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Aquifer management plan dead in the water

By Laura Lundquist

Times-News writer

The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is the sole source of clean water for one out of every three Idahoans, so most take any threat to its water quality or quantity seriously.

The massive underground body of water fuels life as we know it in south-central Idaho, filling wells, flooding fields with irrigation water, pouring from our faucets. But with so many Idahoans relying

on it to both live and make a living, the aquifer is stressed.

In the mid-2000s, groups concerned about decreasing water levels banded together to protect the aquifer. Their efforts culminated in 2009, when the Legislature approved \$2 million to fund the first phase of the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan, pitched as a 10-year, \$100 million effort to repair the Lake Erie-sized aquifer.

But 2010 saw that coalition fall

apart and now the sustainability of existing water use is in doubt.

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A century ago, water seeped into the aquifer from natural sources, exiting at two points: American Falls and Thousand Springs.

Agriculture and irrigation water changed the system's dynamics, and by 1950, Thousand Springs

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From left, Madison Waters, 6, Talisa Palimerz, Kaitlynn Holt, 11, and Alexis Waters, 11, tip over their canoe for fun at Murtaugh Lake last year. The lake is fed by the Snake River, which is replenished downstream of the lake by a massive aquifer.

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DAMMED FUNDING

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Bill Thompson, Minidoka Irrigation District manager, pauses for a portrait Thursday on the Minidoka Dam spillway. The district, which will pay for almost a third of a \$50 million project to refurbish the dam, awaits approval of federal funding for the project before construction can start.

Decade-long Minidoka Dam replacement effort still hinges on federal money

By Laurie Welch

Times-News writer

RUPERT — Mini-Cassia residents and a collection of federal and state agencies have worked for more than a decade on a plan to replace Minidoka Dam's aging spillway.

More than \$22 million in local irrigation district funding was approved in February for the \$50 million project. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has made \$2.3 million in materials purchases. The Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have pledged their financial backing.

They'll all have to wait until at least February to learn when they can finally start construction.

Reconstruction of the 1906 dam along the Snake River northeast of Rupert was originally slated to begin in 2010. But after two years of delayed federal funding, the project's momentum hinges on it receiving the money in fiscal 2012, which begins in



A large crack is visible in the Minidoka Dam spillway, which stems from damage that occurred in the winter of 1926-27 from too much ice building up on Lake Walcott.

October. President Barack Obama is expected to announce his 2012 budget proposal in February. It must then pass through Congress.

"We are very confident that we will be

going forward with the project in the fall," said Jerrold Gregg, manager of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Snake River Area Office.

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Silence greets calls for changes in gun laws

By Kevin Freking and Alan Fram

Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Most lawmakers are greeting calls for tougher gun restrictions after the Arizona shootings with silence, reflecting the tilt in recent years toward expanding access to firearms rather than curtailing it.

The White House, too, is sidestepping questions on an issue that is among the most toxic in U.S. politics.

So far, proposed legislation has focused on prohibiting magazine clips that allow a shooter to fire off numerous rounds of ammunition without reloading. The shooter in Tucson, using a Glock semiautomatic pistol with a 33-round magazine, shot 19 people, six fatally.

One of the wounded was a member of Congress, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., now in critical condition.

Similar magazine-limiting legislation was introduced after the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings but was never considered by the House or Senate.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., is drafting a bill supported by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg that would prohibit people from carrying guns within 1,000 feet of the president, members of Congress or federal judges.

Magazine clips were limited to 10 rounds under the 1994 assault weapons ban. Congress let that law expire in 2004 after Republicans were seen to have capitalized on the National Rifle Association's opposition to it in the 2000 presidential race and other elections.

The Tucson shootings have brought calls to make clips with more than 10 rounds illegal from the same Democratic lawmakers who have led past efforts for stricter gun controls: Sens. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey and Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer of California and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy of New York.

Leaders in both parties on both sides of the Capitol, as well as the White House, have dodged questions on whether the capacity of gun magazines should be reduced.

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BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Free Food Giveaway, hosted by Mountain View Christian Center, 2 p.m., 317 W. 27th St., Burley, 678-5460.

CHURCH EVENTS

Labyrinth Mediation Walk, mediate 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.

HEALTHY AND FIT

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

OUTDOORS

Snowshoe Birding, presented by the Environmental Resource Center with local birder Poo Wright-Pulliam, 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., Silver Creek Preserve, U.S. Highway 20 between the Timmerman Hill intersection and Picabo, (meet in Hailey to carpool), \$10 non-members, \$25 family, ERC member free, preregister, 726-4333.
Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays shoot, 100-target event, 10 a.m., 11 miles north of the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and I-84 at mile marker 64, if you have never shot at Sporting Clays at Jerome Gun Club, your first 50 targets are free, all others: \$20 adults, \$14 for juniors younger than 18, plus a \$5 charge for non-members, jeromegunclub.com.

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New year, new body

Reporter Melissa Davlin talks to gym newbies about long-term fitness goals.

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What to do when you find these intruders in your home.

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What will impress them? Melissa Davlin reports, as Death by Chocolate nears.

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HIKING THE GORGE

Andrew Weeks and Joshua Palmer explore Malad Gorge.

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Ice: an unrequited love story

“Beauty, like ice, our footing does betray; Who can tread sure on the smooth, slippery way: Pleased with the surface, we glide swiftly on, And see the dangers that we cannot shun.”

— John Dryden

When I was growing up in eastern Idaho, we kids would spend winter Sunday afternoons sledding down a hill in back of my Uncle Fred and Aunt Hazel’s farmhouse.

If the snow had melted and frozen again, it was possible sometimes to come barreling down the hill, slide right through their front yard and continue zipping down the road for a quarter mile or so.

On one such adventure, I almost collided with a grain truck. My grandmother saw the whole thing, and when I got back to the house she lit into me something furious.

“When you get to be my age you won’t be so fond of ice!” she thundered.

As usual, Grandma was right. I was sitting in a local coffee shop the other morning, talking with some

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Steve Crump

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other fiftysomethings about shoveling snow.

“I just don’t do it anymore,” said one fellow. “It’s not worth ending up in traction.”

“Ain’t that the truth?” said another. “We used to behip; now we spend all our time worrying about breaking one.”

That’s a shame, because ice is nature’s acknowledgement that everybody should have some fun once in awhile: It’s sheer, gravity-defying, out-of-control exhilaration.

Until you turn 50, or if you’re real lucky, 60.

Then, when winter

comes, ice surrounds you like a pack of unfriendly Dobermans.

I was at the supermarket on Thanksgiving weekend. It had snowed — a lot — melted and refrozen, and as I was putting the groceries in the back of my car I watched an elderly woman try to navigate a 100-yard stretch between her vehicle and the store’s front door. It took her fully five minutes.

From the other direction, parked about the same distance away, came a teenager. He stepped out of his truck, got a running start and slid nearly all the way to the store.

My brother, who was a traffic cop in Pocatello, told me he’d much rather see a teen behind the wheel on slick roads than a senior citizen.

“If you’re old, you understand how much you have to lose — and that ice can make it happen,” he explained. “You tend to overreact, and that can put you in the borrow pit. But kids, hell, they think they’re immortal, and they usually get home in one piece. And even if they don’t, it’s exciting.”

Aquifer

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near Hagerman gushed forth about a third more water than it put out at the beginning of the 20th century.

But then, things changed for the worse.

More wells dipped into the aquifer to water more crops. Sprinklers replaced flood irrigation, reducing recharge. Droughts came more frequently.

Sharp aquifer-level declines in the late 1980s and the first five years of this century reduced outflow at Thousand Springs almost back to early 20th-century levels. But water rights still allotted their owners flows available in the middle of the 20th century.

Water users in Idaho’s seniority-based system have engaged in long-fought litigation.

In the meantime, the amount of available aquifer water continues to drop.

“The thing I keep telling people is the aquifer hasn’t stopped dropping,” said Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls. “But until it gets critical, people won’t act.”

In 2006, legislative action initiated the formulation of comprehensive management plans for Idaho’s aquifers. ESPA water users led the way, producing CAMP by 2009.

While it wasn’t smooth sailing, nothing was insurmountable until the 2010 Legislature determined no funding was available for the plan.

“The plan that was agreed upon was fragile to begin with,” said Idaho Department of Water Resources senior adviser Rich Rigby. “Budget woes forced people to revisit their opinion so it’s not illogical that we’re where we are now.”

“Where we are now” is almost back to square one.

Rigby came over to IDWR in July from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to take the reins of the plan and its essentially non-existent funding. Rigby said he’ll try

to keep people talking but regular meetings of a committee tasked with turning the plan into action aren’t likely. Only a few groups, such as Southwest Irrigation District in Cassia and Twin Falls counties, still intend to carry out small aquifer repair projects.

“The projects that will be carried out will help but they won’t be enough,” said Burley Irrigation District manager Randy Bingham. “We need it to be aquifer-wide, but some people are just thinking about themselves.”

“I can’t convince people to stick with it against their will,” Rigby said.

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Once state funding wasn’t forthcoming, ESPA groups considered three options for generating their own money. One had everyone contributing to a fund based upon acreage: \$1 per acre for surface users and \$2 for groundwater users.

Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators executive director, said some in the upper basin didn’t think they should have to pay.

Then the groups learned that any fee would have to include an opt-out for those who don’t have as many resources.

“But how high is the bar?” Tominaga asked. “That’s where things broke down. Once you allow some people to be out, others feel cheated.”

The Minidoka Irrigation District pulled out. Manager Bill Thompson said he didn’t like an option that established water improvement districts to pass bonds to pay for the plan — required because canal companies aren’t government entities. Thompson said it was just another level of bureaucracy.

MID was also among irrigation groups that sought credit for using flood irrigation, which already puts water back in the ground.

“We’re not opposed but

we saw no benefit for our customers,” Thompson said. “We paid for our storage at Palisades and American Falls so (other groups) need to be responsible for their own.”

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Some in the Legislature know the plan is in trouble but also know there’s no money to prop it up. Patrick said cutbacks also filter into IDWR, where the budget can’t support sufficient people to monitor a plan to manage the aquifer.

Former state Sen. Laird Noh has watched water negotiations since 1984, when he “was in the middle of every one of those scraps” leading to an agreement that guaranteed water giant Idaho Power Co. a minimum amount of water at Swan Falls for hydroelectric generation.

Noh said few decision makers of that era are still around, so those in power now don’t remember and may not understand the gravity of the situation.

Pending court cases could have also played a role in the plan’s death, he said, with some key water issues yet unresolved.

Noh said that, by not anteing up, both the state and concerned groups could hamper the future economic viability of Idaho agriculture.

A 2010 report by University of Idaho agricultural economists said agricultural products accounted for 25 percent of all Idaho exports in 2009. So if farmers have to stop production because water is curtailed to their wells, it will be an economic blow for Idaho, especially as food prices continue to rise.

There’s a term for fear of ice: “cryophobia.” It derives from the Latin word for “chilling.”

Twenty-five years ago, the Sun Valley Company began bringing in a succession of Olympic medal-winning Russian figure skaters for exhibitions. That was a novelty in these parts, and as a sportswriter I interviewed several of them.

On one occasion, I watched a skating pair practice a death-defying routine, the razor-sharp blades of their skates coming within inches of cutting each other to pieces. Finally, the male partner slipped and fell hard, spraining his wrist.

As he came off the ice, I asked the translator to ask the skater how he overcame fear. The young man shrugged, said something in Russian, and headed for the locker room.

“What did he say?”

“He said he’s only 17,” the translator replied, “and he’s just chilling.”

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“The cost of people not having water will go up,” Noh said.

Another concern: Absent buy-in to a large, organized plan like CAMP, water disagreements and shortages may return to the courts, where the best lawyers — not the best policy for Idaho as a whole — could prevail.

Although Idaho Power was a forceful player in the Swan Falls Agreement and the court frenzy before it, Noh and others don’t see the company again being the hammer it was then. Noh said he’s gotten the impression that Idaho Power has become better at working with people. Plus, Idaho Power has many energy alternatives from hydro-power generation with all the renewable energy providers coming online.





Spokeswoman Stephanie McCurdy said Idaho Power has no intention of bringing legal action regarding ESPA flows, but it’s watching closely.

“As the situation evolves, I’m sure there will be more to talk about,” McCurdy said.

Many participants realize time is wasting and the situation should evolve into a plan to ensure the aquifer’s health. Recent wet years have pacified those with shorter memories.

Tominaga, Bingham and others agree that it would be better if a plan were in place right now, while water is plentiful. But bringing groups back to the table will take intervention from outside.

“The only option is legislation to require payment, maybe in the form of a tax,” Patrick said. “The governor knows the issue; he knows something needs to be done.”

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Dam

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Reclamation owns Mini-doka Dam — its first Idaho project — and will oversee reconstruction efforts. The country's largest water wholesaler, Reclamation maintains dams and canals throughout the West and provides one of every five Western farmers with irrigation water.

But the federal government isn't immune to the whims of a down economy and federal budget makers who didn't set aside funding for the dam this year.

"We lost this year," Gregg said. "But we're really optimistic for 2012." He said if project money isn't appropriated for 2012, construction could face further delays.

Two Mini-Cassia irrigation districts with long-standing contracts to pay for the dam's operations and maintenance will cover 42 percent of the project's cost. The rest comes from the federal and state agencies — though Reclamation will not bear any costs.

Outside of the irrigation districts' share, taxpayers will only foot the bill for a combined 8 percent of the cost through Fish and Wildlife and the state parks agency, the latter using federal money. BPA, providing a full half of the funds, will have to repay Congress for its appropriation, Gregg said.

Reconstruction would bring sweeping changes to the western shore of Lake Walcott, replacing the dam's spillway and the headworks of the North Side and South Side canals. While reconstruction will permanently close the spillway and headgates to the public, special-use areas and public-use improvements would allow continued access for recreational activities such as fishing and bird watching.

Still apparently on hold due to its price tag and not likely to be included in the work is a proposal by the state of Idaho to raise the dam by 5 feet, adding to its storage capacity. A study projected such work as costing \$150 million if done in conjunction with the spillway, and closer to \$205 mil-



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Dan Osterhout passes his fishing pole under the walkway while reeling in a fish Thursday on the Minidoka Dam spillway.



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lion if done separately.

Gregg said other temporary, safety-related restrictions for visitors will be put in place during spillway construction.

Reclamation Activity Manager John Tiedeman said the bureau is working to finalize its design plans and is developing construction specifications to issue to potential bidders by as early as next week.

Tiedeman said he's confident that funding will be in place to keep the project on track this year. Construction bids are expected to come in between \$30 million and \$35 million, he said, and a contractor is expected to be selected in June or July. Any savings will be doled out to the various funding parties in proportion to their shares.

Contracts for some building supplies were awarded

last summer. While some supplies have already been delivered to the site, some large pieces such as radial gates and hoisting mechanisms won't be delivered for another 10 months.

Construction, once started, is expected to take about 31 months.

"There are a bunch of contractors interested in the project," Tiedeman said.

The contractor will work under a set of restrictions to keep construction from negatively affecting irrigators who rely on the canals during the irrigation year.

"But there are other things (contractors) can do during those times," Tiedeman said.

Protecting irrigation interests during construction will be important, as Burley Irrigation District and Minidoka Irrigation District passed respective \$7.9 mil-

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lion and \$14.75 million bond issue elections in February 2010 to pay for their portions of the spillway project.

"We've been working with their bonding companies to make sure everything is in place there," Tiedeman said.

Burley Irrigation District Manager Randy Bingham said to date, the construction delay has had little effect on the irrigation district.

One downside, he noted, was a slightly shakier municipal bond market, which could mean when the bonds are actually issued the district may have to pay a slightly higher interest rate.

"It's not whether we can borrow the money, it's what that money is going to cost us," Bingham said.

Bingham said how the construction bids come in and what the project actually costs may slightly change the scenario of how the bonds are eventually issued.

If everything goes as planned, Bingham speculated, there will be two issuances of the bonds so the district does not have to pay interest on the full amount from day one.

Bingham said the district

WHAT'S BEEN PURCHASED

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has already begun the process of acquiring needed materials to replace the Minidoka Dam spillway. Contracts have already been awarded for more than \$2 million in goods, including:

- \$1.89 million for 16 radial gates and radial gate hoists, Con-Vey/Keystone Inc., Roseburg, Ore.
- \$214,600 for stop logs, Con-Vey/Keystone Inc., Roseburg, Ore.
- \$115,712 for eight cast-iron side gates, K&N Electric Motors Inc., Spokane Valley, Wash.
- \$99,922 for steel pipe, Airborne Veterans Service, Las Vegas
- \$49,750, for an engine-generator set, Millennium Products Inc., Clarkston, Mich.

Thompson said even though the delay this year hasn't affected his district much, there is still the lingering potential for dam failure.

"It would be really nice to have that new structure in place," Thompson said.

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Guns

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"This is a time for the House and all Americans to come together to mourn our losses and pray for those who are recovering, not a time for politics," said Michael Steel, a spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner.

Democratic leaders were also reticent to comment.

"At the moment, the leader's thoughts and prayers are with Congresswoman Giffords and those who were killed and injured," said Drew Hammill, spokesman for Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi.

President Barack Obama, a strong gun-control advocate earlier in his political career, noted in his speech at a Tucson memorial service on Wednesday that the shooting had sparked a national conversation on issues including "the merits of gun safety laws" — but he said nothing of his own views on the matter.

When he ran for the U.S. Senate in 2004, Obama said it was a "scandal" that President George W. Bush was allowing the assault weapons ban to expire without pushing for its renewal. And as a presidential candidate, he promised to push to reinstate the ban. After the election he said it would be difficult to do.

Asked Thursday if Obama would press to reinstate the assault weapons ban, presidential spokesman Robert

Gibbs demurred, saying the White House was focused on the healing process but would evaluate "ideas and proposals" brought forward by the Tucson case.

"The president, again, since I have been with him in 2004, has supported the assault weapons ban. And we continue to do so," Gibbs said. "And I think we all strive, regardless of party, to ensure that we're doing everything we can to reduce violence. We'll have an opportunity to evaluate some of the other proposals."

The silence on gun legislation may well reflect the state of firearms politics as well as the respect and courtesy lawmakers want to convey for the Arizona victims. Gun control advocates have been on the losing end of most legislative debates in recent years. In 2009, for example, Congress passed legislation allowing guns in national parks, and Obama signed it.

Polling also points to how the political landscape has changed. In 1990, Gallup first asked about the status of laws covering the sale of

firearms. Back then, 79 percent said such laws should be made stricter. By 2000, that figure had dropped to 62 percent. And in the most recent polling, in October, that number dropped to 44 percent.

Gun control advocates say the immediacy of the Tucson shootings is key to pushing legislation now, before public outrage fades.

"The NRA is doing what it

always does, they want people to not talk about the issue, they want to delay until the collective state of excitement over the issue has gone down," said Josh Horwitz, executive director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence.

National Rifle Association officials declined repeated requests to discuss their efforts in the aftermath of the Tucson shootings.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Lindomar J. Avelar, 27, Buhl; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (two previous within 10 years), eight years penitentiary, two and a half determinate, five and a half indeterminate, \$1,500 fine, \$270.50 costs, \$350 public defender fee, driver's license suspended one year.

Lindomar J. Avelar, 27, Buhl; possession of methamphetamine, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, \$1,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$300 public defender fee, \$785.33 restitution.

Jay D. Cummins, 40, Twin Falls; burglary, eight years penitentiary, two determinate, six indeterminate, \$1,000 fine, \$225.50 costs, \$350 public defender fee, \$1,664.91 restitution, therapeutic community recommended.

Jacqueline C. Mahan, 43, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, seven years penitentiary, three determinate, four indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$250 public defender fee.

Michael M. Maher, 59, Grenora, N.D.; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,500 fine, \$270.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee, driver's license suspended one year.

Fabian Sena, 19, Twin Falls; possession of marijuana, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, two years probation, \$1,000 fine, \$750 suspended, \$265.50 costs, 100 hours community service, abide by alcohol/substance abuse treatment, \$1,268.95 restitution.

Penny J. Langford, 57, Jerome; grand theft, eight years penitentiary, two determinate, six indeterminate, six years probation, \$1,000 fine suspended, \$125.50 costs, \$9,780 restitution.

Teresa A. Ballard, 46, Kimberly; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (two priors within 10 years), six years penitentiary, three determinate, three indeterminate, five years probation, \$2,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$270.50 costs, \$810 restitution, driver's license suspended one year, use driver interlock device.

Kristoffer D. Moreno, 19, Twin Falls; burglary, eight years penitentiary, three determinate, five indeterminate, five years probation, \$225.50 costs, \$16,196.28 restitution, \$1,000 fine suspended, abide by all alcohol/substance abuse evaluation and treatment.

FELONY DISMISSALS

David F. Aragon, 56, Hansen; possession of controlled substance, state dismissed.

Tomas Guerra, 44, Buhl; possession of controlled substance, dismissed by prosecutor.

Zachary V. Sutton, 18, Twin Falls; aggravated assault, dismissed by prosecutor.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Jason D. Summers, 36, Gooding; driving under the influence (second offense), \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 167 suspended, 13 credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

William K. Iverson, 38, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (second offense), \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 169 suspended, 11 credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

Jake W. Schmahl, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation, \$559.93 restitution.

Shawna R. Trent, 43, McCall; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Clifford W. Gambrel, 52, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation,

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24 hours community service; resisting/obstructing officers, \$500 fine, \$300 fine, \$50 costs, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, two credited, 12 months probation.

Jess L. Brauburger, 57, Shoshone; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, one day community service, driving privileges suspended 180 days, six months probation.

Debra L. Moon, 57, Hansen; driving under the influence, amended to driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Jo L. Owsley, 41, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 175 suspended, three credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Cody S. Fowler, 27, Declo; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Christopher Graff, 31, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation.

Kyle A. Rienstra, 21, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 60 days jail, 15 suspended, 45 credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Kimberly Chadwick, 41, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

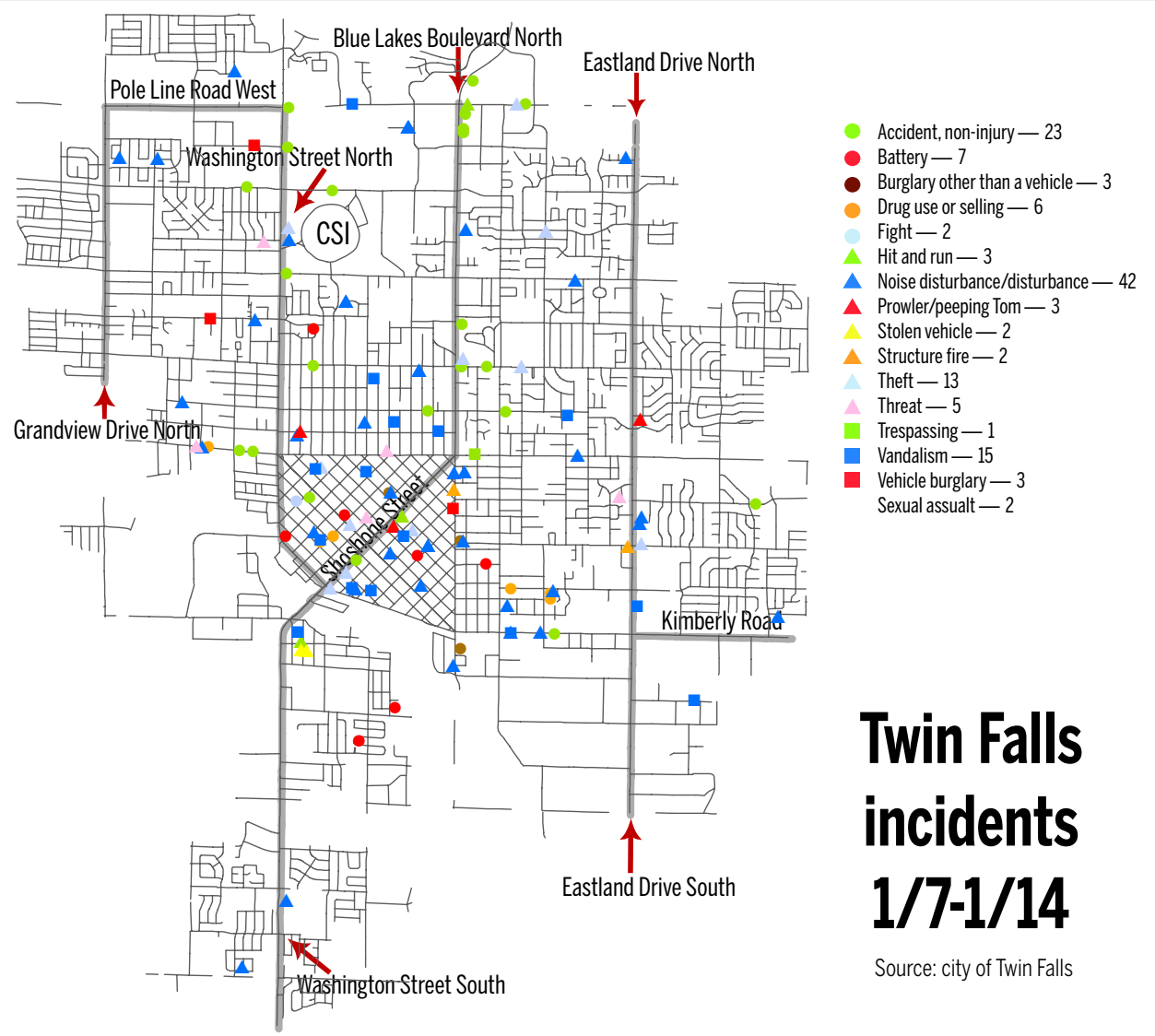
CHILD SUPPORT CASES

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

Jade M. Hendriks. Seeking establishment for child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$168 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$2,264.91 birth costs, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Joseph W. Lively. Seeking establishment for support of child in foster care: \$341 monthly support plus 75 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$352.37 reimbursement for foster care and child support.

Ira Althouse. Seeking establishment for child support: \$254 monthly support plus 52 per-



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cent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 50 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Shawn E. Flinn. Seeking establishment for paternity, Medicaid reimbursement and child support: \$294 monthly support plus 54 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$2,813.09 birth costs.

Toby L. Lemmons. Seeking establishment for child support: \$173 monthly support plus 37 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 37 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

Angel A. Madrid. Seeking establishment for consolidation and child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$230 monthly support plus 49 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$2,622.13 birth costs, 49 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

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

Emiliano Aguilar. Seeking establishment for child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$255 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$1,340.37 birth costs.

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Ashley M. Baxter vs. Anthony R. Baxter.
Steve A. Johnson vs. Barbara A. Johnson.

CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Amber R. Bulcher, 24, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served, driving privileges suspended 180 days, six months probation.

Brandi L. Schmahl, 29, Jerome; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$500 fine suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited,

driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Joshua C. Jensen, 21, North Loop, Neb.; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two days credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Suzanne K. Wilkin, 53, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, six months probation.

Shane Thomas House, 41, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Christopher D. Henderson, 35, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days


jail, 88 suspended, one credited, one day work detail, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Donald D. Laultt, 53, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Brandon C. Leavitt, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Donovan C. Dahl, 29, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (excessive), amended to driving under the influence, withheld judgment, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 160 days, six months probation.

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Education shakeup unveiled on budget backdrop

BOISE — It started as the legislative session that was supposed to be all about the budget. It still is, but with a twist.

Now, education reform is in the mix — and in a big way. Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna unveiled a comprehensive proposal aimed at overhauling Idaho's public education system this week that will be parsed, praised and criticized in the weeks — if not months — ahead.

Here's the short version: It's a multi-year plan that would boost the student-teacher ratio by a couple students in grades 4-12, with the cost savings going toward efforts like improving classroom technology, boosting dual-credit course participation, providing high school students laptops and establishing performance-based pay incentives for teachers.

Luna says the overhaul is needed to fix an antiquated system and bring classrooms into the 21st century: making them more nimble, with online options for students, and with

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an easier framework for gaining and keeping excellent educators.

"I'm not talking about small tweaks here and there," Luna said. "We can no longer rely on Band-Aids and tourniquets and we must hit the reset button."

He breezed through his presentation on Wednesday and then took questions, leaving legislators, reporters, and the audience with two hours' worth of notes.

The proposal has so many tentacles that it's easy to find things to like — and things that will need a closer look.

School superintendents liked seeing no student-teacher ratio increases for kindergarten

through third grades.

The tougher parts getting more scrutiny so far are the student-teacher ratio hike for other grades — opposed by the state teachers' union — and changes to the bargaining process for teacher contracts that limit what's up for discussion to only salaries and benefits.

For Luna, many more crowded committee room hearings are ahead. This issue, Luna said, will be the legacy of this session. "We will be judged and remembered for how we act this year," Luna said.

'Open it up'

Some of the simpler parts are agreeable.

Sherri Wood, president of the Idaho Education Association, said she didn't have a problem with Luna's proposal to open negotiations between teacher representatives and school districts to the public.

"I think that's great," Wood said after Luna's presentation. "Open it up."

Under current law, both sides need to agree that negotiations can be public. More often than not, that doesn't happen and

the process unfolds behind closed doors, where it's easier for each side to play hardball without the public crying foul.

Up next

Here's something the public can watch: What's next in the Legislature.

Luna's proposal is policy-heavy and will require legislation aside from the annual public education budget bill that the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee writes.

That means Luna's proposal will need to come through the House and Senate education committees for it to become a reality.

But you'll likely hear legislators ask Luna questions that are tied to his plan when he gives his budget proposal to JFAC on Tuesday. That meeting will be a joint meeting with the House and Senate education committees — a step aimed at getting germane committees involved in the budget planning work.

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Idaho, Montana megaloads worry Forest Service

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A U.S. Forest Service official has told transportation departments in Idaho and Montana that allowing oversized shipments of oil refinery equipment could conflict with the agency's ability to sustain the purpose of the Wild and Scenic River designations along the route.

Northern Region Forester Leslie Weldon told *The Missoulian* that the shipments could also harm the agency's ability to "preserve, protect and manage the cultural and historical values associated with the corridor."

Weldon said the shipments are of special concern "should frequent transport of significantly oversized loads become the norm for these forest highways."

ConocoPhillips wants to ship four giant loads containing coke drums from Lewiston in northern Idaho to its refinery in Billings, Mont. The company is currently waiting for Idaho Transportation Director Brian Ness to make a decision on whether to issue the permits. It's unclear when a decision will be announced.

The Missoulian reports that Montana officials are ready to grant permits in that state if Idaho issues permits.

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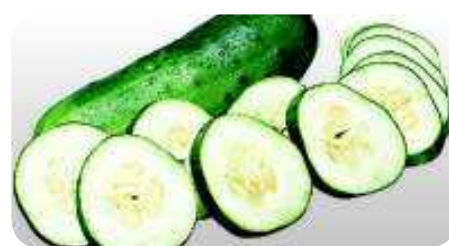
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Idaho activist appointed to civil rights committee

By Alecia Warren
Coeur d'Alene Press

COEUR d'ALENE — Marshall Mend has seen North Idaho make great strides with human rights, he says.

But there's always more to do.

