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What will the big new tax law mean for you?

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's the most significant new tax law in a decade, but what does it mean for you? Big savings for millions of taxpayers, more if you have young children or attend college, a lot more if you're wealthy.

The package, signed Friday by President Barack Obama, will save

"The tax code wants to encourage people to invest in their homes, invest in their education, invest in their retirement ..."

— **Kathy Pickering, executive director of The Tax Institute at H&R Block**

taxpayers, on average, about \$3,000 next year.

But many families will be able to save much more by taking advantage of tax breaks for being married,

having children, paying for child care, going to college or investing in securities. There are even tax breaks for paying local sales taxes and using mass transit, and a new Social

Security tax cut for nearly every worker who earns a wage.

Most of the tax cuts have been around since early in the decade. The new law will prevent them from expiring Jan. 1. Others are new, such as the decrease in the Social Security payroll tax. Altogether, they provide a thick menu of opportunities for families at every income level.

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BUNDLED BABIES



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News
CSI student Sarah Hillier talks with Marilyn Scott, executive director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center, about Hillier's diaper drive on Friday afternoon at 9 Months Later in Twin Falls. Hillier says one in three families struggle to provide enough diapers for their children.

CSI student hopes drive will cover more infants' backsides

Times-News

A College of Southern Idaho student aims to cushion the behinds of Magic Valley infants, and she needs your help.

Sarah Hillier launched her Cover Every Little Bottom in the Magic Valley Diaper Drive on Friday at Twin Falls maternity store 9 Months Later.

First developed as an assignment for a CSI speech class, Hillier now hopes to collect 2,500 diapers, then distribute them to parents in need through the Pregnancy Crisis Center and the Mustard Seed Thrift Store. Wipes and partial packages of unused diapers will also be accepted.

The need is evident, Hillier said. She cited statistics such as that one out of

three families struggle to provide diapers for their babies, and one of 20 reuse disposable diapers. Assistance programs such as food stamps or Women, Infants and Children don't cover diapers, she said, adding to the troubles for the 16 percent of Idaho children whose families earn less than the federal poverty threshold.

Diapers can be dropped off through Dec. 31 at both Twin Falls branches of Magic Valley Bank, the Mustard Seed, Starbucks, St. Luke's Pediatrics near Kmart on Addison Avenue, and 9 Months Later. Hillier has partnered with Safe Kids Magic Valley for the project, and local Girl Scouts decorated the drop-off boxes.

Want to learn more? Contact Hillier at 421-5698.



Local Girl Scouts have decorated numerous boxes around Twin Falls to collect diapers and wipes for Hillier's diaper drive.

77% LESS MERCURY

EPA emissions rule will help Idaho waters

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

The threats that mining poses to streams and soil have become well-known. But a recent move by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acknowledges that mining can also pollute the air.

Five years of hunches, research, legal challenges, paperwork and meetings culminated Friday when the EPA issued a rule limiting mercury emissions from gold-processing facilities. Prior to the last few years, mining companies did not have to control their emissions because no one realized their effect.

Southern Idaho benefits from this rule because 14 of the 20 U.S. gold ore processing facilities are in Nevada, and their emissions travel on winds from the southwest to land on Idaho lands and water.

Nevada officials had recently developed their own regulations regarding mercury. But the new EPA rule is more stringent, with tighter limits than Nevada's.

When mercury enters lakes and rivers, aquatic organisms process it into methylmercury, exposure to which can damage children's brains and nervous systems, even before they're born. Therefore, women of childbearing age and children are the populations of greatest concern.

The new emissions limits are derived from existing emission levels of the best-performing U.S. facilities. The rule establishes several requirements for monitoring, including annual mercury emissions tests at all emissions points.

The EPA estimates the final rule will reduce mercury emissions by almost 1,500 pounds a year, a 77 percent reduction from 2007 levels.

Louis Schack, spokesman for Barrick Gold of North America, said the mining company was involved in the work leading to the rule. But its officials need to review the final rule before commenting on its possible impact.

The EPA credits mining companies with 97 percent of toxic chemical releases to air, water and land in Nevada listed in its annual Toxics Release Inventory released Thursday. Even so, a lot of foot-dragging happened before the EPA released this final rule.

The Idaho Conservation League was the instigator. Program Director Justin Hayes said his curiosity was piqued by a 2005 fish advisory issued by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for mercury in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

RSV-Passe? Custom's decline spells vexation for hosts

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It's become an acronym for a host's frustration: RSV.P.

Really, Seriously Very Peeved.

From casual get-togethers to catered affairs, the once-common act of replying to invitations has

become an often lost and much lamented cause.

Parenting and bridal blogs seethe with tales of tracking down invitees like festive fugitives. Electronic invitation systems try to streamline head counting but sometimes just turn into a public display of ambivalence (Yes: 2. No: 15. Maybe: 147). Newspaper

columns have bewailed the death of the RSVP, and a popular gauge of generational shifts has declared that today's college students don't even know what the phrase means.

As the holiday-party season swings into gear, 'tis the season to be jolly, at least until you have to decide whether to make deviled

eggs for four dozen or four.

"It frustrates me to no end that people disregard or dismiss RSVPs as optional, especially when I have been nice enough to invite them to a party," says Dawn Pearce, 35, a technical support specialist in Raleigh, N.C. "I get so aggravated,

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T.F. man faces life for meth conviction

Times-News

A Twin Falls man faces life in prison after his third felony drug conviction in federal court, prosecutors say.

Justin Lyle Izatt, 34, was convicted Thursday by a federal jury in Boise of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Idaho.

The conviction came after a three-day trial. Jurors were told that a search of Izatt's home revealed 125 grams of meth hidden in a secret compartment in his garage ceiling. Prosecutors also pointed to Izatt's purchases of "tens of thousands of dollars" in electronic equipment and motorcy-

cles and other vehicles, despite his lack of legitimate income.

The case was investigated by the Twin Falls Police Department.

Izatt faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole, as the conviction is his third drug-related felony in federal court. Court records show he also has an extensive history in Idaho state court, dating back to at least 1992. Among drug charges, traffic citations and other offenses, he was also convicted of kidnapping for a 1997 incident in which he held a girlfriend hostage, forcing a standoff with Twin Falls police.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 14 before U.S. District Judge Edward J. Lodge in Boise.

Simpson in minority on tax bill

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The \$858 billion tax bill had too many flaws for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.

Passed by the House 277-148 this week and signed into law Friday by President Barack Obama, the extension of George W. Bush-era tax cuts didn't gain Simpson's support. The bill also had other perks: a temporary Social Security tax reduction and breaks for industries as varied as ethanol, NASCAR, and television and movie producers.

The vote swam against the majority of Simpson's house peers, as well as outgoing Rep. Walt Minnick, D-Idaho, who supported the bill. Simpson was one of only 36 GOP representatives to vote against the extension. In a statement, Simpson said he supports making tax cuts for families and small business-

es permanent and is concerned about the uncertainty in the tax code continuing without a long-term answer.

"As I talk to farmers, ranchers, and businesses throughout Idaho about the economic challenges they face, the common theme I hear is that tax and regulatory uncertainty has forced them to hunker down and wait out the economic storm, rather than investing in their businesses and creating new jobs," he said. "If we truly want to get our budget deficit under control, we need to get our economy going again. Regrettably, instead of providing our nation's job creators with the certainty they need to jumpstart our economy, this bill only creates more uncertainty and piles even more debt on our children and grand-



Simpson

children through its inclusion of countless extraneous provisions."

Simpson said the bill doesn't do anything to solve the nation's budget woes. He also said he's concerned about

the bill's measure that takes \$112 billion from the Social Security Trust Fund next year by temporarily reducing payroll taxes, noting that experts — even those on the president's Debt Commission — have warned that tough decisions about programs like Social Security and Medicare are necessary.

"This bill not only fails to start the process of making

those tough choices, it actually makes matters worse by moving Social Security even closer to insolvency," said Simpson.

Simpson added: "Given the enormity of the fiscal crisis facing our nation, Congress can't continue to produce so-called compromises where everyone simply gets everything they want. Regrettably, this bill represents the 'borrow and spend' mentality that has enabled our fiscal crisis and is a product of a broken legislative process that disgusts the American people."

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Rodney M. Ward, 36, Hansen; drug trafficking, \$5,000 bond, private counsel, preliminary Jan. 21.

CASSIA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Nicholas Brent Dudley, 37; sexual battery of minor child 16 to 17 years of age, \$1,100.50 costs, \$8,456 restitution, two to 10 years prison, 16 days credited; statutory rape (female under the age of 18), dismissed on motion of prosecutor; sexual battery of minor child 16 to 17 years of age (3 counts), dismissed on motion of prosecutor; statutory rape (3 counts), dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Brandon John Huntsman, 25; grand theft, \$875.50 costs, \$43,177.01 restitution, three to 10 years prison, 10 days credited, retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended; grand theft, \$125.50 costs, \$43,177.02 restitution, three to 10 years prison, 10 days credited, retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended; grand theft (2 counts), dismissed on motion of prosecutor. Leslie Everett Steele II, 36; possession of controlled substance, persistent violator, \$1,015.50 costs, \$475 restitution, six months to seven years prison.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Derek Jade Smith, 24; driving under the influence (second offense), \$300 fine, \$182.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited. Angel Ramos Villasenor Jr., 18; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$217.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 69 days jail, 58 suspended, one credited, 32 days community service, 30 discretionary jail time; alcoholic beverage violation, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

MINIDOKA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Kip Marvin Smith, 43; delivery of controlled substance, \$2,000 fine, \$129.50 costs, \$200 restitution, five years probation, two to 10 years prison, 22 days cred-

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ited, modified sentence; probation violation (3 counts), retained jurisdiction.

Robert Lewis Gomez, 23; burglary, \$1,000 fine suspended, \$100.50 costs, \$119.49 restitution, three years probation, four to eight years prison, 203 days credited; probation violation (2 counts), 237 days credited, retained jurisdiction. Jeremy James Carpenter, 25; forgery, \$875.50 costs, one to three years prison, 275 days credited; forgery, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Zachery Lee Ford, 26; driving without privileges (misdemeanor) amended to driving under the influence (felony), \$500 fine, \$115.50 costs, driver's license suspended two years, four years probation, three to 10 years prison; driving under the influence (excessive) (second offense, misdemeanor) amended to driving without privileges, dismissed by prosecutor; probation violation, retained jurisdiction.

Zachary Lee Ford, 26; driving without privileges (misdemeanor) amended to driving under the influence (felony), \$1,020.50 costs, driver's license suspended five years, three to 10 years prison, 19 days credited, retained jurisdiction; failure to provide proof of insurance amended to transporting minor in vehicle while under the influence, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; driving without privileges, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

David Juarez, 31; driving under the influence (second offense) amended to driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$4,200 restitution, driver's license suspended 180 days, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, 30 days community service, 26 suspended; driving without privileges (third offense), \$300 fine

suspended, \$200 restitution, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, 30 days community service, 26 suspended; contempt of court, five days jail suspended.

Gary Demar Wickersham, 37; driving under the influence,

\$200 fine, \$232.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation; driving without privileges (first offense) amended to driving without privileges (second offense), dismissed on motion of prosecutor; failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

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CIA chief pulled from Pakistan; drones kill 54

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The CIA yanked its top spy out of Pakistan after his cover was blown and his life threatened, and 54 suspected militants were killed in a U.S. drone missile attack Friday in stark new signs of the troubled relationship between mistrustful allies locked in a war on terror groups.

The CIA's decision to remove its Islamabad station chief comes at a pivotal moment. The Obama administration is pressing Pakistan to rid its lawless northwest frontier of militants, even as public outcry in the country has intensified against the U.S. spy agency's unacknowledged drone war.

The station chief's outing has spurred questions whether Pakistan's spy service might have leaked the information.

The name emerged publicly from a Pakistani man who has threatened to sue the CIA over the deaths of

his son and brother in a 2009 drone missile strike. A lawsuit filed last month in New York City in connection with the 2008 terror attacks in Mumbai, India, also may have raised tensions, by naming Pakistan's intelligence chief as a defendant.

A Pakistani intelligence officer said the country's intelligence service knew the identity of the station chief, but had "no clue" how the name was leaked. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because his agency, like many around the world, does not allow its operatives to be named in the media.

CIA airstrikes in Pakistan from unmanned aircraft have eliminated terrorist leaders but also have led to accusations that the strikes kill innocent civilians. The U.S. does not acknowledge the missile attacks, but there have been more than 110 this year — more than double last year's total.

Liberals seethe as tax bill becomes law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama signed into law a huge, holiday-season tax bill extending cuts for all Americans on Friday, saluting a new spirit of political compromise as Republicans applauded and liberals seethed. The benefits range from tax cuts for millionaires and the middle class to longer-term help for the jobless.

The most significant tax legislation in nearly a decade will avert big increases that would have hit millions of people starting in two weeks on New Year's Day. Declared Obama: "We are here with some good news for the



AP photo
President Barack Obama signs the tax package on Friday.

American people this holiday season."

"This is progress and that's what they sent us here to achieve," Obama said as a rare bipartisan assembly of lawmakers

looked on at the White House.

The package retains Bush-era tax rates for all taxpayers, including the wealthiest Americans, a provision Obama and congressional liberals opposed. It also offers 13 months of extended benefits to the unemployed and attempts to stimulate the economy with a Social Security payroll tax cut for all workers.

At a cost of \$858 billion over two years, the deal contains provisions dear to both Democrats and Republicans. It represents the most money that Obama was likely to have been able to dedicate over the next year to the slowly recovering

economy. Yet it also increases the federal deficit at a time when the country is growing increasingly anxious about the red ink.

Dramatic both as an economic and a political accomplishment, the agreement sets the stage for Obama's new relationship with Congress in the aftermath of a midterm election wave that devastated Democrats and stripped them of control of the House.

Obama called for maintaining the spirit of cooperation, declaring he was hopeful "that we might refresh the American people's faith in the capability of their leaders to govern in challenging times."

Coast Guard: Little seafloor oil from Gulf spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Federal scientists said Friday extensive sampling of the Gulf of Mexico seafloor found oil in quantities too small to collect and in concentrations below harmful levels, except in the area

surrounding the BP well.

The Coast Guard's report contrasts independent scientists who say oil from the BP spill extensively damaged the seafloor and killed coral, sea fans and many bottom-dwelling animals

like tubeworms.

"We are not finding any recoverable amounts of oil" on the seafloor, Rear Adm. Paul Zukunft said. "We are dealing with barely detectable amounts of oil in the parts per billion in many places."

He said the tiny amounts of oil fall well under pollution limits, except for the area within 1 1/2 miles of the BP well, where oil is bound with drilling mud pumped into the BP well to cap it, Zukunft said.

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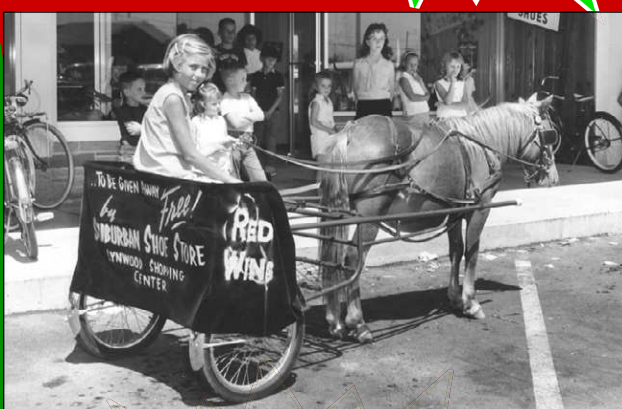


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“I know that we are going to borrow every nickel in this bill.”
 — House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., after the House passed a massive, bipartisan tax cut bill at a cost of \$858 billion

Ex-ITD director about to walk away with a big settlement

JEERS: How can the most experienced commission in Idaho state government not know the legal ground rules for firing somebody?

On Thursday, a federal judge issued a proposed order siding with former Idaho Transportation Director Pam Lowe on a key point in her wrongful-firing lawsuit” her argument that she wasn’t an “at-will” employee who could be dismissed without cause.

If the judge sticks with his ruling, the state’s main defense in the case will be nullified.

At issue is a 1974 law that created the director’s post, that says, “The director shall serve at the pleasure of the board and may be removed by the board for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance or non-feasance in office.”

“... the ITD board may not remove the director for any reason other than one or more of the four specified bases for removal,” U.S. Magistrate Ron Bush said.

Which, of course, sets up a potentially big payday for

Lowe, who was shown the door at ITD 18 months ago. She contends her firing came because she tried to scale back a big contract with politically well-connected firms; that she was fired without cause and without being allowed a hearing, and that she was discriminated against because she’s female.

The state isn’t going to win this case. It should settle with Lowe now, and make sure future board members actually reads the law.

CHEERS: To Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail, for pulling the plug on a 20-year-old state law that has led to cabin site leaseholders on state lands to pay less than market rates to a fund that supports public schools in Idaho.

Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden won a preliminary injunction Wednesday blocking new leases for state-owned lake cabin sites at Payette Lake and Priest Lake, arguing that the state’s whole system for renting out cabin sites is unconstitutional.



Though Idaho owns the land underneath, it’s long allowed private owners to build and own cabins on the lots in exchange for annual rent; some have had the cabins for generations.

But with frequent controversy over the prospect of existing cabin owners being outbid when their leases came up for renewal, Idaho passed a law in 1990 to require the state Land Board to charge “market rents,” in exchange for eliminating the requirement that cabin-site leases be auctioned off to the highest bidder, like other state endowment land leases.

Wasden argued that law is unconstitutional, and Deborah Bail agreed. “Clearly the Legislature was

trying to balance some fairly sensitive issues, but the Constitution is plain and the interpretation of the Constitution is clear,” Bail declared. She ruled from the bench, granting the preliminary injunction on the spot.

“I believe that the public auction requirement of the Constitution can’t be negated by a statute,” the judge said. “I think it will require a constitutional amendment to negate that requirement.”

The Land Board meets on Tuesday, and already has on its agenda a plan to move away from state ownership of ground on which private owners build and own cabins.

“If we had unity of title, we wouldn’t be having the kind of problems that we’ve been having,” Wasden said. “That’s the ultimate answer.”

CHEERS: To Nevada’s mining industry, for making life safer for its Idaho neighbors.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency announced this week that overall releases of toxic chemicals to the envi-

ronment by industry in the Silver State decreased 8 percent in 2009. Mining companies accounted for 97 percent of the releases.

Overall releases of mercury and mercury compounds decreased 3 percent to 5.2 million pounds in Nevada.

Justin Hayes of the Idaho Conservation League hailed a roughly 50 percent reduction in airborne mercury emissions from Nevada gold mines to 2,523 pounds in 2009, saying it was good news for folks — and that includes everyone who lives in the Magic Valley — downwind from the mines.

The emissions have been suspected of making some fish and waterfowl so polluted with methylmercury they are unsafe to eat. Children and women of child-bearing age are most at risk.

The state of Nevada began requesting voluntary reductions in mercury emissions in 2001 and adopted mandatory controls in 2006 at 15 gold facilities in the state.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Fundraiser was a huge success

A big thank-you to all our friends and family that supported the fundraiser at the Log Tavern last March for Dreams Come True Camp for Kids. Thanks to all of you that donated great stuff and Sportsman’s Warehouse, Falls Brand, Hunt of a Lifetime, all the staff that Cal put together.

It was a huge success, Dreams Come True Camp For Kids through Hunt of a Lifetime sponsored a Stage 5 kidney disease child on his first Elk Hunt at Pine Mountain Ranch here in Idaho. His Name is Hunter Miracle, 14 years old, and what a blessing it was!

Thanks to all who supported this great cause. We plan to continue this program with Hunt of a Lifetime each year, with your continued support, and plan to make the fundraiser an annual event. See you at the Log Tavern in March.

Also, thank you, Libby, for saving my life. Thank God you were there with your CPR training. I’ll be forever indebted to you; you’re the best!

DON JESSER
Twin Falls

Neighbors in Need Raffle a huge success

The Neighbors in Need Committee at Ascension Episcopal Church thanks everyone who helped to make the Neighbors in Need Raffle at the Artisans’ Holiday Show such a huge success. More than \$1,100 was raised, which will provide help to many local families this winter.

Deepest thanks to all who bought raffle tickets, to the artisans and parishioners of Ascension Church who donated items for the raffle, and to all

who set up, staffed and cleaned up the raffle booth.

All of us together make a huge difference to those in our community struggling to meet basic needs.

CINDY JARDINE
Chairman
Neighbors in Need Committee
Twin Falls

Highway dept. worker gets car on its way

Helping thy neighbor is alive and well in the Magic Valley.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to Tom, the state highway department employee, for helping me and my family as we sat on Highway 93 outside Shoshone with a flat tire. Tom, unselfishly, took the time to park his snow plow rig to help wrestle a stubborn spare from underneath our van and change a tire in a driving ice storm. He came to our aid without being asked for which I will always be thankful.

The state highway department is lucky to have him.

ERIC ANDERSON
Jerome

Harvest Festival was supported generously

Trinity Lutheran Church of Eden would like to thank the following merchants for their generous donations for the Harvest Festival that takes place every year at the end of October for our communities’ children and families.

Douglas Farm Store (Hazelton), Magic Valley Mall, Rudy’s, Burks Tractor, John Deere, Agri-Service, Sav-Mor Drug Store, Caterpillar, all of Twin Falls and individuals of our community.

FRAN KOHTZ
Hazelton

We’ve only got *this* America

Former President José María Figueres of Costa Rica has a saying I like: “There is no Planet B” — so we’d better make Plan A work to preserve a stable environment. I feel the same way about America these days. There is no America B, so we’d better make this one work a lot better than we’ve been doing, and not only for our sake. When Britain went into decline as the globe’s stabilizing power, America was right there, ready to pick up the role. Even with all our imperfections and mistakes, the world has been a better place for it. If America goes weak, though, and cannot project power the way it has, your kids won’t just grow up in a different America. They will grow up in a different world. You will not like who picks up the pieces. Just glance at a few recent headlines.

The world system is currently being challenged by two new forces: a rising superpower, called China, and a rising collection of superempowered individuals, as represented by the WikiLeaks, among others. What globalization, technological integration and the general flattening of the world have done is to superempower individuals to such a degree that they can actually challenge any hierarchy as individuals.

China has put on a sound and light show these past few weeks that underscored just how much its rising economic clout can be used to warp the U.S.-led international order when it so chooses. I am talking specifically about the lengths to which China went to not only reject the Nobel Peace Prize given to one of its citizens — Liu Xiaobo, a democracy advocate who is serving an 11-year sentence in China for “subversion of state power” — but to intimidate China’s trading partners from even sending representatives to attend the Nobel award ceremony at Oslo’s City Hall.

Liu was represented at the Nobel ceremony this month



Thomas Friedman

by an empty chair because China would not release him from prison — only the fifth time in the 109-year history of the prize that the winner was not in attendance. Under pressure from Beijing, the following countries joined China’s boycott of the ceremony: Serbia, Morocco, Pakistan, Venezuela, Afghanistan, Colombia, Ukraine, Algeria, Cuba, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, Vietnam and the Philippines. What a pathetic bunch.

“The empty chair in Oslo’s Town Hall last Friday was not only that of Liu, but of China itself,” observed Rowan Callick, a columnist for *The Australian*. “The world is still waiting for China to play its proper, full role in international affairs. The perversity of such a successful, civilized nation playing a dominant role as a backer — if sometimes merely by default — of cruel, failed or failing states is intensely frustrating.”

Honestly, I thought China’s leaders had more self-confidence than that. Clearly, they are feeling very insecure. Think if China had said instead: “We disagree with this award and we will not be attending. But anytime one of our citizens is honored with a Nobel, it is an honor for all of China — and so we will pass this on to his family!” It would have been a one-day story, and China’s leaders would have looked so strong.

As for the superempowered individuals — some are constructive, some are destructive. I read many WikiLeaks and learned some useful things. But their release also raises some troubling questions. I don’t want to live in a country where they throw whistle-blowers in jail. That’s China. But I also don’t want to live in a country where any individual feels entitled to just dump out all the internal communications of a government or a bank in a way that undermines the ability to have private, confidential communications that are vital to the functioning of any society. That’s anarchy.

But here’s the fact: A China that can choke off conversations far beyond its borders, and superempow-

ered individuals who can expose conversations far beyond their borders — or create posses of “cyber-hacktivists” who can melt down the computers of people they don’t like — are now a reality. They are rising powers. A stable world requires that we learn how to get the best from both and limit the worst; it will require smart legal and technological responses.

For that job, there is no alternative to a strong America. Critics said of the British Labour Party of the 1960s that the Britain they were trying to build was half-Sweden and half-heaven. The alternative today to a world ordered by American power is not some cuddly multipolar system — half-Sweden and half-heaven. It is half-China and half-superempowered individuals.

Managing that will never be easy. But it will be a lot easier with a healthy America, committed to its core values, powerful enough to project them and successful enough that others want to follow our lead — voluntarily.

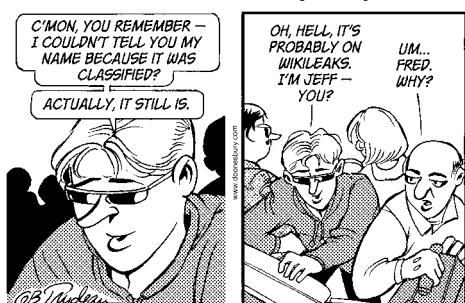
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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By Garry Trudeau



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LETTERS OF THANKS

Buyers support 4-H projects, youth

The members of my 4-H club, Lambs and Ewe, would like to thank our buyers at the Twin Falls County 4-H Market Sale: Justin LaRue, Grand Champion, Les Schwab in Buhl and Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls; Katie Trammel, Reserve Grand Champion, Jerry and Barb Trammel; Kynadi Silva, Silva Trucking of Buhl; Rose Davies, Farm Fresh of Jerome; Jordan Cates, Mike Eckert and M & R Farms; Brett Cates, Wonenberg Electric of Filer; Emily Foster, Eckert and Sons of Buhl; Clay Trammel, Les Schwab in Buhl; Chelsie Mansfield, Les Schwab on Blue Lakes in Twin Falls; Matt Mansfield, Gietzen Electric in Buhl; Hannah Oman, Usabel Hay.

Your support of 4-H youth is greatly appreciated. BONNIE LARUE Filer

Supporters made fun night in Gooding

On Nov. 18, the Gooding Chamber of Commerce hosted the Harlem Ambassadors professional show basketball team for a night of high-flying slam dunks, hilarious comedy and feel-good family entertainment. The Harlem Ambassadors would like to extend a special thank-you to event organizers George Yerion and Julie Burton, who planned and promoted the game. The Gooding Redneck Shooters proved to be an energetic and enthusiastic challenging team, and we thank all of the players for their good sportsmanship. The event would not have been possible without the support and generosity of local community sponsors, the Gooding Chamber of Commerce members and the event volunteers.

The Harlem Ambassadors thank the community of Gooding for its warm hospitality and look forward to returning to Gooding in the future! DALE MOSS President Harlem Ambassadors Fort Collins, Colo.

Fiddler on the Roof brought down house

I would like to thank all of the participants of the recent production of Fiddler on the Roof here in Twin Falls. It was excellent! I love that musical and everyone from the Kimberly Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who were involved did such a fine job with the music and the script. The costumes and scenery were fabulous, too. I know many hours were donated to make this happen. There was no charge for the tickets to see it, and this was only possible because so many people were willing to give of their time and talents. Thank you for bringing it to pass so well for all of our enjoyment. LIZ NICCUM and family Twin Falls

Fred Meyer, Holly House provides fundraiser

On Nov. 21, Magic Valley High School students had the opportunity to participate in a wonderful activity, thanks to the kindness of Fred Meyer and especially Holly House. As part of their grand re-opening, Fred Meyer invited local school organizations to help serve food over the course of two weekends to customers and, in exchange, the store donated money to those organizations. The Competitive Drama Team and the BPA Club from Magic Valley High School helped serve hot dogs (more than 1,200) and soda to the Fred Meyer customers who braved the snowy roads that day. The students had a blast, and it was a wonderful opportunity for them to interact with the community in a positive manner. In addition, we received much needed funds for the programs, which will be used to fund travel costs and entrance fees in competition for both clubs.

