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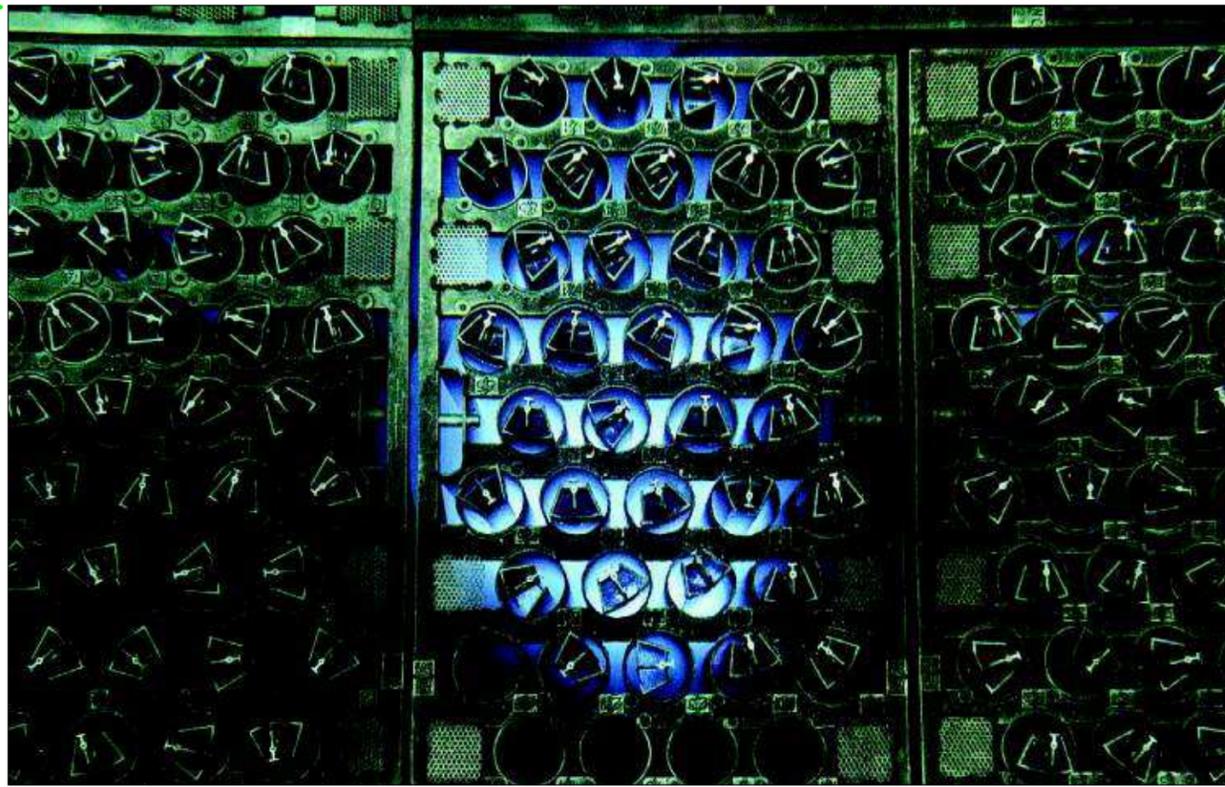
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# TIMES-NEWS

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Rods that were recently removed from the Advanced Test Reactor at the Idaho National Laboratory glow in water on Aug. 17.

## New views

Rebecca Mills Sojka:  
 young, female, T.F.  
 council member

By Nick Coltrain  
 Times-News writer

Rebecca Mills Sojka doesn't use "uh" or "um" when speaking. Her speech flows not in a slow cadence, but rather in the straightforward manner of someone who knows what she wants to say, even before a question has been asked.

"The poise, her articulate nature, just the way that she speaks speaks volumes," said Twin Falls Mayor Don Hall, who appointed Mills Sojka to fill departing Councilman and new Sen. Lee Heider's seat.



Mills Sojka

Other council members joked that they weren't as articulate when they were her age — 26 years old — and poked fun at each other for still not having her poise on their way to voting 7-0 for her appointment.

"We're all nervous when we talk and I never listed that as one of my strengths — 'oh, I'm really eloquent,'" Mills Sojka joked after her appointment.

What she does list as a strength is the opposite of what earned her praise: Mills Sojka, who will be sworn in Jan. 3, aims to be a careful listener and thoughtful decision-maker, one who doesn't only

See **COUNCIL**, Main 2

# Chasing THE atoms

For Idaho, nuclear power remains elusive

By Ben Botkin ♦ Times-News writer

It was a proud night for Idaho.

On July 17, 1955, the little town of Arco's houselights shone brightly in the dark eastern Idaho desert for longer than an hour, a beacon of nuclear power's future. Its electricity — a first for the nation — came from an experimental nuclear power plant operated by Argonne National Laboratory at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's National Reactor Testing Station.

In that uneasy Cold War era, the filmed experiment became part of a demonstration used at a United Nations conference in Switzerland about peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Now, more than half a century later, 31 states have operating nuclear reactors, a power source that makes up 20 percent of the nation's electricity. And Idaho, the state with a strong nuclear heritage, is among the 19 states without a nuclear reactor generating power for the grid.

The state's latest prospect threatens to be a failure, ending with even more attention than when it began looking for a location in southern Idaho. Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. had plans to build a nuclear power plant in Payette County, but that was before charges this month from the U.S. Securities



John Balmer cleans a groove on a TRUPACT II Package that is used to transport radioactive material on Aug. 17.

and Exchange Commission accusing the company of fraudulent dealings with investors.

That reawakens questions about Idaho's nuclear future and whether the power source has a place in the grid alongside wind, hydro, geothermal and others. The answers have more to do with geography, power needs and the challenges of getting a reactor than with AEHI.

### State support

Idaho's public officials would certainly welcome nuclear power to the state.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's support of nuclear power in general — not AEHI specifically — is well known, though he has also stressed that other methods like wind, geothermal and biomass have a place as well in the state. The Idaho Office of Energy Resources' 2007 energy plan includes nuclear power, along with other sources.

"We hope it is part of the future," Paul Kjellander, administrator of OER, said of nuclear power. "It's been, to some extent, a part of our past and we certainly hope it could be a greater part of our future."



Thousands of drums holding radioactive waste are seen in the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment project at INL.

And the failure of any one energy project shouldn't thwart opportunities for other Idaho projects in different circumstances, he said when asked about AEHI's issues.

"Each business that comes into the state, whether it's energy or a manufacturer, all of them have equal opportunity to try to succeed or fail," he said. "I wouldn't pick one out."

One tool Idaho has is the Idaho National Laboratory, Kjellander said. With roots extending back to that night in

Arco, INL is heavily involved in modern nuclear research and technology.

But it's a bit more complicated than just assuming Idaho can easily get a nuclear plant because of INL's presence.

The laboratory's mission isn't to advocate or organize commercial projects, but rather to perform research and provide objective facts and data to decision-makers, said Nicole Stricker, an INL spokeswoman.

See **ATOMS**, Main 5

## The trees no one picked

By Amy Huddleston  
 Times-News writer

The lot was still full of trees on Thursday — beautiful trees that had waited their whole lives to be decorated with tinsel and lights.

Grown in the soils of Washington, Oregon and northern Montana, the trees had grown straight and tall. They were then cut, baled and shipped to a place where eager families moseyed through their rows and stroked their branches in search of "the one."

The trees dreamed about being taken to a warm home where they would stand guard over the presents and be silent witness to holiday memories.

But two days before Christmas, the 300 trees left in the Albertsons parking lot in Twin Falls were starting to lose hope of joining the ranks of the chosen.

See **TREES**, Main 3

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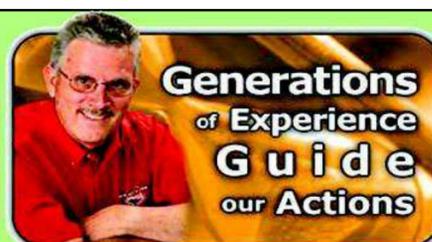
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# TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Moonlight and Magnolias," presented by Company of Fools, 3 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$28 for adults, \$20 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for students (18 and younger), 578-9122 or companyoffools.org.

Comedy musical "Forever Plaid," includes 1950s songs such as "Three Coins in the Fountain" and Beatles music, 7:30 p.m., Boiler Room at Sun Valley Resort, \$10, 622-2148.

## HEALTHY AND FIT

Open Gym, hosted by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, noon to 4 p.m., exercise and improve basketball skills, Robert Stuart Middle School, Twin Falls, 736-2265.

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Fun for Youth events, arcade games, crafts, fast-track auto racing and more, 6 to 10 p.m., Sun Valley Inn Continental Room, \$25 per child, 622-2135.

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# Burley may raise its greens fees

By Laurie Welch  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Golfers at the city of Burley's golf course may face slightly higher greens fees as officials work to reduce the course's financial drain on the city's coffers.

The Burley City Council will discuss raising the cost of daily and season passes on Jan. 2, after it first took the issue up at its meeting Tuesday. Members also directed the city attorney to draft a proposal to change the fees charged for charitable tournaments to 50 percent of normal greens fees.

The proposal would have to pass a public hearing first, as the fees would rise by more than 5 percent. That hearing is planned for 7 p.m., Jan. 18.

Because the course lost more than \$100,000 last year, Councilman Vaughn Egan organized a golf workshop in December for golfers to offer their suggestions as well.

Councilman Jay Lenkersdorfer said at Tuesday's meeting that though these are tough times, it's not fair for Burley taxpayers to have to subsidize the golf course.

Councilman Casey Andersen, who attended the golf workshop, said it was determined that the course needs to see 4,000 more rounds of golf per year.

Employees at the course include the golf pro and golf

superintendent.

"Through the years, the City Council has spent a lot of time setting harsh rules for the golf pro and dictating what he can do," Andersen said.

The golf pro by definition knows golf, Andersen said, suggesting the council should give him some latitude to do his job and he may be able to come up with some money-making ideas. Andersen also suggested the council may share some blame for the budget problems.

"We keep tightening the rope and he has less and less decision-making on his part," Andersen said.

The golf pro, Mike Williams, offered some suggestions for rate increases, including the change to fees for charitable events.

Williams also said the city needs to keep junior golfers coming to the course because they are the game's future players.

Egan said the golfers who attended the recent workshop don't want fees to rise. He made a motion to pay off the clubhouse using city funds to save money, but the motion died from a lack of a second.

Egan also said the pro shop has got to watch its budget more closely.

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# The dogged pursuit of canine excess

I was covering a dog show at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds years ago, when I chanced to encounter a woman from Weiser with seven Yorkies in tow.

"That's a lot of Yorkies," I remarked.

"Not nearly enough, sweetie," she replied. "My goal is to keep accumulating dogs — but not enough to actually make the 10 o'clock news."

Come on, you've seen that story on TV news before. Sound trucks and police cars are parked around a typical suburban house, as a news helicopter swoops overhead.

Out front and on camera is a grave-looking TV reporter delivering an update.

"Jill," she says, talking to the anchorwoman back in the studio, "authorities have seized so many dogs from this residence that they've lost count. And the owner has been hauled away in a padded ambulance."

Unless, of course, all those dogs were Yorkies, which means you wouldn't hear the TV reporter over all that yapping.

Look, I'm a dog guy, and I

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understand the impulse to excess.

So you can imagine how excited I was to learn that after a fiery exchange between elected officials and the dog-owning public, the Burley City Council voted 5-1 last week to permit residents to keep five licensed dogs per household instead of two.

Councilman Denny Curtis got it right:

"I for one had more problems with my kids than I ever did with my dogs," he said.

We all understand that dog hoarding is a serious problem and that those who keep dozens of animals on their property are wrong

and in need of counseling.

But this is Idaho, dude. A five-dog household ain't that special.

I come from a long line of eastern Idaho farmers with dogs by the score. They were farm dogs, meaning that you fed them lavishly with table scraps and otherwise let them fend for themselves.

My family didn't have a lot of money to spend on veterinary care, but these dogs were remarkably long-lived and, from what I could tell, outrageously happy.

"Country dogs," my wife calls them, free of most human-imposed constraints and able to wander pretty much where they damn well pleased.

There were a few rules, and they were harsh — my Uncle Ed, for example, shot dogs who bit visitors to his farmstead. But by and large, this was the giddiest federation of mutts I've ever seen.

For the record — and if the dogcatcher is reading — I currently have three dogs, all licensed. This happened after an animal enforcement officer stopped by our house one day.

Neither my wife nor I was home at the time, but I can surmise what happened:

# Council

Continued from Main 1

weigh the facts and figures, but also the feelings an issue stirs in the people she represents.

To accomplish that, she said she wants to open more communication paths between the citizens and their representatives. She plans to start a Facebook page where she can solicit citizens' thoughts on issues facing the council, and maybe eventually add a message board of some sort to the city's website.

Those plans for now are about the entirety of her to-do list as councilwoman, aside from learning the ins and outs of the city.

"I'm sure I'll find a lot of stuff when I'm in there that I'll want to take on," she said.

Hall and Councilman Lance Clow, who sat on the city search committee for the appointment, said Mills Sojka was a strong candi-

date, one who just edged out the other five finalists for Heider's seat.

"Of the final six, I don't think any of them had the negatives that would make them unelectable," Clow said. "Of the final six, we pretty much could have thrown a dart and found a good candidate ... I think she was just a refreshing surprise."

Mills Sojka is also by far the youngest council member and the only female — two details that undeniably give her a different perspective. She also brings the perspective of a minority ethnicity, being part Cherokee.

"Being a sociologist, my perspective is that men and women are equal. We have different perspectives," Mills Sojka said, adding with a laugh, "I do like representing women."

She said she thought her

age and gender might be negative factors going into the appointment process — one that brought out two dozen applicants who included a smattering of former and current public officials, including former mayors.

But in her brief interactions with the current council, "I don't think they are looking down on me for my age. They are welcoming me for my age," she said.

"I see (her age) as being a real positive," Hall said. "Our circle of influence in our life tends to be around our age. It's just the way we are."

Mills Sojka also promises to bring integrity and a strong sense of ethics to the office. Her father, Leon Mills, is a Twin Falls County commissioner-elect, and in his words, "one proud dad." Mills Sojka said she would recuse herself from any vote she felt presented a conflict

## MORE ONLINE

**MV** WATCH Mills Sojka explain her views on recent issues before the Twin Falls City Council. [MAGICVALLEY.COM](http://MAGICVALLEY.COM)

of interest.

Aside from heaping praise on Mills Sojka during the appointment meeting last week, Hall showed his support in her — and also said the test of the community's support for her still awaits in 10 months, the November election for the seat. The five applicants who weren't appointed told the council they plan to toss their names in for the race as well.

"If (Mills Sojka) is not the right choice, in 10 months, the community will make another choice," he said.

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Expect an Asian invasion, more vegetable love and pie as the next big dessert.

WEDNESDAY  
IN FOOD

How stylish will your home be in the new year? And will your DIY skills measure up?

TUESDAY IN  
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Expect stable ticket prices and a host of new community arts classes in the new year.

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### Jimmy Darin Stone

Age: 46

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## SNOWPACK LEVELS



Seasonal percentage, as of Dec. 25

Watershed	% of avg.	peak
Salmon	104%	37%
Big Wood	115%	41%
Little Wood	131%	45%
Big Lost	131%	45%
Little Lost	121%	45%
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# Trees

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John Lloyd still had faith that some of the trees in his lot would be bought before Christmas Day. He's sold Christmas trees for 34 years, taking over the Lloyd Family Christmas Tree family business that was started in 1953. He sells about 4,000 trees each year and said people buy trees up until he closes down on Christmas Eve around 7 p.m.

Then the leftover trees must face their fate.

Lloyd leaves one or two in the lot for people who come to buy trees at the very last second. The rest are taken away. They've gone in the past to elk ranchers and goat farmers, he said.

This year, they are being taken to a ranch and stacked in a field so sage grouse and other birds can make good use of them. It's not a glamorous life, but for the trees that nobody chooses, it will do just fine.

As for the ones that were taken home and lavished with love and photographed, they'll be given a humble ending after the ornaments have been tucked away and the light bulbs have burned out.

Some of those trees will go to city collection sites like the one in Twin Falls on Maxwell Avenue. The Twin Falls City Street Department will mulch the trees,



Brad Hanks loads trees onto his trailer with the help of his friend and neighbor, Kevin Julianto, Friday at a Lloyd Family Christmas lot in Twin Falls. Hanks' wife repurposes the trees for family and friends.



Kevin Julianto loads trees onto neighbor Brad Hanks' trailer Friday at a Lloyd Family Christmas lot in Twin Falls. Hanks' wife repurposes the trees for family and friends.

## DROP OFF YOUR TREES

The Twin Falls Tree Collection Site at 170 Maxwell Ave. is open from Dec. 23 to Jan. 18. Trees must not have any decorations attached. Call Sherry Jeff, 733-7264, for information about free mulch.

Trees in Filer can be taken to an area off of Stevens Street near the railroad tracks.

Other cities were not reached for comment in time for this report.

and the chips are used around the city or given away to citizens free of charge. Sherry Jeff, Twin Falls utility services supervisor, said the chips have a different acidity because of the pine needles and are nice to use if you happen to be an iris gardener.

"You kind of need to know what you are doing with them," she said.

Jeff who has worked for the city for 35 years, said Christmas trees met a different end in the 1950s and '60s. The trees would be dragged to a parking lot and

a large bonfire would take place on New Years Eve.

"Falls Brand would provide everyone with free wieners," she said. "It was a big city thing, it was really fun."

Amy Huddleston may be reached at [ahuddleston@magicvalley.com](mailto:ahuddleston@magicvalley.com) or 735-3204.



Trees lie about at a Lloyd Family Christmas lot in Twin Falls on Thursday afternoon.

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# Brinkerhoff trial set for March

Times-News

BURLEY — Suspended teacher Michael Scott Brinkerhoff will face a jury of his Cassia County peers in March on child sex abuse charges.

Brinkerhoff, 42, was charged with felony counts of sex abuse of a child under

16 years old and enticing children over the Internet in August after he allegedly posed as a teenage boy in order to engage a student at Burley Junior High School in inappropriate sexual behavior online.

He is slated for a jury trial at 9 a.m. March 7 and a pretrial conference at 9:30 a.m. March 1.

Brinkerhoff pleaded not guilty to both charges in October.

He had requested that the location of the trial be moved out of Cassia County, citing the amount of media attention the case has drawn as well as online posts on a website designed to expose

bad teachers. But 5th District Judge Michael Crabtree denied the request earlier this month.

Brinkerhoff also switched attorneys earlier this month and is now represented by attorney Keith Roark.



Brinkerhoff

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# 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Terry L. Fabela, 45, Wendell; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, three determinate, two indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,250 fine, \$165.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$182 court compliance program, \$884.50 restitution.

Luis Munoz-Calvillo, 53, Murtaugh; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (two prior within 10 years), five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,500 fine, \$170.50 costs, driver's license suspended for two years.

Justin R. Howard, 19, Twin Falls; delivery of marijuana, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, three years probation, \$1,500 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$165.50 costs, \$1,201.67 restitution, 100 hours community service.

Kyle D. Craner, 39, Kimberly; aggravated battery, \$1,000 fine, 15 years penitentiary, five determinate, 10 indeterminate; aggravated battery, \$1,000 fine, 15 years penitentiary, five determinate, 10 indeterminate; aggravated battery, \$1,000 fine, 15 years penitentiary, five determinate, 10 indeterminate, concurrent, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$425.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Robin M. Parry, 29, Hollister; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, three determinate, two indeterminate, three years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$265.50 costs, \$250 public defender fee, \$687.43 restitution, 100 hours community service.

Savannah D. Brennan, a.k.a. Savannah D. Hill, 23, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 180

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days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$165.50 costs, \$1,420.40 restitution, \$337.50 other costs and fees.

Rick G. Oneida, 48, Shoshone; possession of methamphetamine, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, two years probation, \$265.50 costs, \$1,181.03 restitution, shall abide by all recommendations of the alcohol/substance abuse evaluation, 100 hours community service.

Weston Hills, 16, Kimberly; attempted robbery, eight years penitentiary, three determinate, five indeterminate; conspiracy to robbery, eight years penitentiary, three determinate, five indeterminate, concurrent, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$225.50 costs.

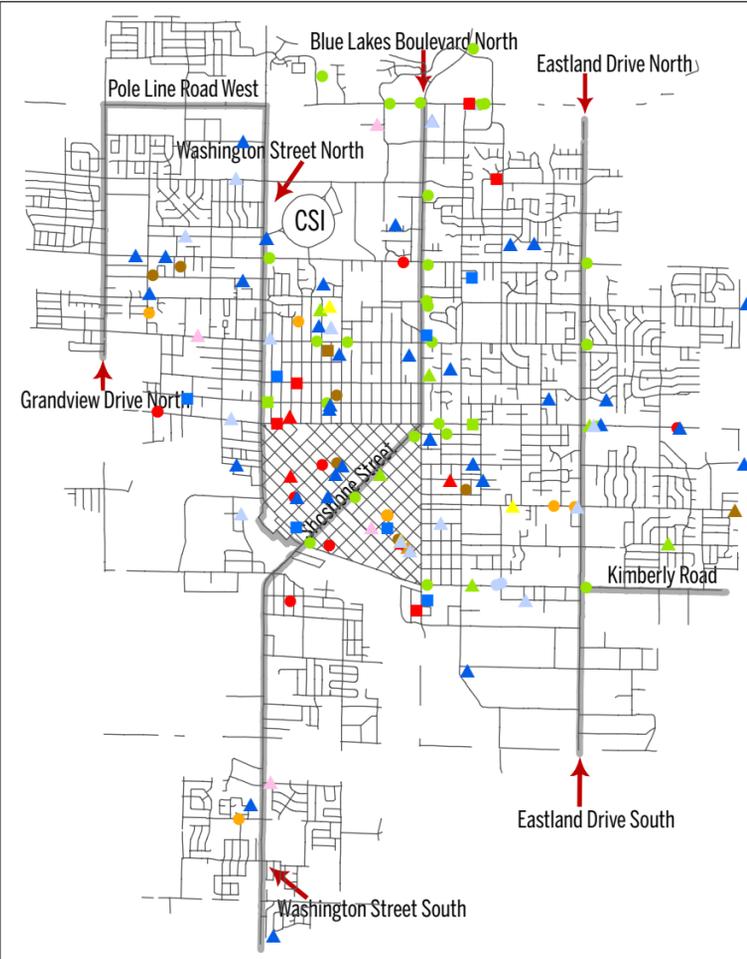
## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Michael A. Fisher, 18, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (under 21), \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Benjamin E. Tibbitts, 22, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, amended to second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 365 days jail, 355 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation.

Chad R. Croft, 29, Murtaugh; driving under the influence, amended to excessive, \$1,000 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 173 suspended, two days credited, three days work detail, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

Mary S. Easterday, 48, Gooding; driving under the influence (excessive), amended to driving under the influence, withheld



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# Twin Falls incidents 12-18 to 12-24

Source: city of Twin Falls

judgment, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 16 hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

## CHILD SUPPORT CASES

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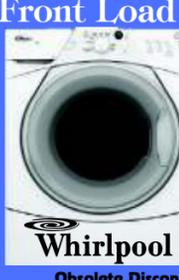
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# 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

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Luis Munoz-Calvillo, 53, Murtaugh; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (two prior within 10 years), five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,500 fine, \$170.50 costs, driver's license suspended for two years.

Justin R. Howard, 19, Twin Falls; delivery of marijuana, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, three years probation, \$1,500 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$165.50 costs, \$1,201.67 restitution, 100 hours community service.

Kyle D. Craner, 39, Kimberly; aggravated battery, \$1,000 fine, 15 years penitentiary, five determinate, 10 indeterminate; aggravated battery, \$1,000 fine, 15 years penitentiary, five determinate, 10 indeterminate; aggravated battery, \$1,000 fine, 15 years penitentiary, five determinate, 10 indeterminate, concurrent, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$425.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Robin M. Parry, 29, Hollister; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, three determinate, two indeterminate, three years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$265.50 costs, \$250 public defender fee, \$687.43 restitution, 100 hours community service.

Savannah D. Brennan, a.k.a. Savannah D. Hill, 23, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 180

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Rick G. Oneida, 48, Shoshone; possession of methamphetamine, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, two years probation, \$265.50 costs, \$1,181.03 restitution, shall abide by all recommendations of the alcohol/substance abuse evaluation, 100 hours community service.

Weston Hills, 16, Kimberly; attempted robbery, eight years penitentiary, three determinate, five indeterminate; conspiracy to robbery, eight years penitentiary, three determinate, five indeterminate, concurrent, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$225.50 costs.

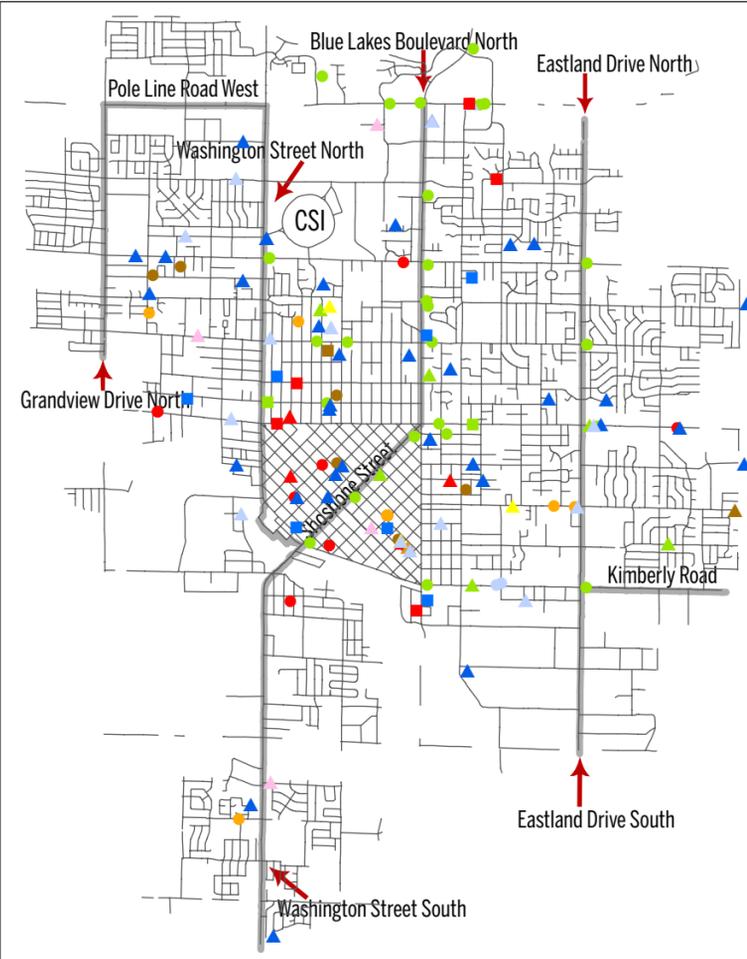
## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Michael A. Fisher, 18, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (under 21), \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Benjamin E. Tibbitts, 22, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, amended to second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 365 days jail, 355 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation.

Chad R. Croft, 29, Murtaugh; driving under the influence, amended to excessive, \$1,000 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 173 suspended, two days credited, three days work detail, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

Mary S. Easterday, 48, Gooding; driving under the influence (excessive), amended to driving under the influence, withheld



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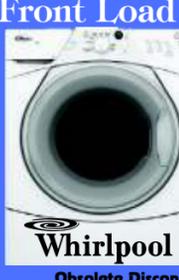
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# Winter storm blasts N. Carolina, aims at East Coast

By Kristin M. Hall  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A rare white Christmas in parts of the South was complicating life for some travelers as airlines canceled hundreds of flights, while snow was predicted for the nation's Capital and travel authorities warned of potentially dangerous roads.

The National Weather Service said the storm could bring 6 to 10 inches of snow to the Washington region, beginning today. The Weather Service was also forecasting significant snow for Philadelphia, New York and Boston, with as much as 18 inches falling on the New Jersey shore starting this morning and wind gusts up to 40 mph.

Virginia and North Carolina declared states of emergency on Saturday as airlines assessed whether to cancel flights for post-Christmas travelers.

Continental Airlines announced Saturday evening that it was canceling 250 flights departing from Newark Liberty International Airport outside New York City.

United Airlines said weather conditions would likely force delays and cancellations at United's hub at Washington Dulles International Airport and at other northeastern airports between Saturday and Monday.

"At this point, the forecast calls for less snow at Dulles" than in the New York area, United spokesman Michael Trevino said in an e-mail. "As a result, the team is still working through the plan for that station and whether any pro-active cancellations will be necessary."

Both carriers are waiving fees for one-time changes in affected areas and urged passengers to make changes through their web sites.



Eleven-year-old twins Cameron and Danielle Whitlock make a snowman Saturday in their front yard in Decatur, Ala., on an unusually snowy Christmas morning.

AP photo

The Carolinas got their first white Christmas in decades as snow began falling Saturday morning in Asheville, N.C., spread to Raleigh by noon and was forecast to stretch to the coast later in the day.

The National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings with forecasts calling for up to six inches of snow in central North Carolina with more in the mountains and less on the coast. In South Carolina, forecasts called for rain turning to snow after dark.

It's the first Christmas snow for the Carolinas since 1989, when a foot fell along the coast. For Columbia, it's

the first significant Christmas snow since weather records were first kept in 1887.

In Asheville, the Weather Service said snow fell at the rate of about an inch an hour earlier in the day and moun-

tain roads would be impassable for all but four-wheel drive vehicles. As much as 10 inches could fall by this morning, which would break the previous Christmas Day record of 5.4 inches set in 1969.

North Carolina Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton declared a state of emergency Saturday.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol said most of the roads in and around Asheville were either covered or partially covered with snow and ice as of 6 p.m. Jarema said troopers in the two dozen westernmost counties answered 350 calls between 12:01 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday. Most of them were wrecks.

In the South Carolina Upstate, rain mixed with a light snow in the late afternoon, but it wasn't causing immediate road problems, said Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Bill Rhyne.

In Nashville, some travelers who expected a smooth trip on Christmas got a rude surprise.

"We were hoping this was going to be a good day to travel," said Heather Bansmer, 36, of Bellingham, Wash.

She and her husband, Shawn Breeding, 40, had planned to return home on separate flights after a visit to Breeding's family in Bowling Green, Ky. However, Breeding's flight through Atlanta got canceled.

The couple was planning to spend much of Christmas

Day in separate airports. "A white Christmas is not so welcome," Breeding said, as the couple stood in the lobby of the Nashville airport with their luggage in a cart.

Brian Korty at the Weather Service in Camp Springs, Md., said travelers in the northern Mid-Atlantic region and New England may want to rethink travel plans today.

"They may see nearly impossible conditions to travel in," he said. "It would be a lot better for them to travel today (Saturday) than it would be tomorrow."

In Pensacola, Fla., Jena Passut faced a quandary. The 36-year-old magazine writer drove with her husband and two kids from Fairfax, Va., to visit relatives. Now she worried about how to get back home amid the snow.

"Should we leave on Christmas night? My kids are normally good travelers, but if it's going to take us twice as long, it's going to be hell," she said. "I like a white Christmas as much as anyone, but I don't want to drive in it."

Authorities in the Mid-Atlantic states were preparing for the storm on Christmas Day.

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## Four former athletes plead not guilty to hazing

BLACKFOOT, Idaho (AP) — Four former Blackfoot High School athletes charged with felonies and misdemeanors from hazing incidents police say occurred at a school locker room and on a bus have entered not guilty pleas to the misdemeanor charges.

Nathan Walker, Anthony Clarke, Logan Chidester and Tyson Katseanes, all 19, entered the not guilty pleas on Thursday in Bingham County Magistrate Court.

The misdemeanor counts include false imprisonment and battery and stem from events police say took place between Dec. 2, 2009, and Feb. 28.

The men also face felony counts of forcible sexual penetration using a foreign object. Preliminary hearings on the felony charges are set for Jan. 5 and 6 in 7th District Court.

A fifth individual, who is a juvenile and who police say was involved in the hazing, also faces charges. Bingham County prosecutors say they have filed a motion to charge that person as an adult.

"This is not a case of 'boys will be boys,'" said Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Randy Smith, the Post Register reported. "This is extreme horseplay gone awry."

The felony charges carry a potential \$50,000 fine and life in prison.

Walker's attorney, Stephen Blaser, said the charges are the result of an "overzealous" police investigation and prosecutors who are "overreaching."

