

'Know it when I see it' common response for defining murky term

By Nick Coltrain & Times-News writer

Market your business as "adult" in Twin Falls and beware - you may draw the suspicion of local law into the obscene.

There are no legal definitions for a "shameful interest," Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said. of three Twin Falls businesses quesperhaps best summed up by U.S. tioning how to respond after city three stores for obscene materials. Stewart in 1964: "I know it when I remove potentially obscene items storefront sign reading "ADULT sold at their shops. Wonderlich, Twin Falls Police owner Allen Nagel removed the are defined, in part, as depicting a officials and Mayor Don Hall could-"shameful or morbid interest in n't name or specify the potentially city, he said. Another was also nudity, sex, or excretion that goes obscene wares sold at the three stores – Karnation, Enchantress limit." There's also the "community" and the Smokin' Head Smoke Shop - targeted for obscenity investigations recently, only that advertisements for the stores drew com-

At issue in Twin Falls:

Whether the adult movies sold at Karnation, Enchantress and the Smokin' Head Smoke Shop violate Idaho obscenity laws.

enforcement that your wares cross Such gray areas within Idaho's plaints from citizens. Letters sent to obscenity laws have left the owners all three businesses warned that undercover police will check the

she could get academic credit for her work experience. She found one: City University of Seattle, a private, nonprofit institution that's at the vanguard of a movement catering to the growing numbers of adult learners and military veterans who are changing careers in the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. At the end of next semester, she'll head back into the churning job market with a fouryear degree in marketing after just Universities and colleges are being pressed to increase graduation rates and shorten the time it takes for students to complete degrees by awarding college credit for their life and work experience. A national campaign that starts Friday will promote the sometimes-derided practice with a program to help adults prepare online portfolios of their job experience that independent faculty will evaluate for academic credit.

work finding a university where

Obscenity is a murky area of law, Supreme Court Justice Potter officials asked them to identify and see it."

In Idaho Code, obscene materials substantially beyond customary standards" clause for defining obscenity, as laid out in a 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case.

The Smokin' Head featured a XXX" when it first opened, but XXX due to complaints from the advertising XXX movies on television, Wonderlich said, though he would not specify which store it was.

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Keep the pot boiling

Salvation Army bell ringing not glamorous, but rewarding

words

By Amy Huddleston Times-News writer

With "Silver Bells" blaring in the background and the view of an icy parking lot in front of me, I started ringing my little silver bell with gusto on Thursday morning.

It was the first time I had traded places with a Salvation Army bell ringer, and I was was given a bell, a red kettle, a

Doing the Most Good" printed on the front and a post outside the Magic Valley Mall food court. Nicki Kroese, Twin Falls Salvation Army business manager, told me to smile, ring the bell nicely and tell people "God Bless" because as she said, "we are a church first of all."

The Salvation Army red determined to put my three kettle program started in 1891 hours of service to good use. I in San Francisco as a way to tions around the valley and provide Christmas dinner to very large red coat with the the area's poor. A sign that

"Salvation Army, read, "Keep the pot boiling," was placed next to the kettle and more than 1,000 people received a holiday dinner that vear.

Today the red kettles are the Salvation Army's biggest fundraiser and in Twin Falls alone \$71,000 was raised through last year's bellringers efforts.

Twenty people are hired to ring the bell in different loca-

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Times-News reporter Amy Huddleston greets people on Thursday at the Magic Valley Mall while volunteering for the Twin Falls Salvation Army.

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MORNING MIX

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jerome Senior Center's public dance, with music by Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m. at 520 N. Lincoln St., \$4, 324-5642

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

North Canyon Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees, 10 a.m to 5 p.m., Round Building, 202 14th Ave. E., Gooding, \$2 per person, proceeds go for scholarships and hospital equipment, 934-8163.

Spaghetti dinner and Christmas bazaar, freewill dinner with lots of salads and desserts, 11 to 2 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, homemade quilts, baked goods, and others for sale, 536-5751 or 536-6583 or 536-2492.

SEASONAL EVENTS

The 26th annual Christmas in the Park, enjoy the lights and entertainment provided by Miyoko and Emiko Freeman, 5 p.m., Twin Falls City Park bandshell, presented by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls, coffee, hot chocolate and cookies provided, no cost, but donations accepted for the

Salvation Army, 736-2265. The East End Ministers Community Christmas Concert, 6 p.m., scripture reading, drama, special music and congregation singing, Crossroads United Methodist Church, 131 Syringa Ave., Kimberly, freewill offering accepted to benefit East End Minister's Association, East End Providers and Kimberly Ageless Senior Center, 423-5334.

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" Christmas concert, presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, 160 N. Blaine Ave., no cost, open to the public, 677-2787.

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

Four-buckle overshoes: a cautionary tale

here's a snowdrift at the end of our driveway about the size of DON'T a polar bear, and my wife is ASK ME weary of getting her car stuck in it every morning.

So I have my marching orders: This is a weekend for shoveling.

But there's a problem, besides the stove-up lower back I'm going to be suffering for the next week: My wife insists I go buy a pair of rubber overshoes first.

That's an issue because if you — as I did — grew up in small-town Idaho town during the 1960s, galoshes are the height of uncool.

My mom made me wear them to school during the winter. I'd walk down the corridor towards my first class, the overshoes' four buckles flapping, and each



didn't mess around: She turned punishment for that misdeed directly over to my mother, who made me wear the overshoes buckled up — inside and outdoors all weekend, every weekend, until spring.

So when I think galoshes, I think of sweat-soaked socks and soggy insoles.

I explained all this to my wife, but she was unimpressed. She was born in Minnesota and grew up in DeKalb, Ill., where winter doesn't mess around.

Victoria is also the

Volunteers pound nails for pound

By Laura Lundquist Times-News writer

WENDELL - Some area volunteers have applied the Habitat for Humanity concept to the needs of another species: hounds.

A dozen volunteers from Gooding and Jerome counties braved the snow and wind Saturday to rebuild the Wendell Animal Control kennels that are kept outside the city shop building. Previously, stray dogs were locked in five wire cages partially sheltered from the elements by a ramshackle corrugated-metal lean-to on a concrete pad.

Shelly Harral said she inherited the animal caretaker duties when she started as the Wendell deputy clerk four years ago. She said the city has no budget for animal control but she realized the upgrade couldn't be postponed any longer when winter stormed in two weeks ago.

"I had six dogs that were stuck outside," Harral said. "We aren't a shelter, we're really just a transfer station, but we want to be able to keep them more comfortable."

Harral said she reunited one dog with its owner and found people to adopt another three. That left two to send to the Humane Society shelter in Boise but they were almost left out in the cold.

The Humane Society sends a van as far as Minidoka every few weeks to collect dogs from animal control departments. Last week, so many strays went unclaimed in the area that the van would have been full when it reached Wendell.

"I asked if some of the other places could keep their dogs longer because at least theirs were inside," Harral said.

The van ultimately was able to take her dogs, and long as the kennels were empty, Harral decided to act. She mentioned her needs to area shelter managers and by Wednesday, the word had reached Monica Harrison, human resources director for now we're taking the show the city of Jerome, who also on the road."

Bell

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volunteers from churches, civic organizations and money in the red kettle. me some money anyway. other individuals give their Children would walk by and time to brave the cold, all in the name of good will.

amount of generosity I wit- tering through the speakers who need it most. The Twin nessed as I stomped my feet to ward off the cold. All Mall hindered my attempt. sorts of people dropped

towns to keep strays at least three days but she ends up keeping some up to two weeks while she works to find owners or homes. With no funding, she does a lot of work on her own time and pleads for donations for dog food. So she was thrilled with

Volunteers Kamron and Jessica Cowen help Monica Harrison remove the old wire kennels from the Wendell

animal control storage area. New enclosed wooden kennels will replace the wire ones to give stray dogs

"It was a meant-to-be sitvolunteers are animal lovers. uation," Harral said.

Inside the city shop, members of the sheriff's office constructed the first pair of eight new wooden- reached at llundquist@ walled kennels that will keep magicvalley.com or 735the dogs off the concrete 3376.

Kamron Cowen and his wife Jessica, both Jerome animal shelter volunteers, cleaned and improved the lean-to, a place familiar to them. "Our dogs have been in here a couple times," Cowen

said. "But I don't expect it to happen again." Anyone wishing to help or

donate to the Wendell Animal Control should contact Shelly Harral at 536-5161.

Laura Lundquist may be



Wendell deputy clerk Shelly Harral laughs with Jerome volunteer coordinator Monica Harrison as dogs explore the empty animal control shelter. New wooden kennels will be installed that will provide strays with more protection.

Photos by LAURA LUNDQUIST/Times-News

decided to act.

Harrison maintains a network of volunteers and was able to recruit members of the Jerome County Sheriff's Office and local Boy Scouts. Another volunteer procured donations of wood and supplies from Lowe's and Home Depot in Twin Falls. Harrison said it wasn't hard the help. to get help because all the

more protection from the weather.

"We pulled together within 72 hours," Harrison said. "We've built a good volunteer system in Jerome and

> outside of the Magic Valley God bless him for giving

In bigger cities, the 1,070 people last year.

Falls Salvation Army spends about \$35,000 around Christmas and provided clothes, toys and food for

step across that polished hardwood floor sounded like an alley cat in heat.

My hip classmates, of course, had long since ditched their galoshes telling your parents that you'd lost one of the overshoes was a nearly surefire excuse – but not me. My mom taught at the same school, so she knew my galoshes hadn't gone astray.

So I'd plop down on a bench in the back of classroom and peel off my overshoes, while everybody snickered. Let's just say that the process of removing sodden galoshes isn't a graceful exercise.

Half the time, my sneakers would get stuck inside the overshoes, so I'd have to separate them. Frankly, that was a lot of work.

So I'd abandon my shoes and walk around the classroom in my stocking feet until Sister Mary Elizabeth spotted me, made me put on my sneakers and then write, "I will not go barefoot at school" a hundred times on the chalkboard.

Then one day at recess, I threw one of my galoshes at Bobby Miller. He ducked, and it hit Carma Travers in the forehead. Sister Mary Elizabeth

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daughter of a microbiologist, so to her wearing overshoes is not just second nature - but essential for health.

So I played my trump card: Hans Christian Andersen.

In 1838, the famed children's author published a fairy tale called The Galoshes of Fortune. It was about a pair of magic overshoes that made the wearer's wish come true.

Trouble is, the overshoes' owners weren't careful what they wished for and didn't find lasting fortune or happiness.

"Nice story," Victoria said. "My wish is that you put on the galoshes and go shovel the driveway."

"But *you're* not wearing the overshoes," I protested. "You don't get a wish."

"But you do," she explained. "And my guess is that you wish you didn't have to shovel snow."

"Of course," I replied. "Well, then, I guess you should listen to Hans Christian Andersen," she

said. "Beware of unintended consequences."

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Ringing a bell for charity isn't the most glamorous job people sometimes ignore you, or will come outside and offer you only a dose of secondhand smoke. It's often a cold job too, although Thursday's 37 degrees felt balmy compared to the frigid weather Twin Falls experienced only a week before.

me the most was the Outside," but the music fil- bring Christmas to those 3204.

parents, or mothers with for shoppers to use credit toes were frozen and my sweet smiles would give and debit cards to donate, their little tots a few quar- something Twin Falls may ters to donate. I ran out in see next year. The machines the middle of the street to may encourage people to help more than a few people donate more, but all of those cross the ice-skating rink of pennies and quarters add up a parking lot and they gave me money, too.

would give me money if I Patterson came to collect sang to him. I was tempted the bucket, bell and coat to give him a rousing rendi- from me. I raised \$111.55, reached at ahuddleston@ The thing that surprised tion of "Baby, It's Cold which will all be used to

demand a dollar from their Salvation Army offers a way quickly.

At the end of my shift, One man told me he Salvation Army Maj. Ed

When I left the mall, my quota of listening to Christmas music was slightly surpassed. But I left with a smile, a heart that was warm, and a wish for Christmas cheer to those who took time to stop and give and to those who will receive.

Amy Huddleston may be magicvallev.com or 735-





vibraphone, combo organ and electric bass – at a College of Southern Idaho Percussion Ensemble concert.

FRIDAY IN ENTERTAINMENT

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Salmon	107%	24%	
Big Wood	113%	25%	
Little Wood	132%	29%	
Big Lost	135%	29%	
Little Lost	132%	32%	
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Salmon Falls	135%	29%	

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Seasonal percentage, as of Dec. 4

CUSTOM RIDE

Credit_

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One hundred institutions in 30 states are on board. Top higher-education associations back the coalition, and major foundations are bankrolling it. It hopes to reach tens of thousands of people within five years.

The push coincides with President Barack Obama's goal of boosting the number of college graduates by 5 million before the end of the decade, and it comes as states and higher education institutions are moving away from strict demands for seat time and credit hours.

There's a growing awareness that Obama's goal can't be reached without encouraging older students such as Schedin.

Credit for work experience can have its downsides. The credits are difficult to transfer if you change universities, and substituting them for introductory requirements can cause problems for students later in their careers, when they can't keep up with classmates in writing or other basic academic skills.

Experiential learning was first tried after World War I, when returning soldiers who enrolled in college were allowed to skip straight to sophomore year as a reward for their military service. But they proved unprepared for more advanced work, and the practice largely lapsed.

Low U.S. college graduation rates are helping to drive a revival. Less than 60 percent of college students earn bachelor's degrees within six years, and the U.S. has fallen from first in the world to 10th in the proportion of 25- to 34year-olds with associate's degrees or higher.

For a variety of reasons, increasing numbers of the nation's 16 million university and college students are older than traditional high school graduates. Forty percent are 25 and older.

A study of 48 schools by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning found that students who get credit for their experience are more likely to complete degrees.

Even more established institutions such as the University of Maryland University College and Valdosta State University in Georgia are beginning to accept credits from experience.





Exa Hanson made this purple velvet seat cover for the bike her husband, Cole, built with a friend.



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Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News Twin Falls resident Cole Hanson gets a helping hand from friend Saxton Turner as he rides the bike they made out of two bicycle frames welded together along 10th Avenue North on Friday. It took the pair about three hours to make the bike, which they said they had considered building for about a year.

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"It's coming back now in a big way because there is this national push from the federal government," said Marie Cini, the vice provost at the University of Maryland University College, the online branch of the Maryland state university system. "We're looking for new ways to help people realize that, even if they've been out in the work force and have three kids and a busy life, there are ways to get a college degree that won't take 20 years."

Universities aren't doing this solely out of altruism. Adult learners increasingly seek schools that give them credit for experience, according to a survey by the higher-education marketing company Stamats. That means the potential for more tuition and more applicants, which enhances an institution's reputation.

While no one tracks the number of credits awarded in this way, Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, a consortium whose members offer academic credit for military experience, reports that 45,892 students earned 805,473 credits last year for their military training and experience. For those military students who are pursuing four-year degrees, that's an average of about 22 semester credits each out of the 120 to 180 credits that usually are needed.

Navy veteran John McGowan was awarded enough credits for his electronics training and other military experience that he got a bachelor's degree in half the usual time from Irvine, Calif.-based Brandman University, even while working full time. "I went from zero college to a bachelor's degree in two years," McGowan said.



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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

WIN FALLS COUNTY MO

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS Curtis A. Trowbridge, 30, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver, \$20,000 bond, private counsel, preliminary Dec. 10 Brent J. Tyler Jr., 33, Twin Falls; failure to provide proof of motor vehicle insurance (second offense), \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Dec. 21 Jason C. Duniphin, 36, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Dec. 21 Jason R. Loder, 30, Twin Falls; criminal possession of a financial transaction card (five counts), \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 10

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Melissa D. Rathbun, 32, Twin Falls; obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, three years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$110.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, 100 hours community service, enroll in substance abuse treatment. Allen G. Park III, 16, Kimberly; amended judgment of conviction: attempted robberv. 10 years penitentiary, five determinate, five indeterminate; conspiracy to robbery, 10 years penitentiary, five determinate, five indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$395 restitution.

Christine L. Ish, 33, Salmon; possession of forged check, six years penitentiary, two determinate, four indeterminate, two years probation, \$1,250 fine, \$800 suspended, \$100.50 costs, 100 hours community service. Kiana J. Lott, 31, Rupert; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,000 fine, \$165.50 costs, \$786.92 restitution. Annaleah K. Garcia, 20, Gooding; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,000 fine, \$165.50 costs, \$857.83 restitution. Eric S. Roberts, 38, Twin Falls;

Eric S. Roberts, 38, Twin Falls; eluding a peace officer, five years penitentiary, three determinate, two indeterminate, four years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$225.50 costs, \$350 public defender fee, shall not possess or consume

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\$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, eight hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation. Luis E. Rendon, 55, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, eight hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Thomas F. Cooper, 29, Kimberly; driving under influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 16 hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation; driving without privileges (first offense), \$600 fine, \$300 suspended, \$50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, 16 hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

CIVIL FILINGS

Jeanne Wilson vs. Costco Wholesale Corporation, John Doe Corporation I-X. Seeking judgment for special damages and general damages, medical expenses, past and future wage loss, and general damages, attorney's fees and costs; plaintiff seeking reimbursement for personal injuries allegedly arising out of a slip and fall accident that occurred at the Costco store in Twin Falls.

Armando K. Arambula vs. State of Idaho. Post-conviction petition for pre-trial procedural order; case set for pretrial and evidentiary hearing.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following: Kenneth W. Fetterly. Seeking establishment of paternity, Medicaid reimbursement and child support: \$263 monthly support plus 51 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$4,817.48 birth costs, 51 percent of any work-related day care expenses. Gustavo Ruiz. Seeking establish-

ment for state reimbursement: \$484 for public assistance and child support.

Juan C. Garcia. Seeking establishment for child support: \$1,352 monthly support plus 85 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 85 percent of any work-related day care expenses. Anthony D. Gurule. Seeking establishment for child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$368 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$3,496.78 birth costs, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.



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pended 180 days, 12 months probation.

CASSIA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Shawnie E. Oliver, 33; forgery of financial transaction card, disposition withheld; fraud-possession of financial transaction card, disposition withheld. Kathryn L. Barton, 53; possession of controlled substance, \$1,015.50 costs, two to seven years prison, 112 days credited, retained jurisdiction.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Renee Rios, 40; driving under the influence, \$100 fine, \$182.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 60 days jail, 58 suspended.

MINIDOKA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS Ruben Palomo Jr., 29; attempted strangulation, guilty plea withdrawn per court order, disposition withheld. FELONY DISMISSALS Cesar Guillen, 38; grand theft (two counts), dismissed after deferred prosecution.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Jose Antonio Vasquez-Barajas, 37; driving under the influence (excessive) amended to driving under the influence (second offense), driver's license suspended 365 days, 12 months probation, 365 days jail, 354 suspended, 11 credited; driver's license violation, dismissed by prosecutor; contempt of court, guilty.

Ismael Sosa-Romero, 24; driving under the influence (excessive) amended to driving under the influence, \$400 fine suspended, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 173 suspended, seven credited; probation violation, 180 days jail, suspended jail time imposed. Brennen J. Bunn, 18; driving under the influence (excessive) amended to driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$132.50 costs, \$100 restitution, driver's license suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 30 other time, four days community service in lieu of two days jail; driving offense, guilty.

William Edward Cole, 23; driving under the influence, withheld disposition.

Carmello Dominguez, 68; driving under the influence (second offense) amended to driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$182.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 177 suspended, 30 other time, three credited; speeding (infraction), dismissed on motion of prosecutor; driving offense, 180 days jail suspended.

Candido J. Pedraza-Martinez, 26; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$182.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 172 suspended; driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$152.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 180 days jail, 178 suspended; failure to maintain liability insurance, \$75 fine, \$51.50 costs.





Age: 24 Description: 5 feet, 10 inches; 190 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes

Wanted for: Felony eluding police; \$75,000 total bond The Cassia County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Bushnell to call 878-2511, or Crime Stoppers at 878-2900. Tipsters can remain anonymous.



any controlled substance, 50 hours community service. Todd R. Summers, 47, Hailey; operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (at least one prior within 15 years), eight years penitentiary, three determinate, five indeterminate, \$270.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee. Esperansa Valladares, 17, Twin

Esperansa valiadares, 17, 100 Falls; burglary, grand theft, withheld judgment granted for three years, five years probation, \$500 public defender fee, complete G.E.D., \$34,638.41 restitution. Jared I. Reusser, 27, Glendale, Ore.; battery on jailer or correctional officer, four years penitentiary, one determinate, three indeterminate, \$500 fine, \$225.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee.

FELONY DISMISSAL

Miguel Hurtado, 17, Twin Falls; robbery, state dismissed.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Nathaniel A. Jones, 27, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended,

WANTED in Twin Falls County

Joshua David Trudeau



Age: 25 Description: 5 feet, 7 inches; 175 pounds; brown hair; blue eyes Wanted for:

Probation violation; original charge escape; \$75,000 bond The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Trudeau to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where tipsters can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

DIVORCES FILED

Morgan A. Santiago vs. David V. Santiago Jr. Tiffany R. Eager vs. Devin M. Thornquest.

CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Rodney C. Willis, 22, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, eight hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Amber D. Labrum, 30, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$132.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 16 hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

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Obscenity

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"Two of the three 'adult' businesses were advertising 'XXX' movies," he wrote in an e-mail. "One was advertising on the store front. Another was advertising on television. Letters were sent to all three businesses in the City that advertise 'adult' materials."

Wonderlich said the letter was intended to make the stores aware of state obscenity statute and to encourage the stores to see if their wares are prohibited.

"The advertised 'XXX' movies may or may (not) be obscene, as defined by statute," he wrote.

University of Idaho law professor Richard Seamon, who teaches a constitutional law course, said proving something obscene is a difficult task for a prosecutor, thanks to the concept of "shameful interest" and because the materials need to be "substantially beyond customary limits."

But Twin Falls' strong religious demographic and overall conservative nature may be of benefit to any eventual prosecutions, Seamon said.

"In a more-conservative area, you as a shop owner are really more susceptible than in a so-called liberal area," he said.

It would ultimately be up to a jury, composed of the members of the community materials go substantially beyond customary standards, he said.

conservative city, it's also one that keeps the three adult stores in question and several others in business.

"Are we fairly conservative here? Yes, if that's the question, sure, especially when you look throughout the nation," said Hall when asked about his city's community standards. "Our state as a whole tends to be more conservative than most pockets of the United States.

"Do we have folks who aren't as conservative in this town? Sure. And are we tolerant of that? I think that we are."

Hall said he'd imagine any depiction of illicit sexual acts would be beyond community standards, though he deferred to Stewart's famous phrase to define such acts: "When I see it, I know it."

"You can blur those lines all you want, but my thought

MILLER TEST

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court developed this three-pronged test to determine if something is obscene. Idaho Code draws heavily from it. Something is obscene if it meets all three of the following criteria:

 Whether "the average person, applying contemporary community standards" would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient* interest.

• Whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law.**

• Whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

*Prurient is defined in Idaho Code as "a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion, which goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters.

**Idaho Code's elaboration: "ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated; or masturbation, excretory functions, or lewd exhibition of the genitals or genital area."

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discs and prevent theft, he ments show her business said, which also keeps the card, which reads "Adult distributor from buying them back. He said he had thought that if he removed the XXX portion of the sign reached at ncoltrain@magfrom his store window, it icvalley.com or 735-3220. would have ended the issue weeks ago, before the letter was sent with its threat of in question, to decide if the potential arrest for those who don't comply with obscenity laws.

"If they don't leave me Though Twin Falls is a alone, they are going to force me to get a First Amendment attorney," Nagel said.

Nagel has said he feels targeted because of the ire his three-story, purpleand-neon-green building on Blue Lakes Boulevard has drawn.

Hall said the Smokin' Head did draw the complaints, and he assumed the other businesses were targeted because, once the debate started, the police heard of other buildings with advertisements. similar Hall, a former Twin Falls police officer and the head of the College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Department, said police are obligated to act when they believe a law may be violated.

For the targeting of Nagel's shop, it's because he asked for it, Hall said.

"I believe the community has spoken. Many of them

Wendell continues financial review, prepares to begin wastewater work

By Emily Katseanes Times-News writer

WENDELL - Chipping away at Wendell's budget deficit of more than \$700,000 by untangling delinquent water bills will be anything but a straightforward task.

Accountant Bonnie Marshall reported that records lump together 2009 and 2010 bills that have been sent out and paid, sent out and ignored, or not sent out at all. There are duplicate names and many lines for bills of just 46 cents.

"How much do we actually believe is collectible and how much do we just write off as bad debt?" Marshall said at Thursday's City Council meeting.

Auditors working on Wendell's annual audit report suggested the entire account be declared bad debt.

"But that's a big chunk to write off, even if we wrote off two-thirds of it," Marshall said.

The council and Marshall decided to work through the 55 pages of accounts and try to collect some of the money before writing it off as bad debt.

Kent Bates said.

Deputy Clerk Shelly Harral said the 46-cent items were from 2008 and were already turned over to the county, but not taken off the city's books.

Marshall also said that an account titled "sewer fund" was used to pay for a new street sweeper. The fund apparently changed purpose several years ago, before any of the current councilmembers' tenures.

"How did this move from sewer to streets?" Marshall asked. "We still don't know why, but it happened."

Public Works Director Bob Bailey said a personnel change will also cut down on expenses. Daniel Black accepted a job in Bellevue but will work one day a week and on-call days in Wendell. Black is the only Wendell employee currently licensed to supervise the city's wastewater lagoon at the last council meeting, a system. Black's reduction in hours will save the city \$23,000 plus the cost of health benefits.

In other business, Wendell's expansion of its wastewater treatment facility also "It's everybody's city. Give moved forward. The council that portion of the road.

them the chance to pay. voted unanimously to exe-Send the bills," Councilman cute a special-use permit granted by Gooding County, allowing them to begin the project. By moving ahead now, the city saves money as part of a condition of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality funding.

"This is exciting to me, moving forward. We just need to do the right things and we're certainly capable of that," Mayor Brad Christopherson said.

Councilman Barry Brown suggested creating a letter to send to citizens outlining the city's plans, including those for containing odors and landscaping. The council and Bailey backed him.

In other business, the council approved a re-written ordinance governing business licenses. New licenses must be filed for or renewed by Jan. 10, with 20 days to comply before a \$100 fine can be imposed.

During public comment citizen asked if it was possible for the Idaho Transportation Department to start plowing the portion of Idaho Highway 46 in Wendell. Bailey announced the state has begun plowing



Karnation or Enchantress

Movies" on it.

sold adult videos, just lingerie as advertised on their commercials. Managers at Karnation didn't return messages

seeking comment for this

report. The owner of

Enchantress said she didn't

want to draw extra attention

to her store, though she said

her late-night advertise-

Nick Coltrain may be

Law professor Richard Seamon

is come on. You know what obscene is," Hall said, later adding that this is a healthy debate for the city.

Local targets

might cross the line. He had there." opened them to remove the

don't like the color, many of them don't like what the building represents, and I guess in that respect the community has targeted him," Hall said. "But he asked for the target because Nagel said he threw out he painted it that color and dozens of videos he thought he put the triple-X out Hall said he wasn't aware

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Oklahoma mom pleads

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Oregon police search home near burned Islamic center

By Jonathan Cooper Associated Press writer

CORVALLIS, Ore. Police in Oregon are investigating a man who lived near bomb plot, Moa mosque that was set ablaze hamed Osman Modays after a worshipper there hamud, 19, has allegedly planned to blow up a car at a Christmas tree attempting to use a lighting ceremony.

searched a home near the of Portland's Christmas tree, Salman Alfarisi Islamic Center in Corvallis, confiscated a variety of goods and took DNA swabs from 24year-old Cody Crawford, who lived at the home with six 55-gallon drums rigged to his mother, according to official documents.

Monday, a day after someone tried to burn the center 200 feet away, according to Crawford why someone office window and threw in a might burn the mosque. "Because they don't like Muslims," he's quoted as saying.

the home Friday when an night Associated Press reporter knocked.

pleaded not guilty to

Authorities this week Nov. 26, during the lighting an annual event that draws thousands of people.

The FBI said it arrested the Somali-born man after a sting operation that featured look like a bomb and placed in a van across the street The house was searched from the square. No one was injured.

The fire at the mosque was set two days after the arrest container of flammable liquid, police said. Items in the room were damaged. The



Crawford

with a burned fiber and a white powdery substance. They also took swabs from Crawford's hands on Monday and his mouth on Tuesday.

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The affidavit savs

Crawford

police at the house

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propane bottles and

a propane burner tip,

a cigarette lighter,

two plastic bottles, a

Court documents show Crawford's arrest record includes accusations of criminal mischief, assault and spitting food and throwing urine at deputies while in jail.

The court affidavit said an affidavit. An officer asked by someone who broke an police found a flashlight at the fire early Sunday at the Islamic center, and when they canvassed the neighborhood that afternoon. FBI said Friday that no one Crawford told them his No one came to the door of had been arrested in the flashlight had been stolen

from the front porch the night before.

When police followed up a few hours later, they reported that Crawford smelled of alcohol, denied he'd been drinking but later admitted to having one beer that evening.

A neighbor of Crawford, weapon of mass destruction gasoline can, a small wire Muhammad Alferhan, said Cody knew he was Muslim but never made any derogaremarks about torv Alferhan's faith.

> "We're still going to give him respect because he's still in the neighborhood, still in his house," Alferhan, who worships at the mosque that was burned, told the AP.

> According to the affidavit, Crawford sometimes mowed Alferhan's lawn.

> Crawford also mowed the lawn of another neighbor, Darla Saling.

> "He just doesn't seem like the type" to burn a mosque, she said. "He doesn't seem angry about anything or have an ax to grind."

her 16-year-old son Mother could

By Ken Miller Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY -An Oklahoma City woman charged with locking her teenage son in a closet and beating him has pleaded guilty to multiple child abuse and neglect charges and faces up to life in having me," the teen said. prison.

LaRhonda Marie McCall, 38, made a blind plea, which means there's no deal with prosecutors and she's throwing herself on the mercy of the court, assistant Oklahoma County District Attorney Scott Rowland said Saturday.

The case gained national attention in September 2009 when the now 16year-old Bernell McCall walked up to a security guard at a National Guard armory about a mile and a half from his home and said he had escaped and needed police. The boy, now in foster care, was malnourished and covered with scars and bruises.

He testified during a preliminary hearing in January that McCall and her friend, co-defendant 1995. Steve Hamilton, often bound him with twine, a telephone cord or plastic ties or locked him in a closet for "stealing" food from the family's kitchen. The abuse happened about

four times a week, he told a judge.

"Sometimes they would face life in prison "Sometimes they would leave me in there for a couple of nights before I got free," he said.

Bernell McCall also testified his mother and Hamilton had choked him until he passed out and that she once doused him with rubbing alcohol and set him ablaze.

"I remember her saying 'Die' and that she regretted

The abuse began shortly after he moved from New Jersey to Oklahoma at age 10 to live with a mother he had never known, he said.

McCall made her plea Friday. Her attorney, Brian Young, did not immediately return a call for comment Saturday.

Hamilton, 40, entered a similar plea last week. He and McCall both face up to life in prison when sentenced Jan. 20.

McCall was convicted of second-degree manslaughter in New York in 1996 in the death of her 2year-old daughter and served six months in jail. Prosecutors in that case claimed McCall, who then went by LaRhonda Presley, essentially starved the toddler, who died in February







AROUND THE WEST

1 dead, 5 injured in N. Idaho head-on collision

MOSCOW - The Idaho State Police say one person died and five others, including three children, were injured in a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 95 in northern Idaho.

Police say 29-year-old Nathan N. Larson of Moscow died Friday afternoon in the collision.

Police say 26-year-old Joel D. Holmes of Athol lost control of his 2000 Chevy Tahoe on black ice and crossed the center line, hitting Larson's Toyota Tercel.

The Lewiston Tribune reports that all the occupants in the Tahoe were taken to Gritman Medical Center in Moscow. Besides the University-Idaho. driver, they are 29-year-old Amanda R. Holmes, 5-year-old Magdolna Holmes, 4-year-old Jalena Holmes, and 3-year-old Jackson Holmes.

Police say they are continuing the investigation.

Frugal N. Idaho woman makes \$1.5M donation

SANDPOINT – A northern Idaho woman who officials say spent her final decade living a frugal life in solitude to save money has donated \$1.5 million to area

before re-opening as the \$10,000 award for outstanding year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Romance and began showing what at the time were the latest

craze: movies with sound. The theater was renamed the Westwood following extensive damage by the 1976 Teton Dam flood disaster, though it opened and closed several times in the years since then, before being purchased in 2005 by the city of Rexburg.

Now, Hampton Hotels says the 420-seat theater will be one of five projects its employees help restore in 2011.

The city has been pushing a "Bring back the Romance" campaign to spiff up the theater, with help from Brigham Young

Police: Foul play suspected in man's disappearance

BOISE - Police say they now suspect foul play was involved in the disappearance of a man last seen in Idaho's capital city six years ago.

The Boise Police Department is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for horse deaths information that leads officers to Ahren "Benji" Benjamin Barnard or tells them how he vanished.

service. The museum at the Monastery

of St. Gertrude in Cottonwood will receive the 2010 Sister Alfreda Elsensohn Award for Outstanding Service.

The museum's aim is to preserve northcentral Idaho's heritage in its 7,200 square-foot facility that houses over 70,000 artifacts

Sister Alfreda Elsensohn, the award's namesake, was the historian who founded the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude back in the 1930s.

The award is given annually by the Idaho Humanities Council, Idaho State Historical Society, and Idaho Heritage Trust.

The Bonner County Historical Museum in Sandpoint received the first award in 2008, and the South Bannock County Historical Center in Lava Hot Springs won in 2009.

BLM offers reward for info on wild

BOISE - Federal land managers investigating the fatal shooting of two wild horses in

WYOMING

Lummis supports ending protection for gray wolves JACKSON – Wyoming con-gresswoman Cynthia Lummis has

joined representatives from other

Western states in supporting leg-

islation to remove gray wolves

from the Endangered Species Act.

Guide reports that Lummis said

wolf numbers in Wyoming met

federal goals long ago. Lummis, a

Republican, says wolves are hurt-

ing ranchers' herds and large

Wildlife managers say western

Wyoming's moose population is

declining, likely because of preda-

tors such as bears and wolves,

Conservation groups say

Wyoming's plan would allow

- The Associated Press

wolves to be killed in nearly

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Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, primarily because of those states'

game animals.

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The Jackson Hole News &

charities.

Officials say the anonymous philanthropist worked with Panhandle State Bank to grow the Community Focus Trust that she specified help women, children and animals.

The Bonner County Daily Bee in Sandpoint describes the woman as having been born in New York in the 1920s, then moving to northern Idaho when she retired.

Dale Schuman of Panhandle State Bank tells the newspaper that the woman said she didn't want the money to assist criminals, but wanted to help good citizens who had fallen on hard times.

Organizations receiving the money drafted proposals and answered a series of questions to make sure the woman would approve.

The Priest River Animal Shelter is receiving \$82,680, and Bonner Community Food Center \$50,000.

Hotel chain to help spiff up old theater in downtown Rexburg

REXBURG - A 93-year-old theater in downtown Rexburg is due to be refurbished as part of a national hotel chain's program to preserve community landmarks.

The historic theater opened in 1917 as the Rex, showing silent films and hosting vaudeville shows.

It was remodeled in 1935

4, 2004 at a McDonald's restaurant in Boise.

Sgt. Mark Barnett says inforfew months leads police to believe Bernard did not disappear on his own and his disappearance is sus- rewarded with \$1,000. picious.

Monastery's historical museum wins S10K award

COTTONWOOD – A historical museum at a Catholic monastery in northcentral Idaho is getting a

Barnard was last seen on Dec. central Idaho are offering a reward for information on the deaths.

The BLM field office in Challis. mation gathered within the past Idaho, says information leading to an arrest and conviction in the late November shootings could be

The agency say the horses were found the weekend after the Thanksgiving holiday near Spar Canyon Road, about 15 miles southwest of Challis.

Idaho BLM Director Steve Elli says a federal law passed in 1971 protects wild horses on the range. Those who shoot or harass wild animals on federal land face up to one



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Idaho's Senate leaders won't be rubber stamps

By Dan Popkey Idaho Statesman

BOISE – Republicans in the Idaho Senate could have made a statement: An already conservative GOP caucus has tilted further right.

Instead, three of four leadership contests were won by less conservative candidates Wednesday night. The outcome suggests the Senate will aggressively right-leaning House.

"Members of the caucus it." want a full spectrum of ideology in leadership," said Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terreton, who lost his conservative challenge to unseat Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls. "Maybe the caucus was saying a little change is good, but a total change is more than we're willing to risk?"

Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, a political ally with his former seatmates Chairman Denton Darring- an '8-and-a-half."

that helped four new GOP senators replace less-conservative incumbents in the 28-member caucus.

"There were a lot of people hoping to see a change in R-Meridian, tried to leap leadership to reflect the from the No. 4 leadership times," Pearce said. "But this is the Senate; it's slow to remain a counter to the more move. Change was offered and it was not accepted. I Springs chose not to run for don't know how else to say

Leadership contests, held behind closed doors by secret Local Government and ballot, are notoriously hard to predict. The philosophical spectrum is but one factor in a complex mix that includes personal relationships, regional considerations, and the impact on lawmakers' committee assignments as the dominoes fall.

The Senate's senior mem-

since he left the House for the ton, R-Declo, is beginning his Senate in 2002, lamented a 29th year as a lawmaker. In tion would have been read as for the character of the perlost opportunity to ride a the Senate, institutional conconservative wave at the polls servatism – its aversion to rapid change – can trump ideology, he said.

"The Senate is a very stable body," Darrington said.

Sen. Russ Fulcher, post, caucus chairman, to No. 1, president pro tem, after Sen. Bob Geddes of Soda the post he held for a record 11 sessions.

Geddes endorsed Senate Taxation Committee Chairman Brent Hill of Rexburg, who is seen as a touch less conservative than Fulcher.

"There's a pretty fine line between Brent Hill and Russ Fulcher," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "If Russ ber, Judiciary Committee is a '9', then Brent's certainly

prospects. "This body will although I am conservative." migrate towards a balance," Fulcher said.

gift for disguising a formidable ambition.

"How can you not like Brent Hill?" said Fulcher, said, "but it was just a shift in gracious in defeat. "To be pro tem, you've got to have that kind of respect?"

The four new GOP members didn't turn out to provide the margin for change, as some advertised.

Falls personifies why there spoken in defying the GOP was no rightward lurch. As a canon, particularly on social member of the Twin Falls issues and tax reform. City Council, Heider served on the board of the tion that our leadership Association of Idaho Cities. needed to be a different He met Hill in his capacity as reflection," said Cameron, chairman of the committee overseeing local government.

"Brent Hill is a mentor,"

Still, Fulcher said his elec- said Heider. "I hope I voted Sen. Stegner." a meaningful shift to the right son. I was not aiming to move and that may have hurt his things more to the right,

New GOP Caucus Chairman John McGee of Hill has Reaganesque qual- Caldwell was the third leader ities dignity, warmth and a to defeat a more conservative opponent, Sen. Dean Mortimer of Idaho Falls.

"There was a shift," McGee personality, not philosophy."

The exception was Sen. Chuck Winder of Boise, who fashioned himself as the conservative alternative in ousting Assistant Majority Leader Joe Stegner of Lewiston. Sen. Lee Heider of Twin Stegner was sometimes out-

"There was some percepwho with 11 terms is second in seniority. "That shift took place with Sen. Winder and affairs of the state."

But Stegner almost seemed a sacrificial lamb fed to the right wing, though he's nothing like a sheep.

"Joe is Joe," said Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home. "The campaign fervor has settled down. I think the majority of the people are solidly centrist folks, and the Senate reflects that. At least that's what I hope."

Lawmakers say they are united in this: They know a \$340 million budget gap means the session will be one of the toughest ever, and they hope to tamp down conflict.

"We're anxious," said Fulcher. "We want to do the right thing, but we know, no matter what we do, there's going to be negative fallout?"

Added Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, "The time for divisiveness is finished. It's time to move forward and take care of the

Idaho exports rebound over 2009 totals

BOISE - Idaho exports shipped through September climbed to \$3.83 billion, borders are starting to putting 2010 on a pace to come close the state's 2008 record of \$5 billion, the Idaho Department of Commerce said in a recent report.

"People outside our borders are starting to buy more," Don Dietrich, the Sandpoint. Exports in that department's director, told the Idaho Statesman. pent-up 1,185 percent increase over "There's а demand. This is a great the same time in 2009. sign."

The report shows that the Power state's exports from June to \$114 million contract to September are nearly 19 percent higher than the same period last year.

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"People outside our buy more. ... This is a great sign." - Don Dietrich, director of the **Idaho Department of** Commerce

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economist, said some of the increase is due to higher prices. But he said that's a positive sign for future jobs. "Higher prices mean that

it's more profitable to make the product," he said. "Businesses want to make more of it. and consequently, they'll hire more people."

Dietrich said more jobs should be created with the growth of exports.

