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Marked for life

Harris' painful journey to CSI memorialized by tattoos, effort on the court

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

In quiet moments, alone with his thoughts, the pain rises to surface. It's then, when the heartache is so fresh, that Fabyon Harris wonders.

"I don't know, it's tough. I don't even know how I do it," said Harris, a freshman guard on the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team. "Sometimes I just think, 'How do I still do this? I just lost all these people in a short amount of time?'"

For most basketball players, the year's third month brings talk of March Madness and the Sweet 16. But for Harris, March 2010 delivered a far more horrific madness as his brother, a close friend and a cousin were shot and killed in a 16-day span.

It wasn't the first time news of a loved one's death had knocked on Harris' door.

Late one evening in 1997, Harris' mother, Tamiko Gultney, left her apartment for a quick trip to the grocery store. At midnight, Harris and his three brothers heard that knocking.

Their mother, pregnant with her fifth son, had been raped and killed, her throat slit. Her unborn child didn't survive. Harris and his brothers moved in with their grandmother, Charlene Gultney, on Chicago's east side.

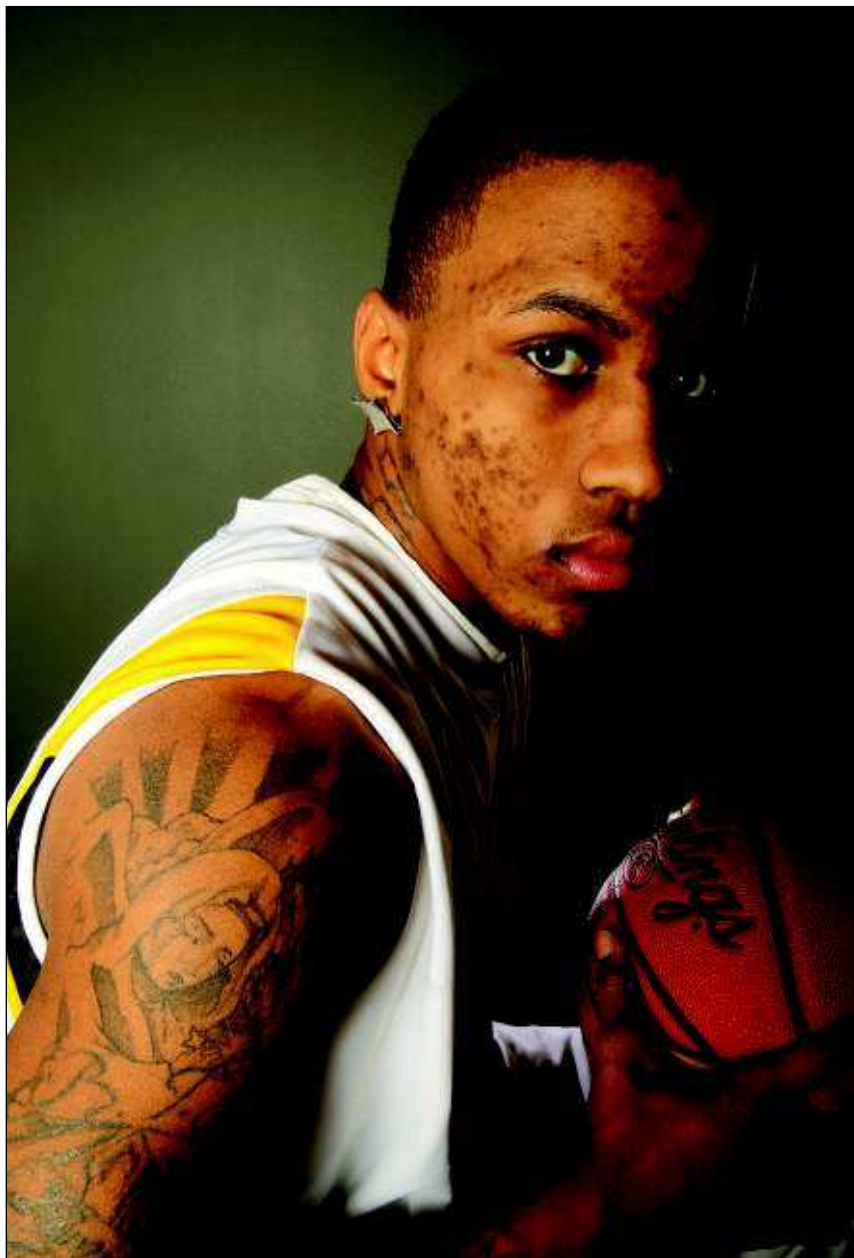
"After that happened, I didn't know where to turn, so I became a hothead," said Harris, 6 at the time of his mother's murder. "I didn't listen to nobody and nobody could tell me nothing."

But that brash exterior just masked Harris' insecurities and fears. He struggled in school and fell in with a troubled crowd. Sports began to pull him up, but even as Harris showed promise on the basketball floor, his fears surfaced.

As a high school freshman, Harris had the chance to play against current NBA star Derrick Rose, but when his coach told him to check into the game, Harris refused.

"I was scared," he said.

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Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho freshman men's basketball player Fabyon Harris shows his tattoo in remembrance of his mother, Tamiko Gultney, who was killed in Chicago in 1997. Harris has tattoos in remembrance of his mother and his brother, cousin and close friend who were killed last year.



Fabyon Harris marked 'RIP' and the names of family and friends who died back in Chicago on the shoes he wears while playing for the 17-2 Golden Eagles.

Hansen refuses to pay for SIRCOMM

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County residents have picked up a tab of about \$15,000 in recent years for the city of Hansen's refusal to pay for a service it says it doesn't use.

The county bills St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center and 15 municipalities and districts for their use of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center's emergency dispatch services. Only Hansen has not started paying its most recent bill of about \$8,000 for the year, but city officials argue it shouldn't be billed because its emergency response is covered by those who have paid.

"Hansen has never paid," said Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer. "It's been a conflict for years."

No one — not from Hansen or the county — remembers the city ever paying since SIRCOMM's creation in 1996. There have been holdouts in past years: In 2003, a Kimberly city councilman wrote an opinion piece in the *Times-News* arguing the city shouldn't need to pay. In 2007, the county covered almost \$29,000 in unpaid SIRCOMM bills.

'Double-dipping the taxpayers'

Hansen Mayor Chad Urie said residents of his city, like everyone in the county, pay a \$1 monthly fee through their phone bills for 911 services. The city also pays Kimberly, now up-to-date on its SIRCOMM bills, for police protection and is part of the Rock Creek Rural Fire District, which also pays into SIRCOMM. That means when someone in Hansen dials 911, SIRCOMM dispatchers send that call to another agency that's already paid up.

"We have a limited budget, we don't use any of the services of SIRCOMM, and that money would just be better served in the community rather than giving it to the county," Urie said. "The county levies taxes, the city levies taxes, and we have to pay chunks out of both for this program and we don't know why."

Todd Stimpson, president of the Hansen City Council, called it "double-dipping the taxpayers."

Twin Falls County Commission Chairman George Urie — Chad Urie's father — was the Hansen

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Legislative 'listening hearings' to begin

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

BOISE — An experiment and departure from tradition is up next in the Legislature.

It involves the public, too.

In the coming week, legislators on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will listen to public testimony from citizens before they write budget bills that are presented to the House and Senate for a vote.

It's a shift because JFAC is the only legislative committee that hasn't historically heard testimony from citizens. Usually, the committee only hears from the state's analysts who crunch numbers and agency heads who present their budget proposals.

The change reflects the committee's desire to take more public input before making tough budget deci-

sions with limited dollars to fill all the needs.

"We will listen to public's concerns, suggestions and ideas," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and co-chairman of JFAC.

This first hearing, scheduled for Friday, is for the public schools budget. The next one, set for Jan. 28, is for the health and welfare budget.

Though people can testify about any part of the state budget, education and health and welfare are its two largest pieces.

Before you make your way to the State Capitol to let lawmakers know what's on your mind, here are a few tips:

- No reservations are needed. The opportunity to testify will be on a first-come, first-served basis for the three-hour hearings.

- Keep it short. Lawmakers want to hear from as many peo-

BE HEARD

The Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will take public testimony for the first time ever this Friday.

Here's where to get involved:

- First listening hearing: 8 to 11 a.m. Friday, on the public schools budget.

Where: Senate Auditorium Room, State Capitol.

- Second listening hearing: 8 to 11 a.m. Jan. 28, on the health and welfare budget.

Where: Senate Auditorium Room, State Capitol.

ple as possible. There will be an enforced three-minute time limit for individual testimony. To plan ahead, get out a stopwatch and try rehearsing.

- Don't expect answers.

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Domestic violence court to expand in 5th District

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

South-central Idaho courts hope to join neighboring judicial districts in an effort to reduce the area's number of repeat domestic violence offenders.

On Monday, 5th Judicial District Magistrate Judge Rick Bollar outlined for Cassia County commissioners the expansion of a domestic violence court that would deal directly with offenders and decrease the number of cases on regular court dockets.

The domestic violence court pilot project for the 5th Judicial District

debuted in December in Mini-Cassia with help from county probation offices. Bollar recently completed an application for an Idaho Supreme Court grant, asking for more than \$54,000 to fund a domestic violence coordinator position and \$1,500 to pay a court interpreter. The Supreme Court is expected to respond to the funding request within four weeks.

"If we don't get the money, we'll just do without a coordinator," Bollar said. "I was originally going to ask for less but they told me to ask for full funding, so I'm encouraged."

The domestic violence court is different from other courts that focus on certain types of offenders, such as the felony drug or driving under the influence courts, in that completing the court doesn't defer the criminal process, Bollar said. Its mission is identifying and discouraging repeat violence and working with victims.

An independent evaluation of domestic violence courts in Idaho's 6th and 7th judicial districts showed a decrease in criminal and civil protection-order violations since the courts were

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TODAY’S HAPPENINGS

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Pat Cook’s “Murder’s Bad But Monday Can Kill You,” dinner theater production by Buhl High School drama department and Phantom Pig Productions, 6 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 1631 Poplar St., Buhl, \$15 per person or \$30 per couple, 490-1992.

“Death of a Salesman,” presented by Random Acts of Theatre Players, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theater, Room 155, \$10 each, 420-3979.

“Harmony: Music of Life,” a BYU Young Ambassadors Concert, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts auditorium, 315 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$15, 732-6288.

“The Taming of the Shrew,” presented by the Twin Falls High School drama department, 7:30 p.m., TFHS Roper Auditorium, 1615 Filer Ave. E., \$7 for general, \$5 for seniors, students and children under 12, and \$24 per family of five, 733-6551.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Annual Christmas tree burn and hot dog roast, hosted by West End Fire and Rescue, noon, Paul Park (under the water tower), if you have a Christmas tree, bring it to be burned, free, 438-4128.

CHURCH EVENTS

History and Design of the Labyrinth, learn how labyrinths have been designed and used for meditation and spiritual tools, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, free, 280-0491.

Labyrinth Meditation Walk, meditate while you walk a replica of the labyrinth in the cathedral at Chartres, France, 2 to 8 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, freewill donation, open to the public, 280-0491.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Tame Your Junk Mail, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tully’s and Iconoclast in Ketchum or Hailey Coffee Co., provided by Environmental Resource Center, Sawtooth Botanical Garden and local school groups, free, 726-4333.

Annual Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce meeting and awards banquet, installment of new board officers and awards, 6 p.m., The Historic Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, limited seating, \$40 per person, 733-3974.

LIBRARY

“Saturday Movie Matinee,” documentary on Michael Jackson’s last concert in London, 3 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., free, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 109.

“Magic Carpet Made of Steel,” Journey Stories presentation by Bill Rossiter, 1 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., includes railroad songs and stories, free, open to the public, 324-7544.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium “The Dinosaur Chronicles” at 2 p.m., **“Greatest Wonders of the Universe”** at 4 p.m., **“Oceans In Space”** with a live sky tour at 7 p.m., and **“Pink Floyd: The Wall”** at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, CSI campus, afternoon and 7 p.m. shows: \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students, 8:15 p.m. show: \$4.50 for all ages, 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

SPORTS

Winter Tennis open house and clinic, hosted by the Magic Valley Tennis Association and the Twin Falls YMCA, 9 a.m., Twin Falls YMCA, Elizabeth Street, for ages 6 and older and adults who are not members of the MVTA, free, 404-6975 or mvtennis@hotmail.com.

Cyclocross Bicycle Race, presented by South Central Idaho Cyclocross Association, 10:30 a.m., O’Leary Middle School, Twin Falls, for all ages, free, 352-0103.

MVTA Members Only clinic and social, hosted by the Magic Valley Tennis Association and the Twin Falls YMCA, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls YMCA, for teens and adults who are current MVTA members and sponsors, bring a snack for social, free, 404-6975 or mvtennis@hotmail.com.

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

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Minidoka Dam replacement effort hinges on federal money. **MAIN**

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CORRECTION

Dairy receipts incorrect

A Thursday article about the Idaho National Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies incorrectly stated the 2010 projected cash receipts for dairy. A recent study by University of Idaho economists found that Idaho dairy receipts for 2010 are an estimated \$1.95 billion. The *Times-News* regrets this error.

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Harris

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Harris credits his grandmother, his older brother Fabias Shipman and high school basketball coach Donnie Kirksey for pointing his life in a better direction.

“He pushed me to the limit,” Harris said of Kirksey, who molded the 5-foot-9 Harris into a star guard and an honor roll student at Chicago’s Hyde Park High School. “I stopped being a hothead and put the hothead in my game.”

It translated into a standout senior season that put Harris on the map with a host of college hoops recruiters.

But on March 12, 2010, Harris’ world spiraled again. His brother Fazion Robinson was attending night school in an effort to graduate high school with Harris. He never got the chance.

Robinson got in a fight over money he won in a dice game. When the fist fight ended, his adversary, drunk and high at the time, shot Robinson in the back.

Robinson’s death hit Harris hard, but it wrecked his close friend Izael Jackson. “He was feeling like he had nothing left to live for,” said Harris. On March 25, Jackson led Chicago police on a high-speed chase that ended in Jackson’s death.

Two days later, one of Harris’ cousins was shot twice in the head.

A mother, a brother, a friend, a cousin — gone but not forgotten. Harris carries them with him, names of lost loved ones tattooed on his arm and neck. While the wounds still sting, Harris finds motivation in their memories.

“If they were still here, the people I lost, they’d want me to continue to play basketball,” he said. “The people I lost, they’ve been to all my games. Every game I played in, they was there. If I stop now, that’s just like letting them down.”



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho freshman guard Fabyon Harris, 19, has helped the 12th-ranked Golden Eagles to a 17-2 start as a key backcourt contributor.

It’s a truth Harris discovered on the day of his brother’s funeral. He was scheduled to play in an all-star game just hours after the funeral but decided to stay home. At the urging of family and friends, he changed his mind, played in the game and earned most valuable player honors.

“I just played,” said Harris. “I played my heart out, too. All of them was in the crowd and I was like ‘I really do love this basketball.’”

But Harris’ dream of playing college basketball met its own road bumps. He originally committed to play at Northern Colorado, then Southern Methodist in Dallas. But both gave scholarships to other guards and asked him to pay his own way to school and walk onto their teams, something he couldn’t afford.

He settled on Howard College, a Texas junior college, but after testing well in the ACT, was flooded with interest from NCAA programs. Hometown DePaul University offered a scholarship, but Harris wanted to leave Chicago. He signed with Houston in May and

spent two months there before learning his test score had been disputed and he wouldn’t be cleared to play. Houston asked him to stay as a student and pay his own way. Unable to foot the bill, Harris requested a release and transferred to Howard.

His stay there was even briefer. He and two of his new teammates went to a local Walmart to get some things for their dorm rooms. They approached the register around midnight, but no employees were in sight due to a shift change. One of Harris’ teammates grabbed the cart and ran out the front doors.

Harris watched in shock. “We just robbed this place,” he recalled thinking. All three players were dismissed from Howard’s team.

Harris is making the most of his stability and second chance at CSI, where he signed in early September. He’s averaging nearly 10 points, two rebounds and two assists per game for the 12th-ranked Golden Eagles despite playing second fiddle to some of CSI’s more experienced guards.

There are times when the

horrors of last March surge to the front of his mind, taking his focus from the court or the classroom. But somehow, Harris gets through most days with an upbeat attitude and a smile.

“It’s amazing what a nice kid he is and what a genuine kid he is with all the crap he’s been through,” said CSI assistant coach Colby Blaine.

“Put me in that same situation and I don’t think I’d turn out as good of a person as he is,” said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. “It’s a real testament to the strength of his character. The hope he has is pretty amazing. He just keeps picking himself up from each difficult incident. He’s a resilient young man.”

To his credit, Harris, 19, has found a way to extract some positives from the nightmares of his past.

“It’s made me stronger,” he said. “It’s made me think about life. You only got one chance to live it, so live it right. That’s what I’ve been doing.”

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Hansen

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mayor before his election to the commission. He didn’t pay the bill either, mostly because no contract between the city and county was signed. But now as commissioner, he said he sees more of the county’s side.

“It isn’t fair that one doesn’t pay and others do,” he said.

When George Urie was Hansen’s mayor, the bill was only \$600 annually — a small enough amount that it could be counted as uncollected revenue, said Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock. But about three years ago, negotiations with Kimberly separated the two populations and Hansen’s bill jumped to almost \$7,000. It’s risen steadily since.

George Urie, like his son, points to poor planning by the county as the reason for Hansen’s holdout.

“We just got a bill (from the county at SIRCOMM’s start) saying we owe so much to SIRCOMM,” George Urie said. There was no contract signed between the city and

the county. “It was poorly done and it wasn’t done very well.”

Because the county and Hansen signed no agreement on SIRCOMM payments, there are no legal teeth behind making the city pay, a fact Kramer says Hansen is taking advantage of.

And SIRCOMM can’t cut Hansen’s service to only the essentials, as it did with Kimberly, because it offers no direct service to Hansen, George Urie said. He and Kramer said they wouldn’t support anything that jeopardized people’s safety anyway.

A SIRCOMM representative has come to sell the service to Hansen as recently as this fall, but Chad Urie and Stimpson said it reinforced the thought that they don’t benefit from the center. Chad Urie also emphasized that he would be more than happy to speak with the county and work out a plan.

Inequality in the system

The county and Hansen have negotiated in the past, Kramer said, but it never got very far. Once again, that’s at least partly due to the lack of

contract and legal force, George Urie said.

Regardless, Kramer said it is Hansen’s “obligation to pay,” and that “we hope they feel that also one day.”

George Urie also pointed to inequity between communities: Hollister doesn’t get billed for SIRCOMM but Castleford, which has no fire or police service of its own either, pays its share.

“It’s a dilemma,” George Urie said of how to get Hansen to pay up, or at least how to fix the system. “And in fairness to the rest, we should be doing more.”

Glascock said she has no record of why Hollister wasn’t included in the billing system. Changing which municipalities get billed and which don’t would be up to the commissioners, she said. George Urie said he imagines the county probably will sit down with Hansen officials in the coming months to find a resolution.

State law also may be in the way: George Urie pulled up state statute that prevented the \$1 fee per phone line from being used for SIRCOMM’s day-to-day operations. Glascock said

that doesn’t cover the 911 calls and the support services provided by SIRCOMM.

Chad Urie said the funding formula to pay for SIRCOMM is simply broken and, while no one likes taxes, it may be part of reforming the system.

“Everybody in the world hates taxes, and they hate more taxing districts, but if they want the service, SIRCOMM should become a taxing district,” he said. “For their own longevity and their own safety, they should get their own funding source.”

Chad Urie repeated that he didn’t want to cause trouble, and his city doesn’t intend to cause trouble, by not paying for the service. Nor does he want Hansen to become the rallying point for those against SIRCOMM. But his city can’t pay for it without cutting other services, he said.

“We just have limited resources and just can’t justify spending money on a service that we don’t use,” he said.

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Hearings

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The legislators are there to listen, not make final decisions. That’s why the

meetings are dubbed “listening hearings.” The budget decisions are still a couple months away.

• No back-and-forth. In that same vein, lawmakers won’t be there to do much

talking and it’s not intended to be a back-and-forth discussion. Remember, you’re the star of this event, not them.

• Other options: Nervous about public speaking?

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Little Wood	107%	51%
Big Lost	108%	51%
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Filer dairies given go-ahead for unique digesters

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

“Cautiously optimistic” was the phrase of the evening at a recent Twin Falls County planning meeting.

A dozen neighbors came to the Twin Falls City Council chambers Thursday night to hear whether the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission would award a special-use permit to L&S Land Holdings LLC for its unique plan for a Filer-area anaerobic digester.

Engineer Matt Thompson said a heavy plastic pipe, about four-fifths of a mile long, would transfer manure from Rock Creek dairies 1 and 2 across a field and Cedar Draw to a holding pit. From there, it would combine with manure from Dairy 3 as it entered one of six complete-mix anaerobic digesters.

Digesters are still somewhat new to the U.S., with only 145 in use, so the system will use German digesters modified for Idaho’s harsh climate. When fully operational, the

“I’m cautiously hopeful. If it works as advertised, great. It’s a lot of good words but we’ve heard them before.”

— Ed Smith, neighbor

digesters should reduce the waste solids by half and power up to 1,800 homes through a connection to Idaho Power.

But more important to the neighbors, the digesters should reduce the smell and flies associated with the more than 15,000 animal units belonging to the dairies.

The commissioners sounded positive but cautious. Commissioner Karen Dalton asked if any other system has used a pipeline. Thompson said he was unaware of any other project that had dairies close enough together for one, but he didn’t anticipate problems.

sion and the neighbors were acquainted with the details. No one spoke against it, although two members of the public — Ed Smith and Betty Slifer — made neutral comments.

“I’m cautiously hopeful,” Smith said. “If it works as advertised, great. It’s a lot of good words but we’ve heard them before.”

In the end, the commission could find no reason to refuse the permit.

“I hope it works out for people in Filer and clears up the air a bit,” said Commissioner Robert Potter.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS
Justin L. Morris, 23, Buhl; driving under the influence, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 1.
Joseph M. Duquette, 30, Portland, Ore.; fugitive, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, fugitive hearing Jan. 21.
Thomas R. Madison Jr., 25, Kimberly; domestic battery-children present, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 1.
Kyle A. Rienstra, 21, Jerome; driv-

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ing without privileges, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 1.
Larry M. Bills, 55, Twin Falls; grand theft by possession of stolen property, \$50,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 21.

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started in 2006. The 4th District also has a domestic violence court. Idaho Supreme Court documents report that Bonneville County had a 61 percent decrease in criminal no-contact order violations between 2006 and 2009.

Bollar told Cassia County commissioners the court can operate through the probation department, which has proven it can recoup costs to pay for other programs, so the counties would pay only incidental costs. Bollar said the court also recruits men who have received help.

“A lot of these guys are tough guys,” Bollar said. “So they are sometimes more effective at getting the new guys to see the light.”

The 5th District domestic violence court meets Tuesdays in Minidoka County and Fridays in Cassia County. As it picks up more cases, a court coordinator

will become invaluable. In other districts, coordinators identify gaps in domestic violence services and work as liaisons between the courts and the community partnerships responsible for victim safety and offender compliance, according to the Idaho Supreme Court report.

Linda Wright, 5th District trial court administrator, said the coordinator will eventually bounce around to other counties within the 5th District. But with funding as tight as it is, Wright said the court probably won’t expand out of Mini-Cassia for at least a year.

“We’ll start with one and get our feet under us because it’s a lot of work,” Wright said.

Bollar said there may be a legislative effort to fund the coordinator’s position through the state budget. But although 2009 legislation promoted the use of court coordinators, Wright said state funding isn’t likely.

Staff writer Laurie Welch contributed to this story.

WANTED in Cassia County

Daniel L. Reyes



Age: 31
Description: 5 feet, 8 inches; 250 pounds; black hair; brown eyes

Wanted for: 3 warrants — probation violation, controlled substance-marijuana and drug paraphernalia; \$21,000 total bond

The Cassia County Sheriff’s Office asks anyone with information about Reyes to call 878-2511, or Crime Stoppers at 878-2900. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

Two Magic Valley schools receive solar panel grants

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Carey High School and Shoshone High School are among nine Idaho schools that received grants to purchase solar panels through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Idaho Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter announced the recipient schools on Friday. He said the projects will encourage development of Idaho’s renewable energy resources.

The Idaho Office of Energy Resources received 43 requests for the available \$2.75 million in grant money, and chose schools that had already shown a

high level of energy efficiency and would have a high expected return on the investment.

Shoshone School District Superintendent Rob Waite said the district hadn’t been optimistic about receiving money.

“Any bit counts. In times of financial difficulty it will really help us lower our bills,” Waite said.

The school will receive around \$175,000 to pay for

panels that will generate 36,000 watts of electricity and revenue over time. The solar electric systems are expected to last 30 years and will be installed on Shoshone’s gymnasium. Carey High School was awarded money for a 42,770-watt system.

“These projects will help public schools reduce energy operating costs and demonstrate environmental leadership for Idaho students,” Otter said.

Oregon wolf pack has 2 more pups than expected

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The Imnaha wolf pack in northeastern Oregon may have more pups than previously thought.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says aerial surveys documented 16 wolves in the pack, which would mean six pups, instead of just four.

Combined with the three adults and two pups in the Wenaha pack, that brings the count in Oregon to at least 21.

The department says the Imnaha pack is hanging out in an area with a wintering elk herd, and there were no reports in December of attacks on livestock.

The department also posted a new video taken Dec. 30. Wolf Coordinator Russ Morgan says the alpha female and two pups from the Imnaha pack came

within 10 yards of biologist Roblyn Brown, who was out looking for tracks.

PHOTO CONTEST

Enter PMT’s photo contest for a chance to win \$250 and have your photography featured on the cover of the Mini Cassia or Twin Falls phonebook.

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OPINION

QUOTE

“People who didn’t know her are feeling sad, too, and it’s OK to cry and it’s OK to be angry.”
— Leshan Mitchell, as she and her son Dante Williams left the funeral for Christina Taylor Green, 9, the youngest victim of the Arizona shootings

Rotarians step up again with walking trail project

CHEERS: To the Twin Falls Rotary Club, for its plans to create a walking trail that follows the Perrine Coulee from the College of Southern Idaho campus to the Canyon Rim Trail at Pole Line Road.

The club proposes to cover 100 percent of construction costs for the trail, which is essentially the same path for which the city’s Parks and Recreation Department has sought grants. The total price tag will be about \$250,000.

It would leave the city to pick up a \$4,000 tab for the trail’s slurry seal every seven years or so.

This two-year project is yet another significant contribution by the Rotarians, who were largely responsible for getting Centennial Waterfront Park built and for starting Jazz in the Canyon, the two-day spring-

time music festival that has evolved into the Snake River Canyon Jam.

“Sometimes service is as small as giving a scholarship to a girl so she can get child care and go to CSI,” Jim Ponzo, the club’s president, said. “Sometimes it’s a big project for the entire community.”

The community is lucky to have such public-spirited and forward-looking citizens.

