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## Concerned about grouse, groups ask China Mountain developer to reconsider

While a massive wind farm is proposed for the China Mountain area in southern Twin Falls County, considerations for the well-being of the greater sage grouse could potentially derail the project. The 100- to 200-turbine project is proposed for public and private land that is important to grouse habitat and already declining due to recent wildfires and other factors.

# Opposition rises as wind farm study nears

By Laura Lundquist ♦ Times-News writer

Mike Guerry may appear to be a traditional rancher, but he's trying to change that.

There's no escaping ranching tradition for him. For a century, Guerry's family has run sheep and cattle on the same land — some privately owned and some public — in south-central Idaho.

But times are changing for the ranching industry, particularly sheep ranching, and some traditions face difficult challenges. Guerry said rather than subdividing and selling his land, he's trying to become what his forefathers never imagined: a partner in a wind farm.

While still an unconventional undertaking, wind farms have become more common in the

area, especially over the past five years. Each year, wind companies partner with more landowners to erect clusters of turbines between the sugar beet and potato fields of southern Idaho.

But Guerry's potential partner, Renewable Energy Systems Americas, isn't proposing to sell a few sparks to Idaho Power from a dozen wind turbines on flat farmland. RES has for eight years worked toward developing

a 100- to 200-turbine installation on China Mountain in southern Twin Falls County, primarily to sell electricity to Las Vegas.

The project is one of a handful causing turmoil for conservationists.

On one hand, it would produce clean, renewable energy. But the mostly wild, public land of China Mountain is home to a host of species, most importantly the greater sage grouse.

As with ranchers, the times are changing for the sage grouse and not for the better. Wind farm development adds to the threats facing the few grouse populations remaining in the Jarbidge area.

One by one, organizations weighing the land against the wind are concluding that more green energy doesn't outweigh the risk to sage grouse.

See **WIND**, Main 5

## Twin Falls' next top cop

Pike brings career of service into police chief transition

By Amy Huddleston  
Times-News writer

Solving problems and working with the community have been Twin Falls Police Capt. Brian Pike's objectives for most of his life. Those two goals are at the forefront of his mind as he steps toward his new role as the city's chief of police on March 1.

When Pike, 45, transitioned into law enforcement at age 28, he came from a career of working with youth at a local church after earning a bachelor's degree in history and theology. He said the two jobs are fairly similar — assisting people, developing and shaping lives



DREW NASH/Times-News

Capt. Brian Pike poses for a picture at the Twin Falls Police Department Wednesday afternoon. Pike will become Twin Falls' chief of police when current Chief Jim Munn Jr. retires in March.

and resolving problems are pillars in both areas.

A Twin Falls native, Pike has used his position to develop deeper

roots and engage in the city's issues and needs. He helped organize the

See **PIKE**, Main 2

## Changes at IRS delay filing and refunds for early tax-return filers

By Richard Burnett  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — The tax law passed earlier this month by the lame-duck Congress has already had one result that is, well, lame: Millions of taxpayers who usually file their returns quickly to get an early refund will have to wait instead.

Because the law passed less than two weeks ago, the Internal Revenue Service is still scrambling to reprogram its computers to handle the income-tax deductions extended by the last-minute legislation — a process the agency says could take until late February.

That means at least 9 million early-bird filers nationwide who typically itemize the deductions on their income-tax returns will have to wait until the system is ready before they can claim their refunds, according to IRS estimates.

“We are hoping for a mid-February fix,” IRS spokesman Dan Boone said Tuesday, “but we want to allow plenty of time to make sure it is done correctly.”

More than two-thirds of the nearly 140 million Americans who file federal returns each year will not be affected by the delay, either

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# IRS

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because they take the standard IRS deduction or file later in the tax season anyway, Boone said.

The IRS said taxpayers can minimize any confusion over the tax-law changes or extensions by filing electronically using commercial tax-preparation software or the e-file system available through the agency's website, irs.gov.

Tax-software vendors routinely provide customers with updates that reflect changes in the law. Chances are the software will be ready long before the IRS is ready to process returns.

The tax agency is recalibrating its computers to handle a series of tax breaks that were scheduled to expire but were extended by the new law. Among them are the deductions for state and local general sales taxes, which taxpayers have to list as itemized deductions on Schedule A of their return.

The delay will also affect those claiming the deduction of as much as \$4,000 for college-education tuition and fees, or the educator-expense deduction of as much as \$250 for out-of-pocket costs incurred by kindergarten-through-grade-12 teachers.

Although the IRS is hoping the transition will be seamless, some tax experts were skeptical.

Some people count on getting their annual tax refund early in the year, so any delay in the process can hurt, especially if the person is unemployed, behind on a mortgage or otherwise strapped for cash, said Toni Springer, a certified public accountant in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

"The delay for those who file Schedule A (itemized deductions) is going to be a real issue," she said. "And certainly it is going to cause a bottleneck the IRS will be dealing with that could make the process even longer than usual for a lot of people."

Springer warned that the delay might prompt some

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people to turn to a "refund-anticipation loan" — a sort of quick-cash advance based on the expected size of their refund check. But such loans carry high fees, and there are better alternatives, she said.

She suggested that people who usually itemize should instead do their taxes early but claim the standard deduction, because such returns are not subject to the IRS delay. If you file that return electronically, your refund should arrive within seven to 10 days.

Later, you can file an amended return, with itemized deductions, to claim the remainder of your refund.

"There would be some minor additional cost and time to amend the return, but it would be worth the effort if you have an immediate need for cash," she said.

Springer suggested all filers should begin preparing their taxes as soon as possible, so they can be near the front of the line, ready to file as soon as the IRS gives the go-ahead, because everything will be delayed by the tax-break reprogramming.

"The last time this happened was a couple of years ago, when Congress waited until just before Christmas to make changes to the AMT (alternative minimum tax)," she said. "The IRS had to close its offices for two weeks then to get ready, and that caused a bottleneck as well."

# READY TO RECYCLE?



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Jose Guadalupe works with a crew on Friday to build recycling bins at the PSI Waste Systems facility in Twin Falls. The company will begin distributing thousands of the bins on Monday and will continue to deliver them to customers throughout the week to prepare for the city's single-stream recycling program.



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News

**ABOVE:** Capt. Brian Pike speaks at the Twin Falls Police Department Wednesday afternoon. Pike will become Twin Falls' chief of police when current Chief Jim Munn Jr. retires in March. **BELOW:** Capt. Brian Pike talks about officer retention and crime prevention at the Twin Falls Police Department.



# Pike

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"Enough is Enough" national drug awareness program in 1999 and is adamant that prevention methods are imperative to the job. Pike earned an associate's degree in law enforcement from the College of Southern Idaho and became the state's first certified instructor in community policing and problem solving.

Although city police have worked with a tight budget for the past couple years — the department has worked on about \$14 million each year — Pike said officers are doing a good job.

"We do what we need to do with what we have," Pike said, adding that he wants to create a work environment that taps into the talents of people to empower them to reach their potential.

"I don't just want this to be a job," he said.

Being a police officer is more of a lifestyle than just a job to Pike and he said it gives officers high expectations to live up to, both on and off of the clock. It's important to him that officers become what he calls "stakeholders" — lasting

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and strong figures in the community.

Pike and his wife, Robin, have two sons who have both served in the military. Their youngest son, Andrew, 25, was injured overseas and is now paralyzed from the waist down. Pike said Andrew's attitude toward the injury is inspiring to him.

"I'm learning so much from him. He is teaching me real life lessons," he said.

Pike worked as a deputy for Twin Falls County before being hired by TFPD in 1994, a move he said was beneficial to his career and personal life. In a recent press release, current Twin Falls Police Chief Jim Munn Jr. said he is confident Pike will take the organization "to the next level" after Munn retires.

"I'm in a period of transition right now as I work with Chief Munn to assess the city's needs," Pike said. "It's a time to grow and to learn how to be more effective and efficient."

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# A quiet New Year's Eve for crime and accidents

Times-News

New Year's Eve appeared to be a low-key event for the Magic Valley according to area law officers.

"They said it was actually pretty quiet," Twin Falls Police Sgt. Ryan Howe said. "Maybe quieter than a normal Friday night but the cold probably had something to do with it."

Twin Falls police made

four arrests, two of which were for driving under the influence. Police dispatch received 105 calls and made 52 traffic stops between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"Nothing was out of control and no injuries were reported," Howe said.

While the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office reported no DUI arrests, officers made a number of traffic stops and responded to three

accidents. None of the accidents were serious and there were no injuries.

However, at 11 a.m., officers responded to an accident on Interstate 84, milepost 173, near Jerome. A motorhome rolled over and one person was transported to the hospital.

Idaho State Police dispatcher Lori Evenson said New Year's Eve had seen nothing major. No crashes


had occurred in the Jerome-Twin Falls-Burly area but ISP officers made 9 DUI arrests.

The Minidoka and Jerome county sheriff's departments could not be contacted.

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## It's Jan. 2; might as well stay in bed

There can't be excellence without there also being abomination; it's a rule of nature.

May 1, July 4, Sept. 26? They're usually pretty good days to be alive. But Jan. 2, the day after New Year's Eve and the high season of hangovers? Not so much.

Julius Caesar and later Pope Gregory XIII arranged the calendar so the shortest and darkest days would fall at the end of the year and at the beginning of the next one. And the mother of all ugly days is just now peeking over the southern horizon.

The sun will rise at 8:08 this morning and set at 5:16 this afternoon. That's nine hours and eight minutes of daylight.

And what are you going to do with all that sunlight? Freeze, that's what.

Why does Jan. 2 even qualify as a day? The only possible activities are taking down the Christmas tree and decorations — and won't that be fun? — or paying a plumber on golden time to thaw your frozen pipes.

And there's worse to come: Sunday, Jan. 2, is going to be followed by Monday, Jan. 3. I looked

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Steve Crump

it up.

In the realm of catatonic depression, can you conceive of anything worse than the first Monday in January?

Easter is 111 days away — nearly four months distant. Most of us won't have another paid holiday until May 30 — 147 days, or five months, removed. And in case you're wondering, winter still has 76 days — 2 1/2 months — to run.

Living through Jan. 3 is like standing on the Oregon Coast, getting ready to swim across the Pacific Ocean and knowing the nearest landfall is Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, 5,248 miles over the horizon.

There's only one sensible response to the first week in January: Make it a holiday.

Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas then (Friday is Christmas Day in the Eastern Christian calendar). So while the rest of us will be mumphing about dead car batteries and cranky cold, they'll be feasting on walnut poteca,

koulourakia (Greek holiday cookies), medianyk (Slavic Christmas cake), and out-sized portions of vodka.

A celebrant in the Eastern Orthodox tradition doesn't even think about dieting until mid-January, three full weeks after you've joined Jenny Craig. Which of you has a better January, I wonder?

Caesar and Pope Gregory both lived in Rome, which despite the PR you've heard generally has miserable Januaries. The city is located at the same latitude as Mongolia, and is prone to freezing rain from storms coming off the Tyrrhenian Sea. Caesar used that as an excuse to go to war in more tropical climes; Gregory just cut to the chase and scrapped the Julian calendar.

Four hundred years later, the French novelist Collette called January "the month of empty pockets."

She got that right. Can I borrow 20 bucks until February? I gotta go find a tanning booth.

*Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor. Hear him Fridays at 8:30 a.m. on KLIX-1450 AM.*

## Dad returns from Afghanistan for birth of first 2011 newborn

Times-News

The first baby born in Twin Falls in 2011 is also the last New Year's baby to be born in the old St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center facility.

Logan Phillip Jones entered the world at 34 minutes after the stroke of mid-

night. His mother, Rochelle Jones, was in labor for just two hours before birthing her healthy 6-pound-9-ounce son. Dr. Monte Crandall and labor nurse Charity Madsen monitored the natural birth.

Logan's father, Chad Jones, has just returned from a seven-month tour in Afghanistan in time to wit-

ness the birth of his son.

"We were trying for another child but (Chad) was deployed before he found out I was pregnant," Rochelle said. "We were hoping for a boy so we'll just hold off on having any more now."

Logan is expected to go home today to join his 5-year-old sister.

## Some Hotmail users report missing e-mails

NEW YORK (AP) — Some users of Microsoft Hotmail are starting off the new year scrambling to get back e-mails of old. A chorus of frantic users has posted complaints on Microsoft's online forum that all of their messages have disappeared.


"Please help me get them back," wrote one user under the moniker 'Zacgore' in a post dated Saturday. "All my kids' info and pictures are in there!"

Others complain that the majority of the e-mail in their inboxes was sent to their deleted mail folders instead. It is unclear from the posts how widespread the problem is. The free Web-based e-mail service is the world's most used with about 360 million users globally, according to comScore Inc.

Windows Live support technicians have said in numerous threads that the Hotmail team is aware of the problem and working on a fix.

"At this point it appears to be a limited issue, and Microsoft is working with individual users who are impacted. We apologize for any inconvenience to our customers," Microsoft spokeswoman Catherine Brooker said in statement Saturday. She declined to disclose what caused the glitch.

Microsoft's forum contains 476 pages of complaints about lost and deleted e-mails that date back to early November.



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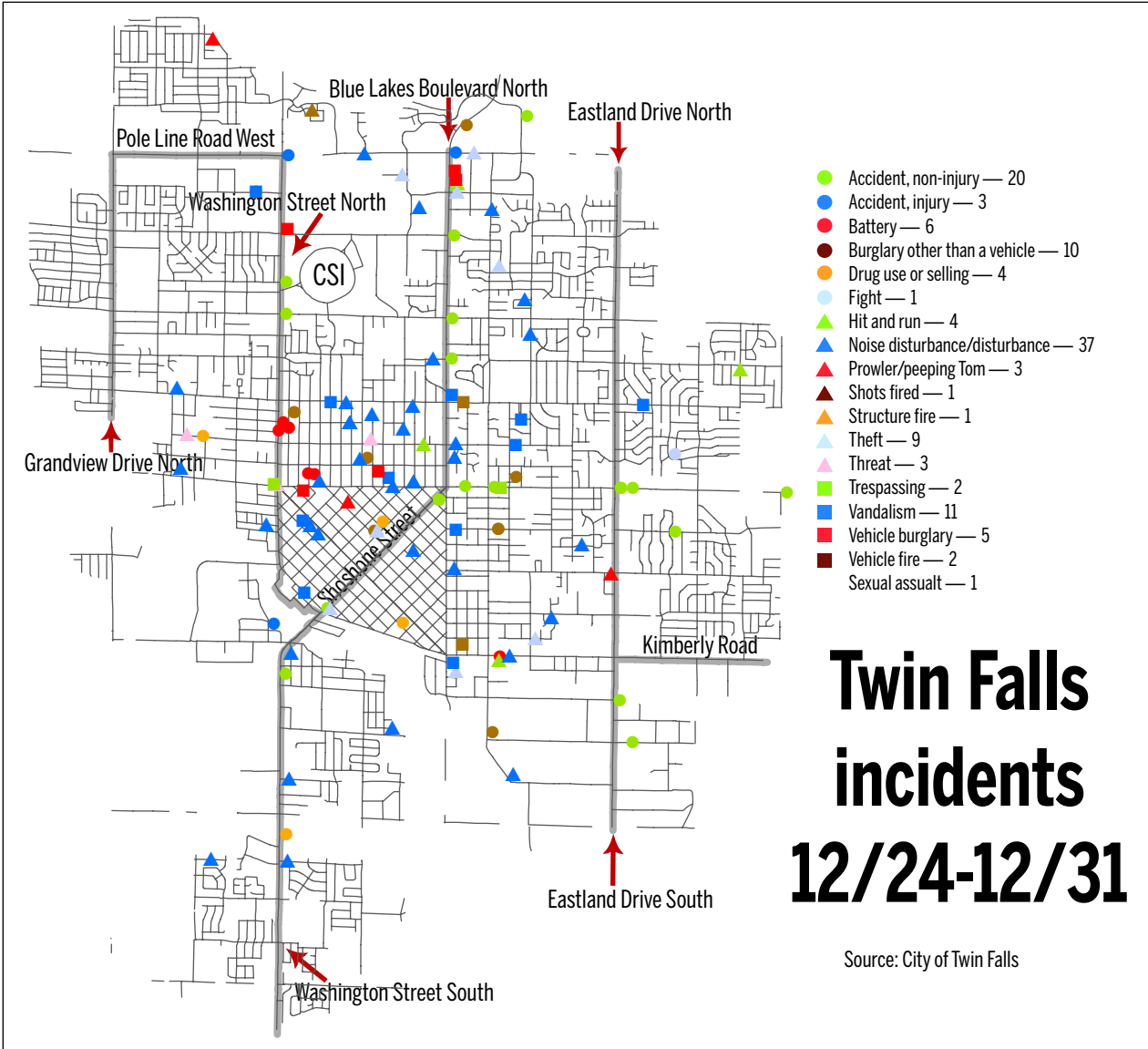
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### TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Eddy D. Woodruff, 45, Twin Falls; manufacturing marijuana, five years penitentiary, three determinate, two indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$110.50 costs, \$2,699.60 restitution, 100 hours community service.

Robert A. Huntsman II, Buhl; delivery of marijuana, five years penitentiary; two determinate, three indeterminate, three years probation, \$265.50 costs; \$1,636.23 restitution, shall abide by all alcohol/substance abuse recommendations, 200 hours community service.

Gabriel L. Montano, 26, Filer; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, six years penitentiary, two determinate, four indeterminate, \$270.50 costs, driver's license suspended two years.

Shawna L. Bowman, 32, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, seven years penitentiary, three determinate, four indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,250 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, \$250 court compliance program.

Leisha L. Marler, 43, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, six years penitentiary; two determinate, four indeterminate, \$1,500 fine, \$265.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee, \$525.63 restitution.

Cesar Nava, 43, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, seven years penitentiary, 2 1/2 determinate, 4 1/2 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$350 public defender fee, \$570.63 restitution.

Paula Rodriguez, 46, Hansen; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (one prior felony within 15 years), 10 years penitentiary; 3 1/2 determinate, 6 1/2 indeterminate, \$2,000 fine, \$270.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee, residential therapeutic community recommended, driver's license suspended 2 1/2 years.

Blake M. Reavis, 50, Twin Falls; amended judgment of conviction, malicious injury to proper-

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ty, five years penitentiary; 3 1/2 determinate, 1 1/2 indeterminate, \$225.50 costs; \$350 public defender fee, \$20,023.28 restitution.

**FELONY DISMISSALS**

Joseph R. Lobo, 40, Buhl; domestic battery, dismissed by state.

Christianna Harmon, 58, Hagerman; grand theft, dismissed, case cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Janet L. Brasil, 44, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, dismissed by prosecutor.

Christopher J. Olsen, 35, Buhl; insufficient funds check, dismissed by prosecutor.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**

Tymon L. Thompson, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$600 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

James E. Lajoie, 44, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive), amended to driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 174 suspended, one credited, 40 hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 150 days, 12 months probation.

**CIVIL FILINGS**

Byron Hager vs. Rudy Martinez, driver, Rudy Thompson, owner,

and Allstate Insurance Company. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages, amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.

Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Joey J. Patterson vs. Curtis W. Grijalva, an individual, and Jason W. Grijalva and Corie L. Grijalva, husband and wife. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages and medical expenses, amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.

Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Paul R. Allen vs. Sonya Quale. Seeking judgment against the defendant for economic and non-economic damages, amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.

Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Jeffrey L. Jones vs. Bernice F. Grindstaff, individually, Harvey J. and Bernice F. Grindstaff Revocable Trust, individually, and Does I-X, inclusive, unknown parties. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages, amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.

Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:

Jesse A. Meyer. Seeking establishment of paternity and medical support: 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance, lien will place upon defendant's real and personal property if delinquent in obligation for at least 90 days or \$2,000, whichever is less.

Eduardo L. Adame. Seeking establishment for child support: \$419 monthly support plus 49 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance: provide medical insurance, 49 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**DIVORCES FILED**

Jenifer Bybee vs. James D. Bybee.

**CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**

Jesse D. Johnstone, 26, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine suspended, \$182.50 costs, 20 days jail, 10 suspended, 10 credited, driving privileges suspended 150 days, 12 months probation.

Maricela Samargis, 45, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$182.50 costs, 20 days jail suspended, 16 hours work detail, driving privileges suspended 150 days, 12 months probation.

Sonia A. Lua, 22, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$182.50 costs, one day jail credited, driving privileges suspended 150 days, 12 months probation.

# Passenger jet explodes; 3 dead, 6 badly burned

By Lynn Berry  
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — A Russian passenger jet carrying 124 people caught fire as it taxied down a snowy runway in Siberia and then exploded Saturday, killing three people and injuring 43, including six who were badly burned, officials said.

Most of the passengers and crew were evacuated before the explosion, though people on board described a chaotic scene as the burning plane filled with thick, black smoke and panicked passengers climbed over one another to rush through flames to escape.

Emergency services spokesman Vadim Grebennikov said the fire, which began in one of the engines as the plane taxied for take-off, caused a powerful blast that destroyed the Tu-154 aircraft and spread flames across 11,000 square feet.

Russian television showed video taken with a mobile telephone of the burning plane, its center a giant fireball. All that remained afterward was the tail section and part of a wing.

Grebennikov said 10 people were seriously injured, including six who were badly burned and four who suffered broken bones or other trauma. Most of the other injured passengers sought treatment for poisoning after inhaling toxic fumes.

The plane, which belonged to the regional Kogalymavia airline, was to fly from the western Siberian town of Surgut to Moscow.

Among the passengers were members of the Russian pop group Na-Na, who described the panic on board the plane.

"First we heard a clap and then there were flames in the back of the plane and people immediately panicked," group member Yuri Rymarev said on NTV television. He said flight attendants tried to calm the passengers, but the flames began to spread, especially after one of the passengers opened an emergency exit and air rushed in.

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# Wind

## Continued from Main 1 The BLM hurdle

In mid-October, RES hosted a Twin Falls luncheon to provide project updates and ask attendees to comment on two U.S. Bureau of Land Management documents: the Jarbidge office draft Resource Management Plan, released in September, and the wind farm's upcoming environmental impact statement.

In addition to small parcels of private and state land, the wind farm would spread across 30,000 acres of BLM land. Because the land belongs to all, BLM must decide whether a wind farm is its best use and weigh the project's effect on other possibilities. As such, BLM approval of a right-of-way lease remains the main hurdle for RES.

In general, BLM favors allowing wind power on public land. More than 50 BLM land-use plans have been amended to allow for wind power.

The BLM Jarbidge draft includes five potential wind policies, and the final recommendations chosen could last for another 20 years.

The more restrictive the policy, the harder it could be for RES to gain its lease.

So it can't be encouraging that the BLM's preferred choice curtails the use of wind power in the area in favor of habitat restoration for the struggling grouse.

### Sage grouse in trouble

Sage grouse populations are decreasing throughout the West, a primary cause being loss of sagebrush habitat to wildfire and development.

Scientists can't predict exactly how wind farms will affect sage grouse because few studies exist. But many agree their effect will be detrimental, and some groups want development stopped at least until more is known.

Perhaps most important is the looming effect of tall turbines.

"Grouse avoid anything that resembles a tree because of raptors," said Oregon Natural Deserts Association spokesman Matt Little, who opposed an Oregon wind project in 2010. "Even if hawks can't perch on turbines, the grouse don't know that."

Guerry said he has friends in Wyoming who have allowed 20 turbines on their land in sage grouse territory. He said they haven't seen any problems with grouse.

But a preliminary study in Carbon County, Wyo., indicates there are concerns. Scientists found that near turbines, the number of males displaying in leks — grouse breeding grounds — dropped steadily from 2008 to 2010. Nesting success was also low compared to other Wyoming populations.

The BLM started similar studies in southern Utah and central Oregon, and a collaborative that includes RES said this spring it's eyeing long-term studies on the subject. But those results won't be known for at least a few years.

An additional complication is that sometimes effects can be delayed; sage grouse declines due to oil and gas development weren't seen until four to 10 years after construction.

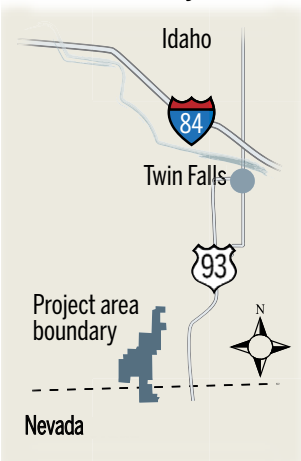
"Sage grouse populations respond slowly," said Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologist Dave Musil. "Population growth of 4 percent is good. So anything that knocks them down is going to further slow any recovery."

For almost two decades, Fish and Game biologists have tracked sage grouse surviving on Brown's Bench just east of China Mountain. They know the birds are in trouble.

One indicator showed up in lek counts. The 186 males courting hens in 2006 dwindled to 29 by 2010. As a result, biologists closed the area to sage grouse hunting this fall.

Sage grouse aren't migratory but can wander as far as 50 miles from their nests before returning. Fish and Game biologist Brad Lowe plotted the movements of about 700 radio-collared birds in the Jarbidge area and found they regularly travel over China Mountain, although they don't go east of Salmon Falls Creek. Wind

## China Mountain Wind Project



SANDY SALAS/Times-News

turbines could impede their movement.

"Forty percent of the flight paths cross the proposed right-of-way area," Lowe said.

Biologists know of at least 10 leks on Brown's Bench and more surround the project area to the north and west. Some of the Jarbidge plan proposals require that turbines be at least three miles away from leks. That would eliminate 30 turbines planned for the northern part of the project.

But if the BLM has its choice, the distance between leks and turbines will be five miles. This would eliminate turbines in all but the middle third of the project area. Approximately 66 turbines would remain — not enough to fulfill RES' promise of 200 megawatts to NV Energy.

The five-mile buffer is supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has named the sage grouse as a candidate species for federal protection.

### Conservation

Sage grouse nationwide are doing so poorly that in March, Fish and Wildlife said they warrant endangered species protection. They weren't listed because the agency said other species are in worse shape. But that won't be the case if sage grouse suffer more losses.

If sage grouse were listed, the China Mountain project likely wouldn't happen. The Endangered Species Act regulates a lot of activity once a species is listed, which is partly why local sage-grouse working groups have worked to preserve populations.

"The priority is keeping the birds off the ESA," said local working group facilitator Mike Pepper.

RES knows the wind farm faces resistance because of the sage grouse and in turn developed its own sage grouse conservation plan. It will be submitted as part of the wind farm's environmental study, which BLM Jarbidge Field Manager Rick Vander Voet said should be released in February if all goes well.

RES hasn't released its plan to the public. But spokeswoman Suzanne Leta Liou said the company would provide on-site restoration activities, evaluate the project's impacts on sage grouse and identify ways to make up for them. One of the big selling points is that research on Brown's Bench sage grouse can provide information for other projects.

The Jarbidge local working group has seen the conservation plan but members didn't say whether they support it. They plan to discuss and comment on the separate BLM resource plan this month.

"RES is promising \$15 million in mitigation money," said Pepper. "But does that get you through 30 years?"

### Unlikely to back out

Wind farms are still somewhat new to the region, so it's kind of the Wild West as far as what's allowed. Few siting regulations exist to protect animals and each project can become the next battle.

In mid-December, the Idaho Conservation League joined with the National Wildlife Federation, the Audubon Society and five other organizations to ask RES to withdraw its China Mountain proposal.

In a letter to RES, the groups say they might not have questioned the project a decade ago. But now, the project threatens too much of the grouse habitat that remains after recent, massive wildfires.

Almost half of the region was already in "poor" condition when the last Jarbidge plan was written in 1987. Then, the 2007 Murphy Complex Fire alone destroyed 70 percent of the area's remaining sage grouse nesting habitat. Subsequent fires, including this year's Long Butte Fire, have burned additional swaths into the sagebrush.

"We expect that RES ... is committed to forward thinking on environmental issues and to responsible project siting," the letter stated.

"This is one exchange in a long, involved conversation," said ICL spokeswoman Lara Rozzell. "We've been joined in our concerns by the BLM and sportsmen, and we want to encourage (RES) to look at other places."

The Hailey-based Western Watersheds Project sent a similar letter in October, saying that mitigation for the loss of sage grouse wouldn't be sufficient to preserve the populations.

RES already has 40 operational wind farms across the U.S. and Canada producing more than 4,100 megawatts. Another six are under construction that would pro-

duce another 1,000 MW.

Pulling out of China Mountain may have minimal effect on the company's bottom line, but RES isn't likely to give up now.

"RES firmly believes in developing an environmentally sustainable project," Leta Liou said when asked if RES would consider withdrawing. "We believe firmly that this project will provide a net benefit to wildlife in the area."

The reason RES chose China Mountain in the first place is that it's an oil gusher of the wind world.

It is one of the few places in southern Idaho with winds rated as "excellent" to "outstanding," according to data from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

RES continues to verify the wind data with nine measuring towers installed around the China Mountain site. Leta Liou said RES received approval to install a

10th tower on private land, but has to wait until spring.

"Our in-house data team has found this site is one of the best areas in Idaho and Nevada," she said. "Just a little change in the resource results in a big change in price."

ICL and others in turn point to the glut of Idaho wind projects popping up on

sites with less than optimal wind.

"We are working with other conservation groups and renewable developers to identify the best places for renewable energy in Idaho," Rozzell said. "(China Mountain) is too special to lose right now, and we can't see how to replace it."

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# Jobs in health care offer hope for refugees

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The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Many local refugees are finding work in the health care fields — even during the worst recession since the 1930s. In some cases, refugees' cultural heritage is an advantage.

In a high-rise off State Street, Kumari Luitel and Margaret Whitman have decked out Whitman's apartment in so many sparkling holiday lights — pink, purple, rainbow-colored icicles — that there are more than enough for both Christmas and Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The soundtrack: American Christmas classics mixed with the Bollywood Luitel loves.

"I accept Kumari, and she accepts me," Whitman said.

Whitman has become a vegetarian, inspired by Luitel's Hindu faith.

Luitel works for ABC Home Health in Meridian, and spends three hours every evening with Whitman. A former teacher in Nepal, Luitel said she likes having a job in which she helps people, and she plans to continue her education in the nursing field.

The challenge of finding a job in the down economy becomes even more acute for refugees — many of whom come to the U.S. with profound language and cultural differences.

In 2010, more than 30 percent of Idaho's employable refugees left the state to look for jobs, voluntarily stopped their job search, or are still looking for work.

But there are bright spots — and home health care is one of them.

Luitel arrived in Boise in 2009 from Nepal where she had lived in a refugee camp since she was a small child. She trained to become a Certified Nursing Assistant in the U.S., but her initial training came much earlier, and more informally, she said, when she cared for her own mother in the refugee camp.

Whitman, a retired nurse, is a diabetic who takes supplemental oxygen. She relies on a walker and wheelchair to get around — and on Luitel. Luitel cooks meals for Whitman, helps her into bed. Most of all, the two have become so close Whitman considers Luitel's baby her fifth grandchild.

"I trust Kumari with my life," she said.

Many refugees come from cultures where it's common for younger family members to care for their elders. That tradition works to refugees' advantage in the United States, making jobs in health care a natural fit for some.

It's a practical fit, too. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the health care industry will generate three million new wage and salary jobs between 2006 and 2016.