"Some people think human rights is for everybody, 'except.' They always have an 'except' in there," he said on Monday. "But human rights is for human beings, that's why it's called human rights. It's doesn't matter whether you're Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, gay or straight. It's for everybody."

He's still working to get the word out.

Mend, a longtime human rights activist in Kootenai County, has been tapped to provide guidance on civil rights legislation and enforcement.

The Coeur d'Alene Realtor was appointed in December to the state advisory committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The uncompensated advisory group discusses regional discrimination issues and reports on those matters to the federal government.

"That (fixing the problems) is what they (the government) are supposed to do," he said. "What we're doing is advising them on what, why and how."

Mend, who co-founded the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations in 1981, already has ideas of what he'll bring to the table.

Like advocating for bilingual education, to help the children of Hispanic immigrants in their education, he said.

"Hispanics lag behind English speaking kids. They need to learn English first just to catch up," the 71-year-old said. "A bilingual education would help them catch up a whole lot faster."

He would also like to see more efforts to give equal rights to gays and lesbians, he added.

"Some folks say, 'We don't have to give them special rights,'" he said. "Well, they should have no special rights, just equal rights. Homosexuals and heterosexuals should be treated the same. If they're not bothering you, what difference does it make?"

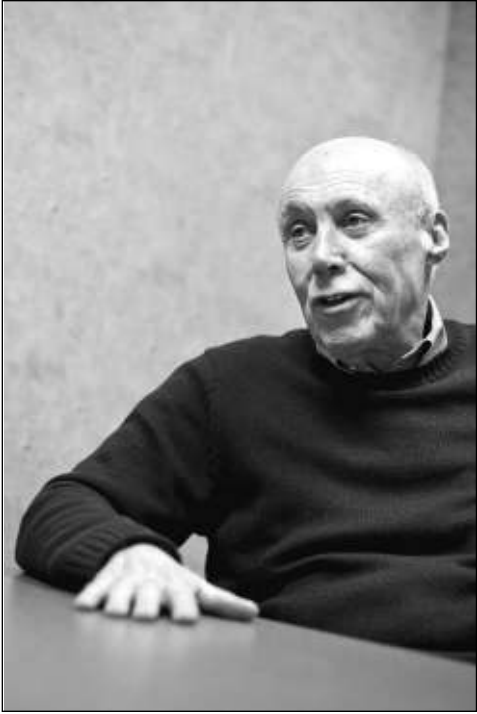
Mend will be a useful addition to the committee, said Tony Stewart, another co-founder of the KCTFHR.

Mend's experience as a Realtor will allow him to lend advice on discrimination in housing, Stewart said.

"He's dedicated to this wonderful cause. He is not only persistent, he has got tremendous passion and energy for what we do," Stewart said. "He's given it total commitment?"

Stewart said he would also like to see Mend working for equal treatment of homosexuals.

"They've recently expanded the hate crimes law nationally, but what is not covered in the discrimination area is sexual orientation," Stewart said. "It's covered in some states, but there needs to be an amendment to the National Civil Rights Act."



Marshal Mend was recently appointed to the Idaho State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the only appointee from North Idaho.

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Coeur d'Alene Press

Mend previously served on the advisory council from 1993 to 2004, when, he said, the federal administration cut its budget and it stopped meeting.

He admitted that in much of that time the council wasn't very active, some

years not even having a single meeting.

"When they asked me (to join again), I asked, 'Are we going to do anything this time?'" Mend said.

But after speaking with the new regional director, Peter Minarik, Mend said he was optimistic the committee would strive to get more accomplished.

"He wants to see it become more productive," Mend said.

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— Marshall Mend

Minarik could not be reached for comment.

Mend was chosen for the advisory council because of his involvement with the KCTFHR over the past 30 years, during which he was key in developing hate crime legislation in Idaho.

Mend and KCTFHR also played an instrumental role in the lawsuit against the Aryan Nations that eventually bankrupted the white supremacist group and drove it out of the region.

"The biggest thing we accomplished was getting rid of the Aryan Nations and the compound," he said.

Himself Jewish, Mend said he became interested in human rights when he encountered racism after moving to Coeur d'Alene from Los Angeles in 1980.

That fanned into a life-long commitment, he said, when a member of the Aryan Nations started harassing a biracial family in Kootenai County.

"It was that incident that really turned my life around," Mend said. "I thought what he was doing was criminal, and that guy needed to be put away for a long time."

Mend doesn't know the schedule of when the advisory committee will meet, he said.

He still encounters bigots in Kootenai County, he said. When he does, he tries to nudge them toward keeping an open mind.

"Hate is bad for you. It poisons your mind, it makes you unhappy and ruins your life," he said. "Why work so hard to be mean, when it's so easy to be nice? Everybody deserves the same rights to go out and succeed, to go out and fail. That's what human rights are all about."



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Trial date set in voyeurism case

BOISE (AP) — A 30-year-old Boise man accused of videotaping women while they changed clothes or took showers in his house has pleaded not guilty to seven counts of video voyeurism.

Justin Tolman entered his plea Thursday and a trial was set for April 4.


Investigators tell KBOI-TV that Justin Tolman would meet women at church and invite them to his house to use the hot tub. Police say he hid a camera in the bathroom.

Court records say a man discovered the camera in early December and called police. Tolman was initially charged with four counts of video voyeurism, but three more women were identified as victims and more charges were added on Dec. 17.

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Idaho lawmaker returns after 25 years

Bateman plans to keep head down, listen and ask many questions

By Clark Corgin
The Post Register

BOISE — After a 25-year absence from politics, Linden Bateman is more conscious of the differences he's forced to adapt to than the similarities he can embrace.

Although he first served in the Idaho House of Representatives in 1977, Bateman is returning to the Legislature as a "freshman lawmaker."

Out of politics since 1986, Bateman, who is 70, decided to make a comeback after a District 33 seat became vacant.

As an incoming freshman, he plans to keep his head down, listen and ask many questions.

"You can't come out too strong as a freshman," Bateman said. "You have to be careful not to ask for the (microphone) too much."

A history buff, Bateman is committed to sponsoring a resolution commemorating Bonneville County's 100th anniversary, but not much else.

He likes the concept of a cigarette tax intended to lower smoking rates and raise revenue, but he wants



AP file photo

Seventy-year-old Linden Bateman campaigns door-to-door in Idaho Falls on Oct. 14. Although he first served in the Idaho House of Representatives in 1977, Bateman is returning to the Legislature as a 'freshman lawmaker.'

to review details before committing his vote.

Bateman also talked about a desire to shorten the campaign season, but said he doesn't plan to sponsor any significant bills.

"I can tell you one thing," he said. "You won't be sitting here interviewing me about any landmark legislation I've proposed this year"

One thing he will have a chance to do, though, is help shape education policy. Bateman, a longtime teacher and student-teacher supervisor, has a seat on the House

Education Committee.

During last year's campaign, Bateman positioned himself as a pro-education candidate. He stressed the need to return funding to schools as the economy rebounds.

When considering any reform bills passing through the House Education Committee, Bateman said, he will support only legislation that promotes student achievement or attracts effective teachers.

"If reform does not attract more quality teachers, it's all sounding brass and tinkling cymbals," Bateman said.

By a remarkable coincidence, Bateman sits in the same seat on the House floor that he occupied in 1977 (there are 70 seats and they are assigned by seniority). But that's where the similarities end.

No one who served with him 34 years ago is in the House today. In fact, Bateman said, at least 43 are dead.

The renovated Capitol building also is very different from the version he first entered in 1977.

For one thing, legislators have a suite of offices in which to retreat, instead of using their floor seats as a base.

"The negative part about all this is we don't see each other as much," Bateman said. "In the old days, we'd stay on the floor, at our desks, and have great discussions. I remember staying until 11 o'clock at night discussing the issues."

In an era marked by smart phones, instant messages, video conferences and 24-hour news cycles, Bateman is something of a throwback.

Rather than drive to work, he walks the nine blocks from his hotel room to the Capitol building.

When he does drive, back home in Idaho Falls, he prefers to get around in his 1930 Model A Ford — top speed, 50 mph.

When he was campaigning, Bateman drew by hand many of his campaign ad illustrations.

Though he can compose and return an e-mail, Bateman still prefers writing

letters by hand — ideally using a fountain pen.

"I'm overwhelmed today with all the information," Bateman said. "That's the main difference between then and now, all the e-mails and such."

In the end, he isn't deterred by the changing landscape of technology or politics.

But Bateman did say that making the necessary adjustments may mean he isn't quite as productive a legislator as he was in 1977, when he arrived in Boise as a red-haired 36-year-old.

"I think I will be able to leave my mark, just as I did before," Bateman said. "It's not what you know, so much, as it is how you go about your business."

Budget so tough, Otter doesn't have enough phones

BOISE (AP) — How hard has Idaho's shaky economy hit state government?

Well, the governor's office says times are so lean it doesn't even have enough phones for every desk in its office.

State budget director

Wayne Hammon told budget writers, "Luckily we have five vacancies or we wouldn't have enough phones."

Hammon presented Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's \$1.85 million executive office budget proposal Friday morning to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

He says interns no longer get paid, which limits the pool of applicants to just youngsters from southwestern Idaho, not the breadth of Idaho, as had

once been the case.

Times are tough, but morale is good, Hammon says — despite the striking of training and continuing education, national meeting attendance, even Otter's official subscription to the *Wall Street Journal*.

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Transforming the work force



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Frankie Dixon, left, and Willard Bunham, both of Balanced Rock Electric, install lights in an operating room at the new St. Luke's hospital, Friday in Twin Falls.

St. Luke's pursues ridding waste, increasing efficiency

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

The St. Luke's Health System is doing more than completing construction on its new Twin Falls hospital set to open later this year.

The non-profit health system also is working on an initiative known internally as "Lean."

On Thursday, St. Luke's personnel gathered at the College of Southern Idaho to learn more about the way the health system is working to change its future workforce.

CEO Mike Reno described the initiative, used by the Toyota Motor Corp., as the hospital's plan to raise efficiencies and cut costs across the board.

"As an industry we're not very patient oriented," Reno said. "Part of being Lean is getting back to the mindset that our value should be defined by our customers, the patients."

Reno said patients may not notice any big difference in their care but the initiative is focused not only on increasing value, but the quality of patient care.

"One example," Reno told the *Times-News*, "is when a patient is asked the same questions when they come in for surgery. They're asked the same questions by admitting, multiple nurses, radiology ... on and on. Sometimes, patients may be asked certain questions to verify their identity, but sometimes it simply overlaps and it's waste. That



DREW NASH/Times-News

St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospital CEO Mike Reno talks to the media about work force development during a break in presentations Thursday afternoon at the Herrett Center on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.



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St. Luke's handouts lay out during presentations Thursday afternoon at the Herrett Center on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

costs a lot of time."

That's just one example.

Although St. Luke's expects the model to become

part of its core culture, it is starting small. Results are already being noticed since the process began about a

year ago.

"In 2010, we saw a savings of \$498,000 in operating room medical-supply costs from instituting Lean processes," said Laura Stewart, St. Luke's marketing and public relations coordinator.

To save that much money, St. Luke's completely reconfigured the way it purchased, received and distributed operating room supplies.

Instead of ordering supplies and having many levels of personnel break the supplies into separate department stashes and then into usable patient units, they have cut out the middle steps

See **WORK FORCE**, Business 3

Sun Valley berets bring big business

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY—Bruce Paragary saw his carpentry income take a nose dive two years ago when the recession put the kibosh on Sun Valley's sizzling construction trade.

But the Sun Valley snowboard instructor has found a silver lining in Sun Valley's 75th, or Diamond Anniversary.

Paragary, nicknamed "Buddha" since he was a boy, is making extra income selling commemorative Sun Valley berets fashioned after the ones ski instructors wore in Sun Valley's early years.

"I love them because they hide helmet hair," said Tom Oliverio, one of a few dozen ski instructors who own a beret. "The beret is flat so I can stick it inside my jacket and then whip it out when I get to the lodge."

Paragary, who grew up skiing at a little resort between Bear Valley and Yosemite National Park, moved to Sun Valley in 1970 after determining that Jackson was too windy, the Salt Lake City resorts too crowded and Aspen too "Gucci."

As one of Sun Valley's

first mono-ski and snowboard teacher, he developed a deep respect for Sun Valley's teaching tradition, which began with several Austrian ski instructors imported from the Old World.

Pair that with his French Basque heritage, which has an affinity for berets, and the berets commemorating Sun Valley's 75th anniversary season seem a natural.

He named his beret "Zigi," after Sigi Engl, the Kitzbuhel, Austrian who ruled Sun Valley's vaunted ski school for a quarter century beginning in 1953.

"This is where it all started—Sun Valley being the grandfather or grandmother of all the North American ski resorts. And it's so gratifying to be an instructor here and teach people to snowboard," said Paragary.

Paragary has the berets made out of state. He's hired Leo Miranda of Mirgraph Embroidery in Bellevue to stitch Sun Valley on the black hats in red, white and yellow threads. He finishes each beret off with a couple of Sun Valley "75th" pins.

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KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Bruce 'Buddha' Paragary shows off part of his collection of Sun Valley commemorative berets.

For public employees unions, better to accept unpleasant realities

In July 2009, economist Barry Bluestone wrote an op-ed article for the Boston Globe warning that his state's public employees unions were on the same path to economic and political decline as the United Auto Workers was back in the mid-1980s.

Voters, he warned, would no longer accept wages and benefits for government employees that had grown more generous than their own. They would no longer pay for public services whose costs were growing half again as fast as the cost of services in the private sector.

Nor would the public tolerate continued union resistance to efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of government services. Through tax caps, outsourcing and charter schools, governments were already finding ways to circumvent public employees unions and limit their political power.

Unless the unions moved quickly to strike a new "grand bargain" with government officials and taxpayers, Bluestone wrote, they would soon face an even more painful "day of reckoning."

Barry Bluestone is not just any economist. He is the son of Irving Bluestone,



Steven Pearlstein

a legendary UAW negotiator, a reliably liberal, union-friendly scholar who has spent a career studying the declining fortunes of the American working and middle class. And since his op-ed, things have only gone from bad to worse in terms of the financial distress now faced by all levels of government. The "day of reckoning" that Bluestone forewarned has now arrived.

A recession-weary public is now well aware of New York firefighters who retire after 20 years at half pay, of California prison guards who rake in \$120,000 a year and of New Jersey teachers who pay little or nothing for health insurance. A parade of actuaries and economists has stepped forward with estimates of unfunded retiree obligations for state and local governments that now top \$1 trillion.

Reflecting the frustration with the lack of

See **PEARLSTEIN**, Business 3

Idaho poses challenge for rare earth metal miners

By Anne Wallace Allen
The Idaho Business Review

BOISE — Idaho's large resources of rare earth elements, the metals used in a variety of high-tech applications, are well known.

But the process of turning a profit from those metals would be long and costly. Only one company in Idaho appears to be trying.

The obstacles: a lack of financing, a lengthy environmental permitting process, and an overall level of risk that discourages all but the most adventurous.

"Nothing in mining is a safe bet," said Virginia Gillerman, an Idaho Geological Survey geologist who is working on a report

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— Virginia Gillerman, an Idaho Geological Survey geologist who is working on a report about Idaho's rare earth resources.

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Demand for rare earths has picked up worldwide because the metals are used in many growing areas such as television sets, weaponry, mobile phones, and renewable energy. Meanwhile,

China, which produces 95 percent of the rare earth elements, has been manipulating its exports of the metals, raising concerns about a drop in worldwide supplies.

Accordingly, attention has turned to states like Idaho that have large resources of rare earth metals. A Utah-based company called U.S. Rare Earths, Inc. has staked some claims in Lemhi County in an area believed to

harbor very large reserves of rare earths.

It's not clear how much U.S. Rare Earths has invested in its exploration. Company staff did not return calls for this story. But it appears to be the only company with a commercial interest in the Idaho metals, Gillerman said.

Rare earths can be found in many places, not just Idaho. In fact, "rare" is a misnomer, said Scott Wood, the dean of the University of Idaho's College of Science who is a geochemist and rare earth researcher.

"There are concentrations of rare earth in just about any rock you pick up. It's just a

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Courtesy photos

2011 Chamber Board of Directors — Members of the 2011 board of directors for the Buhl Chamber were photographed at the annual banquet on Jan. 8. Pictured from left are Janet Franklin, Rick Stoltenburg, Gary Davis, Kalen Wright, Pam McClain and Patty Beltran.

ANNUAL BUHL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

Buhl Chamber of Commerce installed directors and presented awards at their annual banquet held Jan. 8.



2011 Chamber Volunteer — The Buhl Chamber of Commerce presented its 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award to the West End Men's Association. Presenting the award to Mike Felton, past president of WEMA, is Janet Franklin, outgoing chamber president.



2011 Chamber Outstanding Service — The Buhl Chamber of Commerce presented its 2010 Distinguished Service Award to Denise Cardoso of Garibaldi's Restaurant. Pictured here are past Chamber president Janet Franklin, left, and Cardoso.



2011 Chamber Passing of the Gavel — Buhl Chamber of Commerce President for 2009-2010, Janet Franklin, passes the gavel to 2011 President Rick Stoltenburg.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS INSTALLED



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The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors installed their new board of directors on Jan. 4. The following Realtors and affiliate members were elected: Susan Stevens (president), Nan Gandy (president elect), Bonnie Boeker, Carolyn Cutler, Sara Bullers, Tami Gooding, Jack Jardine, Wayne Gunderson,

Nathan Lyda, Jill Stone, Willis Stone, Kilah Wilkinson, Zach Bay and Gary Shook.

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MILESTONES



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Decker retires after 22 years of service

Roy Decker, left, recently retired from A&B Irrigation District after 22 years of service with the Rupert-based company. He is pictured receiving a certificate of achievement for his decades of service from A&B Irrigation District Manager Dan Temple during a ceremony held in Decker's honor.

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State Farm sponsors 2011 Scholarship Contest for Idaho Fraud Awareness Coalition

The Idaho Fraud Awareness Coalition is offering three scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2011 through an essay contest sponsored by State Farm Insurance.

The scholarship awards will be: first place, \$1,000; second place, \$750; and third place, \$250. Entries must be postmarked no later than the Friday following the student's spring break.

To be considered for the scholarship, high school seniors must write an origi-

nal, 500-word essay on the topic "How Fraud Impacts Idahoans." Detailed information about the contest, including rules and entry form, is available on the Coalition's website, www.fightfraudidaho.gov.

The Idaho Fraud Awareness Coalition was organized by the Idaho Department of Insurance in 2008 to teach Idahoans about the cost, consequences and impact of fraud to individuals, families and businesses.

Berets

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"The hats are warm and stylish and they carry on the tradition of the old ski school. I've got girls wearing them, as well as guys. And you can wear them forward in old school fashion or backwards in new school fashion," Paragary said.

Paragary started selling the berets out of his home and recently authorized Shades of Sun Valley in Jacobbi Square to carry them after a visitor from Michigan spent days tracking him down after seeing Walt Coiner and

other ski instructors wearing them.

"He said, 'What is this-like a secret society or something?'" Paragary recounted.

The berets, which were given the blessing of Sun Valley Snowsports School Director Allan Patzer, cost \$30 and are available at Shades of Sun Valley or directly from Paragary at 208-726-5278. In addition, Paragary has designed several Sun Valley snowboard ball caps, which are available at the Board Bin in Ketchum.

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Miners

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matter of whether it's sufficiently concentrated and can be treated metallurgically," Wood said.

Idaho has some highly concentrated rare earth deposits, particularly at Lemhi Pass on the Idaho-Montana border. The problem is that the Lemhi Pass deposits also include large concentrations of thorium, a radioactive element that is expensive to dispose of.

Meanwhile, other sources of rare earths are likely to come on line to compete with China. Gillerman said exploration for the metals has been increasing in

Wyoming and elsewhere in the world. A new company is trying to reopen the Mountain Pass mine in California, which closed in 1998. And another mine in Australia is expected to be running in a year or so.

Apart from the financial cost, opening a new mine could require years of environmental permitting. In that time, the market could change.

Permitting time depends on the scale and type of the operation, said Dave Tomten, a geologist who is the EPA Idaho mining coordinator. A large open pit mine on federal land near a

stream with salmon would require a very complicated permitting process with a lot of different agencies involved, Tomten said. A small underground operation in a less environmentally sensitive area would be less complicated.

"The EPA supports mining, we just support responsible mining," Tomten said.

Meanwhile, development of a rare earths mining operation could just as easily happen in a neighboring state or in British Columbia, Wood said.

"It may be the state is a little bit more friendly to mining than some other states,

so that might add something that gives Idaho an advantage," Wood said. "But from the pure geologic occurrences I don't think Idaho is particularly better endowed than most of the Rocky Mountain states."



Tumbling from a life of security into a life with less

Recession exposed how precarious a hold many families had on their status

By Annys Shin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Five years ago, an automated voice on the phone would not have reduced Sondi Moore to tears. But five years ago, she was not behind on her electric bill.

Just after Christmas, Moore, 63, called Dominion Virginia Power to pay her bill, which was overdue — again. She was desperate to avoid having her power cut off, as happened in November after she racked up a tab of \$1,026.

Not so long ago, Moore and her husband, Seymour, 46, made more than \$200,000 a year, vacationed in Fiji and thought nothing of picking up a \$400 dinner tab with friends.

But then Moore left her property management job to set up a cat-sitting business, and her husband lost his job as an IT consultant nine months ago. They now scrape by on his unemployment benefits and her Social Security checks plus a trickle of money from her nascent business. Total income for 2010: \$30,000.

More than a year into the recovery, the economy is starting to show signs of improvement. The stock market has rebounded. Corporate profits are soaring. And yet, for millions of Americans, the lingering legacy of the Great Recession is a Great Slide, as job losses, declining home values and decimated retirement savings have knocked them down the socioeconomic ladder. For the formerly middle class, this slide plays out in big and small ways, from a loss of identity to the day-to-day inconveniences of life with less.

The recession exposed how precarious a hold many middle-class families had on their status. The housing meltdown and credit crunch wiped out nest eggs and the ability to maintain a credit-fueled lifestyle.

Now, as many Americans see work as the only way to dig out of debt, they're finding that jobs are scarce. The average duration of unemployment has reached record levels, as has the proportion of jobless people who have been out of work for more than six months. For those who have slipped a couple of income brackets, that means a long road back toward the middle class, said economist Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute.

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Seymour Moore has been trying to find his way back since his university IT job ended in March. In 25 years, he had been out of work only once before.



DAYNA SMITH/The Washington Post

Sondi Moore, shown in Centreville, Va., gets emotional as she thinks about life now that her husband has lost his job. She earns money with her cat-sitting service, but the couple are a long way from the comfortable middle-class lifestyle they were accustomed to.

“We went from living comfortably and happy to everything was wrong.”

— Katherine Thorne, who lost her job. Her husband is also seeking work

“We thought, ‘Any day now, we’ll have a job,’” his wife said.

During his previous spell of unemployment several years ago, he and Sondi burned through their savings and \$100,000 in 401(k) savings plans. At the peak of the boom, aiming to clear their credit card debt, they took out a loan against a house in North Carolina that Sondi had inherited from her parents. When they could no longer afford the mortgage or utilities, they put the place on the market, praying that they could unload it, even for less than what they owed.

When the power at their suburban house was cut off in November, they got used to seeing by flashlight, eating cold food and lingering at the houses of Sondi’s cat-sitting clients just to be warm. The last time they had gone without electricity for that long was by choice, when they went diving on a private island in Fiji.

In November, Sondi Moore called Dominion Virginia Power seeking help and was referred to the county human services office. She paid \$600 of the power bill; a caseworker covered the rest by cobbling together small amounts from utility assistance programs.

“It was the first time we’d ever had to turn to people for help,” she said. “It was hard to admit we were drowning without a lifeline.”

Then, after Christmas, when Moore called five numbers and spent an hour on the phone to Dominion trying to avoid losing her power again, an automated voice informed her that she had to pay a \$3.95 fee to settle her bill by phone but didn’t

say how much she owed. Moore called back, hoping the phone system would kick her to a human being. Instead, a mechanized voice told her to hang up and dial again.

“I just want to pay my electric bill,” she said, her voice cracking. “How many hoops do I have to jump through?”

An hour later, she tried again, got through and paid. The power stayed on.

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Shortly after she and her husband, Shawn, lost their jobs within two weeks of each other in 2009, Katherine Thorne, 29, found herself waiting in line to fill out applications for welfare and food aid. In the course of a summer, that double whammy dropped the Thornes from a combined income of about \$80,000 to public assistance. She had been an office manager for a Federal Aviation Administration contractor; Shawn was manager of a Foot Locker store that closed.

“Once one thing happens, everything snowballs,” she said. “We went from living comfortably and happy to everything was wrong.”

As they entered financial free fall, the couple split up. She stayed in their townhouse with their three children, struggling to pay the \$1,300 rent. One by one, the utilities were cut off and she received an eviction notice.

For the first time, she visited a human services office. She received food stamps, Medicaid and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, plus transitional housing from a local nonprofit.

She also got help with child care, but not without some doing. When she was working, she paid her mother \$600 a week to watch her two younger children. But for Thorne to get assistance with child care, her mother had to be certified and take child development and CPR classes.

“The stress on me made it harder with the kids,” Thorne said. “I would say, ‘Mommy doesn’t want to play right now.’”

She clerked at a dollar store, then became a dispatcher for a plumbing and heating company, where she makes a little more than half of her former salary. She is pursuing a degree in business administration and human resources. Her husband, who provides child support, is now a restaurant manager. She and her children still rely on food stamps, Medicaid and TANF, but those payments were recently cut from \$300 a month to \$50 because her \$11-an-hour job means she makes too much to qualify for most aid.

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Sondi Moore still feels like a member of the middle class, even though she has given up nearly all the small luxuries she once took for granted. She cut out cable long ago. The stove is broken; if something doesn’t fit in her toaster oven, she doesn’t eat it.

As a property manager of high-end apartment buildings, she thought nothing of spending \$250 on a pair of shoes or buying a new blouse every week. Now, if she dons a silk blouse, it’s hidden under a dark sweat shirt and paired with sweat pants. She can’t afford to keep her hair frosted blond anymore. And since she had cataract surgery three months ago, she has been walking around with one lens missing from her glasses because she doesn’t have \$100 to replace it.

Her 1997 Mazda Miata has more than 200,000 miles on it, holes in the roof, a window that no longer rolls down, and no heat or air conditioning.

The one little luxury she has maintained is a manicure — once a month, not weekly as before. Her hands and her diamond necklace are the remaining hints that not too long ago, she led a much different life.

In her new life, ordering pizza is an indulgence, one she appreciates in ways she never could before.

“It tastes better,” she said. “Everything tastes better when you go without.”



KEITH MYERS/Kansas City Star

At Crick Camera Shop in Kansas City, Mo., Bill Thomas and Angie Jennings have been long-time users of Kodachrome film.

In Kansas town, Kodachrome’s last gasps

By Eric Adler
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The 1963 Zapruder film of President John F. Kennedy’s assassination was shot on it.

So, too, were the portraits of Sir Edmund Hillary on Mount Everest, a famed 1985 National Geographic cover of a beautiful Afghan refugee girl, and probably a generation or two of your family’s vacation slides.

“They give us those nice bright colors; they give us the greens of summers,” Paul Simon sang, immortalizing the film in his 1973 hit “Kodachrome.”

So when Angie Jennings of Prairie Village, Kan., learned that Kodachrome was going away — that Kodak would stop making the film in 2009 and that the last Kodachrome processing machine on the globe would shut down at the end of 2010 — she knew what to do.

In September, the 45-year-old art photographer trekked with her mother, 72, up a lush hillside in China’s Fujian province. There, visiting the tea fields of a dear friend, she stood on the rise of a winding path. Shrubs rich with the buds of her favorite white tea covered the mountainside.

“That was the point I pulled out my Leica loaded with Kodachrome,” Jennings said. “The Kodachrome deserved to be shot in China.”

But it would be processed in a town in southeast Kansas.

Dwayne’s Photo — started in Parsons in 1956 by Dwayne Steinle, now 79, and run primarily by son Grant, 48 — had announced that it planned to stop processing Kodachrome film on Dec. 30.

The 6-foot-tall, 28-foot-long processing machine, which was used to churn out slides and film at 32 feet per minute, would be sold for scrap.

News that Dwayne’s was dropping this aspect of its business generated not only a worldwide wave of nostalgia, but also what Grant Steinle called “a tsunami of film.”

Before the explosion in digital photography, Dwayne’s employed 200 people as one of Parsons’ biggest businesses. Today it has 60 employees. And Kodachrome’s touchstone to the pre-digital past has kept them busier than ever.

Although it was not the first color slide film produced, it was Kodak’s first, developed 75 years ago. It was a high-quality film known, just as the Simon song says, for the richness and real feel of its colors, especially its reds and skin tones. The film actually is black and white; the color is added in three steps during processing.

“If you compared Kodachrome’s color to everyone else’s color, it was significantly better,” Gustavson said.

Early on and for many years, photographers who shot with Kodachrome could get it developed only by Kodak. They would mail the film, and the slides, encased in paper frames, would come back days or weeks later.

Processing later was doled out to photo labs such as Dwayne’s. About 25 Kodachrome processors once existed worldwide.

Gradually they closed, leaving Dwayne’s standing alone.

When Kodak announced in 2009 that it was discontinuing Kodachrome, the company gave Steve McCurry, a longtime National Geographic photographer who shot the picture of the Afghan girl, its last roll.

But when the last roll is processed, it will not be McCurry’s, but one shot by Dwayne Steinle. The pictures are of him and his 60 employees, wearing yellow T-shirts and standing outside his business. On the backs of the shirts are these words:

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Ex-police chief found not guilty in boy’s Uzi death

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A former western Massachusetts police chief who organized a gun fair was found not guilty of all charges in the 2008 death of an 8-year-old boy who accidentally shot himself in the head with an Uzi sub-machine gun.

Edward Fleury cried and hugged his attorney and family Friday after he was acquitted of involuntary manslaughter and three counts of furnishing machine guns to minors in the death of Christopher Bizilj on Oct. 26, 2008. Several of Christopher’s relatives quickly left the courtroom without commenting.

The former Pelham, Mass., police chief said he regretted holding the machine gun shoot and will never do it again.

“I want to express my

heartfelt sympathy to the Bizilj family,” the 53-year-old Fleury said in a courthouse hallway to a throng of TV cameras and reporters. “It was always meant to be an educational event for people and it’s unfortunate this terrible accident happened.”

He said his arrest and the trial were devastating to him and that he would rather be “dropped into hell than go through this again.”

Fleury’s firearms training company co-sponsored the annual Machine Gun Shoot and Firearms Expo at the Westfield Sportsman’s Club, about 10 miles west of Springfield. Christopher, of Ashford, Conn., was shooting a 9 mm micro Uzi at pumpkins when the gun kicked back and shot him in the head.

The jury was shown a

graphic video of the shooting, taken by Christopher’s father, that led to a collective gasp in the courtroom.

Prosecutor William Bennett said he wouldn’t have done anything differently. He said he believed

the organizers of the event were the people responsible for the boy’s death.