Thank you, Holly House and Fred Meyer, for a great experience and a terrific fundraiser. We appreciate it so much! JENNIFER MILLER English, theater and speech Magic Valley High School Twin Falls

Men pitched in to free van from snowdrift

I would like to thank the three men who stopped on North Washington on Sunday evening, Nov. 28, and assisted me in pulling my van out of a snowdrift. Within a minute the first man stopped and asked if I needed help. While he was getting out his tow rope, another man stopped to assist him in the efforts of freeing my car. A third man stopped and asked if they had it under control. He stayed and we finally freed my van with his truck. I'm fortunate to live in a community that has citizens that care about others and are more than willing to lend a helping hand. My heartfelt appreciation is sent to each of you. The first man that stopped, I still have your tow rope. Please contact me at 420-0333 so I can return it to you. PATTI SLAGEL Twin Falls

Theater supporters give opportunity to more than 300 youth

On behalf of the Magic Valley Arts Council, I would like to thank the following for the success of our Missoula Children's Theater residency week and production of "Treasure Island."

Major support was provided by Glanbia Foods Inc., Farmers National Bank of Buhl, O'Leary Junior High School Parent Teacher Student Organization, Mix 103 and Laura Fitzgerald at Idaho American Dream Realty. And special thanks to this year's planning committee: Larisa Alexander, Jennifer Brizee, Rene Rambur and Julie Whitehead. Without everyone's support, we would not be able to provide such a worthwhile performing arts experience and workshops to more than 300 youth in our community. CAROLYN WHITE Program director Magic Valley Arts Council Twin Falls

Elk's food caravan keeps rolling

It is the time of year for Snake River Elks Lodge No. 2807 to remember those folks who generously donated money, products and time to our fundraisers this past year. The Idaho Elk's Rehabilitation Hospital Food Caravan was the major fundraiser. There were 22 lodges in Idaho who participated in the food caravan this year. Snake River Elk's Lodge 2807 placed fourth in the amount of funds raised.

Cash donations were what helped make this year's food caravan such a success. The food and items that were donated made the bulk of the amount donated, but the cash donations put the Snake River Elk's Lodge

2807 in the top five Lodges. Thank you again for your generous donations. We will look forward to seeing you again next year. KEN VENABLE Food Caravan chairman Snake River Elk's Lodge 2807

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Fed proposes 12-cent cap on merchant debit fees

By Eileen AJ Connelly
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK— The Federal Reserve on Thursday proposed a 12-cent cap on the fees banks would be allowed to charge merchants for debit card transactions, a limit that could sharply cut into the revenue of the banks that issue debit cards.

Capping debit interchange fees, sometimes called swipe fees, would help merchants by replacing the current system, in which they generally pay between 1 percent and 2 percent of the dollar value of each transaction.



An advertisement for a gas card is seen at a fuel pump as Jesus Castillo fills up at a Gate Petroleum gas station pump in Jacksonville, Fla.

The proposal also would require that merchants have a choice of unrelated net-

could limit revenue for those companies. Bank stocks were largely unaffected by the news, but shares of Visa and MasterCard both fell sharply following the announcement.

Fed staff members said consumers would not likely see a swipe fee cap translate into lower prices, except in some highly competitive markets. It may, however, result in banks cutting back on debit card reward programs or searching for other ways to offset the impact of lower fees.

The proposal is being made to enact a provision of the financial regulatory

overhaul bill that became law in July. The provision requires that interchange fees be "reasonable and proportional" to banks' costs for processing transactions.

To address that standard, the proposal contains two alternatives, both capped at 12 cents, that take into account a bank's costs to authorize, clear and settle electronic transactions. Limiting the size of the fees would give banks incentives for keeping their costs low, the Fed staff said in outlining the plan.

The law doesn't apply to interchange fees for credit cards.

The National Retail Federation was among merchant groups that praised the proposal, saying fee limits "would result in lower costs for merchants and could lead to discounts for their customers." Consumer groups generally maintain that shoppers would benefit through lower costs as well.

The American Bankers Association had a vastly different take, charging that the cap would "essentially relieve retailers of paying their fair share for a card payments system that offers them tremendous benefits."

SUGAR and PICE



Arno's Confection Perfection produces a variety of treats including peppermint bark, Irish cream coffee bark and chocolate cranberry macadamia nut bark.

Long way from dog days

2011 might see record Dow

By Stan Choe
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK— Could the Dow set a record high next year?

That question would have seemed crazy early last year when fear and panic enveloped the stock market and the Dow Jones industrial average plunged to 6,547 on March 9. Many investors thought it would take a decade or longer to get back to the record of 14,165, set on Oct. 9, 2007.

Now we could be on the verge. The Dow has soared 76 percent the past 21 months, and it would have to climb just 23 percent from Friday's close of 11,492 to set a record.

That's a big jump, but the Dow has risen 23 percent or more six times since 1985, or roughly 1 in 4 years. Two other years, the Dow just missed with a gain of 22.6 percent. Add them and the number becomes eight years out of 25, or roughly 1 in 3.

Many analysts don't expect a 23 percent gain in 2011, but they agree conditions are in place for the rally to continue.

"There are some really compelling reasons out there that say the Dow could approach its highs," says Randy Bateman,

See **DOW**, Business 2



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Colleen Huber, who owns Daisy's Olde Time Confections with her husband, Mark, places more than 30 chocolates into 1-pound assorted boxes Friday at their Twin Falls store.

Holiday season gives local chocolatiers and candy makers uptick in sales

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

A young man walks into Daisy's Olde Time Confections, wallet in hand.

He browses a display of boxes of chocolate before asking owner Mark Huber what he can buy with his few bucks.

Huber smiles before showing his customer a display of smaller bags of chocolate turtles, caramels and hard candies.

Even in the down economy, Huber expects business to be pretty strong at his Twin Falls store.

"People can't buy the new

big-screen TV but they can still afford a box of chocolates," Huber said. "We've seen this before, where the economy is down and people are spending less on gifts. Chocolate, in particular, is a comfort food."

He doesn't yet know how good the season will be but the business is ready for last-minute Christmas sales.

"Chocolate and candy is always a last-minute purchase," Huber said.

Like Huber, Bonnie Fredrickson, owner of Fredrickson's Candy, in Twin Falls said the coming week, "is among the busiest of the year." "Christmas is a very impor-

tant season for us," said Fredrickson, who has been in the business for decades. "It's always a very busy time for us."

Huber and his wife, Colleen, have owned and operated their store, which also caters to the lunch crowd, for 16 years.

While he tends to the flow of foot traffic, she's in the back room, filling gift boxes, 10 at a time.

"Even through this busiest time of year, we do everything ourselves," Mark Huber said. "We come in early in the morning and stay after midnight sometimes, just to get it done."

See **CANDY**, Business 2

Harmon joins Cassia Regional Medical Center

BURLEY— A new full-time general surgeon has joined the staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Keith Harmon, who is originally from Kentucky, is a board-certified surgeon and has been practicing medicine for the last two years at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

Harmon

Harmon was offered a surgical position at St. Alphonsus in Boise but chose to take the position at Cassia Regional because he enjoys the small-town atmosphere and believes he can make more of a difference in people's lives, according to a press release issued by CRMC.

Harmon's expertise includes a wide range of laparoscopic and general surgery procedures including gallbladder, appendix, hernia repair, anti-reflux surgery, colon cancer, colonoscopy, EGD, melanoma and other skin cancers or lesions. His subspecialty interests are endocrine surgery, which includes breast, pancreas, adrenal, thyroid, parathyroid and spleen.

Harmon's office is in the Cassia Surgical Clinic at Cassia Regional Medical Center, Suite H. He accepts Medicare, Medicaid and most insurances as well as private pay. Call 878-5568 for more information.

Department of Labor releases county unemployment rates

Times-News

According to the Idaho Department of Labor twenty counties match or exceed the statewide November jobless hike and with only eight counties experiencing jobless rates below year-ago levels.

On the state level is 9.4 percent of the labor market are unemployed, up from 9 percent last November.

The local unemployment estimates were released just hours after the Congress approved resumption of the federally financed extended benefits program, which provides an additional 28 to 73 weeks of benefits to idled workers who already exhausted their 10 to 26 weeks of regular state benefits.

November's boost in unemployment also focused on rural

parts of the state. Idaho's 11 largest cities reported less than 45 percent of total unemployment. In October, those cities accounted for 48 percent of the unemployed.

The highest rate was in resource-reliant Valley County at 18.5 percent, up 1.1 percentage points from October. Oneida County continued to have the lowest rate at 5.3 percent, up two-tenths from October.

BY THE NUMBERS

November unemployment rate, by county	
Cassia	6.5 percent
Gooding	7.1 percent
Jerome	9.6 percent
Minidoka	8.2 percent
Shoshone	14.9 percent
Twin Falls	8.1 percent

— Source: Idaho Department of Labor

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	22.49	▲ .05	Dell	13.64	▲ .31	Idacorp	37.59	▲ .04	Int. Bancorp	1.55	▼ .05
Lithia Mo.	13.10	▼ .24	McDonald's	76.81	▲ .10	Micron	8.21	▲ .16	Supervalu	8.76	▲ .03

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	102.17	▲ .97	Jan. Oil	88.02	▲ .32
Dec. Gold	1,378.60	▲ 8.20	Dec. Silver	29.11	▲ .36

Monday in business None.

MARKET SUMMARY

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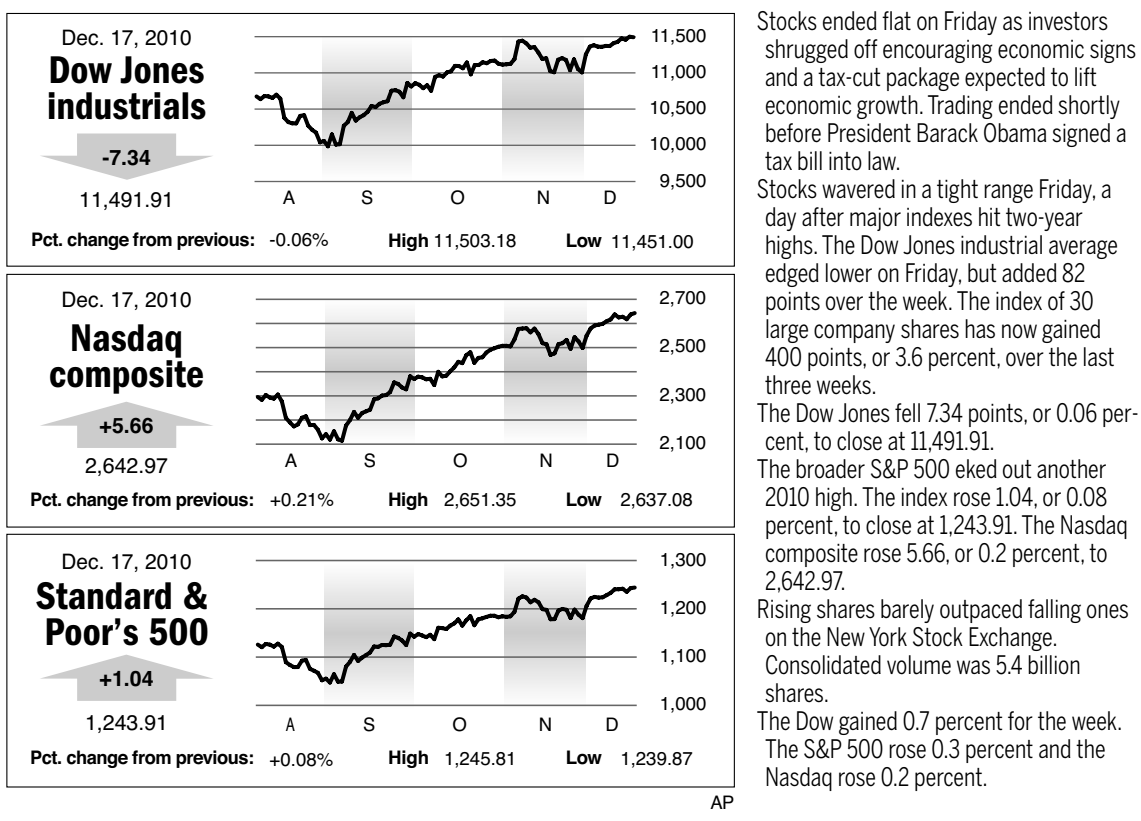
Table of market indexes including Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and Russell 2000 with their respective values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as AlliantEgy, AlliantTch, and AmCasino with their current prices and daily changes.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99. dd - Loss in last 12 mos. d - New 52-wk low during trading day. g - Dividend in Canadian \$.



COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices for closing futures, grains, livestock, metals/money, cheese, and potatoes, including prices and changes.

Fancy ATM spits out gold

By Kelli Kennedy Associated Press writer

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Shoppers who are looking for something sparkly to put under the Christmas tree can skip the jewelry and go straight to the source: an ATM that dispenses shiny 24-carat gold bars and coins.



AP photo

Thomas Geissler, the CEO of Ex Oriente Lux, left, and an Emirati official remove the cover of an ATM-style kiosk which monitors the daily gold price and offers small bars up to 10 grams or coins with customized designs during an opening and demonstration ceremony at the Emirates Palace hotel in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

A German company installed the machine Friday at an upscale mall in Boca Raton, a South Florida paradise of palm trees, pink buildings and wealthy retirees.

Thomas Geissler, CEO of Ex Oriente Lux and inventor of the Gold To Go machines, says the majority of buyers will be walk-ups enamored by the novelty. But he says they're also convenient for more serious investors looking to bypass the hassle of buying gold at pawn shops and over the Internet.

Emirates Palace hotel in May and followed up with gold ATMs in Germany, Spain and Italy. Geissler said they plan to unroll a few hundred machines worldwide in 2011. He said the Abu Dhabi machine has been so popular it has to be restocked every two days.

Each machine, manufactured in Germany, carries about 320 pieces of different-sized bars and coins. Prices are refigured automatically every 10 minutes to reflect market fluctuations. On Friday, a two-gram piece cost about \$122, including packaging, certification and a 5 percent markup. An ounce cost about \$1,442.

Buyer beware: A gram of the heavy metal is much smaller than you think, about the size of a fingernail. An ounce is a little larger than a quarter.

Florence Schneider, who checked out the machine Friday, said she might use it, but only if she needed a unique gift.

"I can't see it being successful. Maybe for Christmas as a gimmick," said the 78-year-old Boca Raton resident. "If I knew someone was having a big birthday coming up I'd buy it for something different."

Dow

Continued from Business 1 chief investment officer for Huntington Asset Advisors. "You've got a fairly rosy scenario, where there isn't a whole lot of competition for stocks."

rising, which makes stocks more appealing. Companies also are sitting on a record amount of cash, giving them leeway to pay bigger dividends, buy their own stock or buy competitors.

The Dow doesn't always rise the year a recovery marks its second anniversary. But the last time it did so, in 2003, the Dow jumped 25 percent. This expansion has been fitful so far. If it finally gains traction next year, stocks could do well.

The economy could help, too. The Great Recession ended in June of last year, so this economic expansion is only one and a half years old. Expansions since World War II have lasted an average of nearly five years.

The Dow has already had a good run this year. It's up 10 percent despite serious problems lingering in the economy, including a 9.8 percent unemployment rate

and a weak housing market. Part of the reason is that stock investors focus more on what's ahead than what's happening now. They believe the economy will continue to heal next year and companies will keep earning more money. On Friday, investors got the latest sign that the economy is on the mend.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Arno's Confection Perfection owners Cyndi and Rob Arno talk with Jayne Fischer, right, owner of The Cookie Basket Inc., while they drop off products on Friday.

Candy

Continued from Business 1

Daisy's will temper thousands of pounds of chocolate this holiday season, creating treats from dipped nuts to turtles with pecans, almonds and caramel. The Hubers make the caramel themselves.

One-pound boxes of chocolate, priced at \$15.99, are among the store's best sellers, Huber said.

This year the Arnos added Nordstrom as a client and now have customers across the country, thanks in part to strong Internet-based sales. Arno's Bark is also carried at several retail locations, including Purity Spa and The Cookie Basket in Twin Falls, along with Atkinsons' Markets in the Wood River Valley.

coffee and peppermint to cherry and orange, comes in festively decorated packages. Each flavor is, "perfectly balanced with a bottom layer of dark chocolate and topped with a rich layer of white chocolate mixed with crunchy morsels of flavor," Cyndi Arno said. "This is our busiest time of year and we're working, literally, around the clock, seven days a week."

Owned and operated by the wife and husband team of Cyndi and Rob Arno, the business, which operates out of a Twin Falls commercial kitchen, has sold a variety of chocolate bark locally for just a few years.

While the holiday season is important for the Hubers, and accounts for up to 25 percent of annual revenue, it's even more important to Arno's Confection Perfection. "It's really labor intensive," Cyndi Arno said. "We're doing everything ourselves." Cookie Basket owner Jayne Fisher said she jumped at the opportunity to carry the product, which comes in two-, four- and eight-ounce bags. Prices start at under \$3.

About 75 percent of the company's sales are made during the holiday season. Each variety of bark, from

"While we certainly like to promote our own products we like to add to what we carry. Customers like variety," Fisher said. "Plus, you can't go wrong with chocolate."

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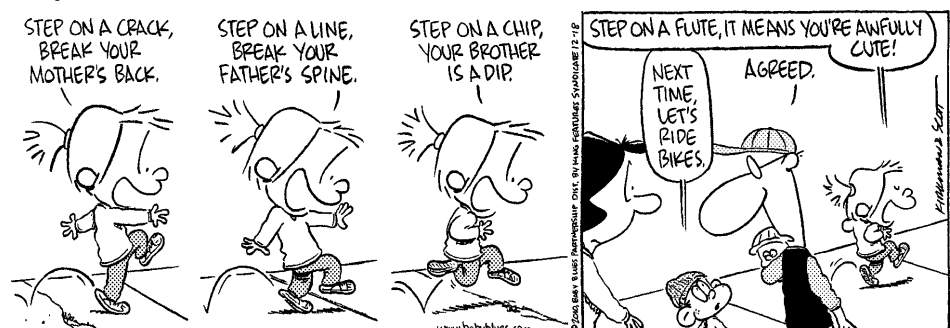
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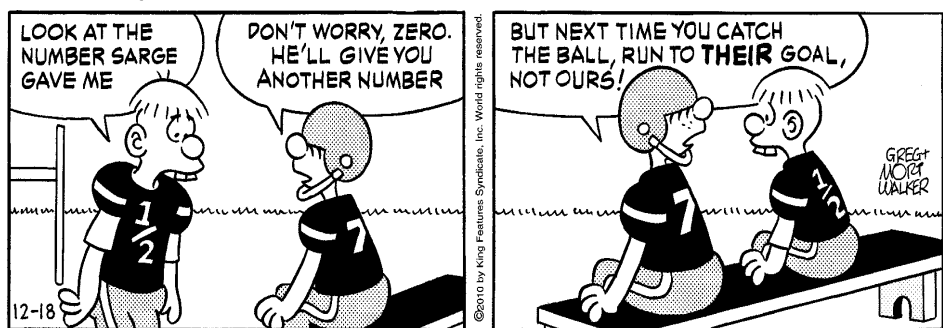
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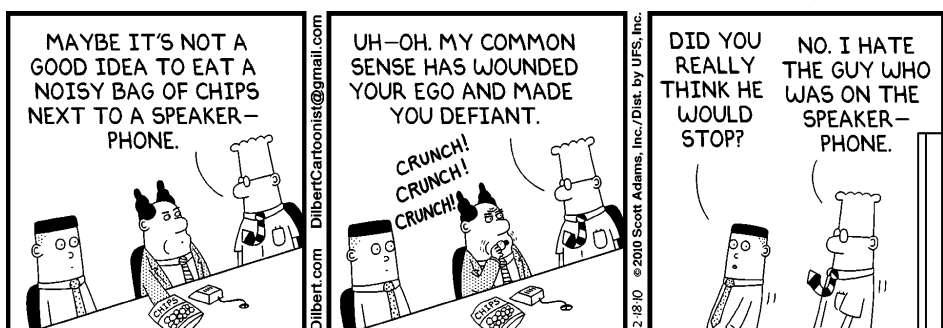
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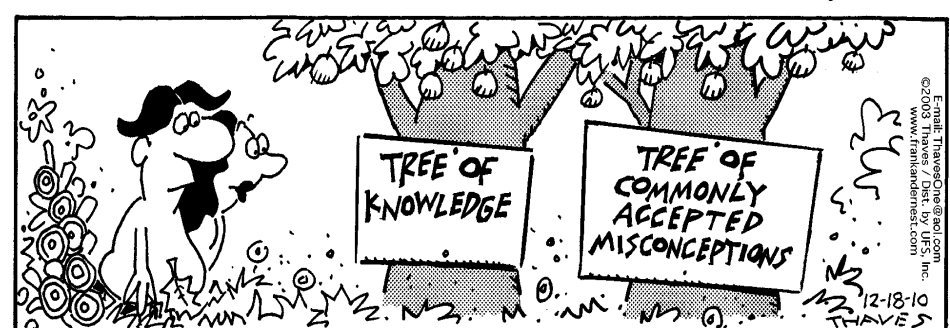
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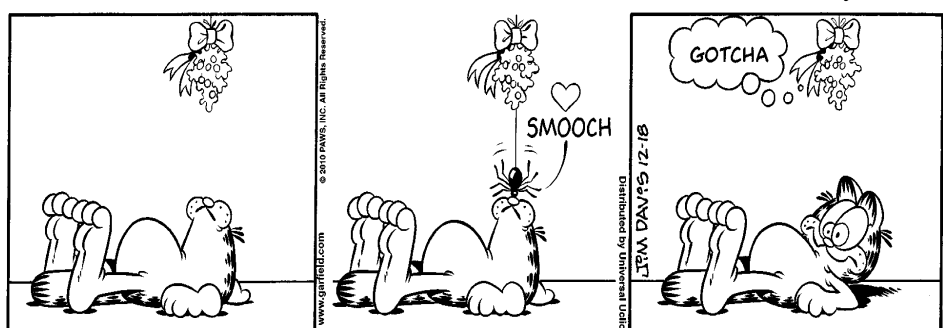
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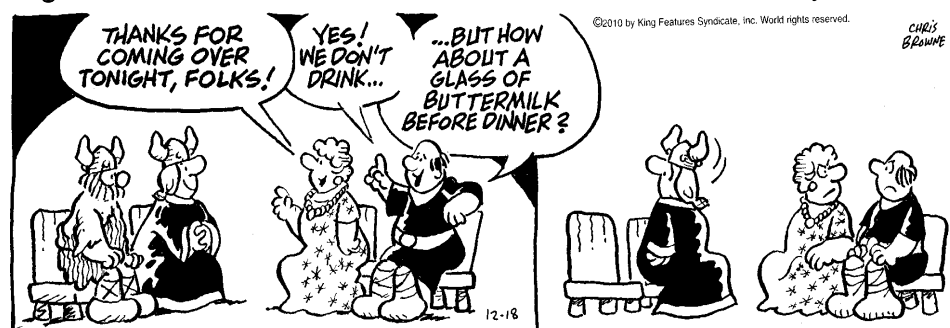
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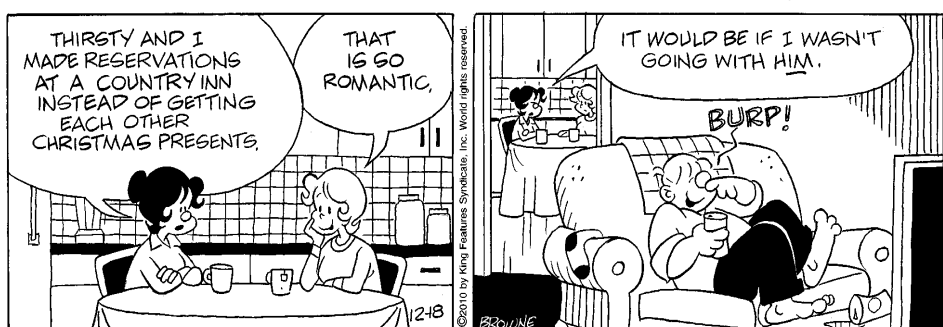
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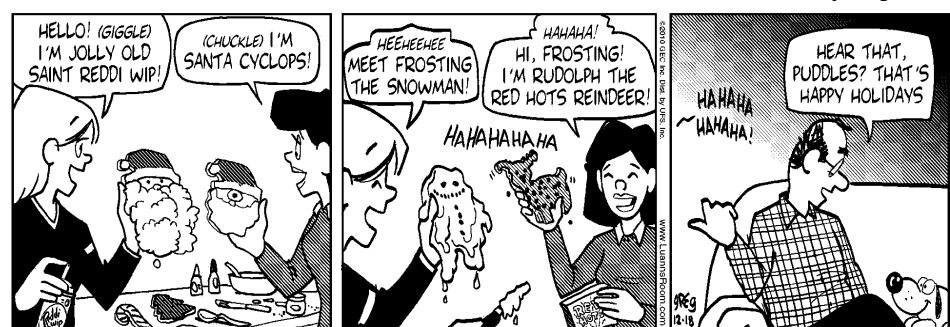
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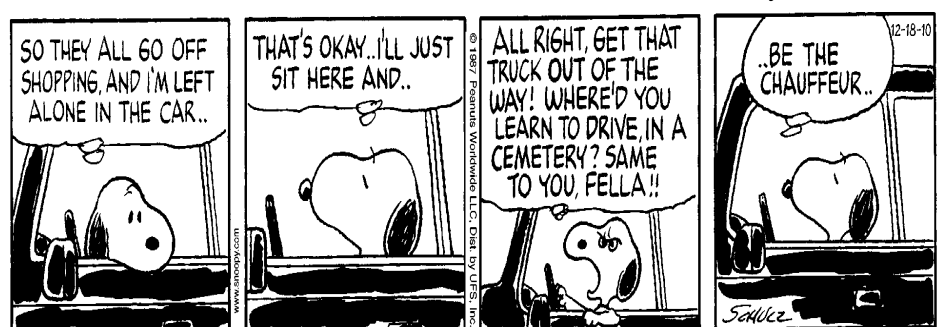
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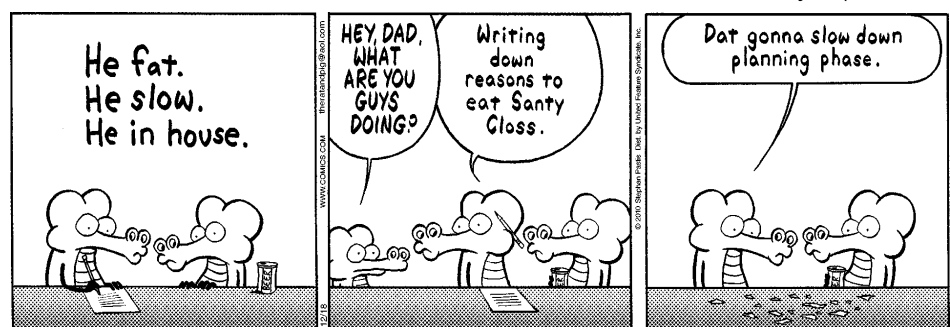
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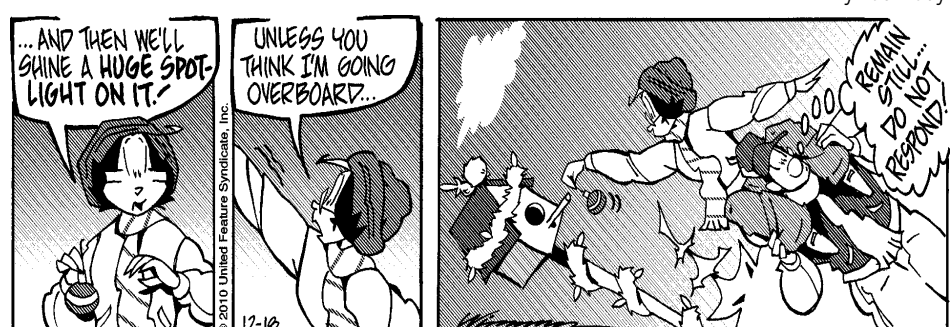
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Developing snow showers. High 35.

Tonight: Scattered snow likely. Low 30.

Tomorrow: Snow showers, and late rain showers. High 38.