"All those Baby Boom babies are getting to be my age," said Whitman. "They are all going to need care."

The Idaho Office for Refugees recently hosted a summit in Boise to introduce local health care companies to an untapped pool of caregivers in the refugee community.

The field has a built-in career ladder with lots of ways to advance, said Tara



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Kumari Luitel, left, poses for a picture on Dec. 7 with Margaret Whitman, in Boise. Luitel moved to Boise in 2009 from Nepal and works as a care giver for ABC Home Health in Meridian.

Wolfson, a regional employment coordinator with the agency who is working with several former refugees.

Wages in entry-level health care professions typically range from \$7.50 to \$9.50 an hour — modest, but a start in a profession with a lot of demand.

What's good for new Idahoans can also be good for Idaho businesses, Wolfson said. Businesses that hire refugees are eligible for tax credits and support from resettlement agencies, including language interpreters, vocational English instruction and job coaching.

Petar Amador, owner of ABC Home Health, spoke at the recent summit and said between 30 and 40 percent of his employees are refugees.

Amador started hiring refugees a couple of years ago after he got a call from a resettlement agency about a refugee who needed care. Amador met with the agency and ended up hiring another refugee to be a caregiver for the first. That arrangement worked so well, and the caregiver turned out to be so competent, that Amador decided it was worth his efforts to develop his own training program for refugees. The program includes interpreters, videos, exercises and testing. Since that first introduction through the resettlement agency, he's hired between 50 and 60 refugees as caregivers.

Amador admits he was a bit wary at first because there are so many lawsuits in the health care business.

"It's been an investment for us to have trainers, interpreters, but at the end of the day it's worth it, because we've been able to hire really good, honest, talented workers," Amador said.

"Refugees are grateful for opportunity to prove themselves. That comes out in fewer people calling in sick, fewer complaints from clients."

In hiring refugees, ABC

has also benefitted from tax credits through the Work Opportunity program and "HIRE," the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act. Amador said he's reinvested that windfall back into refugee training and has started a scholarship program.

ABC Home Health awarded its first scholarship this year to one of its employees, a refugee from Somalia, to pay for training as a certified nursing assistant.

"Our goal is to award four scholarships a year to our employees," Amador said. "We want our employees to use us as a stepping stone to something better."

He tries to encourage friends and fellow business people to consider hiring refugees for entry-level positions. He gets mixed responses. Many worry about the language barriers, despite the willingness of agencies to provide English assistance. Others say they don't want to hire refugees at a time when so many native-born Americans are

out of work.

"Refugees are here. Not giving them jobs is not going to make them go away," Amador said. "They can either be in the welfare system, or we can give them the chance to become self-supporting."

Rutikanga Benjamin arrived in the United States from Rwanda 10 months ago with skills that translated to the health care field: 12 years as a minister and social worker in a refugee camp. He works for CommuniCare Inc. at a local group home caring for five men with physical and mental disabilities — and sometimes a combination of both.

"My job is to train them to be independent," said Benjamin, who's fluent in five languages. "I give them a bath today, but maybe tomorrow, they will know how to bathe themselves."

Benjamin said having a "caring heart" helps him in his profession, but he has still relied on the training he's received through his employer.

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## EDITORIAL

### Time for some Big Ideas from Idaho’s reelected governor

On Friday, Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter will be inaugurated for a second term, able to boast a bigger mandate (he won 59 percent of the vote in November over Democrat Keith Allred, as opposed to 53 percent against Jerry Brady in 2006) and an expanded Republican majority in the Legislature. But Otter is 68, so this term will probably be his last. Question is, what does he want it remembered for? The governor’s first four years were mostly about the Great Recession and its devastating effects on the Gem State. When Otter took his first oath of office, the unemployment rate stood at 3.3 percent; now it’s 9.4 percent. The governor’s first state budget was \$2.8 billion; his current budget is \$2.38 billion — a 16 percent reduction — and includes the first year-over-year cut in state public school funding in the state’s history. Aside from his epic battle with the Legislature over highway funding, the governor was too often content during his first term to let lawmakers take the political initiative. Often, legislators simply weren’t sure what Otter wanted, what he would accept and whether there was a Plan B. That must change. Last year’s State of the State Address was an invitation to the Legislature to fill in the blanks, which lawmakers did. Idahoans will be looking for more this time. And there’s no reason why they shouldn’t hear it. Otter just won his 11th contested statewide election, including primaries; he’s got nothing more to prove politically. So the governor should change the tone of the conversation, talking less about where Idaho is in 2011 and more about where it should be when he leaves office. Apart from his Project 60 Initiative, which aims to increase Idaho’s gross domestic product to \$60 billion, Otter hasn’t articulated many Big Ideas. He should.

- How about a public-private sector initiative to reimagine higher education in Idaho, focusing on delivery systems and outcomes? The community colleges are thriving; maybe they should be the entry point of choice into the state’s higher-ed system. How about redefining the traditional roles of the three state universities — the University of Idaho for natural resources and law, Boise State for engineering, business and tech and Idaho State for health sciences — into an integrated system that would permit, say, a senior biology major at Idaho to earn a health-technologies degree from ISU without ever leaving Moscow? What about allowing BSU to aggressively attract private sector dollars and using the limited taxpayer money elsewhere in the higher-ed system where it’s needed?
- The governor could declare that excellence in the public school system is an unconditional state priority. Idaho he could say, will pay good teachers more than mediocre teachers, period.
- Otter could embrace early childhood education as an issue, a notion that conservative Idaho Republicans have shunned for years. For starters, the governor might propose legislation allowing any school district that wants to do so to establish pre-kindergarten programs (now prohibited by state law). He could not only encourage community reading programs targeted at younger children; he might help fund them. And following the model of the grocery tax credit he championed for Idaho’s poorest citizens, the governor could advocate tax credits to encourage private-sector early childhood education.
- He could borrow ISU President Arthur Vailas’ idea for a “skunkworks,” an incubator where new tech companies could be developed. The idea is a public-private sector partnership to help startups by giving them greater access to advice, new technologies and investment capital.
- Otter could point out that Idaho’s hefty 7.6 percent corporate income tax rate is impeding economic development and discouraging job growth and vow to cut it, and he could make up the difference by closing some sales tax exemptions and fully and aggressively taxing Internet sales.
- The governor could insist that Idaho’s 36-year-old Sunshine Law, which requires campaign finance reporting and lobbyist disclosure, be extended to mandate divulgence of personal finances by elected officials or candidates.
- He could endorse professionalizing and depoliticizing the Idaho Tax Commission — and probably maximizing its revenue in the process — by hiring an executive director and transforming the four commissioners into a board of directors.

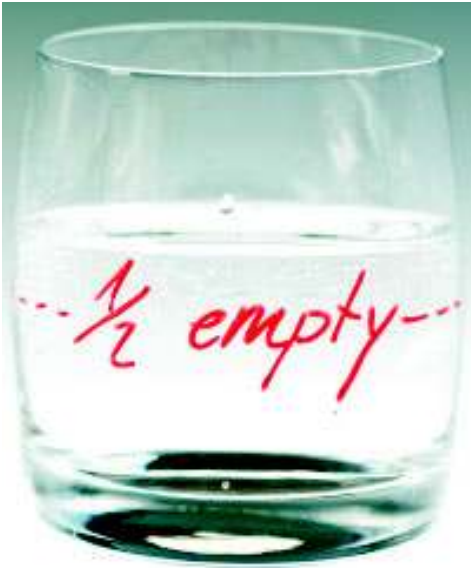
As the economy recovers, Idaho’s 32nd governor will have more flexibility to make life better for Idahoans in the long run. That’s his legacy, and Otter should jump at the chance.

**Our view:** In his first term, Idaho Gov. C.L. ‘Butch’ Otter didn’t do much thinking outside the box. He should start. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

# The road ahead



“Through November tax collections were \$37.7 million higher than through November 2009. Personal income taxes were running 3.6 percent ahead of a year ago while sales tax was up 3 percent.”



## A snapshot of what’s working – and what isn’t – in Idaho’s economy

Excerpts from last week’s Idaho Department of Labor summary of Idaho economic indicators:

### The good

- 1. Personal Income**  
Total personal income rose more than 1 percent in the third quarter 2010, hitting \$50.6 billion on an annualized basis. Wages rose for the second straight quarter, and a gain in farm profits was enough to offset a modest loss in other business profits. Investment earnings were down fractionally, but it was the second straight quarterly decline. Personal income in rural Idaho plunged 3.9 percent from 2008 to 2009, exceeding the 2.5 percent decline in urban personal income. Personal income statewide dropped 3 percent, the first annual decline in personal income in Idaho since 1953. Idaho’s per-capita personal income declined 4.1 percent from 2008 to 2009, a loss of \$1,362 and the first time per capita income has declined since the information began being compiled in 1969. Per capita income in urban Idaho declined 0.3 percent in 2008 to \$33,412 because of the loss of jobs and paychecks in the Boise metropolitan area. Per capita income in the five-county area was off 1.2 percent from 2007, also the first decline for that area since 1969. The other four metro areas posted gains, albeit modest ones. Per capita income in the 367 metropolitan

- areas across the nation rose 2.2 percent.
- 2. Idaho exports**  
After hitting a record of nearly \$5 billion in 2008, foreign sales of Idaho goods and services plunged during the first half of 2009 before finally rallying to more than \$1 billion a quarter again in the second half of the year and the first half of 2010. Foreign sales totaled nearly \$3.9 billion in 2009, the third best year on record but still 22.5 percent below the 2008 total. The resurgence continued through the first three quarters of 2010. A solid third quarter pushed total exports to more than \$3.8 billion and within just \$100 million of the record pace of 2008. The early 2009 decline in exports followed the bottom falling out of the computer chip market. Chip sales rebounded slightly in the second quarter before posting a solid 38 percent gain in the third quarter. Sales slipped fractionally in the fourth quarter, ending the year with a 26 percent decline in chip exports. High technology exports, primarily chips, continued to slide in the first three months of 2010, accounting for only 53 percent of total foreign sales. They rebounded on stronger semiconductor sales in the second quarter, when they

- accounted for 64 percent of all exports, but then slipped again to 55 percent in the third quarter.
- 3. Idaho’s General Fund revenues**  
The Otter administration estimates general tax revenue for fiscal year 2011 at just under \$2.37 billion, about \$64 million higher than the estimate used by the Legislature to set the FY2011 state budget. Through November tax collections were \$37.7 million higher than through November 2009. Personal income taxes were running 3.6 percent ahead of a year ago while sales tax was up 3 percent. The recession’s drain on state tax revenues has forced the annual general fund budget to be cut from more than \$2.7 billion in 2009 to less than \$2.4 billion in 2011 even after hundreds of millions of dollars in reserve cash and federal stimulus money was tapped.

- 4. Tourism**  
The recession victimized Idaho’s tourism industry, slashing revenues and the tourism taxes they produce by 12 percent in 2009 from 2008’s record receipts of \$407.6 million. But the strongest November on record at \$29.6 million in lodging revenues pushed the first 11 months of 2010 up 3 percent, or \$10.1 million, ahead of 2009. Receipts for the first 11 months of the year totaled \$336.7 million compared to \$326.6 million for the same period in 2009. Total receipts in 2009 at

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## Sun Valley’s first dry, brown December

By James Varley

In an earlier article we described how William Averell Harriman had found and bought a ranch for the Union Pacific Railroad near Ketchum, upon which to build a ski resort to rival Switzerland’s St. Moritz. Seventy-five years ago next June, about the time construction began, Harriman hired a noted press agent named Steve Hannagan to publicize the project.

Hannagan was said to hate cold weather. He was the one, after all, who had helped put such tropical places as Miami Beach, Fla., and Puerto Rico on the vacationer’s map. One of the first things Hannagan is supposed to have done for Harriman is to suggest the name Sun Valley, even though, in private, he had once called the area a “god-forsaken snowfield.” “Sun Valley” first appeared in



**Blaine County Yesterday**  
*Editor’s note: This is the seventh a series of occasional articles about the Wood River Valley’s past.*



print on Aug. 22, 1936, when Harriman formally announced it as the name of the new resort. It would be a skier’s paradise, he said, with downhill runs equal to the best in the European Alps. The valley was sheltered from cold northern winds by the “lofty peaks” of the Sawtooth Mountains, allowing sun-bathing in roofless ice igloos, and swimming in outdoor pools fed by natural hot springs. And, men

might even ski in comfort, while stripped to the waist. These Hannaganisms would henceforth be repeated in newspapers and magazines just about every time Sun Valley was mentioned. Five months later, for example, the *Salt Lake City Tribune* raved about the resort’s “slopes and runs for both the

See **SUN VALLEY**, Opinion 2



# Sun Valley

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skilled and the neophyte” as well as the outdoor swimming and sun bathing.

Open to the south, so said the article, the winter sun poured into the valley, and, sheltered by the Sawtooth Mountains, produced “a startling climatic contrast to the snow-capped peaks.” This made it possible for the skier to practice the sport “stripped to the waist, getting his suntan and ski thrill at the same time.” The lack of wind, and the “crisp dryness of the atmosphere” produced dry, powdery snow, making skiing surfaces “unparalleled in the world.”

Male skiers in the railroad’s early advertisements were usually pictured stripped to the waist and mopping their brows. Female skiers are generally reclining in ice block “Sunroom Igloos” getting a good “ice tan.”

Harriman’s goal was to open the lodge by Christmas, and it went up swiftly under the direction of H. C. Mann, chief engineer of the Union Pacific, and Joe McNeil of the McNeil Construction Co. The latter had an office at the Ketchum railroad depot, and most of the workmen were housed in nearby railroad crew box cars. By September some 400 workers were employed.

The lodge was made of reinforced concrete, poured into rough-sawn timber molds and stained brown to look like wood. Native pinkish-lavender stone, quarried at a nearby creek, was used on outside stairways, chimneys, and trim. When completed, the huge building would accommodate more than 250 guests and would provide them with abundant amenities — ski rooms, game and club rooms, a small hospital with X-ray equipment, a beauty shop, and a well-equipped powder room for ladies.

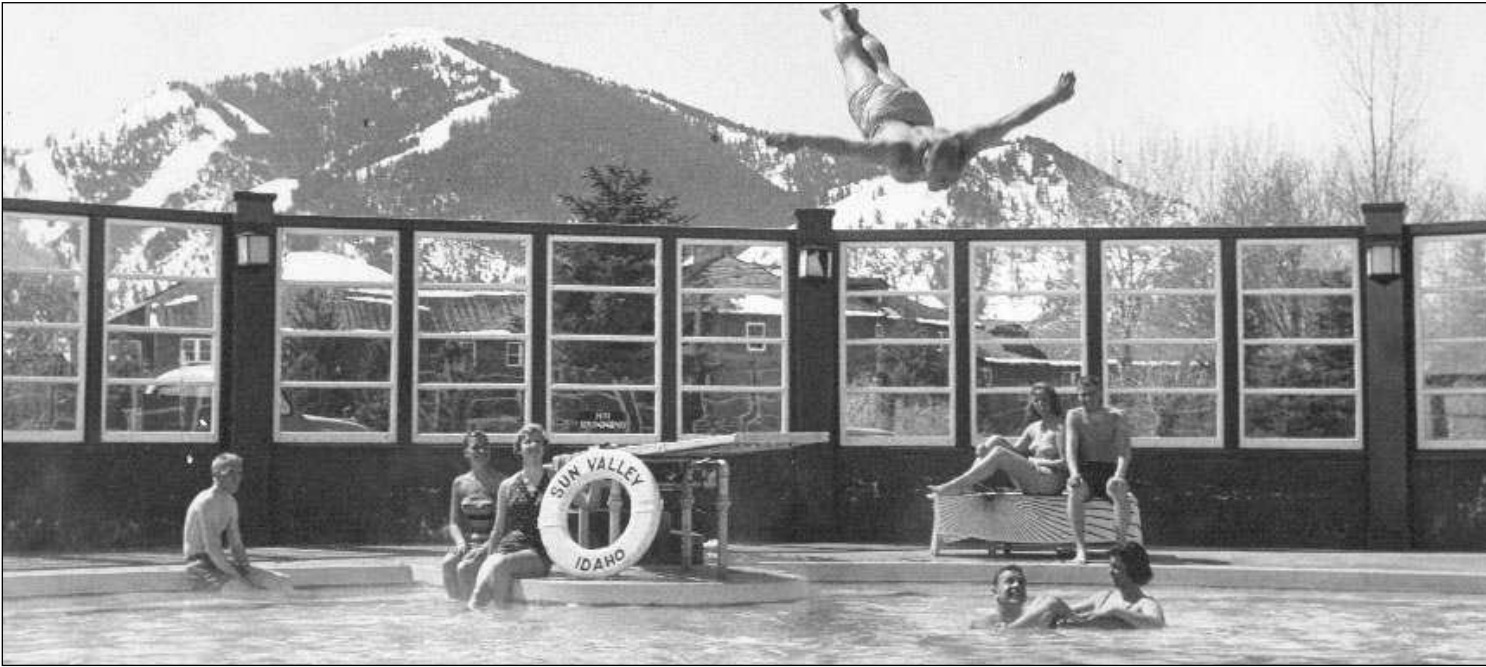
New Yorkers were amazed to learn that Saks Fifth Avenue was also going to open a winter sports and clothing store at the lodge, near the railroad “tank town” of Ketchum in William Borah’s “potato paradise of Idaho.” Saks, after all was the biggest, swankiest shop in Manhattan.

The wife of pianist and bandleader Eddie Duchin, Marjorie Oelrichs Duchin, was persuaded by the Harrimans to take charge of decorating both the exterior and interior of the building. Marjorie, nicknamed “Bubbles,” was a beautiful American socialite, whose parents owned shipping interests. She had been an interior decorator before marrying Duchin in 1935.

While the Lodge was being built, so were some very “elaborate rigs for pulling humans up hills,” as one observer put it. In collaboration with Charles Proctor, Union Pacific engineers had designed the first chair ski lifts in the world. They were built by the American Bridge Co. and installed on Dollar and Proctor mountains.

Dollar, just south of the lodge, was a practice hill for beginning skiers. Its lift was 2,450 feet long and raised the skier 650 feet above valley floor. A

rest and coffee cabin was



ABOVE:  
Round  
outdoor  
swimming  
pool at Sun  
Valley  
Lodge.  
RIGHT:  
Dollar  
Mountain  
Ski Lift,  
ca. 1938



Skier as  
depicted  
in early Sun  
Valley ads.

Photos  
courtesy of  
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located on top.

For expert skiers, Proctor Mountain, about two miles northeast of the hotel, had a combination towline and chairlift. The towline, with padded bars to lean on, went up a gulch about 3,050 feet to the base of the chairlift. There one could flop into a chair, without having to remove his skis, and be carried to the summit of 6,500 feet, 1,500 feet above the valley floor.

Roads were made to both mountains so that buses could carry guests to the lifts.

By November 1936 the lodge staff had been hired. Raymond F. Stephens, for many years a director of Adirondack hostels and an Olympic bobsledder, was appointed managing director. Margaret Wood was named lodge housekeeper, and Honore Martin of Paris headed a kitchen staff of French chefs.

Charles Proctor and his group of local boys had been replaced as ski instructors by five Austrians led by Hans Hauser, Austria’s three-time ski champion.

With the lodge nearing completion and it’s opening scheduled for Dec. 21, people became apprehensive about the lack of snow. Only a quarter inch had fallen by the 18th, causing the *Salt Lake Tribune* correspondent to wonder if perhaps Jupiter Pluvius (the reliever of droughts) was a bit irked that the good old Brass ranch and Trail Creek had been commercialized. Back in the days before the Union Pacific got sun-conscious, said this wag, it used to snow every winter in the Wood River Valley.

So when the elegant new lodge was opened and dedicated on the evening of the 21st it was dry — outside, at least. Inside, some 300 people — railroad officials and prominent Idahoans — sat down in the spacious dining room to cocktails and a fancy French dinner. Sens. William Borah and James Pope and their wives were there, as

were Gov. and Mrs. Ben Ross, Gov.-elect and Mrs. Barzilla Clark, Idaho Congressmen D. W. Clark and Compton I. White, and number of Idaho mayors, judges, and state legislators.

A seven-piece orchestra headed by Earl Smith provided music for dining and dancing. It had been Harriman’s wish that Eddie Duchin play for the opening, but his band had a previous commitment in New York City, so he recommended the Smith band. Smith’s group would play in the Duchin Room every winter for three months until 1939, when they all moved to Sun Valley and played year-round. Duchin’s band never played at Sun Valley.

About two inches of snow fell on the night of Dec. 23-24 raising the hopes of the lodge management, which was expecting a full house of the nation’s elite shortly after Christmas.

“It’s snowing like hell all around us,” Stephens said, so he had been transporting guests to Galena by bus for skiing.

Only once in the past 36 years had a good snowfall been so late in coming to Ketchum. Natives, usually walled in for the winter by this date, blamed the late snowfall on the name given the new resort, Sun Valley. It was amusing during the past month to hear railroad officials pleading for snow, the bane of winter rail operations in the West.

Finally, a blizzard that started night of Dec. 26-27 and continued the next day, gave Sun Valley 16 to 20 inches. Hauser said skiing conditions were “perfect.” Stylishly clad skiers began riding the new lifts to the top of mountains, and skiing down the timberless slopes. Dogsleds were whirling about the countryside, and the jingle of sleighbells echoed through the valley.

Skiers from faraway points who had canceled their reservations because of the lack of snow began reordering their lodge

accommodations.

A writer for the *Hailey Times* on Dec. 31, didn’t see anything to complain about. The previous winter, when Count Felix Schaffgotsch had been searching for a resort location, the weather conditions and snowfall had been so perfect as to impress the fastidious tastes of the count and Harriman.

This year, the dry fall weather had made possible the finishing of the resort by the planned date. And, now that the resort was open and the stage all set for winter sports, the same old reliable Weatherman had sent down a lovely white blanket of snow, just in time for the entertainment of guests at the lodge for the New Year.

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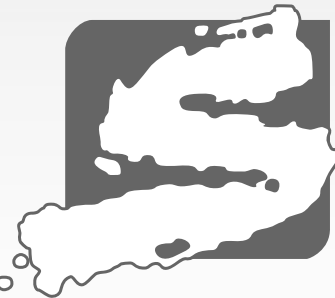
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# Economy

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\$358 million were the lowest since 2005. Tourism has been estimated to account for about 5 percent of Idaho's gross state product.

## The bad

### 1. Job growth

The year-over-year job gap was 0.6 percent in November, 3,500 jobs below November 2009. The state economy lost jobs at slightly under the typical level for October to November, but not enough lower to further reduce the year-over-year deficit. Nonfarm jobs totaled 606,300. It appears the economy has stopped permanently shedding jobs but has yet to begin picking them back up. Idaho has posted year-over-year job losses for 32 straight months.

High technology employment, which averaged 56,700 in 2007 and appeared to be gaining momentum, was an early casualty of the recession, declining in 2008 by 2 percent and then plunging 11 percent in 2009 to under 50,000 following major layoffs at Micron Technology and others including MPC and Hewlett-Packard. Since high-tech manufacturing jobs peaked at 17,300 in November 2006, the state has lost more than 7,000. The overall high-tech sector hit bottom in 2003 at 52,127 after peaking two years earlier at 58,159. Employment in 2009 averaged 49,300, its lowest level since 1999.

### 2. Number of people working

Total employment in November slipped 1,100 from October to under 686,000, the sixth month in a row that employment has declined. But the total was 2,400 higher than in November 2009, the seventh straight month that current employment has exceeded the year-earlier figure after 27 months of year-over-year declines. November was the 22nd straight month of employment under 700,000. Total unemployment rose more than 70,700, pushing the jobless rate up three-tenths to 9.4 percent. Idaho's labor force rose slightly in November after a small decline in October.

After the rapid escalation of Idaho's unemployment rate that hit every corner of the state, 15 of the 44 counties saw rates decline from June to July. Twelve had double-digit rates, up from 10 in June. The highest was 12.6 percent in both months.

### 3. Idaho's gross state product

The total value of all the goods and services produced in Idaho declined 3 percent to \$54 billion in 2009, the first decline in nearly 60 years. The losses in construction at 18 percent and manufacturing at 9 percent rippled through the rest of the economy. Education, health care, financial and professional services, mining and utili-

ties were the only private sectors to post gains. It was the sixth-largest decline in gross state product among the states. Adjusted for inflation, Idaho's gross state product was down 3.1 percent in 2009 after only fractional growth in 2008. It was the second decline in real gross state product. The other was 0.3 percent in 2001, the year of the last recession. From 2001 to 2008, Idaho's real gross state product grew 32 percent, more than twice the growth nationally and higher than all other states except Nevada and Oregon.

### 4. Business growth

In 2009, only 21,862 new businesses filed with the secretary of state, down 10 percent following a 15 percent decline in 2008. It was the third straight annual decline. The previous decline was in 2001 during that national recession.

### 5. Unemployment benefit claims

Rising unemployment drove jobless benefit claims and payments to unprecedented levels in 2009. The regular benefit payout totaled \$403 million, nearly double the previous record of \$210 million in 2008, and that was nearly double the \$123 million in 2007. Another \$240 million was paid in federal extended and supplemental benefits in 2009 when more than 116,000 workers received assistance through the unemployment insurance program. Regular benefit payments and the number of workers getting them finally slipped below the year-earlier level the last week of 2009 and have been running lower ever since. The regular benefit payout through November was \$264.4 million compared to \$373.8 million over the same period in 2009. Total payments through November were \$570.9 million compared to \$583.2 million during the first 11 months of 2009.

Benefit payments were double the revenues paid into the trust fund in 2008, triggering a 70 percent increase in all unemployment insurance tax rates. While significant, even with the increase, the average effective rate for 2009 was below the 2006 level because rate decreases in both 2007 and 2008 brought the tax to its lowest point on record. But the higher rates in 2009 covered only a third of the regular benefit payments, prompting the state to begin borrowing from the federal government to continue paying benefits in June 2009. Rates hit their legal maximum in 2010, and that will not be enough to cover the anticipated \$265 million in regular benefit payments in 2010. Thirty-two other states have gone broke and borrowed from the federal government, and more are teetering on the edge. Idaho borrowed \$202 million through July and has not borrowed since.

# The same old shell game with nuclear energy

It is enjoyable to have the Security Exchange Commission finally take Idaho's nuclear power company to court to stop their outright fraudulent claims about "safe and cheap nuclear power." The brutal truth is, this flim-flam nuclear stock scheme perfectly symbolizes the whole fraudulent federal feeding frenzy financed by nuclear lobbyists. Your paid-off politicians have falsely inflated nuclear stock with your tax dollar subsidies for decades. Now they use taxpayers' credit cards to prop up the failed nuclear power scheme, with guaranteed loans for billions. Even the cash-strapped French government-owned Areva will risk Idaho families' health with uranium enrichment, but only if American taxpayers borrow money to guarantee them.

Newspapers are strapped for money, but media shouldn't try to save a buck by only reporting one side of the nuclear story. For example, the *Times-News*, on the December "New Millennium Nuclear Energy Summit in Washington, D.C." was one-sided nuclear cheer-leading. "Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said nuclear power is necessary in order to slow climate change, so the nation needs direction on its nuclear policy."

U.S. Sen. Jim Risch,



READER COMMENT  
**Dr. Peter Rickards**

R-Idaho, said wind and solar power have grabbed most national headlines. But it's nuclear power that will provide the baseload for the country, he said, and Idaho is well-positioned to lead the way.

(Secretary of Energy Steven) Chu said the rest of the world is experiencing "a nuclear renaissance" while the United States lags behind with nuclear facilities built in the 1960s and 1970s.

Gee, the politicians forgot to mention 24/7 renewable baseload geothermal power, again! The media framework of dirty coal vs. nuclear is an incomplete discussion, but that's all Idaho citizens hear.

New York Times reported "the rest of the story," where a few truthful insiders revealed the true economic market would kill expensive nuclear power, and how the failed "Carbon Tax" was needed to prop up the value of nuclear power! Specifically, "The federal aid now in place for new nuclear plants is far from sufficient for the so-called 'nuclear renaissance' that backers are seeking, a panel made up of members of Congress, high-ranking

federal officials and leaders of major nuclear companies agreed on Tuesday."

"Steven Chu, energy secretary, said that while new reactors were likely to be important industrial assets for 60 or 70 years, the market was focused on the short term. Low prices for natural gas, a competing fuel and the collapse of efforts to impose a price on carbon dioxide emissions make the economic climate for new reactors quite unfavorable at the moment, he added.



The administration is seeking the expansion of a loan guarantee program but has so far been unable to commit all of the loan guarantee money already approved by Congress. "In addition to loan guarantees, you need an environment that's right, that makes it look like a good investment," Chu said.

"Not everyone on the panel was convinced that the demise of the nuclear renaissance was bad. Peter Bradford, a former member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and a former chairman of the public service commissions of both New York and Maine, said the technology was probably just too expensive. One challenge for the industry is to build reactors on budget and on schedule.

"On budget isn't going to do it if on budget means it's going to sell 12-cent-a-kilowatt-hour power in a 5-cent-a-kilowatt-hour market," he reflected. Full report at <http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/12/07/nuclear-renaissance-is-short-on-largess/?scp3&sqwald%20chu%20&stcse>.

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**ODYSSEY** 4 Golden Globe Nominations  
Bullet can bring the good and bad out of some people.

**Black Swan** (R)  
Natalie Portman Mila Kunis Winona Ryder

**TWIN CINEMA** Rapunzel finds a feisty Tower Bound with 70 feet of Golden Hair.

**Tangled** PG

**JEROME AND TWIN CINEMA** Everyone's Favorite Pic-a-nic Stealing Basket Bear is Here

**YOGI BEAR** PG  
He's Smarter than the Average Bear

**JEROME & TWIN CINEMA** Return to Magic. Return to Hope. Return to Narnia

**NARNIA** PG  
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader  
In 2D at Jerome and 2D & 3D at Twin Cinema

**ODYSSEY** Nominated for 3 Golden Globes  
He Lived in his Losing Brothers Shadow - Now is his Time. Nothing is stronger than Family!

**THE FIGHTER** R  
Mark Wahlberg Christian Bale Amy Adams

**JEROME & TWIN CINEMA** Historic Narnia: You Saw the Original Tron at the Twin Cinema on August 6, 1982

**TRON** PG  
LEGACY

**TWIN CINEMA** Held Over

**Harry Potter** PG  
DEATHLY HALLOWS Part 1  
3 Stand Alone -- It All Ends Here

**ODYSSEY** Now Showing  
Jack Black Jason Segel Amanda Peet

**GULLIVER'S TRAVELS** PG  
Gulliver is bigger-than-life in Size and Ego.

**ODYSSEY** Jack Nicholson Reese Witherspoon Owen Wilson Paul Rudd

**How Do You Know** PG-13  
Feeling a bit past her prime at 37, former athlete Lisa Jorgensen finds herself in the middle of a love triangle, as a corporate guy in crisis competes with Lisa's current, baseball-playing beau.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Buy a bicycle, buy a helmet

I have followed with interest the controversy about helmets and the City Council.

When my children were little, the car did not start until seatbelts were on; if it was a bike, skateboard or snowboard, you didn't use them unless you wore a helmet. When my girls rode horses, they wore helmets.