“We had a fair trial,” Bennett said. “We were able to make our case. The jury has spoken. We will live with that verdict.”

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A year of broken state budgets

2011 promises to be toughest yet for statehouses across the country

By Judy Lin and Shannon McCaffrey
Associated Press writers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — If 2011 is hinting at a national recovery, there is little sign of it in statehouses across the country.

States that already have raided their reserve funds, relied on borrowing or accounting gimmicks, and imposed deep cuts on schools, parks and public transit systems no longer can protect key services in the face of another round of multibillion dollar deficits.

As governors roll out their budget proposals and legislatures convene this month, they do so amid a sputtering economic recovery and predictions of slow growth for years to come. State and local governments face lackluster revenue projections, worries from Wall Street over looming debt and the end of federal stimulus spending.

In the first weeks of 2011, Republican and Democratic governors alike have begun detailing across-the-board pain for education, health care, transportation, public safety and other programs. Some say the year of reckoning for state and local governments is at hand, with calls for structural changes that could radically shift expectations of what services government provides.

Many believe the months ahead will be the most challenging in memory, with consequences for millions who depend on government funding.

“We need to send a message to the governor: We’re real, and we depend on all these services,” said Sergio Garibay, a 41-year-old Southern California resident who relies on state disability payments and recently protested deep cuts to Medi-Cal programs proposed by California Gov. Jerry Brown. “There are other alternatives to the budget. Why don’t we tax the rich, these corporations?”

In releasing his budget proposal, Brown told California lawmakers “the year ahead will demand courage and sacrifice” as the state faces a deficit projected to hit \$25.4 billion over the next 18 months. His proposal combines spending cuts to Medi-Cal, in-home services for the elderly and higher education with a five-year extension of income, sales and vehicle taxes.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed eliminating 20 percent of state agencies by combining duties, such as merging the Insurance Department, Banking Department and the Consumer Protection Board into the Department of Financial Regulation. It’s part of “radical reform” to pull his state out of its fiscal crisis. And Gov. Chris Christie in New Jersey skipped a \$3.1 billion payment to the state’s pension system in a push to cut ben-



Lilliberth Navarro protests California’s proposed new budget outside Governor Jerry Brown’s offices in Los Angeles, Monday.

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efits for public workers, while proposing higher employee contributions and a boost in the retirement age from 62 to 65.

In Illinois, lawmakers voted for a dramatic 66 percent hike in personal income tax, from 3 percent to 5 percent, in a bid to resolve a \$15 billion deficit, which amounts to more than half of the state’s entire general fund. The tax increase will be coupled with strict 2 percent limits on spending growth.

“It’s important for their state government not to be a fiscal basket case,” Gov. Pat Quinn in defending the major tax hike.

And on and on it goes:

- In oil-rich Texas, where education and social service spending is relatively low and Republican Gov. Rick Perry has railed against government spending, hard times are looming. The shortfall is projected to be between \$15 billion and \$27 billion over the coming two-year budget cycle.
- In South Carolina, outgoing Gov. Mark Sanford has proposed a spending plan that would end funding for museum and arts programs, slash college funding and give many state employees a 5 percent pay cut.
- In Georgia, deep cuts appear to await the state’s popular HOPE scholarship program that provides public college tuition to students who earn good grades. Rising tuition and enrollment have outpaced the lottery revenues that fund the program and Gov. Nathan Deal has not proposed any additional state money to bail it out.

Even as tax revenue in many states shows signs of a rebound, states are expected to collect 6.5 percent less than they did in 2008, according to the National

Association of State Budget Officers.

And any revenue gains could be more than offset by the expected loss of federal stimulus money. Most of the \$814 billion stimulus program was designed to help states provide essential services and give a boost to the economy, but will start to run out this summer. A new round of stimulus funding is unlikely with Republicans controlling one house of Congress. Top GOP lawmakers say they will try to provide states with relief by reducing mandated programs, not by giving them more money.

“States came into this recession with relatively large rainy day funds. Now that states have done the accounting gimmicks and the relatively easier stuff, each year gets harder and harder because those one-time things are gone,” said Nicholas Johnson, director of the state fiscal project at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

Despite lower tax revenue since the recession began, the level of service expected from state and local governments remains, often creating a disconnect between public perception and the reality of the fiscal crisis confronting elected officials.

Public schools face rising enrollments, more people are seeking government health care because they have lost jobs or their employers have dropped coverage, and millions of those thrown out of work are receiving unemployment checks.

One possible solution is revising tax structures, even with an anti-tax mood persisting across much of the nation.

In Georgia, some law-

makers are considering a 4 percent state sales tax on groceries and boosting the tax on cigarettes as part of an overhaul of the state’s outdated tax code. The increases would be paired with reductions in the personal and corporate income taxes. But any proposal for tax increases will run into opposition from Republicans, who were swept into office in large numbers last fall on a message of reducing the size and reach of government.

Republicans picked up 690 state legislative seats Nov. 2 — the largest shift since 1966, according to data compiled by the national legislative group. The GOP now controls both chambers of the state legislature as well as the governorship in 21 states.

“When you’ve got an unemployment rate at 10 percent, I don’t think that’s a good time for us to tell Georgians that we need more of their money,” Georgia House Speaker David Ralston said. “I’m going to resist that again this year.”

As states struggle to balance their books, Wall Street is watching rising debt burdens, although analysts so far have not sounded many alarms. Federal law does not allow states to file for bankruptcy protection, but states can default on their debt if their financial condition worsens considerably.

That move is extremely rare. Arkansas was the last state to default on its debt payments, a move it took during the Great Depression. Moody’s pre-

dicts that no state government will default on its debt in 2011.

Moody’s Managing Director, Naomi Richman, said states generally borrow for long-term infrastructure projects. They don’t usually borrow to pay debt and fund operating budgets. Those that have, including California, Illinois and Arizona, already have been penalized with low credit ratings, which increases their borrowing costs.

It’s possible, however, that more cash-strapped cities and counties could seek bailouts from states, as Harrisburg sought help from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

“I think you’re more likely to see it cascade up, rather than down,” said Steve Malanga, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, during a discussion about state budgets at George Mason University.

Kail Padgitt, an economist with the nonpartisan, non-profit Tax Foundation, said the states with the greatest concerns about their fiscal health are those with costly public employee pensions that are underfunded.

Many public pension systems use overly optimistic rates of return and do not provide a true, long-term cost to taxpayers. Padgitt cited a recent study by the Pew Center on the States that found states face a \$1 trillion funding shortfall in public-sector retirement benefits, but said that likely underestimate the problem.

“The long-term outlook is quite bad,” Padgitt said unless states begin to make pension reforms.

Matt Hanson, 50, a civil engineer who has worked for California’s transportation department for 22 years, said he understands that public pension systems could use adjustments but he believes pensions are fundamentally sound. For example, he said he’s open to contributing more to cover retiree health care costs, which have been rising.

“If there’s some shared pain that has to be felt than I want it to be constructive,” Hanson said. “There’s a difference between going out for a run and feeling pain right after — at least you’ll be in better shape in the long run, rather than hitting your hand with a hammer. Pain for pain’s sake doesn’t make a lot of sense.”

Trouble lurking ahead for focus on ed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Signs of trouble are arising for President Barack Obama’s plan to put education overhaul at the forefront of his agenda as he adjusts to the new reality of a divided government.

Giving students and teachers more flexibility is an idea with bipartisan support. Yet the debate about the overdue renewal of the nation’s chief education law, known as No Child Left Behind, is complicated by political pressures from the coming 2012 presidential campaign and disputes over timing, money and scope of the update.

While education might offer the best chance for the White House to work with newly empowered Republicans, any consensus could fade in the pitiless political crosscurrents, leaving the debate for another day, perhaps even another presidency.

If so, parents, teachers and students would labor under a burdensome set of testing guidelines and other rules that many say are lowering standards.

It’s that scenario that the president and his administration intend to invoke as a way to rally public support and spur lawmakers and interest groups into action against long odds.

“No one I’m talking to is defending the status quo,” Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in an interview. “Everyone I talk to really shares my sense of urgency that we have to do better for our children. We’re fighting for our country here.”

Duncan said Obama’s State of the Union address on Jan. 25 will reflect his commitment to education.

Obama has spoken about the effect on the U.S. economy and competitiveness from lagging student test scores. Lawmakers and advocates will watch to see whether he keeps the issue in the spotlight in the months ahead.

“I don’t think there’s any substitute but for him to be out front,” said Rep. George Miller of California, the top Democrat on the House Education and Workforce Committee.

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Beatrice Brower

PAUL — Beatrice Brower, 95, of Paul, passed away Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at her home.

Beatrice was born March 26, 1915, in Moreland, Idaho, to Burton Sylvester and Cynthia Adeline McBride. She married Ray Wendell Brower on March 4, 1931, in Burley, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. She moved to Heyburn as a child. She lived in Oregon, but most of her life, she lived in Heyburn and Paul. She attended school in Heyburn and worked a short time at Ore-Ida.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she enjoyed working in the Young Women's organization. She enjoyed being a seamstress.

Beatrice is survived by her children, Bobbe Pullen of Adrian, Ore., Doyle Ray



(Alice) Brower of Heyburn, Bonnie Lyn Babcock of Nampa, Kirk (Marilyn) Brower of Clayton, Terri (Johnny) Seal of Twin Falls and Greg (Gwen) Brower of Burley; sisters, Mildred King of Heyburn, Elma Bixler of Nampa and Maxine Authur of Mesquite, Texas; and 105 grandkids. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, LaVonne; two brothers; one sister; three grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, with Bishop Layne Harper officiating. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Marie Zimmerman Jensen Mealer

RUPERT — Marie Zimmerman Jensen Mealer, 92, of Rupert, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at the Mini-Cassia Care Center in Burley.

Marie was born July 28, 1918, in American Falls, Idaho, to Adam and Barbara Zimmerman and passed away Jan. 12, 2011, of natural causes. She has lived in this area since 1930. She married Norman D. Jensen in 1935. They had two children, Yvonne Marie and Norman LeRoy. In 1947, she joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in various positions over the years. On Thanksgiving Day in 1949, her husband passed away. He was 40 years old and she was only 31. She first worked at a grocery store then went on to work for department stores. She retired from JC Penney in 1988.

As a single mother, she worked hard to support and provide for her children and sacrificed much. In 1963, she married Bill Mealer. He passed away in 1982. After retirement, Marie became a Pink Lady at the hospital and loved the association. In January 2007, she wanted to leave her home and move to Autumn Haven Assisted



Living Center. In March 2010 she was moved to Mini-Cassia Care Center. Marie was a wonderful mother and cook. She was thoughtful, giving and never forgot birthdays. She took pride in a clean home and the way she looked.

She is survived by her daughter, Yvonne (Dick) Judd of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughter-in-law, Alice Jensen of Yreka, Calif.; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; five siblings; two husbands; and a son, LeRoy.

Special thanks to Shelby and Billy Zimmerman for their many acts of kindness and caring over the many years. Also, Cora Rasmussen and Joy Bateman for all they did and for being dear and true friends, especially Cora who was with her to the end.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, with Bishop Max Garner officiating. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Ernest 'Ernie' Covey

GOODING — Ernest "Ernie" Covey, 78, a resident of Gooding, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at his home in Gooding.

Ernie was born to Clarence and Bernadine Covey on Christmas Eve in 1932. At a young age, he learned to work hard. Even after he "retired," Ernie went out to the gravel yard every day for 18 years to put in a good day's work. Some say relationships are built on foundations. Ernie was this foundation for many people. For this, he will be missed tremendously.

Ernie is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons, Dale

(Tina) Covey and Clarence (Sherry) Covey; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

At his request, there will be no service at this time. There will be a celebration of life later this spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Hospice Visions in Twin Falls.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary link at www.demarayfuneralservice.com.

Paul C. Holmes

HEYBURN — Paul C. Holmes, age 52, of Heyburn, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born Jan. 14, 1958, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Ralph and Jean (Wolf) Holmes. Paul was the owner of R&J Camera and Framing in Burley. He enjoyed cooking, shopping, hunting, fishing, camping, photography and spending time with his friends.

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.

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Former candidate wades into dispute

Hospitals, doctors want access to health care networks

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Eight months after his 2010 U.S. House campaign imploded, Vaughn Ward has re-entered the fray of public debate.

Ward, the U.S. Marine reserve lieutenant colonel upset in last spring's GOP primary election by Raul Labrador, is now chief executive of the private Northwest Specialty Hospital in Post Falls.

From his offices near the Spokane River, he's helping lead the latest charge by private hospitals and independent doctors who want to add to their patient rolls by forcing their way into the state's private health care networks, over the networks' objections.

A bill to do just that died last year in the House, but the measure is back this year. So too, now, is Ward.

An Iraq War veteran, Ward has inherited the Capitol's equivalent of the Battle for Fallujah — a street fight between hospitals, doctors and insurance companies that's supercharged because all the players have buckets of cash.

At least 27 lobbyists are

working the issue, according to the Idaho secretary of state.

"When I was in Fallujah, I didn't have a choice to go out every day," Ward said, on whether he'd have preferred a lower-profile issue for reintroduction into the spotlight after his undoing last May. "When you're in a command position, you have to take action."

I'm honored to be a part of this hospital, and to pick back up and be a part of the public issues."

Ward traded his desert combat attire for a Hugo Boss suit when he took the CEO job in September.

Interviewed Thursday, he managed a rueful chuckle about his disastrous GOP congressional run last year that became fodder for late-night TV comedians. His campaign website was criticized for cribbing documents used by other U.S. House members and there were allegations he lifted words from Barack Obama to announce his own candidacy.

He discounts the suggestion that a big win in this hospital fight might rehabilitate his political image. He's not planning another run, he said.



Ward

Woman who trained Obama family dog dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dawn Sylvia-Stasiewicz, the trainer who prepared President Barack Obama's dog Bo for life as the first dog, has died.

Sylvia-Stasiewicz, 52, died Wednesday of respiratory failure at a Virginia hospital, her ex-husband Paul Stasiewicz said Saturday.

Sylvia-Stasiewicz initially had no idea the Portuguese water dog that arrived at her Virginia home two years ago was destined for life at the White House — an experience she described in a recent book.

Vicki Kennedy, the wife of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, had contacted Sylvia-Stasiewicz to ask if she would determine if the 5-month-old puppy was suitable for a family with children. The Kennedys had previously trusted Sylvia-Stasiewicz with training their dogs, so the request wasn't unusual.

When Kennedy called to check on the puppy a few weeks later, Sylvia-Stasiewicz reported the dog was perfectly suited for a family with children. Kennedy then confided she

and her husband were thinking of giving him to the first family as a gift.

Even before Bo's arrival in Washington in April 2009, the puppy was much talked about. Obama had promised his daughters a dog during his presidential campaign, saying during his election night speech that the girls had "earned the new puppy that's coming with us to the White House."

Besides training the president's dog and the Kennedys' three Portuguese water dogs, Sylvia-Stasiewicz also trained former Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel's dog Figgie. She lived in Hume, Va.

"For me, it's always about the dogs," Sylvia-Stasiewicz told *USA Today* in 2009. "There have been times when I've worked with people for a long time before realizing they were famous or high-profile or connected in some way."

Sylvia-Stasiewicz was born in Providence, R.I., in 1958. In the 1990s she founded Merit Puppy Training, which focused on training dogs through positive reinforcement.

"I have 130 employees that I have to get paychecks to every week," he said. "I care about this issue because I think we're right."

With the legislation, Ward's hospital — and others like it in Idaho, as well as the Idaho Medical Association doctors group — want to break up what they call a monopoly on patients by networks like the North Idaho Health Care Network.

This band of doctors and hospitals in Idaho's five northern counties contracts with insurance companies like Blue Cross and Regence Blue Shield. Their model is simple: Patients pay less for treatment at in-network facilities, more for care out-

side the network.

Private hospitals like Ward's argue being boxed out of these networks hurts competition.

Treasure Valley Hospital Chief Executive Officer Nick Genna contends this bill will help hundreds of independent doctors, laboratories, physical therapists, imaging centers, even midwives across the state get access to more patients, as well as cut treatment costs.

Patients often come to him to say they want to be treated at his hospital, but can't because of the networks, he said.

"It's about patient choice and patient access," Genna said, contending government intervention in this case will level the playing field.

The family of
Gene Standlee
wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss. They were deeply appreciated. A special thanks to Alliance Hospice for their loving care.
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DEATH NOTICES

Lowell Udy

Jerome — Lowell Udy, 90, of Jerome, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the View Cemetery, 600 S. 725 E. of Burley. (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Ruth J. Sullivan

Ruth J. Sullivan, 74 of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at her home.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 17 at Sunset Memorial Park in the Reflections of History

Mausoleum.

Arrangements will be announced by Rosenau Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

Virginia Valencia

Jerome — Virginia Valencia, 70, of Jerome, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome.

Richard J. Costa

Richard "Ricky" James Costa, 50, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at home.

Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Boyd Leon Tipton of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Investigation under way after family members electrocuted

By Amy Taxin
Associated Press writer

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Steven Vego heard a pop in the rear of his Southern California home and went outside to investigate. His son and wife followed in what turned out to be a tragic decision.

The three were electrocuted Friday, one after the other as the wife and son attempted rescues, each coming in contact with a 12,000-volt power line that had fallen over in their backyard, authorities said.

San Bernardino firefighters arrived to find the three bodies, but it was too dangerous to free them, fire spokesman Jason Serrano said.

A utility company finally cut the power.

The firefighters had been called to the scene at 5:45 a.m. by a 17-year-old girl who said her parents and brother had been electrocuted and were lying in the backyard, Serrano said.

“It’s absolutely a tragic story,” Serrano said.

The victims were identified as Steven Vego, 43; his wife, Sharon, 42, and their son, 21-year-old Jonathan Cole, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department.

Serrano said it was unclear why the line fell. However, strong winds were sweeping through parts of the region.

Southern California Edison president Ronald Litzinger said the investigation was ongoing.

“We will leave no stone unturned so that we can take appropriate corrective actions,” Litzinger said.



AP photo

Unidentified neighbors react to the news that three people were found dead in a backyard Friday in San Bernardino, Calif. Three family members were electrocuted at their home early Friday, apparently after an electrical transformer exploded and a power line fell during high winds, authorities said.

Litzinger expressed his condolences and said the utility’s employees were collecting donations for the family, which the company would match.

Frank Vego, the oldest victim’s 48-year-old brother, said it was the second time power lines had fallen and set fires at the house.

“It does appear to me that something wasn’t quite right,” he said. “This is 2011, and families aren’t supposed to be killed early in the morning by falling power lines.”

Vincent Haydel, a Southern California Edison spokesman, said a relative told him that a power line went down in the neighborhood several years ago but he had no details and the com-

pany would have to investigate.

Authorities said Steven Vego went outside when he heard the noise and was trying to douse the backyard fire when he touched the power line, which he may not have noticed.

“The mother went out to assist him and she, too, became a victim,” Serrano added.

The mother’s body was found on top of her 21-year-old son who also had been electrocuted, said San Bernardino Fire Captain Michael Bilheimer.

The teenage girl and another brother, 10, were inside the home and were not harmed, authorities said.

The unusual series of

events shocked even veteran emergency responders.

“I’ve never seen an incident with multiple electrocutions or injuries that were caused by this level of power,” Bilheimer said.

Neighbor Stella White, 79, said she woke up to a loud “kaboom” and saw fire reflecting off her bedroom window.

She stepped outside and saw firefighters, police and “God knows who else” swarming the tree-lined street, which lies below San Bernardino Mountain foothills.

Family friends and neighbors said Steven Vego was a plumber, his wife was a nurse at a convalescent home and her son wanted to be a paramedic.

Squaw Valley USA plans \$50 million upgrade

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Lake Tahoe-area ski resort that hosted the 1960 Winter Olympics is planning a \$50 million upgrade.

Squaw Valley USA is taking proposals to improve its mountain from Vancouver, Canada-based Ecosign Mountain Planners, Ltd., International Alpine Design of Avon, Colo., and the Salt Lake City-based SE Group.

Squaw Valley CEO Andy Wirth told the *Reno Gazette-Journal* a decision on which company will win the contract will be made Feb. 1. Wirth says the improvements will be made over the next three to five years, including plans to make the resort more friendly to beginner and intermediate skiers.

“We want to significantly broaden the appeal to the family destination skier,” Wirth said. “Right now, we do it very well, but we want to shoot for excellence.”

He says the changes to the resort could include new or relocated ski lifts, regraded ski runs and new restaurants.

“The only thing changing here is everything,” said Wirth. “We want to make sure we have the best of the best. This is an incredible piece of rock on which we operate.”

KSL Capital Partners, the investment firm which owns the resort, is also exploring options for real estate development near the resort’s base. Four companies are competing to lead that effort, with a decision on which one will get the job expected late in February.

Bob Roberts, executive director of the California Ski Industry Association, said KSL’s experience managing resorts like Vail Mountain Lodge in Colorado and San Diego’s Hotel Del Coronado will help make Squaw Valley a more prominent destination resort. Roberts said a rejuvenated Squaw Valley could increasingly draw midweek visitors from around the country.

Fluoridation debate simmers Sheridan City Council votes to reintroduce fluoride

SHERIDAN, Wyo. (AP) — A Cold War “red scare” campaign against compulsory medication helped kill off five years of fluoridation in this northern Wyoming city in 1954.

The federal government has long since called fluoridation one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th century. But it was only a few weeks ago that Sheridan’s City Council voted to resume fluoridating municipal drinking water.

Then, On Jan. 7, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced plans to lower the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water for the first time in nearly 50 years, based on a fresh review of the science that suggested some Americans, particularly children, may be getting too much fluoride.

Anti-fluoride activists here and nationwide said they feel some vindication.

“Not to say, ‘Ha-ha, We’re right!’ That’s not our way,” said Carol Kopf, spokeswoman for the Fluoride Action Network, one of several groups that maintain a steady drumbeat of anti-fluoridation news and information for those who go searching for it online.

Decades of studies have demonstrated fluoride’s ills, Kopf insisted, and the federal government only now seems to be waking up. “We understand the wheels of government move very slowly,” she said.

The government’s lower water fluoride recommendation clearly gives new energy to fluoridation opponents.

“We don’t need to live in a nanny state, have everything run for us. Whatever happened to our freedoms? They shouldn’t be dictating everything for us,” said Sheridan resident Jay Norwash.

So, why is fluoridation

resuming, maybe, in this quintessentially Western small town of about 17,000 at the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains? The idea resurfaced with plans to upgrade the town’s water treatment plants. A public health dental hygienist, Janet Berry, argued that as long as Sheridan was improving its water plants, it ought to begin adding fluoride.

She collected signatures from 233 of the city’s medical professionals, including all but one of its 14 or so dentists.

“We know a lot about water fluoridation. This isn’t a new thing,” said Berry, whose state-funded job includes teaching good oral health habits to schoolchildren.

The council voted 4-2 on Dec. 20 to reintroduce fluoride after an absence of some 56 years.

Mayor Dave Kinskey said opponents to fluoride ought to think about other chemicals, such as chlorine, the city has been putting in the water for decades.

“Now, if the government is wrong about the fluoride, certainly those same folks should feel they’re wrong about the chlorine,” Kinskey said.

Kinskey also pointed to reports suggesting that every \$1 spent on water fluoridation saves \$38 in dental treatment, and that 948 children in Sheridan County last year incurred \$304,000 in Medicaid dental costs.

“Somebody has to speak up for those children, and what kind of choice or what kind of option they have,

especially in those years, when that fluoride — that little bit of extra fluoride — would do them the most good,” he said.

That particular argument sticks in the craw of people like Erin Adams — “pretty arrogant,” she calls it — who said one reason she and her family moved to Sheridan from California eight years ago was that her community in the San Francisco Bay area was considering fluoridation.

“Wyoming seems like a sort of independent, leave-me-alone state,” she said. “Even people who are even neutral on the subject think, ‘Well you know, if I want fluoride, I’ll get it. I don’t want it in my water.’”

In its announcement, the government said some young children who tend to swallow toothpaste are getting too much fluoride, causing a usually mild and typically only cosmetic tooth discoloration called fluorosis. The Centers for Disease Control still insists millions of people have had fewer cavities because of public water fluoridation and has not backed off whatsoever that fluoridation is a good thing, said William Kohn, oral health director for the CDC.

Water fluoridation originated with discoveries almost a century ago that people who grew up in areas with high amounts of naturally occurring fluoride in the water had fewer cavities. Grand Rapids, Mich., became the first community to fluoridate in 1945, just as World War II was ending and the Cold War was heating up.

AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO

Man sentenced for breaking child's leg

COEUR D’ALENE — A 27-year-old Post Falls man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for breaking the leg of his fiancée’s 2-year-old son.

The *Coeur d’Alene Press* reports Michael R. Edinger was sentenced Friday in 1st District Court and must serve two years before he is eligible for parole.

Kootenai County Prosecutor Barry McHugh says Edinger admitted he had “snapped” while trying to change the boy’s diaper.

Edinger was arrested on Sept. 25 after the boy was taken to the hospital. Court records say nurses also found other broken bones, including a fractured forearm that had healed without medical attention.

Operator delays drawdown of reservoir

IDAHO FALLS — Operators of a dam in eastern Idaho say they intend to delay the first drawdown of the reservoir in advance of major repairs to the facility.

PacifiCorp owns and operates the Ashton Dam and had planned to begin drawing down the reservoir this month.

But officials told the *Post Register* that concerns about cold weather and safety of anglers and snowmobilers has forced them to postpone the initial drawdown to late summer.

The dam was first built in 1916 and has been hampered over the last few decades by sinkholes forming in the barrier behind the dam. Company officials began sketching plans for repairs in 2004.

The repair plan includes replacing thousands of yards of silty sands behind the dam with several distinct layers of coarse gravel, fine gravel, sand and soil.

Blackfoot principal taking leave of absence

BLACKFOOT — Blackfoot High School Principal Blaine McInelly has told School District 55 officials that he’s taking a leave of absence due to health reasons for the rest of the school year and is then retiring.

The announcement by the school district on Friday follows a difficult period for the school that saw five former students charged in December with felonies and misdemeanors involving hazing incidents.

Most of the charges and all the felonies have since been dropped.

School district officials say Ben Speelmon has been hired to help oversee the high school during McInelly’s absence.

WASHINGTON

Feds: Cows had unlawful drug residues

SEATTLE — Federal authorities say a northwest Washington dairy sold cows for slaughter despite drug residues not approved for human consumption.

The 850-cow Rhody Dairy LLC of Sumas was charged civilly in U.S. District Court in Seattle this week with violations of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The Justice Department says that despite repeated warnings, the dairy administered antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medicines to its cattle in unapproved dosages or without prescriptions, or that it failed to observe proper drug withdrawal times before offering the cows for slaughter. They also say the dairy refused to keep treatment records for the animals.

Federal officials inspected the dairy in March and July after three cows tested positive. They say Rhody Dairy sells cows for slaughter and sale to consumers in states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho and Oregon.

Dairy owner Jay De Jong did not immediately return a message seeking comment Saturday.

WYOMING

Wolf killed; cause under investigation

CASPER — Federal wildlife officers are investigating the death of a wolf in central Wyoming, but they say they don’t know the cause of death.

The wolf was found about 45 miles southwest of Casper, the *Casper Star-Tribune* reported Saturday.

Wolves are a protected species. Killing them is illegal except in certain cases, such as when a wolf is observed attacking livestock.

Steve Oberholtzer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver said the wolf was wearing a radio collar, but officials don’t know where its pack is located.

Oberholtzer said a ranch hand found the wolf’s carcass and notified the Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Idahoans have just 48 hours to get free heaters

New Miracle Convecta-red heaters are being given away free to the first 466 readers who beat the order deadline for real Amish fireplace mantles handmade for the breakthrough invention that drastically slashes heat bills

Save money: uses about the same electric as a coffee maker, so turn your thermostat way down and never be cold again

By R.K. BERRY
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS – Have you heard about the free heater giveaway that’s sweeping across the state?

Well listen up because here it is and we’ll even give you the number to call.

Starting at precisely 8:30am this morning, brand new Convecta-red miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours.

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This is all happening to announce the new Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow Convecta-red fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn your thermostat way down and never be cold again. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

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red heaters are being called a miracle because they have the patent-pending *Fireless Flame*® technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because all you do is plug them in.

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you’re not using. And since the new Convecta-red miracle heater only uses about 9¢ an hour of electricity on the standard setting, the potential energy savings are absolutely incredible,” said Laura Rich, Operations Director.

“We’re trying to make sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because we only have 466 new Convecta-red miracle heaters to hand out to today’s readers for free. For now, readers can have two free per household just as long as they call before the deadline,” confirms Rich.

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heat bills.

“We’re bracing ourselves for all the calls because everyone wants to save on their heat bills and stay warm this winter. But those that really want to save a ton will be telling our operators they want two Amish fireplace mantles and they’ll get two miracle heaters free,” said Rich.

“So when the lines are busy keep trying. We promise to get every call. Then we’ll have a delivery truck out to you in no time at all so you can stay warm and start saving on your heat bills right away,” Rich said.

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The first 466 readers who beat the 48-hour deadline to order the Amish made fireplace mantle and shipping get the new Heat Surge Convecta-red miracle heater absolutely free.

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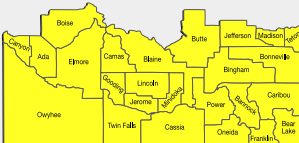
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EDITORIAL

What's good – and not so good – about Luna's school reform initiative

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna is absolutely correct that the way we pay for public education in Idaho is unsustainable. We're still using a classroom model that evolved in the 1840s, and it fits neither our needs nor our means anymore.

But Luna's new sweeping reform initiative, "Students Come First," is a work in progress. For all its good ideas, what the superintendent calls "the three pillars of a customer-driven education system" hasn't been road-tested by students, teachers, parents, administrators or school board members yet. And it needs to be.

The lightning rod of Luna's proposal will certainly be a pay-for-performance plan for teachers. He would eliminate tenure for all new instructors and replace it with rolling-two year contracts. The superintendent would remove seniority as a criterion for reduction in force. He would tie teachers' and administrators' performance evaluations in part to student academic growth, and teacher negotiations with school districts would be limited to pay and benefits, removing other traditional topics such as parent-teacher conferences and professional development.

Those are profound changes, and they can't workably be imposed without buy-in from teachers, administrators, students, parents and school boards.

WHAT LUNA PROPOSES

"Students Come First" is a proposal to overhaul education with three main components:

- 1. The 21st century classroom:** Provide \$50 million in the next two years for classroom technology; laptops for each ninth-grader starting in 2012; online course requirements for high school students; state covers dual-credit course costs in a student's senior year if they meet graduation requirements early. Public colleges and universities could operate charter schools.
- 2. Effective teachers/principals:** Restores the salary grid that was cut last year; raises minimum salary for new teachers from \$29,655 to \$30,000; ties pay to teacher performance; phases out tenure with rolling two-year contracts for new educators. Performance evaluations would be partially tied to academic growth. Seniority couldn't be the only factor in lay-off decisions.
- Transparent accountability:** Parental input would be used for teacher evaluations; salary negotiations would be public; school district financial information would be online. Bargaining in teacher contracts would be limited only to salaries and benefits, excluding workplace issues.