"Idaho export jobs pay In September, Motive 30 percent more than nonexport jobs," Dietrich said.

According to the International Trade Association, nearly 23 percent of manufacturing workers in Growth is being led by that is expected to create or Idaho depended on exports for their jobs in 2008.

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In tax showdown, myths spread

By Bernard Condon Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - As debate rages on extending tax cuts set to expire at the end of the year, politicians are making misleading about who might be hurt or helped.

Before the midterm elecincome-tax rates should be permanently extended only to those he called the "mid-

In a purely symbolic vote, House Democrats on Thursday passed a bill extending lower rates for everyone but those in the top brackets. House Republican leader John Boehner said the vote ran counter to efforts to forge a deal, dubbing it "chicken crap" political maneuvering.

statements higher rates. Now, with period of time, perhaps two forge a deal, dubbing it first of the two -36 percent Republicans triumphant, or three years. the White House is trying to hash out a compromise so tions, President Barack rates don't automatically bolic vote, House Democrats Obama insisted that lower revert to their higher, pre-2001 levels for everyone in extending lower rates for the new year.

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Time is running out, as is patience. In a purely symon Thursday passed a bill everyone but those in the top deal: brackets. House Republican taxes will increase for famidle class." People in the top extending all the lower rates leader John Boehner said the lies making more than exemptions and deductions two tax brackets would face for a yet-undetermined vote ran counter to efforts to \$250,000.

"chicken crap" political maneuvering.

Here are a few myths, half-truths and short-hand the debate:

• Under the Obama plan,

could make a lot more and still not face higher taxes. Obama wants to raise the top two brackets from 33 percent to 36 percent and from 35 percent to 39.6 percent. The is widely assumed to kick in at \$250,000. Obama says that himself.

distortions that have marred higher rate would apply to families with \$232,000 or more of taxable income, or what's left after personal have been subtracted from

Wrong. Actually, a family income. Deductions can be sizable, especially for wealthy people. Think state and local taxes, mortgage interest and charitable contributions. The result is that a family making \$300,000 or even more could have taxable income of less than \$232,000.

A debunker's

guide

"A lot of people making But that's not right. The more than \$250,000 won't be paying higher taxes," says Clint Stretch, a managing principal of Deloitte Tax.

where does the So

See TAXES, Business 3

Renovation of Old Towne area complete

Times-News

A block in Old Towne has a new and improved look.

The block is bordered by Hansen and Idaho streets south and Third and Fourth avenues south.

The improvements came through a partnership with the city of Twin Falls, Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center and an Idaho Department of Commerce Community development block grant.

The area now boasts a new parking lot, sidewalks, street lighting, landscaping and benches instead of weeds, empty truck trailers and abandoned buildings.

See RENOVATION, Business 3





Roads funding, role of city government highlighted in Chamber discussion

By Blair Koch Times-News writer

education and roads funding to Medicaid. All three have growing budg-

constituent, to let us know one way or the other," Mathews said.

bond bust could do big damage

By Bernard Condon Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - It's the other U.S. debt problem.

States are scrambling to close \$114 billion in budget shortfalls over the next year and a half. For now, they can borrow at curiously low rates in the bond market – but they better hurry.

Lenders are still throwing money at the federal government despite its trillions of dollars of debt. But when it comes to states, cities and local governments deep in the red, their generosity appears to be running out.

Prices of municipal bonds, which are issued to build schools, lay water pipes and pave roads, dropped last month at one of the fastest clips since the credit crisis two years ago. Shares of mutual funds that hold the bonds have fallen hard, too.

Some experts worry that problems in the municipal bond market could spread to other markets. Their worst case: A plunge in muni prices triggers panic among investors and widespread selling of other financial assets. That happened during the 2008 credit crisis, when the market for mortgage-backed bonds collapsed. Credit markets froze and stock prices plunged worldwide. A recession that had begun nearly a year earlier became the worst downturn since the Depression.

"It's a Molotov cocktail," Envision Capital founder Marilyn Cohen says of the muni market. "It could explode."

The causes of turmoil in the \$2.8 trillion muni market are myriad, but critics say one was misplaced investor enthusiasm.

State and local governments have

See BONDS, Business 2

Idaho legislators aren't the only ones gearing up for the upcoming legislative session.

On Friday, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee met to discuss the upcoming session and issues on members' radars.

"This is a standing committee that has been working for years and years. Every meeting we have a different mix of chamber members and interested businesspeople," said committee Chairman Dan Olmstead.

Toward the end of the year, he said, the committee's discussions always turn to the next legislative session.

The committee is charged with identifying legislative issues of importance to local business and chamber members and developing a strategy to advocate for those issues with elected officials.

"Prior to their sessions the chamber develops an issues policy," Olmstead said. "Our committee takes issue suggestions to the chamber board, which sets the final policy."

That policy is then presented to local legislators, who take the information and opinions to Boise for consideration. Issues mentioned Friday ranged from

etary needs but fewer resources as the state continues struggling with low tax revenue and a teetering economy.

John Gibson, secretary/treasurer of the chamber board, raised the issue of transportation revenue and keeping roads maintained.

"This Legislature doesn't want to be associated with any tax increase," Gibson said. "But our roads are important and their condition is something I worry about."

Gibson asked whether the committee wants to support urging the Legislature to raise the gasoline tax to help pay for road maintenance. That's one funding solution identified last month by a transportation task force, but that Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has already said he won't pursue this session.

"Everything we do in-state is over the roadways," Gibson said.

While the committee didn't take a stance on the matter, it did voice support for extending all of the Bush-era federal tax cuts set to end after this year.

Mike Mathews, regional director for U.S. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, said the chamber, or individual members, should contact their members of Congress right away and voice opinions on the tax cuts.

"It's great to get input ... from any

The committee also addresses local policy as well.

Chamber President and CEO Shawn Barigar said several area businesses contacted him with concerns about the city of Twin Falls.

"There seems to be growing concern the city is being too aggressive in regulating things they ought not to be," Barigar said, adding that the businesses that contacted him were far removed from the Smokin' Head Smoke Shop on Blue Lakes Boulevard that has been criticized by the city for its inventory and choice of exterior paint color.

The City Council also recently banned smoking in several city parks and texting while driving.

"There is concern about government overstepping. I'm not sure if that is reality but that is a growing perception," Barigar said, adding that the chamber could host a forum in the near future with the council to discuss such issues.

As area state representatives prepare to temporarily move to Boise, the chamber will hone its legislative policy. The final draft will likely be released before Christmas.

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'Activist investing' and the fallacies of short selling

WASHINGTON -

Several weeks ago, I sat down with William Ackman, the hedge fund manager and "activist" investor who is the closest thing there is these days to a rock star on Wall Street.

While Ackman is relatively unknown in Washington, the mere mention of his name can stop conversation in corporate boardrooms and elicit awe from young fund managers dazzled by his moxie and envious of the \$7 billion kitty and 24 percent annual returns commanded by his Pershing Square

Steven Pearlstein

Capital Management.

Ackman combines the changes in corporate



Ackman is best known, however, for his determined campaign to expose - and profit from the financial weakness

of MBIA, the once-sleepy municipal bond insurer that decided to use its AAA bond rating to cash in on the subprime bonanza. Like hedge fund manager John Paulson, who hit the jackpot betting against subprime loans, Ackman saw the deterioration in lending and underwriting standards that fueled the boom in collateralizeddebt obligations (CDOs) and other exotic securities. Unlike Paulson, Ackman was not content to simply bet against the new instruments and wait to profit from the inevitable meltdown.

Instead, he published a lengthy, chart-filled analysis showing how little capital MBIA held compared with the risks it was taking by insuring CDOs, then launched what became a six-year crusade to convince skeptical investors, business journalists, rating agencies, regulators and prosecutors that he was right. All the while, he was amassing an enormous bet against MBIA on the burgeoning creditdefault swap market, in effect buying insurance policies on millions of

See **PEARLSTEIN**, Business 3

analytical prowess of a value investor, the brashness of a corporate raider and the steely determination of a short-seller. Over the past few years, his firm has profitably bought and sold significant chunks of Wendy's, McDonald's and Pizza Hut. Although he tried and failed to force major

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CAREER MOVES

St. Luke's Women's Imaging Center designated an ACR Breast Imaging Center of Excellence

St. Luke's Women's Imaging Center of Twin Falls has been designated a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the College American of Radiology.

By awarding facilities the status of a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, the ACR recognizes breast imaging centers that have earned accreditation in all of the College's voluntary, breastimaging accreditation programs and modules, in addition to the mandatory Mammography Accreditation Program.

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Andrew Hamblen

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.,

in Las Vegas, Nev., promoted

nearly 25 years of leadership

president and general man-

Prior to his new position,

Hamblen served as the

Cactus Petes' assistant gen-

eral manager with responsi-

bility for casino operations

2009. Hamblen originally

joined Ameristar in May

1996 as Cactus Petes'

employment and training

transferred to the reserve as

human resources director in

March 1999. He left the reserve in March 2000 for

resources manager position

Falls. Hamblen rejoined

Ameristar and Cactus Petes

in August 2005 as the human

resources director. Prior to

Hamblen was a private busi-

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Hamblen

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ness owner.

Resort Spa Black Hawk.



Pictured is the St. Luke's Magic Valley Women's Imaging Center team, back row: Dr. Michael Dixon, Anna Vines, Marcia Jensen and Kay Schmitt; front row: Renee Hawkins, Robin Baker, Angie Perrigot, Peggy Fleming, Lana Hill and Dona Fuchs.

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The members of the U.S. outreach programs.

Bank local board in Southern Idaho are: Andrew Hamblen, a gaming Falls County Treasurer -

industry professional with Twin Falls • Edward A. Lawson, experience, to senior vice attorney - Ketchum

• Jerry Soderberg, retired ager of Ameristar Casino president of Newsprint children who suffer with Group of Avenor – Sun Post Valley

• Gradon Stanley, dean of College students, of Southern Idaho – Twin Falls (Twin Falls).

• Mitch Watkins, presiand human resources, a role dent, Watkins Distributing he has held since October Twin Falls

• Patty Hansen, executive director, United Way of Health System awards 10 South Central Idaho – Twin Falls

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Susan Baisch

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CABLEONE

CableONE is celebrating 30 years of service for two of its CableONE technicians in December. Pictured from left to right are Ron Burns, General Manager Russ Young and Ray Miller.



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BUHL DRUG

Buhl Drug recently had a ribbon cutting assisted by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, at its 419 S. Broadway location. Michael Higbee, manager, did the honors of cutting the ribbon at the event hosted by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.



Doug Fuchs

Courtesy photos

owned by Cathi Ketterling, was Buhl Drug opened for business made by calling 543-5353.

FREDERICKSON'S FINE CANDIES



Frederickson's Fine Candies, 309 Hansen St. E., Twin Falls, recently held a ribbon cutting assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They are a new member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Frederickson's Fine Candies was started in 1936 by Jack Frederickson. The original store was an ice cream parlor on Main Ave. E. in Historic Downtown Twin Falls. Later, Frederickson started making chocolates and moved into the present location and added a hamburger and merchant lunch restaurant. Frederickson passed away in 2004. Keeping in the family tradition, the business continued making chocolates, caramel corn and peanut brittle. They carry all of their candy in bulk or gift boxes. Visit Frederickson's today or call 733-7624 to place an order. Pictured from left: Angie Cameron, Bonnie Frederickson (cutting the ribbon), Mary Thrall, Nathan Sommer and Stella Wilson; not pictured: Nicole Cope.

Courtesy photo

FRED MEYER



Buhl after Sav-Mor Drug, Roth is a licensed mental

Buhl Drug opened its doors in

Ken Fuchs

sold to Ridley's Family Market. on Sept. 27. Inquiries may be

Dan Fuchs

Baylor University with a from training sponsored serves. In addition to prodegree in English literature.

U.S. Bank in S. Idaho creates local board

U.S. Bank has named the local bank board in southern the mental health commu-Idaho that will consult and advise U.S. Bank leaders on grams in the Magic Valley community and business for Veterans and their issues relevant to the area. families. This training pro-They held their first meeting on Sept.14.

King County Veteran's and Wash., and the Veteran's Administration Integrated Services Network.

Over the past year, Roth members of a newly created has been an integral part of scrapbook, I volunteer," said nity working to expand provided insight into establishing community

Hamblen graduated from Centers has just returned care to every patient she through a partnership with viding superior patient care, she volunteers many hours Human Services in Seattle, at the Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic and various civic organizations in the Magic Valley.

"Some people sew or Baisch in a press release. Baisch, along with nine other St. Luke's professionals, were honored at an awards dinner by St. Luke's system leadership on Oct.28.

store's successful remodel, and cut the red ribbon attended by the Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors. Fred Meyer is an active member of the chamber. Stop by and visit their many departments: Private Brand Food, Natural Choices, Apparel, Electronics, Home and more. Business number is 736-5340. Pictured from left, first row: Cindy Baker, HR supervisor; Jangles the Clown; Jody Buist, store director; Rick Heffner, regional district supervisor; Becky O'Brien, apparel assistant manager; and Cory

Twin Falls Fred Meyer, 705 Blue

Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, recently

held a red ribbon celebration for

its grand re-opening after the

Courtesy photo

Robson, regional home electronics supervisor; second row: Karen Mangum, apparel manager; Fred Bear, Jingles the Clown; Mike

Thomas, home manager; Jeff Love, food manager; Robb Bybee, electronics manager; and Justin Snow, food relief assistant manager.

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FREEDOM AUTO FINDERS



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Freedom Auto Finders, 1139 Falls Ave. E. Suite A, Twin Falls, recently held a ribbon cutting assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassadors at their new location. Freedom Auto Finders help their customers with the buying, selling or trading a vehicle. They charge a flat fee, no commissions to worry about. Call 734-3000 and let David or George assist you. Freedom Auto Finders is a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured left to right: Melissa Pease-Hilarides,

George Hilarides (owner) and David Johnson (owner).

We want YOURBUSINESS news

We welcome announcements about new businesses as well as employee changes or advancements. To submit contributions to YourBusiness, send announcements and photographs to Times-News business Editor Blair Koch at bkoch@magicvalley.com. Photos will only be accepted as .jpeg e-mail attachments. The deadline to submit an announcement for the following Sunday is Wednesday at noon. Announcements must be 150 words or less. The Times-News reserves the right to edit content.

Bonds

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rarely been in worse shape, but the average investor was convinced they would always pay back what they owed anyway. So bonds were scooped up, prices rose and yields, or the interest paid each quarter as a percentage of those prices, fell to the lowest in decades. New buyers of muni bonds earned less in interest even as the risk grew that a state or city or town couldn't pay it.

At this point after a recession, the economy typically would be growing strongly, raising the tax revenue needed to close budget gaps. And if the economy snaps back, city and state tax revenues will grow quickly, making the crisis a memory.

But so far, that isn't happening. As a result, local governments are turning to states for emergency funds to pay for services and salaries. Others are looking at plans to sell or lease public property to raise money fast. And some have taken the unusual step of using proceeds from muni the capital of Pennsylvania, recently bonds to meet payroll or other voted to hire a bankruptcy adviser.

immediate expenses instead of funding big projects.

"It's like using your credit card to cover living expenses," says Richard Lehmann, an investment adviser and author of the Distressed Debt Securities Newsletter. "It's a quick path to ruin?"

In Illinois, a pension plan for teachers that was short of money sold \$1.3 billion in investments set aside for future retirees. The state budget deficit nearly tripled last year. Yet some investors have been accepting less and less interest on their bonds, just as they would if finances were improving.

There are plenty of other ominous signs. Some voters in San Diego are pushing the city to file for bankruptcy to get out from under \$3.5 billion in unfunded pension and health care costs for workers. The possibility of bankruptcy has been looming over Detroit's school system for nearly two years. The city council of Harrisburg,

development.

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But the market for credit-

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economist Benjamin

Daedalus magazine.

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A second fallacy is that all

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Ackman's long-term invest-

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chasing MBIA credit-default

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investor sentiment turns, the

effect and can lead to a melt -

down in the entire system.

A third fallacy behind

brand of activist investing is

that more liquidity is always a

Turner, Britain's top financial

regulator, has argued, beyond

a certain point having addi-

tional liquidity in a market

can artificially inflate the

value of financial assets by

lulling investors into a false

sense that they can get out at

the first sign that a bubble has

burst. As everyone discovered

in September 2008, liquidity

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Ackman's defense of his

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financial instruments have

Renovation ished the dilapidated struc- the offices.

Continued from Business 1 That's in addition to newly paved streets, with additional parking, adjacent sidewalks and a new water line.

The development began the building for use as office several years ago when the URA acquired three-quarters of the block and demol-

Pearlstein

Continued from Business 1 dollars of MBIA bonds he didn't own. When the credit bubble finally burst and MBIA was stripped of its AAA credit rating, Ackman and his investors cashed out with more than a billion dollars in profits.

The question that brought me to Ackman's airy, modern office in midtown Manhattan was this: Do "activist investors" still serve a useful social and economic purpose? Or are they just another breed of financial speculator, extracting ransoms from an overly complex financial system that has long since outgrown its original purpose of efficiently allocating capital to businesses that create real products and real economic value?

Let's start out by acknowledging that Ackman is charming, smart, hardworking and public-spirited – he donated his entire share of the MBIA profit, \$140 million, to his personal foundation. Like many short sellers. he brings to markets valuable new information and insight that serve as a counterweight to the relentlessly positive spin peddled by corporate executives and Wall Street analysts. His MBIA analysis was prescient and proved to be spot on. His fund adds liquidity to markets, making it easier and cheaper for everyone to trade. He has helped revive the value and business prospects of at least some of his targets. And without tak-

ing on the risks of investing with lots of borrowed money, Ackman has generated impressive returns for investors that include pension funds and university endowments.

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and leased the "old Crum

space for its patient financial

services group. Some 110

The hospital renovated

building" to St. Luke's.

investment group purchased and site development

\$468.000.

"I believe in what we do," Ackman told me, saying his sharp-elbowed brand of investing is good for the business sector and the capital markets.

That's true, up to a point. There's a big difference, however, between bringing vital new information to markets and scheming to turn a bet into a self-fulfilling prophecy by waging publicity campaigns against a company, filing complaints with regulators and warning analysts they could face lawsuits if they fail to cut another firm's credit rating. That's exactly what Ackman did with MBIA. Indeed, according to "Confidence Game," a new book by Christine S. Richard, Ackman even called top executives of Citigroup to try to dissuade them from participating in a bailout of another bond insurer that might have taken pressure off MBIA and alleviated investor anxiety at a crucial moment in the financial crisis. Not helpful.

The fallacy behind the traditional defense of short selling is that there is some rough equivalent between those who are betting that a company will succeed and those who are betting that it will fail. The Wall Street view

laxes

Continued from Business 1

\$250,000 come from? That's a number for "adjusted gross income," which is total income minus a few things like 401(k) contributions and alimony payments.

gross income of \$250,000 and took two personal exemptions, plus a standard deduction instead of itemizing, would have taxable income of \$232,000.

Some Republicans note that this tiny slice accounts for half of total small-business income. So the damage to the economy would be more than you'd think, they sav. But many of these busi-A family that had adjusted nesses aren't what most people would consider small anyway.

who study taxes use the next

• Bush tax cuts for millionaires average more than \$100,000 a year and should be eliminated.

term millionaire can include people making tens of millions or even billions. Their tax breaks are much larger. An average doesn't capture The IRS doesn't have a the benefit for most millioncategory of tax filers called aires. According to Deloitte "small business." Analysts Tax, a typical family making exactly \$1 million pays about

pay \$42,480 in taxes on that amount, or \$3,540 more than it pays now.

Of course, for the really Misleading, again. The rich, the two higher brackets would take a bigger bite. A family making \$2 million would pay about \$100,000 more in taxes under Obama's plan, according to the Tax Policy Center.

> • The tax debate is all about income tax rates. Wrong. For all the atten-

90 percent of those funds to begin rehabilitation in this Corporation and the Idaho spent several years ago in area of town," said the city's Department of Commerce land acquisition and site Economic Development for assisting us in this crucial Director and URA Executive project. We encourage The URA hired EHM Director Melinda Anderson. everyone to go by the block "We are extremely grateful and see this amazing trans-Engineering to design the to Region IV Development formation."





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So \$250,000 is distorting. It refers to adjusted gross income, not total income. And most people in that income range itemize their deductions.

The key number for families is taxable income of \$232,000; for individuals, it's taxable income of \$191.000. Only 2 percent of U.S. households would face the 36 percent tax rate, according to the nonpartisan ferent from the retail stores Tax Policy Center, Washington think tank.

small businesses from hiring

numbers cited as proof are flimsy at best.

Critics say Obama's plan to raise taxes on the highest earners would hobble the most of the nation's new jobs. Yet fewer than 3 percent of small businesses face the higher rates, according to the Tax Policy Center.

best thing, which isn't very good at all: business owners federal income taxes than it earned income if current who use their personal 1040 to file taxes instead of a corporate return.

For example, some hedge funds and law firms pay their taxes through the personal returns of their individual partners. While these are lumped in as "small would pay 36 percent – and businesses" and would pay higher taxes, they are far difa and small manufacturers that most people associate • Tax hikes would prevent with the term and which would not pay higher taxes.

• Keeping Bush's tax cuts Well, maybe. But the for the top earners would swell U.S. debt by \$700 billion, unconscionable in an age of budget-busting outlays.

Somewhat misleading. businesses that generate The lower tax receipts would accumulate over 10 years not one year. On average, that means \$70 billion less produce enough income to for the government each year, or about 1/30th of all federal receipts.

\$50,000 less each year in tion given to higher taxes on would if the Obama plan rates expire, the big hit to were rejected and the tax cuts expired.

• The rich would pay 36 percent or more of their income in taxes under Obama's plan.

Wrong. A rich family 39.6 percent – only on taxable income above \$232,000. The family would continue to benefit from the other four brackets established earlier this decade – 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 28 percent on taxable income below \$232.000.

A family with taxable income of \$350,000 would pay a higher rate on \$118,000. The family would credit would be halved.

some families will come from taxes on capital gains and dividends. The government now takes 15 percent of both. If the Bush cuts aren't renewed, the tax on longterm gains would rise to 20 percent.

And the rate on dividends would shift to your income tax rate, or a maximum percent. 39.6 Under Obama's plan, the tax on dividends would rise to 20 percent for everyone.

If Congress doesn't act to stop taxes from reverting to their pre-2001 levels, new limits would be placed on deductions and exemptions, too. And a \$1,000 child



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torian Vanity, Mission oak rocker, Victorian marble top vanity w/glove boxes,

Oak parlor table, Partners library desk, Oak wash stand, Oak side chair, Victorian side chairs, Wood butter churn, Ornate oak vanity, Balloon back Victorian rocker, Cowboy saddle, Lariat, Harness, Treadle sewing machine, Oak dry sink, Oak fern stands, ABC folding





chair, Bar stools, Oak kitchen cupboard base, Area rug and more. COL-LECTIBLES: Gold plated state guarters, Train set, Christmas decor, Blue pitcher, Fish pottery, Straight razors,

Antique transit, 2 old pack saddles, Origi-

nal oil paintings, Child's folding chair, 6 gal crock, Wood folding house Decorative mirrors, 5 gal crock jug, Foot long picture, Depression cake plate, Rival wringer and more. APPLIANCES: RCA refrigerator, Black Frigidaire Gallery side-by-side (ice & water



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Frank D. Stone

GOODING - Frank D. Stone, 88, of Gooding, Idaho, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at Bennett Hills Care Center in Gooding.

He was born on a farm east of Gooding on Oct. 31, 1922. Albert and Addie to (Cramblet) Stone. Addie passed away three days later and Frank was adopted by his uncle and aunt, Raymond T. and Letty (Bryson) Stone. graduated Frank from Gooding High attended Boise Business College and College of Idaho before entering the service in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army in Headquarters Battery of the 909th F.A. Battalion of the 184th Division (Railsplitters) in the Ardennes, Battle of the Bulge and the Rhineland. He achieved the rank of technical sergeant.

Frank married the former Jean Rogers of Zanesville, Ohio, in June 1944 at Camp Claiborne, La. The couple's two sons, Roger, a graduate of the University of Idaho and a Realtor, presently lives in Ketchikan, Alaska, and Idaho hunting trips with his Laird, a graduate of the University of Idaho and an attorney, presently lives in Twin Falls.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army in December 1945, Frank began employment in the bookkeeping department of the Gooding office of the First Security Bank of Idaho NA and served as a teller, operations officer and timeway manager before moving to Parma in May 1974 to open of the First Security Bank of Idaho NA. Frank completed 10 courses in the American played hard of hearing, Institute of Banking. Mr. R.T. Stone, father of Frank, was the former manager of the Gooding Bank and First Security Bank. Roger was in banking; his daughter, Tiffany, is a manager with Wells Fargo in Ketchikan, Alaska (four generations in banking). Frank was a member of the National Association of Bank Auditors and Comptrollers and held offices of secretary-treasurer, vice president and president of the Magic Valley Conference.

Frank was active in the United Methodist Church of Gooding. Over the years,



Korah Temple, Snake River Shrine Club and Twin Falls Shrine Club and served as secretary-treasurer of the Parma Caravans and treasurer of the Wood River Shrine Club.

His hobbies included School, hunting, fishing and reading. He was a great sports enthusiast especially fond of baseball and football. He moved back to Gooding in 1984 and retired from First Security Bank after 40 years of service in February 1985, (29 years in Gooding, 10 years in Parma combat service overseas in and one year in Nampa). After his retirement, he enjoyed his trips to Alaska and fishing with his granddaughters, watching all their music and dancing performances and following his grandsons around the Northwest and Canada to baseball, football, wrestling and numerous other sporting events. The annual fall sons, other family members and friends were looked forward to all year long. His favorite things about his trips to Twin Falls were Vickie's home-cooked meals, especially those cream potatoes 1946, in Gooding, Idaho, to and peas which he "hadn't had in ages." He watched numerous ball games sitting in his old webbed canvas chair ringing the cow bell. All those boys who played were treated by him as his family. Vocal at all the plays he didn't and manage the Parma office agree with, including getting and graduated in 1967. Laura lowing a graveside ceremony. ejected six times from a state championship game. He ignored the umpire and stayed till the end.

He was preceded in death by his parents; adopted parents; his wife, Jean in 1983; and one sister, Ella Newbry. He is survived by his sisters, Lois Bell of Kuna, Phyllis (Cliff) Bissell and Lila (Bob) Bevington, all of Boise; his brother, Jerry (Betty) Stone of Parma; sons, Roger (Susan) Stone of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Laird (Vickie) Stone of Twin Falls; his grandchildren, Tiffany (Tim) Cook of Ketchikan, Alaska, Stacey Stone (engaged to Matt Semmler) of Anchorage, Alaska, Kimberly Stone of Frank was a youth adviser, Ketchikan, Alaska (attending 2010, at the Veterans church treasurer, chairman Pacific Lutheran University Administration Community of the Church Official Board, in Seattle), A.J. Stone of Living Center in Boise. $trustee,\ member\ of\ Finance \quad Boise, Grayson\ Stone\ of\ Twin$ (attending the 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Canvass, University of Idaho); his great-grandchildren, T.J. Cook of from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Sophie and Ketchikan, Alaska; numerous nieces and nephews; friends of all ages and his Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. special golf cart-riding, coffee-drinking, arguing buddy, Valdo Gray. The streets in Gooding may be a little safer and the coffee shop may be a the Ma-i-shu Trail in the little quieter without Frank Falls, died Friday, Dec. 3, and Valdo's excellent adventures. What a wonderful time they had. The funeral will be held at United Methodist the Church in Gooding, with Pastor Dave Buechler officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at the Elmwood Cemeterv in Gooding. A viewing for family members and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Demaray Gooding. Donations in his name 6 to 8 p.m. today at the was zone chairman and may be made to the Gooding Rasmussen Funeral Home, deputy district governor for County Historical Society and/or the Gooding City director for the Idaho Eastern Library. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary link at

Kim Marie Edge Davis

On Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, Kim Marie Edge Davis joined her departed family and friends in Heaven. Kim was born Oct.

30, 1960, in Ontario, Ore. She was the third daughter of Zoe and

Joe Byrne. After graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1978, Kim went on to earn a bachelor's degree in social work from Boise State University. In 1982, she married Kirk Merle Edge. Together they had three daughters, Erin, Emily and Marley. They later divorced, and she married Ernie Davis. They divorced in 2009.

Kim's life held many struggles, but at the time of her death, she was in a peaceful place. Kim had a deep faith and love of the Lord. She was an active member of the Lighthouse Christian Community and was devoted to daily scripture readings. Kim's greatest source of joy was her three daughters and four beautiful grandsons. She loved spending time with them and sharing stories of Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Laura L. Soloaga

SALT LAKE CITY - Laura eventually moved from Idaho L. Soloaga died Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, in Salt Lake City, Utah, following a long illness.

She was born March 21, Domingo and Margaret Soloaga. Laura grew up in Shoshone, Idaho, and graduated from Shoshone High School in 1965. Following high school, she attended Juan Menchaca College of Hair Design in Twin Falls, Idaho,

DEATH NOTICES

Robert E. Fox

Robert "Bobby" Edward Fox, 55, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Dean Fries

DECLO – Dean Fries, 63, of Declo, died Friday, Dec. 3.

213 W. Main St.; visitation

Dec. 8, at Rasmussen Funeral

Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in

Nelda Ronk

Nelda Ronk, 86, of Twin

2010, at Chardonney House.

SERVICES

Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at

Jerry Ray Freeman of

Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m.

Monday at the Burley LDS

West Stake Center, 2420

Parke Ave.; visitation from

1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and

10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at

and formerly of Rupert,

the church.

Thursday at the church.

their antics. She will be greatly missed as a etly at his home loving mother and Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010. special verv Grandma

Kim is survived by her three daughters, Erin (Aaron) Kuhn of

(Brian) Plott of Twin Falls and Marley Edge of Bend, Ore.; grandsons, Dominic, Tristan, Joseph and Haidyn; sisters, Terri (Mike) Lloyd and Partridge and Chad (Jennifer) Suzanne (Bill) Giltner, both of Jerome; and her best friend and constant source of support, Kirk Edge. She was preceded in death by her parents, Zoe and Joe Byrne.

A memorial service for Kim Dorothy Tucker of Olympia, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at Reynolds Funeral nephews, aunts, uncles, Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor family. Greg Fadness of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship officiatspirit. In spite of being locked ing. Services are under the into a body that didn't fully direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Instead, he was known for his

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Lighthouse Christian Kids' Club, 960 Eastland Ave., humor. Jacob had the privilege

to Portland. Ore.. and then to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Laura is survived by her four siblings, Lucretia Johnson of Boise, Idaho, Linda Soloaga of Seattle, Wash., Lois Rush of Middleton, Idaho, and Jack Soloaga of Shoshone, Idaho; numerous nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Shiela Dunn.

Laura's ashes will be interred in the Shoshone Cemetery in the spring fol-

the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Rosenau Funeral Home, 2826 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Eugene D. Boyd Jr.

BURLEY – Eugene David Boyd Jr., 64, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, in Pocatello.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Mary Rupard

Mary Rupard, 70, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley

Jacob Tucker



Minteer, all of Twin Falls,

Jasmine (Ben) Levine of

Seattle, Wash., and Corey

Tucker, Travis Tucker and

Caleb Tucker, all of Olympia.

Wash; and grandmother,

Wash.; as well as nieces,

cousins, and a loving step

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beaming smile, his laughter

and his beautiful sense of

Jacob was a delightful soul

of meeting many people in his life and he never forgot anyone he knew and loved; and there were many. His was a pure heart, unmarred by hatred, anger, prejudice or malice.

Twin Falls, Idaho, and Darwin Though he never had the gift of speech, Jacob communicated unquestionably, and he taught us all about love, acceptance and a positive attitude. He truly rejoiced as we spoke to him throughout his life of his future hope of one day running, dancing, talking, singing and everything else he might desire to do when we finally see the fulfillment of God's kingdom blessings on this earth; when our King, Jesus Christ, brings him back from death completely whole. Until then, he lies safe in God's memory. We'll see you when you wake up, Jacob.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Kingdom Hall of Iehovah's Witnesses, 2628 Whispering Pine in Twin Falls.

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Mont. (Dan) Campbell of Twin Falls, Emily Tucker of Olympia, Wash.; brothers and sisters, Ethan Tucker, Leah (Japheth)

Committee, chairman of Falls Everymember chairman of the Scout Troop Committee and president of the Methodist Men's Club. Scouting activities included Scoutmaster, merit badge counselor and city chairman for the Scout Finance Drive. He was a leader on two different occasions for Scouts making the 50-mile hike over Sawtooths. He was involved in community affairs, being president of the Merchant Bureau and a member of the chamber of commerce. He 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at acted as treasurer for the Salvation Army for Gooding County for more than 20 years, resigning this position when he moved to Parma. He was a member of the Gooding Lions Club for 25 vears, served on many project committees, held at different times all of the offices, the office of president twice Funeral Service Gooding and played on their baseball Chapel, 737 Main St. in team.

On the district level, he 39 W. He also served as Oregon Lions Sight Foundation. He was a member of the VFW, Elks, Gooding and Parma Masonic www.demarayfuneralserlodges, Scottish Rite, El vice.com.

The funeral will be held at Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be

the Declo LDS Stake Center, announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Helen P. Lucke

GOODING - Helen Patricia Lucke, 86, of Gooding, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at Bennett Hills Care Center in Gooding.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel (condolences: www.demarayfuner-1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at alservice.com).

Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

(Avelar) Smith of Centralia,

Wash., and formerly of the

Magic Valley area, memorial

Mass at 1 p.m. Monday at the

St. Mary Catholic Church in

Centralia, Wash. (Hennessey-

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Falls, memorial service at 2 Road in Nampa; visitation

p.m. today at the Rosenau from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Funeral Home, 2826 Addison Monday at the church (Zeyer

LaMar K. Olson of Nampa Falls, funeral at 2 p.m.

funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Twin Falls; visitation from 3 to

the Nampa LDS 19th Ward 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

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Senate bill would require Army to account for every grave at Arlington

By Fredrick Kunkle The Washington Post

Saturday that would require the Army to give a full accounting of every grave at Arlington National Cemgrounds.

The bill would also require been buried there.

the secretary of the Army to report to Congress on its the recent discovery of hunprogress in reviewing and dreds of mixups and lapses cial confirmed that investi-WASHINGTON - The overhauling the manage-Senate passed legislation ment of the contracts at the unmarked and improperly cemetery, including those that were issued to computerize the cemetery's records. first criminal investigation The secretary would also be into the scandal. The failures etery and fix any errors required to take steps to found at one of the nation's communicate more effec- spending of \$5 million to most sacred military burial tively with the loved ones of \$8 million on multiple conservice members who have tracts to modernize the single set is now the subject

The measure comes after record-keeping. at the cemetery, including marked grave sites, and the Army's announcement of its occurred despite federal cemetery's

On Friday, an Army offi-

gators were looking into whether a single grave had become a dumping ground for multiple sets of cremated remains that were dug up and left in a landfill. How the eight containers of remains ended up in a plot that was supposed to be holding a antiquated of a criminal investigation.

American voices on making the economy move

By Calvin Woodward Associated Press writer

– It WASHINGTON these days.

President Barack Obama says he'll take a great idea to fix the economy anywhere he hears it. The Republican leaders in Congress can't American people."

OK. Here goes.

taxes, more trade, less trade, "less talk and more walk," a brand new New Deal, a private sector renaissance, money for trains and roads, easier credit, a clampdown on CEO pay, more immigrasafer safety net, cheaper health care, the dismantling are touching the public secof Obamacare – and how about some energy derived said, "acknowledge they from burning algae?

Washington.

All in a New York minute.

The Associated Press asked people across the country to serve up their ideas to set the economy straight, a challenge underscored Friday when the jobless rate climbed to 9.8 percent, topping 9 percent for a never before. record 19 straight months. They answered in a cacophony of voices, from the corporate office to the cafe.

America is not just a tea party. It's a coffee shop in downturn in the economy. Texas, too. It's a union hall in You're having communities New York and it's Silicon and states looking at deny-Valley in California.

TALENT MAGNET

In Menlo Park, Calif., venture capitalist Marc Andreessen, an online pio-Netscape Communications, said the "single biggest thing we could do to accelerate the economy by far is to increase immigration."

"We have this bizarre parhave the world's best research universities, we have the smartest people jobs to be in America, you budget savings over a who come from all over the should buy American. Every world to come to study. They end up getting degrees in computer science, electrical engineering and more difficult, probably, to needs to be solved or the chemical engineering and buy a shirt that's made right then we kick them out of the here, but do your best?" country. It's just absolutely crazy.

"If they were able to stay here to work for other com-

card," he said. Without loans, businesses can't create jobs and people can't buy – and furnish – new seems Washington is all ears homes. "It's a vicious circle."

DOWN WITH FREE TRADE

"I'm not a die-hard say enough how determined Democrat, die-hard Repubthey are to "listen to the lican - I'm a 'what-areyou-going-to-do?' diehard," said Michael Walker. We want less debt, lower 54, of Corning, N.Y. He has taken a temporary leave as a production worker at Corning Inc., the world's biggest maker of glass for flat-screen televisions, to work for the union.

He says free-trade praction, less immigration, gov- tices and outsourcing have ernment off our backs, a devastated manufacturing, and the ripple effects now tor. Both political parties, he understand what's wrong equipment for refineries Plus a new tone in but none of them want to do anything with it?'

More than half of Corning's 24,500-strong payroll is now based outside the United States, he said. Walker sees economic decline affecting teachers, municipal workers and other public servants like sides, Cote said. "The thing I

"They've never quite understood this whole battle we've had in the private sector because they've never ever been affected by a real ing benefits to community eroded the tax base to a point where nobody can sustain themselves."

That opinion is echoed in neer who co-founded the North Carolina foothills Appalachian of the Mountains, where Scott even more important for the Miller, 50, chief business recruiter for struggling Catawba County, wishes U.S.-made products could adox," he says, "where we be given a strong tax advantage.

> "If you're going to expect consumer, in their purchasing habits, affects their own job. I know that's a little

UP WITH TRADE

Honeywell is a \$34 billion to matter."



Venture capitalist and Netscape cofounder Marc Andreessen, left, and his longtime business partner, Ben Horowitz, pose Nov. 1 in their office in Menlo Park, Calif. It seems Washington is all ears these days. **President Barack** Obama savs he'll take a great idea to fix the economy anywhere he hears it. The Republican leaders in Congress can't say enough how determined they are to 'listen to the American people.' AP photo

and much more. The AP asked Dave Cote, chairman and chief executive, for ideas to expand the U.S. economy when he was traveling with Obama in India, where the New Jersey-based company employs 11,000.

Trade works for both can point to is that since the Phoenicians, 3,000 or 4,000 years ago, it works."

"As you grow everywhere," he said. "you start to add jobs. In the U.S., for example, we've been adding employment over these last few months – things have turned and we've actually employees and state started adding at the same globally.

"So this is not a zero-sum game, and it's a tougher concept to get across, but, God, it's the truth."

Yet Cote sees something government to do than to encourage the free flow of commerce. It relates to his work on Obama's bipartisan deficit commission, which produced a report last week recommending \$4 trillion in decade by curbing Social Security, raising taxes and deeply cutting spending.

"That debt problem seeds of the next recession have already been planted," he told AP. "If that doesn't get sorted out, then almost nothing else we do is going

INNOVATION NATION

Brown co-founded 8 Rivers Capital, a private equity firm supporting a lab that is the president convenes designing and testing systems to make renewable says, 'Go to work and figure energy from the burning of algae. The government has term plan for the country so put money into the project.

some things that would truly change the economy," he says. "Yet it needs government support right now."

Brown says that when President Ronald Reagan States over the next 20-30 higher investment tax credit business plan for the counand hefty upfront deprecianesses took off.

our current economic rut."

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Indra Nooyi is chairman company

Indian-born executive is In Durham, N.C., Bill one of the most powerful women in business.

"My dream would be that existing or retired CEOs and out how we prepare a longwe can grow the country's "The private sector has manufacturing base," she said.

"I think as a country we have to sit down and talk about the sectors that we want to create in the United successfully pushed for a years - I mean, almost a try – and then figure out tion allowances in the early how we're going to plan, employees because you've time that we're growing 1980s, leading-edge busi- fully invest behind these sectors, so that we can actu-"Without fostering this ally get manufacturing jobs sort of innovation, we don't back to the United States have a hope of using the pro- and keep a base of employductivity engine to get out of ment going well into the future."

MORE WALK

Bearded, blue-eyed and and CEO of PepsiCo., the lean, Dallas barista Adam New York-based multina- Gaynier, 24, says it will take tional beverage and food more than meetings to make employing people believe in their eco-

110,000 in the U.S. The nomic future again. "Less talk and more walk," is what he wants from government.

"You've got to back up what you're saying with physical change that we can see. American people don't care about what we don't see. We care about the stuff we deal with on a day to day basis, buying groceries, having enough money to put gas in the car, the price of gas going up."

But words and meetings matter to Mark Peters, 53, who founded Piedmont Carolina Nursery in Colfax, N.C., in 1982, right after college. He employs 28 people. A registered independent, Peters says the economy would get a real lift if people were convinced that Obama and congressional Republicans were committed to working together.