I valued their brains too much to bend on this issue. If you can buy a bike, you can buy a helmet.

Enough said. Listen up, leaders!

**TENNY GARNER**  
Twin Falls

### Crash victim thanks all who helped

In the early hours of Dec. 23, I slid off the road after hitting some ice just outside Burley while driving my sister to Twin for Christmas. The next thing I remember is waking up with the car wrapped around the back end of a big truck. Since I was in the car for the next hour or so — and then hustled off to the ambulance — I

didn't get a chance to meet or thank many of the people who left the warmth of their homes or offices to come and help us. I'd like to take this chance to thank them and to remind all your readers just what a magic place the valley really is.

Making lists of people wasn't a high priority for either of us that morning. I'm certain a complete list would be even longer than that which appears below. The Life Run Ambulance EMTs (David, Periann and Joe) were wonderful, as was the staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center (although, alas, we didn't write down and don't recall their names). Again, I don't have a name, but my sister says the tow truck driver was also very nice, offering even to take some of our things in his cab if that would be useful. The driver of the truck was very helpful, calling EMS and getting things started before my sister even located my phone.

There were two volunteer organizations that arrived on-scene to assist — Mini-Cassia Extraction and Declo Quick Response. I think it was a member of the latter who drove our belongings to

the hospital. These folks volunteered their time, giving up time with family for training and then leaving home at a moment's notice to come to the rescue when needed. They and their families deserve the entire community's thanks, and they certainly have ours.

This list could not be complete without Teresa, an ordinary traveler heading to Twin with two children. In the bustle that comes just two days before Christmas, she spontaneously stopped and interrupted her life for nearly an hour, staying with us to be sure we made it to

Twin with our belongings. My sister notes that we both attended Santa Teresa High School but that we'd never actually met St. Teresa before that day.

We were lucky and both emerged relatively unscathed from the accident; the worst injury appears to be a minor

break in my ankle. Our Christmas visit over, we are both now back to our lives — lives which are enriched from the kindness shown us by so many strangers one winter morning on a highway median outside of Burley.

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# Obama saved the economy, botched the recovery

WASHINGTON — President Obama must take some comfort that the latest economic forecasts are becoming more optimistic about 2011 and beyond. The more upbeat of these (from, say, Richard Berner of Morgan Stanley) have the economy's growth accelerating next year to about 4 percent from less than 3 percent and the unemployment rate dropping from the present 9.8 percent to 8.6 percent by year-end. Though still depressingly high, it would begin to dispel the notion that the economy is permanently stuck with high joblessness and give Obama grounds for boasting that his policies drove the turnaround.

If average Americans agree, Obama's re-election prospects will improve significantly. But public opinion isn't there yet. A few weeks ago, departing White House economist Summers made the case for Obama in a valedictory speech. In what he said and what he didn't, Summers mirrored the strengths and weaknesses of administration policies. This suggests a mixed verdict: Obama deserves more credit than his critics concede but less than he claims.

As Summers noted, Obama inherited a desperate situation. The stock market was collapsing; it would lose \$3.9 trillion of value, almost a third, from his election to the bottom in March, according to Wilshire Associates. Global trade was spiraling downward; it would fall 12.2 percent in 2009. At their worst, Summers said, these declines exceeded the initial drops of the 1930s.

Obama helped stabilize the economy — and psychology. Both what he did and how he did it mattered. He acted with self-assurance and decisiveness. The roughly \$800 billion "stimulus" put money in consumers' pockets and certainly saved jobs; it signaled that government would not allow the economy to fall into an abyss. The "stress test" of banks showed they were stronger than had been thought. If General Motors and Chrysler hadn't been rescued, joblessness would have increased by hundreds of thousands.

True, many of Obama's policies started under President Bush. But it's unclear whether John McCain would have done as well. Without Obama's forceful actions, "we would be looking at a vastly different world today," Summers argued. Something akin to depression was conceivable. The trouble is that Obama, having stabilized the econo-



**Robert Samuelson**

my, weakened the recovery. What's missing from Summers' valedictory is any sense of contradiction between the administration's ambitious social and regulatory agenda and the business confidence necessary for hiring and investing. Of course, the connections existed. The health care law raises hiring costs by requiring in 2014 that all firms with more than 50 employees provide health insurance or be fined. The law brims with complexities and uncertainties that make it hard to estimate the ultimate costs.

Choices had to be made. The administration could either concentrate on promoting recovery or devote itself to more narrow and, usually, partisan objectives. It couldn't do both effectively. Obama's solution was to pretend the choices didn't exist. The first hints of this occurred in the "stimulus" package, which provided money for some pet projects that provided little stimulus.

The qualities that initially served Obama well (poise, confidence, aggressiveness) became an arrogant disdain for obvious inconsistencies. Neither he nor Summers showed much understanding of, or sympathy for, the practical problems of firms deciding to hire. Obama proclaimed he was encouraging job creation while pushing measures that discouraged job creation — health care "reform," action against global warming, restrictions (after the BP blowout) on offshore drilling, among others. It was not that every proposal was wrong so much as a highly partisan, complicated agenda was bound to sow ill will, create uncertainty and retard recovery.

Obama has much riding on the economy in 2011. The present modest optimism reflects many factors: the renewal of the Bush tax cuts; pent-up demand for housing and autos; a recovering stock market; debt "deleveraging" by households. Threats loom in Europe's financial problems, higher oil prices and paralysis over America's long-term budget deficits. The outcome may determine whether Americans credit Obama for preventing a depression or blame him for hampering recovery.

*Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.*



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# TCU stops Wisconsin in Rose Bowl

By Greg Beacham  
Associated Press writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Andy Dalton threw a touch-down pass and ran for a score, linebacker Tank Carder swatted down a 2-point conversion pass attempt with 2 minutes to play, and No. 3 TCU completed a perfect season with its first Rose Bowl victory, 21-19 over fourth-ranked Wisconsin on Saturday.

Bart Johnson caught an early TD pass and recovered a late onside kick for the Mountain West champion Horned Frogs (13-0), who

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followed up their second straight unbeaten regular season by busting the BCS in dramatic fashion.

Dalton passed for 219 yards for TCU, which won't win the national title — that will go to either Auburn or Oregon after they meet in the BCS championship game in nine days.

These ferocious Frogs still proved they can play with

anybody on college football's biggest stages.

"I've been saying for a while that parity in college football is here," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "I got texts from everybody across the nation, from Boise State and schools all over. ... Today we played for us, and for all the schools that wanted a chance."

Montee Ball rushed for 132 yards and a late score for the Big Ten co-champion Badgers (11-2), whose loss capped a nightmare New Year's Day for their conference. The Big Ten went 0-5 in bowl games Saturday, and

the Badgers fell just short of a late rally when Carder made a defensive play that will live forever in TCU lore.

TCU lost last year's Fiesta Bowl to Boise State, but that's still the only loss of the past two seasons for Patterson's remarkable Fort Worth power. TCU is the first school from a non-automatic qualifying conference to play in the Rose Bowl since the advent of the BCS, but the Frogs were right at home in Pasadena.

Luke Shivers' 1-yard TD run put TCU ahead 21-13

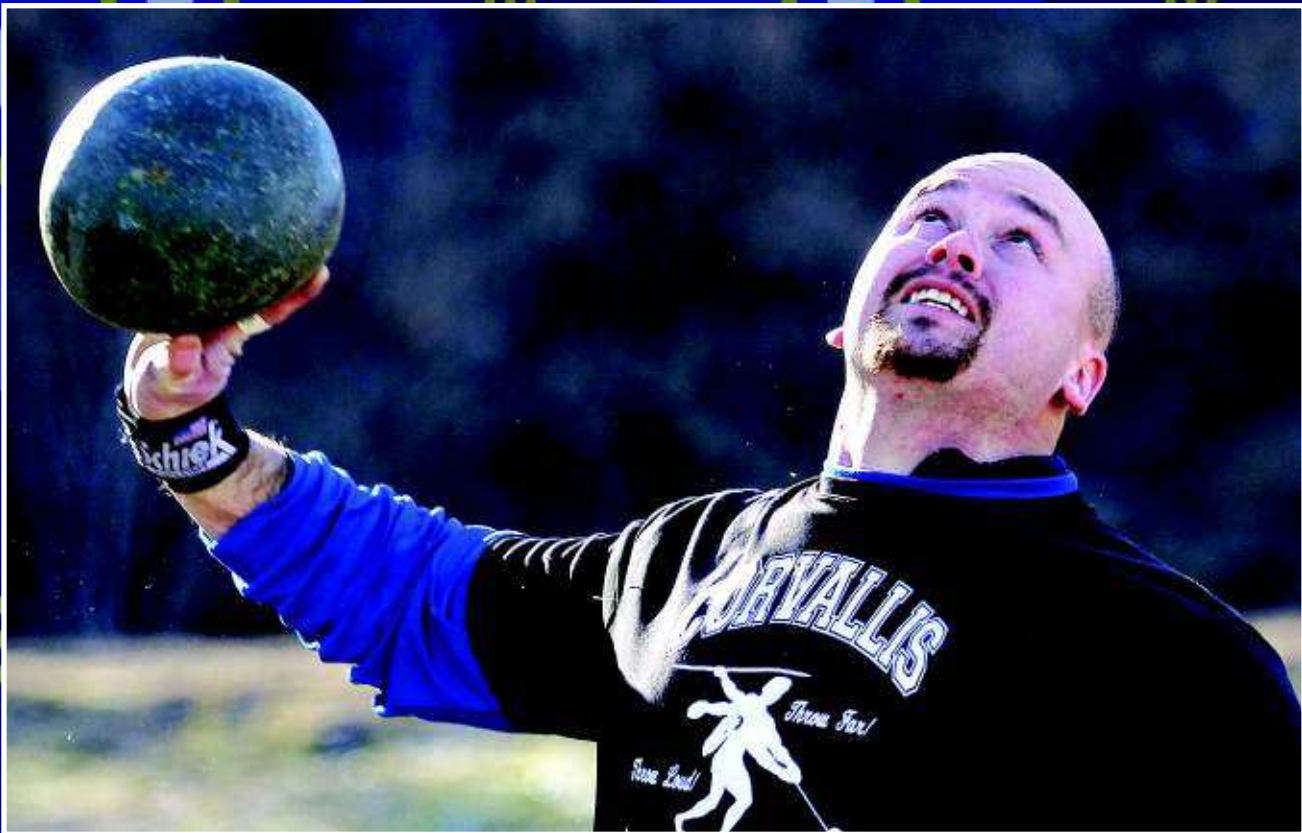
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AP photo

TCU linebacker Tank Carder (43) sacks Wisconsin quarterback Scott Tolzien (16) during the second half of the Rose Bowl NCAA college football game Saturday in Pasadena, Calif.

# HEAVY LIFTING



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Garrett Middleton, of Victor Mont., hurls a 24 pound stone Saturday during the Frozen Stones Games at Shoshone Park. A number of the participants were throwing the stone well over 23 feet.

## Kilt-clad athletes face cold to test skills in highland games

By Stephen Meyers  
Times-News writer

Ancient Scots would have been happy to stumble into Shoshone Falls Park Saturday.

The weather was bitter cold as men and women clad in kilts were launching 24-pound stones and tossing 42-pound weights over their heads.

"We're just a bunch of crazy dudes from Idaho who want to throw heavy things around," said Joseph Lemoyne of Jerome.

The Frozen Stones Challenge, a Scottish Highland Games event showcased men and women competing in seven tests of strength and determination such as the

Stone Throw or Weight Over Head, and in true Scottish fashion, while wearing a kilt of course.

"Heck my name is McCrum, so I have to be interested in it," said Robb McCrum of Boise.

McCrum became interested in the sport while living in Baker City, Ore., where the town would host Scottish festivals and traditional Highland Scottish Games.

"I was always intrigued by the culture and the sport," he said.

Thirty-seven athletes competed in the games on Saturday. Events included two weight classes in the Stone

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Jay Nielson, of Nampa, competes in the weight over bar event.

## MORE ONLINE

VIEW more pictures of the Frozen Stones Challenge. [MAGICVALLEY.COM](http://MAGICVALLEY.COM)

## Tide sweeps over Spartans in Capital One Bowl, 49-7

By Antonio Gonzalez  
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — The team picked to repeat as national champions gave a glimpse of everything it could've been and more.

Too bad for Alabama it came too late.

Mark Ingram ran for two scores to break the school record for career touchdowns, and 15th-ranked Crimson Tide rolled past No. 7 Michigan State 49-7 on Saturday in the most lopsided Capital One Bowl in the game's history.

"We just showed what we're capable of doing when we play our best football," Ingram said. "It just shows how fragile a season is."

The pieces came together better than they had all season in this one.

The 2009 Heisman Trophy winner had 59 yards rushing on 12 carries and a 30-yard reception against the team he rooted for as a kid, Greg McElroy threw for 220 yards and one touchdown and the game got so out of hand that the Crimson Tide (10-3) pulled most of their starters early in the third quarter. Ingram also moved past Shaun Alexander's mark (41) with 42 career touchdowns.

The margin of victory topped East Texas State's 33-0 victory over Tennessee Tech in the 1953 game, then known as the Tangerine Bowl. The bowl dates back to 1947.

"We were outcoached, we were outplayed and we were outphysicaled and that's just the way it is," said Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio, who worked under Alabama coach Nick Saban when he was at the helm for the Spartans.

"Sometimes, you get an avalanche come on you and that's just what happened."

The Crimson Tide found the end zone on their

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AP photo

Mark Ingram of the Alabama Crimson Tide celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the NCAA football game between the Michigan State Spartans and the Alabama Crimson Tide at the 2011 Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Florida.

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## BASKETBALL

NBA At A Glance All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	24	7	.774	—
New York	18	14	.563	6½
Philadelphia	13	20	.394	12
Toronto	11	21	.344	13½
New Jersey	9	25	.265	16½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	26	9	.743	—
Orlando	21	12	.636	4
Atlanta	21	14	.600	5
Charlotte	11	20	.355	13
Washington	8	24	.250	16½
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	22	10	.688	—
Indiana	14	17	.452	7½
Milwaukee	11	18	.381	8½
Detroit	11	22	.333	11½
Cleveland	8	25	.242	14½

WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	4	.879	—
Dallas	24	8	.750	4½
New Orleans	20	14	.588	9½
Houston	16	16	.500	12½
Memphis	14	19	.424	15
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	23	11	.676	—
Oklahoma City	23	12	.657	½
Denver	19	13	.594	3
Portland	17	16	.515	5½
Minnesota	9	25	.265	14
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	23	10	.697	—
Phoenix	14	17	.452	8
Golden State	13	20	.394	10
L.A. Clippers	10	23	.303	13
Sacramento	8	24	.200	15½

Chicago 90, New Jersey 81  
New Orleans 83, Boston 81  
Golden State 96, Charlotte 95  
Indiana 95, Washington 86  
Houston 114, Toronto 105  
Oklahoma City 103, Atlanta 94  
Phoenix 92, Detroit 75  
L.A. Lakers 102, Philadelphia 98  
L.A. Lakers 102, Cleveland 91

**Saturday's Games**  
New Orleans 92, Washington 81  
Miami 114, Golden State 107  
Minnesota 103, New Jersey 88  
San Antonio 101, Oklahoma City 74  
Denver 104, Sacramento 86  
Utah 98, Memphis 92  
Milwaukee 99, Dallas 87

**Sunday's Games**  
Indiana at New York, 11 a.m.  
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.  
Boston at Toronto, 4 p.m.  
Dallas at Cleveland, 5 p.m.  
Houston at Portland, 7 p.m.  
Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m.  
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
Miami at Charlotte, 5 p.m.  
Golden State at Orlando, 5 p.m.  
Minnesota at Boston, 5:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 6 p.m.  
Houston at Denver, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Utah, 7 p.m.

NBA Boxes	
BULLS 100, CAVALIERS 91	
<b>CLEVELAND (91)</b> Parker 3-14 0-0 7, Jamison 5-16 7-8 19, Powe 6-13 2-4 14, Harris 4-10 0-0 11, Sessions 5-9 3-13, Gee 1-4 4-4 6, Hickson 9-16 3-4 21, Moon 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 33-82 11-25 91.	
<b>CHICAGO (100)</b> Deng 9-17 4-5 23, Boozer 6-14 8-10 20, Thomas 2-4 1-2 5, Bogans 0-1 0-0 0, Rose 9-21 8-10 28, T.Gibson 2-6 2-6, Brewer 3-4 2-2 8, Asik 2-4 0-0 4, Watson 1-6 0-0 3, Korver 1-3 0-1 3, Totals 35-80 25-32 100.	
<b>Cleveland</b> Chicago 23 33 91 3-Point Goals—Cleveland 4-18 (Jamison 2-8, Harris 1-2, Parker 1-6, Gee 0-1, Sessions 0-1), Chicago 5-17 (Rose 2-6, Korver 1-2, Watson 1-4, Deng 1-4, Bogans 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 50 (Jamison 9), Chicago 55 (Thomas 13). Assists—Cleveland 19 (Parker 8), Chicago 21 (Adekunle 10). Total Fouls—Cleveland 21, Chicago 20. A-21,416 (20,917).	
<b>NUGGETS 104, KINGS 86</b>	
<b>SACRAMENTO (86)</b> Garca 4-10 1-2 10, Thompson 8-9 1-3 17, Cousins 7-13 2-4 16, Udrih 2-10 0-0 5, Rose 9-21 8-10 28, T.Gibson 2-6 2-6, Brewer 3-4 2-2 8, Asik 2-4 0-0 4, Watson 1-6 0-0 3, Korver 1-3 0-1 3, Totals 35-80 25-32 100.	
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<b>HEAT 114, WARRIORS 107</b>	
<b>GOLDEN STATE (107)</b> D.Wright 12-21 0-0 30, Radmanovic 2-7 1-2 6, Lee 6-14 1-2 13, Curry 7-12 0-1 15, Ellis 7-16 8-10 25, Law 3-6 0-0 4, Udrih 2-10 0-0 5, Rose 9-21 8-10 28, T.Gibson 2-6 2-6, Brewer 3-4 2-2 8, Asik 2-4 0-0 4, Watson 1-6 0-0 3, Korver 1-3 0-1 3, Totals 35-80 25-32 100.	
<b>DENVER (104)</b> Anthony 6-22 4-4 16, Martin 1-4 0-0 2, Nene 6-8 4-7 16, Billups 7-11 5-5 22, Afflalo 0-4 0-0 0, Andersen 2-4 2-3, Smith 7-12 0-1 17, Lawson 3-7 1-2 7, Williams 3-5 0-0 6, Forbes 4-8 3-4 11, Totals 39-80 26-106 104.	
<b>Sacramento</b> Denver 23 36 107 3-Point Goals—Sacramento 4-15 (Udrih 1-1, Casspi 1-2, Taylor 1-2, Garcia 1-6, Jeter 0-1, Evans 0-3), Denver 6-14 (Billups 3-4, Smith 3-5, Lawson 0-1, Afflalo 0-2), Anthony 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 45 (Cousins 8), Denver 68 (Nene 14), Assists—Sacramento 23 (Evans 5), Denver 22 (Billups 5), Total Fouls—Sacramento 22, Denver 18. Technicals—Cousins, A-17,466 (19,355).	
<b>HEAT 114, WARRIORS 107</b>	
<b>GOLDEN STATE (107)</b> D.Wright 12-21 0-0 30, Radmanovic 2-7 1-2 6, Lee 6-14 1-2 13, Curry 7-12 0-1 15, Ellis 7-16 8-10 25, Law 3-6 0-0 4, Udrih 2-10 0-0 5, Rose 9-21 8-10 28, T.Gibson 2-6 2-6, Brewer 3-4 2-2 8, Asik 2-4 0-0 4, Watson 1-6 0-0 3, Korver 1-3 0-1 3, Totals 35-80 25-32 100.	
<b>MIAMI (114)</b> James 7-15 11-17 25, Bosh 6-10 8-9 20, Ileguaskas 2-3 0-0 4, Arroyo 4-7 0-0 11, Wade 7-18 11-16 25, Anthony 0-1 4-4, Jones 4-7 1-3, Howard 2-3 0-0 4, Chalmers 3-7 0-0 8, Totals 35-71 35-47 114.	
<b>Golden State</b> Miami 28 30 58 3-Point Goals—Golden State 13-27 (D.Wright 6-13, Ellis 3-5, Carney 1-1, Law 1-2, Curry 1-2, Radmanovic 1-3, Williams 0-1), Miami 9-21 (Jones 4-7, Arroyo 3-4, Chalmers 2-5, Wade 0-2, James 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 46 (Lee 12), Miami 52 (Bosh 11), Assists—Golden State 19 (Ellis 7), Miami 24 (James 10), Total Fouls—Golden State 31, Miami 12. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second, Bosh, Miami defensive three second, A-20,254 (19,600).	
<b>TIMBERWOLVES 103, NETS 88</b>	
<b>NEW JERSEY (88)</b> Outlaw 6-14 3-4 17, Humphries 5-7 2-4 12, Lopez 3-7 0-2 6, Harris 3-13 10-13 16, Graham 2-3 0-0 4, Petro 3-8 0-0 6, Vujacic 9-16 1-2 22, Favors 2-2 0-1, Uzoah 0-3 1-2 1, Ross 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 33-73 17-28 88.	
<b>MINNESOTA (103)</b> Beasley 4-10 2-2 10, Love 7-12 7-8 23, Millicic 8-9 0-0 16, Ridnour 3-8 2-2 9, Johnson 2-8 3-4 7, Pekovic 2-5 4-4, Brewer 2-7 2-2 7, Webster 3-5 1-2 10, Telfair 4-7 0-0 4, Koufos 2-2 1-2 5, Ellington 0-0 0-0 0, Gaines 0-0 0-2 0, Totals 37-73 22-28 103.	
<b>New Jersey</b> Minnesota 36 26 92 3-Point Goals—New Jersey 5-15 (Vujacic 3-7, Outlaw 2-3, Harris 0-2), Minnesota 7-16 (Webster 3-4, Love 2-3, Brewer 1-3, Ridnour 1-3, Johnson 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 49 (Humphries 14), Minnesota 44 (Love 10), Assists—New Jersey 22 (Harris 8), Minnesota 28, Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second, A-12,665 (19,356).	

HORNETS 92, WIZARDS 81				
<b>NEW ORLEANS (92)</b> Ariza 10-16 1-2 22, West 5-12 0-0 10, Okafor 7-8 3-5 17, Paul 6-12 1-2 13, Beinelili 3-7 3-4 11, M.Thornton 0-3 2-2 2, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Jack 3-8 6-7 12, Green 2-8 0-0 5, Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Ponderster 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 36-78 15-21 92.				
<b>WASHINGTON (81)</b> Lewis 6-12 1-14, Blatche 4-12 0-0 8, McGee 6-9 0-0 12, Wall 4-10 2-2 12, Young 9-20 5-5 24, Hudson 1-4 0-1 3, Armstrong 0-1 2-2 2, A.J.Thornton 1-5 0-0 2, Martin 2-4 0-0 4, Totals 33-77 10-11 81.				
<b>New Orleans</b> Washington 24 18 26 24 - 92 Washington 23 24 15 19 - 81				
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 5-16 (Beinelili 2-3, Ariza 2-6, Green 1-4, M.Thornton 0-1, Paul 0-2), Washington 5-19 (Wall 2-5, Hudson 1-2, Lewis 1-5, Young 1-5, Martin 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 51 (Okafor 15), Washington 42 (McGee 13). Assists—New Orleans 22 (Paul 11), Washington 21 (Wall 10), Total Fouls—New Orleans 14, Washington 20. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second, A-16,026 (20,173).				
<b>SPURS 101, THUNDER 74</b>				
<b>OKLAHOMA CITY (74)</b> Durant 7-15 2-4 16, Green 2-9 3-4 7, Krstic 2-5 2-2 6, Westbrook 3-11 2-2 8, Sefolosha 0-2 0-0 0, Ibaka 5-13 4-6 14, Collison 0-2 0-0 0, Harden 4-11 3-4 12, Maynor 2-7 0-0 4, White 0-3 0-0 0, Mullens 1-4 1-2 3, Ivey 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 28-85 17-24 74.				
<b>SAN ANTONIO (100)</b> Jefferson 3-7 1-8, Duncan 10-15 1-3 21, Blair 6-13 0-0 12, Parker 7-10 0-0 14, Ginobili 2-11 3-4 9, Hill 6-10 4-4 16, Bonner 2-3 0-0 5, Udoka 0-0 1-2 1, Splitter 2-7 2-2 6, Neal 2-10 0-0 5, Quinn 2-4 0-0 4, Totals 42-90 12-16 101.				
<b>Oklahoma City</b> San Antonio 31 18 28 24 - 101				
3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 17 (Harden 1-1, Durant 0-1, Green 0-2, Maynor 0-3), San Antonio 5-16 (Ginobili 2-7, Jefferson 1-2, Bonner 1-2, Neal 1-3, Quinn 0-1, Hill 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 58 (Ibaka 13), San Antonio 58 (Duncan, Blair 9). Assists—Oklahoma City 10 (Sefolosha 3), San Antonio 23 (Parker 10), Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 17, San Antonio 20. Technicals—San Antonio defensive three second, A-18,581 (18,797).				
<b>JAZZ 98, GRIZZLIES 92</b>				
<b>MEMPHIS (92)</b> Young 4-11 0-0 8, Randolph 10-18 7-10 27, Gasol 4-8 7-9 16, Conley 6-14 4-7 17, Mayo 6-18 3-4 18, Allen 0-3 0-0 0, Vasquez 2-2 0-0 4, Haddadi 1-1 0-0 2, Arthur 0-1 0-0 0, Tabeet 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 33-77 21-27 92.				
<b>UTAH (98)</b> Kirilenko 7-0 0-4, Millsap 8-11 6-6 22, Jefferson 3-12 5-10 11, Williams 5-10 8-11 19, Bell 4-8 0-0 10, Hayward 6-10 1-2 13, Fesenko 2-3 1-5, Watson 0-0 1-4 1, Elson 2-3 0-0 4, Price 3-7 0-0 7, Evans 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 36-74 22-35 98.				
<b>Memphis</b> Utah 21 17 31 23 - 92				
3-Point Goals—Memphis 5-18 (May 3-9, Gasol 1-3, Conley 1-7, Allen 0-1), Utah 4-11 (Bell 2-3, Price 1-2, Williams 1-4, Hayward 0-1, Kirilenko 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 52 (Randolph 16), Utah 49 (Millsap 10). Assists—Memphis 18 (Conley 7), Utah 27 (Watson 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 27, Utah 19. Technicals—Allen, Memphis Benich, Elson 2. Ejected—Elson, A-19,732 (19,911).				
<b>BUCKS 99, MAVERICKS 87</b>				
<b>DALLAS (87)</b> Butler 2-6 0-0 5, Cardinal 1-6 4-4 7, Chandler 4-5 3-3 11, Kidd 5-2 2-2 14, Williams 3-9 0-1 8, Barea 11-21 6-29, Hayward 0-1 1-4 1, Terry 3-15 0-0 7, Novak 1-3 0-0 3, Ajinca 0-2 0-0 0, Mahinmi 0-0 2-2 2, Totals 30-80 18-22 87.				
<b>MILWAUKEE (99)</b> Mbah a Moute 1-4 0-0 2, Ilyasova 5-11 6-6 16, Bogut 4-9 0-0 8, Dooling 3-7 0-1 7, Salmon 9-15 1-2 21, Boykins 9-16 7-8 26, Maggette 4-16 9-9 29, Brockman 2-4 0-0 4, Douglas-Roberts 3-6 0-2 6, Skinner 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 38-77 19-25 99.				
<b>Dallas</b> Milwaukee 18 32 21 16 - 87				
3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-32 (Kidd 2-5, Stevenson 2-8, Novak 1-4, Butler 1-2, Barea 1-4, Cardinal 1-5, Terry 1-6, Ajinca 0-1), Milwaukee 4-16 (Galemba 2-4, Dooling 1-6, Boykins 1-5, Douglas-Roberts 0-2, Ilyasova 0-2), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 38 (Kidd 7), Milwaukee 61 (Ilyasova 17). Assists—Dallas 16 (Kidd 9), Milwaukee 24 (Boykins 6). Total Fouls—Dallas 23, Milwaukee 18. Technicals—Cardinal, Hayward, A-13,194 (18,717).				

Friday's Games				
Chicago 90, New Jersey 81 New Orleans 83, Boston 81 Golden State 96, Charlotte 95 Indiana 95, Washington 86 Houston 114, Toronto 105 Oklahoma City 103, Atlanta 94 Phoenix 92, Detroit 75 L.A. Lakers 102, Philadelphia 98 L.A. Lakers 102, Cleveland 91				
<b>Saturday's Games</b> New Orleans 92, Washington 81 Miami 114, Golden State 107 Minnesota 103, New Jersey 88 San Antonio 101, Oklahoma City 74 Denver 104, Sacramento 86 Utah 98, Memphis 92 Milwaukee 99, Dallas 87				
<b>Sunday's Games</b> Indiana at New York, 11 a.m. Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m. Boston at Toronto, 4 p.m. Dallas at Cleveland, 5 p.m. Houston at Portland, 7 p.m. Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m. Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.				
<b>Monday's Games</b> Miami at Charlotte, 5 p.m. Golden State at Orlando, 5 p.m. Minnesota at Boston, 5:30 p.m. Philadelphia at New Orleans, 6 p.m. Houston at Denver, 7 p.m. Detroit at Utah, 7 p.m.				

JAZZ 98, GRIZZLIES 92						
MEMPHIS (92)						
Young 4-11 0-0, Randolph 10-18 7-10 27, Gasol 4-8 7-9 16, Conley 6-14 4-14 10, Mayo 6-18 3-4 18, Allen 0-0 0-0, Vasquez 22-40 4-0, Haddad 11-10 1-2, Arthur 0-1 0-0, Thibault 0-1 0-0, Totals 57-77 27-27 92						
UTAH (98)						
Kirilenko 27-0 0-4, Millisep 8-11 6-6 32, Jefferson 3-12 5-10 11, Williams 5-10 8-11 19, Bell 4-8 0-0 10, Hayward 12-12 12 3, Bengtso 25-15 2-5, Watson 0-1 1-4 1, Elson 23-0 0-4, Price 3-7 0-7, Evans 11-0 2-0, Totals 74-22 58-25 98						
Memphis						
	21	17	31	23	-	92
3-Point Goals—	Memphis 5-18	Utah 3-9	Gasol 1-1			
Conley 17, Allen 0-1, Kirilenko 4-11 (Bell 2-3, Price 1-2, Williams 1-4, Hayward 0-1, Kirilenko 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 52 (Randolph 16), Utah 49 (Milisep 10), Assists—Memphis 18 (Hayward 7), Utah 27 (Kirilenko 10), Total Fouls—Memphis 27, Utah 19						
Technicals—Allen, Williams Bench, Elson 2, Ejected—Elson. A-19,732 (19,911).						



YOUR SPORTS

Your Scores

BOWLING

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS  
SUNDAY ROLLERS

**MEN'S SERIES:** Harvey McCoy 691, Stan Visser 654, R.D. Adema 634, Vance Mason 618.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Harvey McCoy 244, Stan Visser 244, Kyle Mason 224.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Kim Dreisigacker 561, Amanda Crider 517, Brenad Staley 502, Suzanne McCoy 491.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Suzanne McCoy 214, Kim Dreisigacker 213, Ruth Rahe 197, Michelle Pato 181.