JEERS: As if another reason were needed to roll back last year’s health-provider conscience law, the Idaho Board of Pharmacy has received a complaint from a nurse practitioner claiming a Nampa pharmacist refused to fill a prescription for a drug that help controls bleeding after childbirth or abortions.

Methergine is a blood vessel constrictor, not an abor-



tion drug.

Lawmakers during the 2010 Legislature passed a measure to allow health-care workers to opt out of providing assistance for abortions, emergency contraception or end-of-life care in some instances, if it violated their conscience.

In the complaint made public Wednesday, the nurse practitioner contends a pharmacist in November balked at filling the prescription and then hung up the phone when asked for a reference for a pharmacist who would fill the prescription.

The unnamed nurse practitioner, who works for Planned Parenthood of Great Northwest, wrote: “Not filling the prescription could have placed my patient in grave danger.”

In 2010, the conscience bill passed after emotional debate in which its sponsor, Sen. Chuck Winder, R-Boise, said it would shield pharmacists and other health-care workers from being forced to provide care they found morally objectionable.

Meanwhile, foes said it could block the access of women, especially in rural areas, to lifesaving medical care or emergency-contraception drugs when they need them the most.

We opposed the bill mostly because it could complicate end-of-life decisions by patients and their loved ones.

But refusing to fill a prescription for a medication to stop bleeding is unconscionable.

CHEERS: To state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, who announced this week that she’s retiring at the end of her current term, which is her ninth.

Jaquet is a business-friendly Democrat — she previously served as executive director of the Sun Valley Ketchum Chamber of Commerce — a former House Democratic leader and a key member of the House Appropriations Committee. But her greatest legacy may be constituent service to the 42,500 residents of Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties; there are few legislators in Idaho who keep in so close touch with those whom they represent. She’ll be missed.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Santa’s visit was a wonderful gift

I would like to take the time to say thank you to Zeb and DeAnne Bell (Zeb@theranch) for all they do for this community and for sponsoring Santa Clause, who went to several homes and businesses in the Mini-Cassia area and brought the real meaning of Christmas to so many families.

I was privileged to see this firsthand at the home of my daughter when Santa brought his special magic to their home. Oh, the smiles on their little faces! What a wonderful gift you all gave to the three families. I wish I could have seen the smiles on those faces also. What joy you brought to them!

In a time when every one is in such a hurry, you took time to give of yourself, what a precious gift! Thank you to Santa also; there are those of us who still believe!

Thank you again to Zeb and Deanne and George and Dona Maas!

And, of course, one more time, Santa.

MARY POOLE
Rupert

Christmas spirit is alive in Mini-Cassia

This is the season for giving from the heart. There are several people who made Christmas for 13 young children and their families.

I was privileged enough to be a part of seeing the smiles and hearing the squeals of these precious little ones as Santa and his helpers handed out the gifts. The rewards were by far the best gifts to us when the little ones came and hugs were given.

I want to thank a few people who made this happen: First, Zeb and Deanne Bell (Zeb@theranch), all of the sponsors who gave enormously, the many people who gave to the fund for the Wynn and Terry Meyer family, Zeb’s Lunch Bunch, King’s in Rupert and, last but not least, Santa, who

probably had more fun than anyone as he went all over town with his little elf giving out candy canes to everyone, all donated by Zeb@the ranch.

Thank you all again for keeping the true meaning of Christmas alive in Mini-Cassia.

DONA MAAS
Burley

Crash victim offers words of thanks

On the morning of Dec. 28, 2010, I was driving back from Jerome about 6:30 a.m. When I spun out, did a 360 and hit the median there by the mall, I blew a tire and did some other damage, but what I want to say is thank you to the young man who stopped to help me and called 911 and a thank you to the Twin Falls Fire Department for changing my tire and helping me get out of the way. I feel they went above the call of duty and for that I thank them. The Twin Falls Police are to be thanked as well as they were very helpful also, and even followed me to the body shop to make sure I made it.

I don’t know any of your names, but I do want to thank you very much for your help and understanding. And may you all have a wonderful new year! Thank you again!

KENT PUTZIER
Twin Falls

Locksmith praised for speed, consideration

All of the board members, members of the hall, and all who use the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall on Second Avenue North would like to thank Hall’s Locksmith for the great job done on the doors and locks at the hall.

Glen took into consideration our nonprofit status and gave us a fabulous price and professional and speedy service. Our fellowship survives on donations and Hall’s contribution is greatly appreciated.

STANLEY CROWLEY
Twin Falls

The federal government’s obesity crisis

The question that will haunt America for the next several months is whether the new 112th Congress has the will to trim back the unsustainable excesses to which Washington has become accustomed or will fall back into old, unhealthy habits.



Emily Skarbek

Every representative must wage battle between personal desires and the will to make responsible decisions. But the road to discipline is fraught with temptation.

The first test will be raising the statutory limit on the amount of money the government can borrow. Even before the new Congress was sworn in, Austan Goolsbee, chairman of President Obama’s Council of Economic Advisers, was warning that failing to raise the debt limit — now \$14.3 trillion, or more than 95 percent of last year’s Gross Domestic Product — would be “catastrophic” and pure “insanity.”

Goolsbee’s cries to loosen the belt on the already obese federal budget sounded much like the excuses overeaters use to avoid changing their habits. “Just a few more cookies. ... I’ll work myself into those skinny jeans tomorrow.”

Goolsbee certainly is not the first to want to delay self-denial. Since World War I, when the Second Liberty Bond Act of 1917 placed a statutory limit on government borrowing, Congress has increased the debt ceiling more than 70 times. But each increase, like those additional cookies, has made it more difficult to stop and has helped hide the fact that we face ruin if the overindulgence continues.



“After 2001, however, the gap between median household incomes and government spending widened — with incomes more or less stagnant, while government spending soared.”

Unfortunately, what has been a relatively benign problem until recently — the proverbial “10 extra pounds” — has now become the equivalent of America’s obesity crisis.

Economist Craig Eyermann, creator of our online Government Cost Calculator, MyGovCost.org, recently examined the economic burden government spending has placed on American families.

In his brief study, “Aim at the Zero Deficit Line,” Eyermann found that during the years 1967 through 2001 median household income and government spending increased at approximately the same rate. As a result, during that nearly 35-year period, Washington could have balanced the federal budget by reducing federal spending a mere \$570.75 per household per year.

After 2001, however, the

gap between median household incomes and government spending widened — with incomes more or less stagnant, while government spending soared. By 2009, Eyermann found, the government would have had to lower spending approximately \$8,991 per household to balance the budget.

Last fall, before he became speaker of the House, Rep. John Boehner proposed rolling back federal spending to 2008 levels. But that’s like a sedentary senior reducing his daily calorie intake from 5,500 to 4,500; it’s still way too much.

The federal budget in fiscal year 2010 was \$3.6 trillion. In fiscal 2008 it was \$2.9 trillion. In 2000, President Clinton’s final full year in office, the budget was \$1.8 trillion.

Many liberals speak of the Clinton era as the golden age of contemporary politics, when everything was

right with Washington. So let’s return to those golden days, when the federal budget was half of what it is today.

Like all gluttons struggling to reform, politicians and presidential advisers will provide plenty of excuses for increasing the debt limit — just this once. But if 70 previous increases weren’t enough, why will this increase be different? Or is Washington playing its usual games?

Tomorrow is now upon us — the profligate 111th Congress is history and the 112th has taken its place, promising fealty to America’s founders and frugality to American taxpayers.

Will Washington hold the line this time? I sigh in hopeful exasperation as I reach for another cookie.

Emily Skarbek is director of the Government Cost Calculator (MyGovCost.org) at the Independent Institute and assistant professor of economics at San Jose State University. She wrote this commentary for McClatchy-Tribune News Service.

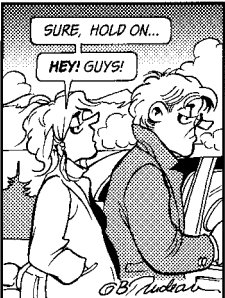
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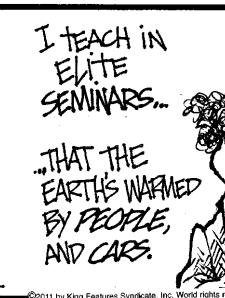
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LETTERS OF THANKS

Donors helped make Christmas merry

On behalf of all the residents and staff of Alpine Manor I in Twin Falls and Alpine Manor II in Kimberly, I would like to thank the Kimberly Nazarene Church, Homestyle Direct, Linda and Larry Greenwalt and family, Tina and Jim Gibson, and all of the other anonymous individuals who donated Christmas gifts.

Because of people like you, the residents had a very Merry Christmas.

Thanks again for your generosity.

ELAINE TODD
And Staff
Alpine Manor I
Twin Falls
Alpine Manor II
Kimberly

Donations brightened holiday for residents

I wanted to send a thank you out to everyone who had it in their heart to donate to the Solana Unit at River Ridge Care and Rehab this holiday season.

Our residents had the most wonderful Christmas because of you. There is nothing better than seeing smiles on their faces when they opened their gifts.

So, from the Solana staff to you: Thank you for all that you have done, and we hope you have a wonderful year!

STEPHANEY OSBURNE
Programming director
Solana Care Unit
River Ridge Care and Rehab
Twin Falls

Glanbia thanked for act of kindness

The students and staff of Magic Valley High School would like to salute Glanbia for its generous donation of cheese and money to the students. The Christmas surprise was a wonderful gift for students and greatly appreciated. The students were overjoyed with this act of kindness.

Thank you, Glanbia, for being an active community supporter by helping people here in the Magic Valley.

JACK ALTEMOSE
Principal, Students and Staff
Magic Valley High School
Twin Falls

Warren House residents grateful for gifts

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to those who gave gifts and time to and for our residents at the Warren House.

Without your help, we could not have had a better Christmas for the sweet people who live here at the Warren House. Your generosity brought much joy and warmth to each and every resident. What a wonderful community an, even more, the people who live in it.

Thank you, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Zarybnisky, Joan and Norman Ashby, Bill and Ilene Mai, Linda Crump (Peace Makers Quilters), Stitches and Stars. There are many more that chose to remain anonymous but graciously gave. We want you to know what a big difference you've made.

Again, our sincerest thanks to all of you.

JAN TAYLOR BANNER
Meaningful Pursuits Coordinator
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Burley

Christmas Basket donations appreciated

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EDWARD ARNDT
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Thank you for helping make season bright

A great big thank you to all the people who helped to make the 25-cent store at Wendell Elementary School a huge success. This is a great way for our students to show and feel the spirit of Christmas.

Thank you again to the city of Wendell and the Wendell Elementary School students for making the season a little brighter for everyone.

Deepest thanks.
CAROL SHORT
Librarian
Elementary School
Wendell

Christmas Council thanks supporters

The Mini-Cassia Christmas Council owes a debt of gratitude to Minidoka and Cassia county residents for coming forth with support which enable us to help 556 families in need in December. This support includes financial contributions, material donations and many volunteer hours.

Thanks to Boise Paper Holdings, Conoco-Phillips, First Federal Charitable Foundation, Minidoka Health Care Foundation, Idaho Transportation Department, Wells Fargo Foundation, Ramsey Heating and Electric, Stars Ferry Building Supplies, Roberts Roofing and Construction, numerous fraternal, social and church organizations, schools and

individuals for donated items and hours of volunteer efforts, Minico and Burley high school clubs for their Souper Bowl Project which brought in thousands of cans and packages of food items.

Without everyone's help, the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council would not be able to provide support to the families and individuals who need it during the holiday season.

Sincere thanks to all of you!

DOLLY FREIBURGER
Mini-Cassia Christmas Council Inc.
Rupert

Many made Teddy Bear Tree a big success

Thank you to all who donated to the Teddy Bear Tree:

This project was a total success due to the kindness of all the people who gave generously of their time, cash donations and additional teddy bears or provided space for additional trees.

The funds raised were donated to St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation for the 900 Women Project. This program assists women in need of mammograms who are unable to afford the cost.

The teddy bears were donated to local and regional law enforcement agencies to help calm children who have been traumatized or are in need of small comfort. The larger bears were donated to the 116th Cavalry Brigade for the children of our deployed soldiers.

This tree would not have been possible had it not been for the generous donations of kind-hearted strangers, who with their kindness are no longer strangers, as well as friends and family.

Thank you all again for making this endeavor such a success. I look forward to working with everyone on

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the next program and hope to have your continued support for such a worthwhile cause.

With my deepest appreciation,
DAR HAYES
Jerome

A big thank you from Christmas Council

T is for the Tons of food and toys donated. H is for the Happy, Helpful donors. A is for Always being willing to share with others. N is for Never being afraid to remember their neighbors. K is for Knowing that it is better to give than to receive. Y is for Yeah! and Yahoo! for helping us be successful yet again. O is for giving Over and Over, year after year. U is for Understanding the concept of sharing with those less fortunate.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We live in a great community and we are grateful to all of you for your support throughout the entire year.

LINDA SHORT
Board Member
MC Christmas Council
Rupert

Donations helped hundreds of families

During the month of December, East End Providers assisted 283 families in Kimberly, Hansen, Murtaugh and the surrounding communities. All of this was made possible because of the countless hours of donated time and

hundreds of cans of food for our food pantry, and Boy Scouts and church groups spent hours putting together nutritious food boxes that were delivered along with turkeys to each family. Through East End Providers, school clubs and even entire middle school grades adopted especially needy families to add even more to the generous Christmas bags provided by East End Providers. Just when we thought we had seen it all, families seeking our assistance turned around and donated their time in numerous ways. East End Providers is truly neighbors helping neighbors!

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Panel: Allow women in combat

Another change in military culture could be under way

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women should finally be allowed to serve fully in combat, a military advisory panel said Friday in a report seeking to dismantle the last major area of discrimination in the armed forces.

The call by a commission of current and retired military officers to let women be front-line fighters could set in motion another sea change in military culture as the armed forces, generations after racial barriers fell, grapple with the phasing out of the ban on gays serving openly. The newest move is being recommended by the Military Leadership Diversity Commission, established by Congress two years ago. The panel was to send its proposals to Congress and President Barack Obama.

It is time “to create a level playing field for all qualified service members,” the members said.

Opponents of putting women in combat question

whether they have the necessary strength and stamina. They also have said the inclusion of women in infantry and other combat units might harm unit cohesion, a similar argument to that made regarding gays. And they warn Americans won't tolerate large numbers of women coming home in body bags. Those arguments have held sway during previous attempts to lift the ban.

Congress recently stripped the “don't ask, don't tell” ban on gays serving openly, and the Navy changed its rules over the last year to allow women to serve on submarines for the first time. Women are barred from certain combat assignments in all the services but face the broadest restrictions in the Army and Marines.

Anu Bhagwati, a former Marine captain and executive director of the advocacy group Service Women's Action Network, said the prohibition on women in

combat “is archaic, it does not reflect the many sacrifices and contributions that women make in the military, and it ignores the reality of current war-fighting doctrine.”

Although thousands of American women have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and been exposed to great danger — 134 of them have been killed — they have been largely restricted to combat support jobs such as medics or logistical and transportation officers.

Defense policy prohibits women from being assigned to any unit smaller than a brigade whose primary mission is direct combat on the ground.

The new report says that keeping women out of combat posts prohibits them from serving in roughly 10 percent of Marine Corps and Army occupational specialties and thus is a barrier to advancement.

“The Armed Forces have not yet succeeded in developing leaders who are as diverse as the nation they serve,” said the report. “Minorities and women still lag behind white men in terms of number of military leadership positions.”

Women generally make up about 14 percent of the armed services. Of the roughly 2.2 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, more than 255,000 have been women, said Pentagon spokeswoman Eileen Lainez.

Supporters of the change say women essentially have been in combat for years, even if they are nominally removed from it.

“It's something whose time has come,” said Lory Manning of the Women's Research and Education Institute. She said ending the ban would be “a logical outcome of what women have been doing in Iraq and Afghanistan, where the Army and Marines have been essentially ducking the policy.”

Federal judge mourned as fair jurist, family man

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The federal judge killed in the Arizona shooting rampage was known for an immigration ruling that got him death threats, but on Friday he was remembered as a man devoted to his family, his bas-set hounds and his Irish-Catholic heritage.

U.S. District Judge John Roll had stopped by a supermarket meet-and-greet for Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on Saturday when he was killed, along with five others. Giffords, recovering from a gunshot wound to the head, was still in critical condition, but progressing.

Documents released Friday showed that shooting suspect, Jared Loughner, 22, bought bullets at a Walmart, posted “Goodbye friends” on the Internet and took photographs of himself partially clothed and holding a gun.

Roll's funeral Friday came amid tight security, as police officers and SWAT team members patrolled the neighborhood around St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church. About a dozen buses brought judges who knew Roll over the years.

The speakers focused less on Judge Roll and more on John Roll, tender and at times goofy, and largely hidden from those he served.

“It made it very personal,” said Carol Bahill, 61, whose husband knew Roll from his undergraduate and law school days at the University of Arizona. “You do feel like you knew something about him personally.”

The news media were barred from the event at the request of Roll's family and for security reasons.



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Ready for the rush

Volunteers complete tax preparer course

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

From February through April 15, a fleet of AARP volunteers will prepare and file several thousand individual tax returns from across the Magic Valley.

With the stagnant economy, even more people could need their services than in years before. But the Magic Valley team is ready for the coming onslaught of paperwork, said AARP District Coordinator Jim Simpson.

AARP has offered free tax-filing assistance to the elderly and poor for many decades. Simpson began his tenure with the group about 10 years ago.

Of the 30 or so volunteers taking a mandatory training course this month, only one was new, Simpson said. The course wrapped up Thursday.

“Many volunteers have been at this longer than I have,” Simpson said. “They are very dedicated.”

Nonetheless, the IRS mandates such volunteers complete nearly 60 hours of classroom instruction and pass an exam before getting certified to complete returns.

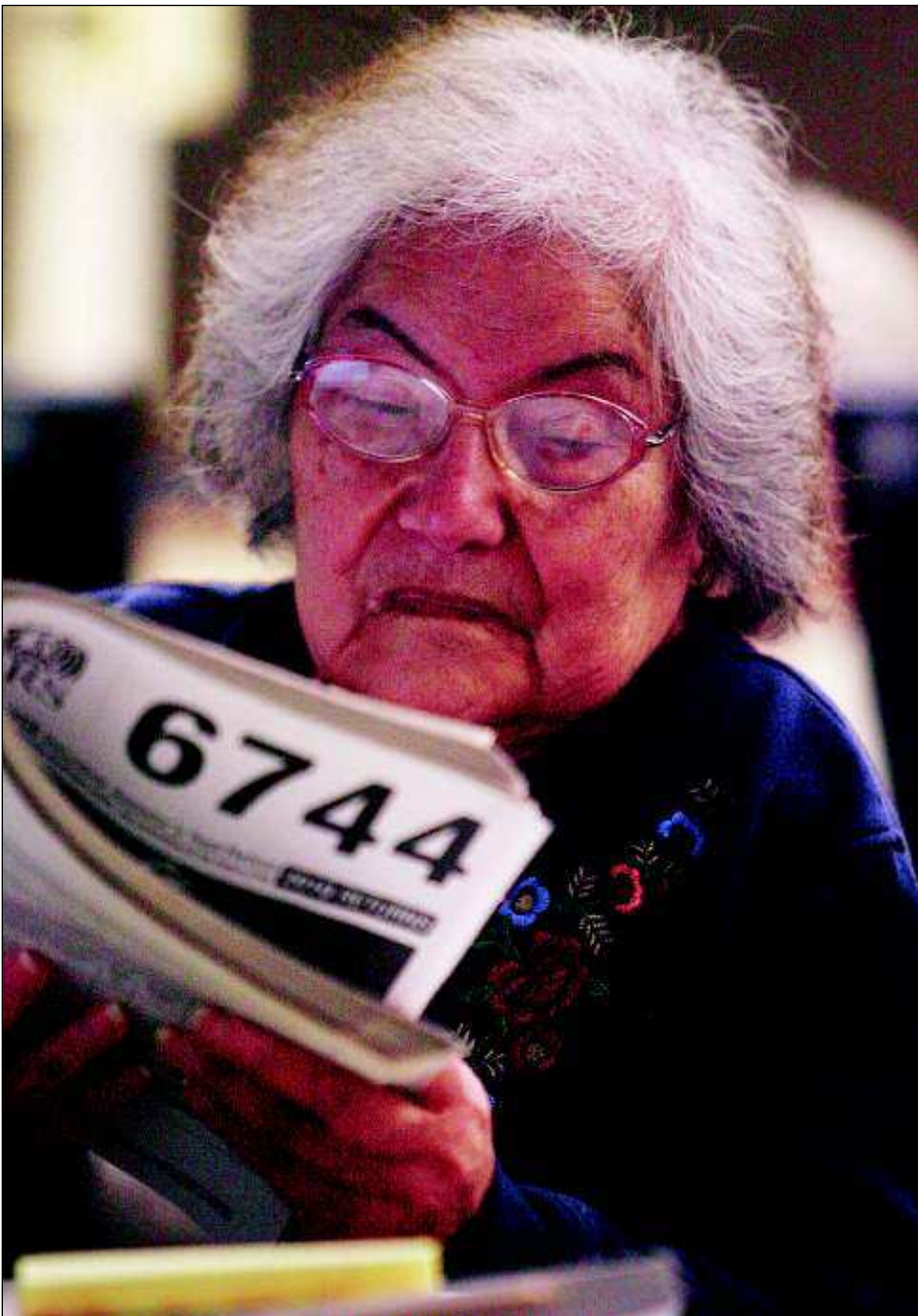
With tax code changing every year, the class prepares volunteers to accurately complete returns.

“When people come to us they can feel confident knowing that we’ve been trained with material provided directly from the IRS,” Simpson said. “Our standards are very high.”

Bob Wunderle, director of the La Posada Tax Clinic, part of the La Posada charity in Twin Falls, is a retired certified public accountant but began his journey as a volunteer tax preparer and aide through the AARP program.

Wunderle said such volunteers actually provide many more services than filing simple 1040 forms.

The La Posada Tax-Aide program was added to the charity’s various services in 2004.



Mary Price works on advanced scenarios during an AARP tax adviser training session Thursday at the CSI Evergreen Building in Twin Falls.

Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News



Ken Hughes works on tax problems as an IRS resource guide sits out during an AARP tax adviser training session Thursday at the CSI Evergreen Building in Twin Falls

TAX HELP ABOUNDS

For free assistance with your 2010 federal tax return, contact the Internal Revenue Service at www.irs.gov or call 800-829-1040.

For assistance with Idaho tax returns, visit tax.idaho.gov or call 800-972-7660 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regional field offices are no longer offering front-counter help. For an appointment please call the number listed above.

experienced other tax troubles.

“We see people who may have, in the past, been able to afford legal help with their tax problems but now have very limited resources,”

See **TAX**, Business 2

Area gasoline prices up from last year

Fuel costs vary throughout region

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

You’re driving along and with a loud “beep!” the fuel-indicator light flickers on the dashboard.

Instead of continuing along, assured that roadside assistance will come to the rescue if you don’t make your destination, you start looking for a place to fill up.

Passing one gas station, the price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$2.977. A block down the street: \$3.062.

What gives? Shouldn’t same-grade fuel be the same price?

Not exactly, said Dave Carlson, Idaho AAA spokesman.

The AAA tracks fuel prices across the nation through the Oil Price Information Service.

According to OPIS, you’re currently paying an average \$2.883 per gallon of regular unleaded in the Burley area.

In Twin Falls the price jumps to \$2.941 per gallon.

“It’s common to see prices differ community to community, within the same community, and even for stations adjacent to each other,” Carlson said.

Retailers may pay the same wholesale price as their neighbors, but they always know what their competition is doing., Carlson said.

Competition alone plays into how prices can vary.

Independently-owned mom and pop locations may set their prices to compete with similar stations. Smaller stores also do not carry the same overhead as other stores with more employees.

Regardless of where you’re filling up, the cost of fuel in Idaho is regularly more than the national average.

Last year, Idahoans paid 13 cents more per gallon of gas than the national average.



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A gas station’s sign is reflected in a puddle near Rupert during a storm on Thursday.

WHAT YOU PAY

Per-gallon gas prices around the valley:

- **Buhl:** Average price: \$2.994; one year ago: \$2.688
- **Burley:** Average price: \$2.883; one year ago: \$2.697
- **Filer:** Average price: \$2.919; one year ago: \$2.739
- **Gooding:** Average price: \$2.989; one year ago: \$2.691
- **Jerome:** Average price: \$2.915; one year ago: \$2.705
- **Twin Falls:** Average price: \$2.941; one year ago: \$2.720

Source: AAA, Oil Price Information Service

According to AAA, the price difference may have accounted for Idahoans paying an additional \$87 million in fuel costs.

This year, the cost for everyone is expected to be greater, as demand for petroleum products increases abroad.

Remember \$4.00 per gallon gas two years ago?

We’ll likely be paying that by 2012, according to reports from AAA.

Treasury launches debit card pilot for tax refunds

By Eileen AJ Connelly
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK— Low-income taxpayers who don’t have bank accounts will be able to get their tax refunds this year on prepaid debit cards supplied by the government, the Treasury

Department said Thursday.

The department plans to send letters to 600,000 households next week, asking them to take part in a pilot program to put their tax refunds on the debit cards, which can be used to get money from ATM machines, pay bills or to buy

goods and services from retailers.

The Internal Revenue Service is aiming to reduce the amount of paper it handles. To encourage taxpayers to file their returns electronically, for instance, the IRS is not mailing paper forms to taxpayers this year.

It will still be sending out refund checks but is seeking to reduce the number — about 35 million were mailed in 2010 — by encouraging direct deposit. For those without bank accounts, the debit cards will allow them

See **REFUNDS**, Business 2

AIG announces plan

By Pallavi Gogoi
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The government and AIG, the giant insurer rescued with \$182 billion at the depths of the 2008 financial meltdown, announced a plan Friday to end taxpayer involvement in the company over the next two years.

As part of the plan, AIG paid back its \$21 billion outstanding balance to the New York branch of the Federal Reserve. The Treasury Department will now own a 92 percent stake in the company and begin unloading stock on the open market in March.

See **AIG**, Business 2

Snow, ice bring responsibilities to small business owners

NEW YORK— Snow can be more than an irritant and disruption for small businesses. It can also be a legal liability.

Let’s say there’s been a storm and you haven’t removed the snow from the sidewalk outside your building or store. Or you’ve

SMALL TALK
Joyce M. Rosenberg



done a sloppy job and left ice. If someone slips and falls, it could cost you. Even if you have insurance, you’ll

likely have expenses and probably a higher premium in the future.

For many new business owners, this is the first time they’ve had to consider snow from a commercial rather than residential vantage point. It’s a good idea to find out what the law, your insurance policy and maybe

even your landlord require you to do, before the next snowstorm gets you in trouble.

Get a legal education

The laws covering responsibility for snow removal vary from state to state, and even from one

municipality to another. You need to find out what you’re required to do.

In Connecticut, for example, whoever is “in possession and control of” the property adjacent to a sidewalk is responsible for removing snow and ice and keeping the sidewalk reasonably safe. That “who-

ever” could be the building’s owner.