"My biggest concern is (it's) a publicity stunt," he said. "Those boys are not guilty of what they appeared for."

All four attorneys for the teens said they expect the felony charges to be dropped.

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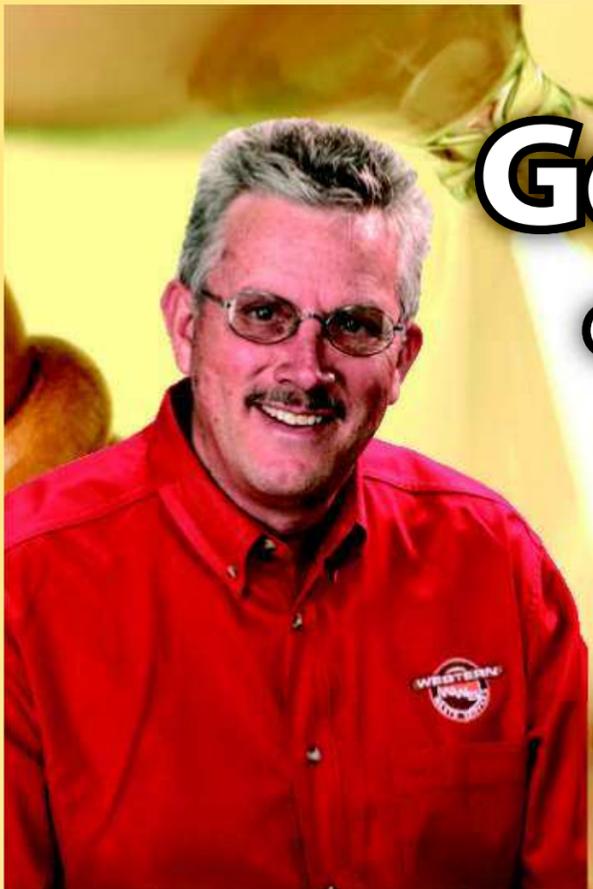
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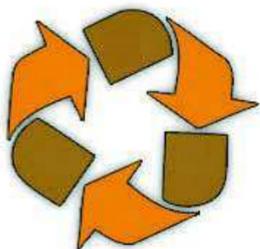
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Physical therapist Bryan Wright works with patient Julie Ursenbach Monday to help open nerve space and improve circulation in her neck at his office in Twin Falls. Wright is building a new office at the corner of Falls Ave. E. and Locust Street in Twin Falls, across the street from where his current Wright Physical Therapy practice is located.

## Soon the gov.t check won't be in the mail

By Martin Crutsinger  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON— Before too long, the government check will no longer be in the mail.

Officials have settled on the dates when millions of people will no longer be able to get their Social Security and other benefit checks by mail.

New recipients of benefits will have to accept paperless payments starting on May 1 of next year, three months later than first proposed.

Those already on Social Security will have until March 1, 2013 to make the switch to direct deposits or a debit card.

More than 58 million retirees, disabled people and surviving family members receive Social Security or Supplemental Security benefits. Already eight out of 10 people getting federal benefits receive those payments electronically, officials say.

The switch to electronic payments will eliminate the problem of lost or stolen checks and also the problems faced by people displaced from their homes who have to worry about getting their checks mailed to them, said Richard L. Gregg, the Treasury Department's assistant fiscal secretary.

"Even though we have done a good job of encouraging people to switch over, we still are making 120 million payments by mail for Social Security every year and another 15 million annually for veterans and other types of benefits," Gregg said.

Every year, the government has to process about 600,000 claims for lost or stolen checks. Social Security will save \$1 billion over the next decade from phasing out paper checks, he said.

See **CHECKS**, Business 3

### MORE INFO

Visit [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) or call 1-800-333-1795 if you need assistance with the government's decision to no longer mail Social Security checks through the mail, as it switches to a paperless system, starting May 1.

## Tax cuts raise expectations for economy in 2011

By Jeannine Aversa  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON— Expectations for economic growth next year are turning more optimistic now that Americans will have a little more cash in their pockets.

A cut in workers' Social Security taxes and rising consumer spending have led economists to predict a strong start for 2011.

Still, most people won't feel much better until employers ramp up hiring and people buy more homes.

Analysts are predicting economic growth next year will come in next year close to 4 percent. It would mark an improvement from the 2.8 percent growth expected for this year and would be the strongest showing since 2000.

"Looking ahead, circumstances are ripe for the economy to develop additional traction," said Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc. in New York

The economy grew at a moderate pace last summer, reflecting stronger spending by businesses to replenish

See **EXPECTATIONS**, Business 3

# PATTERNS OF GROWTH

## Area therapists hope to stabilize

By Emily Katseanes  
Times-News correspondent

Wright Physical Therapy is growing, but owner Bryan Wright said once the new 5,000-square-foot building is complete he's turning his attention inward.

"My goal is to stabilize. I don't want to grow any more," Wright said. "I want to build internally rather than externally."

Wright sees the move, across the street from his current address, 1411 Falls Ave. E. Suite 105, Twin Falls, as one of stabilization.

Prior to being at the helm his own business, Wright was a physical therapist with RehabAuthority. In 2005, he invested \$75,000 in the practice, becoming a partial owner, before buying it outright in 2008 for about \$100,000 and changing it to Wright Physical Therapy.

The south-central Idaho market was "saturated" with clinics providing physical therapy services when he first opened, Wright said, so his aim has been to grow in small, manageable steps to better attract patients.

### STRETCHING IN NEW DIRECTIONS

When Wright started designing a new Twin Falls clinic, he wasn't planning on moving his office across the street but he did

just that.

Wright sold his house and had it moved, but kept the lot on Falls and Locust for his new building.

It may have been the first time Wright has had to move an entire house but it wasn't his first expansion experience.

In April, Wright opened a second location in Kimberly. Although he'd intended the office to serve as a small, satellite location it ended up as a fully-functioning standalone office.

The expansion was financed by Noah Miller, a physical therapist who works in the Kimberly office. Miller had worked at Wright Physical Therapy for a while before deciding to invest personally in the business.

Wright said Miller bought \$50,000 worth of equipment which made him a partner and 50 percent owner in the Kimberly practice.

Together, the two offices have four physical therapists, including Miller and Wright, and seven additional staff members. They average about 800 visits a month.

The expenses the business is now taking will be to deepen the services offered to current clients, not necessarily draw in new ones. The \$700,000 project was funded by revenues from the two clinics. Wright said the Kimberly clinic is breaking even, and together the



Rulen Thompson is treated by Physical Therapist Bryan Wright on Monday in Twin Falls.

two have pulled in about \$850,000 in gross revenue this year.

Wright is focusing on keeping his business stable, instead of chasing after better profit margins. Steady profits last year — Wright Physical Therapy's gross revenue was about \$700,000 — have allowed him to move ahead slowly.

"My general philosophy is to start with the amount you could chew," Wright said.

### WORKING ON SIMILAR EXERCISES

Wright Physical Therapy isn't the only business looking

See **GROWTH**, Business 3

### Employment trends for physical therapists

Job opportunities for physical therapists are going to increase over the decade, according to the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employment is expected to grow at a rate of 30 percent into 2018.

In 2008, physical therapists held some 185,500 jobs across the country and by 2018 the number of jobs is projected to be 242,700.

Driving that growth is the aging Baby Boomer generation and demand created through the federally mandated Individuals with Disabilities Education Act that guarantees students have access to services from PTs and other therapeutic and rehabilitative services.

Demand is increasing as technological developments in medicine permit a greater percentage of trauma patients and newborns with birth defects to survive, creating additional demand for therapeutic and rehabilitative care and service for conditions that were essentially untreatable in the past.

Since many physical therapists tend to cluster in urban areas the job outlook is especially bright for licensed therapist choosing to practice in rural areas.

Job growth is also expected to be favorable in places the elderly are often cared for: in acute hospital, skilled nursing and orthopedic settings.

### BY THE NUMBERS

National median annual wages for physical therapists in May 2008, the most current statistics available, by industry:  
Home health care services: \$77,630  
Nursing care facilities: \$76,680  
General medical and surgical hospitals: \$73,270  
Physician offices: \$72,790  
Offices of other health practitioners: \$71,400  
Source- United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics



Bryan Wright is building a new office at the corner of Falls Avenue East and Locust Street in Twin Falls that will be about 5000 square feet.

## Republicans and tax cuts? Now that's rich

One of the great enduring mysteries of American politics is why Republicans attach so much importance to cutting taxes for the rich.

I know there are many Democrats and independents who believe that Republicans get up in

the morning determined to do whatever is necessary to help their rich friends and campaign contributors. While that may explain some Republicans' behavior some of the time, I strongly doubt it's the primary motivation. For starters, there is no

Steven Pearlstein

American Association of Rich Persons out there with a huge political action committee and a



formidable grass-roots lobbying effort. Yes, there are cabals of very rich people who fund conservative think tanks and political advertising. But American democracy is not so corrupt or dysfunctional that a tiny portion of the population, driven purely by selfish

greed, can capture so many elected officials and bamboozle so many voters.

It's also worth noting that there are plenty of very rich people who are liberal Democrats in true-blue states, such as New

See **RICH**, Business 3

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins of Success Martial Arts was awarded the "Leadership Excellence" award by Toastmasters International for completing the High Performance Leadership course, to further enhance his communication and leadership skill set.

Higgins has shared his lessons of confidence, respect, discipline and high personal standards with thousands of Magic Valley families over the past 15 years. Higgins has co-authored a vocabulary and

character building coloring/workbook for children and been featured in international magazines, as well as the local media. He is also in the final stage of publishing "Mom-Fu" its OK to protect yourself from your kids," a handbook on behavior management concepts from the martial arts culture. Higgins had helped over 6000 children in the Magic Valley with his free Bully Prevention and Anti-Abduction Seminars. For more information please call 733-8910 or take a look at BlackBeltMinds.com.

### Brian Higgins



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## MILESTONES

### Idaho Power awards McCain Foods half million-dollar energy efficiency incentive



Pictured, from left: Dusty Galliher, environmental supervisor, McCain Foods; Stace Campbell, reliability engineer, McCain Foods; Steve Lundberg, engineering manager, McCain Foods; Steven P. Muse, customer relations manager, Idaho Power; Jeff McCray, Burley Plant Manager, McCain Foods and Sam Golay, Major Customer Relations Manager, Idaho Power. Courtesy photo

Idaho Power recently recognized McCain Foods of Burley for their commitment to energy efficiency with a check for more than a half-million dollars. The \$533,302 incentive is for the company's 2010 energy efficiency projects at their facilities. McCain earned the incentive through Idaho Power's Custom Efficiency program, a cash incentive program for large commercial and industrial customers who undertake complex projects to improve the efficiency of their electrical systems or processes.

As an ENERGY STAR Facility, McCain Foods' focus and direction on energy efficiency, as part of their corporate social responsibility and sustainability plan, prompted their attention on energy efficiency opportunities. Idaho Power assisted McCain in guiding their facility toward incentives which make the economics of improved efficiency and performance work for their processes.

Information: Stephanie McCurdy, communication specialist at Idaho Power, 388-6973 or smccurdy@idahopower.com.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc. donates \$7,500 to the South Central Community Action Partnership

On behalf of its employees at its Twin Falls box plant, Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc. has donated \$7,500 to the South Central Community Action Partnership.

Longview recognizes the value of giving back to the communities where it maintains long-standing operations.

"Over the course of the past year, our employees have devoted countless hours vol-

unteering in their local communities," said Doug Bobay, senior director of human resources at Longview.

Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc. produces lightweight, high-performance multi-wall and complementary specialty kraft papers for an established domestic and global customer base, and also produces container-board and corrugated boxes.

### Burley Meals on Wheels program receives donation

Bakery, Confection, Tobacco and Grain Millers Union Local 282G donated \$1,380 to the Burley Meals on Wheels program. Members donated their annual Christmas \$20 gift certificates to total the donation.

Local 282G is made up of 390 members working at Simplots Heyburn Foods Division and Amalgamated Sugar Company.

Pictured is the executive board from right to left: Silas Smith, Letty Saras,



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Burley Senior Center representative Sharon Mills, Wes Lindsay and Wes Higley.

### Magic Valley Bank donates to Gooding Senior Center

The Gooding Senior Center would like to thank the Magic Valley Bank for their generous contribution of \$4,500. This money came from the Magic Valley Community Matching Funds Program. Employees of the bank came and assisted the center with its monthly breakfasts. The money will be used to further the programs that make the senior center an asset to the community.



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### U.S. Bank contributes more than \$8,500 to United Way

U.S. Bank in Twin Falls has donated more than \$8,500 to the United Way of South Central Idaho through the U.S. Bancorp Foundation.

The funds for this grant were made through the company's matching gift program, which doubled the \$8,510.27 that U.S. Bank employees donated to the United Way during the company's annual campaign.

"The United Way makes such a great impact in our community, and we are pleased to help support the organization financially," said John Stott, regional president for Southern Idaho at U.S. Bank.

Bank representatives pre-



Courtesy photo

sented a check to the United Way at U.S. Bank's Southern Idaho regional board meeting in Twin Falls recently.

U.S. Bancorp (NYSE: USB), with \$291 billion in

assets as of Sept. 30, 2010, is the parent company of U.S. Bank, the fifth largest commercial bank in the United States.

Information: usbank.com.

### Beef Counts and Agri Beef donates \$80,000 to hungry Idahoans

The Idaho Foodbank received an early Christmas gift, thanks to generous donations from Idaho's beef industry. On Dec. 16, representatives from the Idaho beef industry presented The Idaho Foodbank with an \$80,000 check, representing contributions from the pioneering Beef Counts campaign and a matching gift from Agri Beef Co.

The Foodbank also recognized the most recent beef donations received through the Beef Counts campaign



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and was delivered in time for Christmas - 4,102 beef roasts. This gift totals about 15,000 pounds of nutritious

beef into The Idaho Foodbank network, to help the foodbank meet the goal of its Hope for the Holidays campaign - which is to provide holiday meals for every hungry Idahoan.

The Salvation Army also received a food distribution that included beef roasts.

Beef Counts is a voluntary program designed to provide a consistent supply of high-quality protein throughout the year to The Idaho Foodbank and those we serve.

## JW RAY OF HEYBURN RETIRES

After 23 years of service and over 3.5 million miles, JW Ray of Heyburn retired as a professional driver with Idaho Milk Transport, Inc., in Burley. Ray was one of the first four drivers hired when Idaho Milk went over the road.

Ray started out on a dedicated run from Burley to Denver, but over the years he did pretty much anything the company asked of him. When Ray was asked what he remembered as the best moments, he



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stated he enjoyed the privilege of being able to drive different routes and haul different products for the company. "Every company has its up and downs, but at IMT I found there were more ups than downs," stated Ray in a press release.

Ray has several things on his bucket list he wants to accomplish during his retirement years, including spending time with his wife, Linda, his children and grandchildren.

### 9 Months Later receives top rating from BabyProductExperts.com

BabyProductExperts.com, the web site for expectant and new parents, has certified 9 Months Later in Twin Falls, with their rating of five stars.

"Our extensive product knowledge and outstanding customer service is reflected by our five star rating and certification by Baby Product Experts," states Erin Gray in a press release, owner of 9 Months Later.

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Visit the store page for 9 Months Later on BabyProductExperts.com for store hours, location, services, brands carried and more. More information: Jacquie Sternquist at 630-410-8050.

## KMVT

KMVT recently hosted a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors as they kicked-off their food drive to benefit the Salvation Army.

Weathervane Homes is going to donate the profit from the sale of the home at 629 Sunfire Drive in Twin Falls to the Salvation Army.

This was one of the collection



Pictured from left: Nicki Kroese (Salvation Army), Jim Boyd and Nikki Boyd.

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locations for KMVT's 17 hour food drive to benefit the Salvation Army. There were 1,426 cans of food donated and over \$1,500 for the Salvation Army that day.

### MRG wins award second year in a row

For the second year in a row, Marketing Resource Group has won the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitors (IAFE) award for Outstanding Television

Production for the Twin Falls County Fair commercials: The new ads: "Shrunken Head" and "Jousting" won as the best in their category. MRG would like to thank

the Twin Falls County Fair Board and TFC Fair Manager John Pitz for giving MRG the opportunity to produce these creative and highly effective ads.

## EPIC RIDE CYCLERY

Epic Ride Cyclery at 2064 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls recently held a ribbon cutting. The Twin Falls Area Chamber Ambassador joined in the celebration. Epic Ride Cyclery is a new member of the chamber as well as a new business which serves the Magic Valley.

Epic Ride Cyclery is a full service bicycle shop featuring specialized, Jamis and KHS Bicycles. Store Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Information: 733-7433.



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Pictured in the first row: Edel Greer, Bridger Greer, Beth Greer, Lee Greer, Jack Morrison and Dez Morrison; second row: Bob Greer.



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### Artist Gary Stone adds Canyon Crest Events Center and Watkins Distributing to Community Mural

One of the Magic Valley's eating establishments, Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center and Watkins Distributing, local provider of Budweiser products, are now featured on Gary Stone's 42-foot-long woodcut art creation that he has been adding to since 1995. For many years, the mural was designated by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce as one of the top 10 attractions in the Magic Valley.

Canyon Crest owner Dan

Willie was pleased to see his dining and events center permanently incorporated by Stone on the Community Mural, and looks forward to receiving similar comments from the customers at his establishment.

For information about how your business or family can be added to the Community Mural, please call Bill Knopp at 481-0312 or visit www.stoneby-stoneenterprises.com.

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## Expectations

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stockpiles, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. Gross domestic product increased at a 2.6 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter. That's up from the 2.5 percent pace estimated a month ago. While businesses spent more to build inventories, consumers spent a bit less.

Many analysts predict the

economy strengthened in the October-December quarter. They think the economy is growing at a 3.5 percent pace or better mainly because consumers are spending more freely again.

Still, the housing market remains a drag on the slowly improving economy.

The National Association of Realtors reported

Wednesday that more people bought previously owned homes rose in November. The sales pace rose 5.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.68 million units. Even with the gain, sales are still well below what analysts consider a healthy pace.

Even if analysts are right about 2011 being a better year for the economy, growth still wouldn't be strong enough to

dramatically lower the 9.8 percent unemployment rate.

By some estimates, the economy would need to grow by 5 percent for a full year to push down the unemployment rate by a full percentage point. Even with growth at around 4 percent, as many analysts predict, the unemployment rate is still expected to hover around 9 percent.

## Checks

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The final rules, scheduled to be unveiled Tuesday, are very similar to the proposal the government put forward in June.

But in response to public comments, the government has decided to allow people who are 90 and over and are still getting Social Security benefit checks to continue to receive their benefits the same way. The government estimates there are 275,000 people who fall into that category.

For people who do not have accounts at a bank or credit union, the government has an option that allows them to use a Direct Express debit MasterCard issued by Comerica Bank, Treasury's financial agent. More than 1.5 million people have obtained these cards, which were first issued in 2008.

In addition to the automatic waiver from electronic payments for those 90 and over, people living in remote areas who might have trouble get-

ting to a bank can also petition for a waiver from the new rules. Gregg said that the government expects fewer than 1 percent of current benefit recipients will petition for a waiver.

Social Security Commissioner Michael J. Astrue said that people should not wait until the deadlines to make the switch to electronic payments.

"Switching now eliminates the risks of lost and stolen checks and provides immedi-

ate access to your money on payment day," Astrue said.

The new deadlines for the switchover were announced by Treasury's Financial Management Service, the agency that processes payments for the federal government.

Congress passed a law in 1996 giving the agency the power to halt mailing paper checks for all government payments outside of refund checks from the Internal Revenue Service.

## Rich

Continued from Business 1

York and California, who don't seem to have a problem with paying higher taxes.

That said, a lot of the explanations given by Republicans don't quite explain their fetish about taxes on the wealthy.

While Republicans have argued it would be an economic catastrophe to raise taxes on anyone now, in the midst of a jobs recession, the truth is that they don't believe there is ever a good time to raise taxes on anyone.

Equally unconvincing is the argument that they are primarily concerned about small-business job creation. Surely there are other ways to encourage small businesses to expand their payrolls without giving tax breaks to movie stars, professional athletes, law firm partners and hedge fund billionaires.

There may be some truth to the Republican belief that lowering taxes overall is a good way to boost economic growth or contain the size of government. However, that would apply just as well to cuts in corporate and payroll taxes or additional income tax cuts for the middle class. Yet you don't see Republicans drawing lines in the sand over those. What's so magical about the estate tax or the top marginal income tax rate?

For their part, liberal Democrats have now worked themselves into a lather about the impact of an

upper-income tax cut on the burgeoning federal deficit. If memory serves, many of those same Democrats had worked themselves into a lather when Bill Clinton betrayed them and struck his budget-balancing deal in the 1990s. It's hard to believe their real outrage over tax cuts is rooted in some profound sense of fiscal rectitude.

So what's really going on here?

Kevin Hassett, an economist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, suspects that the issue of taxing the rich looms so large because it is a proxy for what you think about George W. Bush. If it were just some wonkish disagreement over whether the marginal tax rate should be 39 percent or 35 percent, it would be easy enough to split the difference at 37 and move on to something more meaningful. Instead, the question is invariably posed as whether to extend the Bush tax cuts, implicitly making it a referendum on the Bush presidency and the latest round in a partisan feud that goes back to Bush v. Gore.

Another reason this issue arouses such an emotional response is that it's really not about economics, or even economic self-interest — it's about fairness, an inherently subjective concept.

Democrats, of course, focus on the increasingly

unequal outcomes being generated by the private economy, the widening gap between the very rich and everyone else. To them, raising taxes on the rich seems like the least that we can do to even things out in a free market that is increasingly arbitrary and unfair. Do the rich deserve a tax cut when 15 million other Americans are out of work and even those with jobs are struggling? Do their children deserve to inherit a life of leisure and luxury? They consider the answers to be morally self-evident.

For Republicans, it's also a moral issue, looked at through a much different lens. For them, the focus isn't on the fairness of income distribution but the fairness of the system that produces it. And part of that calculation involves how much of a person's hard-earned income government takes away.

Karlyn Bowman of the American Enterprise Institute has gathered extensive polling data on this subject that goes back decades. What she found is that most Americans agree with Democrats that national income is unfairly distributed and that upper-income households pay too little in taxes. But when you ask them what is the highest percentage that even high-income households should pay in taxes, the average tends to be around 25 percent, with very

few in favor of it going much above 30 percent.

As it happens, the rich pay more than that — a good deal more. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the average effective federal tax burden on the top 1 percent of households is now about 28 percent (that's different from the marginal rate, or the rate on the last dollar earned). Add in state and local taxes, the total tax burden on the richest households probably exceeds 40 percent in most places, considerably higher than what most Americans consider fair. If you listen to the more thoughtful Republican politicians talk about their views on taxes, they invariably reflect that sensibility.

For years now, liberals have taken comfort in the work of behavioral economists that shows human beings aren't the rational, income-maximizing stick figures they're assumed to be in classical economic models. According to this research, one of the things we care about is fairness, even when the fair thing may not be in our economic self-interest. Democrats have used these findings to bolster their argument that a healthy economy over the long term must be both efficient and fair. What they are only now coming to recognize is that people's views on fairness can be complex and don't always point in the same policy direction.

## Growth

Continued from Business 1

to stabilize.

Physical therapist Julie Ellis is a co-owner of Center for Physical Rehabilitation.

CPR originally opened in Twin Falls in 1987 and has gone through similar growth patterns.

In 1999, it expanded into a new location in Buhl. Much like Wright, Ellis's business in Buhl was a satellite operation that grew into its own.

"We started out small and now we're there full time," Ellis said. The two branches of CPR have 17 employees and boast about 1,400 visits a month.

This October, CPR expanded both branches, purchasing an additional 10,000 square feet in Twin Falls and renovating the Buhl location to expand its footprint. The project, which Ellis said ran into the millions, added 50 percent more space to CPR.

"We can see a greater number of patients with greater efficiency and we are able to expand the work we do," Ellis said.

"It's become a little more challenging for us to get our roots deep and get good referrals from doctors," Wright said.

Ryan McAllister, regional director of therapy services at St. Luke's, said where a patient goes for physical therapy will depend on where the patient wants to go and where the patient's doctor thinks they will get the best care.

But like the businesses themselves, the industry of physical therapy seems to be evolving deeper, not wider.

Physical therapy has become progressively more aligned with medicine, as more physical therapists enter the field with doctorate degrees and more doctors recognize the importance of rehabilitation.

Education is also key. More institutions, including the Idaho Physical Therapy Association, are creating campaigns that reach out directly to the public about the role physical therapy can play in their lives.

### IMPROVING CURRENT TECHNIQUES

Both Wright and Ellis are facing factors that could plateau their businesses.

Ellis said the economic downturn has led to patients cutting therapy when insurance and Medicare benefits cut them off, not necessarily when it's best for their health.

"As many people as ever come in and need the care, but they're sort of tapering off their physical therapy while they still need it," Ellis said.

For instance, if insurance allows \$800 in physical therapy benefits and a therapy session runs about \$80, that gives the patient 9 or 10 visits.

"Say you tear your anterior cruciate ligament skiing. Nine visits of physical therapy is not enough to really recover from that knee surgery," Ellis said.

Wright also worries that the expansion of the St. Luke's Health System could cut down on physician referrals if the hospital decides to keep its physical therapy in-house.

### BENDING INTO THE FUTURE

Wright has no plans to continue growing his infrastructure. But he maintains high goals for the future of his clinic.

His new building will boast a pool, with built-in current, and a regulation size racquetball court.

Wright said those features will provide therapists more opportunities to create low-impact, aquatic exercises and allow patients to actually retrain their bodies, not just mimic the motions of sports.

"We could transition from doing physical therapy to actually spiking the volleyball," Wright said.

He'd also like to develop a low-cost, stand-alone service for patients over 50, whether recovering from surgery or looking into long-term strength training. But that's still on a far horizon. For now, he's honing the clinic that's still being constructed, so that it will be "not just the best in Twin Falls, but the best in the region."

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## Irma Baxter Patterson

Irma Baxter Patterson died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at the Stoney Creek Living Center.

She was born Dec. 6, 1917, in Buhl, Idaho, to Thomas B. and Beatrice Parks. She lived most of her life in Filer. She worked for 30 years as a legal secretary at Parry, Robertson, Daly, Larson and Coleman. She also was secretary for the Twin Falls County Fair, where her father was secretary/manager. In her later years, she worked for the Filer Senior Haven. She was married to Raymond H. Baxter and was later divorced. Then in 1990, she



married Paul Patterson.

Paul preceded her in death. Her only brother, Tommy, also preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons, Raymond "Gene" and wife, Deanna; and Gary D. and wife, Robyn; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren and one on the way.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Services are under the direction of Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

## Delbert Enos Waters

JEROME — Delbert Enos Waters, 84, passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, Dec. 20. He was born July 25, 1926, to Elmer Evan Waters and Melbie Ormond in Rigby, Idaho. He was the fifth child and third son of seven children.

He attended school in Rigby and furthered his education as a welder in Logan, Utah.

He was a baptized member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He began his love of farming when he was only 15 when he took over his brother's farm where he started farming with horses. He later bought his father's farm at the age of 16.

He met the love of his life, Harriett Hall, at the local roller skating rink in 1942. They were married May 12, 1944, in the Logan LDS Temple.

He was drafted into the army during World War II and left Dec. 26, 1944, for training at Fort Douglas. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater in the Medical Corps and was honorably discharged Aug. 21, 1946. He was proud to serve his country and returned to his wife and farm in Rigby, where their first child Debi was born in May.

On June 14, he drew a farm in Jerome County at the Hunt relocation camp. He spent the next six months commuting from Hunt to Rigby, farming and preparing to move into the new farm. This is where they began their lifetime adventure of farming and raising a family. He and Harriett were some of the original homesteaders in Hunt. They dug holes for the original power lines by hand, cleared the land and contoured the ditches for irrigation. He was a successful farmer, using up-to-date equipment. He had a small dairy along with a herd of beef cattle. He put in long hours helping many of the other homesteaders in Hunt with their crops and teaching them the ins and outs of farming. They made wonderful friendships with many of the people of Hunt and have kept in close contact with them through the years.

Delbert helped construct the Hunt and Hazelton LDS churches and served in many capacities in the church.

He was well respected for his work ethic and honesty



in his dealings with his fellow man. Delbert was also very wise in everything he did.

He had very few hobbies but had a love of horses and enjoyed hunting and fishing when he could get away. One of his favorite fishing spots was Decker Flats on the Salmon River. He had a travel trailer and enjoyed vacationing with his family.

His other five children were all born in Hunt.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Harriett Hall Waters of Hunt, his children Debi of California, the wife of his deceased son Greg, Maureen of Utah, Randy and spouse Jeanette, Harold and spouse Merilee, Burke and spouse LuAnn, Tim and spouse Linda, all of Hunt; his sister, Laura Ellis of Idaho Falls; and 25 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Greg, his granddaughter Toni, his great granddaughter Cloe; his siblings, Lucille Hansen, twins Lee Waters and Leorial Abbott, Parley Waters and Dale Waters.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Dec. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho.

Funeral services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Middleton Ave., Hazelton, Idaho, on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m. with a visitation at 10:00. Interment will be at the Hazelton Cemetery immediately following.

We would like to give a special thanks to Harriett, his eternal companion, and our sister Debi for the loving care they both gave Dad during his yearlong illness. We will be forever thankful to them.

Thanks to the Eden American Legion for helping with the military rites.

Thank you to our good friends and neighbors for the compassion they've shown with food, phone calls and visits. Thank you so much.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at St. Luke's Medical Center and the Lincare Group.

## William J. 'Bill' Morgan

BURLEY — William J. "Bill" Morgan, age 98, of Burley, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born Aug. 12, 1912, and raised on a farm south of Twin Falls on land cleared by his parents, Vernon and Nellie Morgan, in 1910. After graduation from high school, William Joseph "Bill" Morgan attended the University of Idaho and, while there, he went to work for the Washburn-Wilson Seed Co. In 1938, he married Ruth Shipman, whom he had known since high school, in Twin Falls. Together, they moved to Moscow.

During the war years, Washburn-Wilson transferred Dad to Hazelton. There he became acquainted with Clyde Lindsay, who was manager of the warehouse where peas and beans were processed. They shared the same dream of owning their own business. In 1946, Dad borrowed \$5,000 from his father and, together with Clyde, purchased a warehouse from Bob Pense in Declo and started Morgan-Lindsay Co. That same year, Dad moved his family to Burley.

A start-up business in Declo was difficult in those days. The Declo Warehouse had only a community phone system, so when a broker would call, everyone on the line would pick up and listen in. Dad would tell the broker he would call him back and dash into Burley to return the call on a private line. In the office, there was only a desk and one chair and a pot-bellied stove. The farmers would come in to do business and be offered a bag full of beans to sit on.

In 1949, they built a second warehouse in the Eden-Hazelton area, and Dad took over management of that warehouse and commuted to Eden daily. They built another warehouse in Paul and purchased others in Kimberly, Jerome and Burley. Morgan-Lindsay continued to grow on the strength of loyal farmers and employees to become one of the largest seed bean processors in the country.

The seed bean processing time offered employment only during the winter months, so it was difficult to keep good help coming back. Being raised on a farm, Dad decided to capitalize on his experience which would offer warehouse help full-time employment between the farm and the warehouse. The farming operation started on the northside and, in 1963, cleared sagebrush from some 2,000 acres of new land west of Burley.

In 1979, they sold the warehouse operation to the Wickes Corporation, and Bill devoted his full attention to farming. Dad was always active in community affairs serving on the library board,



the Community Concert Guild, the Burley City Council and the planning and zoning commission. He served and traveled abroad as a representative of the Idaho State Bean Commission. Dad loved playing the piano, played with a small jazz group in his youth and performed often for friends and family. Dad played basketball on the Twin Falls High School team and later coached in Hazelton.

He was an active participant at all levels in the First Presbyterian Church. On occasion, he would offer the congregation a sermon that he had written with a message in mind but delivered to entertain with a gentle sense of humor. Sundays were devoted to family; we all looked forward to an evening of hot buttered popcorn and the Ed Sullivan Show. He was the consummate provider: music, education, hard work and opportunity were but a part of his legacy to his children. He continued to work into his 70s and retired to his garden, piano, travel, friends and golf in 1981. He was honored in 1982 by the Burley Chamber of Commerce as the Farmer of the Year.