MASON TROPHY

**SERIES:** Edie Barkley 519, Marie Bruce 509, Addis Grose 488, Glenda Barrutia 478.

**GAMES:** Edie Barkley 200, Shanda Pickett 180, Addie Gose 179, Shirley Brill 178.

VALLEY

**SERIES:** Ron Dawson 796, Todd Fiscus 763, Rick Frederiksen 743, Kent Stowe 711.

**GAMES:** Ron Dawson 300, Rick Frederiksen 299, Tony Cowan 288, Tom Smith 279, Kent Stowe 279.

50 PLUS SENIORS

**MEN'S SERIES:** Tom Smith 697, Roy Couch 633, Maurice Fuller 633, John McCandless 604.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Tom Smith 248, Maurice Fuller 247, Roy Couch 245, Felix McLemore 235.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Barbara Smith 527, Pat Glass 527, Virginia Mulkey 523, Lucy Anderson 515.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Lucy Anderson 234, Virginia Mulkey 213, Barbara Smith 213, Pat Glass 201.

THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Buddy Bryant 670, Zach Black 686, Jim Brawley 644, Bryan Price 640.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Buddy Bryant 267, Zach Black 245, Jim Brawley 228, Bryan Price 224.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Kelsie Bryant 613, Tawnia Bryant 603, Beverly O'Connor 594, Sylvia Wood 557.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Kelsie Bryant 247, Tawnia Bryant 227, Beverly O'Connor 212, Sylvia Wood 211.

EARLY FRIDAY MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Kasey Jeroue 670, Jody Bryant 655, Trevor Wakley 621, Kia Mathews 607.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Jody Bryant 275, Trevor Wakley 252, Kasey Jeroue 235, Craig Johnson 216.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Georgia Randall 580, Elara Smith 558, Julie Shaffer 548, Paula Wakley 450.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Elara Smith 225, Georgia Randall 219, Julie Shaffer 205, Paula Wakley 193.

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS  
MONDAY MIXED FOLLIES

**MEN'S SERIES:** Joe McClure 620, Rick Morrow 613, Bill Boren 602, Ed Dutry 582.  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Rick Morrow 236, Bill Boren 224, Joe McClure 215, Ed Dutry 210.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Kay Puschel 50, Dee Hall 498, RaeNae Reece 474, Kathy McClure 463.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Kay Puschel 181, RaeNae Reece 177, Dee Hall 176.

SH-BOOM

**MEN'S SERIES:** Donnie Parsons 705, Nick Parsons 637, Clint Koyle 633, Kelly Jeroue 608.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Clint Koyle 256, Donnie Parsons 245, Rick Ceperich 244, Kelly Jeroue 227.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Barbara Reynolds 556, Stacy Lanier 509, Samantha Canary 492, Kathi Jeroue 468.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Barbara Reynolds 202, Stacey Lanier 194, Laura Andersen 188, Samantha Canary 185.

MID MORNING MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Dave Wilson 641, Blaine Ross 616, Eddie Chappell 605, Tom Smith 589.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Carey Moser 246, Blaine Ross 231, Dave Wilson 226, Eddie Chappell 217.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Linda Vining 537, Kim Leazer 520, Pat Glass 487, Jeane Miller 486.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Pat Glass 200, Linda Vining 195, Kim Leazer 187, Gail Cederlund 184.

TUESDAY A.M. TRIOS

**SERIES:** Joelle Moses 553, Charlene Anderson 504, Jean McGuire 503, Jane Edmunds 491.

**GAMES:** Joelle Moses 216, Jessie Biggerstaff 206, Pauline Thomas 194, Teya Moses 190.  
**LATECOMERS**  
**SERIES:** Brittny Rackham 599, Lisa Allen 580, Kristy Rodriguez 534, Linda Vining 510.  
**GAMES:** Lisa Allen 213, Brittny Rackham 211, Linda Vining 204, Kristy Rodriguez 201.

CONSOLIDATED

**SERIES:** Tony Everts 718, Neil Welsh 685, Jerry Povalawski 683, David Rockwell 667.  
**GAMES:** Jake Carnahan 298, Neil Welsh 269, David Rockwell 259, Dave Overlin 257.

MAGIC VALLEY SENIORS

**MEN'S SERIES:** Duke Stimpson 535, Gary Hartruff 509, Del McGuire 493, Cy Bullers 456.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Gary Hartruff 203, Duke Stimpson 200, Del McGuire 193, Cy Bullers 173.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Tina Holland 497, Barbara Frith 461, Betty Taylor 447, Jean McGuire 445.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Tina Holland 195, Barbara Frith 161, Betty Taylor 156, Jean McGuire 152.

LADIES CLASSIC

**SERIES:** Diana Brady 533, Michele Seckel 529, Carol Quaintance 488, Kay Puschel 485.

**GAMES:** Cindy Garrett 199, Michele Seckel 198, Betty Wentworth 197, Paula Long 189.

MOOSE

**MEN'S SERIES:** Cory Moore 751, Ray Turpin 747, Tony Cowan 732, Bob Staffen 631.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Chad Chepner 268, Kenny Vanderham 267, Ray Turpin 266, Mike Schliebe 265.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Kim Leazer 656, Misty Welsh 546, Stephanie Evans 526, Julie Shull 522.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Kim Leazer 234, Stephanie Evans 196, Misty Welsh 194, Leanna Magee 181.

SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY  
MONDAY MARAUDERS

**SERIES:** Derry Smith 497, Pat Hicks 493, Diane Strolberg 483, Syndi Strand 396.  
**GAMES:** Pat Hicks 180, Derry Smith 178, Diane Strolberg 167, Syndi Strand 157.

LADIES TRIOS

**SERIES:** Tiffinay Hager 620, Kim Davis 604, Kris Jones 558, Judy McLaws 517.

**GAMES:** Tiffinay Hager 222, Kris Jones 217, Kim Davis 213, Judy McLaws 210.  
**MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO**  
**SERIES:** Justin Studer 955, Bob Bywater 942, Byron Hager 876, Brad Holm 827.

**GAMES:** Justin Studer 258, Bob Bywater 246, Byron Hager 245, Duane Blauer 235.  
**TUESDAY MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Bob Bywater 682, Rick Hieb 678, Tyson Hirsch 669, Gene Smith 667.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Jordan Parish 266, Paul Haskell 253, Matt Blauer 246, Duane Blauer 235.  
**LADIES SERIES:** Tiffinay Hager 686, Stacy Hieb 587, Annette Hirsch 543, Kristie Johnston 505.  
**LADIES GAMES:** Tiffinay Hager 257, Stacy Hieb 224, Krisie Johnston 191, Annette Hirsch 184.

RAILROADERS

**SERIES:** Kym Son 570, Janet Grant 535, Theresa Knowlton 504, Kristine Jones 493.

**GAMES:** Kym Son 210, Kristine Jones 200, Janet Grant 183, Theresa Knowlton 180.  
**WEDNESDAY MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Thon Stimpson 713, Jordan Parish 685, Ryan Swalling 578, 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 503.  
**MAJORS**  
**SERIES:** Darrin Carter 708, Rick Hieb 667, Stan Chambliss 656, Shon Bywater 651.

**GAMES:** Rick Hieb 263, Darrin Carter 259, Jared Studer 257, Stan Chambliss 247.  
**MINICO**  
**BOYS' SERIES:** Reid Pinther 549, Larry Morris 510, Kolby Widmier 499, Shane Amen 433.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Larry Morris 211, Reid Pinther 194, Shane Amen 187, Kolby Widmier 179.  
**GIRLS' SERIES:** Bridget Albertson 548, Lyndie Mittelsteadt 359, Sydney Walker 311, Rachel Watson 292.  
**GIRLS' GAMES:** Bridget Albertson 210, Lyndie Mittelsteadt 163, Sydney Walker 129, Angie Holmes 125.

BURLEY HIGH

**BOYS' SERIES:** Logan Hollins 435, RJ 271.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Logan Hollins 151, RJ 103.  
**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kiara Hieb 455, Courtney Johnson 382, Kortni Wells 232.  
**GIRLS' GAMES:** Kiara Hieb 165, Courtney Johnson 135, Kortni Wells 96.

Matchup of turnaround teams in Orange Bowl

By Steven Wine  
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Stanford's football program was in a slump in 2006 when Thomas Keiser, a widely recruited prep defensive lineman from Pennsylvania, accepted a scholarship offer to play for the Cardinal.

"I committed very early — I believe it was June before my senior year," Keiser says. "My dad actually made me commit, and I was kind of mad at him."

Keiser had reason to second-guess his father when Stanford subsequently staggered through a 1-11 season in 2006.

Then came the rebound. The Cardinal hired Jim Harbaugh as coach, and four years later they're 11-1, ranked No. 5 and preparing to play No. 12 Virginia Tech (11-2) in the Orange Bowl on Monday night.

Harbaugh says he envisioned such success.

"Not only did I envision it, I promised it to my team," he says. "I remember telling the guys that the first time I ever had them together. They're the ones who delivered on it and made me look good."

The Hokies are in Miami thanks to a turnaround of their own. Ranked No. 10 and touted as national championship contenders at the start of

the season, they opened with a loss at Boise State and a shocking defeat at home against lower-tier James Madison, all in a span of five days.

"The way we started off the season was awful," quarterback Tyrod Taylor says. "Sorry to say it like that. It just didn't go as planned."

Taylor and his teammates regrouped and swept the next 11 games, including all eight in the Atlantic Coast Conference to win the title for the fourth time since joining the league in 2004.

Tech's poor start was a shocker, and not just because of the loss to a lower-division team. The Hokies hadn't been 0-2 since 1995, and their streak of six consecutive seasons with at least 10 wins was in jeopardy.

Handling the situation required creativity, offensive coordinator Bryan Stinespring says.

"There's not a manual that says, 'Step one, in case of crisis ... '" he says. "It's not like you get on the plane and all of a sudden an oxygen mask comes down and you have a step-by-step process."

A meeting of the seniors the day after the James Madison loss prevented panic.

"We're fortunate we have some good-character kids, because I think it takes that to come back from two

devastating losses with such high hopes going into the season," coach Frank Beamer says. "We didn't practice any different. Our kids didn't point fingers and went right back to work."

"The same players we had before the Boise State game and James Madison game were still in our locker room. We thought they were good before those two ballgames, and it turned out to be that way."

The Hokies rallied from a 17-point deficit on the road to beat No. 23-ranked North Carolina State. They clinched their division with a win at No. 14 Miami. They beat No. 20 Florida State to win the ACC championship game for the third time in four years.

As a result, Beamer's team is in a bowl game for the 18th consecutive year. And Stanford's No. 5 ranking provides Tech with an opportunity for a breakthrough.

The Hokies are 1-26 against top-five teams, with the most recent defeat this season's loss to then-No. 3 Boise State. It's an astounding record of futility for such a successful program, and it grates on coaches and players.

"If you're not careful in this business, you beat yourself up over things," defensive coordinator Bud Foster says. "It is what it is."



Photo by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Three-year-old Malcolm Asay, of Pocatello, pauses to listen to his mother while rolling a 24 pound stone to his father Saturday before an event.

Games

Continued from Sports 1

Throw, Weight Over Head, Scottish Hammer Throw, two weight classes in the Weight For Distance and Caber Toss, each requiring phenomenal upper-body and core strength as well as mental toughness. Most of the athletes tossed the weights upwards of 40 or 50 feet in some events.

"It's an athletic sport and you're not competing against everyone else; you're more competing against yourself," said Grant Ploss of Heyburn.

Ploss has competed in the Highland Games for about a year now and like so many of the other competitors sort of stumbled upon the sport.

"I have some friends who do it and I thought I'd give it a try," Ploss said.

Todd Asay and his wife, Lyman, found the sport while attending a Scottish Festival in Pocatello a few years ago. Lyman, a former thrower for the Idaho State track and field team, was immediately drawn to the sport of tossing heavy stones through the air.

"She wanted to try it first and was good at it right away since she was a thrower," Asay said. "Then I thought I should give it a try. Now it's something we do as a couple and we travel around and have a lot of fun."

And with that competition, comes a lot of support and encouragement from each of the contestants.

"Everyone is in this together. We help each other out and give tips.



Jason Mackrill sports a sgian-dubh, a single-edged knife, in his socks along with flashes and a kilt.

It's not like we tell someone else bad advice so we can beat them," Lemoyne said.

Being a bunch of big, tough, strong guys, this is a tight-knit, loveable group said Jason Mackrill of Boise.

"I first kind of checked it out at a festival and the first one I competed in I saw all these huge guys with beards wearing sweatshirts and figured they wouldn't be very nice guys," Mackrill said. "But I've made a lot of new friends. There is a lot of love and dedication and we all support and encourage one another."

Said McCrum: "It's a life-long hobby."



Almost 40 participants competed in the Frozen Stones Games at Shoshone Park on Saturday.

Scottish Highland Games Events

Hammer Throw

- Derives from older competitions where actual sledge hammers were thrown.
- Competitor uses momentum to throw a 16 pound steel or lead weight attached at the end of a cane handle.

Weight for distance

- The steel or lead weight attached by a short chain to a metal handle is thrown one-handed from a 4.5 feet by 9 feet rectangular area behind a toe board or trig.
- Consists of two separate events, the light weight (28 pounds) and the heavy weight (Advanced 56 pounds, Master 42 pounds).
- Techniques vary, but throwers usually involve a turning or spinning motion to increase momentum before the release.

Weight Over Bar

- Competitors toss a bell-shaped weight attached to a metal circular handle one-handed over a bar set at increasing heights above the thrower.
- Male athletes throw a 56 or 42 pound weight, while females throw 28 pounds.
- Classic technique involves swinging the weight between the legs before pulling the weight up and directly overhead.

Stone Throw

- Similar to the shot put, the stone put uses an ordinary stone or rock instead of a steel ball, weighing 16 to 26 pounds for men and eight to 18 pounds for women.

Caber Toss

- Thrower tosses a caber, a 19'6" tall, 175-pound wooden log, with the object of having the caber fall directly away from them.
- A perfect throw ends with the top end nearest to the thrower and the bottom end pointing exactly away.
- If the throw is not perfect, it is scored by viewing the caber as though it were the hour hand on a clock, i.e. a caber pointing to 11:00 would yield a better score than one pointing to 7:00.
- Believed to have developed from the need to toss logs across narrow chasms.

Sheaf Toss

- Competitor uses a pitchfork to hurl a 16-pound burlap bag stuffed with straw over a horizontal bar raised to heights over 20 feet.

SHOOTING

Magic Valley .22-caliber Rifle and Pistol League results

(Held in Twin Falls, Rupert and Buhl)

Pistol	Rifle
<b>Master 550-600:</b> 1. Mark Bulcher 572, 2. Bob Anderson 551, 3. Jody Osterhout 550.	<b>Master 385-400:</b> 1. John Pitts 390, 2. Mark Bulcher 386.
<b>Expert 525-549:</b> 1. Wayne Goetz 541, 2. Mark Miller 539, 3. Dan Brown 535, 4. George Wagner 530.	<b>Expert 370-384:</b> 1. Bruce Lohnes 371.
<b>Sharpshooter 490-524:</b> 1. James Wert 512, 2. Richard Bean 507, 3. Kirt Short 505, 4. Jesse Vaughn 501.	<b>Sharpshooter 350-369:</b> 1. Mark Miller 362, 2. Richard Bean 361, 3. Wayne Goetz 359.
<b>Marksman 450-489:</b> 1. Bruce Lohnes 485, 2. Corey Lierman 482.	<b>Marksman 250-349:</b> 1. Roger Short 349, 2. Jody Osterhout 338, 3. James Wert 326.
<b>Two-handed Pistol:</b> 1. Luann Carroll 518, 2. Dave Smith and Clay Smith 485, 4. Lisa Bailey 449, 5. Kris	<b>Sport Rifle:</b> 1. Art Freund 341, 2. Jerrodd Vaughn 340, 3. Kelly Burrell 335.
	<b>Jr. Rifle:</b> 1. Alisah Lierman 354, 2. Chani Lohnes 303, 3. Drew Vaughn 235.



# Millsap scores 22 points, Jazz beat Grizzlies

SALT LAKE CITY — Paul Millsap scored 22 points on 8-of-11 shooting and Deron Williams had 10 points in the fourth quarter to help the short-handed Utah Jazz beat the Memphis Grizzlies 98-92 on Saturday night.

It was Utah's eighth straight home win against the Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies, playing without leading scorer Rudy Gay because of illness, fought back from a 13-point deficit to take a 79-78 lead on O.J. Mayo's 3-pointer with 8 minutes remaining.

From there, the game went back and forth. It was tied at 81 and 83 before Williams got going. He made two free throws to make it 96-91, then passed to Gordon Hayward for a dunk that sealed it with 18.9 seconds left.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 27 points and 16 rebounds. Mayo, who was back in the starting lineup, added 18 but was 3 of 9 from 3-pointer range.

## NUGGETS 104, KINGS 86

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony was rusty in his return to the Denver lineup after a two-week absence following the death of his sister, and his teammates



AP photo

Memphis Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph (50) puts a shot over the arm of Utah Jazz forward Paul Millsap (24) during the first half of their NBA basketball game in Salt Lake City, Saturday.

picked up the slack in the Nuggets' 104-86 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Saturday night.

Anthony missed 15 of his first 18 shots and finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds in 31 minutes.

## Syracuse runs past Notre Dame

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Kris Joseph had 18 points, Scoop Jardine had 15 points and nine assists, and fifth-ranked Syracuse beat No. 15 Notre Dame 70-58 on Saturday.

The Orange (15-0, 2-0 Big East) broke open a tight game with a 17-3 run that started with a jumper from the top of the key by Joseph. That snapped a 44-44 tie with 13:02 left as the Irish (12-2, 1-1) began losing the ball too often.

After committing only four turnovers in the first half, the Irish had nine by the 11-minute mark in the second and the Orange capitalized.

Freshman Dion Waiters converted a three-point play, Jardine hit a 3 on the wing off a pretty pass out from under the basket by Jackson, and James Southerland swished a 3 from the top of the key during the decisive spurt for a 61-47 lead with 7:48 left.

Tim Abromaitis led Notre Dame with 15 points, Ben Hansbrough had 12 and Scott Martin 10.

## NO. 9 GEORGETOWN 86, DEPAUL 75

WASHINGTON — Austin Freeman and Jason Clark scored 21 points apiece, and Georgetown survived a second-half scare Saturday before pulling away for a win over DePaul in the Hoyas' first New Year's Day game in 68 years.

Chris Wright added 17 points — all in the second half — as Georgetown (12-2, 1-1 Big East) rebounded from a loss to Notre Dame in its conference opener. The Hoyas never trailed, but they had an 11-point led cut to one with 14 minutes remaining before a pair of 8-0 runs put the game out of reach.

## NO. 16 BYU 93, FRESNO PACIFIC 57

PROVO, Utah — Stephen Rogers scored 16 points to lead Brigham Young to a 93-57 win over Fresno Pacific on Saturday night.

BYU's reserves came up big as the nonstarters outscored the Sunbirds' reserves 46-10.

Jackson Emery added 12 points off the bench and Chris Collinsworth had 11 points. All-American Jimmer Fredette scored 13 for BYU (14-1).

Charles Abouo's rebound dunk just before the first-half buzzer capped a 22-4 BYU run that included the last 13 points of the half.

The run pushed the Cougars' lead to 44-24, which was their widest margin in the half.

Brothers Chris and Kyle Collinsworth scored five and four points during the run



AP photo

Syracuse's Kris Joseph battles Notre Dame's Jack Cooley, left, for a rebound during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Syracuse Saturday.

with Noah Hartsock adding another five.

## Late Friday

### BOISE STATE 81, NEW MEXICO STATE 78

BOISE — Daequon Montreal had 21 points and 11 rebounds to lead Boise State to a 81-78 comeback victory over New Mexico State on Friday night.

Paul Noonan hit two tie-breaking free throws with 1:02 to play to put the Broncos (9-5, 2-0 WAC) ahead and Montreal followed with a basket and free throw as Boise State won for the third time in four games.

Troy Gillenwater scored 24 points for the Aggies (7-9, 1-1).

Gordo Castillo added 14 points for the New Mexico State, which led by as many as 10 points in the first half.

### IDAHO 77, LOUISIANA TECH 47

MOSCOW — Jeff Ledbetter scored a career-high 20 points and went 3 of 4 from 3-point range as Idaho crushed Louisiana Tech 77-47 on Friday night.

Shawn Henderson added 16 points and Deremy Geiger 10 as Idaho (7-6, 1-1 Western Athletic) rebounded from a loss to New Mexico State on Wednesday.

Louisiana Tech (9-7, 0-2) was led by DeAndre Brown, who scored 13 points. Cordarius Johnson added 10.

Idaho went on a 29-9 run to start the game. Louisiana Tech struggled to recover from that deficit, as the Vandals shot 60 percent for the half. The Vandals ended the first half with a 41-26 lead.

Idaho shot 50 percent for the game (24 of 48) and hit seven 3-pointers. Louisiana Tech shot poorly, hitting just 28.8 percent for the game and only 22.7 percent in the second half.

## Sooners end 5-game BCS bowl skid

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Oklahoma Sooners don't have to hear about their BCS losing streak anymore. They busted it up in a big way.

Landry Jones threw for a school bowl-record 429 yards and three touchdowns, and No. 9 Oklahoma ended a five-game BCS bowl losing streak with a 48-20 win over Connecticut in the Fiesta Bowl on Saturday night.

Oklahoma (12-2) carried plenty of BCS baggage after losing three straight title games and two Fiesta Bowls. The Sooners avoided the setback six pack behind Jones and Ryan Broyles, who had team records of 13 catches and 170 yards to go with the sealing touchdown.

Connecticut (8-5) at least kept close for a while in its first BCS bowl.

The hopeful Huskies steadied themselves after an initial barrage from Oklahoma and avoided a complete New Year's Day desert disaster with hard-nosed running by Jordan Todman and a handful of big plays.

Todman had 121 yards on 32 carries and Robbie Frey returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, helping UConn provide at least a glimmer of hope that it's not just a basketball school anymore.

Oklahoma had been down this road before.

The Sooners played in the 2007 and 2008 Fiesta Bowls, so they know the town, the stadium, the routine.

In both games, Oklahoma came into the desert favorites and left embarrassed; first to trick-playing, BCS-busting Boise State, then in lopsided fashion to West Virginia.

To shake up their mojo, the Sooners switched hotels, practice sites, everything possible to keep from getting that here-we-go-again Fiesta feeling. It worked.

Oklahoma followed a businesslike week with a similar approach in the game, jumping out to a 14-0 lead and getting a pair of interception returns for touchdowns to pull away for its first BCS bowl win in eight years.

This was all new to the Huskies. An FBS program for just nine years, UConn was in its fourth straight bowl, getting the Bowl Championship Series nod after winning the final five games and earning the tiebreaker as co-Big East champions.

But everything about this trip was bigger, from the airport greeting to the shine of the national spotlight.

More than that, though, the Huskies had to worry about Oklahoma's speed-you-up offense.

UConn coach Randy Edsall said OU has so many talented players, it was like

Anthony hadn't played since Dec. 18, missing five games following the death of Michelle Anthony, a 38-year-old mother of four who died Dec. 21. The funeral was Monday in Baltimore.

### BUCKS 99, MAVERICKS 87.

MILWAUKEE — Earl Boykins returned after a one-game suspension to score a season-high 26 points and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the injury-depleted Dallas Mavericks 99-87 on Saturday night.

Missing Dirk Nowitzki for the third consecutive game because of a sprained right knee and Shawn Marion with a thigh injury, the Mavericks suffered another blow when Caron Butler injured his right knee with 2:47 left in the first quarter. The trio averages just over 50 points.

### HEAT 114, WARRIORS 107

MIAMI — LeBron James had 25 points and 10 assists, Dwyane Wade also scored 25 points and the Miami Heat overcame a 20-point deficit to beat the Golden State Warriors 114-107 on Saturday night for their 17th victory in 18 games.

Chris Bosh added 20

points and 11 rebounds to help Miami pull into a virtual tie with Boston atop the Eastern Conference. The Celtics lead by .031 percentage points, but the teams are tied in the games-back column.

### SPURS 101, THUNDER 74

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 21 points, George Hill had 16 and NBA-best San Antonio won its fourth in a row, handing Oklahoma City its most-lopsided loss of the season.

Coming off wins over the Los Angeles Lakers and Dallas, the Spurs again beat one of the West's top teams to improve to 29-4 — one the 10 best starts in NBA history. San Antonio has won 14 of 15.

### BULLS 100, CAVALIERS 91

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose had 28 points and 11 assists and Chicago won for the 13th time in 15 games.

Sluggish in a win over New Jersey on Friday, the Bulls trailed by 10 against a team that was missing three of its best players. But they outscored Cleveland 32-9 in the third quarter and hung on after nearly blowing a 15-point lead in the fourth, sending the

Cavaliers to their 16th loss in 17 games.

Luol Deng had 23 points for Chicago, and Carlos Boozer added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

### TIMBERWOLVES 103, NETS 88

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Minnesota

Darko Milicic scored 16 points on 8-for-9 shooting and the defensively porous Wolves held the Nets to nine points in the third quarter to win for the third time in four games.

### HORNETS 92, WIZARDS 81

WASHINGTON — Trevor Ariza scored a season-high 22 points, Emeka Okafor had 17 points and a season-high 15 rebounds and Chris Paul added 13 points and 11 assists for New Orleans.

Paul also had seven steals and one turnover. Wizards rookie point guard John Wall had 12 points, 10 assists and eight turnovers — four in the third quarter. Nick Young led Washington with 24 points. The Wizards, who fell to 0-16 on the road Friday with a loss in Indiana, have lost 16 of 19.

— The Associated Press



AP photo

Oklahoma wide receiver Ryan Broyles (85) runs after the catch as Connecticut Huskies linebacker Jerome Williams (55) makes the tackle during the Fiesta Bowl NCAA college football game Saturday in Glendale, Ariz.

the little boy trying to put his fingers in all the holes in the dike. The Sooners also play fast, snapping off more plays than any team in the country while averaging over 478 yards and 36 points per game.

UConn tried a variety of speed-up tactics in practice to simulate Oklahoma's pace, but the real test was going to come in the first few series, when the Sooners pressed the gas and the Huskies tried to keep up.

They couldn't.

With former quarterback Josh Heupel calling plays for the first time, Oklahoma hit UConn with a Manny Pacquiao-esque round of punches in its opening drive for an 8-yard touchdown from Jones to James Hanna.

Next drive: DeMarco Murray scores on a he's-bottled-up, no-he-isn't 3-yard TD run.

Then, finally, UConn got something right. Jones, after completing his first 12 passes, led a receiver too much and cornerback Dwayne Gratz picked it off, racing in 46 yards for a touchdown.

UConn's offense got a spark after that behind Zach Frazer and the defense held Oklahoma to a pair of field goals by Jimmy Stevens, leaving the Huskies at a manageable 20-10 halftime deficit.

The Sooners looked ready to run away with it to start the third, getting a 59-yard touchdown pass from Jones to Cameron Kenney and a 55-yard interception return for a score by Jamell Fleming 1:11 later after a pass deflected off receiver Michael Smith's hands.

Trailing 34-10, the Huskies still wouldn't go away. Frey returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a touch-

down, Dave Teggart hit his second field goal from 38 yards and Lawrence Wilson stripped Broyles when he appeared to be headed for a punt return touchdown.

UConn got another big play when Jerome Junior broke up a pass on a fake field goal early in the fourth quarter, but that was it.

Broyles pulled down an impressive, toe-dragging 5-yard touchdown midway through the final quarter and Tony Jefferson had a 22-yard interception return for a score.

## Outback Bowl

### FLORIDA 37, PENN STATE 24

TAMPA, Fla. — Urban Meyer walked away from Florida with a win against Joe Paterno, who insists Penn State's disappointing season won't be his last.

Meyer closed out a highly successful six-year run that included a pair of national titles by leading the Gators back from a second-half deficit to beat JoePa's Nittany Lions 37-24.

Omarus Hines and Mike Gillislee ran for touchdowns, Chas Henry kicked three second-half field goals, and Ahmad Black sealed the Outback Bowl win with an 80-yard interception return TD to help Florida (8-5) send Meyer out with a smile.

The 46-year-old coach resigned last month amid health concerns.

Meyer and the 84-year-old Paterno met at midfield for a postgame handshake that was anything but typical. "He said, 'I love you kid,'" Meyer said. "He's the only one who calls me kid. And I love him too."

As for Paterno, he — and his wife and Penn State officials — spent the week leading up to the game repeated-

ly shooting down rumors that the Outback Bowl could be his last.

## Gator Bowl

### NO. 21 MISSISSIPPI STATE 52, MICHIGAN 14

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Chris Relf threw three touchdown passes, Vick Ballard ran for three scores and the Bulldogs overwhelmed the Wolverines.

The 38-point drubbing was the worst bowl loss in Michigan's storied history and may have sealed the fate of Wolverines coach Rich Rodriguez. His three-year tenure has been tainted by consecutive losing seasons, NCAA sanctions and late-season slides.

Michigan (7-6) was out of this game early, done in again by a defense that made a middle-of-the-pack Southeastern Conference offense look like a juggernaut.

## Ticket City Bowl

### TEXAS TECH 45, NORTHWESTERN 38

DALLAS — Taylor Potts threw four touchdown passes and scored another on a trick play, and Eric Stephens ran 86 yards for a score to carry Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders (8-5) led by 22 points early in the second half, then had to sweat it out.

The Wildcats (7-6) got within a touchdown twice in the fourth quarter, with freshmen quarterbacks Evan Watkins and Kain Colter combining to lead three straight touchdown drives and Jordan Maybin returning an interception 39 yards for a score with 5:37 left.

The game wasn't decided until the final play, a heave by Watkins that was intercepted.



# Rivalry games: some have meaning, some don't

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

When the NFL opted for nothing but intradivision matchups to conclude the schedule, it envisioned classic rivalry games to decide a bunch of playoff berths.

It did get one of those Sunday, the 180th regular-season renewal of the Bears and Packers, with Chicago owning the NFC North crown and a first-round playoff bye, while Green Bay gets a wild card with a victory.

And it got an, ahem, bonus with St. Louis at Seattle for the NFC West title, a game that was flexed to prime time because of its importance. Of course, it's wise to ignore that the Rams are 7-8, the Seahawks 6-9, and a Seattle victory makes it the first division winner with a losing record since, well, forever.

Pittsburgh goes to Cleveland needing a victory to grab the AFC North title. While the Browns are 5-10, preventing the Steelers from taking the division would provide some solace — and an opening for Baltimore to beat Cincinnati and move in front of Pittsburgh.

Atlanta captures the NFC South and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs by beating Carolina. Defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans is ready to pounce if the Falcons falter. The Saints already have at least a wild card and can snuff out any postseason shot for Tampa Bay by beating the Buccaneers.

The Colts take the AFC South by beating nose-diving Tennessee, but a loss opens the door for Jacksonville, which is at Houston. But that game lost star power when Jaguars quarterback David Garrard underwent hand surgery.