But if the tenant has control over the property, he or she is responsible. So, if you have a store in the state, or any place with a similar law, you need to clear the snow and ice and put down salt or sand.

See **SNOW**, Business 2

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	23.11	▼ .09	Dell	14.05	▼ .12	Idacorp	37.89	▲ .11	Int. Bancorp	1.45	—
Lithia Mo.	14.98	▲ .03	McDonald's	74.06	▲ 1.39	Micron	9.71	▲ .08	Supervalu	7.39	▼ .11

COMMODITIES

For more see Business 2

Live cattle	109.38	▼ .53	Feb Oil	91.61	▲ .21
Feb Gold	1360.40	▼ 26.60	Mar Silver	28.45	▼ .81

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol(00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	9743097	5.13	+0.9	RareEle g	74531	13.40	-1.02	Intel	1430516	21.08	-21
BkofAm	2755146	15.25	+4.8	NovaGld g	62637	13.63	-32	SiriusXM	495652	1.56	+0.3
S&P500ETF1012287	129.30	+93		Hyperdyn	54200	7.04	-36	Microsoft	479679	28.30	+1.1
SPDR Fincl	902705	16.72	+2.6	NtngtM g	53809	2.78	...	PwShs QQQ404917	57.00	+4.3	
JPMorgCh	848088	44.91	+4.6	NA Pall g	51036	7.43	+0.8	MicronT	397397	9.71	+0.8
GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmrRlty	7.34	+1.24	+20.4	iBio	4.91	+1.01	+25.9	Nanomtr	17.32	+3.87	+28.8
CrrwfdB	4.09	+41	+11.1	UOM Tech	2.90	+23	+8.6	Amriana	5.68	+1.08	+23.5
CSGObolWm	7.91	+7.9	+11.1	CheniereEn	7.48	+5.7	+8.2	TranST	3.46	+6.4	+22.7
PNC wt	16.10	+1.55	+10.7	WellsGard	2.85	+21	+8.0	Merrmn rs h	2.90	+5.3	+22.4
Gramrcy	3.47	+3.2	+10.2	Neuralstem	2.27	+1.6	+7.6	IndBkML rs	3.80	+6.3	+19.9
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EverGr rs	2.03	-60	-22.7	Barnwell	7.25	-1.69	-18.9	Coinstar	41.50	-15.45	-27.1
AIG wt wi	19.55	-2.63	-11.9	PacOffPT	3.00	-48	-13.8	ChiCera un	12.00	-2.30	-16.1
GSV2XVxS	45.30	-4.48	-9.0	Banro g	3.39	-38	-10.1	USecBc AL	10.40	-1.80	-14.8
AlphaNRs	59.04	-4.96	-7.8	AlmadnM g	3.91	-35	-8.2	MatlSci	5.84	-99	-14.5
TorchEn If	3.60	-30	-7.7	ChinaShen	8.14	-67	-7.6	iGo Inc	4.30	-70	-14.0
DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Advanced	1,744			Advanced	201			Advanced	1,703		
Declined	1,284			Declined	281			Declined	954		
Unchanged	106			Unchanged	35			Unchanged	115		
Total issues	3,134			Total issues	517			Total issues	2,772		
New Highs	233			New Highs	15			New Highs	231		
New Lows	154			New Lows	65			New Lows	11		
Volume	4,758,014,112			Volume	173,136,494			Volume	1,954,684,990		

INDEXES

11,782.23	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	11,787.38	+55.48	+47	+1.81	+11.10
5,245.73	3,742.01	Dow Jones Transportation	5,228.30	-1.17	-02	+2.38	+25.06
413.75	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	410.87	+1.53	+37	+1.45	+3.22
8,148.95	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,174.12	+54.69	+67	+2.64	+11.11
2,225.48	1,689.19	Amex Index	2,185.52	+17.75	+82	-1.04	+15.78
2,742.43	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,755.30	+20.01	+73	+3.86	+20.42
1,286.87	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,293.24	+9.48	+74	+2.83	+13.84
13,679.50	10,596.20	Wilshire 5000	13,741.39	+96.95	+71	+2.85	+16.68
803.82	580.49	Russell 2000	807.57	+6.92	+86	+3.05	+26.59

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.70f	14	37.43	+20	+1.8	Kaman	.56	23	28.64	+35	-1.5
AlliantTch	.80	8	76.13	-1.43	-2.3	Keycorp	.04	...	8.77	+20	-9
AmCasino	.42	...	15.60	+0.8	-2	LeeEnt	...	4	2.88	+11	+17.1
Aon Corp	.60	18	44.70	+8.7	+2.8	MicronT	...	5	9.71	+0.8	+21.1
BallardPw	1.63	...	-8.7	OfficeMax	...	25	18.28	+32	+3.3
BkofAm	.04	22	15.25	+4.8	+14.3	RockTen	.80f	10	57.74	+24	+7.0
ConAgr	.92	16	23.11	-0.9	+2.3	Sensint	.80	17	36.01	+32	-2.0
Costco	.82	24	72.51	+9.1	+4	SkyWest	.16	12	16.51	-0.9	+5.7
Diebold	1.08	18	32.10	...	+2	Teradyn	...	10	14.70	+68	+4.7
DukeEngy	.98	12	17.92	+1.2	+6	Tupprwr	1.20f	13	47.27	+89	-8
DukeRlty	.68	...	13.28	+2.3	+6.6	US Bancrp	.20	18	27.37	+62	+1.5
Fastenal	.84f	36	59.89	+1.08	...	Valhi	.40	...	21.19	-39	-4.2
Heinz	1.80	17	48.63	-1.7	-1.7	WallMart	1.21	14	54.81	+0.2	+1.6
HewlettP	.32	12	46.25	+6.0	+9.9	WashFed	.24f	15	17.79	+40	+5.1
HomeDp	.95	19	35.89	+6.2	+2.4	WellsFargo	.20	13	32.75	+86	+5.7
Idacorp	1.20	15	37.89	+1.1	+2.5	ZionBcp	.04	...	24.59	+7.9	+1.5

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian \$. Stock price in U.S. \$. n – New issue in past 52 wks. q – Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks. Div begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

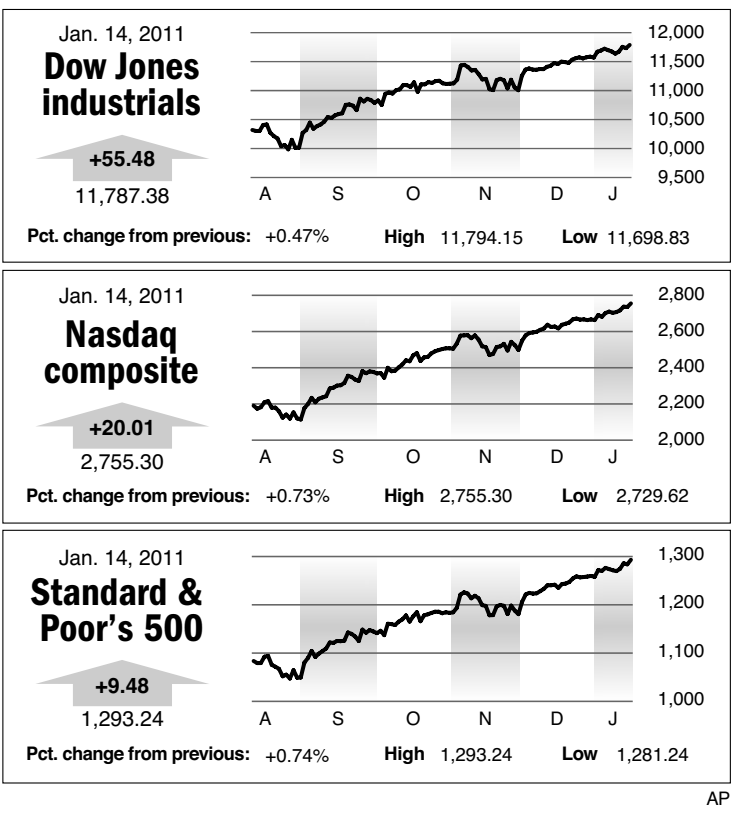
Dividend Footnotes: a – Also extra or extras. b – Annual rate plus stock dividend. c – Liquidating dividend. e – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f – Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i – Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j – Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k – Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m – Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p – Init div, annual rate unknown. r – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend. t – Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x – Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y – Ex-dividend and sales in full. z – Sales in full. vj – In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

• Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2.

Mutual Fund Footnotes: e – Ex-capital gains distribution. f – Previous day's quote. n – No-load fund. p – Fund assets used to pay distribution costs. r – Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s – Stock dividend or split. t – Both p and r. x – Ex-cash dividend.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Feb	Live cattle	109.70	109.05	109.38	+53
Apr	Live cattle	114.30	113.70	113.75	-70
Jan	Feeder cattle	125.60	124.75	125.60	+70
Mar	Feeder cattle	127.45	126.45	127.30	+40
Apr	Feeder cattle	127.95	127.15	127.75	+10
Feb	Lean hogs	79.73	79.05	79.53	-78
Apr	Lean hogs	85.80	85.15	85.28	-103
May	Wheat	775.00	764.00	773.25	-10.25
May	Wheat	803.50	795.25	803.00	-9.25
Mar	KC Wheat	860.50	851.50	860.00	-8.50
May	KC Wheat	869.00	863.00	870.75	-8.50
Mar	MPS Wheat	894.25	878.75	890.25	-3.50
May	MPS Wheat	902.75	888.25	899.25	-3.50
Mar	Corn	652.00	636.50	648.75	+6.25
May	Corn	658.50	646.25	658.00	+6.50
Jan	Soybeans	1405.00	1400.00	1406.50	+3.50
Mar	Soybeans	1429.50	1405.50	1422.50	+6.50
Jan	BFP Milk	13.54	13.47	13.51	-.04
Feb	BFP Milk	15.20	14.92	15.07	+1.6
Mar	BFP Milk	15.18	14.97	15.15	+23
Apr	BFP Milk	15.48	15.30	15.45	+13
May	BFP Milk	15.68	15.47	15.68	+21
Mar	Sugar	32.25	30.35	30.89	-1.17
May	Sugar	30.00	28.40	28.93	-.92
Mar	B-Pound	1.5882	1.5803	1.5866	+0.030
Jun	B-Pound	1.5855	1.5792	1.5855	+0.036
Mar	J-Yen	1.2140	1.2044	1.2055	-.0041
Mar	J-Yen	1.2150	1.2062	1.2075	-.0034
Mar	Euro-currency	1.3453	1.3310	1.3369	+0.026
Jun	Euro-currency	1.3429	1.3299	1.3358	+0.027
Mar	Canada dollar	1.0103	1.0011	1.0095	-.0001
Jun	Canada dollar	1.0079	9990	1.0071	.xxxx
Mar	U.S. Dollar	79.61	78.97	79.31	-10
Feb	Comex gold	1377.8	1354.6	1360.4	-26.6
Apr	Comex gold	1379.5	1356.4	1362.2	-26.7
Mar	Comex silver	28.96	28.10	28.45	-.81
May	Comex silver	28.99	28.18	28.49	-.82
Jun	Treasury bond	122.2	120.3	121.0	-0.2
Jun	Treasury bond	120.1	119.1	119.1	-0.1
Mar	Coffee	239.15	231.55	234.60	-2.90
May	Coffee	240.70	233.50	236.30	-2.85
Mar	Cocoa	2011	1954	2006	+42
May	Cocoa	2014	1956	2007	+40
Mar	Cotton	145.95	141.19	141.44	-2.62
May	Cotton	140.90	136.06	136.37	-3.09
Feb	Crude oil	91.68	90.10	91.61	+21
Feb	Unleaded gas	2.4960	2.4493	2.4927	+0.0468
Feb	Heating oil	2.6464	2.5959	2.6445	+0.0354
Mar	Natural gas	4.503	4.380	4.496	+0.077

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BEANS

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NEW YORK (AP) — JPMorgan Chase & Co. and other banks drove stock indexes higher Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose to its highest level in two and a half years.

JPMorgan rose 1 percent after reporting that its income soared 47 percent in the fourth quarter. The bank set aside less money to cover bad loans and said it expected to get permission from the Federal Reserve to raise its dividend. Wells Fargo & Co., Bank of America Corp. and other large banks also rose on hopes that they too would be able to raise dividends. Banks slashed their dividends during the financial crisis to conserve cash. Investors have been urging banks to raise their dividends now that many of them are making money again.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 55.48 points, or 0.5 percent, to 11,787.38. It was the highest close for the Dow since June 25, 2008.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.48, or 0.7 percent, to 1,293.24. The Nasdaq rose 20.01, or 0.7 percent, to 2,755.30.

LIVESTOCK

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau IntermountainLivestock Report for Friday, January 14. LIVESTOCK AUCTION — Nampa Livestock Market on Saturday. Utility and commercial cows 43.00-58.00 canner & cutter 34.00-42.00 heavy feeder steers 90.00-112.00 light feeder steers 116.00-137.00 stocker steers 128.00-151.00 heavy holstein feeder steers 62.00-78.00 light holstein feeder steers 70.00-91.00 heavy feeder heifers 83.00-101.00 light feeder heifers 97.00-121.00 stocker heifers 114.00-134.00 slaughter bulls 43.00-71.50 stock cows 710-950/hd stock cow/calf pairs 750-1050/pr Remarks: All classes of cattle in strong demand.

METALS/MONEY

By The Associated Press
Selected world gold prices, Friday.
London morning fixing: \$1369.25 off \$12.25.
London afternoon fixing: \$1367.00 off \$14.50.
NY Handy & Harman: \$1367.00 off \$14.50.
NY Gold: \$1367.00 off \$14.50.
NY Englehard fabricated: \$1476.36 off \$15.66.
NY Englehard fabricated: \$1476.36 off \$15.62.
NY Merc. gold Jan Fri. \$1360.40 off \$26.50.
NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Fri. \$1358.00 off \$17.00.

NEW YORK (AP) — Handy & Harman silver Friday \$28.250 off \$1.120.
H&H fabricated \$33.900 off \$1.344.
The morning bullion price for silver in London \$28.520 off \$0.700.
Engelhard \$28.600 off \$0.840.
Engelhard fabricated \$34.320 off \$.
NY Merc silver spot month Friday \$28.309 off \$0.943.

NEW YORK (AP) — Spot nonferrous metal prices Fri. Aluminum - \$1,124.4 per lb., London Metal Exch. Copper - \$4.3638 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper - \$4.4035 N.Y. Merc spot Fri. Lead - \$2698.50 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc - \$1,110.3 per lb., London Metal Exch. Gold - \$1367.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Silver - \$28.250 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Platinum - \$1815.00 troy oz., N.Y. (contract). Platinum - \$1813.40 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Fri. n.q.-not quoted, n.a.-not available r-revised

NEW YORK (AP) — Key currency exchange rates Friday, compared with late Thursday in New York:
Dollar vs. Exch. Rate Pts Day
Yen \$2.99 \$2.74
Euro \$1.3360 \$1.3350
Pound \$1.5881 \$1.5843
Swiss franc 0.9650 0.9634
Canadian dollar 0.9895 0.9894

Snow

Continued from Business 1

You also need to know the laws about when you must have the snow cleared. Does the law allow you to start after all the snow has fallen, or do you need to be out there clearing it away before you have three-feet drifts? If the snow stops at 3 a.m., do you have to be out there soon after?

Remember, if your property includes space for parking, be sure that's cleared and is safe, too.

Watch out for ice melts — and mini-avalanches

Being a property owner or renter who's responsible for post-snow safety means being vigilant as long as there's melting snow. If pools of water from dripping snow freeze and someone falls, it's your problem. Ditto if ice or snow cascades off a slanted roof and hits a passerby.

If you have employees, make sure that they know where the

salt is and to put it on an icy sidewalk if you're not there. If you have a slanted roof, get as much snow off it as you can right after the storm. If ice forms, find a way to block off the sidewalk until it's no longer a threat.

Is your insurance coverage adequate?

A standard business owners policy will have what's known as slip and fall coverage. The question is whether you've bought enough to cover accidents that may happen. Many businesses cut back their insurance to save money during the recession. You should talk with your insurance agent, and perhaps your lawyer, to get a sense of how much coverage you should have.

If you've started a business in your home, be aware that your homeowners policy may not cover you for business-related snow accidents. If a client or delivery person falls on your icy

walk, your insurance company might not reimburse you. Call your insurance agent and see whether you need to purchase separate coverage.

The good news — your snow blower is deductible

Your expenses for snow removal for your business are tax deductible, whether you hire someone to do it for you or purchase equipment for you or your employees to use.

If you decide to invest in a big piece of equipment like a snow blower or, if you have a lot of property, your own plow, you may be able to deduct it under Section 179. That deduction, named for a provision of the tax code, allows small businesses to deduct up front rather than depreciate over time the cost of many kinds of equipment.

they can get tax refunds deposited onto those cards

B.C.

By Mastroianni and Hart

JAMES WATT INVENTED THE STEAM ENGINE WHILE WATCHING A TEA KETTLE BOIL.

I'LL BET THE INVENTOR OF THE MANURE SPREADER WAS WATCHING A CAMPAIGN COMMERCIAL.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker

GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT, DOC...

...HAVE I HAD IT?

WELL, I GUESS AT YOUR AGE YOU'VE HAD MOST OF IT

Dilbert

By Scott Adams

HOW'S EVERY-THING GOING?

IT COULDN'T BE WORSE.

I WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO SAID THIS PROJECT IS A BAD IDEA. THEN YOU ASSIGNED IT TO ME.

IT'S FUNNIER WHEN I MAKE THEM SAY IT.

For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston

SO YOU'RE SAMANTHA? THAT'S A PRETTY NAME!

HAVE A LITTLE GIRL AT HOME - JUST ABOUT YOUR SIZE!

ELIZABETH IS 2 1/2 AND MY SON IS SEVEN.

...AND I WASN'T GOING TO MISS THEM TILL NEXT WEEK.

Garfield

By Jim Davis

GOSH, I HOPE NOBODY EATS MY NEW HOUSEPLANT

HEY! THIS IS A SALAD!

Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne

IT'S FUN TO GO THROUGH OLD STUFF.

HEY, LOIS! REMEMBER THIS?

YEAH, IT'S AMAZING I STILL MARRIED YOU AFTER I SAW YOU IN THAT.

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz

HOW DID THINGS GO IN COURT TODAY?

I ASKED THE JUDGE IF I COULD APPROACH THE BENCH..

HE SAID "NO!" HE SAID I SHOULD STAY IN THE BACK YARD..

Pickles

By Brian Crane

IS THERE ANYTHING LAZIER THAN A CAT?

OPAL, WOULD YOU HAND ME THE REMOTE? IT'S JUST OUT OF MY REACH.

WELL, I GUESS THAT ANSWERS THAT QUESTION.

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

HEY, JEFFREY... I NEED HELP SETTING UP MY DAD'S ANTI-SOCIAL NETWORK

LET ME GUESS... YOUR LAPTOP KEEPS SHUTTING DOWN, RIGHT?

UM... YEAH. HOW'D YOU KNOW?

IT'S THE INTERNET'S FAIL-SAFE SYSTEM. CONFLICTING SOCIAL NETWORKS WOULD CAUSE A TEMPORAL VORTEX TO OPEN, SENPING US ALL BACK TO THE STONE AGE

WAIT... YOU MEAN... GASP!

...BACK TO THE 1980s?!

WORSE... THE PRE-CABLE TV 70's

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Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

HEY MOM, YOU KNOW THOSE PLATES WE USE FOR DINNER?

YES.

AND YOU KNOW HOW THEY CAN CHIP?

YESS.

AND EVEN BREAK?

YESSS...

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE LEARNING HOW TO JUGGLE?

DARRYL!

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE FINALLY GOT THAT UKULELE HE'S BEEN WANTING!

YES, HE DID! AND HE KNOWS NOBODY IN THE HOUSE WILL MIND HIS PRACTICE SESSIONS!

THAT PROBABLY DEPENDS ON HOW SOUNDPROOF THE ATTIC IS!

HOW MUCH FOR THE UKULELE?

HOW MUCH YOU GOT?!

GARAGE SALE

The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

So I guess the doctor had to take Dusty off the new medication.

The one with the "irrational wish for snow" side effect?

Yeah.

I have to say, it is quite scary - the side effects some of these new drugs have.

Ya know what else is scary? It's snowing.

I know. I was trying to ignore it.

Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves

PROFESSOR ERNIE'S HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

RENE' DESCARTES HAD A DIFFICULT CHILDHOOD.

I THINK, THEREFORE I AM!

I KNOW YOU ARE, BUT WHAT AM I?!

Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne

WHAT'S THE SECRET OF YOUR LONG, HAPPY, TROUBLE-FREE MARRIAGE?

ONE PERSON HAS TO BE THE BOSS...

...AND I ALWAYS LET HER THINK SHE IS!

Luann

By Greg Evans

OKAY, SWEETIE. I HAD NO IDEA THIS WOULD TURN OUT SO GREAT

HEY, LIBRARIES: WHERE GREAT HAPPENS

I'M GONNA SIT OVER HERE AND WAIT FOR BILLY THE BOOKWORM

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME, LUANN. IT'S... A MIRACLE

NO, YOU CHANGING BRAD FROM A SLUG TO A STUD - THAT'S A MIRACLE

Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis

ONE NEVER GETS OVER BEING CAUGHT PLAYING AIR GUITAR.

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady

WHEN ALL OF THE POPULAR SPOTS FOR ENJOYING...

A GOOD BOOK...

HAVE BEEN TAKEN...

VISIT YOUR LOCAL...

SNOW FORTRESS OF READING SOLITUDE!

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

DID YOU GET THE SWEATER I KNITTED FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY?

IT WAS A PERFECT FIT

WAS?

I SPENT SOME TIME ON THE RACK

Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HECTOR! WHAT DID THE POSSE DO TO YOU??

I DUNNO

NEW OUTFIT... NEW HAIRCUT... TOLD ME TO WEAR MY CONTACTS...

DOES IT LOOK WEIRD?

ACTUALLY, IT LOOKS WEIRD THAT YOU DON'T LOOK WEIRD ANYMORE.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, likely dry. High 42.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 37.

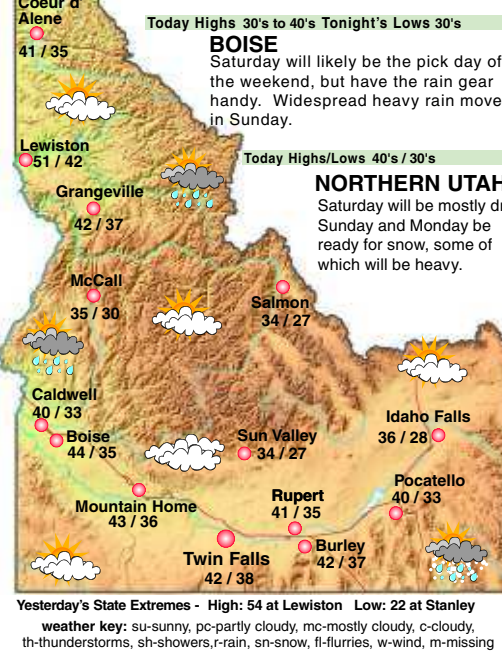
Tomorrow: Day rain, night freezing rain. High 43.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 46°	Yesterday's 0.15"
Yesterday's Low 36°	Month to Date 0.50"
Normal High / Low 38° / 22°	Avg. Month to Date 0.56"
Record High 57° in 1973	Water Year to Date 5.59"
Record Low -4° in 1985	Avg. Water Year to Date 3.24"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
There may be a few flurries around on Saturday. Then wet, heavy snow moves in on Sunday and then continues through Sunday night.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy, likely dry	Mostly cloudy skies	Potential for heavy rain	Lingering showers may mix with snow	Showers switching to snow late	AM flurries, then mostly cloudy
High 42°	Low 38°	44° / 40°	40° / 31°	46° / 27°	40° / 25°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 50°	Yesterday's 0.08"	Yesterday's High 83%	5 pm Yesterday 30.44 in.	Today Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 5:30 PM
Yesterday's Low 38°	Month to Date 0.09"	Yesterday's Low 58%		Sunday Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 5:31 PM
Normal High / Low 37° / 23°	Avg. Month to Date 0.62"	Today's Forecast Avg. 74%		Monday Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:32 PM
Record High 54° in 2003	Water Year to Date 6.49"			Tuesday Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:33 PM
Record Low -2° in 1985	Avg. Water Year to Date 3.68"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30		Wednesday Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:35 PM

Moon Phases



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	44 35 r	44 36 r	47 36 r
Bonnors Ferry	40 34 r	38 36 r	39 36 r
Burley	42 37 r	43 31 r	43 31 r
Challis	36 29 r	42 27 r	37 37 r
Coeur d'Alene	41 35 r	41 37 r	41 37 r
Elko, NV	37 28 sh	38 30 r	42 30 r
Eugene, OR	52 43 sh	53 43 r	53 43 r
Gooding	38 34 r	38 34 r	41 34 r
Graice	35 27 ls	36 23 r	36 23 ls
Hagerman	43 36 r	43 38 r	46 38 r
Hailey	36 29 mx	39 25 r	38 25 ls
Idaho Falls	36 28 mx	39 29 r	37 29 mx
Kalispell, MT	36 29 mx	34 31 mx	31 31 mx
Jerome	39 34 r	40 36 r	43 36 r
Lewiston	51 42 r	50 46 r	44 46 r
Malad City	37 27 mx	40 27 r	40 27 mx
Malta	39 34 r	43 33 r	44 33 mx
McCall	35 30 r	35 30 r	35 30 r
Missoula, MT	37 32 r	36 31 r	38 31 r
Pocatello	40 33 mx	41 34 r	39 34 mx
Portland, OR	50 45 r	52 43 r	52 43 r
Rupert	41 35 r	41 32 r	41 32 r
Rexburg	33 27 ls	34 27 r	31 27 mx
Richland, WA	46 40 r	47 39 r	49 39 r
Rogerson	38 33 ls	39 33 mx	41 33 ls
Salmon	34 27 r	33 32 r	36 32 r
Salt Lake City, UT	38 31 pc	37 28 r	42 28 r
Spokane, WA	42 37 r	43 37 r	42 37 r
Stanley	37 29 mx	39 23 r	31 23 ls
Sun Valley	34 27 ls	39 27 r	34 27 r
Yellowstone, MT	28 20 sn	31 24 sn	31 24 sn

Moons and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 1:31 PM	Moonset: 4:14 AM
Sunday	Moonrise: 2:22 PM	Moonset: 5:15 AM
Monday	Moonrise: 3:24 PM	Moonset: 6:12 AM

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	44 29 pc	47 31 pc
Atlantic City	36 32 ls	35 26 pc
Baltimore	36 25 pc	35 22 pc
Billings	33 19 ls	34 27 ls
Birmingham	50 30 pc	50 36 mc
Boston	26 26 ls	33 13 pc
Charleston, SC	51 38 su	53 40 su
Charleston, WV	42 28 sh	34 25 ls
Chicago	26 13 ls	21 15 ls
Cleveland	33 17 ls	23 15 ls
Denver	55 30 pc	58 36 pc
Des Moines	18 5 mc	11 10 sn
Detroit	30 13 ls	21 10 sn
El Paso	61 33 pc	64 34 pc
Fairbanks	-11 -19 pc	-10 -35 pc
Fargo	2 -4 mc	1 -6 mc
Honolulu	75 73 sh	75 73 sh
Houston	59 50 sh	63 50 sh
Indianapolis	33 13 ls	24 16 mc
Jacksonville	59 37 su	62 40 pc
Kansas City	28 16 mc	25 21 ls
Las Vegas	64 41 pc	65 42 pc
Little Rock	49 38 pc	43 39 ls
Los Angeles	82 52 su	78 53 pc
Memphis	44 30 pc	42 37 r
Miami	73 58 sh	74 61 sh
Milwaukee	24 9 ls	20 13 ls
Nashville	41 29 c	37 30 mx
New Orleans	54 43 pc	59 50 sh
New York	32 27 ls	34 20 pc
Oklahoma City	52 30 mc	41 35 r
Omaha	19 6 ls	20 19 ls

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	15 4 pc	27 -3 ls
Crabbrook	31 23 ls	32 23 ls
Edmonton	0 -2 ls	4 -5 ls
Kelowna	31 27 pc	32 17 ls
Lethbridge	16 15 pc	36 3 sh
Regina	0 -6 pc	17 -26 pc
City	Today	Tomorrow
Saskatoon	15 4 pc	27 -3 ls
Toronto	26 5 ls	22 -3 ls
Vancouver	44 41 r	46 41 sh
Victoria	50 46 pc	52 46 sh
Winnipeg	6 -12 pc	4 -2 ls

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	49	35	0.08"
Challis	37	19	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	45	37	0.09"
Idaho Falls	38	29	0.11"
Jerome	43	34	0.05"
Lewiston	54	45	0.05"
Lowell	35	33	0.30"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	41	33	0.09"
Rexburg	30	28	0.28"
Salmon	34	23	0.01"
Stanley	37	22	0.04"
Sun Valley	39	23	0.80"

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
It's not the things we get but the hearts we touch that will determine our success in life.