He is survived by his daughters, Ellen Greenwood of Reston, Va., Jane Daly of Yerevan, Armenia, and Lorna (HL) Pringle of Jerome; his son, Joe Morgan of Burley; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Mary Jean (Bob) Sahlberg of Seattle, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Leslie; a sister, Velma Morgan; his wife, Ruth; his sons-in-law, William Greenwood, and Patrick Daly; and a grandson, Brian Pringle.

We would like to thank the personnel and management at Highland Estates for the kind and caring attention Dad received in his four years there. Also, thanks to Jeff Rasmussen for his understanding in dealing with our loss. Memorials may be made to the Burley First Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. David L. Bierschwale officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

## Janet Hunt

HEYBURN — Janet Scott Hunt, age 65, of Heyburn, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, with her family around her side after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born May 18, 1945, in Ogden, Utah, to Thomas Bradshaw and Reah (Child) Scott. She was raised in Clearfield and Sunset, Utah, until moving to Paul with her family at the age of 12. She graduated from Minico High School in 1963 and shortly thereafter married her sweetheart, Frank Nelson Hunt, on Oct. 31, 1963, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

She lived her life in the Emerson area on the family farm working side by side with her husband of 47 years. She was named the Minidoka County Farm Bureau Woman of the Year in 1996. She enjoyed driving truck during harvest, working in her yard and loved gardening. She was an exceptional seamstress and enjoyed making beautiful dresses for friends and family. She especially loved sewing things for her grandchildren.

She was a dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many capacities over the years. She served as a Young Women's president in the ward and stake, Relief Society president and taught many years in the Primary. She served in the Twin Falls Temple until her health forced her release and was currently serving as a primary teacher in the Sunbeam class, which she adored.

She was most proud of her 12 grandchildren, whom she loved to spend time with. She hosted an annual "Cousins Olympics" in the summer and always had fun gifts and games for them. She loved reading books and watching old movies with family. She always loved a big family dinner with everyone in her home.



She is survived by her husband, Frank; sons, Jeff (Jacque) of Heyburn and Jarrod (Karen) of Highland, Utah; her daughters, Jill (Joe) Colflesh of Heyburn, Hilary (Rich) Howes of Layton, Utah, and Maren (Casey) Whiting of Las Vegas, Nev.; and her siblings, Richard, Kent, Doug, Sheril and Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Emerson LDS Church, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul, with Bishop Albert B. Belliston officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

The family would like to thank all those at the Mountain States Tumor Institute and those that lovingly cared for her at the Cassia Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center at the time of her death.

## George David Reardon

BURLEY — We regret to announce the passing of George David Reardon who died peacefully in the comfort of his home with his loving family Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010.



much he will be missed.

Dave is survived by his wife and love of his life, Victoria; his sons, Kendall (Lisa) and Michael (Brooke); daughter, Katie; and five grandchildren.

Dave passed in the same fashion he lived — with kindness, appreciation and a good last laugh. He loved every aspect of his life and words cannot describe how

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Deanna Williams

PAUL — Deanna R. Williams, 65, of Paul, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

No formal service will be held at this time (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

### Donald G. Bard

BLISS — Dr. Donald G. Bard, 92, of Bliss, died Friday, Dec. 24, at Bennett Hills Care Center in Gooding.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

### Daryl A. Keck

HAMMET — Daryl A. Keck, 89, of Hammett, died Friday, Dec. 24, at a Boise care center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

### Willard D. Allen

BURLEY — Willard Dale Allen, 78, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2010, in Shoshone.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Unity LDS Church, 275 S. 250 E. of Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

### Diane Boyd

BUHL — Diane Boyd, 69, of Buhl, died Friday, Dec. 24, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary.

## SERVICES

**Betty Aileen Carpenter** of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Carol Adrian Tadlock Biggers** of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Leland "J" Muir** of South Jordan, Utah, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the River LDS 10th Ward, 1570 W. 11400 S. in South Jordan, Utah (Goff Mortuary in South Jordan, Utah).

**Marilyn Carole Sheppard** of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., with rosary at 7 p.m., Monday at Reynolds Funeral

Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Arland J. Olson** of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 26 S. 100 W.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

**Dorothy Joan "Dot" Swarner** of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., with rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Kim Duane Maddox** of Shoshone, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

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## Lavaun Hyde Fite

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Our loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Lavaun Fite, age 87, returned to our Heavenly Father surrounded by her family Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, in St. George, Utah.



She is survived by her husband, Eldon; five daughters, Sandra Manker of Nampa, Idaho, Delaine (Mike) Smith of Nampa, Idaho, Elvauna (Ron) Lloyd of St. George, Utah, Marva (Kim) Berger of Hooper, Utah, and Patricia (Mike) Zahm of Las Vegas, Nev.; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Orem Hyde of Connecticut and Rosel Hyde of Idaho. She was preceded in death by brother, Blaine Hyde; sister, Venna Smith; son-in-law, Ted Manker; grandson, Lance Berger; and great grandson, Jaden Berger.

She was born Sept. 23, 1923, to Leslie Wilmer Hyde and Edna Elvira Nelson Hyde in Fairview, Idaho. Mom was raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, where she met and married Eldon Eugene Fite on Nov. 3, 1946. After retirement, they moved to Fairfield, Idaho, in 1980 and then relocated to St. George, Utah, in 2003.

Mom was a great storyteller and loved playing and cheating at cards with friends. She also enjoyed her travels with the Good Sams groups. Mom was always busy doing handiwork — sewing, crocheting and knitting. She was an active member of the LDS Church.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Mom will be laid to rest in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of McMillan Mortuary. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcmillanmortuary.com](http://www.mcmillanmortuary.com).

## Kim Duane Maddox

SHOSHONE — Kim Duane Maddox, 45, passed away Dec. 11, 2010, at his home.



He was born Dec. 24, 1964, in San Francisco, Calif. He was then taken into the loving arms of Elva and Clarke Maddox and brought home to live in Fairfield, Idaho. His adoptive family later moved to Jerome, where he was raised and attended school.

He married Shanna Mead and was blessed with two children, James and Kara, whom he loved with all his heart. Kim and Shanna were later divorced.

He moved to Shoshone and began an 18-year career with Gower Construction of Bellevue, Idaho. He formed and finished many concrete projects in the Wood River

Valley and adjacent areas.

He is survived by his children, James and Kara, two granddaughters, Kyara and Nikera of Jerome, his sister, Dawn Hansen of Jerome, uncle Bill Jackson, cousins Jim (Arlene) Jackson and Bud (Kearon) Jackson and their families, and many other cousins of Jerome. Last but not least, Shirley Kelley, his loving companion, of Shoshone.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln St., Jerome. Another gathering to share memories and libations will be held at 4 p.m. on Jan. 8 at the Iron Horse Saloon, 210 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. A potluck dinner is planned.

## Thomas 'Tom' Andrew Gibson

Thomas "Tom" A. Gibson, 89, of Twin Falls and formerly of Hansen, Idaho, passed away Friday afternoon, Nov. 26, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.



Tom was born March 2, 1921, in Dayton, Ore., the son of Thomas and Mabel Gibson. He grew up and attended schools in Yamhill; graduating from Yamhill High School in 1939. Tom worked as a logger before he went to work in the Portland shipyards. Tom married Mary Perry on March 28, 1942, in Tigard, Ore. Together they raised four children, Tom, John, Ann and Ron. Tom was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, where he served his country proudly in northern Africa and Italy. He was honorably discharged in 1945. Following his service in the Army, he came to Idaho to work on the farm that his father, Thomas Gibson homesteaded in Hansen. Tom farmed and ranched in Hansen and Hagerman all of his life and took great pride in his crops and cattle. Tom and Mary retired and moved from Hansen into Bridgeview Retirement Estates, where they enjoyed all of their close friends.

Tom was a very active member of the Kimberly Christian Church in Kimberly and the Bliss Community Church in Bliss. He was also a recipient of the Gooding County Grassman of the Year in 1964. His highlight of his life was his devotion to his wife of 60 years and his family.

Tom enjoyed being outdoors being a farmer and

rancher. His love was his family and spending time with them; he enjoyed playing card games with his kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom is survived by his four children, Tom E. (Jeanne) Gibson of Hansen, John (Irene) Gibson of Kimberly, Ann (Gary) Ledbetter of Kimberly and Ron (Diana) Gibson of Bremerton, Wash.; his grandchildren, Lynniese (Jason) Thompson, Ondrea (Ryan) Kelso, Mike Gibson, Bob (Veronika) Gibson, Steve (Rena) Gibson, Heidi (Corey) Skinner, Andy Ledbetter, Connie (Kenny) Larsen, Misty (Bryan) Middlebrook and Jennifer (Jordan) Richardson; as well as 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Mary in 2002.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Steelman Borden of the Kimberly Christian Church officiating and military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans Association and Idaho National Guard.

The family suggests memorials be given in Tom's name to the Kimberly Christian Church, CSI Foundation for Tom/Mary Gibson or to a charity of your choice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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By Sarah Bultema  
Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — About 50 years ago, Jim Siegl picked up a block of wood and an X-Acto knife, and he began to carve. Soon that block of wood was transformed into a tiny elephant — and Jim had begun to shape a lifelong hobby.

From that one elephant grew a few more pachyderms, then other exotic animals, until Jim had handmade an entire circus out of wood — which was later appraised to be one of the largest carved circuses in the world, he said.

When he was finished, the woodworker donated the menagerie to a Wisconsin children's museum, and began looking for other inspirations to carve.

That's when he spotted a simple Santa Claus, which he re-created in wood.

"I thought that was cute," he said. "Maybe I'll make another."

Today, the 78-year-old has a lineup of about 130 carved Santas — each one shaped from a block of wood and later painted by his wife, Helen.

The couple haven't sold any of their pieces beyond a few commissions. Instead,



AP photo  
Jim and Helen Siegl pose with some of the 130 Santa Claus figures he has carved and she has painted at their Fort Collins, Colo. home.

they keep adding to their clan of Clauses simply for the love of the hobby.

"I get a real enjoyment in seeing something out of nothing," Jim said.

"It's nothing, to something you can hold and see and share."

Each piece begins with a solid block of linden wood, which Jim has shipped from his home state of Wisconsin.

From there, he uses vari-

ous Swiss gouges to begin whittling away at the wood. The carver starts with general shapes of the Santa-to-be, later working down to the finest details of a knit sweater or chubby cheeks.

A 4-inch-tall Santa will take 10 to 15 hours to carve, while a foot-tall one can take at least 100, he said.

From there, each Father Christmas is handed to Helen, who spends just as long mixing paints and del-

icately brushing on the colors and fine lines.

"When you retire you have a lot of patience," Helen said, noting that they need it to put in the effort required for each detail. "It's work, but it's fun."

In the end, the couple's patience pays off with every completed Santa — each one created with his own elaborate personality.

A stoic Scottish Santa wears a red kilt and tam cap, and carries a bag of goodies that have been detailed down to the tiny toy soldier's face.

Another jolly Claus tinkers with a pile of colorful ornaments — each one unique — which he places on a lush Christmas tree that has been carved by his side.

Many of the Saint Nicks were inspired by pictures the couple have clipped over the years. Others come from their imagination.

But different as they all may be, each one has a home in the couple's growing collection, which they take out each holiday season.

"They're all funny," Jim said with a smile.

In the future, the Siegl's hope to keep their Santas together and donate them to a children's hospital or museum.

But before that, the couple plans to continue creating Kris Kringles from wood.

"We're retired, and we don't want to waste our time," Jim said.

## Idaho schools weather tough budget year

By Jessie L. Bonner  
Associated Press

BOISE — In Idaho Falls, businesses were asked to pay for field trips because the local school district couldn't afford to send students on educational excursions to the museum or zoo.

At a Boise elementary school, the parent-teacher organization asked members to donate ink cartridges, Band-Aids and tissues, no longer raising money for fun extras but basic supplies.

A principal in the eastern Idaho town of Ammon kissed a pig, dyed his hair, wore a dress and rolled in Jell-O as a reward to students for bringing in money through various fundraisers.

These are just some of the lengths to which Idaho's public schools have

gone while patching holes in their education budgets, which were reduced by a total of \$128 million this year. And a budget plan submitted by the state Department of Education indicates the next fiscal year may bring more of the same.

But public schools chief Tom Luna stresses the budget plan he drafted for next year likely will change in the coming months. It proposes a stark scenario for public schools: another year with \$128 million less.

The fallout of decisions made in the 2011 Idaho Legislature, which convenes in January, will likely vary from school district to school district, said Luna, who was elected to another four-year term in November.

"The budget that I propose to the Legislature, I'm sure it's going to look dif-

ferent than what we presented in September," Luna said. "For the last four years, that's been the case."

Luna has already cautioned lawmakers he'll need \$60 million in new money to avoid more cuts to a budget that has already been reduced by 7.5 percent this year. His budget plan for next fiscal year, which starts in July, does not include the extra \$22 million that schools got from the state land endowment reserve this year.

There's also none of the one-time federal stimulus money that helped prop up previous school budgets.

Luna wants \$36 million to replace the temporary funding and another \$24 million

to cover an estimated 3,500 new students expected to enter the K-12 public school system next year. Altogether, \$60 million in new money is needed just to keep per-student spending at current levels, Luna said.

When it comes to how schools will weather the next fiscal year, a key factor will be how they used the \$51 million the federal government sent Idaho earlier this year to preserve teaching jobs, Luna said.

"If they saved some or all of it, obviously it's going to be easier for them to get through the next year," Luna said. "But for those districts that spent most or all of it, it's going to be a different story."

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# Civil War message opened, decoded: No help coming

By Steve Szkotak  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A glass vial stopped with a cork during the Civil War has been opened, revealing a coded message to the desperate Confederate commander in Vicksburg on the day the Mississippi city fell to Union forces 147 years ago.

The dispatch offered no hope to doomed Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton: Reinforcements are not on the way.

The encrypted, 6-line message was dated July 4, 1863, the date of Pemberton's surrender to Union forces led by Ulysses S. Grant, ending the Siege of Vicksburg in what historians say was a turning point midway into the Civil War.

The message is from a Confederate commander on the west side of the Mississippi River across from Pemberton.

"He's saying, 'I can't help you. I have no troops, I have no supplies, I have no way to get over there,'" Museum of the Confederacy collections manager Catherine M. Wright said of the author of the dispiriting message. "It was just another punctuation mark to just how desperate and dire everything was."

The bottle, less than 2 inches in length, had sat undisturbed at the museum since 1896. It was a gift from Capt. William A. Smith, of King George County, who served during the Vicksburg siege.

It was Wright who decided to investigate the contents of the strange little bottle containing a tightly wrapped note, a .38-caliber bullet and a white thread.

"Just sort of a curiosity thing," said Wright. "This notion of, do we have any idea what his message says?"

The answer was no.

Wright asked a local art conservator, Scott Nolley, to examine the clear vial before

she attempted to open it. He looked at the bottle under an electron microscope and discovered that salt had bonded the cork tightly to the bottle's mouth. He put the bottle on a hotplate to expand the glass, used a scalpel to loosen the cork, then gently plucked it out with tweezers.

The sewing thread was looped around the 6 1/2-by-2 1/2-inch paper, which was folded to fit into the bottle. The rolled message was removed and taken to a paper conservator, who successfully unfurled the message.

But the coded message, which appears to be a random collection of letters, did not reveal itself immediately.

Eager to learn the meaning of the code, Wright took the message home for the weekend to decipher. She had no success.

A retired CIA code breaker, David Gaddy, was contacted, and he cracked the code in several weeks.

A Navy cryptologist independently confirmed Gaddy's interpretation. Cmdr. John B. Hunter, an information warfare officer, said he deciphered the code over two weeks while on deployment aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. A computer could have unscrambled the words in a fraction of the time.

"To me, it was not that difficult," he said. "I had fun with this and it took me longer than I should have."

The code is called the "Vigenere cipher," a centuries-old encryption in which letters of the alphabet are shifted a set number of places so an "a" would become a "d" — essentially, creating words with different letter combinations.

The code was widely used by Southern forces during the Civil War, according to Civil War Times Illustrated.

The source of the message was likely Maj. Gen. John G. Walker, of the Texas Division, who had under his

command William Smith, the donor of the bottle.

The full text of the message to Pemberton reads:

"Gen'l Pemberton: You can expect no help from this side of the river. Let Gen'l Johnston know, if possible, when you can attack the same point on the enemy's lines. Inform me also and I will endeavor to make a diversion. I have sent some caps (explosive devices). I subjoin a despatch from General Johnston."

The last line, Wright said, seems to suggest a separate delivery to Pemberton would be the code to break the message.

"The date of this message clearly indicates that this person has no idea that the city is about to be surrendered," she said.

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**Terry R. Downs\***

It started about four years ago when a new family moved into the neighborhood. This husband and wife were concerned about the safety of their children in a neighborhood of strangers. Their solution, host a Block Christmas Party. It provided an opportunity to meet their neighbors and build relationships. That party is now an annual event. This humble beginning evolved into a network of caring people who provide meals to sick neighbors, shovel snow for the elderly, and have regular interactions about the everyday issues that affect the families that reside on that street.

These neighbors shared with me many heartwarming stories of mutual concern. Like the seriously ill parent who was able to rely on a neighborhood approach to arranging for the daily care of their children during the illness. I heard numerous examples of their heightened dedication to mutual care. There have been countless hours and more than a few dollars committed to this effort. The return on this expenditure has been a safer neighborhood and greater peace of mind for its residents. According to one local real estate agent, anecdotal evidence indicates that this investment of goodwill has also allowed homes on this street to retain higher property values. While this writing does not identify the neighborhood, one of its residents told me that it is easily recognized by the number of children playing in their front yards.

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EDITORIAL

# A jarring reminder that tolerance is a work in progress

**A**s a community, we're embarrassed. An alleged hate crime at the Twin Falls Walmart store three days before Christmas reminds us that, as diverse a city as Twin Falls has become, tolerance is a lesson we're still learning.

Police say a Twin Falls man threatened a Muslim woman who was shopping at Walmart on Wednesday and told her he had a concealed weapon.

According to police, he approached the woman — who was wearing a traditional Muslim head covering and dress and was accompanied by her two children — and asked if she was Muslim.

When the woman said she was, he reportedly told her he spent 2 1/2 years in Iraq and “my friends were killed by you, I was blown up by you,” according to court records.

Witnesses interviewed by police said they heard the suspect shout at the woman, use profanities and make several references to his concealed weapon, according to court records. He also allegedly yelled that the woman “didn’t belong here in the U.S.,” according to the court affidavit.

After the woman told him her father had died for his country, the suspect allegedly screamed at her, asking why she’s Muslim, according to the affidavit.

He also allegedly told the woman he had killed lots of Muslims and planned to kill more, court records say. The woman, when interviewed by police, said she was frightened by the threats.

Police found the suspect in his vehicle, where an officer removed a loaded handgun from the center console, according to the affidavit.

John C. Larsen, 42, was arraigned Thursday on a charge of felony malicious harassment in Twin Falls County 5th District Court. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 30.

It’s important to remember that although Larsen has been charged with this crime, he hasn’t been convicted.

But it’s equally important to appreciate that this community does not tolerate hate crimes.

“This behavior cannot be condoned,” Lt. Craig Stotts said. “In the United States of America, as long as people are obeying the laws, they are allowed to go about their lives without being threatened for their religious beliefs or their ethnicity.”

Prompted by northern Idaho human rights activists reacting to the white supremacist Aryan Nations, Idaho developed fairly robust hate crimes laws, although they don’t protect victims of crime because of sexual orientation. The Legislature should add that provision.

There’s also a federal hate crimes law that prosecutors can use. Last year a Nampa man and a Middleton man were convicted by a jury of beating an African American as he left a Walmart in Nampa. Both are serving time in federal prison.

We hope the victim of the Twin Falls Walmart incident and her two children will understand that last week’s events don’t represent this community. Law-abiding neighbors are welcome here.

### IDAHO'S HATE CRIME LAWS

- **Idaho's Malicious Harassment Act (adopted in 1983)** — It’s a felony to maliciously harass any person because of race, color, national origin, religion or creed. This offense is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for each occurrence.
- **Idaho's Civil Remedies Act (adopted in 1987)** — A victim of malicious harassment as defined above, may sue the harasser for actual damages, punitive damages and attorney fees.
- **Idaho's Domestic Terrorist Control Act (adopted in 1987)** — If two or more individuals engage in paramilitary training in Idaho, they can be sentenced for up to 10 years in prison and fined up to \$50,000.
- **Uniform Hate Crimes Reporting Act (adopted in 1989)** — This act requires all law enforcement agencies in Idaho to specially report to the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement all hate crimes committed on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, or creed.
- **Idaho's Explosive Devices Act (adopted in 1997)** — Prohibits possession of explosive devices with intent to commit a crime.
- **Idaho's Common Law Courts Act** — Prohibits impersonating a public official or acting as a public official with intent to intimidate private citizens or lawfully appointed officials.
- **Idaho's False Lien Act (adopted in 1996)** — Prohibits filing a false lien with intent to intimidate or harass a private citizen or public official.

# Not always a living



## Idaho's paychecks aren't keeping up

**M**ost job openings in Idaho don’t pay enough for families to make ends meet, according to a study from the Seattle-based Alliance for a Just Society.

Fifty-three percent of job openings pay less than \$14.25 an hour, the living wage for a single adult. More than four out of five jobs, 88 percent, pay less than \$26.44 an hour, the living wage for a single adult with two children.

And for each job opening that pays at least \$14.25 an hour, the living wage for a single adult, there are eight job seekers on average. For each job opening that pays at least \$26.44 an hour, the living wage for a single adult with two children, there are 30 job seekers on average.

Here are some other highlights from the study:

### Idaho job gap, 2010

	Single adult	Single parent 1 child	Single parent 2 kids	Two working parents 2 kids
Total job seekers (108,000)				
Total job openings (30,340)				
Living wage job openings	14,341	7,436	3,596	3,516
Job seeks per living wage opening	8:1	15:1	30:1	31:1
% job opening paying less living wage	53%	75%	88%	88%

### Idaho family budgets, 2010

	Single adult	Single parent 1 child	Single parent 2 kids	Two working parents 2 kids
Food	\$188	\$356	\$470	\$687
Housing/utilities	\$584	\$707	\$707	\$707
Transportation	\$605	\$564	\$568	\$1,367
Health care	\$123	\$250	\$363	\$422
Household and clothing	\$375	\$467	\$527	\$796
Savings	\$208	\$261	\$293	\$442
Child care	0	\$539	\$1,128	\$1,128
Taxes	\$4,639	\$5,648	\$6,346	\$8,798
Gross monthly income	\$2,470	\$3,315	\$4,584	\$6,281
Gross annual income needed	\$29,642	\$43,739	\$55,002	\$75,312
Living wage	\$14.25/hr	\$20.86/hr	\$26.44/hr	\$36.24/hr

See **PAYCHECKS**, Opinion 3

*“For each job opening that pays at least \$26.44 an hour, the living wage for a single adult with two children, there are 30 job seekers on average.”*

# How Idaho conservatives learned to love the food stamps program

By Annie Lowrey  
State

**O**f all the numbers quantifying this recession, few can match the grim precision of 42,911,042.

That’s the number of Americans, mostly children and the elderly, who used food stamps in September — 521,428 more than in August, itself a record month, and 12 million more than in September 2008. In the past

year, according to the Department of Agriculture, every state has seen its rolls swell — with increases ranging from 5.1 percent in West Virginia to 28.7 percent in Nevada.

Then there is Idaho. Enrollment in the state’s program soared nearly 40 percent year-on-year, 10 percentage points more than in any other state. What gives in potato country? In one sense, the jump is expected, given the economic fundamentals.

Unemployment sits at 9.1 percent — lower than the national average, but eons away from the 2.7 percent rate the state saw just before the recession hit. Idaho has also suffered a catastrophic housing



Editor’s note: Westword is a sampling of opinion from newspapers and other media in the West.

bust, causing billions of dollars of wealth to evaporate. But there’s another reason for the soaring growth: Idaho has made it easier and quicker for residents to apply.

The recession created an explosion in demand for the benefits now known as SNAP, for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. But that explosion in demand just happened to coincide with a decade-long sea change for the program, now seen as efficient and effective — the lean machine of the social safety net.

The story starts in the Clinton days, when welfare reform spurred the stigmatization of support programs from food stamps to welfare

to WIC. The occasionally toxic rhetoric on welfare payments (remember Reagan’s mythic welfare queens in pink Cadillacs?) sometimes found its target in the food program. Though President Bill Clinton supported expanding food stamp participation rates, his own Department of Health and Human Services boasted that new food stamp rules would promote the bipartisan goal of “ending the dependence of needy parents on government benefits.” The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 — welfare reform — tightened eligibility rules. Between 1996 and 2000, with stricter rules and a booming economy, participation rates plummeted.

Fast forward two years. President George W. Bush appointed Eric Bost as his under-secretary for food, nutrition, and consumer services at the USDA, and the two went on a quiet crusade to expand eligibility, increase enrollment, and reduce stigma around nutrition aid. In 2002, for instance, Bush announced his

See **FOOD STAMPS**, Opinion 2

### HOW IDAHO'S LAWS COMPARE

Idaho	Nevada	Oregon	Utah	Wyoming	Montana	Washington
<b>VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION</b>						
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>CIVIL ACTION</b>						
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>CRIMINAL PENALTY</b>						
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>RACE/RELIGION/ETHNICITY</b>						
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>SEXUAL ORIENTATION</b>						
No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>GENDER</b>						
No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
<b>DISABILITY</b>						
No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
<b>POLITICAL AFFILIATION</b>						
No	No	No	No	No	No	No
<b>AGE</b>						
No	No	No	No	No	No	No
<b>INSTITUTIONAL VANDALISM</b>						
No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

— Source: Anti-Defamation League

# Food stamps

Continued from Opinion 1

support for letting legal immigrants apply for benefits, and he pushed the provision into the farm bill — granting about 300,000 more people eligibility at a multibillion-dollar federal cost. Bost also expanded the size of aid and outreach for SNAP, “reflecting the administration’s commitment to the nutrition safety net” — no mention of welfare there. In negotiations around the 2008 farm bill, the Bush administration took a final, fateful step to reduce stigma and pull the program into the 21st century. The USDA officially rebranded food stamps as SNAP benefits, with a focus on nutrition rather than free food.

The cocktail of rising unemployment, stagnant wages, eased access to support programs, and purposeful destigmatization during the Bush administration meant that rolls swelled — from 17 million when he took office to 28 million when he left. That caused some consternation among conservatives. But the administration pushed back. “I don’t have any problems with those programs growing, and indeed, they were intended to grow,” Ron Haskins, a Bush adviser, told the Associated Press in 2007.

Why might conservatives come to the benefits’ defense? In part, because among government safety-net programs, food stamps are a model of efficiency. Welfare is not great at getting people to work. Disability insurance too often goes to people who are not actually disabled. Unemployment insurance (not a welfare program, but a safety net nevertheless) tends to increase the duration of unemployment. But food stamps are great at reducing hunger while also, for instance, helping local businesses, improving student grades, and reducing the likelihood a family will go on a more expensive program, like welfare.

Moreover, waste, fraud, and overhead costs are low, comparatively. During the Bush administration, states completed the move to a new debit-card payment system, an initiative started under Clinton. Practically overnight, that cut by one-third overpayments, underpayments, and payments going to the wrong household. The accuracy rate is now about 95 percent, and overhead costs are down to 10 percent — low, given that case workers do in-person interviews with every recipient. “Accuracy has actually reached record highs, despite the fact that so many more people are applying due to the recession,” notes Stacy Dean of the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities.

The benefits are hardly generous — working out to about \$1 per meal per member of household. And the qualification standards are strict. In many states, families cannot have more than a few thousand dollars’ worth of saleable assets. In most, they need to be within 130 percent of the poverty line, or \$28,665 for a family of four.

Still, the food safety net

does not come cheap: The government spends about \$70 billion a year on the program. Most of that money goes straight into cash-strapped families’ pockets and then straight to a grocer. That’s why, from a broader economic perspective, food stamps are the single best form of government stimulus: Economists estimate that every \$1 the government borrows to spend on food stamps generates about \$1.80 in economic activity. It’s a welfare program even a conservative — if not every conservative — can love.

Under the Obama administration, the push for SNAP has continued, with a USDA initiative this spring to have retail outlets post signs reading “We Welcome SNAP Benefits.” “Underscoring that SNAP benefits are welcome, rather than merely accepted, signals an important change in the way both retailers and program participants view these benefits,” Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

So back to Idaho. It would be a stretch to say the highly conservative state promotes SNAP benefits. It is one of a handful of states that still calls them “food stamps.” (In California, by contrast, the program is known as “CalFresh.”) It is one of a handful of states that does not have a public awareness campaign about the benefits and makes no efforts to persuade folks to sign up.

But over the course of the recession, Idaho has made it easier for potential recipients to apply. Approval interviews for prospective recipients now take place quickly after applications come in. Wait time has fallen dramatically. And Republican Gov. Butch Otter supported making the program more accessible over the objections of his Republican-dominated legislature. In 2009 the state suspended the “asset test,” wherein applicants to SNAP need to show that they have less than \$2,000 in certain assets in order to qualify.

Of course, not everyone in Idaho is in love with the program. “The whole philosophy behind federal food aid is wrong because we are missing a good opportunity to teach people how to stretch their food dollars,” one legislator said in response to the change. “We are instead teaching people to become reliant on the government for sustenance.”

Nonetheless, Idaho has made it easier for Idahoans to benefit. And other states have done far more to promote the program in response to the recession, reaching out to families that might be eligible — particularly low-income working families and the elderly. “We actually don’t know the participation rates yet, the proportion of people that could receive assistance that are receiving assistance,” says CBPP’s Dean. “But all signs are that the updated systems, reduced stigma, and improved outreach have allowed SNAP to respond to keep up with new entrants to the program.”

Annie Lowrey reports on economics and business for *Slate*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Christmas story of inspiration

In the spirit of Christmas, I’d like to share this story with anyone else out there who is struggling to feel the holiday spirit this year.

Having gone through many personal and professional upheavals this year, I haven’t really felt like celebrating the holidays. Then earlier this week, I attended the funeral of a man whom I didn’t know in order to support a friend. Being two of the last to arrive, we had to stand in the back throughout the service. It was one of the most personal services I’ve been to and I began to wish I’d had a chance to meet this man who tragically died in a car accident. Toward the end of the service, I noticed a young boy slowly walking down the aisle toward us. He was stopping every few pews and smiling and whispering to people. I asked my friend who this boy was and he replied that it was the deceased man’s son. I continued to watch and realized this young man was comforting people. He would stop and pat people on the shoulder, give big hugs, touch their faces and smile. I was so moved I couldn’t take my eyes off him. This child, who lost his father the week before Christmas, whose life has completely changed, was taking the time to comfort others.

Having been given the honor of attending this man’s funeral and watch this amazing child’s kindness is one of the most inspiring gifts I’ve ever received. The spirit of Christmas isn’t in the gifts, the decor or even the celebrations, it’s in the sharing.

I’ve thought about this boy many times this week and I can’t seem to get the vision of his young caring smile out of my head. I hope I never do.

JULIE KODESH  
Twin Falls

### Questioning Rammell’s motivation for proposed wolf hunts

I heard Rex Rammell speak during the primary campaign. He mostly talked about how he hated wolves and how people loved him. He then talked about how he hated the federal government and wanted to get it out of Idaho. I finally said, “I know what you are against, I don’t know what you plan to do.” He didn’t seem to have a plan. He didn’t strike me as a leader, someone with vision, who might draw together diverse interests to solve pressing problems.

I now read he wants to get a posse together to go kill wolves. Since wolves were the main focus of his campaign and he didn’t get that many votes; you wonder where his motives come from. If you, your loved ones or your property are threatened by anything, I believe you have the right to defend them; this doesn’t seem to be the case here.

There are lots of sides to every question, but my thoughts are if Rammell and his posse want to go against the wolves in some fair fight, say a spear for distance and a knife for

close quarter fighting I might be for it. Ostensibly the argument is that they are both alpha predators competing for the same food. If they came back alive, with all their parts, I would acknowledge their manhood, which seems to be the real issue here. If they didn’t then there are serious questions to be raised about who should really listed at the top of the food chain.

BILL CHISHOLM  
Buhl

### Arts center opening shows dedication of community members

Congratulations to our community for having reached a beautiful and important milestone in our growth with the opening of the Twin Falls Center for the Arts. What a tremendous achievement for the citizens of the city of Twin Falls and surrounding Magic Valley communities that will build connections between citizens for so many generations into the future.