From that, he says, a real plan to grow the economy could be found.

"More than anything right now, it's just having that confidence that everything's OK, and I'm not going to lose my job, and I'm going to be able to pay my bills?



panies and start other com- company with 130,000 panies, we would have so workers, half outside the point to stimulus spending, much more economic U.S. It makes jet engines, Bush tax cuts, or Obamacare growth. It would be just amazing. What we are doing shuttle, home thermostats, are all sideshows." now is just completely selfdestructive?

The U.S. offers 65,000 visas a vear for foreigners with advanced skills sought by U.S. companies, plus 20,000 visas for people who graduate from U.S. schools with a master's or higher in certain fields. Some companies complain the visas are not granted quickly enough.

COFFEE PARTIER

If the U.S. goes begging for brainiacs, that means plenty of opportunity for people such as Ulises Aranda, 24, of the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch. He graduated with a master's in mechanical engineering in May and had no shortage of job offers. He chose to work for his father's engineering construction firm. To him, the economy will grow if students pick the right fields and buckle down.

"There's plenty of jobs out there for engineering and science majors," he said from the patio of Dunn Bros Coffee. "But people aren't really graduating with those degrees. I spent my six years in college, working hard. I busted my butt and had no social life. Now I have a job."

CREDIT CRUNCH

Larry Karel, 71, of Aventura, Fla., owns a company that produces furniture shows around the country. He says the small businesses that exhibit at his shows are starved for loans.

"I never heard of so many companies that are putting their exhibit fee on a credit

He said: "People want to the cockpit on the space and blame that - and those

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Plodding climate talks stepping up to higher level

By Charles J. Hanley Associated Press writer

CANCUN, Mexico - The slow-moving U.N. talks on took a step forward Saturday with revised proposals for a \$100 billion-a-year climate aid fund and other issues for debate by the world's environment ministers this week.

Despite that advance, the chairwoman of key closeddoor negotiations warned the open conference that obstacles remain to what delegates hope will be a package of decisions next Friday on financial and other side matters under the U.N. climate treaty.

"Progress has been made in ambassador, some areas," Zimbabwe's Margaret Mukahanana-Sangarwe said. But she said the talks were "going backwards" on important issues. "We need to redouble our

even lower, at 2.7 F above preindustrial levels – a posiby warming's impacts, such as sea-level rise.

text eliminated the 1.5-degree Denmark, richer nations option, drawing an immediate protest from the Bolivian delegation at Saturday's open nations reduce greenhouse meeting, a sign of the contentiousness sure to mark the coming days.

Though a step forward, "this paper lacks sufficient ambition for the urgent protection of islands and the world," said Grenada's U.N. Dessima Williams, speaking for small island nations.

from climate change would Mukahanana-Sangarwe's rather than, for example, the but growing nations have Cancun set in. Others want to aim text revisions retained multiple options – on the supervision of the proposed climate tion favored by island states fund, for example – setting combating global warming and others most threatened the stage for further sharp debate.

> At last year's climate sum-The Zimbabwean's revised mit in Copenhagen, promised \$100 billion a year by 2020 to help poorer gas emissions and adapt to climate change by, for example, building coastline protection and shifting crops to cope with new precipitation patterns.

> Firmly establishing a green fund at Cancun is a priority for developing-world delegations, who generally want a U.N. body overseeing dis-In many important areas, bursement of climate funds,

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trolled by developed nations.

The issue of reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases emitted by industry, vehicles and agriculture is the core dispute of the longrunning climate talks, and will summit to near-collapse. not be fully resolved at That conference ended with a Cancun.

For 13 years, the U.S. has refused to join the rest of the industrialized world in the Kyoto Protocol, a 1997 addon to the climate treaty that mandates modest emissions reductions by richer nations. treaty's full 193. The U.S. complained that it would hurt its economy and that Kyoto should have mandated actions as well by such emerging economies as China and India.

For their part those poorer

commitments - not to reduce emissions, but to cut back on emissions growth.

This impasse brought last year's Copenhagen climate nonbinding "Copenhagen Accord," under which the U.S., China and other nations inscribed voluntary pledges to scale back emissions. The agreement has been endorsed by 140 nations, not the Two debates under way in ical forests.

stem from World Bank, which is con-rejected calls that they submit Copenhagen: how to "anchor" to Kyoto-style legally binding those voluntary pledges more officially under the treaty, and how to monitor and verify that pledges are being met.

Besides the green fund, negotiators hope for agreements on other secondary issues, including making it cheaper for developing nations to obtain climatefriendly proprietary technology from more advanced countries, and pinning down more elements of a complex plan to pay developing countries for protecting their trop-

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efforts?

Environment ministers began flying in Saturday for the final days of the annual two-week climate conference, hoping to put new life in the U.N. talks.

Last week, under Mukahanana-Sangarwe's leadership, a working group from among the 193 treaty nations sought to whittle down the contested texts of proposed decisions.

In one sign of the work facing them, only 170 words had been undisputed among the 1,300 on two pages of a key text on the "shared vision" of what the treaty nations want to accomplish. The disputed language was options proposed by various parties and placed within brackets.

Some parties, for example, want the world to reduce emissions of global warming gases so that temperatures don't rise more than 2 degrees C (3.6 degrees F) above preindustrial levels, beyond which scientists say serious damage

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Suzy would need to liquidate the cash value of her life insurance to qualify for assistance. She must spend down the \$10,000 in cash value in her whole life policy to qualify for Medicaid. But, this also meant that her family would lose the \$100,000 death benefit provided by this policy, at the very time the coverage was needed most. This troubling dilemma faced by Suzy is also a challenge sometimes confronted by others in need of long term nursing care.

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Senate showdown may pave path toward year-end tax deal

By David Espo Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - Senate Republicans derailed legislation Saturday to extend expiring tax cuts at all but the highest income levels in paradoxically clears a path we can do it," President for a compromise with the Barack Obama said shortly

"We need to get this resolved and I'm confident we can do it."

- President Barack Obama

White House on steps to after the near party-line votes. The public must have boost the economy. "We need to get this "the peace of mind that their a political showdown that resolved and I'm confident taxes will not go up" on Jan.

1, he added. Obama has signaled that

he will bow to Republican demands for extending tax cuts at all income levels, and his remarks capped a day that lurched between political conflict and talk of compromise on an issue that played a leading role in last month's elections.

See TAXES, N&W 2 Capitol Hill in Washington.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks and Sen. John

Barrasso, R-Wyo., right, listens during a news conference following two

votes on tax cuts during a rare Saturday session of the U.S. Senate on

AP photo

Spain gets tough in order to end strike at airports

Employees threatened with prison terms under military law

By Daniel Woolls and Harold Heckle Associated Press writer

MADRID - Spain's government halted an air traffic control strike on Saturday by imposing an resume guiding aircraft in emergency decree to threaten the employees the threat of jail terms with prison terms under under the military penal military law, but hundreds of thousands of travelers remained stranded at air - constitutional clause which ports.

By Saturday evening the law, which had never been used before, prompted 283 of the 295 controllers scheduled to report for duty to do so, Spain's civil aviaSpaniard Rocio Garcia, who had hoped to spend the weekend in Paris. "There are two people attending a line of some 500 people?"

AENA said an estimated 600,000 people missed flights Friday or Saturday because of the strike.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero placed the country's 2,000-odd air traffic controllers under military authority in a 'state of alarm' order, meaning strikers who refused to and out of airports faced code.

Zapatero acted under a had never been "It's total used before and

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also is reserved chaos. There for national emergencies such as earthquakes or other breakdowns in attending a essential public line of some services.

It was yet 500 people."



AP file photo

United States Marines from Bravo Company of the 1st Battalion of the 2nd Marines watch the explosion after calling in an air strike on July 23 during a gunbattle as part of an operation to clear the area of insurgents near Musa Qaleh, in northern Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan. The Soviet Union couldn't win in Afghanistan, and now the United States is about to have something in common with that futile campaign: nine years, 50 days. The U.S.-led coalition has now been fighting for as long as the Soviets did, and while two invasions had different goals - and dramatically different body counts - whether they have significantly different outcomes remains to be seen.

tion agency AENA said, and a few flights were resuming at airports packed with bewildered travelers.

Spanish air strike Friday evening over a Ireland. work schedule issue, but the government warned that it could be up to two davs before airports return to normal at one of Europe's top tourism destinations.

All over the country, people stranded at airports at similar wildcat strike in the the start of a long holiday weekend told stories of although Zapatero stopped being herded around like short of firing air traffic cattle in search of information, sleeping on chairs or floors, or resting on check- President Ronald Reagan in weighing scales or did. propped up against their luggage.

"It's total chaos," said on

another head-- Spaniard Rocio ache for a leader trying to pull his Garcia, who had country out of hoped to spend the recession and weekend in Paris fighting off suggestions that

space Spain's debt load will put it reopened after being closed next in line for a bailout, with the start of the wildcat after Greece and now

The strong-arm tactic was almost certainly a bitter pill to swallow for a man who takes pride in his Socialist ideology and always tries to curry favor with unions. It recalled a United States in 1981, controllers and breaking their union, as then US

Blanca Uriarte, an air traffic controller in Palma the Mediterranean

See STRIKE, N&W 2



Stranded passengers queue in front of an Iberia Spanish air company counter at Rome's international Fiumicino airport, Saturday. According to Italian news agencies, some 50 flights to and from Spain have been canceled in Rome's airports as a consequence of an air traffic controllers strike in Spain that has largely closed the country's air space.

U.S. fights to open school in Taliban area

By Todd Pitman Associated Press writer

SENJERAY, Afghanistan U.S. troops have wrested the school away from insurgents. They've hired Afghan contractors to rebuild it, and lost blood defending it.

But the tiny school has yet to open, and nobody's quite sure when it will.

have called the Pir open Pir Mohammed three children attend. Mohammed primary school "the premier development it shows the obstacles U.S. teachers ... and we've found southeastern edge of the vilproject" in Zhari district, a forces face in a complex them and talked to them," Taliban Kandahar province at the one whose success depends company commander from

Obama's surge.

trying to achieve in neighboring population, have war-weary years after the Taliban closed heartland in counterinsurgency fight - said Capt. Nick Stout, a

30,000-man support of a terrified people. 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry

The small brick and stone place across the country. In the school's built, do you - Over the last six months, complex represents much of Mariah, for example, a for- want to come teach?' And what American forces are mer Taliban stronghold in they say, 'No, no, I don't, not Helmand at all?" Afghanistan: winning over a province, several schools opened since tying a people to their American-led troops overestranged government, bol- ran the district in February. stering Afghan forces so But many parents are still American troops can go too afraid of violence and American commanders home. But the struggle to Taliban threats to let their living in a labyrinth of steep,

In Senjeray, too, "there are

center of President Barack not on firepower, but on the the 101st Airborne Division's Similar battles are taking Regiment. "We say, 'When

Perched amid majestic mountain crags at the base of a fertile river valley, the village of Senjeray resembles a walled fort, 10,000 people hardened mud walls.

Pir Mohammed sits at the lage, a pair of modest,

See SCHOOL, N&W 3

Israeli police say negligence likely caused blaze

By Sebastian Scheiner Associated Press writer

EIN HOD, Israel Negligence, not arson, appears to have caused the worst forest fire in Israel's history, police said Saturday as firefighters from around the world worked to quell the deadly blaze for a third consecutive day.

Authorities have arrested two male minors in connection with the fire, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. He refused to provide further details, but said: "We're talking negligence at the moment?"

There have been conflicting reports about what sparked the fire. Israel Radio, citing unidentified police officials, said early Saturday that the blaze likely was started by a family that failed to extinguish a picnic fire. ridge above the northern city rushed to evacuate a prison. Israeli TV, meanwhile, has of Haifa, Israel's third- A 16-year-old volunteer had been evacuated from reported that kids holding a largest city. It also lapped at firefighter also died after bonfire may have been the



AP photo

A firefighting plane sprays fire extinguishing material over the fire in Ein Hod, northern Israel, Saturday. Residents of a fire-devastated community in northern Israel put out small blazes with hoses and pleaded with firefighters to save their homes, as the worst blaze in the country's history licked through hilly forests.

outlying communities.

The fire has killed 41 peo-

the source.

The blaze, which broke out Thursday, tore through ple – most of them prison the hilly pine Carmel Forest guards whose bus was that clings to the mountain engulfed by flames as they edges of small joining the rescue mission.



More than 17,000 people

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Taxes

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Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., eveing the 2012 campaign, accused Republicans of siding with "millionaires and billionaires" with their rejection of proposals that would let tax cuts passed during George W. Bush's presidency lapse on seven-figure incomes.

Republicans noted that unemployment rose to 9.8 percent last month and said it made no sense to raise taxes on anyone in a weak economy. Sen. Ion Kyl. R-Ariz., jabbed that Democrats were undergoing a "political catharsis" in public after losing control of the House and surrendering several seats in the Senate in the Nov. 2 election.

quickly after the votes, and Senate leaders in both parties said they hoped political clashes would give way to compromise in the next several days.

McConnell, the GOP leader, pay the government, as well said he was relatively confident there would be a deal with the White House "not to raise taxes in the middle of a recession." He said talks were continuing on the length of an extension to be enacted for the cuts that were put in place in 2001 and 2003.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he hoped for an agreement by the middle or end of next week on legislation that would combine an extension of tax cuts with a renewal of expiring jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed.

Officials have said that in addition to tax cuts and House and Senate.

Strike

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island of Mallorca, practically cried as she told reporters outside the airport what happened in the air traffic control tower Saturday.

"The Civil Guard and the Air Force came in with pistols and forced us - in this state, and I am one of the ones in best shape - to sit there and guide airplanes. That is what the government did," she told reporters. "In this state of anxiety, it is impossible to guide planes."

echo of the painful austerity saga hitting much of Europe make nearly \$660,000 a over austerity measures Spain's unemployment rate That should not bother any- image of Spain. The conimposed as part of the country's massive debt bailout people's jobless benefits sion. and the French have taken to running out and the average the streets en masse to yearly salary at about was awful, and each side protest a law that raised the retirement age to save the lower salary, the controllers ensuing mess. This is usually country's money-losing make an average of ten times one of the busiest travel pension system.

But the rhetoric subsided unemployment benefits, the White House wants to include renewal of several other tax provisions that are expiring. They include a break for lower- and middle- class wage earners, even Kentucky Sen. Mitch if they don't make enough to as for college students and for companies that hire the unemployed.

Key administration officials have Republicans were unanibeen at work negotiating the terms of a possible deal for several days.

Democrats privately have expressed anger at Obama for his willingness to surrender to Republican demands to let the tax cuts remain in place at upper incomes, and numerous officials said no compromise would be possible until they had engineered votes in both the

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., during a news conference following two votes on tax cuts during a rare Saturday session of the U.S. Senate on Capitol Hill in Washington.

AP photo

Any deal would mean a reversal for Obama, who said in the 2008 presidential race and this year that he wanted to let cuts expire above incomes of \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples.

In the Senate, a bill to enact Obama's original position was blocked on a vote of 53-36, seven votes short of lawmakers and the 60 needed to advance. mous in their opposition, were joined and by Democratic Sens. Russell But many congressional Feingold of Wisconsin, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Jim Webb of Virginia and independent Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

The second measure would have kept the tax cuts in place on incomes over \$1 million. It appeared crafted to appeal to senators from states with large high-

as cast Republicans as protectors of the rich.

It was blocked on a vote of 53-37, also seven short of the 60 needed. A slightly different lineup of Democrats sided with Republicans, including Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois, Tom Harkin of Iowa, Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia and Feingold. Lieberman also opposed it.

The White House opposed the second measure bill, and given the president's willingthe expiring tax cuts, there the outcome of the day's proceedings in the Senate.

But Democrats said that even with elections nearly two years away, they intended to try and depict Republicans as defenders of the rich whose policies contribute to rising deficits.

"Do we want to extend those tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires at a time of huge deficits. I would argue vociferously we shouldn't, said Schumer.

Referring to the 2012 elections, he said about Republicans: "I'm going to be here for the next year, next two years, to remind my colleagues that they were willing to increase the deficit \$300 billion to give tax breaks to people who have income over a million dollars?"

sounded Republicans alternately bemused and offended.

"It is the most astounding theory I have ever seen. Raise taxes to create jobs," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah,

income populations, as well said Democrats perhaps administration in recent viewed the votes as a gift to their political constituents. But, he added, "two years of wall to wall Democratic rule has only made the situation worse" in the economy.

The day's events capped a week that included a meeting at the White House at which Obama and top congressional Republicans sat down together for the first time since the elections.

Both the president and GOP lawmakers pledged ness to sign a bill to extend all afterward they would try to work together for the good of was never any doubt about the economy, and agreed to set up a small negotiating group to discuss the tax issues.

The White House, Reid and Republicans have been negotiating quietly, and McConnell made a point of saying he had been in frequent touch with the

days.

In addition to tax cuts, Obama has made ratification of a new arms control treaty with Russia a priority of the postelection session of Congress, reducing his leverage with Republicans in the struggle over taxes.

Senior Senate Republicans have indicated they will not try to interfere with a debate on the issue as long as government spending and tax cut issues have been resolved to their satisfaction.

A two-thirds majority is required for ratification, meaning the White House will need the support of at least nine Republicans to prevail. Vice President Joseph Biden and other officials have been involved in talks with several GOP senators in hopes of lining up the votes needed.



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air traffic controllers, a have been a decree approved money-saving reform enacted earlier this year Friday under which conslashed their salaries by about half by reducing the overtime hours they can work, which are paid at triple the normal rate.

The controllers and the government have been locked in a dispute for months over working conditions, benefits and other issues, and there has been much bad blood.

Government officials had The strike also was an said openly it was outrageous for some controllers to

by the Spanish Cabinet on trollers who miss work shifts because of illness or certain other reasons must make up the lost hours and can be subject to medical checkups immediately if they call in sick.

Development Minister Jose Blanco said Saturday that air traffic controllers have been counting hours spent at union meetings, for instance, as hours spent on the job and the decree passed Friday ended this practice.

"It was a matter of clarify-Greeks strike regularly year at a time of crisis, with ing what an hour of work is. blow to the international

The timing of the strike

weekends of the year in

\$26,500. Even with the blamed the other for the

The final straw seems to Spain because Monday and

Wednesday of next week are holidays, and many people planned to take Tuesday off as well, making for a minivacation.

The air traffic controllers union USCA and the conservative opposition Popular Party blasted the government for passing the decree right before the long travel holiday, knowing it was certain to inflame tempers. The government responded by saying it was the controllers who are to blame by choosing Friday to do their walkout.

"This has been a very hard at nearly 20 percent, many one," he told Spanish televi- trollers have provoked an absolutely terrible situa-

tion," said deputy Tourism

all the missed flights and

other reservations will cost

the travel industry.

Mesquida said it was too early to calculate how much

Minister Joan Mesquida.

In the case of the Spanish

Fire

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their homes before officials force. gave some of them the allclear to return on Saturday. Firefighter spokesman Yoram Levy said the blaze had subsided, but added that he "can't say it's under control."

Critics contrasted Israel's helplessness in the face of a wildfire with its reputation responses disasters to abroad.

"We are experts in some tragedies but it seems we were not really prepared for an event related to fire," said Hanan Goder, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, which is helping to coordithe international nate response to the fire.

Israeli firefighters have complained for years of undersized crews, outdated equipment and minimal supplies. The country only has 1,400 firefighters, far below the worldwide average. And while it has a highly sophisticated air force, it doesn't have a single firefighting plane. It ran out of flame retardants on the first day of the blaze, Levy said.

In the small artist community of Ein Hod, one woman desperately tried to protect her house from the encroaching flames with only a garden hose.

Netanyahu told a news conference Saturday evening that his government would find the money to

that figure.

International aid continued to flow into Israel in a bid to help quell the fire, which Egypt, Jordan and the continued Saturday to rage out of control for a third day.

equipment were expected to land later Saturday, alongside aircraft sent from New York City's firefighting many states stand by Israel's for swift and effective department, an Israeli military official said. French and Italian firefighting planes were also en route.

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form an airborne firefighting arrived from Bulgaria, Russia, Cyprus and Britain. Aid has also come from Palestinians.

Netanyahu sought to U.S. planes laden with stress that one important thing has emerged from the crisis.

"Israel stands united, and side," said Netanyahu, government whose is embattled over stalled Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.

By Saturday, the fire had planes that already have burnt some 15 square miles

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(40 square kilometers) of Greece, Jordan, Turkey, land - more than one-third of the Carmel Forest, parks officials said.

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School

Continued from N&W 1 once served hundreds, maybe thousands of chilentrance engraved with black words on light grav marble indicates U.S. troops refurbished the school "in Afghanistan'' of in November 2002 – one year after the American invasion.

school and opened it in but survived. 2005. But in 2007, Taliban fighters attacked it, breaking windows and busting doors off hinges. They took down walls and trees nearby away a dozen students, cut the fingers off some and Afghan security forces set killed the parents of others, up checkpoints on sursaid Bismallah Qari, a 30-year-old black-bearded mullah from Senjeray.

The Taliban opposes Western-style education, and apparently saw the school as a symbol of government authority. Qari said the Taliban also believed stacked sandbags in the children would be forced to study Christianity there.

Since then, Senjeray's children have had only one place to go: a handful of Islamic madrassas run by conservative mullahs like it. Qari that some American commanders say are radicalizing a new generation of Afghan youth, turning them turbaned men from Senjeray away from President Hamid urged the provincial gover-Karzai's government and the NATO coalition.

interpreter as American in meetings afterward, eldtroops searched a recently filled hole in his madrassa pressured them to do so. they suspected held a Nevertheless, they reiteratweapons cache, Qari said he ed the plea - and made a continue to suffer?" wanted his kids to attend Pir Mohammed, too, but "we can't do it?'

"The Taliban won't allow us to go there," he said. "They'll kill us, they'll kill our children?"

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Pir Mohammed occupies ground highly valued by the exactly what Stout wanted. insurgency – part of a corridor the Taliban use to traffic arms and guerrillas on security, and freed through villages along the Stout's troops to secure Arghandab River and into more ground elsewhere. Kandahar city.

In April, American troops pulled out in mid-August, single-story buildings that seized the school in a military operation backed by Afghan troops. They found dren. A small plaque at the it in ruins, its rooms reduced to toilets littered with needles, apparently for drug actually increased, Stout use.

When Stout's unit arrived suffered school round the clock. On their second day, a U.S. sol-Canadians finished the dier was shot in the lung,

weeks, firefights For erupted almost daily.

U.S. engineers knocked where insurgents hide. And rounding roads. armored American trucks stood guard to defend the school's crumbling outer walls.

The school itself was turned into a de facto military base: Stout's men windows and installed machine gun nests on the rooftops. They filled rooms with metal boxes of ammunition and anti-tank rockets, and slept on cots inside

The American occupation drew the ire of village elders. In mid-July, more than 300 to pressure the nor Americans to leave Pir Speaking through an Mohammed. Stout said that ers told him the Taliban had crucial promise in return.

"They were saying, 'Look, if you get out of the school, we'll protect the school," Stout recalled. "They said, 'We got it. We'll keep attacks from happening. And people will go there?"

Withdrawing, in fact, was It fit with the wider strategy of letting Afghan forces take

So the American platoons insurgency.

leaving their Afghan counterparts in charge.

Instead of the peace the elders promised, attacks said. Within days, the school two grenade friendship with the People in May, he deployed two assaults and a pair of shoulplatoons to protect the der-fired rocket strikes, one of which killed a seven-yearold boy playing outside.

> At meetings that week with mullahs and elders, Stout's team displayed a poster-sized photo of the wounded boy just after the explosion, his face bloodied with shrapnel.

> "We said, 'Look, how does this sit in your stomach? Does this bother you?"' Stout recalled. "We told them: 'These people clearly don't care about you, your family, or your livelihood.""

The elders agreed, and Stout made a proposition: "Come bleed with us and defeat the bigger problem, help drive the insurgents out."

At that, the elders drew back.

Some said they didn't know who had carried out the attack. Others said there were no insurgents in Senjeray. Most said they were mere farmers, and if they cooperated with the Americans, the Taliban would cut their heads off.

Stout rebutted with a grim warning: "As long as you guys tolerate this, as long as you turn your backs, your children are going to

The elders nodded. They promised escort to American troops through Senjeray, where attackers hidden on rooftops tossed grenades at U.S. patrols nearly every time they passed by.

But in the weeks that followed, nobody ever turned up

Qari, the local mullah, said Senjeray's residents were caught in the middle and could not control the

don't want your support, tell them we're not real before things turned around and we don't want the sup- Muslims, that we're infidels. port of the U.S. Army," he So the children throw rocks said. "We told them: 'We at us and won't even say can ensure our own security, hello." just leave us alone."

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Afghanistan is that NATO- there. Eight others never led forces are trying to do it returned from leave. in full body armor.

fortified bubbles surrounded by blast walls and dirtfilled barriers. Their wininches-thick bulletproof glass covered in dust.

strategy often rests on fragile agreements between two truck opened fire. Within groups worlds apart: young seconds, the entire undermuscle-bound troops with growth lit up with muzzle crew cuts and tattoos and flashes. Red tracer rounds conservative white-bearded elders in turbans.

There may be no place tougher to win hearts and minds than Zhari. Here is tle. where the Taliban movement was founded 16 years a decision. ago. A few miles to the west is Singesar, where Taliban the school again. The elders leader Mullah Mohammad had proven incapable of Omar once ran an Islamic protecting it and the Afghan school.

"Obviously there's a lot of Taliban sympathy out soldiers at Stout's outpost there," Stout said. "These people don't give a damn about us ... and quite frankly, why would they? We're strangers, we've been here for a few months, we walk around the town with guns, 40 pounds of body army and them?" - the Afghan Taliban either." (a lot of) grenades."

Afghan troops, too. acknowledge the reception in Senjeray, where to open Pir Mohammed, they are seen as foreigners trying to finish off an old war. Much of the Afghan army's rank and file here is DAM on it," he said, referdrawn from the north - ring to a bomb weighing up Tajiks, Uzbeks, Hazara – who fought the overwhelmingly Pashtun Taliban in the 1990s.

"The people in this town dier based

"We told the Taliban we Mohammed. "The Taliban said it took 10 months

Ghafar said 12 of the three dozen Afghan troops at the Part of the difficulty of school were wounded in

On Sept. 6, just after mid-American troops live in night, U.S. soldiers inside a truck pulling security at the school spotted someone turning a flashlight on and dow onto the country is off in a nearby orchard. The often an alien landscape Americans fired a yellow that's hard to see through illumination round that fell gently from the skv.

Suddenly, a silhouetted On the ground, American figure stood up and ran, and the gunner on the American crisscrossed the sky. Orange rocket trails streaked by.

After about 20 minutes, U.S. mortars ended the bat-

The next day, Stout made

U.S. forces would occupy roops couldn't do it alone.

That night, two American grabbed drinks from a dining hall.

"I really don't want to go back down to that school," one of them said, shaking his head. "Why do we have to do the ANA's job for National Army.

His colleague, equally cold frustrated with the struggle spat a few words of dark humor back.

"We should just drop a Jto 2,000 pounds.

...

Sitting on a step behind his plywood office, Stout dug his combat boots into hate us," said Lt. Said Abdul the dirt and pondered the Ghafar, an ethnic Tajik sol- war. The captain was part of at Pir the 2007 surge into Iraq, and

there. Senjeray, too, will take time, he said.

Despite months of fighting, the Americans have readied the school to open. They hired Afghan contractors to paint stone walls and winning over people in their first three months install new windows and latrines that together cost around \$70,000. They also spent some \$150,000 on security, building the shell of an adjacent police post.

But building a school like Pir Mohammed "is not just putting in windows and whatnot," Stout said. "Building is people actually buving into it."

American commanders no longer speak of military victory. The goal is to push the Taliban far enough away so teachers and children and can attend without fear of firefights or reprisals.

A recent U.S. operation has accomplished much of that: many Taliban fighters have fled Zhari, along with thousands of residents some of whose abandoned homes were bulldozed or destroyed because they were booby-trapped by insurgent mines.

But convincing residents the school is truly safe is going to be "another battle," Stout said.

"If we can create an environment where neither of us interfere with their lives. that's winning for us," he said. "And that's what the people want. They don't like us. But they don't like the

For now, the American strategy appears to be working. Hundreds of people line up daily at the U.S. hilltop outpost for a cash-for-work program, something they would not have dared do just a few weeks earlier.

But the Taliban are not gone. On Nov. 1, a motorcycle bomber blew himself up at the entrance to Stout's base, killing two American

soldiers. The school was attacked the same day.

It has yet to open.



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Court to hear arguments over Ariz. immigra

By Jacques Billeaud and Mark Sherman Associated Press writer

PHOENIX – The impassioned debate over the nation's immigration policy takes center stage at the Supreme Court Wednesday in a dispute over an Arizona law that punishes employers who knowingly hire workers illegally in the U.S.

Arizona's employer sanctions law has been used just three times in three years, but business interests and civil rights groups, backed by the Obama administration, have banded together to argue that may enforce immigration laws.

also could signal how the the law took effect in January court would handle the controversial and more expansive immigration employers. Arizona enforcement law, known as SB1070, that the administration challenged and a federal iudge blocked key components this summer.

"It could take this less visi-

that impacts substantially on the SB1070 litigation by making some broader observations," said Peter Spiro, who teaches immigration law at Temple University's law school.

The employer sanctions law was intended to diminish Arizona's role as the nation's hub for immigrant smuggling by requiring employers to verify the eligibility of new workers through a federal database. Employers convicted of violating the law can have their business licenses suspended or revoked.

A survey by The Associated only the federal government Press of all county prosecutor argued that while a similar offices in Arizona found that out of the 101 employer sanc-The outcome in this case tions complaints lodged since 2008, three have led to civil cases being filed against

But dozens of business raids in metropolitan Phoenix during employer sanctions

documents or stolen identities to get jobs. The law intended to target employers has been used more often against workers.

Supporters said the law was needed because the federal government has done a lousy job of enforcing a similar federal law. They also say the state rules have discouraged countless employers from hiring illegal immigrants.

Business and civil rights groups challenged the law as a clear and unconstitutional attempt to preempt federal authority.

Lawyers for the state federal hiring law prevents states from imposing civil or criminal penalties against businesses for illegal hirings, the federal law allows states to take licensing actions against violators.

A federal judge in Phoenix and the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of investigations have led to the Appeals upheld the law. The arrests of 131 workers who are Obama administration urged illegal immigrants on criminal the Supreme Court in May to

About a month later, the U.S. lawsuit asking a judge to immigration law.

law's most controversial sections. The blocked sections to enforce the law, the right to include requirements that immigrants carry immigration registration papers and ders, the right to protect that local police, while Arizona's neighborhoods," enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the employer sanctions law is a country illegally.

taken up the question of whether states and communities can participate in unknown number of illegal immigration enforcement immigrants to leave the since 1976, and observers have expected it to enter the fray.

tor of the American Civil settled. A now-defunct Liberties Union, said the outcome of the employer sanctions case could signal how law will have its business the court would deal with the license suspended for 10 days broader Arizona immigration if it reopens. A sandwich shop law. "If the Arizona statute is that admitted to a violation complaints his office has struck down on pre-emption agreed to close its doors for received since the law took grounds, it's very hard to two days.

ble case and do something charges, such as using forged take up employer sanctions. imagine SB1070 surviving," said Shapiro, whose group Justice Department filed a challenged both laws in court.

State Sen. Russell Pearce. invalidate Arizona's latest who authored both laws, predicted the statutes. in the end. A judge put on hold the will be upheld. "It's about states' rights: Arizona's right protect American jobs, the right to protect Arizona's bor-Pearce said.

Supporters say the success because more busi-The Supreme Court hasn't nesses are running checks on prospective workers. They argue that it has led an state.

Two of the three civil cases Steven Shapiro, legal direc- against employers have been amusement park that acknowledged violating the

A case is pending against a custom furniture business that's accused of using a subcontractor who was an illegal immigrant to get around the law's ban on illegal hirings. The furniture maker denies the allegations.

One difficulty cited by prosecutors in bringing cases against employers is the law's failure to give them civil subpoena power to make suspected violators hand over records and give testimony. Another barrier is the standard of proof: Prosecutors must prove that businesses knew they were hiring illegal workers.

"Most of them were unfounded on their faces without proper evidence of illegal hiring, and some of them had some merit but with a lack of subpoena power to get employer records, we couldn't do the follow-up," said Jace Zack, chief deputy for the Mohave County Attorney's Office, of the 33 effect.



Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., speaks to reporters before attending an emergency town hall meeting on the future status of Harlem Hospital in wake of announced budget cuts, Saturday in New York. Rangel says he still loves Congress, despite a showdown with colleagues over ethics violations that led to his recent censure. Speaking to reporters, the Democrat appeared confident and as defiant as ever about the allegations. He received his punishment Thursday on the House floor.

Censured Rep. Rangel says he still loves Congress

By Verena Dobnik Associated Press writer

Charles Rangel returned to told the news conference: "I behind me."

tion involved," he added.

"But there was no decep- the 333-79 censure vote against him, he was buoyed Speaking in a firm voice, by "a standing ovation in NEW YORK - U.S. Rep. he faced TV cameras and Congress. ... Washington is





his home turf in the city's was not found guilty of cor-Harlem neighborhood on ruption, I did not go to bed days after the very visible Saturday, saying he still with kids, I did not hurt the rebuke before the nation, he loves Congress – despite a house speaker, I did not start showdown with colleagues a revolution against the over ethics violations that United States of America, I led to his censure by the did not steal any money, I did House.

"I have not lost my ability is abundantly clear." to love the Congress and to 80-year-old Democrat told reporters at Harlem Congress. Hospital, where a crowd at a as he entered.

Dapper in a dark suit and story knowing that it's false." tie, Rangel appeared confident and as defiant as ever vowed that this weekend about the allegations that led would be the last time he to his public scolding would speak about the mat-Thursday.

When asked whether he of which a House subcomcited the website of the stituents. House Ethics Committee, saying it shows that "Charles Rangel is not guilty of corruption or self-enrichment."

The House found the congressman had failed to pay filed misleading financial disclosure forms and improperly solicited donations for a college center business before his committee.

acknowledged some mistakes - calling himself "sloppy" and "overzealous" - but said he never enriched apartments. himself while trying to help the City University of New rent-regulation law. York.

Progressive oice and Conservative Corner blogs. not take any bribes and that

The congressman saved love this country," the his ire for the media, rather than fellow members of

He called members of the town hall meeting gave him a media "you band of standing, cheering ovation reporters" – who he said "could continually tell a

> The 20-term lawmaker ter.

In the coming months, would ever specifically which follow his re-election address the 11 ethics charges to Congress, Rangel promised to keep working on mittee found him guilty, he issues important to his con-

> "I have two more years under the Obama administration; I have a job to do," he said.

On Saturday, he turned his attention to Harlem Hospital, where the town taxes on a vacation villa, hall meeting centered around proposed improvements in the community's health care.

The hospital is a block from corporations with away from the apartment building where Rangel lives, and where the ethics com-On Saturday, Rangel mittee found he had violated New York City rules by housing his political committees in rent-controlled

Rangel insists, however, minority college students at that he never violated any

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Asked how he felt two said: "I'm OK."





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Ivory Coast dispute leaves 2 presidents, chaos

By Marco Chown Oved Associated Press writer

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast -The two candidates in Ivory Coast's disputed presidential election took dueling oaths of office Saturday after each claimed victory, as the political crisis spiraled out of control and renewed unrest in this country once split in two by civil war.

Incumbent President Laurent Gbagbo defied calls from the United States, France and the United Nations to concede defeat, wrapping himself in the Ivorian flag as he was sworn in for another term. Hours later, opposition candidate Alassane Ouattara announced that he too had taken his own oath.

Saturday's developments leave Ivory Coast with two men who both claim to be president, furthering inflaming the political chaos in the West African awaited presidential elecnation whose once-prosperous economy was 2002-2003 civil war.

U.S. President Barack Obama and French President Nicolas Sarkozy winner and that his victory must be acknowledged. The top U.N. official in Ivory Coast is also standing by results released Thursday by the country's election commission that put Ouattara ahead.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed continuing standoff," his spokesperson said in a statement Saturday.

Prime Minister Guillaume Soro, a former rebel Rights Watch, said in a leader who had served in a statement. unity government with Gbagbo since a 2007 peace deal, said Saturday he was backing Ouattara, who is decade was delayed multiwildly popular in the formerly rebel-held north. Ouattara said his first act as president was to reappoint Soro.

"These last days have been difficult but I can tell you now that Ivory Coast is in good hands," Ouattara said just hours after Gbagbo held his inauguration ceremony at the presidential palace.

At his swearing-in, Gbagbo renewed allegations that his supporters had been intimidated in the



AP photo

Supporters of Ivory Coast opposition leader Alassane Ouattara protest in the city of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Saturday. The outcome of lvory Coast's first presidential election in a decade was plunged into doubt Friday as the constitutional council declared incumbent President Laurent Gbagbo the winner a day after the election chief handed victory to the opposition.

Gbagbo said.

Ivory Coast's longtion was meant to restore stability in what was once destroyed by the brief one of the most affluent nicalities like the composicountries in Africa. Instead, tion of the voter roll. the election has cast a growing shadow as the in October but then headed country now faces two say Ouattara is the rightful political rivals who each The country's election claim to be leading the country.

supporters took to the released Friday on national streets, burning tires and a table in one neighborhood.

"The risk of violence between supporters of the the incumbent president two parties, as well as repression by Ivorian secu-"deep concern over the rity forces against real or rightful winner of the perceived supporters of Ouattara, is very high," Corinne Dufka, senior West Africa researcher at Human

> Gbagbo's five-year mandate expired in 2005 and the country's first election in a

ple times. He claimed first constitutional that the West African country was too volatile and that security could not be assured. He later cited tech-

The election went ahead to a runoff vote last Sunday. commission announced Thursday that Ouattara had On Saturday, Ouattara won. However, new results television by a Gbagbo lovalist who heads the constitutional council said that had in fact been re-elected. Gbagbo says he is the

runoff vote, citing the Ivorian constitution that the issue to the country's Burkinabe origin.

council. which declared him the winner.

However, Ouattara points to the 2007 peace deal, which states that the United Nations must certify the election results. The U.N. maintains the vote was credible, and that Ouattara won the presidential election.

A former International Monetary Fund economist, Ouattara became the icon of Ivory Coast's downtrodden immigrant community in a nation that became a magnet in the region because of its prosperity. Ouattara, born in the north, had been prevented from running in previous elections after accusations that he was not gives ultimate authority on Ivorian, and that he was of



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north, repeating the rationale used by the country's constitutional council to throw out a half million ballots that were cast in Ouattara strongholds.

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In this photo taken on a cell phone by an eyewitness, a Tupolev Tu-154 passenger jet belonging to Dagestan Airlines is seen after an emergency landing on Saturday at Moscow Domodedovo aiport. The passenger jet with 155 people aboard skidded off the runway during an emergency landing at the Moscow airport, killing two people and injuring some dozens of others, Russian officials said, after all of its three engines failed.

Russian jet crash-lands after engines fail; 2 dead

By David Nowak Associated Press writer

MOSCOW – Two engines failed on a Russian passenger jet shortly after takeoff Saturday, and the plane made an emergency landing as its third engine cut out, skidding off the snowy runway and breaking apart, officials said. Two people were killed and 83 injured.

The plane, a Tupolev Tu-154 belonging to Dagestan Airlines, was carrying at least 155 people when it landed at Domodedovo Airport, federal aviation agency spokesman Sergei Izvolsky said.

The cause of the engine failure was unclear, he said, but recent crashes involving the aging Tu-154 aircraft have prompted the Russian carrier Aeroflot to stop using it.

Officials said 155 people were aboard the Dagestan Airlines plane, but the Emergencies Ministry said in a website statement that the aircraft was carrying 168 passengers and 8 crew members. It was not immediately possible to resolve the discrepancy.

The plane had taken off from another Moscow hub,

touching down.

Passenger Vitaly Chumak was quoted by Russian news agency Interfax as saving the plane broke into three parts after landing and barely missed a fence.

airliner was carrying 72 passengers and nine crew when it suffered an electrical system failure while flying from concerns, flagship carrier the northern Siberian town Aeroflot recently withdrew of Polyarnyi to Moscow. President Dmitry Medvedev bestowed awards on the January.

slammed into buildings after pilot, who landed the plane and avoided casualties, despite rolling into a forest outside an abandoned military base.

The Tu-154 has been the workhorse of the Soviet and post-Soviet civilian aviation In September, a Tu-154 industry, first entering service in the 1970s. But after a series of crashes involving the aging fleet raised safety all of its Tu-154s from service, with the last flight in

The midrange jet remains, however, the mainstay of smaller airlines across Russia and the former Soviet Union. It is banned from parts of Europe due to excessive engine noise.

The plane that crashed in heavy fog earlier this year killing Polish President Lech Kaczynski also was a Tu-154. On Saturday, Domodedovo Airport switched scheduled flights to a second runway, and normal service was not affected, officials said in televised comments.

