48	37-48	40-51
Meridian, ID	38-48	37-48	40-51
Portland, OR	38-48	37-48	40-51
Rupert	38-48	37-48	40-51
Rimbault	38-48	37-48	40-51
Richmond, WA	38-48	37-48	40-51
Rogers	38-48	37-48	40-51
Salmon	38-48	37-48	40-51
Salt Lake City, UT	38-48	37-48	40-51
Spokane, WA	38-48	37-48	40-51
Stanley	38-48	37-48	40-51
Sun Valley	38-48	37-48	40-51
Twin Falls	38-48	37-48	40-51
Yellowstone, MT	38-48	37-48	40-51

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Atlanta	58-68	60-70	62-72
Atlanta City	58-68	60-70	62-72
Baltimore	58-68	60-70	62-72
Birmingham	58-68	60-70	62-72
Boston	58-68	60-70	62-72
Charlotte, NC	58-68	60-70	62-72
Chicago	58-68	60-70	62-72
Cleveland	58-68	60-70	62-72
Columbus	58-68	60-70	62-72
Dallas	58-68	60-70	62-72
Denver	58-68	60-70	62-72
Des Moines	58-68	60-70	62-72
Detroit	58-68	60-70	62-72
El Paso	58-68	60-70	62-72
Fort Worth	58-68	60-70	62-72
Houston	58-68	60-70	62-72
Indianapolis	58-68	60-70	62-72
Jacksonville	58-68	60-70	62-72
Las Vegas	58-68	60-70	62-72
Little Rock	58-68	60-70	62-72
Los Angeles	58-68	60-70	62-72
Los Angeles	58-68	60-70	62-72
Memphis	58-68	60-70	62-72
Minneapolis	58-68	60-70	62-72
Miami	58-68	60-70	62-72
Mobile	58-68	60-70	62-72
New Orleans	58-68	60-70	62-72
New York	58-68	60-70	62-72
Oakland	58-68	60-70	62-72
Oklahoma City	58-68	60-70	62-72
Omaha	58-68	60-70	62-72

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Albuquerque	58-68	60-70	62-72
Albuquerque	58-68	60-70	62-72
Anchorage	58-68	60-70	62-72
Atlanta	58-68	60-70	62-72
Austin	58-68	60-70	62-72
Bakersfield	58-68	60-70	62-72
Baltimore	58-68	60-70	62-72
Baton Rouge	58-68	60-70	62-72
Birmingham	58-68	60-70	62-72
Boston	58-68	60-70	62-72
Boulder	58-68	60-70	62-72
Buffalo	58-68	60-70	62-72
Butte	58-68	60-70	62-72
Cambridge	58-68	60-70	62-72
Carroll	58-68	60-70	62-72
Chattanooga	58-68	60-70	62-72
Chicago	58-68	60-70	62-72
Cincinnati	58-68	60-70	62-72
Cleveland	58-68	60-70	62-72
Columbus	58-68	60-70	62-72
Dayton	58-68	60-70	62-72
Denver	58-68	60-70	62-72
Des Moines	58-68	60-70	62-72
Detroit	58-68	60-70	62-72
El Paso	58-68	60-70	62-72
Fort Worth	58-68	60-70	62-72
Galveston	58-68	60-70	62-72
Houston	58-68	60-70	62-72
Indianapolis	58-68	60-70	62-72
Jacksonville	58-68	60-70	62-72
Las Vegas	58-68	60-70	62-72
Little Rock	58-68	60-70	62-72
Los Angeles	58-68	60-70	62-72
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Memphis	58-68	60-70	62-72
Minneapolis	58-68	60-70	62-72
Miami	58-68	60-70	62-72
Mobile	58-68	60-70	62-72
New Orleans	58-68	60-70	62-72
New York	58-68	60-70	62-72
Oakland	58-68	60-70	62-72
Oklahoma City	58-68	60-70	62-72
Omaha	58-68	60-70	62-72

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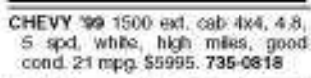
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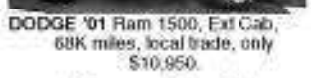
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CHEVY '99 1500 4x4 Ext Cab, 5.3L, V8, AT, AC, PS, Rammed which & front bumper, low miles, 1 owner, very clean, \$6500. Call 208-320-4058.



CHEVY '99 1500 Ext Cab 4x4, 4.8, 5 spd, white, high miles, good cond. 21 mpg. \$9995. 735-0818



DODGE '01 Ram 1500, Ext Cab, 68K miles, local trade, only \$10,950.



DODGE '04 2500 Quad Cab 4x4, 5.9L, Cummins, SLT, CD, Stock#64G263479D 733-5776



DODGE '06 2500 Quad Cab, Power Wagon 4x4, Lockers, sunroof, Certified Used Stock #63273299DC 733-5776



DODGE '09 2500 4x4 Quad Cab SLT, Cummins, AT, low miles, \$32,995 208-733-5776



FORD '01 F-350 4x4 with utility bed, 6.8L AT, AC, previous gov't owned, good fleet maintained, immaculate, work ready, \$7900. Call 208-320-4058.

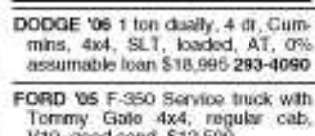


FORD '05 HD F-350 diesel two tone paint, what a truck. Now \$24,988. STK#11500A 208-324-3900



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FORD '94 F-250 4x4 diesel, auto Ex-Cab, turbo, long box, \$5000. Call 829-5691 or 308-6311.



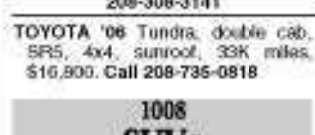
FORD '95 F-250 4x4, 5.8L, V8, AT, AC, CC, new radials, clean, fleet maintained, 1 owner work truck. Excellent condition. \$3300. Call 208-320-4058.



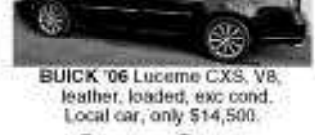
GMC '05 1500, 4x4, Ext Cab, SLE Z71, AT, low pkg, 63K mi. \$15,300. 4 yr 45K warranty. 208-543-8080



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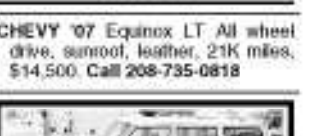


GMC '98 Jimmy, 4x4, leather, PL, PW, local trade, only \$6950.



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