The Giants can squeeze into the playoffs by beating Washington and having Green Bay lose.

Some other rivalries are duds. Oakland visits Kansas City in the renewal of the NFL's nastiest series, but the Chiefs already own the AFC West title and the Raiders aren't going to the playoffs.

Dallas is at Philadelphia with none of the drama of a year ago, when they met in the season finale AND in the opening round of the playoffs. This time, the Eagles have won the NFC East and the Cowboys have gotten their coach fired on the way to a flop of a year.

Other often juicy matchups also lack oomph: Miami at New England, Buffalo at the New York Jets, and San Diego at Denver.

Also, Minnesota finishes at Detroit and Arizona is at San Francisco.



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws during the second half of an NFL football game against the New York Giants on Dec. 26, in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers won 45-17.

AP photo

## CHICAGO (11-4) AT GREEN BAY (9-6)

The 180th regular-season meeting has lots of juice to it because Green Bay is the front-runner for the remaining NFC wild-card berth. Chicago could rest some regulars if Atlanta and New Orleans don't lose in early games, but also salivates at the chance of keeping its biggest rival out of the playoffs.

"For us, we're playing to win the football game," coach Lovie Smith says. "We want to continue to grow, continue to improve the way we've been doing here lately. We have a chance to sweep the division and that's important for us."

Green Bay has done a nice job overcoming more injuries than most contenders can handle. QB Aaron Rodgers was sensational in the rout of the Giants last week, and the Packers are 6-1 at home.

"Lovie said he's going to play his guys," Rodgers says. "I trust him, believe him, I'm sure they want to go to the playoffs on a high note, and they still have a chance to be the top seed ... so we're expecting their best shot."

## ST. LOUIS (7-8) AT SEATTLE (6-9)

If everyone in the league office is rooting for St. Louis, they can be excused. Other than Seattleites, who wants to see a losing team win a division?

Rams quarterback Sam Bradford, the first overall pick in the draft, can put an exclamation point on his rookie season with a win.

"Over the 15 games that we've all been together, I think all the guys, myself included, realize that Sam is a competitor. He enjoys playing," coach Steve Spagnuolo says. "We're glad

we have him as a quarterback, but I think he proved early that he could go out there and do the things you need to do as a quarterback in the NFL."

## PITTSBURGH (11-4) AT CLEVELAND (5-10)

The Steelers get the No. 2 seed in the AFC and a bye with a victory over a team they normally dominate. Lose and they could fall to the sixth spot.

The Browns went 5-11 in Eric Mangini's first year as coach and another loss means a repeat record — and possibly the unemployment line.

## CINCINNATI (4-11) AT BALTIMORE (11-4)

Baltimore figures to be the No. 5 seed, but would leap to No. 2 with a victory and Pittsburgh loss. The Ravens have only one home defeat, to the Steelers, and Cincinnati's only road win was at Carolina.

Shoring up its pass defense is a must for Baltimore before starting the playoffs.

## CAROLINA (2-13) AT ATLANTA (12-3)

John Fox pretty much has acknowledged this is his last game coaching the Panthers, for whom he has a 78-73 record — this being, by far, the worst season — and got them to one Super Bowl and another NFC championship game.

The end doesn't figure to be pretty as Atlanta seeks home-field advantage in the NFC and comes off a bitter home loss to the Saints.

## TAMPA BAY (9-6) AT NEW ORLEANS (11-4)

One of only two games matching teams with winning records on the final

weekend, and both have something to play for. New Orleans could get the NFC's overall top seed with a victory and a Falcons loss. The Buccaneers, the youngest team in the league, get a wild card if they win and both the Packers and Giants lose.

"The only thing for us that we're proud of is to be playing meaningful games in December," Bucs coach Raheem Morris says. "When you grow up as a coach and as a player, you don't dream about April, the offseason and all those things. You dream about playing in January. You dream about playing in February, hopefully."

## TENNESSEE (6-9) AT INDIANAPOLIS (9-6)

From the precipice of a lost season at 6-6, the Colts have won three straight and taken control of their division once more. Peyton Manning has reversed a wicked string of mistakes with the kind of pinpoint passing everyone expects, and both the running game and run defense is coming alive.

Beating the Titans doesn't appear a huge chore considering the turmoil and disappointment this season has brought to Music City. Indeed, this could be the last game of coach Jeff Fisher's 16-year tenure with the franchise.

## JACKSONVILLE (8-7) AT HOUSTON (5-10)

An 8-8 record might have been considered real progress in Jacksonville when the season began. Then the Jaguars went 8-5 and with a win at Indy would have clinched the division. Instead, they've slid and now Garrard is sidelined. Last

week, RB Maurice Jones-Drew, Jacksonville's best player, was out and the Redskins upset the Jags.

Even so, things have been much worse for the Texans, who were projected as an AFC South contender after posting their first winning record a year ago. Coach Gary Kubiak's job security is shaky.

## N.Y. GIANTS (9-6) AT WASHINGTON (6-9)

Harken back to early in the fourth quarter of New York's Dec. 19 home game against Philadelphia. The Giants had a 31-10 lead and were cruising toward a likely division crown.

Then they collapsed, losing 38-31 in what can be considered the game of the year. New York kept floundering at Green Bay and now needs help just to get into the playoffs.

Washington's turmoil-filled season includes an awful 31-7 loss to the Giants.

## OAKLAND (7-8) AT KANSAS CITY (10-5)

The NFL's two most improved teams live in Missouri, the Rams and the Chiefs. KC might be a bit raw to cause much postseason damage, but the rapid development of a dangerous offense and a good defense bodes well down the line.

Considering the history of this rivalry, look for the Chiefs to sit quite a few regulars rather than risk injury against the physical Raiders, another improved squad. This is the first season since the Raiders won the AFC championship in 2002 that they haven't lost at least 11 times. They would sweep their division games by beating KC.

## DALLAS (5-10) AT PHILADELPHIA (10-5)

Michael Vick has quad problems, DeSean Jackson's foot is bothering him, Asante Samuel has a sore knee. That means rest for key Eagles, who will host the No. 6 seed in the wild-card round. Philly needs to solve some defensive problems before the playoffs.

Another Dallas victory might ensure interim coach Jason Garrett getting the full-time job in 2011.

## MIAMI (7-8) AT NEW ENGLAND (13-2)

Miami's inexplicable record — 1-7 at home, 6-1 on the road — indicates it will challenge New England, which has nothing to play for. The Patriots have won seven in a row, four of them routs.

Speculation that Tony Sparano's coaching job is on the line in Miami results from a feeble offense. Only Cleveland has scored fewer points in the AFC.

## BUFFALO (4-11) AT N.Y. JETS (10-5)

The Jets have lost three of four, but a 9-2 start gave them a cushion and they can use Sunday to prepare for the wild-card round. Coach Rex Ryan is considered a defensive master, but that unit has been ridden with holes recently.

Buffalo has the AFC's most giveaways, 33. The Jets lead the league with 16 fumbles recoveries.

## SAN DIEGO (8-7) AT DENVER (4-11)

The Chargers' four-year reign in the AFC West is over, torn apart by poor special teams, unwise personnel decisions and lots of injuries. Yet, their season has been much more productive than Denver's, which at least is thinking about the future by playing rookie quarterback Tim Tebow.

## MINNESOTA (6-9) AT DETROIT (5-10)

Last time the Vikings were in Ford Field, they were hosting the Giants after the Metrodome roof collapsed. They come back on a short week after an East Coast blizzard forced their game in Philadelphia to be switched to Tuesday night — a contest they won.

Detroit, hardly a contender, has upgraded its roster and its results. The Lions have won three straight, and if you can't remember the last time they took four in a row, neither can anybody else in Motor City.

## ARIZONA (5-10) AT SAN FRANCISCO (5-10)

Two teams that can't wait to start rebuilding. The Niners will do so with a new coach after Mike Singletary was fired following a loss at St. Louis.

# A strange NFL season, on and off the field

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK— Concussions and how to deal with them. Fines for flagrant fouls. Assistant coaches tripping opponents.

Domes collapsing. Spying. And Brett Favre.

It's been a troubling season for the NFL, even as TV ratings soar and intriguing story lines surface.

For all the headlines Michael Vick has made with his superb comeback, there have been just as many for Favre's ill-advised return.

Even after the NFL's commendable crackdown on illegal hits in October, especially against defenseless players, dozens of fines have been handed out.

Just Thursday, the league fined the New York Jets \$100,000 because assistant coach Sal Alosi tripped a

Dolphins player on the sideline during a punt return. The Jets, who couldn't help but make news all year — they also made the playoffs — suspended Alosi without pay for the rest of the season following the Dec. 12 incident and fined him \$25,000.

The Jets were chastised by Commissioner Roger Goodell for unprofessional conduct when TV Azteca reporter Ines Sainz said she felt uncomfortable in their locker room. That led to Jets owner Woody Johnson underwriting a training program for all 32 teams on proper conduct in the workplace.

Their coach, Rex Ryan, drew attention for his cussing during the HBO series "Hard Knocks" in the preseason, and has been a lightning rod all season for his braggadocio.

At least he wasn't with the franchise when Favre quarterbacked the

Jets in 2008. The website Deadspin alleged that's when Favre sent lewd photos and racy text messages to Jenn Sterger, then a game-day hostess for the team. The NFL investigated and this week it fined Favre \$50,000 for failing to cooperate with its inquiry, but did not suspend him.

Favre, now with Minnesota, also saw his record of consecutive regular-season starts snapped at 297 two weeks ago when his right shoulder didn't heal in time to play against the New York Giants. He returned a week later and was sidelined by a concussion.

Tennessee picked Moss up on waivers, barely used him, and proceeded to nose-dive after he joined the team. Then quarterback Vince Young had a blowout with coach Jeff Fisher before winding up on injured reserve.

But the season has been a roller coaster. The Jets, who couldn't help but make news all year — they also made the playoffs — suspended Alosi without pay for the rest of the season following the Dec. 12 incident and fined him \$25,000.

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The biggest dives were taken by the Vikings, who lost the NFC championship game in overtime last January; the Cowboys, a division winner in 2009; and the Broncos, whose poor play was exacerbated by a spying incident before their game in London against the 49ers. All three coaches — Minnesota's Brad Childress, Dallas' Wade Phillips and Denver's Josh McDaniels — already have been fired, and the Broncos' skullduggery cost McDaniels a \$50,000 fine.

Hanging over the league is the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement with the players' union on March 4. Team owners say they need to rework the percentage of revenues given to the players and they also want an 18-game season. The union likes the status quo, and its executive director, DeMaurice Smith, is certain the players will be locked out.

Badgers were dominant at times, particularly in a frenetic first quarter that featured 24 combined points, but TCU hung on against Wisconsin's attack with guts, third-down stops and a few fortunate plays — none bigger than Carder's leap.

"We came up with a great tip, and it's like your life passes before your eyes," Patterson said. "You can't even really say what you think about."

## TCU

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early in the third quarter, but neither team scored again until Wisconsin mounted a 77-drive in the waning minutes. Montee Ball rushed for a 4-yard score with 2 minutes to play, but Carder made a perfectly timed leap at the line to bat down Scott Tolzien's throw to the end zone. The intended receiver was open in the end zone.

Johnson easily grabbed Wisconsin's onside kick, and

TCU rushed for a final first down to kill the clock.

Patterson stopped his players from dumping a Gatorade bucket on him before time ran out, lecturing them with a smile on his face. When the final seconds ticked off, the Frogs ran about the field in a frenzy, eventually collecting near the TCU band and the quarter of the Rose Bowl stands filled with purple-clad fans.

And eventually the Frogs

doused their coach, too.

Dalton went 15 for 23 and rushed for a first-quarter score, winning the game's offensive MVP award. But the defense deserved the credit for hanging on when TCU couldn't score in the game's final 26 minutes.

After a litany of big plays that included a de-cleating sack of Tolzien to kill a third-quarter drive, Carder was the leader all game — and the man at the end.

## Tide

Continued from Sports 1

first five possessions, held the Spartans (11-2) to 171 total yards and sacked Kirk Cousins four times in their most dominant performance all season.

Cousins had 120 yards passing, one interception and was under pressure all game. Edwin Baker was held to 14 yards rushing for a Spartans team that felt snubbed by the BCS after sharing the Big Ten title. Instead, they were bullied and bruised by a team that knows the big stage well.

Asked what hit gave him a headache and sent him to the sidelines for good in the fourth, Cousins replied: "It was an accumulation of hits I took during the game."

A season that began with the No. 1 ranking and dreams of second straight title for Alabama never lived up to those standard. Losses to rivals Auburn, LSU and South Carolina prevented the Tide from even making the Southeastern Conference title game.

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## MILESTONES

### Federal service workers retired

**Ron McAfee** is retiring after 42 years of federal service. During his 38 years with Reclamation, he worked in the Technical Service Center in Denver, Colo., as an electrical engineering designer. During the past 15 years, McAfee has worked at the Upper Snake Field Office in Burley as an electrical engineering technician.

To honor McAfee, there was a gathering on Dec. 29 at Conner's Café in Burley.

**Gary Young** retired Dec. 31 after 33 and a half years of federal service. He worked 20 years with the USDA NRCS as a plant scientist in California and Aberdeen, Idaho. He has worked with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley, for 13 and a half years as a GIS specialist. Young's hard work and outstanding GIS products will be missed greatly. Gary and his wife, Leslie, plan to build a home and retire in Washington.



McAfee



Young

A retirement party will be held Friday evening, Jan. 7 at Morey's Steakhouse in Burley.

### Precision Aviation Maintenance

Precision Aviation Maintenance, Inc. of Twin Falls has been designated a Customer Service Center for Standard Aero of Canada. This designation will allow Precision Aviation Maintenance to perform a variety of maintenance on the PT6 turbine aircraft engine on behalf of Standard Aero.

The designation came after a Standard Aero representative spent a week in the facility observing PT6 engine installation and general engine maintenance by Precision Aviation Maintenance.

"We are looking at this designation as an opportunity to further support the local aviation community with maintenance capability for jet and turbo-prop aircraft in addition to single engine aircraft maintenance," Mark Doerr said, owner of Precision Aviation Maintenance.

Standard Aero, based in Winnipeg, Canada, is one of three companies in North America authorized to do engine overhauls of the Pratt & Whitney PT6 turbine aircraft engine.

## CAREER MOVES

### Mini-Cassia Association of Realtors present awards during banquet

Recently the Mini-Cassia Association of Realtors held its annual installation banquet and presented two awards.

**Joe Taylor** of Carey and Adams Real Estate received the 2010 Life Time Achievement Award.

Taylor started in the real estate industry in the mid 1970s following the loss of his sight. His former occupation was farming and he was an active member of the potato board. Taylor was active in the development of residential home construction in the latter part of the 70s and early 80s.

On Dec. 21 Taylor turned 85 years old. He has been active in the community all of his life. In recent years, he has been actively involved in senior citizens, his church and support for the blind. Taylor has helped improve the community by fixing up properties.

**Carla Shockey** of Advantage 1 Realty received the Mini-Cassia 2010 Realtor of the Year.

Shockey is a fourth generation Idahoan. She has been a Realtor since 1991. She holds the professional Realtor Designation as a graduate of Realtors Institute (GRI) and is currently a broker and co-owner of Advantage 1 Realty. Shockey has been active in the Mini-Cassia Association of Realtors holding the following offices: board president, first vice president, second vice president and third vice president. She has been on the executive board for the last fifteen years. Shockey is a Honor Society recipient and has held a broker's license since 1995.



Taylor



Shockey

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### DOT FOODS DELIVERS HOLIDAY CHEER TO LOCAL NEEDY FAMILIES



Courtesy photo

Dot Foods' Burley distribution center employees, management and their families spread holiday cheer as they delivered gifts and a box of food to 18 local needy families. This annual event includes a donation of ham, vegetables, fruits and pies to each family.

Twenty-two employees and their family members joined in the donation, starting out at the distribution center to sort the donated goods before delivering the items to the families throughout Burley and surrounding neighborhoods. This marks the third year Dot has done the Community Christmas.

Dot Foods operates eight distribution centers in: Modesto, Calif.; Vidalia, Ga.; Burley, Idaho; Mt. Sterling, Ill.; Cambridge City, Ind.; Williamsport, Md.; Liverpool, N.Y.; and Ardmore, Okla. For information, visit [www.dotfoods.com](http://www.dotfoods.com).



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Pictured left to right: George Hilarides, owner, Freedom Auto Finders; David Johnson, owner, Freedom Auto Finders; Bev Duke, house manager, BILLS Place; Bill Brockman, chairman, BILLS Place; Ken Robinette, secretary, BILLS Place; and Steve Wills, Idaho Chaplain Corp.

### Freedom Auto Finders

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### Donna Hatch

Donna Hatch recently accepted a position as the new assistant coordinator for Boise State University's Extended Studies Master of Social Work program in Twin Falls.

Hatch is a licensed Master's Level Social Worker in the state of Idaho and owned a private counseling practice in the community for ten years. She taught at the College of Southern Idaho in the past and served as adjunct faculty for Boise State University's School of Social Work since the Extended Studies program began in Twin Falls in the fall of 2008.

She joins Jamie Kelley-Kinyon (MSW coordinator) and Stefanie Gilbert (BSW coordinator) in their offices located at the College of Southern Idaho. Applications are currently being accepted for the next Advanced Standing MSW program, scheduled to begin in June, 2011.

### KING'S DONATES TO SENIOR CENTER



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King's store in Burley and various King's stores in the Magic Valley along with Mr. King contacted a local senior citizen center and put together a Senior Tree. They got a list of residents from the center and the presents that they needed. Then they put together a giving tree in the stores, where customers and associates could take a snowflake from the tree and provide the requested present or gift. In addition to the giving tree, Mr. King donated a \$500 check to each center the various stores selected.

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### Glanbia contributes to community

Each year the Glanbia Foods donation committee chooses a year-end giving project. This year it was a tough choice due to current economic conditions, but the committee decided to continue on the education theme that started in November by giving gifts of cheese to teachers and administration staff at the Twin Falls School District. However, this year gifts were donated to students attending the Magic Valley Alternative School.

On Dec. 17 Glanbia arrived at the school laden with over 100 bricks of cheese, with each brick having a \$20 bill attached. The students could use the money to help with their own personal Christmas shopping or whatever need they had this year.

Two boxes of new toys were also donated for the single moms and students needing Christmas gifts. The students were encouraged to finish the course they were doing and graduate and enjoy this gift from Glanbia.

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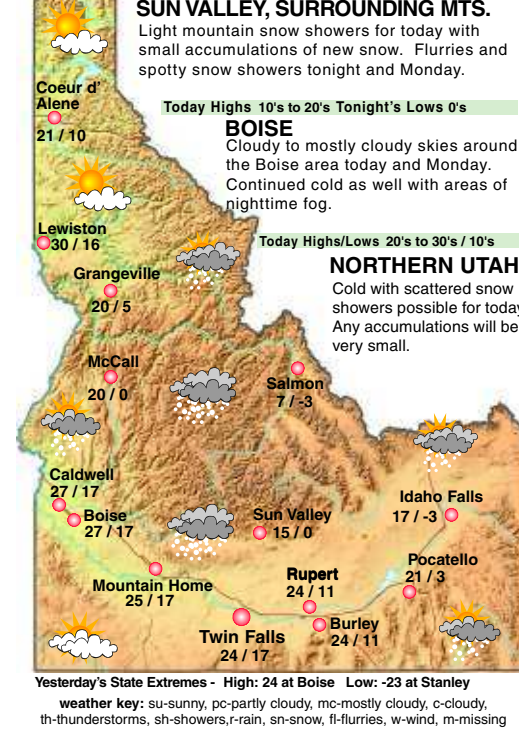
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 11.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny skies, cold again. High 27.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 22°	Yesterday's 0.00"
Yesterday's Low 8°	Month to Date 0.00"
Normal High / Low 34° / 17°	Avg. Month to Date 0.04"
Record High 54° in 1997	Water Year to Date 0.00"
Record Low -13° in 1979	Avg. Water Year to Date 2.71"

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cloudy to mostly cloudy and cold High 24°	Mostly cloudy Low 17°	Mostly cloudy 28° / 19°	A mostly sunny and crisp day 29° / 18°	Partly cloudy, breaking into the 30s! 32° / 24°	Mostly sunny 35° / 26°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 23°	Yesterday's 0.00"	Yesterday's High 72%	5 pm Yesterday 30.18 in.	Today Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:16 PM
Yesterday's Low 6°	Month to Date 0.00"	Yesterday's Low 49%		Monday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:17 PM
Normal High / Low 35° / 16°	Avg. Month to Date 0.04"	Today's Forecast Avg. 78%		Tuesday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:18 PM
Record High 58° in 1997	Water Year to Date 6.40"			Wednesday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:19 PM
Record Low -13° in 1979	Avg. Water Year to Date 3.1"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30		Thursday Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:20 PM

Moon Phases	Moonrise and Moonset	Today's U. V. Index
New Jan. 4	Today Moonrise: 6:46 AM Moonset: 3:50 PM	Low 1
First Jan. 12	Monday Moonrise: 7:37 AM Moonset: 4:52 PM	Moderate 3
Full Jan. 19	Tuesday Moonrise: 8:19 AM Moonset: 5:57 PM	High 5
Last Jan. 26		7

REGIONAL FORECAST

Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W
Boise 22 6 pc	Boise 22 6 pc	Atlanta 51 27 sh	Atlanta 52 28 pc	Acapulco 84 72 th	Acapulco 84 72 th
Bonniers Ferry 22 6 pc	Bonniers Ferry 22 6 pc	Baltimore 47 26 pc	Baltimore 47 26 pc	Athens 57 53 sh	Athens 57 53 sh
Burley 24 11 pc	Burley 24 11 pc	Bellings 26 11 ls	Bellings 26 11 ls	Auckland 73 58 sh	Auckland 73 58 sh
Challis 14 -5 pc	Challis 14 -5 pc	Birmingham 48 27 sh	Birmingham 48 27 sh	Bangkok 90 74 pc	Bangkok 90 74 pc
Coeur d'Alene 21 10 pc	Coeur d'Alene 21 10 pc	Boston 48 25 sh	Boston 48 25 sh	Beijing 32 14 pc	Beijing 32 14 pc
Elko, NV 27 6 pc	Elko, NV 27 6 pc	Charleston, SC 64 42 sh	Charleston, SC 64 42 sh	Berlin 32 21 pc	Berlin 32 21 pc
Eugene, OR 40 26 pc	Eugene, OR 40 26 pc	Charlotte, WV 39 23 pc	Charlotte, WV 39 23 pc	Buenos Aires 66 68 sh	Buenos Aires 66 68 sh
Gooding 18 15 pc	Gooding 18 15 pc	Chicago 24 20 pc	Chicago 24 20 pc	Cairo 49 37 r	Cairo 49 37 r
Grace 17 -2 pc	Grace 17 -2 pc	Cleveland 28 20 ls	Cleveland 28 20 ls	Dhahran 62 30 pc	Dhahran 62 30 pc
Hagerman 22 18 pc	Hagerman 22 18 pc	Des Moines 26 17 pc	Des Moines 26 17 pc	Geneva 31 7 pc	Geneva 31 7 pc
Hailey 19 -7 pc	Hailey 19 -7 pc	Detroit 28 19 ls	Detroit 28 19 ls	Hong Kong 64 58 sh	Hong Kong 64 58 sh
Idaho Falls 17 -3 pc	Idaho Falls 17 -3 pc	El Paso 49 28 pc	El Paso 49 28 pc	Jerusalem 65 47 pc	Jerusalem 65 47 pc
Kalispell, MT 9 4 pc	Kalispell, MT 9 4 pc	Fairbanks 29 20 pc	Fairbanks 29 20 pc	Johannesburg 78 60 sh	Johannesburg 78 60 sh
Jerome 20 15 pc	Jerome 20 15 pc	Fargo -2 10 mc	Fargo -2 10 mc	Kuwait City 68 50 pc	Kuwait City 68 50 pc
Lewiston 30 16 pc	Lewiston 30 16 pc	Flagstaff 9 -12 ls	Flagstaff 9 -12 ls	London 36 25 pc	London 36 25 pc
Malad City 19 7 pc	Malad City 19 7 pc	Honolulu 29 20 pc	Honolulu 29 20 pc	Mexico City 68 38 sh	Mexico City 68 38 sh
Malta 20 8 pc	Malta 20 8 pc	Houston 60 40 pc	Houston 60 40 pc		
McCall 20 0 pc	McCall 20 0 pc	Indianapolis 29 20 pc	Indianapolis 29 20 pc		
Pocatello 21 3 pc	Pocatello 21 3 pc	Jacksonville 72 49 sh	Jacksonville 72 49 sh		
Portland, OR 38 25 pc	Portland, OR 38 25 pc	Kansas City 37 22 su	Kansas City 37 22 su		
Rupert 24 11 pc	Rupert 24 11 pc	Las Vegas 44 30 pc	Las Vegas 44 30 pc		
Rexburg 14 -3 pc	Rexburg 14 -3 pc	Little Rock 47 24 su	Little Rock 47 24 su		
Richland, WA 21 18 pc	Richland, WA 21 18 pc	Los Angeles 57 45 r	Los Angeles 57 45 r		
Rogerson 29 14 pc	Rogerson 29 14 pc	Miami 78 63 pc	Miami 78 63 pc		
Salmon 27 17 pc	Salmon 27 17 pc	Milwaukee 25 20 pc	Milwaukee 25 20 pc		
Salt Lake City, UT 27 17 pc	Salt Lake City, UT 27 17 pc	Nashville 41 21 pc	Nashville 41 21 pc		
Spokane, WA 21 4 pc	Spokane, WA 21 4 pc	New Orleans 56 40 pc	New Orleans 56 40 pc		
Stanley 19 -14 pc	Stanley 19 -14 pc	New York 45 29 pc	New York 45 29 pc		
Sun Valley 15 0 pc	Sun Valley 15 0 pc	Oklahoma City 44 26 su	Oklahoma City 44 26 su		
Yellowstone, MT 12 -12 ls	Yellowstone, MT 12 -12 ls	Omaha 23 13 pc	Omaha 23 13 pc		

NATIONAL FORECAST

Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W	City Hi Lo W
Calgary 18 8 pc	Calgary 18 8 pc	Saskatoon 12 -7 pc	Saskatoon 12 -7 pc
Cranebrook 14 -8 pc	Cranebrook 14 -8 pc	Toronto 36 19 ls	Toronto 36 19 ls
Edmonton 24 5 ls	Edmonton 24 5 ls	Vancouver 37 29 pc	Vancouver 37 30 pc
Kelowna 17 -7 pc	Kelowna 17 -7 pc	Victoria 40 36 pc	Victoria 40 37 pc
Lethbridge 20 9 pc	Lethbridge 20 9 pc	Winnipeg 1 -19 pc	Winnipeg 2 -11 pc
Regina 12 -7 ls	Regina 12 -7 ls		

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Discount Community Services

Local governments also extend numerous free or low-cost services to seniors. The hub for tapping into these services is typically a local senior center. At the 255 centers in New York City, for example, seniors can sign up for numerous recreational classes, including yoga, tai chi and pottery. The centers usually offer lunches for voluntary contributions of a few dollars or less too. Savings could go far beyond recreational activities. In New York City, those 65 and older qualify for reduced mass transit fares regardless of their income. And low-income seniors who live in rent-controlled apartments can apply to have any rent increases picked up by the city. Programs will vary depending on the city or county, so check with the local office for the elderly or aging for programs you may be eligible for.

AARP

Getting older means you're eligible to join one of the country's biggest clubs — AARP. Anyone over 50 can join, and membership costs \$16 a year (or \$43 for three years and \$63 for five years). The fee includes a subscription to the group's magazine, which covers health, financial and political issues affecting seniors, and access to a vast range of discounts. AARP partners with grocery and restaurant coupon sites and numerous retailers, restaurants and travel companies to offer members discounts. One popular discount introduced this year is for 20 percent off at Denny's. The discount is good from 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Coffee is \$1 for members and their guests all day. In addition to discounts on cruises and more traditional vacations, AARP also offers some more unusual travel opportunities. One new option, for example, lets members spend a week volunteering at a senior care center in Lima, Peru. The cost is about \$1,500 and includes meals, lodging but not airfare. The new focus on volunteer tourism is reflective of the generation's broader interests, said Ken Budd, an AARP spokesman. "As far as travel, this isn't a tour bus type of group."

Budget

Department to strengthen national security and counter terrorism threats, the budget requests \$300.6 million. The request includes 440 additional positions, including 126 agents and 15 lawyers. To enforce immigration laws, the department is requesting an \$11 million program increase, including 125 positions — 31 of them lawyers. You can read an agency's budget proposal on its Web site. So once you get the information, what's the best way to make use of it? Begin looking on USAJOBS, the agency Web site and other places to see whether these positions are advertised. If so, submit your application. But many of those jobs may not be listed for hiring purposes yet, because the federal government has not been fully funded and won't be until the new Congress convenes in 2011. Don't worry if you don't see the positions advertised. Focus on what is being requested. Some agencies are quite specific and state they want scientists, lawyers, investigators, acquisitions specialists. If you are in one of these specialized areas, then you need to begin a targeted job search in that agency.