Responders head to disabled ship in Bering Sea

By Rachel D'oro Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska -Emergency vessels hurried to nearly half a million gallons of fuel as it struggled off Alaska's remote Aleutian Islands for a second day Saturday.

The 738-foot Golden Seas. with a full load of canola seed, strong winds and rough seas Friday that caused it to drift toward Atka Island, about 1,300 miles southwest of Anchorage. During the night, after the weather eased, it motored at about 3 to 4 mph back out to sea. By Saturday morning it was about 40 miles from land, reducing fears it would run aground, said Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Dana Warr.

A powerful commercial tug was expected to arrive Saturday afternoon, he said. Strong winds continued, with 20- to 25-foot seas, but calmer weather appeared to be moving in. A Coast Guard cutter was also on the way.

"Everything is going well," Warr said. "We have rescue crews remaining in place in Dutch Harbor. The weather predictions seem to be diminishing?'

Plans called for the 18,000-horsepower Tor Viking II to tow the Golden Seas to port at the nearby island of Adak or possibly in Dutch Harbor, about 350 miles away.

Responders said the vessel, which is managed by Allseas Marine, based in Athens, Greece, lost its turbo charger. That left it without enough power to overcome 29-foot seas and winds blowing at 45 mph.

Petty Officer David Mosley said the Liberia-flagged ship is carrying more than 457,500 reach a cargo ship carrying gallons of fuel oil, nearly 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 10,000 gallons of lube oil.

The ship is en route from Vancouver, Canada, to the United Arab Emirates, the Coast Guard said.

There were no reports of suffered engine troubles in injuries among the 20 crew members on board.

The Golden Seas is the latest example of the challenges involved in responding to incidents in the remote region, said Whit Sheard, an Oceana attorney who sits on the Aleutian Island Risk Assessment Advisory Panel, established with criminal settlement funds from the grounding of the Selendang Ayu six years ago.

The ship, the same size of the Golden Seas, ran aground Dec. 8, 2004, and broke apart on the north side of Unalaska Island, also in the Aleutians. About 66,000 tons of soybeans were lost.

During rescue operations, a rogue wave crashed into a Coast Guard helicopter lifting Selendang Ayu crew members from the freighter, and the aircraft crashed. Six of the 10 freighter crew members were killed.

Sheard said emergencies such as Friday's event again illustrate the crucial need for better response mechanisms, such as larger tugs in the area. Unalaska's Dutch Harbor is the only port in the region with a possible response vessel, according to Sheard, who was among those monitoring the response to the Golden Seas.



Vnukovo Airport, and was en route to Makhachkala, the capital of Russia's southern region of Dagestan, officials said. Federal aviation agency spokesman Sergei Izvolsky said the pilot received signals that engines had cut out about 50 miles into the flight at an altitude of 30,000 feet, and requested an emergency landing at Domodedovo, to the southeast of Moscow.

Federal officials said two people were killed, and Health Minister Tatyana Golikova said in a website statement that 83 injured people were taken to five hospitals.

The federal Investigative Committee said in a website statement that two of the three engines had initially cut out, and the third failed as the plane was coming in to land.

"The plane slid off the runway and, having hit uneven ground, broke up," the statement said. A previous Investigative Committee statement had said the plane

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Starry starry night: Star count may triple

By Seth Borenstein Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON – The universe may glitter with far more stars than even Carl Sagan imagined when he rhapsodized about billions upon billions.

A new study suggests there are a mind-blowing 300 sextillion of them, or three times as many as scientists previously calculated. That is a 3 followed by 23 zeros. Or 3 trillion times 100 billion.

The estimate, contained in a study published online Wednesday in the journal Nature, is based on findings that there are many more red dwarf stars – the most common star in the universe than once thought.

But the research goes deeper than that. The study by Yale University astronomer Pieter van Dokkum and Harvard astrophysicist Charlie Conrov questions a key assumption that astronomers often use: that most galaxies have the same properties as our Milky Way. And that conclusion is deeply unsettling to astronomers who want a more orderly cosmos.

ously estimated the total number of stars, they assumed that all galaxies had the same ratio of dwarf stars as the Milky Way, which is spiral-shaped. our own galaxy and then extrapolated to other galaxies.

the galaxies in the universe aren't really made up the same way as ours.

Using the Keck telescope in Hawaii, van Dokkum and many as 1 trillion to 10 trillion about a colleague gazed into eight distant, elliptical galaxies and looked at their hard-todifferentiate light signatures. The scientists calculated that elliptical galaxies have more red dwarf stars 100 sextillion to 300 sextilthan predicted. A lot more.

"We're seeing 10 or 20 times more stars than we expected," van Dokkum said.

Generally



AP Photo/University of California at Santa Cruz, Paul A. Kempton This illustration shows a super-Earth type planet, named GJ1214b, left, in the atmosphere. For the first time astronomers probed the atmosphere of this planet by observing chemical signatures imprinted on light from the planet's host star as it filtered through the planet's atmosphere. GJ1214b is about 2.6 times Earth's radius, but about 6.5 times its mass, and it circles a red dwarf star, top right.

When scientists previ- believe there are 100 billion to a trillion galaxies in the you thinking about these universe. And each galaxy – the Milky Way included was thought to have 100 billion to a trillion stars. Sagan, the Cornell University sci-Much of our understanding entist and best-selling the 6 billion people on researchers and others not of the universe is based on author who was often Earth. And he came up with observations made inside impersonated by comedians as saying "billions and billions." usually said there the universe "is equal to all atmosphere of gas giants the were 100 billion galaxies, But about one-third of each with 100 billion stars.

Van Dokkum's work takes are elliptical, not spiral, and these numbers and adjusts van Dokkum found they them. That's because some of those galaxies – the elliptical ones, which account for about a third of all galaxies – have as many aren't too happy stars, not a measly 100 billion. When van Dokkum and Conroy crunched the incredibly big numbers, they found that it tripled the estimate of stars in the universe from lion.

> That's a huge number to grasp, even for astronomers who are used to dealing in light years and trillions, scientists Conroy said.

"It's fun because it gets large numbers," Conroy said. Conroy looked up how many cells are in the average human body -50 trillion or so - and multiplied that by about 300 sextillion.

So the number of stars in the cells in the humans on Earth – a kind of funny coincidence," Conroy said.

For the past month, astronomers have been buzzing about van Dokkum's findings, and them, said astronomer Richard Ellis of the California Institute of Technology.

Van Dokkum's paper challenges the assumption of "a more orderly universe" and gives credence to "the idea that the universe is more complicated than we think," Ellis said. "It's a little alarmist."

tell if van Dokkum is right or understanding potentially

among pigeons."

Van Dokkum agreed, saying, "Frankly, it's a big Center for Astrophysics. pain."

does make sense. Its biggest ture from the large planet as weakness might be the it passed in front of the assumption that the chemical composition of dwarf stars is the same in elliptical steam bath or haze. galaxies as in the Milky Wav. That might be wrong, Ellis said. If it is, it would mean there are only five times more red dwarf stars in elliptical galaxies than previously thought, instead of 10 or 20, van Dokkum said.

Slightly closer to home, at least in our own galaxy, another study also published in Nature looks at a single red dwarf star in a way that is a step forward in astronomers' search for life beyond Earth. A team led by a Harvard scientist was able to home in on the atmosphere of a planet circling that star, using the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope in Chile.

The planet lives up to the word alien. The team reports that this giant planet's atmosphere is either dense with sizzling water vapor like a souped-up steam bath, or it is full of hazy, choking hydrogen and helium clouds with a slightly blue tint. The latter is more likely, say the involved in the study.

While scientists have been able to figure out the size of Jupiter or bigger, this is a first for the type of planet called a super Earth something with a mass 2 to 10 times Earth's. The planet is more comparable to Neptune and circles a star about 42 light years from Earth. A light year is nearly 6 trillion miles.

The planet is nowhere near livable – it's about 440 degrees (about 225 degrees Celsius). "You wouldn't want to be there. It would be unpleasant?' said study coauthor Eliza Kempton of the University of California Santa Clara.

But describing its atmos-Ellis said it is too early to phere is a big step toward

ing up the field "like a cat our solar system, said study chief author Jacob Bean at

Bean and Kempton looked Ellis said the new study at the light spectrum signadwarf star, and the result led to two possible conclusions: The steam bath is the said.

wrong, but his work is shak- habitable planets outside more interesting possibility because water is key to life, said outside scientist Alan the Harvard Smithsonian Boss of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

But an upcoming and still unpublished study by Kempton and Bryce Croll at the University of Toronto points more toward a hydrogen-helium atmosphere, several astronomers

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7 Afghan demining experts released by captors

By Rahim Faiez Associated Press writer

KABUL, Afghanistan – Seven Afghan demining non-combat injury in eastexperts have been released, two days after kidnappers ambushed them near the Pakistan border, the border Afghanistan said ern Saturday.

The deminers elders helped in negotiations with the kidnappers, Gen. Aminullah Amerkhail said. Two of them had been beaten, he said.

near the Pakistan border. The others were freed several hours after the attack near Oaida.

the Torkham border crossing in Nangarhar province.

Also Saturday, NATO said a service member died of a ern Afghanistan. The military coalition did not provide further details.

Although NATO forces police commander for east- have poured troops into the southern provinces of Kandahar and Helmand and were have been making progress released Friday after local in rolling back the Taliban, fighting has continued in the eastern provinces. The area bordering the Pakistani region of North Waziristan has been the target of The seven were the last to numerous drone strikes be released of a team of 16 against the Taliban, al-Qaida Afghans seized Wednesday and the forces of the Haqqani network, a Taliban faction affiliated with al-

NATO said it was reviewing motorcycle. Coalition forces the death of an Afghan civilian Saturday in the Dih Yak district of Ghazni province.

The death occurred during an airstrike targeting two extended its condolences.

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Separately in the east, armed insurgents on a provided medical treatment to the wounded civilian, who later died. The coalition met with elders in the area and



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bbas: Last resort – I'll ask Israel to take over

By Mohammed Daraghmeh Associated Press writer

- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has warned he may dissolve his self-rule government Mideast peace deal. and ask Israel to resume Bank if troubled peace talks fail.

be a last resort, Abbas told Bank. Israel was relieved of

view broadcast late Friday. the establishment of the of dollars a year in foreign However, his comments Palestinian Authority in aid, has limited authority peace negotiations col- it all and release me (from RAMALLAH, West Bank marked the most explicit 1994, as part of interim over 40 percent of the war-lapse, the Palestinians my responsibility)? warning yet that he's con- peace deals. sidering a step that could crush lingering hopes for a considerable

full control of the West such a step, Israel, as a mil- since it employs some itary occupier, would have 150,000 Palestinians, a rently are threatening to to assume full responsibili- large chunk of the work quit peace talks with Israel said, "I will tell the Israel. It was a rare isntance Dismantling the Pal- ty again for 2.2 million force. estinian Authority would Palestinians in the West

Palestine TV in an inter- that financial burden with ceives hundreds of millions has refused to do so.

If Abbas were to take the Palestinian Authority,

the land.

Palestinian leaders curunless it freezes construc- Americans and the Israelis, The Palestinian self-rule tion in the West Bank and come and put an end to all weeks of silence between

won West Bank, while might seek unilateral U.N. Still. Abbas might face Israel has final say over the recognition of a state in the domestic entire area and exclusive West Bank, Gaza and east captured in the 1967 Mideast War.

government, which re- east Jerusalem. Israel so far this. I can't continue like the two leaders.

this. We have an occupa-Abbas has said that if tion and we don't. No, keep

On Saturday, Netanyahu called Abbas to thank him for sending members of the opposition to dismantling control over 60 percent of Jerusalem, territories Israel Palestinian civil defense to help fight a major fire that is devouring much of the If all efforts fail, Abbas Carmel Forest in northern of personal contact after



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Boise State linebacker J.C. Percy (48) leads the team onto the field before Saturday's game against Utah State in Boise.

Boise State rebounds from loss, thrashes Utah St.

By Todd Dvorak Associated Press writer

Sports

BOISE - It took just one play for Boise State linebacker Derrell Acrey to help erase all the pain and misery from the meltdown against Nevada that dashed the Broncos' BCS dreams a week ago.

On the first play from Saturday, scrimmage Acrey stepped in front of a pass by Utah State quarterback Diondre Borel and returned the pick 31 yards for a touchdown.

So much for any doubts about the No. 9 Broncos' ability to pick themselves up from a crushing defeat.

Minutes later, quarter-



Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore (11) carries the ball during Saturday's game against Utah State in Boise.

BSU bids the WAC farewell with a yawn

> fter Boise State's 50-14 trouncing of Western Athletic Conference bottom feeder Utah State on

Saturday, Broncos players crowded around another conference trophy for a subdued celebration.

Jason Maybe it was somewhat subdued because of Boise Chatraw State's crushing loss a

week ago against Nevada - it doesn't feel as crushing now that Oregon and Auburn all but locked up their spots in the BCS title game with wins on Saturday, but it still smarts.

Maybe it was less than enthusiastic because the



Courtesy University of Idaho Idaho's Shiloh Keo (10) celebrates during the Vandals' game against San Jose State Saturday in Moscow.

Idaho takes 26-23 win over San Jose **State in OT**

For the Times-News

MOSCOW - Eric Greenwood was grinning as he saw the ball coming his way on third-and-8, on senior day, in overtime.

The Idaho fans were smiling seconds later when he scampered across the end line with Nathan Enderle's pass to score from 23 yards out and lift the Vandals to a dramatic 26-23 victory over San Jose State to close the season.

"As soon as I went out there and I saw what defense they were playing, I knew it was going to be a completion," said a grinning Greenwood, who punctuated the catch by slam dunking the ball over the goalpost crossbar. "I didn't know the safety was going to miss the tackle. When he did, I just started smiling. I knew it was a touchdown?

The touchdown came after the Vandals (6-7, 3-5 WAC) blocked a field goal attempt by the Spartans' Harrison Waid as time ran out in regulation to send the game into extra play.

Waid kicked a 39-yard field goal to give the Spartans (1-12, 0-8) a 23-20 lead in the OT period but the Vandals responded with the TD.

back Kellen Moore started sealing the deal, firing the the conference title and put first of his three touchdowns in guiding the Broncos to a 50-14 victory in their Western Athletic Conference farewell.

"That's exactly what we needed to happen for us," said coach Chris Petersen. "We were asking 'How are we going to respond?' I'd say they responded well."

State (11-1, 7-1) a share of on Saturday.

an exclamation point on a up for a postseason trip, decade of dominance in the WAC. This year's title is the in Las Vegas for a show-Broncos' eighth since joining the WAC in 2001, but they are co-champs this had already laid its claim, and Nevada, which moved into a three-way tie atop the conference with its 35-

The victory gave Boise 17 win over Louisiana Tech

It also set the Broncos likely to the MAACO Bowl down against No. 21 Utah. Later Saturday, Nevada accepted a trip to the time with Hawaii, which Fight Hunger Bowl in San Francisco, the other bowl widely considered in play for the Broncos. Minor bowls aren't the

See BSU, Sports 5

Broncos shared this year's WAC title with Nevada and Hawaii.

Or maybe it was because a WAC title was routine and expected. Yes, after 10 seasons, life in the WAC has become that boring and that predictable.

Even head coach Chris Petersen understands that much.

"I'm just really pleased and feel blessed to be a part of this whole thing." Petersen said. "But we're standing in the locker room holding that WAC trophy up ... (and) it wasn't this unbelievable excitement.... They've won a lot of championships and the expectations are really high. They feel really

See CHATRAW, Sports 5

Defense propels Minico to third straight victory

By Ryan Howe

Times-News writer

RUPERT – Three games, three blowout victories for the Minico boys basketball team.

The Spartans continued their earlyseason success on Saturday, beating Elko, Nev., 49-32.

While Minico has outscored its first three opponents by an average of 29 points, Saturday's win was all about defense as Minico held Elko to just eight

first-half points.

"It feels good to have big wins like that, but each game we're just trying to get better," said senior Kevin Jurgensmeier, who led Minico with 14 points. "We've been working a lot on defense, which has really helped us," "Sometimes your shot's not going to fall, sometimes your offense is not going to work good, but you can always make sure your defense is perfect."

See MINICO, Sports 2



Enderle finished throwing 16 for 30 for 250 yards. Greenwood led Idaho in receiving with four catches for 86 yards while Troy Vital led on the ground with 76 yards.

San Jose State's Jordan La Secla threw for 310 yards and a touchdown while David Freeman ran for 83 yards and a TD.

Idaho took its first lead of the game when Justin Veltung scored off a 37yard run with 14:50 left in the fourth quarter to give the Vandals a 17-13 lead.

Trey Farguhar added a 32-yard field goal with 7:14 to go, giving Idaho a 20-13 lead.

SJSU's Ryan Otten snagged a 6-yard pass from La Secla with 4:35 left to tie the game at 20.

The Spartans put up 496 yards of offense to Idaho's 421, but Waid proved to be the difference. He missed an extra point attempt in the third quarter could have won the game in regulation if his attempted wasn't blocked.

In the Vandals' first overtime game since 2005, Enderle had a reason for going to the 6-6 Greenwood.

"He's been clutch for us all year," said Enderle, who along with Greenwood and 13 other seniors celebrated their final home football game with a victory for the first time since 2004. "He's a big-play receiver. He ran a great route, made the guy miss then scooted in the end zone and dunked it."

See **IDAHO**, Sports 6

CSI's Gerson do Espirito Santo battles for the ball against Chemeketa's Jesse Pratt Saturday night during the Rocket Classic at CSI in Twin Falls.

> **DREW NASH/ Times-News**



CSI guards key win over Chemeketa

By Mike Christensen Times-News writer

score in a variety of ways. waves.

The College of Southern Idaho's six primary guards all made key contributions as Jackson, scored 10 points the 16th-ranked Eagles beat apiece, while Issiah Grayson Chemeketa Community College 108-79

the Rocket Classic.

Fabyon Harris came off the run. The Golden Eagles' guards bench to score 17 points in are quick, talented and can earning tournament MVP honors, while Darius Smith And they come at you in had 12 points and eight assists. The other starters in CSI's three-guard lineup, 1) a year ago and head coach Jerrold Brooks and Pierre (Ore.) hit two treys in the rout and bad," he said. Terrance Lafayette had a

Saturday night to conclude huge putback slam in the game-changing first-half

> "Coach told us to not let up on them, keep our foot on the gas pedal and keep going," said Harris.

Chemeketa upset CSI (12-Steve Gosar had revenge on his mind.

His team's play showed it.

CSI's front line came up big with Mitch Bruneel scoring 20 points, including 13 in a three-minute span early in the second half. After sitting out the first two games of the week, Kenny Buckner played 10 minutes, scoring nine points.

"I like this team," said Gosar. "I think we can shoot "We wanted this one really the ball well, I think we can

See CSI, Sports 2

CSI women dominate boards in rout

By Mike Christensen Times-News writer

College of Southern Idaho women's basketball coach Randy Rogers said he was "shocked" by the way his team handled Chemeketa (Ore.) Community College in the final game of the Rocket Classic on Saturday.

But to his players, the 96-42 win was a case of same old, same old.

"We just did what we normally do - try to push the ball as fast aswe can and score in transition," said backup guard Tayllor Gipson, who led the team with 13 points and five assists.

CSI outrebounded Chemeketa 66-29 and rattled the Storm with suffocating defense in building a 60-19 halftime lead.

"We just all came out full of energy," said Holly Checketts, one of six Golden Eagles in double figures with 12 points. "We figured we blew out the first two teams, why not blow out the last one too?"

Taylor Altenburg grabbed 17 caroms to lead the dominance on the glass, while three others – Tina Fakahafua, Laurel Kearsley nament MVP Felicity Jones scored



DREW NASH/Times-News

CSI's Laurel Kearsley shoots over Chemeketa's Maurisa Bates Saturday night during the Rocket Classic at CSI in Twin Falls.

and Fanny Cavallo - had nine boards apiece.

That effort keyed was Gipson's outlined as CSI's offensive game plan: "Get the rebound, outlet it and go."

They did plenty of that as tour-

ROCKET CLASSIC

Thursday Chemeketa CC 85, Treasure Valley CC 52 CSI 105, Lethbridge College 31 Friday Chemeketa CC 82, Lethbridge College 65 CSI 92, Treasure Valley CC 41 Saturday

12 and Fakahafua, Altenburg and Kylie Hardison each netted 11.

The 12th-ranked Eagles (10-1) also snatched 17 steals, led by Kearsley's six.

CSI actually trailed 2-0, but took control with a 13-0 run. Up 15-8, the Eagles ripped off a 29-0 spurt, keyed by eight quick points from Checketts, to build a 44-8 cushion.

"I guess I was feeling it," said Checketts. "I made that first 3, I was open for the next one and I hit that one too."

The Golden Eagles' average margin in the three-day Classic was 60 points.

"You want it to be competitive

Lethbridge College 73, Treasure Valley CC 70 CSI 96, Chemeketa CC 42 All-tournament team MVP: Felicity Jones, CSI. Team: Madelyn Kimball, TVCC; Erin Stephens, Chemeteka; Tina Fakahafua, CSI; Janelle Weiss, Chemeketa; Kylie Hardison, CSI.

going into the Salt Lake game," Rogers said of his team's Scenic West Athletic Conference opener next Friday. "But it wasn't that we played really bad teams and they were 12point games. We dominated."

Notes: CSI again played without guards Kyler Parai (ankle) and Guili El-Mir (knee). CSI's SWAC opener is slated for 5:30 p.m. Friday at Salt Lake Community College. CSI is offering round trip bus fare for \$25.

LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE 73, TREASURE VALLEY CC 70

Mackenzie Meeks scored 16 points, leading five Lethbridge (Alberta) College players in double figures as the Kodiaks rallied for a 73-70 win over Treasure Valley. Elizabeth Lowry netted 15, while both Katheryne Lowry and Savana Gines scored 13 for Lethbirdge. Madelyn Kimball had 22 points and 11 rebounds for Treasure Valley, which led 45-34 at halftime. Lacey Jones added a 15point, 13-rebound night.

CSI 96, Chemeketa CC 42 LIEMEKETA CC 49 210 126, Danielle Padilla 3-14 128, Michelle Wilson 0-1 0-0, Lily Prince 0-6 0-20, Jackie Whaley 1-2 0-02, Mindy Cox 2-4 2-26, Marissa Angulo 0-2 0-00, Chrystal Van Huffel 0-5 0-00, Samantha Whitaker 3-7 1-27, Maurisa Bates 0-0 2-22. Totals 16-61 7-13 42.

Samantna whitaker 3/12 /, Matrisa Bates 0-0 22 2, 10tals 16-61 7-13 42. CS (96) Felicity Jones 47.3 - 61 Z; ma Fakaharua 4-8 2-2 11, Kylie Hardison 4-9 0-0 11, Laurel Kearsley 2-7 1-2 5, Mechela Barnes 4-6 0-0 8, Taylior Gipson 5-11 2-2 13, Kylee Schierman 0-2 0-0, Taylor Attenburg 4-8 2-2 11, Holly Incketts 4-7 1-2 12, Chakala Carthen 3-6 0-0 7, Fanny Cavallo 3-10 0-0 6, Totals 37-81 11-6 96. Halftime: CS 16 0, Chemeket a 19, 3-point goals: Chemeketa 3-19 (Weiss 1-3, Stanton 1-7, Padilla 1-6, Prince 0-2, Whitaker 0-1); CSI 11-25 (Jones 1-2, Fakahafua 1-2, Hardison 3-5, Kesraley 0-2, Barnes 0-2, Gipson 1-4, Altenburg 1-1, Checketts 3-5, Carthen 1-2). Rebounds: Chemeketa 129 (Stephens, Cox 5); CSI 66 (Altenburg 17). Assists: Chemeketa 129 (Stephens, Cox 5); CSI 66 (Altenburg 17). Assists: Chemeketa 129 (Stephens, Cox 5); CSI 66 (Altenburg 17).

Lethbridge College 73,

Treasure Valley CC 70 LETHBRIDGE (73) Katheryne Lowry 5-7 3-4 13, Mackenzie Meeks 7-10 1-1 16, Elizabeth Lowry 4-8 7-9 15, Molly Hargole 5-11 2-11, Savana Gines 3-8 4-6 13, Jessica Poch 1-2 0-0-2, April Whitterton 0-0 0-0, Morrey Lobel U1-0-0-2 test 1-6 4-61 (4-10)

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ROCKET

CLASSIC

Thursday

CSI 94, Lethbridge College 50

Friday

Chemeketa CC 98, Lethbridge

CSI 109, Christian Life Prep 72

Saturday

All-tournament team

Christian Life Prep 87,

Lethbridge College 82

CSI 108, Chemeketa CC 79

Christian Life Prep 82,

College 89

Chemeketa CC 80, OT

Jerome boys fall short against BK CSI

Times-News

Bishop Kelly rallied from an 11-point halftime deficit to the Bulldogs, who moved to nip the Jerome boys basketball team 49-46 in Jerome on Saturday.

the break but clamped down 15 and Brawn Baker added 13. on defense to put themselves in position to win, holding Ridge on Thursday. Jerome to a single point in the third quarter to tie the game at 33.

Andy Harrington scored 15 to lead Bishop Kelly (1-3), while Jake Hollifield had 15 for the Tigers. Jerome's Austin Leavitt, who scored 13, had a chance to tie the game but his 3-point bid missed at the buzzer.

Jerome (1-1) is at Mountain Home on Wednesday.

Bishop Kelly 49, Jerome 46 p Kelly 714 12 16 - 49 ne 19 13 1 13 - 46 BISHOP KELLY (49) Bishop Kelly Jerome Andy Harrington 15, Austin Desilvia 11, Michael Bokan 5, Nick Warnecke 5, Riley Stevenson 3, D.J. Kenley 2, Ryan Thielgas 8, Totals 14 17-18 49. JEROME (46)

Jack Hollifield 15, Austin Leavitt 13, Spencer Parker 7, Riley Parrish 6, Spencer Geist 3, Brady Craig 2. Totals 17 7-13 46.

7-13 46. 3-point goals: Bishop Kelly 4 (Stevenson, Harrington, Desilvia, Warnecke); Jerome 5 (Leavitt 3, Parker, Geist). Total fouls: Bishop Kelly 14, Jerome 17.

TWIN FALLS 74 SPRING CREEK (NEV.) 37

Eric Harr scored 16 and Robert Sanchez had 11 points Carey and 11 rebounds as Twin Falls

lead Kimberly to a 66-62 win Elko over Declo on Saturday. Brian Crane added 12 for

3-0 on the season. Seth Baker had 19 to lead three Declo players in double The Knights trailed 32-21 at figures. Ross Sanders scored Kimberly is at Canyon

Kimberly 66, Declo 62 13 14 16 19 - 62 18 14 15 19 - 66 DECL0 (62) Declo Kimberly

DECLO (62) Seth Baker 19, Erik Henrickson 9, Brawn Baker 13, Davis Jones 2, Calum Webb 4, Ross Sanders 15. Totals 25 6-12 62

62. **KIMBERLY (66)** Gage Huft 4, Seth Champlin 5, Dalton Harmon 9, Derek Maloney 16, Brian Crane 12, Brock Huleye 6, Kevin Brady 5, Zach Funk 3, Jacob Howell 6, Totals 25 14-15 66. 3-point gals: Declo 6 (S. Baker 3, Henrickson, B. Baker, Sanders); Kimberly 2 (Harmon, Crane). Total fouls: Declo 17, Kimberly 14, Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 60, CHALLIS 56

Carey edged Challis 60-56 Saturday in hard-fought Elko game.

The score was knotted 31all at the half and Challis led 48-44 after three quarters but Carey doubled the Challis scoring in the final period for the win. Blair Peck led all players with 24 points for the Panthers (4-0).

Carey is on the road at Castleford on Tuesday.

Carey 60, Challis 56 2[10 13 16 - 60 16 15 17 8 - 56 CAREY (60)

Canyon Ridge 1510712-44 Elko 7888-31 CANYON RIDGE (44) Hudelson 15, Denny 2, Ehiers 1, Baird 10, Burk 10, Co. Joslin 3, Ca. Joslin 3, Totals 16 10-20 44. ELKO (31) Lostera 2, Dumas 2, Herr 3, Daniels 1, Elquist 2, Sprout 15, Dubois 6, Totals 12 6-15 21. 3-point goals: Canyon Ridge 2 (Hudelson, Ca. Joslin): Elko 1 (Sprout). Total fouls: Canyon Ridge 14, Elko 21. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

MINICO 54, ELKO (NEV.) 30

Marlee Chandler scored 20 to lead Minico to a 54-30 win at Elko, Nev., Saturday.

The Spartans built up a 29-14 lead in the first half and locked down the defense after that, holding Elko to four third-quarter points to cement the win a night after they lost 55-44 at nearby Spring Creek.

The Spartans (2-4) are at Canyon Ridge on Wednesday.

Minico 54, Elko (Nev.) 30 Minico 1019 16 - 54 Elko 594 12 - 30 Minico (54) Merrill 4, Pratt 5, O'Connell 4, Chandler 20, Santana 2, Munns 7, D. Phillips 5, Nesbitt 2, Martinez 5. Totals 19 14-21 54.

ELKO (30) Dumas 2, Kump 5, Netson 11, Daniels 2, Barron 2, Elquist 1, Sprout 6. Totals 10 9-17 30. 3 Point goals: Minico 2 (Pratt, Munns); Elko 1 (Kump). Total fouls: Minico 17, Elko 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

GLENNS FERRY 66, CASTLEFORD 33

Karli McHone and Sara Arellano each posted doubledoubles as Glenns Ferry moved to 6-0 with a 66-33 win over Castleford on Saturday.

McHone had 17 points and led by Amber Cotant with 12

RAFT RIVER (42) Kassie Ottley 6, Echo Hansen 6, Taylor Whitaker 2, Hailey Greenwood 14, Wynter Holtman 14. Totals 19 4-4 42.

42. 3-point goals: Shoshone 4 (Hutchins 2, Schoolcraft, Aoi). Total fouls: Shoshone 13, Raft River 12. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none

WOOD RIVER 60, BUHL 39

Wood River guard Kaitana Martinez scored a game-high 32 points and Haylee Thompson followed with 10, leading the Wolverines to a 60-39 over the Buhl Indians.

the break but Wood River outscored the Indians 42-22

Cassidee Kippes and Kendyl Hamilton each scored eight points for Buhl (0-4, 0-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho

Wood River 60, Buhl 39 Buhl Wood River 7111923 – 60 Buhl (39) Casidee Kippes 8, Kendyl Hamilton 8, Katherine Hunter 7, Kai Archibald 6, Arly Pettinger 5, Morgan Pearson 5. Totals 13 13-24 39. WOOD RIVER (60) Kaitana Martinez 32, Haylee Thompson 14, Taylor Hayes 4, Haillie Taylor 4, Cookie Benson 2, Cheyenne Swanson 2, Totals 30 17-29 60. 3-point goals: Wood River 19, Fouled out: Buhl, Hunter. Technical fouls: none.

CHALLIS 76, CAREY 36 The Challis Vikings toppled Carey 76-36.

Micaela Adamson was the top scorer for the Panthers with 13 points. Challis had four players in double figures

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put it on the deck really well."

CSI led just 33-29 before Harris. Lafavette and Smith combined for 15 points in a 17-3 run to close the first half.

Up 50-32 at the break. CSI got five quick points from Brooks to start the second half, putting the Eagles firmly in control. Chemeketa never got closer than 17 from there and a 12-0 run, keyed by seven points from Kenny Buckner, put CSI up 30 at 92-62.

"I think we're a really deep team," said Bruneel. "You look at our bench and everyone's pretty good."

CSI held Chemeketa's star guard Tyrone Phillips to six points in the first half, but Phillips finished with 27 to lead all scorers. A.J. Freeman had 16 points and Trent Roos chipped in 14 for the Storm.

CSI opens Scenic West Athletic Conference play this Friday, traveling to Salt Lake Community College.

"We're ready," said Harris. "We're going to come out and do our thing."

Christian Life 87,

MVP: Fabyon Harris, CSI. Team: Jordan Reiter, Lethbridge; Isiah Jones, Christian Life; Tyrone Phillips, Chemeketa; Trent Roos, Chemeketa; Mitch Bruneel, CSI.



Terrance Lafayette 3-5 0-0 7, Kevin Attila 0-0 0-2 0, Paul Bunch 2-5 0-1 4, Kenny Buckner 3-5 3-3 9, Chris Patton 2-4 0-0 4, Fabyon Harris 6-13 2-5 17. Totals 40-70 14-2 109 40-70 16-24 108

40-70 J6-24 108. Halftime: CSI 108, Chemeketa 79, 3-point goals: Chemeketa 4-17 (Phillips 2-6, Martin 0-2, Roos 2-6, Branch 0-2, Pratt 0-1); CSI 12-27 (Brooks 2-6, Smith 0-1, Jackson 2-5, Bruneel 2-5, Grayson 2-2, Lafayette 1-3, Harris 3-8). Rebounds: Chemeketa 26 (Freeman 7); CSI 40 (Bunch 7). Assists: Chemeketa 8 (Roos 3); CSI 27 (Smith 8). Turnovers: Chemeketa 8: CSI 14 Total fouls: Chemeketa 18; CSI 20. Fouled out: Chemeketa, Roos, Freeman.

Buhl only trailed 18-17 at the second half.

Conference).

routed Spring Creek, Nev., 74-37 on Saturday.

The Bruins (2-0), who had 31 points off the bench, host Pocatello on Tuesday.



OAKLEY 52, ROCKLAND 42

Garrett Critchfield had a triple-double to lead Oakley to a 52-42 win over visiting Rockland on Saturday.

Critchfield scored 20 and had 11 rebounds and 10 blocks to pace the Hornets (1-2).

Travis Robinson added 10 for the Hornets.

Oakley 52, Rockland 42 14 6 16 6 - 42 14 14 11 13 - 52 ROCKLAND (42) Rockland Oakley

rby 7, Nelson 11, O'Brien 2, Christensen 2, Turley 12, Kir Permann 4. Totals 16 7-13 4 OAKLEY (52) Clayton Blanthorne 2, Travis Robinson 10, Brodi Bell 8, Parker Kimber 4, Eddie Setoki 8, Garrett Critchfield 20. Totals 19 12:18 52. 3-point goals: Rockland 3 (Turley 2, Kirby), Oakley 2 (critchfield 2). Total fouls: Rockland 18, Oakley 13. Fouled out: Oakley, Blanthorn. Technical fouls: Oakley, Setoki.

BUHL 58, AMERICAN FALLS 35

Mark Montgomery scored 14 points and Buhl gave a concerted effort on defense to sti-Saturday.

Matt Hamilton had 11 and Markus Lively added 10 for the Indians (1-1).

Buhl hosts Canyon Ridge on Tuesday.

Buhl 58, American Falls 35 Buhl 19 14 12 13 - 58 13 3 12 7 - 35 American Falls 13 3 12 7 - 35 Buhl L (58) Total Londore 0 Marking Function (1) Marking Hamilton 1) BUHL (Sk) Todd Loveless 9, Markus Lively 10, Matt Hamilton 11, Camden Gillins 1, Hunter Littlefair 8, Kellen Gillins 5, Mark Montgomery 14. Totals 24 8-16 58. MERICAN FALLS (35)

AMERICAN FALLS (35) Palmer 1, Wright 4, Kress 6, Wageman 6, Palacios 2, Mansilla 5, Torres 11. Totals 11 5-7 35. 3-point goals: Buhl 2 (Loveless, K. Gillins); American Falls 4 (Wageman 2, Kress, Mansilla). Total fouls: Buhl 10, American Falls 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

none.

KIMBERLY 66, DECLO 62

Derek Maloney had 16 points and nine rebounds to

Chane Bingham 4, Caleb Cenarusa 4, Blair Peck 24, Chane Chave 2, Jacy Bairl 8, Dillon Cenarusa 8, Baley Barg 6, Joe Laidlaw 4, Totals 26 4:11 6.0. CHALLS (56) Parkinson 11, Evans 5, Sensabaugh 3, Helm 9, Olson 6, Dillon Savage 20, Kamman 2. Totals 24 6:12 56. 3-point goals: Carey 4 (Peck 4), Challis 2 (Evans, Sensabaugh). Total fouls: Carey14, Challis 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

VALLEY 43, RAFT RIVER 11

The Valley Vikings knocked off the Raft River Trojans 43-11. Valley had three players in double figures. led by Austin Shawver with 11. Matthew Ivey and Justin Johnson each contributed 10 points for Valley (2-0).

 Valley 43, Raft River 11

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 Brogan Higley 2, Kamcon Zollinger 3, Tanner Anderson 2, Andrew Finn 2, Shad Hanson 2, Totals 4 3-9 11.

 Valley 43
 Valley (43)

 Justin Johnson 10, Nathan Freitag 2, Jorge Juarez 3, Ricardo Mora 5, Austin Shawer 11, Matthew Ivey 10, John Cauhom 2. Totals 17 6-13 43.

 3-point goals: Valley 1 (Ivey). Total fouls: Raft River 13, Valley 14, Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none

Girls basketball

CANYON RIDGE GOES 1-1 ON WEEKEND Canyon Ridge fell 68-52 at Spring Creek, Nev., on Saturday, to close the weekend trip to Nevada with a 1-1 record.

The Riverhawks (2-3) fell behind 36-15 in the first half before rallying to close the deficit, but they ran out of time. Karly Hudelson scored 25 in the loss.

On Friday Canyon Ridge other details were available. fle American Falls 58-35 on beat Elko 44-31 on the strength of 15 points from Hudelson. Staci Baird scored 10 and Breyana Burk added 10 and 14 rebounds.

on Monday.

Spring Creek (Nev.) 68,

Spring Creek (Nev.) 68, Canyon Ridge 52 Canyon Ridge 6918 19-52 Spring Creek 125 10 22 - 68 CANYON RIGE (52) Rogers 2, Hudelson 25, Detweiler 1, Baird 4, Burk 2, Co. Joslin 12, Ca. Joslin 6, Iotals 18 13-28 52. SPRING CREEK (68) Stess 8, Allen 4, Kerr 13, Cook 8, Grinsel 18, Edwards 4, Hicks 3. Totals 26 10-20 68. 3-point goals: Canyon Ridge 3 (Ca. Joslin 2, Hudelson); Spring Creek (Stess 2, Allen, Grinsel, Cook, Kerr). Total fouls: Canyon Ridge 19. Spring Creek 25. Fouled out: Spring Creek, Estes. Technical fouls: none.

Friday Canyon Ridge 44, Elko (Nev.) 31 10 assists, while Arellano followed by Nicole Helm, scored 12 points and pulled Loni Dowton and Meegan down 11 rebounds. Jade Corrigan each with 10 points. Gorrell added 11 points for the Pilotes.

Kendra Flores scored 16 in Challes the loss for Castleford.

Glenns Ferry 66, Castleford 33 deford 6134 10 - 33 Ints Ferry 17 14 20 15 - 66 CASTLEFORD (33) Glenns Ferry

Roxanne Hill 1, Lisa Canuto 3, Karli Bower 1, Fallon Machado 4, Kylie Weekes 1, Jessica Welch 7, Kendra

Machado 4, Kylie Weekes 1, Jessica Weith 7, Kenora Flores 16. Totals 9 15-38 33. GLENNS FERRY (66) Deeona Bauman 5, Karli McHone 17, Rebecca Woody 3, Darly Fox 4, Paola Rodriguez 6, Jennifer Popoca 7, Mollee Shrum 1, Jade Gorrell 11, Sara Arellano 12. Totals 10 20 27 6/ 19 23-35 66. 3-point goals: Glenns Ferry 5 (Popoca 2, Arellano, MicHone, Bauman). Total fouls: Castleford 26, Glenns Ferry 26. Fouled out: Glenns Ferry, Fox, Arellano. Technical fouls: Glenns Ferry, Shrum.

DECLO 46, GOODING 27

Brinlee Breshears scored 14 to lead three Declo players in double figures in a 46-27 win at Gooding on Saturday.

Sydney Webb scored 12 and Sierra Zollinger added 10 for the Hornets. Angela Vitek scored a game-high 15 for the Senators.

Declo 46, Cooding 27 DELIO (46) Brinlee Breshears 14, Melissa Carson 7, Sierra Zollinger 10, Sydney Webb 12, Tenesia Schroeder 1, Daliss Pickup 1, Jezzura Durfee 1. GOODING (27) Angela Vitek 15, Danielle Baker 2, Kourtney Agenbroad 2, Kylie Becker 4, Laramie Turner 3, Chyana Jones 1.

JEROME 44, FILER 27

Jerome picked up a 44-27 win at Filer on Saturday. No

RAFT RIVER 42, SHOSHONE 30

Both Hailey Greenwood and Wynter Holtman scored 14 points to lead Raft River to a Dietrich Blue Devils led to a Canyon Ridge visits Buhl 42-30 win over the Shoshone Indians.

> Kelcie Hutchins was the top scorer for Shoshone with 12 points.

> Raft River is on the road at Oakley on Tuesday.