-Mac Anderson

Give me my sign back!

Horoscope readers atwitter after 'news' of zodiac change

By Jocelyn Noveck and Chris Williams
Associated Press

Sofia Whitcombe began her day with the startling realization that she might not be exactly who she thought she was.

"My whole life, I thought I was a Capricorn," the 25-year-old publicist said. "Now I'm a Sagittarius? I don't feel like a Sagittarius!" It felt, she said, like a rug had been pulled from under her feet.

"Will my personality change?" she mused. "Capricorns are diligent and regimented, and super-hard-working like me. Sagittarians are more laid back. This is all a little off-putting."

Countless people reacted on social networks Friday to the "news" that the stars have shifted alignment, astrologically speaking. No matter that the astronomy instructor who started it all in a weekend newspaper interview said it was an old story — very old; 2,000 years old, actually — and that astrologists were insisting it wouldn't change a thing. The story had traveled around the blogosphere like, well, a shooting star.

Some people seemed angry. "I believe it's a zodiac scam," said Jose Arce, a 38-year-old from Fort Lee, N.J., who runs a body shop. "I've known myself to be a Sagittarius, I believe, since I was born. So to come up now with some new sign? It's unacceptable!"

But others weren't so ready to curse the stars. Kathy Torpey always felt like she was "a Scorpio trapped in a Sagittarian body" — emotional and creative, she said, more than competitive and intellectual like Sagittarians.

So on Friday, even though she pays little heed to horoscopes, Torpey said she was thrilled to discover that she may have always been a Scorpio, after all.

"You have no idea what relief and joy I felt after hearing the wonderful news of the zodiac changes," wrote the 43-year-old mother of two from Willow Grove, Pa., in an e-mail, tongue-in-cheek to be sure. "Up until now, I felt like my whole life has been a lie!"

Astrologers across the country reported a wave of calls, e-mails or website hits from concerned clients. "People are more attached and loyal to their signs than they thought," said Eric

Francis, editor of PlanetWaves.net, who said he had had 25,000 hits on his site since midnight.

Astounded by all the kerfuffle was the man who started it, astronomy instructor Parke Kunkle.

In an interview Sunday in the *Star Tribune* of Minneapolis, Kunkle had explained that the Earth's wobbly orbit means it's no longer aligned to the stars in the same way as when the signs of the zodiac were first conceived, about 5,000 years ago. That means, Kunkle said, that when astrologers say the sun is in

Pisces, it's really in Aquarius, and so on.

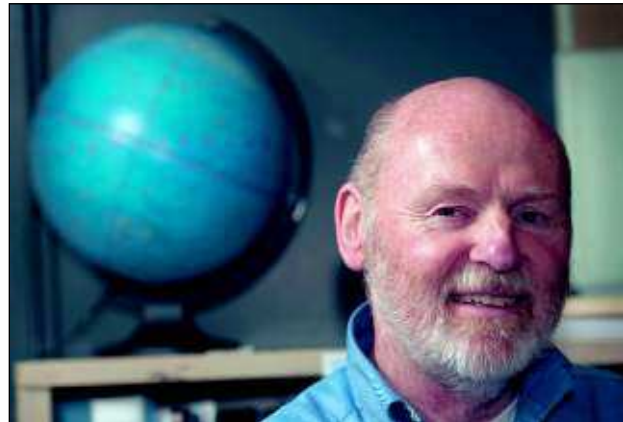
"Astronomers have known about this since about 130 B.C.," Kunkle told The Associated Press on Friday in his office at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College, his phone ringing constantly, as it had since the article came out. (One person had even demanded: "Give me my sign back!")

"This is not new news. Almost every astronomy class talks about it."

New news or old, most people had never heard it before. And one of the more fascinating elements of the

story was talk of a new sign altogether.

By the reckoning of Kunkle and other astronomers, astrologers are not only a month off in their zodiac signs, but they are neglecting a 13th constellation, Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer, for those born from Nov. 30 to Dec. 17.



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Parke Kunkle, who teaches astronomy at Minneapolis Community and Technical College, recently called attention to the changing astrological signs.

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CSI women looking to communicate vs. CEU

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

There's one thing Randy Rogers hates to hear from his team on the basketball court: silence.

Right now, he's hearing it far too often.

"We're a quiet team right now on the floor," said Rogers. "Everybody's kind of just looking around for someone else to take control and make it happen."

The No. 25 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team hopes to change that today as it hosts Eastern Utah at 3 p.m. in a Scenic West Athletic Conference matchup.

CEU (7-10, 2-2 SWAC) is coming off an 80-52 loss at No. 18 North Idaho on Thursday, but owns a win

over a Salt Lake team that blew out CSI on Dec. 10.

While those results have CSI's attention, the team has struggled to execute in recent weeks like it did early in the season. Thursday's lackluster, error-prone effort in a 77-55 win over Colorado Northwestern left plenty to work on for CSI (15-4, 2-2 SWAC).

"Our energy's got to be better and our communication," said Rogers. "We need some leadership and we didn't get leadership (Thursday night)."

Rogers said he wants sophomores Felicity Jones and Laurel Kearsley to "step up and communicate with teammates." He's also looking for a spark from guards Kyler Parai and Guili El-Mir, who have struggled in

recent weeks.

Parai hit two late 3-pointers against CNCC, a sign she could be breaking out of a recent shooting slump.

CSI will need a better effort than it gave Thursday on both ends of the floor today. CEU is led by 5-11 freshman post Priscila Santos, one of the league's top scorers.

"She's a solid inside-outside player, pretty athletic," said Rogers. Guard Bruna Dechmann is also a double-digit scorer for CEU.

CSI men ready for showdown with talented Eastern Utah team

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

On to the main event.

After dismantling Colorado Northwestern in a 127-58 win on Thursday, the 12th-ranked College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team hosts No. 25 Eastern Utah at 5 p.m. today.

If Thursday's showing is any indication, CSI's Golden Eagles (17-2, 3-1 Scenic West Athletic

Conference) are in prime form for today's SWAC showdown. The 69-point margin of victory against CNCC was the largest of the season for CSI, which dished out 36 assists in the win.

Pierre Jackson led the way, scoring 27 points on 10 of 12 shooting. He was one of six CSI players with four or more assists.

Guard Issiah Grayson called Thursday's blowout win "a big confidence boost" and said the momentum should carry over to today's game.

CSI will need that against a talented CEU squad. Eastern Utah (14-4, 2-2 SWAC) leads the league in rebounding, outboarding foes by nearly 18 a game. Sophomore forward

Jonathan Mills keys that effort, averaging a SWAC-best 10.7 rebounds while scoring 14.6 points a game. Brady Hurst, a 6-8 sophomore, chips in 13.6 points and 7.4 boards.

"We've got to box out," said Grayson. "They're really good on the boards. If we box out and just play our game, play like CSI, we'll be good."

While CSI has won 10 of its last 11, CEU comes in a two-game losing skid, including an 87-52 loss at North Idaho on Thursday.

But don't expect that result to lessen today's intensity for the home team.

Said Jackson: "We're here. We're ready to play. It's a big game, so we're ready for it."

BRUINS BROOM TIGERS

Twin Falls girls finish season sweep of Jerome

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

It's not a role Alyssa Soloaga was content with, but she certainly made the best of it on Friday.

Forced to come off the bench after missing a practice earlier in the week, Soloaga scored a team-best 18 points and sparked Twin Falls to the cusp of a first-round bye in the Great Basin Conference tournament with a 62-50 win over Jerome. The win polished off a season sweep for the Bruins against their rivals from across the bridge.

"We just knew we had to have four good quarters, so after halftime we really came out fired up," said Soloaga, who chipped in further with five rebounds and a couple of steals. "We were working together a lot on our team defense."

The Bruins (12-3, 6-1 Great Basin) kept pace with Wood River atop the conference standings ahead of their showdown in the conference finale Jan. 25.

The win also put Twin Falls within one win of clinching a top-two seed for the district tournament with three conference matches to play.

"We knew that they were going to come out and try to get a win, because road wins are huge in this league," said Twin Falls junior forward



DREW NASH/Times-News

Twin Falls' Mallory Jund (22) shoots a layup against Jerome Friday night at Twin Falls High School.

Josie Jordan, who scored 17 and pulled down eight rebounds. "We wanted to come out and make sure we ran the tempo of the game and not let them get into their offense."

Jordan drew the role of

primary defender against Jerome sharpshooter Carrie Thibault, holding the senior point guard to just two field goals while defending her for the first 2 1/2 quarters. Thibault got loose against other defenders in the fourth

quarter, scoring 11 of her game-high 21 in that period, but the outcome was no longer in question.

To compensate for Jordan's long wingspan,

See **BRUINS**, Sports 2

Minico girls start fast, whip CRHS

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A funny thing happened to the Minico girls basketball team at the start of Friday's game with Canyon Ridge, something that has eluded the Spartans for most of the season.

Shots started to fall.

All five starters found the bottom of the net as Minico raced out to a 12-2 lead and eventually cruised to a 61-44 Great Basin Conference victory.

The win snapped a four-game losing skid for Minico, which improved to 4-10 overall. More importantly, Minico is now 2-5 in conference play and back in the hunt for a top-four seeding in the district tournament.

"We were a lot more excited this game," said Marlee Chandler, who led Minico with 19 points. "We

had to regroup after our losses, and it's been hard, but we found our energy and our motivation. I think we've figured out what we need to do every game now, so hopefully we can keep it going."

Micaela Merrill scored eight points and Melinda Martinez had seven for Minico, which also got 15 points off the bench in a total team effort that produced the Spartans' highest point total of the season.

"We've been talking all year that we need to play four good quarters, not two or three, and we did that tonight," said Minico coach Joe D. Shepard.

The win avenged Minico's 39-36 loss at Canyon Ridge on Dec. 8. Shepard said the only adjustment Minico made was to play more zone defense.

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RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico's Hanna Munns looks to pass as Canyon Ridge's Zoe Strauss defends Friday at Minico High School.

Federal Trade Commission takes a look at football helmet safety claims

By Frederic J. Frommer
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Federal Trade Commission says his agency is looking into marketing claims that some football helmets can help reduce concussions, responding to a senator who wants the FTC to investigate what he called "misleading safety claims and deceptive practices" in the sale of new helmets and reconditioning of used ones.

"We agree that these are serious concerns, and will determine what action by this agency may be appropriate," FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz wrote to Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.Mex.

"Given the dangers that concussions pose for young athletes engaged in contact sports, it is

essential that advertising for products claiming to reduce the risk of this injury be truthful and substantiated," he added.

In the letter, obtained Friday by The Associated Press, Leibowitz said that issues involving serious health concerns — especially those for children and young adults — are a "high priority for the commission." He said the commission would look at several factors "in determining whether to take enforcement or other action."

Leibowitz was responding to a Jan. 4 letter from Udall, who said he was "troubled by misleading marketing claims by Riddell, a leading helmet maker that supplies the official helmet to the National Football League."

He quoted Riddell's website as saying that "research shows a 31 percent reduction in the risk of concussion in players wearing a Riddell

Revolution football helmet when compared to traditional helmets."

"Yet there is actually very little scientific evidence to support the claim," Udall said, adding that the voluntary industry standard for football helmets doesn't specifically address concussion prevention or reduction. The senator also mentioned another helmet manufacturer, Schutt Sports.

Riddell, which has called Udall's allegations "unfounded and unfair," said in a statement Friday that it welcomed "any scrutiny and review. For the public's benefit, we hope that the FTC will provide greater scrutiny of all helmet manufacturers." The company also said that while its research on reducing concussions was encouraging, "we can't stress enough that no helmet will prevent all concussions."

At the time of Udall's letter, Schutt Sports said it never claimed its helmets were "concussion reducing." On Friday, the company said it didn't have anything to add in response to the FTC letter.

FTC spokeswoman Betsy Lordan said the commission could decide to launch an investigation, but wouldn't confirm or deny one until it either closed the investigation without bringing charges, or announced it was bringing charges of deceptive advertising.

Stephen Ross, a former FTC lawyer who now directs the Penn State Institute for Sports Law, Policy and Research, said the commission has several options if it decides to pursue action against companies, including a cease-and-desist order.

In a statement, Udall said he was "pleased and encouraged that

Chairman Leibowitz shares my serious concerns about misleading football helmet safety claims in advertising by sports equipment companies. This is a safety issue with the potential to impact every child that plays football."

Last fall, Udall asked the Consumer Product Safety Commission to investigate whether safety standards for football helmets are adequate to protect young players from concussions. CPSC head Inez Tenenbaum testified at a hearing last month that the commission will work to help improve helmet safety standards and testing.

Concussions and other head injuries are receiving increased attention at all levels of sports, from the NFL on down to Pop Warner, the nation's oldest and largest youth football organization.

Declo boys hold off Gooding

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Erik Henrickson scored 15 points, Davis Jones scored 13 and Declo held off host Gooding for a 56-44 win on Friday.

The Senators (3-6) missed their first 12 shots and fell behind big before rallying within a bucket in the final period.

Jon Jensen scored 13, but missed some time after taking an elbow to the head that required post-game stitches. Jacob Becker chipped in 10.

Gooding travels to Buhl today.

Declo 56, Gooding 44

Declo	14 13 11 8 - 56
Gooding	6 12 16 10 - 44

DECLO (56)

Jaxon Wrigley 2, Seth Baker 5, Erik Henrickson 15, Brawn Baker 9, Davis Jones 13, Calum Webb 7, Ross Sanders 5. Totals 17 31 36.

GOODING (44)

Jacob Becker 10, Jared Parke 4, Derek Evans 8, Jon Jensen 13, C.J. Beadz 5, Tanner Baumann 4. Totals 18 5-11 44.

3-point goals: Declo 5 (Henrickson 2, Webb 2, Jones); Gooding 3 (Becker 2, Beadz). Total fouls: Declo 12, Gooding 20. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

WENDELL 39, SHOSHONE 38

Michael Wright scored his only two points of the game with four seconds remaining, hitting the game-winning layup to lift Wendell over Shoshone 39-38 Friday night.

Nolan Stouder led the Trojans with 18 points — 14 in the second half — and Jared Lund added nine.

“Stouder was the difference of the game,” said Shoshone coach Larry Messick. “I think he made up his mind he was going to win this game for them.”

Thomas Lanham led the Indians with 11 points, while Garrett Sant added seven for Shoshone (9-3) which hosts Richfield on Wednesday.

Wendell 39, Shoshone 38

Wendell	9 4 14 12 - 39
Shoshone	14 4 12 11 - 38

WENDELL (39)

Ryan Lewis 1, Cadey Prince 5, Jared Lund 9, Nolan Stouder 18, Carlos Sarabia 2, Michael Wright 2, Tanner Swarner 2. Totals 15 5-9 39.

SHOSHONE (38)

Ishmael Anguiano 5, Skye Axelson 5, Garrett Sant 7, Thomas Lanham 11, Shane Walsh 4, Cody Race 6. Totals 15 6-11 38.

3-point goals: Wendell 2 (Prince, Lund), Shoshone 2 (Axelson, Sant). Total fouls: Wendell 10, Shoshone 11. Fouled out: Shoshone, Sant. Technical fouls: none.

CAREY 47, DIETRICH 44

Blair Peck’s 14 second-half points led Carey to a 47-44 road-win over Dietrich Friday night.

Peck finished with a game-high 18 and Baley Barg added 12 for Carey which outlasted Dietrich in the hard-fought battle.

Andrew Howard led Dietrich with 12 points, while Gray Webber added 11. Jakob Howard pulled down 15 boards and scored seven points for the Blue Devils (4-5) who play Hansen on Monday.

Carey 47, Dietrich 44

Carey	6 12 19 10 - 47
Dietrich	10 11 12 11 - 44

CAREY (47)

Caleb Cenarrusa 4, Blair Peck 18, Chance Chavez 2, Jacy Baird 6, Dillon Cenarrusa 4, Baley Barg 12, Joe Laidlaw 1. Totals 17 9-14 47.

DIETRICH (44)

Brody Astle 5, Dion Norman 4, Alex Heimerdinger 5, Jackob Howard 7, Gray Weber 11, Andrew Howard 12. 19 6-16 44.

3-point goals: Carey 3 (Peck 2, Barg). Total fouls: Carey 18, Dietrich 16. Fouled out: Carey, Baird. Technical fouls: none.

CHALLIS 59, RAFT RIVER 37

Raft River fell to Challis 59-37 on the road Friday night.

Jason Hurst led the Trojans with 10 points and Andrew Fenn added eight.

Dylan Savage led Challis with 14 points.

Challis 59, Raft River 37

Raft River	11 7 18 1 - 37
Challis	19 15 19 6 - 59

RAFT RIVER (37)

Brogan Higley 6, Tanner Anderson 2, Cristian Maldonado 4, Andrew Fenn 8, Shad Hansen 5, Jason Hurst 10. Totals 14 9-15 37.

CHALLIS (59)

Jay Parkinson 13, Evans 3, Cain 1, Matt Helm 13, Olson 5, Dylan Savage 14, Trusnovet 2, Kamman 8, Fg 16, Ft 21-27 3-point goals: Challis 2 (Helm 2). Total fouls: Raft River 20, Challis 16. Fouled out: Raft River, Hansen. Technical fouls: none.

MURTAUGH 64, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 16

Austin Stanger had a 16-point, 11-rebound double-double as Murtaugh routed visiting Lighthouse Christian 64-16 on Friday.

The Red Devils (8-3) got 18 points and a number of assists from Humberto Pacheco, while Jose Gonzales scored 13 in the team’s first game after the holiday break.

The Lions shot 13 percent from the field (7-for-52) in the loss.

Murtaugh visits Castleford on Friday.

Murtaugh 64, Lighthouse Christian 16

Lighthouse Christian	5 1 2 8 - 16
Murtaugh	22 25 12 5 - 64

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (16)

Danny Hamilton 1, Gabe Heath 5, Reid Garrett Goettle 2, Eli Berndt 4, Logan VanderStelt 2. Totals 7-52 1-16.

MURTAUGH (64)

Bryan Venegas 4, Troy Baynes 5, Tyson Wilkens 2, Humberto Pacheco 18, Jose Gonzales 13, Austin Stanger 16, Riley Vanleeuwen 6. Totals 24-54 8-13 64.

3-point goals: Lighthouse Christian 1 (Heath); Murtaugh 5 (Baynes, Gonzales 2, Vanleeuwen 2). Total fouls: Lighthouse Christian 16, Murtaugh 9. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

OAKLEY 57, HANSEN 46

Oakley topped Hansen 57-46 on Friday.

Hansen struggled to match up with Oakley’s size and faltered late due to foul trouble.

The Hornets boasted four players in double digits as Riley Robinson scored 13 points, while Brodi Bell and Garrett Critchfield scored 11 and Eddie Setoki had 10.

Hansen (0-10) travels to Lighthouse Christian today.

Oakley 57, Hansen 46

Oakley	16 8 18 15 - 57
Hansen	9 10 20 12 - 46

OAKLEY (57)

Garret Wibenga 6, Matt Setoki 2, Riley Robinson 13, Brodi Bell 11, Josh Lind 4, Eddie Setoki 10, Garrett Critchfield 11. Totals 25 4-11 57.

HANSEN (46)

Devon Spearing 13, Jayme Johnson 2, Kevin Fuller 18, Pete Veinstra 5, Seth Williams 8. Totals 17 8-14 46.

3-point goals: Oakley 5 (Robinson), Hansen 4 (Spearing, Fuller 3). Total fouls: Oakley 17, Hansen 14. Fouled out: Oakley, Clayton Bianthorn, Hansen, Spearing. Technical fouls: none.

RICHFIELD 50, COMMUNITY SCHOOL 13

Richfield made easy work of Community School with a 50-13 Northside Conference North Division home win.

The Tigers held the Cutthroats to a single point in the first quarter and kept them scoreless in the final quarter.

Richfield (3-6, 1-1) was led by Zac Turnage with 14 points while Tyler Cenarrusa followed with 10. Henry Rickbeil had nine for Community School.

Community School is at Dietrich on Tuesday.

Richfield travels to Shoshone on Wednesday.

Richfield 50, Community School 13

Community School	1 4 8 0 - 13
Richfield	19 10 12 9 - 50

COMMUNITY SCHOOL (13)

Eli Albarran 2, Henry Rickbeil 9, Taylor Adler 2. Totals 5-3-16 13.

RICHFIELD (50)

Zac Turnage 14, Ben Robles 7, Garrett Whitesell 7, Cody Jones 3, Joel Garibao 4, Cody Brooks 2, Tyler Cenarrusa 10, Zak Wood 3. Totals 21 6-12 50.

3-point goals: Richfield 2 (Turnage, Robles). Total fouls: Community School 13, Richfield 17. Fouled out: Community School, Flaherty. Technical fouls: none.

TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN 45, CAMAS COUNTY 40

Jesse Bolyard recorded a double-double for Twin Falls Christian with 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lions to a 45-40 win over the visiting Camas County Musers. Nathan Rippee pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds for TFCA.

Davie Knowlton led all players with 16 points for the Musers.

Camas County is at Carey on Tuesday, while Twin Falls Christian (6-4) is on the road at Jackpot.

Twin Falls Christian 45, Camas County 40

Camas County	21 9 4 6 - 40
Twin Falls Christian	8 15 19 3 - 45

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (43)

Kyanna Jones 23, Alex VerHoeven 14, Brooklynn

CAMAS COUNTY (40)

Brandon Williams 2, Andy Simon 4, Austin Walker 3, Davie Knowlton 16, George Simon 7, Cody Lane 8. Totals 16 3-8 40.

TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN (45)

Rueben Zisner 8, Nate Scruggs 2, Kevin Willmot 2, Joel Carpenter 9, Jesse Bolyard 15, Nathan Rippee 7, Brad Rippee 2. Totals 20 4-9 45.

3-point goals: Camas County 5 (Knowlton 4, G. Simon), Twin Falls Christian 1 (Carpenter). Total fouls: Camas County 10, Twin Falls Christian 8. Fouled out: Camas County, A. Simon. Technical fouls: none.

Girls basketball

WOOD RIVER 52, BURLEY 31

Kaitana Martinez hit five 3-pointers and scored 25 points as Wood River cruised to a 52-31 home win over Burley on Friday.

Allie Hesteness chipped in nine points for the Wolverines. Chelsee Baker hit a trio of treys in leading Burley with 15 points.

Wood River 52, Burley 31

BURLEY (31)

Delta Jones 2, Kayla Kasper 3, Chelsee Baker 15, Aubrie Vale 3, Stephanie McGill 6, Brooke Bowers 2. Totals 11 4-11.

WOOD RIVER (52)

Allie Hesteness 9, Kaitana Martinez 25, Jade Glenn 2, Haillie Taylor 2, Thompson 8, Cheyenne Swanson 6. Totals 19 8-12 52.

3-point goals: Burley 5 (Baker 3, Kerbs, Vale); Wood River 6 (Martinez 5, Hesteness). Total fouls: Burley 16, Wood River 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

HAGERMAN 45, CASTLEFORD 29

Hagerman’s explosive third quarter was too much for Castleford to overcome as the Hornets cruised to a 45-29 victory on Friday.

The Pirates played tight defense all night to shut down Castleford’s offense.

Hayley White scored 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the win.

Hagerman (5-9) travels to Grace today.

Hagerman 45, Castleford 29

CASTLEFORD (29)

Roxanne Hill 4, Lisa Canuto 10, Fallon Machado 2, Kylie Weeks 1, Jessica Welch 4, Kendra Flores 8. Totals 12 5-9 29.

HAGERMAN (45)

Cheyenne Crist 6, Shaela Owsley 2, Larissa Knight 8, Hayley White 11, Raven Aiken 8, Aly Sauer 10. Totals 17 11-25 45.

3-point goals: none. Total fouls: Castleford 17, Hagerman 14. Fouled out: Castleford, Weeks. Technical fouls: none.

CHALLIS 77, RAFT RIVER 60

Four players scored in double figures as Challis claimed a 77-60 win over Raft River. The Vikings were led by Jenna Hamilton’s 19 points. Lauren Garlie added 15 followed by Amber Kemmerer with 12 and Nicole Helm with 11.

Hailey Greenwood of Raft River led all scorers with 21 points and Echo Hansen tossed in 13 and Kassie Ottley had 10.

Raft River (9-5, 4-0 Snake River South) hosts Oakley on Tuesday.

Challis 77, Raft River 60

RAFT RIVER (60)

Kassie Ottley 10, Echo Hansen 13, Hailey Greenwood 21, Keirston Williams 5, Wynter Holtman 7, Holly Scott 4. Totals 19 20-38 60.

CHALLIS (77)

Nicole Helm 11, Jenna Hamilton 19, Amber Kemmerer 12, Marlae Moss 4, Lonnie Dowton 6, Amber Cotant 2, Lauren Garlie 15, Megan Corrigan 8. Totals 22 18-25 77.

3-point goals: Raft River 2 (Hansen, Greenwood), Challis 3 (Helm 2, Hamilton). Total fouls: Raft River 19, Challis 21. Fouled out: Raft River, Hansen, Holtman. Technical fouls: none.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 43, MURTAUGH 35

Lighthouse Christian picked up a Northside Conference South road win, defeating Murtaugh 43-35.