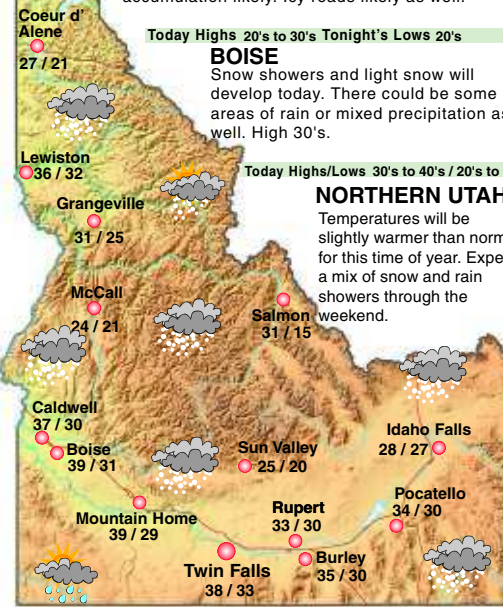
ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Month to Date statistics.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Light and moderate snow is likely through the weekend, especially Sunday. Some accumulation likely. Icy roads likely as well.



weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various Idaho cities including Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Lowell, Malad City, Malta, Pocatello, Rexburg, Salmon, Stanley, and Sun Valley.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Today's Forecast Avg.

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 29.89 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

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

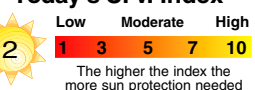
Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Today, Sunday, and Monday.

Today's U. V. Index



REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities in the Pacific Northwest including Boise, Bonners Ferry, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Halley, Idaho Falls, Kaitiaki, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Malta, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Salt Lake City, Spokane, Twin Falls, and Yellowstone.

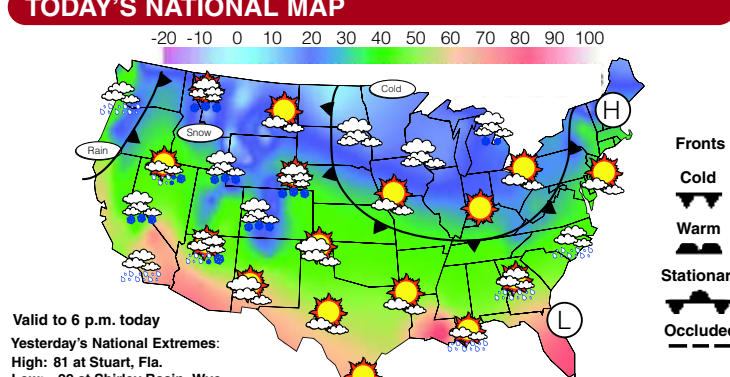
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for major US cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, and Omaha.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for cities including Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chennai, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Mexico City, Moscow, Nairobi, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santiago, Seoul, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Vienna, Warsaw, and Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 6 p.m. today. Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 81 at Stuart, Fla. Low: -29 at Shirley Basin, Wyo.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'You are what you repeatedly do. Excellence is not an event - it is a habit.' Includes a photo of Gregg Middlekauff and the M logo.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for cities including Calgary, Cranbrook, Edmonton, Kelowna, Lethbridge, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg.

U.N. chief: WikiLeaks makes diplomacy difficult

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Friday that WikiLeaks' release of U.S. diplomatic documents will make the conduct of business, and especially diplomacy, "very difficult."

United States embassy cables late last month including a July 2009 document published in The Guardian newspaper in Britain on Nov. 29 instructing U.S. officials to gather intelligence about him and other top U.N. officials and diplomats.

credit card and frequent flyer numbers. The document shocked many at the United Nations because it went beyond what is considered normal information-gathering in diplomatic circles.

Ban said. "I think there needs to be a balance ... between freedom of expression, right to know as well as to preserve the necessary and confidential conduct of diplomacy."

Fed reverses ban on Christian symbols

Bloomberg News Kansas City Federal Reserve President Thomas Hoenig said Friday that employees of banks under Fed supervision may display religious symbols, reversing a ban on Christian verses and Christmas symbols at a community bank in Oklahoma.

and Christmas items in its building, the bank said. They were removed after a Kansas City Fed examiner said they could be regarded as discriminatory and impede fair lending, the bank said.

Humana advertisement featuring a calendar with '31' circled and the text 'Don't forget to enroll!' and 'Now is the time to select your Medicare plan for 2011.' Includes contact information: 1-800-356-6952 (TTY: 711).

A health plan with a Medicare contract. The benefit information provided herein is a brief summary, but not a comprehensive description of available benefits. For more information contact the plan. For accommodation of persons with special needs at sales meetings, call 1-800-356-6952 (TTY: 711), 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. *Some exceptions may apply.



Times-News staff don their turbans and get out their crystal balls and try to predict college bowl outcomes
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T.F. Bruin boys beat CRHS in OT thriller

By Stephen Meyers
Times-News writer

These are what rivalry games are supposed to look like.

Overtime. A spirited, boisterous, raucous crowd. An individual battle between the team's two best players.

Drama. Heartbreak. Elation.

All of it was there Friday night at Canyon Ridge High School as the Bruins beat the Riverhawks 57-53 in the



Bruins 57, Riverhawks 53, OT

season's first installment of the cross-town rivalry between these two boys basketball teams.

With 3.1 seconds remaining in regulation, Canyon Ridge's Alex Ridgeway found Garren Moreno on an inbound pass for a 3-point shot to tie the game at 49 and force overtime.

"I thought they were

going to get (Alex) Ridgeway the ball, so the plan was to switch every screen. Garren (Moreno) was the wildcard and he slipped through and hit a great shot," said Twin Falls guard Eric Harr.

After a hectic fourth quarter that saw the Riverhawks score 15, the pace slowed considerably in the extra period. Twin Falls spent the majority of the period at the free-throw

See **BRUINS**, Sports 6

SPARTANS CLOBBER BOBCATS

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer



Spartans 58, Bobcats 22

RUPERT — You know it's bad when the Minico student section breaks out the "Start the Bus" chant in the first quarter.

The Spartans made a 15-0 run early and never looked back, smoking Burley 58-22 Friday night.

"I knew Minico was good, but tonight they played like a state championship-caliber team," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "They beat us in every aspect."

Minico (5-1, 1-0) won its Great Basin Conference opener by patiently break-

ing down Burley's defense for open shots and taking advantage of mismatches, both inside and on the perimeter. The Bobcats never got on track against Minico's suffocating defense.

"We came and played good defense early, got them down and just put the dagger in them," said Kade Miller, who led Minico with 20 points.

Miller had the hot hand early, scoring 14 in the first quarter, including his own

personal 9-0 run.

Later on, Casey Christiansen took his turn twisting the knife, scoring 12 of his 15 points in the third quarter.

"There are certain plays with certain sets where someone is probably going to be open off a screen, and we try to put the hot hand in that spot," Christiansen said. "But the hot hand is usually just whoever is open. Almost all my shots were wide open shots, and Kade's were open."

The Spartans shot 42 percent from the field while holding Burley to 26.6

See **SPARTANS**, Sports 6

Spartans and Tigers finish strong

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

JEROME — Action was in constant motion at the 2010 Bear-Cat Wrestling Tournament on Friday. At the end of the first day, Highland led with 92 points followed by Minico with 79 points and Jerome, a single point behind at 78.

Minico will have six wrestlers competing in today's semifinals including Isaiah Alvarado (119), Alberto Ramirez (125), Dakota Rupard (145), David Borden (160), Brady May (189) and Jacob Barclay (215).

Alvarado won his first match by pinning Brad Gerratt of Valley at 5:27.

"I'm 4-0 against (Gerratt)," said Alvarado. "He is good and strong and is always a hard kid to wrestle. I just went in knowing I could win."

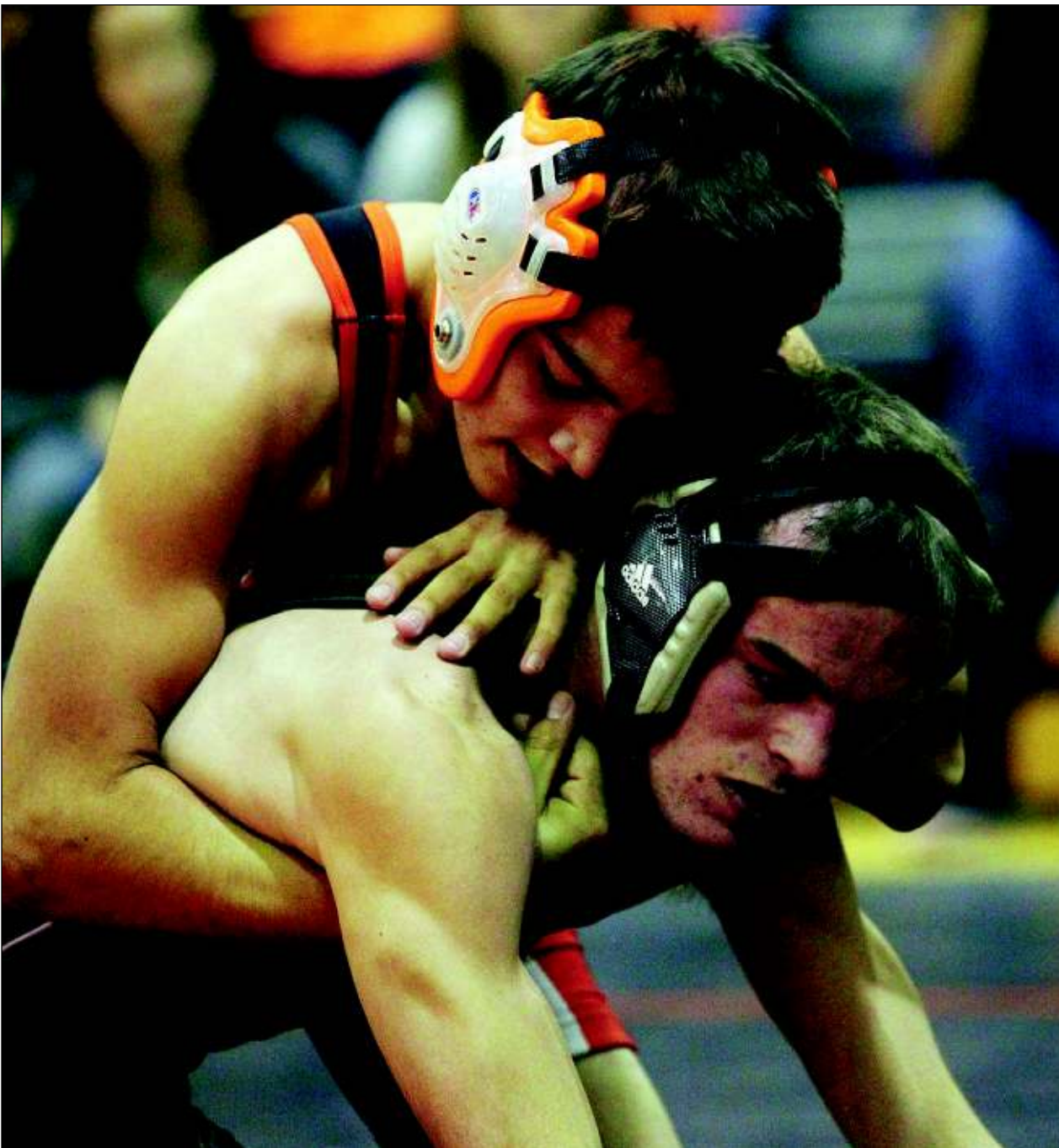
Alvarado felt a little heavy going into the match and was using his moves to try to lose some weight.

"When you are overweight, you don't really want to end the match quick," said Alvarado. "But once you start to get tired and the match seems to go on and on, you start to lose your concentration and it comes down to who is in the best condition."

The Tigers qualified seven wrestlers for the semifinals: Eric Ayala (103), Kaden Luper (119), Nick Thome (135), Tate Patterson (140), Joe Carey (152), Jade Parsons (215) and Layne Lasike (275).

Jerome senior Ayala is one of the top-seeded wrestlers in the tournament. He pinned Johnny Martin from Burley in 52 seconds and will face Gage Kepner from Canyon Ridge in the semis.

"The match was fast," said Ayala, who finished fourth at



DREW NASH/Times-News

Jerome's Michael Roberts (top) wrestles Wood River's Andrew Beck during the Bear-Cat Wrestling Tournament in the 125 pound class Friday at Jerome High School.

state a year ago. "I went into the match and did what I had to."

Ayala has set his goal to be

the state champion this year.

"This is my year," said Ayala. "My mentality is stronger than it was a year

ago. I learn more in each match and from any mistakes I make."

Canyon Ridge's Connor

Stubblefield (112) won by pin over Yovanny Lara from Elko, Nev., in 3:32.

Stubblefield, who is 4-0,

has won with some pretty quick pins.

"My matches need to go longer so I can get in better condition and ready for state," he said

Jerome coach Des Case appeared pleased with the Tigers' overall performance on Friday.

"It's been about what we expected," he said.

The Tigers have a couple of freshmen that are competing and have been working hard.

"The transition from junior high to high school is tough," said Case. "We'll just have to see how the kids react this weekend and see where we are and what we need to work on."

Other area teams competing are Canyon Ridge (eighth after Day 1), Buhl (ninth), Wood River (11th), Burley (12th), Kimberly (13th), Wendell (14th), Twin Falls (15th) and Valley (17th).

Action resumes at 10 a.m. today, with finals expected to start around 1:30 p.m.

Bear-Cat Invitational At Jerome HS

Friday

Team scores

1. Highland 92, 2. Minico 79, 3. Jerome 78, 4. Boise 72, 5. Middleton 68, 6. Rocky Mountain 54, 7. Ontario, Ore., 49, 8. Canyon Ridge 45, 9. Buhl 41, 10. Fruitland 41, 11. Wood River 35, 12. Burley 33, 13. Kimberly 28, 14. Wendell 26, 15. Twin Falls 25.5, 16. Elko, Nev., 21, 17. Valley 11.

Today's semifinal matchups

103 pounds: Eric Ayala, Jerome, vs. Gage Kepner, Canyon Ridge; Stihl Quayle, Highland, vs. Chad Olsen, Middleton; 112: Ben Alcalá, Boise, vs. Tyler Bartlett, Wood River; Connor Stubblefield, Canyon Ridge, vs. Michael Carr, Middleton; 119: Andrew Rossow, Boise, vs. Cody Burden-Foley, Middleton; Kaden Luper, Jerome, vs. Isaiah Alvarado, Minico; 125: Alberto Ramirez, Minico, vs. Tanner Mulberry, Kimberly; Alex Lablanc, Canyon Ridge, vs. Trey Hugues, Highland; 130: Brennan Bell, Highland, vs. Nick Roman, Boise; Christian Parke, Burley, vs. Kaden Steingruber, Rocky Mountain; 135: Anthony Espin, Highland, vs. Casey Ivey, Valley; Allen Compton, Buhl, vs. Nick Thome, Jerome; 140: Michael McDonald, Buhl, vs. Tate Patterson, Jerome; R.J. Gonzalez, Ontario, vs. Cole Weir, Highland; 145: Todd Anderson, Twin Falls, vs. Dakota Rupard, Minico; Jacob Lake, Burley, vs. Simon Esparza, Fruitland; 152: Joe Carey, Jerome, vs. Braden Metcalf, Canyon Ridge; Chris Housley, Wendell, vs. Brandon Gamez, Middleton; 160: Dalton Blackwell, Fruitland, vs. Adrian Quiroz, Burley; Brett Walton, Boise, vs. David Borden, Minico; 171: Zack Deloera, Highland, vs. Sam Randall, Rocky Mountain; Brady Barton, Twin Falls, vs. Tim McDonald, Fruitland; 189: Rylie Stock, Highland, vs. Kasey Barker, Wood River; Canyon Purcell, Boise, vs. Brady May, Minico; 215: Oren Carlton, Buhl, vs. Jacob Barclay, Minico; Jade Parsons, Jerome, vs. Colter Cole, Highland; 285: Gaylen Edmo, Highland, vs. Jason Alvarado, Ontario; Jacob Harvey, Middleton, vs. Layne Lasike, Jerome.

Drew Brees is the AP's Male Athlete of the Year

By Brett Martel
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees has New Orleans swinging, singing and trumpeting their Saints like never before.

When the Rebirth Brass Band tears it up during one of their late night shows at a funky old neighborhood bar, the tin-walled place bounces to a drum beat and a tuba's bass line.

Their song goes like this: "We used to say 'Who dat' since way back when / Now we're saying 'We dat' every time we win / You can write it down, take a picture, tell a friend / We already done it. We're gonna do it again."

Brees is a big reason New Orleanians can smile and boast. Not only did the



AP file photo

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV against the Indianapolis Colts Feb. 7 in Miami.

reigning Super Bowl MVP turn around the Saints' football fortunes and bring

See **BREES**, Sports 2

Huskies, Bulldogs to tangle in H-Bowl today

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

BOISE — On a Friday night in Detroit two weeks ago, Northern Illinois saw what would have been its first Mid-American Conference title in nearly 30 years slip away.

By Sunday, its head coach was headed for the Big Ten and a job at Minnesota.

"It was rough. We got our hearts ripped out on Friday and we lost our coach on Sunday," NIU interim coach Tom Matukewicz said. "You're sitting there looking at each other and no one knows what to do on Monday, and all of a sudden that clutter gets in about what-ifs."

So for the past two weeks, it's been Matukewicz's job to

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

At Bronco Stadium, Boise
Northern Illinois vs. Fresno State.
3:30 p.m., ESPN

settle the Huskies' turbulence and try to get their focus on capping what could be the most successful season in NIU's history if they can beat Fresno State today in the Humanitarian Bowl.

He won't be the head guy when next fall arrives. That job is going to Wisconsin defensive coordinator Dave Doeren, who will take over the Huskies program after the Rose Bowl. But Matukewicz is sticking around, returning to his job

See **H-BOWL**, Sports 4



AP photo

Fresno State running back A.J. Ellis dives into the end zone for a touchdown against Illinois Dec. 3 in Fresno, Calif. The Bulldogs take on Northern Illinois in the Humanitarian Bowl today in Boise.

Hornets clobber Jazz in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — David West scored 23 points and Chris Paul had 11 points and 10 assists to lead New Orleans in a 100-71 rout of Utah on Friday.

Hornets reserve guard Marcus Thornton, seeing a sudden surge in playing time, scored 19 points in his second straight double-digit performance. Trevor Ariza added 17.

The Jazz came in 10th in the NBA in scoring at 101.4 points per game, but shot poorly and got few second chances as the Hornets finished with a season-high 53 rebounds, 29 more than Utah. The Jazz shot 35.8 percent and finished with a season low in points.

Paul Millsap had 14 points for Utah, which lost for the fourth time in 11 road games.

HEAT 113, KNICKS 91

NEW YORK — LeBron James delivered another vintage performance at Madison Square Garden, scoring 32 points and finishing with his 30th career triple-double.

James had 11 rebounds and 10 assists, silencing the first sustained boos he's ever heard in New York.

His first trip to the Big Apple since snubbing the Knicks in free agency to join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami sounded different, but otherwise looked the same. The league MVP toyed with a Knicks team hoping to prove it belonged with the big boys but instead was overwhelmed by his brilliance.

Wade and Bosh each scored 26 points, extending Miami's longest winning streak since winning 12 in a row from Feb. 26-March 19, 2005. The Heat beat the Knicks for the sixth straight time.

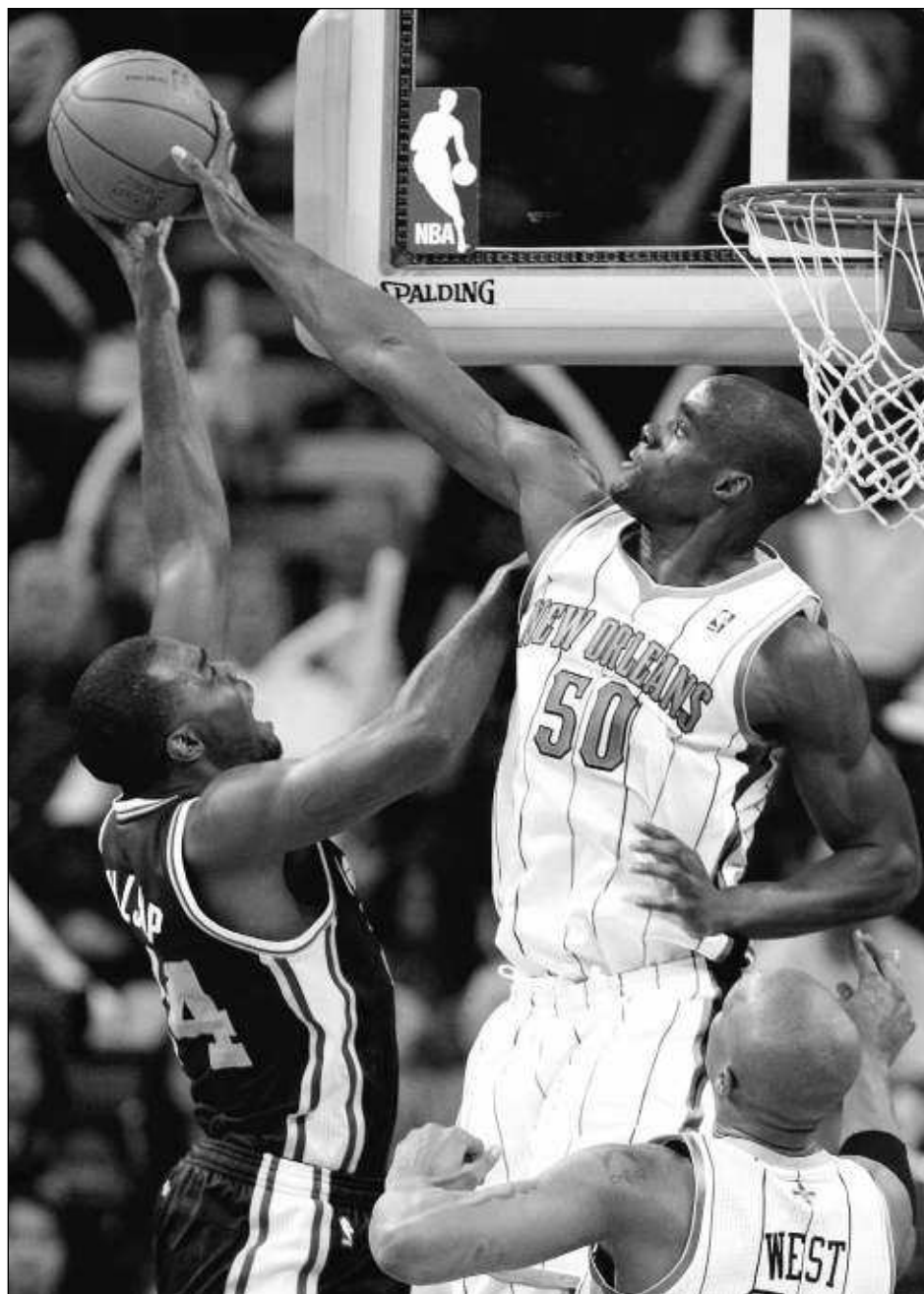
New York's Amare Stoudemire was limited to 24 points on 11-of-28 shooting, snapping his franchise-record streak of nine straight 30-point games. He grabbed 14 rebounds, and Danilo Gallinari scored 25 points, but the Knicks lost their second straight after an eight-game winning streak.

ROCKETS 103, GRIZZLIES 87

HOUSTON — On the night the Rockets found out Yao Ming was lost for the season, Kevin Martin scored 34 points to lift Houston.

It was a much-needed lift for the Rockets, who disclosed on Friday that their star center would miss the rest of 2010-2011 because of a stress fracture in his left ankle.

The Rockets have won seven straight overall against the Grizzlies and nine in a



New Orleans Hornets center Emeka Okafor (50) blocks a shot attempt by Utah Jazz forward Paul Millsap in the second half of Friday's game in New Orleans.

AP photo

row over Memphis at home.

LAKERS 93, 76ERS 81

PHILADELPHIA — Lamar Odom scored 28 points, Pau Gasol had 19 points and 13 rebounds and Los Angeles beat Philadelphia.

Matt Barnes had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who rallied and broke the game open in the fourth quarter to win their fourth straight game. The Lakers trailed by four when Barnes and Odom sparked a 27-8 run.

HAWKS 90, BOBCATS 85

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 16 points in his return to the Hawks' lineup, Al Horford assisted on a crucial basket by Marvin Williams with just over a minute remaining, and Atlanta held off Charlotte.

With the Hawks clinging to an 82-79 edge and the 24-second clock winding down, Horford wound up with the ball at the top of the key, looking around desperately for an open man. He spotted Williams underneath, feed-

ing him the pass for an easy lay-in with 1 second left on the shot clock.

CLIPPERS 109, PISTONS 88

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Blake Griffin had 24 points and 17 rebounds, and Los Angeles won its first road game of the season by beating Detroit.

Ryan Gomes added 18 points for the Clippers, while Charlie Villanueva led the Pistons with 18. Detroit's starters scored just 29 points and pulled down two fewer rebounds than Griffin.

PACERS 108, CAVALIERS 99

INDIANAPOLIS — Danny Granger had 30 points and a season-high 12 rebounds to help Indiana beat Cleveland, extending the Cavaliers' losing streak to 10 games.

Granger had struggled during Indiana's three-game losing streak, but he bounced back to make 12 of 22 shots, including four of seven 3-pointers. Roy Hibbert, Mike Dunleavy and Brandon Rush each scored 15 points for the Pacers, who are 3-0 against Cleveland

this season.

RAPTORS 98, NETS 92

TORONTO — Andrea Bargnani had 32 points and nine rebounds as Toronto beat New Jersey for the sixth straight time.

Linas Kleiza had 18 points and matched his career high with 12 rebounds. Jose Calderon returned from a four-game absence to put up 15 points and 14 assists for Toronto.

THUNDER 102, KINGS 87

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 24 points, Serge Ibaka added 12 points and 10 rebounds and Oklahoma City used a trio of fourth-quarter spurts to put away Sacramento.

The pesky Kings, who have an NBA-worst five wins, stayed within single digits most of the night and trailed 83-77 midway through the fourth. Then, the Thunder had two separate runs of eight straight points to put the game away.

— The Associated Press

Redskins' McNabb benched for Grossman for upcoming Dallas game

ASHBURN, Va. — It's Rex Grossman over Donovan McNabb. Again. And this time, it's from the opening kickoff.

The Redskins plan to start Grossman on Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys, benching a six-time Pro Bowl quarterback billed as the next John Elway when he came to the franchise in April.

Shanahan said he informed McNabb of the move Thursday after practice, adding he wasn't sure that McNabb would be on the roster next year. The move was made because Shanahan wants to evaluate the other quarterbacks now that the Redskins have been eliminated from the playoffs.

McNabb will drop to third string for the final two games, with John Beck serving as backup.

The 34-year-old McNabb is struggling through his worst season since he was a rookie in 1999, having thrown a career-high 15 interceptions and ranking 25th in the NFL with a 77.1 rating.

McNabb was famously benched for Grossman in the final two minutes of the game on the line against Detroit in October, a stunning decision made even more bizarre by Shanahan's mangled explanations that followed.

Before the next game, the Redskins (5-8) gave a McNabb a five-year contract extension nominally worth \$78 million — but the only thing it guaranteed was that McNabb would receive an extra \$3.5 million this season. The deal contains a clause that allows the Redskins to cut McNabb before next season with no further financial obligation.

JETS COACH RYAN REITERATES HE KNEW NOTHING OF WALL

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Rex Ryan insists he's telling the truth, and people can believe him or not.

That includes his former

boss, Brian Billick.

The New York Jets coach reiterated Friday that he knew nothing about the wall of players that was formed on the sideline last Sunday against Miami, during which an assistant coach tripped a Dolphins player.

Ryan also responded to comments made by Billick, whom he coached for in Baltimore. Billick told ESPN Radio that "of course Rex knew about this."

"I wish he would have asked me," Ryan said. "I would have told him the truth. I think he made an assumption there. But he's wrong."

VIKINGS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER METRODOME'S SAFETY

MINNEAPOLIS — A Minnesota Vikings executive said Friday that the team is concerned about the safety of the Metrodome after a winter storm caused the building's roof to collapse, but he didn't rule out the team playing there next season.

The Vikings have long pursued a new stadium paid for mostly by taxpayers, and next year is the final year of their lease on the Dome. Vice President Lester Bagley didn't directly address that issue in discussing the outlook for next season.

"We're going to have to dig into that and get an honest assessment of that," Bagley said. "Some people would say, 'Well, a couple of shingles come off the roof you don't build a new barn.' Well, the roof collapsed. We have concerns about the safety of the facility going forward."