Shoshone (4-1, 1-0 Snake River North) hosts Challis on rebounds and Brody Astle Friday.



Challis 76, Carey 36 11 8 9 8 - 36 24 21 25 6 - 76 CAREY (36)

Jaide Parke 9, Darby Northcott 9, Lorene Andrew 1, Micaela Adamson 13, Nicole Gomez 2, Morgan Parke 2. Totals 12 10-19 36. CHALLIS (76)

CHALLS (76) Nicole Helm 10, Jenna Hamilton 6, Amber Kemmerer 9, Marlae Moss 4, Loni Dowton 10, Amber Cotant 12, Lauren Garlie 9, Cassidy Brown 4, Meegan Corrigan 10, K.C. Anderson 2. Totals 27 20-23. 3-point goals: Carey 2 (Parke, Northcott), Challis 2 (Helm), Total fouls: Carey 15, Challis 17. Fouled out: none. Technical finuls: none. Technical fouls: none.

TWIN FALLS 63, CENTURY 56

The Bruins improved to 6-0 with a 63-56 road win over the Century Diamondbacks.

The game was very physical with a total of 45 fouls recorded by both teams.

Senior Allie Kelsey had 16 points leading four Twin Falls players in double figures. Josie Iordan and Alyssa Soloaga followed with 13 and Jazlyn Nielsen tossed in 11.

Twin Falls is on the road at Jerome on Wednesday.

Twin Falls 63, Century 56 alls 11171421 - 63 y 7111523 - 56 TWIN FALLS (63) TWIN FALLS (63) Twin Falls Century

TYMN FALLS (63) Josie Jordan 13, Alexin Clark 6, Alyssa Soloaga 13, Mallory Jund 2, Allie Kelseyl6, Jazlyn Nielsen 11, Alex Simmons 2, Totals 24 12-17 63. CENTURY (56) Anderson 8, Hicks 2, Peck 12, Jennifer Donaldson 8, Johnson 2, Roberts 12, Lynnsie Togiai 12, Totals 18 18-31 12-

50. 3-point goals: Twin Falls 3 (Kelsey 2, Nielson), Century 2 (Peck 2). Total fouls: Twin Falls 24, Century 21. Fouled out: Twin Falls, Kelsey. Century, Donaldson, Hicks. Technical fouls: none.

Late Friday **DIETRICH 58, GARDEN VALLEY 29**

Balanced scoring by the

58-29 victory over the Garden Valley Wolverines on Friday.

Dietrich had no player in double figures. Alex Heimerdinger, Gray Weber and Andru Howard each scored nine points. Jakob Howard pulled down 13 recorded five assists.

The championship game between Dietrich and Butte County, scheduled for Saturday, was canceled due to a power outage.

Lethbridge College 82

Cederick Johnson scored 16 and Hershey Robinson had an 11-point, 10rebound double-double to lead Christian Life Prep to an 87-82 win over Lethbridge (Alberta) College.

Lethbridge got 17 points from Jordan Reiter, while Logan Reiter added 16.

CSI 108, Chemeketa CC 79 HEMEKETA CC (79) Tyrone Phillips 11-20 33 27, Jason Martin 3-6 3-3 9, Trent Roos 5-10 2-2 14, Adrian Snow 2-5 3-4 7, AJ Freman 7-9 2-2 16, David Smith 0-0-0 0, Javari Harris 0-0 2-4 2, Jesse Pratt 1-3 0-0 2, Colin Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Romite Banks 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 3-0-60 15-18 79. **CSI (08)** Jerrold Brooks 4-9 0-0 10, Gerson Santo 3-4-3-3 9, Darius Smith 4-7 4-5 12, Pierre Jackson 3-6 2-2 10, Mitch Bruneel 8-10 2-3 20, Issiah Grayson 2-2 0-0 6,

Minico

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Good thing Minico's defensive effort was near perfect, because the Spartans shot only 38 percent. Offensively, Minico showed glimpses of brilliant ball movement and execution amid flashes of typical early-season miscues.

Bryan Guzman gave Minico a big boost, starting in place of Bronson Miller, who sat out with a minor ankle injury. Guzman his defense that most impressed Minico coach Mike Graefe.

"He can score, but his real value is the way he guards the ball," Graefe said. "He and Eddy (Espinoza) on the ball are as tough as I've coached since until it plays its first road I've been here. They create absolute nightmares for people, it's hard for teams to run what they want to run against us because of that."

Minico went on a 16-0 run to close out the first half and the Spartans' biggest lead was 23 points in the third quarter. Elko went off

Christian Life 87,

 Crimis Statil Life (97)
 Lethbridge College 82
 CHRISTIAN LIFE (87)
 Isaiah Rusher 3-5 0-0 6, Corey Allen 0-2 0-0 0,
 Michale Kyser 1-3 2-2 4, Isiah Jones 4-9 2-3 11,
 Robert Arnold 1-6 4-5 6, Hershey Robinson 4-9 0-0
 It, Frank Williams 3-9 1-2 9, Don Thomas 3-6 0-0 6,
 Derrick Taylor Jr. 1-4 2-5 5, Cederick Johnson 7-11 2-2
 16, Winslo Barry 1-4 0-0 2, Daniel Hield 5-10 1-2 11.
 Totals 3-78 H4-21 87 Totals 33-78 14-21 87. LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE (82)

LEHBRIUGE LOLLEGE (82) Don Gward 7:13 0-0 14, Dallon Martin 0-10-0 0, Josh Watson 4:11 2-2 10, Logan Reiter 6-14 2-2 16, Chris Thomson 2-3 0-0 5, Andre Moliterno 1-3 0-0 3, Spencer Wenzel 1-6 2-4 4, Mei Frigon 0-2 0-0 0, Jordan Reiter 7-11 1-2 17, Deng Awak 2-4 0-0 4, Rob Findlay 4-8 0-0 8, Brady Bogdan 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 34-77 8-12 82

Jordan Reiter 74172 n. being Awak 24 070 4, Rou Findlay 48 00 48, Brady Bogdan 0:11 2: 1. Totals 34-77 8-12 82. Halftime: Christian Life 38, Lethbridge 35, 3-point goals: Christian Life 748 (Jones 1-5, Robinson 3-5, Williams 2-5, Taylor 1-3), Lethbridge 6-21 (Coward 0-I, Martin 0-1, Watson 0-2, L. Reiter 2-5, Thomson 0-1, Moliterno 1-3, J. Reiter 2-6, Findlay 0-2), Rebounds: Christian Life 58 (Robinson 10), Lethbridge 36 (Coward, J. Reiter 6), Assists: Christian Life 16 (Allen, Jones 4), Lethbridge 19 (three with 3), Turnovers: Christian Life 32, Lethbridge 25, Total Foulds: Christian Life 14; Lethbridge 17, Fouled out: Lethbridge, Thomson. Technical fouls: none.

for 20 points and made it an eight-point game midway through the fourth when Jurgensmeier went to the bench with a banged-up foot. But the Spartans were 9-of-10 from the freethrow line in the final stretch.

"This is one of the most impressive games I've seen these kids play because we weren't shooting the ball well, we didn't have the energy, we had two studs scored 11 points, but it was hurt, the rotation is different and they just stepped up and gutted it out," Graefe said. "We can do whatever we want to do with this group of kids because they're coachable."

Minico has a full week off game of the season Saturday at Highland.

Minico 49, Elko (Nev.) 32

Elko 624 20 - 32 Minico 918 616 - 49 Elko 620 Elko 627 Elko 627 Rashaun Marin 12, ouinn Jones 4, eorge Mandity 5, Damon Rasch 2, Anthony Painter 9, Totals 13 4-7 32, MINCO (49) Edgar Espinoza 7, Bryan Guzman 11, Kevin Jurgensmeier 14, Kody Miller 6, Kade Miller 7, Casey Christiansen 4, Totals 17 13-21 49. 3-point goals: Elko 2 (Marin 2), Minico 2 (Ko. Miller 2). Total Toulis: Elko 19, Minico 13.

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SCOREBOARD

Hannahan on a minor league contract. National League ST. LOUIS CARDINALS-Agreed to Terms with OF-1B Lance Berkman on a one-year contract. Frontier League EVANSVILLE OTTERS-Exercised the 2011 contract options on LHP Patrick Crider, RHP Jared Simon, RHP Kent Worthington, RHP Chad Edwards, RHP Nick Sottung, RHP Kyle Barry, RHP Jason Roenicke, RHP Payton Tweddale, RHP Travis LaMar, LHP Chris Peters, C Billy Killian, INF Marcel Champague, INF-OF Nick D'Amico, INF toby Davis, IB Jon Waltenbury, IB Derek Wiley, OF Greg Alexander, and OF Vinnie Scarduzio. Declined the options on OF Jeff Hanson, C Ryan Smyth, INF Jake Rogers, RHP Dustin Renfrow, C Frank Meade, LHP Carlos Alvarez, LHP Bett Davis and RHP Cameron Aspaas. Battier 1-2, Martin 1-3, Lowry 1-4, Budinger O-3), Chicago 8-19 (Rose 4-6, Deng 2-4, Bogans 1-2, Korver 1-7), Fouled Out–Noah. Rebounds–Houston 50 (Scola 8), Chicago 62 (Noah 12). Assists–Houston 24 (Martin, Lowry 4), Chicago 24 (Rose 11). Total Fouls–Houston 20, Chicago 31, A–21,232 (20,917). Villanova 54, Stephen F.Austin 24 MIDWEST BASKETBALL Villarlova 54, stephen F, AUSLIN 24 MIDWEST Pittsburgh 28, Cincinnati 10 SUTH Appalachian 51, 42, W. Illinois 14 Auburn 56, South Carolina 17 Connecticut 19, South Florida 16 Georgia Southern 31, William & Mary 15 Middle Tennessee 28, Fia. International 27 New Jampshire 45, Bethune-Cookman 20 Troy 44, Florida Atlantic 7 UCF 17, SMU 7 Virginia Tech 44, Florida 51, 33 Wofford 17, Jacksonville S1, 14 EAST Delaware 42, Lehigh 20 **GAME PLAN** NBA All Times MST EASTERN GB Pct **TV** SCHEDULE BUCKS 96, MAGIC 85 FSN - Temple vs. Maryland, 4 9 .789 .550 ORLANDO (85) Richardson 6-14 3-4 16, Lewis 6-17 0-1 13, Gortat 1-4 0-41/2 GOLF at Washington 11 14 14 .421 .300 .300 7 9½ Richardson 6-14 3-4 16, Lewis 6-17 0-1 13, Gurtae 1 - - 0 0 2, Duhon 4-7 0-0 9, Carter 7-21 6-8 20, Bass 5-13 2-3 12, Williams 3-3 0-0 9, Allen 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 34-82 11-7:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m. 91/ TGC — Sunshine Tour, Nedbank 12, Williams 33 0-0 9, Allen 2-3 0-0 4. Iotals 34-82 11-16 85. MILWAUKEE (96) Mbah a Moute 0-3 1-2 1, Sanders 2-4 0-0 4, Bogut 13-20 5-16 31, Honnings 10-20 6-10 27, Salmons 7-15 2-6 16, Ilyasova 1-4 2-2 4, Douglas-Roberts 3-6 2-2 8, Brockman 0-0 2-2 2, Dooling 0-0 0-0 0, Maggette 0-5 3-3 3. Totals 36-77 23-43 96. Orlando 16 22 (Williams 3-3, Duhon 1-2, Richardson 1-5, Lewis 1-7, Carter 0-5, Milwaukee 1-8 (Jennings 1-5, Douglas-Roberts 0-1, Salmons 0-1, Ilyasova 0-15, Tewis 1-7, Carter 0-5, Milwaukee 1-8 (Jennings 1-5, Douglas-Roberts 0-1, Salmons 0-1, Ilyasova 0-1, Douled 0-11-Contra Lewis, Rebunds-Orlando 42 (Gortat 10), Milwaukee 12 (Bogut 18). Assists-Orlando 11 (Carter 6, Milwaukee 13 (Jennings 6), Total Foulz-Orlando 28, Milwaukee 52 (Bogut 18). Assists-Orlando 11, Carter 6, Milwaukee 13 (Jennings 6), Total Foulz-Orlando 28, Milwaukee 52 (Bogut 18). Assists-Orlando 11, Carter 6, Milwaukee 13, Chenicals-Lewis, Milwaukee defensive three second. A-16,218 (18,717). FSN — Texas at Southern Cal Pct GB L Challenge, final round (same-day NFL FOOTBALL .750 .619 .619 .350 .333 21/2 21/2 tape) 11 a.m. LAS Delaware 42, Lehigh 20 West Virginia 35, Rutgers 14 Cameron Aspaas. LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS–Placed OF Wayne Bond on the 8 13 12 11 a.m. CBS - Denver at Kansas City LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Placed OF Wayne Bond on the retired list. NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Exercised the 2011 contract options on C Andrew Barbaro, 2B Brad Augustin, 3B Daniel Cox, OF Mike Dufek, IB Steve Alexander, OF Asif Shah, OF Ross MCCoy, OF Patrick Nolan, RHP Brett Lester, RHP Bobby Pritchett, LHP Andrew Guarrasi, RHP Greg Lane, RHP Dan Blewett, LHP Donald Furrow, RHP Mike Latuna, and RHP Ryan Sheldon. Declined the options on C Ben Petrali, SS Jeff Cowan, OF Chad Rebecca, OF Jonathan Ross, RHP Zachary Cole, LHP Jason Furrow, RHP Jordan Backes and RHP Matt Coburn. TGC - PGA Tour, Qualifying FOX - Chicago at Detroit GOLF Pct GB Tournament, fifth day 2:15 p.m. Chevron World Challenge Saturday At Sherwood Country Club Thousand Oaks, Calif. 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RIVER CITY RASCALS–Activated OF Scott Houin from 3 4 National Finals, fourth round **COLLEGE FOOTBALL** 6 12 13 the injured list. the injured list. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES–Waived G Acie Law. FOOTBALL National Football League NEW YORK JETS–Placed S Jim Leonhard on injured recorve SOCCER Friday's Late NBA Boxes .400 .350 8½ 9½ 7 p.m. 10 a.m. MAVERICKS 93, JAZZ 81 ESPN - BCS Selection Show Pđ GB ESPN2 - NCAA, Division I, Women's L DALLAS (93) DALLS (93) Buttler 6-12 2-4 16, Nowitzki 12-18 1-1 26, Chandler 1-3 0-0 2, Kidd 6-8 0-0 15, Stevensson 0-1 0-0 0, Haywood 2-3 0-2 4, Terry 5-12 2-2 12, Marion 4-10 0-0 8, Barea 3-8 2-8, Novak 0-0 0-0 0, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0, Mahinmi 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 40-76 7-11 93. UTAH (80) Kirilenko 2-5 1-2 5, Millsap 6-10 9-14 21, Jefferson 8-20 2-3 18, Williams 4-13 3-3 12, Bell 1-5 0-0 2, Miles 3-8 1-2 9, Elson 2-2 0-0 4, Fesenko 4-3 1-2 5, Price 0-3 0-0 0, Watson 0-4 0-0 0, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Hayward 1-1 3-4 5. Totals 29-74 20-30 81. Dallas 21 6 27 7 93 Utah 20 23 19 19 - 81 3-Point Goals-Dallas 5-0; (Wild 3-5, Butler 2-2, Nowitzki 1-3, Stevenson 0-1, Barea 0-2, Terry 0-6), Utah 3-14 (Miles 2-6, Williams 1-3, Kirilenko 0-1, Bell 0-1, Price 0-1, Watson 0-2, Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Dallas 2 5(id 0-1), Utah 25 (Jefferson 8), Assist-Dallas 25 (Utah 1-2, Utah 2-2, Utah 5-2), Utah 5-2 (Jefferson 8), Assist-Dallas 25 (Utah 2-7, Utah 20, Utah 52 (Jefferson 8), Assist-Dallas 25 (Utah 7), Utah 20, Utah 52 (Jefferson 8), Assist-Dallas 25 (Utah 7), Utah 20, Utah 52 (Jefferson 8), Assist-Dallas 25 (Utah 7), Utah 20, Utah 52 (Jefferson 8), Assist-Dallas 25 (Utah 9-1), Utah 20, Utah 52 (Jefferson 8), Assist-Dallas 25 (Utah 16, Technicals-Barea, Chandler, Haywood, Dallas defensive three second, Fesenko, A-19,623 (19,911). MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL -6-6-4-4 E+2+3+3+4+5+5 .714 .667 .650 .421 .250 -4 16. Nowitzki 12-18 1-1 26, Chandler 1-3 College Cup, championship match, 6 1½ 1½ 2 p.m. Stanford vs. Notre Dame reserve. reserve. HOCKEY National Hockewy League DALLAS STARS--Recalled D Philip Larsen from Texas (AHL). Placed F Krys Barch on the injured list. ECH IDAHO STEELHEADS-Signed F Junior Lessard. 11 15 FSN - Oklahoma at Arizona 6 9½ WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 4 p.m. Noon Pct GB L FSN – Virginia at Virginia Tech ESPN2 — Purdue at Notre Dame .700 .526 .421 .235 .200 6 3½ 5½ 8½ 10 11 13 16 YOUR SPORTS Tulane 63, Louisiana-Lafayette 52 UCF 74, SE Louisiana 49 Va. Commonwealth 59, William & Mary 55 Vanderbilt 85, Belmont 76 Wake Forest 75, Holy Cross 64 Wofford 75, Elon 69 Fact L.A. Clippers 4 16 .2 Friday's Games Charlotte 91, New Jersey 84, 01 Toronto 111, Oklahoma City 99 Washington 83, Portland 79 Houston 127, Memphis 111 New York 100, New Orleans 92 Boston 104, Chicago 92 San Antonio 107, Minnesota 101 Denver 109, L.A. Clippers 104 Phoemxi 105, Indiana 97 L.A. Lakers 113, Sacramento 80 Dallas 93, Utah 81 Saturday's Games Miami 89, Atlanta 77 Philadelphia 109, Charlotte 91 Chicago 119, Houston 116, 07 Minnesota 129, Cleveland 95 Milwaukee 96, Orlando 85 Dallas at Sacramento, late Sunday's Games Boston at New Jersey, 11 a.m. Third Place Rice 78, Long Beach St. 61 LPGA Tour Championship Bowlance of the second At Grand Cypress Golf Club (North And South Courses) Orlando, Fla. Purse: \$1.5 Million Yardage: 6,518 - Par. 72 Third Round 4.70,72 - 210 - 64 BETTING Make Forest 75, Holy Cross 64 Wolford 75, Elon 69 Est Albany, NY, 88, Siena 82, OT Boston College 76, Massachusetts 71 Brown 62, Maine 54 Bucknell 52, Boston U. 49 Columbia 73, Stony Brook 72 Delaware 75, Old Dominion 67 Drexel 63, Northeastern 58 Duke 82, Butler 70 Fairleigh Dickinson 48, Cent. Connecticut St. 46 Fordhan 74, Lehigh 67 Georgetown 68, Utah St. 51 Hampton 67, Howard 55 Hofstra 74, Towson 62 Long Island U. 81, St. Francis, Pa. 67 N.J. Tech 65, St. Joseph's, L. 1.57 New Hampshire 65, Colgate 60 Oklahoma 51. 92, La Salle 87, 207 Penn 68, Army 52 Penn St. 77, Duquesne 73 Pritsburg B3, Rider 68 Providence 87, Rhode Island 74 Quinnipia C7, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 75 St. Bonaventure 76, Buffalo 74 St. Peter 56, Manhattan 49 Syracuse 65, N.C. State 59 Vermont 82, Vale 78 Wagner 73, Sacred Heart 68, OT **Glantz-Culver Line** For Dec. 5 NFL Today 6770-73-210 72-6871-211 171-71-71-213 6773-73-213 73-73-72-13 73-73-72-13 73-73-72-13 73-73-72-217 73-73-72-217 73-71-72-72 73-71-72-72-72 73-71-72-72 73-71-72-72 73-71-72-72 73-71-72-72 73-71-72-72 73-71-72-72 73-70-72-72 73-70-72-20 Amy Yang Maria Hjorth Cirstie Kerr Seon Hwa Lee Laura Diaz In-Kyung Kim Morgan Pressel Katherine Hull Heather Bowie Young Ilhee Lee Na Yeon Choi Se Ri Pak Beatriz Recari Angela Stanford Song-Hee Kim Candie Kung Suzann Pettersen Chella Choi Mariajo Uribe Julieta Granada Christina Kim Amy Hung Kyeong Bae Gwladys Nocera Mika Miyazato Gulula Sergas Alena Sharp Juli Inkster Mina Harigae Lisa Meldrum Yani Tseng Sandra Gal Brittany Lincicome Taylor Leon OPEN TODAY O/U FAVORITE UNDERDOG Buffalo Cleveland Jacksonville Denver Washington at Detroit San Francisco at Cincinnati at Tampa Bay Oakland Carolina Dallas at Arizona Pittsburgh at Minnesota at Miami at Tennessee at Kansas City at N.Y. Giants 6½ 5½ LAKERS 113, KINGS 80 SACRAMENTO (80) SAUKAMENTU (80) Greene 2-7 0-0 5, Thompson 9-13 1-5 19, Dalembert 1-2 2-2 4, Evans 5-15 2-4 15, Head 0-3 0-0 0, Udrih 2-6 0-0 4, Garcia 1-4 0-0 3, Cousins 3-9 3-4 9, Landry 2-6 2-4 6, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Casspi 1-5 2-2 4, Jeter 5-7 1-1 11. 61/2 8 7 3½ 4½ 9½ 9 6½ 6½ 2½ 3 12½ 13 6½ 5 5 5½ 3 3½ at N.Y. Giants Chicago at Green Bay New Orleans Atlanta at San Diego at Seattle Totals 31-77 13-22 80. L.A. LAKERS (113) LA. LAKERS (11.3) Artest 1:3 0-0 2, Odom 7-13 2-3 16, Gasol 6-8 4-5 16, Fisher 2-4 1:1 5, Bryant 9-18 4-8 22, Blake 4-7 0-0 11, Caracter 5-8 0-0 10, Brown 6-11 2-2 14, Walton 1-4 0-0 2, Barnes 1-2 2-2 4, Ebanks 4-4 1-1 9, Vujacic 1-1 0-0 2. Sunday's Games Boston at New Jersey, II a.m. New York at Toronto. II a.m. Cleveland at Detroit, 4 p.m. Golden State at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m. New Orleans at San Antonio, 5 p.m. Memphis at Denver, 6 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Portland, 7 p.m. Monday's Games Terronto at Indiana 5 p.m. at Seattle at Indianapolis St. Louis at Baltimore 21/2 at New England 3 3^{1/2} (45) N.Y. Jets LA Lakers 21 31 30 31 – 113 3-Point Goals–Sacramento 5-16 (Evans 37, Garcia 1-2, Greene 1-3, Head 0-1, Casspi 0-1, Udrih 0-2), L.A. Lakers 3-14 (Blake 3-6, Barnes 0-1, Odom 0-3, Brown 0-4). Fouled Out–None, Rebounds–Sacramento 52 (Thompson 10), L.A. Lakers 45 (Odom 7). Assists– Sacramento 15 (Casspi 4), L.A. Lakers 27 (Gasol 5). Total Fouls–Sacramento 21, L.A. Lakers 20. Technicals–Thompson. Flagrant Fouls–Brown. A– 18997 (Its)97). FOOTBALL **NFL** All Times MST American Monday's Games Toronto at Indiana, 5 p.m. Atlanta at Orlando, 5 p.m. Minnesota at New York, 5:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at Chicago, 6 p.m. Miami at Miwakee, 6 p.m. Memphis at Utah, 7 p.m. Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m. Wagner 73, Sacred Heart 68, OT Wormen's College Scores Far West Air Force 61, Texas St. 41 Arknasas 65, Utah 54 BYU 70, San Diego 44 Fresno St. 75, TCI 72 Idaho St. 68, Utah Valley 56 Illinois 63, Ciorado 59 N. Colorado 59 N. Colorado 59 N. Colorado 76, S. Dakota Tech 42 Portland 66, Hawaii 61 UC Ivrive 75, Portland St. 61 Utah St. 80, N. Arizona 75, OT Weber St. 51, Bryant 49 Wyoming 68, Idaho 55 Midwest Bowling Green 91, Cal St. Fullerton 51 Bradley 81, Saint Louis 64 Butter 81, Indiana 5t, 72 Chicago St. 67, Ohio 54 Drake 76, North Dakota 51 E, Illinois 79, Austin Peay 58 Illinois St. 94, III. Chicago 86, OT N. Dakota St. 78, S. Dakota 51, 71 N. Jowa 72, Wis-Milwakee 58 Oakland, Mich. 75, UMKC 50 Oarla Noberts 83, IUPUI 70 S. Utah 69, IPFW 66 SE Missouris 17, Iennessee St. 46 Wight St. 71, Akron 64 Kansas 73, SMU 65 EAST W L T Pct PF PA 18.997 (18,997). New England 334 264 205 229 266 187 225 295 .818 9 9 0 2259 .818 .545 .182 N.Y. Jets Men's College Scores Miami Buffalo 6 Ment s College Scores Far West BYU 78, Hawaii 57 CS Bakersfield 77, San Francisco 69 Cal St. Fullerton 90, San Diego 76 Colorado 83, Oregon 51. 57 Colorado 81, 87, Fresno 51. 74 Denver 66, CS Northridge 63 E. Washington 112, New Hope Christian 41 Illinois 73, Gonzaga 61 N. Arizona 91, Bethany, Calif. 50 N. Colorado 84, Black Hills St. 52 New Mexico 84, New Mexico St. 78, 01 San Jose 58, 85, UC Irvine 70 UC Davis 80, Notre Dame de Namur 53 Utah Valley 77, Sacramento 51. 52 Washington 108, Texas Tech 79 Weber 51. 65, Seattle 61 Wyoming 81, Indiana 51. 51 Southwest Arkansas 75, Troy 60 **NBA Boxes** SOUTH W L T Pct PF PA Indianapolis Jacksonville Tennessee Houston HEAT 89, HAWKS 77 .545 .545 .455 .417 282 240 257 288 252 294 218 321 Williams 2-9 0-0 5, Smith 4-12 1-2 11, Horford 10-11 2-4 22, Bibby 4-10 0-0 10, Evans 1-6 2-2 4, J.a.Crawford 6-16 0-0 12, Reague 0-10-0 0, Wilkins 0-2 0-0, Powell 5-10 2-2 12, Pachulia 0-3 0-0 0, Collins 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 32-80 8-12 77. MALLI (80) HOCKEY NHL All Times MST EASTERN NORTH W L T Pct PF PA .727 .727 .364 .182 250 254 216 225 188 181 229 288 Baltimore 8 8 4 0 5-10.22 12, Patitulia 0-3 0-0 0, Collins 0-0 12 1, Totals 3-280 8-12 7. MIAMI (80) James 5-11 11-13 22, Bosh 12-22 3-4 27, Ilgauskas 0-4 0-0 0, Arroyo 1-4 0-0 2, Wade 11-18 4-6 26, Chalmers 4-10 0-0 9, Jones 1-2 0-0 3, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Howard 0-10-0 0, Datas 13-47 21 8-23 89. Atlanta 15 12 15 16 77 Miami 16 24 13 26 -89 3-Point Goals-Atlanta 5-17 (Smith 2-2, Bibby 2-4, Williams 1-4, Evans 0-2, Ja.Crawford 0-5), Miami 3-8 (James 1-1, Smithers 1-3, Wade 0-1, Arroyo 0-1). Fouled Out–None, Rebounds-Atlanta 49 (Horford 9), Miami 46 (Wade, Bosh 10). Assists Atlanta 16 (Bibby 6), Miami 15 (James, Chalmers 4). Total Fouls-Atlanta 17, Miami 16, Technicals-Bibby, A–19,600 (19,600). Pittsburg ATLANTIC GP W L OT PTS GF GA Cleveland Pittsburgh Philadelphia N.Y. Rangers New Jersey N.Y. 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Utah 66 Illinois St. 64, Montana St. 56 Indiana 79, Savannah St. 57 Warbold Chicago 52 Austin 64, Montana St. 56 Indiana 79, Savannah St. 57 Marquette 96, Longwood 65 NATIONAL Montreal 71 72 68 58 54 53 50 73 80 72 Boston Buffalo EAST W L T Pct PF PÅ Philadelphia N.Y. Giants Washington Dallas 344 277 215 256 .667 .636 .455 .273 281 240 262 301 Ottawa 4 6 SOUTHEAST GP W L OT PTS GF GA 2 38 92 74 3 33 84 94 3 31 85 78 3 25 75 84 0 22 64 66 28 18 27 15 27 14 26 11 25 11 8 9 10 12 14 Washington Tampa Bay SOUTH PF PA WL T Pct Wright St. 71, Akron 64 Southwest Kansas 73, SMU 65 Texas A&M 74, California 58 Texas A&M 74, California 58 Texas Suthern 64, Stephen E.Austin 63 Texas Suthern 64, Stephen E.Austin 63 Texas Arlington 81, Texas Pan American 72 South Alabama 90, Ark.-Pine Bluff 56 Alcorn St. 66, Northwestern St. 64 Chattanooga 87, Georgia Southern 80 Davidson 71, Radford 62 Florida A&M 68, Bethune-Cookman 56 Florida Gulf Coast 98, JackSonville 47 Florida 2, W. Carolina 48 Furman 71, Charleston Southern 70 Georgetown 64, Wake Forest 49 Grambling St. 61, Nicholls St. 44 Hampton 68, Howard 52 Lipscomb 67, Wercer 57 Mississippi St. 66, North Texas 60 Morehad St. 74, Murray St. 65 Morgan St. 63, Coppin St. 56 N. Garolina A&T 44, Nortolk St. 58 S. Carolina A&T 74, Nortolk St. 58 S. Carolina AST 72, Detroil 70, OT 76ERS 109, BOBCATS 91 Atlanta Carolina Florida /6ERS 109, BUBCATS 91 CHARLOTTE (91) Wallace 3:10 2:4 8, Diaw 7:12 3:4 19, Mohammed 1:5 0:0 2, Augustin 5:12 0:0 12, Jackson 6:16 5:5 18, Thomas 1:4 0:0 2, Livingston 2:5 2:5 4, McGuine 1:2 2:3 4, K. Brown 4:6 4:5 12, D.Brown 1:1 0:0 2, Carroll 1:2 1:2 3, Collins 1:2 1:1 3, Totals 33:77 20:26 91. PHILADELPHAIL (009) Iguidata 5:10 4:5 15, Brand 7:11 1:1 15, Hawes 3:5 0:0 6, Holiday 6:11 0:0 15, Meeks 9:16 1:2 26, Young 8:11 4:4 20, Turner 0:1 0:0 10, Mocioni 1:6 0:0 2, Speights 1:3 0:0 2, Williams 1:5 6:7 8, Totals 4:179 16:19 109. 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Technicals-Thomas, Wallace, Nocioni, Philadelphia defensive three second 2. A–14,611 (20,318). NORTHWEST GP W L OT PTS GF GA Seattle St. Louis San Francisco Arizona .455 .455 .364 .273 209 213 187 194 275 231 225 319 3 31 78 3 29 91 4 26 63 2 24 72 4 22 68 24 14 26 13 26 11 26 11 26 11 25 9 Marquette 96, Longwood 65 Marshall 65, Ohio 57 Vancouver 61 82 76 78 92 7 10 11 13 12 Colorado Marshall 65, Ohio 57 Michigan 65, Harvard 62 Michigan 51, Harvard 62 Michigan 51, 74, Bowling Green 39 Middle Tennessee 73, SIU-Edwardsville 64, OT Minseota 71, Cornell 66 Missouri St. 101, Cent. Arkansas 61 N. Dakota 51, 82, 50 Jakota 51, 75 North Dakota 54, F. Michigan 49 Oakland, Mich. 99, UMKC 62 Oral Roberts 63, UIPUI 61 Minnesota Calgary Edmonton Thursday's Game Thursdays Game Thursdays Games Holiadelphia 34, Houston 24 San Francisco at Green Bay, 11 a.m. Buffalo at Minnesota, 11 a.m. Jacksonville at Tennessee, 11 a.m. Jackson dt Miami, 11 a.m. GP W L OT PTS GF GA PACIFIC 1 33 6 30 3 29 0 28 Dallas 8

TIMBERWOLVES 129, CAVALIERS 95

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8115-18129. **Cleveland** 24 30 17 24 – 95 **Winnesota** 37 36 29 27 – 129 3-Point Goals-Cleveland 5-21 (Jamison 3-7, Parker 1-4, J.Williams 1-4, Harris 0-1, Moon 0-1, M.Williams 0-1, Gilson 0-3), Minnesota 18-26 (Love 5-5, Ellington 4-6, Johnson 3-4, Ridnour 2-2, Brewer 2-4, Telfair 1-2, Hayward 1-2, Gaines 0-1). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Cleveland 38 (Powe, J.Williams 6), Minnesota 55 (Love 19). Assists-Cleveland 21 (Sessions 6), Minnesota 30 (Telfair 7). Total Fouls-Cleveland 12 (Sessions 6), Minnesota 30 (Telfair 7). Total Fouls-Cleveland 16, Minnesota 24, Technicals-Cleveland defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls-Sessions. A-14,422 (19,356).

BULLS 119, ROCKETS 116, OT

HOUSTON (16) Battier 4-6 3-4 12, Scola 9-18 9-12 27, Hayes 2-4 0-0 4, Lowry 5-17 5-7 16, Martin 5-10 3-3 14, Lee 3-4 1-1 9, Hill 4-6 1-2 9, Budinger 0-6 1-2 1, Taylor 2-5 0-0 4, Miller 6-13 4-5 20, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-89 27-36 116. CHICAGO (119)

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Rose 13-28 0-0 30, Bogans 2-3 1-2 6, Brewer 2-4 1-2 5	j,
Gibson 2-6 4-4 8, Watson 1-3 0-0 2, Korver 5-11 2-2 1	3,
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Chicago 25 31 25 28 10- 119	
3-Point Goals–Houston 9-23 (Miller 4-9, Lee 2-2,	

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S. Carlonia S. Coo, M.C. Central S2 SC.-Upstate 78, ETSU 70 Saint Joseph's 77, Detroit 70, OT Southern Miss. 48, Ark.-Little Rock 47 Stetson 75, North Florida 62 Temple 62, Aubum 61 Tenn.-Martin 61, E. Kentucky 46 Tennessee Tech 79, Jacksonville St. 63 Troy 75, Belhaven 39 Virginia 63, Drexel 54 Est Iroy 7,5 Belhaven 39 Virginia 63, Drexel 54 Albany, NY. 63, Siena 59 American U. 57, Youngstown St. 41 Army 53, Penn 44 Duquesne 59, Canisius 35 Florida 73, Providence 56 Fordham 77, St. Peter's 55 Holy Cross 79, Maine 69 Lafayette 51, Fairleigh Dickinson 37 Lehigh 72, Binghamton 60 Marquette 68, Vermont 19 Pittsburgh 66, Mount 5L. Marys, Md. 30 Quinnipiac 85, Wagner 72 St. Bonaventure 45, Marist 40 St. Francis, Pu. Jelaware 51, 17 Towson 78, Rhode Island 72 UMBC 63, Bucknell 57 West Virginia 89, High Point 57 West Virginia 89, High Point 57 Mester 10 St. Parist, Sol Market 10 St. 57 Vanamett Tournament Asu Classic Championship Arizona St. 55, New Mexico 40 Third Place Lamar 86, Cal Poly 83 Evansville Winter Classic Evansville Winter Classic Championship Cent. Michigan 96, Evansville 83 Third Place Valparaiso 59, Coastal Carolina 52, OT Gene Hackerman Invitational Championship Prairie View 49, Louisiana-Monroe 44 Championship

Cleveland at Miami, 11 a.m. Chicago at Detroit, 11 a.m. Washington at W. Giants, 11 a.m. New Orleans at Cincinnati, 11 a.m. Oakland at San Diego, 2:05 p.m. Carolina at Seattle, 2:15 p.m. St. Louis at Arizona, 2:15 p.m. Dallas at Indianapolis, 2:15 p.m. Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 6:20 p.m. Monday S Game NY. Jets at New England, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Bec. 9 Indianapolis at Tennessee, 6:20 p.m. N.T. JEIS AT NEW England, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 Indianapolis at Tennessee, 6:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 Sunday, Dec. 13 Sunday, Dec. 13 Sunday, Dec. 13 Sunday, Dec. 13 Cievaland at Buffalo, 11 a.m. Green Bay at Detroit, 11 a.m. Atlanta at Carolina, 11 a.m. Seattle at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m. St. Louis at New Orleans, 2:05 p.m. New England at Chicago, 2:15 p.m. New England at Chicago, 2:15 p.m. New England at Chicago, 2:15 p.m. Miami at NY, Jets, 2:15 p.m. Miami at NY, Jets, 2:15 p.m. Miami at Dallas, 6:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 Baltimore at Houston, 6:30 p.m.

College Football Scores FAR WEST Boise St. 50, Utah St. 14 E. Washington 37, SE Missouri 17 Idaho 26, San Jose St. 23, OT N. Dakota St. 42, Montana St. 17 Oregon 37, Oregon St. 20 Washington 35, Washington St. 28 SOUTHWEST Oklahoma 23, Nebraska 20 Oklahoma 23, Nebraska 20

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Friday's Games Friday's Games Calgary 3, Minnesota 2, 50 N.Y. Rangers 2, NY. Islanders 0 Carolina 2, Colorado 1, 0T Buffalo 5, Columbus 0 Vancouver 3, Chicago 0 Detroit 4, Anaheim 0 Detroit 4, Anaheim 0 Coronto 3 Poston 2, SCO Sturdays I, Marke Saturdays I Toronto 3, Boston 2, SO Buffalo 1, Ottawa 0, SO Florida 2, Phoenix 1, SO Philadelphia 5, New Jersey 3 Montreal 3, San Jose 1 Atlanta 3, Washington 1 Pittsburgh 7, Columbus 2 Tampa Bay 6, Colorado 5 Tampa Bay 6, Carolina 2 Dallas 4, Minnesota 3, OT St. Louis at Edmonton, late St. Louis at Edmonton, late St. Louis at Editionitii, late Detroit at Los Angeles, late **Sunday's Games** Philadelphia at NY. Islanders, 11 a.m. Ottawa at NY. Rangers, 3 p.m. Calgary at Chicago, 5 p.m. Phoenix at Anaheim, 6 p.m. St. Louis at Vancouver, 7 p.m. Monday's Games Monday's Gan New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m. Nashville at Atlanta, 5 p.m. Dallas at Columbus Dallas at Columbus, 5 p.m. San Jose at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.

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Union to players: Save pay, NFL lockout's coming

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The NFL players' union has advised its members to prepare for a lockout in March, telling players to save their last three game checks this year in case there is no season in 2011.

In a letter to the players that was seen by The Associated Press, NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith said the union had an "internal deadline" for agreeing to a new collective bargaining agreement.

'That deadline has now passed," he wrote. "It is important that you protect yourself and your family.'

It was not clear what effect the passing of the self-imposed deadline would have on negotiations. NFLPA spokesman George Atallah said in an e-mail to the AP that he would not comment and seconds until the CBA expires on March 3. because the letter was supposed to be internal.

But copies of the letter, which was dated Wednesday, were strewn across a table in the New England Patriots locker room on Saturday where they were visible to players, reporters and team officials. After a reporter asked players about the letter, a Patriots spokesman flipped the copies face-down.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello called the deadline "disappointing and inexplicable, especially for fans.'

"We hope this does not mean the union has abandoned negotiating in favor of decertifying and litigating," he said. "We are ready to meet and negotiate anytime and anywhere. But it takes sustained effort and shared commitment to reach an agreement. One side can't do it alone.'

The NFL has not missed games due to labor strife since 1987, when owners responded to a player strike by continuing the season with replacement players. But the prospect of a lost season in 2011 intensified when owners opted out of the collective bargaining agreement in 2008.

Smith has said that he believes the owners opted out with the goal of locking the players out. The NFLPA's home page features a "Lockout Watch" that counts down the days, hours, minutes

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Utah starting QB to miss bowl

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah starting quarterback Jordan Wynn will have shoulder surgery and will miss the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 22, coach Kyle Whittingham announced Saturday.

Whittingham said Wynn had an MRI Friday night after experiencing shoulder soreness in practice. Wynn initially hurt his shoulder in Utah's 68-27



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win over Iowa State on Oct. 9, but Whittingham said he recovered enough to play in the seven games that followed before reinjuring the shoulder in Utah's 17-16 win over BYU on Nov. 27.

Wynn will undergo surgery in the next seven to 10 days, with recovery estimated at six months.

Terrance Cain, who threw two interceptions in two third-quarter possessions against BYU, takes over. Cain started two games this year when Wynn was out with a thumb injury, and is 9-1 as Utah's starter. Cain directed Utah to victories over UNLV and New Mexico, but has played sparingly since Wynn's return to the lineup.