Kyanna Jones scored a game-high 23 points for the Lions (4-9, 1-1) and Alex VerHoeven chipped in 14. Hannah Bates led the Red Devils (0-13) with 20 points.

“Murtaugh moved the ball very well and Bates did a nice job offensively,” said Lighthouse Christian coach Andrew Paz.

Lighthouse Christian hosts Hansen tonight.

Lighthouse Christian 43, Murtaugh 35

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (43)

Kyanna Jones 23, Alex VerHoeven 14, Brooklynn

VanderStelt 5, Kaylee Bolster 1, Dana DeKruyf 1. Totals 13 16-29 43.

MURTAUGH (35)

Miranda 7, Hannah Bates 20, Angelica Gonzalez 4, Brook Worthington 4. Totals 12 8-13 35.

3-point goals: Lighthouse Christian 1 (Jones), Murtaugh 3 (Miranda 2, Bates). Fouled out: Murtaugh, Bates. Technical fouls: none.

TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN 56, CAMAS COUNTY 41

Twin Falls Christian Academy finished its season on a high note, beating Camas County 56-41 Friday night.

Hanna Glaze scored a game-high 23 points, while Annie Brown and Amanda Miller each pitched in with seven. Brown also added six steals.

Stephanie Moore led Camas County with 14 points.

Twin Falls Christian finishes its season with a 14-6 record.

Twin Falls Christian 56, Camas County 41

CAMAS COUNTY (41)

Larissa Stewart 5, Sierra Sabu 4, Cary Strom 9, Stephanie Moore 14, Brittani Hulme 7, Taylor Gorringer 2. Totals 12 6-16 41.

TFCA (56)

Megan Senderson 4, Rachel Glaze 5, Annie Brown 7, Amanda Miller 7, Hanna Glaze 23, Gabby Boulyard 6. Totals 19 13-21 56.

3-point goals: TFCA 1 (Miller). Total fouls: Camas County 18, TFCA 17. Fouled out: Camas County, Stewart. Technical fouls: none.

KIMBERLY 49, AMERICAN FALLS 34

Three-point bombs and a strong defensive effort in the fourth quarter lifted Kimberly over American Falls 49-34 Friday night.

Nellie Makings made four of the Bulldogs’ eight 3-pointers, scoring 18 points to lead all scorers. Halie Wilsey chipped in with 11 points.

Leading only 30-29 to start the fourth quarter, Kimberly (11-4) held American Falls without a field goal in the final eight minutes. The Bulldogs play at Declo Wednesday, which they lost to earlier this season.

Kimberly 49, American Falls 34

AMERICAN FALLS (34)

Laggis 4, Hernandez 2, Fehringier 6, Bradding 1, Duffin 2, Mcomber 1, Sorrelo 18. Totals 9 14-29 34.

KIMBERLY (49)

Allison Cornie 2, Halie Wilsey 11, Nellie Makings 18, Whitney Carlton 9, Kaitlin Keller 2, Talya Murphy 7. Totals 16 9-19 49.

3-point goals: American Falls 1 (Sorrelo), Kimberly 8 (Makings 4, Carlton 3, Wilsey). Total fouls: American Falls 20, Kimberly 21. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

DIETRICH 55, CAREY 42

Hot shooting from outside sprung Dietrich to a 55-42 win over visiting Carey Friday night.

Dietrich nailed four 3-pointers on the night as Shayla Porter led the team with 11 points, while Moriah Dill and Kendra McConnell each added nine.

Dietrich (10-1) hosts Castleford tonight.

Dietrich 55, Carey 42

CAREY (42)

Jaide Parke 9, Lilly Rivera 5, Micaela Adamson 12, Nicky Gomez 8, McKayla Mecham 6, Morgan Parke 2. Totals 6 6-13.

DIETRICH (55)

Ellie Dalton 8, Charley Bingham 8, Kendra McConnell 9, Moriah Dill 9, Shayla Porter 11, Cheyenne Hubert 6, Kimberly Flick 4. Totals 20 11-25 42.

3-point goals: Dietrich 4 (Bingham 2, Dalton, McConnell). Total fouls: Carey 17, Dietrich 14. Fouled out: Porter, Rivera. Technical fouls: none.

Wrestling

CHALLIS LEADS AT MV CLASSIC

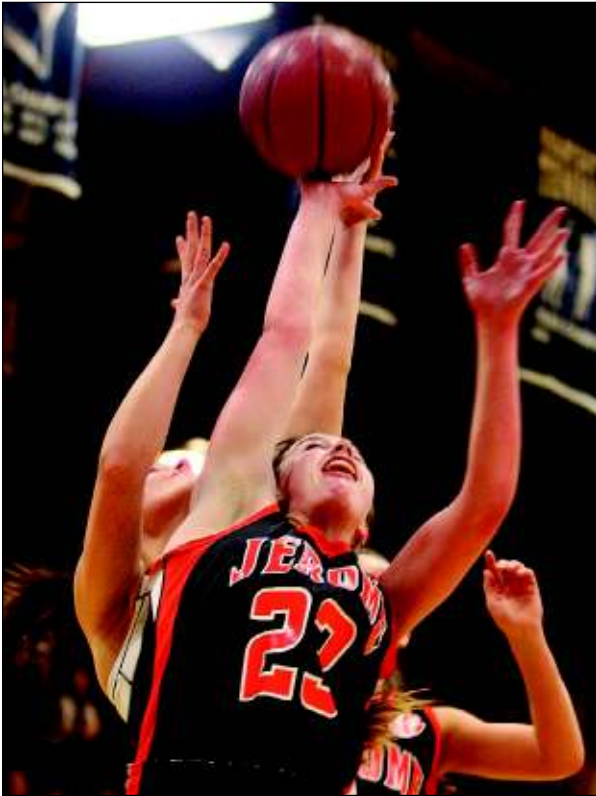
Challis leads the team standings after the first day of the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell. Declo is the top District IV team, sitting in ninth place, while Filer and Wendell are tied for 10th.

No individual results were available Friday night.

Magic Valley Classic

At Wendell HS Day 1 Results

Team scores: 1. Challis 92, 2. Firih 77, 3. Grace 65, 4. Malad 62, 5. Homedale 59.5, 6. New Plymouth 56.5, 7. West Jefferson 55.5, 8. Melba 53, 9. Declo 52, 10. (tie) Filer and Wendell 46, 11. McCall-Donnelly 46, 13. Kimberly 45, 14. Raft River/Oakley 43, 15. Marsing 38.5, 16. (tie) Valley and Jerome 23, 18. Garden Valley 22, 19. Soda Springs 18, 20. Butte County 17, 21. Glenns Ferry 15, 22. Aberdeen 12.



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Twin Falls’ Josie Jordan battles for control of the ball with Jerome’s Frankie Carey Friday night at Twin Falls High School.

Bruins

Continued from Sports 1

which made it tough for Thibault to get her shot off, the Tigers (10-5, 4-3) tried to spread the floor and use lob passes on the inside. But the Bruins got to a number of passes, and what they couldn’t get to turned into defensive rebounds as Jerome missed shot after shot inside.

“We thought we could take advantage of that, but it didn’t work out for us tonight,” said Jerome coach Brent Clark. “We just didn’t play well. Physically and mentally I think we need to get a little bit stronger, and I think the kids know that too.”

Jerome looks to rebound

today when it welcomes Bishop Kelly to town in a game rescheduled for November.

Twin Falls, meanwhile, hopes to keep rolling toward the postseason as it heads to Burley on Tuesday, looking to clinch that first-round bye.

“We just want to put together four hard quarters like we did tonight and keep it going,” Soloaga said.

Twin Falls 62, Jerome 50

Jerome 50

8 11 11 20 - 50

12 16 16 18 - 62

JEROME (50)

Kolbie Stauffer 4, Haylee Burnham 8, Carrie Thibault 21, Jasmine Branch 8, Frankie Carey 6, Hanna Hillier 3. Totals 18 9-13 50.

TWIN FALLS (62)

Brylee Bartlett 2, Josie Jordan 17, Alyssa Soloaga 18, Mallory Jund 9, Allie Kelsey 9, Jazlyn Nielsen 7. Totals 22 14-17 60.

3-point goals: Jerome 5 (Thibault 3, Burnham 2); Twin Falls 3 (Jordan, Soloaga, Kelsey). Total fouls: Jerome 18; Twin Falls 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.



Jerome’s Frankie Carey (23) fights for a rebound Friday night at Twin Falls High School.

Minico

Continued from Sports 1

Canyon Ridge (5-9 over-all, 1-6 GBC) got 18 points from Karly Hudelson and eight from Staci Baird. After their slow start the Riverhawks fought back and took a one-point lead three minutes into the second quarter.

But Minico rode a 14-2 run into halftime, and the Spartans’ led by as many as 28 late in the third quarter.

“We just played harder,” Chandler said. “We finally found our heart. We haven’t been able to put it all together in our games. Tonight we all started to come together at the same time.”

Minico hosts Century today. Canyon Ridge travels to Jerome on Tuesday.

Minico 61, Canyon Ridge 44

CANYON RIDGE (44)

“We just played harder. We finally found our heart. We haven’t been able to put it all together in our games. Tonight we all started to come together at the same time.”

— Marlee Chandler, who led Minico with 19 points

Kyla Rogers 4, Karly Hudelson 18, Kylee Denney 4, Staci Baird 8, Zoe Strauss 2, Michelle Keyes 2, Breyana Burk 6. Totals 17 6-19 44.

MINICO (61)

Micaela Merrill 8, Marlae Pratt 6, Taylor O’Connell 3, Marlee Chandler 19, Christina Evans 1, Hanna Munns 6, Dayna Phillips 6, Melinda Martinez 7, Chelsi Ohlilips 5. Totals 20 20-27 61.

3-point goals: Canyon Ridge 4 (Hudelson 4), Minico 1 (Pratt). Total fouls: Canyon Ridge 17, Minico 20. Fouled out: Canyon Ridge, Burk. Technical fouls: Canyon Ridge, bench, Strauss.

Study: USPS Armstrong sponsorship worth \$103M

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Studies commissioned by the United States Postal Service estimated the agency received at least three times the value of the \$32 million spent sponsoring Lance Armstrong’s cycling teams during their heyday.

Obtained by The Associated Press, reports by a pair of marketing firms covering 2001-2004 state the USPS received \$103.6 million in domestic value from sponsoring the Armstrong-led teams during his historic run of Tour de France wins from 1999 to 2005.

The studies estimated the value of the sponsorship increased yearly, beginning with USPS receiving roughly \$18.5 million in value in 2001 and peaking at \$34.6 million in 2004. The 2004 report noted that exposure, and value, increased in part because of the creation of Armstrong’s LiveStrong bracelets and his then-relationship with singer Sheryl Crow.

Records obtained by ESPN revealed that the postal service spent \$32 million promoting Armstrong’s teams between 2001 and 2004. The website reported that the sponsorship paid

between 60 percent to 65 percent of the Postal Service team’s total budget each year.

The sponsorship could become an issue in either a federal investigation into doping in professional cycling, or a federal whistleblower lawsuit that disgraced cyclist Floyd Landis has reportedly filed against Armstrong.

Landis has claimed Armstrong among others used performance-enhancing drugs, which — if found to be true — would have been a violation of their agreement with the Postal Service.

Armstrong has repeatedly denied doping, and his attorneys have said there never was any wrongdoing regarding the USPS sponsorship.

“Over the years, many different sponsors have seen — and continue to see — the benefits of associating with Lance and his cycling teams,” Armstrong spokesman Mark Fabiani said in a statement.

Several Armstrong teammates and associates have appeared before a grand jury in Los Angeles that has been investigating pro cycling for months, but no charges have been filed.

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BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	9	269	—
New York	22	17	564	8
Philadelphia	16	23	410	14
Toronto	13	26	333	17
New Jersey	10	28	263	19½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	30	11	732	—
Atlanta	26	14	650	3½
Orlando	25	14	641	4
Charlotte	15	22	405	13
Washington	10	27	270	18
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	26	13	667	—
Indiana	16	21	432	9
Milwaukee	14	23	378	11
Detroit	13	23	333	13
Cleveland	8	31	205	18
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	34	6	850	—
Dallas	26	12	684	7
New Orleans	24	16	600	10
Memphis	18	21	462	15½
Houston	17	23	425	17
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	13	675	—
Utah	27	13	675	—
Denver	22	16	579	4
Portland	20	19	513	6½
Minnesota	10	30	250	17
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	29	11	725	—
Phoenix	16	21	432	11½
Golden State	15	23	395	13
L.A. Clippers	13	24	351	14½
Sacramento	9	28	243	18½

Thursday's Games
Minnesota 109, Washington 97
Oklahoma City 125, Orlando 124
Denver 130, Miami 102

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 99, Milwaukee 94
Detroit 101, Toronto 95
Boston 99, Charlotte 94
Sacramento 93, New York 83
San Antonio 101, Dallas 89
New Orleans 110, Houston 105, OT
Utah 121, Cleveland 99
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, late
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, late
Portland at Phoenix, late

Saturday's Games
Houston at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Portland, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

NBA Boxes				
JAZZ 121, CAVALIERS 99				
CLEVELAND (99)				
Gee 1-3 0-0 2, Jamison 10-19 2-3 26, Hickson 8-13 5-9 21, M.Williams 5-16 2-2 14, Harris 3-9 3-10 8, Moon 2-4 0-0 5, Samuels 3-4 2-6 8, Sessions 7-12 1-1 15. Totals 39-80 12-21 99.				
UTAH (121)				
Kirilenko 5-8 5-6 15, Millsap 5-11 1-11, Jefferson 7-14 1-1 15, D.Williams 10-15 2-2 26, Bell 5-7 3-4 15, Miles 8-12 2-4 20, Okur 1-7 1-2 3, Watson 2-3 0-0 5, Price 3-6 0-0 7, Hayward 1-4 2-3 4, Fesenko 0-1 0-0 0, Elson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 47-89 17-23 121.				
Cleveland				
25	39	23	16	- 99
Utah				
25	39	23	16	- 121
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-21 (Jamison 4-7, Harris 2-3, M.Williams 2-7, Moon 2-4, Gee 0-1), Utah 10-19 (D.Williams 4-6, Bell 2-2, Miles 2-5, Watson 1-1, Price 1-2, Kirilenko 0-1, Okur 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 52 (Cleveland 14), Utah 46 (Jefferson, Okur 7). Assists—Cleveland 26 (M.Williams 10), Utah 32 (D.Williams 9).				
HORNETS 110, ROCKETS 105				
NEW ORLEANS (110)				
Griffin 5-14 3-5 14, West 9-20 11-23 26, Hickson 8-13 3-3 17, Paul 4-11 2-2 11, Ariza 1-1 4-4 6, Jack 8-14 5-23 23, Thornton 0-3 0-0 0, Smith 3-7 0-0 6, Gray 2-3 0-0 4, Pondexter 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-82 38-21 110.				
HOUSTON (105)				
Battier 6-11 0-0 13, Scolia 4-12 6-10 14, Hayes 3-6 3-5 9, Lowry 10-20 6-6 28, Martin 9-17 5-6 26, Lee 1-3 0-0 2, Brooks 3-6 2-2 9, Hill 0-0 2-2 2, Patterson 1-6 0-0 2, Budinger 0-2 0-0 0, Jeffries 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-84 24-31 105.				
New Orleans				
2129	14	31	15-	110
Houston				
2819	29	19	10-	105
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-11 (Jack 2-2, Paul 1-2, Ariza 1-5, Thornton 0-1, West 0-1), Houston 7-19 (Martin 3-8, Lowry 2-5, Battier 1-2, Brooks 1-3, Budinger 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 50 (Okafar 15), Houston 50 (Scola 11), Assists—New Orleans 19 (Paul 8), Houston 14 (Lowry 7). Total Fouls—New Orleans 27, Houston 24. A-13,616 (18,043).				
CELTICS 99, BOBCATS 94				
CHARLOTTE (94)				
Wallace 6-12 8-10 20, Diaw 4-7 3-4 11, K.Brown 3-7 2-2 8, Augustin 5-11 7-7 19, Jackson 5-17 2-4 13, Mohammed 2-5 2-4 6, Thomas 3-7 2-2 8, Henderson 1-3 0-0 2, Livingston 3-7 1-1 12. Totals 32-76 27-34 94.				
BOSTON (99)				
Pierce 7-14 2-2 19, Davis 4-10 3-5 11, S.O'Neal 10-12 3-3 23, Rondo 7-11 3-4 18, Allen 5-7 5-6 19, Erden 0-1 0-0 0, Daniels 2-5 0-2 4, Harogedy 0-2 0-0 0, Robinson 1-6 3-5 5, Wafer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-69 19-25 99.				
Charlotte				
28	18	24	28	- 94
Boston				
28	18	27	30	- 99
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 3-9 (Augustin 2-4, Jackson 1-3, Henderson 0-1, Livingston 0-1), Boston 8-19 (Allen 4-6, Pierce 3-7, Rondo 1-1, Daniels 0-1, Wafer 0-1, Robinson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 54 (Thomas 9), Boston 36 (Rondo 6). Assists—Charlotte 15 (Augustin 6), Boston 22 (Rondo 13). Total Fouls—Charlotte 21, Boston 27. Technicals—Charlotte defensive three second, Boston defensive three second. A-18,624 (18,624).				
76ERS 95, BUCKS 94				
MILWAUKEE (94)				
Mbah a Moute 1-3 0-2 2, Ilyasova 5-8 3-3 14, Bogut 4-10 2-3 10, Dooling 5-10 0-0 12, Salmons 5-13 1-1 12.				

Gooden 6-12 0-0 12, Maggette 7-10 2-2 16, Douglas-Roberts 2-3 4-4 8, Boykins 3-11 1-2 8. Totals 38-80 13-17 94.

PHILADELPHIA (95)
Igoudala 6-10 1-2 15, Brand 7-10 1-4 15, Hawes 4-4 0-0 8, Holiday 4-6 0-0 10, Meeks 1-8 0-0 3, Turner 1-1 2-2 4, Nocioni 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 7-14 9-11 25, Young 4-5 0-0 8, Speights 2-4 3-4 7. Totals 36-63 16-23 95.

Milwaukee 23 26 25 22 - 94
Philadelphia 28 27 22 18 - 95

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 5-14 (Dooling 2-4, Ilyasova 1-1, Salmons 1-2, Boykins 1-4, Gooden 0-3), Philadelphia 7-14 (Igoudala 2-2, Holiday 2-2, Williams 2-5, Meeks 1-4, Nocioni 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 42 (Bogut 12), Philadelphia 38 (Igoudala 6). Assists—Milwaukee 28 (Boykins 11), Philadelphia 23 (Igoudala 7). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 21, Philadelphia 20. A-12,650 (20,318).

BULLS 99, PACERS 86				
CHICAGO (99)				
Deng 7-19 12-17, Boozer 7-12 0-0 14, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, Rose 11-21 4-5 29, Bogans 0-1 1-2 1, Brewer 2-6 3-4 7, Gibson 4-6 1-1 9, Asik 2-4 1-1 5, Watson 3-6 1-4 8, Korver 2-8 0-0 5. Totals 40-88 12-19 99.				
INDIANA (86)				
Granger 8-23 5-6 22, Hansbrough 4-9 4-5 12, Hibbert 1-8 0-2 2, Collison 4-16 1-1 10, Dunleavy 5-10 0-0 13, McRoberts 0-1 2-2 2, Rush 1-4 2-4 4, Foster 2-6 2-4 6, Ford 1-4 2-2 4, George 3-7 1-2 8, Posey 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 30-92 19-24 86.				
Chicago				
28	25	26	20	- 99
Indiana				
24	27	16	25	- 86
3-Point Goals—Chicago 7-20 (Rose 3-6, Deng 2-4, Watson 1-1, Korver 1-7, Brewer 0-2), Indiana 7-18 (Dunleavy 3-6, George 1-1, Granger 1-3, Collison 1-3, Posey 1-4, Rush 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 63 (Thomas 18), Indiana 59 (Foster 15). Assists—Chicago 23 (Deng, Rose, Brewer 5), Indiana 13 (Collison 5). Total Fouls—Chicago 19, Indiana 19. Technicals—Deng, A-18,165 (18,165).				

KINGS 93, KNICKS 83				
SACRAMENTO (93)				
Garcia 4-10 0-0 8, Thompson 2-0 0-0 0, Cousins 7-20 2-3 16, Udrih 11-14 5-6 29, Evans 4-15 0-0 9, Dalembert 4-8 0-0 8, Landry 6-10 3-4 15, Casspi 2-8 0-0 6, Jeter 4-5 0-0 0. Totals 39-92 10-13 93.				
NEW YORK (83)				
Chandler 4-14 0-0 9, Stoudemire 6-22 12-14 25, Turiaf 1-3 0-0 2, Felton 2-15 2-4 6, Fields 3-9 2-2 9, Williams 0-6 0-0 0, Douglas 9-17 0-0 21, Walker 4-6 0-0 11. Totals 29-92 16-20 83.				
Sacramento				
24	22	24	25	- 83
New York				
25	27	16	25	- 83
3-Point Goals—Sacramento 5-13 (Udrih 2-2, Casspi 2-4, Evans 1-1, Jeter 0-2, Garcia 0-4), New York 9-28 (Walker 3-5, Douglas 3-8, Stoudemire 1-2, Fields 1-2, Chandler 1-4, Williams 0-3, Felton 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 68 (Cousins 10), New York 55 (Stoudemire 12). Assists—Sacramento 16 (Udrih 4), New York 13 (Felton 6). Total Fouls—Sacramento 19, New York 16. Technicals—Felton, New York defensive three second. A-19,763 (19,763).				

SPURS 101, MAVERICKS 89				
DALLAS (89)				
Marion 6-11 2-3 14, Ajinca 1-4 0-0 2, Chandler 4-5 0-0 8, Kidd 3-8 0-0 7, Stevenson 1-5 1-2 3, Cardinal 1-1 0-0 3, Terry 3-14 2-2 9, Mahinmi 3-4 1-2 7, Pavlovic 1-3 1-2 4, Barea 5-12 1-1 13, Haywood 2-5 2-4 6, Jones 6-11 1-2 13. Totals 36-83 11-18 89.				
SAN ANTONIO (101)				
Jefferson 2-7 1-2 7, Duncan 6-12 4-4 16, Blair 7-11 4-4 18, Parker 8-12 2-2 18, Ginobili 4-11 3-3 11, Hill 2-9 4-4 9, Bonner 2-2 0-0 6, Neal 3-11 1-2 8, McDyess 2-3 2-2 6, Splitter 0-1 1-2 1, Quinn 0-1 1-4 1. Totals 36-80 22-29 101.				
Dallas				
19	23	19	28	- 89
San Antonio				
27	30	16	16	- 101
3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-13 (Barea 2-3, Villanueva 2-4, Prince 1-1, Gordon 1-4, Stuckey 0-1), Toronto 4-17 (Kleiza 2-5, Bayless 1-3, Calderon 1-4, Bargnani 0-2, Barbosa 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 52 (Wilcox 12), Toronto 51 (Johnson 10). Assists—Detroit 16 (McGrady 5), Toronto 27 (Calderon 13). Total Fouls—Detroit 17, Toronto 19. Technicals—DeRozan, Toronto Coach Triano, Toronto defensive three second 2. A-16,924 (19,800).				

PISTONS 101, RAPTORS 96				
DETROIT (101)				
Prince 4-12 0-1 9, Wilcox 2-9 0-2 4, Monroe 6-9 0-0 12, Stuckey 5-9 9-12 19, McGrady 8-17 4-5 22, Villanueva 5-11 4-4 16, Gordon 1-2 1-1, Dwyer 1-4 0-0 2, Bynum 2-4 2-2 6, Toronto 5-13 2-3 28 101.				
TORONTO (96)				
Kleiza 5-13 1-2 13, Johnson 3-5 1-2 7, Bargnani 11-25 7-9 31, Calderon 5-10 0-0 11, DeRozan 6-11 3-4 15, Wright 3-4 1-2 7, Davis 2-3 2-2 6, Bayless 1-5 0-0 3, Barbosa 1-4 0-2 2, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-80 15-23 95.				
Detroit				
31	30	22	18	- 101
Toronto				
26	28	20	21	- 95
3-Point Goals—Detroit 6-13 (McGrady 2-3, Villanueva 2-4, Prince 1-1, Gordon 1-4, Stuckey 0-1), Toronto 4-17 (Kleiza 2-5, Bayless 1-3, Calderon 1-4, Bargnani 0-2, Barbosa 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 52 (Wilcox 12), Toronto 51 (Johnson 10). Assists—Detroit 16 (McGrady 5), Toronto 27 (Calderon 13). Total Fouls—Detroit 17, Toronto 19. Technicals—DeRozan, Toronto Coach Triano, Toronto defensive three second 2. A-16,924 (19,800).				

Thursdays Late NBA Box				
NUGGETS 130, HEAT 102				
MIAMI (102)				
Jones 2-4 0-0 6, Bosh 9-17 6-6 24, Iglauskas 0-2 0-0 0, Arroyo 5-7 0-0 10, Wade 7-19 27 16, Dampier 2-3 0-1 4, Miller 2-7 0-0 4, Howard 3-8 1-2 7, Chalmers 5-10 0-0 14, House 5-11 1-1 5, J.A.Honory 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 41-89 10-18 102.				
DENVER (130)				
Anthony 8-17 4-6 21, Martin 3-5 0-0 6, Nene 6-7 5-5 17, Billups 2-2 2-2, Afflalo 4-8 3-5 14, Harrington 4-9 0-0 10, Smith 10-17 0-0 28, Ely 4-7 2-2 10, Lawson 6-11 0-0 13, Forbes 1-3 1-2 3, Williams 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 49-92 17-22 130.				
Miami				
23	20	25	34	- 102
Denver				
26	34	38	32	- 130
3-Point Goals—Miami 10-23 (Chalmers 4-7, House 4-4, Jones 2-4, Miller 0-1, Wade 0-1), Denver 15-31 (Smith 8-14, Afflalo 3-4, Harrington 2-6, Lawson 1-3, C.Anthony 1-3, Billups 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 51 (Miller 8), Denver 53 (Nene 9). Assists—Miami 23 (Miller 8), Denver 31 (Billups 13). Total Fouls—Miami 15, Denver 18. Technicals—Miami defensive three second, Smith, A-19,155 (19,155).				

Men's College Scores				
Midwest				
Butler 87, Detroit 63				
Valparaiso 71, Wright St. 60				
South				
Kennesaw St. 81, Florida Gulf Coast 70				
Stetson 79, Mercer 72				
East				
Iona 100, Rider 96, OT				
Loyola, Md. 66, Fairfield 65				
Siena 66, Marist 59				

Women's College Scores

GAME PLAN

LOCAL COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

5 p.m.
Eastern Utah at CSI
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
3 p.m.
Eastern Utah at CSI
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
3:30 p.m.

Filer at Wood River
5 p.m.
Hagerman at Grace
6:30 p.m.
Challis at Glenns Ferry
7:30 p.m.