Among our other concerns:

- Raising math and science requirements for high school students is a good idea, but in a standards-obsessed environment we wonder if that would come at the expense of history and the arts. More and longer school days would probably improve academic achievement more, but that's an expensive proposition that's not part of Luna's proposals.
- Giving school principals the power to override school boards and superintendents in hiring decisions, as Luna suggests, invites problems – and takes power away from elected trustees.
- Luna's idea of the state providing liability insurance for teachers is great, but how about offering a statewide health insurance coverage for instructors so individual districts aren't left negotiating with one or two providers when the state could do it more cheaply with a larger pool? It would also be one less issue to negotiate each year for school boards if coverage were standardized.
- Eliminating seniority reduction in force is risky because it would allow administrators and school boards to subjectively remove teachers.
- Limiting collective bargaining to only wage and benefits unnecessarily ties school trustees' hands.

That said, there's much to like about "Students Come First" – accountability, transparency, flexibility and greatly expanded access to computerized learning. Luna's suggestion of eventually requiring high school students to take two online courses a year is promising, as long as there are solid criteria for the quality of that instruction. Parental input should be used in teacher evaluations, as Luna proposes. And we're enthusiastic about the notion of the state paying for dual-credit courses in a student's senior year.

It's hard to argue with the superintendent's math: Idaho has cut or shifted \$200 million from public schools budget over the past two years, and as it stands it will take the state a decade to get back to 2009-level funding.

Editorially, we've endorsed Luna in four elections and we respect his integrity, his courage and his vision. With this initiative, he's advanced an important conversation among Idahoans about what we want from our public schools and how best to pay for it.

But it's important that this process remains a conversation. The superintendent may be correct that his 21-point victory over Democrat Stan Olson in the November election was a mandate, but changes of the magnitude Luna has proposed can't be dictated.

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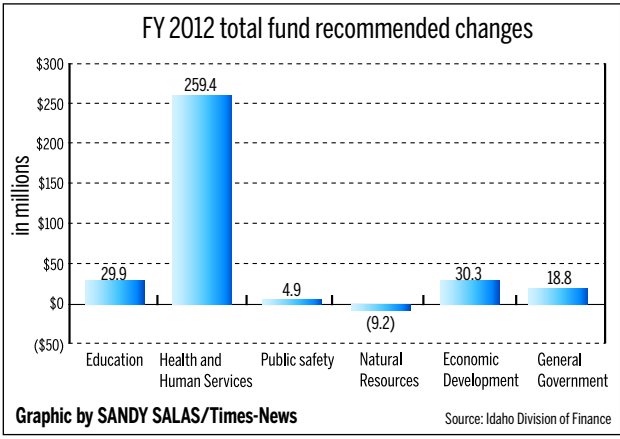
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Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter talks with legislators before giving his State of the State address on Monday in Boise.

The governor's blueprint

Who wins and who loses in Butch Otter's budget

Editor's note: Last Monday, Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter presented the Legislature with a proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 for \$2.58 billion, up from \$2.38 billion in the current budget year. Here are some of the details. The figures below reflect general fund money, not dedicated state funds, federal money or funding from other sources:



The winners in Gov. Butch 'C.L.' Otter's budget

Public schools	Health & Welfare	Dept. of Correction
		
<i>Otter's spending recommendation:</i> \$1.236 billion <i>Current year's appropriation:</i> \$1.214 billion <i>Change:</i> +1.8% <i>2010 spending:</i> \$1.149 billion <i>Two-year change:</i> +7.6%	<i>Otter's spending recommendation:</i> \$583.3 million <i>Current year's appropriation:</i> \$436.3 million <i>Change:</i> +33.7% <i>2010 spending:</i> \$428.8 million <i>Two-year change:</i> +36%	<i>Otter's spending recommendation:</i> \$153.9 million <i>Current year's appropriation:</i> \$145.8 million <i>Change:</i> +5.6% <i>2010 spending:</i> \$145.9 million <i>Two-year change:</i> +5.5%
Catastrophic health care fund	Idaho State Police	Dept. of Agriculture
		
<i>Otter's spending recommendation:</i> \$22.8 million <i>Current year's appropriation:</i> \$18.3 million <i>Change:</i> +24.6% <i>2010 spending:</i> \$31.2 million <i>Two-year change:</i> -26.9%	<i>Otter's spending recommendation:</i> \$16.5 million <i>Current year's appropriation:</i> \$13.7 million <i>Change:</i> +20.4% <i>2010 spending:</i> \$16.5 million <i>Two-year change:</i> +.003%	<i>Otter's spending recommendation:</i> \$7.4 million <i>Current year's appropriation:</i> \$6.6 million <i>Change:</i> +12.1% <i>2010 spending:</i> \$7.9 million <i>Two-year change:</i> -3.8%
Source: Division of Financial Management		
The losers in Gov. Butch 'C.L.' Otter's budget > Opinion 2		

Where the serious money is on Idaho's payroll

By Bill Spence
Lewiston Tribune

Almost 300 state employees now earn more than the governor does, according to the latest "Rainbow Report" from the state controller's office.

That's a three-fold increase just in the last decade, largely due to higher salaries for university administrators, deans and coaches.

The annual report provides a snapshot of state employment at the beginning of each year. It details how many people work for the various state agency; lists salaries for the governor, lawmakers, department heads and other state officials; and identifies those who earn more than Idaho's chief executive.

Gov. Otter and the other constitutional officers actually took a pay cut this year, due to ongoing revenue shortfalls. The governor's salary dropped 4 percent, from \$115,348 last year to \$110,734 this year. As a result, a total of 298



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

state employees earned more than Otter as of Jan. 4. That was up from 217 last year.

By comparison, only 97 people earned more than the governor in 2002, when his salary was \$98,500.

University officials – almost all at Boise State University, the University of Idaho and Idaho State University – account for 203 of the 298 highest-paid state employees.

For the fifth consecutive year, BSU head football coach Chris Petersen made more than any other state employee. His salary was \$915,637. Of the top 20 highest-paid

state employees, only one – state pension fund manager Robert Maynard – didn't work for BSU, UI or ISU.

Total state employment increased slightly, according to the report, rising from 24,807 at the beginning of last year to 25,273 this year. Some of the difference, however, was due to timing issues rather than actual employment changes.

For example, the 2011 report indicated that total employment in the Idaho House dropped from 115 to 86 (including the 70 elected representatives), even though there was no change in staffing. House Speaker Lawrence Denney said the difference is due to the timing of the report. If the House pages were hired before the report is compiled, the employment number is higher.

"It's just a question of when they do the count," Denney said.

Bill Spence covers politics for the Lewiston Tribune.

There are far cheaper alternatives to imprisonment

I read with interest the editorial in Sunday's paper (Jan. 9). The point has finally been made that perhaps the way to save some money and do people of Idaho a service is to support the drug court, mental health court, etc.

We spend billions of dollars in the United States to combat drug trafficking but very little on treatment. In other words, we try to attack the supply side but ignore the demand. Looking at current substance abuse statistics in the United States and Idaho, it is more than apparent that this approach is failing. Watch the *Times-News* felony convictions section and see what our treatment is in Idaho for substance-abuse related offenses.

Send them to prison. It costs about \$12,000 for an inpatient drug/alcohol inpatient treatment pro-

READER COMMENT

Bill Hayes

gram and \$30,000-plus per year to have someone be in prison. Follow-up for the inpatient folks is taken over by 12-step groups, churches and others at no cost to the state.

Follow-up from prison is turned over to another program of government, probation and parole. Probation and parole is in a real bind because there are no readily available treatment facilities for the drug/alcohol abusers on their caseloads. Without adequate treatment, the abusers re-offend and the cycle begins again.

Has it ever occurred to our politicians that simple math would show there is a real savings in funding the treatment approach? Apparently not, our solution is to build more pris-

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ons and jails. Because we are sure that the private sector has more resources and intelligence than any government agency, we turn imprisonment over to them with the resultant lawsuits, criminal actions and all that goes along with the "make a profit" folks. This is "unreality" by any definition of the word, and what is more unreal is that we continue to support it. I was involved as a con-

sultant with drug court for several years. It is not a perfect solution, but it works. So does mental health court. Both courts give treatment providers the "hammer" they need to get offenders through the initial period of treatment that ensures improved success.

Unfortunately, both courts are hampered by a lack of treatment facilities and funding. The current

drug/alcohol treatment facilities are few and, unfortunately, mostly dependent on insurance or private funding. Walker Center is an example of an excellent facility that is unavailable to most abusers. Substance abusers, typically, spend every dime they can get on substances. Asking them for \$12,000 for inpatient treatment is completely unrealistic. Providing money through the judicial system for treatment is an excellent beginning. Why can't we consider a civil commitment proceeding (similar to that currently used for the mentally ill) for substance abusers and send them to state or private treatment facilities instead of waiting for them to commit crimes or kill someone on the highways?


Maybe Jerome County should build a secure treatment facility instead of a

new jail and charge the other counties to treat their abusing offenders? What about the old Twin Falls hospital? Turning this into a statewide treatment center for drug court clients and funding through the criminal justice system would free up jail space statewide and run at no cost to Twin Falls County. Such a facility would increase employment in Twin and new, highly qualified, staff would have to be hired. New staff would buy houses, pay taxes and shop at local stores.

Maybe, just maybe, we can begin to decrease the demand and not try to continually and, hopelessly, influence the supply.


Bill Hayes is a retired state psychologist. He worked with the Walker Center and consulted for the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Justice System.

Colleges and universities




Otter's spending recommendation: \$214.7 million
Current year's appropriation: \$217.5 million
Change: -1.3%
2010 appropriation: \$224.1 million
Two-year change: -4.2%
(Proposed state's contribution to University of Idaho budget, including dedicated state money and other funds: \$137.3 million, up 9.1%; Boise State: \$131 million, up 3.9%; Idaho State: \$106.9 million, +6.9%)

Community colleges




Otter's spending recommendation: \$23.6 million
Current year's appropriation: \$24 million
Change: -1.7%
2010 spending: \$24.4 million
Two-year change: -3.3%
(Proposed state's contribution to CSI budget, including dedicated money and other funds: \$28.9 million, up .6.3%; North Idaho College: \$33.6 million, up 1.8%; College of Western Idaho: \$23.4 million, up 25.8%)

Dept. of Environmental Quality




Otter's spending recommendation: \$13.6 million
Current year's appropriation: \$14.3 million
Change: -4.9%
2010 spending: \$14.3 million
Two-year change: -4.9%

Dept. of Water Resources




Otter's spending recommendation: \$10.6 million
Current year's appropriation: \$10.8 million
Change: -1.9%
2010 spending: \$11.3 million
Two-year change: -6.2%

Idaho Public Television



Otter's spending recommendation: \$1.3 million
Current year's budget: \$1.4 million
Change: -7.2%
2010 spending: \$1.5 million
Two-year change: -13.4%

Parks and Recreation



Otter's spending recommendation: \$1.3 million
Current year's appropriation: \$1.4 million
Change: -7.2%
2010 spending: \$6.3 million
Two-year change: -79.4%

Source: Division of Financial Management

As we begin a new year we would like to thank all those who made our league possible during the 2010 season.

Thank you to all that donated your valuable time and financial support. We appreciate your continued participation in our program; bringing baseball and softball to the youth in our community.

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Thank you to our Twin Falls Youth Baseball Trust for spearheading the cooperative work, and providing funding, for improving game facilities.

The Oregon Trail complex (formerly known as South Park fields) received a field lighting update.

Thank you to Alan Stutzman, Cole Greenfield (C & G Electric), Paul Petruzzelli (Petruzzelli Electric), Barry Rental, Eureka Construction and the City of Twin Falls.

Cowboy Field at Harmon Park received improvements to the field, score shack and concession stand.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hold your children accountable for their actions

My name is Paula Austin. A little over three months ago, we dropped our son off in Twin Falls to begin what we called the second phase of his life. He had opportunities to attend New Mexico State or Yavapai in Arizona, but he chose the College of Southern Idaho. He thought, as we did, it was a better fit for him and it was. He loved the school, the town and his teammates. We were elated for him to go to school so close to home. We had all the worries a parent has of sending him far away to New Mexico and Arizona, so staying in Idaho was a blessing for us — we thought at the time.

Less than three weeks later, he and another young man from Coeur d'Alene attending CSI were dead. There are many questions surrounding what happened on the road that night. There is no disputing the facts; it is well known and abundantly clear who was driving the truck that chased them down and many people know who else was in that truck and what happened before and after the incident.

Devon and Ryan were generous, caring young men who made friends easily. They were at this home in Filer for 10 minutes and made the decision to leave. All these kids had to do was let our children leave, not chase them. They would be alive today.

We are begging the parents of these people involved and the community to encourage them to stand up and admit the truth to what happened that night. Please hold your children accountable for their actions or they will never take accountability for anything they do in their lives. After all, they'll continue to have lives long after all of this. My son and his friend are gone forever. Our lives will never be the same. We will never have another happy moment with our sons.

PAULA AUSTIN
Coeur d'Alene

Jerome needs incentives for investors, not deterrents

In response to the city of Jerome imposing responsibility of its utility billing on property owners, I must protest, not only as a property owner and landlord but also as a real estate agent who promotes Jerome to investors who buy vacant, distressed and foreclosed properties and fix them up, maintain them, rent them out and keep our community viable.

We need incentives for people to invest in Jerome — not deterrents. Landlords already share an unfair property tax burden — double the tax of the owner-occupied, due to the state homeowner's exemption. The bookkeeping, property

taxes, income taxes, 1099s, and now this are making property management a nightmare, as well as a financial hardship that will make it not worth the effort. I have never bought investment property in cities that require the landlords to be responsible for the utilities and neither do most other individuals. It's a big deterrent. Jerome's growth will suffer, I guarantee it.

By allowing "tenants" to be irresponsible in their utility payments is a problem for the utility company. All other modern, successful businesses have developed ways to deal with this problem by prompt, timely billing of the final bill, built in losses, checks, balances, penalties and zero tolerance policies. The city of Jerome needs to address this issue in a responsible manner like any other business.

I implore you to find other ways to keep this in check by prompt billing, stopping service, collecting penalty fees, increasing their deposits and not refunding until they move so you have a security to be applied if needed, and a zero tolerance policy.

There were 80 foreclosures in Jerome County in 2010 alone. A good portion of the unpaid bills are probably due to this. If people walk away from their home, then they are surely walking away from their final water bill as well. Judgments and liens against the property can be filed and the city paid when the property resells.

It's not right that renters or the city should become another "protected class" with this kind of "entitlement" and avoid personal responsibility at the expense of property owners.

SANDRA CAPPS
Jerome

Stray cats seemingly get sense of entitlement

Lately, I've been thinking about "my" cats. For several years, we have had cats prowling around our house. There are three cats here most of the time. I have no idea where they came from or if they ever belonged to anyone.

One has some Siamese in her and is very tame. Another is gray striped and somewhat tame. The third is all black and what we would call a feral cat. She is very nervous and skittish. I can only touch her when she is feeding.

At first, I bought these beggars dry cat food, the cheapest I could find. I fed them just once a day to keep them from starving to death. Later, I started feeling sorry for them because of their crying every time they saw me, so I added a half can of Friskies Classic Pate that comes in three different meat flavors. They really love this stuff, and if I leave the empty can with them, they will lick it clean.

Now in the evenings, I fill a cup half full of warm water and add a half cup of milk. This meal includes addi-

tional dry cat food, plus a cheap frank I break into five or six pieces. With some occasional leftovers, they are starting to live pretty large.

And speaking of large, I have noticed recently that these cats are becoming a bit on the fluffy side. The fluffier they get the more they cry every time I go out to my truck. They are becoming cats with an attitude of entitlement. Next

thing they will want me to set up some kind of pension plan for them. And maybe they will even expect a health care program to go with it. Where will it ever end?

DAVE MOLLER
Rupert

Our focus should be on economy and jobs now

Voting to repeal the Affordable Care Act would

be nothing short of irresponsible.

Repeal allows discrimination for pre-existing conditions, kicks adult kids off their parents' insurance, allows lifetime caps on patient care and makes it difficult for many seniors to pay for their prescription drugs. This week, House Republicans will vote on a bill to repeal health insur-

ance reform — without debate, without hearings and without discussion. This despite the fact that the Congressional Budget Office tells us America's deficit would balloon by \$1 trillion over 20 years with repeal.

Let's work on the economy and jobs now.

DEBORAH SILVER
Twin Falls



The Lydas

Bill and Linda Lyda will be honored at an Open House in Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, January 22nd, 2011 at the Hankins Road LDS Meeting House in Twin Falls.

Bill & Linda were married on January 23rd, 1961 in the LDS Idaho Falls Temple.

The event will be hosted by their children, Ronda Kay Lyda-Jones, Brenda (Mike) Traveller, Jana (Trevor) Brown, Nathan (Wendy) Lyda, Aaron



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NATION & WORLD

Record \$14T debt weighs on Congress

By Tom Raum
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The United States just passed a dubious milestone: Government debt surged to an all-time high, topping \$14 trillion — \$45,300 for each and every-one in the country.

That means Congress soon will have to lift the legal debt limit to give the nearly maxed-out government an even higher credit limit or dramatically cut spending to stay within the current cap. Either way, a fight is ahead on Capitol Hill, inflamed by the passions of tea party activists and deficit hawks.

Already, both sides are blaming



AP photo
Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Dec. 16.

each other for an approaching economic train wreck as Washington wrestles over how to keep the gov-

ernment in business and avoid default on global financial obligations.

Bills increasing the debt limit are among the most unpopular to come before Congress, serving as pawns for decades in high-stakes bargaining games. Every time until now, the ending has been the same: We go to the brink before raising the ceiling.

All bets may be off, however, in this charged political environment, despite some signs the partisan rhetoric is softening after the Arizona shootings.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner says failure to increase borrowing authority would be “a catastrophe,” perhaps rivaling the financial meltdown of 2008-2009.

Congressional Republicans, flexing muscle after November’s victories, say the election results show that people are weary of big government and deficit spending, and that it’s time to draw the line against more borrowing.

Defeating a new debt limit increase has become a priority for the tea party movement and other small-government conservatives.

So far, the new GOP majority has proved accommodating. Republicans are moving to make good on their promise to cut \$100 billion from domestic spending this year. They adopted a rules change by

House Speaker John Boehner that should make it easier to block a debt-limit increase.

The national debt is the accumulation of years of deficit spending going back to the days of George Washington. The debt usually advances in times of war and retreats in peace.

Remarkably, nearly half of today’s national debt was run up in just the past six years. It soared from \$7.6 trillion in January 2005 as President George W. Bush began his second term to \$10.6 trillion the day Obama was inaugurated and to \$14.02 trillion now.

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G I F F O R D S S H O O T I N G

Paramedics describe hellish scene

Congresswoman still listed in critical condition

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Veteran paramedic Tony Compagno stepped off Engine 30 and into hell: Panicked people rushed his crew, trying to pull them toward the injured, while three men desperately gave chest compressions to a 9-year-old girl.

Others cried out “Giffords! Giffords!” and pointed to a woman lying unconscious with a gunshot wound to the head. Several other bodies were already covered with sheets.

Compagno and other paramedics on the first three engine trucks to respond to the mass shooting at Rep. Gabrielle Giffords’ Jan. 8 meet-and-greet event recounted Saturday the scene that unfolded a week earlier as they rushed to count and triage the victims.

At the same time, the Safeway where the shooting happened reopened and a memorial of flowers quickly grew outside.

Randy Larson, 57, came by to shop but instead found himself sitting quietly on the curb choking back tears.

“I wanted to come here now and see it now and not two weeks later when it’s just a grocery store. I honestly kind of thought, ‘Well, I’ll come and patronize them and shop’ but it’s really hard to, because by doing that it’s going about your day as usual,” said Larson, who runs a sandwich shop in the same shopping center.

“I can’t come here and go about my day as usual,” he said. “Why should it be usual for me when it’s not for the victims?”

Still listed in critical conditions, Giffords was reported as continuing to progress Saturday, with doctors replacing the breathing tube that connected her to a ventilator with a tracheotomy tube in her windpipe.

Elsewhere in town, an organization called Crossroads of the West held a gun show, one of many it hosts in several Western states. An estimated crowd of 4,000 showed up on the balmy Saturday, though the mood was less upbeat than past shows, organizer Bob Templeton said.



AP photos
Janet Johnson, right, of Tucson, Ariz., and Anna Shephard, middle, of Scottsdale, Ariz., with her daughter Avery Shephard, 3, read a printout Saturday explaining a makeshift memorial at the Safeway grocery store in Tucson, which opened for the first time since a mass shooting of 19 people that left six dead Jan. 8.



Dawn Gallagher, left, comforts Safeway employee Shayne Spude during a Saturday vigil at the Safeway store where Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 18 other people were shot.

Gun enthusiasts mingled in the county fairgrounds building, discussing Second Amendment rights and buying handguns, rifles and other weapons.

The group considered canceling the event, but decided Tuesday it would go on, said Templeton, adding that the shooting was not about gun rights, but rather “a deranged person who was able to carry out whatever his agenda was.”

Also, Pima Community College released a video in response to a *Los Angeles Times* public records request that shows suspected shooter Jared Loughner, 22, giving an improvised nighttime campus tour and rambling about free

SHOOTING VICTIM ARRESTED AFTER THREAT

One of the Arizona shooting victims was arrested Saturday and then taken for a psychiatric evaluation after authorities said he took a picture of a tea party leader at a televised town hall meeting and yelled: “you’re dead.” James Eric Fuller, 63, objected to something Trent Humphries said during the forum taped for a special edition of ABC’s “This Week” with Christiane Amanpour. Pima County sheriff’s spokesman Jason Ogan said. Fuller was in the front row and apparently became upset when Humphries suggested that any conversations about gun control should be delayed until all the dead were buried, KGUN-TV in Tucson reported. Fuller was arrested on misdemeanor disorderly conduct and threat charges, Ogan said. While Fuller was being escorted out, deputies decided he needed a mental health evaluation and he was taken to a hospital, where he remained Saturday evening. Fuller was one of 19 people shot at a Safeway store Jan. 8.

— The Associated Press

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speech and the Constitution.

Loughner’s voice provides an angry narration that includes statements such as, “I’m gonna be homeless because of this school,” and calling Pima “a genocide school.” College officials confirmed that the video, discovered on YouTube, led them to suspend Loughner from school Sept. 29.

On Saturday, as Compagno and fellow paramedics focused on their memories of the carnage, images from the rampage were sketched anew.

Compagno said he first came upon a woman lying unconscious on the ground in a pool of blood — he still doesn’t know who she was — and immediately realized the

established system of triaging patients with color-coded tags would take too long.

As his colleague directed all the walking wounded and uninjured to leave, Compagno and his engineer, Kyle Canty, identified Giffords and 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green as the most critical victims still alive.

“I started counting and my mind, it was hard to remember what I was counting because of the chaos there was. I counted, I forgot what I was counting, I went back really quick and counted again,” Compagno said. “I have no idea of the time that went by, I have no idea how long it took me.”

By the time he’d decided who was the most critical, other paramedics were pouring in and Compagno began shouting instructions.

Rome scrambles to prepare for pilgrims

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Crowd control experts were rushing to prepare Rome for an estimated 2 million pilgrims for Pope John Paul II’s beatification May 1, when the city will be thronged with Easter week tourists.

No tickets or invitations will be necessary — as many faithful who want to be there to see the Polish-born pontiff beatified, the last formal step before possible sainthood, can come, a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, said Saturday.

“We don’t give estimates” of the size of the crowds who will come, Benedettini. But Italian news reports say authorities in Rome were planning for 2 million pilgrims.

With St. Peter’s Square and the boulevard leading from the Tiber to the Vatican able to hold a few hundred thousand people, large video screens are expected to be set up in nearby streets so the spillover crowd can watch the ceremony led by Pope Benedict XVI.

The last turnout so big in Rome was the 3 million mourners for John Paul’s funeral and other ceremonies following his death in April 2005 after he struggled for years with Parkinson’s disease.

Even the more popular ceremonies in his papacy didn’t come near to drawing so many faithful. When an ailing John Paul beatified Mother Teresa in 2003 in St. Peter’s Square, 300,000 pilgrims attended. Padre Pio’s sainthood ceremony, led by John Paul in June 2002, saw about 200,000 faithful in the square in one of the larger turnouts in his 26-year-long papacy.

In 2000, about 700,000 young Catholics streamed into Rome for church World Youth Day events stretched out over several days at locations throughout the city as well as at the Vatican.

La Stampa, an Italian daily, said the national civil protection agency personnel hope to rein in any chaos by meeting pilgrims’ buses and channeling the faithful down selected streets to the square.

Easter falls on April 24, meaning Rome’s hotels will be brimming with Easter week tourists, when many students are on school break and families pour into Italy, so organizers might look to Romans to open their homes to pilgrims.

May 1 is also national labor day, and



Pope John Paul II

U.S. soldiers killed after Iraqi soldier opens fire at training exercise

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two U.S. troops were killed Saturday by an Iraqi soldier who apparently smuggled real bullets into a training exercise and opened fire, raising fresh concerns about insurgents worming into the nation’s security forces as the Americans prepare to leave by the year’s end.

A U.S. military official said the shooter was immediately killed by American soldiers who were running the morning drill at a training center on a U.S. base in the northern city of Mosul. The U.S. official said the exercise was not meant to involve live ammu-



AP file photo
An Iraqi Army soldier and a U.S. Army soldier stand guard during a joint patrol in Mosul in March 2009.

nition, and an Iraqi army appeared to have been officer said the shooting planned.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information. A U.S. statement confirmed that two soldiers were killed and a third was wounded by small-arms fire by what the military described as “an individual wearing an Iraqi army uniform.”

“This incident occurred during a training event being conducted by U.S. forces as part of their advise and assist mission with Iraqi security forces,” the U.S. military said in a statement.

The Americans were not identified pending notification of next of kin, and the statement provided few other details. The U.S. troops were from the 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, based at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Additionally, another American soldier was killed Saturday during an unrelated military operation in central Iraq, making it one of the deadliest days for U.S. forces in the country in months. A U.S. military statement offered no details about that death.

The Mosul attack underscores the threats that U.S. forces continue to face in Iraq even though most of the

estimated 47,000 troops no longer go on regular combat missions. The vast majority of American troops left — down from nearly 170,000 in 2007 — are all but confined to bases where they help train Iraqi police, soldiers and pilots how to protect the country from threats like insurgents and invasions.

Saturday’s drill was designed to show security forces how to launch attacks and capture suspects, said an Iraqi military official, and it aimed to showcase U.S. training efforts before a Monday visit by top U.S. and Iraqi generals.

Suspect's violent descent came on chaotic night

Records reveal preparations for shootings

By Justin Pritchard and Michael R. Blood
Associated Press writers

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jared Loughner's descent into violence took place on a furious all-night excursion through the dark streets of his hometown, meandering from one store to another as he prepared to take revenge on a world where he became progressively alienated.

He checked into a down-and-out motel. He picked up photos showing him holding a Glock 19 while wearing only a bright red G-string. He bought ammunition on one of three trips to two different Walgreens.

He called a high-school pot-smoking buddy, ran away from his father into a cactus-dotted desert and updated his MySpace profile to say, "Goodbye friends."

Michelle Martinez ran into Loughner during his rambling odyssey. She and some friends were hanging out in the neighborhood when a sullen figure emerged from the darkness in a black hooded sweatshirt and startled them. Loughner picked his way through the group rather than walk around them, offering a deep, distant "What's up?" He then quickened his pace and disappeared into the darkness.

"I had a feeling he was thinking about something," said Martinez, who knew Loughner from their school days. "It was just kind of weird."

The encounter epitomizes Loughner's final hours as he became increasingly unhinged, culminating with him opening fire on a crowd of people at an event for Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Six people were killed and 13 were wounded amid a barrage of bullets from a Glock 19.

Authorities do not know what pushed the 22-year-old mentally disturbed loner over the edge, but interviews, records and a police chronology released last week provide a fuller picture of his movements that in many ways reflect his scattered mind.

It would all play out within a few miles from the modest, single-story home where he grew up and lived all his life — save for a brief attempt he made at living in an apartment by himself.

The chaotic night, according to the official law enforcement chronology, began at 11:35 p.m. when he dropped off a roll of 35 mm film at a Walgreens.

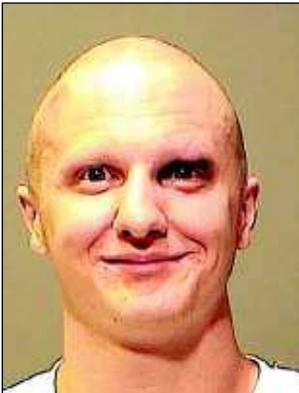
In the next hour he stopped at a Circle K gas station/convenience store and checked into a Motel 6, a \$37.99-a-night spot popular with truckers near a Long John Silver's and other fast-food restaurants.

If he slept at all that night, it wasn't for long.

At 1:45 a.m., he was back outside his parents' home, where he ran into Martinez and her friends.

At about 2 a.m., Loughner called an old friend, Bryce Tierney. They had been confidants in high school but hadn't talked for months — another in a series of friends with whom Loughner severed ties amid his increasingly bizarre behavior.

Loughner used to bang the drums in Tierney's garage while his friend jammed on the guitar. They used to talk philosophy, about how the modern world was draining people of individualism. They got high, as police found out when they pulled the two over in September 2007 and Tierney admitted they smoked a joint in a van on the way back from a con-



Jared Loughner

venience store.

Early Saturday, Tierney was up watching a real-life ghost chasers show on TV. When his cell phone rang, the incoming number was listed as blocked, so he didn't answer.

Tierney picked up the message immediately. It had a melancholy tinge: "Hey Bryce, it's Jared. We had some good times together. Peace out."

After the call, Loughner headed back to the Walgreens, where — at 2:19 a.m. — he picked up the developed photos. And 15 minutes later, he stopped to make more purchases at yet another convenience store.

At 4:12 a.m. Loughner was at a computer keyboard in an unknown location, typing a farewell bulletin on his MySpace page — "Goodbye friends." Authorities said the photo included in that posting was from the shots developed at Walgreens hours earlier.

After one additional stop, at another Circle K, Loughner began his quest for ammo. His first stop, a Walmart between his house and the scene of the shooting, doesn't sell bullets before 7 a.m. It was only 6:12 a.m. He returned at 7:04 a.m., but left the store without making a purchase.

He then drove 5 miles west

to a Walmart superstore, where he purchased 9 mm ammunition and a black, backpack style diaper bag. It was now 7:27 a.m.

Just three minutes later, he was pulled over for running a red light in his 1969 dark gray Chevy Nova.

Loughner was cooperative, and the officer from the Arizona Game and Fish Department took his driver's license and vehicle registration information. Loughner had no outstanding warrants and was let go with a warning. And without a search.

The only thing the officer saw in the car was fast-food wrappers.

Around 8 a.m., Loughner had returned home. And there was his father, Randy, who had questions for his son.

The confrontation happened in the driveway.

The son pulled a black bag from the trunk of the Nova; Randy Loughner demanded to know what was going on.