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Source: Yankees and Jeter agree to \$51M deal

NEW YORK - Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees reached a preliminary agreement Saturday on a \$51 million, three-year contract

with an \$8 million player option for 2014, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press

The person spoke Saturday on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

The guaranteed portion of the contract includes a \$3 million buyout if the option is declined. If it is exercised, Jeter would earn \$56 million over four seasons.

The player option can escalate up to \$17 million. The amount depends on a points system. He earns points based on if he finishes anywhere among top six in AL MVP voting and if he wins World Series MVP, league championship series MVP. Gold Glove or Silver Slugger Awards. If he earns the maximum, he would get \$65 million over the four years.

There is deferred money included, which for the purposes of baseball's collective bargaining agreement and the luxury tax brings its average annual value to about \$16 million annually, just above the \$15.75 million average in the 10-year deal agreed to this week by Colorado's Troy Tulowitzki.

The deal is subject to final agreement on contract language.





AP photo

Duke forward Mason Plumlee, left, knocks the ball from Butler's Chase Stigall, right, as Butler's Ronald Nored looks on during the second half of Saturday's game in East Rutherford, N.J.

Duke handles Butler in title-game rematch

N.J. - Nolan Smith scored Gophers withstand anoth-24 points to lead No.1 Duke er strong shooting night to an 82-70 victory over from an opponent. Butler on Saturday, moving Mike Krzyzewski into a tie with Adolph Rupp for third place on the coaching career wins list.

added all but four of his 21 in the second half for Duke. in a rematch of schools that played an epic national championship game in that game 61-59, giving Krzyzewski his fourth NCAA title. He has 876 wins overall, 803 at Duke.

Shawn Vanzant had 14 points for the Bulldogs (4-3), and his 12-point second half was what kept them from beyond the arc. close until Duke pulled away in the final minutes.

NO. 3 PITTSBURGH 87, RIDER 68

PITTSBURGH – Brad Wanamaker had 16 points and 11 assists as No. 3 Pittsburgh shut down Rider's 3-point shooters with its man-to-man defense.

Ashton Gibbs also scored 16 points and Dante Taylor added 12 to help the Panthers win their 53rd consecutive non-conference home game and their 102nd in 103 games.

Pitt is 9-0 for the eighth time in nine seasons.

NO. 6 MICHIGAN STATE 74, **BOWLING GREEN 39**

EAST LANSING, Mich. -Durrell Summers scored 14 points, and No. 6 Michigan State went on a 21-1 run early in the second half to put of Southern Idaho swingaway Bowling Green.

EAST RUTHERFORD, four assists, helping the

NO. 16 GEORGETOWN 68, UTAH STATE 51

WASHINGTON - Chris Wright had 21 points and Freshman Kyrie Irving No. 16 Georgetown relied on defense instead of 3pointers to pass its latest nonconference test against Utah State.

The victory improved April. The Blue Devils won the Hoyas to 8-0 for the second consecutive season.

NO. 20 ILLINOIS 73, GONZAGA 61

SEATTLE – Demetri McCamey had 11 points and seven assists, and No. 20 Illinois was blistering

Mike Tisdale hit a pair of 3-pointers early in the second half to extend a 34-28 lead, and the Illini (8-1) went on a 14-3 run to take a 62-44 advantage.

NO. 21 BYU 78, HAWAII 57

SALT LAKE CITY -Jimmer Fredette scored 16 points and sophomore Stephen Rogers added a career-high 13 as a reserve.

Rogers entered the game having missed all seven attempts from beyond the arc, but gave the Cougars (8-0) a spark after Hawaii pulled within 23-19 with 6:55 left in the first half. He hit three 3-pointers and scored 11 of BYU's next 14 as the Cougars extended their lead to 37-25.

Hiram Thompson had 13 points and former College man Joston Thomas scored The Spartans (6-2) were 12 to lead Hawaii, which has

Heat grind out win over Hawks

response.

So did his teammates. Chris Bosh scored 27 points, Dwyane Wade added 26 and the Miami Heat scored 11 straight points in the final minutes to beat the Atlanta Hawks 89-77 on Saturday night – winning their fourth straight to move a season-high five games over .500.

"It's just a better feel in the game, but also on the basketball court," Wade said. "We're starting to 'get it' with each other. ... It's making a world of difference."

James was quiet offensively for much of the second half, and it didn't matter. He finished with 22 points, and got serenaded by "Miami loves you!" chants a nod to the "Akron hates you!" cries James heard Miami visited when Cleveland for the first time since he scorned the Cavaliers and joined the Heat in July.

Wade and Bosh did their part to keep the Hawks at bay, and then the reigning two-time MVP got his first field goal of the second half with 2:52 remaining - a Young added 20 points for his best game for the Bulls,

MIAMI - LeBron James' fierce slam, followed by a new fan base in Miami had a scream, all giving Miami an 81-72 lead. Mario Chalmers hit an off-balance jumper with 1:38 left, the lead was back to 11, and Miami survived.

> "We're figuring it out," James said. "We're figuring out what it takes for us three to be successful, and to have the team win."

BUCKS 96, MAGIC 85

MILWAUKEE - Andrew locker room, away from the Bogut scored a season-high points and had 18 Philadelphia. 31 rebounds in his return from a back injury, and Brandon Iverson's arena record for 10 of his 20 points in the Jennings had 27 points, points in a first quarter with fourth quarter to help the seven rebounds and six assists for Milwaukee.

Vince Carter scored 20 points and Richardson added 16 for Orlando, down to eight active players because of illness and injury. Starters Dwight Howard and Jameer Nelson missed the game for six.

76ERS 109, BOBCATS 91

PHILADELPHIA – Jodie Houston. Meeks scored a career-high 26 points, 20 in a big first-



20, scoring all 20 during a Rockets overcame a 14-26-5 run in a 5:11 span. Meeks made his first six 3-Quentin pointers and finished 7 of 10, and 9 of 16 overall.

with 19 points.

BULLS 119, ROCKETS 116, OT

CHICAGO – Derrick the Magic, which had its Rose scored 30 points and winning streak snapped at hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer in regulation to send the game into overtime, and Chicago went on to beat

Rose added seven rebounds, 11 assists and five quarter run, and Thaddeus steals, and Carlos Boozer, in

AP photo

had 25 points and nine Meeks matched Allen rebounds. Brad Miller scored point deficit.

TIMBERWOLVES 128, CAVALIERS 95

MINNEAPOLIS - Kevin Boris Diawled the Bobcats Love had 28 points and 19 rebounds and Minnesota snapped a six-game losing streak with a victory over Cleveland, two days after the Cavaliers were thrashed by LeBron James.

The Timberwolves hit a franchise-record 18 3pointers to blow out the Cavaliers.

Antawn Jamison had 17 points for Cleveland.

- The Associated Press

Woods closing in on familiar result

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. - Tiger Woods was in the middle of the fairway, posing over an 8-iron from 170 yards away. Luke Donald was on the top of the hill next to the clubhouse when he turned his head upon hearing another big cheer from the gallery that surrounded the 18th green.

The large video screen in the distance showed the ball next to the hole.

"Looks like he's finding his form," Donald said.

It's looked like that all week.

With three straight birdies early to turn back a brief challenge, a key par save on leading by at least three my mind might go there, but the back nine and one last birdie on the 18th, Woods had a 4-under 68 in the Chevron World Challenge to maintain his four-shot lead over U.S. Open champion



Tiger Woods hits from the elevated tees on the 16th hole during the third round of the Chevron World Challenge golf tournament at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Saturday.

good."

shots going into the final it's good discipline. Feels round.

No one else was within going into the second round, eight shots of the lead.

Hjorth with one round left in the season-ending LPGA Tour Championship. Yang had a 6-under 210

total at Grand Cypress Golf Club. Hjorth shot a 71.

Cristie Kerr, needing a first victory to become the first American in 16 years to win the LPGA Tour player of the year award, was three strokes back after a 71. South Korea's Seon Hwa Lee (73) also was 3 under.

NEDBANK GOLF CHALLENGE

SUN CITY, South Africa Top-ranked Lee Westwood shot a 1-under 71 to take a five-stroke lead over fellow Englishman Ross Fisher and South Africa's Tim Clark in the Nedbank McDowell, trailing by four Golf Challenge.

Westwood had a 13-under After eight months of quickly closed within a shot 203 total on the Gary Player looking like an ordinary with a two-putt birdie on Country Club course. He shot

AP photo

coming off a five-point loss lost two straight after at Duke on Wednesday and starting 5-0. didn't look sharp early.

NO. 8 SYRACUSE 65, N.C. STATE 59

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Scoop Jardine scored 23 points and nine rebounds. points, Rick Jackson added 16, and No. 8 Syracuse shut points and the No. 22 down North Carolina State Boilermakers cruised past late and beat the Wolfpack Alabama. 65-59 Saturday night.

North Carolina State (4-3) seemed poised for an week with wins against upset after taking a sixpoint lead, but Syracuse eight minutes, forcing two all nine of its tries. shot-clock violations and holding the Wolfpack without a basket for the final 7:20.

NORTH CAROLINA 75, NO. 10 KENTUCKY 73

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Tyler Zeller scored a careerhigh 27 points and hit the goahead free throws with 47 seconds left, helping North Carolina edge No. 10 Kentucky.

of the season.

NO. 14 MEMPHIS 77, WESTERN KENTUCKY 61

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – D.J. Stephens had 13 points and 11 rebounds and No. 14 Memphis overcame another sloppy performance.

Joe Jackson led the Tigers for Iowa (4-4). (7-0) with 15 points and six assists, but Memphis had 21 high with eight assists, and turnovers and Hilltoppers got 28 offensive five steals. rebounds.

MINNEAPOLIS throw line, and 16 rebounds. throws during the run.

Blake Hoffarber added 13 points, five rebounds and

NO. 22 PURDUE 66, ALABAMA 47

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – E'Twaun Moore had 23 JaJuan Johnson added 17

Purdue (7-1) bounced back from a loss to Richmond last Virginia Tech and Alabama. The Boilermakers made 9 of clamped down in the final 24 3s, while Alabama missed

NO. 23 WASHINGTON 108. **TEXAS TECH 79**

SEATTLE-Justin Holidav had 17 of his career-high 20 points in the first half. Matthew Bryan-Amaning added 18 points and No. 23 Washington rolled past Texas Tech.

Isaiah Thomas had 16 points and C.J. Wilcox scored 11 for Washington Zeller scored 12 of the (5-2), which won its second final 16 points for the Tar consecutive game after Heels (5-3), who earned a losses to Kentucky and needed victory against a Michigan State at the Maui big-name opponent after Invitational. Ex-CSI center struggling the first month Aziz N'Diaye scored four points before fouling out.

IOWA 70, IDAHO STATE 53

IOWA CITY, Iowa -Bryce Cartwright scored 15 points and Matt Gatens added 14 to lead Iowa past Idaho State 70-53 Saturday. Eric May added 11 points

Cartwright tied his career the Gatens had five assists and

Iowa led by 18 at halftime, NO. 15 MINNESOTA 71, CORNELL 66 but was outscored 27-14 over the first 11 minutes of Trevor Mbakwe had 12 the second half. Idaho State points, all from the free- (2-4) made 11 of 12 free

- The Associated Press

Graeme McDowell.

of Woods' career. he is one round away from a familiar finish.

excited "I'm tomorrow because of the last year, which he won by way I'm playing," Woods said.

It was the first time all year that Woods has posted four straight rounds in the 60s, dating to his finalround 65 in the Australian he said. "I'm just in the Masters two weeks ago. moment, trying to put the What mattered was keeping

his lowest score and largest

eight. get ahead of himself.

"To be honest with you. I don't look at it that way when I'm out there playing." golf ball on different sides of his four-shot margin over the fairway, where I need to Korea's Amy Yang shot a 1-McDowell. Woods has never put it on the green. I just over 73 to take a one-stroke

player, Woods is starting to the second and daring tee a 64 in the second round and Following the worst year resemble the guy with 82 shot to the top-right hole has made only three bogeys in wins and 14 majors. It was location on the par-3 third. the first three rounds.

> Woods quickly pulled lead after three rounds since away. He hit a blast-andabout the BMW Championship run from a plugged lie in the bunker on the par-5 fifth to 2 star Geoff Ogilvy shot a 5-Woods was careful not to birdie on the sixth and then to five strokes after the third covered the flag on the seventh to about 3 feet.

> > Just like that, his lead was back to five.

LPGA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

lost a tournament when play. You would think that lead over Sweden's Maria

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

SYDNEY – Australian feet, rolled in a fast 20-foot under 67 to increase his lead round of the Australian Open.

Ogilvy, the 2006 U.S. Open champion, had a 16-under 200 total at The Lakes. Australia's Matt Iones, a ORLANDO, Fla. – South stroke behind Ogilvy after two rounds, was second after a 71.

- The Associated Press

Steven Dent wins third round of bareback

LAS VEGAS (AP) -National Finals Rodeo, scoring 85 points on Big Lights to take the lead in the world standings and event aggregate.

Dent, from Mullen, Neb., moved ahead of Ryan Gray of Cheney, Wash., in the world standings. Gray's season ended Friday night when he sustained a liver laceration Golden Dream.

"He (Gray) is going to be all right, and we're all wishseason. "There's not a better guy in rodeo, so I'm glad to see he's going to be all right. It's tough to see anybody get hurt, especially this time of year and in the position he was in.

"Last night, I asked him if there was anything I could do for him, and he said, 'Go win a gold buckle? That's the kind of guy he is. He's a good him go down like that."

Midland, Texas, won with a the third roound. 4.2-second run to move into second place in the header Cody Wright of Milford, and heeler world standings.

Travis Graves of Jay, Okla., Pair. earned a paycheck by placing sixth in 7.0.

when he was stepped on by moved from eighth place to come into the finals in first second in three NFR rounds. place," Wright said. With three top-three finishes, Brazile has put himself in ing him the best," said Dent, position to start thinking for his second round in a row who has earned \$162,115 this about the second Triple with an 87.5 on Sundance. Crown of his career.

standings behind leader within the margin of one with \$120,018 and 14-time second in the world stand-NFR qualifier Suhn is next with \$119,303.

Cassidy, who failed to earn person, and you hate to see a check in the first two Cooper of Decatur, Texas, onships since Don Gay in rounds, finished in a three- won with a 6.9-second run.

In team roping, all- way tie for second place with Steven Dent won the third around champion Trevor Dane Hanna of Berthold, round of bareback riding Brazile of Decatur, Texas, N.D., and Jule Hazen of Saturday night in the and Patrick Smith of Ashland, Kan. They 4.2s in Texas.

> In saddle bronc riding, Utah, maintained his world \$145,561. Tuf Cooper is sec-Standings header leader lead by winning for the sec-Clay Tryan of Billings, ond consecutive round, this Mont., and heeler leader time with an 88 on Spanish leader Sherry Cervi of

feel as much pressure this Brazile and Smith have year, maybe because I didn't

> Jesse Wright, Cody's younger brother, was second

There are five saddle In steer wrestling, Todd bronc riders with more than Suhn of Hermosa, S.D., won \$100,000 in season earnwith a 3.8 and moved into ings, and one rider, Wade third with an 88.5 on After second place in the world Sundell of Boxholm, Iowa, is Curtis Cassidy of Donalda, round win of taking over ridden all three of his bulls Alberta. Cassidy still leads first place. Sundell stayed in and is the aggregate leader ings by placing third with an trying to become the first 84 on Luxurious Bubbles.

Cooper's brother, Clif, tied for second in 7.3 with Scott Kormos of Teague,

Brazile, who didn't place among the top six with a 9.2, is the world leader with ond with \$132,225.

In barrel racing, world Marana, Ariz., won with a "For some reason, I don't time of 13.65. Cervi, the career earnings leader, has made \$200,188 this season.

> In bull riding, Kanin Asay of Powell, Wyo., won with a 91 on Pocket Change. Cody Whitney of Asher, Okla., was second with a 90.5 on Kid Twist and defending world champion J.W. Harris of Mullin, Texas, placed Party.

Harris has successfully with a score of 265.5. He is bull rider to win three con-In tie-down roping, Tuf secutive world champi-1979-81.

Newton leads Auburn into BCS title game

ATLANTA – Cam Newton still seems a little dazed by it all, how a guy who was playing at a junior college in Texas just a season ago has the Heisman Trophy in his grasp, his team just one win away from the national championship.

Believe it.

With his best performance yet in a week when NCAA pronounced him good to go, Newton accounted for six touchdowns in the Southeastern Conference championship game to lead No. 2 Auburn to a 56-17 rout 18th-ranked of Carolina on Saturday.

Newton, who threw for a night in the Big 12 champi- record for touchdowns rushcareer-best 335 yards and four touchdowns, plus ran for game in the conference. a pair of scores. "I've just been living the dream."

NO. 1 OREGON 37, OREGON STATE 20

CORVALLIS, Ore. – As the third quarter turned to the fourth and AC/DC blared in Reser Stadium, Oregon State's sideline was rocking, its players thinking they just might pull off a monster upset.

On its side, top-ranked Oregon stayed cool – focused on winning the day.

When it was done, and a the first time all season. spot in the BCS national title game was secured, that's the game-winner, a 27-yard Football Bowl Subdivision in when the Ducks finally let field goal, with 8:28 to play. loose.

Heisman Trophy contender LaMichael James, Kenjon Barner and the fastpaced Ducks negotiated the Tyrod Taylor threw three career-high 352 yards, Rvan last speed bump on the way to Glendale, Ariz., grinding out a 37-20 victory over the Beavers in the Civil War on tured its third Atlantic Coast problems to beat Rutgers 35-Saturday.

The matchup becomes official Sunday, but there will Florida State on Saturday title. be no surprises when the final night. Bowl Championship Series standings come out: Oregon Hokies (11-2) had their will play Auburn on Jan. 10 for its first national championship.

NO. 10 OKLAHOMA 23, NO. 13 NEBRASKA 20

ARLINGTON, Texas -Travis Lewis had an interception in the end zone and ed to the Orange Bowl thanks recovered two fumbles as No. to its 11th straight win.



AP photo

Auburn quarterback Cameron Newton reacts after his team defeated South Carolina in the Southeastern Conference Championship game Saturday in Atlanta.

12 championship history to

The Cornhuskers (10-3)

self-destructed in their final

squandering a 17-0 lead with

four turnovers and getting

shut out in the second half for

NO. 12 VIRGINIA TECH 44,

NO. 20 FLORIDA STATE 33

surging Virginia Tech cap-

secutive loses to start the sea-

squad recovered by dominat-

ing the ACC behind the ver-

Now Virginia Tech is head-

satile Taylor.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -

Bowl.

South 10 Oklahoma rallied from a NO. 14 NEVADA 35, LOUISIANA TECH 17

RUSTON. La. – Colin 17-point deficit to beat "It's not even sunk in," said Nebraska 23-20 on Saturday Kaepernick tied an NCAA onship, the Cornhuskers' last ing by a quarterback and Nevada won a share of the Landry Jones threw for Western Athletic Conference 342 yards and a touchdown title with a 35-17 victory over and also sneaked in for Louisiana Tech on Saturday, another score from 1 yard out hours before it accepted an as the Sooners (11-2) made invitation to the Kraft Fight the biggest comeback in Big Hunger Bowl.

Kaepernick scored three earn a spot in the Fiesta TDs on the ground, giving him 59 for his career, tying the mark held by Nebraska's Eric Crouch. Via Taua rushed game as a Big 12 member, for 162 yards and two scores.

The victory assured the Wolf Pack (12-1, 7-1 WAC) its first share of a WAC title since 2005 and its best regular sea-Jimmy Stevens delivered son since moving up to the 1992.

NO. 23 WEST VIRGINIA 35, RUTGERS 14 MORGANTOWN, W.Va. -

Geno Smith threw for a touchdown passes and Clarke had three short touchscrambled for another and down runs and No. 23 West Virginia overcame turnover Conference title in four years 14 on Saturday and clinch at with a 44-33 victory over least a share of the Big East

After the 12th-ranked WASHINGTON 35, WASHINGTON ST. 28

PULLMAN, Wash. - Jake national title hopes dashed in Locker made up for two critia five-day nightmare of con- cal turnovers by throwing a 27-yard touchdown pass to son, coach Frank Beamer's Jermaine Kearse with 44 left, seconds and Washington became bowl for 32 for 223 yards and a eligible for the first time in touchdown for the Big Sky eight years with a 35-28 win over rival Washington State in the 103rd Apple Cup on

Saturday night.

Washington running back Chris Polk ran for a careerhigh 284 vards on 29 carries and scored two touchdowns.

CONNECTICUT 19, SOUTH FLORIDA 16

TAMPA. Fla. – Dave Teggart had four field goals, including a career-long 52-yarder with 17 seconds to play, as Connecticut clinched the Big East's automatic Bowl Championship Series berth Saturday night with a 19-16 win over South Florida.

Lawrence Wilson had an interception return for a touchdown and Teggart kicked three field goals, including one from 50 yards early in the fourth, to put Connecticut (8-4, 5-2) up 16-6.

CENTRAL FLORIDA 17, SMU 7

ORLANDO, Fla. Latavius Murray rushed for 94 yards and scored two touchdowns Saturday to lead Central Florida to a 17-7 victory over Southern Methodist in the Conference USA championship game.

The Knights (10-3) won their second league title and a trip to the Liberty Bowl in their seventh season under George O'Leary, the former Georgia Tech coach who's led a dramatic turnaround since taking over a struggling program and going 0-11 in his first year on the job.

BOZEMAN, Mont. - D.J. McNorton rushed for 207 yards and a career-high four touchdowns as North Dakota State overpowered No. 4 Montana State in the fourth quarter en route to a 42-17 victory Saturday in the second round of the FCS playoffs.

McNorton ran for 163 yards and all of his TDs in the second half, and the Bison (9-4) scored four times after falling behind 17-14 on the first play the fourth quarter.

Denarius McGhee was 19 Conference co-champion Bobcats (9-3)

- The Associated Press

Jets-Patriots, **Steelers-Ravens: Juicy matchups**

By Barry Wilner Associated Press writer

There's a preview of the AFC title game in excellent shape. Foxborough this weekend.

Or is it in Baltimore? The NFL serves up a **of interest** tasty Week 13 featuring not one but two games of the year: the Jets and Patriots, tied for the AFC East lead at 9-2, on boys. Monday night, 24 hours after the

Steelers and Ravens, each 8-3, face off for the AFC North's top spot. Those mega-

matchups overshadow some intriguing leader Atlanta at Tampa Bay, and a will-theyshake-hands between Todd Haley's Chiefs and Josh McDaniels' Broncos.

As for the big ones: half comeback, blanking 2009. Tom Brady and company. Recently, New York has sneaked by a collec-

tion of weaker oppoan inexplicable misstep in Cleveland, stronger opposition, and Colts.

meter to register seismic numbers this week.

coach Bill Belichick we're here for, Jets and punts. the Patriots. I mean, both teams are walking out onto the field to come out victorious. Is that a big news story? That's something we didn't know?"

Inquiring minds want to know how each team because of a broken hip, will win. For the Jets, it's rejuvenated pretty simple: pressure Westbrook gets the start Brady or, as they say in and comes off a superb

"It's going to be very

Calvin Pace said, "that

They did in the first

meeting, picking off two

of the four interceptions

Brady has thrown all

year. New York has the

defensive backs, partic-

ularly CBs Darrelle Revis and Antonio Cromartie.

to match up. But give

pick apart a 15-man

"He's a guy that's

going to the Hall of

of the numbers, has the

rings, so it all starts with

him." defensive end

boutit."

bit."

defense.

have relatively unchallenging schedules in the last month of the season, so the winner here is in

Other games

DENVER (3-8) AT KANSAS CITY (7-4)

Now shake hands,

Chiefs coach Todd Haley refused the ritual on Nov. 14 after a 49-29 loss to Denver. Perhaps he knew something about the Broncos' taping of a walkthrough in London

other before the game with the games, 49ers for which Josh including NFC overall McDaniels was fin ed \$50,000 and the team also was hit for that affair amount.

KC has made quite a turnaround since Haley's debut season with the Chiefs, when The Jets beat New they went 4-12. Denver England 28-14 in Week 2 is 5-16 since starting 6-0 with a strong second- under McDaniels in

OAKLAND (5-6) AT SAN DIEGO (6-5)

Here come the nents, while outside of Chargers, on their typical November-Decthe ember surge toward the Patriots have handled playoffs. Philip Rivers, who never loses in including the Steelers December, has been spectacular despite Some might have working with an everexpected the trash-talk changing cast due to a slew of injuries.

Oakland, which won "There's no love lost three in a row to get into out there between those contention, has been two teams," Patriots routed the last two weeks. In its win over monotoned. "We both San Diego two months want to win. That's what ago, it blocked two

SAN FRANCISCO (4-7) AT GREEN BAY (7-4)

The 49ers will have the best running back on the Lambeau Field tundra, and it's not Frank Gore. With Gore gone Brian Brooklyn, "fuhgedda- performance against

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five catches for 76 yards and Boise, or any very, very good stars like Pettis and receiver the two touchdowns, and Austin football team, it doesn't take Broncos were dreaming of Pettis had four catches for 51 a rocket scientist to figure two weeks ago, when they yards and a TD. Efaw's first out you can't go down 15-0, were ranked No. 3 and poised came on the Broncos' open- especially the way we did," to surpass TCU in the BCS ing possession when Moore said coach Gary Anderson. "The (Nevada) loss was rankings and earn a trip to the fired a 12-yard strike. A 2- "We fought and continued to devastating and the weekend seven minutes into the game. It's great to rush the ball for Then a Boise State defense 250 yards ... but at the end of which was gouged by the day you have to have some sort of balance." One Aggie bright spot was time loss, held up its end of Williams, who rushed for "It's all about rebounding the bargain. The Broncos 147 yards and a score. Williams also set a new FBS interceptions and held Aggie single-season record for quarterback Diondre Borel to kick return yards in the season finale. His 17-yard return in the third quarter gave him 1,421 return yards the loss was the tenth for the year, breaking the As he has been much of straight against the Broncos previous mark of 1,410 yards set earlier this season by Taveon Rogers of New The Broncos are leaving the WAC and heading to the ter when Kerwynn Williams Mountain West next fall, and found a seam on fourth-and for teams like Utah State it Broncos leave the conference with a perfect 40-0 mark

Titus Young, and defensive stalwarts like Ryan Winterswyk, safety Jeron Johnson and Acrev.

FCS PLAYOFFS N. DAKOTA STATE 42, MONTANA ST. 17

Rose Bowl. While the point conversion gave the battle, but we didn't execute Nevada loss spoiled those Broncos a 15-0 lead just on third down on offense. hopes and snapped a 24game winning streak, the Broncos showed Saturday that moping about their Nevada last week in the secmissed opportunity wasn't part of the equation.

in this game and coming off a bad loss and proving that we can keep this thing rolling," Moore said. "Obviously, it was frustrating and disap- ing. pointing. But we're not going to stay down forever."

the season, Moore was efficient and mistake-free, going 24 of 34 for 237 yards and leading an offense that rolled up 453 total vards. His three TD passes gave him 33 for the season to go with just five interceptions. He ended 1 and dashed 40 yards for a may be good riddance. The his day with a 1-yard dive touchdown. late in the third quarter to put Boise State up 43-7.

the Broncos rushed for 202 yards. Kyle Efaw led the starting Broncos. Bronco receiving corps with

Chatraw

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good about it, but they've done it before.

"Last week was such a testament that it is hard. We say a lot that anybody can beat us on any given day; it just hasn't happened much."

Since 2006, a Boise State loss has been almost as rare as a sighting of Halley's Comet: 38 wins and two losses.

And on "The Blue"? Forget about it. Boise State finished a flawless 40-0 against WAC competition at home.

The loss to Nevada is still a gaping wound that blemishes the end of Boise State's dominant run, the most dominant run of any team in any conference over the past 10 years. But it's clearly time for Boise State to move on.

And the Broncos' jump to the Mountain West Conference couldn't happen soon enough.

ond half of its 34-31 overnotched four sacks, two a season-low 41 yards pass-

For the Aggies (4-8, 2-6), and foiled their bid to improve from the same season record a year ago. They Mexico State. made a run early, pulling within 15-7 in the first quar-

The Aggies rushed for 250 vards, but their inability to against league foes on their Jeremy Avery ran for 71 move the ball through the air home blue turf and an overall yards and a touchdown and undermined any chance of record of 75-5. keeping up with the quick-

The game was also the final one at home for 18 "When you're playing Bronco seniors, including

was a long weekend," Acrey said. "But once we got back out on the field, we looked back at our goals on the pyramid and we still had to win a WAC championship and protect" a perfect record at home.

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Boi-Pettis 4 pass					
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eturn Yards	0	68
unts-Avg.	8-42.9	4-45.3
umbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
enalties-Yards	6-47	4-30
ime of Possession	31:27	28:33

HUTYUUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-Utah St., KWilliams 19-147, DeMartino 9-46, Speight 7-26, Borel 12-17, Marshall 4-14, Boise St., Avery 10-71, Hodge 8-48, Young 2-40, Martin 8-23, Ke.Moore 2-13, Coughlin 2-8, Team 1-(1). PASSING-Utah St., Borel 4-15-2-41, Team 0-1-0-0. Boise St., Ke.Moore 24-34-0-237, Coughlin 1-2-0-14, RECEIVING-Utah St., Van Leeuwen 3-33, Alder 1-8, Boise St., Flaw 5-76, Pettix 5-41, Young 4-34, Martin 4-26, D-Paul 3-6, Burroughs 2-18, Linehan 1-18, Burks 1-14, Hiwat 1-8.

harder, it'll be more to INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS h St., K.Williams 19-147, DeMartino 9-46, our advantage."

Baltimore – for both sides. It's especially vital for

the Ravens because Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger already is plagued by a sprained right foot that could limit his mobility. Not that star linebacker Ray Lewis expects anything like that.

"Ben is the ultimate competitor. He is that guy," Lewis said. "He keeps plays moving when you think they're going to be dead. That's the energy he brings to yet was a missed field their ballclub, that confidence that I can keep plays going when they're end and has found a runnot supposed to be ning game in former going?

Pittsburgh 17-14 in Week usually are tough at 4, the final game of home, but were routed Roethlisberger's sus- by Kansas City a week pension. Both teams ago.

Arizona.

Green Bay has no runimperative," linebacker ning game to speak of, which was all too evident we get to him and kind of in Atlanta. That could be get in his head a little a killer down the road, if not here.

DALLAS (3-8) AT INDIANAPÒLIS (6-5)

Dallas has been revitalized since the coaching change from the fired Wade Phillips to Jason Garrett, winning twice and nearly upsetting Brady time and he could New Orleans on Thanksgiving Day. The offense is making some big plays, but the defense remains prob-Fame, a guy that has all lematic.

That should play right into Peyton Manning's hands – except the four-Shaun Ellis said. "If we time MVP's hands are tied can make his job a lot by all the injuries around him. Manning appears to be forcing things in trying Disrupting the QBs to carry the Colts and has also is the plan in been picked off seven times in the last two outings, both losses.

CAROLINA (1-10) AT SEATTLE (5-6) ST. LOUIS (5-6) AT ARIZONA (3-8)

The NFC Worst, uh, West, is led by the Seahawks and Rams. Unless one of them gets hot down the stretch, the first losing record for a division winner in NFL history is possible.

Hard to tell who has the easier task this week. Carolina has been awful, goal away from winning at Cleveland last weekfourth-stringer Mike Baltimore won at Goodson. The Seahawks

Watching Boise State smash opponent after opponent may have been fun for Petersen and his staff, but not for the rest of the college football world.

"I like it when our guys steamroll and play good," Petersen said of Boise State leaving the WAC for the Mountain West. "It's fun to steamroll. I think other people are going to enjoy (us moving to the Mountain West), but I won't."

Other people want to know if the Broncos are good enough to sustain such a run against teams who don't celebrate 7-5 as a banner year.

Other people would like to see Boise State in competitive games for half of its schedule.

Other people might also be inclined to give the Broncos their due if they can sustain such success against stiffer competition.

Without TCU, Utah and BYU, the Mountain West won't be what Boise State thought it would be when it announced its decision to switch conferences in June. But it's still better than the WAC.

On Saturday as Boise State hoisted its trophy, WAC commissioner – and Boise State alumnus - Karl Benson drifted into the background.

"It's definitely bittersweet," Benson said of his feelings about watching Boise State move on. Undoubtedly Benson was proud of his alma mater moving up the college football food chain, but disappointed that his conference's marquee team won't be around any more.

Thankfully, a new chapter awaits Boise State's football program – and weekly blowouts may become the exception rather than the rule.

Wrestling



Photo Illustration by DREW NASH/Times-News Buhl senior Michael McDonald will wrestle at 140 pounds this year after claiming a title at 135 pounds last season.

McDonald aims for another state title

By David Bashore Times-News writer

BUHL – Michael McDonald won't be able to fly under the radar this season.

After coming out of virtually nowhere to win Class 3A's 135pound wrestling title a season ago as the sixth seed, the Buhl senior enters his final year in the orange and black as one of the "household name" wrestlers in the 140-pound class. But that isn't changing his approach whatsoever.

"I'm not taking this lightly at all. I know that it was all about hard work last year, and this year is going to be even harder," he said. "I feel confident but I'm not letting it go to my head."

McDonald upset the top three seeds, in reverse order, in the final three matches of the 2010 state tournament. In doing so he became the first Buhl wrestler to win a state championship since

day than the day before. That, world to me. That's what I'm combined with some family backing, helped push him over the top.

more excited toward the end of the season because my brothers were able to come see me and give me a lot of support," he said. "I started working even harder, staying around after practice to do extra stuff beyond what the coaches wanted us to do. I just wanted to work harder every day." McDonald is one of three

returning Buhl wrestlers that placed at the 2010 state tournament. Allen Compton placed third at 125 pounds and Oren Carlton was fifth at 215. McDonald aims to help the Indians improve on their seventh-place finish in the 2010 state tournament and to restore their conference supremacy, having seen Kimberly end their run of

season. After qualifying for state but opportunity to repeat the feat and hard." end his high school career with a second title.

working hard toward, and it'll be a great feeling if it happens," he said. "But we've got a long sea-"Last year I started getting son, and I've just got to keep getting better every day in order to put myself in that position. If I keep working hard I believe I'll be in the position to accomplish the things I feel I need to do."

McDonald acknowledged there is a certain expectation as a returning champion. Some expect him to repeat and would consider anything less to be a failure. Others speculate that the 140-pound classification will be tougher as one of the middle classes, thus bearing a greater share of wrestlers in it.

No matter. No one puts any more pressure on McDonald than he does on himself. And he channels it in the right way.

"I know that people expect certain things out of me," two straight district titles last McDonald said. "Sometimes I think about it and there's a little Personally, there's little bit of pressure. But all I see that McDonald wants more than the as is a great incentive to work

DISTRICT IV HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING PREVIEW

Jerome looking for district three-peat

By Ryan Howe **Times-News writer**

This winter, the Tigers are aiming for a three-peat.

The Jerome High School wrestling team is the two-time defending Class 4A District IV team champions. The Tigers return eight state tournament qualifiers al experienced upperclassmen from a team that finished fifth at state last February.

Three seniors with state medals will take the mat for Jerome: Nick Thorne (130 pounds) and Eric Ayala (103) were fourth-place state finishers, while Kaden Luper (112) placed sixth.

For the first time in more than 25 years, perennial power Minico has a new coach in its corner. Justin Class 2A/1A Gardner takes over the program after Brad Cooper stepped down in August.

Gardner hopes to continue the tradition at Minico, which returns 11 wrestlers who qualified for state last season. The Spartans are led by juniors David Borden (sixth at 152) and Alberto Ramirez (fifth at 125) and sophomore Isaiah Alvarado (fifth at 112).

As a team, Minico finished ninth at state last season, one spot behind rival Twin Falls.

The Bruins' Big Three of Zak Slotten, Will Keeter and Joe five returning wrestlers with any state experience. Todd Anderson, who finished fifth at state at 145 pounds, is the Bruins' only returning medalist.

Meanwhile, Wood River's up-Shawn Huntington's second year. The Wolverines have seven state qualifiers coming back, including Kasey Barker, who finished sixth at 189.

Burley's best shot at a state title will be Jake Lake, who finished Bobcats return six state qualifiers.

In just its second year of trying to build a program, Canyon Ridge returns one wrestler with state experience in junior Conner experience. Stubblefield.

Class 3A

Buhl was the top District IV team finishing seventh overall. The season, while Gooding has five. Indians return seven state quali-

upperclass leadership and young talent," Palmer said. "There is also a good cohesiveness to the team. With a lot of new wrestlers this season there is a concern of experience.... Hopefully we will be able to allow them some success early in the season."

At Filer, the Wildcats have severreturning, but coach Daniel Robertson said the Wildcats may have trouble filling some of their lower weights.

Seven state qualifiers return for Filer, including medalists and seniors Ryan Orr (fifth at 152), Jacob Bogner (fifth at 171) and John Beer (sixth at 215).

Lawrence Gillette is the new head coach at Declo, but he's been involved with Hornet wrestling since 1986, including as an assistant coach for the school's 1998 state championship team.

For the past two years, Declo has been the top Magic Valley team at the Class 2A state meet, finishing ninth in 2009 and seventh in 2010. The Hornets won the Class 2A District IV championship last season and return nine state qualifiers.

In fact, of Declo's 12 state wrestlers from a season ago, six Hamilton graduated after winning were freshmen. Sophomore state titles, leaving Twin Falls with Stirland Zollinger, a state champion at 103, hopes for another title at 112. Seniors Jamie Alonzo (103) and Justin Cameron (130) look to improve from their third-place state finishes.

"It's within our means to bring and-coming program hopes to home a state trophy, in the top take another step forward in coach four," Gillette said. "If things come together and we wrestle well, and we can get three or four state champions and get a few others placed, it's within our grasp to win state. We'll just have to see how the season goes, but that's our goal."

Another wrestler to watch for in third at 140 last season. The 2A/1A is Oakley junior Stephan Ortiz, who won the 145-pound state title with a 37-1 record last season. Oakley also has three other wrestlers returning with state

Having dropped from Class 3A, Gooding and Wendell bring new competition to the 2A/1A classification in District IV. Wendell returns two wrestlers who qualified at last year's Class 3A tournament, for the 3A state tournament last

"We have a lot of kids that have fiers and three wrestlers who come out this year and the energy and excitement level is high. The Michael McDonald, who won buy-in and work ethic is fantastic the 135-pound title, is expected to this year," said Gooding coach Clay Robinson. "We are still a very young team with most of our wrestlers being freshmen and sophomores." For Valley, Casey Ivey is the top returner, having finished third at state at 119 pounds. He is one of six Vikings returning with state expe-Hansen returns just one state qualifier, sophomore Alex Veenstra. Glenns Ferry has four returners with state experience, some minor injuries lingering from led by junior Ivan Pedrosa who also has four back from state, led by junior Layne Ward, the sixth-

Will Baggs took 3A's 171-pound crown in 2004.

losing his first two matches as a freshman and sophomore. McDonald knuckled down and began to work even harder each would pretty much mean the 735-3230.

Idaho

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The six wins this seaso added to the eight from last season to give the team th most victories over a two year span since the 1998-9 group had 16.

It wouldn't have been possible at all had it no been for Thaad Thompson and Greenwood. With the scored knotted at 20, the Spartans ran the clock down to the final 2 seconds before sending in Waid. As the ball launched, first junior college transfer Thompson then Greenwood hit it to deflect it off course and send the game into the extra session.

"You need plays like that," Enderle said. "Not every game is going to be a blowout. Not every game is going to be a sound victory. Sometimes you have to win with stuff like that. That was a huge play by our special teams. That's a gamebreaker. They gave us another chance."

Said Idaho coach Robb Akey: "I'm proud of this football team for getting the job taken care of today. We continued to play and did what we needed to do to win the game. That blocked field goal was huge. What matters is the plays we made. We made the plays we needed to to win."

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wrestle at 140 in his senior season, while fellow senior Allen Compton fills in at 135. Compton placed third at 125 last season. Junior Oren Carlton will again wrestle at 215, where he placed fifth last season.

Kimberly returns eight state qualifiers, including Jacob rience. Herman, who finished runner-up last season at 103.

Coach Troy Palmer says the Bulldogs will need time to heal the football season, including finished sixth at 189. Raft River Tyson Hardy, who recently had surgery on his hand.

"We have a good combination of place finisher at 103.





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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Today's new moon moves the focus to fun. Over the next several weeks, you may become progressively more involved in personal entertainments, hobbies or creative endeavors. Work hard to play hard this week.

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Game Boy, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

ANSWER: When you play a partscore that has been doubled and you make it, then the whole of the score for the contract goes below the line. Thus two hearts doubled scores as twice 60 or 120. Since that number exceeds 100, it registers the game bonus. The insult, bonus, and overtricks go above the line — as usual. Two diamonds doubled scores as 80 thus not game, but two diamonds redoubled is 160 and IS worth the game bonus.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In rubber bridge, my partner opened with an artificial two-club bid, holding ♠ A Q-9-3-2, ♥ – ◆ A-Q-10, ♣ A-J-10-9-5. I, in turn, held ▲ K-J-8-6-3, ♥ J-9-4, ♦ 8-3-2, ♣ 8-4. How should we have bid our cards to slam, or should we have played in game?