Since the very beginning conversations, with just a mere spark of an idea between the Magic Valley Arts Council and the Blue Lakes and Twin Falls Rotary clubs, this grew into an well-run machine that involved many committees in each stage of development from community feasibility, impact studies and recommendations, site selection, design and fundraising. Such a monumental task would not have been possible without devoted and dedicated community members and arts patrons.

This is an exciting time for the greater Twin Falls area. This beautiful center will have the ability to cross all socio-economic groups, from those well versed in appreciation of the arts to those newly introduced to the beauty and dimension that the arts can bring to life. Our community has an untold depth of creative talent — visual, performing and literary — and that depth is going to become better known as the arts center gains its footing within the community under wise guidance of the arts council and its board of directors.

Communities with strong arts centers are not only more vibrant but also more economically successful. The ability to leverage suc-

cessful economic outcomes because our community has an arts center will be phenomenal. The recreational opportunities available has just multiplied, enabling Twin Falls to compete for the same dollars that other communities who have a variety of entertainment and activity options available to their residents, visitors, tourists and, very importantly, to businesses looking to locate within the community.

I am very appreciative to have been involved in the project from the beginning as executive director of the organization and, despite no longer being with the arts council, I am extremely proud of the outcome of the finished project. Every arts center committee member, arts council staff and board members and the Rotary clubs who were part of the development deserves the community’s praise.

STACY MADSEN  
Twin Falls

### Praise for wellness clinic donors

I want to express my thanks to all the people who made contributions to the Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic during our “Women of Worth” fundraising event. As a volunteer nurse at the clinic, I became aware of the dire need for monetary donations to keep many of the clinic’s programs up and running.

It was immensely gratifying to see our community come together for this much-needed cause. The Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic provides free medical care for the working uninsured or underinsured. This is not a tax-supported clinic but rather health care provided by many volunteer professionals. Your contributions will be well used to help provide this free care for those in need. Contributions continue to come in, as well as renewed awareness of the services we provide to our fellows in need.

Continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers in the coming New Year. May the joy of giving be yours.

KATHY SWAN-STIVERS  
Twin Falls

### Karnation owner speaks out

I would like to start out by stating that I am the proud owner of Karnation Intimate Apparel Inc. and have been in business since 1995. I feel it is time I respond to all I have been reading.

I did receive a letter from the Twin Falls Police Department asking us to evaluate our inventory to ensure we are in compliance of the law. At no time did they state that we are not. All three of my stores stock an abundance of lingerie; we specialize in bra fittings for all sizes, carry the added products to go with those sales like bubble bath, games, massage lotion and oils, lubricants, etc.

Karnation Intimate Apparel does not stock pornography. I also want to add that I have never advertised that I carry such items.

I know personally that I have respect for my community that I live in and the community of Twin Falls and Idaho Falls, where my two other stores are located. I am a member of the chamber of commerce and Better Business Bureau in all three cities.

I have a wonderful and professional staff representing my company every day. Many of my staff has been working for me for years.

I have spent a few days the last couple of weeks in Twin Falls and have heard over and over again from our customers that they are shocked that anyone would think that we stock anything illegal or obscene.

I want to end by thanking all of our customers for your patronage the last six years and wish the entire community a safe and happy new year.

MICHELLE MEYER  
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# Paychecks

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## Living wages by county

County	Living wage
<b>1. Blaine</b>	<b>\$17.43/hr</b>
2. Ada	\$14.75/hr
3. Boise	\$14.74/hr
Tie. Owyhee	\$14.74/hr
Tie. Canyon	\$14.74/hr
6. Kootenai	\$14.71/hr
7. Gem	\$14.68/hr
8. Bonner	\$14.49/hr
9. Benewah	\$14.24/hr
Tie. Boundary	\$14.24/hr
<b>Bottom 10</b>	
County	Living wage
1. Madison	\$13.14/hr
2. Bingham	\$13.16/hr
3. Oneida	\$13.31/hr
Tie. Bear Lake	\$13.31/hr
5. Power	\$13.36/hr
6. Bannock	\$13.38/hr
7. Caribou	\$13.39/hr
8. Shoshone	\$13.34/hr
Tie. Elmore	\$13.34/hr

10. Teton	\$13.49/hr
Tie. Lemhi	\$13.49/hr
Tie. Fremont	\$13.49/hr
Tie. Butte	\$13.49/hr
Tie. Clark	\$13.49/hr
<b>Other south-central Idaho</b>	
counties	Living wage
11. Twin Falls	\$13.97/hr
12. Camas	\$13.96/hr
Tie. Cassia	\$13.96/hr
Tie. Jerome	\$13.96/hr
Tie. Lincoln	\$13.96/hr
Tie. Gooding	\$13.96/hr
28. Minidoka	\$13.60/hr

County	Living wage
<b>1. Blaine</b>	<b>\$23.45/hr</b>
2. Ada	\$21.93/hr
Tie. Boise	\$21.93/hr
4. Kootenai	\$21.37/hr
5. Bonner	\$21.25/hr
6. Boundary	\$21.11/hr
Tie. Benewah	\$21.11/hr
8. Elmore	\$21.08/hr
9. Valley	\$21/hr
10. Owyhee	\$20.82/hr
<b>Bottom 10</b>	
County	Living wage

1. Bingham	\$19.43/hr
<b>2. Minidoka</b>	<b>\$19.47/hr</b>
3. Madison	\$19.59/hr
4. Caribou	\$19.60/hr
Tie. Oneida	\$19.60/hr
Tie. Bear Lake	\$19.60/hr
7. Power	\$19.72/hr
Tie. Bannock	\$19.72/hr
9. Shoshone	\$19.84/hr
10. Adams	\$19.89/hr
Tie. Washington	\$19.89/hr
<b>Other south-central Idaho</b>	
counties	Living wage
13. Twin Falls	\$20.46/hr
14. Cassia	\$20.32/hr
Tie. Jerome	\$20.32/hr
Tie. Gooding	\$20.32/hr
Tie. Lincoln	\$20.32/hr
Tie. Camas	\$20.32/hr

County	Living wage
<b>1. Blaine</b>	<b>\$28.39/hr</b>
2. Ada	\$28.36/hr
Tie. Boise	\$28.36/hr
4. Elmore	\$27.48/hr
5. Valley	\$28.39/hr
6. Kootenai	\$27/hr

7. Bonner	\$26.87/hr
8. Benewah	\$26.74/hr
Tie. Boundary	\$26.74/hr
10. Idaho	\$26.45/hr
<b>Bottom 10</b>	
County	Living wage
<b>1. Minidoka</b>	<b>\$24.39/hr</b>
2. Bingham	\$24.65/hr
3. Bear Lake	\$24.82/hr
Tie. Caribou	\$24.82/hr
Tie. Oneida	\$24.82/hr
6. Madison	\$24.84/hr
7. Power	\$24.93/hr
Tie. Bannock	\$24.93/hr
9. Washington	\$25/hr
Tie. Adams	\$25/hr
<b>Other south-central Idaho</b>	
counties	Living wage
11. Twin Falls	\$26.11/hr
23. Cassia	\$25.24/hr
Tie. Jerome	\$25.24/hr
Tie. Lincoln	\$25.24/hr
Tie. Gooding	\$25.24/hr
Tie. Camas	\$25.24/hr

County	Living wage
<b>1. Blaine</b>	<b>\$38.12/hr</b>

2. Ada	\$38.10/hr
Tie. Boise	\$38.10/hr
4. Elmore	\$37.27/hr
5. Valley	\$37.18/hr
6. Kootenai	\$36.79/hr
7. Bonner	\$36.67/hr
8. Benewah	\$36.54/hr
9. Boundary	\$36.49/hr
9. Idaho	\$36.24/hr
<b>Bottom 10</b>	
County	Living wage
<b>1. Minidoka</b>	<b>\$34.18/hr</b>
2. Bingham	\$34.45/hr
3. Caribou	\$34.61/hr
Tie. Bear Lake	\$34.61/hr
Tie. Oneida	\$34.61/hr
6. Power	\$34.73/hr
Tie. Bannock	\$34.73/hr
8. Adams	\$34.80/hr
Tie. Washington	\$34.80/hr
10. Payette	\$34.82/hr
<b>Other south-central Idaho</b>	
County	Living wage
22. Twin Falls	\$35.17/hr
23. Cassia	\$35.04/hr
Tie. Jerome	\$35.04/hr
Tie. Lincoln	\$35.04/hr
Tie. Camas	\$35.04/hr
Tie. Gooding	\$35.04/hr

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Delinquent penalty will add to burden of struggling citizens

I think the proposal for a 20 percent delinquent penalty for utility bills is ridiculous. Our water and sewer bills in Jerome are high enough anyway. Have our elected officials forgotten that we are in the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression? All this does is make it harder for people to pay their bills.

The 20 percent penalty will make it harder for people who are struggling to this. Sometimes I feel that my elected officials, especially here in Jerome, are insensitive and out of touch with reality. Certainly a larger deposit on the utilities would take care of this. This is no way to conduct business, taking it out on those that are having a difficult time.

Remember the mayor that caused water and sewer bills to go sky high to pay for the Crossroads Ranch project to pump sewer to the west side of town. He said that would not cost the people any money. I never believed that, and it did cost us plenty.

I am sure they are facing a difficult decision on the utility bills and many other

issues. But please remember that there are many citizens out there that are good people who may be struggling.

LARRY LAUB  
Jerome

### Parents seek help for imprisoned son

To the president of the United States of America:

I am requesting that the United States government exercise her strength on behalf of one of her sons, Paul Waggoner. Paul was arrested Dec. 12, 2010, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on what appears to be a false charge and extortion. Despite reports to the contrary, the U.S. Embassy has not visited him since his transfer to the National Penitentiary on Dec. 16, 2010.

I request that the U.S. government secure his release from the National Penitentiary in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, while the investigation is being conducted. I am confident that you will find the American people in favor of this action.

Please be bold enough to stand behind this humanitarian and show the American people that you support her people when they behave like Americans. Display your confidence in

this U.S. citizen for the altruistic humanitarian work he has been doing.

PAUL THOMPSON  
Twin Falls

### Assange learning the damage leaks can do

Isn't it a shame that Mr.

Assange of WikiLeaks is upset because someone leaked information regarding his shenanigans in Sweden.

Amazing how much the shoe hurts when it is on the other foot.

ALDYS J. CONNORS  
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# GOP leads effort to oppose policies most people support

By Alan Fram and Jennifer Agiesta  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans say they will follow “the people’s priorities” when they gain power on Capitol Hill next month. Yet when it came to tax cuts for the wealthy and other top issues that dominated the just concluded lame-duck Congress, the GOP either defied what most Americans want or followed their will only after grudging, drawn-out battles.

Relentlessly focused on the next election, politicians are usually loath to act against voter sentiment. Still, the post-election weeks of the 111th Congress saw battles in which Washington seemed oblivious to the direction most people wanted lawmakers to take, as measured by public opinion polls. These included:

- Congress’ approval of a compromise between President Obama and congressional GOP leaders renewing expiring tax cuts for everyone, despite broad public opposition to including people earning over \$250,000. An Associated Press-CNBC Poll in late November found only 34 percent wanted taxes reduced for the richest Americans.

- Democrats’ struggle before Congress finally repealed the prohibition against gays serving openly in the military. An ABC News-Washington Post poll this month showed 77 percent favored ending the ban, consistent with other polls, and a Pentagon survey of thousands of servicemen and women found 7 in 10 supporting the move or saying it wouldn’t hurt.

- The failure of Democrats to approve the Dream Act, which would have helped many young illegal immigrants become citizens if they attend college or join the military. A Gallup Poll this month found 54 percent

support for the measure.

- Roadblocks the Obama administration faced before ultimately persuading the Senate to ratify a new nuclear treaty with Russia, even as an AP-GfK Poll last month showed 67 percent backing Senate approval of the START pact.

On each, Republicans led the effort to oppose policies that most people support, though Obama and many Democrats eventually joined them to back tax cuts for upper-income families. Capitalizing on the leverage they gained by winning House control and extra Senate seats on Election Day, the GOP used Senate procedures to force Democrats to get large majorities to prevail. In the case of START, GOP



Boehner

leaders forced delays that in the end were not successful at denying Obama and Democrats the two-thirds Senate majority that the Constitution requires to ratify a treaty.

The GOP’s stance was striking for a party that spent much of the 2010 congressional campaign accusing Democrats of ignoring the public’s will, a sentiment echoed by Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, expected to be the next House speaker.

“Beginning in January, the House is going to become the outpost in Washington for the American people and their desire for a smaller, less-costly and more accountable government,” Boehner said. “The president’s agen-

da may be the agenda of Washington, but beginning Jan. 5th the agenda of this House will be the agenda of the American people. The people’s priorities will be our priorities.”

On some of the final issues, Obama and Congress listened to what most people want.

While polls show wide concern about record budget deficits, people are leery of addressing the problem by raising taxes or cutting cherished programs like Social Security or Medicare. Politicians went nowhere near such unpopular proposals. In a token move that would have little budget impact, Obama proposed freezing federal workers’ salaries, which most people support, and Congress quickly agreed.

On other matters, law-

makers were driven more by what each party’s strongest supporters wanted, according to analysts on both sides.

“This is definitely a listen-to-your-base lame-duck session,” said GOP pollster Glen Bolger.

On the lame duck’s marquee issue, Obama and Republican leaders reached a deal to retain everyone’s tax cuts — a GOP demand — for two more years, and to extend unemployment benefits to millions of people whose coverage was expiring, a priority of Democrats and the administration.

Polls by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center and ABC News-Washington Post showed at least 6 in 10 Americans supported that compromise, making the deal easier for many Democrats to back.

But most Democrats

opposed giving the tax breaks to the highest-earning Americans, a position that an AP-CNBC poll showed was shared by nearly 2 in 3 people, including 8 in 10 Democrats. In the end, though, many of them were reluctant to reject the compromise, knowing its defeat would mean they had capped 2010 by voting to let peoples’ taxes rise in January.

“It says, ‘We don’t want to be seen as the ones who raise taxes for everyone,’” Democratic pollster Dave Beattie said of why many Democratic lawmakers backed down and supported the tax deal.

It was easy for most Republicans to support the tax legislation, since a majority of their supporters favor upper-income tax cuts.

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# Pope urges courage for Catholics in China, Iraq

By Frances D'Emilio  
Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — Iraqi Christians celebrated a somber Christmas in a Baghdad cathedral stained with dried blood, while Pope Benedict XVI exhorted Chinese Catholics to stay loyal despite restrictions on them in a holiday address laced with worry for the world's Christian minorities.

Saturday's grim news seemed to highlight the pope's concern for his flock's welfare.

In northern Nigeria, attacks on two churches by Muslim sect members claimed six lives, while bombings in central Nigeria, a region plagued by Christian-Muslim violence, killed 32 people, officials said.

Eleven people including a priest were injured by a bombing during Christmas Mass in a police chapel in the Philippines, which has the largest Catholic population in Asia. The attack took place on Jolo island, a stronghold of al-Qaida linked militants.

But joy seemed to prevail in Bethlehem, the West Bank town where Jesus was born, which bustled with its



AP photo

Pope Benedict XVI blesses the faithful during the 'Urbi et Orbi' (to the City and to the World) message Saturday in St. Peter's square at the Vatican.

biggest crowd of Christian pilgrims in years.

The suffering of Christians around the world framed much of the pontiff's traditional Christmas Day "Urbi et Orbi" message (Latin for "to the city and to the world"). Bundled up in an ermine-trimmed crimson

cape against a chilly rain, he delivered his assessment of world suffering from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

Benedict's exhortation to Catholics who have risked persecution in China highlighted a spike in tensions between Beijing and the

Vatican over the Chinese government's defiance of the pope's authority to name bishops. The pope has also been distressed by Chinese harassment of Rome-loyal bishops who didn't want to promote the state-backed official Catholic church.

"May the birth of the savior strengthen the spirit of faith, patience and courage of the faithful of the church in mainland China, that they may not lose heart through the limitations imposed on their freedom of religion and conscience," Benedict said, praying aloud.

Chinese church officials did not immediately comment late Saturday. A day earlier, one said the Vatican bears responsibility for restoring dialogue after it had criticized leadership changes in China's official church.

Persecution of Christians has been a pressing concern at the Vatican of late, espe-

cially over its dwindling flock in the Middle East. Christians only make up about 2 percent of the population in the Holy Land today, compared to about 15 percent in 1950. Earlier this month Benedict denounced lack of freedom of worship as a threat to world peace.

In Iraq, Christians have faced repeated violence by militants intent on driving them out of the country.

At Our Lady of Salvation church in Baghdad, bits of dried flesh and blood remained stuck on the ceiling, grim reminders of the Oct. 31 attack during Mass that killed 68 people. Black cassocks representing the two priests who perished in the al-Qaida assault hung from a wall. Bullet holes pocked the walls of the church, now surrounded by concrete blast barriers.

Reflecting the pope's hope that Christian minorities can

survive in their homelands, Archbishop Matti Shaba Matouka told the 300 worshippers: "No matter how hard the storm blows, love will save us."

After the October siege, about 1,000 Christian families fled to the relative safety of northern Iraq, according to U.N. estimates.

More than 100,000 pilgrims poured into Bethlehem since Christmas Eve, twice as many as last year, Israeli military officials said, calling it the highest number of holiday visitors in a decade.

"(It's) a really inspiring thing to be in the birthplace of Jesus at Christmas," said Greg Reihardt, 49, from Loveland, Colo.

Still, visitors entering Bethlehem had to cross through a massive metal gate in the separation barrier that Israel built between Jerusalem and the town during a wave of Palestinian attacks in last decade.



AP photo

Sp. Charles Moore, left, of Angleton, Texas, and Sp. Andrew Vanderhaeghen of Rochester, Minn., of 2nd Platoon Bravo Company 2-327 return fire during an attack by the Taliban on Combat Out Post Badel on Saturday in eastern Afghanistan.

# Top U.S. general visits troops in Afghanistan

By Elena Becatoros  
Associated Press writer

MARJAH, Afghanistan — The top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan crisscrossed the country on Saturday, making a Christmas visit to coalition troops at some of the main battle fronts in a show of appreciation and support in the tenth year of the war against the Taliban.

Gen. David Petraeus started his visit by traveling in a C-130 cargo plane from the capital, Kabul, to the northern province of Kunduz, telling troops with the U.S. Army's 1-87, 10th Mountain Division that on this day, there was "no place that (he) would rather be than here" where the "focus of our effort" was.

The northern part of the country has seen increased fighting, with the Taliban stepping up their attacks as NATO focuses its sights on the militant movement's southern strongholds. Petraeus was briefed on the

situation in the region by German Maj. Gen. Hans-Werner Fritz, the commander of NATO's northern regional command.

In eastern Afghanistan, where NATO forces are focused on trying to prevent insurgents from slipping in from neighboring Pakistan, one U.S. platoon spent their Christmas as they do almost every other day — in a fire-fight with insurgents. Taliban on nearby hills opened fire twice during the day on their Combat Out Post Badel, sparking short gumbattles as the U.S. soldiers returned fire. There were no American casualties. Badel and other such front-line posts come under similar attacks nearly daily.

Petraeus' visits Saturday also took him to the region of one of the main NATO offensives in the south this

year — the Taliban stronghold of Marjah in Helmand province, scene of some of the heaviest fighting recently with the Taliban.

He spoke to the Marines on the base, praising them for the improvements in the area, which still sees Taliban attacks.

"You are part of America's new greatest generation. It is not just the courage that you have shown, it is not just the skills that you have shown in arms, although you have had to do that on a near daily basis in tough areas like this," he told the men and women of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Unit. "It is the versatility that you demonstrate going outside the wire every day, being ready for a hand grenade or a hand-shake and knowing what to do if either of those comes your way."

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# Female bomber kills 45 at food center in Pakistan

By Anwarullah Khan  
Associated Press

KHAR, Pakistan — A burqa-clad female suicide bomber in Pakistan lobbed hand grenades, then detonated her explosive belt among a crowd at an aid center Saturday, killing at least 45 people in militants' latest strike against the authorities' control over the key tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

Police believed it was the first time Islamic militants have sent a woman to carry out a suicide attack in Pakistan, where the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan against al-Qaida and the Taliban insurgents continues to spill over despite Islamabad's repeated claims of victory on its side of the porous border.

The bomber, dressed in the head-to-toe burqa robes that women commonly wear in Pakistan and Afghanistan, was challenged by police at a check point, officials said.

She then charged toward a group of 300 people lined up outside the food aid distribution center in the town of Khar, tossing two hand grenades before blowing herself up, officials said. The crowd was made up of people who have fled conflicts



Pakistan army paramedics unload an injured victim of a suicide bombing at Lady Reading hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Saturday. A female suicide bomber detonated explosives at a crowded aid distribution center in north-west Pakistan on Saturday, killing at least 45 people. AP photo

elsewhere in the area. President Obama condemned the bombing as "outrageous." In a statement released in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was spending Christmas, Obama said, "Killing innocent civilians outside a World Food Program distribution point is an affront to the people of Pakistan, and to all humanity." The attack in Khar, the main city in the Bajur region

of Pakistan's northwest, came a day after 150 militants waged pitched gun battles against five security posts in the adjoining Mohmand tribal region to the south. The fighting, which left 11 soldiers and 24 militants dead, was an unusually strong show of strength by insurgents in border country that the military has twice claimed to have cleaned of militants. Helicopter gunships

backed by artillery continued the battle on Saturday, pounding enemy hideouts and killing another 40 militants, said Amjad Ali Khan, the top government official in Mohmand. The tribal regions are of major concern to the U.S. because they have been safe havens for militants fighting NATO and American troops across the border in Afghanistan. The U.S. has long pressured Pakistan to

clear the tribal belt of the insurgents. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for Saturday's suicide attack in Khar, through its spokesman, Azam Tariq. The spokesman suggested the victims may have been targeted because most of them belonged to the Salarzai tribe, which was among the first to set up a militia — known as a lashkar — to fight the Taliban in

2008. Other tribes later formed similar militias to resist the militants. "All anti-Taliban forces — like lashkars, army and security forces — are our target," he said. "We will strike them whenever we have an opportunity." The attack killed 45 people, including six policemen, and wounded more than 100, at least 30 critically, said Tariq Khan, a government official in the Bajur region. Police said the victims were from various parts of Bajur who gather daily at the center to collect food tokens distributed by the World Food Program and other agencies to conflicted-affected people in the region. The people were displaced by an army offensive against Taliban militants in the region in early 2009. Islamist militants battling the state have attacked buildings handing out humanitarian aid in Pakistan before, presumably because they are symbols of the government and Western influence. Tariq Khan and another local official, Sohail Khan, said an examination of the human remains has confirmed the bomber was a woman.

# West African leaders threaten force to end Ivory Coast's presidency crisis

By Marco Chown Oved  
Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — The man who refuses to leave Ivory Coast's presidency faced new threats Saturday after regional leaders threatened to remove him by force if necessary.

Diplomatic pressure and sanctions have left Laurent Gbagbo increasingly isolated though he has been able to maintain his rule nearly a month after a disputed vote due to the loyalty of security forces and the military.

Even that, though, may disappear if he runs out of money to pay them.

Late Friday, West Africa leaders from the 15-country regional bloc ECOWAS — the Economic Community of West African States — threatened to send military intervention into Ivory Coast if incumbent Gbagbo refuses to step down peacefully.

"In the event that Mr. Gbagbo fails to heed this

immutable demand of ECOWAS, the Community would be left with no alternative but to take other measures, including the use of legitimate force, to achieve the goals of the Ivorian people," said a statement from ECOWAS.

James Gbeho, president of ECOWAS said the group of West African leaders was making an "ultimate gesture" to Gbagbo to urge him to make a peaceful exit.

The 15-nation regional bloc of West African states made the decision following a six-hour emergency summit in Abuja, Nigeria, on Ivory Coast as worries mounted that the country that suffered a 2002-2003 civil war could return to conflict.

Gbeho said the bloc would send in a high-level delegation to meet with Gbagbo, and tell him to step down, but did not give details as to when the delegation would go or a deadline for Gbagbo.

The threat of force came on

the tail of another serious international reproach, this one from the West African economic and monetary

union, which called on the regional central bank to cut off Gbagbo's access to state coffers.

# Nigeria: At least 38 killed in Christmas Eve attacks

Associated Press

JOS, Nigeria — Multiple explosions in central Nigeria have killed 32 people and six others died in attacks by Muslim sect members on two churches in the north, officials said Saturday.

Police spokesman Mohammed Lerama said that 32 people died and at least 74 were injured in four bomb blasts Friday night that went off in close succession in different parts of Jos in central Nigeria — a region violently divided between Christians and Muslims.

Manasia Phampe, the Red Cross secretary in Jos, gave slightly different figures and said that 52 people were injured, and that some of the injured were in intensive care at the Jos University Teaching Hospital.

"We have commenced investigations and are making efforts to calm people down," said Lerama.

Religious violence has

claimed over 500 lives this year in Jos and neighboring towns and villages, but the situation was believed to have calmed down.

Nigeria, a country of 150 million people, is almost evenly split between Muslims in the north and the predominantly Christian south. The blasts happened in central Nigeria, in the nation's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups vie for control of fertile lands.

The violence, though fractured across religious lines, often has more to do with local politics, economics and rights to grazing lands. The government of Plateau State, where Jos is the capital, is controlled by Christian politicians who have blocked Muslims from being legally recognized as citizens. That has locked many out of prized government jobs in a region where the tourism industry and tin mining have collapsed in the last decades.

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# Mexican govt says its troops killed U.S. man

Mother fights secretive military to find out truth

By Alexandra Olson  
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Joseph Proctor told his girlfriend he was popping out to the convenience store in the quiet Mexican beach town where the couple had just moved, intending to start a new life.

The next morning, the 32-year-old New York native was dead inside his crashed van on a road outside Acapulco. He had multiple bullet wounds. An AR-15 rifle lay in his hands.

His distraught girlfriend, Lilita Gil Vargas, was summoned to police headquarters, where she was told Proctor had died in a gunbattle with an army patrol. They claimed Proctor — whose green van had a for-sale sign and his cell phone number spray-painted on the windows — had attacked the troops. They showed her the gun.

His mother, Donna Proctor, devastated and incredulous, has been fighting through Mexico's secretive military justice system ever since to learn what really happened on the night of Aug. 22.

It took weeks of pressuring U.S. diplomats and congressmen for help, but she finally got an answer, which she shared with The Associated Press.

Three soldiers have been charged with killing her son. Two have been charged with planting the assault rifle in his hands and claiming falsely that he fired first, according to a Mexican Defense Department document sent to her through the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

It is at least the third case this year in which soldiers,

locked in a brutal battle with drug cartels, have been accused of killing innocent civilians and faking evidence in cover-ups.

Such scandals are driving calls for civilian investigators to take over cases that are almost exclusively handled by military prosecutors and judges who rarely convict one of their own.

"I hate the fact that he died alone and in pain in such an unjust way," Donna Proctor, a Queens court bailiff, said in a telephone interview with the AP. "I want him to be remembered as a hardworking person. He would never pick up a gun and shoot someone."



Proctor

President Felipe Calderon has proposed a bill that would require civilian investigations in all torture, disappearance and rape cases against the military. But other abuses, including homicides committed by on-duty soldiers, would mostly remain under military jurisdiction. That would include the Proctor case and two others this year in which soldiers were accused of even more elaborate cover-ups.

The first involved two university students killed in March during a gunbattle between soldiers and cartel suspects that spilled into their campus in the northern city of Monterrey. Mexico's National Human Rights Commission said soldiers destroyed surveillance cameras, planted guns on the two young men and took away their backpacks in an attempt to claim they were gang members. The military admitted the two were students after university officials spoke out.

In that case, military and civilian federal prosecutors are conducting a joint investigation into the killings. The military, however, is in charge of the investigation into the allegation of crime-scene

tampering.

In the second case, two brothers aged 5 and 9 were killed in April in their family's car in the northern state of Tamaulipas. The rights commission said in a report that there was no gunbattle and that soldiers fired additional rounds into the family car and planted two vehicles at the scene to make it look like a crossfire incident. The Defense Department stands by its explanation and denies there was a cover-up.

The rights commission, an

autonomous government institution, has received more than 4,000 abuse complaints, including torture, rape, killings and forced disappearances, since Calderon deployed tens of thousands of soldiers in December 2006 to destroy drug cartels in their strongholds.

The commission has recommended action in 69 of those cases, and the Defense Department says it is investigating 67.

So far military courts have passed down only one con-

viction for an abuse committed since Calderon intensified the drug war four years ago: an officer who forced a new subordinate in his unit to drink so much alcohol in a hazing ritual that he died. He was sentenced to four months in prison.

Another officer was convicted, then cleared on appeal, in the Aug. 3, 2007 death of Fausto Murillo Flores. Soldiers arrested Murillo and two other men in the northern state of Sonora, accusing them of arms pos-

session. However, they only presented the two other men to the media and did not immediately acknowledge ever having had Murillo in custody.

Murillo's body was later found by the side of a road and the military acknowledged having detained him.

The Defense Department has not explained why the officer was acquitted.

The military justice system operates in near total secrecy, choosing what to publicly reveal and when.

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# DIFFERENT ROLES, SAME GOAL



DYLAN BROWN/Helena Independent Record

Carroll College quarterback Dane Broadhead scrambles for a couple more yards as Montana Western player Curtis Quigley pulls him down on Sept. 18 at Vigilante Field in Dillon, Mont.

## Broadhead, Hillier contribute to Carroll's title in different ways

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

### THE COLLEGE REPORT

Dane Broadhead and Ross Hillier played at rival high schools. Now they're teammates, but reside on opposite ends of college football's food chain.

Hillier watched as Broadhead played for a national championship some 1,700 miles away. But they both had an instrumental hand in Carroll College's victory over Sioux Falls.

Broadhead got to live the dream of stepping on the championship field two years after he first thought. The Minico High School graduate was leading Carroll on a championship run in his freshman year when his knee blew out, and he could only watch the Fighting Saints fall to Sioux Falls in the championship.

When the two teams played against each other earlier this month, ensuring the ninth straight year one of the two has won the title, the Carroll coaching staff wanted Broadhead on the field so badly they sent him in as a blocker.

"We had one package where I showed a little bit just to give the defense a different look. It was a couple snaps a game here or there, just blocking on a couple plays in the championship," said Broadhead. "We put in so much time, and to actually be able to get on the field for a little bit for the national championship was a pretty special deal. I

was glad I could come out and do anything I could to get that senior class one more win."

Broadhead got most of his time under center in mop-up duty, though he did start two games in place of injured senior Gary Wagner. In total he played in 11 of Carroll's 14 games, completing 70 percent of his passes and tossing nine touchdowns.

While he's working hard in hopes of getting to be the full-time starter next season as a senior, Broadhead said the memories of a Saturday night in Rome, Ga., won't go away anytime soon.

"To have an opportunity to win a game like that is

special. It's something I'll enjoy for the rest of my life," he said. "This was a great group of guys. We're not always the most talented, not always the biggest and definitely not always the fastest but there's not a team in America at any level that works harder than we do."

Broadhead figures to be an impact player next season as Carroll tries to go it alone in ensuring a 10th-straight championship appearance for either itself or Sioux Falls, which is joining the NCAA next season.

Best known for stunning Broadhead's alma mater in the 2008 Class 4A semifinals when he caught a touchdown pass on the last play to send Jerome to the championship, Hillier hopes just to make the travel team.

See COLLEGE, Sports 4

## LeBron has triple-double, Heat rout Lakers

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers finally got their first look at the revamped Miami Heat, and the champs might be a little bit disturbed by what they saw.

LeBron James had 27 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists while hitting a season-high five 3-pointers, and the Heat thrived on the holiday stage in a 96-80 victory over Kobe Bryant and the Lakers on Saturday.

Chris Bosh had 24 points and 13 rebounds, Dwyane Wade added 18 points on a sore knee and the Heat won for the 14th time in 15 games while flustering the two-time defending champions into a terrible offensive performance.

Although both teams called the game a television curiosity rather than a potential NBA finals preview, it clearly meant something to James, who had his third triple-double with Miami and the 31st of his career. He also outplayed Bryant again in his second straight Christmas win at Staples Center, punctuating the win with what certainly appeared to be mutual trash talk in the final minutes.

Bryant and Pau Gasol scored 17 points apiece for the Lakers, who fell behind early and never caught up to the tantalizing new contenders for their title.