Minnesota is dealing with a state budget deficit of more than \$6.2 billion that has to be handled first, but Gov. Mark Dayton and legislative leaders have said they're open to a good stadium plan. A state lawmaker plans to introduce a proposal by late January.

— The Associated Press

Brees

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the city its first NFL championship in February, he's become a civic leader as his adoptive hometown recovers from a time of turmoil and suffering.

That record of accomplishment is why the down-to-earth quarterback was voted the 2010 Male Athlete of the Year, chosen by members of The Associated Press.

There were 176 ballots submitted from U.S. news organizations that make up the AP's membership. Brees received 48 votes, while the 2009 AP Male Athlete of the Year, NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson, finished second with 31. Boxer Manny Pacquiao was third with 21 votes, followed by Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay with 17. Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick, a comeback story himself, rounded out the top five vote-getters with 10.

The award was announced Friday.

"I've always tried to visualize myself in that position of being considered one of the best and winning championships," said Brees, who won his first title in his ninth NFL season. "Certainly the way you're perceived, the way people talk about you, the kind of category they put you in — that stuff changes and it's flattering, certainly humbling."

Brees is only the fourth quarterback to receive the honor in the past four decades, along with the Patriots' Tom Brady in 2007, the 49ers' Joe Montana in 1989 and 1990, and the Raiders' George Blanda in 1970.

The place Brees finds himself now is even more remarkable when you consider that he came to New Orleans having been uncer-

emoniously discarded by the San Diego Chargers after a career-threatening injury to his throwing shoulder. New Orleans was at its nadir in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Saints needed a lift and their new, undersized quarterback was looking for a second chance.

Brees embraces the chance to talk about those moments, because in his mind, they are linked with the success that followed.

"I believe that 100 percent. New Orleans is the last place I ever thought I'd be," Brees said. "The Saints organization and team didn't have that great a reputation prior to (2006) and so it was probably not the most attractive place for anybody to come. Then right after the storm, the city's destroyed and everybody's displaced and I look back on those times and it was like we were really starting over."

Nearly five years later, many are now familiar with how Brees rebuilt his arm, his career, his team and even helped rebuild New Orleans through millions of dollars in charitable contributions.

Since 2006, he has thrown for more yards (22,153) and touchdowns (150) than any NFL quarterback and in the process set club records in both categories. His 70.6 completion percentage in 2009 set a single-season NFL record.

He took the Saints to their first NFC title game in his first season with the club and to a championship in his fourth with a 31-17 win over the Indianapolis Colts in Miami. Brees completed 32 of 39 passes for 288 yards and two TDs in the Super Bowl without an interception. Now the Saints are 10-3, hitting double-digit wins for the third time in five seasons and in another playoff race.

Clyburn lifts Utah to 86-84 win over Boise State

SALT LAKE CITY — Will Clyburn scored 22 points and hit a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left to boost Utah to an 86-84 comeback victory over Boise State on Friday night.

The Utes (7-3) trailed by 16 points in the second half but allowed just three field goals in the last 8 minutes while their offense came to life.

Chris Hines scored 13 points, and Jason Washburn, Josh Watkins and Shawn Glover each contributed 12. The Utes have won four of their last five.

Former College of Southern Idaho star Daequon Montreal scored a career-high 28 points and Robert Arnold added 16 for the Broncos (6-4), who have suffered four straight losses by a total of 11 points after winning their first six.

Montreal, who also had eight rebounds and four assists, took advantage of openings when the Utes focused defensive efforts on Arnold, Boise State's leading scorer. Montreal's two free throws with 14:03 remaining lifted the Broncos to their largest lead at 66-50.

The Utes finally inched ahead for the first time since early in the first half on Watkins' free throws with 29 seconds to play. La'Shard Anderson raced to other end and was fouled while making a layup. He missed the foul shot, setting up Clyburn's



Charlotte's Derrio Green, right, and Phil Jones, back, celebrate their 49-48 win over Tennessee Friday's game in Charlotte, N.C.

game-winning jumper.

Westly Perryman missed a 3-point attempt in the final seconds.

The Broncos had 19 offensive rebounds and outscored Utah in the paint 48-24 but had trouble scoring when the Utes raised the defensive intensity down the stretch.

David Foster had four of Utah's 10 blocks and a made critical steal in the final minute.

Clyburn had four baskets from beyond the arc for the Utes, who shot 53 percent and made 10 3-pointers.

CHARLOTTE 49, NO. 7 TENNESSEE 48

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jamar Briscoe scored 14 points, fed Phil Jones for the go-ahead layup with 7.4 seconds left and Charlotte handed No. 7 Tennessee its second stunning upset loss of the week.

Cameron Tatum missed a desperation heave at the buzzer for the Volunteers (7-2), who followed a blowout win over then-No. 3 Pittsburgh with losses to Oakland and Charlotte.

Derrio Green added 13

points and the 49ers (5-6) overcame 30 percent shooting by using a zone defense that stymied the Volunteers into 35 percent from the field. Tennessee was 2 of 17 from 3-point range and 2 of 7 on free throws in a loss that will surely see them plummet in the rankings.

Scotty Hopson scored 13 points for Tennessee on 6-of-19 shooting. Tobias Harris added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

— The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA	All Times MST EASTERN			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	21	4	84.0	-
New York	16	11	59.3	6
Philadelphia	10	16	38.5	11½
Toronto	10	17	37.0	12
New Jersey	7	20	25.9	15

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	8	71.4	-
Orlando	16	9	64.0	2½
Atlanta	17	11	60.7	3
Charlotte	9	17	34.6	10
Washington	6	18	25.0	12

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	8	66.7	-
Indiana	12	13	48.0	4½
Milwaukee	10	14	41.7	6
Detroit	8	19	29.6	9½
Cleveland	7	19	26.9	10

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	22	3	88.0	-
Dallas	20	5	80.0	2
New Orleans	16	10	61.5	6½
Memphis	12	15	44.4	11
Houston	11	15	42.3	11½

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	19	8	70.4	-
Utah	18	9	66.7	1
Denver	15	10	60.0	3
Portland	12	14	46.2	6½
Minnesota	6	20	23.1	12½

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	20	7	74.1	-
Phoenix	12	12	50.0	6½
Golden State	9	16	36.0	10
Sacramento	5	19	20.8	13½
L.A. Clippers	6	21	22.2	14

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 97, Washington 89
Boston 102, Atlanta 90
San Antonio 113, Denver 112

Friday's Games
Indiana 108, Cleveland 99
Miami 113, New York 94
L.A. Lakers 93, Philadelphia 81
Toronto 98, New Jersey 92
Atlanta 98, Charlotte 85
L.A. Clippers 109, Detroit 88
New Orleans 100, Utah 71
Oklahoma City 102, Sacramento 87
Houston 103, Memphis 87
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, late

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 5 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 11 a.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 11 a.m.
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 11 a.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.

NBA Boxes

CHARLOTTE (85)
McGuire 3-12, 8, Diaw 10-15 12-22, Mohammed 0-4 3-4, 5, Augustin 9-19 3-32, Jackson 3-14 3-4, 9, K.Brown 3-4 2-8, Henderson 0-1 0-0, T. Thomas 2-9 3-7, Livingston 1-4 0-2, Carroll 0-0 0-0, D.Brown 2-5 0-4, 0, Totals 33-87 17-20 85.

ATLANTA (90)
Williams 5-11 4-4 16, Smith 6-13 0-10 12, Horford 8-12 0-16, Bibby 4-9 0-4, Johnson 5-4 16, Pachulia 0-0 0-0, J.Collins 1-1 1-3, Teague 2-4 0-5, Wilkins 0-0 0-0, Evans 3-9 0-0 6, Powell 2-5 2-2 6, Totals 36-78 12-13 90.

Charlotte 20 19 22 27 - 85
Atlanta 25 21 19 27 - 90
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 14 (Daw 12, Augustin 1-7, Thomas 0-1, Jackson 0-4), Atlanta 6-25 (Williams 2-6, Bibby 2-6, Teague 1-1, Johnson 1-6, Smith 0-3, Evans 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Charlotte 55 (McGuire 17), Atlanta 45 (Smith 11), Assists—Charlotte 18 (Livingston 5), Atlanta 24 (Johnson 8), Total Fouls—Charlotte 15, Atlanta 20. Technicals—Atlanta defensive three second. A—15,006 (18,729).

Pacers 108, Cavaliers 99

CLEVELAND (99)
Parker 4-14 1-27, Jamison 7-19 3-4 17, Varejao 5-9 5-5 15, M.Williams 8-12 5-22, Gibson 17-25 4, Hickson 2-8 7-10, Sessions 3-10 6-8, Williams 12 0-3, Hollins 0-0 0-0, Harris 12-20 0-0, Moon 11 0-0, 2, Samuels 0-1 0-0, Totals 104-82 25-34 99.

INDIANA (108)
Granger 12-22 2-20, McRoberts 4-5 1-19, Hibbert 6-13 3-5 15, Collison 1-4 3-4, 5, Dunleavy 4-12 5-7 15, Rush 0-6 1-5, Toney 2-6 2-2 6, Jones 3-5 1-4 7, Posey 2-5 0-4, 0, Totals 38-81 23-31 108.

Cleveland 23 25 26 25 - 99
Indiana 19 34 24 24 - 108
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 6-13 (Parker 4-7, Williams 1-1, M.Williams 1-1, Jamison 0-4), Indiana 9-22 (Granger 4-7, Dunleavy 2-3, Posey 2-5, Rush 1-4, Jones 0-1, Collison 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Cleveland 49 (Jamison 7), Indiana 59 (Granger 12), Assists—Cleveland 21 (M.Williams 11), Indiana 20 (Ford, Collison 6), Total Fouls—Cleveland 25, Indiana 27. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second. Ejected—S.Jones, A-12,021 (18,165).

Clippers 109, Pistons 88

L.A. CLIPPERS (109)
Bledsoe 8-13 0-18, Griffin 11-17 2-6 24, Jordan 4-5 0-8, G.McGady 5-7 0-12, E.Gordon 5-11 4-5 15, Cook 5-8 1-2 12, Davis 3-10 0-7, Aminu 3-5 0-0 8, Smith 1-2 0-0, 2, Butler 1-3 0-3, Collins 0-0 0-0, Totals 46-81 23 109.

DETROIT (88)
Prince 5-10 3-13, Monroe 2-3 2-4 6, Wallace 0-2 0-0 0, Stuckey 2-11 1-2 5, Hamilton 2-9 1-2 5, B.Gordon 6-15 2-2 15, McGarity 2-5 1-3 6, Villanueva 5-11 7-8 18, Maxwell 3-4 1-2 7, Bynum 3-5 0-7, Wilcox 2-4 0-0 4, Summers 1-3 0-2, Totals 33-82 18-27 88.

L.A. Clippers 25 26 29 - 109
Detroit 19 27 16 26 - 88
3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 10-19 (Bledsoe 2-3, Aminu 2-3, G.McGady 2-4, Davis 1-2, Cook 1-2, B.Gordon 1-2), Detroit 4-14 (McGarity 1-1, Bynum 1-1, B.Gordon 1-4, Villanueva 1-7, Stuckey 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 52 (Griffin 17), Detroit 47 (Villanueva 9), Assists—L.A. Clippers 31 (Bledsoe 8), Detroit 19 (McGady 5), Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 16, Detroit 15. Technicals—L.A. Clippers defensive three second, Detroit Coach Kuester. Flagrant Fouls—Villanueva, A—16,046 (22,067).

Lakers 93, 76ers 81

L.A. LAKERS (93)
Ariest 2-4 2-2 6, Odum 11-18 5-6 28, Gasol 6-14 7-9 19, Fisher 4-10 0-0 8, Bryant 3-11 3-3 9, Barnes 5-8 4-4 15, Blake 1-5 2-5, Bynum 1-5 1-2 3, Brown 4-0 0-0, Totals 33-79 24-38 93.

PHILADELPHIA (81)
Iguodala 7-12 2-18, Brand 4-10 0-8, Hawes 8-12 1-3 18, Williams 3-15 0-0 6, Meeks 1-7 4-4 6, Nocioni 2-8 0-0 4, O.Williams 3-10 2-8, Young 3-6 0-0 6, Speights 2-3 3-7, Battie 0-0 0-0, Totals 33-88 12-14 81.

L.A. Lakers 18 26 14 35 - 93
Philadelphia 21 18 25 19 - 81
3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 3-15 (Odum 2-2, Barnes 1-2, Blake 1-5, Ariest 0-1, Fisher 0-2, Bryant 0-3), Philadelphia 3-21 (Iguodala 2-4, Hawes 1-3, Williams 0-2, Meeks 0-3, Holiday 0-4, Nocioni 0-5), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 55 (Gasol 13), Philadelphia 52 (Hawes 13), Assists—L.A. Lakers 22 (Blake 5), Philadelphia 22 (Iguodala, Holiday 6), Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 17, Philadelphia 22. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second. A—20,366 (20,318).

Rockets 103, Grizzlies 87

MEMPHIS (87)
Gay 8-14 3-4 19, Randolph 4-13 5-13, Gasol 2-6 6-6 10, Conley 2-5 2-2, Henry 0-3 0-0 0, Vasquez 0-2 2-2, Mayo 2-7 2-2 6, Arthur 4-9 0-0 8, Allen 0-6 1-2 1, Young 8-9 2-19, Thabeau 0-0 0-2 0, Haddadi 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 31-85 23-29 87.

HOUSTON (103)
Batter 5-10 2-2 17, Scola 11-22 11 23, Hayes 2-3 2-2 6, Lowry 5-9 5-6 17, Martin 13-21 5-5 34, Miller 0-1 0-2 0, Lee 1-5 0-2, Budinger 1-6 0-0 2, Hill 0-3 0-0 0, Smith 1-1 0-2, Patterson 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-81 15-18 103.

Memphis 13 20 27 27 - 87
Houston 34 27 28 14 - 103
3-Point Goals—Memphis 2-5 (Conley 1-1, Young 1-1, Mayo 0-1, Vasquez 0-1, Gay 0-1), Houston 10-22 (Battier 5-8, Martin 3-6, Lowry 2-4, Lee 0-2, Budinger 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Memphis 48 (Randolph 9), Houston 57 (Battier 10), Assists—Memphis 12 (Gay, Conley, Mayo 3), Houston 27 (Lowry 18), Total Fouls—Memphis 17, Houston 21. Flagrant Fouls—Gay, Ejected—Gay, A—14,534 (18,043).

Heat 113, Knicks 91

MIAMI (113)
Bosh 11-19 4-5 26, James 14-23 1-3 32, Ileguassak 1-2 0-0 2, Arroyo 4-5 0-11, Wade 9-22 6-8 26, Anthony 1-0 0-2, Dwyer 0-2 0-2 0, Green 0-0 0-2, Bamper 1-1 0-0 0, 2, Chalmers 3-6 0-0 8, House 0-0 0-0 0, Magiore 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 45-82 13-18 113.

NEW YORK (91)
Chandler 6-13 3-4 17, Gallinari 8-16 5-6 25, Stoudemire 11-28 2-7 24, Felton 3-12 2-4 8, Fields 2-7 1-5 13, Turiaf 0-1 0-0 0, Douglas 3-6 0-0 8, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 1-3 0-2, Mozgov 0-1 0-0 0, Randolph 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 35-89 13-23 91.

Miami 35 23 33 21 - 113
New York 24 32 17 17 - 91
3-Point Goals—Miami 10-18 (Arroyo 3-3, James 3-6, Wade 2-3, Chalmers 2-4, Jones 0-2), New York 8-24 (Gallinari 4-8, Douglas 2-4, Chandler 2-5, Walker 0-1, Williams 0-1, Fields 0-2, Felton 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Miami 57 (James 11), New York 49 (Stoudemire 14), Assists—Miami 19 (James 10), New York 24 (Felton 10), Total Fouls—Miami 20, New York 14. A—19,763 (19,763).

Raptors 98, Nets 92

NEW JERSEY (92)
Ross 1-1 0-1 2, Humphries 5-6 2-4 12, Lopez 7-13 6-7 20, Harris 6-12 3-4 15, Farmer 4-14 0-0 9, Outlaw 3-9 7-7 14, Vujačić 3-10 0-0 6, Uzoah 1-4 0-0 2, Favors 4-6 0-0 8, Petro 0-0 0-0 4, Totals 36-80 18-23 92.

TORONTO (98)
Kleiza 7-16 1-2 18, Johnson 2-4 2-2 6, Bargnani 14-26 3-3 32, Calderon 7-9 0-15, DeRozan 5-16 4-7 14, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Dorsey 0-2 1-2 1, Bayless 1-4 0-0 2, Barbosa 4-6 0-0 0, Totals 40-86 11-16 98.

New Jersey 23 25 21 21 - 92
Toronto 25 21 29 21 - 98
3-Point Goals—New Jersey 2-12 (Outlaw 1-3, Farmer 1-4, Vujačić 0-5), Toronto 7-18 (Kleiza 3-6, Barbosa 2-2, Calderon 1-2, Bargnani 1-3, Bayless 1-2, DeRozan 0-3), Fouled Out—Johnson, Rebounds—New Jersey 47 (Humphries 12), Toronto 53 (Kleiza 12), Assists—New Jersey 19 (Harris 6), Toronto 26 (Calderon 14), Total Fouls—New Jersey 18, Toronto 20. Technicals—New Jersey defensive three second. A—14,623 (19,800).

Raptors 98, Nets 92

NEW JERSEY (92)
Ross 1-1 0-1 2, Humphries 5-6 2-4 12, Lopez 7-13 6-7 20, Harris 6-12 3-4 15, Farmer 4-14 0-0 9, Outlaw 3-9 7-7 14, Vujačić 3-10 0-0 6, Uzoah 1-4 0-0 2, Favors 4-6 0-0 8, Petro 0-0 0-0 4, Totals 36-80 18-23 92.

TORONTO (98)
Kleiza 7-16 1-2 18, Johnson 2-4 2-2 6, Bargnani 14-26 3-3 32, Calderon 7-9 0-15, DeRozan 5-16 4-7 14, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Dorsey 0-2 1-2 1, Bayless 1-4 0-0 2, Barbosa 4-6 0-0 0, Totals 40-86 11-16 98.

New Jersey 23 25 21 21 - 92
Toronto 25 21 29 21 - 98
3-Point Goals—New Jersey 2-12 (Outlaw 1-3, Farmer 1-4, Vujačić 0-5), Toronto 7-18 (Kleiza 3-6, Barbosa 2-2, Calderon 1-2, Bargnani 1-3, Bayless 1-2, DeRozan 0-3), Fouled Out—Johnson, Rebounds—New Jersey 47 (Humphries 12), Toronto 53 (Kleiza 12), Assists—New Jersey 19 (Harris 6), Toronto 26 (Calderon 14), Total Fouls—New Jersey 18, Toronto 20. Technicals—New Jersey defensive three second. A—14,623 (19,800).

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m.

Camas County at Lighthouse Christian, Jerome Middle School
Carey at Butte County
Grace at Glenns Ferry
Raft River at Rockland Valley at Shoshone

Sho-Sho Tournament, Fort Hall 10 a.m.

Murtaugh vs. St. Stephens, Wyo.
1 p.m.
Murtaugh at Sho-Sho

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL 2:30 p.m.

Richfield at Dietrich
3:30 p.m.
Wood River at Hillcrest

6 p.m.

Camas County at Lighthouse Christian, Jerome Middle School
Carey at Butte County
Grace at Glenns Ferry

6:30 p.m.

Hansen at Challis
7:30 p.m.
Kimberly at American Falls
Minico at Pocatello

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING 9 a.m.

Declo at Malad Tournament
10 a.m.
Buhl, Burley, Canyon Ridge, at Jerome, Kimberly, Minico, Twin Falls, Valley, Wendell, Wood River at Bear-Cat Invitational, Jerome
Oakley-Raft River at Glenns Ferry Tournament

TV SCHEDULE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL 9 a.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA Division II championship game, Delta St. vs. Minn.-Duluth, at Florence, Ala.

Noon

ESPN — New Mexico Bowl, BYU vs. UTEP, at Albuquerque, N.M.

Indiana 88, IU-Edwardsville 54
N. Iowa 66, S. Carolina 52
SOUTH
Charlotte 49, Tennessee 48
Chattanooga 71, Elon 65
Clemson 61, Savannah St. 40
Virginia 63, Oregon 48
EAST
Bucknell 89, La Salle 77
Princeton 69, Wagner 57

Women's College Scores

Gonzaga 93, Idaho 62
Oregon 82, Denver 71
S. Utah 62, Oregon St. 61
Seattle 92, Sacramento St. 82
MIDWEST
Memphis 99, Saint Louis 50
Xavier 61, Mississippi St. 36
SOUTHWEST
UTEP 94, Texas St. 57
SOUTH
Jacksonville 72, Wake Forest 66
Louisiana Tech 78, Tulane 72
Louisiana-Lafayette 63, Savannah St. 58
Missouri St. 67, Coppin St. 51
UNC Wilmington 79, Charleston Southern 57
Princeton 64, Drexel 52

BETTING

Glantz-Culver Line
For Dec. 18
NCAA Football
Today
New Mexico Bowl
at Albuquerque, N.M.

FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG

BYU 13½ 11½ (50)
Humanitarian Bowl at Boise
New Orleans Bowl at Fresno St.
Troy +1 27½ (73)

Tuesday
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Wednesday
Maaco Bowl at Las Vegas

Thursday
Polisnet Bowl at Tampa Bay

Friday
Hawaii Bowl at Hawaii

SUNDAY

FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG

at St. Louis +2 1 (43½)
at St. Louis 1 1½ (47½)
Houston at Indianapolis 1 5 (48½)
at Carolina 1½ 2½ (38)
at Cincinnati 1 1½ (40)
at Miami 6½ 5½ (46)
at Dallas 6 7 (45½)
at Tampa Bay 4½ 5½ (42)
at Baltimore 2½ 1½ (43½)
Atlanta 6½ 6 (45)
at Pittsburgh 5½ 6 (36)
at Oakland 6½ 7 (43½)
at New England OFF OFF (OFF)
at Minnesota x OFF OFF (OFF)
at TCF Bank Stadium OFF KEY
Green Bay QB questionable
Minnesota QB questionable

2:30 p.m.

CBS College Sports — NAIA championship game, Carroll vs. Sioux Falls, at Rome, Ga.

3:30 p.m.

ESPN — Humanitarian Bowl, Northern Illinois vs. Fresno State, at Boise

7 p.m.

ESPN — New Orleans Bowl, Ohio vs. Troy

EXTREME SPORTS

12:30 p.m.

NBC — Winter Dew Tour, Nike 6.0
Open

GOLF

7:30 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, South African Open, third round (same-day tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

10 a.m.

ESPN — Southern Cal at Kansas

11 a.m.

FSN — Miami vs. UCF, at Sunrise, Fla.

Noon

CBS — Stanford at Butler
ESPN2 — Arkansas vs. Texas A&M, at Dallas

1:30 p.m.

FSN — Florida vs. Kansas St., at Sunrise, Fla.

2 p.m.

CBS — Texas vs. North Carolina, at Greensboro, N.C.

ESPN2 — Gonzaga vs. Baylor, at Dallas

3:30 p.m.

FSN — Wooden Classic, UCLA vs. BYU, at Anaheim, Calif.

4:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — Alabama vs. Oklahoma State, at Oklahoma City

SOCCER

5:30 a.m.

ESPN2 — Premier League, Bolton at Sunderland

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
6:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Division I championship match, Penn State vs. California, at Kansas City, Mo.

SKI REPORT

Two familiar foes meet for NAIA football title

ROME, Ga. (AP) — My, this looks familiar.

Top-ranked Sioux Falls and No. 2 Carroll College have combined to win the last eight NAIA football championships, and one of them will be lifting the trophy again Saturday when they meet in the title game.

Not surprisingly, there's plenty of reverence on both sides.

"They're a team (very) similar to us," said Sioux Falls receiver Jon Ryan, recalling the teams meeting for the title in 2007 and '08. "They've got a lot of class."

Sioux Falls' first-year coach, Jed Stugart, said the history of the rivalry is what makes it special.

"We've got a lot of respect for their program," he said. "Our kids have always said

that and they believe that and that's what's going to make for a great football game."

Sioux Falls, from South Dakota, has captured the last two championships and comes in with a 42-game winning streak. The Cougars (13-0) also won the title in 2006.

Carroll College (13-0), located in Helena, Mont., won four straight titles from 2002-05. The Fighting Saints, who have Minico grad Dane Broadhead as their backup quarterback and Jerome alumnus Ross Hillier as a redshirting freshman defensive back, returned to the top in 2007 with a 17-9 victory over Sioux Falls. The Cougars haven't lost since.

While Sioux Falls has a

CARROLL WATCH PARTIES

Buffalo Wild Wings and Anchor Bistro will be hosting NAIA Championship Game watch parties today beginning at around 2 p.m. The game between Carroll and Sioux Falls begins at approximately 2:30.

new coach, Carroll coach Mike Van Diest said he doesn't notice much of a difference.

"You see a lot of the same things offensively and defensively, some of their sets," Van Diest said. "But it's the players, it's the same players. ... When you have that winning attitude, it carries over from year to year."

This year's game has been dubbed "Rematch on the Rivers: The Final Chapter," because Sioux Falls is leaving NAIA to join NCAA Division II next season. The Cougars

can depart with the longest winning streak in NAIA history; they are currently tied with Texas A&I (now known as Texas A&M-Kingsville).

"We just enjoyed competing against a program like Sioux Falls," Van Diest said. "It's a great honor."

Stugart has talked to plenty of people about what it will be like to coach in the title game for the first time.

"I make a point of emphasis to not change much throughout the season and be consistent," he said. "I have relied heavily on our coaching

staff and our players who have been through the success before at Sioux Falls. I am excited because this is my first national championship."

Linebacker Dom Studzinski leads a Sioux Falls defense that has allowed a nation-leading 200.4 yards per game and just 13 touchdowns. The Cougars have posted three shutouts and held nine teams under 10 points.

Studzinski is looking forward to matching up with Carroll's bruising ground game, led by senior John Camino (1,276 yards, 16 touchdowns) and sophomore Chance Demaris (779 yards, nine TDs). Throw in senior quarterback Gary Wagner's 450 yards and three scores, and the Fighting Saints are running

for an average of 237 yards per game.

"As a linebacker, you want to hit somebody," Studzinski said. "There's nothing better than having two running backs back there that want to come hit you, too. As a senior, I can't see anything else better than going out this way."

The teams have traveled thousands of miles to play for the title in northwest Georgia. They look forward to showing off the quality of NAIA football for fans in the Deep South.

"These guys can flat play football," Van Diest said. "When you watch how they play on Saturday, you watch the Cougars, how they play on film, you watch our guys, there's a reason they're here."

College football's massive bowl-nanza is about to start

By Ralph D. Russo

Associated Press writer

Congratulations! Your coach got fired. Here's a bowl bid.

That would be you, Pittsburgh Panthers and Miami Hurricanes.

Then there are those playing in the postseason whose coaches nearly got fired.

Looking at you, Georgia Bulldogs and Illinois Fighting Illini.

The loser of the first bowl game of the season is guaranteed to finish below .500. The New Mexico Bowl, matching UTEP (6-6) and BYU (6-6), starts a 23-day bowl-nanza, featuring 35 games and 14 teams that are simply trying to avoid losing seasons.

While there's no such thing as too much college football, even BCS Executive Director Bill Hancock, one of the leading advocates for the bowl system, said the current postseason system is nearing capacity.

"Some number of bowl games is too many," Hancock said. "I don't know what the threshold is, but surely we're close to it. On the other hand, is it appropriate for us to deny any group of athletes the memorable, multiday experience that a bowl trip brings?"

Among the teams that earned a memorable experience with a 6-6 record, four — Army, Middle Tennessee, Georgia and Tennessee — have no victories against major college teams with winning records. Troy State (7-5) and Fresno State (8-4) also have not beaten a winning team.

Army hasn't even beaten a .500 team this season. But it's hard to complain about the Cadets squeaking into a bowl for the first time since 1996. It wasn't long ago that the Black Knights were losing to teams such as Duke and Tulane.

As for Middle Tennessee, playing in the Sun Belt Conference — where only Troy had a winning overall record and most of the members pay the bills by being professional homecoming opponents — doesn't offer many opportunities to knock off over-.500 teams. The Blue Raiders at least did well against their peers, going 5-3 in conference.