Chicken Little, Calgary, Alberta

ANSWER: The general rule is that a two-club opening on an unbalanced hand is forcing to game unless responder shows a double negative by bidding two diamonds at his first turn, then showing weakness at the second turn. With your partner's hand, a one-spade opening is appropriate. After you jump to four spades, he might shoot out slam and, his way up, the contract is excellent.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

When defending against a suit contract, why lead the king from a suit headed by the ace and king? If your partner is void, he doesn't know if you are leading from the A-K or the K-Q and doesn't know whether or not to ruff. Wouldn't leading the ace inform your partner you have it, and leading the king inform him you don't have it? Who Got What? Atlanta, Ga.



Dear Mr. Wolff:

How much of bridge is about knowing the precise percentages, and how much about table feel and table presence?

Mind Games, West Palm Beach, Fla.

ANSWER: I can't say I have every percentage at my fingertips, or indeed that I want to, but I know enough that I won't be off in estimating lines unless the two are so close that it really makes no difference. What I mean is that table presence outranks percentages all the time! And the top players know this — though they may be reluctant to admit it.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I held ♠ K-Q-9-3, ♥ Q-5-4-3-2, ♦ A-2, ♣ A-10, and my partner opened three diamonds in first chair. How much would your decision to move on or pass be influenced by vulnerability and position, and how much by your choice of partner?

Tough Choices, Jackson, Miss.

ANSWER: I would pass a firstchair nonvulnerable pre-empt, but gamble out three no-trump facing either a vulnerable preempter or a second-in-hand call, unless I knew that my partner had an overdeveloped sense of humor when at favorable vulnerability. In second seat I like to be sound and I like my partners to be the same; I'm sometimes disappointed!

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of resumed in Baghdad. French engineer Bernard Planche was kidnapped in Baghdad (he was later freed). Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice denied the United States engaged in torture or lesser forms of cruel treatment against terror suspects. ABC News named Elizabeth Vargas and Bob Woodruff co-anchors of "World News Tonight," replacing the late Peter Jennings. Edward L. Masry, the personal-injury lawyer portrayed by Albert Finney in the Oscar-winning movie "Erin Brockovich," died in Thousand Oaks, Calif. at age 73.

Perugia, Italy convicted American student Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend, Sollecito, of murdering Knox's British roommate, Meredith Kercher, and sentenced them to long prison terms. (Knox, Sollecito and a third person convicted in a separate proceeding maintain their innocence.) A nightclub blaze in Perm, Russia, killed more than 150 people. Spain won the Davis Cup for the second straight year. William A. Wilson, 95, the first American ambassador to the Vatican, died in Carmel, Calif.



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American pit bull terrier. When I walk "Petey," I am often asked by young and old alike if they can pet my dog because of his good looks. While Petey has never bitten anvone. I am not comfortable letting strangers pet him. The

I always reply to these requests with a "no" and a "thank you," after which I am invariably asked if my dog is mean. Now, if there is a possibility that a dog is mean, why would someone ask to pet him in the first place? Perhaps I'm overly sensitive, but it's an annoying rhetorical question. Is there a nicer way to answer?

PET OWNER, GLENS FALLS, N.Y.

DEAR DUTIFUL PET OWNER: An honest response would be that your dog isn't mean, but you can't guarantee that he won't snap if someone he doesn't know touches him. Another way to say it would be, "My dog hasn't bitten anyone ... yet."

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ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

LaPriel Stein of Hailey volunteers at the Hunger Coalition on Tuesday, stocking shelves and organizing donations. Her family participates in charitable activities throughout the year, including giving anonymously to needy children around the holidays and working at the food bank.

Making charity a tradition

Families share spirit of the season with less fortunate

By Ariel Hansen Times-News writer

For some families, this is the season to load up the Christmas tree with brightly wrapped gifts.

Other families, though, make giving a centerpiece of their holidays, a habit handed down through generations. Here are the stories of three families in south-central Idaho who celebrate charitable traditions, including

information about how you can help them to help others.

Mary Zarybnisky and Dr. Jack Zarybnisky of Burley



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Nikki Thacker takes her 8-month-old son, Branson, out of his car seat before a 'Baby and Me' class at the Jerome Public Library on Tuesday. Safe Kids Magic Valley can help traveling parents find a reputable car seat service in other cities, and it offers car seats for people who are visiting south-central Idaho. Now that most airlines charge for checked baggage, keeping the car seat at home might be a good idea.

Tips for traveling with baby

By Melissa Davlin Times-News writer

Later this month, Jerome mom Dorothy Kern will fly from Boise to Seattle with her 6-month-old daughter, Ruthie.

She won't be alone. Each year, between 40 and 50 million travelers take to the skies around the holidays in the U.S., according to the Air Transportation Association.

At a Tuesday "Baby and Me" meeting at Jerome Public Library, Carma McKinnon of Safe Kids Magic Valley shared car seat safety advice and tips for traveling with kids. Her message: Traveling parents have more to worry about than kids fighting in the back seat. But with these tips. Mom and Dad can worry less about keeping kids safe and more about buying presents.

Car seat savvy

The first step of traveling with infants: making sure you know how to operate a car seat. Carma McKinnon of Safe Kids Magic Valley offered this advice at Tuesday's "Baby and Me" meeting in Jerome.

 Consult the manufacturer's instructions and your car's manual. They will tell you exactly how to install the car seat. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask hospital workers or Safe Kids Magic Valley (737-2433).

Don't get creative. McKinnon has

hen Jack Zarybnisky was little, he didn't know that his family wasn't well off. His parents had emigrated from the Czech Republic, and his father had just a third-grade education to support his family as best he could.

"When the mine closed down, we were transient farmworkers for years," he said. "We didn't know we were needy; we worked for farmers so we always had food on the table."

Zarybnisky, now an optometrist, has long given back to his community. He taught his children from a young age that giving can be as rewarding as receiving.

"If we can teach the kids when they were 4 and 5 years of age that you don't need a Christmas present, that it's better to give something to someone in need, you will have a happier life and so will they," he said. "They are passing along the tradition very well, in all sorts of ways."

His younger son often volunteers in the Burley community, and his older son, working toward a doctorate in Boston, had 17 fellow students to his house for Thanksgiving.

That's an echo of what Zarvbnisky and his wife do every year. They just finished organizing a sit-down Thanksgiving dinner for 500 people, with 87 meals delivered to those who couldn't make it to the event at Charlie's Restaurant.

This year, they have collected or purchased about 250 coats, 300 scarves, 300 stocking caps, 150 blankets and other warm clothes to give away to the needy, and last year they bought Christmas gifts for 117 children.

"This year my wife and I can't quite handle that many," he said, noting that they're still helping about 50 kids.

Although they don't want recognition – "We try to do things as low-key as we can, to get other people involved," Zarybnisky said – the couple welcomes assistance from others to help them reach as many needy people as possible.

Zarybnisky can be reached at 678-3539.

The Diehl family of Twin Falls

reveral years ago, the Diehls saw a story in the Times-News describing the needs of local nursing home residents.

"When we were going through the list, one of the gals wanted diet Pepsi, and my husband is a diet Pepsi drinker," said Heidi Diehl. The family chose her because of that connection and delivered gifts, also spending time visiting with the woman and her neighbors. "That was really neat too, getting to visit with some of the residents out there."

Since her children were young, the Diehls have chosen a family to help, some years more than others.

"We sat them all three down and said we think we would like to adopt a family, but we wouldn't have enough money to buy you gifts and buy them gifts and groceries,"

Stretching out restless legs

Many parents want to soldier through road trips and not stop unless it's absolutely necessary, especially when the weather is bad. But getting out and stretching will help restless kids.

Jerome mom Katie Niska has to let her 19-month-old son, Benjamin, run around every hour to get out some of his toddler energy.

'We can't make it even to Boise." Niska said. "We usually stop at Mountain Home."

Don't forget about the baby in the car seat. Sitting for hours in a cradled position is uncomfortable, McKinnon said. Take her out at rest stops to lengthen her body and open up her diaphragm.

get out and stretch and move," said securely in the car seat, McKinnon Anita Bartels, lactation consultant said. It's also OK if baby wears thin

FREE CLASSES

Want to meet local mothers or get advice on infant-rearing? Free "Baby and Me" classes, hosted by St. Benedicts Family Medical Center, are 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays at Jerome Public Library, 101 First Ave. E. Topics vary weekly and include infant massage, infant sign language, immunization and car seat safety. A baby scale and lactation consultant are available each week. Information: 324-6133. Can't make it to Jerome? Other baby-related classes around Magic Valley cover topics like breast-feeding, Caesarean birth, infant first aid and more. Class schedules and locations vary, so check out the "To Do For You" calendar in the Times-*News*' Healthy & Fit section each Monday.

seen parents use wire, baling twine and logs to secure car seats. It might look more secure, but if you deviate from the manufacturer's instructions, you're compromising your child's safety, she said. The car seats are designed that way for a reason.



• Never buy a secondhand car seat. Car seats are updated constantly to be more safe, and once a car seat is in an accident, it's no longer good. You don't know the history of a car seat that you pick up at a thrift store, McKinnon said. Don't risk your child's health to save money.

• If you can't afford a car seat, call Safe Kids Magic Valley (737-2433). It might be able to assist you.

for St. Benedicts Family Medical fleece jackets and sweaters. Center in Jerome.

Staying warm, keeping safe

Even though it's cold outside, don't put your baby in a heavy coat, then put her in the car seat. The car seat straps are meant to be as close to the baby as possible, McKinnon said. If she's wearing a puffy coat, the straps aren't snug enough and the baby could come out of the car seat in a collision.

"It's better to take the coat off before the car seat," McKinnon said.

But what about the cold? Pack Even as babies they really need to blankets around the baby once she is

Flying with kids presents a whole new set of challenges.

Up in the air

When Kern took Ruthie to Hawaii in October, she was concerned about air pressure changes causing earaches. While the plane ascended, she tried to breast feed-Ruthie - swallowing is supposed to relieve the pressure, Kern said - but Ruthie wasn't interested in eating.

Kern got lucky. Ruthie stayed happy and didn't fuss during the flight.

See TRAVELING, FL 3



and Me' class Tuesday. If your baby is wearing a puffy winter coat, the car seat straps aren't snug enough and the baby could come out of the seat in a collision.

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older: \$5.50. non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50.734-5084.

MENUS:

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce Tuesday: Chicken cordon bleu Wednesday: Pork chops Thursday: Swedish meatballs with noodles and gravy Friday: Beef stew

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof exercise. 10:30 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m. Foot clinic, 1:30 p.m. **Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday at lunch Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m. to noon Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Super bingo, 6:30 p.m.; adults only (minimum \$7, medium \$11, average \$15; 16 games) Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, noon SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Energy assistance by appointment, 736-0676.

Bingo, 12:45 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; takeout; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Cook's choice Wednesday: Oven stew Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Baked ham dinner, noon to 1:30 p.m. (\$6 for adults. \$3 for children 12 and younger) Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome Wednesday: Exercise. 10:30 a.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Foot clinic; sign up Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken noodle casserole Tuesday: Spaghetti Wednesday: Chicken strips Thursday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool. 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild card, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Duplicate bridge 1 p.m.

donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.

MENUS: Monday: Fish or chicken Tuesday: Potato bar Wednesday: Malibu chicken Thursday: Salisbury loaf Friday: Lasagna

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Potluck and dance with music by Melody Masters, 2 p.m. Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tai chi, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 5 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: Coffee group, 8-10 a.m. SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m. Country Boys Band Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Thursday: YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Women's pool, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Hamburger steak Thursday: Barbecue beef sandwich

ACTIVITIES: Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Saturday: Pancake breakfast and craft fair, 8-10:30 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS: Monday: Baked potato bar

Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Mexican casserole Wednesday: Baked potato bar Friday: Baked chicken

ACTIVITY: Saturday: Fundraiser breakfast

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Grilled reuben sandwich Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce Thursday: Salisbury steak Friday: Grilled Cajun chicken breast

ACTIVITIES: Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Blaine Manor tea Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m. Little River Preschool, 12:30 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wii bowling, 2 p.m. Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m. Crocheters and Knitters Anonymous, 1-2 p.m. Thursday: "The Bounty Hunter" movie, 1 p.m.; \$2 Friday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m. Footlight dancers, 12:30 p.m.

Carey Senior Center Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors.

MENUS: Monday: Soup and salad bar,

sandwich Thursday: Salisbury steak

Minidoka County **Senior Citizens Center** 702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at

noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Medicare Part D assistance by appointments: Kitty

Thursday: Sloppy Joe Friday: Chicken, meatloaf, fish

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If area schools are closed due to winter weather, the senior center will be closed.

MENUS:

Monday: Beef and broccoli over rice

Tuesday: Clam chowder soup, sandwich

Wednesday: Turkey for birthday and anniversary lunch **Thursday:** Turkey a la king Friday: Patty melt

ACTIVITIES: Monday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Community bingo for age 18 or older: doors open at 6 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Thursday: Wood carving, 6 p.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, nonseniors: \$2.50. children 12 and younger. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Crispy fish Tuesday: Shepherd's pie Thursday: Ham

ACTIVITIES:

Holiday cards by the numbers

By Megan Buerger The Washington Post

60 percent

The proportion of each year's greeting cards that are sold during the holiday season, according to the Greeting Card Association. Christmas is followed by Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation.

2 billion plus

The number of boxed and individual Christmas cards sold in the United States in 2009.

10 million

The number of cards the company Paperless Post has sent since its creation in 2008. It expects to double this number in the 2010 holiday season alone.

1 million

The number of holiday cards the American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes aimed to collect by early December for the fourth annual Holiday Mail for Heroes program (www.redcross.org/holidaymail). Send a card to service members and veterans all around the world by mailing to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, Md. 20791.

20:1

The ratio of paper greeting cards to e-cards sent by Americans year-round. Many people like to display their holiday cards, something you can't do with an e-card, says Diedre Mize, a Hallmark spokeswoman.

34 percent

Share of respondents who said they plan to buy holiday cards with proceeds benefiting a nonprofit group, according to a survey by Lands' End and Every Day With Rachael Ray.

Sources: Greeting Card Association; 2010 survey by Lands' End and Every Day With Rachael Ray; American Red Cross; Hallmark; Paperless Post.



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MENUS:

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ACTIVITIES:

Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m. Last Resort Band Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Spaghetti fundraiser with Santa, 6 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and **Community Center**

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free highspeed Internet. Computer class available; Barbara Adamson, 731-2249.

MENUS:

Monday: Upside-down chicken pizza Wednesday: Ribs and sauerkraut Friday: Curry chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Weekly piano music by Joyce Snapp Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Music by the Fiddlers

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested

with toppings Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS: Tuesday: Tuna casserole Wednesday: Turkey sandwich, chicken noodle soup Friday: Fried chicken

ACTIVITIES: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos.

Andrews at 677-4872, ext. 2.

MENUS: Monday: Meatloaf Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken with rice Wednesday: Chicken fried

steak

Monday: Fit and Fall Proot exercise, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m. Friday: TOPS, 10 a.m. Cardio, 1 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast with Santa, 7:30-10:39 p.m.





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Columnist gets a 'RALPH' for bad parenting advice

Very so often, when I'm feeling in an especially mischievous mood (as opposed to my typically mischievous mood), I award a RALPH -Rosemond's Awfully Ludicrous Parenting Honor - to either a parenting pundit who has given exceedingly bad parenting advice or a parent who has done something exceedingly foolish. In either case, to qualify one must have caught the attention of the media.

LIVING WITH

CHILDREN

Rosemond

tary classes, going to muse-

ums and other educational

activities, and doing home-

practice to employee incen-

tive programs, saying that if parents want their kids to do

the right thing, "there has to

be something in it for them

besides the greater good?"

With a couple of thousand

keystrokes, Reimer makes

mockery of teaching children

to do the right thing simply

because it is the right thing

to do. That apparently out-

moded concept is the basis

pack.

of all moral and ethical

behavior.

She compares this dubious

John

work.

My latest RALPH goes to Susan Reimer, a "motherhood" columnist for the Baltimore Sun. Reimer's July 10 column is titled "Paying for good behavior is worth every penny?' In it, she advocates paying children for good behavior, chores, good grades, practicing an instrument, attending supplemen-

Traveling

Continued from FL 1

But for babies who get upset, coaxing entertained is crucial, Niska said. Bored them to swallow will help their ears pop. kids are fussy kids, and whether you're

What to bring, what to rent, what to leave at home

Babies require more than clothes and toiletries. But Mom and Dad don't have to lug every item in the nursery around the airport.

When Kern went to Hawaii, she and her husband left the Pack and Play at home and rented a crib at their hotel. It gave them one less thing to bring, she said.

"We were so glad we rented a crib," she said.

It's also possible to rent or borrow car seats, McKinnon said. Safe Kids Magic Valley can help traveling parents find a reputable car seat service in other cities, and it offers car seats for people who are visiting south-central Idaho. Now that most airlines charge for checked baggage, keeping the car seat at home might be a good idea.

Charity

Continued from FL 1

Heidi said, noting that she knew her kids might be reluctant to give up presents. But she was surprised at how ready they were to help others. "They remember it as being a fun thing for a family Heidi said. to do, that we all did it togethnot having gifts for themselves."

Desirae Diehl, now 29, remembers that year fondly.

"It instilled in them that mindset of looking and seeing Hailey, donate monthly at least a generation old, as if there's a need, to reach out and take care of that need. All

of our kids are adults now and

over funds to help a family.

that's been wonderful to see," Desirae now lives in Boise er, and that they didn't miss but has carried on the tradition.

"Every Christmas I get munity who do not have as some random name off of a much as they do. tree, usually a baby's gift or a "It felt really good to go out teenage girl. I try to stick to blue in the face, 'How lucky things," she said. "I still get charity has brought that the same feeling. ... I'd still like to meet them." Heidi Diehl suggested La because they have a lot." Community Action (733-9351) for those looking to

I submit that paying children for doing what they should do out of respect for self and others teaches them to be manipulative, and indeed if one reads Reimer's entire column, it is obvious that her children have become proficient at manipulating her.

It is significant to note that Reimer sees no tangible benefit of her largesse. She admits, for example, that paying her kids to do their homework and study for tests did not result in better grades. Okay. So, what's the point?

I think it is rather insensitive of Reimer to suggest, in economic hard times, that parents should dig down deep into pockets that are less than brimming in order to pay children for doing what she is obviously too lazy to get her kids to do

Bringing toys to keep young kids

in a plane packed with strangers or con-

fined in a car, whining gets old fast. But don't bring the whole toy box -

remember, you have to carry what you

And then there are the necessities.

Obviously, you know you need to bring

Besides the diaper bag basics -

Babycenter.com recommends bringing

one diaper for every hour of transit, plus

extras in case of delays. And remember,

pumped breast milk and formula are

allowed through airport security check-

points - just make sure to declare them.

3234 or mdavlin@magicvalley.com.

wipes, cream and the like

diapers, but how many?

baby will thank you.

through proper parenting. Thankfully, my RALPHs cost nothing. Therefore, she gets one.

Next we have Susan Stiffleman, an online parenting pundit who calls herself a licensed family psychotherapist. In her Oct. 25 column, Ask AdviceMama, Stiffleman advises that a 2.5year-old who still sleeps in his parents' bed should be allowed, for the time being, to stay there because another sibling is due imminently. This doesn't qualify for a RALPH. but it merits response.

Stiffleman writes "The last thing you want is to fuel sibling rivalry by 'kicking him out' of his parents' bed just when the baby arrives, without giving him time to comfortably transition to his own room?' This just isn't the time, she says, to make a

change this major, one that will require persistence, consistency and determination. Yes it is. It's the perfect

time, in fact. Furthermore, making this transition doesn't require anything more than a little creativity. Simply tell the child that The Doctor (a sort of parenting Santa Claus that I invented a number of years ago) has said that when new babies come, children can no longer sleep in their parents' bed. Period. The Doctor has spoken.

Referring the issue to a third party whose authority the child already recognizes virtually neutralizes resistance. The child won't like it, but when it is pointed out that "we must do what The Doctor tells us to do" he will accept it. In fact, I've never, ever had parents tell me The

Doctor didn't work in a situation of this sort. If the child cries, simply tell him that The Doctor said he might need to cry a little the first night or two to get used to a new bed. In my experience, the full transition takes about three nights.

In all fairness, there was a time in my career when I would have advised exactly what Stiffleman advised. Then I stopped thinking like a psychologist and began channeling for a woman who raised her children 75 years ago. She won't tell me her name, so I just call her Grandma.

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dilemna, you will be placed high on my pedestal of heroes! We like to burn those scentsy liquid candles in our home during the holidays because they smell so good, but... I accidentally spilled one onto my expensive carpet! I've been in tears ever since because I'm afraid my carpet is ruined! Can you help?!



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ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News Dorothy Kern holds her 6-month-old daughter, Ruthie, during a 'Baby and Me' class that discussed proper use of baby seats. Traveling parents have more to worry about than kids fighting in the back seat.

Stein's mother set a similar

annual example for her when she was young. "Mom was so

Stein recommends giving

to or volunteering at the

Hunger Coalition (788-0121)

or your local food bank.

good at that."

Other than that, you know how many outfits your baby goes through in a day, and what soothes her. Trust your instincts, relax and enjoy the ride. Your Melissa Davlin may be reached at 735-

ers. They volunteer weekly at their schools, then purchas-

the Hunger Coalition in ing gifts. And that tradition is

"Crying Out Loud!" nswer:

you can fix my

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Lori Chandler Cleaning Center owner 734-2404

and get gifts and food to make their list but get a few extra you are," Stein said, but somebody else's Christmas happen," she said. "I felt a lot of pride, I guess, that I knew this food wasn't going to be consumed by our family but Posada (734-8700) or by a family that couldn't afford it."

That first year, she was adopt a family. disappointed she wouldn't get to meet the family they were assisting, to find out whether the gifts were what the children wanted. But she soon found out why: "My mom or somebody explained to me how it goes when you give to charity, and maybe there's some shame involved."

In other years, the Diehls have done a gift exchange, or have chosen to give each other smaller gifts, using the left-

The Stein family of Hailey

or the Steins, the family tradition of giving isn't specific to the holidays. "I like it when the kids come home and say 'So-andso is having a tough time," said LaPriel Stein, pleased that her children are paying attention to the needs of oth-

message home. "I want them to see they need to give a lot

"I can say to them until I'm

through their church, and

seek out opportunities in

their daily lives to help those

said, Camden, 19, Brett, 15,

and Breanna, 12, have become

aware of those in the com-

Through volunteering, she

around them.

Most recently, she saw evidence that the message sunk in for Camden, who is readying to study abroad in South Korea. Rather than asking for a gift that he couldn't take with him traveling, the young man is planning to ask that people buy gifts through Amazon to be sent directly to pediatrics wards at local hospitals.

"Good, you're getting it," Stein remembers thinking.

The Steins are aware that the need is particularly great around the holidays, and often will adopt a family by choosing a name off a tree at

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basket.



Make a plan for shy kids and holiday hellos

By Heidi Stevens Chicago Tribune

Your kindergartner is extremely shy around strangers. How do you get her to warm up to relatives she only sees over the holidays?

Parent advice

If the child has an innately introverted personality, trying to coerce sociability in a need to know how to spell **Expert advice** way that reflects well on the the names, this gives her parents is a kind of torture. verbal and personal contact Coaching the child to the most basic "Hello, Uncle Murray" should be good enough. If the relative really wants to develop a relationship with the child, parents person: "Great-Grandma Twelve-Year-Old Child"

quietly share.

Bassett-Dilley

Purchase sheets of large, self-adhesive name tags and give her a pen. Her job as "hostess" is to see that everyone has a name tag. This puts her in charge of initiating contact and being in control. Since she will with each newcomer.

– Susan Carrico of who we were going to visit and told them about each Brat-Proofing Your Four- to

ahead of time, such as a teer at a hospital, helping favorite book, game or toy to visitors. They have a dog named Suzie. They live in - Mariannell Florida where it's warm at Christmastime and we can go to the beach." That way, my sons felt a little more comfortable about seeing Great-Grandma and Great-Grandpa and couldn't wait to take the dog to the beach! - Lisa Renninger

Few topics are more complicated than family at the holidays, which is why Betsy I showed my sons pictures Brown Braun, author of "You're Not the Boss of Me:

suggests this approach:

Change your language. "I never use the 's' word," Braun says. "Kids end up using that as an excuse: 'I'm remember when people say shy? Rather than giving them hi, it's nice to, in some way, an excuse, we want to help say hi back? Give him perthem feel comfortable with mission to find another way who they are and help them move to a place that's more things we do when we see socially acceptable. I prefer 'slow to warm up' because it's a defined trait of temperament. Once you keep in mind ... that your child can fertilize the ground by needs time, you can help him?"

Prep your child. "Let him Aunt Gert are coming over. Here are some pictures of

You haven't seen them in a while and it might take you a little time before you feel like being with them. Just to greet them. 'One of the people is we greet them. You could wave. You could smile. You could do a pinky wave?"

Prep vour relatives. "You warning, 'Just a heads up that Steven is a little slow to warm up. Just come in and know, 'Uncle Henry and greet him and then let him come to you?" She also endorses a "side door" what they look like. They live approach. "Walking in and Day."

might offer suggestions and Great-Grandpa volun- (Harper Paperbacks, \$15.99), in Iowa. They have a farm. announcing, 'Give Grandma a kiss!' is the surest way to sabotage things. 'Anybody in this room wearing tennis shoes that light up?' is better. He'll know you're connecting with him, but in a more subtle way."

Ease up. "Don't say, 'I want you to look them in the eye and shake hands and say, "It's nice to see you, Uncle Ed."' That just sets him up for failure. You want to set him up to be successful." says Braun. "Remember that your child has to be your priority, not what your family thinks of you. Forcing it will sabotage the whole lesson and that just makes you the cooked goose on Christmas

The defiant ones

Dealing with difficult teens

By Beth J. Harpaz Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - You make rules, they break them. You ask questions, they ignore you. You say, "Do this," they say, "Make me!"

Oppositional behavior is hard enough to cope with in toddlers, but when the defican't just put them down for a nap, give them a time-out or bribe them with stickers.

So how does a parent get through to a kid who is acting disrespectfully? Here's advice from three experts.

• Be consistent and put the rules in writing, advises Mary Muscari, who teaches at the Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton more University in New York and is a co-author of "Everything Parents Guide need the same level of to Raising Adolescent Girls" and "Everything Parents Guide to Raising Adolescent Boys."

Muscari says you might make a list of rules to hang up in the house. If you're looking to improve a specific behavior or meet a goal, write up a contract and have your child sign it.



iring advice to help you and navigate these turbulent ye **Robin Elise Weiss, LCCE**

to have pity parties, but it ant ones are 13 or 14, you helps to see what other people are going through?

> Kids this age are not always communicative, but Muscari says car rides can offer an opportunity for parental chitchat. "They're a captive audience; they're not going to jump out of the car. And there's something about not having face-toface contact that can make it mean it. Maybe you get comfortable for them?

> While adolescents don't supervision as younger kids, make sure you are physically present as much as possible, even if you're just hanging out in the background at that shows teens who eat home. "If they think your job is more important than they are, that's a really bad better than those who don't. place for a kid to be," she



Ramey hosts a program for teenagers and tells them at the outset that swearing and terms like "Shut up," are not allowed. "Kids rise and fall to a standard of behavior you set," he says.

Involve kids in solving problems. "You might say, 'I get annoyed with your tone of voice and certain words you use. Maybe you don't frustrated at times. But you need to come up with some way where you can better control your behavior."

Finally, he says, conflicts are "less likely to happen if you're connected to your child." Ramey says research with their parents four times a week or more fare

He also urges parents to said. "I'm not big on quality attend plays, sporting such as taking a laptop away time. They need quantity events and anything else Muscari says adolescents time. They need to see that kids take part in. "Parents Internet. But what can be you're not always running have this idea that kids don't more effective than taking want them around and that things away is setting up She says the closer kids is so wrong. If a teen says, 'I are to their parents when don't want you to come to this,' go anyway,'' he said. Don't sit in the front row or cheer louder than anyone else, but "say something when you get back, like, You did really well today?" • Consider how brain development affects adolescent behavior, advises Dr. Joseph Shrand, psychiatrist, father of four, and medical director of CASTLE (Clean and Sober Teens Living Empowered), a new intervention unit for atteens at High Point Treatment Center, The part of the brain that controls emotions, called the limbic system, which allows us to feel pleasure, anger and passion, works just fine in adolescents. But the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain that helps us analyze information,

make decisions and anticipate consequences, is not fully developed until the mid-20s.

The prefrontal cortex also gives humans the ability to appreciate how others think and feel. At age 13, therefore, "how they perceive their parents is that you are like a piece of cardboard. This kid does not necessarily have a clue how they are making you feel," Shrand said.

So when a kid treats a parent disrespectfully, it's tempting for the adult to respond with anger. Shrand says it's basically one emotional, limbic brain provoking the other. What's more effective, he says, is for adults to take the high road by using persuasion, empathy, respect and humor gifts that come with maturity and a fully developed prefrontal cortex.

So if kids won't come to the table for dinner, give a 10-minute warning encouraging them "to answer as many Facebook queries as you can in the next five minutes." Or appeal to their narcissism by saying, "I know you don't want to come to dinner, but I would just like to hang out with you for a little while."

There should be consequences for breaking rules, or disconnecting the

Locking the door on your child is not the answer

By John Rosemond

McClatchy Newspapers

I don't require our 4-year-old to take a nap, • but I do make her stay in her room for an hour • after lunch. The problem is that while she's in there, she dismantles her room. She takes the sheets off the bed, empties out her closet, pulls things out of her drawers, and so on. Today, when I found her sitting in the middle of this clutter, playing, I told her she had to stay in there until suppertime and locked the door. She screamed bloody murder the entire afternoon, frequently begging her older brother to let her out. I thought the neighbors might call the police. Was this overkill? If so, how should I respond when she tears her room apart?

I don't think it's overkill for you to tell your • daughter that if she tears her room apart during • naptime, she has to stay in there until she has put it back together again. A 4-year-old is capable of doing that - fairly well, at least, and fairly well is all that I'd require.

I do think, however, that locking the door was unnecessary. After all, if she will stay in there for her nap, then you should have no problem getting her to stay in there until she's straightened up her mess. Locks have a symbolic meaning that can be unnerving to a young child. Not traumatic, mind you (the word has been dumbeddown almost to the point of meaninglessness), but in this case at least, needlessly redundant.



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do "a lot of testing. 'How much can I get away with?' But they don't really want to get away with things; they just want to see how far they can push their parents. They know exactly when to press your buttons."

She adds: "This is a normal thing other parents are going through. You are not crazy! It's annoying. It's horrible. But it's just like when they were 2 years old and they said, 'Wow! Look what I can do!' Only they're 13. They might be saying, 'I hate you! What do you know?' But they're thinking, 'Thank God you're putting these controls on me?"

If foul language is an issue, you might try a 25cent fine for each curse and make sure grown-up money could be a reward for their choice.

ly wrapped up in themselves," she said. "They like phones."

off to meetings."

they're younger, the harder it can sometimes be for them to separate as adolescents. But as they mature, she added, "they will come back."

• Establish priorities, set standards, maintain family routines and stay connected, advises Gregory Ramey, a child psychologist at the Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Ohio.

"You've got to choose your battles. What are the important things that really risk matter to me? You can't make everything important, Brockton, Mass. because then nothing is important," Ramey says.

One thing parents should violators pay too. The set standards for, he says, is the way kids speak. "I would good behavior, or teens never let a child talk back to could give it to a charity of me or be disrespectful," he said. "How do you correct it Muscari says encouraging when it happens? If a child teens to volunteer – even if crosses the line by using it's only a couple of times a language you feel is inapyear – can also give them propriate, there has to be some perspective. "You some reasonable consedon't want them to be total- quence, perhaps taking away computers or cell



ways for kids to earn privileges through "household contributions" (he doesn't like the word "chore") like taking out the garbage or walking the dog.

And don't forget humor as a tool. To a kid who's blowing off homework, Shrand suggests this line: "Eighth grade will be the best two years of your life!"

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STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Alondra Maldonado, daughter of Maria and Oscar Maldonado of Jerome, was born Nov. 20, 2010.

Hayden Rae Cook, daughter of Jackie and Scott Cook of Jerome, was born Nov. 23, 2010.

Aubrie June Blahus, daughter of Melissa Lynn Blahus of Jerome, was born Nov. 23, 2010.

Rebeca Guitron, daughter of Gisela and Alexander Guitron of Jerome, was born Nov. 25, 2010.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Jaidah Lailani Garcia, daughter of Tanya LaShanna Jamison and Alejandro Garcia-Salinas of Filer, was born Nov. 13, 2010.

Crisanto Mata Naranjo, son of Rosa Imelda Mata Naranjo and Valentin Mata-Valdez of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 22, 2010.

Bailey Ann Moore, daughter of Melissa Dawn and Justin Dean Moore of Buhl, was born Nov. 22, 2010.

Liberty Burton, daughter of Robin and Michael Garrett Burton of Dietrich, was born Nov. 22, 2010.

Jonah Oliver Rosales, son of Ashley Kristine Everill and Felix Andres Rosales of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 23, 2010.

Paisley Brianna Dyer, daughter of Katherine Jean and Tyrel Thomas Dyer of Filer, was born Nov. 23, 2010.

Jeffrey Kevin Eldar Ferrell, son of Lala Eldar Kyzy and Samuel David Layne Ferrell of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 23, 2010

Abigail Jolyn Talbot, daughter of Jaclyn Rae and Joseph Edward Talbot of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 23, 2010.

Braylan Teagan Thornton, daughter of Tracy Kay and Tim Wayne Thornton of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 24, 2010. Bayron Jordaan Del Toro-Guitron, son of Jaqueline Guitron-Rodriguez and Benjamin Del Toro-Pulido of

Jerome, was born Nov. 24, 2010. Lindsey Renee Penner, daughter of Jill Renee and Gary Duane Penner of Buhl, was born Nov. 24, 2010.

Tyler Austin Bianchi, son of Michelle Brooke Bianchi of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 25, 2010.

Gonzalo Manuel Reyes Jr., son of Brandy Jo and Gonzalo Manuel Reyes of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 25, 2010.

Bradlee Edward DeArmond-Smith, son of Emily Dawn DeArmond and Christopher Dean Smith of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 25, 2010.

Adalyn Marie Grimm, daughter of Rachel Twila and Chad Eugene Grimm of Jerome, was born Nov. 26, 2010.

Bravlyn Elizabeth Prudent, daughter of Laura Elizabeth and Brook Roman Prudent of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 26, 2010

Daniel Christopher Weir, son of Courtney Ann and Nels Robert Weir of Jerome, was born Nov. 26, 2010.

Owen Roy Denman, son of Kassandra RaNay Meads and Roy Andrew Denman of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 26, 2010. Jackson Glen Gerstner, son of Ana Katherine and Phillip

Michael Gerstner of Jerome, was born Nov. 27, 2010.

Henlee Jo Martin, daughter of Allison Lee and Joshua William Martin of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 27, 2010.

Nathan Cole Whittier, son of Katie Mae and Jonathan Lee Whittier of Shoshone, was born Nov. 27, 2010.

Lily Kristine Anderson, daughter of Kristy Jo and Brady Chris Anderson of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 27, 2010.

David Andrew Storms, son of Carly Elizabeth Johansen and Christopher Scott Storms of Jerome, was born Nov. 27, 2010.

Claire Noel Walsh, daughter of April and Robert Thomas Walsh of Kimberly, was born Nov. 28, 2010.

Rogan Steven McRae, son of Effie McRae and Steven Rey McRae of Jerome, was born Nov. 28, 2010.

Let them make toys: New **DIY book offers projects** for holiday housebound

announcement package for every dream you want to share with friends and family, from a photo Selebrations in Sunday's Family Life to an announcement on the internet. Celebrations are meant to be shared.

nniversaries

Andrews

Virgil and Laura Andrews are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married Dec. 10th, 1960 in Buhl.

They have two children, Teresa Rippee (Tom) and Wes Andrews (Kathy) and six grandchildren.

During their 50 years together they have enjoyed their grandchildren, fishing, serving the Lord and travelling.

The children are hosting please. an open house at Grace



Laura and Virgil Andrews

Baptist Gymnasium, 798 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010 from 2:00-5:00pm. No gifts



John Phillips and Karen Josh Weil of Bordentown, Dockter were married NJ. John, Karen and their December 3, 1960 at Trin- daughters, Dawn and ity Lutheran Church in Heidi, recently returned Rupert, ID after a three from a two-week cruise month courtship. They met to the Hawaiian Islands on a blind date. They have celebrating their 50th annilived in the Magic Valley all their life. John retired and Karen renewed their from Safeway Stores after 25 years and more recently from Betaseed Research Company in Kimberly after Open House for their par-19 years. Karen retired ents on Sunday, December from Wells Fargo Bank.

ents of Dawn Phillips of Parish Hall, 2055 Filer Boise, Susie Weil of Bor- Avenue East, Twin Falls. dentown, NJ and Heidi All friends, relatives, and Whitlach of Afton, WY and neighbors are invited to the proud grandparents of attend. No gifts please.

Schmeckpepers

Delwyn and Lora Schmeckpeper will be honored at an open house to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married on December 17th, 1960 in Twin Falls, ID.

They have two children Michael and Neva and two grandchildren Jeb and Sierra.

In celebration they want to invite family and friends to celebrate with them. Saturday, December 11th,



Lora and Delwyn Schmeckpeper

2010 between the hours 2pm to 4pm in the Banquet Room at That 1 Place, 1003 Main St., Buhl, ID. No gifts please.

The Barrons



Nancy and Mike Barron

Mike and Nancy Barron were married December skiing, fishing, 4-wheeling Paul. 26, 1960 in Buhl, Idaho. and enjoying family and They are celebrating 50 friends.

They enjoy camping,

Ongagements **Davis-Carter**

Ruth Davis of Boise and Rex and Shauna Davis of Rupert are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Melisa Davis to Kenny Carter, son of Jim and Kathie Carter of

Melisa is a graduate of Declo High School and

Melisa Davis and

Sunday, December 5, 2010 Family Life 5 *Celebrations* offers an



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Karen and John Phillips

versary and where John wedding vows.

The daughters of the Phillips' are hosting an 12 from 2-4pm at Imman-They are the proud par- uel Lutheran Church's

Arlyane (Bartholomew) and Ted Andrus Ted and Arlyane (Bar- her yard.

The Andrus

tholomew) Andrus just celebrated their 70th Wed- dren: Dennis (Suzie), Filer; 15, 1940 in Ogden, Utah. Idaho Falls Temple June 17, 1954.

Ted loved farming and raising cattle in Jerome and Hagerman. Arlyane enjoyed gardening and working with flowers in

ding Anniversary. They Beverly (Karl) Nelson, were married November Twin Falls; Clinton (Penny) Hagerman and the late They were sealed in the Gary (Marilyn), Twin Falls. They are loved by 26

great grandchildren.

grandchildren, 66 great grandchildren and 2 great

own home in Hagerman.

They still reside in their





They raised four chil-

By Nara Schoenberg Chicago Tribune

My 7-year-old son conpolitely declined.

"I have other stuff to do," he said. "Like make paper pirate ships."

So I dived into the kaleidoscope project in "Make These Toys: 101 Clever Creations Using Everyday Items" (Perigree, \$13.95) by myself, hoping Mr.

around. I denuded a fresh roll of

toilet paper to extract the tube (does anyone ever have a spare tube just sitting around?) I located the mirror mirror board. board I'd ordered from Amazon.com, cut it into strips and pushed it into the tube. I punctured a big green balloon and stretched it over the tube to make a peephole.

I was making pretty good progress when the pirateship-maker arrived on the scene, drawn by the transparent "stained glass" stickers that I was going to stick to an old plastic lid. He took over the sticking, and gave me some tips on attaching the wheel to the tube.

The finished contraption wasn't elegant, but when you looked through the peephole and turned the plastic lid, you saw colored shapes rotating through an intricate shapes, just as you would in a legs. real kaleidoscope.

My son, entranced, proclaimed "Make These Tovs" merely "awesome" but "as smart as 10 brains stuck together."

"Can we do another projthis book?" he asked.

I was similarly impressed. The two other projects I tested with my kids, the paper dog that rolls along the floor sidered my offer to help him on thread spools and the balmake a kaleidoscope, and loon-powered zip-line racer, were simple and ingenious.

The doggie really rolled. The zip-line balloon,

> attached to a drinking straw with transparent tape, roared back and forth on 7 feet of string secured to two dining room chairs.

One caveat: Just Pirate Ship would come because a material is simple, that doesn't necessarily

mean it's easy to obtain. Neither Michaels, the craft chain store, nor my local teacher-supply store carried

The bottom line: A great book for rainy days – and sunny ones.

MAKE YOUR OWN **ROLLING DOG**

Here's a project from 'Make These Toys:'

Materials: a flimsy paper plate, crayons, scissors, hole punch, drinking straw, two small empty spools.

Directions:

1. Fold paper plate in half. Draw the dog's side view, with the fold running down his back. Cut dog out and decorate him.