James played a balanced, patient game, even after a technical foul near halftime for an under-the-basket scuffle with Lakers defensive stopper Ron Artest. James' teammates contributed enough to keep the Heat comfortably ahead, with Bosh playing an outstanding first half and Mario Chalmers contributing 13 points in a reserve role, including three 3-pointers.

Lamar Odom had 14 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who have lost two straight at home after winning five in a row on the road, following up Tuesday's collapse against Milwaukee with this high-profile flop.

Although Bryant wore garish green shoes for the holiday, his Lakers simply didn't raise their games to meet the spotlight that follows Miami, falling well behind in the first half and never making a run.

While the Heat realize



AP photo

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade dunks over Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom (7) during their game Saturday in Los Angeles.

Boston and Orlando are much more important obstacles to their championship hopes, and while the Lakers don't get terribly excited about playing anybody except the Celtics, there was a palpable edge in the crowd at Staples Center.

It turned into frustration as the Lakers mostly failed to match the Miami stars' big-game effort. Bryant, who picked up his third technical foul in two games, was visibly displeased with his teammates throughout the second half.

Coach Phil Jackson dislikes the Lakers' annual spot on the NBA's Christmas schedule, and perhaps for reasons beyond the season: Los Angeles dropped to 4-8 on Christmas since 1999, including last season's one-sided loss to James' Cleveland Cavaliers.

At least this year the Lakers didn't hand out giveaway foam hands, dozens of which were thrown onto the court late in last year's game.

Players on both teams broke out festive holiday sneakers for the occasion, including lime-green Nike kicks on Bryant, Gasol and Odom. James and Bosh wore holiday-red shoes with garish green laces.

Wade missed the Heat's win in Phoenix on Thursday night to rest his sore knee, and he wasn't yet 100 percent at Staples. He acknowledged the injury increased his fatigue, which seemed obvious in two missed dunks in the first half.

## Florida State upsets No. 15 Baylor 68-61

By Jaymes Song  
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — Derwin Kitchen scored 19 points and Chris Singleton added 17 and 10 rebounds in Florida State's 68-61 victory Saturday over No. 15 Baylor in the third-place game of the Diamond Head Classic.

Bernard James had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Seminoles (11-3), who played on Christmas for the first time and recorded their first win over a ranked team this season.

It was a disappointing trip for the Bears (8-3), who dropped two straight in Hawaii and three since last Saturday after reaching No. 9, the highest ranking in school history.

Florida State's scrappy defense and strong play in the middle kept Baylor off-

balance. The Seminoles held the Bears to 33 percent shooting.

LaceDarius Dunn led Baylor with 23 points but missed two key free throws down the stretch.

Singleton scored six straight during an 8-0, second-half run to give Florida State a 45-35 lead. He added a late 3-pointer to help the Seminoles hold off the Bears.

Trailing 20-11, Florida State stepped up its defense and went on a 26-13 run behind James' nine points to take a 37-33 halftime lead. Florida State is 9-0 when leading at halftime.

Michael Snaer's 3 made it 29-28, the Seminoles' first lead since it was 5-4.

The Bears trailed by as many as 10 points in the second half, but kept clawing back.

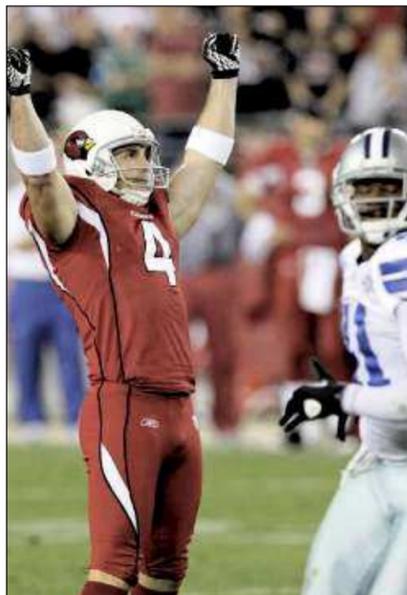
## Feely FG thwarts Dallas rally, Arizona wins

By Bob Baum  
Associated Press writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Jay Feely's 48-yard field goal barely cleared the crossbar with 5 seconds to go to thwart a big Dallas rally and give the Cardinals a 27-26 victory over the Cowboys on Saturday night.

Dallas (5-10) rallied from 18 points down to take a 26-24 lead when Stephen McGee, in his first NFL game, threw 45 yards to Miles Austin for a touchdown with 1:46 to play. But David Buehler's extra point went wide left and was no good.

Arizona (5-10) was in deep trouble after the kickoff, but rookie John Skelton, on fourth-and-15 from the Cardinals 19, threw 26 yards to fellow rookie Max Komar. Then the Cardinals slipped into Feely's range. Feely, who had a 49-yarder earlier, has missed three kicks all season, including a 49-yard



Arizona Cardinals kicker Jay Feely (4) celebrates a game-winning field goal as Dallas Cowboys defensive back Terence Newman, right, reacts at the end of Saturday's game in Glendale, Ariz.

AP photo

attempt Saturday night. Dallas fell behind 14-0 when Kitna had interceptions returned for touchdowns on the Cowboys' first two possessions.

On a wild Christmas

night under clear skies, with at least half the capacity crowd cheering for Dallas, the Cardinals took a 21-3 lead. Skelton, in his third NFL start, connected with wide-open rookie

Andre Roberts on a 74-yard play for the young quarterback's first NFL touchdown pass.

Kitna, the starter since Tony Romo went down with a broken collarbone, got Dallas in the end zone before halftime. The 38-year-old quarterback scrambled 7 yards up the middle to the Arizona 2-yard line, and on fourth down threw to Jason Witten for the score. He left the field and immediately went to the locker room with a hip injury and didn't play again, watching from the sideline wearing a baseball cap.

McGee, a fourth-round draft pick out of Texas A&M in 2009, smoothly stepped in, repeatedly connecting on third-down passes.

The Cowboys dominated the third quarter, holding Arizona to 23 yards and no first downs, outscoring the Cardinals 10-0 to cut the lead to 21-20.

# Durant scores 44 points, Thunder beat Nuggets

OKLAHOMA CITY — NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant had a season-high 44 points — 21 in the third quarter — and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Denver Nuggets 114-106 on Saturday night.

James Harden added 21 points, and Russell Westbrook added 19 for the Thunder in the first Christmas game in the franchise's three-season tenure in Oklahoma City.

Durant entered the game with a 27.5-point scoring average and a season high of 34, but he blew past the lat-

ter by the five-minute mark of the third quarter en route to his first 40-point game of the season — after having eight of them last season. He was 14 of 20 from the field.

Denver played for the second straight game without star Carmelo Anthony following his sister's death Wednesday. Chauncey Billups led the Nuggets with 30 points, and Nene had 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Oklahoma City improved to 21-10 and is 9-1 after a loss. The Thunder had lost two of their last three.

Denver led by 10 points in

the first quarter. Behind Durant and Harden, the Thunder rallied to go up 54-51 late in the first half before the Nuggets closed on a 7-2 run to take a 58-56 halftime lead.

Denver led 62-56 early in the third quarter before Durant took over offensively, making a pair of 3-pointers and three free throws after being fouled on another attempt, all in a 1:40 span. Another 3-pointer pulled the Thunder even at 76, then Durant assisted on Westbrook's layup to put Oklahoma City ahead.

Westbrook, who was fouled on the play, gave a fist pump to rev up the crowd.

Al Harrington put Denver back up 85-84 with a 3-pointer, but Durant — wearing special bright yellow shoes, as did all his teammates — answered with a basket and Harden's two free throws gave the Thunder an 88-85 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Durant didn't score in the fourth quarter until the final 2 minutes, but with Denver's defense focused on him, his teammates found open shots and lanes to the basket.

Oklahoma City extended its lead to 10 at 96-86 with 8:45 left and the Nuggets came no closer than three the rest of the way.

## MAGIC 86, CELTICS 78

ORLANDO, Fla. — Brandon Bass scored 21 points, Hedo Turkoglu added 16 and Orlando ended Boston's winning streak at 14 — two days after snapping San Antonio's 10-game run.

Jameer Nelson and J.J. Redick each made a jumper in the final minutes to help Orlando rally from 12 points down in the second half.

## KNICKS 103, BULLS 95

NEW YORK — Amare Stoudemire and Raymond Felton each scored 20 points, and New York limited Chicago to two baskets in the first 10 minutes of the fourth quarter.

Wilson Chandler and Danilo Gallinari added 15 each for the Knicks, the NBA's highest-scoring team but 28th in defense. Stoudemire anchored the defensive effort, grabbing 10 rebounds and blocking six shots, and rookie Landry Fields finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

— The Associated Press

# NFL playoff spots up for grabs

By Barry Wilner

Associated Press writer

There it is, within grasp, for a half-dozen teams: that coveted playoff berth.

The chore is simple for five of them. If the Saints, Eagles, Giants, Jets or Ravens win, they are in. Doesn't matter what anybody else does; no help required.

Kansas City needs a victory and a loss by San Diego to capture the AFC West. The Chiefs host Tennessee, while the Chargers are at Cincinnati, and many expect that race to come down to the season finales.

"What you work and play all year for is to play after the regular season," says Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson. "And that's what we plan to do."

San Diego has made its usual charge in the second half of the schedule, winning six of seven. Star quarterback Philip Rivers figures it will take eight of nine to stay alive.

The Chargers' other game is at woeful Denver. Kansas City hosts its biggest rival, Oakland, next weekend.

New England, Pittsburgh and Atlanta already own postseason spots. The Saints get one if they win at Atlanta, which also would keep the defending Super Bowl champions in position to take the NFC South that the Falcons currently lead by two games.

The winner of that division figures to get a first-round bye.

The Eagles win the NFC East by beating Minnesota in the Sunday night game.

Also Sunday, the Giants are at Green Bay and the Jets visit Chicago. With wins at their NFC North opponents, both New York teams can secure wild cards.

Baltimore travels to Cleveland with a chance to secure a postseason berth; New England is at Buffalo with a shot at grabbing the AFC East crown and a first-round bye; Indianapolis tries to hold onto the top spot in the AFC South when it visits Oakland while division runner-up Jacksonville hosts Washington; San Francisco is at St. Louis and Seattle visits Tampa Bay in the not-so-wild NFC West race.

## TENNESSEE (6-8) AT KANSAS CITY (9-5)

Not only can the Chiefs clinch the AFC West with a victory, they actually have a shot at a bye if they can finish 11-5 and the Steelers and Ravens slip to 10-6. Matt Cassel showed tremendous grit last Sunday by returning from an appendectomy to guide Kansas City past Missouri rival St. Louis. But it's the staunch running of Jamaal Charles and Thomas Jones that makes the offense go, and the defense under coordinator Romeo Crennel is among the most improved in the league.

## SAN DIEGO (8-6) AT CINCINNATI (3-11)

You sort of expect the Chargers to be a factor in the division and behind the superb work of Rivers, despite a slew of injuries around him, they are. A stumble in their longest trip east all season doesn't seem likely, and they don't have to worry about covering Terrell Owens.

## NEW ORLEANS (10-4) AT ATLANTA (12-2), MONDAY NIGHT

Ah, the marquee matchup of the weekend. Atlanta won on an overtime field goal at New Orleans in Week 3, a



AP photo

Joe Flacco, left, and the Baltimore Ravens are one of a half-dozen teams that can clinch a playoff berth by winning this week.

victory that provided tremendous impetus toward the league's best record. The Falcons can shut up any remaining doubters that they are a championship quality outfit by handing the Saints a second consecutive defeat, which also gives Atlanta home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

New Orleans struggled against the run in its loss at Baltimore last Sunday, which bodes well for the Falcons, who can ram the ball through most defenses.

## MINNESOTA (5-9) AT PHILADELPHIA (10-4)

Don't expect a 7-minute, 28-point explosion from the Eagles again. Then again, why not with the way Michael Vick, DeSean Jackson, Brent Celek, Jeremy Maclin and LeSean McCoy are performing behind an inconsistent line that they make look better than it actually is.

NBC wanted this game for prime time, perhaps hoping for a Vick vs. Brett Favre matchup.

## N.Y. GIANTS (9-5) AT GREEN BAY (8-6)

One day after that stunning collapse against Philly, Giants QB Eli Manning got vocal with his teammates. Is that a sign of leadership or are the Giants on the verge of panic?

Green Bay hopes to get back its star quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, from a concussion. The Pack must win its last two games to get into the postseason as a wild card.

## N.Y. JETS (10-4) AT CHICAGO (10-4)

No coach deserves more credit for his team's success this year than Lovie Smith. The Bears were projected as a .500 or below squad when the season began, yet if they win this one and the Eagles and Giants both lose, Chicago adds a bye to its NFC North crown.

Losses by Indianapolis or Jacksonville would lift the Jets into the playoffs even if they don't win.

## BALTIMORE (10-4) AT CLEVELAND (5-9)

Coming off a sturdy win against the Saints, Baltimore is in the same position as the New York teams: win and get a wild card. Baltimore also can win the AFC North — the Steelers hold the tiebreaker — and can make the postseason with a combination of losses by other teams Sunday.

## NEW ENGLAND (12-2) AT BUFFALO (4-10)

It only seems like the last time the Bills won in this series was in the old AFL. A win secures the AFC East, a bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

## INDIANAPOLIS (8-6) AT OAKLAND (7-7) WASHINGTON (5-9) AT JACKSONVILLE (8-6)

The Jaguars kicked away a chance to win the AFC South when they fell at Indy last Sunday. Now, they must take care of their last two weak opponents (Houston is next up) and hope the Colts trip up, or the Ravens and Jets both drop their

final two games.

Indy appears to be back on track for the postseason, but hardly is an elite club this year. Injuries and lots of growing pains for Peyton Manning's receiving corps and running backs has the four-time MVP in the position of scrambling to qualify one season after going to the Super Bowl.

## SAN FRANCISCO (5-9) AT ST. LOUIS (6-8)

SEATTLE (6-8) AT TAMPA BAY (8-6)

Consider this, and if you're a true football fan, it's not something you want to think about: losses by the Rams and Seahawks will guarantee a losing record will win the NFC West because those teams meet next week.

It also would keep the 49ers in the chase.

## DETROIT (4-10) AT MIAMI (7-7) HOUSTON (5-9) AT DENVER (3-11)

Shield your eyes for this pair of games, the exact type of matchups the NFL hopes to avoid in late December.

Houston doesn't even have a .500 record to play for, and that could cost coach Gary Kubiak his job. Denver has already fired coach Josh McDaniels, and a Mile High housecleaning is in the forecast.

# Johnson runs wild, Tulsa beats No. 24 Hawaii late Friday

HONOLULU (AP) — Damaris Johnson broke loose for 326 all-purpose yards to set an NCAA career record and Tulsa took advantage of six first-half turnovers to beat No. 24 Hawaii 62-35 in the Hawaii Bowl on Friday night.

The Golden Hurricane (10-3) grounded the nation's No. 1 passing offense most of the night and broke it open with a 21-point third quarter for their seventh straight win and third consecutive bowl victory.

The short and speedy Johnson earned MVP honors, rushing for 98 yards and a touchdown and catching four passes for 101 yards and another score. The junior had two big plays in the decisive third quarter — a 59-yard reception and a 67-yard TD run that put Tulsa up 41-28.

Hawaii (10-4) was led by senior Greg Salas who also had a record night. He had 13 receptions for 214 yards and two touchdowns, setting Hawaii single-season records in receptions and receiving yards.

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# Big-name sports follow the money to the Gulf

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — It was hardly a marquee moment in the history of world sports. Curious crowds on a Middle Eastern beach watched events that included horse riders slicing a lemon with a sword and a cousin of croquet called woodball.

Yet there was the president of the International Olympic Committee, Jacques Rogge, looking on from the VIP seats and then coming down to present some medals at the Asian Beach Games in Oman earlier this month.

If Rogge seemed out of place, he wasn't. The scene was just a sign of the times. Fans can expect more — perhaps many more — such courtesy calls to the Gulf by the stewards of international sports as the money-soaked region that once begged for attention from the IOC and others is now bursting with eager suitors.

They are emissaries along the new silk road of sports. In little more than a decade, the Gulf's wealth and boundless ambitions have lured big-name events and A-list athletes, while the region's leaders have developed a reputation as deep-pocket hosts — who are still hungry for more.

“We go to new lands,” FIFA President Seth Blatter said Dec. 2 after announcing tiny Qatar's surprise selection for the 2022 World Cup.

So new that sports fans in some places had to consult a map.

Searches for Qatar on Google instantly spiked. Announcers outside the Middle East tried to wrap their tongues around the correct pronunciation: KAT-tar or GUH-tur but definitely not Cutter.

Then critics got busy. A running theme, particularly in the runner-up bidder America, was a shrill retort: How does Qatar merit one of crown jewels of international sports?

Such comments just mean the questioner hasn't been paying attention.

The sports migration to the Gulf has been going on for years — part of a new world landscape of sports in which economic clout has shifted from Europe and North America to markets where authorities see Rafael Nadal, Tiger Woods and roaring F-1 races as something more.

In the Gulf, it's a way to matter beyond just being the world's fuel pump.

“The old thinking in the Gulf was to try to stay out of

“Now they see sports as an effective way to make Qatar and other Gulf countries important and important to other people.”

— Patrick Nikolas Theros, a former U.S. ambassador to Qatar and currently president of the U.S.-Qatar business council

sight,” said Patrick Nikolas Theros, a former U.S. ambassador to Qatar and currently president of the U.S.-Qatar business council. “Now they see sports as an effective way to make Qatar and other Gulf countries important and important to other people.”

The Gulf strategy to buy respectability takes other forms, such as bringing in annexes of top schools including New York University and Georgetown, and museums such as the planned Louvre and Guggenheim in Abu Dhabi and architect I.M. Pei's Museum of Islamic Art in Doha.

But sports adds some of the Gulf's favorite currencies: celebrity and splash.

The Gulf states — led by Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — have elevated sports to something akin to a national cause. Their treasuries are thrown open to bankroll first-class facilities such as the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix circuit (complete with

Ferrari theme park), Dubai's airport-size Meydan horse racing complex and the array of air-conditioned stadiums planned for the World Cup.

Sports councils and federations — even the most modest — hire high-priced Western PR talent to champion their cause. The latest drive: Qatar's quest for the 2015 men's handball championships.

Dubai, meanwhile, is mulling a run at a far bigger prize — the 2020 Olympics. But if not Dubai, certainly another pitch for the games will come someday from the Gulf if the current momentum remains.

Even Rogge gave a personal nudge while in Oman, saying the IOC would welcome another Olympic bid from the Middle East after Qatar's failed effort for the 2016 games.

“The geography of sports is changing,” said Ahmad Mohammed Al Rahoomi, international spokesman for the Dubai Sports Council, during the SportAccord

gathering in April that brought together sports officials from around the world. “When people used to think of this region it was only oil. Now they are starting to think of sports.”

In reality, one feeds off the other. The Gulf's staggering oil and gas wealth powers the sports boom. And the more the events shift to the booming region, the more money that's set aside to try to get more.

How's this for an expected guest list: Nadal, Roger Federer and other top men's tennis players in Abu Dhabi and Qatar's capital Doha; Asia's top soccer teams in Doha for a continentwide tournament; Lee Westwood and Phil Mickelson at the Abu Dhabi golf championships; Colin Montgomerie and Europe's other Ryder Cup champions in Bahrain; rising Kenyan marathon star Eliud Kiptanui in Dubai.

That's just the calendar for January.

A veteran sports marketer, Donal Kilalea, said the initial push to bring competitions to the region began with companies such as Emirates airline looking to raise their profile.

“They saw it as a way for branding,” said Kilalea, head of Promoseven in Dubai.

“Later, the region's leaders began to pay attention. Now, it has coalesced into a priority on all sides.”

But the sports parade also drags the region in some uncomfortable directions.

Opening to the sporting world also means open to Israel, which has no diplomatic ties with Gulf states and whose presence gives Arab security forces the jitters.

Last year, the UAE suffered a serious image blow when it denied a visa to Israeli tennis player Shahar Peer for the Dubai championships. This year, Peer was allowed to play, but was limited to her hotel and the courts. A special security squad also was assigned for Israel's delegation at this month's FINA short-course swimming championships in Dubai.

Being in the world spotlight also leaves deeper social issues exposed. Among them: Is local Gulf Arab culture being steamrolled in the quest for sports prestige?

It's not a new question. The Gulf's staggering growth is built on importing cheap laborers and expensive white-collar talent, creating lopsided demographics such as five foreigners for every local-born Emirati in Dubai.

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Minnesota	6	24	.200	13
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	21	9	.700	—
Phoenix	13	15	.464	7
Golden State	10	18	.357	10
L.A. Clippers	8	22	.267	13
Sacramento	5	23	.185	14½

Friday's Games				
FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	
Toledo	2	1½ (56½)	Fla. International	
Air Force	2	2½ (56)	Georgia Tech	
West Virginia	2	2½ (48½)	N.C. State	
Missouri	1	2½ (47)	Iowa	
Maryland	9	7½ (68½)	East Carolina	
Baylor	2	1½ (62½)	Illinois	
Oklahoma St.	6½	5½ (66)	Arizona	
at SMU	8	1½ (52)	Army	
Syracuse	+2½	Pk (47½)	Kansas St.	
North Carolina	6	1½ (50½)	Tennessee	
Nebraska	13½	14 (53)	Washington	
Clemson	4	5½ (40½)	South Florida	
Miami	4	3 (47)	Notre Dame	
Georgia	7	6½ (55½)	UCF	
South Carolina	3	3 (54½)	Florida St.	
Stanford	Pk	3½ (58½)	Virginia Tech	
Ohio St.	2½	3½ (57½)	Arkansas	
Miami (Ohio)	3	1 (48½)	Middle Tenn.	
LSU	Pk	1 (49)	Texas A&M	
Pittsburgh	2	3 (52)	Kentucky	
Nebraska	10½	8 (55)	Boston	
Cleveland	10	7 (43)	N.Y. Giants	
at Cincinnati	7	7½ (43½)	at Cincinnati	

Saturday's Games				
FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	
New York 103, Chicago 95				
Orlando 86, Boston 78				
Miami 96, L.A. Lakers 80				
Oklahoma City 114, Denver 106				
Portland at Golden State late				
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 3 p.m.				
Minnesota at Cleveland, 4 p.m.				
Chicago at Detroit, 4 p.m.				
Atlanta at New Orleans, 5 p.m.				
Washington at San Antonio, 5 p.m.				
Memphis at Indiana, 5 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Denver, 6 p.m.				
Detroit at Charlotte, 5 p.m.				
Orlando at New Jersey, 5 p.m.				
Toronto at Memphis, 6 p.m.				
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.				
New Orleans at Miami, 6 p.m.				
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.				
Washington at Houston, 6:30 p.m.				
Portland at Utah, 7 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 8 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.				

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<b>Orlando</b>	19	17	21	18
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<b>CHICAGO (95)</b>				
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<b>NEW YORK (103)</b>				
Gallinari 5-9 2-4 15, Chandler 6-14 2-2 15, Stoudemire 10-18 0-2 20, Felton 9-18 0-0 20, Fields 5-7 2-14, Williams 2-2 0-0 6, Douglas 3-8 0-0 8, Turrill 2-3 1-2 5, Totals 42-79 7-12 103.				
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HEAT 96, LAKERS 80				
<b>MIAMI (96)</b>				
James 8-14 6-6 27, Bosh 11-17 2-3 24, Ilegauskas 3-5 0-0 6, Arroyo 1-5 0-0 2, Wade 6-17 6-6 18, Howard 0-2 1-1 3, Jones 1-6 0-0 3, Dampier 1-1 0-0 2, Chalmers 4-11 2-3 13, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 0-1 0-0 2, Totals 35-79 17-20 96.				
<b>L.A. LAKERS (80)</b>				
Artest 3-8 0-0 8, Odum 6-12 2-6 14, Gasol 8-17 1-17, Fisher 2-3 0-0 6, Bryant 6-16 4-5 17, Barnes 1-4 0-0 2, Bynum 3-5 0-0 6, Blake 0-5 0-0 0, Brown 3-9 3-3 10, Walton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-91 15-80.				
<b>Miami</b>	20	27	28	21
<b>L.A. Lakers</b>	14	24	26	16
3-Point Goals—Miami 9-25 (James 5-6, Chalmers 3-9, Jones 1-6, Wade 0-1, Arroyo 0-3), L.A. Lakers 6-19 (Artest 2-2, Fisher 2-3, Brown 1-3, Bryant 1-3, Barnes 0-1, Odum 0-2, Blake 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 25 (James 10), L.A. Lakers 22 (Bryant 7). Total Fouls—Miami 17, L.A. Lakers 23. Technicals—James, Miami defensive three second, Artest, Bryant. A—18,997 (18,997).				

THUNDER 114, NUGGETS 106				
<b>DENVER (106)</b>				
Smith 1-4 4-6, Martin 4-8 2-4 10, Nene 8-13 5-7 21, Billups 10-16 7-7 30, Afflalo 1-4 0-0 2, Lawson 7-13 3-4 19, Harrington 3-5 0-0 9, Forbes 2-4 2-2, Andersen 1-				

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# NCAA mulling tougher penalties 2 years after panel

By Alan Scher Zagier  
Associated Press writer

The NCAA has been busy this season, investigating schools from Auburn to Georgia to North Carolina while trying to crack down on problems tied to sports agents.

Most of the investigations are open cases with unknown consequences for the schools.

But an NCAA panel two years ago has recommended stricter punishments for schools tabbed as serious rules violators — recommendations that remain under consideration and could mark the first substantive revision to the NCAA's penalty system since 1985.

"It's definitely not a dead issue," NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn said. "It's still an ongoing discussion."

The subcommittee of the Division I Committee on Infractions offered its recommendations in October 2008 to the Division I Board of Directors. The group of 18 university chancellors and presidents typically takes about a year to study proposed rules revisions, Osburn said.

The panel's report is confidential. But interviews with the group's former chairman and others knowl-



AP photo

Terrelle Pryor, pictured left, is one of many NCAA football players who this season ran afoul of the sports' governing body. An NCAA panel has recommended stiffer punishments for serious rules violations, something the NCAA appears willing to consider in light of several high-profile violations in the past few years.

edgeable about its contents indicate the recommendations include:

- A requirement that all schools found guilty of major violations lose scholarships. Current NCAA rules list that sanction as a "presumptive" penalty.
- TV bans, a penalty not

applied to Division I violators since 1996.

- Clarified penalties for repeat offenders. The "death penalty" — a program-crippling blow that keeps a team off the field while banning recruiting and scholarship awards — has been on the books for 25 years but

applied only once, to Southern Methodist for a pay-for-play football scandal in 1987.

Repeat violators are defined as schools that run afoul of the NCAA more than once every five years. An Associated Press review of major infractions cases shows that schools listed as repeat offenders have avoided the death penalty at least 70 times since the rule was adopted.

The list of offenders covers 55 schools, including 14 that avoided the death penalty more than once — from Alabama and Baylor to Austin Peay and Oklahoma State.

University of Wyoming law professor Jerry Parkinson, a former infractions committee member who led the subcommittee review, said the biggest hurdle to putting the proposed changes in place is the call for more TV bans, with NCAA members worried about the loss of shared revenue.

That concern helped drive the decision against the death penalty for Baylor in 2005 after a basketball player was convicted of murdering a teammate while their coach attempted to cover up the crime, said Colonial Athletic Association commissioner Tom Yeager, a former infrac-

tions committee chairman. The committee instead banned the Bears for one season of Big 12 Conference competition.

Some of the most vocal critics of the NCAA's penalty system are those with a birds-eye view of the system.

Retired University of Alabama law professor Gene Marsh, a former NCAA infractions committee member, has publicly questioned the deterrent effect of penalties handed out by the 10-person panel.

He now works as a legal consultant to schools under NCAA scrutiny, including Auburn, where Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton was briefly deemed ineligible by the school after the NCAA determined his father violated amateurism rules in a purported pay-for-play scheme involving an intermediary and Mississippi State boosters. The NCAA cleared Newton to compete, ruling that Newton wasn't aware of the violation.

The common assumption is that NCAA sanctions for major violations — from scholarship reductions and postseason bans to recruiting limits and public censure — hurt team performance.

Research by Illinois State professor Chad McEvoy

shows otherwise. His review of 35 Division I football and basketball programs hit with NCAA penalties for major violations between 1987 and 2002 found that those teams on average actually won more often after penalties were imposed.

"If the penalties are truly (punitive), they would affect the teams on the playing field. That simply is not the case," he said.

Julie Roe Lach, the NCAA's new vice president of enforcement, declined to discuss the report's specific recommendations. But she suggested that the organization's entire enforcement procedures are under review. "Like anything else, it's healthy from time to time to take stock of what we're doing and whether it's effective," she said.

The panel led by Parkinson also wanted to clarify how the NCAA treats schools that cooperate with investigations. The infractions committee routinely credits schools for such cooperation, but Parkinson pointed out NCAA bylaws require such assistance.

"Why reward people for doing what they're supposed to do?" he asked. "It ought to be phrased the opposite way — if you don't cooperate, you get harsher penalties."

## College

### Continued from Sports 1

A standout hybrid tailback/receiver at Jerome, Hillier walked on to the football team after earning a track scholarship at Carroll. Shortly after camp started, the coaches shifted him to the other side of the ball to learn a totally new position: cornerback.

Fortunately for Hillier, Carroll coach Mike van Diest's general philosophy is to redshirt freshmen, almost without exception. It gave Hillier a chance to work on the scout team and learn his new position. Being on the scout team, however, amounts to learning a brand new playbook every week, in addition to your own, in order to give the first-team offense the most realistic look possible ahead of that week's opponent.

"I think it's a great idea because the change of the speed of the game itself is intense, so that helps us adjust and work on technique and things," said Hillier. "Being a scout, going against one of the top offenses in the country ... there's really not much better you can get than playing the best offense in the country every day in practice."

NIAA rules limit the number of players who can travel to away games; thus, not everyone gets to go. So while Broadhead and the traveling Saints played in the title game, Hillier watched from home in Jerome with about a dozen friends.

When Carroll brought home the victory, the traveling players made sure to note the part those scouts played in helping them win it.

"They're as big a part of our success as everyone else," said Broadhead. "They did a great job giving us looks for the opposing teams. It's pretty awesome to see those guys mature."

Hillier hopes his maturation process one day results in him starting at the cornerback position. The idea of having to learn a brand new playbook each week on scout team will only help that cause, though he'll take what he can get for the time being.

"Running scout, each cornerback is going to have their own technique or style that I'll have to try and imitate the best I can. Learning a new position, it helps me try to figure out what I like and what's comfortable for me. It helps kind of bring me into my own technique that I can get comfortable with because I'm going to have to get used to playing there," Hillier said. "It's all about working your butt off to make sure you make the travel team, whether it's getting in at cornerback or doing something on special

teams. It's wide open to whoever can play. He's a lot like (Jerome coach Gary) Krumm — whoever makes the plays is going to get on the field."

Broadhead and Hillier are just two of many former prep stars who are plying their trades at the college level. Here's a look at how some other recent Magic Valley stars fared in the 2010 fall sports season. *(Editor's note: The following list of athletes was compiled from e-mailed submissions, university releases and Times-News archives of athletes previously reported to be competing at the next level, and is not necessarily an all-inclusive list.)*

### Cross country

**Chase Caulkins, Wood River University of Portland (Ore.)**  
Caulkins, the 2009 Class 4A state champion, finished 71st in his first NCAA West Regional Championship meet for the Pilots, who won their 32nd consecutive West Coast Conference team title.

**Ashley Irons, Twin Falls College of Saint Benedict (Minn.)**  
Irons posted a team-best 16:52 at the St. Kate's 4K race midway through the season. The senior's best finish in any race was 13th in season-opening dual meet.

**Lacey Kriep, Shoshone College of Idaho**  
Kriep competed in three meets as a freshman for the Coyotes, posting a best time of 16:03.81 over 4,000 meters and 21:29.40 over 5,000.

**Andy Yung, Kimberly Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
As a freshman Yung posted the seventh-best time on the NWAACC's regular-season top-times list with a 25:56 finish. Yung finished 24th at the NWAACC Championships.

### Football

**Joey Chavez, Minico University of Montana Western**  
Chavez was a reserve linebacker for the Bulldogs, seeing action in two games and recording two tackles in his freshman season.