Then there's Georgia and Tennessee from the big bad Southeastern Conference. The Bulldogs went 3-5 in the SEC, but can claim victories against three other bowl teams — Georgia Tech (6-6), Kentucky (6-6) and the Volunteers.

That leaves the Volunteers as this year's winners of the Backing Into the Bowl Award. Coach Derek Dooley's first Tennessee team was clearly in a rebuilding year. And remember the Vols had LSU beat if not for Dooley being bewitched by Les Miles' voodoo.

But as Bill Parcells used to say, you are what your record



says you are, and Tennessee's record includes three victories against nonconference patsies (Tennessee-Martin, Alabama-Birmingham and Memphis) and three more against the three worst teams in the SEC (Vanderbilt, Mississippi and Kentucky).

The Wildcats, by the way, were runners-up to the Vols, saved from the ignominious title by beating South Carolina the week after the Gamecocks knocked off Alabama.

With all that said, don't be surprised to see Tennessee knock off North Carolina at the Music City Bowl.

The pre-New Year's Day bowl picks:

TODAY

NEW MEXICO BOWL

UTEP (plus 11½) vs. BYU
Cougars won five of final seven to get bowl eligible for sixth straight season. ... BYU 35-14.

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

Northern Illinois (minus 1) vs. Fresno State
Huskies were upset in MAC title game; Bulldogs tend to roll over on Boise State's blue turf. ... NIU 28-24.

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Ohio (plus 2½) vs. Troy
The first of three MAC-Sun Belt showdowns. ... TROY 35-21.

TUESDAY

BEEF-O'BRADY'S BOWL

Louisville (minus 3) vs. Southern Mississippi
Nice first season for Cardinals coach Charlie Strong, but ... SOUTHERN MISS 37-28.

WEDNESDAY

MAACO BOWL

No. 10 Utah (plus 17½) vs. No. 10 Boise State
The all-business Broncos won't come to Las Vegas sulking. ... BOISE STATE 42-21.

THURSDAY

POINSETTIA BOWL

San Diego State (minus 6) vs. Navy
Aztecs are home, have time to prepare for triple-option, but it's never easy vs. Middies. ... SDSU 30-28.

FRIDAY

HAWAII BOWL

No. 24 Hawaii (minus 10½) vs. Tulsa
Golden Hurricane own 119th-ranked pass defense in nation. ... HAWAII 55-35.

DEC. 26

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL

Toledo (minus 1½) vs. Florida International
Rockets score one for MAC over Sun Belters. Player to watch: Toledo WR Eric Page. ... TOLEDO 31-17.

DEC. 27

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Georgia Tech (plus 3) vs. Air Force
Triple-option everywhere. Teams combine for 645 yards on ground per game. ... GEORGIA TECH 28-21.

DEC. 28

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

North Carolina State (plus 2½) vs. No. 22 West Virginia
Underrated QB matchup: Wolfpack's Russell Wilson vs. Mountaineers' Geno Smith. ... WVU 27-21.

INSIGHT BOWL

No. 14 Missouri (minus 1½) vs. Iowa
Hawkeyes seem like team in turmoil. ... MISSOURI 24-14.

DEC. 29

MILITARY BOWL

East Carolina (plus 7) vs. Maryland
Terps and WR Torrey Smith should feast on nation's worst defense. ... MARYLAND 42-28.

TEXAS BOWL

Baylor (minus 1½) vs. Illinois
Two teams that fizzled late. Bears had only one win against winning team. ... ILLINOIS 41-27.

ALAMO BOWL

Arizona (plus 5½) vs. No. 16 Oklahoma State
Last team with the ball wins? ... OKLAHOMA STATE 42-38.

DEC. 30

BEST BET

ARMED FORCES BOWL

SMU (minus 8) vs. Army
Cadets pass defense has

been solid, 24th in nation, but SMU is out of their league. ... SMU 35-17.

PINSTRIPE BOWL

Syracuse (pick) vs. Kansas State
Long-range forecast: High of 40 degrees, low of 28. ... SYRACUSE 24-21.

MUSIC CITY BOWL

North Carolina (minus 2) vs. Tennessee
Vols psyched just to be playing; Tar Heels' season has been a mess. ... TENNESSEE 24-21.

HOLIDAY BOWL

No. 17 Nebraska (minus 14) vs. Washington
Remember when they played in regular season and Huskers ran wild? Same deal. ... NEBRASKA 42-21.

DEC. 31

MEINEKE BOWL

Clemson (minus 5) vs. South Florida
Talented but enigmatic Tigers trying to avoid losing season. ... CLEMSON 24-10.

UPSET SPECIAL

SUN BOWL

Notre Dame (plus 4) vs. Miami
It's a long way from the glory days of the rivalry, but still a neat matchup. ... NOTRE DAME 24-17.

LIBERTY BOWL

Georgia (minus 6½) vs. UCF
Knights won 10 games, one against a winning team (7-6 SMU). ... GEORGIA 27-17.

CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

No. 19 South Carolina (minus 3) vs. No. 23 Florida State
Jimbo Fisher can put a topper on first season by beating former 'Noles nemesis Steve Spurrier. ... FSU 28-24.

RUSSO'S LINE

Championship week: 9-2 (straight); 6-5 (vs. points).
Season: 193-59 (straight); 127-116-4 (vs. points).
Best bets: 6-4. Upset specials: 4-5.



New Mexico Bowl

BYU (6-6) vs. UTEP (6-6).
Watch: Noon (ESPN)
Line: BYU by 11½.

New Orleans Bowl

Ohio (8-4) vs. Troy (7-5).
Watch: 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Line: Troy by 2½.

New Mexico Bowl

Series Record: BYU leads 28-7-1.

Last meeting: BYU 31-14 in El Paso, Texas, on Nov. 14, 1998.

What's at Stake: A winning season. That's what happens when 6-6 teams are matched in a bowl game, but don't be too quick to shrug off the New Mexico Bowl. There have been recent thrillers — Colorado State rallied to beat Fresno State 40-35 in 2008 and Wyoming beat Fresno State 35-28 in double overtime last year.

Key Matchup: UTEP QB Trevor Vittatoo versus BYU's defense. Vittatoo, a four-year starter, ranks among the nation's most productive QBs with 12,194 career yards passing, 12,089 total yards and 94 TDs. After BYU's 1-4 start, coach Bronco Mendenhall took over as defensive coordinator and turned the season around.

Players to Watch — BYU: S Andrew Rich led the Cougars with 106 tackles this season. He's had four games with at least 10 stops, twice logging 14. A first-team All-Mountain West performer, Rich had two interceptions in a 40-7 win over New Mexico on Nov. 20. UTEP: RB Donald Buckram ranks sixth in school history with 21 rushing TDs and nine 100-yard rushing games. He's been UTEP's leading rusher in six games this season, but the Miners have a balanced

attack with RBs Joe Banyard and Leilyon Myers helping to carry the load.

New Orleans Bowl

Series Record: First meeting.

What's at Stake: Ohio is in its fifth bowl and is still looking for its first bowl victory after falling to Marshall in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl last season. Troy seeks its second New Orleans Bowl victory in three appearances, and second victory overall in six bowl games.

Key Matchup: Ohio's running game vs. Troy's injury-plagued defense. The Bobcats, who mix in the option, have averaged nearly 170 yards rushing and have 25 touchdowns on the ground this season. Troy's defense has allowed 372 points this season, second most in school history.

Players to Watch — Ohio: QB Boo Jackson has accounted for 22 TDs this season, running for seven and throwing for 15. Receiver Terrence McCrae has caught nine of Jackson's TD tosses. Troy: QB Corey Robinson passed for 3,339 yards and 24 TDs this season. WR Jerrel Jernigan accounted for 1,080 yards and seven TDs from scrimmage, including 774 yards and five TDs receiving. Jernigan also had 600 yards and a TD on kick returns and 301 yards and a score on punt returns.

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H-Bowl

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as linebackers coach next season following the Huskies' third straight bowl appearance.

His players appreciate what the 37-year-old has tried to do during the past two weeks to bring in a little bit of normalcy during this rough stretch.

"The transition has been a lot better than a lot of us expected," NIU quarterback Chandler Harnish said.

Northern Illinois (10-3) probably should be playing in a different bowl as the MAC champion. All they needed was to stop a fourth-and-20 against Miami (Ohio) in the conference title game with less than 2 minutes left and the Huskies could have claimed their first league crown since 1983.

Instead, Miami QB Austin Boucher found Chris Givens for 31 yards and two plays later hit Adrian Robinson on a 33-yard touchdown strike to give the RedHawks a 26-21 victory and end the Huskies' nine-game win streak.

It was a gut-wrenching dagger, only amplified by coach Jerry Kill's departure just a couple of days later.

"Focus is the best way to go through change and you can't focus on things you can't control, focus on the things we can control and

that's our attitude," Matukewicz said.

The focus for the Huskies the past two weeks has been figuring out what happened to its offense in the MAC title game, a unit that was averaging 46 points during a nine-game streak that was stymied by the RedHawks in the biggest game of the season.

Runningback Chad Spann saw his streak of a touchdown in 11 straight games snapped against Miami when he was held to 54 yards rushing, his second-lowest total of the season. Illinois was the only other team to stop the 5-foot-9, 200-pound back, holding him to 15 yards rushing back in September.

Still, Spann finished with 20 rushing touchdowns this season, tied for second in the country behind Oregon's LaMichael James, and was the MAC offensive player of the year. He has 39 rushing TDs the last two seasons.

"They're a very good rushing offense. They've put up some great numbers and they've got some phenomenal athletes," Fresno State defensive end Chris Carter said. "We have small running backs ourselves, so I'm not going to judge anybody on their size. If they can run the ball, that's all that matters."

Times-News' college bowl predictions

Each person's picks in bold

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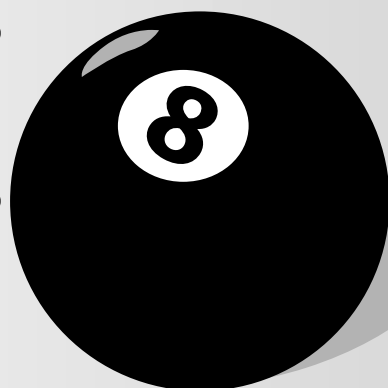
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 Champs Sports Bowl: N.C. State (8-4) vs. **W. Va. (9-3)**
 Insight Bowl: **Missouri (10-2)** vs. Iowa (7-5)
 Military Bowl: East Carolina (6-6) vs. **Maryland (8-4)**
 Texas Bowl: **Baylor (7-5)** vs. Illinois (6-6)
 Alamo Bowl: **Arizona (7-5)** vs. Okla. St. (10-2)
 Armed Forces Bowl: **SMU (7-6)** vs. Army (6-5)
 Pinstripe Bowl: **Syracuse (7-5)** vs. Kan.St. (7-5)
 Music City Bowl: N. Carolina (7-5) vs. **Tenn. (6-6)**
 Holiday Bowl: **Nebraska (10-3)** vs. Wash. (6-6)



Eight-ball's picks

Meineke Bowl: **Clemson (6-6)** vs. S. Fla. (7-5)
 Sun Bowl: Notre Dame (7-5) vs. **Miami (7-5)**
 Liberty Bowl: Georgia (6-6) vs. **UCF (10-3)**
 Chick-fil-A Bowl: S. Carolina (9-4) vs. **Fla. St. (9-4)**
 TicketCity Bowl: Northwestern (7-5) vs. **Texas Tech (7-5)**
 Capital One Bowl: Michigan State (11-1) vs. **Alabama (9-3)**
 Outback Bowl: Florida (7-5) vs. **Penn State (7-5)**
 Gator Bowl: Michigan (7-5) vs. **Miss. State (8-4)**
 Rose Bowl: TCU (12-0) vs. **Wisconsin (11-1)**
 Fiesta Bowl: **Connecticut (8-4)** vs. Oklahoma (11-2)
 Orange Bowl: **Stanford (11-1)** vs. Va. Tech (11-2)
 Sugar Bowl: Ohio State (11-1) vs. **Arkansas (10-2)**
 GoDaddy.com Bowl: **Miami (Ohio) (9-4)** vs. Middle Tenn. (6-6)
 Cotton Bowl: Texas A&M (9-3) vs. **LSU (10-2)**
 BBVA Compass Bowl: **Pittsburgh (7-5)** vs. Kentucky (6-6)
 Fight Hunger Bowl: **Boston College (7-5)** vs. Nevada (12-1)
 BCS National Championship: **Auburn (13-0)** vs. Oregon (12-0)

COMMUNITY

Baseball success



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Twin Falls County Youth Baseball and the Twin Falls County Youth Baseball Trust were recently given a Citation of Merit Award for Organizations by the Twin Falls City Council for their partnership with the city on the Oregon Trail Youth Complex and Cowboy Field projects. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding organizations for their contributions to parks and recreation facilities in Idaho. Pictured from left are Councilman Trip Craig; Bill Merritt, board president of Twin Falls County Youth Baseball; Revis Turner, board chairman of the Twin Falls County Youth Baseball Trust; and Mayor Don Hall.

How not to be a jerk about passing

Q: The other day I went to pass a guy on the highway and as soon as I got next to him, he sped up so that I could not pass. This, needless to say, almost caused a wreck, but I finally slowed and got behind him, where he slowed again so that when I tried to pass again he sped up again. Besides being stupid, were there any charges I could have filed against this jerk had I called police?

—Ivan

A: Yes, driving like a jerk is a felony punishable by spending time listening to a time-share presentation. Of course, that would be a fun and fictional charge, but don't you think he or she would think twice about driving like a jerk?

There are two charges that you could have gone with in this case. The first one is reckless driving, since it could be assumed that lives were put in jeopardy by the driving you spoke of. Reckless, however, requires

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much more information due to the fact that it is a misdemeanor and has to be treated more seriously than an infraction. If it can't be proven that the driving was reckless, then you may have to pay restitution for the day in court.

The other and better charge would have been Idaho Code 49-632 (2), which deals with a vehicle overtaking another vehicle on the left. This code would have worked in your case due to the fact that when you passed the jerk he should have honked when you were past and not increase speed until completely passed by you.

I would mention that you can't travel above the posted speed in order to pass. If you can't pass safely without speeding and get back into your lane at least 200 feet

before oncoming traffic, then you must not pass.

Finally, I want to add that if you are turning left, then you must pull as safely as you can to the farthest left side of your lane so that other vehicles can safely pass on the right if there is sufficient room. Many times I see people pull to the right prior to turning left, which makes them jerks.

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I had a few questions last week from people at Walmart in Burley wanting to know why all the police were there. Once a year, law-enforcement officers get involved with "Shop with a Cop," raising money to help underprivileged children and their families enjoy Christmas.

The children get to shop for Christmas gifts for their family and themselves, and get to have a police officer along for the ride. I know officers get a thrill out of knowing these kids will have a merry Christmas. Sometimes we all get brought down to earth

when a child's gift ideas include items we might not consider as Christmas gifts, such as clothes and beauty supplies.

Although "Shop with a Cop" has been around for years and is not just a Walmart idea, it has always been a great idea.

Officer down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless these heroes.

- Deputy Brandon Lee Coates, Orange County Sheriff, Fla.
- Sgt. Wesley Richard Whitmore Jr., Polk County Sheriff, Fla.
- Border Patrol Agent Brian A. Terry.

They fought the good fight, may they rest in peace.

Be safe, I'll talk to you next week.

E-mail your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

Grant a wish: Community Support Center

The Community Support Center in Twin Falls has submitted the following requests for holiday gifts for its clients. Currently, 10 women and 10 men use the day treatment program and outpatient mental health facility.

The wish list includes: men's cologne, women's perfume, soda pop, multi-pack chips, calendars, day planners, journals, note-

books, puzzle books, gloves, crossword books, latch hooks, mittens, gift cards (Walmart, Shopko and Family Dollar), gift bags, shower gel, bar soap, liquid soap, beads, coloring books, toothpaste, crayons, shampoos, toilet paper, paper napkins, hand lotion, shoes, sandals, roll-on deodorant, seasonal crafts and ornaments.

Contact: Orion, 737-0777.

BRIDGE NEWS

Gooding Duplicate Bridge shares results

Gooding Duplicate Bridge has released some recent results:

Nov. 19:

1. Henry Robinson and Kathy Rooney, 2. (tie) Lucy Gustafson and Betty Jeppesen, and Marg Pierson and Louise Smith.

Dec. 2:

1. Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major, 2. Henry Robinson and Kathy Rooney, 3. Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner.

Duplicate Bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. Duplicate lessons are available for anyone interested.

Information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

BJ Duplicate Bridge names winners

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced its recent results of play.

Dec. 7:

North-South: 1. Gary and Barbara Carney, 2. Warren and Faun Mcentire, 3. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 4. Leo Moore and Dee Kiecher.

East-West: 1. Dot Creason and Jackie Brown, 2. Bub and Marie Price, 3. Peggie Payne and Dona Kunau, 4. Sheila Hubsmit and Mildred Wolf.

Dec. 14:

North-South: 1. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 2. Nancy Gibson and Trudi Carver, 3. Joe Blackford and Edna Pierson, 4. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie.

East-West: 1. Bub and Marie Price, 2. Donna Moore and Jane Keicher, 3. Shirley Harris and Marlene Temple, 4. Sheila Hubsmit and Mildred Wolf.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-3997, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Bridge results released for Twin Falls

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge has released results for the past month's games:

Unit game — Nov. 14:

North-South: 1. Gary and Barbara Carney, 2. Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey, 3. Betty Sabo and Dorothy Miller, 4. Pat Dearborn and Veeta Roberts.

East-West: 1. Shirley Tschannen and Duane Schneberger, 2. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner, 3. Beverly Reed and Betty Jeppesen, 4. Don and Ruth Rahe.

Nov. 15:

Flight A: 1. Betty Sabo and Susan Morris, 2. Max Thompson and Matt Smith.

Flight B: 1. Betty Sabo and Susan Morris, 2. Pat Harder and Janet Wirth.

Nov. 16:

North-South: 1. Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll, 2. Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley.

East-West: 1. Don Rahe and Gladys Hartruff, 2. Joye Astorquia and Betty Grant.

See **BRIDGE**, Sports 8

What's the right timing for medical tests?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 49-year-old female. I have given birth to three children ages 19 to 24. There is no known history of ovarian or breast cancer in my family. My brother and I both had our thyroid glands removed due to cancerous tumors.

For the last 25 years, I have had annual PAP smears and vaginal/anal exams, with great results. Last month I went to my internist for an annual physical. This was the fourth year I have seen him. He's done my gynecological exams and PAPs. This year he said that regulations have changed and because I have had three successive normal PAPs, I do not need one for three more years. I questioned whether this was due to new research or new regulations. He said "new regulations." I told him I wanted one anyway. My insurance will pay, and I'm not concerned about the cost if the procedure

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isn't covered. I am concerned about cancer.

So he had me undress and put on a gown. When he came back to the exam room he pulled up the "regulation" on his computer to show me, saying there was no need to do the exam. I was dumbfounded and agreed. My research has told me that passing on the PAP is OK but that I should have a vaginal and anal exam to look for ovarian cancer, which he did not do. Nor did he do a breast exam. He just told me that I should perform self breast exams.

Should I go to an OB/GYN for a proper exam or do you agree with him?

DEAR READER: I don't know what you had done as

part of your annual exam or what it cost, but it appears to me some things might have been left out. He didn't perform a breast exam. Did he check your blood pressure, do an EKG, listen to your heart, talk about the importance of a colonoscopy in the near future, coordinate possible necessary lab work or X-rays and ask relevant questions about your past medical history?

Pap tests and pelvic exams are an important part of an examination for women because they can detect cancer and other abnormalities that could lead to cancer of the cervix. If abnormalities can be detected early, they can be treated earlier, before cancer has had time to develop.

Of the 55 million PAP tests performed every year in the United States, approximately 3.5 million of them are abnormal and require follow-up. While

not all testing is accurate, false positives (as well as false negatives) can be reported. About half of the false negative reports are because of inadequate specimen collection. The other half occurs because of misinterpretation on the part of the individual examining the specimen. Newer methods being instituted have made it easier to collect and analyze.

Digital rectal exams are done to check for potential problems in the pelvic area, uterus, ovaries, lower abdomen, vaginal bleeding, pelvic pain and more.

As a guideline (and there is no hard and fast rule), women between the ages of 40 and 65 should have their blood pressure checked every one to two years; cholesterol levels checked every five years; an annual dental exam; eye exam every two years; physical exam between one and five

years; self-breast exams monthly with exam by a health care provider annually; mammograms every one to two years; PAP smear (according to the National Cancer Institute) every two to three years; and a rectal during gynecological examinations. If a woman has undergone a complete hysterectomy, she will not need a PAP unless the reason for the procedure involved cancer or pre-cancer; and a pelvic every two years unless extenuating circumstances enter the picture for closer follow-up on any of the above conditions.

Recommendations have been modified. Some people may look on this fact as favorable, while others are concerned because of potential consequences for waiting. If you feel strongly that you want specific testing performed and your physician has voted against it, the answer is to find a

gynecologist who is willing to do what you want — even if this means paying out of pocket.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 check or money order made payable to Newsletter and forwarded to PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title or print out an order form from my website www.AskDrGottMD.com.

Peter H. Gott is a retired physician and the author of several books, including "Live Longer, Live Better," "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet" and "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook," which are available at most bookstores or online.

LIBRARY NEWS

Kimberly library has new items

New materials at Kimberly Public Library include:

Adult fiction: "Promise Me" by Richard Paul Evans, "Call Me Mrs. Miracle" by Debbie Macomber, "A Chesapeake Shores Christ-mas" by Sherryl Woods, "Gingerbread Cookie Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Indulgence In Death" by J. D. Robb, "Happy Ever After" by Nora Roberts, "Worth Dying For" by Lee Child, "American Assassin" by Vince Flynn, "The Confession" by John Grisham, "Cold Dawn" by Carla Neggers, "Cross Roads" by Fern Michaels, "Chasing the Night" by Iris Johansen, "The Brave" by Nicholas Evans, "Edge" by Jeffery Deaver, "Christmas Mourning" by Margaret Maron, "Legends Of Shannara" by Terry Brooks, "Santa Fe Edge" by Stuart Woods.

Inspirational fiction: "In Every Heartbeat" by Kim Vogel Sawyer, "A Dream For Hannah" and "Rebecca's Choice" by Jerry S. Eicher, "Two Brides Too Many" by Mona Hodgson, "Tender Vow" by Sharlene MacLaren, "Unlocked" by Karen Kingsbury, "In The Company Of Others" by Jan Karon, "The Lightkeeper's Bride" by Coleen Coble, "While We're Far Apart" by Lynn Austin, "Grace" by Shelley Shepard Gray, and "Christmas Letters" by Susan K. Downs, etc.

Large print: "Everything To Gain" by Barbara Taylor Bradford, "Hannibal Ri-sing" by Thomas Harris, "Ransom" by Danielle Steel, "No Place Like Home" by Mary Higgins Clark, "The Taking" by Dean Koontz, "Journey To Forever" by Carol Steward, and "Lethal Justice" by Fern Michaels.

Adult nonfiction: "In The Still Of

The Night" by Ann Rule, "I'll Be Watching You" by M. William Phelps, "New Hope For People With Alzheimer's And Their Caregivers" by Porter Shimer, "Wild Animals Of North America" by National Geographic, and "Fix-it and Forget-it Christmas Cookbook" by Phyllis Pellman Good

Juvenile fiction: "Behemoth" and "Leviathan" by Scott Westerfeld, "The Lost Hero" by Rick Riordan, "Empire Of Night" by Justin Somper, "Hero" by Mike Lupica, "Savy" and "Scumble" by Ingrid Law, "Chains" and "Forge" by Laurie Hulse Anderson, "Vanished" by Kate Brian, "The Birthday Of A King" by Bob Hartman, "The Sweetest Christmas" by Ann Braybooks, "Home for the Holidays" by Sonia W. Black, "A Merry Mermaid Christmas" by Mary Man-Kong, "Mickey Saves Santa" by Sheila Sweeny Higginson, "A Merry Bunny Christmas" by Rosemary Wells, "Jingle Bells, Homework Smells" by Diane de Groat, "You Are My Miracle" by Maryann Cusimano Love, and "The Little Christmas Tree" by Karl Rruhmann.

Juvenile nonfiction: "Through My Eyes" by Ruby Bridges, "Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Enter If You Dare" by Ripley, "The Biggest Animal Ever" by Allan Fowler, "Calvin Coolidge" by Zachary Kent, Colonial Home" by Bobbie Kalman, and "Guinness World Records 2011" by Guinness World Records.

Videos: "A Walt Disney Christmas," "Casper's First Christmas," "Cocoon," "Starman," "Moonstruck," "Planet Of The Apes," "Free Willy," "Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home," "Inspector Gadget," "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home," "Star Trek: The Next Generation," and "Star Trek: The Motion Picture."

DVDs: "Four Christmases," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "The Three Stooges," and "The Three Stooges: Disorder In The Court."

New materials as DeMary

New items at DeMary Memorial Public Library in Rupert include:

Adult fiction: "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand

The true story of Louie Zamperini, a juvenile delinquent turned Olympic runner turned Army hero. During a routine search mission over the Pacific, Louie's plane crashed into the ocean, and what happened to him over the next three years of his life is a story that will keep you glued to the pages.

Adult nonfiction: "Have a New Kid by Friday: How to Change Your Child's Attitude, Behavior and Character in 5 Days" by Kevin Leman

With his signature wit and wisdom, internationally recognized family expert Dr. Kevin Leman reveals why your kids do what they do and what you can do about it. He gives you simple principles that can give you results in as little as five days.

Christian fiction: "The Preacher's Bride" by Jody Hedlund

In 1650s England, a young Puritan maiden is on a mission to save the baby of her newly widowed preacher — whether her assistance is wanted or not. Always ready to help those in need, Elizabeth ignores John's protests of her aid.

Children fiction: "Spider-Man: Sandman Strikes!," "Spider-Man's Big City Showdown," and "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow! #34 (Katie Kazoo)"

DVDs: "Harry Potter: The Goblet of Fire," "The Order of the Phoenix," and "The Half-Blood Prince."

Results

Continued from Sports 7

Nov. 17:
Flight A: 1. Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley, 2. Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey, 3. Elaine Bowen and Patricia Cooper, 4. Riley Burton and Edna Pierson.

Flight B: 1. Elaine Bowen and Patricia Cooper, 2. Nancy Gibson and Steve Sams.

Nov 29:
Flight A: 1. Gracie Bennett and Dennis Hanel, 2. Dar Wagner and Nancy Strand, 3. Doug Strand and Tom Wagner.

Flight B: 1. Gracie Bennett and Dennis Hanel, 2. Dar Wagner and Nancy Strand.

Nov 30:
Flight A: 1. Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns, 2. Edna Pierson and Riley Burton, 3. Don and Ruth Rahe, 4. Dar Wagner and Sue Carver.

Flight B: 1. Dar Wagner and Sue Carver, 2. Gracie Bennett and Dennis Hanel.

Dec 1:

1. Riley Burton and Alta Hoobery, 2. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner.

Dec 6:

Flight A: 1. Sue Carver and Janet Wirth, 2. Betty Sabo and Dave King, 3. (tie) Max Thompson and Duane Schneberger, and Doris Watts and Ilse Hylton, 4. (tie) Max Thompson and Duane Schneberger, and Doris Watts and Ilse Hylton.

Flight B: 1. Sue Carver and Janet Wirth, 2. Betty Sabo and Dave King.

Dec 7:

Flight A: 1. Dar Wagner and Duane Schneberger, 2. Bobette Plankey and Kathy Rooney, 3.

Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley, 4. Betty Sabo and Pat Dearborn, 5. Alta Hoobery and Shirley Tschannen.

Flight B: 1. Dar Wagner and Duane Schneberger, 2. Betty Sabo and Pat Dearborn, 3. Alta Hoobery and Shirley Tschannen, 4. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner.

Flight C: 1. Dar Wagner and Duane Schneberger, 2. Betty Sabo and Pat Dearborn.

Dec. 8:

Flight A: 1. (tie) Edna Pierson and Shirley Tschannen, and Mary Kienlen and Beverly Burns, 2. (tie) Edna Pierson and Shirley Tschannen, and Mary Kienlen and Beverly Burns, 3. (tie) Betty Grant and Ruth Rahe, and Peggy Hackley and Riley Burton.

Flight B: 1. Henry Robinson and Kathy Rooney, 2. Duane Schneberger and Daniel Meehl.

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge is played at 6:45 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. Information: Max Thompson, 735-8308.