2. Hold dog's front legs together; punch a hole in them, 1/4 inch from bottom snowflake of geometric of his paws. Repeat for back

3. Cut drinking straw in half; place through the hole in one front leg, put spool on by Heather Swain to be not the straw and continue threading straw through other front leg. Repeat for the back legs.

4. Trim the straws, leaving ect? Where did you even get 1/2 inch sticking out on either side.

wonderful years of marriage.

They have 2 girls Terry (Chuck) Sharp and Jerry (Ray) Woolley. They have Twin Falls. 6 grandchildren Joe, Sarah, Jesse, Jenna, Kelsey and you. Alex.

Foulks

Richard and Nina Foulk

are celebrating 50 years

of marriage on December

11, 2 to 4 pm. At Apostolic

House of Prayer, 94 E Base-

Friends welcome to join

line, Rupert, ID.

us. No gifts please.

An open house will be in Boise State University and their honor on Saturday, is employed at the USDA December 11 from 1:00 Farm Service Agency in day, December 17, 2010 - 5:00 at 199 Clinton Dr., Congratulations. We love

Hydraulics in Heyburn.

A nuptial mass is planned for 5:00 p.m. Fri- Rupert.

Kenny Carter

Rupert. Kenny is a Minico at St. Nicholas Catholic High School graduate and Church in Rupert with a is employed at Snake River reception following at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

The couple will reside in

Nina and Richard Foulk

The Huysers



Audrey and Harold Huyser

Low Audrey married November 17, together living on a farm ing with their family. They have 4 sons,

Alton (Paula). They also Harold and Audrey cel-

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Bullocks

Mrs. Jeanne Stoddard Brown, widow and daughter of Mrs. Merle Stoddard and the late Donald Stoddard, of Twin Falls, Idaho and Raymond R. Bullock, Jr. were married November 20, 2010 at St. Luke Roman Catholic Church, Barrington, RI.

Mr. Bullock, widower, the son of the late Nancy and the late Raymond F. Bullock, Sr. of Barrington, RI holds a BA and MBA at the School of Nursing from Providence College at Idaho State University, and an MA in history from has 21 grandchildren and Villanova University. He is enjoys quilting and bible currently employed in the study. They are residing in Underwriting Department Barrington, RI.



Jeanne Stoddard Brown and Raymond R. Bullock, Jr.

at FM Global, Johnston, RI.

Jeanne did coursework



Vogts

Jayson (of Twin Falls) and Emilie (of St. Helena, CA) Vogt were married August 7th, 2010 in Portland, OR at the Arcadian Ballroom.

Jayson and Emilie met at Williamette University, where both the bride and groom competed on the track team.

The Vogt's work at Argonaunt (ARGO group) in hosting an Idaho reception Portland where they live. Dan and Ann Vogt



Emilie and Jayson Vogt

(Jayson's parents) are over the holidays.

Harold Huyser and Marvin (Reeta), Melvin were (Connie), Norman, and

event with their family.

Congratulations!

1950 in Gooding, Idaho. have 7 grandchildren and They have enjoyed 60 years 3 great grandchildren. near Shoshone and work- ebrated this wonderful

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HOLIDAY TOY TEST 2010 **By Margaret Webb Pressler** er, but "it is so fun I would play all day."

Monkey Business Sports

Adults thought Stomp

Walkers, the funny stilts

that left enormous foot-

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The Washington Post

Here's why The Washington Post's Holiday Toy Test is done by kids.

• Adults thought the funny stilts that left enormous footprints were hard to use and dangerous. Our second-grade testers complained because they wanted more time to play with them. • To some grown-ups, it seemed

Kids

that a simple science kit, cleverly packaged as a potato chip bag, would get the cursed label of "educational" toy. Instead, it was an off-the-charts fave with third-graders. • And a trend that toy experts (adults, of course) are pushing board games that you build and then play landed only one version that kids truly liked.

It really is true that kids are the best judge of what other kids will like in toys. We sent more than 80 toys to 10 local schools. The assignment for the day: Grade the toys. The results of their work are on this page. We hope it will give you some inspiration for your wish lists this holiday season!

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Hall Stars Indoor 2 in 1 Deluxe



Top to bottom, Bigfoot the

Monster remote-control walking

toy: Dragonoid Colossus, a big.

multi-piece Bakugan dragon;

Perplexus 3-D maze in a ball;

and Zoobles collectible toys

that collapse into perfect

spheres.

Baseball and Hockey and Baseball Machine; Hall Stars 3 in 1 Net Sports, Junk Ball, ages 6+, both \$30 for hockey/baseball; \$25 for net sports. These miniature versions of classic sports games are great for indoor play. One box includes baseball and hockey, the other has volleyball, tennis and badminton. Our third-grade testers said the games were "so much

fun" and easy to set up. Stomp Walkers, Monkey Business Sports, 5+, \$55. These bright blue stilts are a fun

and challenging version of classic stilts. At the bottom are large foam feet that would make great footprints - if you can master walking in them, which isn't easy. (So be especially careful at first!) "I want to take these home with me." one second-grade tester said, and the teachers said many kids felt the same way.

Squap Diggin Active, 6+, \$25. Who knew the game of catch could be reinvented? Our fifth-grade testers loved the snapping paddles that catch and launch the balls for a great game. "It takes a lot of practice," said one fifth-grad-

Reporters sent more than 80 toys to 10

Bop It! Bounce, Hasbro, 8+, \$20. This active toy had sixth-grade testers bouncing balls all over class, and they loved it! The console calls out commands, including

bouncing as many times as possible in 30 seconds, bouncing as long as possible or bouncing to a certain height. The kids said it was really fun because "it talks and counts how many points you got? Bigfoot the Monster, Fisher-Price, 3-8, \$100. This toy got off to a disappointing start for the secondgraders who tested it: After getting

it unwrapped, they had to charge it for four hours and couldn't play with it until the next day! But

when they did, these 7- and 8-year-olds absolutely loved this remote-control walking monster that throws a ball, pounds his fist, exercises and roars. The kids called it cool, fun, funny, surprising and (!!) realistic.

Zoobles, Spin Master, 4-9, \$6 to *\$35.* The company that makes Bakugan, a toy aimed mostly at boys, has produced a girl-focused version of the clever and complex collectible toys that collapse into perfect spheres. The truly cute and colorful Zoobles also had fans among the boys in our second-grade class. But there's a downside to a hit toy: "People keep taking them away from me!" complained one child.

Dragonoid Colossus, Spin Master, 5+, \$40. Kids

love Bakugan, so when it's bigger, fiercer and even more cool, kids love it even more. This multi-piece Bakugan dragon won raves from second-graders.

Spy Net Video Watch, Jakks Pacific, 8+, *\$50.* Our third-grade testers loved this super-cool tech toy. The watch is pretty big, but it does look like a watch. So the spy who's wearing it can (almost) secretly

record video and audio. Great for sibling spy games, and our testers liked the clear audio and video playback.

Perplexus, *PlaSmart, 6+, \$20.* This colorful, 3-D maze in a ball is "amazing" and "soooo FUN," according to our fourth-grade testers. Turn the clear plastic sphere around and around to guide a small silver ball inside through a complex maze of tracks. If the ball falls off at the tricky parts, you have to start over. When you need to entertain yourself, this is a great alternative to a video game!







Games that were toprated include, from top, Potato Chip Science, Panic Tower and Bubble Talk, which requires players to match the best caption with one of 150 silly photos.

schools for young students to evaluate. The assignment for the day: Grade the toys. Here, fourth-graders from Murch Elementary in Washington record their findings.

Photo by REGINA BELL





Top, Hall Stars indoor, miniature versions of classic sports games. Left, Squap Diggin Active, snapping paddles that catch and launch the balls.

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Scrabble Flash, Hasbro, ages 8+, \$30. Sixth-graders said this game, a version of the classic word game, took a little while to master. Line up the electronic squares until they show five random letters, then race to rearrange the letters into as many word combinations as possible. Because it beeps when you make a word, sometimes you "learn new words" when playing, the kids said. The score at the end tells you how many words you made vs. the total number possible.

Bubble Talk, Techno *Source, 8+, \$20.* Bubble Talk requires players to match the best caption with one of 150 silly photos. Kids liked that the game was easy to play, and they enjoyed the giggle-worthy photos and captions. "I will not get tired of this game" and "it's awesome" were some of the positive comments from fifth-graders.

U-Build Sorry!, Hasbro, *6+, \$15.* Some games that you have to build before you play can be made different every time. U-Build Sorry! is put together the same way every time, but you can move walls of the game during play to change the board. Second-graders loved "blocking people with the walls," as one tester put it.

Panic Tower, Goliath *Games, 6+, \$25.* Half the fun of building something is knocking it down, and that's what this game is all about. Players stack blocks and even move the stacks around, depending on the card they draw. If any blocks fall on your turn, you get a dreaded token. Challenging for all ages.

Potato Chip Science, Workman Publishing, 8+,

\$18. This was one of a few games that kids rated as a 10+ on a scale of 1 to 10. Third-graders tested this bag of fun and easy science experiments, all involving the lowly - but amazing potato. Even the bag becomes a fun activity: the Bag Blaster. "We loved it!" the kids said.

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Crapo stands tall in voting for plan to cut federal deficit

nybody who has paid attention to Mike Crapo's 17 years on Capitol Hill knows the Idaho Republican senator is a deficit hawk of long standing. But Friday, he and fellow Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma took a major step toward actually restoring fiscal sanity.

Crapo and Coburn were among 11 of the 18 members of President Obama's deficit-reduction commission who voted for a tough, politically risky plan to reign in federal spending. Under the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform's ground rules, 14 votes were required to send the measure to Congress.

But its austere spending blueprint will live on because a majority on the panel embraced it.

Crapo and Coburn signed on earlier in the week "We can't afford to wait until the next election to begin this process," the two senators said in a joint statement. "Our debt crisis is a threat to not just our way of life, but our national survival. History has not been kind to great nations who borrowed and spent beyond their means. Doing nothing will, sooner rather than later, guarantee that this nation becomes a second-rate power with less opportunity and less freedom."

"The plan developed by the debt commission, while flawed and incomplete, will help America avoid this fate and secure freedom for future generations," they said.

Commission members said that by winning over 11 panelists, they had defied expectations. They said it showed that Washington is capable of having an "adult conversation" on a bipartisan basis about the painful choices required to avert a European-style debt crisis.

Among its many contentious provisions, the plan would have raised the Social Security retirement age. It called for reducing future increases in benefits in order to help control federal spending, and in exchange for rate cuts on corporate and income taxes the proposal would have eliminated or scaled back tax breaks - including the child tax credit, mortgage interest deduction and the deduction claimed by employers who provide health insurance. It would have nearly frozen the Pentagon budget, slashed outright the budgets for most domestic agencies and raised the federal gasoline tax 15 cents a gallon to fund transportation programs.

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How the Gem State stacks up with the rest of America

Idaho's ranking compared to the 49 other states in key areas of the economy, health and social issues:

1. Number of patents issue per 1,000 science workers in the state (49.8)

2. Percentage of women who've ever breastfed (based on births in 2007) (88.9%)

3. Population 18 and younger (27.1%)

4. Infectious disease (cases per 100,000 population) (4.2)

- **5.** Preventable hospitalizations (number per
- 1,000 Medicaid enrollees) (51.1)
- **6.** Home ownership rate (75%)
- 7. Violent crime (offenses per 100,000 population) (228)
- 8. Public health funding (dollars per person)

25. High cholesterol (percent of adult population) (37.6%)

- **26.** Gas prices (gallon of unleaded regular) (\$2.91)
- **27.** Infant mortality rate (6.8%)

28. Percentage of workers employed in manufacturing (9.8%)

- **29.** Per capita federal aid (\$1,358)
- **30.** No health insurance (14.7%)
- **31.** Underemployment rate (10.4%)
- 32. Divorce rate (for 2008, for 1,000 population) (7.2)
- Venture capital investments (\$14.7 million)
- 34. Child's chance of success index (based

That's a tough sell back home, even for a conservative Republican senator.

But in joining six Democrats and three other Republicans in voting yes on the report, Crapo and Coburn showed political courage – and suggested that they, at least, are willing to take part in a truly bipartisan campaign for fiscal responsibility.

In that respect, they're still part of a minority on Capitol Hill and even in the Senate Republican Caucus. But as the budget deficit balloons beyond its current \$1.3 trillion, Crapo and Coburn are on right side of this issue.

One of the reasons we've long admired Crapo is his ability to work with people of very different political views to solve common problems. By voting for the report of the president's commission, he did all Americans a service.

HOW THEY VOTED

The 11 members who voted in favor of the report drafted by President Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform were Co-chairman Alan Simpson, a former Republican senator from Wyoming; Cochairman Erskine Bowles, a Democrat who served as chief of staff to President Clinton; Dave Cote, a Republican who is CEO of Honeywell International; Democrat Alice Rivlin, a former director of the Office of Management and Budget; Democrat Ann Fudge, former CEO of Young & Rubicam Brands; Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H.; Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.; Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho; Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., and Sen. Richard Durbin, D-III.

The seven commission members who voted against it included Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-III; Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wisc; Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.; Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich.; Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif; Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, and Andrew Stern, former president of Service Employees International Union.

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9. Regular physical exercise (as a percentage of the population) (78.8%)

10. Percentage of students proficient in eighthgrade science (36%)

11. Diabetics (percent of adult population) (7.0%)

12. Suicide rate (per 100,000 population) (19.3)

13. Prevalence of obesity (25.1%)

14. High blood pressure (as a percentage of adult population) (25.9%)

15. Latino population (10.2%)

16. Prevalence of binge drinking (as percent of population) (14%)

17. Mobile homes (9.3% of total)

18. Eighth-grade reading proficiency (2009) NAEP) (38%)

19. Breast cancer rate per 100,000 population (120.6)

20. Foreclosures (as a percentage of households) (.611%)

21. Fourth-grade math proficiency (2009 NAEP) (41%)

22. Bankruptcy filings per capita (.368 out of 1,000 people)

23. Infant mortality (per 100,000 population (6.5)

24. Children in poverty (17.4%)

Education Week's Quality Counts survey)

35. Elementary and secondary expenditures as

percentage of gross state product (3.45%)

36. Computer specialists as percentage of population (1.25%)

37. High-tech employment in state workforce (23,310)

38. Public school teachers' salaries (\$42,798)

39. Percentage of science and engineering degrees college degrees conferred (19.2%)

40. High-tech as a percentage of all businesses in Idaho (6.395%)

41. Bachelor's degree holders aged 25-44 (102,126)

42. Gross state product (\$53 billion)

43. Senior citizens population (12%)

44. Per capita income (\$32,133)

45. Average annual pay (\$33,544)

46. Average annual charge at four-year colleges (\$9,871)

47. Abortion rate (4 per 1,000 women aged 15-44)

48. Pap smear rate (76%)

49. Per pupil spending (\$6,648)

50. Residential electricity rates per kilowatt hour (8.49 cents)

Three cheers for Kyle Brotzman

By Bill Plaschke

don't cheer for a team. I don't cheer for a player. I cheer for a position. I cheer for the college kicker lining up for a gamewinning field goal.

It doesn't matter who he is. It doesn't matter where he plays. It doesn't even matter if the field goal would make my local team lose

I always cheer for the college kicker to be the hero, because I'm cheering against the undeserved pain



Editor's note: other media in the West.

failure that will unfairly burden a college student as

he staggers back to his dorm on a Saturday night. I'm cheering against the misplaced responsibility felt by a kid on a \$40,000 scholarship who has just cost his school millions.

So, yeah, (last) Friday night, I was cheering myself hoarse for the kid from Boise State.

You saw that, right? The best game of the college football season? The most wrenching finish in many seasons?

After a dramatic long pass in the final seconds put

America's Broncos in position to steal a win from Nevada and essentially clinch a bid in at least the Rose Bowl, senior kicker Kyle Brotzman missed a 26-yard field-goal attempt wide right with two seconds left.

Then, in the overtime, Brotzman pulled a 29-yard attempt wide left to set the stage for Nevada's gamewinning field goal, its 34-31 victory breaking Boise State's 24-game win streak

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he would suffer by being the goat.

I'm cheering against the

DREAM offers a bailout plan for millions of illegal aliens

pen-borders radicalism means never having to apologize for absurd self-contradiction.

The way illegal alien students on college campuses across the country tell it, America is a cruel, selfish and racist nation that has never given them or their families a break. Yet despite their bottomless grievances, they're not going anywhere.

And despite their gripes about being forced "into the shadows," they've been out in the open protesting at media-driven hunger strikes and flooding the airwaves demanding passage of the so-called DREAM Act. This bailout plan would benefit an estimated 2.1 million illegal aliens at an estimated cost of up to \$20 billion.

While votes on various DREAM Act proposals are imminent, the Congressional Budget Office has yet to release any official cost scoring. Viva transparency!

To sow more confusion and obfuscate the debate, Democrats in the Senate have foisted four versions of the bill on the legislative calendar, which all offer variations on the same amnesty theme: Because they arrived here through "no fault of their own," illegal alien children deserve federal education access and benefits, plus a conditional pass from deportation and a special path toward green cards and U.S. citizenship for themselves and unlimited relatives.

In a last-ditch attempt to win over fence-sitters, DREAM Act sponsors have tinkered with eligibility requirements. But supporters know that the words on bill pages – which hardly anyone will read before voting – don't matter. Built into the proposals are broad "public interest" waiver



powers for the illegal immigration-friendly Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

University of Texas-San Antonio student Lucy Martinez embodies the entitlement mentality of the DREAM Act agitators: "We have done lobbying, legislative visits, marches, sit-ins. We are tired of it," she complained to the San Antonio Express News. The illegal alien student hunger strike "is similar to what we go through in our everyday lives – starving without a future." But neither she nor her peers have been denied their elementary, secondary or college educations. Neither she nor her peers face arrest for defiantly announcing their illegal status. And for all the hysterical rhetoric about "starving," the federal government and the federal immigration courts have been overly generous in providing wave after wave of de facto and de jure amnesties allowing tens of millions of illegal bordercrossers, visa overstayers and deportation evaders from around the world to live, work and prosper here in subversion of our laws.

Recently, Sen. Dianne Feinstein introduced legislation to stay the deportation of illegal alien DREAM Act activist Steve Li whose family's asylum claim was rejected and whom a federal immigration court judge ordered deported in 2004.

These illegal alien passes needn't be approved by Congress for the recipients to gain benefits. Mere introduction of the bills buys the

deportable aliens time that ordinary, law-abiding citizens can't buy in our court system. The DREAM Act schemers pretend this isn't a zero-sum game. But every time a private illegal alien relief bill passes, the number of available visas for that year is reduced by the number of illegal alien/deportable immigrant recipients granted legal status/deportation relief through the special legislation.

In Austin, Texas, this week, one illegal alien DREAM Act activist blithely argued to me that "it's not like the government would be sending a message that breaking the law is OK." Reality check: The number of illegal aliens in the U.S. has tripled since President Reagan signed the first amnesty in 1986. The total effect of the amnesties was even larger because relatives later joined amnesty recipients, and this number was multiplied by an unknown number of children born to amnesty recipients who then acquired automatic U.S. citizenship.

At a time of nearly double-digit unemployment and drastic higher education cutbacks, a \$20 billion special education prefer ence package for up to 2.1 million illegal aliens is not and should not be a priority in Washington. It certainly isn't in the rest of America. And it certainly shouldn't be a priority for federal immigration and homeland security officials, who have a 400,000 deportation fugitives problem, a three-year naturalization application backlog and borders that remain in chaos. Grownups need to tell the

DREAM Act agitators to get in the back of the line.

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The secret lives of nations

Thile it is too soon to offer any meaningful perspective about the impact of the WikiLeaks disclosures on American foreign policy, it is not too early to reflect on what the leaked diplomatic cables say about the public's understanding of how diplomacy works.

WikiLeaks's justification for releasing confidential State Department materials is that the more the public knows about how our government conducts its foreign relations, the better the outcome will be. This is an old idea: Woodrow Wilson advocated "open covenants of peace, openly arrived at." But history also shows that open diplomacy is often fatally flawed.

Secrecy is an essential part of any negotiation: no corporate merger, complicated legal settlement, amicable divorce or serious political compromise could ever be reached without a reliable level of confidentiality.

But secrecy is nowhere more essential than in foreign relations. For example, had the various diplomats negotiating the end of the cold war and the unification of Germany had to deal with public revelations of the disagreements, half-baked proposals and reckless language in their internal communications - like Margaret Thatcher's opposition to German unifica-



tion versus Helmut Kohl's determination to achieve it • substantive talks would have been impossible.

Secrecy was likewise vital after World War I. After a series of debilitating leaks, the leaders of the four primary victors – Britain, France, Italy and the United States – abandoned their policy of open diplomacy and went into closed sessions. Only then were they able to navigate the difficult details of the Treaty of Versailles and reach a final, if relatively short-lived, peace.

The WikiLeaks disclosures have been praised by many who believe that they will allow the public to hold the government more accountable and thus improve American foreign policy. On the contrary, leaks like this simply make those in power retreat further into the shadows to defend themselves and their positions. Consider how Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger cut off all but their inner circle of advisers after the Pentagon Papers were published.

To be fair, there can be value in strategically timed leaks. For example, in 1870 Otto von Bismarck, Prussia's minister-president, leaked a confidential

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dispatch by King Wilhelm I about his meeting with the French ambassador. Bismarck had edited the document to give the impression that France had made unacceptable demands of the king (which was true) and that Wilhelm had rudely shown the ambassador the door (which was not).

Bismarck's move put both countries' honor on the line and aroused nationalist passions on both sides, escalating an existing crisis into a war that ended in a total Prussian victory, one that fulfilled Bismarck's goal of increasing Prussian power in Central Europe.

Whatever one thinks of Bismarck's aims, his calculated, targeted leak served his purposes well. But releasing confidential diplomatic correspondence to influence foreign relations, whether it's done by governments or by unauthorized individuals, is like using dynamite in a construction zone. Carried out by experts after a careful analysis of the risks involved, it may be effective, like blowing off part of a hillside to build a road.

But the WikiLeaks disclosure, on a scale that, to my knowledge, is historically unprecedented, is totally different - more like the work of irresponsible amateurs using dynamite to expand a tunnel that also contains, say, a city's electrical lines. The leaks will probably not cause war or even a serious crisis, but they will badly damage America's diplomatic machinery, processes and reputation.

None of this means that diplomatic correspondence and negotiations should remain secret forever. But except in special instances, confidential communications ought to be released only after passions have settled and scholars can examine the records in fuller context.

Especially in a democracy, the goal of negotiations should be to quietly reach an agreement, followed by ratification or rejection by elected legislators. In other words, open covenants of peace, secretly arrived at.

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A loss of direction in the White House: Change survived, but hope didn't make it

fter the Democratic "shellacking" in the midterm elections, everyone wondered how President Obama would respond. Would he show what he was made of? Would he stand firm for the values he believes in, even in the face of political adversity?

On Monday, we got the answer: he announced a pay freeze for federal workers. This was an announcement that had it all. It was transparently cynical; it was trivial in scale, but misguided in direction; and by making the announcement, Mr. Obama effectively conceded the policy argument to the very people been more or less pleading who are seeking - successfully, it seems - to destroy him. So I guess we are, in fact, seeing what Obama is made of. About that pay freeze: The president likes to talk about "teachable moments." Well, in this case he seems eager to teach Americans something false. The truth is that America's long-run deficit problem has nothing at all to do with overpaid federal workers. For one thing, those workers aren't overpaid. Federal salaries are, on average, somewhat less than those of private-sector workers with equivalent qualifications. And, anyway, employee pay is only a small fraction of federal expenses; even cutting the payroll in half would reduce total spending less than 3 percent. So freezing federal pay is cynical deficit-reduction theater. It's a (literally)



cheap trick that only sounds impressive to people who don't know anything about budget realities. The actual savings, about \$5 billion over two years, are chump change given the scale of the deficit.

meeting, Obama, who has faced two years of complete scorched-earth opposition, declared that he had failed to reach out sufficiently to his implacable enemies. He did not, as far as anyone knows, wear a sign on his back saying "Kick me," although he might as well have.

There were no comparable gestures from the other side. Instead, Senate Republicans declared that none of the rest of the legis lation on the table – legislation that includes such things as a strategic arms treaty that's vital to national security – would be acted on until the tax-cut issue was resolved, presumably on their terms. It's hard to escape the impression that Republicans have taken Obama's measure – that they're calling his bluff in the belief that he can be counted on to fold. And it's also hard to escape the impression that they're right.

a bipartisan summit. At that candidate who rode the enthusiasm of activists to an upset victory in the Democratic primary to realize that this enthusiasm was an important asset. Instead. however, Obama almost seems as if he's trying, systematically, to disappoint his once-fervent supporters, to convince the people who put him where he is that they made an embarrassing mistake.

Whatever is going on inside the White House, from the outside it looks like moral collapse – a complete failure of purpose and loss of direction. So what are Democrats to do? The answer, increasingly, seems to be that they'll have to strike out on their own. In particular, Democrats in Congress still have the ability to put their opponents on the spot – as they did on Thursday when they forced a vote on extending middle-class tax cuts, putting Republicans in the awkward position of voting against the middle class to safeguard tax cuts for the rich. It would be much easier, of course, for Democrats to draw a line if Obama would do his part. But all indications are that the party will have to look elsewhere for the leadership it needs.

Westword

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and ending the BCS dream for America's team.

I was cheering for Brotzman, then I was gasping for him, and then, finally, I said a little prayer for him, this sad-eyed, scruffy-faced former nonscholarship athlete who may have just participated in the costliest choke in the history of collegiate sports.

Because Boise State plays in a lightly regarded conference with no political safety net, the Broncos fell from college football's Grandaddy to its Third Cousin, from the Rose Bowl (or possibly even the BCS title game) to probably the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl, losing as much as \$5 million in the process.

Has there ever been a more expensive flub in the history of college athletics? It was so bad,

Brotzman's high school coach immediately texted him with the only words he could summon.

"I love you, man," read the simple text from Mike Virden, the guy who convinced Brotzman to quit soccer and play football in his junior year at Meridian High near Boise.

When Brotzman phoned Virden the next day, even a guy who had been coaching football for 20 years couldn't figure out a more elaborate pep talk.

"It was so tough, there was not one tangible thing I could say that would make it any better, nothing," Virden said. "We just kind of talked around it because, really, there was nothing that could have helped."

It was so bad, Nick Veldhouse, a Boise insurance agent who has missed only two home games in 18 years, still doesn't believe it. "Honestly, I swear, that

first kick was good," he said.

I actually agree with him. The ball sailed over the top of a goalpost that is shorter than those in the NFL and some other college fields. I think if the goalposts were higher, the ball would have at least struck the right post and who knows what would have happened?

"I still can't believe it," Veldhouse said. "Honestly, I don't think anyone around here really believes it yet."

The game ended, and Nevada fans rushed the

next for the kid?

"I don't know why some things happen," said Virden, "but you've got to find a way to get up every day and keep going, right?"

When Brotzman woke the next day, it was to death threats and cyber bullies. The Ada County Sheriff's office in Boise reporting harassing messages were left on the voice mail of a person believed to be a Brotzman relative. Facebook pages began appearing with insults and invective.

"That game really shook this town up, some people were really mad, and part of me can understand that," Veldhouse said.

But then, in this world of screwed-up sports priorities, the strangest thing happened. Somebody had the nerve to create a Facebook page called "The Bronco Nation Loves Kyle Brotzman." And somebody had the nerve to leave a nice note on it. And another. And another.

At last count, the nice messages were overflowing and the numbers -30,695liked this page - were astounding.

Read one: "God bless you and protect you from the crazies. Keep your head up and great kicking foot high."

Read another: "I'm sorry kid. It was one kick. You'll be remembered for way more than just that." Yes, it turns out, they

remembered.

They remembered that Brotzman is the NCAA's active career scoring leader, and has scored more points than any other player in Broncos history. They remembered that Brotzman was the punter who faked the punt and threw the 30yard pass to Kyle Efaw that led to Boise State's victory over Texas Christian in last vear's Fiesta Bowl.

Nevada fans remembered, and USC fans remembered, and Tennessee fans remembered, folks from all over the country putting down their colors and opening their arms and making you realize that, while coaches and administrators and journalists often forget, most fans get it.

It's college. It's an education. So the kid flunked a test. So what? It's not his life. It's how he learns about his life.

Anyway, slashing federal spending at a time when the economy is depressed is exactly the wrong thing to do. Just ask Federal Reserve officials, who have lately for some help in their efforts to promote faster job growth.

Meanwhile, there's a real deficit issue on the table: whether tax cuts for the wealthy will. as Republicans demand, be extended. Just as a reminder, over the next 75 vears the cost of making those tax cuts permanent would be roughly equal to the entire expected financial shortfall of Social Security. Obama's pay ploy might, just might, have been justified if he had used the announcement of a freeze as an occasion to take a strong stand against Republican demands - to declare that at a time when deficits are an important issue, tax breaks for the wealthiest aren't acceptable.

But he didn't. Instead, he apparently intended the pay freeze announcement as a peace gesture to Republicans the day before

The real question is what Obama and his inner circle are thinking. Do they really believe, after all this time, that gestures of appeasement to the GOP will elicit a good-faith response?

What's even more puzzling is the apparent indifference of the Obama team to the effect of such gestures on their supporters. One would have expected a

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To strengthen Social Security, phase in gradual changes

t 75, our Social Security program is starting to show its age. The major source of retirement income for millions of Americans, Social Security is running a significant cash-flow deficit for the first time in decades.

Worse, its long-term financial picture is bleak. Social Security has promised \$7.7 trillion more in benefits over the next 75 years than it will take in from payroll taxes. The deficits begin in about six years.

Doing nothing is not an option. Social Security can cover all promised benefits for now. But if changes aren't made fairly soon, all retirees will eventually face 22 percent benefit cuts.

Fixing Social Security will not be easy. No silver bullet can painlessly eliminate the deficits and enable the program to keep paying the same level of benefits it has in the past. Fixing Social Security will require a com-



bination of several reforms - some more difficult than others.

One needed reform is to increase the Social Security retirement age. This should be accompanied by other incentives, such as eliminating the Social Security payroll tax for employees who are willing to work beyond their normal retirement ages.

Increasing the Social Security eligibility ages would simply reflect longevity improvements that have already taken place. Future retirees will live much longer on average than their grandparents did. Social Security must reflect that increased longevity by increasing retirement ages

for both full benefits and early retirement benefits. Otherwise, recipients will spend an ever higher proportion of their lives living at the expense of their children and grandchildren.

Life expectancy has already increased substantially since 1950. Males born in 2004 can expect to live almost 10 years longer than those born in 1950; women can expect to live nine years longer.

When the Social Security program was created in 1935, 65-year-old men could expect to spend about 13 years in retirement -16 percent of their lifetime. Women of the same age averaged 15 years - or 18 percent of lifespan – in retirement. However, only a little more than half of all adults over age 21 lived to reach retirement age.

Today, a male retiree born in 1940 will spend 19 percent to 25 percent of his life collecting Social Security

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benefits – depending on whether he retired at age 65 or chose early retirement. A woman born in the same year will collect benefits for 21 percent to 27 percent of her life.

Social Security has not kept pace with these changes. Congress has not changed the age for receiving full benefits since 1983, when it approve a phased increase leading to retirement at age 67 in 2022. The early eligibility age remains unchanged since 1961.

Eligibility should be increased to age 68 by 2023 for full benefits and to age 65 for early retirement, but it's not a step that I recommend lightly.

Many who wish to work longer may have health issues or other disabilities that make it impossible to delay retirement. Workers with physically demanding jobs are most likely to face these issues. They should not be penalized by higher

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age requirements. Instead, they should receive benefits through Social Security's Disability Insurance program until they reach the new retirement ages.

Social Security is and should remain a key part of Americans' retirement security system. Congress must have the courage to let some of today's workers know they will need to work longer before they can receive Social Security benefits.

This may not be a pleasant message, but it is a fair one. Further delay will only force Congress to make an even more unpalatable decision as Social Security's finances continue to worsen.

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Hate masquerading as religion

he Southern Poverty Law Center is an organization with deep roots in the civil rights movement. Its ingenious lawsuits helped break the back of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist factions, and in recent years, it has joined the Anti-Defamation League as a reliable monitor of hate groups.

The Family Research Council is an influential Washington-based advocacy group with deep roots in the religious right. Its annual political forum, the Values Voter Summit, has become a nearly obligatory stop for ambitious Republican office-seekers hoping to win the support of so-called values voters. In recent years, the council has given an increasing share of its attention to opposing marriage equality and open military service by gays and lesbians.

Now, the two groups are locked in a sharp confrontation that raises crucial questions about where the expression of religiously based views on social issues ends and hate speech begins.

Last month, the law center added the Family



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group, calling it an affront to protected speech. That is a superficially compelling argument, but it won't withstand scrutiny. It is perfectly possible for a church or an organization associat ed with a denomination or religious tendency – as the Family Research Council is with evangelical Protestantism – to oppose,

unable to control sexual impulses and, therefore, would assault white schoolgirls. Exhortations against "race mixing" were commonplace pulpit messages short decades ago, though we now recognize them as hate speech. It's past time to do the same with rhetoric that denigrates gays and lesbians. So long as even the most objectionable religious dogma stays under the church roof, it's a constitutionally protected view. People's religious beliefs -

> even when noxious - are a private matter. Our churches are free to order their internal affairs as they will to set the terms of sacramental marriage as they see fit, to discriminate in the selection of their clergy, to racially segregate their membership or to separate the sexes in their schools or places of worship.

However, when a group sets out to impose its views on the rest of society by lobbying for public policies or laws, it can no longer claim special protections or an exemption from the norms of civil discourse simply because its views are formed by religious beliefs. This is precisely the dodge the Family Research Council has been running.

How would you like to have the IRS doing your taxes?

he federal income tax is a pain in the neck. The tax code is 70,000 pages long, nobody actually knows all of what's in it, and even simple tax situations are complicated. Between 1040s, W-2s, 1090s, and year-round record-keeping, the average person spends more than 26 hours per year doing taxes. That's more than half a work week. There is an obvious solution to this problem: simplify the tax code.

Unfortunately, neither **Republicans nor Democrats** have much interest in a simpler tax code. Both parties have riddled the tax code with social engineering projects and targeted tax breaks for politically favored interests.

Worse, while commonsense simplification remains politically difficult, a very bad idea seems to be gaining traction: to have the IRS fill out taxpayers' returns for them.

A return-free income tax has some superficial appeal. Austan Goolsbee, the Chairman of President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers, has argued that it would save time, hassle, and money for people with relatively simple tax situations. And it's already been tried in California and in the UK. Iust look over the prefilled return the IRS sends you, sign it, and you get a



refund check. Easy. Or not. The IRS rarely has all the information it needs to fill out an accurate return for any one individual. household, or business. People change jobs. They have kids. They get married and divorced. They buy homes and cars. Who knows what kinds of deductions they qualify for? The IRS probably doesn't.

And if the IRS makes a mistake on your return, you would be liable for it! If you want to stay on the right side of the law, you would have to calculate your own taxes anyway, to make sure the IRS got it right. So much for saving time.

If anything, a return-free system would likely add to the cost of complying with the tax code. The IRS would need to collect a lot more information than it currently does. Stricter report- regulatory studies at the

as \$5 billion, according to a study by Joseph Cordes of George Washington University and Arlene Holen of the Technology Policy Institute.

The UK's experience with a return-free system makes this plain. Over a two-year period, almost 6 million people received erroneous returns as part of Britain's Pay as You Earn return-free system. This is an alarming error rate nearly 15 percent.

California's ReadyReturn program suffers from a different problem - hardly anybody uses it. About 2 million of the state's taxpayers with simple tax situations are eligible to participate in ReadyReturn. In 2009, 6 percent of them used the program. That is up from 3 percent in 2008.

Taxpayers, it seems, just don't trust the government to do their taxes for them. Between widespread incompetence and systematic anti-taxpayer bias, they have little reason to.

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Research Council to its list of more than 930 active hate groups, citing the antigay rhetoric of its leaders and researchers, which have included calls to re-criminalize consensual sex between individuals of the same gender. The Southern Poverty Law Center defines a hate group as one with "beliefs or practices that attack or malign an entire class of people, typically for their immutable characteristics."

The council's president, former Louisiana lawmaker Tony Perkins, reacted angrily to the designation, calling it "slanderous" and demanding an apology. "The left is losing the debate over ideas and the direction of public policy, so all that is left for them is character assassination," Perkins said, insisting that his group "will continue to champion marriage and family as the foundation of our society and will not acquiesce to those seeking to silence the Judeo-Christian views held by millions of Americans."

Other conservative commentators also have assailed listing the council as a hate

say, marriage equality as a departure from tradition and traditional notions of civic virtue without defaming gays and lesbians as a group.

But the council goes well beyond that. Over the years, it has published statistical compendiums purporting to quantify the "evils" of homosexuality. One of its pamphlets is entitled, "Dark Obsession: The Tragedy and Threat of the Homosexual Lifestyle." At various times, its spokesmen have spuriously alleged that the gay rights movement's goal "is to go after children" and that child molestation is more likely to occur in households with gay parents. Last month, one of its senior fellows, Peter Sprigg, told reporters on a conference call concerning repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that "homosexuals in the military are three times more likely to commit sexual assaults than heterosexuals are relative to their numbers."

Such rhetoric is eerily reminiscent of that with which religiously affiliated opponents of African American equality once defended segregation. It

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OPINION

Reform of tax code might be a gridlock-buster

have a vision. Sometime over the next couple of weeks, President Obama issues a statement that reads: "Over the past several months, Republicans and Democrats have been fighting over what to do with the Bush tax cuts. I have my own views, but it's not worth having a big fight over a tax code we all hate. Therefore, I'm suspending this debate. We will extend the Bush rates for everybody for one year, along with unemployment benefits. But during that year we will enact a comprehensive tax reform plan.

"The plan we will work on this year will look a bit like the 1986 reform plan. We will clean out the loopholes. We will take on the special interests. We will lower rates and make the tax code fair."

Then Obama asks his aides to come up with a tax reform proposal he can lay before Congress. The State of the Union, he knows, is the one big chance he will have to redefine himself before the American people. On the big night, Obama stands before Congress. He gestures over to a giant stack of papers. "This is our tax code," he tells the American people. "It's rotten and we're scrapping it."

Then the president outlines his own proposal. It looks a bit like the plan hatched by Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat from Oregon, and Judd Gregg, the outgoing Republican senator from New Hampshire.

The Wyden-Gregg plan simplifies the tax code and reduces the number of rates from six to three. Most taxpayers would be able to use a one-page 1040 I.R.S. form. It preserves some deductions, like the mortgage interest deduction and the child tax credit, but eliminates many others. The Heritage Foundation calculated that the measure would reduce the federal deficit by \$61 billion a year and create 2.3 million jobs. The Tax Policy Center found it would make the tax code more progressive and reduce the tax bill for most families making less than \$200,000.

In my vision, the presi-



dent would lay something like this at the feet of the Republicans and ask: Are you ready to have a conversation, or are you the party that can't say yes?

This would put the Republicans in an interesting position. On Thursday, I debated Paul Ryan at the American Enterprise Institute on the proper role of government. Ryan is the incoming House Budget Committee chairman and one of the most intellectually formidable members of Congress. I really admire many of the plans he has put forward to bring down debt and reduce health care costs

But Ryan and I differed over President Obama and the prospects for compromise in the near term. Ryan believes that the country faces a clearly demarcated choice. The Democratic Party, he argues, believes in creating a European-style cradle-to-grave social welfare state, while the Republicans believe in a free-market opportunity society. There is no overlap between the two visions and very little reason to think they can be reconciled.

I argued that Obama and his aides are liberal or center-left pragmatists and that nothing they have said or written suggests they want to turn the U.S. into Sweden. I continued that Ryan's sharply polarized vision is not only journalistically inaccurate, it makes compromise and politics impossible. If every concession is regarded as an unprincipled surrender that takes us inexorably farther down the road to serfdom, then nothing will get done and the nation will go bankrupt.

If Obama moved vigorously on this sort of tax reform, starting at the State of the Union, he would vindicate my description of him, which would be nice. He would also change the tone in Washington. The health care reform debate was polarized, but the tax reform debate is not. Almost everybody agrees on the basic outlines. The current system is so rotten everybody could get something they want out of reforming it.

The tax reform process would reintroduce the parties to each other, and reduce the Manichean caricatures that have built up in their heads. It would also shift attention from the same-old big governmentversus-small government debate toward more concrete challenges: shifting resources from unproductive consumption to more productive investment; shifting money from the affluent elderly to the struggling young; eliminating the parts of the tax code that erode personal respon-

sibility and buffing up the parts that encourage responsible risk-taking.

This tax reform debate would then lead naturally into the larger debate about federal spending and debt. If you looked at the various commission reports that have been released recently, you would find that here, too, there is more overlap than one would have imagined. Some days, gridlock seems permanent and fatal. But it could be that we're on the cusp of a period of surprising instability, if only President Obama would grab tax reform and use it to smash the crust of the status quo.

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