"The father went out and said, 'What's that?' and he mumbled something and took off," Sheriff Clarence Dupnik said.

Loughner was desperate to escape. He hustled toward the corner where he used to catch the school bus with his

neighbor Martinez, then hung a right and a quick left before entering a sandy wash that runs behind the houses on the other side of his street, North Soledad Avenue.

Winding his way through the desert scrub and cactus, Loughner arrived at a dry tributary 300 feet later that dead-ends into a bigger wash. His father jumped into his truck to catch up with his son.

But his son had disappeared from view.

Jared Loughner was alone again.

The only clue about the desert pursuit that has turned up is the black bag recovered Thursday at the intersection of the two washes.

Inside, they found the same caliber of ammunition

Loughner bought at Walmart.

Loughner's escape route took him up the wash, past the back of a post office, to where the dry stream bed opens into a broader swath of desert. In this part of suburbia, brush-choked expanses are never far away.

Eventually, Loughner returned to the Circle K he'd visited three hours earlier.

He was carrying two extended pistol clips that hold up to 31 bullets, along with two 15-round magazines, a four-inch buck knife, a Visa card, his driver's license and cash in a plastic bag.

Authorities said a cab picked him up at 9:41 a.m.

His destination was a Safeway store — and a violent confrontation with Gabrielle Giffords.

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Arab region braces for Tunisia fallout

Blogger:
‘Revolutions are like dominos’

By Liz Sly and Leila Fadel
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Moments after Tunisian president Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali was ejected from his palace, tweets began flying across a region that was at once enthralled and appalled by the specter of an Arab leader being overthrown by his own people.

“Today Ben Ali, tomorrow Hosni Mubarak,” gloated one tweeter, referring to Egypt’s long-serving president. “Come on Mubarak, take a hint and follow the lead,” urged another.

And prominent Egyptian blogger Hossam el-Hamalawy observed: “Revolutions are like dominos.”

On Saturday, a day after Tunisia’s president was forced into exile by massive street demonstrations, the Middle East was still reeling, with calls for copycat protests reverberating across the Internet, in cafes and on street corners as far afield as Jordan and Yemen. For the first time in the history of a part of the world long calcified by autocratic rule, a dictator had been forced from office by a popular revolt, and it was all broadcast live on television

Leaders braced for the fallout. Elites analyzed the potential for the revolution to spread. Ordinary people celebrated, marveled, gossiped and wondered: Will it happen here? What can we do? And, perhaps most important, who will be next?

Only one certainty stood out: The turmoil in tiny



AP photo

A supermarket burns after being looted in Bizerte, Tunisia.

Tunisia, long ignored as a sleepy outpost of relative stability on the fringe of a volatile region, will have profound ramifications for the rest of the Arab world.

“Things will not be the same any longer,” predicted Labib Kamhawi, a political analyst in the Jordanian capital of Amman. “2011 will witness drastic change, and it is long overdue.”

The rumblings are already there. Jordan, Algeria and Libya have all seen violent protests in recent weeks, spurred by rising prices, unemployment and anger at official corruption — much the same issues that precipitated the snowballing street protests in Tunisia a month ago.

As the ousted Ben Ali flew into exile in Saudi Arabia on Saturday, the Saudi government issued a statement that seemed designed to forestall unwelcome comparisons between the new guest and the ruling Saudi monarchy.

“The government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announces that it stands fully behind the Tunisian people,” it said.

Almost no government in the region is immune from

the combustible combination of grievances that sparked the uprising in Tunisia. Inflation, joblessness and the hopelessness of living in a country where opportunity is the preserve of a tiny ruling elite are steadily fueling frustrations from Algiers to Amman, from Tripoli to Sanaa and Damascus.

With the exception of Lebanon, whose democratically elected government also collapsed last week, for reasons related to Lebanon’s own complicated sectarian politics, and Iraq, still battling the scourge of a lingering insurgency, every country in the region is ruled by some form of undemocratic autocrat.

“We could go through the list of Arab leaders looking in the mirror right now and very few would not be on the list,” said Robert Malley, who heads the Middle East and North Africa program at the International Crisis Group.

Perhaps nowhere do the lessons of Tunisia resonate more loudly than in nearby Egypt, where Mubarak has been president since 1981, six years longer than his toppled Tunisian counter-

part. Egypt, like Tunisia, is grappling with the challenges of a rapidly growing population, limited job opportunities and deep resentment of the entrenched privileges of a ruling clique.

In a possible foreshadowing of what may lie ahead, police broke up an attempted demonstration outside the Tunisian Embassy in Cairo on Saturday night and blocked all but a few dozen protesters from reaching the site of another planned protest.

“It is our turn,” chanted a small crowd of about 70 activists who managed to break through the police cordon. “Revolution is coming, by any means.”

But it is far from certain that what happened in Tunisia will be replicated in other parts of a region whose governments have a practiced record of suppressing dissent. Tunisia was at once better and worse off than other Arab nations, in that its government had both allowed the development of a free economy in which many citizens prospered and ruthlessly repressed the emergence of any form of Islamist opposition.

Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

Clearly, the tea party types in Congress will be given an up-and-down vote on raising the debt limit before any final deal is struck, even if the measure ultimately passes.

“At some point you run out of accounting gimmicks and resources. Eventually the government is going to have to start shutting down certain operations,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody’s Analytics.

“My guess is they can go months after the debt ceiling is not raised and still be able to come up with the cash they need. But at some point, it will catch up.”

— Stanley Collender, former congressional budget analyst

referring to government shutdowns in 1995 when Georgia Republican Newt Gingrich was House speaker.

But those shutdowns had nothing to do with the debt limit. They were caused by failure of Congress to appropriate funds to keep federal agencies running.

And there are many temporary ways around the debt limit.

Hitting it does not automatically mean a default on existing debt. It only stops the government from new borrowing, forcing it to rely on other ways to finance its activities.

In a 1995 debt-limit crisis, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin borrowed \$60 billion from federal pension funds to keep the government going. It wasn’t popular, but it helped get the job done. A decade earlier, James Baker, President Ronald Reagan’s treasury secretary, delayed payments to the Civil Service and Social Security trust funds and used other bookkeeping tricks to keep money in the federal till.

Baker and Rubin “found money in pockets no one knew existed before,” said former congressional budg-

et analyst Stanley Collender.

Collender, author of “Guide to the Federal Budget,” cites a slew of other things the government can do to delay a crisis. They include leasing out government-owned properties, “the federal equivalent of renting out a room in your home,” or slowing down payments to government contractors.

Now partner-director of Qorvis Communications, a Washington consulting firm, Collender said such stopgap measures buy the White House time to resist GOP pressure for concessions.

“My guess is they can go months after the debt ceiling is not raised and still be able to come up with the cash they need. But at some point, it will catch up,” and raising the debt limit will become an imperative, he suggested.

Republican leaders seem to acknowledge as much, but first want to force big concessions. “Do I want to see this nation default? No. But I want to make sure we get substantial spending cuts and controls in exchange for raising the debt ceiling,” said the chairman of the House Budget Committee, Rep.

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Brazil slide survivors left to fend on own

By Juliana Barbassa
Associated Press writer

TERESOPOLIS, Brazil — They are tired, hungry, traumatized — and resigned to saving themselves without the aid their government promised after massive mudslides that killed nearly 600 people.

Wanderson Ferreira de Carvalho lost 23 family members — including his wife and 2-year-old son — in massive mudslides, yet spent Saturday hauling water and food up steep jungle trails. Emotionally numb, physically exhausted, he knew nobody else was going to help save friends in his remote neighborhood, isolated after a road was washed out.

“We have to help those who are alive,” he said as he hauled supplies five miles up the dangerous trail. “There is no more help for those who are dead. I’ve cried a lot and sometimes my mind goes blank and I almost forget what happened. But we have to do what we must to help the living.”

Hundreds of survivors are in the same situation as Carvalho, forced to save themselves after torrential rains earlier this week triggered rumbling mudslides early Wednesday in mountain towns north of Rio de Janeiro. The death toll had risen to 598 by Saturday, and there were fears it would climb sharply higher once remote areas were reached.

Carvalho seemed to find solace in working feverishly to help his friends. After he got word that his father’s



Rescue workers try to recover the body of a landslide victim Saturday as a resident reacts in Nova Friburgo, Brazil. After four nights of torrential rains, mudslides have killed nearly 600 people.

body was found badly decomposed, he also decided that he didn’t want rescuers to try and find his son and wife.

“I would rather not see him now,” Carvalho said of his son. “Whoever is buried, it’s better to leave them in peace.”

While Carvalho and others are angry at the lack of government help, they also seem oddly resigned, as if having to save themselves after Brazil’s worst natural disaster in four decades were not unusual.

At the base of the steep hills leading up to Carvalho’s Campo Grande neighborhood, only a few firefighters and two federal policemen were seen — and they were not helping people carry supplies.

Local and state fire departments said they had deployed 2,500 rescuers, while 225 federal policemen were in the area to maintain order. The federal government has been trying to fly in 11 helicopters to remote areas, but has found it difficult because of poor weather conditions.

Simone dos Santos Pinto, a 36-year-old resident of the Campo Grande neighborhood who was hiking supplies up to her sick, 65-year-

old father, said there was no help, and she could not understand why.

“There is nothing,” she said, plastic grocery bags strapped across her shoulders and in her hands. “I’m leaving my father up there and my house is about to collapse. But what am I going to do?”

The mudslides hit an area of nearly 900 square miles (2,330 square kilometers) in lush, forested mountains about 40 miles north of Rio.

The deaths are centered in Teresopolis and three other towns, where many wealthier citizens of Rio maintain weekend homes.

In the center of Teresopolis, hundreds of homeless are sheltered in a local gymnasium in the town, where food and medical care are abundant.

While the disaster has destroyed the homes of rich and poor alike, the deaths are overwhelmingly seen in humbler areas, where homes are flimsier, most lacking foundations, and located in steep areas known to be at high risk of mudslides.

In those areas, horror stories are trickling out as survivors make it to town.

Fernando Perfista dug out the body of his eldest child from the mud, then looked for the 12-year-old’s three missing siblings. He sheltered the boy’s remains in a refrigerator to keep scavenging dogs at bay while he searched.

After failing to find his other children in the Fazenda Alpina area of Teresopolis, the 31-year-old ranch hand built a gurney from scrap wood, carried his son’s body down a mudslide-wrecked slope before dawn Friday and buried him in a homemade coffin.

Iran says 2 downed spy planes were U.S.-operated

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran says it has determined that two pilotless spy planes it claims to have downed were operated by the United States. An Iranian official says authorities will publicly display them.

The Revolutionary Guard’s air force said earlier this month that it shot down two highly advanced spy planes that had violated Iranian airspace. It provided no proof.

The U.S. Navy’s 5th Fleet, which is based in the Gulf, said at the time that it had no reports of any aircraft downed recently.

Iran’s semiofficial Fars news agency on Saturday quoted the head of the Guard’s naval force, Gen. Ali Fadavi, as saying Iran will display the two small reconnaissance planes “at an appropriate time.”

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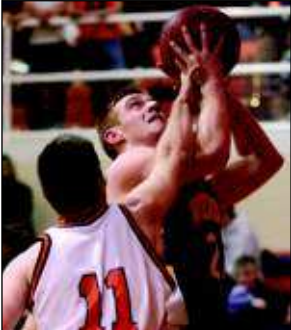
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COMING UP BIG

Posts shine as CSI men fight past E. Utah

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The guards have carried the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team for much of the season. On a night when they struggled for much of the game, they got a big assist from the guys up front.

The 12th-ranked CSI men had six players score in double figures, including four front-court players, in an 89-80 win over No. 25 Eastern Utah on Saturday.

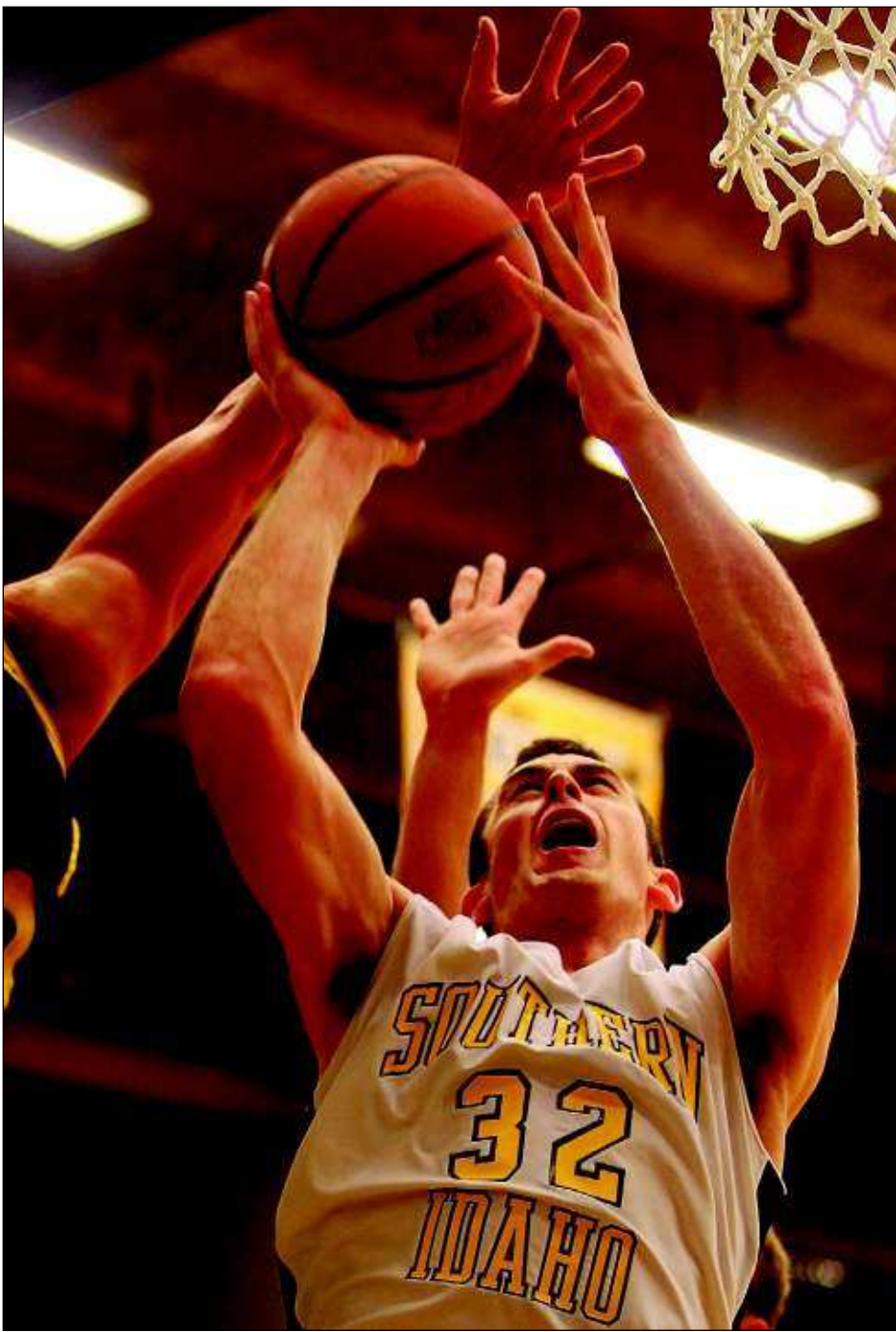
CSI's two leading scorers, guards Jerrold Brooks and Pierre Jackson, combined to shoot 2-for-10 in the first half as CEU led by as many as seven. That margin could have been far worse if not for big men Chris Patton, Gerson Santo and Mitch Bruneel. That trio combined for 24 first-half points to keep CSI (18-2, 4-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) within 38-35 at intermission.

"Tonight, we weren't knocking (outside shots) down and those guys stepped up and were huge for us," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar.

Patton scored eight first-half points on 4-for-5 shooting, including two nifty reverse layups.

"I've been playing with a bit more confidence lately," said Patton, who finished with 10 points. "I've been getting in the games around the 15- or 16-minute mark, so I feel like coming in I've got to show that I deserve to be one of the first guys off the bench.

"I've just been trusting myself since coming back after Christmas and I'm just trying to take it to the next level and give this team a



DREW NASH/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho forward Mitch Bruneel shoots as Eastern Utah's Cameron Evans defends Saturday in

"That's what we were focusing on, keeping them off the glass."

— Kenny Buckner, who finished with 11 points and 10 boards

backup center that's going to take us where we need to get go."

Consecutive putbacks by Kenny Buckner and a spinning post move by Santo keyed an 11-2 CSI run in the second half that gave the host Eagles a 54-48 lead. CEU crept within 64-63 when Jackson finally found his groove.

Jackson hit two technical

free throws with 5:46 remaining and scored 10 points, including consecutive 3-pointers, in a 15-3 run to put CSI up 80-67 with 2:05 left.

"I was frustrated," Jackson said of his play for much of the game. "...I just needed to see the ball go through net."

Once it did, there was no stopping the 5-10 sophomore, who shared team-high

scoring honors with Bruneel and Brooks at 16 points.

"It was like the light came on for him," said Gosar. "He knocked those two (free throws) down and I could see the fire back in his eyes. He hit some big shots, but that's what your sophomores have to do."

CSI won the rebounding battle 46-39 against a CEU team that came in leading the league in rebounding margin.

"That's what we were focusing on, keeping them off the glass," said Buckner,

See **CSI MEN**, Sports 6

CSI women rip E. Utah

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

That was more like it. The 25th-ranked College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team was active on defense, made the extra pass on offense and shredded the College of Eastern Utah 84-49 Saturday afternoon at CSI Gymnasium.

After a lackluster and stagnant effort in a win over Colorado Northwestern on Thursday, CSI bounced back in a big way in routing CEU.

"We played a lot better," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers, whose team moved to 16-4 overall (3-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference).

CSI fell behind 7-0 and trailed 13-5 before its energy and activity on both ends got a boost. Led by the play of posts Fanny Cavallo and Laurel Kearsley, CSI rallied for a 31-25 halftime lead and never looked back.

Cavallo played her best game as a Golden Eagle. The 6-foot French post struggled at times early in

See **CSI WOMEN**, Sports 6



DREW NASH/Times-News

CSI's Laurel Kearsley (30) and Fanny Cavallo (42) look to steal the ball from CEU's Daiana Ferreria (11) Saturday afternoon at CSI in Twin Falls.

Coaches, athletes seek mental edge at clinic

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Those who went to Saturday's seminar on mental toughness in sports left the College of Southern Idaho with more information than they know what to do with.

Most intend to share some with their teammates, players or coaches.

Around 150 people took in the six-session seminar, which centered around five key points integral to a proper mental focus: controlling anxiety, concentration, visualizing success,

self-talk and pre-performance routines.

All are important, but some are easier than others to implement.

"Focusing on specific things is important. If the kids' minds start to wander, you can get them to focus on something specific to get them back into things, to get them doing what you want them to do," said Jerome High School boys soccer coach Robert Garcia, who attended the event put on by the Twin Falls Rapids.

"It's about what you can do

See **TOUGHNESS**, Sports 6

Steelers rally to beat Ravens 31-24 in AFC playoff game

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers stood around as the Baltimore Ravens scored an inexplicable first-half touchdown. Then it was the error-prone Ravens who watched helplessly as the team they love to beat most came back to beat them

when it mattered most.

Ben Roethlisberger hit rookie Antonio Brown on a 58-yard pass play on third-and-19, and Rashard Mendenhall scored from the 2 with 1:33 remaining to give the Steelers a 31-24 comeback victory over the Ravens in an AFC divisional playoff game Saturday.

The Steelers, 9-0 against division teams in the play-

offs, advance to their fifth AFC championship game in 10 seasons next Sunday — at New England if the Patriots beat the Jets on Sunday, in Pittsburgh if the Jets win. They will be play to reach the Super Bowl for third time in six seasons.

"I saw the young fella just take off, so I'm just going to throw it up for you," Roethlisberger said of

his throw to Brown, who wasn't even activated regularly until midseason.

The Steelers (13-4) were trailing 21-7 at halftime after turnovers created two Ravens touchdowns. But they came back with the help of three Baltimore turnovers in the third quarter. It was so bad, the

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Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Brett Keisel (99) celebrates during the second half of an AFC Divisional Playoff game against the Baltimore Ravens in Pittsburgh, Saturday.

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Wendell's Nolan Stouder is fouled going up by Declo's Brawn Baker Saturday at Declo High School.

Wendell Trojans win at Declo

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

DECLO — Wendell took a huge step toward clinching the No. 1 seed and hosting rights for the District IV Canyon Conference tourney. The Trojans' 58-52 road win over Declo on Saturday night put Wendell solidly in the driver's seat at 4-0 (6-3 overall).

"That's really big because I don't like playing on (Declo's) floor," said Wendell's Codey Prince. "Hopefully we'll have home-court advantage, but it's not over yet, Gooding and Valley are good teams."

Prince isn't alone in his sentiment toward Declo's court, where the Hornets are 25-6 the past three seasons. But Wendell handed Declo a rare home defeat by owning the boards and converting 15 of 20 free throws.

"We've been planning for

Declo since we beat them the first game," said Jared Lund, referring to the Trojans' 10-point home win over Declo to start the season. "We still need to keep our heads down, don't get cocky and keep our A-game going"

Lund grabbed eight rebounds and scored 16 of his 19 points in the first half to spark the Trojans. Nolan Stouder had 19 points and 14 boards, many of which came on the offensive end and led to second-chance points. Wendell shot 42.5 percent from the field.

"Wendell is a good offensive rebounding team. We will need to rebound better and keep them off the free-throw line," said Declo coach Dee Lewis. "Our defensive game plan was good and I thought we executed well. There are times when missing layups hurts, and this would be one of those games"

Declo (7-5 overall, 3-2 Canyon Conference) shot just 35 percent from the field, including a dreadful 4 of 23 from beyond the 3-point line.

Seth Baker had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Declo. Davis Jones scored 13 and Ross Sanders added 12 points for the Hornets.

Wendell's biggest lead was 12 points in the third quarter. Declo fought back, however, and made it a one-point game with 4:51 to play in the game.

"They like to go fast, so we tried to slow the game down," Prince said. "And then coach set up a great play at the end."

That play, with 54 seconds on the clock and Wendell off by one, had Prince come off a high screen and drive unhindered to the rim for a layup. Declo missed a 3-pointer on the other end, and Stouder sank 3-of-4 free

throws to ice it.

Declo keyed defensively on Prince, holding him to nine points. But the senior guard contributed in other ways and kept his team-mates involved.

"I think we did a good job defensively on Prince tonight," Lewis said. "He scored 27 on us over there. They didn't have Stouder when they played us before, and that makes a difference. He's solid in there."

Wendell has another conference matchup on Tuesday at Gooding, while Declo travels out of conference to play Oakley on Wednesday.

Wendell 58, Declo 52

Wendell	17	20	11	10	- 58
Declo	16	13	13	10	- 58

WENDELL (58)

Jared Lund 19, Nolan Stouder 19, Codey Prince 9, Michael Wright 7, Tanner Swamer 2, Carlos Sarabia 2. Totals 20 15-20 58.

DECLO (52)

Seth Baker 13, Davis Jones 13, Ross Sanders 12, Erik Hennrickson 8, Calum Webb 4, Jaxon Wrigley 2. Totals 21 6-9 52.

3-point goals: Wendell 3 (Lund 2, Prince), Declo 4 (Jones 2, Hennrickson 2). Total fouls: Wendell 10, Declo 15.

Sanchez beats buzzer to lift Bruin boys over Highland

Times-News

Robert Sanchez finished a give-and-go just before the final buzzer to give the Twin Falls boys basketball team a 60-59 win over visiting Highland on Saturday.

Sanchez hit three of the three Bruins' 10 3-pointers and finished with 23 points. Eric Harr sank six treys and scored a game-high 28 for the Bruins (9-2), who with 4 seconds left designed the final play for the hot hand of the night in Sanchez.

"We knew they weren't going to let Eric get the ball," Twin Falls coach Matt Harr told 102.9 FM. "Sometimes you don't like the look in a kid's eye, but we looked at Robert ... he had a smile on his face, and you knew if he got a chance he was going to score."

The Bruins shot 34 percent from the floor compared to 55 percent for Highland, which got 21 points from Cole Ashby.

Twin Falls is at Pocatello on Wednesday.

Twin Falls 60, Highland 59

Highland	23	6	15	15	- 59
Twin Falls	15	16	9	20	- 60

HIGHLAND (59)

Grady Burch 2, Tate Harding 13, Cameron Gross 3, Tanner Nielson 2, Taison Manu 1, Cole Ashby 21, Clark Wilkinson 3, Jordan Finn 4, Colton Shreve 10. Totals 22 11-24 59.

TWIN FALLS (60)

Eric Harr 28, Tyler Wolters 7, Robert Sanchez 23, Thomas Corr 2. Totals 16 21-60.

3-point goals: Highland 4 (Ashby 3, Gross), Twin Falls 10 (Harr 6, Sanchez 3, Wolters). Total fouls: Highland 17, Twin Falls 14. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

FILER 41, WOOD RIVER 32

Wood River led by one going into halftime but Filer got hot in the second half and rolled to 41-32 victory on Saturday.

Ryan Karel, Austin Tews and Jared Allen each scored 10 points for the Wildcats.

Stone Sutton led Wood River with 16.

Wood River (0-10) travels to Kimberly on Tuesday.

Filer 41, Wood River 32

Filer	58	12	16	- 41
Wood River	13	8	10	- 32

FILER (41)

Logan Beard 5, Ryan Karel 10, Austin Tews 10, Jed Oyler 3, Matt Ramseyer 1, Jared Allen 10, Issa Krefl 2. Totals 10 16-21.

GRACE 65, HAGERMAN 51

Hagerman was unprepared for Grace's aggressive play and lost 65-51 on Saturday.

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Ryan Luttmer notched 23 points for the Pirates in the loss.

Hagerman (7-5, 3-0) hosts Wendell on Wednesday.

Grace 65, Hagerman 51

Hagerman	7	13	14	17	- 51
Grace	16	22	12	15	- 65

HAGERMAN (51)

Ryan Arnold 5, Ambrosio Nava 8, Ryan Luttmer 23, Trevor Johnson 4, Jace Kast 2, Xavier Strick 6, Zac Reid 3. Totals 18 10-15 51.

CHALLIS 66, GLENNS FERRY 63

Glenns Ferry could not get the late shots to fall as Challis squeaked past the Pilots 66-63 on Saturday.

The Pilots rallied back from a 14-point halftime deficit to notch 28 points in the third quarter but could

not keep the rally alive. The Pilots outrebounded Challis 39-21 and caused 19 turnovers in the third quarter.

The Pilots (3-8) had three players in double digits as Adrian Martinez scored 21 points, Chris Popoca notched 15 and Rory Hance scored 11.

Glenns Ferry travels to Hansen on Tuesday.

Challis 66, Glenns Ferry 63

Challis	22	12	20	- 66
Glenns Ferry	11	9	28	15

CHALLIS (66)

Jay Parkinson 6, Danny Evans 16, Matt Helm 14, Craig Olsen 11, Dwylan Savage 8, Brandon Kamman 7, Tyler Trusnovac 4. Totals 25 11-17 66.

BUHL 56, GOODING 42

Buhl ripped off 22 points in the fourth quarter to cruise past Gooding 56-42 on Saturday.

The Indians had three players in double figures as Matt Hamilton scored 20 points, while Hunter Littlefair netted 18 and Mark Montgomery scored 11.

Buhl (6-5, 2-0) hosts Filer on Thursday.

Buhl 56, Gooding 42

Gooding	10	7	16	9	- 44
Buhl	12	13	9	22	- 56

GOODING (42)

Jacob Becker 4, Jared Parke 3, Alex Basterrechea 3, Derek Evans 9, Jon Jensen 5, CJ Beatz 1, Carter Flora 4, Tanner Baumann 13. Totals 16 6-20 42.

HANSEN 54, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 46

Hansen outlasted Lighthouse Christian 54-46 on Saturday.

The game was decided at the free-throw line as Hansen shot 25-for-45 and Lighthouse Christian went 3 of 19.

The Huskies had four players in double digits as Kevin Fuller scored 14 points, Seth Williams notched 12 and both Devon Sparing and Pete Veenstra scored 11.

Lighthouse Christian (4-7) hosts Twin Falls Christian next Thursday.

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Jerome hosts Canyon Ridge Tuesday in its home conference finale.

Bishop Kelly 41, Jerome 39

Bishop Kelly	11	8	10	12	- 41
Jerome	8	12	6	13	- 39

BISHOP KELLY (41)

Worksrken 2, Long 4, Rehboltz 7, Kelly 3, Carlson 3, Valdeck 1, Murie 4, McReynolds 11, Hassell 2, Talboy 4. Totals 15 9-13 41.

MINICO 47, CENTURY 44, OT

Marlee Chandler led three Minico players in double figures as the Spartans made it two wins in as many nights, winning 47-44 in overtime Saturday at Century.

Taylor O'Connell hit a 3-pointer late to tie the game, and then Minico (5-10) took control from the foul line in the extra session.

"It was a good win for us because we've had several games where we had a chance to win it and didn't get it done," said Minico coach Joe D. Shepard, whose team won consecutive games for the first time this season. "It's an important one for us so we know what it's like and how to do it."

Micaela Merrill and Dayna Phillips both scored 10 for Minico, which hosts Wood River on Tuesday.

Challis 71, Glenns Ferry 53

Challis	19	15	16	21	- 71
Glenns Ferry	14	15	12	12	- 53

CHALLIS (71)

Nicole Helm 12, Jenna Hamilton 9, Amber Kemmerer 10, Marlae Moss 2, Lonnie Dowton 6, Amber Cotant 2, Lauren Garlie 27, Megan Corrigan 3. Totals 26 14-17 71.

HANSEN 57, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN 44

Hansen capitalized on Lighthouse Christian's fourth quarter to win 57-44 on Saturday.

Taylor Thomas scored 18 points for the Huskies and Mickenlie Baxter added 10.

Kyanna Jones notched 28 points for Lighthouse Christian (4-10) in the loss.

Lighthouse Christian travels to Dietrich on Saturday.

Minico 47, Century 44, OT

Minico	9	12	13	67	- 47
Century	10	10	13	74	- 44

MINICO (47)

Micaela Merrill 10, Malarie Pratt 2, Taylor O'Connell 5, Marlee Chandler 12, Hanna Munns 2, Dayna Phillips 10, Melinda Martinez 6. Totals 17 11-16 47.

SHOSHONE 33, VALLEY 29

Shoshone topped Valley 33-29 on Saturday.

The Vikings went into halftime down by three and could never overcome the deficit.

"We struggled in that first half," said Valley coach Liz Thomas. "We could never get on top and it was a lot of little things that did not work well for us."

Kelcie Hutchins scored 13 points for Shoshone.

Valley (4-10) travels to Wendell on Thursday.

Shoshone 33, Valley 29

Shoshone	7	8	5	- 33
Valley	9	11	14	20

SHOSHONE (33)

Kelcie Hutchins 13, Kylee Stein 10, Jennica Kerner 8, Michelle Aoi 2. Totals 13 3-7 33.