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Lenders

husband's hours were cut back. In addition to the attorney general, she wrote U.S. Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, Gov. Chris Gregoire and President Obama. She got calls from Treasury's Making Home Affordable mortgage-modification program and a senior Bank of America official, she said, and learned that her Countrywide modification paperwork wasn't the only one missing. Ultimately, though, the bank approved her for a modification. Ochsenreiter now has a less expensive fixed-rate mortgage.

which had to pass most on to federal agencies such as the OCC. A spokesman for the OCC declined to answer questions about its Bush-era role in pre-empting state laws. As for Ochsenreiter's complaint in April, spokesman Dean DeBuck couldn't say whether the agency had replied to her or opened an investigation. An employee of a local biotech company, Ochsenreiter had a good job but was carrying more of the financial burden since her

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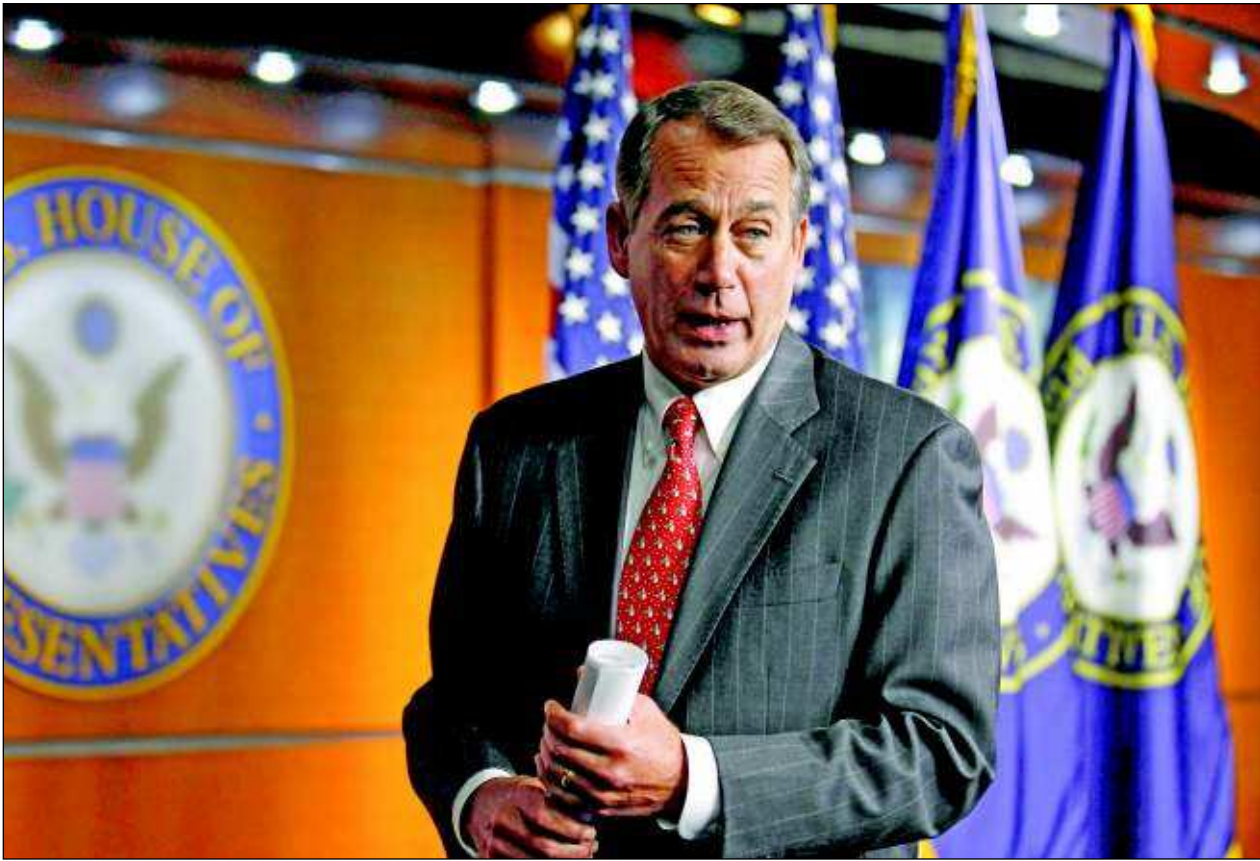
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## SHOWDOWN



AP photos

House Speaker-designate John Boehner, R-Ohio, talks with media on Capitol Hill in Washington, Dec. 17. Two early showdowns on spending and debt will signal whether the 112th Congress can find common ground despite its partisan divisions, or whether it's destined for gridlock and brinkmanship that could threaten the nation's economic health.

## Spending measures present test for Congressional leaders

By Charles Babington  
Associated Press writer

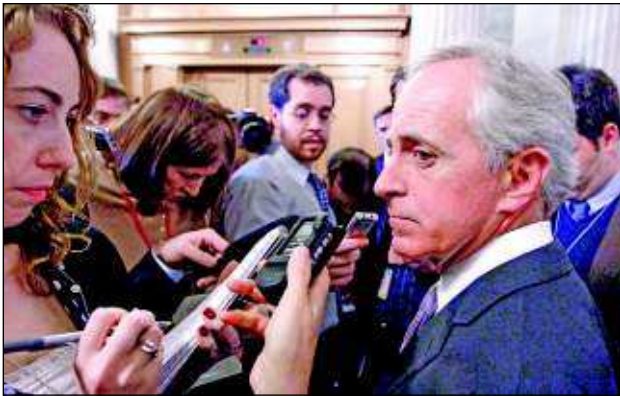
WASHINGTON — Two early showdowns on spending and debt will signal whether the new Congress can find common ground despite its partisan divisions or whether it's destined for gridlock and brinkmanship that could threaten the nation's economic health.

Not all of the bickering in the 112th Congress that convenes Wednesday will be between Republicans and Democrats. House Republicans, back in power after four years in the minority, will include numerous freshmen whose unyielding stands on the deficit, in particular, could severely test soon-to-be Speaker John Boehner's ability to bridge differences and pass major bills.

His first big challenge will come in February, when Congress must pass a huge spending bill to keep the government running. Many House Republicans — veterans and newcomers alike — have pledged to cut discretionary domestic spending by up to \$100 billion.

Even if they agree on a plan, it probably will be changed by the Senate, where Democrats will hold 53-47 edge. And President Barack Obama can veto almost any bill he opposes during the next two years.

Before Boehner, R-Ohio, deals with Democrats' objections, he may have trouble getting his own 241-



Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., talks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington on Dec. 13.

member caucus to agree on what to cut, and how deeply. Republicans have a history of promising far more cuts in spending than they deliver. Some conservative activists and commentators are tired of it.

"They love to cut taxes but cannot bring themselves to cut spending," Kevin Williamson wrote in National Review Online. "It's eat dessert first and leave the spinach on the table."

Several freshman GOP lawmakers are aligned with the tea party movement, which champions spending cuts and balanced budgets. But even tea party activists are unable or unwilling to name sizable government programs they are willing to cut, said Duke University political scientist Mike Munger. He ran for North Carolina governor as a libertarian and has met with many tea partiers.

Passing a major spending

bill may look easy when compared with the challenge Congress will face in the spring: raising the federal debt ceiling, an exercise that's anathema to some die-hard conservatives. Economists and scores of political leaders say the alternatives are much worse: Let the nation default on its debts, which could trigger a global recession, or drastically cut federal spending to levels neither party has imagined.

The current debt ceiling is \$14.3 trillion, enacted last February. The federal debt, nearly \$13.9 trillion, grows by \$4 billion a day.

"Where the rubber will hit the road will be on the debt limit," said John Feehery, a Republican adviser and former top House aide. "What kind of budget concessions will Obama agree to in exchange for keeping the government functioning?"

Lawmakers might buy some time by passing tem-

porary extensions of a budget and a higher debt ceiling. Eventually they must work out a long-term solution. Obama has made it clear that Republicans share responsibility for finding one.

"Nobody, Democrat or Republican, is willing to see the full faith and credit of the United States government collapse," Obama said in early December. No one enjoys voting to raise the debt limit, he said. "But once John Boehner is sworn in as speaker, then he's going to have responsibilities to govern. You can't just stand on the sidelines and be a bomb thrower."

Boehner essentially has acknowledged that. He said of the debt ceiling, "We are going to have to deal with it as adults, whether we like it or not. The federal government has obligations and we have obligations on our part."

Lawmakers say the likeliest scenario calls for a promise of future spending cuts, even if somewhat vague, that might persuade enough House Republicans to agree to raise the debt ceiling.

Some predict a fierce fight. The national Republican Party chairman, Michael Steele, seemed to encourage lawmakers to vote against a higher debt ceiling shortly before the November elections. "We are not going to compromise on raising the debt ceiling," he told CNN.

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## Capitol evacuated after plane loses radio contact

By Sarah Brumfield  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — An airliner lost radio contact when a pilot inadvertently turned his radio to the wrong frequency, leading to the scrambling of fighter jets and the evacuation of the U.S. Capitol, federal officials said Saturday.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said the agency is reviewing the "pilot read-back error." The loss of radio contact as the plane approached the nation's capital also led officials to evacuate all House and Senate office buildings.

Piedmont Airlines flight 4352 from Hilton Head, S.C., was on course for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport when it lost radio contact with air traffic controllers at a regional radar facility in Virginia for about 15 minutes, FAA officials said. F-16 fighter jets were

scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base, but the airliner was able to re-establish radio contact and it landed at Reagan, said Stacey Knott, a spokeswoman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

The evacuation order was issued around 1:30 p.m. and was called off about a half-hour later when the plane landed.

Salisbury, Md.-based Piedmont is a wholly owned subsidiary of US Airways. US Airways spokeswoman Tina Swail said the airline was working with local authorities to investigate the incident.

The number of passengers on board wasn't immediately known. The company's website says it operates 44 de Havilland DHC-8 turboprop aircraft, which can carry between 37 and 80 passengers depending on the model type.



AP photo

An Egyptian Christian grieves outside the Coptic Christian Saints Church in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, Egypt, Saturday. A car exploded in front of the church earlier in the day.

## Christians, police clash in Egypt after bomb kills 21

By Maggie Michael and Lee Keath  
Associated Press writers

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt — Christians clashed with Egyptian police in the northern city of Alexandria on Saturday, furious over an apparent suicide bombing against worshippers leaving a New Year's Mass at a church that killed at least 21 people. It was the worst violence against the country's Christian minority in a decade.

The Interior Ministry blamed "foreign elements," and the Alexandria governor accused al-Qaida, pointing to the terror network's branch in Iraq, which has carried out a string of attacks on

Christians there and has threatened Egypt's Coptic Orthodox Christian community as well.

Egypt's government has long insisted that the terror network does not have a significant presence in the country, and it has never been conclusively linked to any attacks here. If al-Qaida was involved, it raises the prospect of a serious new security threat within Egypt.

President Barack Obama condemned "this barbaric and heinous act" and said those behind it must be brought to justice.

The bombing, about a half hour after the stroke of

See **ATTACK**, N&W 2

## Seventh victim dies of injuries from New Year's Eve tornadoes

By Heather Hollingsworth  
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Shaken residents spent New Year's Day sifting through the wreckage wrought by tornadoes that touched down in several states on the last day of 2010, killing seven people in two states and injuring dozens of others.

Six of the victims — three in Missouri and three in Arkansas — died Friday as tornadoes fueled by unusually warm air pummeled the South and Midwest. A seventh victim who was injured Friday near the Missouri town of Rolla died Saturday at a hospital in Columbia, said Bruce Southard, the chief of the Rolla Rural Fire Department.



AP photo

Myrtlena Ertle Hankins leans on fiancé Bobby Randall as they watch a crew clear debris from their property in Pearl, Miss., Saturday, after a tornado hit the area Friday evening.

The woman, whose name wasn't immediately released, was entertaining a friend, Alice Cox, 69, of Belle, Mo., in her trailer when the twister hit.

Southard said nothing was left of the trailer except for the frame and that the twister scattered debris 40 to 50 yards from where the trailer had sat. The woman was

found under a pile of debris, Southard said.

"It's like you set a bomb off in it," Southard said in a phone interview. "It just annihilated it."

At a farm that was not far away, 21-year-old Megan Ross and her 64-year-old grandmother Loretta Anderson died when a tornado hit where their family lived among three mobile homes and two frame houses, Dent County Emergency Management Coordinator Brad Nash said. The National Weather Service determined the home was hit by a weak tornado that was 50 yards wide and traveled less than a mile.

In the northwestern Arkansas hamlet of Cincinnati, Gerald Wilson, 88, and his wife, Mamie, 78,

died in their home and Dick Murray, 78, died after being caught by the storm while milking cows, Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder said.

Severe storms, including possible tornadoes, also ripped through central Mississippi on New Year's Eve, and emergency teams were working Saturday to survey the damage. The National Weather Service in Jackson reported at least three people hurt and extensive structural damage. No one was killed. The storms knocked down trees and power lines. About 6 inches of rain fell in places, leading to flash flooding.

Ed Agre, a senior forecaster at the National Weather Service in Jackson, and other

forecasters at the National Weather Service's building at the Jackson airport were forced into a tornado shelter when winds hit 60 miles per hour.

"It was pretty intense," Agre said.

The Clarion-Ledger newspaper in Jackson reported that the storm forced the evacuation of about 200 people from the Jackson-Evers International Airport, where a possible tornado was reported crossing a runway. The airport was forced to run on generators and a hangar was damaged, officials said.

Power was knocked out to about 20,000 customers, and by Saturday afternoon about 10,000 remained without power, Entergy Mississippi reported.



# ‘Cold but well worth it’

## After storms, sun shines brightly on Rose Parade

By Daisy Nguyen  
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — After a holiday season of relentless rain in Southern California, the 122nd Rose Parade was bathed Saturday in abundant sunshine.

Clear blue skies and chilly temperatures greeted hundreds of thousands of spectators who lined Colorado Boulevard to watch the New Year’s Day showcase of flowery floats, marching bands and equestrians.

Many who staked out prime viewing spots on the sidewalks had to brave temperatures that dipped into the low 40s overnight. They shivered under blankets and huddled around fire pits to stay warm.

“It was cold but well worth it,” said Mark Tarango, as he rolled up his sleeping bag at the start of the 5½-mile parade route.

Tarango and his wife drove from Bakersfield, about two hours away, on Friday so that their three children could witness the spectacle for the first time.

“You get to appreciate it more in person. You miss the details, the smells, the festive atmosphere when you watch it on television,” he said.

Liz Mauser of Crystal, Minn., said she and her friends stayed warm by dancing on the street at the stroke of midnight.

“If we were in Minnesota, the cold would be normal. But this is not how you picture California,” Mauser said.

Overnight, paramedics



Spectators bundle up and for sunny but chilly weather along Colorado Boulevard during the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., Saturday.

AP photos

treated 17 people for minor medical issues — twice as many as a year ago — and firefighters had to put out several bonfires that were considered hazardous, Fire Department spokeswoman Lisa Derderian said. She attributed the higher number of incidents to the cold weather.

Police arrested 45 people, most of them for investigation of public drunkenness, police spokeswoman Janet Pope Givens said.

Die-hard fans who didn’t camp out overnight got up before dawn to stroll up and down Orange Grove Boulevard to get a close-up view of the floats before the parade began. Despite the

lack of lighting, they said they preferred to see the flowers while they’re still fresh and appreciate the fine details of each float.

Susan Brouhard of Boise, Idaho said she was amused to see a garden retaining wall made of potatoes in a float featuring gophers and construction cranes.

Gerilyn Freedman of Woodland Hills said that for the last 10 years she has skipped the New Year’s Eve countdown so she could get up early to admire the floats before the throngs arrive.

“I feel like a kid the night before. I get so excited about the parade that I can’t wait to get up,” Freedman said.



Rose Queen Evanne Elizabeth Friedmann waves during the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

## Attack

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the New Year, stoked tensions that have grown in recent years between Egypt’s Christians and the Muslim majority.

It was dramatically different from past attacks on Christians, which included shootings but not serious bombings, much less suicide attacks. Christians have increasingly blamed the government for not taking violence against them or anti-Christian sentiment among Muslim hard-liners seriously.

In the wake of the New Year’s bombing, they unleashed their rage at authorities.

“Now it’s between Christians and the government, not between Muslims and Christians,” yelled one Christian woman as several hundred young men clashed with helmeted riot police in the street outside the targeted church hours after the blast. As the rioters threw stones and bottles, police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse them. Some of the protesters beat Muslim passers-by.

Nearly 1,000 Christians were attending the midnight Mass at the Saints



AP photo

Two Coptic men, center lower left, ward off two others wielding kitchen knives who were trying to kick down the doors of a mosque during clashes between Coptic youths and riot police in Alexandria, Egypt, Saturday.

Church in the Mediterranean port of Alexandria, said Father Mena Adel, a priest at the church. The service had just ended, and some worshippers were leaving the building when the bomb went off about a half hour after midnight, he said.

“The last thing I heard was a powerful explosion and then my ears went deaf,” Marco Boutros, a 17-year-old survivor, said from his hospital bed. “All I could see were body parts scattered all over — legs and bits of flesh.”

Blood splattered the facade of the church, a painting of Jesus inside, and a mosque across the street. The blast mangled at least six cars on the street, setting some ablaze. As bodies were taken away after daybreak, some in the congregation waved white sheets with the sign of the cross emblazoned on them with what appeared to be the victim’s blood.

Health Ministry spokesman Abdel-Rahman Shahine said the death toll stood at 21, with 97 wounded, almost all Christians. Among the wounded were

the three policemen and an officer guarding the church.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement that it was likely the blast was detonated by a suicide bomber and that the attack probably involved “foreign elements.” Investigators were examining two heads found at the site on suspicion at least one was the bomber, the state news agency MENA reported.

Al-Qaida in Iraq has made a series of threats against Christians. The latest just before Christmas led the Iraqi Christian community to cancel most holiday festivities. After militants attacked a church in Baghdad in October and killed 68 people, it threatened more attacks and linked the violence to two Egyptian Christian women who reportedly converted to Islam in order to get divorces, which are prohibited by the Coptic Church.

The women have since been secluded by the Church, prompting repeated protests by Islamic hard-liners in Egypt accusing the Church of imprisoning the women and forcing them to renounce Islam, a claim the Church denies.

House communications director Dan Pfeiffer. Republicans ran a successful campaign by promising vaguely to cut taxes and spending, he said, and now they have to present a budget and “explain what it is they are willing to cut.”

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## Congress

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If Congress fails to reach accord on either a spending bill in February or a debt ceiling solution, it’s possible that much of the federal government would shut down for lack of funding. That’s what happened in 1995, and many Republicans don’t want a repeat.

The GOP-led Congress at the time clashed with President Bill Clinton over the budget, letting portions of the government close during the impasse. Public opinion swung against the Republicans, and the episode helped propel Clinton toward his 1996 reelection.

Even if the Boehner-led House can resolve its budget and debt differences with the White House, there could be trouble in the Senate. Republicans there can halt almost any bill with a filibuster.

Republican Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee hopes to lead a group of colleagues in demanding tax and spending reforms before they agree to raise the debt ceiling.

But eyes will fall first on the House. Sixty-four Democratic-held seats have switched to Republicans, and some of the new GOP lawmakers have promised voters they would change the way Congress spends itself into debt.

“I don’t envy John Boehner,” said David DiMartino, a Democratic consultant and former Senate aide. “The looming vote on the debt ceiling will demonstrate Boehner’s ability to lead,” he said. “If that vote melts down he’s likely to fail to regain any semblance of control.”

The White House is offering little sympathy.

“There are no easy choices when it comes to cutting spending,” said White

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Pauline Judd

TWIN FALLS — Pauline Ohlensehlen Judd, 94, passed away Jan. 1, 2011, at St. Luke’s Magic Valley in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

### Kevin Shorter

POCATELLO — Kevin Shorter, 48, of Pocatello, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at the Safe Haven Health & Rehabilitation Center in Pocatello.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

### Loren McCoy

TWIN FALLS — W. Loren McCoy, 78, of Twin

Falls, passed away Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at St. Luke’s Magic Valley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rosenau Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

### Marjorie Houston

TWIN FALLS — Marjorie Lee Houston, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at a Meridian, Idaho, care center. Services are pending, under the direction of White Mortuary “Chapel by the Park.”

### John “Ed” Pace

SUBLETT — John “Ed” Pace, age 77, of Sublett, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2010, at Parke View Rehabilitation & Care Center in Burley.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral

## U.S. missile attacks kill 18 in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Three U.S. missile strikes hours apart killed 18 people in a militant stronghold near the Afghan border in northwest Pakistan on Saturday, two Pakistani intelligence officials said.

At least nine people were killed in the first strike when missiles destroyed a moving vehicle in the North Waziristan tribal region, the officials said.

Two hours later drones fired more missiles that struck people who had gathered to retrieve the bodies, killing five. A third strike Saturday evening once again targeted a moving vehicle in the Mohammed Khel area of North Waziristan, killing four people, they said.

The identities and nationalities of the 18 slain men were not immediately known, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

U.S. authorities often target militants and militant facilities in the region, a hideout for local and foreign insurgents who target U.S. and NATO troops in neigh-

boring Afghanistan. The latest three strikes came a day after four missiles struck a militant convoy, killing eight suspected militants.

An additional 35 were killed in similar strikes on Monday and Tuesday.

A total of 118 such strikes, carried out by unmanned aircraft, were launched in 2010 in the northwest border region, killing up to 2,100 people, most of them militants, according to the Washington-based policy think-tank New America Foundation.

Nearly all have hit North Waziristan.

Pakistan’s government publicly protests the airstrikes, saying they violate the country’s sovereignty and anger tribesmen whose support is needed to fend off extremists. But Islamabad is widely believed to secretly support the attacks and provide intelligence for at least some of them.

U.S. officials rarely discuss the covert, CIA-run missile program. Privately, however, they say it is a crucial tool and has killed several top militant leaders.

## Deputy, suspect dead in Ohio trailer park standoff

ENON, Ohio (AP) — A sheriff’s deputy investigating a report of gunfire at a trailer park was shot dead Saturday, and the shooting suspect was killed after a gun battle with police, authorities said. A police officer was wounded.

Deputy Suzanne Hopper, who was married last year and had two children, was shot as she tried to photograph a footprint in the Enon Beach mobile-home park, Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly said.

“Our deputy never had the opportunity to return fire or take cover,” he said at a press conference.

Police officers were trying to retrieve Hopper’s body when the shooting suspect fired on them from inside a trailer, and a German Township officer was wounded in a large exchange of gunfire, Kelly said. There were

“many, many, many” shots fired by the suspect and police, he said.

The wounded officer, Jeremy Blum, was hospitalized in fair condition, a hospital supervisor said.

Enon Beach resident Angelina Inman said she looked out of her trailer at the park, which sits near a highway about 50 miles west of Columbus, to see the deputy lying on the ground. She watched as another officer tried to reach her body.

“He was itching to get her,” Inman said. “He kept radioing in, can he please get her, and he was told no because it wasn’t secure. You could see that male sheriff crying — he wanted to get her, he wanted to get her bad.”

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## Marian S. Wulff

Marian S. Wulff, 83, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at Oak Creek Rehabilitation Center in Kimberly after complications from a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Marian was born Aug. 17, 1927, in a log home near Ten Mile, Ore., to Melvin and Nannie Meador. The birth itself was a miracle as Nannie gave birth to Marian alone with only Marian's 7-year-old brother to help. Marian graduated from Yakima High School with honors in 1946, after being selected to the National Honor Society.

At age 21, she moved to San Antonio for several years before relocating to Boise, where she gave birth to her son, Mike, and then a daughter, Jan. In 1969, Marian moved again, this time taking her family to Dallas where she worked in the FBI's field office. Within a few years, she returned to Boise to embark on a career with the U.S. Postal Service. During this time, she met and eventually married Charles "Bill" Wulff. She retired in 1985 at the postmaster of Filer before coming out of retirement in 1988 to care for her grandson, William.

She worked as a bailiff for the Twin Falls Judiciary



System before leaving to work at Immanuel Lutheran and Oregon Trail Elementary, in order to see her grandson.

Marian was a devout woman who took her faith quite seriously, even helping to found the Jail Ministries, a program where women from local churches make weekly visits to the jail to try and help the inmates. She was a woman of good humor and strong character and charmed everyone whom she met. Marian was also a lover of music and literature.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; and daughter, Jan.

She is survived by and will be sorely missed by her son, Mike (Wanda) Miller; step-daughter, Lisa (Dan) Vickers; and grandchildren, Carly (Casey) Walton and William Peralta.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." A celebration of Marian's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Burial will follow in Twin Falls Cemetery. To share a memory of Marian or offer condolences to Marian's family, please visit [www.whitemortuary.com](http://www.whitemortuary.com).

## John V. Honcik

BUHL — John V. Honcik, 76, of Buhl, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

John was born in Howells, Neb., on Feb. 9, 1934, to Lillian and John Honcik. He was the youngest of three children. In 1937, John's family moved to Idaho due to the drought in Nebraska. After arriving, John attended Deep Creek School and then graduated from Buhl High School in 1952. In 1954, he joined the Army and served as a tank mechanic until 1956, when he came back to Idaho to help with the family farm. In June of 1957, he married Anita Hill, and they settled on his father's farm west of Buhl, where he also ran a small dairy. He retired from farming in 1999.

John was a community-minded individual. He served on the Buhl School Board for seven years and recently announced his res-



ignation from the Twin Falls Canal Company Board of Directors, where he served for 15 years.

John is survived by his sons, David Honcik and Chris Honcik; his daughter, Jennifer Honcik; Chris' wife, Thy, and kids, Thoren and Maila.

For all who knew John, he was held in high regard for his strong work ethic, sense of fairness and sound judgment. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends and the community which he served for so many years.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with a viewing one hour prior to the vigil. For those who desire, contributions may be made to Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise.

## Jack Emerson Curtiss

FILER — Jack Emerson Curtiss, 82, of Filer and formerly of Jerome, passed away Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at his home.

He was born June 15, 1928, in Rushville, Neb., the son of Leroy Edward Curtiss and Eda Carrie Peterson Curtiss Knaus. Jack was raised in Rushville and graduated from high school there in 1946.

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. Following an honorable discharge, he attended vocational technical college. In 1953, he married Katherine Ann "Katie" White. Together, they raised six children. Jack spent many years working as a sales rep in the roofing and siding industries. He also owned and operated the Maple Leaf Motel and The Four Pines Resort in Minnesota. In 1978, Jack and Katie settled in Idaho.

Jack loved fishing and bird hunting. He was a devoted Nebraska Cornhuskers football fan and an avid Lakers fan dating back to their start in Minnesota.

He especially enjoyed traveling with Katie in their RV.

Jack is survived by five children, John (Kathy) Curtiss of Meridian, Idaho, Mary Jensen of Filer, Idaho, Joe (Marilyn) Curtiss of Little Falls, Minn., Tom (Kelly) Curtiss of Sagle, Idaho, and Anne (Mark) Jackson of Jerome, Idaho. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Katie; and their daughter, Cathy.

In accordance with Jack's wishes, private family services will be held. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome. "Go Big Red!!"

## June Simmons

June Simmons, 96, of Twin Falls and formerly of Buhl, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

June was born June 1, 1914, in Buhl, Idaho, to Barton and Lizzie Ewing. She grew up east of Buhl and attended the Cedar Draw country school. June married Lynn Simmons in 1930.

They had two daughters. During the Depression, when times were hard, there was always a pot of beans on the stove and homemade corn bread for neighbors and passersby at the Simmons' house. During World War II, the family went to California to help with the war effort; June worked at Hewlett-Packard constructing radios. After the war, they returned to Buhl and she worked in various jobs in the area. Lynn passed away in 1962.

June married Lloyd Cox. They purchased and ran the Yellow Cab Company; June operated the dispatch center. Lloyd died in 1972. June worked at the Jerome Tupperware plant until her retirement in 1975.

During her retirement years, she enjoyed traveling back and forth to California visiting her daughter, Rita. She was a member of the Pumpkin Holler Gang and



helped to create the characters and decorations used in the Sagebrush Days parade and the Halloween display at Pumpkin Holler. They spent many hours each year collecting toys and stuffed animals for the Head Start children who came to visit Pumpkin Holler.

June was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one daughter, Rita Simmons; great-granddaughter, Megan Burkhalter; two brothers; and four sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruth (Brandi Jones) Simmons of Twin Falls; grandchildren, Linda (Jeff) Downing of Seattle, Wash., Sandy (Tracy) Hansen of Buhl and Clay (Kimberly) Burkhalter of Filer; great-grandchildren, Drew and Graham Downing of Seattle and Brandon and Benjamin Burkhalter of Filer.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Luke's Magic Valley for their excellent care of June.

Donations may be made in June Simmons' or Megan Burkhalter's name to Safe Kids Coalition at St. Luke's Magic Valley or charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

## Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Tooley Otto

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Tooley Otto, 93, of Long Beach, Wash., died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010.

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Tooley was born Jan. 1, 1917, in Anselmo, Neb., to Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Tooley.

She was preceded in death by her four siblings, Maxine Dalton of Mountain Home, Idaho, John J. Tooley of Florida, Lois Jean Barry of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Coral V. Saunders of Buhl, Idaho. The Tooley family moved to Jerome, Idaho, where Betty grew up and attended school. She was married to Charles Perry Otto on Sept. 10, 1933. They honeymooned at Bald Mountain Lodge in Ketchum, Idaho, and returned to Jerome, where they farmed with family. In 1943, they purchased their own farm north of town, living and working there until 2001. Betty and Charles had three sons, C. Darwin Otto of Portland, Ore., Gary D. Otto of Jerome, Idaho (deceased), and R. Greg Otto of Portland, Ore.

While still helping with the farm, Betty started a new career in 1951 as a hot lunch cook at Pleasant Plains Elementary School. She then moved over to Jerome High School to run its lunch program where, in 1963, she was elected president of the Idaho Food Service Association. She was later



promoted to School Lunch supervisor for Jerome County. In 1973, she stepped into the position of Idaho State supervisor for School Lunch Programs, retiring in 1976. Highlights of her life in Jerome include being married to her husband of 67 years, completing her high school education through the College of Southern Idaho, becoming the first licensed female airplane pilot in Idaho in 1947, playing bridge with "Deep Throat" from the Watergate scandal, and frequent camping in the Sawtooth Mountains.

After retiring, Betty and Charles divided their time between Yuma, Ariz., in the winter and Jerome during the summer. They enjoyed dance parties in the desert, playing cards and visiting with friends from across the United States.

In 2002, after losing her husband the previous year, Betty joined hands with Ed Lauzon. They spent their winters in Yuma, Ariz., and summers in Long Beach, Wash.

She continued to play bridge, host family get-togethers and travel as much as possible. Whether in a tent, camper or motor home, Betty was always happiest sitting around a campfire with family and friends.

A private family service will be held.

## One of world's oldest women dies at 112

MIAMI (AP) — Onie Ponder, Florida's oldest resident and one of the oldest people in the world, has died, her son said Saturday. She was 112. Ponder died Friday morning at an Ocala hospice after a brief bout with pneumonia, said Carswell Ponder, 74, of Ocala.

According to the Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group, Onie Ponder had been the oldest

person in Florida and one of the 25 oldest people in the world. She was one of 1,000 subjects in the New England Study of Centenarians, conducted since 1994 by Boston University's College of Medicine.

"The good Lord had something to do with it. He treats me pretty well," Ponder told the Ocala Star-Banner at her birthday party in September.



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## SERVICES

**Luis Rodriguez** of Jerome, funeral Mass at 6 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

**Jay S. Maxwell** of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Emerson LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 pm. today at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

**Harold Richard Smith** of Twin Falls, interment service at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Daniel Henry McFadden** of Hagerman, graveside ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday at the Dry Creek Cemetery, 9600 Hill Road near Eagle (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

**Jenneve Velma Kral** of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl.

**Charles Ladd Smalley** of

Hagerman, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church in Buhl; visitation one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

**Blondina F. Ulrich** of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Alfred William Lampe Jr.** of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Patricia Clare Cawthon Murdock** of Jerome and formerly of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., service at noon Wednesday at the Jerome LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; visitation one hour before the service Wednesday at the church; graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 Horseshoe Bend Road in Boise (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

**Mathilda "Tillie" Heiman** of Wendell, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; no visitation.

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the North Side Pumping Company, will be held at the office of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, Friday, January 14, 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 Director is to be elected for a three year term:

**One Director from District No. 1**

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 14, 2011 and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 14, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of said Company.  
Dated this 10th day of December, 2010 at Jerome, Idaho.  
**NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY**  
BY: Terry Walters, Secretary

PUBLISH: January 2 and 9, 2011

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.

**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.

**One Director from District No. 2**

**One Director from District No. 4**

**One Director at Large**

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

PUBLISH: December 26, 2010 and January 2, 2011

### TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on **Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.** The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at **9:00 AM** in the **Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center** at the **College of Southern Idaho** in Twin Falls.

Director from **District 3 (Filer)** will be elected for a three-year term.

Director from **District 4 (Buhl)** will be elected for a two-year term. Petitions of Candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 2010.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2011 water supplies, water call and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stocks on December 31, 2010.