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Letters to Santa
Bellevue Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Brett I live in Bellevue. I go to Bellevue Elementary school. I helped my dad shovel the trampoline. I helped my grandma put up ornaments. I want a new PSP game and a new DS game. I also want a lego set of Star Wars.
Your friend, Brett

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily and I am 8 years old. I am from Jerome. I am very sorry for what I have done. I have been good by helping my mom move and by helping my dad take care of the baby a lot. Here is what I would like for Christmas...I would like a DSI with a DS game called cats and an ipod tuch a stufft animal and a soft blanket and a BBgun next an skateboard.
Sincerely, Emily R.

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I'm happy to meet you! I'm eight years old and I live in Bellevue I also like to go to school. I've been good because I do my homework every day I bring my papers to school. I help my mom take care of my baby sister and another baby that she babysits. For Christmas I want the game Mancala and Monopy, another purple lap top, another teacher nice like Miss Bristow for fourth grade and an iPod. I hope I will meet you in real life. "Bye"
Merry Christmas,
Mayra

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexis and I am nine years old. I help my dad move snow around. I also help my cousin clean his now because his parents are in Mexico. I would like a toy car with batteries. I would also like a DSI 2.
Have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Alexis P.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sayler and I can't wait for Christmas. I'm in third grade this year. I'm 8 years old and my family can't wait. On Dec 10 our family decorated the Christmas tree. Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. This month I have been helping as much as I can. For Christmas I want a happy family and I want a new Wii game. Is Mrs. Claus doing good? I hope the elves are doing good and working hard.
Your friend, Sayler

Dear Santa,
My name is Nayeli and I am 9 years old. I have 1 sister and she is 3 years old. I have no pets. I go to Bellevue School. I am in 3rd grade. I do my homework. I help my mom was the dishes. I help my mom clean up the house. I want for Christmas a DSI.
Your friend, Nayeli

Dear Santa,
My name is Lila and I have a new nephew. He is two months old and he is very nice. My other nephew takes things away from me but I still like him. I have been good by helping my nephew. I do my chores.
I would like a PDS.
Your friend, Lila

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa my name is Tony. I live in Bellevue Idaho and I am 8 years old. I help my mom and dad by cleaning the house. I also help by taking care of my sister Daisy. She is two. I would like a nerf stampede ECS and a LEGO racer motorcycle set. I also want an X box 360.
Sincerely, Tony A.
Bellevue Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Ember. I have two sisters. I also have a lot of animals. I'm good by helping my parents feed the animals. I'm also good by helping the Earth and people. I would like a violin, books, an art set, a bead set, a watch, and games.
Sincerely, Ember

Dear Santa,
My name is KC. I have one little brother. I'm 9 years old. I am good but most of the time but sometimes I get my mom mad. I do my homework. One place I would like to for Christmas is lagoon. I would like an iPod.
Your friend, KC M.

Dear Santa,
I'm Taylor and my favorite holiday is Christmas. I am in third grade. My teacher is Miss Bristow. I have been good because I have been helping with chores. I have been helping with sisters. I would like a skateboard, BB gun, fox clothes, and riding gear.
Sincerely, Taylor M.

Dear Santa,
Try to guess who I am? My name is Leo and I'm eight years old. I also go to Bellevue Elementary School. I'm kind of good but sometimes I'm not so good. I'm good because I help my teacher Mrs. Bristow passing paper and cleaning up the classroom.
HO HO HO!
Your friend, Leo T.

Dear Santa,
My name is Owen and I am 8 years old I have 2 little brothers. My favorite winter sport is sledding. My dad made us a sledding hill. I am a good boy and I like to play with my family. But I do not like the dog across the street. For Christmas I would like a guitar and books, a game boy, PSP, legos, and a snowboard.
Have a nice Merry Christmas.
From, Owen M.

Dear Santa,
I'm Nolan and I have a older sister named Erica. I'm the youngest in my family of two kids. I help my mom shovel the snow. I also helped my mom dog sit. I want to have a new Nintendo DS because my other one broke. I also want a real snowboard and a PSP.
Your friend, Nolan K.

Dear Santa,
My name is Alaylia (Lelu). I live in Bellevue, Idaho. I have one brother named Quinton who is 6 years old and one sister named Fynley who is four months old. I have been very good this year because I help out with Fynley and babysit Quinton sometimes. I also helped my dad put Christmas lights on a tree. I help my mom, dad and Mormor cook and help my teacher with stuff in the class room and help with the laundry. What I want for Christmas is a new good iPod, a new digital camera and a spar cell phone charger.
From, Alaylia N.

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Metzger retires from Rock Creek Community Church

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35.)

Jesus' humble discipleship lesson has been a guiding principle for the Rev. Dale Metzger's 31-year ministry.

"God needed another servant whose abilities he could channel and use, someone who was willing to join the ranks and get the gospel out," Metzger said about himself. "Administration is certainly part of the church, but I'm

much more interested in caring for people."

The congregation of Rock Creek Community Church will celebrate his retirement and 17 years as its pastor with a 10 a.m. Dec. 26 meditation service and time for memories.

"We're just going to relax and unwind, sharing humor and things we've done together," Metzger said. "My sermon title will be 'Time to Step Down.' This is a praying church that's strong in its faith, and that has built up my own over the years."

Metzger, a native of southern

Oregon, attended Treasure Valley Community College before moving to southern Idaho and taking a job in radio broadcasting, which led to a career that spanned 38 years.

"I could have stayed in broadcasting and had a somewhat less stressful life, but I like to talk and preach," he said. "And ever since I was a teenager I've known this was the life for me."

The direction of his true calling was set in motion by a mother who made sure he regularly attended services at the Methodist church in their hometown of Medford.

"My mother was always diligent to take us to church, and I got real-

SAY GOODBYE

The Rev. Dale Metzger's last sermon will be Dec. 26 at Rock Creek Community Church, 262 5th Ave. E., Twin Falls. Information: 734-5268.

ly involved with being president of the youth league and helping the pastor conduct services," he said. "I got the call when I was about 15 years old and have had a series of mentors in the church take me under their wing to show me how to be more concerned about other people than yourself."

In 1986, he graduated from Perkin's Theological Seminary at

Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He's served as pastor for several churches in Boise, Hagerman, Kimberly, Murtaugh and Meridian.

In 1993 he felt led to form the Rock Creek Community Church and help nurture the faith needs of those who didn't have a church background, couldn't find a fit in with the more traditional church environment or were just bored and needed some divine inspiration.

Between 50 and 100 worshippers attend services each week. Parishioner Beth Olmstead had

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Pope Benedict XVI delivers a message to cardinals he summoned for a day of reflection Nov. 19 at the Vatican. The Pope on Thursday singled out Christians as the religious group that suffers from the most persecution, denouncing lack of freedom of worship as an 'intolerable' threat to world security.

Pope calls Christians the most persecuted

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI singled out Christians as the religious group that suffers from the most persecution on Thursday, denouncing lack of freedom of worship as an "intolerable" threat to world security.

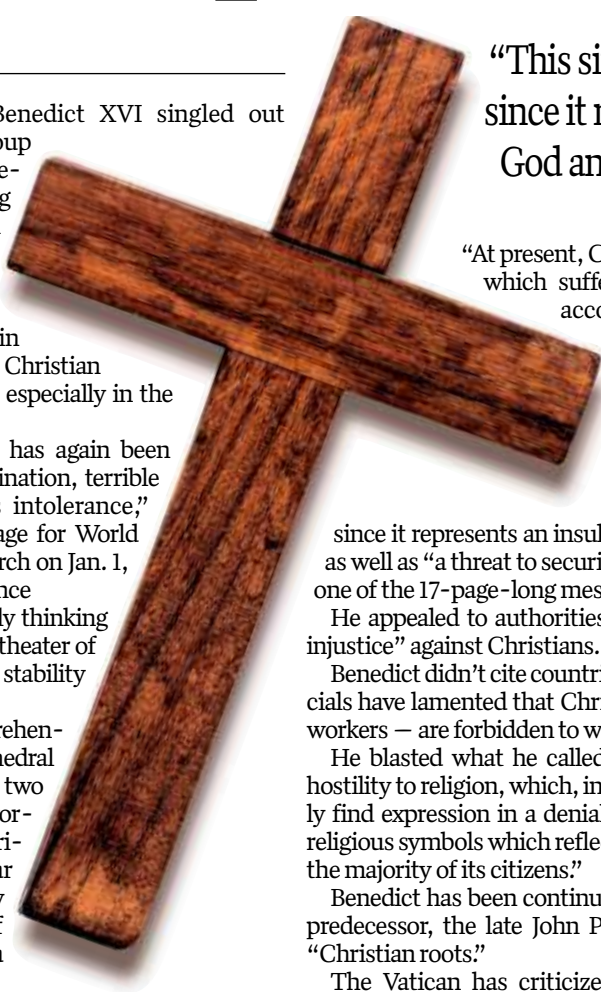
The message reflected a pressing concern by Benedict in recent months for the plight of Christian minorities in parts of the world, especially in the Middle East.

"Sadly, the year now ending has again been marked by persecution, discrimination, terrible acts of violence and religious intolerance," Benedict lamented in the message for World Peace Day, celebrated by the church on Jan. 1, but traditionally released in advance.

He wrote that he was especially thinking of Iraq, "which continues to be a theater of violence and strife" as it aims for stability and reconciliation.

Benedict singled out the "reprehensible attack" on a Baghdad cathedral during Mass in October, killing two priests and more than 50 other worshippers, as well as attacks on private homes that "spread fear within the Christian community and (create) a desire on the part of many to emigrate in search of a better life."

The Vatican voiced concerns that the steady flight of Christians from Iraq will effectively eliminate the ancient community there.



"This situation is intolerable, since it represents an insult to God and to human dignity"

— Pope Benedict XVI

"At present, Christians are the religious group which suffers most from persecution on account of its faith," the pontiff asserted, and cited Christian communities suffering from violence and intolerance particularly in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Holy Land.

"This situation is intolerable,

since it represents an insult to God and to human dignity" as well as "a threat to security and peace," Benedict wrote in one of the 17-page-long message's strongest passages.

He appealed to authorities to "act promptly to end every injustice" against Christians.

Benedict didn't cite countries, but in past years church officials have lamented that Christians — most of them migrant workers — are forbidden to worship in Saudi Arabia.

He blasted what he called "more sophisticated forms of hostility to religion, which, in Western countries, occasionally find expression in a denial of history and the rejection of religious symbols which reflect the identity and the culture of the majority of its citizens."

Benedict has been continuing a campaign launched by his predecessor, the late John Paul II, to reinvigorate Europe's "Christian roots."

The Vatican has criticized initiatives in some Western countries to ban crucifixes from public places, ranging from classrooms to courtrooms, including in predominantly Catholic Italy.

BYU-Idaho Center dedicated

By Nate Sunderland
Standard Journal

REXBURG — At a massive 435,000 square feet, more than twice the size of the Holt Arena in Pocatello, it's hard to fathom that the BYU-Idaho Center is basically just two incredibly large rooms.

Even inside the 15,000-seat auditorium, or the 10-basketball court gymnasium, it's still hard to grasp just how large the building is. One BYU-Idaho official recently described the experience as "stepping out of Rexburg."

To put it into better perspective, consider that the top balcony of the auditorium alone seats more people than the entire John W. Hart Auditorium.

But if sheer size of the building isn't impressive enough, the building's technical capabilities are more so.

Since the initial design phase of the BYU-Idaho Center, plans were put in place to build a large and complex broadcasting center, which, now completed, either surpasses or rivals any broadcasting facility in or surrounding Idaho.

In fact, the closest comparison is the LDS Conference Center in Salt Lake City, which actually played a significant role in the development and construction of the BYU-Idaho Center.

"We have received so much help from the Conference Center ever since we broke ground," said Judy Steiner, Event Management manager in a news release. "There is no structure in the world more similar to our facility than the Conference Center."

According to Steiner, LDS church audio/video specialists worked hand-in-hand with AV specialists at Brigham Young University-Idaho and donated 12 high definition digital cameras to the new facility.

As part of the collaboration, the entire AV Production and Event Management departments, which had previously been scattered in building across campus, were moved into the broadcast center wing of the BYU-Idaho Center. The move allowed employees direct "across-the-hall" access to their equipment and work stations.

The broadcasting center is full of redundant services, which allows for the coverage of simultaneous productions and provides a back-up system in case of technical malfunction. The facility includes two video control rooms, two audio control rooms, a remote camera control



Henry B. Eyring

room, an area to control the teleprompter, and a series of editing and post-production suites.

A large video studio including a full office set and a green screen has also been built.

During a live production as many as 30 students and staff might participate on the technical crew and production staff in one of the various control rooms.

The broadcast center is interconnected by the Broadcast Operations Center, a medium sized room full of wires, servers, operating equipment, and the constant roar of large air conditioning units. The Broadcast Operations Center functions as the central hub for miles upon miles of cabling throughout the building.

One of the center's responsibilities is to broadcast video playback back onto two 34-by-19-foot screens in the BYU-Idaho Center auditorium. Behind each screen is a large blackened room where an easy-to-access rear projector delivers the picture. The Broadcast Operations Center also broadcasts its signal to LDS Church servers to be distributed live, and has the capability for a live signal to be broadcast to local and distant television stations.

Another positive aspect of the new broadcasting center is its impact on students. According to Video Production Coordinator Mike Jeffs, the facility offers its student employees an amazing resume building opportunity. "When students can say that they've worked in a facility this large, it gives them a whole new sense of confidence," said Jeffs.

The first major production at the BYU-Idaho Center was its own dedication and that of the remodeled Hyrum Manwaring Student Center on Friday.

President Henry B. Eyring, first counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, dedicated buildings and Elder Russell M. Nelson and Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles also were in attendance.

NCA Bible lawsuit continues in court

By Mike Butts
Idaho Press-Tribune

BOISE — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has denied a state of Idaho motion to dismiss a lawsuit brought by Nampa Classical Academy to gain the ability to use the Bible in classroom instruction.

The state had asked the

lawsuit be dropped because of Nampa Classical Academy's loss of its status as a public charter school, which according to the motion, made its appeal for injunctive relief moot.

The now-defunct charter filed the lawsuit to seek an injunction against the state's decision not to allow it to use primary religious texts in the

classroom including the Bible.

Alliance Defense Fund attorneys filed the lawsuit against the Idaho Public Charter School Commission on behalf of the academy, which was threatened with the revocation of its charter if it used the Bible or any other religious documents or text as part of its curriculum.

The defense fund describes itself as "an alliance of Christian attorneys and like-minded organizations defending the right of people to freely live out their faith."

The court's denial of the state's request indicated that the "panel that will be assigned to hear the merits of the appeal" will decide on the motion to dismiss.

Major fire engulfs historic Provo Tabernacle

By Jim Dalrymple
Daily Herald

PROVO, Utah — Firefighters battled a raging blaze Friday morning at the historic Provo Tabernacle in Utah.

Officials said the roof of the gabled landmark collapsed about 6 a.m., some 3 1/2 hours after the blaze was reported.

Officials believe the historic building caught fire sometime around 2:30 a.m.

Fire battalion chief Gary Jolley said that by 4:30 a.m. crews were still struggling to contain the blaze and were taking up defensive positions. Jolley said the fire department's goal was to save the structure because of its historic nature, but added that it posed a unique challenge because of its size and the large wooden tim-



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The Historic Provo Tabernacle went up in flames early Friday morning. The building, constructed between 1883 and 1898, has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1975. It was used as a church meeting house and for cultural events.

bers used to support its roof.

However, as of 7:30 a.m., said "it's not looking good at this point." There is seri-

ous structural damage to the walls, particularly the peaks and gables.

Schofield expected to fight the fire for the entire day.

"I am not anticipating being able to enter the building today," he said. The roof collapsed Friday.

Jolley said that it was too dangerous to initially send firefighters into the building, but that the department's strategy included spraying water down into the building from the rapidly disappearing roof.

"When you can't see exactly where the fire is it's hard to know exactly where to put your people," Jolley said.

Jolley said that he had a nearly and entire platoon of men fighting the fire and that he was calling his off duty fire fighters to come

in. He said he was also considering calling in additional help from surrounding cities to help fight the blaze.

According to Schofield, as of Friday morning it was still too early to speculate about the cause of the fire. He said that it could be up to two days before officials could reliably say what sparked the fire.

Scott Trotter, spokesperson for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said, "The fire at the Provo Tabernacle is tragic. The building not only serves our members and the community, but is a reminder of the pioneering spirit that built Utah. The damage appears severe and until we make a structural assessment we won't know whether this historic treasure will be able to be saved."

Stereotypically trustworthy

My big brother, Bud, used to say that sheep are the dumbest creatures on earth. Whenever I watch "America's Funniest Home Videos," I'm inclined to think otherwise. But Bud was absolutely committed to the notion.

"When was the last time you went to the circus and saw a trained sheep act?" he would ask by way of illustrating his point. Even as a child, I questioned his use of the circus as the ultimate arbiter of intellectual capacity. But he was my big brother. He spoke, I listened — and obeyed.

Which I know made me sort of — well — sheepish. But that's a story for another day.

So let's assume for a moment that Bud was right, and that sheep are not particularly bright. Doesn't that give us even more reason to applaud and appreciate the work of the shepherd? It can't be easy to take care of a whole flock of creatures that Bud used to characterize as "rocks with legs and stomachs."

I don't know any shepherds personally. I don't know anyone who does. But I often find myself thinking about them this time of year, since the Bible story of the First Christmas references the shepherds a lot. I wonder what they must have felt when they were suddenly surrounded by "a multitude of the heavenly host." Even though the first words out of the angel's mouth were "Fear not," I'll bet they feared. At least, a little. Heaven knows, I would.

But I've never really wondered why shepherds were among the first to hear of the miraculous Christmas birth. Once again, I blame my big brother, Bud. Let's see if you can make sense of the logic as it played out in my mind: if sheep are indeed among the dumbest creatures on earth, then it naturally follows that they are among the most vulnerable and needy. Which means that their only hope for survival is the shepherd, who will lead them carefully to safe pastures and protect them from the wolves who would otherwise munch them into extinction. Sheep are totally dependent upon

VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker



the shepherd, which makes the shepherds, as a group, stereotypically trustworthy — the perfect people to receive history's first and most extraordinary Christmas greeting.

All of which leads me to believe that not all of the shepherds made the pilgrimage to the manger that first Christmas night. Although they all must have been thrilled and overwhelmed by the glorious majesty of the divine message they received, and I'm sure they were all anxious to "see this thing which is come to pass," I'm also sure that not all of them did. Someone had to stay behind, to "keep watch over their flock by night." That's just how it is with shepherds. You don't leave the sheep unattended — not even for the greatest miracle on the greatest night in the whole history of the world.

So that's who I'm thinking of this Christmas. I'm thinking of the shepherd who saw the angels, who heard the "good tidings of great joy," and who no doubt yearned with all his heart and soul to see the Christmas miracle with his own eyes. And yet he sent the others off to Bethlehem while he stood his post and did what shepherds do.

In a way, it's not unlike our soldiers in the field, keeping watch over our democracy by night. Or the nurses, doctors and technicians in the hospital, keeping watch over our sick and wounded by night. Or the police officers on the beat, keeping watch over our streets by night. They all know that it's Christmas. They all yearn to share the "good tidings of great joy" with their families and friends. And yet they stand their post and do what they do because we, like the sheep, need them to be stereotypically trustworthy.

Even at Christmas.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

Refugees aim to preserve unique Vietnamese faith

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — As darkness fell on a recent night, Duc Le donned a long white tunic and black cap, slipped off his shoes and joined other aging refugees to honor the new moon with the chanted prayers and offerings that mark the Vietnamese religion of Cao Dai.

As Le worshipped, his 25-year-old son stood nearby in sweat pants and chatted with his young bride before slipping away to study for his mid-term exams. The college senior said he visits the temple to teach martial arts more often than to worship and struggles to observe the elaborate rituals of his elders' faith.

"Usually I don't get too involved. I think it's the language barrier," said Thuan Le, who finds the higher-level Vietnamese used in Cao Dai prayers difficult to understand. "I definitely see it as a hindrance with all the ceremonies. You have to follow all these procedures to get to the truth of it and that's really hard."

Le's ambivalence is echoed by many young Vietnamese and marks a turning point for the thousands of refugees who brought their religion with them to the U.S. and have nurtured it for decades in their adopted homeland.

Now, as the original followers age, Cao Dai's most learned scholars in the U.S. are scrambling to build interest among their children and grandchildren while trying to widen the faith's appeal to gain new, non-Vietnamese worshippers as well.

But Cao Dai's unusual history and a colorful blending of beliefs that earned it its most prominent temple in Vietnam the nickname "Walt Disney fantasia of the East" could make that a challenge.

The faith, born in 1926 out of a series of spirit seances, is monotheistic but incorporates elements of the oldest and most established religions in its com-



AP photo

Cao Dai follower Kim Vo hits the gong in this file photo during a weekly worship service at Cao Dai Temple of California in Garden Grove, Calif.

plex DNA. It took root in French Indochina, in part as a way for the country's intellectual elite to reconcile the Christian beliefs of their colonial rulers and ancient Eastern traditions, said Janet Hoskins, an anthropology professor and Cao Dai expert at the University of Southern California.

Practitioners today believe the founders of the world's major religions are all messengers of the same God and point to similar teachings on peace and love in all religions. As a result, the faithful pay homage to a cornucopia of religious and philosophical figures, including Jesus, Moses, Muhammad, Lao Tzu, Buddha and Confucius.

Among their saints is the French author Victor Hugo, who is believed to have spoken to spirit mediums from beyond the grave. Hugo's image, along with the French slogan "Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood," appears at the front of many Cao Dai temples along with the Chinese revolutionary Sun Yat-sen and the

seances and is one of nine female fairies associated with the Mother Goddess.

Five levels of carved and brightly painted figures depicting Cao Dai's saints, prophets and immortals sit above the altar in its temples, where worshippers also burn incense and place tea, wine, fruit and flowers to represent the different aspects of being.

The faith's complex history and its emphasis on ritual and hierarchy make it difficult for young people to embrace, even without a language barrier, said Hum Dac Bui, a Cao Dai scholar, author and retired surgeon who lives in Redlands.

Southern California, one of the largest Cao Dai hubs in the U.S., boasts a dozen temples and about 10,000 worshippers, Hoskins said, but even here the elders worry the religion could fade away with time. Cao Dai temples in Vietnam attract thousands and have become tourist draws, but there the religion is censored by the government and spirit seances are banned.

Vietnamese sage Khiem Binh Nguyen.

Practitioners also believe Joan of Arc guided the first Cao Dai disciples in their

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difficulty feeling at home in a congregation, before becoming part of the church family.

"He always makes it seem as if we're all just sitting down to have a chat," Olmstead said. "He also has a way of explaining the theology of a religious text in layman's terms."

Metzger and his wife, Helen, plan on remaining in the area, continuing to officiate at weddings or funerals, and doing some traveling to visit family.

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TWIN FALLS Unfurnished or elegantly furnished up to linens, dishes & TVs. 1 bdrm, 2 bath, quiet canyon view, gas fireplace, patio, W/D, wireless internet, cable/utills paid. No smoking/pets. \$800 mo. + security dep. 208-410-1071

AGRICULTURE

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD Mini pups. 3 males, 1 female, red merle blue eyes, 6 weeks. Hold for 24th. 208-324-6581 or 320-1985

BOSTON TERRIER Puppies 1 female, 1 male, 12 weeks old, \$500/offer. 208-731-0159

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

COCKER SPANIELS 1 male, 3 female, 8 weeks old, tails docked, 1st shots, dewclaws removed, \$100. Call 208-539-1592

GERMAN SHEPHERD Cross, gentle black and brown girl is a sweetie. Her mother was AKC German Shepherd. Spayed and ready to play. 734-1574

MINIATURE PINSCHERS purebred, born Nov 2nd. Tails docked, dewclaws removed, 1st shots, 1 black & tan female, 1 red female, 2 red males, 1 black & tan male. Ready to go. \$200/offer 733-4538 lv msg

POODLE Miniature, AKC Reg, black male, potty trained, well mannered shots, hold for Christmas 420-9110

PUG Puppies, purebred, 2 boys, 12 weeks, 2nd shots. Adorable! \$250/offer. Shoshone 208-544-7528.

SHIH POO Puppies, rated #2 of all dogs. This designer dog is a wonderful choice for a fun, cute, sweet and easy going dog. They are non-shedding and their coat is soft like a rabbit. 2 girls and 1 boy, \$400. Vet checked, first shot. Mom weighs 8 lbs., Dad 5 lbs. 733-3799 or 404-4171

SHIH TZU purebred puppies, 7 weeks old, 1 female, 2 male, ready to go, \$300. Call 208-735-8340.



TOY FOX TERRIERS pups AKC Champion sired, shots, litter box trained. \$300 404-6852

705 Farm Equipment

FORKLIFT mounted on Ford 600 tractor. Rear steering, high lift forklift, forward tilt, flat forks & round, large, 1 ton bale forks. Great for moving large 1 ton hay bales. \$2700/offer. Step-through front loader fits 35-45 HP tractor, \$750/offer. Farm hand high lift F11 front loader to fit tractor. Has rear P.T.O. pump and valve, \$1750/offer. Hydraulic hoist pump & valve & reservoir to make farm truck a dump truck, \$400/offer. 3 pt feed carrier, \$150. Corrugator, 3 pt, 4 row, \$195/offer. Fuel tanks, -200 gallon & -300 gallon w/pumps, \$200 & \$300. Bale elevator, 20 ft, electric motor, \$750/offer. Visa & Mastercard accepted. 208-324-5858

705 Farm Equipment

ROLLER HARROW Ace 14' whit/wh, 14' International press wheel grain drill. Sell together or separate. 208-300-0128 or 300-0132

SEED TRUCK Botech mounted on International truck w/DT 466 & Allison Automatic transmission feed box. Recently relined & reflighted. 208-300-0128 or 300-0132

709 Hay Grain and Feed

HAY Covered 2nd crop 80# bales, \$125/ton. 208-324-7171 leave message.

STRAW \$1.75 per bale. Hay \$135 per ton, small bales. Buhl area. 208-358-3694

Get In The Habit! Read the Classifieds Every Day

MISCELLANEOUS

810 Furniture & Carpet



ASHLEY, two-tone rustic finish, 9 pc., Bought for \$1650, asking \$1200. New in box. 420-1746

LIFT CHAIR brown, like new, \$700/offer. Recliner brown leather, like new, \$100. 208-737-9195

816 Miscellaneous

MOVING MUST SELL! DLX Crib w/changing table, \$350 pd \$750 Dresser, \$40. Futon, \$60 pd \$600. Like new stainless refrig w/ice/water, \$450. Top Line water softener pd \$5000, steal for \$500. Exercise bike, \$30. Deluxe stroller+free sm stroller, \$50. Camcorder, \$50. TVs, \$30 & \$40. Desk, \$15. MAKE OFFER! 208-404-8785

822 Wanted To Buy

WANTED Chevy '56 Belair. Call 307-362-3770.

Times-News Classifieds 208-733-0931 ext. 2

826 Sporting Equipment

GOOSE & DUCK decoys reasonably priced, everything must go. 12 ga shotgun, \$180. 490-1165

RECREATIONAL

902 Motorcycles

HONDA '03 CRF70, \$950. Honda '06 CRF80, \$1100. Kawasaki 100, \$1200, 731-3583

905 Motor Homes & RVs

REXHALL AIR RIDE '96, 33K miles, '36", rear back up camera, new tires, deluxe model, side by side refrig, microwave, convection oven, 226 hours on generator, lots of storage inside & out, outside shower, beautiful shape, \$16,500. Call 208-595-1200.

TRANSPORTATION

1006 Trucks



CHEVY '06 Duramax Ext. Cab LT, long box, leather, one owner, 78,000 miles, warranty, \$25,500/offer. 208-293-8726

1010 Autos

CHRYSLER '90 LeBaron Conv. Economical, runs great, 207,926 miles, new timing belt, fuel pump, radiator, battery, thermostat, tires, studded tires, \$1000/offer 539-4217

0602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 5 bdrm, 2 bath country home. 2650 sq. ft. New carpet/paint, 3 car garage. No smoking/pets. \$995 mo+dep. 208-954-2180

TWIN FALLS 603 Quincy. Cozy 1 bdrm, lg fenced yd, pets neg., AC, DW, W/D, \$550 1st, last + \$350 dep. Leave msg at 208-731-3797.