GRACE 35, HAGERMAN 30

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The Pirates kept things close all game but faltered in the fourth quarter, only scoring two points.

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Grace 35, Hagerman 30

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Grace	9	11	7	8

HAGERMAN (30)

GRACE (35)

Cheyenne Crist 2, Shaela Owsley 4, Larissa Knight 3, Hayley White 2, Raven Aiken 4, Jessica Reginer 11, Aly Sauer 4. Totals 12-5-11 30.

CHALLIS 71, GLENNS FERRY 53

Challis cruised to a 71-53 victory over Glenns Ferry on Saturday.

The Pilots went back-and-forth with Challis in the first-half but ran out of gas in the second half.

Lauren Garlie had the hot hand for Challis, scoring 27 points.

Karli McHone scored 17 points for Glenns Ferry (11-4, 1-3).

Glenns Ferry travels to Hagerman on Tuesday.

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Lighthouse Christian	11	2	4	17	- 44

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Wrestling

FOUR LOCALS WIN AT KIWANIS INVITATIONAL

Alberto Ramirez and David Borden won their respective brackets at the Kiwanis Invitational in Spring Creek, Nev., on Saturday, leading Minico to a fourth-place team finish.

Ramirez defeated Dustin Tripp of Spring Creek in the 125-pound final, while Borden upset Michael Billingsley of Lowry, Nev., 5-4 to win the 160-pound title.

Todd Anderson of Twin

Falls continued his unbeaten run by winning the title at 145, while Buhl's Oren Carlton won at 215.

Allen Compton, Carlton's teammate, was beaten in the 135-pound final.

Buhl finished sixth in the team standings, while Twin Falls was 13th. Lowry won the team title by 47.5 points over Spring Creek.

Borden and Anderson each earned Most Outstanding Wrestler honors in their weight categories.

2011 Kiwanis Invitational At Spring Creek, Nev.

Final results

Team scores

1. Lowry, Nev. 224.5; 2. Spring Creek, Nev. 177.5; 3. Yerington, Nev. 165; 4. Minico 150; 5. Boise 148; 6. Buhl 125.5; 7. Stansbury, Utah 124; 8. Fallon, Nev. 106; 9. Elko, Nev. 92.5; 10. Battle Mountain, Nev. 99; 11. Moapa Valley, Nev. 90.5; 12. Damonte Ranch, Nev. 90; 13. Twin Falls 85; 14. Bishop Manogue, Nev. 82.5; 15. Lovelock, Nev. 73.5; 16. Virgin Valley, Nev. 62; 17. Wooster, Nev. 48; 18. White Pine, Nev. 39; 19. Minico JV 38; 20. West Wendover, Nev. 21; 21. Dayton, Nev. 15; 22. Owyhee, Nev. 15; 23. Silver Stage, Nev. 12; 24. Carlin, Nev.

Championship match results

103 pounds: Daniel Pollock, Lowry, F-Hal Graham Gullin, Boise. 112: Ben Alcala, Boise, dec. Layton Perry, Spring Creek. 4-3. 119: Tyler Tate, Spring Creek, pinned Willy McDonald, Bishop Manogue. 125: Alberto Ramirez, Minico, dec. Dustin Tripp, Spring Creek, 7-2. 130: Wade Fry, Elko, pinned Cody Villalobos, Yerington. 135: Shae Bryant, Moapa Valley, dec. Allen Compton, Buhl. 6-1. 140: Drew Smith, Damonte Ranch, maj, dec. Blaine Tibbals, Yerington, 15-5. 145: Todd Anderson, Twin Falls, dec. Curtis Bright, Bishop Manogue. 10-8. 152: Jace Billingsley, Lowry, maj, dec. Ryan Reilly, Damonte Ranch, 20-7. 160: David Borden, Minico, dec. Michael Billingsley, Lowry, 5-4. 171: Ricky McDonald, Bishop Manogue, maj, dec. Dalton Johnson, Fallon, 8-0. 189: Ryan Nelson, Lowry, dec. Nick DeCabra, Spring Creek, 3-1. 215: Oren Carlton, Buhl, pinned Tyler Ukso, Spring Creek. 285: Michael Snider, Yerington, dec. Khuzaymah Perez, Elko.

Third-place match results

103 pounds: Hunter Woods, Wooster, dec. Brok Williams, Virgin Valley, 10-7. 112: Brice Gorsline, Lovelock, won by forfeit over Chris Whisler, Battle Mountain. 119: Alvaro Alvarado, Minico, dec. Travis Richardson, Spring Creek. 3-1. 125: Ryan Thompson, Battle Mountain, dec. Cody Craspy, Lovelock, 6-3. 130: Steven Melia, Buhl, dec. Tyler Cole, Fallon, 2-2. 135: Derrick Jorgensen, Stansbury, pinned Tanner Trout, Yerington. 140: Michael McDonald, Buhl, dec. Andy Fisk, Spring Creek, 4-0. 145: Gus Duncan, Lowry, maj, dec. Chandler Knight, Fallon, 8-0. 152: Ryan Hoyos, Spring Creek, dec. Trevor Durham, Moapa Valley, 7-2. 155: Cody Christensen, Twin Falls, dec. Charles Kueck, Fallon, 10-3. 160: Canyon Falls, Owyhee, dec. Nick Nolte, Spring Creek, 1-0. 189: Dillon Wanner, Lovelock, pinned Salvador Gutierrez, Minico. 215: Hunter Anderson, Stansbury, dec. Robert Snieder, Yerington, 12-10. 285: Fernando Herrera, Lowry, pinned Nick Castillo, Buhl.

Fifth-place match results

103 pounds: Luke Howell, Stansbury, dec. Zak Baldwin, Moapa Valley, 11-4. 112: Logan Stewart, Stansbury, dec. Skylar Hall, White Pine, 6-2. 119: Jimmy Cannon, Wooster, dec. Alex Brown, Yerington, 8-5. 125: Brandon Okuma, Lowry, dec. Tyler Ruple, Fallon, 9-3. 130: Cody Thompson, Buhl, dec. Roy Winder, Spring Creek, 7-2. 135: Cody Candelaria, Boise, won by forfeit over Austin Gilchrist, New. 140: Ryan Alcaraz, Battle Mountain, pinned Bobby Marley, Lowry, 14-5. Kenny Nez, Damonte Ranch, maj, dec. McKay Magoon, Virgin Valley, 12-3. 152: Tyler Moody, Elko, pinned Jesse Burgara, Minico. 160: Tyrell Ostrud, Stansbury, won by forfeit over Brett Walton, Boise. 171: Jean Cota, Yerington, pinned Brady Barton, Twin Falls. 189: Gage Stewart, Stansbury, pinned Martin Thomas, Owyhee. 215: Ivan Ramirez, Lowry, dec. Justin Cordova, Battle Mountain, 5-2. 285: Dakota Madrigal, Minico, dec. Davin Addison, Boise, 1-0.

FOUR LOCALS WIN AT MAGIC VALLEY CLASSIC

Declo had three individual champions among the four local champions after the dust settled at the Magic Valley Classic wrestling tournament in Wendell on Saturday.

Jaime Alonzo defeated Declo's Alex Alonzo at 103, while Stirland Zollinger claimed victory at 112 and Mark Knobbe won the 215 bracket as the Hornets took third in the team standings.

Raft River/Oakley's Stephan Ortiz won the 152-pound title over Wendell's Chris Housley.

Wendell's Tyler Egbert (140) and Raft River/Oakley's Braxton Sagers (285) also finished in second place.

Challis won the team event by 52 points over Firth, with Declo a further 28.5 points back.

Magic Valley Classic At Wendell HS

Final results

Team scores

1. Challis 207.2, Firth 155.3, Declo 126.5, 4. Homedale 124.5, 5. Melba 123.6, 6. New Paltz 122.5, 7. Grace 121.8, 8. West Jefferson 119.5, 9. Wendell 118.0, 10. Malad 113.1, 11. Filer 101.2, 12. Marsing 91.5, 13. Raft River/Oakley 91.1, 14. McCall-Donnelly 90.15, 15. Kimberly 83.16, 16. Jerome 48, 17. Valley 40, 18. Soda Springs 36, 19. Aberdeen 29, 20. Butte County 23, 21. Garden Valley 22, 22. Glenns Ferry 17.

Championship match results

103 pounds: Jaime Alonzo, Declo, def. Alex Alonzo, Declo. 112: Stirland Zollinger, Declo, def. Todd Bahem, Homedale. 119: Justin Ensey, Homedale, def. Blake Perry, Melba. 125: Raymond Evans, New Plymouth, def. Jesse Blount, Melba. 130: Justin Williams, Grace, def. Ruger Jarvis, Challis. 135: Jared Johnshoy, Melba, def. Ethan Hansen, West Jefferson. 140: Randy Plummer, Challis, def. Tyler Egbert, Wendell. 145: Troy Richardson, Melba, def. Chris Hess, Malad. 152: Stephan Ortiz, Raft River/Oakley, def. Chris Housley, Wendell. 160: Zach Lowen, McCall-Donnelly, def. Skyler Darrah, Challis. 171: Codi Clark, McCall-Donnelly, def. Spencer Peck, Grace. 189: Kaleb Latimer, Challis, def. Austin Glenn, Marsing. 215: Mark Knobbe, Declo, def. Ryan Rainey, West Jefferson. 285: Oscar Ceballos, Marsing, def. Braxton Sagers, Raft River/Oakley.

Third-place match results

103 pounds: Andrew Juarez, Filer, def. Chris Hill, Malad. 112: Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, def. Weston Burke, Firth. 119: Dakota Stallions, New Plymouth, def. Layne Ward, Raft River/Oakley. 125: Graydon Biotham, Challis, def. D.J. Peabody, Malad. 130: Taylor Peterson, Wendell, def. Dominic Campbell, Soda Springs. 135: Justin Cameron, Declo, def. Austin Weaver, Grace. 140: Quinn Eliason, Malad, def. Jacob Butler, Firth. 145: Taylor Deaton, Filer, def. Matt Lindberg, Firth. 152: Mauro Vargas, New Plymouth, def. Kacee Trout, New Plymouth. 160: Nathan Eliason, Malad, def. Ryan Schuess, Firth. 171: Lane Albright, Kimberly, def. Brett Rambo, Challis. 189: Todd Allen, McCall-Donnelly, def. Dane Moon, Challis. 215: Seth Gaskins, New Plymouth, def. James Jolley, Firth. 285: Ben Cornia, Firth, def. Lucas Pancheri, West Jefferson.

Fifth-place match results

103 pounds: Riley Thacker, Jerome, def. Aaron Peterson, Soda Springs. 112: Holt Bright, Kimberly, def. Kaleb Bowers, Wendell. 119: Connor Montgomery, Firth, def. Josh Phillips, Declo. 125: Phillip Moulton, Homedale, def. Wyatt Smith, Wendell. 130: Clancy Beck, Aberdeen, def. Palmer Champin, Kimberly. 135: Cacey Ivey, Valley, def. Jade Earl, Raft River/Oakley. 140: Western Thompson, Grace, def. Dillon Banner, Marsing. 145: Seth Whitworth, Challis, def. Jovan Cornejo, Homedale. 152: Christian Ashcraft, West Jefferson, def. Austin Beldan, Butte County. 160: Tyson Hardy, Kimberly, def. Charlie Johnson, Garden Valley. 171: Ishmael Mendoza, Homedale, def. Arnold Zabela, Jerome. 189: Evan Seipker, Firth, def. Brad McCain, Homedale. 215: John Beal, def. Aaron Kietman, Challis. 285: Riley Crossley, Melba, def. Luis Vital, Wendell.

JEROME TAKES SECOND AT MADISON INVITE

Jerome wrestlers Eric Ayala and Joe Carey claimed individual titles at the Madison Invitational in Rexburg, leading the Tigers to a second-place team finish.

Ayala earned a 2-1 decision in his 103-pound final, while Carey won his title bout by an 11-10 decision at 152 pounds. Nick Thorne (135 pounds) and Layne Lasike (285) placed second for Jerome, while Kaden Luper (119) and Zach Argyle (145) finished third. Eric Finley was fourth at 171 pounds.

"We had some kids step up and have a good tournament," said Jerome coach Des Case. "I'm pretty happy with how we did."

Jerome earned 146 points, bettered only by Blackfoot's 281. Burley finished 14th with 25 points as Christian Parke (130 pounds) took fifth and both Adrian Quiroz (160) and John Labra (171) placed sixth.

Madison Invitational

Team scores

1. Blackfoot 281, 2. Jerome 146, 3. Hillcrest 133, 4. North Fremont 115.5, 5. Skyline 111, 6. Bonneville 106, 7. Madison 97.5, 8. Sugar Salem 97, 9.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	30	9	.769	—
New York	22	17	.564	8
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	14
Toronto	13	27	.325	17½
New Jersey	10	29	.256	20
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	30	12	.714	—
Orlando	26	14	.650	3
Atlanta	26	15	.634	3½
Charlotte	15	23	.395	13
Washington	11	27	.289	17
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	13	.675	—
Indiana	16	21	.432	9½
Milwaukee	14	23	.378	11½
Detroit	14	26	.350	13
Cleveland	8	32	.200	19

WESTERN				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	34	6	.850	—
Dallas	25	16	.607	7½
New Orleans	25	16	.604	9½
Memphis	19	21	.475	15
Houston	18	23	.439	16½
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	13	.675	—
Utah	27	13	.675	—
Denver	23	16	.590	3½
Portland	20	20	.500	7
Minnesota	10	31	.244	17½
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB

L.A. Lakers	30	11	.732	—
Phoenix	17	21	.447	11½
Golden State	16	23	.410	13
L.A. Clippers	13	25	.342	15½
Sacramento	9	29	.237	19½

Friday's Games	
Chicago 99, Indiana 86	
Philadelphia 95, 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 112, Cleveland 99	
Golden State 122, L.A. Clippers 112	
L.A. Lakers 100, New Jersey 88	
Phoenix 115, Portland 111	

Saturday's Games	
Houston 112, Atlanta 114	
New Orleans 88, Charlotte 81	
Washington 98, Toronto 95	
Detroit 110, Sacramento 106	
Chicago 99, Miami 96	
Memphis 89, Dallas 70	
Orlando 108, Minnesota 99	
New Jersey 127, Cleveland 146	
New Jersey at Portland, late	
New Jersey at Portland, late	

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

Monday's Games	
Chicago at Memphis, 11 a.m.	
Phoenix at New York, 11 a.m.	
Utah at Washington, 11 a.m.	
Charlotte at Philadelphia, Noon	
Milwaukee at Houston, 1 p.m.	
Toronto at New Orleans, 1 p.m.	
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.	
Dallas at Detroit, 1:30 p.m.	
New Jersey at Golden State, 2 p.m.	
Sacramento at Atlanta, 2 p.m.	
Orlando at Boston, 6 p.m.	
Minnesota at Portland, 8 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.	

NBA Boxes

NUGGETS 127, CAVALIERS 99
Gee 4-13 3-3 12, Johnson 7-22 3-4 17, Hickson 5-14 3-7 13, M.Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 4-1 5-4, Sessions 7-13 7-8 21, Samuels 5-7 0-0 10, Moon 5-14 0-10 12, Totals 37-98 21-28 99.

DENVER 127
Anthony 5-11 2-3 12, S.Williams 1-5 0-1 2, Nene 8-10 6-8 22, Billups 1-1 2-2 21, Affalo 7-10 5-5 21, Harrington 6-11 0-0 16, Smith 6-10 0-0 13, Ely 1-1 0-0 2, Forbes 4-6 0-1 8, Lawson 2-5 0-0 8, Turner 1-2 0-0 2, Balkman 1-2 1-3, Totals 49-84 16-22 127.

Cleveland 27, 21 29 - 99
Denver 34 46 25 - 127
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 4-19 (Moon 2-5, Gee 1-2, Harris 1-5, Samuels 0-1, Jamison 0-6), Denver 13-21 (Billups 5-5, Harrington 4-6, Affalo 2-3, Lawson 1-2, Smith 1-3, Carter 0-1, Anthony 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Cleveland 53 (Hickson 9), Denver 56 (S.Williams 11), Assists—Cleveland 21 (Sessions 9), Denver 30 (Billups 8), Total Fouls—Cleveland 17, Denver 25, Technicals—Denver defensive three second, A-17-668 (19,155).

BULLS 99, HEAT 96

MIAMI 96
Jones 2-6 2-2 7, Bosh 7-18 2-17, Ilgauskas 0-1 0-0 0, Arroyo 1-3 0-0 2, Wade 10-20 9-13 37, Anthony 1-1 0-0 2, Howard 13-2-4, Chalmers 4-12 0-10 10, Miller 3-6 0-0 5, House 5-7 0-13, Totals 34-77 15-20 96.

CHICAGO 99
Deng 5-14 2-12 12, Boozer 6-14 0-0 12, Thomas 4-4 0-0 8, Rose 12-27 8-34 34, Bogans 2-3 0-0 6, Ask 1-1 1-1 3, Brewer 3-7 3-4 9, Gibson 1-3 0-2 2, Watson 2-5 0-6, Korver 3-6 0-0 7, Totals 39-84 14-17 99.
Miami 28 34 26 - 96
Chicago 26 34 26 - 99
3-Point Goals—Miami 13-28 (Wade 4-7, House 3-3, Miller 2-3, Chalmers 2-9, Bosh 1-1, Jones 1-5), Chicago 7-19 (Bogans 2-3, Watson 2-3, Rose 2-6, Korver 1-4, Deng 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Miami 43 (Wade 6), Chicago 53 (Boozer 10), Assists—Miami 20, Chicago 14, Technicals—Chicago defensive three second, A-23,017 (20,917).

HORNETS 88, BOBCATS 81

NEW ORLEANS 88
Ariza 4-11 1-1 11, West 10-19 6-7 26, Okafor 2-4 6-8 10, Paul 6-10 6-6 19, Green 4-10 0-0 8, Gray 0-0 0-0 0, Pondexter 1-1 0-0 3, Jack 1-7 0-0 2, Smith 1-2 0-2 2, Thornton 3-7 1-2 7, Totals 32-71 20-25 88.

CHARLOTTE 81
Wallace 5-13 5-5 15, Diaw 4-11 0-0 9, K.Brown 5-6 2-5 12, Augustine 3-10 4-4 12, Jackson 5-15 3-6 15, Mohammed 1-3 0-0 2, Henderson 2-4 2-6, Thomas 2-6 4-4 8, Livingston 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 28-69 20-26 81.
New Orleans 25 23 19 - 88
Charlotte 21 21 25 14 - 81

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-11 (Ariza 2-5, Paul 1-1, Pondexter 1-1, West 0-1, Green 0-1, Thornton 0-2), Charlotte 5-15 (Augustine 2-6, Jackson 2-7, Diaw 1-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—New Orleans 40 (Okafor 10), Charlotte 51 (K.Brown 14), Assists—New Orleans 21 (Paul, Ariza 4), Charlotte 19 (Augustin 7), Total Fouls—New Orleans 20, Charlotte 17, Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second, Augustin, Jackson, Flagrant Fouls—Thomas, Ejected—Thomas, A-17,486 (19,077).
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PISTONS 110, KINGS 106

SACRAMENTO 106
Garcia 2-10 2-4 6, Thompson 10-23 2-6 22, Cousins 4-8 6-8 14, Udrih 4-8 0-0 9, Evans 11-23 1-2 25, Dalembert 4-5 0-0 8, Jeter 2-4 0-0 5, Casspi 3-8 1-2 9, Landry 3-5 2-5 8, Totals 43-84 14-27 106.

DETROIT 110
Prince 9-13 3-3 11, Wilcox 3-7 1-2 7, Monroe 5-7 1-2 11, Stuckey 6-11 7-8 19, McGrady 0-1 0-0 0, Villanueva 7-13 0-1 16, Gordon 7-14 2-16, Bynum 5-9 8-9 18, Daye 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 47-77 22-29 110.
Sacramento 26 34 26 - 106
Detroit 27 32 23 28 - 110

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 6-13 (Casspi 2-4, Evans 2-4, Jeter 1-2, Udrih 1-2, Garcia 0-1), Detroit 2-8 (Villanueva 2-5, Stuckey 0-1, Bynum 0-1, Gordon 0-1), Fouled Out—Wilcox, Rebounds—Sacramento 57 (Cousins 8), Detroit 38 (Monroe 7), Assists—Sacramento 27 (Evans 11), Detroit 20 (Bynum 7), Total Fouls—Sacramento 21, Detroit 19, Technicals—Cousins, Sacramento defensive three second, A-18,784 (18,276).

MAGIC 108, TIMBERWOLVES 99

ORLANDO 108
Turkoglu 3-5 2-2 9, Bass 4-13 2-2 10, Howard 5-10 6-9 16, Nelson 3-5 2-2 9, Richardson 7-13 4-4 21, Redick 7-15 4-4 21, Anderson 5-11 2-2 15, Arenas 2-9 3-4 7, Clark 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 36-81 25-29 108.

MINNESOTA 99
Johnson 13-22 4-12, Love 5-12 1-11, Millicic 5-7 3-4 13, Rindour 6-15 4-4 19, Brewer 8-15 5-6 23, Pekovic 3-6 2-2 8, Ellington 4-11 0-0 8, Tolliver 3-5 1-2 9, Webster 1-4 0-0 2, Flynn 1-6 0-0 2, Totals 37-84 18-22 99.
Orlando 20 28 33 27 - 108
Minnesota 26 18 26 - 99

3-Point Goals—Orlando 11-29 (Richardson 3-7, Anderson 3-8, Redick 3-8, Nelson 1-1, Turkoglu 1-2, Arenas 0-3), Minnesota 7-21 (Rindour 3-5, Tolliver 2-3, Brewer 2-5, Ellington 0-1, Flynn 0-2, Webster 0-2, Love 0-3), Fouled Out—Pekovic, Millicic, Rebounds—Orlando 45 (Anderson 11), Minnesota 55 (Love 15), Assists—Orlando 21 (Nelson, Arlenas 7), Minnesota 16 (Rindour 6), Total Fouls—Orlando 21, Minnesota 25, Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second, A-17,391 (19,356).

GRIZZLIES 89, MAVERICKS 70

DALLAS 70
Marion 4-7 3-4 11, Nowitzki 2-7 2-3 7, Haywood 2-3 1-4 5, Kidd 1-7 0-0 3, Stevenson 0-5 0-0 0, Cardinal 1-4 1-2 4, Terry 4-14 0-4 8, Pavlovic 0-2 0-0 0, Barea 3-12 0-4 8, Mahmini 6-6 5-6 17, Jones 0-6 4-4 4, Ajinca 1-1 0-0 3, Totals 24-74 16-23 70.

MEMPHIS 89
Gay 7-14 2-2 16, Randolph 9-18 5-5 23, Gasol 4-10 0-0 8, Conley 3-6 2-2 8, Young 4-6 0-0 9, Mayo 1-10 0-0 2, Arthur 6-8 5-6 17, Vasquez 2-3 0-0 6, Theabert 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 36-76 14-15 89.
Dallas 19 17 12 22 - 70
Memphis 19 15 12 22 - 89
3-Point Goals—Dallas 4-31 (Garrea 4-4, Ajinca 1-1), Nowitzki 1-3, Cardinal 1-4, Kidd 1-6, Marion 0-1, Jones 0-1, Pavlovic 0-2, Stevenson 0-4, Terry 0-5), Memphis 3-12 (Vasquez 2-3, Young 1-1, Randolph 0-2, Gay 0-2, Mayo 0-4), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Dallas 51 (Haywood, Mahmini, Jones, Marion 6), Memphis 47 (Randolph 20), Assists—Dallas 13 (Kidd 4), Memphis 20 (Conley 6), Total Fouls—Dallas 18, Memphis 21, Technicals—Nowitzki 2, Memphis defensive three second, Ejected—Nowitzki, A-15,812 (18,119).

WIZARDS 95, RAPTORS 95

TORONTO 95
Kleiza 5-11 1-1 11, Johnson 4-8 4-4 12, Bargnani 9-21 4-6 25, Calderon 10-16 0-0 21, DeRozan 3-11 1-2 7, Wright 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 7-11 1-1 15, Laines 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 40-85 11-15 95.
WASHINGTON 98
Lewis 4-8 2-2 13, Blatche 6-18 5-6 17, McGee 5-7 0-0 10, Wall 4-14 0-4 8, Young 10-19 7-8 29, Thornton 4-6 1-1 9, Hinch 1-8 0-0 2, Yi 5-5 0-0 10, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-85 15-17 98.

Toronto 19 28 23 28 - 95
Washington 19 28 23 28 - 98
3-Point Goals—Toronto 4-10 (Bargnani 3-5, Calderon 1-2, Gaines 0-1, Kleiza 0-2), Washington 5-12 (Lewis 3-4, Young 2-7, Hinch 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Toronto 43 (Johnson 10), Washington 54 (Blatche 13), Assists—Toronto 26 (Calderon 15), Washington 23 (Wall 9), Total Fouls—Toronto 17, Washington 14, A-14,652 (20,173).

ROCKETS 112, HAWKS 106

HOUSTON 112
Battier 2-7 0-0 4, Scola 10-16 0-0 20, Hayes 6-9 0-0 12, Lowry 6-12 2-2 16, Martin 2-7 5-5 10, Brooks 8-14 4-4 24, Lee 0-2 0-0 0, Budinger 2-5 0-0 4, Hill 8-12 0-0 16, Patterson 3-3 0-0 6, Totals 47-87 11-11 112.

ATLANTA 100
Johnson 11-24 4-4 30, I.Smith 9-19 3-4 21, Horford 11-6 2-2 24, Bibby 3-7 0-0 9, Evans 3-5 0-0 7, Ja.Crawford 3-11 0-0 8, Teague 1-2 1-3, Pachulia 1-2 0-0 2, Wilkins 1-0-0 2, Totals 43-87 10-12 106.

Houston 29 27 27 29 - 112
Atlanta 29 24 24 24 - 106
3-Point Goals—Houston 7-20 (Brooks 4-7, Lowry 2-4, Martin 1-4, Budinger 0-1, Lee 0-1, Battier 0-3), Atlanta 10-26 (Johnson 4-8, Bibby 3-7, Ja.Crawford 2-6, Evans 1-2, Teague 0-1, I.Smith 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Houston 48 (Hayes, Hill 8), Atlanta 38 (J.Smith 12), Assists—Houston 24 (Brooks 10), Atlanta 27 (Horford 8), Total Fouls—Houston 16, Atlanta 10, A-13,420 (18,729).

Friday's Late NBA Boxes

SUNS 115, TRAIL BLAZERS 111

PORTLAND 111
Batum 6-10 4-5 18, Aldridge 9-15 7-9 25, Camby 2-5 4-6 8, Miller 7-15 4-4 19, Matthews 9-20 3-6 26, Fernandez 1-6 1-1 3, Cunningham 2-4 0-0 4, Mills 3-6 2-2 8, Przybilla 1-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-81 25-111.

Phoenix 115
Hill 9-14 1-2 12, Frye 5-9 0-0 12, Lopez 3-5 4-5 10, Nash 8-14 5-7 23, Carter 6-12 3-6 17, Dragic 2-7 0-0 4, Dudley 4-8 3-5 13, Gortat 3-4 0-0 6, Warrick 2-3 5-7 9, Dowdell 0-1 0-0 1, Pierson 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 42-78 21-32 115.

Portland 36 23 27 25 - 111
Phoenix 28 28 30 30 - 115
3-Point Goals—Portland 8-17 (Matthews 5-10, Batum 2-4, Miller 1-1, Fernandez 0-2), Phoenix 10-19 (Hill 2-2, Dudley 2-4, Frye 2-4, Nash 2-4, Carter 2-4, Pietrus 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Portland 47 (Camby 15), Phoenix 50 (Frye 8), Assists—Portland 26 (Hill 6), Phoenix 22 (Nash 13), Total Fouls—Portland 25, Phoenix 26, Technicals—Portland defensive three second, Dragic, Nash, Phoenix defensive three second, A-17,412 (18,422).

WARRIORS 112, CLIPPERS 112

L.A. CLIPPERS 112
Gomes 1-6 0-0 2, Griffin 12-20 4-6 28, Jordan 4-5 3-6 11, Davis 6-15 2-2 15, Gordon 11-18 4-5 28, Diogu 6-8 1-2 13, Bledsoe 4-2 0-0 6, Aminu 3-8 1-2 7, Foye 0-1 2-2 2, Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 45-85 19-26 112.
GOLDEN STATE 112
D.Wright 4-10 1-1 11, Lee 9-17 3-10 19, Biedrins 4-7 0-0 8, Curry 7-15 4-4 23, Ellis 10-17 5-8 30, Law 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 5-9 1-6 16, Amundson 0-0 0-0 0, Radmanovic 3-5 4-4 13, Udoh 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 43-82 22-24 112.
L.A. Clippers 39 23 24 26 - 112
Golden State 35 34 25 28 - 112

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 3-14 (Gordon 2-5, Davis 1-4, Foye 0-1, Gomes 0-5, Aminu 0-2), Golden State 14-26 (Curry 5-7, Radmanovic 3-5, Ellis 2-4, D.Wright 2-5, Williams 2-5), Fouled Out—Biedrins, Rebounds—L.A., Clippers 49 (Griffin 13), Golden State 39 (Lee 9), Assists—L.A. Clippers 23 (Gordon 7), Golden State 29 (Lee, Ellis 6), Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 21, Golden State 22, Technicals—L.A. Clippers defensive three second, A-19,273 (19,596).

LAKERS 100, NETS 88

NEW JERSEY 88
Outlaw 3-5 0-0 6, Favors 0-6 0-0 0, Lopez 13-19 9-11 35, Harris 2-8 1-6 8, Graham 0-4 0-0 0, Humphries 3-12 0-0 6, Vujacic 7-16 1-1 17, Farmer 5-11 0-0 12, Ross 0-0 0-0 2, Petro 3-4 0-0 6, Uzoah 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 36-85 11-17 88.

L.A. LAKERS 100
Artest 5-7 2-2 14, Gasol 6-15 8-8 20, Bynum 1-5 0-0 2, Fisher 1-4 3-6, Bryant 10-19 7-9 27, Odum 4-8 5-11 14, Blake 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 6-10 0-1 12, Carceter 0-0 0-0 0, Walton 2-3 0-0 5, Totals 35-71 25-15 100.
New Jersey 22 24 13 25 - 88
L.A. Lakers 22 23 25 30 - 100

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 5-19 (Farmer 2-5, Vujacic 2-9, Harris 1-3, Walton 0-1, Outlaw 0-1), L.A. Lakers 5-13 (Artest 2-3, Graham 1-1, Odum 1-2, Fisher 1-3, Bryant 0-1, Brown 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—New Jersey 53 (Humphries 15), L.A. Lakers 48 (Odum 11), Assists—New Jersey 22 (Harris 8), L.A. Lakers 19 (Blake 5), Total Fouls—New Jersey 27, L.A. Lakers 16, Technicals—New Jersey defensive three second, Odum, L.A. Lakers defensive three second, A-18,997 (18,997).
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11 a.m.
ESPN — PBA, World Championship, at Las Vegas

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7:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Joburg Open, final round, at Johannesburg, South Africa (same-day tape)

5 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Sony Open, final round, at Honolulu
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11:30 a.m.
CBS — Purdue at West Virginia
5:30 p.m.
FSN — North Carolina at Georgia Tech

8 p

Minus LeBron, Heat fall to Bulls

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 34 points and Kyle Korver hit a crucial 3-pointer with 25 seconds left Saturday night as the Chicago Bulls withstood a stellar performance by Dwyane Wade to beat the Miami Heat 99-96.