Gooding at Buhl
Hansen at Lighthouse Christian,
Jerome Middle School
Highland at Twin Falls
Wendell at Declo
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
2 p.m.
Bishop Kelly at Jerome
2:30 p.m.
Shoshone at Valley
3:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Grace
5 p.m.
Challis at Glenns Ferry
6 p.m.
Hansen at Lighthouse Christian,
Jerome Middle School
7:30 p.m.
Carey at Dietrich
Century at Minico

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING
9 a.m.
Declo, Filer, Kimberly, Oakley, Raft
River, Valley, Wendell at Magic
Valley Classic, Wendell
Burley, Jerome at Madison
Invitational
10 a.m.
Buhl, Minico, Twin Falls at Spring
Creek (Nev.) Invitational

TV SCHEDULE

Williams, Miles lift Jazz past Cavs

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams scored 26 points, reserve C.J. Miles added 20 and the Utah Jazz cruised to a 121-99 victory Friday night over the hapless Cleveland Cavaliers.

The win was the third straight for Utah, while the Cavaliers (8-31) have lost 12 in a row, 26 of their last 29 and 18 straight on the road.

Antawn Jamison scored 26 points for the injury-riddled Cavs, who used only eight players. They were coming off the worst loss in franchise history, a 112-57 humiliation in Los Angeles against the Lakers.

While not as one-sided, Friday's game was effectively decided in the second quarter when Utah went on a 14-0 run to take a 49-31 lead. The Jazz led 70-50 at halftime.

The Cavs cut it to 89-83 in the third on a 3-pointer by Jamison with 2:16 left. But Miles hit another 3 and Mehmet Okur added a free throw to give Utah a 93-83 lead entering the fourth.

The Jazz scored the first four points of the period to put the game away.

HORNETS 110, ROCKETS 105, OT

HOUSTON — David West scored 29 points, Jarrett Jack added 23 points and seven assists and the New Orleans Hornets rallied from 16 points down in the third quarter to beat the Houston Rockets 110-105 in overtime Friday night.

Emeka Okafor had 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Hornets, who have won five straight over Houston. Chris Paul had a quiet night, with 11 points, eight assists and five turnovers.

MAVERICKS 101, SPURS 89

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 18 points, DeJuan Blair had 18 points and 13 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs handed



AP photo

Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams, right, leans into Cleveland Cavaliers guard Ramon Sessions during the second half in Salt Lake City Friday. The Jazz beat the Cavaliers 121-99.

the reeling Dallas Mavericks their fourth straight loss, 101-89 on Friday night.

Dirk Nowitzki missed his ninth straight game because of an ailing right knee and the once-mighty Mavs lost for the seventh time since the All-Star forward went out.

The Spurs (34-6) won their fifth straight and beat Dallas for a second time with Nowitzki sidelined. The injury has prevented a full-strength showdown between the NBA-best Spurs and Mavs, who have slipped seven games behind their Texas rivals in the Southwest Division.

CELTICS 99, BOBCATS 94

BOSTON — Shaquille O'Neal had 23 points, five rebounds and five blocks in a season-high 35 minutes for the short-handed Boston Celtics as they held off Charlotte and ended the Bobcats' four-game winning streak.

O'Neal went 10 for 12 from the field as he huffed and puffed up and down the court all night and even made all three of his foul shots. Boston was missing Kevin Garnett for the ninth straight game and played without Paul Pierce much of Friday because of foul trouble. Pierce still finished with 19 points.

KINGS 93, KNICKS 83

NEW YORK — Beno Udrih scored 29 points on 11-of-14 shooting and Sacramento snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over the lethargic New York Knicks.

Rookie center DeMarcus Cousins added 16 points and 10 rebounds, and reserve Carl Landry had 15 points for the Kings, now 1-3 on their six-game road trip. They have won four in a row at Madison Square Garden.

BULLS 99, PACERS 86

INDIANAPOLIS — Derrick Rose had 29 points and a season-high 10 rebounds to help Chicago beat Indiana.

Rose, who scored 20 points in the second half, also had five assists. Luol Deng had 17 points and five assists, Carlos Boozer scored 14 points and Kurt Thomas had a season-high 18 rebounds.

76ERS 95, BUCKS 94

PHILADELPHIA — Lou Williams hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 43 seconds left and scored 25 points to lead Philadelphia past Milwaukee.

The Sixers blew a 15-point lead and were on the brink of losing their third straight game as they make a push for the eighth seed in the Eastern Conference.

PISTONS 101, RAPTORS 95

TORONTO — Tracy McGrady scored 22 points and Rodney Stuckey had 19 in Detroit's victory over Toronto.

Charlie Villanueva had 16 points and eight rebounds while rookie Greg Monroe scored 12 for the Pistons, who had lost five of six. Chris Wilcox had 12 rebounds and four points.

— The Associated Press

Auburn's Fairley entering NFL draft

MOBILE, Ala. — Nick Fairley, Auburn's other big-name star, also is heading to the NFL after winning the Lombardi Award and helping Cam Newton lead the Tigers to a national title.

The potential No. 1 overall pick announced his decision Friday at his old high school, saying he didn't make up his mind until that morning after long talks with his coaches and his parents and a solitary drive around his hometown. The deciding factor?

"I was thinking, 'What more could I accomplish my senior year?'" Fairley said.

His decision means Auburn's two most dominant stars won't be back next season. Newton, the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, said Thursday night that he was entering the draft.

The two junior college transfers led the Tigers to a 14-0 season and their first national title since 1957.

Fairley was the defensive MVP in the BCS title game against Oregon when he had a sack, three tackles for losses and forced a fumble. The 6-foot-5, 298-pound All-American defensive tackle also led the Southeastern Conference with 24 tackles for a loss and had a school-record 11.5 sacks.

NO CONTEST PLEA IN FATAL STABBING OF UCONN PLAYER

VERNON, Conn. — The man accused of fatally stabbing a University of Connecticut football player outside a party on campus in 2009 pleaded no contest on Friday to first-degree manslaughter.

John Lomax III, of Bloomfield, who had faced a murder charge, entered his plea to the lesser charge in Superior Court in Rockville, according to the court clerk's office. Lomax faces up to 20 years in prison at sentencing. An investigation of the case was ordered ahead of the sentencing set for March 25.

As he was questioned by the judge about his plea, an emotional Lomax apologized to Howard's family inside the courtroom.

"I would like to extend my condolences to the Howard family," Lomax said in remarks reported by The Hartford Courant. "I understand how it hurts to lose a loved one. ... I wouldn't want this to happen to anybody."

TULSA HIRES BILL BLANKENSHIP AS FOOTBALL COACH

TULSA, Okla. — Five years ago, Bill Blankenship left a comfortable job at an Oklahoma high school football powerhouse, taking a leap of faith that he'd land a college coaching job that fit him.

That offer didn't come

until January 2007, when Todd Graham asked Blankenship to join his staff at Tulsa. Four years later, with Graham gone to Pittsburgh, Blankenship emerged from a crowded field of candidates and now has his dream job — as head coach at his alma mater.

"Who would have thought?" Blankenship said Friday, smiling wistfully as he was introduced as Tulsa's new coach. "To say this is a great day is an understatement."

Blankenship takes over a program that has won at least 10 games three times in the past four seasons, including this past season, when the Golden Hurricane finished 10-3, beat Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl and were ranked No. 24 in The Associated Press' final poll — their first top-25 finish since 1991.

BRANTLEY STAYING AT FLORIDA AFTER COACHING CHANGE

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Once Florida hired offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to run a pro-style offense, John Brantley's decision became clear.

Brantley, mostly ineffective in Florida's spread system, chose Friday to stay in Gainesville and finish his college career with the Gators. Brantley considered transferring after coach Urban Meyer stepped down last month, wanting to see if he might find a better fit elsewhere.

But his father, John Brantley III, told The Associated Press in a text message that his son has "been a Gator his whole life and no reason to change now."

NCAA GRANTS SIXTH YEAR FOR INJURED QB KEENUM

HOUSTON — The NCAA has granted a sixth year of eligibility to Houston quarterback Case Keenum, who missed the final nine games of the 2010 season with a torn knee ligament.

The NCAA's decision was first reported by KRIV-TV. The school announced it on Friday.

Keenum was nearing several NCAA career records when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while attempting a tackle in a 31-13 loss at UCLA on Sept. 18. That came a week after a mild concussion in a win over UTEP.

The school announced in mid-October that it would ask the NCAA to grant Keenum another year. Houston lost six of nine games after Keenum went out and finished 5-7.

"I've been on pins and needles, but it's definitely paid off," Keenum said. "I'm super-excited. It's going to be a great year."

— The Associated Press

Federal judges consider high school sports case

CHICAGO (AP) — A Wisconsin case that could have nationwide implications for how reporters cover and how parents watch high school sports is making its way through the courts, with crucial constitutional arguments taking place Friday in federal court in Chicago.

The case pits community newspapers against the association that oversees high school sports in Wisconsin. Fans in many states rely on community newspapers for news about high school teams, and the newspapers say they need easy, unencumbered access to sporting events to provide that coverage. But the association says it can't survive if it can't raise money by signing exclusive contracts with a single video-production company for streaming its tournaments.

The newspapers argued Friday before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals that the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of press should enable them to put such publicly funded events online as they see fit, free of charge.

The case began in 2008, when the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association sued The Post-Crescent of Appleton after it

streamed live coverage of high school football playoff games. After a U.S. District judge sided with the association last year, saying its exclusive deal with a video production company didn't impinge on freedom of the press, the newspaper's owner, Gannett Co., and the Wisconsin Newspaper Association appealed.

Media lawyer Robert Dreps argued Friday that the newspaper's streaming of the game was the equivalent of reporting on the event, but judge Diane Wood said she was "troubled by that."

The athletic association's attorney, John Skilton, argued that its deal with the video production company didn't prevent newspapers from reporting on the game. Reporters can still attend games, write critical comments about them and even display short clips of video they deem newsworthy, he said — they just can't stream entire games.

"The heart of this issue . . . is the question: Is there any part of these rules that stifle speech?" he said. "The answer is — there isn't that type of censorship in these rules."

Judge David Hamilton

asked Skilton whether, given that line of thinking, a U.S. president-elect could cut a deal giving one company exclusive right to broadcast his inauguration.

"That's core speech," Skilton said, referring to political speech, which receives the greatest First Amendment protection. "So my answer might be different than for this case."

But overall, the judges fired their toughest questions at Dreps. Wood cut the media attorney off just seconds into his presentation, asking whether newspapers would claim similar rights to stream a high school production of the musical "South Pacific" online.

"No," he responded, "because there would be copyright issues involved."

Wood made a similar point later, asking Dreps whether she and the two other judges were themselves infringing on press freedom by not allowing the media to shoot video footage in the courtroom. Again, Dreps said no.

"The difference is you are not allowing just one company to do it," he replied.

Then Wood responded with bluntness uncommon in the typically sedate appellate

court when Dreps argued the athletic association should be viewed as an extension of the government — in part because it operates within one state.

"That's crazy," she said, drawing glances from her colleagues.

It's unclear how long the appeals court judges will take to mull over the arguments before reaching a decision. It could take weeks or even months.

Other athletic associations and newspaper groups are closely watching the outcome of the Wisconsin case, with a decision one way or the other possibly prompting litigation elsewhere.

It's not likely that college sports will be greatly affected.

The NCAA, which many state associations try to closely mirror, was ruled a private entity by the U.S. Supreme Court nearly 25 years ago in a case involving then-UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, who sued the association, claiming it had tried to drive him out of basketball.

The Associated Press has pledged financial support to the newspaper association and Gannett if the Wisconsin case goes to trial.

Appleby takes the lead in Honolulu

HONOLULU (AP) — The Sony Open took a while to get started. So did Stuart Appleby.

Appleby was humming along Friday on rain-soaked Waialae Country Club, no bogeys on his cards but not many birdies, either. That changed when he holed a 163-yard shot from the fairway and a 35-foot putt on the next green to finish with a 6-under 64.

That gave him a one-shot lead over nine players from Matt Kuchar and Justin Rose to a pair of rookies in Nate Smith and Ben Martin. In soft condition and only a light breeze, 65 players in the 144-man field broke par.

Appleby shot 30 on the back nine, including a chip-in from the front of the 12th

green. Then came a strong finish, with a 5-iron that he holed out for eagle on the 16th and the long birdie putt on the 17th.

"Less than two hours, really went from a pretty plain round to a good round," Appleby said.

No one could catch him in the afternoon. Shigeki Maruyama, a popular figure in these parts, was at 5 under through 12 holes until he dropped a few shots on the back and had to birdie the 18th for a 65.

Martin, who just graduated from Clemson last year, wasn't sure what to expect. It wasn't the ideal preparation for his first regular PGA Tour event, although it was out of his hands. He had to do a commercial shoot on

Tuesday, then couldn't practice Wednesday because the range was closed and didn't play Thursday when rain washed out the opening round.

"I hadn't hit a golf shot in three days," he said.

He hit most of them quite well in the opening round. Five of his birdies were from inside 8 feet, and two others came on the par 5s that he reached in two. It helped to have some experience on the bag. Martin sent his caddie to California to study the four courses used in the Bob Hope Classic, and he used Frank Williams, the longtime caddie for Stewart Cink, who was coming to Hawaii on vacation.

Martin hadn't never seen Waialae until this week, so

the soft conditions didn't feel different.

That wasn't the case for the veterans.

"I have never seen the course like this," Steve Stricker said after rallying for a 69. The fairways were too wet to mow, and grass clippings that had been floating in water created yellow patches of debris.

Appleby said the course was "heavy," but he had no complaints. Players were allowed to lift, clean and place their golf balls through the fairway, although some players felt by the end of the day it wasn't necessary.

"Much better than I expected," said Kuchar, who made a long eagle putt on the ninth and made only one bogey.



AP photo

Auburn's Nick Fairley announced Friday is heading to the NFL after winning the Lombardi Award and helping teammate Cam Newton lead the Tigers to a national title.

Classic rivalry: Ravens, Steelers meet for 3rd time

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Looks like another winter classic in Pittsburgh.

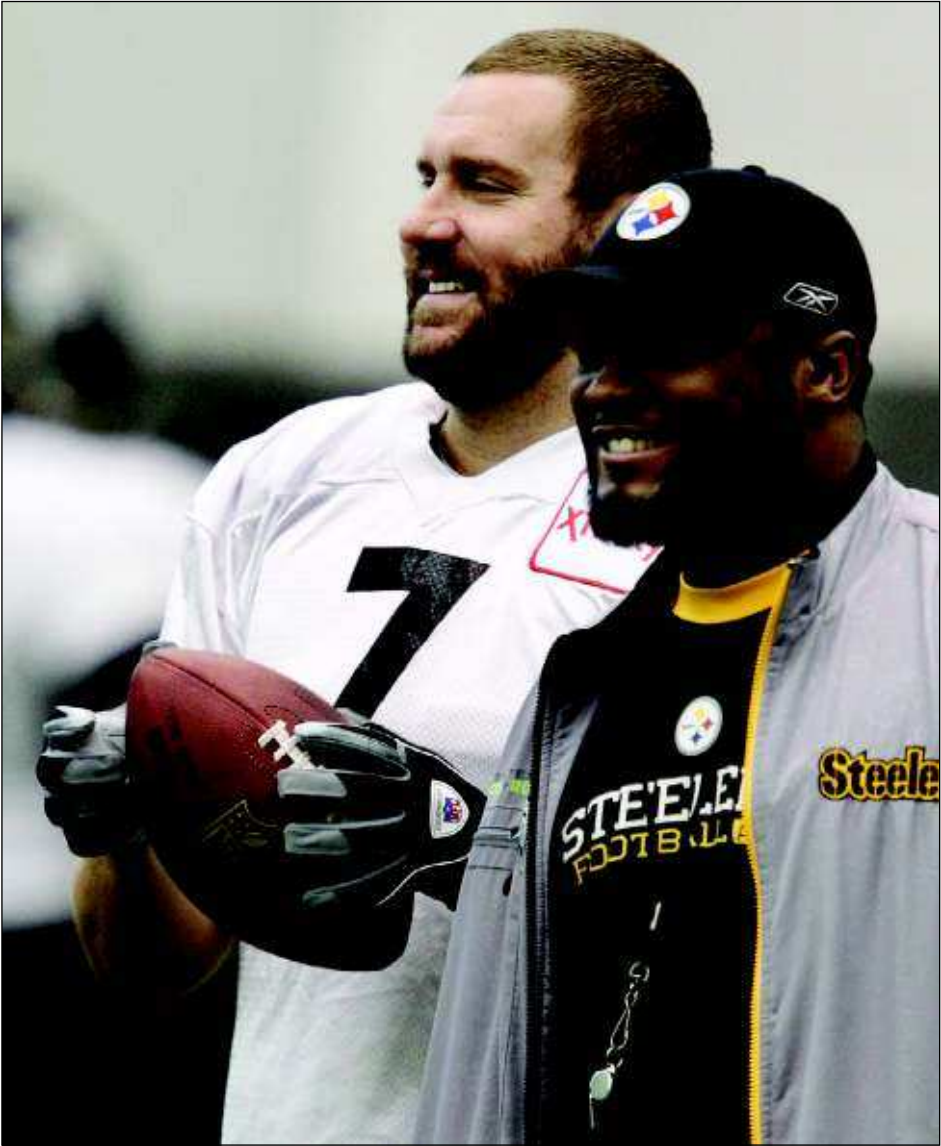
Some NFL rivalries are manufactured. Some ebb and flow depending on the teams' records. Then there's Ravens vs. Steelers, one that is as real as it gets. The games usually are meaningful, with an intensity that isn't faked and a physicality that caused Pittsburgh wide receiver Hines Ward to label it the Black and Blue Bowl.

The eighth meeting in three seasons between AFC North rivals that are alike in makeup and personality will leave the winner one victory short of the Super Bowl. The survivor of Saturday's AFC divisional game meets the winner of Sunday's Jets-Patriots game in the AFC championship game on Jan. 23.

Yes, another big Ravens-Steelers game, only a month and 10 days since the last. Yet many in Baltimore and Pittsburgh couldn't wait for it.

"Both sides know when the whistle blows, you're going to get what we got and we're going to get what they got," said Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, whose renowned nastiness fits perfectly into a rivalry where emotions run high and scores run low. "So, once again — I love to use this — here we go again."

The Ravens and Steelers tied with 12-4 regular-season records, but Pittsburgh earned a first-round bye based on its superior division



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, left, and coach Mike Tomlin talk during practice in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. The Steelers host the Baltimore Ravens today in a divisional playoff game.

record — one made possible by its improbable 13-10 win in Baltimore on Dec. 5. The Ravens were within a couple

of first downs of securing a 10-6 win, but Pro Bowl safety Troy Polamalu caused a Joe Flacco fumble that led to Ben

Roethlisberger's winning 9-yard touchdown pass with 2:51 remaining.

Just like that, a season



flipped. But Steelers coach Mike Tomlin cautions the Ravens are capable of "flipping the script" in a series that's so close, each of the last four games was decided by three points. The combined score since 2003 is Ravens 302, Steelers 302.

Still, the Ravens are 0-2 in the postseason in Heinz Field, where new sod was put down amid a series of snowy days that followed the NHL's Winter Classic between the Capitals and Penguins on Jan. 1. That was hockey in the rain. This will be football with snow flurries, temperatures in the 20s and emotions that will be super heated.

Former Steelers linebacker Joey Porter proved that when he tried to climb aboard the Ravens' bus and fight Lewis in 2003. So did Plaxico Burress and James Trapp when they fought on the field in 2002. So did the Ravens, who stood mocking an oft-sacked Ben Roethlisberger in 2006. Perhaps that wasn't a good idea; Roethlisberger is 6-0 against them since then.

The numerous injuries illustrate the physical nature of the rivalry. Porter's dangerous hit on an unprotected Todd Heap in 2004 still infuriates the Ravens. Lewis ended running back Rashard Mendenhall's rookie season by breaking his shoulder in

2008. Ravens linebacker Jameel McClain's helmet hit on Heath Miller last month caused a concussion and led to a \$40,000 fine. In the same game, Haloti Ngata smacked Roethlisberger in the face, breaking the quarterback's nose with a hit that cost him a \$15,000 fine.

"We're similar styles, we're physical and we try to impose our will on each other," Steelers nose tackle Casey Hampton said. "I think both teams try to see themselves as bullies."

For the Ravens, perhaps there's a tinge of envy that the Steelers always seem to gain the upper hand when it matters; they are 2-8 against Roethlisberger. Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco, who threw two touchdown passes in a 30-7 wild-card dismantling of Kansas City last weekend, is 0-5 when he starts against Roethlisberger.

While Baltimore is 7-3 in road playoff games, Pittsburgh is 8-0 — zero losses in 40 years — when it meets a division rival in the postseason.

"Some stats you keep up with, some you don't care about," Lewis said. "I don't care. We can't pack a bag with 40 years on it and say, 'Hey guys, look what we haven't done in 40 years.' Forget it."

Falcons glad playoff game vs. Packers isn't a history lesson

ATLANTA (AP) — Bart Starr. Lambeau Field. Ray Nitschke. Tittletown USA. Reggie White. Heck, they even named the Super Bowl trophy after Green Bay's most famous coach.

Yep, the Packers are just oozing with tradition.

The Atlanta Falcons? Not so much.

"We're fairly new on the block," said Roddy White, the Falcons' Pro Bowl receiver. "We're still trying to prove ourselves. You've got to go out there and win playoff games. That's what this league is all about."

The Falcons (13-3) are the top seed in the NFC playoffs heading into Saturday night's divisional game against Green Bay (11-6). Atlanta merely needs to win two more games — both at the Georgia Dome, where the team is 20-4 over the last three seasons — to reach the Super Bowl for only the second time in franchise history.

Up first, Atlanta will have to get by a franchise with a much more impressive

resume over the long haul.

The Packers have won a record 12 NFL titles, three more than any other franchise, a bounty that includes three Super Bowls victories. Compare that with the Falcons, who have managed just four division titles in 45 years and lost their lone Super Bowl appearance in 1999. In fact, Atlanta had never put together back-to-back winning seasons until its current run of three in a row.

When it comes to star power, Green Bay is about as good as it gets. The franchise boasts 21 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and surely has at least one more on the way with Brett Favre, who actually began his career with the Falcons but was traded away in one of the game's great personnel blunders. The Packers' list of greats includes coach Vince Lombardi, whose influence on the game was so profound the NFL put his name on its championship trophy shortly after his death in 1970.



No one has considered naming a trophy after anyone from the Falcons. Heck, the team has yet to send even one player to Canton; the best it can do is Eric Dickerson and Tommy McDonald, two Hall of Famers who played briefly for Atlanta late in their careers. And when it comes to coaches, the team with the odd-looking bird logo can't come close to Lombardi or Curly Lambeau, who guided the Packers to their first six NFL titles in the 1930s and '40s.

OK, the Falcons did hire one of Lombardi's assistants, Norb Hecker, as their first head coach in 1966. But his record was a very un-Vince-like 4-26-1, which pretty much sums up the divide



Quarterback Matt Ryan leads the Atlanta Falcons against the Green Bay Packers today in a divisional playoff game.

between these two franchises.

"That organization over there, they've been doing it for a long time," Roddy White said. "They've pretty much got the Super Bowl trophy named after their squad and their coach. So, they've got a lot of good tradition. They've done a lot of good things in this league."

The Packers insist they're looking forward, but there's no doubt they've got an eye on their legacy. Green Bay hasn't won a Super Bowl since the 1996 season. Longtime Packers such as receiver Donald Driver figure that's long enough.

Jay Cutler earns initial postseason shot with Bears

LAKE FOREST, ILL. (AP) — If Jay Cutler is nervous heading into his first playoff game, it was hard to tell this week. It actually was hard to tell anything about the strong-armed quarterback's mindset heading into the postseason.

This time, Cutler avoided the deep route.

"Guys are business as usual," he said.

The Chicago Bears will make their first playoff appearance in four years when they host the Seattle Seahawks in a divisional game on Sunday, and Cutler will get his first taste of the postseason. So it wasn't exactly business as usual around Halas Hall on Friday.

Not since the 2006 team made the Super Bowl have the Bears (11-5) been working this late, but they're here thanks to a dramatic turnaround that led to the NFC North championship and a first-round bye. Cutler, meanwhile, is leading a winner for the first time since his senior year in high school.

Now, the Bears are staring at a team that slipped into the playoffs with a 7-9 record and knocked off defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans last week behind a memorable touchdown run by Marshawn Lynch and a superb effort by Matt Hasselbeck.



been fortunate to get the opportunity to play in a bunch of playoff games, and you never forget them."

He remembers feeling "no anxiety" when he made his first playoff start in 2003.

The Seahawks were playing his former team Green Bay for the second time that season and Hasselbeck learned a lot about playing in the postseason. He wound up with 305 yards, but Green Bay won 33-27 in overtime when Al Harris returned an interception 52 yards for a touchdown.

That game is most remembered for Hasselbeck's bold prediction after Seattle won the overtime coin flip. "We want the ball and we're going to score!" he declared, moments before Harris picked off his pass and took it back to end Seattle's season.

"I was playing all my friends from Green Bay, all my guys that I was boys with in Green Bay," he said. "I was probably better friends with them than I was with my current teammates at the time. It was just one of those things where I said 'The heck with it, I'm just going to have fun. Just play loose!' And I played so much better that way, just not uptight and naive. I had no idea the attention that playoff games get, the hype that playoff games get. Every good or bad thing you do can kind of linger, but it's awesome."

Fox looks to turn around struggling Broncos

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — John Fox wasn't ready to hit the beach, the greens or the slopes after enduring the first double-digit losing season of his coaching career.

He wanted to jump right back into the fray after his dismissal from the Carolina Panthers this month, and the Broncos were looking for just such a man to lead them out of their own misery.

Fox beat out Houston offensive coordinator Rick Dennison, who has deep Denver roots, and three other coaching candidates to replace Josh McDaniels, who was fired last month amid the Broncos' worst slide in four decades and the embarrassing Spygate II videotaping scandal.

After such a trying season Fox said he "wouldn't wish on my worst enemy," why not just take a year off to rest, relax and regroup?

"They asked me the same thing," Fox said of the search committee headed by John Elway, the Broncos' new chief football executive. "I did have options. But I am extremely competitive. That's probably all the more reason why I am here today. I wanted to jump back in and erase that."

Many Broncos fans tired of five straight seasons without a playoff berth are expecting a quick fix much like the one Fox engineered in Carolina, when he took the Panthers to the 2004 Super Bowl two years after inheriting a 1-15 team.

And Fox didn't say anything to dampen those lofty wishes.

"I'm here to try to add another ring and trophy to that foyer," he said.

Fox went 78-74, including playoffs, in nine seasons with the Panthers. The team didn't renew his contract following an NFL-worst 2-14 record in 2010.

Carolina was the only team worse than the Broncos, who lost a franchise-record 12 times last season and own the second overall pick in the NFL draft behind the Panthers.

Fox will have to turn around a deficient defense that ranked last in the NFL and remedy a one-dimensional offense that had trouble running the ball and protecting the quarterback.