TWIN FALLS Country home, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, garage, water/lawn care. No pets/smoking. \$775 mo. + dep. Call 733-6269.

TWIN FALLS Cute 2 bdrm, great location, stove, refrig, W/D hookups, no pets. \$525 mo. + \$300 dep. 208-734-4660

TWIN FALLS Elegant 3 bdrm, 2 bath, den, dining, hardwood, fenced yard, pet w/dep, \$1195/mo, 143 N 10th. 481-0553

TWIN FALLS Home with 3 bdrm, 2 bath, W/D, garage, deck, fenced yard & possible pet, no smoking, \$800 + dep. 208-404-3159

TWIN FALLS Multiple homes for rent with 2-3 bdrms. Prices starting at \$550. Call Melissa at 734-7935.

TWIN FALLS NE area, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, cul-de-sac, fireplace, no smoking/pets. 539-6563/731-9735

TWIN FALLS Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, \$1000 mo. 1385 Ashley. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$500 mo. 187 Sunrise. Stephanie 329-2502

TWIN FALLS RENT-TO-OWN 3 bdrm, 1 bath, fixer-upper, great terms, 2 car garage, \$625/mo. 735-5242

WENDELL Large 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath house in country, SE of Wendell. 2 car garage, stove, oven, refs req. 1st, last months rent & security dep. \$650 mo. 536-6620/316-2501

WHO can help YOU rent your rental? Classifieds Can! 733-0931 ext. 2 twinad@magicvalley.com

603 Furnished Apt/Duplex

TWIN FALLS/BURLEY/RUPERT ***** WOW! ***** Weekly Payments O.K! No Credit Checks- No Deposit - All Utilities Paid- 60 Channel Cable- Internet Free. Pets O.K.- Furnished Studios- On Site Laundry. TWIN FALLS Starting \$550 mo. 731-5745 / 358-0085 / 431-8496 BURLEY/RUPERT Starting \$450 mo. 731-5745 or 436-8383

BURLEY/RUPERT Studios. All utills paid, free cable & wi-fi, pets ok. \$300-\$550 mo. Move in today! No dep! No credit check! 436-8383 or 731-5745

TWIN FALLS New 1 bdrm, no pets. Inquire at 503 3rd Ave E. 208-216-2431

604 Unfurnished Apt/Duplex

BURLEY Norman Manor Apts 1 & 2 bdrms, \$375-\$400 + dep. Clean or new carpet & paint. Laundry & off street parking. Office hours 2-5pm, Mon-Fri Other hours call for appt. 208-678-7438 - 1361 Parke Ave

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm nice duplex, quiet cul-de-sac, garage, deck, yard, No pets. \$650. 362-3933

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath on main, 1 large room & shower downstairs. Fenced yard. Gas/AC. \$750/\$750. 731-4268

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm. Trailer house in the country. \$450 mo. Call 208-539-1444.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm 2 bath 2 car, almost new, fenced, \$875 + dep. 647 Parkwood. 208-420-3983.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Master bdrm, bath, and walk-in closet. Stainless steel appls, split floor plan, central air, gas heat, & fenced back yard w/auto sprinklers. \$925mo. 208-749-0145

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 2 bath. Split floor plan, fenced backyard, gas heat, AC. \$700. Call 420-9317.

BURLEY Very nice 1 & 2 bdrm apt with garage, excellent location. Call 208-431-1643 or 678-3216

CASTLEFORD 2 bdrm apt available now. Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity. 208-734-6295 or 208-731-0218

Classified Department Classified Sales Representatives are available from 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday Call our office in Twin Falls 733-0931 ext. 2

EDEN 1 bdrm, water & trash paid, \$300 month. No pets. 208-212-1678

FILER Ranch acre, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Private, quiet, \$700 1st + dep. Horse corral, animals ok. Contact Zita, 208-731-7218

GOODING 2 bdrm., 1 bath duplex. \$500 mo. + \$500 dep & utilities. No smoking/pets. Call 308-6804.

GOODING Large 3 bdrm, 1 bath, newly remodeled, includes W/D, DW, AC. Must see. \$599 + dep. No pets/smoking. 208-410-7994

HANSEN 1/2 off 1st month rent + deposit. 1 bdrm, 1 bath, \$400 mo + \$400 dep. 208-212-1678

Hear the quiet! Laurel Park Apartments 176 Maurice Street Twin Falls 734-4195

JEROME 2 bdrm bsmt apt, no smoking/pets, W/D hookup, water incl. \$450 month. 539-3221.

JEROME 2 bedroom duplex, \$520 month. W/D hookups, refrig, stove. Call 208-539-9950

JEROME December Rent is Free! 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, townhouses in a duplex design. Each unit includes a private fenced backyard, central heat and air, and much, much more!!! Call The Oaks at 324-6969 or stop by 1911 N Kennedy St, Jerome, ID.

JEROME Nice, clean 2 & 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath. 324-2744 or 420-1011

RUPERT 2 bdrm apt. Major appls, W/D hookups. IHFA welcome. \$475 mo. + \$400 dep. No pets. No smoking. 208-358-0673

RUPERT/BURLEY 2 bdrm, 1 bath, refrigerator & stove, \$450 month + \$350 deposit. 670-5770

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, 1 bath, no pets, \$300 + \$300 dep. Water & trash paid. Call 212-1678

TWIN FALLS 1, 2, 3 & 5 Bedrooms Apts. & Houses. \$250-\$800. Various Locations. Call for Details 734-4334 www.twinfallsrentals.com

TWIN FALLS 1/2 off 1st mos. rent + dep. New, 1 bdrm, 1 bath, \$450 mo + \$450 dep. Call 212-1678

TWIN FALLS 1st month is only \$99 + \$350 dep. for the month of Dec. Offering 1, 2 & 3 bdrm wonderful apts. Playground and laundry facilities. Central & close to everything. Call WillsWood Apts 208-734-8070

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm duplex near shopping, storage units, garage, nice yard, \$650 mo. + \$625 dep. No smoking/pets. 208-404-3159

604 Unfurnished Apt/Duplex

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm duplex 1 mi CSI, hardwood floors, fenced yard, appls incl, charming \$595. 420-6628

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm lg duplex 1 mi CSI great area, newly remodeled, fenced yd, W/D, \$585. 420-6628

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm nice duplex, quiet cul-de-sac, garage, deck, yard, No pets. \$650. 362-3933

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath apt. New paint & carpet, laundry on-site, no smoking/pets. \$475/\$475. 208-539-4907. See at www.cuttingedgeproperties.biz

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, all appliances, \$500 security deposit, \$500 month. Close to Perrine school. Call Joe at 420-4585.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, very clean, W/D & appls, no smoking/pets. \$575 + dep. \$200 off 1st mo rent with lease. 208-944-2027

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, spotless, fresh paint, no pets, close to CSI. 2 apts, \$495 & \$550 mo. 212-6902

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, W/D hookup, AC, dishwasher, \$600 mo + \$500 dep. 650 Eastland N. 539-9352

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 1 bath. No pets/smoking. \$550 dep. + \$550 mo. Call 208-280-1327

TWIN FALLS 2-3 bdrm. 1st month free w/year lease. W/D hookup, fenced backyard, no pets. For other specials call 208-734-6600.

TWIN FALLS Brand new 2 bdrm, 1 bath apts, \$624-\$680 Close to CSI campus. For more information Call 208-735-1180.

TWIN FALLS Clean 2 bdrm, 1 bath, upstairs apt. Kitchen apt, laundry facilities, carport. No pets smoking. \$600/mo. \$600 dep. 731-4720

TWIN FALLS large 3 bdrm (4-plex), section 8 ok. \$590 + dep. Call 732-0714

TWIN FALLS Large clean 1 bdrm., 2 bath, all appls incl, no smoking/pets, \$475 + \$350 deposit. Call 208-735-2283 leave message.

TWIN FALLS Large clean 2 bdrm, 1 bath, appls, fireplace, W/D hookup Dish/water/garbage pd. No smoking/pets. \$600 mo. + \$300 dep. 734-5518 or 539-3558

TWIN FALLS Nicest duplex in town. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, covered deck, water softener & drinking water system, no smoking/pets, \$900-\$950. 208-733-8244

TWIN FALLS Unfurnished or elegantly furnished up to linens, dishes & TVs. 1 bdrm, 2 bath, quiet canyon view, gas fireplace, patio, W/D, wireless internet, cable/utills paid. No smoking/pets. \$800 mo. + security dep. 208-410-1071

TWIN FALLS Very clean 2 bdrm, 2 bath duplex. A/C, gas heat, appls, garage. \$725 mo. 208-420-8290

TWIN FALLS Very large, clean, 3 bdrm, 2 bath apt. One half blk to CSI. No pets. \$650. Idaho Housing accepted. 320-7599 or 734-9704

605 Rooms For Rent

TWIN FALLS AC, cable, Wi-Fi, all utills. Paid. Weekly/monthly rates. 1341 Kimberly Rd. 208-733-6452. www.capiextendedstay.com

TWIN FALLS Quiet, clean motel. Special Wkly \$100-Mo. \$375 + dep Microwave/refrig. No pets. 212-9380

TWIN FALLS/BURLEY/RUPERT All utills paid, free cable & internet. No dep. No credit check Pet ok. Starting at \$450. 731-5745 / 431-3796 www.hotelsidaho.com

606 Mobile Homes

TWIN FALLS Still time to decorate for the holidays in your new home at Skylane. Cute, clean, cozy 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$415 mo. + \$400 dep. Credit & landlord check required. 208-733-4607

607 Office and Retail Rentals

JEROME 1410 S Lincoln. Good for any kind of business, heavy traffic, good visibility, easy access, plenty of parking, well lit. For more info call 208-740-0648

TWIN FALLS 734-4334 Retail/Office Spaces Various Sizes & Locations

TWIN FALLS Nice, newer office space approx 730 sq ft + separate storage. \$800 mo. 808 Eastland. Call 208-731-5163

TWIN FALLS Office Space avail at the Twin Falls Airport. \$250-\$450 per month. Call 733-5920

TWIN FALLS Office space for rent, 625 sq. ft., 560 Filer. \$600/mo, water & sanitation included. 736-8747

TWIN FALLS Office Space: Very reasonably priced. Great signage on high traffic, 1201 Falls Ave E. 325 sq. ft. & 775 sq. ft., rent incl. utills. 208-539-6563 / 208-731-9735

TWIN FALLS Prime location near corner of Eastland & Julie Lane. Approx 3000 to 5000 sq. ft. avail. 733-2323 or 420-9195

608 Commercial Property

TWIN FALLS 2-3 booth beauty salon or nail care shop. Good location, willing to improve to suit tenant. Call 539-4907.

TWIN FALLS 3,600 sq. ft. next to Muni Golf Course. Plenty of parking, heated & air conditioned office. Large garage door with electric opener. \$1,250 per month with 1 year minimum lease. Call 733-7175 or after 5pm, 734-5951.

TWIN FALLS Blue Lakes Office Complex. From 200 to 1300 sq. ft. all utills. incl., rent neg. 309-0365

616 Roommates Wanted

TWIN FALLS Huge master bdrm/living room, \$425. Master bdrm, \$325. Near CSI. 1149 Blake St. N. 208-721-1592

TWIN FALLS Lrg home in Stoneybrook Sub'd. 2 living spaces with private entrances. Refs req'd. \$425 & \$275. Call 208-404-1701

This is the one you've been looking for!



With over 2400 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 3 baths, a great family room with a wood fireplace and bar for entertaining, you will fall in love with this house. Located at 410 Crestview Drive in Twin Falls, in a great neighborhood west of CSI. It is centrally located to all shopping with in 10 mins. Fully fenced. This house will not last long! Offered at \$152,500. MLS#98452334.



Call Hollie Rowe at River Bridge Realty 878-1751 or 312-5715



American Real Estate & Appraisal LLC



DRASTICALLY REDUCED TO \$45,000!

Large lot, good sized shop/storage building, quiet street, need to settle estate, sleeping rooms in basement, no

NOTICES**NOTICES****NOTICES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711, G- Street, Rupert, ID, 83350, on March 15, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 06/15/2007 as Instrument Number 491397, and executed by **RUBEN VARGAS-ROMERO, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Grantor(s),** in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Minidoka County, State of Idaho: **LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARCEL NO. 1: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 1: PART OF LOT 2, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN SECTION 1, SAID CORNER MARKED BY A U.S. RECLAMATION SERVICE IRON PIPE WITH BRASS CAP; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00'29" WEST (SOUTH 0 DEGREES 03' WEST, REC.) ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 2 FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.60 FEET (331.32 FEET, REC.) TO A U.S. RECLAMATION SERVICE IRON PIPE WITH BRASS CAP WHICH SHALL BE THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 44 DEGREES 46'02" EAST (SOUTH 44 DEGREES 44' EAST, REC.) ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 1 FOR A DISTANCE OF 442.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 06'27" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 439.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00'29" EAST (NORTH, REC.) FOR A DISTANCE OF 624.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; PARCEL NO. 2: ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL, AS CREATED BY JUDGMENT, MARY MCALLISTER, PLAINTIFF, VS. JEFFREY ADAM MCCLURE AND HELEN M. MCCLURE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND THE ESTATE OF RUTH A. MCCLURE, DECEASED AND ANY OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN THAT MAY CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY, DATED MAY 15, 1997 AND RECORDED MAY 16, 1997, AS DOCUMENT NO. 429738, AND AMENDED BY AMENDED JUDGMENT, DATES JUNE 25, 1997 AND RECORDED JUNE 26, 1997 AS DOCUMENT NO. 430266, MINIDOKA COUNTY RECORDS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 1: PART OF LOT 1 IN SECTION 1, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN SECTION 1, SAID CORNER MARKED BY A U.S. RECLAMATION SERVICE IRON PIPE WITH BRASS CAP; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00'29" WEST (SOUTH 0 DEGREES 03' WEST, REC.) ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.60 FEET (331.32 FEET, REC.) TO A U.S. RECLAMATION SERVICE IRON PIPE WITH BRASS CAP; THENCE SOUTH 44 DEGREES 46'02" EAST (SOUTH 44 DEGREES 44' EAST, REC.) FOR A DISTANCE OF 326.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 13'58" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 26.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 22'02" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 19.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 44 DEGREES 35'34" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 35'41" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.56 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 21'36" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 48 DEGREES 41'30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 63.19 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 18'20" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 33.43 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A GRAVEL ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 20'37" WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID GRAVEL ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 52.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 59'00" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 30.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 41'30" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.44 FEET; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 21'36" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 39.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 41'37" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.17 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 1; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 46'02" WEST (NORTH 44 DEGREES 44' WEST, REC.) ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 1 FOR A DISTANCE OF 107.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL NO. 3: ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL NO. 1, AS CREATED BY ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT, DATED DECEMBER 27, 2006, EXECUTED BY JESSE C. TAMAYO AND MARIA L. TAMAYO AND JEFFREY ADAM MCCLURE AND HELEN M. MCCLURE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, RECORDED APRIL 12, 2007 AS DOCUMENT NO. 490243, RECORDS OF MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, OVER AND ACROSS THE WEST 30 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 1: E1/2N2E1/4NW1/4 AND PART OF THE E1/2SE1/4NW1/4 (ALSO KNOWN AS A PART OF LOT 1) OF SECTION 1, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING IS LOCATED FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 1, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46'41" EAST 1989.04 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE E1/2NE1/4NW1/4 OF SECTION 1 AND IS THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00'20" WEST 1506.01 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE E1/2E1/2NW1/4; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 52'25" EAST 402.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 08'02" EAST 263.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 03'00" EAST 1475.79 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NW1/4 OF THE NORTH SECTION QUARTER CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46'41" WEST 663.01 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND ALSO TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 1: LOT 1 AND THE E1/2NE1/4NW1/4, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: ALL THAT PART OF THE S1/2NE1/4, LYING NORTH AND WEST OF THE B-4 CANAL OF THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT. AND, ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 1: THE E1/2NE1/4NW1/4 AND PART OF THE E1/2SE1/4NW1/4 (ALSO KNOWN AS A PART OF LOT 1) OF SECTION 1, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING IS LOCATED FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46'41" EAST 1989.04 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE E1/2NE1/4NW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 1 AND IS THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00'20" WEST 1506.01 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE E1/2E1/2NW1/4; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 52'25" EAST 402.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 08'02" EAST 263.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 03'00" EAST 1475.79 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NW1/4 OF THE NORTH SECTION QUARTER CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46'41" WEST 663.01 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.** The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **255 SOUTH 255 CANAL WEST, Rupert, ID, 83350** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 03/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.250% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$63,873.67, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 11/05/2010, Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94, SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821, PHONE: (800) 281-8219. TS # 10-0143509 FEI #:1006.118244

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING

Case No. CV 2010-000597
NOTICE OF PREJUDGMENT WRIT OF ATTACHMENT

WILBUR-ELLIS COMPANY, a California Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TERRY G. HOLLIFIELD, an individual,
Defendant.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Idaho Code Section 8-503(b), an attachment has been issued against the real property of the Defendant, Terry Hollified, located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, in this action.

DATED: This 6th day of December, 2010.
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/s/Deputy Clerk

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**101
Lost and Found**

FOUND Two large dogs 12/16 on Overland. Both females, one is white & older, the other is brown/white. Call 312-5891.

LOST Benelli Shotgun & acc. at Niagara Springs Wildlife area, 11/27. **REWARD!! 208-921-1768**

LOST Border Collie, short haired female, 2 miles N & 2 miles E of the Flying J truck stop. **208-961-1431**

LOST Chocolate Lab, male, North of Kimberly on 12/16, had collar. Call **208-423-6173 or 731-8061.**

**106
Special Notices**

AL-ANON for relatives & friends of alcoholics. Wednesday, 7:30pm & Friday, noon. 209 5th Ave. N, Twin Falls. Meetings also in Filer, Buhl, Jerome, Burley, Hailey & Ketchum.
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Tuesday-7pm
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Friday-7pm
Saturday-7pm
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Saturday-9pm
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"Can I say, 'Yes'?"

Today is Saturday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2010. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler ordered secret preparations for Nazi Germany to invade the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1944, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first public, full-scale commercial nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket.

In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of Commons in making permanent a 1965 ban on the death penalty for cases of murder.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

Ten years ago: The Electoral College cast its ballots, with President-elect George W. Bush receiving the expected 271; Al Gore, however, received 266, one fewer than expected, because of a District of Columbia Democrat who'd left her ballot blank to protest the district's lack of representation in Congress. Antitrust regulators approved the merger of British drug companies Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC. Newspaper heir Randolph Apperson Hearst, the last surviving son of William Randolph Hearst and father of Patricia Hearst, died in New York at age 85.

Five years ago: In a televised speech, President George W. Bush declared that Iraq's parliamentary elections signaled the birth of democracy in the Middle East. Vice President Dick Cheney made a surprise visit to Iraq, where he faced tough questions from battle-weary troops. Susan Osthoff, a German aid worker kidnapped in Iraq, was freed after three weeks in captivity. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a mild stroke.

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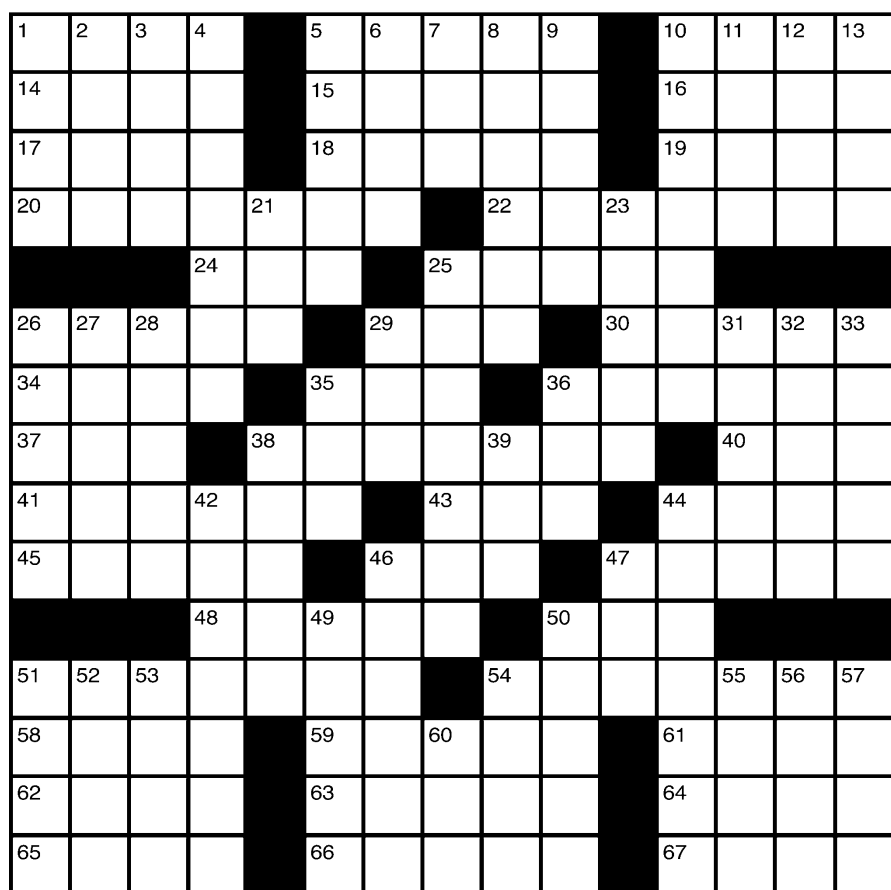
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- 1 Main point; essence
- 5 Traditional nun's wear
- 10 Wise
- 14 Peak
- 15 Ooze out
- 16 Foreboding sign
- 17 Rain hard
- 18 Toothed-leaved birch tree
- 19 Obey
- 20 Carve letters
- 22 Places full of video game machines
- 24 "___ we there yet?"
- 25 Swing the arms about wildly
- 26 Lock, ___ and barrel
- 29 Marie Osmond, to Donny
- 30 Uses an old phone
- 34 Arrived
- 35 Lower limb
- 36 Fanatic
- 37 Gorilla
- 38 Safer
- 40 In the past
- 41 Make invalid
- 43 Actress Charlotte ___
- 44 Kuwait's leader
- 45 Slight amount
- 46 Comfy room
- 47 ___-Pot; slow cooker
- 48 Lunch spots
- 50 Sheep's cry
- 51 Irresponsible one
- 54 Continuous
- 58 List of dishes
- 59 Equestrian
- 61 Therefore
- 62 Killer whale
- 63 Venerate
- 64 Acting part
- 65 Hockey score
- 66 Gives, but expects back
- 67 Plant stalk



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DOWN

- 1 Open the mouth wide
- 2 Piece of Greek Orthodox art
- 3 Self-righteous
- 4 Type of porch
- 5 Throw; cast
- 6 Wheel rod
- 7 Flower's start
- 8 High principles
- 9 ___ firma; dry land
- 10 African nation
- 11 Surrounded by
- 12 Trait transmitter
- 13 Finishes
- 21 Noah's boat
- 23 Apple drink
- 25 ___ out; deciphers
- 26 Meager
- 27 Candle
- 28 Greek letter
- 29 Moment, for short
- 31 Texas mission
- 32 Good sense
- 33 Baby carrier?

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- 35 Actor Jason ___
- 36 Last letter
- 38 T-bone, for one
- 39 Galloped
- 42 Accumulation
- 44 Pencil ends
- 46 Mock
- 47 Is able to
- 49 Wild

- 50 Drills a hole
- 51 Air pollution
- 52 Rescuer
- 53 Peruvian Indian
- 54 Geek
- 55 Horse's gait
- 56 Eye flirtatiously
- 57 "Trees" or "If"
- 60 Actor ___ Knotts

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I have a boyfriend who is really concerned, but neither of us knows how to approach this. Dan calls me at home and always asks if we can hang out "as friends" (I keep coming up with excuses to avoid it.) Dan is a nice guy, but this has been going on for two years and his attachment has only increased. I have no idea how to let him know our "friendship" has become too suffocating for me. Please help.

— **OVERWHELMED IN OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: Because he has been excluded by everyone else at school, it's not surprising that Dan is emotionally dependent on you. However, you have a boyfriend, your studies and a social life, and you need to explain that to Dan when he asks to "hang out." Those aren't excuses; they are facts. Say it kindly but firmly, and do not be defensive. If he persists, talk to a counselor at school.

In a few months high school will be over and Dan can move on and start building a life. Many successful adults weren't popular in high school. Perhaps when he thinks back, Dan will remember you as the one bright spot in a miserable experience.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a little girl, my family's idea of celebrating Christmas was opening some presents and renting a movie. I'm 15 now, and my parents barely acknowledge the holiday.

Last year on Christmas Day, my mother slept until after noon, then handed me \$100. Dad did the same. I was grateful for the money, but a little hurt that they put no effort into buying gifts.

I am tired of trying to think up thoughtful gifts while all I get is a check handed to me without so much as a "Merry Christmas." Would I sound ungrateful if I asked my parents to put a little more thought into celebrating the holidays this year?

— **NOT SO JOLLY CHRISTMAS**

DEAR NOT SO JOLLY: Yes, you would. You might get a better result if you simply told your parents that you miss celebrating the holidays with them the way you have in the past, and ask them why things have changed. I'm sure you will find their answer to be enlightening.

DEAR ABBY: I know the holidays can be a stressful time of year — and even more so when there has been a death in someone's family.

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— **MARIE IN CANADA**

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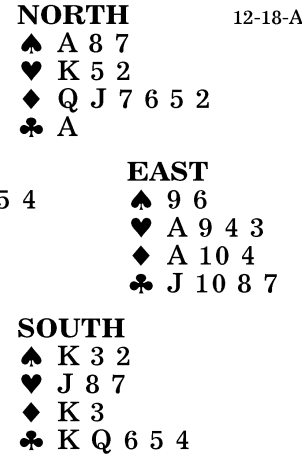
"Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope."
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Today's deal is from the 2002 European Mixed Teams Championship. Although most Souths were successful in three no-trump, best defense would have posed South a very knotty problem.

When West led the spade queen, declarer won in hand, played a club to the ace to unblock that suit, and followed with a diamond to the king. When this held, just one top club from hand was cashed, then diamonds were continued. East could win the ace but now, with the spade ace as an entry to the established diamonds, declarer could not be denied nine tricks.

Compare the situation if East rises with the ace when the first diamond is led. South must unblock the king; otherwise, a further spade removes dummy's last sure entry. But the unblock leaves declarer without access to the clubs in his own hand. East returns a spade, and now declarer has to run the diamonds, to reduce everyone down to four cards. He keeps two clubs and two hearts in hand while focusing on West's discards.

South must assume that East has the heart ace, or West will have an entry to the spade suit, and must decide in the ending how many hearts West has kept. If West has kept all his spades, declarer advances the heart king, smothering West's queen. But if West parts with a spade, he is thrown in with dummy's last spade. After cashing his second spade winner, West will be displayed in hearts to concede the ninth trick.



Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Spade queen

BID WITH THE ACES 12-18-B

South holds:

♠ K 3 2
♥ J 8 7
♦ K 3
♣ K Q 6 5 4

South	West	North	East
		1 ♥	1 ♠
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
?			

ANSWER: Whether or not this hand is worth driving to game, you should bid four hearts now. Your spade king rates to be working as well as an ace, and you have a useful ruffing value in diamonds. Even your heart intermediates may contribute to the chances of making game.

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HOROSCOPE
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): The grass always looks greener on the other side. Romance brings a yen to wander in search of new prospects. Be discerning, as you should be careful not to set your sights on the first pretty face you find.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Doubt can make the strongest foundations crumble. Accept those you deal with as trustworthy, as suspicions are likely to create problems. Use words of encouragement to break the ice and ease the mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take things one step at a time. Avoid getting cornered into making a commitment or making promises that you cannot keep. If you feel that things are moving too fast, the wise thing to do is to step back and take a breath.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A good captain keeps his cool as he sails his ship through rough seas. Your household may descend into disarray due to unforeseen events — and it will be up to you to keep the ship running smoothly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Knock that chip off your shoulder. Aggressiveness with a loved one is likely to be met with equal aggression. Keep the mood light and friendly by exploring your fun side. Burn up excess energy with physical exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moods are likely to change quickly around you and may even get under your skin. Relax with a hobby or calming activities. You'll be in luck with work and finance, but romantic pursuits may fall short of the mark.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let a whim undo months or even years of work. Discussions may delve into areas where you don't really want to go. Change the subject or take a walk. The urge to give into temptation should be kept in check.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An impulse to embark on a new adventure should be quelled at once. Keep your feet on the ground and stick with more conventional pursuits. You may have the knack of pushing someone's buttons, so tread carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wandering eyes should stay focused where they belong. A chance meeting with someone new is likely to test your loyalties. Don't make promises that you are incapable of keeping.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Passing fads provide little fulfillment. A fascinating new acquaintance might act like your dearest friend for a few days. Don't count on transitory contacts turning into dedicated lifelong associations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you talk the talk, walk the walk. Success in love or business can be found by proving your worth through concrete actions. Tread carefully with relationships, as careless words could be misconstrued.