**Braeden Clayson, Burley Idaho State University**  
Clayson played in all 11 games for the Bengals in his junior season, starting 10 of them — five each at right guard and right tackle.

**Shad Hubsmith, Minico Snow College**  
Hubsmith redshirted for the seventh-ranked Badgers, who went 10-2 and won the Top of the Mountains Bowl 48-36 over Iowa Western.

**Erik Jacobson, Wood River Idaho State University**  
Jacobson caught one pass for 21 yards, playing in three games for the Bengals as a redshirt sophomore.

**Jake Lammers, Jerome Dixie State College (Utah)**  
Lammers, who transferred from Idaho State University, played in two games for the Red Storm. He was 1-for-9 passing for 15 yards and an interception, and he rushed three times for eight yards.

**Trent Mallory, Minico University of Montana Western**  
Mallory started at defensive end for

the Bulldogs, playing eight games. During that time the junior posted 53 tackles (22 solo) and 6.5 sacks, the latter placing sixth in the Frontier Conference.

**Cody McCoy, Jerome Idaho State University**  
McCoy, a walk-on defensive back, redshirted for the Bengals.

**Isaac McCreery, Buhl Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)**  
McCreery redshirted this season for the Battlin' Bears.

**Jake Sagers, Oakley Rocky Mountain College (Mont.)**  
No statistics were available for Sagers, a freshman offensive lineman.

**John VanVliet, Lighthouse Christian Idaho State University**  
The third-year sophomore switched from H-back to the offensive line for the Bengals, playing in seven games and starting four. Three of those starts came at center (including at Georgia and NCAA FCS finalist Eastern Washington) and one at right guard.

**Bryant Ward, Twin Falls Idaho State University**  
The third-year sophomore tight end played in nine games for the Bengals, recording three catches for 23 yards.

**Sage Warner, Declo Idaho State University**  
Warner played in one game late in the season for the Bengals, recording a tackle.

### Fall Rodeo

**MEN**  
**Montana Barlow, Valley Idaho State University**  
Heading into the break between fall and spring portions of the season, Barlow leads the Rocky Mountain Region's bull riding standings and sits sixth nationally.

**Brock Casperson, Kimberly CSI**  
Casperson is the ninth-ranked team-roping header in the Rocky Mountain Region heading into the break.

**Cy Eames, Gooding Idaho State University**  
Eames, a sophomore, hit the winter break second in the all-around and as the top header in the Rocky Mountain Region. Eames sits 12th nationally in the all-around and is 22nd among headers.

**Jordan Gill, Gooding Northwest College (Wyo.)**  
Gill is currently the top bareback rider in the Big Sky Region and sits fourth nationally at the winter break.

**Kade Gill, Gooding Blue Mountain Community College (Ore.)**  
Gill is the 12th-rated header in the Northwest Region heading into the winter break.

**Rusty Gill, Gooding Blue Mountain Community College (Ore.)**  
Gill is 10th in steer wrestling and the 12th-best heeler in the Northwest Region.

**Zach Hutchison, Raft River CSI**  
Hutchison leads the Rocky Mountain Region's bareback standings and is 13th nationally at the break. He's also fifth in the region in saddle bronc.

**Brady Manning, Oakley CSI**  
Manning sits eighth in the Rocky Mountain Region in saddle bronc and is the 10th-ranked heeler.

**Tyler Stradley, Filer CSI**  
Stradley is ranked sixth among

Rocky Mountain Region heelers at the winter break.

**Bailey Tubbs, Filer CSI**  
Tubbs sits second in the Rocky Mountain's "midseason" saddle bronc standings and is ranked 17th nationally.

**Kyle Van Biezen, Filer Idaho State University**  
Van Biezen had a great fall, putting himself first in the Rocky Mountain Region in all-around and tie-down roping, plus sitting in the Top 10 in three other disciplines. Nationally he is in eighth place in the all-around and ninth in tie-down.

**Tyler Wadsworth, Kimberly Idaho State University**  
Wadsworth is hot on Van Biezen's heels in two events, sitting second in the Rocky Mountain Region all-around and third in tie-down roping. He's 17th nationally in tie-down and 15th in the all-around.

**Kash Wilson, Gooding Blue Mountain Community College (Ore.)**  
Wilson sits third in the Northwest Region's bareback standings at the break.

**Tyler Wines, Gooding University of Montana Western**  
Wines, the regional student director, is ninth among team-roping headers in the Big Sky Region.

**WOMEN**  
**Megan Crist, Kimberly University of Montana Western**  
Crist, a sophomore, finished the fall portion of the rodeo season in third place in the Rocky Mountain Region's goat-tying standings.

**Samantha Logan, Jerome CSI**  
Logan has made a splash during her freshman season, leading the Rocky Mountain Region's barrel racing standings at the winter break and sitting eighth nationally.

**Cheyanna Robinson, Gooding University of Montana**  
Robinson hit the winter break second in the Big Sky Region's breakaway roping standings and sixth nationally.

**Chelsi Schvaneveldt, Jerome CSI**  
Schvaneveldt is the fourth-rated header in the Rocky Mountain Region, and currently sits inside the Top 15 in two other events as well.

**TiAnna Stimpson, Minico Idaho State University**  
Stimpson is hanging on in the Rocky Mountain Region breakaway standings, currently sitting 10th at the break.

**Paige Yore, Declo Weber State University**  
Also a former CSI cowgirl, Yore is sixth in the Rocky Mountain Rodeo breakaway standings and is in the Top 15 in two other disciplines.

### Soccer

**MEN**  
**J.J. Barroso, Glens Ferry Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
Barroso didn't find the net but dished out a couple of assists in his sophomore season for the Chukars.

**Alex Cortez, Bliss Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
Cortez was kept off the score sheet in his freshman season.

**Ruben Cortez, Wendell Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
The sophomore goalkeeper posted two shutouts for the Chukars.

**Cole Erkins, Bliss Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
Erkins saw action but didn't register a goal or an assist in his freshman season.

**Jaime Eudave, Jerome Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
Eudave did not find the score sheet for the Chukars this season.

**Dustin Hegstrom, Twin Falls Laramie County Community College (Wyo.)**  
Hegstrom played in 19 games in his freshman season, scoring twice and setting up another.

**Fermin Martinez, Jerome Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
Martinez scored a team-best six goals as a freshman for the Chukars.

**Sergio Martinez, Jerome Trinity Lutheran College (Wash.)**  
Martinez was a freshman midfielder for the Eagles, who finished 8-6-2 in the program's very first season.

**Jovany Ortiz, Jerome Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
The freshman scored three times for the Chukars, who made the NWAACC playoffs.

**Gabriel Pulido, Jerome Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
No statistics were available for the freshman forward.

**Jorge Rios, Burley Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
No statistics were available for the sophomore defender.

**Roman Vazquez, Jerome Trinity Lutheran College (Wash.)**  
Vazquez was a freshman goalkeeper for the tiny private school in Everett, Wash., which has fewer than 200 full-time students.

**WOMEN**  
**Dusty Easter, Twin Falls Southwest Oklahoma State University**  
The senior defender played in nine games this season, getting one start.

**Aimee Evans, Wood River Chapman University (Calif.)**  
The sophomore forward led the Panthers with 12 goals and kicked in two assists in earning NCAA Division III All-Independent Team honors.

**Samantha Johnson, Wood River Walla Walla Community College (Wash.)**  
Johnson, a redshirt freshman transfer from the University of Nevada-Reno, scored twice and dished out seven assists as the Warriors went undefeated and won the NWAACC championship.

**Amanda Keebler, Twin Falls Walla Walla Community College (Wash.)**  
Keebler scored once and assisted once in her sophomore season for the Warriors.

**Mercedes Pearson, Buhl Walla Walla Community College (Wash.)**  
No statistics were available for the freshman midfielder.

**Daniela Ramirez, Minico Mesa State University (Colo.)**  
The senior played in all 18 games for the Mavericks, scoring three times and assisting on another goal.

**Marissa Sanchez, Twin Falls Utah State University**  
Sanchez played in all 21 games during her junior season with the Aggies, scoring once and assisting once.

**Autumn Yturbe, Buhl Northwest Nazarene University**  
Yturbe co-led the Crusaders with three goals and also dished out three assists, as the team struggled to a 5-13 record.

**Volleyball**  
**Kendra Bailey, Minico Big Bend Community College (Wash.)**  
Bailey registered 74 kills in 14 matches for Big Bend, which finished 3-13 on the season.

**Teighlor Bair, Kimberly CSI**  
A freshman defensive specialist, Bair played in 31 of CSI's 34 matches this season, registering 153 digs.

**Jessica Bond, Twin Falls Florida A&M University**  
The senior setter took a reduced role during her final season with the Rattlers, playing in 22 of the team's 27 matches and starting six. She had 141 assists.

**Erica Coats, Twin Falls Eastern Wyoming College**  
Coats bounced back from a knee injury that ended her freshman season, posting 117 kills and 42 blocks in 121 sets for the Lancers.

**Angela Coleman, Wood River Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
Coleman played in 17 matches for the Chukars, posting 71 kills and 97 digs.

**Jesse Dill, Dietrich CSI**  
The sophomore middle blocker was hampered by an ankle injury for much of the season, playing in just nine matches and picking up 14 kills.

**Grace Lagodich, Wood River Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.)**  
Lagodich had 66 kills in 22 matches for the Chukars during her freshman season.

**Krista Lewis, Filer Ashford University (Iowa)**  
Lewis saw just three sets of action in her freshman season with the Saints. The middle blocker dug one ball and went without a kill.

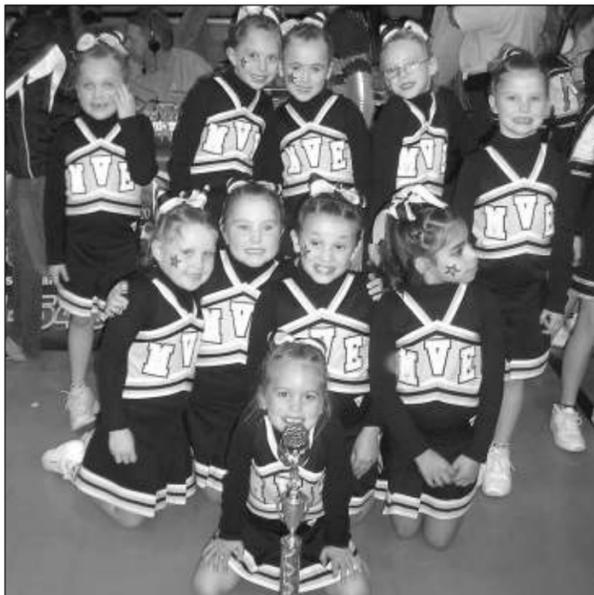
**Breecia Mangum, Hagerman Laramie County Community College (Wyo.)**  
Returning from a knee injury that cut her freshman year short, Mangum switched between outside hitter and libero, where she dug 186 balls and had 50 aces (prior to the Region IX North Tournament) as Laramie County got to within one match of the national tournament.

**Ariel Medina, Twin Falls CSI**  
Medina played in 15 matches as a freshman outside hitter, getting one start and recording 39 kills.

**Breonna Phillips, Minico Western Wyoming Community College**  
Phillips played sparingly for the Mustangs, registering 22 kills, 10 blocks and 13 digs in 19 sets before suffering an injury. Western Wyoming went on to take third at the national tournament.

**Kristina Reitsma, Magic Valley Christian Big Bend Community College (Wash.)**  
Reitsma killed 61 balls in 15 matches for Big Bend during her freshman season.

**Danielle Schaal, Filer New Mexico Highlands University**  
Schaal played in 26 of the Cowgirls' 27 matches on the season, taking up a defensive role in her freshman season and leading the team with 232 digs.



## MAGIC VALLEY EAGLES PERFORM IN SALT LAKE CITY

The Magic Valley Eagle all-star cheerleaders competed in the Salt Lake Regional competition, hosted by UCA, on Dec. 11 in Murray, Utah. The mini team, left, placed third, the youth team, below, placed first, and the senior team, bottom, placed fourth. The Eagles head to Provo, Utah, on Jan. 8 for their next competition.

Courtesy photos



# Sports Shorts

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## Frozen Stones Highland Games near

The Scottish American Athletic Association (SAAA) will host the "Frozen Stones" Scottish Highland games Jan. 1 at Shoshone Falls Park. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with heavy events beginning at 11. For more information, visit [www.saaaidaho.org](http://www.saaaidaho.org) or contact Eric Ettesvold at 280-2286.

## Junior Wildcat hoops camp set

Junior Wildcat Basketball Camp for boys and girls in grades 1-8 will be held Monday through Wednesday at Filer High School. Players in grades 1-5 will attend from 8 to 11 a.m. with grades 6-8 attending from noon to 3 p.m. The cost is \$35 and registration begins 30 minutes before each camp session on Monday. Information: Cody Ketterling at 280-0964.

## Winter baseball camp upcoming

The Southern Idaho Baseball Camp will be held Monday through Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho. The instructional camp focuses on various aspects of hitting, fielding, catching and pitching. Information: 732-6850, 732-6285 or [athletics.csi.edu/baseball/camp.asp](http://athletics.csi.edu/baseball/camp.asp).

## Bruin basketball to host two camps

The Twin Falls Christmas and Little Dribbler basketball camps are upcoming. The Christmas camp runs from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday and Thursday, and is open to boys and girls in grades 6-8. The Little Dribblers camp is open to kids in grades K-5 and runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Jan. 15 and 22 and 6 to 7 p.m. The Little Dribblers will also perform at halftime of the Twin Falls High School varsity girls basketball home game against Wood River on Jan. 25. The cost is \$25 for the Christmas camp and \$30 for the Little Dribblers camp. Each participant will receive a camp shirt and a custom Bruin basketball. Camp forms are available at all elementary schools in the Twin Falls district, Donnelley Sports or the Twin Falls High School office. Information: Matt Harr at 737-5208, ext. 3050.

## CSI men hold Christmas camp

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program will hold its annual Christmas basketball camp from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday. The camp is for boys and girls in grades K-8. Campers will work with CSI players in drills and games and each participant will receive a T-shirt and CSI game tickets. The cost is \$45 per camper. Registration forms may be picked up at any local elementary school or CSI gymnasium. Information: Colby Blaine at 340-7588.

## Oakley, Hagerman to hold pink-out

OAKLEY — Oakley and Hagerman high schools are selling pink sweatshirts in preparation for their girls and boys basketball games Jan. 4 in Oakley. The sweatshirts are \$25 and \$2 for each one sold goes to the American Breast Cancer Society. The schools are competing to sell which one can sell the most. Fans are invited to wear pink to the Jan. 4 games as part of a pink-out. Information: Christy Adams at 431-9108.

## District IV football commish spots open

The Board of Control of the Fourth District Activities Association is accepting applications for the positions of Football Commissioner for the 2011 football season and Volleyball Commissioner for the 2011 volleyball season. A letter of application, resume of experience and three letters of recommendation can be sent to District Secretary Len Penner at Box 475, Glenns Ferry, Idaho, 83623. Items may also be faxed to 366-3018 or e-mailed to [fdaaalen@aol.com](mailto:fdaaalen@aol.com). Application deadline is Jan. 15. Information: Len Penner at 366-7957 or e-mail [Fdaalen@aol.com](mailto:Fdaalen@aol.com).

## Cheerleader seeks sponsors for trip

Lexxi Richardson of Twin Falls will be part of the halftime entertainment at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii on Jan. 30, 2011. Richardson is seeking sponsors to help with cost of the trip. Information: Andrea Pierce at 420-3361.

— Staff reports

# Magic Valley .22 Caliber Rifle and Pistol League

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**Match Four**  
**Pistol Scores: .22 Cal.**  
 Master: 550-600  
 1st: Dan Bulcher — 563  
 2nd: Bob Anderson — 555  
 3rd: Nyles Tilley — 550  
**Expert: 525-549**  
 1st: Dan Brown — 547  
 2nd: Jody Osterhout — 546  
 T-3rd: George Wagner, Mark Miller — 543  
**Sharpshooter: 490-524**  
 T-1st: Dave Gyorffy, Nick Barnes — 522  
 2nd: Kirt Short — 521  
 3rd: Bruce Lohnes — 519  
**Marksman: 450-489**  
 1st: Ed Smith (Quick Draw) — 489  
 2nd: Richard Bean — 483  
 3rd: Max Vaughn — 461

**Two Handed Pistol**  
 1st: Clayton Smith — 521  
 T-2nd: Dave Smith, Gator Veach — 506

**Rifle Scores**  
**Master: 385-400**  
 1st: John Pitts — 391  
 T-2nd: Will Brown, Mark Bulcher — 388  
**Expert: 370-384**  
 1st: Nyles Tilley — 382  
 T-2nd: Dave Gyorffy, Mark Miller — 374  
 3rd: Bruce Lohnes — 370  
**Sharp Shooter: 350-369**  
 1st: Richard Bean — 366  
 2nd: Roger Short — 356  
**Marksman: 250-349**  
 1st: Kirt Short — 319  
 2nd: Ed Smith (Quick Draw) — 314  
 3rd: James Wert — 312

**Sport Rifle:**  
 1st: Art Freund — 343  
 2nd: Clayton Smith — 341  
 3rd: Jody Osterhout — 340

**Junior Rifle Shooters**  
 1st: Alisah Lierman — 343  
 2nd: Chani Lohnes — 300

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# Your Scores

## BOWLING

**BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS**  
**SUNDAY EARLY MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Jake Carnahan 684, Jonathan Vaughan 558, Matthew Elmore 536, Lin Gowen 526.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Jake Carnahan 268, Paul Gosnell 219, Randy Sunde 202, Jonathan Vaughan 202.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Becky Lewis 487, Roxie Byrnum 428, Rose Miller 419, Emily Cook 417.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Becky Lewis 177, Roxie Byrnum 155, Debbie Westburg 154, Ludy Harkins 153.  
**MONDAY MIXED FOLLIES**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Joe McClure 632, Rick Morrow 621, Rocky Reece 603, Kevin Hamblin 580.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Joe McClure 259, Rick Morrow 225, Bill Boren 221, Rick Ruhter 220.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Sylvia Inman 562, Michele Seckel 528, Kay Puschel 494, Lorenia Rodriguez 476.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Michele Seckel 194, Sylvia Inman 189, Kay Puschel 179.  
**SH-BOOM**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Nick Parsons 683, Rob Kennison 593, Rick Ceperich 591, Donnie Parsons 565.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Nick Parsons 258, Donnie Parsons 224, RickCeperich214, Rob Kennison 213.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Barbara Reynolds 594, Diana Brady 539, Stacey Lanier 490, Kathi Jeroue 447.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Diana Brady 214, Barbara Reynolds 212, Stacey Lanier 170, Tammy Grafte 166.  
**MID MORNING MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Dave Wilson 696, Josh Groves 663, Maury Miller 610, Eddie Chappell 576.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Rich Farnsworth 246, Dave Wilson 236, Tom Smith 231, Josh Groves 228.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Kim Leazer 579, Linda Vining 519, Vicki Kiesig 507, Dawn Kulm 506.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Dawn Kulm 224, Kim Leazer 212, Vicki Kiesig 193, Linda Vining 192.  
**TUESDAY A.M. TRIOS**  
**SERIES:** Jean McGuire 526, Joelle Moses 501, Amber Beguhl 493, Charlene Anderson 486.  
**GAMES:** Pauline Thomas 195, Joelle Moses 194, Jean McGuire 193, Dot Moody 191.  
**LATECOMERS**  
**SERIES:** Kristy Rodriguez 631, Lisa Allen 520, Toni Frazier 504, Sherry Blass 500.  
**GAMES:** Kristy Rodriguez 245, Terry Keegan 233, Suzette Lancaster 201, Lisa Allen 200.  
**CONSOLIDATED**  
**SERIES:** Todd Fiscus 754, Ian DeVries 745, Steve Gentry Jr. 725, Nate Jones 725.  
**GAMES:** Steve Gentry Jr. 298, Todd Fiscus 270, Ian DeVries 264, Jake Carnahan 256.  
**MAGIC VALLEY SENIORS**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Del McGuire 499, Duke Stimpson 492, Gary Hartruff 488, Cy Bullers 410.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Del McGuire 191, Duke Stimpson 182, Cy Bullers 180, Gary Hartruff 168.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Tina Holland 543, Betty Taylor 514, Barbara Frith 496, Jean McGuire 485.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Barbara Frith 199, Jean McGuire 198, Betty Taylor 196, Tina Holland 192.  
**LADIES CLASSIC**  
**SERIES:** Michele Seckel 538, Cindy Garrett 534, Sharon Simmons 516, Judy Cook 504.  
**GAMES:** Lorenia Rodriguez 199, Kay Puschel 190, Cindy Garrett 190, Judy Cook 190.  
**SUNSET**  
**SERIES:** Kristy Rodriguez 593, Marie Bourn 569, Tracey Hoffman 543, Kathi Jeroue 542.

**GAMES:** Tracey Hoffman 217, Marie Bourn 216, Heather Rackham 213, Kathi Jeroue 212.  
**SOMETHING ELSE**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Steve Gentry Jr. 603, Juan Martinez 483, Steve Gentry Sr. 460, Rusty Biggs 447.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Steve Gentry Jr. 219, Rusty Biggs 178, Juan Martinez 166, Steve Gentry Sr. 158.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Penny Gentry 473, Shanna Call 422, Sharla Warren 421, Sherry Blass 406.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Penny Gentry 202, Sharla Warren 160, Shanna Call 155, Sherry Blass 146.  
**FRIDAY P.M. SENIORS**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Dave Wilson 626, Ed Dutry 594, Jim Devries 587, Chelcie Eager 561.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Dave Wilson 246, Ed Dutry 244, Bill Boren 215, Jim DeVries 214.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Linda Vining 537, Dawn Kulm 509, Bonnie Draper 508, Shirley Kunsman 506.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Shirley Kunsman 209, Gail McAllister 203, Linda Vining 203, J.C. Magee 201.  
**MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS**  
**SUNDAY ROLLERS**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Kyle Mason 649, Stan Visser 616, R.D. Adema 593, Keith Kelly 591.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Kyle Mason 236, Stan Visser 231, Vance Mason 217, R.D. Adema 210.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Amanda Crider 586, Ida Countryman 560, Brenda Staley 495, April Visser 485.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Amanda Crider 234, Brenda Staley 215, Ida Countryman 205, Nancy Craig 178.  
**MASON TROPHY**  
**SERIES:** Shanda Pickett 591, Skeet Donaldson 522, Glenda Barrutia 518, Joan Leis 506.  
**GAMES:** Shanda Pickett 246, Skeet Donaldson 204, Mary Murray 191, Glenda Barrutia 187.  
**VALLEY**  
**SERIES:** Nate Jones 756, Erik Bywater 742, Tom Smith 727, Shon Bywater 724.  
**GAMES:** Nate Jones 279, Shon Bywater 279, Ron Dawson 277, Tom Smith 277, Bob Bywater 277.  
**50 PLUS SENIORS**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Tom Smith 694, Jim Brawley 628, Ed Chappell 610, Ed Dutry 610.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Tom Smith 299, Myron Schroede 247, Ed Dutry 237, Ed Chappell 226.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Gail Cederlund 539, Anna Moore 502, Margie Howard 493, Dot Moody 482.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Gail Cederlund 213, Margie Howard 188, Linda Vining 181, Dot Van Hook 180.  
**THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Zach Black 753, George White 675, Buddy Bryant 668, Tom Kerr 645.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Zach Black 278, Jody Bryant 276, George White 244, Buddy Bryant 243.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Kelsie Byrant 580, Beverly O'Connor 555, Sylvia Wood 543, Edie Barkley 529.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Sylvia Wood 210, Tawnia Bryant 208, Beverly O'Connor 202, Kelsie Bryant 202.  
**EARLY FRIDAY MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Trevor Wakley 699, Jody Bryant 694, Kia Mathews 606, Mike Goodson 601.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Jody Bryant 255, Trevor Wakley 246, Tim Justice 222, Mike Goodson 211.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Georgia Randall 676, Tawnia Bryant 550, Elara Smith 445, Julie Shaffer 443.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Georgia Randall 256, Tawnia Bryant 213, Elara Smith 168, Paula Wakley 162.  
**SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY**  
**MONDAY MARAUDERS**  
**SERIES:** Dinae Strolberg 512, Derry Smith 481, Carli Parish 419, Syndi Strand 416.

**GAMES:** Diane Strolberg 197, Derry Smith 179, Carli Parish 152, Syndi Strand 150.  
**LADIES TRIOS**  
**SERIES:** Tiffinay Hager 619, Jachelle Lowe 523, Kim Davis 519, Terri Albert 495.  
**GAMES:** Tiffinay Hager 234, Kim Davis 206, Terri Albert 193, Jachelle Lowe 183.  
**MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO**  
**SERIES:** Bob Bywater 935, Delbert Bennett 889, Justin Studer 872, Stan Chambliss 869.  
**GAMES:** Justin Studer 300, Delbert Bennett 267, Bob Bywater 258, Stan Chambliss 255.  
**TUESDAY MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Rick Hieb 664, Jordan Parish 660, Bob Bywater 627, Tyson Hirsch 571.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Byron Hager 252, Bob Bywater 236, Gene Smith 232, Rick Hieb 224.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Annette Hirsch 615, Tiffinay Hager 542, Kristie Johnston 536, Stacy Hieb 528.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Annette Hirsch 202, Kristie Johnston 216, Tiffinay Hager 206, Stacy Hieb 179.  
**RAILROADERS**  
**SERIES:** Kym Son 570, Janet Grant 535, Theresa Knowlton 504, Kristine Jones 493.  
**GAMES:** Kym Son 210, Kristine Hones 200, Janet Grant 183, Theresa Knowlton 180.  
**WEDNESDAY MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Thom Stimpson 713, Jordan Parish 685, Ryan Swalling 678, Tyson Hirsch 625.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Thom Stimpson 277, Jordan Parish 268, Galan Rogers 244, Ryan Swalling 243.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Annette Hirsch 539, Nancy Jensen 482, Alexis Studer 475, Bobbi Crow 459.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Annette Hirsch 202, Bobbi Crow 171, Nancy Jensen 167, Susan Fowler 166.  
**HOUSEWIVES**  
**SERIES:** Kristie Johnston 560, Deanna Mckee 503, Derry Smith 499, Nanette Kostka 484.  
**GAMES:** Kristie Johnston 223, Derry Smith 220, Brenda Schenk 198, Deanna Mckee 196.  
**MAJORS**  
**SERIES:** Delbert Bennett 721, Bob Bywater 708, Shon Bywater 668, Darrin Carter 661.  
**GAMES:** Bob Bywater 265, Shon Bywater 264, Stan Chambliss 257, Delbert Bennett 248.  
**PINHEADS**  
**BOYS SERIES:** Mhason Stimpson 556, Brody Albertson 478, Quentyn Roberts 372, Alexander Moor 337.  
**BOYS GAMES:** Mhason Stimpson 207, Brody Albertson 199, Quentyn Roberts 149, Karrigan Hollins 138.  
**GIRLS SERIES:** Abrina Blunt 450, Cheyenne Powers 382, Kaitlyn Wilcox 249, Brogan Uscola 134.  
**GIRLS GAMES:** Abrina Bount 172, Cheyenne Powers 136, Kaitlyn Wilcox 88, Brogan Uscola 64.  
**MINICO**  
**BOYS SERIES:** Shane Amen 536, Josh Tallon 486, Larry Morris 468, Kolby Widmier 426.  
**BOYS GAMES:** Gerardo Juarez 200, Shane Amen 198, Larry Morris 195, Reid Pinther 194.  
**GIRLS SERIES:** Bridget Albertson 630, Samantha Chapa 376, Zhallenna Nay 369, Rachel Webster 325.  
**GIRLS GAMES:** Bridget Albertson 236, Zhallenna Nay 156, Samantha Chapa 149, Yajayra Garcia 141.  
**BURLEY**  
**BOYS SERIES:** Logan Hollins 467, Brandon Baldwin 350, RJ Navarez 263.  
**BOYS GAMES:** Logan Hollins 164, Brandon Baldwin 147, RF Navarez 100.  
**GIRLS SERIES:** Kiara Hieb 524, Kortni Wells 333.  
**GIRLS GAMES:** Kiara Hieb 181, Kortni Wells 127.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered rain showers, cloudy. High 43.

Tonight: Any rain turning to snow showers. Low 29.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy, chilly. High 39.

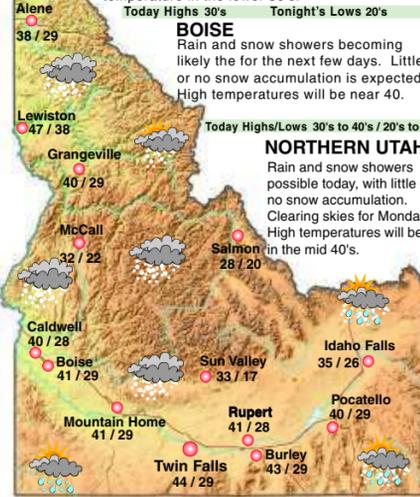
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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Month to Date statistics.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Snow flurries falling today, with a few inches accumulation possible. Snow showers continuing for the next several days. High temperature in the lower 30's.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 47 at Boise Low: -5 at Challis 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, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Includes weather icons and high/low temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

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

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, and Humidity. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Month to Date statistics.

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 29.97 in. Today Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:11 PM

Sunrise and Sunset

Today Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:11 PM Monday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:11 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:12 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:13 PM Thursday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:14 PM

Moon Phases and Moonset

Table showing moon phases (Last, New, First, Full) and moonset times for Today, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Today's U. V. Index

Low Moderate High 2 1 3 5 7 10 The higher the index the more sun protection needed

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities including Boise, Bonners Ferry, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Halley, Idaho Falls, Kalspell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Malta, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Sall Lake City, UT, Spokane, Stanley, Sun Valley, and Yellowstone.

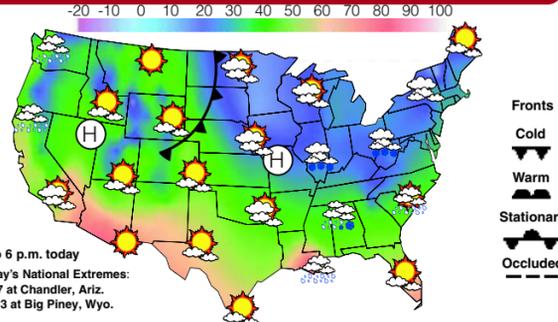
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for cities including Atlanta, Atlanta City, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boston, Charleston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, 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, Dhahran, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Kuwait City, London, Mexico City, Moscow, Nairobi, Paris, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santiago, Seoul, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Vienna, Warsaw, Winnipeg, and Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'Do not wait; the time will never be just right. Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

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

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Florida International ready for bowl game

DETROIT (AP) — For Florida International, a bowl victory would cap off a fast rise. In its sixth season in the Football Bowl Subdivision and four years after a winless season, Florida International will take on Toledo in Sunday's Little Caesar's Bowl.

Cristobal took over from Don Strock after an ugly 2006 season that included a 0-12 record, the famous brawl with the crosstown Miami Hurricanes and sanctions that cost the program scholarships and players.

with a chance to play in a bowl game on national television. If the Golden Panthers (6-6) want to finish with their first winning record, they will need a big game from their offense led by Sun Belt Player of the Year T.Y. Hilton.

coach Tim Beckham said. "He's going to be catching a lot of passes, but they will also use him out of the backfield, and he's going to be returning kickoffs and punts. "He might even throw the ball, and he's capable of a big play in any of those situations."

Cristobal agrees that the game will help Florida International's recruiting efforts. "Recruiting has always been the lifeline of our program, but when we arrived, we were trying to sell a 0-12 program that still had to build facilities," he said.

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**207 General**

**GENERAL**  
Very fast pace dental practice looking for exp'd front and back **Office Staff**. Must be energetic and great people skills. Bring resume to: **1411 Falls Ave. E. Suite 1000 C, Twin Falls.** No calls or mailed in resumes please.

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**211 Medical**

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We are looking for someone who has a proven history of providing strong, progressive leadership. We want to talk to people who have confidence in the future of news media companies and approach the challenges with a high level of enthusiasm that rubs off on those around them. This is a solid marketplace and both the community and the newspaper are experiencing solid revenue growth.