The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM on January 11, 2011.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 7, 2011.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

**TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY**  
Kay Puschel, Assistant Secretary

PUBLISH: December 29, 2010, January 2, 5 and 9, 2011

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association in partnership with the Idaho Department of Commerce seek public comment regarding the Idaho's Affordable Housing and Community Development program's 2011 Annual Action Plan. The Plan is drafted to comply with HUD requirements. Public Comment will be accepted beginning January 3, 2011 and will end @ 5 p.m. February 4, 2011.

A Public Hearing to receive comment will be held January 25, 2011 from 4:30-5:30pm at the Park Plaza, 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho. The location of the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with physical disabilities and a reasonable accommodation can be requested. Individuals who would like to give comment in person or by telephone and require language interpretation and/or special assistance to accommodate a physical, sight, or hearing impairment(s), which includes material provided in alternate formats, should contact IHFA at 1-877-4GRANTS (447-2687) or TDD (800) 545-1833 ext. #400 at least 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

The Draft Plan is available at:  
[http://www.ihfa.org/grants\\_actionpartplans.asp](http://www.ihfa.org/grants_actionpartplans.asp);  
[www.community.idaho.gov](http://www.community.idaho.gov). Public Libraries in Boise, Nampa, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Moscow, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Blackfoot. IHFA branch offices: 506 S. Woodruff, Idaho Falls; 1139 Falls Ave. E., Ste. B, Twin Falls; 215 10th St., Ste. 101, Lewiston; 610 W. Hubbard, and Bay 124, Coeur d'Alene.

### Submit comments to:

CDBG Program- Dennis Porter (IDC)  
[dennis.porter@community.idaho.gov](mailto:dennis.porter@community.idaho.gov); fax: (208) 334-2631;  
Department of Commerce- P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0093. HOME and ESG programs - Jeri (IHFA) [jerik@ihfa.org](mailto:jerik@ihfa.org);  
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**IF JANUARY 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Your upbeat outlook seems to attract better luck than usual. People tend to be helpful and supportive this month — but during February, exert rigid self-discipline and fulfill all your responsibilities, as you could lose ground if you go into debt or fail to follow the rules. In March your overconfidence could lead you to make promises or commitments that must be kept faithfully in April and May. Problems from the past can catch up with you and if not dealt with properly can cause trouble again in July. Although your business sense is good, you could be enmeshed by a get-rich scheme. Your best bet is to wait until after July to make major decisions or changes in your life.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The competitive spirit is cranked up, but congenial. You are delighted to have someone along for the ride, no matter what you do, in the week to come. Polished manners complement your vitality.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Advice seems to come straight from the trenches. People who have fought long and hard to achieve a position of prominence or enviable success might offer you words of wisdom in the week ahead.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Revive it if it's retro and revel in it if it's recent. Dig up things from the past or dive into the latest trends. Anything that is out of the ordinary or outside its time will appeal to you in the week ahead.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Fascinations and fantasies have fleet feet. You might find in the week ahead that a romantic conquest doesn't actually have commitment in mind and must quickly move on. Take pleasure where you find it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The vigor to vie for attention is a welcome visitor. You won't need to take any extra vitamins to successfully forge ahead in the week to come. You might catch the eye of someone with fresh, stimulating ideas.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Here today and gone tomorrow. Teamwork may mean rubbing shoulders with some romantically attractive individuals. You might have a great time this week if you don't take a flirtation too seriously.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The generation gap is closing. You might find that you share a love of the very old or very new with someone from a different age group in the week ahead. Bell bottoms or bling might be on your shopping list.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Trendy traits top the table. You might find that your tastes run toward the new and improved rather than the tried and true. You may take pleasure in lavish displays of affection in the week ahead.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Networking is a necessity. New contacts can be formed in the neighborhood or community. This week you might be able to include family members in a social event that changes your relationships.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Being a Brainiac can be a blessing. If you can quote Shakespeare or solve algebraic equations in your head, time will pass more quickly. You can entertain others in the week to come.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Have a plenty of apologies ready. You might feel that you continually have your foot in your mouth. Fortunately, people are in the mood to forgive and forget during the first half of the week.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Commitment can't cut it. In the week ahead, your favorite song might be "Don't Fence Me In," as you tend to bypass the same old crowd. New friends and faces are almost a necessity to bring out your sparkle.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 101 Lost and Found

**FOUND** (2) Shih Tzu male dogs. Brown & tan color. 1 wearing green coat & black collar with white skulls. Found in Burley on Overland. Call 208-678-4628 or 208-431-1642 or 208-431-7284.

**FOUND** 2 Dachshund cross dogs, 1 male, 1 female, between Buhl & Castelford. Can not keep. **539-6040**

**FOUND** Cat, young black & gray tabby, female. Found 12/26 on Lynwood Blvd. **208-358-2147**

**FOUND** Dog, female, north of Declo, all black possible Lab cross. **Call 208-654-2338**

**FOUND** Young black dog in Rupert area. **Call 431-4822.**

**LOST** Border Collie, mostly white, no tail, female, named Bell. Lost outside of Hazelton. **208-731-0665**

**LOST** Diamond stud earring. Possibly at the Christmas lights in the South hills on Christmas Eve. **Reward!! 208-733-7339**

**LOST** Golden Retriever, female, spayed, "Lucky", with choke chain, friendly, afraid of loud noises, last seen 12/22 on 500 S. 100 W. in Jerome. **Call 208-320-1449.**

**LOST** Lay out Duck Blind. Lost on Highway 30 in Murtaugh 12/23/10 between grids 4475 E. & 4775 E. **Please call 420-8867 or 432-5261**

**LOST** Maine Coon Cat on Carriage Ln 12/27. Large grey & white long haired male. Indoor family pet of 8 yrs. **Please call 358-3468** if found.

**LOST** Min Pin, female, blue/gray, Twin Falls on Fri 12/24. Answers to Peanut. **Reward. 308-2600.**

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7. Lab cross black/white adult male found at Murtaugh Elementary

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ACROSS

1 Risked

8 Orderly type?

14 Take a \_\_\_\_ attempt

20 Like the movie "Airplane!"

21 Hardly religious

22 Vacation choice

23 Specific item in a sleepwear collection?

25 Bridal trails

26 Rat tail?

27 Robert who played Roderigo in Welles's "Othello"

28 Royal pain

30 Back muscle, for short

31 Jacob's first wife

33 City west of Mesa

35 Complicated

37 Indy car's lack

40 Plated, in a way

43 Kyoto ties

46 Question

47 How a rock band's equipment damage was blamed?

49 Logging channel

50 Retriever's retrieval

52 Store charge, often

53 Mil. base stores

54 More than just nodded

55 Pianist John

56 Jazz trumpeter's nickname

58 Fixed up

60 Jazz trumpeter's nickname

61 Per se

63 Bite response

66 Fax forerunner

68 Amazonian oddsmaker?

72 Niblick, nowadays

75 Stuttgart title

76 Writes John a letter?

80 Thurman of film

81 Ejects, as lava

83 Hairy herd

86 Feast

87 Kathy of country

89 Pro \_\_\_\_

92 N.T. book attributed to Paul

93 Second lady after Tipper

94 Certain hip-hop dancer

95 Dressing room sprite?

98 Author Kesey

99 \_\_\_\_ Trophy: biennial European golf event

100 From head to foot

101 The "O" in "4 5 0," on a scoreboard

103 Ruhr valley city

105 See 69-Down

107 Intro for John?

108 Malaprop or Miniver

110 Turnover, e.g.

113 Hops-drying kilns

115 Advanced teaching deg.

118 Part of ASAP

120 Fabric softener delivered overseas?

123 Adopt the naturalist philosophy

124 Consecrate, in a way

125 Architectural molding

126 Fashioned

127 Dictators' underlings

128 Paddle-wheel craft

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1 Hammett canine

2 Believed, to Tweety

3 Smooch in the shadows

4 Aggressive pinballer

5 It might mean "I'm hungry!"

6 Hero's birthplace?

7 Narcissus snubbed her

8 "The Nutcracker \_\_\_\_"

9 1959-'60 heavyweight champ

10 Recital rebuke

11 Totally

12 "Grace Before Meat" essayist

13 Some bar shots

14 Climbed

15 Shots

16 Mozart's birthplace, now: Abbr.

17 Goat's friend?

18 Boating on the briny

19 Set of questions

24 "It couldn't be worse!"

29 Barrie baddie

32 "Dilbert" intern on stage, e.g.

36 Recital highlights

37 Dreads sporter

38 Richard's counterpart in the 1956 election

39 Girl leader?

41 German border river

42 Meet, as a challenge

44 Beatnik's "Got it"

45 Wrest

48 Record holder?

49 Slide show effect

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59 \_\_\_\_ volente: God willing

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65 Ginseng, for one

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71 Short

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73 A scandal often ruins one

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79 Jeremy and friends, in "Zits" comics

82 Yemen's capital

84 It's heard a lot in Los Angeles

85 Buckeye State

88 Three, in 84-Down

90 How a youngster might watch a parade, with "on"

91 End in \_\_\_\_

93 Apollo's instrument

95 Movers with motors

96 Uncomplicated type of question

97 "Great" feature of Jupiter

100 Quit

102 Quimby in Beverly Cleary books

104 Hammett hero

106 Play groups

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111 Christmas classic opening

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

At a pairs tournament what is the correct remedy if a partnership comes to the wrong table and starts to bid before the error is noticed? Should the result be thrown out for the nonoffenders? Should the offenders be penalized?

Musical Chairs, Pleasanton, Calif.

ANSWER: No, the board is not automatically thrown out, in that once the right players come to the table, they should try to achieve a result. Unless the auction takes a significantly different route, making the deal impossible to play, the new result should stand. I'd be reluctant to penalize the guilty pair unless they really did something willfully stupid.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

You recently posed this problem: You hold ♠ Q-7-6-4-2, ♥ 10-9-7, ♦ Q-3, ♣ A-Q-4. After partner opens one diamond and rebids two clubs over your one-spade response, you said that the best call is false preference to two diamonds. Would you consider using the fourth suit (forcing for one round) as a catch-all bid? Or do you play the fourth suit as a game force?

First Responder, Grand Forks, N.D.

ANSWER: I prefer the fourth suit by an unpassed hand to be a game force. The only time that playing the fourth suit as forcing produces a troubling result is if you hold invitational values with a weak suit of your own, no stopper in the fourth suit and no primary support for either of opener's suits ... as here. As a passed hand, either a raise to three clubs or a false preference to two diamonds is reasonable.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

If I open a weak two-bid and my LHO overcalls in a suit, is it ever acceptable for me to bid again, or am I supposed to assume my partner will always know what is right? I balanced with a takeout double on just such an auction, and my partner was NOT amused!

Double Dealer, Raleigh, N.C.

ANSWER: Just because a second action is unlikely does not make it impossible. If you have pre-empted with a two-suiter, you can bid again (at your own risk), and if you have a maximum and are short in the opponents' suit, you can experiment with a takeout double, so long as you trust your partner to take intelligent action now.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In third chair, with ♠ K-J-9, ♥ A-Q-7-3-2, ♦ 10-3, ♣ A-7-4, I made a two-heart overcall over RHO's one-spade bid. I caught my partner with one heart, four small spades, and only a three-count, and ended up taking a 500-point shellacking. Was I really so far out of line?

Risky Business, Olympia, Wash.

ANSWER: There are some hands where you might feel compelled to act with a five-card suit, and some where discretion is called for. Here, your apparently well-placed spade honors make an overcall acceptable to my mind, but give yourself jack-third of spades and a doubleton diamond king and I might be less inclined to recommend acting.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

As a long-time reader of your bridge column, I cannot recall a discussion of Stayman and its continuations after partner has opened two no-trump.

Upper Levels, Dallas, Texas

ANSWER: My usual methods include playing a three-club response as Stayman for four-card majors. (Puppet Stayman for five-card majors is an option, but not my preferred route.) After a three-diamond response to Stayman, Smolen applies, whereby bids in a major show 5-4 pattern with both majors, having bid the short suit. After a major-suit response, use the other major as a major slamtry, with bids of four of a minor as natural and strong, suggesting you also hold the other major.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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9	5	1	7	6	2	8	4	3

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Larry is too nice to say anything to them about these drop-in visits. They also make disparaging comments about their wives, complaining constantly about their "nagging" and their "faults." One of them has repeatedly cheated on his wife.

I don't want my husband around these men who obviously don't like their wives. I'm afraid what they say will "rub off" on him. I have explained the reasons I dislike his friends, but he says I have nothing to worry about. That doesn't change the way I feel. What can I do?

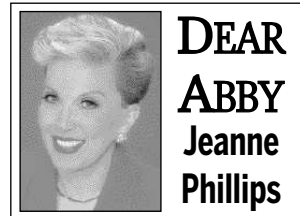
— **WORRIED WIFE**

### IN ARKANSAS

#### DEAR WORRIED WIFE:

Have a little patience and stop telling your husband you think his friends are a threat to your marriage. Instead, schedule as much social time as you can with other couples who have healthy relationships. It shouldn't take long for your husband to realize what sad sacks those two are.

Not all friendships last forever. Sometimes people outgrow them, and that's what I'm hoping your husband will realize without you acting like his "keeper."



**DEAR ABBY**

**Jeanne Phillips**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a long-time member of the U.S. Air Force who has three college-age sons and a 13-year-old daughter, "Carly." Their mother and I divorced eight years ago. I've done everything I can to stay a part of all their lives. My sons and I get out for an occasional round of golf or watch the game over dinner, but Carly and I have reached a disconnect. We were close until early last summer — swimming, shopping, vacationing or just hanging out at my house. She and my wife have a good relationship. But something has changed.

Now, when we make plans for a movie or dinner or whatever, Carly makes an excuse at the last minute to break it. I asked her what's going on, but she won't tell me. My wife says it's just her age, but I don't understand why I am the one who gets cut out of her life.

Carly's mother and I don't have the best relationship, and she's not interested in discussing these matters, but she says Carly is "just being Carly." Abby, am I worried about nothing? Is my wife right or could there be another issue?

— **STILL A DAD**

### IN THE U.S.A.F.

#### DEAR STILL A DAD:

Stop panicking and listen to the women. Your little girl may have been Daddy's girl until last summer — but she's a teenager now. It's normal for teens to disengage from their parents and develop interests of their own, so relax and don't push. Let Carly know you're there for her and eventually she'll start coming around again. What you have described is not unusual for girls her age.

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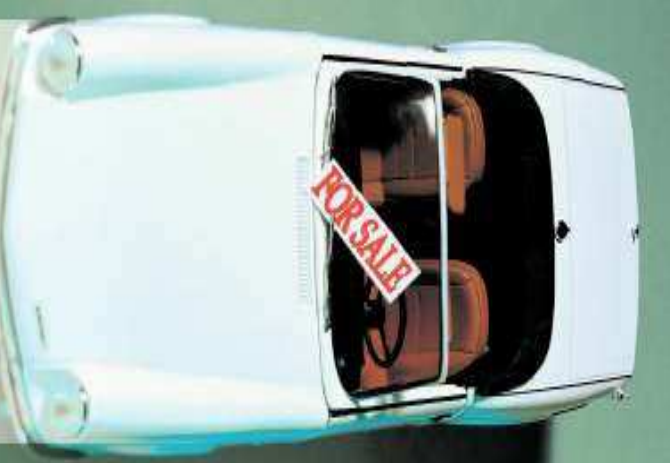
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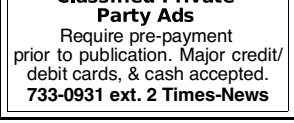
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# TODAY IN HISTORY

**On this date:**  
In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1959, the Soviet Union launched its space probe Luna 1, the first manmade object to fly past the moon, its apparent intended target.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts launched his successful bid for the presidency.

In 1971, 66 people were killed in a pileup of spectators leaving a soccer match at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1981, police in Sheffield, England, arrested Peter Sutcliffe, who confessed to being the serial killer known as the "Yorkshire Ripper" who had slain 13 women.

In 1991, Sharon Pratt (Dixon) was sworn in as mayor of Washington, D.C., becoming the first black woman to head a city of Washington's size and prominence.

Ten years ago: President-elect George W. Bush tapped Democrat Norman Y. Mineta to be his Secretary of Transportation, Spencer Abraham to be Secretary of Energy and Linda Chavez to be Secretary of Labor. (However, Chavez ended up withdrawing after it was disclosed she had given money and shelter to an illegal immigrant who once did chores around Chavez's house.) Ships made the first legal and direct crossing between China and Taiwan in more than half a century. Former U.S. Attorney General and Secretary of State William P. Rogers died in Bethesda, Md., at age 87.

Five years ago: A methane gas explosion at the Sago Mine in West Virginia claimed the lives of 12 miners, but one miner, Randal McCloy, Jr., was eventually rescued. The roof of a skating rink collapsed in the German town of Bad Reichenhall, killing 15 people. No. 4 Ohio State beat No. 5 Notre Dame 34-20 in the Fiesta Bowl.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, in his weekly Internet and radio address, said an al-Qaida affiliate in Yemen apparently ordered the failed Christmas Day bombing plot against a U.S. airliner. Texas Tech rallied to beat Michigan State 41-31 in a shootout at the Alamo Bowl.

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Jarid Mealer and his son, Zak, 21 months, play peekaboo Tuesday night at Jarid's parents' home in Twin Falls. Jarid's wife, Spc. Denise Mealer, is serving with the 116th Calvary Brigade Combat Team in Iraq.

Logging on for

FAMILY TIME

116th soldiers keep

in touch with Skype

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

In the 104 days since Zak Mealer's mommy left, a lot has changed.

The 21-month-old Twin Falls boy talks more, showing off animal sounds to guests. In November, he underwent surgery to remove an extra finger on his right hand. He's thriving at his day care, where he has plenty of friends and, his grandparents proudly report, a girlfriend.

And though Spc. Denise Mealer is on the other side of the world, she is keeping up with his development.

During the holiday season, Idaho National Guard families in Magic Valley are feeling the absence of their deployed loved ones. But the strain of separation is eased by Internet communication and cheap international calls.

On Sept. 20, the Idaho National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team left Gowen Field for training at Camp Shelby in Mississippi. In November, the soldiers deployed for Baghdad, Iraq. In both Mississippi and Iraq, they have had access to cell phones and Internet.

Denise's husband, Jarid Mealer, said Denise calls about twice a day, and the couple uses Skype — a free Internet video chat service — a couple of times a week. Through the Internet, she was able to see Zak's post-surgery cast and hear all about his progress. The computer and his mom are synonymous in Zak's mind now, said Jarid's dad, Brad Mealer.

Zak Mealer, 21 months, plays with grandmother Carol Mealer while his new toy truck sits in the foreground.



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"He thinks his mommy lives in there," said Carol Mealer, Jarid's mom. Every time they turn on the computer to check e-mail, Zak runs over and starts saying hello, even if Denise isn't on the screen.

Denise Mealer's mother, Barbara Enoch of Filer, talks to Denise about once a day on Skype. Enoch said she's thrilled her daughter is doing so well in Iraq, and it's comforting to get to see her, but the Internet didn't replace having her here for the holidays.

"This year all I got to do was cry and tell her 'Merry Christmas' on Skype," Enoch said.

Although it doesn't replace the soldiers' physical presence, it helps. Sgt. Armando Aspeytia of Twin Falls keeps in touch with his family on both Facebook and Skype. Regular status updates keep his friends in the loop, and Armando even finds time to post pictures, link to YouTube videos and play Facebook games like YoVille.

When Armando, a prior service Marine, served in Japan in the '90s, he kept in touch with his family through letters. But the almost daily video chats are much nicer, he said. They're also cheaper; Skype is free.

On Christmas, the Internet helped the family adapt the holiday tradition of visiting Aspeytia's brother's house.

"We have breakfast at his house on Christmas morning, but since he's here (in Iraq), they did it at my sister's house, and I Skyped them that morning," Aspeytia wrote in a message to the *Times-News*. "I got to see them and my wife and kids, even my dad who I hadn't seen since we left for Mississippi." Through the video feed, he got his first glimpse of his new nephew, born in mid-December.

The constant contact has made the separation easier on Aspeytia's three daughters: Marina, 13, Nyomi, 11, and Nadiya, 1. Yolanda Aspeytia, Armando's wife, said they often talk in the morning, while the girls are getting ready for school, or at night, just before they're getting ready for bed. The couple also figured out that Armando can use Yahoo Messenger to text Yolanda's phone, allowing her to get messages even when she's not next to the computer.

The girls still miss him, but they're doing much better than Yolanda thought they would, she said.

"It's going better than we expected."

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Brad Mealer holds out grandson Zak Mealer's old cast Tuesday night at his Twin Falls home. Zak recently had surgery on his hand, and his mother — deployed to Iraq — was able to follow his progress online.



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Jarid Mealer plays with his son, Zak. Jarid's wife, Spc. Denise Mealer, calls him from Iraq about twice a day, and the couple uses Skype a couple of times a week.



Photo courtesy of ARMANDO ASPEYTIA

Sgt. Armando Aspeytia poses for a humorous snapshot at a monument Dec. 21 in Baghdad, Iraq. Aspeytia posted this and dozens of other photos on his Facebook profile, which he uses to keep in touch with his family in Twin Falls.

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VIEW a gallery of more photos of Spc. Denise Mealer's family. [MAGICVALLEY.COM](http://MAGICVALLEY.COM)



# 2011: year of New Year’s resolution rethink?

By Leanne Italie  
Associated Press writer

Lori Biancofiori has been looking forward to 2011 for a long time. That’s when she hopes to leave 2009 behind for good.

Her husband was laid off, her salary shrunk, the transmission blew on their car and they racked up \$17,000 in credit card debt. Now, nearly three years later, her hubby’s working again and up for a promotion after months of clipping coupons, slashing expenses and sticking to cash.

The Chicago couple has never been more serious about a New Year’s resolution: to dig out of the hole by March.

“We want to start trying for a family in the summer,” said the 33-year-old Biancofiori, who works in human resources. “We’ve been putting it off since fall 2009. There was no way we could afford day care with the mess we were in.”

Has the uncertainty of 2010 prompted a resolution rethink? Does vowing to lose five pounds feel downright frivolous as the Great Recession lingers for so many?

Kelli Calabrese, 41, and her husband have been up against a costly property dispute, bad investments, three home floods, two broken water heaters, a few broken



Photo courtesy Skydive Oregon

Tyler Tervooren skydives with Skydive Oregon in Molalla, Ore. Losing his job as a construction manager last February led to a major resolution rethink for 26-year-old Tervooren. ‘The tough times inspired me to make 2011 the best year of my life,’ he said.

bones and the demise of numerous big-box appliances over the last 3 1/2 years.

Her husband lived through stints of joblessness in the mortgage industry and underemployment as they raise two kids. They spent thousands on repairs to their house in Flower Mound, Texas, ahead of a sale only to have the deal fall through \$15,000 later.

“This year extravagant trips, a new car and investing 20 percent of my income will not be making my resolutions list for 2011,” said

Calabrese, a personal trainer. “We’ve learned to re-identify need and greed.”

The economy remains a big focus at Mylifelist.org, a social network for goal-setters with more than 10,000 members.

“The major recession-related trend we’ve noted isn’t smaller goals as we anticipated,” said the chief operating officer, Shelagh Braley. “What we found are more people are using the site’s tools for practical planning, including budgeting and setting aside a

longer preparation time to make their achievements happen.”

In that respect, Calabrese is a patient woman.

“My joy is not going to be tied to my circumstances,” she said. “I’m going to focus on things that feel right to my heart and not the typical material things that I strove for and achieved in the past.”

Scott Crutcher’s circumstances in Venice, Calif., included laying off staff at his Web design firm and cutting back at home after his wife lost her job last fall. They’ve

got two daughters, 3 and 7.

His New Year’s rethink isn’t a downscale. He’s done that already. In 2011 he’s reaching for the sky by learning how to mountain climb so he can summit Mount Rainier in Washington state. He’s putting aside a bit of money each month to pay for it.

Taking on a challenge completely out of his comfort zone (“I prefer warm weather and live at sea level”) and feeling capable is important to Crutcher, 35, in the new year.

“It’s a tremendous test of will and strength,” he said. “Committing to a long-term training program will get me fully involved in something bigger than my daily life.”

The cost? He figures \$1,731 should do it if he rents rather than buys most of his equipment.

Losing his job as a construction manager last February led to a major resolution rethink for 26-year-old Tyler Tervooren in Portland, Ore. “The tough times inspired me to make 2011 the best year of my life,” he said.

Rather than sitting behind a desk thinking about high adventure, he plans to have some: running a marathon in South Africa on a private game reserve, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, making his way to Russia to

trek up Mount Elbrus.

How’s he paying for it? By blogging — about risk-taking.

“I decided to start my own business because there were no jobs available,” Tervooren said. “As long as I can find an Internet connection, I can keep the business up and running.”

Setting moneymaking and money-saving goals is driving some people who never bothered in the past.

“My New Year’s resolution is to have a marketing plan, versus not having one,” said Mary Beth Klatt, a freelance writer in Chicago who has developed two craft-related iPhone apps.

At 25, Marcie Polansky in Austin, Texas, decided two months ago to get serious about making her money stretch. With no investing experience, she’s been using GoalMine.com, a site that lets people who can’t meet minimums elsewhere into mutual funds for as little as \$25. She now has an investment plan that’s easily trackable online free of difficult jargon.

“It seems like every year I make financial New Year’s resolutions, only without any focus to them,” she said. “I wanted to save, to explore the world of investing, but I didn’t know how or where to start. It makes me feel like a grown-up, like I’m committing to a long-term goal.”

## 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:** Beef and noodles  
**Tuesday:** Baked ham  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce  
**Thursday:** Chicken a la king with rice  
**Friday:** Pork chops or liver and onions

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Foot clinic, 1:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday at lunch  
Painting class, 6 p.m.  
Basket weaving, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m. to noon  
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Painting class 1, 3 p.m.  
Painting class 2, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, noon

**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:** Chili hot dogs  
**Tuesday:** Roasted chicken  
**Wednesday:** Popcorn chicken  
**Thursday:** Pork chops

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Today:** Turkey dinner, 1 p.m.  
Last Resort Band

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**  
*222 Main St., Filer.* Lunch at noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 12:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
**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:** Ham and beans  
**Wednesday:** Beef stroganoff  
**Friday:** Meatloaf

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome  
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizen Center**  
*308 Senior Ave., Gooding.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Macaroni and cheese with ham  
**Tuesday:** Enchilada  
**Wednesday:** Beef stew

**Thursday:** Fish

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 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.  
Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Morning out, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Energy assistance  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Duplicate bridge, 1 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:** Steak  
**Wednesday:** Chicken garlic ravioli  
**Friday:** Meatloaf

**ACTIVITIES:**  
Piano music by Joyce Snapp on Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
**Monday:** Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Music by Fiddlers

**Jerome Senior Center**  
*520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.

**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Spaghetti  
**Tuesday:** Barbecued chicken  
**Wednesday:** Ham, macaroni and cheese  
**Thursday:** Malibu chicken  
**Friday:** Chicken alfredo over noodles

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Today:** Dance with music by Melody Masters, 2 p.m.  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exer-

cise, 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.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**  
*210 E. Wilson, Eden.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Beef and noodles  
**Thursday:** Russian burgers

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Wednesday:** Men’s Bible study and breakfast  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Pancake breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.

**Richfield Senior Center**  
*130 S. Main, Richfield.* Lunch at noon Monday and Thursday. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

**Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.**  
*218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone.* Lunch at noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilting, 10 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo  
**Wednesday:** Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo

**Camas County Senior Center**  
*127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield.* Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. Quilting, pool, table

games, puzzles, TV, videos.  
Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**MENUS:**  
**Tuesday:** Tacos  
**Wednesday:** Lentil soup  
**Friday:** Roast beef

**ACTIVITY:**  
**Saturday:** Fundraiser breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
*721 Third Ave. S., Hailey.* Lunch at noon Monday through Friday. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**ACTIVITIES:**  
**Monday:** Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.  
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**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.  
Crocheters and Knitters Anonymous, 1-2 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Movie, 1 p.m.; \$2  
**Friday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.

**Carey Senior Center**  
*Main Street.* Lunch at noon Monday and Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors.


**MENU:**  
**Monday:** Soup and salad bar, sandwich

**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.


**MENUS:**  
**Monday:** Chef salad  
**Tuesday:** Roast beef  
**Wednesday:** Chicken casseroles  
**Thursday:** Hungarian goulash  
**Friday:** Smorgasbord

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Laura and Kyle Maxwell play guitar with their 2-year-old daughter, Emma, in their Fayetteville, Ark., apartment. The family sold all their possessions and moved to Fayetteville from Alaska after their 7-week-old son, Preston, suffocated against a crib bumper in April.

# Hidden hazard of crib bumpers

## Newspaper investigation prompts federal agency to review safety of popular baby bedding

By Ellen Gabler  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — On what would become the worst night of his life, Kyle Maxwell fed his son, Preston, a bottle and rocked the 7-week-old baby to sleep. He put Preston in his crib, took a shower and went to bed.

The next morning, Kyle woke up feeling panicked. Preston wasn't crying or cooing from his crib across the hall. Kyle jumped out of bed and ran the few steps to the baby's room.

"That's where the world turned upside down," he said.

Preston was lying face down in his crib with his nose pressed between the mattress and crib bumper pad. Kyle screamed for his wife, Laura.

"There's no life in him," he remembers telling her, as she sobbed hysterically, holding their son eight months ago.

Preston's autopsy report said he suffocated after his face became wedged between the mattress and bumper pad, which wraps around the inside of a crib and ties to crib slats.

Federal regulators have known for years that bumper pads could pose a suffocation hazard but have failed to warn parents. The group that sets safety standards for bumpers — and is heavily influenced by bedding manufacturers — has discussed the issue but hasn't taken action either.

Now, in response to weeks of inquiries from the Tribune, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said it will re-examine the safety of crib bumpers. That includes reopening files on babies' deaths, evaluating the safety of bumper pads on store shelves and rethinking how investigators examine deaths where bumper pads are present.

The Tribune found that while the safety commission acknowledged it has gotten more than two dozen reports of infant deaths associated with bumpers in the past two decades, there could be more deaths that the agency dismissed or did not fully investigate.

The agency has downplayed the risk of bumpers, saying they were a "possible contributing factor" in a number of deaths but weren't necessarily the cause. Such investigations can be complex and can include other products in the crib like blankets or stuffed animals.

For years, bumpers have been a staple in many nurseries. They make cribs look cozy and help prevent babies from bumping their heads or getting their limbs caught in crib slats. Walk into just about any baby products store and bumpers are on every crib.

Preston's mom registered for his checkered bumper because she thought it was cute — and necessary.

"If I had heard one negative thing about a bumper, I wouldn't have used one," Laura Maxwell said.

Three years ago, a Washington University pediatrician sounded the alarm on bumper pad safety. Using data from the safety commission's files, Dr. Bradley Thach concluded that 27 babies' deaths were attributed to bumper pads from 1985 to 2005.

Thach and many other experts said such deaths are underreported because they can be wrongly labeled sudden infant death syndrome, unless a thorough death scene investigation occurs.

Thach said his study was dismissed by the safety commission. The agency has said many deaths cited by Thach had contributing factors or lacked clear evidence that a bumper played a primary role in the death.

But others have warned about bumpers, too.