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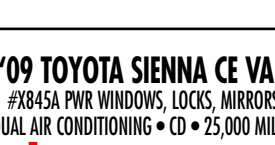
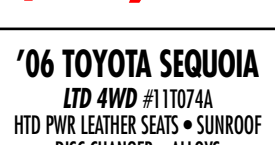
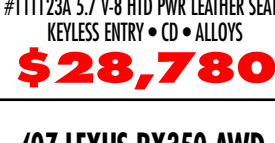
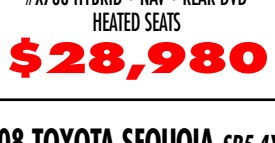




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By Dave Green

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

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2	1	8	7	5	9	3	6	4
3	4	5	2	1	6	8	9	7
7	6	9	4	8	3	1	2	5
8	9	2	5	4	1	6	7	3
6	7	4	3	2	8	5	1	9
1	5	3	6	9	7	4	8	2
4	2	1	9	6	5	7	3	8
9	8	7	1	3	4	2	5	6
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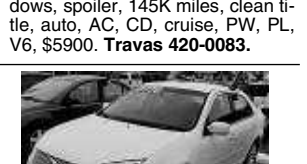
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Letters to Santa

...Just in the "Nick" of time, it's our letters to Santa Section!
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Dear Santa,
I wish I could get a PSP and a grand piano and a pair of silk socks. I wish you an dy-our elves a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Quike
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P.S. When Santa gets hurt where does he go to?

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Dear Santa,
I wish that you could bring me a dog please. That is my wish.

Wasim
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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an American Doll with clothes and I want jewelry and a purse with a wallet. That is all I want for Christmas. And I want a build a bear and an elephant with a baby inside it.

Brandy W.
Idaho School for the Blind

Dear Santa,
I would like a keyboard smaller than the last, 30 blank tapes, a digital recorder, 10 tape players with speed, a C.D. that is portable, radioplayer that is portable, 13 pairs of headphones.

Marisol P. wants to move in to my house witch I don't think that is imposible, unless you can move her on to my front porch, and 1 of her sisters on to the front porch in secret with them noticing.

Trevon R.
Idaho School for the Blind

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control snow mobile and a phone and a race track.

Your special kid,
Adrien
Idaho School for the Blind

Dear Santa,
I want finger paints for Christmas and butterfly barrettes and jewelry and an Olivia play set please. That's my wish.

Marisol P.
Idaho School for the Blind

Dear Santa,
I want I had a remote controlled car. I want some keys, some candy, a toy charter bus.

Love, Tyler
Idaho School for the Blind
P.S. I like you.

Dear Santa,
How are you? Its almost Christmas. Are your elves working hard? I'd like a stufft animal and a baby that crys by itself and sleeps and a cell phone. How is the rain deer? Is ronof helping you diliver the gifts?

Sencerly your friend:
Kaitlin C. and Pikachu
Idaho School for the Blind

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a little tree? How do your reindeer fly? How does your sleigh fly?

Love, Cameron H.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a pillowpet and some candy. I have a few questions for you. How do you deliver all those presents in one night?

Oh, I almost forgot. I will have some food for your reindeer in my yard. It is homemade. I hope Rudolph likes chocolate chips. Merrry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Love, Grace B.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a bakugan. That is a robot thanks. How many reindeer do you have. Can I please have a sleigh. Do you have Rudolph too. Can I please have an animal?

Love, Jacob M.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want an electric scooter and a toy bike. I wish I could count your reindeer. I wish I can try on your uniform. Thank you for all the toys. You rock Santa.

Love, Hunter B.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the chocolates you gave me last Christmas. I appreciate you going all around the world and delivering the presents. I appreciate you giving presents to little kids. Do you think I have been being good? I really want a toy camera.

Love, Josh M.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
How many kids are on the good list and the bad list? I would like a little dog. How many reindeer do you use in the night? Are you an American? Happy Holidays Santa Claus. Thank you Santa!

Love, Emily S.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a bunny. I would like a madi-malligzander doll. I would like an American girl doll too. I would like a boy cat that's real. I would like a puppy wit a bow on it.

Love, Katie C.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
What are your reindeer names? I also want to know how many elves you have? Do you really like chocolate chip cookies? Do you have any Ivy and Bean books? I also like all that you do for us. The thing I want for Christmas is a ipod.

Love, Brinley S.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. It's Casey. I have some questions well how does your reindeer fly? How many elves do you have? One thing I want is a notebook for Christmas. I like Dasher and Prancer because they are cool. I bet it is frozen up there.

Love, Casey H.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
Are elves real? Do you go to school? Do you get bullied? Can reindeer really fly? Does Rudolph's nose really light up? Do you eat all the cookies in the whole world?

Love, Riley M.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Jangofet costume and 25 dollars and a Assassin creed costume well if there is one and a spy car.

Love, Dexter C.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
Can I please have an painting set? They are really fun. You can paint with it. You can also color with it. I will really appreciate it.

Love, Abrielle B.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a new tooth brush. Thank you for the presents you have gave me all these years. Santa would you say hi to the elf and Mrs. Claus? Santa how many kids do you have to give presents to? Say hi to Rudolph and all the other reindeer. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Love, Ellie
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary



Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas Eve! What is your favorite color? What do you want for Christmas? I really appreciate what you do for me. You really mean a lot to me. What is your favorite Christmas carol?

Happy Holidays!
Love, Kellie K.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
Happy holidays. Are you going to deliver presents? All I wont is 3 things a phone. That is all I can tell you. I love Christmas.

Love, Kenadi M.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want Cad Bane's speeder. Can I have Thomas Misty island rescue? Also the train track misty island rescue. Santa How many elves do you have? How many kid's houses do you go to? Can I have Avatar the last air bender?

Love, Joey G.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see you. You're the best. I love you. I wish you could spend the night. Please right back.

Love, Lucas O.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. How do you deliver so many presents in one night? What is your favorite color? How many presents can you deliver in one night? Happy holidays!

Love, Abbie M.
Mrs. Munson-Sawtooth Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a golden retriever and a snow glob with Santa in it.

Love, Sariah
Mrs. Neighbor's 2nd grade class

Dear Santa,
Art stuff, school stuff, TV, DS, cloes, Wii, bookshelf, betend dog on leash, zoo zoo pet, pillow pet, make your own pass-word and it is a diary. Costumes for a play.

Sydney
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Dear Santa,
I think you are nice. I think you are nice being the way you are. And I no that I was siting on you're lape one year.

Mary Chrismas.
From, Robert
Mrs. Neighbor's 2nd grade class

Dear Santa,
I bulev you so I wriile wont a DSI and a Wii.

Love, Chris
Mrs. Neighbor's 2nd grade class

Dear Santa,
I wish that my dog Bella had more puppys to name they are polo and fluffy and bobby and wippy.

Aileen
Mrs. Neighbor's 2nd grade class

Dear Santa,
I want a Ds for Chrismas and a play stashin 2

Love, Brayden
Mrs. Neighbor's 2nd grade class

Dear Santa,
I want to have a ds and I want lost of Ichroro cards and baseball cards.

Kelten
Mrs. Neighbor's 2nd grade class

Dear Santa,
I want more people to be my friends and I want to be just lik you so I can make all of the boys and girls happy.

Mekhi
Mrs. Neighbor's 2nd grade class

Dear Santa,
I wont for chismems is a xbox and I wont a toy and I wont dsi and the new xbox on tv and if I listen could you get things I wont.

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Love, Ismael S.
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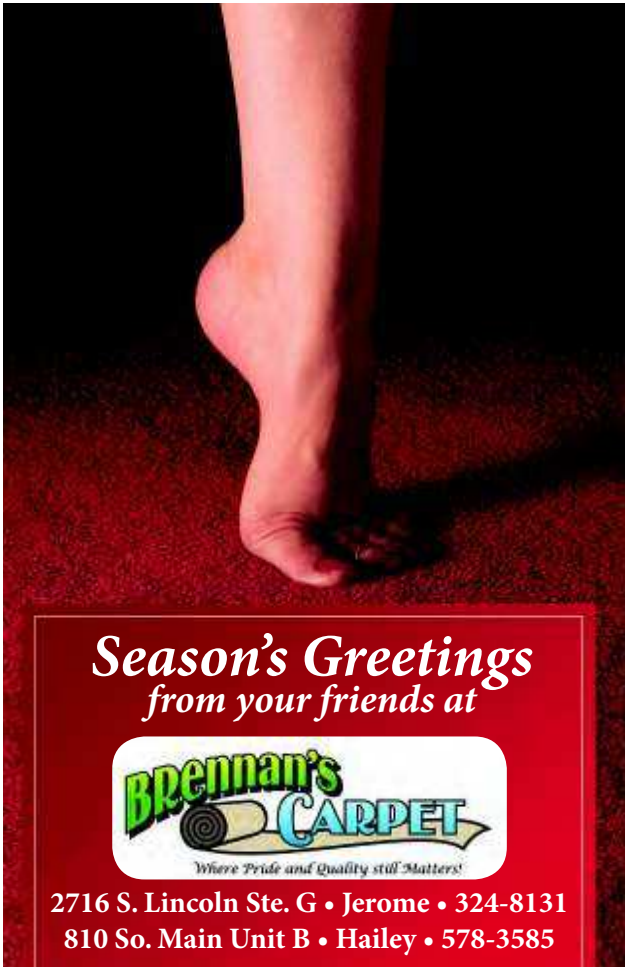
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All I want for Christmas is a computer
and pony. Thank you.
Love, Heidi H.
Popplewell Elementary

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is dinosaurs and
toys. Thank you.
Love, Juan
Popplewell Elementary

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a ipod and a
MP3 player.
Ana R.
Popplewell Elementary

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a car and MP3
player. Thank you.
Love, Edgar B.
Popplewell Elementary

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is for Arianna to
be happy because Arianna is sad nobody is
suppose to be sad on
Christmas.
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Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is my Dad and an
xbox 360.
Jaycob W.
Popplewell Elementary

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a girl
sandbox. Thank you.
Love, Kaila C.
Popplewell Elementary

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a princess, and
little shirts and pants and dress. I love
you.
Ghema V.
Popplewell Elementary

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I think you're real. There is a lot of
things for Christmas, like a dog but really
a puppy. I want a blood hound.
Love, Audrey
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and the collshion of dinisorse movis and
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From, Stevie
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Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a ipod and a
mp3 player. Thank you.
Love, Taylor M.
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Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is mp3 player and
thank you.
Love, Hailey
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Love, Madison R. Age 5
Mrs. Lee - Valley Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Is the North Pole cold? How do your reindeer fly? How do you get the presents delivered to the whole world in one night? I want a holiday moose and a desk. I want a little calendar so I can practice the numbers and days. I would like a little bell and a new tall water bottle for school. Can I have a new stocking?
Thank you Dear Santa,
Brooklynne R. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold? How many reindeer do you have? What are all their names? How many elves do you have? I have been good. Please bring me Side Swipe Transformer, Ratchet the medical doctor and a toy snake. Please bring me keys that make sounds. Merry Christmas,
Logan D. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have?
Please bring me a kitten. Can you bring me a little doll? I love you.
Ashlyn C. Age 5
Mrs. Lee - Valley Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I miss you. How are the reindeer? I like you. I want a Nintendo D.S. How are your elves? I have been sick.
Thank You,
Kyah K. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
I like you. How are your elves? I like your hat. Are you big? Santa I want a parrot. I want a big parrot and a big helicopter.
Thank you Santa,
Raegen R. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Can I please have a puppy, a fake camera. I want a kitchen with fake food and a playhouse. How cold is the North Pole? Have a Merry Christmas
Kenna R. Age 5
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, Santa Claus? How are your elves, are they working hard? I am good.
Please bring me a transformer. Please bring me an E box 360. Please bring me an airplane. Please bring me a stuffed animal, bear and a pig. Have a Merry Christmas
Zane B. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? Spikie is watching us in our classroom.
I want a D.S. for Christmas. I want for Christmas a baby kitten toy. What kind of toys do you make? Actually I need a new charger and a new string.
I miss you
Larriann M. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a bunny made out of glass. I want a little piggy. Can I have a laptop? Can I have a jump rope? Can I have a big Barbie?
Thank you
Ashlynn W. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? How many reindeer pull your sleigh? I have been good and doing my papers right. I want Legos. That's all I want.
Merry Christmas
Max S. Age 6
Mrs. Lee - Valley Elementary

Dear Santa,
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Kailey Pease, age 7

For Christmas I would like a black controller, Ninja Toy and video game. How do you get in the houses? Thank you Santa, for making us happy.
Merry Christmas,
Sergio Hernandez Sanchez, age 8

For Christmas I would like doll clothes and Justin Beiber stuff. Where do you get the clothes and toys? How do you get in the house? Thank you Santa for bringing us toys.
Merry Christmas,
Sandra Janet Rios Chavez, age 7

For Christmas I would like an X-Box, two games, and a Donkey Kong game and a Wii, too.
Merry Christmas,
Jesus Firman, age 7

For Christmas I want a hamster, Moxie Girl, and Donkey Kong. How do you make all the toys? How heavy is the sleigh? Thank you Santa, for making us happy.
Merry Christmas,
Xandria Garcia, age 7

For Christmas, I would like a Donkey Kong, a DSi, and a Wii game. How do you pick the elves? Thank you Santa for bringing us toys.
Merry Christmas,
Hunter Michael Barnes, age 8

For Christmas I would like a Moxie Girl, Wii, and that my dad could come home. How heavy is the sleigh? Thank you for everything!
Merry Christmas,
Juliana Tuifua, age 7

For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DSi, X-Box 360, and a new racing bicycle. Where do you live? Thank you Santa for being so nice.
Merry Christmas,
Gaven Rands, age 8

For Christmas I would like like a Nintendo DSi and a laptop, and a PSP. How do you get the presents?
Merry Christmas,
Yahir Zamora, age 9

For Christmas I would like an X-Box 360, remote cars and a Transformer Game Cube game. How do you get the reindeer? Thank you for the presents, Santa.
Merry Christmas,
Alexis Ceron, age 8

For Christmas I would like a bike, a kite, and a Nintendo DSi. Do you really have a sleigh?
Merry Christmas,
Jazmin Perez, age 8

For Christmas, I would like a Jack-in-the-Box, and a bike and a ring. Santa do you have elves?
Merry Christmas,
Jennifer Bahena, age 7

For Christmas, I would like a hamster, DSi and laptop. How do you pick the elves? Thank you for the presents.
Merry Christmas,
Ana Juaregui 7

For Christmas, I would like an Airhog Motor Frenzy, DSi and NCAA football. How do the reindeer fly? Thank you Santa for having Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Corbin Tappan, age 8

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Merry Christmas,
Thania Moreno, age 8

For Christmas I would like a Wii, a real small kitty and Airhogs Motor Frenzy and Bey Blade. How many reindeer do you have? How do the reindeer fly? Thank you Santa for making us happy and excited.
Merry Christmas,
Vincente Treyes, Jr., age 7

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a helicopter and a car. For my family please bring a phone. And one with I have for the world is that every body gets what they want.
Your friend, Brock P.
Shoshone Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year for Christmas. I would like bop it and a guitar. For my family please bring a book. And one wish I have for the world everyone can have a drum.
Your Friend, Hunter B.
Shoshone Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a remote controlled car. For my family please bring a new car. And one wish I have for the world is presents for everyone.
Your friend,
Dominick P.
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Fatima Robles, age

For Christmas I would like a Barbie house, a school house and dog clothes. How do you get the lists? Thank you for the toys.
Merry Christmas,
Stefany Ramos Avila, age 8

For Christmas I would like a computer, Nintendo DSi and a bike. How do you carry all the stuff in your bag of presents? Thank you, Santa for being so nice.
Merry Christmas,
Karen Alejandra Hernandez Villasenor, age 8

I want a toy puppy, an I-Pod, and a phone. Why don't you ever need to go to the bathroom?
Merry Christmas,
Laurin Hanni, age 7

For Christmas I would like a PSP, X-Box, and a laptop. Where do you get the clothes and toys? Thank you Santa for giving us toys. Thank you for being nice. Thank you Santa, for making us happy and excited!
Merry Christmas,
Alex Lugo, age 7

For Christmas I would like a Tangled Barbie doll, the movie "Tangled" a lot of Pet-shop toys. How do the reindeer fly? How do you go down the chimney? Thank you Santa, for working so hard.
Merry Christmas,
Bailey Strong, age 8

For Christmas I would like an X-Box 360, Donkey Kong, Mario Galaxy and a computer. How do you get in the houses? Thank you Santa, for making us happy.
Merry Christmas,
Rigo Alvarado, age 8

For Christmas I would like "The Last Air-bender" game, a remote control car and a toy. How do you get the parts to the toys?
Merry Christmas,
Michael Lamm 7

I want a laptop. I want to know what you live in and what the North Pole looks like.
Merry Christmas,
Hailyn Koch, age 7

I want a toy puppy, an I-Pod, and a phone. Why don't you ever need to go to the bathroom?
Merry Christmas,
Laurin Hanni, age 7

I am sick today. I know you will bring me some nice toys.
Merry Christmas,
Dylan Headley 7

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a dog and a cat. For my family, please bring a dog. And one wish I have for the world is a dog.
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How is Mrs. Santa doing? I hope Mrs. Santa is really good. Will you get me a present?
Love, Kayti C. 1st grade
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Dear Santa,
I like your red coat. Can you please get me a Power Ranger toy? Two of them, pretty please. So, you will, Santa?
I like you.
Love, Saxton M. 1st grade
Oregon Trail Elementary

Dear Santa,
I like your black shoes. Can you please bring me a butterfly blanket and a big pillow pet? I like your nice furry coat.
Love, Avere S. 1st grade
Oregon Trail Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of shoes that fly.
Love, Isaiah P. 1st grade
Oregon Trail Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
I want seven silly strings and a Barbie. I want a Magic School Bus book and a candy

cane. I want a toy dog, a dress, crayon box, Hello Kitty socks and big, big doll house.
Love, Isela G. 1st grade
Oregon Trail Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas book and a puppy. I want a doll, a bear, a gingerbread boy, a gnome and stickers. Thank you.
Love, Ariel W. 1st grade
Oregon Trail Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a computer and a doll. I want a puppy, make-up and a Bratz doll. I want a dress and dress shoes. I want toys and diamonds and a fake ring.
Love, Adriana G. 1st grade
Oregon Trail Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop. How are you doing? How are your reindeer? Are you nice?
Love, Angel R. 1st grade
Oregon Trail Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a doll. I want one puppy, make-up, and Bratz. I want new

clothes, new toys and a new horse. I want candy and I want you to make me popular. I want some sugar plums in my stocking.
Love, Jasmin V. 1st grade
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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas, I would like a puppy and a Barbie. For my family, please bring a computer. And one wish I have for the world is bikes for the summer time.
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Is Rudolph the red nose reindeer real? I would like a DS and a toy candy cane for Christmas.
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Dear Santa,
Does your reindeer have a red nose? I would like some Twinkletoe shoes please.
From, Emily C.
Castleford First Grade

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I would like a Saint Bernard for Christmas.
From, Zane B.
Castleford First Grade

Dear Santa,
How many houses do you go to? I would like a Tony Hawk Shred game for Christmas.
From, Eric T.
Castleford First Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like goldfish for Christmas.
From, Halle R.
Castleford First Grade

Dear Santa,
Do your reindeer really fly? I would like a water snake.
From, Arend E.
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Dear Santa Claus,
I like your reindeer. I would like a Nintendo DSi.
From Dacian N.
Castleford First Grade

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph listen to you? I would like a dirt bike for Christmas.
From, Nicholas A.
Castleford First Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
What color is your dog? I would like a Nintendo DS for Christmas.
Thank you, Devry J.
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Dear Santa,
I like your red suit and your black boots! I would like a camera for Christmas.
From, Taya D.
Castleford First Grade

Dear Santa,
Can you go fast? I would like a Nintendo DS from you.
From, Joey M.
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Dear Santa,
How is your elf? I would like a Shadow Game Cube.
From, Ashton D.
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Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a doll with a happy face and lots of hair. I like your hat!
Love,
Jacoby S.
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Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a .22 rifle. Is the sleigh fast?
From,
Nathan A.
Castleford 1st grade

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a Big Buck Hunter game. How do your reindeer fly? I like your hat!
Love,
Brandon Z
Castleford 1st grade

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas are some Creepy Crawlers. I like your hat!
Love,
Mateo G.
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Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a movie about you! I like your reindeers.
Love,
Martha M.
Castleford 1st grade

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a real puppy. I love your reindeer.
Love,
Evan F.
Castleford 1st grade

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a Wii Sports game and Super Mario Galaxy World game. I like your reindeer.
From,
David

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a dinosaur that sprays water out of his mouth. I would like to know how your reindeer fly.
Love,
Kreagan B.
Castleford 1st grade

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a DS. I like your jolly tummy!
Love,
Katelyn H.
Castleford 1st grade

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is a picture of the elves. How do you make your toys?
Love,
Alexis

Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is an Xbox gun and the Halo3 game. Why do you live in the North Pole?
From,
Josue L.
Castleford 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a teacup chuwawa and a baby doll for my little sister Delilah because she is very sweet. Only sometimes she's mean but I still love her. I might get Mom and Dad one of my pictures that I colored because I love them too. I might even get my dog a ball if he won't destroy it.
Sincerely, Carley B.
3rd grade Harrison

Dear Santa,
What I want is money so I can give it to the people who need it very bad. I know a kid who wants a coat because the old one he has does not keep him warm. Can you give the kids that have to do cancer? Please do Santa.
Thanks Santa.
Love your old pal, Preston G.
3rd grade Harrison

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of my stuff I've asked for a lot this year. I think you are a really hard worker and I think you should get a break but you don't. Working that hard is tiring so you should dress up another person because you will get a break. Then you should go to the South Pole with all of the other fairies and you can get in a hot tub or something. Again thank you.
Love, Lexi J.
3rd grade Harrison

Dear Santa,
I think you are wonderful Santa Claus. I know that you already got my letter I like you. I like your red suit.
Sincerely, Emma S.
3rd grade, Harrison

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun and some gum and mighty beans and toy knives. Is it cold in the factory? What songs do the elves sing? What is the oldest elves name? How does your sleigh have so much weight on it and it can still fly? Are you going to get me a big present?
Sincerely, Martin H.
3rd grade Harrison

Dear Santa,
I would like a brand new Ds. If it is ok I would also like just a toy from you for Christmas. Am I on the good or noty list. I know that sometimes I'm not that nice but I try to be. O and what is it like at your workshop? I'm really interested in it.
Sincerely, Makayla L.
3rd grade Harrison

Dear Santa,
I want a nutcracker, Guitar Hero, a jeep, a P53, a B.B. gun, a laptop, a drum set, and last but not least, everybody in my family to get along. Santa please I want everybody to love each other for Christmas. Christmas is all about giving and loving not hating or not liking each other to be more polite. I ask you Santa to please give me all the nice presents you decide. It's your choice. I know I have been nobby once and a while but I really don't want coal. So I ask you please give me what I wished for even on my list at my mom's house. This is my last saying of my letter to

you. I am very thankful that I get to celebrate Jesus's birthday and I thank the Lord for his son Jesus. God's greatest gift for all of us. So Santa thank you for yourself. Thank you for letting me write this letter to you. Thank you for everything Lord even for Santa. Thank you.
Sincerely, Isaac W.
3rd grade, Harrison

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus I want a laptop for Christmas. Santa Claus would you like my home made cinnamon cookies. Are you going to deliver toys to my house Santa because I like getting toys from you. I like your toys because I feel like I'm loved by you when you skip my house I don't feel loved by you. I want games for my D.S. I for I can play more. When I get my laptop make sure it is all set up everything please music, videos, all of the weirs and all like that please. Santa Claus you're my faviret person. I like your reindeer I like all of them.
Sincerely, Lexi G.
3rd Grade, Harrison

Dear Santa,
I hope I am on the good list. I want a pearoad, an I pad, book, and an American flag and all sorts of things. You are very kind Santa. How do you go all around the world in one night? Is your favorite colors green and red, because those are Christmas colors, and you are the spirit of Christmas. I think you are very real. I love you Santa.
Your friend, Bayly K.
3rd grade, Harrison

Dear Santa,
Your job is awesome, for Christmas I would like a Wii draw pad for my Wii. But the thing that I would like the most in all the universe or in the world is a DS. The reason I would like a DS is because if I'm not tired and I'm in bed I would like to play it instead of listening to my MP3 player. Ans Santa you are my hero.
Sincerely, Teagan S.
3rd grade Harrison

Dear Santa,
I don't want anything because I always get a lot of stuff. And thank you for giving the world gifts.
Sincerely, Morgan A.
3rd grade, Harrison

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see my dad Isril Martinez. I want him to visit me for Christmas. I wonder if you know him? Santa have a good time delivering presents and Merry Christmas.
Sincerely, Mariah C.
3rd grade, Harrison

Dear Santa,
I want a DSI for Christmas. I also want a pillow pet for Christmas and the pillow pet I want is Mrs. Ladybug. Santa can you say hi to Mrs. Claus for me please. I Christmas and I also you and Mrs. Claus too. I have been a really good girl sometimes and can you also sy hi to all of the other raindeer please. I also want a Zhu Zhu pet for Christmas also. And all the movies of Toy story 1,2, and 3 also. Santa can you say hi to the elves please. Can I also get the movie Easy A. I also want my birthstone ring. Santa is it cold up in the North Pole? I also want John Cena P.J.s and the poster for my wall also. Can you tell Rudolph that I him please. Santa I your elves. I also want dress up clothes and dress up shoes that are tinkerbelle shoes. And I also want monster Big Foot.
Sincerely, Ravyn
3rd grade, Harrison

Dear Santa,
My name is Brett I live in Bellevue. I go to Bellevue Elementary school. I helped my dad shovel the trampoline. I helped my grandma put up ornaments. I want a new PSP game and a new DS game. I also want a lego set of Star Wars.
Your friend, Brett
Bellevue Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily and I am 8 years old. I am from Jerome. I am very sorry for what I have done. I have been good by helping my mom move and by helping my dad take care of the baby a lot. Here is what I would like for Christmas...I would like a DSI with a DS game called cats and an ipod tuch a stufft animal and a soft blanket and a BBgun next an skateboard.
Sincerely, Emily R.
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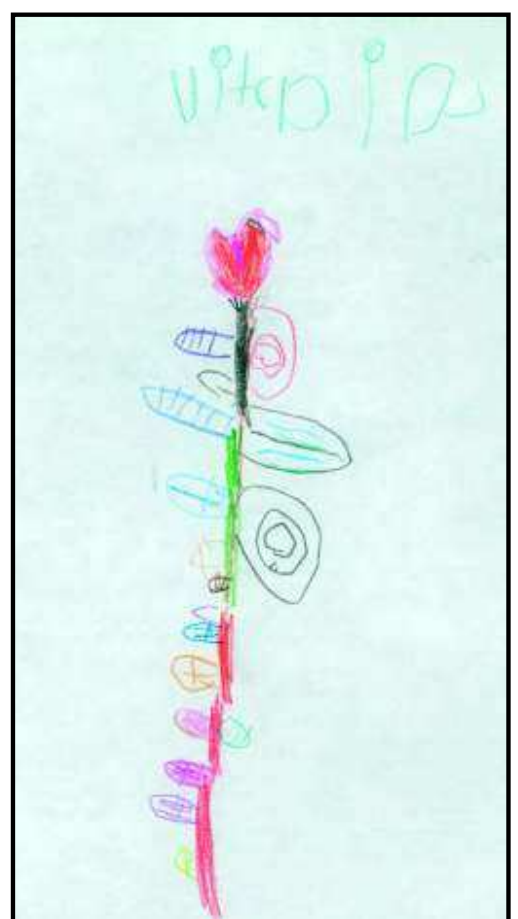
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