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**Business Manager**  
The Elko Daily Free Press is seeking an innovative, experienced and hands-on financial professional to join our staff as **Business Manager**. The successful candidate will join our leadership team and will manage our Finance Department staff. The focus of this position is financial planning & analysis, managing the month end closing process, and providing department heads concise information that will cause us to make better business decisions. The Business Manager will be responsible for audit compliance. This full-time position will interact with our Regional Finance Center, corporate office, employees, supervisors, managers and Publisher, as well as advertisers, newspaper carriers, subscribers and vendors.

Requirements include a degree in accounting or finance, a successful financial/accounting background, computer applications experience with Microsoft Excel and proven leadership skills.

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This position offers a competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits package

- Qualified candidates will have:
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**215 Professional**

**PROFESSIONAL**  
 Twin Falls County – Opening for 2 FT Substance Use Disorder Counselors. \$18-22/hr DOE with full benefits package. Must meet licensing requirements, prior experience preferred. **Job announcement and application form avail online [www.twinfallscounty.org](http://www.twinfallscounty.org) or HR office, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Courthouse. Application deadline 01-07-11. EEO/VETS/Drug Free Workplace.**

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**SALES**  
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 • Work with plant management to track plant performance to key performance indicators (KPIs).  
 • Assist with ensuring customer specifications are being met, if not help with investigating complaints and responses.  
 • Assist with ensuring that all employees have adequate knowledge of our GMP and Food Safety programs and provide training.  
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**Requirements:**  
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**St. Luke's Health System RN, Radiation Oncology Twin Falls Idaho**

**St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute has an excellent opportunity:**

- **Radiation Oncology RN** - Minimum requirements include graduation from an accredited school of nursing with current RN licensure from Idaho, a valid driver's license and a minimum of one year of registered nurse experience.

**St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI)** - is one of the Northwest's most respected cancer care centers. For more than 50 years, St. Luke's has been dedicated to the study, prevention, and treatment of cancer. St. Luke's MSTI continues to provide an innovative range of leading-edge services such as blood and marrow transplant (BMT), stereotactic radiation therapy, image guided radiation therapy (IGRT), intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), and high dose rate (HDR) brachytherapy. Join our team and become a part the advanced comprehensive cancer care that MSTI's medical and technical professionals provide for the people of our region.

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**NOW HIRING**

**St. Luke's Health System Mountain States Tumor Institute**

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- **Social Worker** - (MSW) to be responsible for identifying patient and family psychosocial, emotional and cultural needs and priorities for care through assessment, care planning, clinical interventions, education and evaluation of outcomes. Minimum qualifications include Masters degree in Social Work from a School of Social Work approved by the Council on Social Work Education, current LMSW or LCSW licensure in Idaho, and at least one year of health care setting experience
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- **Community Cancer Education Coordinator** - to be responsible for planning and managing MSTI Twin Falls participation in various local and regional community health education opportunities, in collaboration with other MSTI Community Cancer Education Coordinators. Minimum qualifications include proven experience in developing and/or implementing community education programs, Bachelor degree in communication, community health or related field preferred.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, That the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., will be held at Sawtooth Best Western Inn, 2-miles south of Jerome, Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company. The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term.

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The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 6, 2011, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 6, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Company.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2010 at Jerome, Idaho. NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD. BY: Terry Walters, Assist-Sec'y

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Notice is hereby given by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association of the availability of one (1) Million dollars in HOME Program Funds for the February 2011 Funding Round. These funds must be used by eligible applicants for IHFA/HOME-eligible housing activities in Idaho. Notice is hereby given of an additional \$750,000 that may be available only to CHDO-eligible HOME projects sponsored by IHFA-certified CHDOs. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. February 11, 2011. Application must be mailed or hand-delivered to: IHFA, Grant Programs, P. O. Box 7899, Boise, ID, 83707-1899; 565 W. Myrtle, Boise Idaho. Applicants must be organized under the State of Idaho as a non-profit housing development organization, a private housing developer, or a local unit of government. HOME application available at http://www.ihfa.org/ihfa/grant-programs/home-program/multifamily.aspx. HOME scoring matrix with assigned points available at http://www.ihfa.org/ihfa/grant-programs/home-program.aspx. 2011 HOME program requirements available at http://www.ihfa.org/ihfa/grant-programs/home-program/2011-home-administrative-plan.aspx For additional information, contact the IHFA Grant Programs Department toll free at 1-877-4GRANTS (447-2687), TDD (800) 545-1833 or jerik@ihfa.org



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**101**  
**Lost and Found**

**FOUND** Boxer, female, in the Buhl area. Call to identify 320-2994.

**FOUND** Dog, light brown and white, possible Border Collie. Found on Polk & Filer. Wearing Guardian training collar. 208-734-2571 lv msg

**FOUND** Earplugs for Ipod, found at Walmart parking lot on Saturday. 208-733-0194

**101**  
**Lost and Found**

**FOUND** Kitten, orange tabby, on south side of Fred Meyer. Call 320-2108.

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**104**  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Hussein: Obama :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Garfield
- 6 Comforter
- 11 Taking badly?
- 20 Dunces
- 21 Informal bid
- 22 Zap
- 23 "Honest, Professor, I studied very hard for this test?"
- 25 Visibly shaken king?
- 26 Circus leaper
- 27 Ad gp.
- 28 U.S. tender
- 30 Oddly amusing
- 31 It affects your take-home pay
- 33 Civil War authority Shelby Per
- 35 Rejection at McDonald's?
- 40 Things used in semi circles?
- 43 Bucky, in "Get Fuzzy"
- 47 Concludes
- 48 Photographing giraffes, perhaps
- 50 Reunion attendees
- 51 Technology prefix
- 52 Pico de gallo holders
- 54 Pronto, to execs
- 55 Scarlett's refuge
- 56 Like granola
- 57 Deck out
- 58 Bar orders for the calorie-conscious
- 59 Laser alternatives
- 61 Expected to land
- 62 Gloomy atmosphere
- 63 Dedicated verse
- 64 Error that just got bigger?
- 68 PC panic button
- 71 The "Y" in YSL
- 73 Wise guys
- 74 Detailed
- 76 Unlock the door for
- 78 House reporter?
- 79 Harlem sch.
- 81 Princess born on Polis Massa
- 82 Love, to Caesar
- 83 Acts skittish
- 84 Vidal's Breckinridge
- 85 Lurches
- 86 Fighting practice
- 88 Kemo \_\_\_\_\_
- 89 Like the Finger of Fate on "Laugh-In"
- 90 Friday, e.g.: Abbr.
- 91 What Red Riding Hood wisely didn't do?

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- 95 Betty Grable's were insured
- 96 Show again
- 97 Source of inside info?
- 102 Suite spot
- 105 "Mr. Mom" actress
- 106 Do some bartending
- 108 Wrist-to-elbow bone
- 109 Green poet?
- 112 Effect of Pepé Le Pew battling a romantic rival?
- 115 Pretends to be what one isn't
- 116 All, to Caesar
- 117 Els on the links
- 118 Backyard buildings
- 119 One you might not want to meet?
- 120 Carried on **DOWN**
- 1 Sternward
- 2 Italian vintner
- 3 Subject of the book "The Best of Time"
- 4 Tough test metaphor
- 5 Stir-fry additive
- 6 Former bumper car trademark
- 7 Like "waitress," e.g. "Ha ha"
- 8 "Ha ha"
- 9 L.A.-to-N.Y. dir.
- 10 Champs
- 11 More copious
- 12 Preconception
- 13 MCCC halved
- 14 Cult following?
- 15 City on the Guadalquivir River
- 16 Insignificant one
- 17 Othello's betrayer
- 18 Like many a palette
- 19 "Little" Dickens girl
- 24 Bother
- 29 Suffix with Capri
- 32 Cries of clarity
- 34 Novus \_\_\_\_\_ seclorum: Great Seal motto
- 35 Bother
- 36 Kisser
- 38 Lick
- 39 "Me too!"
- 40 Quick look across the moat?
- 41 Bluff in Banff
- 42 Small samplings
- 43 House party setting
- 44 Serengeti grazer
- 45 Fowl injustice?
- 46 Key of Bizet's most popular sym.
- 49 Bomb
- 51 Chicago Sting org.
- 52 Hair piece
- 53 Seed covering
- 56 Publisher Chandler
- 57 "September 1, 1939" poet
- 58 Lt. Columbo's employer
- 60 Starting place?
- 61 Painter of ballerinas
- 62 Small and weak
- 65 St. Clare's town
- 66 Word with deck or drive \_\_\_\_\_ colada
- 67 \_\_\_\_\_ colada
- 69 Unmoving
- 70 Scene with stuntmen
- 72 Shenandoah Natl. Park site
- 75 Wire service?: Abbr.
- 76 Code contents, maybe
- 77 Webzine
- 78 Scolds, with "out"
- 79 High tech/lowlife sci-fi genre
- 80 Hands across the water?
- 83 Skyline obscurer
- 84 Half a fish
- 85 Falling-out
- 87 Eternal
- 88 "Overnight" surprise for some
- 89 Turnpike alert
- 92 Sports page deals
- 93 Ship designation
- 94 Eye-related
- 95 Flatten
- 98 Kama \_\_\_\_\_
- 99 Stick
- 100 "Tomorrow" musical
- 101 Starkers, across the pond
- 102 Romance novelist Victoria
- 103 Eclectic assortment
- 104 Show recorder
- 105 Crisscross pattern
- 107 Tony's cousin
- 110 Dissatisfied cry
- 111 Bar quaff
- 113 Medical suffix
- 114 Alter, perhaps

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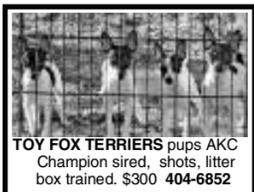
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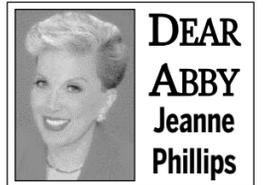
**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband, "Mac," calls me on the phone, he expects me to look at the caller ID and immediately interrupt whatever conversation I'm having to take his call.

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Mac believes that anyone I'm talking to should understand that he takes priority. Today, he called seven times in two minutes to then berate me for not instantly taking his call about an unimportant matter.

Abby, in Mac's defense, he's a high-level executive with limited free time during the day. He is not otherwise demanding and usually calls me only once a day. I make every effort to quickly wrap up my phone calls and return his within minutes. Who is right?

#### ON A SHORT PHONE LEASH



**IF DECEMBER 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Your business sense is at a high point for the next several weeks. Don't let your head grow too big with success; repay kindnesses and keep the scales of justice balanced in February. During May, you could have your head turned by a compliment or your wallet bled by a risky deal. In June, opportunity may knock and a seemingly unimportant offer could lead to a great deal of long-term happiness. As a matter of fact, you can make your own opportunities by asking for a raise, asking for favors or seeking a new job. June brings perfect celestial weather for you to launch your most cherished plans or, since you are a bit wiser than usual, you may employ vision and intelligence when making decisions about some key areas of your life.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** In the week ahead, you should look beyond the "me" and consider the "we." In your world, you might think that you are the most important person, but you need to consider the needs of other people.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Find common ground with others and promote your dreams at the same time. This week your reading material, or a friend or family member, could open your eyes to new ways that you can achieve goals.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Be a little careless and say just what you mean. In the week ahead, you can be perfectly truthful about what you hope the future will bring. You can hide away the hatchet and let bygones be bygones.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** No one in the whole world can do a better job of being you than you. There is no reason to compare yourself with others or use a scale to weigh the differences in the week to come. You are what you are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your inner fire doesn't go out, but is simply banked. It can be rekindled and burst into flames again through an interest in your job or an encounter with someone who ignites your passions in the week to come.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** There are some secrets that you have kept carefully hidden. If someone starts digging too deeply, distract them with another set of facts you are willing to share. You possess good judgment this week.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You know you need to obtain the best credentials to become a cool customer. In the week ahead, you may be reminded of your deficits or your lack of ambition. Do your best without taking on too much.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The size of your success can be measured by the strength of your desire. Some quiet reflection will give you a chance to discover the most important topic in your world and the best use of your energies.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** In the week ahead, success might require sacrifice. Excellent judgment coupled with superb intuition will give you the edge, even if you have to give up something in order to achieve a compromise.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** If you choose to walk a rough path, you should be prepared to wear tough shoes. You might take on a substantial undertaking in the week to come. It will require dedicated effort in order to succeed.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** If you're feeling like you're not doing what you're supposed to be doing, maybe it is time to add structure to your visions of success. This week develop your ambitions and make some resolutions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Hit the ground running. You possess loads of ambition but often hesitate because you are afraid of making a mistake. In the week ahead, don't hesitate to give your best effort, as practice makes perfect.

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

Since Christmas Day has just come and gone, what would you wish to happen in 2011 to the world of bridge?

Late Letter to Santa, Phoenix, Ariz.

ANSWER: Perhaps I should hope for something attainable and not look for pie in the sky. Maybe we might be successful in persuading a few school districts to teach bridge to their pupils, accepting that it is a fine tool to help children understand mathematics and develop concentration.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ K-8-4, ♥ Q-4, ♦ Q-2, ♣ A-10-6-4-3-2, I assume you would open one club, as I did. When the next hand doubled and my partner bid one heart, my RHO also doubled, which was explained as penalties, not takeout. Would you run to two clubs, or to one no-trump, or would you pass? That was what I did; and it turned into a disaster when my partner also passed, holding 4-4 in the majors and a heart suit headed by the 10. We went down 300.

Revolting Developments, Madison, Wis.

ANSWER: I think your pass was quite reasonable; your partner should maybe have inferred that you were not overloaded in hearts if the opponents were to be believed, so perhaps he could have removed the contract to one spade or even one no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

What is the best way to deal with interference to Blackwood, and how should one show a void when asked for aces?

Contingencies, Memphis, Tenn.

ANSWER: A simple answer to your first question is to use double as no aces, pass as one, and then bid up by steps — whether playing keycard or regular Blackwood. With a useful void, don't show the void with no aces, but with one or three aces jump in the void if it is below the trump suit, or jump in the trump suit with a higher-ranking void. And bid five no-trump with two aces and a void.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ K-Q-5-4, ♥ A-J-3-2, ♦ A-10-7-4, ♣ Q, I thought it was normal to open one diamond and jump to three spades over the one-spade response. My partner suggested I might have gone all the way to game, and even that I might have bid four clubs. But wouldn't that sequence show a better hand — or even a first-round club control?

What's It Worth? Casper, Wyo.

ANSWER: You were quite sensible in your hand evaluation. With the club queen a potentially broken reed, your jump to three spades looks right. If partner cannot bid on, you rate to be high enough. Give yourself the diamond queen instead of the club queen and you might well do more. A jump to four clubs if played as a splinter (a common modern treatment) does indeed suggest a singleton, not a void.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

If you play two-over-one game forcing, how can you differentiate between a hand such as a 10-count with six good clubs (not worth a game-force but worth an invitation) and the same hand with an ace less, in response to a one-spade opening.

Sorting It Out, Bremerton, Wash.

ANSWER: Some people play a jump to three clubs immediately as invitational with a good suit, say 10-11 points, the hand that in old-fashioned Standard American would have responded two clubs, then bid three clubs. For other people the jump to three clubs would be an artificial spade raise or even a weak jump. If so, they would have to respond one no-trump, then bid three clubs at their next turn over their partner's response with both the invitational hand and the weaker variety.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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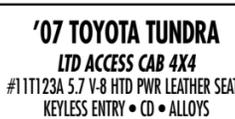
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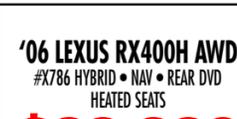
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Today's Highlight:

On Dec. 26, 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

# TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War.

In 1908, Jack Johnson became the first African-American boxer to win the world heavyweight championship as he defeated Canadian Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia.

In 1910, the London Palladium, Britain's famous variety theatre, first opened.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1960, the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Green Bay Packers, 17-13, in the NFL Championship game, played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia.

In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Mo., at age 88.

In 1980, Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States, showing a dozen of the American hostages sending messages to their families.

In 1990, Nancy Cruzan, the young woman in an irreversible vegetative state whose case led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the right to die, died at a Missouri hospital.

In 2004, some 230,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed by the tsunami triggered by the world's most powerful earthquake in 40 years beneath the Indian Ocean.

In 2006, former President Gerald R. Ford died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 93.

Ten years ago: Michael McDermott, an employee at an Internet firm in Wakefield, Mass., shot and killed seven co-workers. (McDermott was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.) Veteran stage and screen actor Jason Robards died in Bridgeport, Conn., at age 78.

Five years ago: Survivors wept and prayed beside mass graves and at beachside memorials in Indonesia, marking one year since earthquake-churned walls of water crashed ashore in a dozen nations, sweeping away hundreds of thousands of lives. "Monday Night Football" ended an unprecedented 36-year run on ABC-TV with a lackluster game, a 31-21 New England Patriots victory over the New York Jets. (The series switched to ESPN the following season.) Australia's wealthiest man, media mogul Kerry Packer, died in Sydney at age 68.

One year ago: A 23-year-old Nigerian man (Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab) who claimed to have ties to al-Qaida was charged with trying to destroy a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day. Buddhist monks chanted on white-sanded beaches in Thailand and thousands prayed at mosques in Indonesia to mark the fifth anniversary of the Asian tsunami. Percy Sutton, the pioneering civil rights attorney who represented Malcolm X before launching successful careers as a political power broker and media mogul, died in New York at 89.

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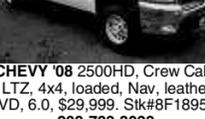
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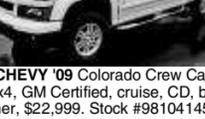
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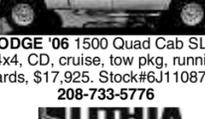
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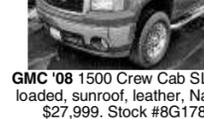


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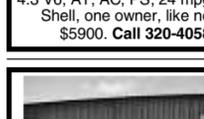
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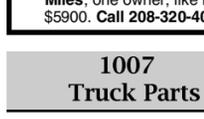
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By Dave Green

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1			5					
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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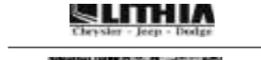
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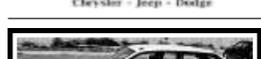
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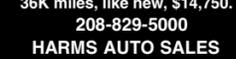
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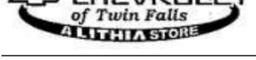


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# TREND 2011

## Paying for food and looking for love

**F**or a lot of families 2010 hasn't been easy, and for many 2011 doesn't look much better. But organizations continue to step up to the plate to help, offering services to provide basic needs, recreational stress release and ways to make raising children a little easier.

And the support of others — whether through new relationships or volunteering in the community — continues to be important to south-central Idaho families.

As so many of our neighbors know, friends and family can be the light in the darkest hour.

### Food on the table

Across the country, food stamp use has surged. One in seven Americans now rely on government aid to feed their families — a 16 percent increase since last year, according to CNN.com.

And Idaho leads the nation in food stamp growth. The number of Idahoans using food stamps has grown 39 percent since last year.

So what happened? Part of the reason: About half of Idahoans who qualified for food assistance didn't apply for it, said Tom Shanahan, public information officer for Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

"We saw our growth increase more than other states because there was that pent-up demand out there," Shanahan said.

When the economy crashed in 2008, unemployment went up and, suddenly, people who had been able to get by no longer could. While Idaho food stamp usage usually fluctuates month to month — fewer participants in spring and summer when seasonal work is available, and more in fall and winter — the number has risen steadily in the past two years.

"Ever since we started seeing the difficult times, it's gone up every month, and that hasn't changed," Shanahan said.

But when you look at how many Idahoans are



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Emily Flores takes a call on her cell phone as she shops with her children, Matthew Flores, 3, and Maricela Flores, 4, and Yesenia Vazquez, 11, a relative, at a Twin Falls grocery store in July. Flores says she usually does a little shopping on the first of each month when she gets her food stamp money.

currently on food stamps — about 219,000 in November, or 14 percent of the population — the state's numbers line up with the national average, according to CNN.com.

Will this trend continue in the new year? That depends on employment, Shanahan said. But growth has actually slowed slightly since 2009, when the number of people using food stamps rose 40 percent.

"If the growth rate starts slowing, it is a good indicator that the economy is recovering," Shanahan said.

— Melissa Davlin

## Get out and play

With entertainment options like movies and live theater beyond some families' budgets, parks offer an inexpensive, often free, way to enjoy time together.

For Twin Falls kids playing in Ascension Park, on the new equipment at Drury Park, or out at the Sunway soccer complex, relief is in sight. That's literal relief, said Twin Falls Parks director Dennis Bowyer, who will install restrooms to replace the portable toilets in those parks in 2011.

He said interest continues to grow for the new Sporty for Shorties program, which allows parents and kids aged 4-5 to learn the basics of softball, soccer, basketball and flag football.

Adults might be interested in the newly launched cyclocross events — mostly recently at Rock Creek Park — or the planned first Magic Man Triathlon at Murtaugh Lake, said Twin Falls County Parks director Rick Novacek. Find out more at magicmantriathlon.com.

Across the region, parks directors are seeing an increase in activities that families or individuals can do on their own or with groups

they organize themselves. Skate parks, pump parks, disc golf, more miles of bike path and little or no decrease in fitness center memberships, for example.

"That's one of those things that people can count on, go be active and relieve stress," said Jerome Parks and Recreation director Gary Warr.

— Ariel Hansen



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Riders cross a plank bridge at Dierkes Lake during a cyclocross men's race in November.



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Wayde Stanger, manager at Xtreme Motor Sports & RV in Eden, says helmet sales have increased about 40 percent in the past five years. Stanger says today's helmets are priced better and are much more comfortable with better ventilation.

## No compromise on safety

The prices of helmets, car seats and other safety equipment for kids aren't going down, but that isn't a place where parents are willing to take chances. However, they're increasingly looking for information about how to keep their kids safe without shelling out a bundle.

"A couple years ago, they would have just gone out and bought the latest, greatest thing on the market," said Page Geske, director of Safe Kids Magic Valley. "Now I'm finding more people bringing in an infant seat they used with their 2-year-old, asking, 'Is this OK (for my new baby)?'"

She warns against buying safety gear at thrift stores or garage sales but encourages reuse of non-expired car seats and helmets when parents know the equipment's history — hand-me-downs from family or trusted friends, for example. More are coming to Safe Kids for discounted or free equipment, too.

Perhaps the biggest increase in use of safety gear has been helmets, and that trend is expected to continue.

"I think in the last four or five years they have become a lot more used, even the older people now are starting to wear them," said Wayde Stanger, general manager at Xtreme Motor Sports & RV in Eden. "Motocross helmets are definitely going to be a leader this year. ...They're a dual sport helmet, you can wear them summer or winter."

And now, they come in pink, to get even the girliest girls excited about safety gear.

— Ariel Hansen



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Wayde Stanger of Xtreme Motor Sports & RV in Eden says graphics have become popular on helmets in the past two to three years and are on most of the helmets sold at the shop. They include Fulmer, G Max and Ski-Doo, priced from \$39 to \$200.

### WHAT'S AHEAD IN TREND 2011

This week, *Times-News* reporters look ahead at what 2011 will bring to south-central Idaho. Watch for these special stories in *Times-News* feature sections and at [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com):

**Monday:** Smartphone apps, dance-based aerobics and other trends in health and fitness

**Tuesday:** Personalized construction, honeysuckle decor and other picks for your home and garden

**Wednesday:** Asian invasion, pies as the next big dessert and more on the foodie front

**Thursday:** Poaching patrol, GPS geeks and more in the great outdoors

**Friday:** Stable ticket prices, community classes and more things to expect in the arts

**Saturday:** Technology at church, the rise of counseling and other religious developments

**More 'Trend 2011'**  
**Family Life 3**

# Scientists learn how cats drink without getting wet

By Marc Kaufman  
The Washington Post

As all cat lovers know well, *felis domestica* is a marvel of balance, subtlety and other hidden elegances.

Prepare to learn of another remarkable attribute: Four researchers have painstakingly filmed, analyzed and determined how it is that a cat can drink water while (unlike a dog) keeping its chin and whiskers pleasingly dry.

The answer involves an exquisite demonstration of physics — where the cat, in effect, balances the forces of gravity against the forces of inertia, and so quenches its thirst.

“What we found is that the cat uses fluid dynamics and physics in a way to absolutely optimize tongue lapping and water collection,” said Jeffrey Aristoff, now at Princeton University but who was one of the four researchers who began their studies out of curiosity at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

“Nobody had ever studied it before, so nobody knew how the water went from the bowl into the cat’s mouth,” he said.

As with most basic scientific research, the usefulness of this knowledge is uncertain. But it is not, the researchers say, hard to imagine



MELINA MARA/Washington Post

Researchers have analyzed how a cat can drink water while (unlike a dog) keeping its chin and whiskers pleasingly dry.

some downstream applications, perhaps in robotics.

The route from water bowl to mouth is pretty magical, as described in an article released by the journal Science.

While dogs curl their tongues to collect the water and then pull up what they can, cats barely touch the

liquid with the tips of their tongues. A slight backward curl of the tip encourages liquid to adhere to the smooth top of the tongue, but that’s not how the water rises.

Rather, the water on the tongue, combined with the low pressure created by the slight-curved tongue moving back up, creates a momen-

tary stream into the mouth. The cat then snaps its mouth shut and the water is captured before the countervailing force of gravity pulls it down. An average house cat, the team found, can make four of these ministreams per second.

Intrigued by what they were learning, the four researchers went to several zoos to observe and film larger cats, and even went to YouTube to find videos of bobcats and lions drinking in the wild.

They found the same basic drinking mechanism in all the cats, though the larger ones (with larger tongues) slowed down their lapping to best take advantage of the physics at play — that is, the balance between upward movement of the water set off by the cat’s tongue (the inertia) and the gravity pulling the water down. A lion, Aristoff said, laps two or three times per second.

“In the beginning of the project, we weren’t fully confident that fluid mechanics played a role in cats’ drinking,” said Sunghwan Jung, now an engineer at Virginia Tech whose research focuses on soft bodies, like fish, and the fluids surrounding them. “But as the project went on, we were surprised and amused by the beauty of the fluid mechanics involved in this system?”

Aristoff explained the dynamics at work: You’re in the shower and

turn on the hot water. The steam starts to rise and that upward flow lowers the pressure levels at your knees. The result is that the inside of the shower curtain will billow in towards you, unless you have some weight attached to the curtain to stop it. That interplay of motion and pressure parallels the dynamic that quenches the cat’s thirst.

Something as complex as a cat drinking water doesn’t get unraveled and turned into a paper at the nation’s top science journal overnight. It was almost four years ago that Roman Stocker, associate professor at MIT’s Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, became interested in how his cat, Cutta Cutta (or “stars, stars” in the Australian aboriginal language), drank. His enthusiasm spread to Aristoff, Jung and Pedro Rios, a physicist who works on the mechanism of soft solids.

“Science allows us to look at natural processes with a different eye and to understand how things work, even if that’s figuring out how my cat laps his breakfast,” Stocker said. “It’s a job, but also a passion, and this project for me was a high point in teamwork and creativity. We did it without any funding, without any graduate students, without much of the usual apparatus that science is done with nowadays?”

## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Salisbury steak  
**Tuesday:** Lasagna  
**Wednesday:** Sweet and sour chicken  
**Thursday:** Ribecue  
**Friday:** Taco salad

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
SHIBA Medicare assistance, 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Tai chi, 1 p.m.  
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.  
Bake sale  
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday at lunch  
Bake sale  
Basket weaving, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m. to noon  
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
AARP driving school, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
SHIBA Medicare assistance, 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Bake sale  
**Thursday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bake sale  
**Friday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, noon  
Tai chi, 1 p.m.  
Bake sale

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Energy assistance by appointment, 736-0676.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Chicken noodle soup, tuna sandwich  
**Tuesday:** Ground sirloin steak  
**Wednesday:** Cook’s choice  
**Thursday:** Meatloaf

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to

3 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Beef patty on a bun  
**Wednesday:** Party casserole  
**Thursday:** Fried chicken, birthday lunch

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.; \$2  
**Thursday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

### Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce  
**Wednesday:** Macaroni and cheese with franks

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome  
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.

### Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Sweet and sour

meatballs  
**Tuesday:** Sauerkraut and sausage  
**Wednesday:** Mandarin chicken with rice  
**Thursday:** Ham

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild card, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Morning out, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.

### Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet. Computer class available; Barbara Adamson, 731-2249.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Sweet and sour chicken with rice  
**Wednesday:** Honey mustard crusted trout

**ACTIVITIES:**

Weekly piano music by Joyce Snapp

### Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Polish sausage  
**Tuesday:** Meatloaf  
**Wednesday:** Chicken strips  
**Thursday:** Tater Tot casserole  
**Friday:** Oven-baked chicken

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Tai chi, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Snack bar, 5 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

### Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Fried chicken  
**Thursday:** Sausage patty, macaroni and cheese

**ACTIVITY:**

**Wednesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.

### Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Closed this week for the holidays.

### Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Closed this week for the holidays.

### Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Tuesday:** Italian meatballs  
**Wednesday:** Pork chops

### Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** Baked trout  
**Wednesday:** Sweet and sour chicken  
**Thursday:** Fried chicken  
**Friday:** Pizza; early lunch at 11 a.m.

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Tuesday:** Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wii bowling, 2 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Holiday movie,

1 p.m.; \$2  
**Friday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.

### Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Soup and salad bar, sandwich  
**Thursday:** Chili

### Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Medicare Part D assistance by appointments: Kitty Andrews at 677-4872, ext. 2.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Lasagna  
**Tuesday:** Chicken and dumplings  
**Wednesday:** Hamburger stroganoff  
**Thursday:** Chili

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6,

non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Spaghetti  
**Tuesday:** Tuna sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Pork noodles and egg rolls  
**Thursday:** Steak

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open at 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Wood carving, 6 p.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m.

### Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**

**Monday:** Tater Tot casserole  
**Tuesday:** Salmon patty  
**Thursday:** Pork roast

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Monday:** Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Foot clinic Food bank  
**Thursday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday:** TOPS, 10 a.m. New Year’s Eve party, 6 p.m.

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Continued from Family Life 1



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Jerry Wertz, a volunteer with a reading program at Lincoln Elementary School, greets second-graders at the Twin Falls school in 2007.

## Offering your time

Looking for a way to keep busy between sending out those resumes, or to help teachers and administrators stressed by financial shortfalls? Join the ranks of volunteers at your local school.

"We could use more volunteers in classrooms, because our class size is going to continue to go up, and it'll be more and more difficult to give kids the attention they need," said Dale Layne, superintendent of the Jerome schools. That's especially true in the lower grades, area administrators said, emphasizing that despite financial hardship, they aren't yet using volunteers to replace many of the duties of their staff.

Some schools report that parents are expressing more interest in guest or substitute teaching, and the community is stepping up with financial donations.

However, some coaches have had to give up those roles because they are needed more at work or at home, said John Graham, Filer superintendent.

In many school districts, parent-teacher organizations are ramping up their activity, and between those associations and other volunteers, schools are getting the help they need — but they could still use more.

"I'm sure with the budget cuts that are being discussed, we're going to rely on them more and more," said Heather Williams, superintendent of Gooding schools.

— Ariel Hansen

## Mature love

It's never too late to look for love. And now, there are more ways to find it.

According to Time.com, dating site Match.com has seen an 89 percent rise in the 50-to-65 age group in the past five years, and other sites, like JDate.com and eHarmony, have seen increases in older users as well.

Idaho seniors are in on the action, too. On SeniorMatch.com, dozens of Magic Valley seniors have made profiles in hopes of scoring a date. Some are divorced, some are widowed, but all are looking for company.

Former Twin Falls Senior Center director Philip Kottraba said he thinks online dating is great for seniors.

"I try to get them on the dating sites," he told the Times-News in July, citing SeniorMeet.com as his favorite.

— Melissa Davlin

## In defense of The Doctor

William Meyer, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Duke University, objects to a recent column of mine in which I recommended that parents move a toddler out of their bed by telling him that "The Doctor" said he can't sleep with them any longer (a second child is on the way). In a letter to the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, Meyer says that this is a lie and "sets up the child to feel an unwarranted anger" toward health care professionals.

Would I, Meyer asks, encourage parents to tell a child that the police disapprove of something the child is doing? No, but that's not a valid comparison. The Doctor does not frighten children into behaving properly. For the overwhelming majority of children, physicians are helpful authority figures with whom they feel comfortable. (It is also relevant to note that the pediatricians I've spoken of concerning The Doctor have no problem with him.)