"I don't see it as 'unfixable' at all," Fox said. "If it looked too dire I don't know

that I would be standing here?"

49ERS COACH HARBAUGH ADDS 3 STANFORD COACHES

SAN FRANCISCO — New 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh hired away three coaches from his former Stanford staff Friday to join him in the NFL.

The 49ers hired offensive coordinator Greg Roman, defensive coordinator Vic Fangio and offensive line coach Tim Drevno. The moves were expected by Harbaugh, who received a five-year deal as San Francisco's new coach last Friday to replace the fired Mike Singletary. Harbaugh was among the most sought after coaches this winter following a 12-1 season in his fourth year at Stanford capped by a 40-12 Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech.

WILFORD CHARGED WITH RESISTING ARREST, TRESPASSING

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Former Jacksonville Jaguars tight end Ernest Wilford has been charged with resisting arrest and trespassing following a disturbance at a bar.

Wilford, who played two games for the Jaguars this



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COMMUNITY

Local club donates to Children At Risk



Courtesy photo
Pictured is Thelma Lee of the Preceptor Alpha Kappa Sorority presenting a \$150 check to Amy Rothweiler, Twin Falls School District support services coordinator. The donation was for the Children At Risk Fund. The sorority also donated many school supplies for that cause.

Register now for Rupert horse camp

The Horsin' Around Camp will be held Jan. 28 and 29 at the McGregor Center in Rupert at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. This camp is for anyone ages 8-18 who would like to learn more about the 4-H horse program. You do not need to be a current 4-H member. Teens who are between ages 14-18 as of Jan. 1 are encouraged to apply to be camp counselors. On Jan. 28, there will be a skill-a-thon, games, horse

bowl and other exciting 4-H opportunities. There will also be a movie and pizza. Bring your bedroll. On Jan. 29, there will be a scavenger hunt followed by breakfast. Classes will be taught by 4-H leaders, 4-H teens, veterinarians and other experts. Lunch will be served at the chuck wagon and the campers will be rounded up for a review. Preregistration is required. Registrations are due to the Minidoka Extension Office by Friday.

Driver safety class to be held in Buhl

A driver safety program class will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the United Methodist Church, 908 Maple St. in Buhl. Attendance on both days is required for credit. The class costs \$14, with a \$2 discount for AARP members who present their membership cards. Insurance companies in Idaho give a discount to persons more than age 55 who complete such a class. Preregistration is required. Information or to register: John Ellis, 420-5891.

Excessive yawning an enigma

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am disabled with extensive nerve damage from liver failure. I have a lot of problems. Just in the past few months, I've had spells where I yawn constantly. The problem usually starts shortly after I wake up, but it also happens later in the day. They aren't wimpy little yawns, either, but those that start in your toes and gather momentum as they head north. By the time they reach my head, my mouth is wide open and I'm stretching my jaw as far as I can. This may go on for hours and simply wears me out, not to mention that it kinda hurts. Any ideas?

DEAR READER: Unless performed intentionally, yawning is an involuntary action involving many body parts. The mouth opens, the jaw drops, abdominal muscles flex, lungs expand, the diaphragm is pushed down, heart rate increases, and muscles and joints flex. The process is reversed as we force that air back out of the mouth. People of every age — even an 11-week-old fetus will yawn. And when we see someone do just that, we will likely follow along. To even read about the topic in my column will likely cause a person to yawn.

Excessive yawning can be caused by a vasovagal reaction on the blood vessels and could indicate a cardiac problem, sleep apnea or excessive daytime fatigue. Because of this, you should address the subject with your doctor or cardiologist. Yawning doesn't reflect boredom, as proven by athletes who will yawn prior to running a race or entering a swim meet. Therefore, I recommend you make that appointment so you can get to the bottom of the problem. To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep Wake Disorders."



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott
Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 check or money order payable to Newsletter and mailed to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any cure for scleroderma?
DEAR READER: The localized form of scleroderma affects only the skin, while systemic scleroderma damages the heart, lungs, kidneys and digestive system. Symptoms and treatment vary, depending on the type.

Localized scleroderma can resolve on its own. Systemic cannot, but a variety of medications are available to reduce the intensity of pain and help control symptoms. Some drugs can dilate blood vessels, possibly reducing the severity of symptoms of conditions such as Raynaud's disease and kidney and lung abnormalities. Physical therapists can help a patient work toward methods to manage pain, improve mobility, and increase strength. The appearance of skin lesions can be helped through ultraviolet-light exposure or laser surgery. On the home front, a person should remain active, protect the skin from cold, discontinue smoking, and refrain from eating foods that contribute to heartburn or gas. Walking, yoga or tai chi might be to your liking. Should Raynaud's be present, remember to protect your hands at all times, such as by wearing gloves when placing foods in or taking them out of the freezer, or when hanging clothes on the line to dry.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have read about plantar warts that your readers have. Well, I have seed warts almost over my complete back, and they have spread to other parts of my body. My grandfather also had them on his back. My back itches badly all the time. Are they inherited? Is there anything that will help me get rid of them? I have shown them to my dermatologist, and he said he could freeze them off but that was about all he could do. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Seed warts are simply common warts with black dots that originate from the blood vessels that surround them. They commonly appear on the face, fingers, soles of the feet and backs of the hands. They are contagious and caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV) that enters the skin through a simple cut or crack. Latent infection can also occur in people who harbor HPV without skin trauma. As with all warts, a number of treatment methods are available. However, because there is no single cure, some may appear ineffective. One option is cryotherapy. Liquid nitrogen is applied to freeze the wart and can be painful but effective. In my opinion, this is your best bet with the process performed by a dermatologist; however, liquid nitrogen can be purchased at your local pharmacy without the necessity of a prescription. The nitrogen freezes and bursts skin cells that contain the HPV, thus giving the immune system an opportunity to attack and destroy the virus. Then there's minor surgery or laser surgery. The disadvantage to surgery is the expense and the warts might scar the skin. *Peter H. Gott is a retired physician and the author of several books.*

BRIDGE NEWS

Bridge results for Twin Falls

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge has shared results for late December.
Dec. 28:
Flight A: 1. Duane Schieberger and Max Thompson, 2. Veeta Roberts and Betty Sabo, 3. Joye Astorquia and Betty Grant.
Flight B: 1. Veeta Roberts and Betty Sabo.
Dec. 29:
Flight A: 1. Edna Pierson and Riley Burton, 2. Betty Grant and Doris Finney, 3. Nancy Gibson and Steve Sams, 4. Betty Sabo and Marilyn Botkin.
Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge is played at 6:45 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. Information: Max Thompson, 735-8308.
BJ Duplicate Bridge announces winners
The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced the results of play for the first half of January.
Jan. 4:
North-South: 1. Edna Pierson and Shirley Tschannen, 2. Betty Grant and Jessie Lingnaw, 3. Gary and Barbara Carney, 4. Trudy Carver and Nancy Gibson.
East-West: 1. Sheila Hubsmith and Mildred

Wolf, 2. Shirley Harris and Marlene Temple, 3. Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley, 4. Lila Buman and Marian Snow.
Jan. 11:
North-South: 1. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie, 2. (tie) Gary and Barbara Carney and Warren and Faun McEntire, 3. Lila Buman and Marian Snow, 4. Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver.
East-West: 1. Shirley Harris and Marlene Temple, 2. Donna Moore and Jane Keicher, 3. Bub and Marie Price, 4. Jackie Brown and Dot Creason.
Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-3997, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Veterans officer to visit Jerome

Military veterans and surviving spouses of veterans are invited to make an appointment to see Milt Smith, from the Idaho Division of Veterans Services Office, from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln St., Room 310. Questions and concerns about veteran's benefits will be addressed. Information: Terry Gabbert, veteran services officer for Jerome County, 644-2708.

Support group to be held Wednesdays

A grief support group for survivors of suicide will be held at 7 p.m. every third Wednesday, starting Jan. 19, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Information: Lori Stewart, 539-1853.

Wendell schools hold parent conferences

Parents of Wendell High School and Middle School students are encouraged to pick up copies of the current trimester mid-term report cards and meet with teachers from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers will be located in their respective school classroom. Parents will receive their student's mid-term report card when they enter the school. Report cards not picked up during the conference times will be available the following week.

Keep those bottles in the back

Q: The open container law discussion came up with a friend last week. We agreed that an opened bottle could be placed in the car's trunk without penalty. However, how about an opened bottle in the bed of a pick-up? Would having a camper shell on the vehicle change the situation?

— Hank

A: The Idaho Code you're talking about, for those who want to know, is 23-505. The code reads: "Alcoholic liquor lawfully purchased may be transported, but no person shall break open, or allow to be

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broken or opened any container of alcoholic liquor, or drink, or use, or allow to be drunk, or used any alcoholic liquor therein while the same is being transported." As far as transporting, it states that opened bottles may be transported in an enclosed trunk compartment or behind the last upright seat of a vehicle, which has no trunk compartment. This is another example of color of the law. I would

say that my interpretation would be that as long as the bottles were still sealed, carrying them in the back of a pickup would be fine and I would not cite. Another officer might not interpret it my way, though, and issue a citation. Once again I would say that the final answer would probably come back as a judge's decision. I know that you are now clearly confused but I would bet you'd be safe to put sealed bottles in the back of a pickup. If I'm wrong I'm sure I'll get emails. The code does allow passengers to drink in certain vehicles. These include a passenger in the passenger area of a motor vehicle

designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of persons for compensation, or in the living quarters of a recreational vehicle as that term is defined in Idaho Code 49-119. ("A motor home, travel trailer, truck camper or camping trailer, with or without motive power, designed for human habitation for recreational or emergency occupancy. It does not include pick-up hoods, shells, or canopies designed, created or modified for occupational usage. School buses or van type vehicles, which are converted to recreational use, are defined as recreational vehicles").

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Murphy's Laws for Police Chiefs (my version):
• When you finally get it all figured out you're retired.
• New patrol cars always attract deer, drunks or anything else that causes damage.
• The newly elected mayor will be the one you didn't vote for and knows it.
• The city council will ask you the one question you're not prepared to answer.
• The best sales for police equipment come out when the budget runs out.
• Major breakdowns only happen on weekends.
• Your best officer will go

to another agency while the one you want to quit never will.
Officer down
Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty, and his family in your prayers. God bless this hero.
• Officer William H. Torbit Jr., Baltimore City Police, Md.
He fought the good fight, may he rest in peace.
Be safe, I'll talk to you next week.
E-mail your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.
Dan Bristol is the Heyburn Chief of Police.



A spiritual journey



Graphic by SANDY SALAS

Episcopal church hosts a walk on the labyrinth

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

Meditation is a good practice for Christians, according to one Twin Falls church.

To help promote the meditative experience, Episcopal Church of the Ascension will today and Sunday host a walk on the labyrinth, a centuries-old path that, to some Christians, represents a spiritual journey.

It is not a maze, though it looks like one, said Pastor Deborah Seles. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth offers only one way in and the same way out.

“Walking the labyrinth forces you to slow down and just have some quiet time to reflect in prayer and meditation,” she said. “The concept that it’s the same way in as the same way out is kind of a neat concept. But you come back out changed, with maybe some fresh insights.

“You can’t get lost in a labyrinth.”

A number of websites and books discuss the history of labyrinths, and many variations of the historic path exist. Both Christians and non-Christians have used labyrinths throughout the centuries.

Their use flourished in the 11th and 12th centuries in Europe, according to information provided by Ascension. People of faith unable to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem would visit a labyrinth, formed in stone and laid in one of the Gothic cathedrals, as a substitute journey.

“When we concentrate on a single thing — the single path of the labyrinth — it can help open up our minds to other senses,” said Mary Lou Webb, who helped plan the event.

Walking the labyrinth means different things to different



Courtesy photo

Episcopal Church of the Ascension will host a labyrinth walk today and Sunday. The Christian labyrinth looks like a maze but serves a different purpose: It’s an ancient path used for meditation.

IF YOU GO

Those who wish to walk the labyrinth may attend a class about its history and meaning from 10 a.m. to noon today at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls. The labyrinth will be open to the public from 2 to 8 p.m. today and Sunday, with the last walkers to enter no later than 7:30 p.m. Information: Mary Lou Webb at 280-0491, or the church at 733-1248.

to pray and meditate.

The church plans to build a permanent labyrinth some-time within the year as part of its community outreach. Fashioned after the one at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, the concrete labyrinth will be open to the public 24/7 and likely have a few benches where people can sit and reflect or write in a journal, Seles said.

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Saint John Paul II?

Evidence mounts over beatification of former pope

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — Evidence is mounting that the pope will soon approve the miracle needed to beatify Pope John Paul II, setting the stage for a major celebration this year for a Catholic Church trying to recover from the clerical sex abuse scandal.

Italian news media have been reporting that in recent weeks Vatican-sponsored panels confirmed that a young French nun was miraculously cured of Parkinson’s disease after praying to the Polish-born John Paul.

Pope Benedict XVI now must sign off on the miracle and set a date for the beatification, the first major step to possible sainthood.

Polish Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek, former No. 2 of the Polish Bishops’ Conference and an old friend of the late pope, told The Associated Press on Thursday that he understood an announcement could come Friday though he stressed he didn’t have independent confirmation.

He said the beatification date could be as early as May 1, though other reports have said it would be later in the year given the enormous preparations that will be necessary to host the influx of pilgrims for the event.

On Thursday, workers began restoring a mosaic in a chapel near the entrance of St. Peter’s Basilica, where John Paul’s remains presumably would be moved for better public access once beatified.

His tomb is currently in the grottoes underneath the basilica, where a short line of tourists waited Thursday to pay their respects.

The Vatican will not publicly discuss the possibility of such a move ahead of a formal announcement by Benedict, said the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi.

Benedict put John Paul on the fast track to possible sainthood just weeks after he died in 2005, responding to the chants of “Santo Subito!” or “Sainthood immediately!” that erupted during his funeral Mass.

Benedict waived the typical five-year waiting period before the process could begin, but he

See **JOHN PAUL II**, Religion 2

How can we be better stewards of the environment?

COUNTER GREED

Arvind Khetia, engineer and a Hindu: The stewardship of the environment is everyone’s responsibility. To fulfill this responsibility, we need to re-examine our way of life of rampant consumerism and waste brought about by human greed.

To counter our addiction for material goods, Mahatma (Mohandas) Gandhi called for the revival of inner life. Gandhi, by his own inner transformation, showed that the fulfillment of human life is not in mate-

rial abundance but in contemplative simplicity. He believed that, “The reforms required are more from within than without.”

The inner transformation requires the clarity of vision and will to guide one’s actions by the spiritual wisdom that is present in every faith tradition. The Bhagavad-Gita teaches us that life’s true fulfillment is not in satisfying our lower nature, which is governed by the senses, but it is in our higher

spiritual nature, governed by the knowledge of the presence of the divine within and in all of the existence.

In the Upanishads, it is stated that, “Whatever there is changeable in this changing world, all that must be seen as the manifestation of the divine.” So, God’s creation is to be viewed with reverence and given due care and not to be exploited for profit. One must treat the abundance of nature as a blessing for all of mankind and enjoy it with the attitude of non-violence, compassion and selflessness.

BEHAVE MODERATELY

Rushdy El-Ghussein, former president of the Islamic Society of Greater Kansas City: God created the Earth and the skies and then mankind. “Now, behold! Your

Lord said to the angels: I am placing upon the earth a human successor to steward it.” (Qur’an 2:30) Thus our duty in this life is to worship God and live in obedience to him (Islam), being stewards of the Earth.

Muslims are taught in the Qur’an and Hadith to behave moderately in all things. Muslims must not be extravagant in consumption, whether of food, water or natural resources. “Eat and drink of that which Allah has provided and do not act corruptly, making mischief on the earth” (Qur’an 2:60) We should plant trees and other plants to benefit both ourselves and the living things around us. We may use animals for our needs but must care

for and be kind to them. We are to conserve water and not be wasteful of any resource. We should keep our environment clean and fruitful.

Islam emphasizes the necessity and importance of environmental protection so that man can live in harmony with nature as well as achieve sustainable development, enrich life on Earth and make best use of available resources.

Islam calls on man to care for the environment, enjoy its beauty, see within it the blessings and majesty of God, and not be arrogant. “Surely the creation of the heavens and the earth is greater than the creation of man; but most people know not.” (Qur’an 40:57)

Voices of
faith

New interest in exorcism rites comes to Baltimore

Clergy take lessons on exorcism and demonic possession

By **Arthur Hirsch**
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — The rite, those few priests who have performed it say, can unfold as a quiet prayer session or a show of violence.

The afflicted person may curse the cleric, speak in a voice not his or her own, even assume facial features that one priest described as “reptilian.”

But in the great majority of cases in which a Catholic seeks an exorcism, church officials say, what the person really needs is help of a less dramatic nature: a doctor, a therapist or simple pastoral counseling.

With some parishes seeing an increase in claims of demonic possession in the United States, the Roman Catholic Church is training its clergy in how to respond to requests for the ancient rite. More than 100 bishops and priests attended a November workshop on the subject in Baltimore.

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, who organized the two-day, closed-door event at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, says pastors need help discerning the difference between those who need an exorcist and those who only believe they do.

The goal, he says, was to help the clergy counsel people who believe they are possessed by a demon by referring them to a physician, a therapist, or — in very rare cases, he stresses — an exorcist.

“We have only a small number of priests who have any training in this area in the United States,” said Paprocki, who heads the Diocese of Springfield, Ill. “Every diocese should really have its own resources.”

While no one is keeping statistics, he says anecdotal reports suggest that the phenomenon of people claiming to be possessed “seems to

have increased in the last five years or so.”

Clergy and theologians offer several possible explanations: the growth of the Charismatic Renewal Movement, with its traditions of mysticism and ecstatic worship; renewed interest in the occult, abetted by the Internet; the influence of television shows about the paranormal and the many cinematic descendants of “The Exorcist,” the 1973 film that spiked modern interest in the subject.

The burgeoning number of Catholic immigrants from Latin America and Africa, where belief in demonic possession is common, also has been suggested by some theologians as a possible factor.

At least one opinion survey suggests that substantial numbers of Americans believe in the possibility of demonic possession. A 2001 Gallup poll found 1,012 people split in their belief in demonic possession; 41 percent believed and 41 percent did not.

Paprocki estimated that about 30 of the 195 Catholic dioceses in the United States have appointed exorcists. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not keep statistics, a spokeswoman said, as dioceses keep their exorcists’ identities confidential.

The Baltimore event was the first Paprocki knows of to be sanctioned by the bishops’ conference, and the number of attendees suggests to him that interest in demonic possession is strong. Paprocki, who chairs the conference’s Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, said he was “pleasantly surprised” when more than 50 priests and more than 60 bishops turned out.

While exorcism has attracted both popular interest and official attention in the decades since the



ARTHUR HIRSCH/Baltimore Sun/MCT

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield, Ill., decided to hold a two-day session on exorcism before the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops convened in Baltimore, Md., in November 2010.

reforms of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, some Catholic theologians despair of the very subject as an anachronism that focuses on the devil rather than Jesus.

Thomas Groome, a theologian at Boston College, called the Baltimore session “a very peculiar event.”

“The reality of evil in the modern world is patently obvious,” he said, but recourse to supernatural explanations seems a “throwback” — and a convenient scapegoat.

He cited comments by Pope Benedict XVI blaming

demonic causes for the emergence of the clergy sex abuse scandal in Europe.

“If you say pedophile priests and abuse are the work of the devil,” Groome said, “you take responsibility off of the perpetrators and those who protected them.”

The Baltimore gathering was divided into three parts. The first explored the scriptural background on demonic possession. The New Testament includes several accounts of Jesus Christ casting out demons.

The second part, which Paprocki said took up most of the time, was devoted to the

work of screening people who ask for an exorcism. Paprocki and others describe this as the sort of interview a counselor might conduct, exploring all possible natural causes for the person’s experience: are they drinking or taking drugs? What is their family history? Have they been sexually abused?

“The exorcist has to be the ultimate skeptic,” said the Rev. Gary Thomas, the exorcist for the Diocese of San Jose, Calif., who attended the Baltimore event. “My role is to really discern ... what is this about? I’m not there to dispute their experience, but

to get at the root cause.”

The four key symptoms of demonic possession have remained consistent for centuries. Along with a violent reaction to holy symbols or prayer, the afflicted person would show capabilities that defy explanation: superhuman strength, speaking or understanding a language previously unknown to the person, or knowledge of other information that he or she cannot possibly have.

Thomas, who pastors a church in Saratoga, Calif., said he has seen people rolling their eyes, hissing and spitting, and even assuming what he called a “reptilian look” in the cast of their facial features. His experience as a student and practitioner of exorcism is the subject of “The Rite,” a book by the journalist Matt Baglio and the basis for a film scheduled to be released this month.

Thomas and others emphasize the extreme rarity of real cases of demonic possession. Of the 100 people he has counseled since he completed training in Rome five years ago, he said he performed a full exorcism for only five.

The rite itself — the subject of the third part of the Baltimore gathering — consists of a sequence of prayers, including the Lord’s Prayer, the Litany of the Saints, other selections from scripture and prayers written specifically for exorcism.

The rite, which was revised in 1999 for the first time since 1614, takes from 45 minutes to an hour to complete. It is usually repeated, in a process that can unfold over months and even years, not unlike treatment with a therapist.

Exorcism depends on an understanding of the devil as not merely a symbol of evil but as a real being, capable of acting in the world. Several recent popes, including Pope Benedict and his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, have taken steps to stress that understanding.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Religious leaders seek to reduce NYC’s abortion rate

NEW YORK — Archbishop Timothy Dolan is calling for efforts to make abortions in New York City “rare.”

Dolan gathered with other Protestant and Jewish leaders to draw attention to the city’s high abortion rate. The city health department last month released statistics that showed 41 percent of pregnancies were terminated in 2009, although the numbers have declined in the last decade.

Dolan said the practice is unlikely to end but that it was important “to tell people what is happening.”

The religious leaders also criticized public schools sex education programs that include condom distribution.

Alabama chosen for national voting rights trail center

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The National Park Service has selected the Alabama State University campus in Montgomery for the third and final interpretive center along the Selma-to-Montgomery national voting rights trail.

Officials from the university and the Park Service announced the location Tuesday. The center will be across the street from the home where civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy lived.

Alabama State competed for the interpretive center with Mt. Zion AME Church and a site on Montgomery’s west side where the marchers stopped for their last night before completing the 50-mile march to the Capitol in 1965.

The other locations for interpretive centers are in Selma and Lowndes County.

Jews, Muslims plan interfaith events

NEW ORLEANS — It’s being billed as an effort to promote interfaith understanding in New Orleans during the weekend of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Jewish and Islamic congregations from two places of worship in the city will jointly host community events, including distribution of meals and canned goods to the needy on Jan. 15.

On Monday, Jan. 17, congregants from both faiths are scheduled to march from the steps of New Orleans City Hall to a memorial on the city’s Claiborne Avenue that features a bust of King, according to a news release from City Council member Arnie Fielkow.

It’s the fourth year in a row for the joint efforts.

Participants are members of Touro Synagogue and the Masjid Ur Raheem.

U.S. Supreme Court rejects Boulder County’s request

BOULDER, Colo. —The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected Boulder County’s request that it review a land-use dispute with a church.

County officials said Monday that the court has decided against weighing in on the matter.

The county was appealing a federal court decision backing plans by the Rocky Mountain Christian Church in Niwot to nearly double the size of its 128,000-square-foot campus. The church challenged the county’s denial of the plans, citing the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

The law protects churches from discriminatory land-use laws.

Boulder County has said it treated the church’s application the same way it treated others and that it was denied

because it would violate land-use codes.

NY Archdiocese plans to close 27 Catholic schools

NEW YORK — The Archdiocese of New York says 27 Catholic schools that had received heavy subsidies due to declining enrollment will close at the end of the current academic year.

The archdiocese on its website Tuesday said the closures of 26 elementary schools and one high school will affect roughly 3,700 students.

The schools include three in Manhattan, six in the Bronx and four on Staten Island. Nine schools are in Westchester and Putnam counties and the others are in Orange and Ulster counties.

Last fall the archdiocese put out a list of 32 “at-risk” schools. Four of those targeted were saved and the decision on one was postponed.

The closings will save the archdiocese approximately \$10 million. The archdiocese says it will continue to spend about \$13 million to support Catholic schools.

LA man pleads not guilty to church donation thefts

GLENDALE, Calif. — A 52-year-old Los Angeles man has pleaded not guilty to stealing from donation boxes at a pair of Catholic churches.

Peter Manuel Galindro entered the plea Wednesday to two counts of burglary stemming from the thefts last year at Holy Family Catholic Church in Glendale and St. Finbar’s Catholic Church in Burbank. The dollar amount of the thefts is uncertain.

Police say the donation boxes included money for

Haitian relief efforts.

Tenn. man sues over Ten Commandments display in courthouse

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Johnson County man claims the local government is promoting Christianity by allowing a plaque of the Ten Commandments in the courthouse as part of a display on the history of law but refusing a display on the separation of church and state.

The suit filed on Thursday in U.S. District Court in Greeneville, claims the County Commission rejected plaintiff Ralph Stewart’s two posters, titled “On the Legal History of the Separation of Church and State” and “The Ten Commandments Are Not the Foundation of American Law,” at its June 2010 meeting.

The rejection came after the commission sought the advice of the Alliance Defense Fund, a law firm dedicated to Christian advocacy.

Police: Nevada pastor sexually abused 2 girls

LAS VEGAS — Police say a Las Vegas area pastor facing sexual assault charges involving a teenage girl has been arrested again after a second girl claimed he fondled her.

Henderson Police Officer Todd Rasmussen said United Faith Church Pastor Otis Holland was arrested Tuesday for lewdness with a minor.

Rasmussen says the girl says the 54-year-old church leader abused her when she was 7 years old.

Holland also faces three sexual assault charges from a Dec. 17 arrest involving a now 16-year-old girl who said she was abused multiple times during a two-year period.

— Wire reports



AP photo

Pope Benedict XVI prays before the tomb of Pope John Paul II for the traditional All Soul’s day prayers, Nov. 2, 2010, in the Vatican Grottoes. Evidence is mounting that the pope will soon approve the miracle needed to beatify Pope John Paul II.

John Paul II

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insisted that the investigation into John Paul’s life be thorough so as to not leave any doubts about his virtues.

The last remaining hurdle concerned the approval by Vatican-appointed panels of doctors and theologians, cardinals and bishops that the cure of French nun, Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre, was a miracle due to the intercession of John Paul.

The nun has said she felt reborn when she woke up two months after John Paul died, cured of the disease that had made walking, writing and driving a car nearly impossible. She and her fellow sisters had prayed to John Paul, who also suffered from Parkinson’s.

Last year, there were some questions about whether the nun’s original diagnosis was correct. But those doubts were apparently put to rest after more doctors examined her case.

Il Giornale, a conservative newspaper which covers the Vatican closely, reported earlier this week that the nun’s case had cleared the panels and that all that remained was Benedict’s approval.