The American Academy of Pediatrics urged parents not to use the products after Thach's study. The American SIDS Institute and the Canadian Health Department also say parents shouldn't use bumpers. Some states have banned them altogether, while Illinois prohibits using them while babies are sleeping.

Many parents still aren't getting the message.

"This is something people are buying and are told is safe to put into their cribs," said Nancy Cowles, executive director of Kids in Danger, a nonprofit group dedicated to protecting kids from unsafe products.

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**Babies can suffocate** because they lack motor skills and strength to turn their heads if they roll against something that blocks their breathing.

It's unclear how many babies have died this way. Medical examiners and coroners aren't required to report deaths to the safety commission.

Since 2008, the federally funded National Center for Child Death Review has received 14 reports of a baby suffocating where a bumper was relevant in the death, the Tribune found.

Meanwhile, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, in a span of 20 years, has received 52 reports of infant deaths in which bumper pads were mentioned but not necessarily ruled as the cause, according to a report released in July.

The agency said 28 of those deaths had been associated with bumper pads, meaning the product played some role in the death.

The remaining deaths might not have been fully investigated, the Tribune found. Commission spokesman Scott Wolfson said the agency would re-examine those files as part of its probe into bumper safety.

In the July report, agency staff said a medical examiner ruled that 24 of the 52 deaths were due to SIDS or entrapments in cribs. The agency declined to say how many of those deaths involved babies' faces being close to, or pressed up against, bumper pads. Several files ruled out bumper pads, such as when a baby suffocated face down in a pillow. The report also said 18 infant death files contained minimal information, but it's unclear if agency staff followed up with police or parents for more details. Manufacturers have cited the Consumer Product Safety Commission's report in claiming bumpers are safe.

The industry, however, was alerted to the safety hazard several years ago with Thach's study. His work was brought to an "infant bedding committee" of American Society for Testing and Materials International, which guides product standards. Bedding manufacturers are major players in the group; representatives of government and advocacy groups sit on the committee, too.

In response to Thach's work, a separate study on bumper pads was spearheaded by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, a trade group representing product manufacturers. The organization said the study isn't public yet and declined to answer questions.

Several retailers say they are aware of the safety concerns but still sell the products. Babies R Us asked manufacturers in 2009 to stop making bumpers more than 1 inch thick, but some older products are likely still sold. Alternatives have popped up in recent years, including mesh liners that babies supposedly can breathe through and bumpers that zip vertically onto individual slats.

There are no safety standards for the thickness or softness of bumpers. Bumpers also don't come with warning tags about the risk of suffocation. The standards group said it is trying to define "pillowy" then would urge manufacturers to avoid making that type of bumper.

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**Crib bumpers have been used** for decades, originally as a way to cover space between crib slats and to provide padding if a mattress didn't fit tightly in a crib. Crib regulations changed in the 1970s, mandating less space between crib slats so babies wouldn't get their heads caught.

The government has received reports of injuries where infants got their limbs caught in crib slats, although no fatalities were reported.

Many caregivers think bumper pads are a must.

Tami Vanderwilt wanted

"This is something people are buying and are told is safe to put into their cribs."

— Nancy Cowles, executive director of Kids in Danger

her grandson, Aiden Lopez, to have a safe place to sleep.

Last February, Vanderwilt played with the 6-month-old before his afternoon nap.

Around 1:30 p.m., her daughter, Rhiannon Lopez, put Aiden down for a nap in Vanderwilt's guesthouse. An hour later, Lopez burst through the back door, shrieking. Then Vanderwilt saw her daughter holding Aiden.

Lopez had found her son in the corner of his crib with his face pressed against a bumper. His grandmother performed CPR to try to save him.

According to the medical examiner's report, Aiden suffocated. A detective who examined the scene after the baby was found noted that the bumper pad in the left corner of the crib was pushed down against the mattress.

The safety commission wouldn't comment on Aiden or Preston's deaths, but said it can be difficult to determine how or why a child died.

A baby could have been sleeping with a sibling, for example, or pillows or extra blankets could have been found in the crib too, the agency said.

Safety advocates said they know cases aren't always clear-cut but they say they worry that obvious dangers are being ignored.

"It's not that I'm denying there were other products involved," Cowles said. "But it was the bumper that the baby had their face up against."

Preston and Aiden's deaths included other products.

The night before he died last April, Preston was placed on a sleep positioner, a product that was supposed to keep babies from rolling onto their stomach. Positioners often have foam bolsters on the sides to keep a baby in place. Preston somehow rolled out of his positioner and landed with his face between the bumper pad and mattress.

In September, the safety commission and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning about sleep positioners and urged parents to stop using them, retailers to stop selling them and manufacturers to stop making them.

Preston's death was one of 12 deaths in the past 13 years involving a positioner, according to the safety commission. The commission wouldn't say why it took action against sleep positioners but not bumpers.

# A teen who asks for too much advice? How to deal

By Heidi Stevens  
Chicago Tribune

Your teenager calls you before he makes even the smallest decisions. How can you instill a little more independence?

## Parent advice

The next time he asks you for advice, mirror his question, asking him what he thinks he should do. Encourage him to come up with a solution, and support him for his creativity. It can be a gradual transition as he gains confidence in his decision-making.

— Verna Schmidt

Parents need to offer their children opportunities for independence throughout childhood. Young children love to help out in the kitchen. As they slowly gain confidence in cooking and the requisite safety habits, they can move on to helping a parent prepare meals and school lunches. Keeping their rooms clean and doing laundry are other responsibilities children can assume. Better that he try and fail at home than when he sets out to conquer the world and instead gets conquered.

— Mike Conran

## Expert advice

First, pat yourself on the back for raising a teenager who turns to his parents — as opposed to countless less reputable sources — for advice. Second, hatch a plan for helping him turn more and more to his own instincts.

"By the time children are hitting adolescence, our job isn't really to get them to converse with us, it's to get them to converse with themselves," says Brad Sachs, author of "Emptying the Nest: Launching Your Young Adult Toward Success and Self-Reliance" (Palgrave Macmillan, \$16). "Their internal inquiry is much more important so that when we're not with them, supervising them, they have the ability to make good judgments and ultimately make the best deci-

sions without a verbal dialogue between parent and teen."

This might go against your parental instincts, but press on.

"Sometimes in our effort to be good parents, we inadvertently hobble them from feeling autonomous or undercut their sense of self-sufficiency," Sachs warns. "When parents are overly available or perpetually on call in one form or the other, we're unintentionally telling our teens we don't believe in their capacity to manage things independently.

"It can be painful for parents to take a step or two back and difficult for the teenager, at first, to experience that disengagement," Sachs says. "But ultimately they'll interpret it as a statement of faith and belief in their capacities: 'I must be capable and self-reliant or my parents wouldn't be entrusting me.'"

No need for stealth independence-instilling, Sachs says. Next time your teen comes to you for advice, simply tell him what's up.

"This is the kind of decision I used to feel like I needed to help you make," Sachs suggests saying.

"But as I've watched you grow, it occurs to me you're able to manage these things, so I'm going to step back here."

Which isn't the same as refusing to help. Just calibrate the extent to which you help. Sachs recommends these starting points.

"You're in a complicated situation here, and there's no simple solution. Do you have a sense of how you want to handle it yet?" "You look like you've got some things on your mind. Do you want to run any of them by me?" "What are your concerns about what's at stake?"

And emphasize along the way that you have faith in your child's decision-making skills.

"Convey that faith by disengaging and taking a step back," Sachs says. "Usually when we put down the reins, they pick up the reins themselves."

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# Resolutions to bring you romance this year

By Ellen McCarthy  
The Washington Post

Yes, you'll start eating right and hit the gym more in 2011, but what about your love life? We asked eight people who spend their days thinking about other people's romances to suggest the relationship resolutions they'd like to see people make for the new year.

**"My relationship** resolution for 2011 would be for daters to stay in the moment! Don't look back at what you've done wrong. Don't think ahead — as in, is this person the one? Just enjoy the moment and enjoy the person you're with."

— Patti Stanger, star of Bravo TV's "Millionaire Matchmaker" reality show

**"To be** honest with each other. About everything — including money. We see so many people that are hiding things from their part-

ner, and that is always the downfall of the relationship, because nothing erodes trust faster."

— Deborah Y. Luxenberg, divorce lawyer with Luxenberg, Johnson & Dickens

**"Try not** to think of love as something that is measured in doses. Love is not a medicine for all your emotional ills. And learn to ask directly for what you want in a relationship. Keep in mind that your partner is not your parent. They can only provide what they are capable of giving, based on who they are and where they are in life."

— Audrey Chapman, host of "The Audrey Chapman Show" on WHUR

**"Resolve** to work on your emotional intelligence in order to improve your chances for finding healthy and satisfying love. This involves developing a greater awareness of what you are com-

municating both verbally and non-verbally to others, as well as learning to accurately read the messages that others are sending to you."

— Toni Coleman, dating coach

**"I'd like** to see people get a grip on themselves! I watch too many couples fight, disconnect and break up because our brains are instinctively wired to protect against hurt. It takes courage in the face of potential hurt to challenge the assumptions you make about your partner or the world, but when you start down this path, you create possibilities where there may have been none."

— Keith Miller, couples counselor

**"Start choosing** not to take things personally. When someone says something that's a little off, or doesn't return a call, or forgets something you said, resist the impulse to take offense. Instead,

consider that there's an explanation that doesn't involve you at all. Even if it ultimately was a personal slight, waiting for more information allows you to act, versus react — and often gives you time to put the 'offense' into perspective."

— Carolyn Hax, Washington Post advice columnist

**"People who** are not in a relationship need to resolve not to give up hope. And to go out and tell all their friends that they are looking and make themselves available to meeting new people. Those in a relationship should celebrate. But they also shouldn't take anything for granted, and they should resolve not to criticize one another. If there is something about the relationship that needs improving, they need to discuss it. But they have to make sure the timing is right. ... If you bring it up impulsively, you might end up doing

more harm than good."

— Dr. Ruth Westheimer, sex therapist

**"Don't focus** on the negative. The most effective way to boost happiness in a basically good relationship is to focus and strengthen what is already working. That positive energy makes you feel good and motivates you to keep going in the same direction. Optimism and a positive outlook also attract others to you. And stop buying into relationship myths. Learn the realities of relationships. The biggest reason couples split up isn't sex, conflict or lack of communication — instead, it's frustration. Specifically, frustration from unrealistic expectations about love, the opposite sex and relationships?"

— Terri Orbuch, author of "5 Simple Steps to Take Your Marriage From Good to Great"

## More brides informing guests with wedding websites

By Caryn Rousseau  
Associated Press writer

With friends and family headed to her California wedding from all over, bride-to-be Carrie Shields decided online organization was key.

"Really the wedding website was one of the first things we did," the 32-year-old public relations director from San Diego said. Shields is marrying fiance R.J. Jones, 36, who was born and raised in Wales. Their April wedding in Napa Valley comes four years after they met through friends.

"I knew people were going to have a lot of questions about what to do and how to get there," Shields said. "I wanted to make it fun and personal. I kind of jumped right on things because people were traveling so far."

Wedding experts at TheKnot.com and its partner WeddingChannel.com say their annual survey found 64 percent of brides now have a website to share details with guests about ceremony and reception logistics, registry information and travel accommodations. Web companies exist that allow couples to host wedding sites for free, while others charge a fee for access to fancier templates and tools.

The page Shields created



Carrie Shields updates her wedding website at her home in San Diego.

AP photo

has a personal and creative flair. It features a blue and orange frame with a brown background. The happy couple smile from behind sunglasses on a beach. A counter below them lets visitors know it's "151 until our wedding!"

"A lot of the people coming over, they've never been to America," Shields said. "I'm going to add a little bit about things to do in San Francisco, trying to take the guesswork out of it."

The experts at WeddingWire.com recommend that couples launch

their website at least six months before the wedding date to give guests as much information as early as pos-

sible. That allows enough time to make travel arrangements. WeddingWire also offers other online tools, including a program that lets guests RSVP directly from the website.

Carley Roney, editor and founder of TheKnot.com, said her site and WeddingChannel.com together host more than 500,000 wedding websites for couples.

"It's a simple, easy way of communication," Roney said. "It's really like going to the website for a restaurant or a concert event. Everything is in one place."

That's why more wedding website addresses are appearing in fancy fonts on the bottom of printed invitations.

"You're going to want to give the same information you always needed to have on an invitation: the name, location, time of event,"

Roney said. But things like dress code or babysitting services can be saved for the website.

Some sites let couples upload music or an audio track of their voices, video, animated graphics, or polls asking guests what songs to play or which appetizers to serve.

Roney offers three tips for setting up a wedding website:

**1: Don't assume** your audience is only younger friends, and remember your etiquette. "You want to keep things 'wedding and older people friendly,'" Roney said. "You don't want to go on and on forever. You don't want to put things like, 'please ship our gifts to.' Some of the etiquette that is wrong for wedding invitations is wrong for this too. To be making specific demands of your guests isn't appropriate."

**2: Include your** registry information. According to TheKnot.com and WeddingChannel.com survey, about 61 percent of guests find out where a couple is registered from their wedding website — a figure that has grown from 47 percent in 2008. "It really is becoming the absolute de facto way that guests are going to find out where you're registered," Roney said. "It used to be that brides were worried it was tacky, but it's simply not tacky. It's how it's done now."

**3: Get the word** out. Don't just create and publish the website and assume everyone knows it exists. "Send the information directly to your guests," sometimes more than once, Roney said. "You can't assume that something you put on your website was acknowledged by all."

## STORK REPORT

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

**Blaine A. Thomas**, son of Katie M. Thomas of Jerome, was born Dec. 20, 2010.

**Juan Jamil Perez Garza**, son of Ann Alicia Garza and Jose Perez of Gooding, was born Dec. 21, 2010.

**Yoni De Jesus Hernandez Gonzalez**, son of Juan Hernandez and Maria Dolores Gonzalez of Jerome, was born Dec. 23, 2010.

### St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

**Trinity Dejah Marie Brobst**, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth Markel of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 6, 2010.

**William Fredrik Munger**, son of Kjersti Veronica and Thomas Fredrik Munger of Kimberly, was born Dec. 14, 2010.

**Brayden Shane Jay**, son of Nicole Sherie Jay of Jerome, was born Dec. 20, 2010.

**Kelby Breyer Kimbrough**, son of Brandy Gail and Joshua Michael Kimbrough of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2010.

**Payton Hennessy Jones**, daughter of Alisha Renee McManus and Nathaniel James Jones of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 20, 2010.

**Emily Rae Gutknecht**, daughter of Erin Nicole and Kyle Ray Gutknecht of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 21, 2010.

**Kellan Michael Schilz**, son of Brianne Lynette and Michael John Schilz of Eden, was born Dec. 21, 2010.

**Carter James-David Bridwell**, son of Nicole Brianne and Cash James Bridwell of Jerome, was born Dec. 22, 2010.

**Henry Eli Clixby**, son of Chelsey Rhiannon and Joshua Cole Clixby of Jerome, was born Dec. 22, 2010.

**Kyla Nicole Braman**, daughter of Shannon Marie LeMaster and Jared Joseph Michael Allen Braman of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 22, 2010.

**Moises Osuna Frias**, son of Maritza O. and Cesar Ortis Frias of Shoshone, was born Dec. 23, 2010.

**Sofia Janice Golay**, daughter of Emilee Rose and Jarrod Michael Golay of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 23, 2010.

**Ana Cristina Olvera-Luna**, daughter of Maria Elena Olvera and Gerardo Olvera-Soto of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 23, 2010.

**Jaxtin Clay Henson-McGrew**, son of Lindsey Renee Henson and Abraham Lynn McGrew of Richfield, was born Dec. 22, 2010.

**Jace Alikzander Sabins**, son of Robyn Jo and Kyle Samuel Sabins of Jerome, was born Dec. 23, 2010.

**Emily Benavides-Alvarez**, daughter of Maria Alvarez and Juan Benavides of Jerome, was born Dec. 23, 2010.

**Ella Janette Nukaya Heck**, daughter of Heidi Lynne Nukaya and Noah David Heck of Buhl, was born Dec. 24, 2010.

**Jacob Russell Volquardsen**, son of Jamie Lynn and Justin Russell Volquardsen of Gooding, was born Dec. 25, 2010.

**Rahab Hazel Otto**, daughter of Miranda Rae and Marc Richard Otto of Boise, was born Dec. 26, 2010.

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## Weddings

### The Mallorys

Jeff and Amy Rasmussen of Burley, announce the marriage of their daughter, Emily JoEllen Rasmussen to Sheldon Roy Mallory, son of Russ and Denise Mallory also of Burley.

Emily and Sheldon were married on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010, in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held in their honor from 7 until 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at the Burley West LDS Stake Center, 2420 Parke Avenue.

Emily was born and raised in Burley. She graduated from Burley High School in 2009, and is presently in the pre-nursing program at BYU-Idaho.

Sheldon was also born and raised in Burley, and



*Emily JoEllen and Sheldon Roy Mallory*

graduated from Burley High School in 2005. He served in the Massachusetts Boston Mission for the LDS Church from 2006 until 2008. He is currently studying at BYU-Idaho pursuing a degree in financial economics.

The newlywed couple will reside in Rexburg, where they will continue in their college careers.

## The Rasmussens



*Lois and Blaine Rasmussen*

Blaine J. and Lois Nell Hunsaker Rasmussen celebrated 65 years of "wedded bliss" on January 1, 2011. Blaine and Lois were married on a cold January 1, 1946 in Rupert, Idaho. After their wedding, they celebrated by going to a dance in Heyburn.

Mom and Dad have lived in Rupert their entire married life, where they raised their family. They have five children: Michael Blaine (Cosette Garner) of Nampa; Bonnie Kay (James) Jensen of Preston; Kelly J. (deceased) (Shirley Hellewell) of Orem, Utah; Janie (Taylor Vearle) Payne, of Safford, Arizona; Jeffrey H. (Amy JoEllen Beck) of Burley, Idaho. They are also proud of their 28 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Mom and Dad have been wonderful examples of honesty, integrity and hard work. Dad worked for Roland Jones Potatoes for most of his married life, managing their farms. Mom worked for JC Penney for many years and continues to work full time at Rasmussen Funeral Home. They have always been dedicated parents and grandparents and we want to thank them for their love and sacrifice. When any of us have needed help or encouragement, they have always been there to assist.

We love you Mom and Dad, and hope you have many more happy and healthy years together. HAPPY 65TH!

## Anniversaries

### The Petersons



*Tom and Judy Peterson*

Tom and Judy Peterson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 23rd.

They have four children; Tracy (Vee) Peterson, Pam (Curt) Tidwell, Tyler (Jen) Peterson all of Bellevue and Travis (Brandi) Peterson of Louisiana.

Tom and Judy have 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. An open house to celebrate their lives together will be held at a later date.

You can send congratulations to 756 N. 4th St. Gannett, Bellevue, ID 83313.



# Kids Only



## Behind your two front teeth: What's in a mouth

By Howard Bennett  
Special to The Washington Post

If you have a mouthful of cereal or toast, I'd like you to swallow, rinse your mouth with water and sit in front of a mirror. You might need a flashlight.

Open your mouth and look at your teeth, gums and tongue. These are the familiar parts of your mouth that you see every day without thinking about them. Now tilt your head back and look at the roof of your mouth, also known as the palate. There are two parts to the palate. The ridged part in the front is the hard palate, and the squishy part in back is the soft palate. When you swallow, the soft palate is pushed back, keeping food out of the nasal cavity.

Hanging down from the back of the soft palate is the uvula (yoo-vya-la). Most people have a single uvula. However, 2 percent of people have a bifid uvula, which means it has a forked appearance.

In the back of your mouth on either side of the uvula are your tonsils. They are pink lumps of tissue with a pocked surface that makes them look a little like fleshy golf balls. Because tonsils are part of your upper respiratory tract, they often get infected with viruses and strep throat.

Now comes the hard part. Stick out your tongue as far as you can. Some tongues are harder to examine than others. If yours isn't cooperating, I'm sure your dad will let you borrow his.

Do you see the big bumps on the back of your tongue? Most people have no idea what those bumps are or what they do. In fact, I often get calls from worried parents who were looking at their child's tonsils when they noticed the back of his tongue looked like the surface of the moon! Rather than being a sign of a hideous disease, these odd-shaped bumps are called circumvallate papillae (sir-cum-val-ate pah-pill-ay). The average tongue contains 5,000 taste

### Why your lips get chapped

By Howard Bennett  
Special to The Washington Post

Every season has its ups and downs. As far as winter goes, the biggest ups include time off from school, hot chocolate and snow. The biggest downs include freezing rain, the flu and chapped lips.

If you've ever sat in bed picking at a piece of skin that was dangling from your upper lip, you know why chapped lips made the list. In addition to enduring the physical pain that comes from having chapped lips, you also have to endure the "mental pain" that comes from certain adults nagging you to LEAVE YOUR LIPS ALONE!

If only it were that easy. Chapped lips beg to be licked and picked at, even though doing so clearly makes them worse. Chapped lips are the body's version of a Wet Paint sign. Whenever you see one, you instantly

buds. Although they are too small to see, taste buds sit on raised bumps, or papillae, that cover the upper surface of the tongue. There are four types of papillae: fungiform, foliate, filiform and circumvallate.

If you haven't gagged yet, curl your tongue so you can see its underbelly. The first thing you'll notice is a thin band of pink tissue that connects the underside of the

tongue to the floor of the mouth. This is called the frenulum. It helps fix your tongue to the floor of the mouth. (You also have two smaller frenulums, which attach the underside of your upper and lower lips to your gums.)

Finally, if you look at the floor of your mouth, you will notice that it's moist. This is because you have hundreds of tiny salivary glands

throughout your oral cavity. Although some kids think the purpose of saliva is to be able to spit, it actually contains chemicals that begin to digest starches in your mouth. That's why a cracker will taste slightly sweet after you chew it.

OK, time for you to go back to eating breakfast — or at least close your mouth!



#### LIPS TRIVIA

Your lips are red because the skin covering them is only three to five cells deep, which allows the blood vessels to show through.

want to touch the paint to find out if it's really wet.

Skin is a complex structure. The top layer, the epidermis, has two basic jobs: It keeps moisture in and germs out.

The outer layer of epidermis, the stratum corneum, does most of the work keeping your skin from becoming dry. It contains fat-based chemicals that act as a barrier, trapping moisture within your skin.

There are a couple of reasons why lips become chapped. First, skin on your face is thinner than skin on other parts of your body. As a result, your lips are likely to become dry when they are assaulted by cold air, dry air, sunlight and wind. Second, your lips have the unfortunate

attribute of being near your tongue. No one would lick their forearm because it felt dry, but the tongue can have a mind of its own and might take a big swipe at your lips before you think about it. After you lick your lips, the saliva evaporates, making them drier than they were to begin with.

The third reason lips become chapped is that, like the palms of your hands and soles of your feet, they don't have the oil-producing glands that are found over the rest of the body. As a result, lips produce fewer oils to help keep them moist.

Here are some tips to prevent and treat chapped lips.

- **Don't** lick them. Instead, coat them frequently with lip balm.
- **Avoid** citrusy and salty foods that can sting.
- **Don't** pick them. If you tend to pick without thinking, put cotton socks or gloves on your hands to stop yourself.

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# Wind

## Continued from Main 1 The BLM hurdle

In mid-October, RES hosted a Twin Falls luncheon to provide project updates and ask attendees to comment on two U.S. Bureau of Land Management documents: the Jarbidge office draft Resource Management Plan, released in September, and the wind farm's upcoming environmental impact statement.

In addition to small parcels of private and state land, the wind farm would spread across 30,000 acres of BLM land. Because the land belongs to all, BLM must decide whether a wind farm is its best use and weigh the project's effect on other possibilities. As such, BLM approval of a right-of-way lease remains the main hurdle for RES.

In general, BLM favors allowing wind power on public land. More than 50 BLM land-use plans have been amended to allow for wind power.

The BLM Jarbidge draft includes five potential wind policies, and the final recommendations chosen could last for another 20 years.

The more restrictive the policy, the harder it could be for RES to gain its lease.

So it can't be encouraging that the BLM's preferred choice curtails the use of wind power in the area in favor of habitat restoration for the struggling grouse.

### Sage grouse in trouble

Sage grouse populations are decreasing throughout the West, a primary cause being loss of sagebrush habitat to wildfire and development.

Scientists can't predict exactly how wind farms will affect sage grouse because few studies exist. But many agree their effect will be detrimental, and some groups want development stopped at least until more is known.

Perhaps most important is the looming effect of tall turbines.

"Grouse avoid anything that resembles a tree because of raptors," said Oregon Natural Deserts Association spokesman Matt Little, who opposed an Oregon wind project in 2010. "Even if hawks can't perch on turbines, the grouse don't know that."

Guerry said he has friends in Wyoming who have allowed 20 turbines on their land in sage grouse territory. He said they haven't seen any problems with grouse.

But a preliminary study in Carbon County, Wyo., indicates there are concerns. Scientists found that near turbines, the number of males displaying in leks — grouse breeding grounds — dropped steadily from 2008 to 2010. Nesting success was also low compared to other Wyoming populations.

The BLM started similar studies in southern Utah and central Oregon, and a collaborative that includes RES said this spring it's eyeing long-term studies on the subject. But those results won't be known for at least a few years.

An additional complication is that sometimes effects can be delayed; sage grouse declines due to oil and gas development weren't seen until four to 10 years after construction.

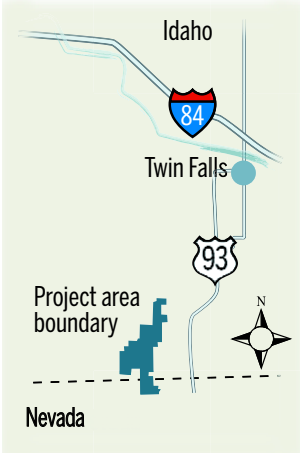
"Sage grouse populations respond slowly," said Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologist Dave Musil. "Population growth of 4 percent is good. So anything that knocks them down is going to further slow any recovery."

For almost two decades, Fish and Game biologists have tracked sage grouse surviving on Brown's Bench just east of China Mountain. They know the birds are in trouble.

One indicator showed up in lek counts. The 186 males courting hens in 2006 dwindled to 29 by 2010. As a result, biologists closed the area to sage grouse hunting this fall.

Sage grouse aren't migratory but can wander as far as 50 miles from their nests

## China Mountain Wind Project



before returning. Fish and Game biologist Brad Lowe plotted the movements of about 700 radio-collared birds in the Jarbidge area and found they regularly travel over China Mountain, although they don't go east of Salmon Falls Creek. Wind turbines could impede their movement.

"Forty percent of the flight paths cross the proposed right-of-way area," Lowe said.

Biologists know of at least 10 leks on Brown's Bench and more surround the project area to the north and west. Some of the Jarbidge plan proposals require that turbines be at least three miles away from leks. That would eliminate 30 turbines planned for the northern part of the project.

But if the BLM has its choice, the distance between leks and turbines will be five miles. This would eliminate turbines in all but the middle third of the project area. Approximately 66 turbines would remain — not enough to fulfill RES' promise of 200 megawatts to NV Energy.

The five-mile buffer is supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has named the sage grouse as a candidate species for federal protection.

### Conservation

Sage grouse nationwide are doing so poorly that in March, Fish and Wildlife said they warrant endangered species protection. They weren't listed because the agency said other species are in worse shape. But that won't be the case if sage grouse suffer more losses.

If sage grouse were listed, the China Mountain project likely wouldn't happen. The Endangered Species Act regulates a lot of activity once a species is listed, which is partly why local sage-grouse working groups have worked to preserve populations.

"The priority is keeping the birds off the ESA," said local working group facilitator Mike Pepper.

RES knows the wind farm faces resistance because of the sage grouse and in turn developed its own sage grouse conservation plan. It will be submitted as part of the wind farm's environmental study, which BLM Jarbidge Field Manager Rick Vander Voet said should be released in February if all goes well.

RES hasn't released its plan to the public. But spokeswoman Suzanne Leta Liou said the company would provide on-site restoration activities, evaluate the project's impacts on sage grouse and identify ways to make up for them. One of the big selling points is that research on Brown's Bench sage grouse can provide information for other projects.

The Jarbidge local working group has seen the conservation plan but members didn't say whether they support it. They plan to discuss and comment on the separate BLM resource plan this month.

"RES is promising \$15 million in mitigation money," said Pepper. "But does that get you through 30 years?"

### Unlikely to back out

Wind farms are still somewhat new to the region, so it's kind of the Wild West as far as what's allowed. Few siting regulations exist to protect animals and each project can become the next battle.

In mid-December, the Idaho Conservation League

joined with the National Wildlife Federation, the Audubon Society and five other organizations to ask RES to withdraw its China Mountain proposal.

In a letter to RES, the groups say they might not have questioned the project a decade ago. But now, the project threatens too much of the grouse habitat that remains after recent, massive wildfires.

Almost half of the region was already in "poor" condition when the last Jarbidge plan was written in 1987. Then, the 2007 Murphy Complex Fire alone destroyed 70 percent of the area's remaining sage grouse nesting habitat. Subsequent fires, including this year's Long Butte Fire, have burned additional swaths into the sagebrush.

"We expect that RES ... is committed to forward thinking on environmental issues and to responsible project siting," the letter stated.

"This is one exchange in a long, involved conversation," said ICL spokeswoman Lara Rozzell. "We've been joined in our concerns by the BLM and sportsmen, and we want to encourage (RES) to look at other places."

The Hailey-based Western Watersheds Project sent a similar letter in October, saying that mitigation for the loss of sage grouse wouldn't be sufficient to preserve the populations.

RES already has 40 operational wind farms across the U.S. and Canada producing more than 4,100 megawatts. Another six are under construction that would produce another 1,000 MW.

Pulling out of China Mountain may have minimal effect on the company's

bottom line, but RES isn't likely to give up now.

"RES firmly believes in developing an environmentally sustainable project," Leta Liou said when asked if RES would consider withdrawing. "We believe firmly that this project will provide a net benefit to wildlife in the area."

The reason RES chose China Mountain in the first place is that it's an oil gusher of the wind world.

It is one of the few places in southern Idaho with winds rated as "excellent" to "outstanding," according to data from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

RES continues to verify the wind data with nine measuring towers installed around the China Mountain site. Leta Liou said RES received approval to install a 10th tower on private land, but has to wait until spring.

"Our in-house data team has found this site is one of the best areas in Idaho and Nevada," she said. "Just a little change in the resource results in a big change in price."

ICL and others in turn point to the glut of Idaho wind projects popping up on sites with less than optimal wind.

"We are working with other conservation groups and renewable developers to identify the best places for renewable energy in Idaho," Rozzell said. "(China Mountain) is too special to lose right now, and we can't see how to replace it."

# German exchange student injured at Montana ski area

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — Authorities in northwest Montana say a 16-year-old foreign exchange student from Germany is in critical condition after being found in a tree well near the summit of Whitefish Mountain Resort ski area.

A spokeswoman at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Saturday said the Columbia Falls High School student is in the intensive care unit.

Authorities told the *Daily*

*Inter Lake* that two other skiers found the student about 11 a.m. Wednesday when they saw skis sticking out of the snow and called ski patrol.

Emergency responders say they detected a pulse after taking the student to a medical facility at the base of the mountain.

It's unknown how long he had been in the tree well before being found. His name has not been released.

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