As I said in the column in question, I invented The Doctor some years ago and have since frequently recommended that parents of young children invoke his authority to resolve various parenting issues. A few years ago, The Doctor cured a young girl of compulsive hair-pulling. More recently, he cured another youngster of constant complaints to the effect that certain of her clothes itched. He has cured young children of refusing to stay in bed, refusing to eat vegetables, picking sores on their skin, and being afraid to be in a room alone.

When parents have a less than satisfactory experience with something I recommend, they often let me know. No parent has ever reported a bad experience with The Doctor. Meyer's claim that this approach might cause a child to develop "unwarranted anger toward health care professionals" amounts to unfounded speculation. Parenting is not a science,

### LIVING WITH CHILDREN

#### John Rosemond



but my recommendations are far from capricious. They are based on more than 30 years of personal and professional experience as well as the best research available concerning child development, behavior and mental health. In that last regard, the idea for The Doctor came from the work of Milton Erickson, an unorthodox but highly successful psychiatrist. If you're interested, his work is the subject of much discussion on the Internet.

Telling a child that The Doctor has rendered judgment on a behavior or an issue (as in, the child occupying his parents' bed) simply gives the "last word" concerning the problem situation to a third party whose authority the child already recognizes, thus circumventing the possibility of a parent-child power struggle. More often than not, The Doctor also redefines the problem. For example, a 4-year-old's frequent tantrums are indication that the child is not getting enough sleep (misbehavior becomes a medical issue).

The Doctor therefore prescribes that when the child throws more than one tantrum a day, his parents must put him to bed immediately after dinner so that he can catch up on his sleep and be a happier camper. The almost invariable result is that the tantrums completely stop within a few weeks and the child is indeed much happier (and so are his parents).

Professor Meyer says I'm off the mark. I have to say, his reasoning is fairly logical, but where young children are concerned, logic does not always apply.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his website at [www.rosemond.com](http://www.rosemond.com).

## Even on the Web, many are too private for Cupid

By Ellen McCarthy  
The Washington Post

In 2009 Sunil Nagaraj and two of his fellow Harvard graduates concocted an idea: They would use Facebook to launch an online dating service that could be quickly populated with the profiles single men and woman had already created for themselves.

The application, called Wings, could pull data from users' photo albums, Twitter feeds and FourSquare accounts to make matches and let friends set each other up.

But in late 2010, they stopped advertising the service.

"The trail of dating sites relying heavily on Facebook is littered with failures," Nagaraj said from the San Francisco office of his company, Triangulate.

In theory, Facebook should be a mecca for singles looking to connect. The site already contains pictures and relevant information on hobbies, occupation and location that romance-seeking men and women could use to determine their interest in an intriguing stranger. Moreover, it allows people to see their ties to friends-of-friends, adding a level of familiarity online dating sites can't offer.

In the past few years, dozens of services and applications have been built to capitalize on the opportunity. But as Nagaraj realized, most of them failed to consider one factor: Not everyone wants to broadcast to the world that they're single and looking for love.

"I wouldn't mind telling my five good friends that I'm dating, but I don't want my loose connections to know," Nagaraj said. And Facebook, unlike predecessors such as MySpace, has moved away from being a site where people cruise for dates by allowing users to shield their profiles from public view.

Nick O'Neill, founder of All Facebook, a website that watches trends on the network, said part of the problem is that online dating still carries something of a stigma. On closed sites such as



Match.com and eHarmony, users are not required to use their full names and will encounter only other singles who have registered for the service.

Which is not to say O'Neill believes Facebook-based dating services are bound for the digital graveyard. Some of them, he thinks, will eventually become viable competitors to Match.com and the other industry giants. The companies leading the way, he said, use Facebook to attract users while maintaining their privacy.

Zoosk.com, for instance, lets people sign up for the service through Facebook and other networks. It imports their profile picture, plus basic data such as location and sex, but then moves users to a separate site that operates largely like a traditional online dating service. The company has attracted more than \$40 million in venture capital and claims to have more than 50 million registered users.

AreYouInterested.com, an application owned by Snap Interactive, is adding more than 50,000 users a day, according to its founders, brothers Cliff and Darrell Lerner. The company started by offering a tool that allowed Facebook users to see which of their friends had secret crushes on them; only when both parties were interested would they be notified of the match.

Downloads of the application exploded when the

service was expanded to allow users to search for other registered singles who fit the age, sex and location criteria they're looking for. Access to the full service costs \$20 a month, but the company doesn't post anything to its customers' Facebook walls or news feeds that would inform others in their network that they're using the application.

As for Nagaraj, he hasn't abandoned the quest to develop a viable dating site. Triangulate hopes its new service, DateBuzz, will be more transparent and collegial than existing dating sites. They'll still use Facebook to market the service and gather customers' pictures and vital stats, but it will otherwise exist as a separate site that only registered users can access.

"The key lesson for us is that dating is a very serious

thing," he said. "It's about maintaining control and privacy."

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# For now, reality of tooth decay outweighs concerns over sealant

By Julie Deardorff  
Chicago Tribune

Dental sealants, the popular, thin plastic coatings applied to the grooves of teeth, can reduce tooth decay in children by more than 70 percent. While highly effective, sealants pose concerns: They're made with bisphenol A (BPA), a controversial and ubiquitous synthetic chemical that in low doses has been associated with changes in behavior, prostate and urinary tract development and early onset of puberty.

So far, experts strongly recommend sealants based on their proven benefits and the brief exposure to BPA, which can be minimized by taking certain steps in the application process. At the same time, however, there are gaping holes in the data, including the "quality and quantity of BPA absorption," according to a review

## WAYS TO REDUCE EXPOSURE

To reduce your child's exposure to BPA, researchers in the Pediatrics study suggested asking your dentist to do the following:

- **Have** children gargle 30 seconds and spit immediately after sealants or composites are applied to prevent saliva from breaking down the chemical into BPA.
- **Rub** the surface of the materials with pumice to remove the top liquefied layer of the sealant.
- **For** kids who have trouble rinsing and spitting, try substituting a thorough rinse with an air-water syringe.
- **Using** a rubber dam (a thin square of latex rubber) during the application could further limit potential exposures.

of the literature recently published in the journal Pediatrics.

"We know BPA derivatives break down into BPA and that BPA is present in saliva for up to three hours," said lead author Abby Fleisch, a pediatric endocrinology fellow at Children's Hospital in Boston. "What we don't know is whether there's more chronic low-level leaching; there is also a need for additional research

regarding whether the BPA in saliva becomes absorbed in the blood or urine.

"It would behoove the dental industry to look at alternatives," added Fleisch. "But right now there are none."

Some sealants are considered safer than others. Resins called "bis-GMA-based" are recommended over bis-DMA-based (both are derivatives of BPA) but "many products contain mixtures," said Dr. Perry

Sheffield of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and a co-author of the Pediatrics study. "Thus, we emphasize the application techniques more strongly at this time."

The American Dental Association says there's no basis for health concerns relative to BPA exposure from any dental material. But BPA researcher Fred vom Saal calls lack of information about the different sealants a "big problem."

Tooth decay is a serious medical condition, and for some children, sealants are necessary, said vom Saal, a professor of biological sciences at the University of Missouri. "But it would be nice to know which on the market are not going to keep exposing your child to BPA," he said.

Pregnant women should minimize their exposure to dental sealants and composites (tooth-colored material used to treat cavities), which also contain BPA.

# A coordinated effort for an 'in-sync child'

By Mari-Jane Williams  
The Washington Post

In a hurry-up world in which doing more and doing it faster is often the goal for children no matter how old they are, authors Carol Kranowitz and Joye Newman are spreading a different message: Slow down.

Give children time to explore, play, engage in lots of physical activity and do things for themselves and they will get the basic skills they will need for reading and writing, the Bethesda, Md., authors say in their recently published book, "Growing an In-Sync Child" (Perigee, \$15.95).

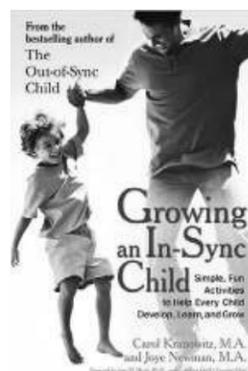
By "in sync," Newman and Kranowitz mean a child who is comfortable in his body, able to move efficiently and fluidly and can focus on a task without becoming excessively distracted. Sounds pretty basic, but as children spend more time at a desk or in front of a computer or television screen, and less time playing, kids are increasingly out-of-sync, the authors say.

"Our society is based on rushing," said Newman, the director of Kids Moving Co., a for-profit firm that offers movement therapy in Bethesda. "And anything that can make things go faster, we do. We don't let kids tie their shoes; we use Velcro. We don't let kids get in their car seats; we put them in. We don't let kids put on their clothes; we dress them. We're rushing all the time. Part of it is for ourselves, and part of it is that we want these kids to do it faster."

"We have cut out the things that are important for development that everyone used to have: the play, the work, the chores," said Kranowitz, who taught music, movement and drama to preschoolers for 25 years. She has previously written books about sensory processing, which means how well a child is able to handle all of the information coming from his senses. "We use this darn video to teach a kid how to count, and play dates where the children come together and they sit and play video games."

Something as simple as climbing in and out of a sandbox, rolling across the floor or wheelbarrow-walking can help kids develop balance, bilateral coordination (using both hands together to complete a task) or their ability to cross the midline of their bodies with their hands or eyes. These skills, in turn, are crucial to reading and fine motor skills, such as cutting and writing.

The book lists dozens of activities for children of all ages and ability levels to improve body awareness, visual processing and balance, among other skills. There is almost no special equipment required;



everything involved can be found around the house.

Here are a few of the authors' favorites:

• **Car-seat scramble.** Instead of lifting your child and placing her in her car seat (or stroller), let her climb in. In doing so, Newman and Kranowitz say, you can improve your child's motor planning (figuring out how to move her body efficiently), proprioception (awareness of messages coming from her muscles and joints), and spatial awareness (knowledge of where her body is in relation to her surroundings).

• **Flashlight tag.** Get a flashlight and turn off the lights. Shine the light on the wall and ask your child to touch the light with his hand. Move the light around and ask him to touch it each time, shifting its location so he will be forced to cross his midline to get to the light.

• **Tap me silly.** Stand up and face your child, and tell her you are going to spell "silly" while tapping hands. Then hold up your right hand and ask her to say "S" as she taps your hand. Make sure she uses her right hand so she crosses her midline. Alternate hands for the rest of the letters, or ask her to tap your hand with her foot or her head.

• **Paper plate play.** Give your child a paper plate and ask him to move across the room with one foot on the plate and the other foot on the floor. Have him switch feet, and then give him two plates and move around with both feet on the plates. This is another way to work on his ability to move each side of his body independent of the other, his ability to plan his movements efficiently, and his understanding of the messages coming from his muscle and joints.

• **Reach for the sky.** A basic stretch that can be energizing and calming, this exercise strengthens your child's ability to use both hands together. It also helps her body awareness and her motor planning. With your child lying on her back, ask her to raise one arm up and bring it back down. Repeat with the other arm and both legs, then have her do arms together, legs together, arm and leg on the same side of her body and arm and leg on opposite sides of her body.

# Students, cyberbullies latch onto new Web site

By Duaa Eldeib  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — "You should kill yourself!" It's a message that Vernon Hills, Ill., police officer Jim Koch said he sees "all the time" on the one of the newest social networking sites that allows users to post messages anonymously.

Others include "why r u so ugly? i cant find one attractive thing about u," "ur so (bleeping) ugly and stupid! GO THE HELL AWAY! NO ONE LIKES U," and "whats wrong with ur teeth theyre nasty."

Barely a year old, Formspring.me is quickly turning into a sensation, in part because of teenagers who are attracted by the ability to leave their names off their comments.

Formspring boasts nearly 20 million users around the globe, according to a company spokeswoman. The idea of the site is to have a conversation by answering questions stemming from the prompt "Ask me anything." So far, more than 1.5 billion questions have been answered.

"It's like a bathroom wall," said Koch, the school resource officer at Vernon Hills High School. "You write whatever you want."

As a result, nearly every day he is calling students in to talk, on the phone with parents or in the hallways hanging up news stories of teens who committed suicide after being on the receiving end of nasty online remarks.

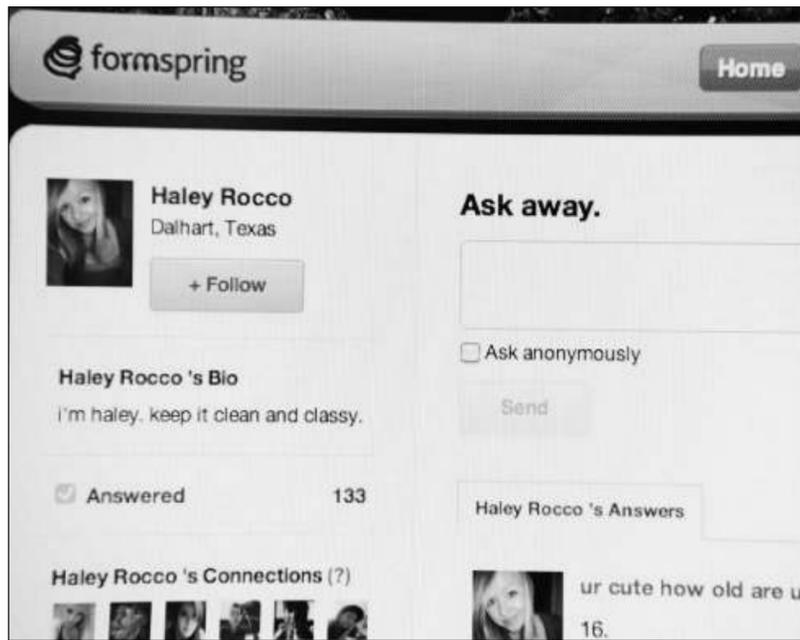
For parents and school officials who are just catching up with Facebook, many are clueless about the relatively new phenomenon.

For some others, the rapidly growing site didn't have a good introduction. Earlier this year, Alexis Pilkington, a 17-year-old from New York, committed suicide. She had been the victim of hateful remarks, before and after her death, on Formspring and other social networking sites.

As damaging as some of the remarks can be for teens, they can't seem to pull themselves away, Koch said. "As horrible as it is, as much as we can tell them to stay off the site, they develop an obsession with knowing what people think," he said.

Formspring spokeswoman Sarahjane Sacchetti touts the site's many benefits and says Formspring doesn't want to see the product misused.

An advantage to having such a public site is parents don't have to dig through



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— Formspring spokeswoman Sarahjane Sacchetti

text messages or hack into Facebook accounts, she suggested.

"Something that may happen on Facebook can happen behind closed doors," Sacchetti said. "Everything that happens on Formspring is open."

Users, who need an account to post comments, can create one with a username, password and e-mail. The premise is to ask questions — such as "If you could have been the author of any book, what would it have been?" — on people's pages to learn about them through their answers. The idea is that "curiosity drives engaging, authentic conversations," according to the Web site. By clicking a box, however, the user asking the question, or making a degrading remark, can become anonymous.

As for anonymity being a bad thing, Sacchetti fundamentally disagrees.

"We think anonymity is very positive," she said. "We think most people use it for good."

Many questions can be benign, such as "If you could invite one person to dinner, who would it be?" A university in Vermont recently used Formspring as a way to allow prospective students to ask questions about the college they wouldn't neces-

sarily want to ask during a college interview. And a rabbi in New York makes use of the site to answer questions about faith, Sacchetti said.

About 75 percent of questions aren't asked anonymously, she said, and users have the option to stop receiving anonymous comments, block the user or report the comment. The site has a section dedicated to safety, including how to know when you're being harassed and what to do if you feel like you're being bullied.

Brian Mustanski, who only recently heard of Formspring, is an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago who studies how the internet affects young people.

Anonymity coupled with a tiny text box can make teens brazen, he said. He likens fascination with the site to a car accident on the side of the road.

"People can't stop looking at it," he said. "In some ways, what is being said is very off-putting, but it's there."

More than 50 percent of Formspring's users in the U.S. fall between the ages of 13 and 34, according to a Web site that tracks online traffic and demographics.

In the fast-changing world of social networking, school districts are still trying to catch up. Some don't have cyberbullying policies in place, while others await legal direction from the courts as to how much they can discipline students for posts that are often written in the privacy of students' homes, on personal computers.

The only way a comment appears on a user's account is if he or she responds to it. But sometimes the need to defend oneself is more important than keeping the accusation private.

"I can understand the incredible temptation for teenagers to want to monitor what other people are saying about them," said Elizabeth Saewyc, a professor at the University of British Columbia and expert in youth health and bullying. "From the developmental standpoint, it's that time of life where you're establishing your identity."

In her research of the long-term effects of bullying, she has found a significant increased risk of suicide.

"I certainly don't think that most teens want to be so cruel that they lead to someone's suicide," she said. "When you add anonymity, it adds an additional challenge."

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# Do vintage because you love it, not to cut corners

By **Samantha Critchell**  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — There's something romantic about the idea of a vintage wedding dress, with the wonderful stories it could tell. Maybe there'd be some delicate lace, too, or exquisite siren-worthy satin.

Reality, though, isn't always so pretty.

Some vintage dresses are those perfect gowns you dream of, says Mark Ingram, CEO and creative director of Manhattan's Mark Ingram Bridal Atelier, but others are too costume-y, too dated or, more likely, simply ill-fitting.

"You can reach back to some vintage eras and look as contemporary as buying a new dress. But," he says, "you have to consider your figure first and foremost. If the dress isn't flattering to your figure type, just don't go down the road."

Cameron Silver, owner of the Los Angeles couture vintage shop Decades, suggests these questions to ask — frankly — of yourself:

Do you need to wear a bra? Do you have a boyish figure? An hourglass shape? What about your hips? All of these, he says, are factors in buying any wedding gown, but particularly those meant to fit women of previous generations.

Silver, a resource for Hollywood red-carpet looks, also warns that finding a pristine white vintage dress can be hard, and that a good vintage dress, if it's not an heirloom, can be more expensive than you'd think. Even with your grandmother's dress, there could be pricey alterations.

"Don't do this because you think it's the easy way out, or that it'll be cheaper," adds Ingram. "You have to want it — you have to want to have this look."

But if you do find that ideal gown from yesteryear, Silver says, it's a magical moment. He once sold a full Chantilly lace wedding gown by Chanel. "It was such a thrill," he says.

There was a more recent Olivier Theyskens for Rochas gown that practically brought tears to his eyes.

(If you find a keeper, be ready to buy it right away — no wavering — because there's not another one stuck in some inventory closet.)

If you're partial to embroidery, look at gowns from the 1920s to '30s, while sultry, satin gowns come out of the '40s. Women with a full bust might look to the curvier '50s silhouette, says Ingram, WE TV's "gown guru," while mini-dresses of the '60s are cool, yet hard to pull off unless the event is casual or the bride prides herself as an individualist.

Silver says that's usually the case with those who wear



Beading and material contribute to the vintage look of this Jenny Packham wedding dress at Mark Ingram Bridal Atelier in New York.



A fur stole can give a more modern dress a vintage look.

vintage. "This bride doesn't want to look like everyone else."

Still, you can hit contemporary fashion trends. Something from the '70s, a little bohemian but sexy, too, is probably the hippest look going.

The period to stay away from is, no surprise, the '80s, with its oversize pouffy shoulders and tapered sleeves. "Right now, the '80s looks so dated. Yes, 20-30 years back is 'vintage,' but if you're going back, that's a bad period to dip into. No 'Dynasty,' not even Princess Diana," Ingram says. "There could be a big trend back to the '80s if Kate (Middleton)

wore it, but I can't imagine that. It's too big. The proportion was too big, and it wouldn't look modern now."

A bride's goal often is a timeless look, since the photos will hopefully last a lifetime, but each era still has its signature, says Michael Shettel, designer of bridal brand Alfred Angelo. You might be best off with a classic silhouette, while adjusting embellishments and details to current tastes, he suggests.

Wedding-gown trends don't swing as quickly as ready-to-wear fashion, he explains: Of course, white always dominates the market and the overall vibe is fancy, but when you line them up, you'll see differences in the size and types of pearls and beads, changes in popular lace patterns, hemlines going up and down.

"You want to make it your own, while still honoring whoever wore a vintage dress before.... Maybe you'd like to make it a little more low-cut, a little more fitted, maybe give it a fuller skirt," Shettel says.

He also borrows from the

past for new gowns. The tight-bodice, tea-length ballgown, which "Mad Men" helped bring back in style, seems very fresh, Shettel says, and the asymmetrical neckline remains popular.

Ingram says the best of both worlds might be vintage or vintage-inspired accessories on a new dress. "Add a fur piece — a shrug or a stole — and it looks vintage, even if it's new, which probably means a better fit. The look could be 1910 or 2010," he says.

He also likes to add a beaded belt or sash, which also can give the illusion of a small waist, and carries that retro feel.

There's no reason, though, to go back in time for your beauty routine.

"If you do a vintage wedding dress, your accessories, hair and makeup have to be incredibly modern," says Decades' Silver. "You don't want to be the bride of Frankenstein. If the dress looks 'period,' you have to play against it in your styling — unless you have a Renaissance theme, and who does that?"

## Websites allow consumers to check for product recalls

By **Gregory Karp**  
Chicago Tribune

Trying to track recalled products and foods that might be harmful to children is a nightmare for parents because there has been no single place to look.

Until now. A new Consumer Reports companion website, ClickCheckandProtect.org, is the product of a newly formed National School Safety Coalition convened by Consumer Reports, the National Parent Teacher Association and the National School Boards Association.

"The whole idea is to get the information into the homes of school-aged children," said Don Mays, senior director of safety for Consumer Reports.

The hope is not only to encourage parents to check the site but also to have its new information distributed by weekly school newsletters sent to children's homes — anything to make it easier for parents to learn about recalls, he said.

The coalition will distribute safety alerts and recall notices on such children's products as toys, food, medicines and furniture.

Recalls by manufacturers are difficult to track, not only because there are so many, but also because different regulators handle different recalls. For example, the Consumer Product Safety Commission announces recalls for products, the Food and Drug

### RECALL RESOURCES

Where consumers can look online for product safety information:

**ClickCheckandProtect.org** — A Web clearinghouse for recalls and safety alerts.  
**CPSC.gov** — Provides e-mail alerts about product recalls.  
**Text alerts** — Text the word "SAFE" to 76666 to have recall and safety alerts delivered to your phone.  
**SafeProducts.gov** — To go live in March, site will allow consumers to file and review reports of dangerous products.

Administration for food and medications and the Department of Agriculture for meat.

A poll by Consumer Reports showed Americans believe it is important to know about product recalls, but they are not confident that they are getting adequate information. More than half of Americans said they never or rarely filled out the registration cards that come with products. Those registrations are used to notify consumers directly of recalls.

"A child shouldn't be put at risk of injury or death simply because the information on recalled products didn't get to schools, caregivers and parents," said Jim Guest, president of Consumer Reports.

In March, the CPSC will launch SafeProducts.gov, which will host a dangerous-products database.

## STORK REPORT

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

**William Justino Zarate Munoz**, son of Cornelio Aguilar and Agustina Munoz of Shoshone, was born Dec. 9, 2010.

**Jaxon Lee Putman**, son of Richard and Amanda Putman of Jerome, was born Dec. 16, 2010.

**Boden Gene Youree**, son of Kody and Monica Youree of Jerome, was born Dec. 13, 2010.

**Leandro Nolan Pedraza Salcido**, son of Jenna Lee Salcido and Santos Pedraza of Wendell, was born Dec. 17, 2010.

**Jaeya Ray Crozier**, daughter of Andrew and Dionne Crozier of Jerome, was born Dec. 18, 2010.

### St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

**Vada Suzann Kalbfleisch**, daughter of Kristy Diane Kalbfleisch of Filer, was born Dec. 5, 2010.

**Misha H Khazei**, daughter of Mahsa Arabi Nematian of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2010.

**Avery Kay Betts**, daughter of Sarah Janette Gabbard and Michael Brenden Betts of Gooding, was born Dec. 13, 2010.

**Wren Leanne Boling**, daughter of Nancy Kay and Robin Alexander Boling of Buhl, was born Dec. 14, 2010.

**Shankia Desirae Staffen**, daughter of Nancy Sue and Robert Allen Staffen of Hazelton, was born Dec. 14, 2010.

**Daniel Zacharias Torres**, son of Chelsea Lynn Torres of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2010.

**Quinn Lance Scott Ketchum**, son of Allison Beth Stewart and Keith Lyle Ketchum of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2010.

**Ernesto Daniel Dominguez**, son of Amalia Martinez and Elisandro Dominguez of Jerome, was born Dec. 15, 2010.

**Leonel Joseph Soares**, son of Diana Evelyn Mora of Wendell, was born Dec. 15, 2010.

**Cadence Lynn Ivey**, daughter of Kristina Lynn and Zachary Lee Ivey of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 16, 2010.

**Landon James Dudley**, son of Arianne Nicole and James Bryan Dudley of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 17, 2010.

**Tashonna Don Webb**, daughter of Stephanie Diane Webb of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 17, 2010.

**Trenton William Hatfield**, son of Amanda and Brandon Dustin Hatfield of Buhl, was born Dec. 19, 2010.

## Spelling out the reasons that cheating doesn't pay

Chicago Tribune

Your first-grader was caught copying his neighbor during a spelling test. The teacher gave him a zero. What should you do?

### Parent advice

I would approach the teacher to try to work out a way to help my child. I'd also thank the teacher for punishing cheating and follow up with a consequence at home.

— **Jennifer Polizzi**

The teacher should have discussed the issue of copying with the student rather than simply punishing the child with a zero. I would explain to my child that it is wrong to copy someone else's work, but I would also explain that I am more concerned with her learning than in getting a perfect score.

— **Mary Rayvis**

Talk to the child about tests and why the teacher and you want to know if he knows how to spell. Cite an example, such as why it

would not be good to have someone else read the eye chart at the doctor's office. It doesn't help you see better; even if that person reads it correctly, you would still need glasses. A test helps the teacher know how many children still need to practice certain words.

— **Barb Matarrese**

Accept the zero and use it as a tool to make your child understand that we can't copy our neighbor's work. It won't keep the child out of the principal's office.

— **Lynn Olejniczak**

### Expert advice

Before you devote any mental energy to coming up with an appropriate consequence for your little guy, consider that he may have "cheated" with the best of intentions.

"I'm very reluctant to call a first-grader a cheater," says Betsy Brown Braun, author of "You're Not the Boss of Me: Brat-Proofing Your 4- to 12-

Year-Old Child" (Harper, \$15.99). "Six-year-olds are competitive and very poor losers."

So whether he's playing Chutes and Ladders or taking a spelling test, the first thing on his mind is succeeding, not learning. That's where you come in.

"The first thing to determine is why your child needed to look at someone else's paper," Braun says. "It could be he doesn't realize looking at someone else's paper is cheating; 'I don't know the answer so I'll look for a little help.' Or it could be, 'Yikes, I don't know how to spell this and I know I'm not supposed to copy, but I'm so worried about getting these all right!'"

Once you root out the cause, sit him down for a talk.

"Take advantage of the opportunity to teach your child about trust, integrity and why we take tests."

First, the trust and integrity: "Children are very honest until they see that honesty gets them in trouble. If you discipline them for telling you

what they did, you're throwing the baby out with the bathwater. You want to cultivate that little voice inside them that says, 'I'm not going to cheat because it's not the right thing to do.' Not, 'I'm not going to cheat because my dad would kill me!'"

Dad, after all, won't be lurking around for your child's whole life. A conscience, on the other hand, will.

Next, why we take tests: "Explain in a loving, supportive way: 'We take tests to see how well your teacher is teaching and how well you're understanding the material. If you write down someone else's answer, it doesn't show how well you're understanding the material, it shows how well someone else is understanding it. Your teacher needs to know if she should help you learn in a different way so you can understand it.'"

And keep the infraction in perspective.

"Give him the benefit of the doubt," Braun says. "He's only 6. He's just learning about all of this."

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# Kids Only

## Where does helium come from?

The Washington Post

Many people think of helium as an essential ingredient to a good birthday party. Because it's lighter than air, it makes colorful party balloons float. But what if suddenly there were no more helium?

Don't laugh, experts are concerned that the supply of the gas is running low.

First, you need to understand that helium is used in much more than party balloons. This important element does not catch fire, and it can get much colder than other gases, so it's very good at keeping sensitive equipment from overheating. That's why helium is used in large medical machines, for welding, to give NASA rockets the right pressure and to make certain computer and television screens.

"Helium is central to half of my ongoing research," said Daniel Lathrop, a University of Maryland physics professor.

Helium is the second-most common element in the universe; in our solar system it is mostly on the sun. The helium found on Earth was created over millions of years by the decay of metals and elements underground.

The United States uses half of the world's known supply of helium.

Today, most of the helium that is used in this country comes from large underground deposits in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, where there is a unique kind of rock that can trap the super-light gas. The government began stockpiling helium in 1925 so it would have

enough to use in airships (blimps), which were considered an important military technology at that time.

But with billions of cubic feet of the gas in storage at the Federal Helium Reserve, the government decided in 1996 to sell off its helium by 2015.

With that supply decreasing, other countries, including Russia and Qatar, have created helium processing plants. And there may be supplies of helium elsewhere that have not been discovered. But one problem is that the Federal Helium Reserve is the only known place with the kind of rock formation that can store helium.

Experts say there is still plenty of helium to supply current needs for 25 years. (That means that your birthday parties are probably safe, but what about your kids' parties?) Manufacturers are looking for ways to recycle the helium they use so that less of it escapes into the atmosphere.

Still, it's possible that in a couple of decades, the price of helium could go way up because there is less of it available. In fact, Robert Richardson, a Cornell University physicist who won a Nobel Prize in 1996 for his work with helium, has said that helium is so valuable, a single helium balloon should cost \$100!

### Helium fact

Sound travels three times faster in helium than in air, which is why inhaling helium makes your voice sound like a cartoon duck.



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## Kid-friendly music that adults will like, too

By Moira E. McLaughlin  
The Washington Post

Good music for kids requires all the same ingredients of good music for adults: talented musicians, a beat that gets you moving, clever lyrics and a catchy melody. These kids music picks have it all. Some albums are mellow, some are rock, some will make you laugh, some will make you think; but whatever your musical tastes, these tunes are all sure to get your feet tapping. Oh, and a bonus? They'll probably get your parents' feet tapping, too. Turn up the volume!

• **The Pop Ups, "Outside Voices."** Many of these songs sound like what your parents may have listened to in the '80s: big, echoing music with an electronic piano. But these cool musicians from New York don't

limit their sound. Sway like you're on the beach in Jamaica to the reggae beat on "Balloon," slow it down with the soothing and simple "I'm Tired" or dance it up to the funky bass line and popping horn section on "Pasta." This album will not leave you hanging!

• **Keller Williams, "Kids."** Williams just might be a big kid trapped in an adult body. With laugh-out-loud lyrics and tunes that gallop along, Williams' finger-picking guitar and slightly Southern-accented vocals make the album sound a lot like a type of music called bluegrass. Call it whatever you want. We'll call it good.

• **Frances England, "Mind of My Own."** Good singer-songwriters make you believe they're your friends. England may be your new BFF. With lovely

tunes and a lovelier voice, England sings about a balloon, a ladybug and a teddy bear that the narrator has become too old for. The music is all about you! It's sure to make you feel happy and important.

• **Secret Agent 23 Skidoo, "Underground Playground."** This is hip-hop or "kid hop," as rapper 23 Skidoo calls it. This music is all about strong rhythm and positive rhymes for kids. The album also showcases some girl voices that add melody to the rapping. "Gotta Be Me" is a great anthem to keep in mind as you walk through school and life.

• **Joanie Leeds and the Nightlights, "I'm a Rock Star."** Electric guitars and Leeds' belting vocals make this rock-and-roll. You won't be able to resist the urge to sing along pretend-

ing your hairbrush is a microphone. Most of the tunes provide you with a great way to free your inner rock star.

• **Elizabeth Mitchell, "Sunny Day."** The most mellow of our picks, Mitchell's voice might lull you to sleep. The album showcases a banjo, a fiddle and many kids singing. The simple songs sound as if they were recorded in a farmer's kitchen on a perfect, sunny day.

• **Recess Monkey, "The Final Funktler."** These guys put the "fun" in funky. (Just try to keep your feet from moving!) With a spaceship theme, these songs rock out with layers of sounds, from guitar and keyboards to vocal harmonies and weird electronic sounds. Their lyrics take you to a marsh-mallow farm and a bubble factory.

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