“The pope still needs to pronounce himself but it has not happened before that he would not accept such an opinion (confirming a mira-

cle),” Pieronek told the AP.


A second miracle, occurring after beatification, must be confirmed for John Paul to be declared a saint.

Since John Paul was such a universally beloved figure, his beatification is expected to be a major boost for a church reeling from the fall-out of the clerical sexual abuse scandal, which saw thousands of new cases in Europe and beyond come to light last year.

John Paul, though, did not escape scrutiny, since many of the cases concerned crimes or coverups that occurred under his watch.

Vatican officials have said there was nothing in John Paul’s record that called into question his path to beatification.

Associated Press writer *Monika Scislowska in Warsaw contributed to this report.*



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Mosque officials say vandalism was hate crime

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Officials at a recently vandalized Islamic center in southwest Missouri said Thursday they believe the offensive writings are a hate crime, but an early determination from federal law enforcement is that they aren't.

Joseph Pollpeter, spokesman for the Springfield Islamic Center, said the

graffiti was discovered on three outside walls Saturday morning. Pollpeter said he contacted the Springfield police, as well as the FBI.

The *Springfield News-Leader* reported that the graffiti included a phallic symbol near the door where women enter; the phrase "gay insurrection," a reference to Allah being

gay, four-letter words and the phrase, "You bash us in Pakistan we bash you here."

Pollpeter said he did not know who might have been responsible for the graffiti.

"There is no one we have our fingers pointed at," Pollpeter said. "We are on good terms with all our neighbors."

Pollpeter said he believes

the graffiti, which he said will cost about \$1,000 to have sandblasted off the walls, should be considered a hate crime.

Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American Islamic Relations, a Washington-based Muslim advocacy organization, said in a release Thursday his organization also wanted

state and federal law enforcement authorities to investigate the vandalism as a hate crime.

Bridget Patton, spokeswoman for the FBI office in Kansas City, however, said the FBI investigated the graffiti but had determined it was not a hate crime.

"Basically at this point, we did respond. We were notified, and we do have a

relationship with the Islamic Center down there," Patton said. "But at this point, we have determined there is no indication of a hate crime."

She said the case will be worked as vandalism and referred additional questions to the Springfield police department, which did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

When the right thing turns out wrong

To tell you the truth, I don't remember all of the reasons why Ernesto came to live with us. As I recall, my brother, who was living in Chile at the time, told us Ernesto needed a place to stay in the United States. Inviting him to stay with us seemed like the right thing to do.

And for a while, things worked out really well. Ernesto was a gracious guest. It was fun teaching him American customs and helping him expand his English vocabulary and grammar. He had a pleasant personality, and his Latin good looks and charm were — well — charming.

Then the teasing started. At first, it was occasional and playful. But gradually it became his way of communicating with my sister and I, and it became hurtful. Kathy was going through a gawky, insecure stage, and Ernesto was relentless in pointing out what he thought were personality and figure flaws. I, on the other hand, was a chunky child, and was painfully aware of how much larger I was than the other kids my age. I didn't know it at the time, but I had started into the first stages of bulimia. I would skip lunch at school because I was embarrassed to eat in front of people, and then I would take my lunch money to 7-11 to buy as much junk food as I could get.

It wasn't much of a diet, especially since all of those empty calories only made me heavier. To their everlasting credit, my friends didn't say much about my weight, and even when a thoughtless comment slipped out I tended to laugh it off. But Ernesto wouldn't let it go.

"Hey, Gordo," he would say, replacing my name with the Spanish word for fat. "When are you going to start sleeping with the rest of the pigs?" Then he would grab the layer of fat around my middle and pinch — hard — until I started to cry, as much from the humiliation as from the pain.

"Pobre cito," he would say in mock sympathy. "Pobre bebé gordito."

My parents asked him to stop teasing us — several

VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker



times, as I recall. But he didn't stop; he was just more careful about when he did it. Dad asked us to try to be forgiving.

"Maybe this is how people show affection in Chile," he reasoned. "We just need to be patient until he understands that hurting people isn't acceptable here."

But Ernesto saw our attempts at tolerance as weakness, which prompted him to press his advantage, threatening to make things even worse for us if we told Mom or Dad.

One night when I was taking a bath, Mom inadvertently walked in on me. For the first time she saw the purplish bruises on my sides.

"How did you do that?" she asked.

"That's where Ernesto pinches me," I said.

By the time I got home from school the next day, Ernesto was gone, and I don't remember ever seeing him again. It was some time before I asked my Dad about what happened.

"Well," he said carefully, "things just didn't work out."

"Yeah," I said. "I guess it wasn't such a good idea to have him come and live with us."

"No," Dad said, "it was a good idea. It was the right thing to do. It just didn't work out. Maybe it was his fault; maybe it was ours. Probably we all could have handled things better."

Then he taught me an important lesson: "Sometimes we do the right thing and it turns out wrong," he said. "Maybe somebody makes a mistake or handles something poorly, or maybe things just don't work out like we thought they should. That doesn't mean it was wrong. It just means that you tried to do what's right, and you did the best you could."

And that's the right thing to do — no matter how it turns out.

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

Mankato fishing duo pays homage to outdoors, God

By John Cross
The Free Press

MANKATO, Minn. — As can be the case with most avid fishermen, making Sunday church services when there's a good bite can be a bit of a challenge for Mankato area anglers Tom Brunz and Tom Davis.

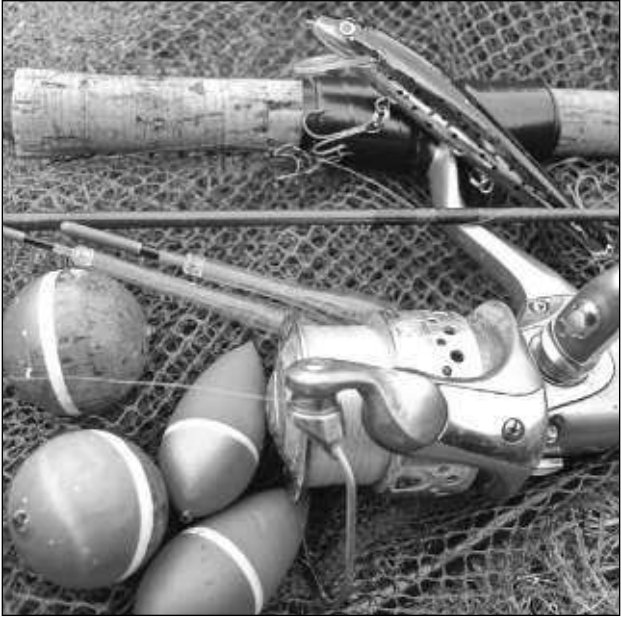
Their participation in numerous fishing tournaments spread near and far during the open water months occasionally makes their attendance sporadic at best.

Sometimes, the anglers admit, their minister at Crossview Covenant Church in North Mankato even has good-naturedly asked as he greets them on a Sunday morning if they're new to the congregation.

Now deep into winter, their attendance to hear his sermons is more regular.

And as witnesses to their Christian faith, the two are spreading the gospel of fishing and the great outdoors to anyone interested in listening.

About a year ago, Davis and Brunz, who became fishing partners through their shared faith and a passion for fishing, founded Reel Faith Outdoors. The



"We wanted to keep it pretty informal with guys willing to share their knowledge in fishing, hunting and camping while getting closer to their creator."

— Tom Brunz, about the group he helped to start, Reel Faith Outdoors

two anglers frequently fish as a team in the Full Throttle Outdoors walleye circuit, a faith-based walleye fishing tournament.

"It started out as Reel Faith Fishing, but then we figured we ought to expand it

a bit," Brunz said. "We wanted to keep it pretty informal with guys willing to share their knowledge in fishing, hunting and camping while getting closer to their creator."

While the Reel Faith

events are grounded in Christian faith and the belief that the great outdoors is a gift from God, the meetings aren't for proselytizing.

"We don't preach," Davis said. "We do close our meeting in prayer but other than that, we just happen to meet in a church."

Brunz, a longtime professional angler who regularly fishes the FLW Walleye and MWC Walleye tournament circuit, said Reel Faith has allowed him to share his years of fishing knowledge with others.

"I've fished from New York to Montana, to Arkansas and all across the Midwest," he said. "This has given me the chance to share my expertise and help shorten the learning curve to help people with their fishing experience."

Besides holding once-a-month meetings, Reel Faith Outdoors sometimes holds special events. Last summer, for example, Brunz and Davis hosted a group of senior citizens, including some who use wheelchairs, for a fishing outing.

Typically, the free meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Crossview Covenant Church.

CHURCH NEWS

Ascension Episcopal holds prayer service

Morning prayer will be held during worship at 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Guest homilist Mary Lou Webb will speak on the history and spiritual use of the Labyrinth.

Wiggle Worship will not be held. Ascension Café will meet at 9 a.m. and will be led by Evlin Fox, with discussion on "A history of Ascension Parish." Youth Christian Education will begin at 10 a.m. Week 2 of the rotation series, "The Bible."

Information: www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org or 733-1248.

Twin Falls church hosts financial class

The New Year has arrived.

Why not make a resolution to take control of your household finances in 2011? Make that resolution a reality by attending Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

A free preview of the class will be presented at 6 p.m. Monday at the Church of Christ, 2030 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Information: Jason Stockton, 404-3831 or e-mail jstockton055@me.com.

Burley LDS Institute offers religion class

BYU-Idaho Community Connections is sponsoring a non-credit adult religion class, "Doctrine and Covenants, Part II."

The class will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 18, at the Burley LDS Institute, 1650 Parke Ave. Mark Peterson will be the instructor.

Registration is available at www.byui.edu/cc/arc or the first day of class. Everyone is invited.

The Times-News welcomes news of church

events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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Sunday blended worship service 9:30am

Progressive worship service 11:00am

Sunday evening traditional/casual service 6:00pm

MISSIONARY

Elder Bill Blauer has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Germany Berlin Mission.

He will speak in sacrament meeting at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Burley 2nd Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St., and will enter the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah,

on Wednesday.

Blauer graduated in 2010 from Burley High School and LDS Seminary and attended one semester at BYU-Idaho. He is an Eagle Scout and the son of Wayne and Nancy Blauer of Burley.

To submit information about missionaries, contact Ellen Thomason at 735-3266, or send email toellen@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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Boyd Leon Tipton

“Children — cry only tears of joy for the Lord is my keeper and He has called me home.”

FILER — Boyd Tipton, 77, of Filer, loving dad, grandpa and great-grandpa, was reunited with the Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Dec. 16, 1933, at home in West Plains, Mo., son of Adam and Thelma Tipton. At the age of 7, they moved to Mesa, Ariz., where the family worked in the citrus orchards. When his dad was drafted into the Navy, the family moved to Pasco, Wash.

While Boyd was in the sixth grade, they moved to Castleford, Idaho, and eventually made their home in Filer, Idaho. He graduated eighth grade at Moroa School and attended Filer High School, where he was a member of “Who’s Who of High School Athletes (Western States).” He graduated high school in 1952 with a basketball scholarship but chose a different road. In 1953, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he was a teletype and encrypto mechanic. He spent 15 months stationed in Alaska.

Christmas Day 1956, he married the love of his life, Wilma Edwards. Their first home was in Gene Autrey, Okla., near the Ardmore Air Force base. He was dis-



charged from service in September 1957. They moved back to Filer. There he worked first at Bean Growers, and then at ACME Manufacturing for 30 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, but his greatest joy of all was spending time with his family — his children, grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Wilma; son, Sol (Sally) Tipton of Richfield; daughters, Deborah (Gerald) Haye and Susan (Clayton) Depew, both of Filer, and Kelli (Tim) Shetler and Teresa (Janard L) Jones, both of Twin Falls; 11 grandchildren, 16¼ great-grandchildren; two sisters, Irene (Wayne) Easterday of Castleford, Idaho, and Nolena (Beryl) Percy, of Goodbar, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the funeral home.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.magic-valleyfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Marie Mealer

RUPERT — Marie Mealer, 92, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at the Mini-Cassia Care Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the service.

Paul C. Holmes

HEYBURN — Paul C. Holmes, 52, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where family and friends may gather shortly before the service.

Lowell Udy

JEROME — Lowell Udy, 90, of Jerome, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Tiffany M. Hodge

WATERTOWN, Wis. — Tiffany Meline Hodge, 9, of Watertown, Wis., died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, while fighting cancer and while visiting out-of-state relatives.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Ernest Covey

GOODING — Ernest “Ernie” Covey, 78, of Gooding, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel.

Arthur A. Lickly

BLISS — Arthur A. Lickly, 73, of Bliss, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at the North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel.

Orvil E. Wickel

MALTA — Orvil E. Wickel, 82, of Malta, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2010, at Highland Estates.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Everett L. Whittaker

Everett Loren Whittaker, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at the Rosetta Living Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Mystery writer Joe Gores dies at 79 in California

GREENBRAE, Calif. (AP) — Mystery writer Joe Gores — a former San Francisco private investigator whose books include “Hammett,” “Come Morning” and “Spade & Archer” — has died at age 79.

A stepson said Gores died Monday. The San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times say he died of a stomach hemorrhage.

Gores wrote 16 novels and three collections of stories during his more than 40-

year writing career. He may be best known for “Spade & Archer: The Prequel to Dashiell Hammett’s ‘The Maltese Falcon,’” which was published in 2009.

Gores also wrote TV scripts for “Kojak” and “Columbo.”

His first novel, “A Time of Predators,” about a Stanford professor turned commando, won the Edgar Award for best first novel from the Mystery Writers of America when it was published in 1969.

Idaho agency sides with examiner on megaloads

BOISE (AP) — Attorneys for the Idaho Transportation Department are agreeing with the conclusions of a hearing officer who was appointed to weigh in on a series of controversial permits to ship oversized oil-refinery equipment along north central Idaho’s U.S. Highway 12.

Earlier this week, a group of local residents filed an appeal challenging the hearing examiner’s December decision that the agency should issue the permits to ConocoPhillips.

In its response Thursday, agency attorneys said the hearing examiner applied the correct legal standards in his review and recommendation. Agency lawyers

also said opponents failed to produce relevant evidence that the shipments would cause them harm and that most issues raised by foes aren’t relevant to the ConocoPhillips permits.

If opponents of the oversized loads want to set new policy for commercial use the highway, agency lawyers argued that the proper venue is federal or state legislation.

It’s still up to Idaho Transportation Director Brian Ness to make a decision on whether to issue the permits. It’s unclear when he will make a final decision.

Transportation spokesman Adam Rush said Ness will review the appeal,

ITD’s response, and a response ConocoPhillips made Wednesday.

ConocoPhillips wants to ship four giant loads containing coke drums from Lewiston in northern Idaho to its refinery in Billings, Mont.

Another oil company, ExxonMobil Corp., is keenly interested in whether ConocoPhillips gets the permits because ExxonMobil wants to use the same northern Idaho route to truck more than 200 gigantic loads of oil equipment from the port city of Lewiston, through Montana, to the tar sands of northern Alberta, Canada. It will also need permits.

In ConocoPhillips’ response to the group’s

appeal, the company said, “It is undisputed that ConocoPhillips and its transporter, Emmert International, have satisfied every requirement and have addressed every question posed by ITD.”

The company also said that delays to the shipments must end because the company needs to get the coke drums to the refinery in Billings, which it said produces 7 percent of Idaho’s gasoline.

The company has said it has lost \$4 million due to delays caused by opposition to the moving the loads on U.S. 12, a federally designated scenic byway that parallels the Clearwater and Lochsa rivers in a narrow canyon.

AROUND

IDAHO

Biden names Idaho native Reed to post

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden has named a centrist Democrat, veteran of the Clinton administration and Idaho native as his chief of staff.

Bruce Reed served as chief domestic policy adviser to President Bill Clinton, helping secure passage of landmark welfare reform and Clinton’s education agenda. He most recently was executive director of President Barack Obama’s bipartisan fiscal commission.

Reed, the son of former Idaho state Sen. Mary Lou Reed of Coeur d’Alene and Coeur d’Alene attorney Scott Reed, has a long working relationship with the vice president. He helped then-Sen. Biden craft the 1994 Biden Crime Bill.

Reed replaces Ron Klain, who left Biden’s office earlier this month. Reed’s appointment comes amid wider staff changes throughout the White House. The president also has a new chief of staff in business executive William Daley.

Investigation: Three officers shot at man

IDAHO FALLS — Law enforcement officers have completed an investigation into the death of a 28-year-old Idaho Falls man shot by police officers responding to a report of a possibly suicidal man with a gun.

The Eastern Idaho Critical Incident Task Force gave its report to Bonneville County prosecutors, who will now decide if any charges should be filed against three officers in the Dec. 30 death of Nicolas Barker.

The sheriff’s office says the responding officers tried to get Barker to put down his gun. At one point, one officer fired a bean bag gun to try to subdue him. Barker then pointed his handgun at the officers and three of them fired at him. It was not clear how many times he was hit.

— Wire services



AP file photo

A Border Patrol vehicle drives past a portion of the border fence near El Paso, Texas, in 2007. The Obama administration on Friday ended a high-tech southern border fence project that cost taxpayers nearly \$1 billion but did little to improve security.

Obama administration ends high-tech border fence

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Obama administration on Friday ended a high-tech southern border fence project that cost taxpayers nearly \$1 billion but did little to improve security. Congress ordered the high-tech fence in 2006 amid a clamor over the porous border, but the project yielded only 53 miles of protection.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said the lesson of the multimillion-dollar program is there is no “one-size-fits-all” solution for border security.

Napolitano said the department’s new technology strategy for securing the border is to use existing, proven technology tailored to the distinct terrain and population density of each region of the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border. That would provide faster technology deployment, better coverage and more bang for the buck, she said.

Although it has been well known that the virtual fence project would be

dumped, Napolitano officially informed key members of Congress Friday that an “independent, quantitative, science-based review made clear” the fence, known as SBInet, “cannot meet its original objective of providing a single, integrated border security technology solution.”

The fence, initiated in 2005, was to be a network of cameras, ground sensors and radars that would be used to spot incursions or problems and decide where to deploy Border Patrol agents. It was supposed to be keeping watch over most of the southern border with Mexico by this year.

Instead, taxpayers ended up with about 53 miles of operational “virtual fence” in Arizona for a cost of at least \$15 million a mile, according to testimony in previous congressional hearings.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, chairman of the Senate’s Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee said the SBInet concept was unrealistic

from the start. Napolitano’s decision “ends a long-troubled program that spent far too much of the taxpayers’ money for the results it delivered,” said Lieberman, I-Conn.

The high-tech fence was developed as part of a Bush administration response to a demand for tighter border security that arose amid a heated immigration debate in Congress.

The Bush administration awarded Boeing a three-year, \$67 million contract. Then-Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said at the time the department was “looking to build a 21st century virtual fence.”

But the fence had a long list of glitches and delays. Its radar system had trouble distinguishing between vegetation and people in windy weather, cameras moved too slowly and satellite communications also were slow.

Although some of the concept is in use in two sections of Arizona, the security came at too high a cost.

SERVICES

Katie Larsen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

George Emmett MacDonald of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Cecil James Ghan of Bremerton, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at noon today at Jill and Dave Bostic’s home, 12201 Avondale Road NE in Redmond, Wash. (Tuell-McKee Funeral Home in Bremerton, Wash.).

Blair Christensen Keetch of Malta, funeral at noon today at the Montpelier LDS Stake

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Conway James DeLange, infant son of Kelly and Jennifer DeLange of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Neil Satterwhite of Pocatello, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1350 Baldy Ave. in Pocatello; gathering follows at the Pocatello Clarion Inn (Colonial Funeral Home in Pocatello).

Beatrice Brower of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Paul LDS Stake Center; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

Robert Ives of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

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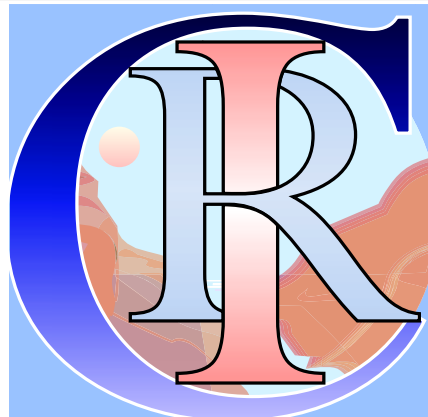
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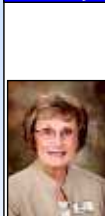
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TWIN FALLS Lg 3 bdrm duplex. New interior, DW, W/D hookups, central air, garage, some utilities, **no pets/smoking.** \$650 + dep. 330½ 8th Ave. E. **208-734-6230**

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can see by the light of the rockets' red glare. A passion for patriotism might keep you up until the wee hours, reading about history or discussing political affairs with a special and succulent someone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Play for keeps. Your heart can be banished to exile if you take a new romance out for a spin. But if you have a permanent significant other in your life, this is a night to intuitively hit all the right notes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are too brilliant for words. You have a convincing manner, but there is a tendency to be somewhat overbearing if you notice a faux pas. Be gentle with loved ones and your fantasies can come true.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be a good sport and play fair. If you want to get rid of aggravating problems, use your powers of diplomacy to promote a pleasant compromise. You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use your leverage to level the playing field. Put some muscle into your work and use your influence to overcome objections. Save some energy for love, as late night romantic interludes are entirely possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are more articulate than usual and your words may be repeated far and wide. Don't get defensive when cornered or get caught up in schemes, as your little white lies may receive publicity as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A chance to share cozy, intimate moments can bring a smile to your face and blessings to your heart. Expressions of love and affection may be on the top of today's list, but the less said the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sometimes a little stiff competition for someone's attention makes you appreciate those who are your best allies and staunchest supporters. The urge to merge is on your mind once the lights turn low.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are wired for action. An overload of input could have your wheels spinning in opposite directions, making it difficult to relax. Friends and buddies will give good advice and offer a safe haven.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can seem rough and ready — and yet steady. A new acquaintance is relieved to find that you are dependable in a pinch. You can take pride in your ability to get a job done by hook or by crook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you want to hear the truth, go straight to the horse's mouth. You might idealize someone, but you can't always accept the facts when you are looking at someone you have placed on a pedestal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Wishful thinking can wear out your welcome. You delight in the new, unusual and different, so you may want to experiment with a fanciful flirtation. Beware of going too far, too fast and failing to impress someone.

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SUDOKU

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

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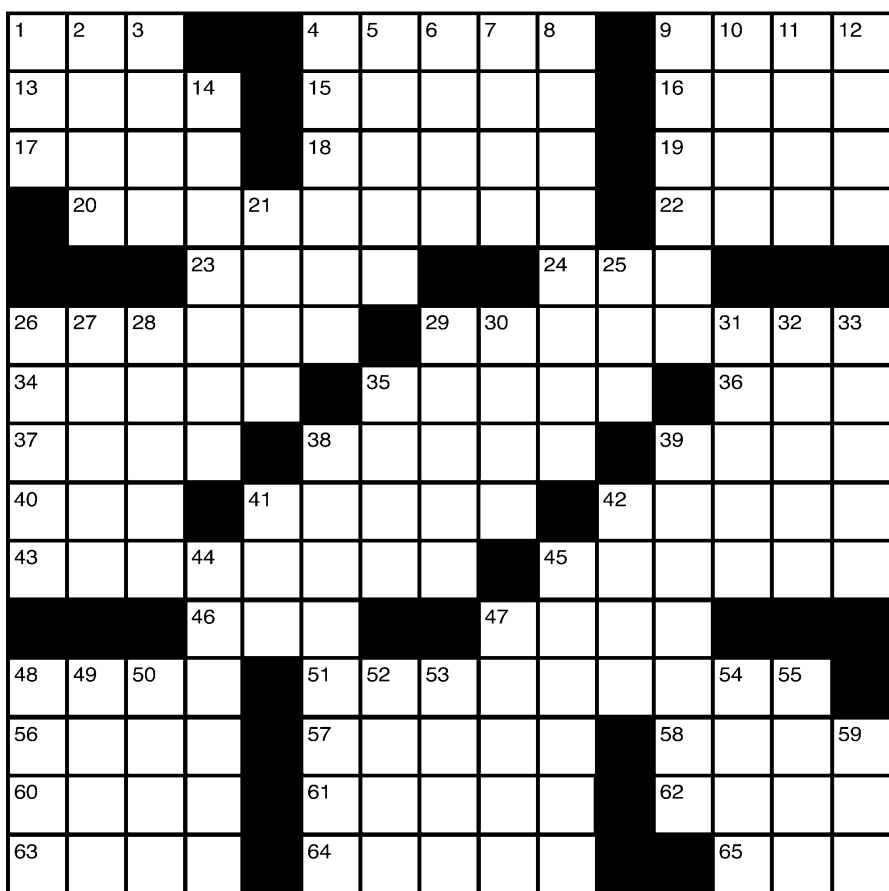
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40 Last letter
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43 Ralph Waldo Emerson or Charles Lamb
45 On the whole
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51 Lending a hand
56 Be an accomplice
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58 Close at hand
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63 Remain
64 Jugs
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- 1 Show ___; theater industry



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3 Distort
4 "___ I seen you somewhere before?"
5 False deities
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7 Word with fried or scrambled
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11 Very eager
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David Greenwood’s international career dates back to 1980, when he played for England in the Camrose Trophy, the home countries’ internationals. In today’s deal, from the 2008 Camrose, he was playing for Northern Ireland, where he has now lived for many years. His opponents were from England.

South, Neil Rosen for England, ended in four spades after North had made a pre-emptive raise of spades. See if you can spot declarer’s best play for his contract, and the defenders’ riposte.

West made the safe lead of his singleton trump, which Rosen won in hand with the ace. He drew the last trump with his king, then shifted to the heart suit, seeking to establish it for diamond discards in hand.

He led a heart to dummy’s king, drawing the three and six, then a small heart back. This line would have succeeded whenever West had the doubleton heart queen, since South could have established hearts without letting East on play.

Had Greenwood, East, followed with the 10 on the second round of hearts, declarer would have ducked, knowing that if West held the jack or queen — or both — he would be forced to overtake, and West could not attack the minors profitably from that side of the table. But instead of the 10, Greenwood played the queen — the crocodile coup — to swallow his partner’s jack. Declarer took his ace, then led his third heart, hoping that it was West who held the 10. It wasn’t to be. East won, and the diamond return sank the contract.

WEST		EAST	
♠ 7	♥ J 3	♠ Q 5	♥ Q 10 6
♦ A J 9 4 3	♣ A J 8 7 6	♦ Q 6 2	♣ Q 10 9 3 2

SOUTH	
♠ A K 10 8 6 3	♥ A 9 2
♦ K 10	♣ K 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	3 ♠*	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	All pass
*Pre-emptive			

Opening lead: Spade seven

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South holds:

♠ Q 5
♥ Q 10 6
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q 10 9 3 2

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♠	1 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Dbl.	Pass	?

ANSWER: Any double of a suit contract at a low level facing a passed partner is always for take-out. Here, North rates to have a singleton diamond and tolerance or better for both unbid suits. Be happy to introduce your clubs, the question being whether you should bid again if the opponents compete to three diamonds.

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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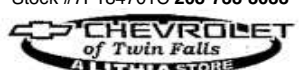
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