Miami, playing without injured LeBron James for a second straight game, lost its third straight despite a 33-point performance from Chicago native Wade, who had 12 in the fourth quarter, including three straight 3-pointers to give the Heat the lead.

The Heat's Chris Bosh added 17, 11 in the third quarter, but hurt his ankle in the closing second of the period when he went to the floor during a scramble for the ball. He returned to the game in the fourth but played only briefly before leaving the game.



AP photo

Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose, center, shoots between Miami Heat players Mario Chalmers (15) and Dwayne Wade in the fourth quarter Saturday in Chicago.

NUGGETS 127, CAVALIERS 99

DENVER — Nene scored 22 points, Chauncey Billups and Arron Afflalo each added 21 and Denver handed the banged-up Cleveland its 19th straight road loss.

Carmelo Anthony, shrugging off the intensifying trade talks, finished with 12 points as the Nuggets rolled to their third straight rout.

MAGIC 108, TIMBERWOLVES 99

MINNEAPOLIS — Jason Richardson scored 21 points and Ryan Anderson added 15 points and 11 rebounds to lift Orlando.

Dwight Howard had 16 points and nine rebounds and J.J. Redick scored 21 for the Magic, who ended a two-game skid and have now won 10 of their last 12.

GRIZZLIES 89, MAVERICKS 70

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph had 23 points and 20 rebounds, and Memphis ruined Dirk Nowitzki's abbreviated return by beating Dallas.

Darrell Arthur finished with 17 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the field, and Rudy Gay

added 16 as the Grizzlies won their second straight and fifth in the last seven.

HORNETS 88, BOBCCATS 81

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — David West had 26 points and eight rebounds and weary New Orleans took advantage of Tyrus Thomas' late ejection to beat Charlotte for its fourth straight victory.

Chris Paul added 19 points in the return to his home state for the Hornets, who after playing their second straight overtime game didn't arrive at their Charlotte hotel until 6:15 a.m. Saturday following travel problems.

ROCKETS 112, HAWKS 106

ATLANTA — Aaron Brooks had 24 points and 10 assists, Luis Scola added 20 points and Houston beat Atlanta.

Houston overcame a nine-point deficit in the third quarter after rookie forward

Patrick Patterson left Philips Arena in an ambulance because of chest pain and congestion.

WIZARDS 98, RAPTORS 95

WASHINGTON — Nick Young had his second big home game in a row, scoring 18 of his 29 points in the third quarter as Washington beat Toronto.

Young didn't match the 43 he posted against Sacramento four nights earlier, but he again ignited a Wizards team that continues to look decent at home and terrible on the road.

PISTONS 110, KINGS 106

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tayshaun Prince scored 21 points, Rodney Stuckey added 19, and Detroit beat Sacramento.

The Kings scored 70 points in the first half, but failed to break 40 in the final two quarters.

— *The Associated Press*

Ledbetter's buzzer-beater earns Vandal men fifth straight win

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Jeff Ledbetter's 3-pointer beat the buzzer and Cal State-Bakersfield as Idaho escaped with a 78-77 victory in overtime on Saturday night, the Vandals' fifth win in a row.

Ledbetter scored 13 for Idaho, which trailed by as many as six points in overtime before rallying for the win.

Kyle Barone led the Vandals (11-6) with 20 points and 13 rebounds.

The Roadrunners had three players in double figures. Stephon Carter led the team with 25, including a 3-pointer at the second-half buzzer to force overtime.

Alex Johnson had 22 and Donovan Bragg added 21.

WEBER STATE 71, IDAHO STATE 67

OGDEN, Utah — Lindsey Hughey scored a game-high 18 points and Weber State held on to defeat Idaho State 71-67 on Saturday night.

The victory was the fifth straight over the Bengals (5-12, 1-4 Big Sky) for the Wildcats (9-7, 3-2).

Freshman forward Byron Fulton, getting his first career start in place of injured Darin Mahoney, contributed 16 points and nine rebounds, including the final insurance basket, for Weber State.

Kyle Bullinger added 14 points and eight rebounds as Weber State extended its league winning streak to three.

Broderick Gilchrest scored 14 of his 16 points after halftime for Idaho

State, which lost its fourth straight game in Big Sky play. Kenny McGowen had 14 points and Chase Grabau scored 13, making 4 of 5 3-pointers.

UTAH 68, WYOMING 51

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Will Clyburn scored 24 points and had 12 rebounds to lead Utah to a 68-51 victory over Wyoming on Saturday that snapped the Utes' seven-game losing streak.

Josh Watkins had 16 points and Shawn Glover 10 while David Foster added 11 rebounds and five blocks for the Utes (8-10, 1-3 Mountain West).

Desmar Jackson led Wyoming (8-10, 1-3) with 17 points, and Amath M'Baye had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

— *The Associated Press*

LATE NIGHT IN BOISE

Boise State's Robert Arnold (1) celebrates on the court after dunking against Nevada during the first half Saturday in Boise. The Broncos lost to the Wolf Pack 69-67 despite 18 points from both Arnold and La'Shard Anderson.



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Duke's Nolan Smith (2) is pressured by Virginia's Joe Harris during the second half in Durham, N.C., Saturday. Duke won 76-60.

No. 1 Duke bounces back, beats Virginia

DURHAM, N.C. — Nolan Smith scored 29 points and No. 1 Duke bounced back from its first loss in 10 months by pulling away to beat Virginia 76-60 on Saturday.

Andre Dawkins added 12 of his 14 points after halftime, Kyle Singler finished with 13 points and Mason Plumlee had a career-high 16 rebounds for the slow-starting Blue Devils (16-1, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). They trailed by 10 late in the first half but outscored Virginia 43-18 over the final 16 minutes and shot nearly 47 percent to avoid their first losing streak in two years.

NO. 2 OHIO STATE 69, PENN STATE 66

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Freshman forward Jared Sullinger scored 19 points and converted a three-point play with 13.2 seconds left to lift Ohio State over Penn State.

The victory, on the heels of top-ranked Duke's 66-61 loss at Florida State on Wednesday night, could propel the Buckeyes (18-0, 5-0 Big Ten) to the No. 1 spot in next week's rankings.

NO. 3 KANSAS 63, NEBRASKA 60

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Marcus Morris and Tyrel Reed hit free throws in the final seconds, and Kansas rallied to remain unbeaten.

Kansas entered with a 15-game winning streak against the Huskers, but was thoroughly outplayed in a ragged first half and fell behind by 10 points quickly after intermission.

NO. 4 SYRACUSE 67, NO. 25 CINCINNATI 52

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Rick Jackson had 15 points and 11 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season, leading Syracuse to the victory.

Syracuse (18-0, 5-0 Big East) is one win from matching the best start in program history. The Orange play at No. 5 Pittsburgh on Monday night.

NO. 5 PITTSBURGH 74, SETON HALL 53

PITTSBURGH — Senior center Gary McGhee matched a career high with 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, sending Pittsburgh to a victory over struggling Seton Hall.

Despite missing two-thirds of its shots through the first 15 minutes, the Panthers (17-1, 5-0 Big East) cruised to a double-digit lead and maintained control the rest of the way. Playing before 9,236 at the Petersen Events Center, they won their seventh consecutive game and 19th in a row at home.

NO. 6 SAN DIEGO STATE 87, NEW MEXICO 77

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — D.J. Gay scored a career-high 30 points, Kawhi Leonard had 19 points and 15 rebounds and San Diego State beat New Mexico to remain one of the nation's four unbeaten teams.

Chase Tapley added 15 points and the Aztecs (19-0, 4-0 Mountain West Conference) won for the fourth time in their last six visits to The Pit to extend the country's longest active win streak to a school-record 19 games.

The Lobos (13-5, 1-2) got a strong performance from UCLA transfer Drew Gordon, who had a career-high 23 points and 14 rebounds in his ninth game since becoming eligible last month.

NO. 7 VILLANOVA 74, MARYLAND 66

PHILADELPHIA — Corey Fisher scored eight of his 17 points during a 19-0 run and Villanova earned its 11th straight win.

The Wildcats (16-1) trailed by 12 midway through the second half and could not make a shot against one of the top defensive teams in the nation.

NO. 10 CONNECTICUT 82, DEPAUL 62

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Kemba Walker scored 22 of his 31 points in the first half, Jeremy Lamb added 13 and Connecticut handed DePaul its 18th straight loss in Big East play.

The 31 points matched Walker's career high in conference play, and he also had five assists and three steals. Alex Oriakhi had 11 points for the Huskies (14-2, 3-2), who never trailed in winning their fourth straight against DePaul.

NO. 12 TEXAS 66, OKLAHOMA 46

AUSTIN, Texas — Jordan Hamilton scored 17 points and Texas sent rival Oklahoma to an 0-3 start in the Big 12.

Freshman forward Tristan Thompson added 15 points and eight rebounds. His 11 points in the second half sparked the run that put the game away for Texas (14-3, 2-0 Big 12).

NO. 13 KENTUCKY 82, LSU 44

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Brandon Knight scored 19 points, Terrence Jones added 17 in his second game coming off the bench and Kentucky rolled past LSU.

The Wildcats (14-3, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) held the Tigers to a season-low 26 percent shooting, forced 15 turnovers and never let up while handing LSU (10-8, 2-1) its worst loss of the season.

NO. 14 TEXAS A&M 91, NO. 15 MISSOURI 89 OT

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Khris Middleton scored 28 points, including 11 in overtime, and Texas A&M picked up its 13th straight win.

NO. 20 WISCONSIN 76, NO. 16 ILLINOIS 66

MADISON, Wis. — Jon Leuer scored 26 points and hit a critical 3-pointer down the stretch, powering Wisconsin to the victory.

NO. 18 LOUISVILLE 71, MARQUETTE 70

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kyle Kuric's layup with 4 seconds remaining capped a furious rally by the Cardinals.

Louisville (14-3, 3-1 Big East) trailed by 18 with less than 6 minutes to go but closed the game on a 24-5 run fueled by guard Preston Knowles. The senior guard finished with 17 points and drew three Marquette defenders on Louisville's final possession before finding Kuric wide-open under the basket.

DUQUESNE 78, NO. 19 TEMPLE 66

PITTSBURGH — Bill Clark had 22 points and Duquesne limited Temple to 31 percent shooting while earning its sixth consecutive victory.

NO. 21 KANSAS STATE 94, TEXAS TECH 60

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jamar Samuels scored 22 points and Jacob Pullen added 21 to help Kansas State get the win.

NO. 22 GEORGETOWN 74, RUTGERS 65

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Austin Freeman scored 18 of his 25 points in the second half and Georgetown snapped a three-game losing streak.

SOUTHERN MISS 86, NO. 23 CENTRAL FLORIDA 69

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — R.L. Horton scored 18 points, D.J. Newbill added 17 and Southern Mississippi beat Central Florida for its first win over a ranked team since 2004.

NO. 24 GEORGIA 98, MISSISSIPPI 76

OXFORD, Miss. — Gerald Robinson scored a season-high 22 points and Georgia put five players in double figures against Mississippi.

— *The Associated Press*



AP photo
Green Bay Packers defensive tackle B. J. Raji (90) celebrates after teammate John Kuhn scored a touchdown on a 1-yard run against the Atlanta Falcons during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff game Saturday in Atlanta.

Rodgers, Packers rout Falcons 48-21

ATLANTA (AP) — Brett who? Aaron Rodgers has turned these NFL playoffs into his own showcase.

Carving up the NFC's top-seeded team, Rodgers threw three touchdown passes, ran for another score and led the Green Bay Packers to their second straight postseason road victory with a stunning 48-21 rout of the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday night.

The Packers (12-6) will have to win one more on the road to complete their improbable run from sixth seed to the Super Bowl, but nothing looks out of the question the way Rodgers is playing. He'll lead Green Bay into the NFC championship game at either Chicago or Seattle next weekend.

"That's what you dream about," Rodgers said. "This just feels so good right now. To be able to put up an offensive performance like that, it's just incredible."

Rodgers completed 31 of 36 passes for 366 yards, more than Brett Favre — the guy he replaced in Green Bay — ever threw for in a playoff game. After knocking off Michael Vick and the Eagles in Philadelphia, then dominating Matt Ryan and the Falcons in Atlanta, Rodgers is creating his own legacy in Tittletown USA.

This was the most points ever scored by the Packers in a playoff game. They could've left punter Tim Masthay at home. He was never needed.

Green Bay scored 35 consecutive points, including Tramon Williams' 70-yard interception return on the final play of the first half that left the Falcons (13-4) and a crowd of more than 69,000 in a state of shock as the teams headed to the locker room.

"It was one of those nights," Rodgers said. "I felt

like I was in the zone."

Ryan, who beat out Rodgers for a spot in the Pro Bowl, had a miserable night. He also was picked off in the end zone, costing Atlanta another scoring chance early on that might've changed the complexion of the game, and lost a fumble attempting a simple sneak. In two career playoff games, Matty Ice is 0-2 with six turnovers and a safety.

The Falcons went into the playoffs as the NFC's top-seeded team for only the second time in franchise history. The result was the same as the first time: one and done.

At least the fans didn't have to deal with the heartache of blowing a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter, the fate suffered by the 1980 Falcons in their 30-27 loss to Dallas. This game was pretty much over when Rodgers guided the Packers on an 80-yard drive to open

the second half, running the last 7 yards for the TD that made it 35-14.

When Rodgers drove the Packers on yet another scoring drive, capped off with a 7-yard pass to John Kuhn late in the third quarter, thousands of red-clad fans headed for the exits, not even bothering to hang around for the final period of a magical season than turned into a green nightmare in the play-offs.

The Falcons simply couldn't stop Rodgers, who carved up the Atlanta defense on four drive of at least 80 yards.

Time after time, Rodgers ducked a shoulder or pulled off a nifty spin move to get away from a rusher, leaving him grasping at air. Rodgers put that extra time to good use, inevitably finding the open man in what became an increasingly tortured night for the Falcons.

Time for talk is over as Jets and Patriots meet

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Stop the chatter. It's time for the sound that really matters.

The opening whistle. "I think all the stuff that will be said up to that point won't make a difference," Deion Branch said.

The New England Patriots wide receiver heard the volleys from the New York Jets leading up to Sunday's divisional playoff game. That pumped up the volume on a rivalry between teams that split their two regular-season meetings but differ dramatically in pregame vocabulary.

"People can say and do what they want," Jets linebacker Jason Taylor said. "I don't think it has much bearing as to what happens on the field."

To recap: Jets coach Rex Ryan said Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning studies more than Tom Brady. He also tacked a personal note onto the newest clash between teams with an avowed dislike for each other — it's Ryan vs. Patriots coach Bill Belichick. Then cornerback Antonio Cromartie used a word found in no respectable dictionary, calling Brady an expletive.

The Patriots largely refrained from entering the fray, preferring to read and react. A pokerfaced Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker made several references to feet in his news conference Thursday, interpreted by some as a dig at recent footballish reports involving Ryan.

"I'm not going to discuss it," an unusually reticent Ryan said, "but I can take it."

But can the Jets take what the Patriots dish out on the field — the passing of Brady and an improving young defense that gave the Patriots an NFL-best 14-2 record, eight wins to close the regular season and a league-leading 32.4 points per game?

New York will have to do a much better job than it did six weeks ago in its first visit



Jets at Patriots

2:30 p.m., CBS

to Gillette Stadium this season. The Patriots won 45-3 as Brady threw four touchdown passes. Ryan implied that Brady pointed at the Jets sideline or looked there after scoring, saying Brady "took a shot at me by his antics on the field."

Not me, Brady said. "It's certainly not my intent. I'm sure there's 50,000 cameras on the game. If I did that I'm sure they'd show it," he said. "I don't think I've ever pointed at anybody. That's not my style."

A favorite for the MVP award, Brady can handle such verbal blasts. Even Branch, his own teammate, leveled a good-natured jab at Brady's intense study habits, calling him a "nerd" five days before the rout of the Jets in a much-hyped Monday night game on Dec. 6. He followed that up last Wednesday, smiling as he used the word "dork" to describe his friend.

"Did he really?" Brady said, a look of surprise on his face. "Maybe, yeah. I could see that, you know? I'm flattered."

That's how his coach said he felt before the last game against the Jets when the back-and-forth between the teams was actually civil. Ryan said no one is close to Belichick in coaching ability and Belichick responded by saying that was "flattering" and heaping praise on Ryan.

The messages also were pretty mild before their first meeting, a 28-14 Jets win on Sept. 19. Brady declined to expand on his comment a month earlier that he hates the Jets. And the most New York tackle Damien Woody, a Patriot from 1999-2003, would say was, "I think it would be even more intriguing if we could win the division because they've kind of dominated it for years."

Bears wary of dangerous Seahawks team

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears know firsthand how dangerous the Seattle Seahawks can be.

Yes, the 8-9 Seahawks, the first team with a losing record to win a division.

Seattle came away with a win in its visit to Soldier Field earlier this season, and Chicago must be more prepared when the Seahawks return for Sunday's divisional playoff game.

"We know what happened in the first game," Pro Bowl linebacker Lance Briggs said of the surprising 23-20 loss on Oct. 24.

Losing to the Seahawks again would be a huge let-down for the Bears (11-5), who won the NFC North and gained a first-round bye. Even though Seattle upset the defending Super Bowl champion Saints last week, the Bears are taking nothing for granted.

They saw Seattle's Marshawn Lynch running through and tossing aside at least a half-dozen defenders on a touchdown run in a 41-36 win over New Orleans at Qwest Field. They saw Matt Hasselbeck come up big, throwing four TD passes and winning over the fans after getting booed off the



AP photo
Seattle Seahawks kick returner Leon Washington takes the field before last Sunday's NFC Wild Card Playoff game against the New Orleans Saints in Seattle.



Seahawks at Bears

11 a.m. FOX

that Peppers was a non-factor or that Briggs sat out with a left ankle injury. As bad as that performance was, the Bears took another turn for the worse when they followed that with another home loss to Washington.

That sent them stumbling into their off week with three losses in four games, but the team that emerged had a different look, a different approach — particularly on offense.

The Bears settled on a starting offensive line and abandoned their pass-happy ways. Improved blocking and a commitment to the run helped reduce the pounding on Cutler and sparked a dramatic turnaround.

They won seven of eight before closing the regular season with a loss at Green Bay and made the playoffs for the first time since the 2006 team's Super Bowl run.

to beat a great opponent."

The Bears are wary of the Seahawks.

"They're used to being in that spot," Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers said. "They didn't have a great season record-wise, but they're used to being in the playoffs. They played like they were."

No one needed to remind the Bears that Jay Cutler got sacked six times and that a usually reliable defense had its issues in that loss to Seattle, failing to force a turnover or sack Hasselbeck.

It didn't help the Bears

field in his previous home start against Atlanta. He sat out the Rams game with a hip injury.

"The fact that the expectations have been very low for us in these games, I can understand that based on our early performance during the season," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said. "Other than that, we realize there aren't many people that give us a chance to win these games. But that's not the battle cry. The battle cry is to get prepared to play really good football and see if we can throw a game out there that gives us a chance

Steelers

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Ravens' minus-4 yards in offense wasn't the worst of it.

Baltimore was outgained 263-126 as Joe Flacco was 16 of 30 for 125 yards as the Ravens became the eighth team in NFL playoff history to fail to gain at least 100 yards in the first three quarters. All eight teams lost.

The Ravens' last chance to beat the Steelers — they haven't in three postseason tries — ended when T.J. Houshmandzadeh dropped Flacco's fourth-down pass at the Steelers' 38 with 1:03 remaining.

Failing to protect the ball cost the Ravens — even

after they scored two touchdowns in less than 30 seconds in the first half. Defensive end Cory Redding returned a Roethlisberger fumble for a touchdown that both teams thought was an incomple- tion, but that wasn't nearly enough on a day when the Ravens offense did so little.

"What better way to put the Ravens out of the tournament," Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward said. "They keep asking for us and we keep putting them out of the tournament. They're going to be ticked about this for a long time."

With Baltimore up 21-7, Ryan Clark forced a rare

fumble by Ray Rice on a screen pass, and LaMarr Woodley recovered at the 23. The play re-energized the crowd of 64,879 that had grown silent as Baltimore opened its two-TD lead.

"You know what, our offense went in there (at halftime) and said, 'We played terrible, we gave them the ball in prime position too many times,' " Roethlisberger said. "We had to do something about it."

Mendenhall ran for 14 yards before Roethlis-berger's 9-yard scoring pass to Heath Miller, who missed two games after sustaining

a concussion on a hit by Jameel McClain during the Steelers' 13-10 win in Baltimore last month.

Later in the quarter, Flacco overthrew tight end Todd Heap, and Clark returned the interception 17 yards to the 25. Three plays later, Roethlisberger found ol' reliable Ward, absent in the offense most of the day, for an 8-yard touchdown pass and it was tied at 21.

Along the sideline, the Ravens had the look of a team that couldn't believe it had squandered the lead — and couldn't figure out how to get it back. They never did.

Maruyama, Appleby share lead at Sony Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Stuart Appleby finished with three straight birdies to tie Shigeki Maruyama for the lead Saturday at the Sony Open, setting up a long final round in which just about everyone is still in the game.

Because the opening round was washed out at Waialae, Sunday will feature a 36-hole final.

Maruyama holed out from the bunker to the right of the par-3 seventh late in his round and shot another 5-under 65. Appleby had a strong finish for the second straight day and shot 66. They were at 10-under 130.

Mark Wilson (67), Steve Marino (67) and Roland Thatcher (65) were one shot behind, while the group at 132 included Justin Rose and Matt Kuchar, who is coming off a year in which he won the PGA Tour money title and the Vardon Trophy.

Still, the tournament is only half over.

Because of the 36-hole final, the cut was made to the number of players nearest to 60. That means only the 57 players who finished on 3-under 137 will play on Sunday. Daniel Summerhays and Matt McQuillan made late birdies to bump out the players at 2-under 138, a group that included Vijay Singh, Zach Johnson and Fred Funk, who birdied the last hole and thought he was in.

The top 70 — which includes those at 1 under — will get credit for making

the cut, earning money and FedEx Cup points.

Appleby, who holed out from the 16th fairway for eagle in his opening round, got going Saturday by chipping in from 90 feet across the green on the par-3 seventh. He added a pair of birdies to catch Maruyama, who played in the morning.

What does a share of the lead mean going into Sunday? Not as much as it normally would.

"A bit of a crap shoot," Appleby said. "There's a lot of guys in this tournament, absolutely. So it will be an interesting finish."

The 41-year-old Maruyama, who hasn't won on the PGA Tour since 2003, loves playing Waialae because the size of his Japanese gallery is larger than usual and there usually isn't a premium on power along the palm tree-lined fairways.

He's not sure about Sunday, however. He looked at his shoes and said with a laugh, "My feet. It's a problem."

"I'm getting older, and 36 holes is going to be a struggle," Maruyama.

Making it tougher is the number of players still in the hunt.

Nineteen players were separated by only four shots, which is not a big gap for 18 holes, much less 36. That group includes Davis Love III, who spent the holidays in the snow of Sun Valley, hitting balls in a net to keep loose.

Toughness

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in practice, for instance when you're running a lot and your body is telling you to quit.
"If your mind is strong you're able to pull through that. Then, when you're late in the game and it's 0-0 where one mistake can cost you the game, you're mentally prepared."
For seven hours, renowned sports psychologist Dr. Nicole Detling Miller stressed the importance of positive thinking, purpose and concerning oneself with only the things he or she is able to control.
In addition to her work at two colleges, Detling Miller works with the U.S. Speed Skating team and was instru-

mental in leading young short-track skater J.R. Celski to a bronze medal at the 2010 Olympics just five months after suffering a gruesome injury in which his left leg was slashed by his right skate, necessitating emergency surgery and 60 stitches. Famed Olympian Eric Heiden, now a surgeon, took care of Celski's physical recovery, and Detling Miller helped the then-teenager negotiate the mental obstacles.
That kind of footnote on her resume gave her instant credibility both Saturday and on Friday afternoon, when she held a private session with CSI coaches, who craved her insight on how to gain that extra edge in the ever-chang-

ing landscape of junior college athletics.
"She's extremely knowledgeable and passionate about what she does. Sometimes I feel like we train players on the court and sometime they have to be in more mental situations where they can be a little more well-rounded," said CSI volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser, who admitted her 2010 team struggled in the mental game.
"One of the things just about coaching, especially at the JC level, is you have such a turnover in leadership and chemistry," she added. "We have such a short period of time to get that chemistry going, so I think any information that we can get is going to be helpful.
"You go out and you recruit, you're looking for those great athletes. Maybe we need to do a better job of looking for the mental toughness that goes with a great athlete. It's easy to spot great talent, but we need to look a bit deeper ... in pressure situations, what do they do? That's something we can get better at doing."
Twin Falls Rapids vice president Chris Clark was optimistic that more seminars like this could be done in the future, adding that one school district and CSI have already expressed interest in having Detling Miller return for more intensive talks in the future.



CSI's Holly Checketts eyes the basket as a CEU defender attempts to steal the ball Saturday afternoon at CSI in Twin Falls.

CSI women

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the season as she learned English and grew comfortable with her role and her teammates, but put up 15 points and eight boards on Saturday.
"Now I have to do this again and again," she said.
Rogers is hoping for the same thing.
"You can just see in her eyes that the confidence is starting to come a little bit," he said. "One game doesn't make a season and one game doesn't make you good, but if we can see this continual progress from her, we'll be pretty good."
Kearsley finished with 17 points and six rebounds, while Mechela Barnes scored 16 and Felicity Jones chipped in 10. The Eagles blew a 12-point game open with 10-0 second-half run and then hit six 3-pointers over a 6-minute span, including consecutive triples by Barnes. CSI shot 58 percent after intermission, including 64 percent from long range.
"When you get that confidence, the basket gets bigger, you're feet are set better," said Rogers. "And their rotations weren't very good so we got a lot of open shots."
But where CSI really got it



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CSI's Felicity Jones shoots the ball against CEU Saturday afternoon at CSI in Twin Falls.

done was on the defensive end, holding Eastern Utah to 36 percent shooting.
"We had them scouted pretty good and we knew what they were trying to do,"

said Rogers. "I thought the kids really executed the defense well tonight."
Eastern Utah (7-11, 2-3 SWAC) got 16 points from Bruna Deichmann and 14

from Priscila Santos, but they combined to shoot just 12-for-34 from the field.
CSI continues a five-game home stand this week, hosting Snow College at 5:30 p.m. Thursday before facing Salt Lake Community College at 3 p.m. Saturday. Salt Lake beat Snow 72-60 on Saturday.
With two big conference games on the horizon, Cavallo said the performance against CEU is a good sign.
"Now, when we see how we played, that's very positive for the future," she said.
Notes: Freshmen Chakala Carthen (mild concussion) and Guli El-Mir (disciplinary reasons) did not suit up for CSI.

No. 25 CSI 84, Eastern Utah 49
EASTERN UTAH (49)
Christin Figgins 3-8 0-0 8, Daiana Ferreria 0-2 1-4 1, Bruna Deichmann 6-19 3-6 16, Maddie Hind 2-3 1-3 5, Priscila Santos 6-15 2-4 14, Jasmine Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Kathryn James 0-0 0-0 0, Shala Pichforth 0-0 0-0 0, Abby Kay 1-2 1-2 3, Elyse Ivy 0-0 0-0 0, Candice Coraby 0-0 0-0 0, Chelsea Morgan 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 19-53 8-19 49.
CSI (84)
Felicity Jones 4-10 0-0 10, Taylor Altenburg 2-7 0-0 4, Kylie Hardison 2-3 3-4 7, Mechela Barnes 4-11 6-8 16, Fanny Cavallo 5-9 5-0 15, Tayllor Gipson 0-1 0-0 0, Kylee Schierman 1-3 0-0 3, Holly Checketts 1-2 0-0 2, Tina Fakahafua 0-1 3-4 3, Kyler Parai 3-8 0-0 7, Laurel Kearsley 6-8 3-3 17. Totals 28-63 20-25 84. Halftime: CSI 31, CEU 25. 3-point goals: CEU 3-8 (Figgins 2-5, Deichmann 1-3); CSI 8-22 (Jones 2-3, Altenburg 0-1, Hardison 0-1, Barnes 2-5, Schierman 1-2, Checketts 0-1, Fakahafua 0-1, Parai 1-5, Kearsley 2-3). Rebounds: CEU 32 (Santos 9); CSI 43 (Cavallo 8). Assists: CEU 8 (Figgins 3); CSI 18 (Gipson 4). Turnovers: CEU 21; CSI 13. Total fouls: CEU 19; CSI 17. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

CSI men

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who finished with 11 points and 10 boards. Bruneel added eight boards, including six on the offensive end.
Santo chipped in 10 points, while Darius Smith had 11 rebounds and nine assists from his point guard spot.
Eastern Utah (14-5, 2-3 SWAC) had five players in double figures, including Cameron Evans with 15, James Kinney with 14 and Bryant Crowder with 13.
CSI is home again this week, hosting Snow College on Thursday before a weekend date with Salt Lake Community College. Snow, which suffered a 95-82 loss to the Bruins on Saturday, is the only SWAC team to beat CSI thus far.

No. 12 CSI 89, No. 25 Eastern Utah 80
EASTERN UTAH (80)
Aaron Hawk-Harris 4-10 3-7 11, James Kinney 6-14 0-0 14, Jonathan Mills 4-8 0-1 8, Trevor Bangartner 0-1 0-0 0, Brady Hurst 4-10 2-3 11, Issiah Grayson 0-0 0-0 0, Terrance Lafayette 0-1 0-0 0, Gerson Santo 4-7 2-3 10, Paul Bunch 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Patton 5-6 0-0 10, Fabyon Harris 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 30-66 20-25 89. Halftime: CEU 38, CSI 35. 3-point goals: CEU 6-24 (Hawk-Harris 0-3, Kinney 2-6, Mills 0-1, Bangartner 0-1, Custodio 0-1, Crowder 1-1, Evans 3-7, Zakharov 0-4); CSI 9-22 (Brooks 3-11, Smith 1-1, Jackson 2-5, Bruneel 3-3, Harris 0-2). Rebounds: CSI 39 (Hurst 12); CSI 46 (Smith 11). Assists: CEU 15 (Hawk-Harris 4); CSI 15 (Smith 9). Turnovers: CEU 13; CSI 17. Total fouls: CEU 20; CSI 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: CEU, Crowder.



CSI's Darius Smith puts up the ball as he leans into CEU's Brandon Williams Saturday afternoon at CSI in Twin Falls.

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Your Scores

BOWLING

BOWLADROME – TWIN FALLS SUNDAY EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Jonathan Vaughn 667, Jake Carnahan 622, Ward Westburg 562, Randy Sunde 540.
MEN'S GAMES: Jonathan Vaughn 268, Jake Carnahan 239, Matthew Elmore 205, James Stewart 202.
LADIES SERIES: Rose Miller 501, Roxie Bymun 500, Stephanie Olson 493, Pam Gosnell 484.
LADIES GAMES: Becky Lewis 201, Stephanie Olson 198, Rose Miller 194, Roxie Bymun 193.
MONDAY MIXED FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Dave Wilson 649, Dan shepherd 622, Rick Ruhter 553.
MEN'S GAMES: Dave Wilson 248, Dan Shepherd 247, Steve Hall 235, Lawrence Tolman 226.
LADIES SERIES: Dee Hall 529, RaeNae Reece 517, Tonia Collins 491, Ann Shepherd 484, Michele Seckel 484.
LADIES GAMES: RaeNae Reece 198, Dee Hall 192, Ann Shepherd 191, Bobbi McKnight 179.
SH-BOOM
MEN'S SERIES: Rick Ceperich 627, Clint Koyle 623, Donnie Parsons 609, Dale Black 606.
MEN'S GAMES: Clint Koyle 268, Donnie Parsons 246, Bill Detamore 223, Darrell Reynolds 217.
LADIES SERIES: Stacey Lanier 504, Kryslyn Canary 491, Barbara Reynolds 490, Kathi Jeroue 473.
LADIES GAMES: Stacey Lanier 211, Linda Brittsan 197, Barbara Reynolds 195, Kathi Jeroue 191.
MID MORNING MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Josh Groves 716, Tom Smith 691, e Carey Moser 628, Adam Kepner 597.
MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 278, Josh Groves 258, Maury Miller 255, Carey Moser 238.
LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 597, Kimberlie Kepner 583, Vicki Kiesig 533, Bonnie Draper 499.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Vining 244, Kimberlie Kepner 232, Jeane Miller 193, Dawn Kulm 191.
TUESDAY A.M. TRIOS
SERIES: Billie Mason 515, Amber Beguhl 513, Jessie Biggerstaff 494, Veann Jacobson 493.
GAMES: Jessie Biggerstaff 205, Jean McGuire 205, NaJean Dutry 198, Billie Mason 196.
LATECOMERS
SERIES: Lisa Allen 566, Kristy Rodriguez 548, Barb Aslett 518, Shawna Obenchain 508.
GAMES: Lisa Allen 246, Page Umek 234, Kristy Rodriguez 213, Shawna Obenchain 186.
MEN'S CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Rocky Bennett 756, Bob Staffen 743, Jake Carnahan 689, Neil Welsh 682.
GAMES: Rocky Bennett 279, Steve Gentry Sr. 270, Jake Carnahan 269, Wally Kidd 269.
MAGIC VALLEY SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Duke Stimpson 530, Del McGuire 494, Cy Bullers 468, Gary Hartruft 464.
MEN'S GAMES: Duke Stimpson 191, Del McGuire 178, Gary Hartruft 177, Cy Byllers 163.
LADIES SERIES: Tina Holland 465, Shirley Kunsman 450, Barbara Frith 438, Betty Taylor 435.
LADIES GAMES: Betty Taylor 161, Shirley Kunsman 160, Tina Holland 160, Barbara Frith 153.
LADIES CLASSIC
SERIES: Michele Seckel 544, Carol Quaintance 525, Justin Schoessler 523, Cindy Garrett 512, Shirley Long 512.
GAMES: Cindy Garret 216, Shirley Long 209, Katie Rippee 208, Michele Seckel 190, Justine Schessler 190, Judy Cook 190.
SUNSET
SERIES: Cindy Garrett 630, Michele Seckel 597, Tracey Hoffman 565, Gail Cederlund 539.
GAMES: Cindy Garrett 243, Michele Seckel 223, Ann Shepherd 221, Rene' Maxson 215.
FRIDAY P.M. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Brown 614, Eddie Chappell 609, Ed Dutry 601, Myron Schroeder 599.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Brown 243, Ed Dutry 225, Dave Wilson 222, Eddie Chappell 221.
LADIES SERIES: Linda Vining 556, Bonnie Draper 547, Gail McAllister 544, Dee Hall 509.
LADIES GAMES: Gail McAllister 236, Bonnie Draper 202, Dee Hall 191, Linda Vining 189.
MOOSE
SERIES: Bob Staffen 748, Jason Thuren 710, Tony Cowan 697, Nate Jones 691.
GAMES: Nate Jones 278, Bob Staffen 157, Joshua Groves 248, Jason Thuren 147.
LADIES SERIES: Julie Shull 546, Kim Leazer 537, Michelle Baughman 470, Misty Welsh 468.
LADIES GAMES: Julie Shull 243, Kim Leazer 191, Misty Welsh 181, Michelle Baughman 178.
PEEWEE & BUMPER
BOYS' SERIES: Eli Cook 223, Riley Magee 191, Brock Hanson 181, Donovan Howell 161.
BOYS' GAMES: Eli Cook 114, Brock Hanson 107, Riley Magee 105, Donovan Howell 86.
GIRLS' SERIES: Lindsay Beem 165.
GIRLS' GAMES: Lindsay Beem 96.
GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Dylan Mace 363.
BOYS' GAMES: Dylan Mace 129, Dennis Hudleson 119, Oliver Cook 117, Jacob Hildreth 106.
GIRLS' SERIES: Ashley Etters 343, Alexis Ybarra 336, Katie Upchurch 317, Sydney Emaniuk 276.
GIRLS' GAMES: Alexis Ybarra 130, Ashley Etters 125, Katie Upchurch 120, Jenny Leazer 122.
MAGIC BOWL – TWIN FALLS SUNDAY ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Zach Black 689, Stan Visser 655, Harvey McCoy 642, Keith Kelly 629.
MEN'S GAMES: Stan Visser 257, Zach Black 256, Keith Kelly 241, Kevin Novak 240.
LADIES SERIES: Amanda Crider 566, Brenda Staley 566, Cindy

Price 513, Suzanne McCoy 512.
LADIES GAMES: Brenda Staley 214, Amanda Crider 201, Suzanne McCoy 192, Kim Dreisigacker 189.
MASON TROPHY
SERIES: Glenda Berrutia 479, Shanda Pickett 470, Skeet Donaldson 474, Mary Murray 470.
GAMES: Dot Van Hook 184, Wilma Lancaster 172, Kim Martin 170, Skeet Donaldson 169.
VALLEY
SERIES: Tony Cowan 774, Rod Jerke 763, Erik Bywater 729, Kyle Mason 726.
GAMES: Tony Cowan 280, Cobey Magee 279, Jared Williams 277, Rod Jerke 265.
50 PLUS SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 637, Maurice Fuller 636, Charles Lewis 623, Jerry Seabolt 610.
MEN'S GAMES: Maurice Fuller 254, Blaine Ross 248, Charles Lewis 236, Ed Dutry 231.
LADIES SERIES: Gail Cederlund 514, Virginia Mulkey 513, Dixie Eager 504, Nancy Lewis 495.
LADIES GAMES: Virginia Mulkey 202, Gail Cederlund 191, Barbara Smith 183, Nancy Lewis 183.
THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Jake Carnahan 723, Zach Black 705, Jim Brawley 696, Bryan Price 689.
MEN'S GAMES: Zach Black 268, Buddy Bryant 266, Jim Brawley 265, Mitch Wood 251.
LADIES SERIES: Tawnia Bryant 598, Cindy Price 559, Michelle Bryant 547, Sylvia Wood 526.
LADIES GAMES: Tawnia Bryant 219, Michelle Bryant 216, Sylvia Wood 202, Cindy Price 193.
SNAKE RIVER BOWL – BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS
SERIES: Derry Smith 531, Carli Parishl 515, Jessica Hodge 482, Lori Parish 456.
GAMES: Jessica Hodge 204, Carli Parishl 186, Derry Smith 178, Syndi Strand 171.
LADIES TRIOS
SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 657, Kim Davis 544, Terri Albert 481, Jan Studer 478.
GAMES: Tiffinay Hager 244, Kim Davis 211, Susan Johnson 205, Alicia Bywater 192.
MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO
SERIES: Bob Bywater 892, Delbert Bennett 891, Jordan Parish 883, Larry Christensen 807.
GAMES: Delbert Bennett 245, Jordan Parish 244, Marty Holland 239, Bob Bywater 237.
TUESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 762, Rick Hieb 630, Bob Bywater 608, Bob Sanders 599.
MEN'S GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 259, Rick Hieb 247, Bob Sanders 246, Duane Blauer 234.
LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 611, Tiffinay Hager 609, Stacy Hieb 585, Kristie Johnston 519.
LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 233, Stacy Hieb 215, Tiffinay Hager 214, Jessica Meyer 189.
RAILROADERS
SERIES: Kym Son 551, Suzy Yelverton 513, Theresa Knowlton 503, Angie Castaneda 478.
GAMES: Kym Son 209, Angie Castaneda 205, Becky Martindale 203, Suzy Yelverton 200.
WEDNESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Justin Studer 777, Tyson Hirsch 652, Thom Stimpson 637, Ryan Swalling 590.
MEN'S GAMES: Justin Studer 300, Tyson Hirsch 247, Thom Stimpson 236, Ryan Swalling 210.
LADIES SERIES: Alexis Studer 565, Bobbi Crow 507, Annette Hirsch 500, Nancy Jensen 424.
LADIES GAMES: Bobbi Crow 230, Alexis Studer 217, Annette Hirsch 202, Nancy Jensen 168.
HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Derry Smith 563, Brenda Schenk 542, Kristie Johnston 509, Marty Smith 483.
GAMES: Derry Smith 221, Brenda Schenk 211, Kristie Johnston 207, Sharon Rathe 186.
MAJORS
SERIES: Bob Bywater 763, Jordan Parish 758, Rick Hieb 707, Dave Huntington 689.
GAMES: Bob Bywater 279, Jordan Parish 276, Dave Huntington 243, Wally Studer 241.
PINHEADS
BOYS' SERIES: Brody Albertson 489, Quantyn Roberts 472, Mhason Stinson 413, Karrigan Hollins 396.
BOYS' GAMES: Quantyn Roberts 193, Brody Albertson 178, Mhason Stimpson 158, Jase Martinez 143.
GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 511, Kiara Hieb 505, Abrina Blunt 474, Dachotah Hieb 368.
MINICO
BOYS' SERIES: Larry Morris 561, Suede Denker 525, Slade Winnill 458, Reid Pinther 453.
BOYS' GAMES: Larry Morris 197, Suede Denker 188, Shane Amen 181, Josh Tallon 174.
GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 501, Angie Holmes 492, Lyndie Mittelstedt 365, Yajayra Garcia 361.
GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 188, Angei Holmes 164, Lyndie Mittelsteadt 150, Yajayra Garcia 137.
BURLEY
BOYS' SERIES: Logan Hollins 421, RJ Navarez 276.
BOYS' GAMES: Logan Hollins 143, RF Javarez 114.
GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 497, Bethany Adams 413, Doninique Powers 340, Courtney Johnson 307.
GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 204, Bethany Adams 179, Courtney Johnson 129, Dominique Powers 123.
BURLEY HIGH
BOYS' SERIES: Logan Hollins 435, RF 271.
BOYS' GAMES: Logan Hollins 151, RF 103.
GIRLS' SERIES: Kiara Hieb 455, Courtney Johnson 382, Kortni Wells 232.
GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 165, Courtney Johnson 135, Kortni Wells 96.



Rafael Nadal smiles as he takes a break during a practice session on Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne, Australia Thursday.

Rafael Nadal going for fourth straight major at Aussie Open

By John Pye
Associated Press writer

The merits of a “Rafa Slam” versus Rocket’s Grand Slam were being debated well before Rafael Nadal arrived in Australia in pursuit of a fourth consecutive major title, something not achieved in men’s tennis since Rod Laver won all four in 1969.

Analysts such as Jim Courier and Brad Gilbert think winning the Australian Open would cap Nadal’s victories at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year, and give the 24-year-old Spaniard at least equal status with Laver because he’s done it on three surfaces and against tougher competition.

Chief among those competitors is Roger Federer, who has won a record 16 Grand Slam tournaments but has been thwarted, by Nadal, in his own bid for four in a row.

Laver is impressed by Nadal’s run, but contends the calendar can’t be ignored.

“He’s got three under his belt, and he’s playing well,” Laver told The Associated Press. “There’s a good chance he could pull it off. But it’s not a Grand Slam, certainly. ... People will say, ‘He’s going for a Grand Slam.’ And I say, ‘No, he’s not doing that.’ That wasn’t the way this whole thing was set up.

“It starts in January and ends in September; starts with the Australian Open and ends with the U.S. Open. Still, what he’s trying to do is a great effort. It’s not a Grand Slam, but it’s a great effort. It’s uncanny that no one has put it all together and won four in a row.”

Andy Murray, the man Federer beat at Melbourne Park for the last Australian title, sees Nadal’s run differently.

“It’s incredible,” Murray said. “A lot of people are saying, ‘Well, it’s not all in the one calendar year.’ But I don’t really think that makes any difference. If you hold all four ‘Slams’ at one time, it’s an incredible achievement. Even three in a row is amazing.

“That’s what all of us are competing against. He’s one of the best players ever, if not the best, and he deserves to be No. 1 in the world, and if he does win the Australian Open — which I hope he doesn’t — then it would be incredible.

“It is already an incredible achievement for what he’s done at his age, but it would be amazing.”

Federer came close to repeating Laver’s feat in 2006 and 2007, when the Swiss player’s only Grand Slam losses were against Nadal at the French Open.

“It’s not extra pressure, for me it’s extra motivation,” Nadal said at the Qatar Open last week. “The pressure is every day to play well and keep winning matches and I don’t think (about) winning (the)

Australian Open immediately.”

Federer is not ready to give up his title.

“It’s a special Australian Open with me being the defending champion,” Federer said. “Rafa going for his fourth (Grand Slam title), so obviously the focus is going to be on the two of us. Tennis is really going to be exciting down in Australia.”

Nadal will begin his quest for his fourth straight Grand Slam with a first-round match against Marcos Daniel of Brazil.

Serena Williams completed what she called her “Serena Slam” of four consecutive major titles at the 2003 Australian Open, but the woman who has won five of the last eight finals at Melbourne will be missing next week as she continues to recover from a foot injury.

In her absence, three-time U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters is shaping up as the favorite for the Australian Open title with some convincing wins at the Sydney International, where she has advanced to the final.

“I don’t think about it like that at all, (favoritism) is something that is put on you from the outside and it doesn’t change anything in my mind,” Clijsters said. “I am very happy with the preparation that I’ve had and have worked hard in the offseason and that’s the only thing I can do from my side.”

Caroline Wozniacki, Vera Zvonareva and Sam Stosur have started the year slowly in tuneup tournaments, while Justine Henin is still coming back from injury. Top-seeded Wozniacki will face Gisela Dulko of Argentina in a first-round match, while Henin drew a qualifier.

Andre Agassi, who won a career Grand Slam among his eight majors overall, made four consecutive Grand Slam finals but lost the second — at Wimbledon in 1999. A four-time winner at Melbourne Park, Agassi tipped Nadal as the favorite to win this year.

“He came off a dominating year and he took a healthy break after the U.S. Open, so he is going to be rested and confident. Federer also played fantastically at the end of the year. It’s a close race between these two players, but Nadal has a bigger chance now,” Agassi said at an exhibition tournament in Taiwan.

“Nothing Nadal does will surprise me anymore.”

Gilbert, who has coached Agassi and Andy Roddick, said it was Nadal’s never-ending search for improvement that makes him the game’s top player at the moment.

“He’s constantly trying things. I’m not sure I’ve seen somebody in his position tweak his game as much as he has. That keeps him motivated,” Gilbert said in a telephone interview. “It’s hard to prognosticate about the tournament until

you see the draw. But he’s obviously the favorite, and he should win.

“It would be the greatest accomplishment in tennis since Laver, but the only difference is, when Laver won the calendar Slam in ‘69, three of the four tournaments were on grass.”

If Nadal wins four straight he will have done it across clay, grass and hard courts.

“It won’t be a calendar Slam, but it’ll be the greatest achievement that I’ve seen in tennis,” Gilbert said. “In ‘69, I was 8 years old, and I couldn’t comprehend what Laver did. There’s no taking away from what Laver did, because he did it in a calendar year. But let’s just say that this would be just off the charts. Almost unthinkable in this day and age. ...

“And potentially to do it with a guy like Federer in the mix, who’s been one of the greatest players of all time, even makes it more amazing.”

Courier, a four-time major winner who is the U.S. Davis Cup captain and has been a TV analyst and on-court presenter at the Australian Open, said a win by Nadal in Melbourne could be viewed in two ways.

“There is something to winning all four in the same calendar year. That is the technical definition of the Grand Slam in tennis,” he said. “There’s also some added pressure that goes along with doing it in a calendar year, where you get the buildup post-Wimbledon and all summer, everyone thinking about it and talking about it.

“It doesn’t quite exist when you carry it over from the end of a season into the next year.”

On the other hand, Courier agrees with Gilbert about the challenge Nadal has faced in attempting to win four straight majors on three different surfaces against a higher level of competition. He also notes the difficulty of avoiding injuries given the way Nadal plays and the demands of today’s game.

“The physicality of the game is so much greater,” he said. “To stay healthy for seven matches, four tournaments, is no given, particularly the bruising style of tennis that Rafa plays to win. So the achievement, just to win three in a row, is immense. ...

“Now you factor in he might do four in a row, which hasn’t been done since the Rocket, it’s worth all the hype it should get here in the next couple of weeks.”

Associated Press writer Howard Fendrich contributed to this report.



Wozniacki: ‘Nothing to prove’ at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Caroline Wozniacki says she will enter this year’s Australian Open without anything to prove despite having risen to the No. 1 ranking in women’s tennis without winning a Grand Slam event.

Like Dinara Safina and Jelena Jankovic before her, Wozniacki has risen to the top without a victory in a major and has had to answer many questions about her legitimacy as a true No. 1.

“I’ve got great results, you don’t become No. 1 by winning small tournaments,” said Wozniacki, who won six of her 12 career WTA singles titles in 2010. “I don’t have to prove anything.”

With Serena Williams not defending her title due to a foot injury, the women’s championship at Melbourne Park appears to be wide open with Wozniacki, U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters, Venus Williams, last year’s finalist Justine Henin, former champion Maria Sharapova and second-seeded Vera Zvonareva all having realistic chances.

The new year hasn’t been great for the 20-year-old Wozniacki. She lost to Slovakia’s Dominika Cibulkova in straight sets in the first round of the Sydney International, which followed two straight-set losses to Zvonareva and Clijsters in exhibition events in Hong Kong and Thailand.

Wozniacki, who plays Gisela Dulko of Argentina in what could be a tough first-round match here, said she wasn’t concerned by the Sydney loss.

“It didn’t really affect me,” Wozniacki said Saturday. “I just played some practice sets, practice matches instead. I’m feeling good to go, feeling in



Caroline Wozniacki makes a forehand return during a practice session on Margaret Court Arena in Melbourne, Australia Saturday.

good shape. I’m looking forward to these next weeks.”

Henin is also looking forward to yet another virtual homecoming in Melbourne. She lost the final here last year to Serena Williams only three tournaments into a comeback to the tour after 20 months in retirement. She won the Australian title in 2004, retired in the final against Amelie Mauresmo in 2006 and lost to Sharapova in the quarterfinals in 2008, only a few months before she quit.

That made Henin the only woman to retire while holding the No. 1 ranking.

Henin withdrew from all post-Wimbledon events in 2010 with a right elbow injury, but started this year in good form by leading Belgium to the Hopman Cup team final in Australia.

“I feel very happy and very lucky I can be here because...I wasn’t quite sure I could be here,” Henin said. “It was my big comeback last year ... then a lot of things happened. It was tough, after five months of

my comeback, to be away for such a long period. But now I can say I’m getting there. Slowly but surely I’m almost healthy.”

Perhaps not good enough to win the title due to the ongoing pain in her elbow, but she’ll never say never.

“What I said is I’ll probably need a few more months to be completely free of the pain,” she said. “It doesn’t mean I cannot compete and try to be close to my best or what I can produce. But I need matches, I need rhythm ... but we all know a lot of things can happen.”

Henin isn’t willing to predict who will be in the women’s final on Jan. 29.

“It’s the beginning of the season, everyone is fresh mentally, but you need to find the rhythm again of the competition,” she said.

“You still have the older generation, I’m part of it ... Kim, Venus of course. Then the new generation is coming up. It’s going to be a big battle. We know the few names that can go to the end, but a lot of surprises also happen in Grand Slams.”



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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Heavy, cold winter rain. High 44.

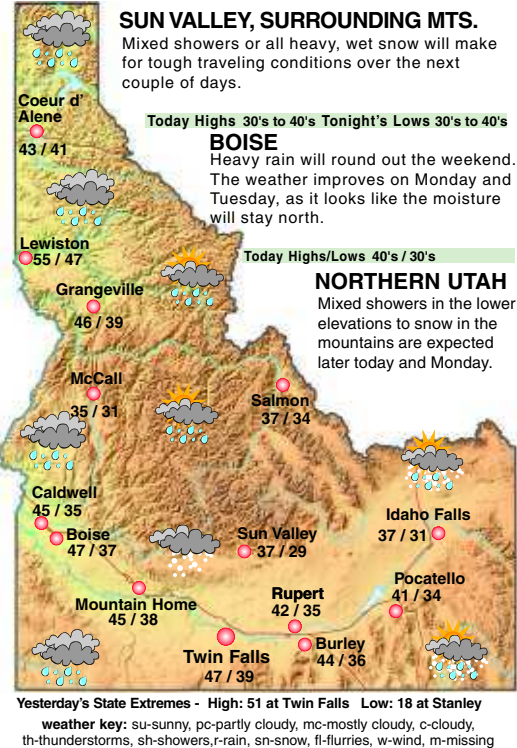
Tonight: Rain continuing. Low 36.

Tomorrow: Lighter showers. High 43.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 48°	Yesterday's 0.01"
Yesterday's Low 36°	Month to Date 0.36"
Normal High / Low 37° / 22°	Avg. Month to Date 0.6"
Record High 56° in 1967	Water Year to Date 5.45"
Record Low -2° in 1950	Avg. Water Year to Date 3.28"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Heavy, cold winter rain	Rain continues	Lighter showers	Mostly cloudy, overnight showers	Early showers, perhaps some snow	Clearing skies and drier
High 47°	Low 39°	45° / 32°	44° / 33°	40° / 25°	45° / 27°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 51°	Yesterday's Trace	Yesterday's High 76%	5 pm Yesterday 30.25 in.	Today Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 5:31 PM
Yesterday's Low 39°	Month to Date 0.16"	Yesterday's Low 58%		Monday Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:32 PM
Normal High / Low 40° / 23°	Avg. Month to Date 0.67"	Today's Forecast Avg. 77%		Tuesday Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:33 PM
Record High 55° in 1995	Water Year to Date 6.56"			Wednesday Sunrise: 8:03 AM Sunset: 5:35 PM
Record Low 0° in 1985	Avg. Water Year to Date 3.73"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30		Thursday Sunrise: 8:03 AM Sunset: 5:36 PM

Moon Phases

Full Jan. 19	Last Jan. 26	New Feb. 3	First Feb. 11
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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	47 37 r 48 33 r 45 33 r	43 31 r 41 27 r 42 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Bonniers Ferry	40 37 r 43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Burley	44 36 r 43 27 r 42 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Challis	37 29 r 45 17 mx	30 17 ls	30 17 ls
Coeur d'Alene	43 41 r 44 33 r 39 33 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Elko, NV	47 33 sh 44 23 pc 37 23 pc	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Eugene, OR	53 43 sh 53 40 sh 50 40 r	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Gooding	39 35 r 42 30 r 37 30 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Gracie	36 25 mx 34 21 ls 33 21 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Hagerman	45 38 r 48 32 r 43 32 r	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Hailey	37 28 r 38 21 ls 35 21 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Idaho Falls	37 31 r 37 27 mx 35 27 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Kalispell, MT	40 32 mx 39 29 ls 33 29 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Jerome	41 36 r 43 30 r 39 30 r	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Lewiston	55 47 r 47 33 r 44 33 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Malad City	38 29 r 36 23 mx 35 23 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Malta	42 33 r 38 26 mx 37 26 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
McCall	35 31 r 35 26 mx 32 26 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Missoula, MT	41 32 r 37 28 r 35 28 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Pocatello	41 34 r 38 29 mx 39 29 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Portland, OR	52 43 r 52 42 sh 49 42 r	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Rupert	42 35 r 41 26 r 41 26 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Rexburg	34 29 mx 34 25 mx 30 25 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Richland, WA	54 43 r 49 36 pc 44 36 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Rogerson	43 33 sh 41 26 sh 40 26 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Salmon	37 34 r 38 27 r 32 27 sh	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Salt Lake City, UT	42 32 r 41 31 r 42 31 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Spokane, WA	47 39 r 45 34 r 42 34 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Stanley	37 29 r 39 13 ls 35 13 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Sun Valley	37 29 r 37 17 ls 33 17 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx
Yellowstone, MT	32 26 sn 28 19 sn 28 19 ls	43 31 r 41 27 mx	43 31 r 41 27 mx

Today's U. V. Index

Low Moderate High

1 3 5 7 10

The higher the index the more sun protection needed

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	48 31 pc 43 39 r	Orlando 69 51 pc 71 56 sh	Chicago	27 24 ls 41 28 mx	St. Paul 13 12 ls 25 1 sn
Baltimore	35 21 pc 33 29 ls	Phoenix 72 50 su 76 52 su	Denver	56 36 pc 57 31 sh	Salt Lake City 42 32 r 41 31 r
Birmingham	49 37 mc 51 42 r	Raleigh 50 29 pc 47 41 mc	Des Moines	17 15 mc 31 5 sn	San Diego 70 54 pc 68 54 su
Boston	29 14 pc 22 15 su	Reno 58 37 pc 59 34 pc	Detroit	17 8 pc 27 27 ls	San Francisco 58 49 pc 64 48 pc
Charlotte, SC	54 40 su 56 48 sh	Reno 58 37 pc 59 34 pc	Houston	63 47 th 65 50 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Charleston, WV	32 20 ls 41 37 mx	Sacramento 60 49 mc 63 47 pc	Indianapolis	24 17 mc 35 30 ls	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Chicago	22 17 mc 31 23 sn	St. Louis 27 24 ls 41 28 mx	Jacksonville	60 44 pc 64 50 sh	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Cleveland	19 8 ls 29 28 ls	St. Paul 13 12 ls 25 1 sn	Kansas City	24 23 ls 37 15 mx	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Denver	56 36 pc 57 31 sh	Salt Lake City 42 32 r 41 31 r	Las Vegas	63 45 pc 67 45 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Des Moines	17 15 mc 31 5 sn	San Diego 70 54 pc 68 54 su	Los Angeles	82 55 pc 81 54 su	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Detroit	17 8 pc 27 27 ls	San Francisco 58 49 pc 64 48 pc	Memphis	40 35 r 48 39 r	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
El Paso	63 35 pc 67 36 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh	Miami	74 63 pc 77 67 sh	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Fairbanks	-13-36 pc -26-28 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh	Milwaukee	20 16 ls 29 22 sn	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Fargo	11 11 mc 15 20 ls	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh	Nashville	37 29 sh 45 39 r	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Honolulu	75 73 sh 75 73 sh	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh	New Orleans	58 44 sh 65 50 sh	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Houston	63 47 th 65 50 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh	New York	31 13 pc 24 24 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Indianapolis	24 17 mc 35 30 ls	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh	Oklahoma City	40 31 r 53 35 mc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Jacksonville	60 44 pc 64 50 sh	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh	Omaha	23 22 ls 34 7 mx	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Kansas City	24 23 ls 37 15 mx	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Las Vegas	63 45 pc 67 45 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
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Milwaukee	20 16 ls 29 22 sn	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Nashville	37 29 sh 45 39 r	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
New Orleans	58 44 sh 65 50 sh	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
New York	31 13 pc 24 24 pc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Oklahoma City	40 31 r 53 35 mc	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Omaha	23 22 ls 34 7 mx	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh			Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	25 3 pc 22 0 pc	Saskatoon 5 7 pc 3 15 pc	Little Rock	42 34 r 50 37 r	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Edmonton	3 -2 ls 5 -4 ls	Vancouver 47 41 sh 45 32 r	Los Angeles	82 55 pc 81 54 su	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Kelowna	32 23 r 32 15 ls	Victoria 51 44 sh 49 40 r	Memphis	40 35 r 48 39 r	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Lethbridge	35 7 pc 22 11 pc	Winnipeg 5 1 pc 11 -23 ls	Miami	74 63 pc 77 67 sh	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh
Regina	11 -6 ls 9 -14 pc		Milwaukee	20 16 ls 29 22 sn	Seattle 52 43 r 52 42 sh

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	45	31	0.00"
Challis	38	20	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	46	37	0.00"
Idaho Falls	32	29	0.00"
Jerome	45	35	Trace"
Lewiston	52	38	0.00"
Lowell	38	33	0.00"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	45	34	0.00"
Rexburg	31	28	0.00"
Salmon	30	16	0.00"
Stanley	37	18	0.00"
Sun Valley	39	18	0.00"

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Bill Cosby, Actor and Comedian

Pilot recalls events of landing plane in Hudson

By Terence Chea
Associated Press writer

DANVILLE, Calif. — Two years after the "Miracle on the Hudson," Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger says he's developed an even deeper appreciation for the lifesaving event.

"As time has gone by, I have become able to appreciate more the enormity of what happened that day and what didn't happen that day for all of us," he told The Associated Press this week at his Northern California home.

Saturday was the second anniversary of the splash-down, when Sullenberger and first officer Jeff Skiles ditched US Airways Flight 1549 into the frigid waters off Manhattan after the jet hit a flock of geese.

All 155 passengers and crew members were safely rescued, and Sullenberger became a hero in an event that captured the world's imagination.

The 59-year-old Danville pilot retired from Arizona-based airline last year and is writing a book about leadership to follow "Highest Duty," a memoir of his life and the events surrounding Flight 1549.

He also has become a sought-after speaker and a consultant on aviation safety.

The Republican Party asked Sullenberger to run for

Congress last year, but he declined.

"I'm a pilot not a politician," he said.

The Carolinas Aviation Museum is buying the damaged plane, which was headed to Charlotte, N.C., from the insurance company that owns it.

Sullenberger vividly recalled the moment the Airbus A320 struck the large birds, upending what began as a routine takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport.

"As the thrust failed, it felt like the bottom of the world fell out," he said. "It was shocking. After years of having everything work almost all the time, this was instantly the challenge of a lifetime."

Sullenberger said he was able to "essentially synthesize a lifetime of experience and training to solve this novel problem" and "felt as if the weight of the universe had been lifted" off him when he learned that everyone was safe.

The pilot, who is married and has two daughters, said he believes the story of the flight held the media's attention for so long because "it happened at a time in the world's history when we needed it."

"This gave people hope," he said. "It made people see when we work together and we have our values straight what we can accomplish."

Miss Nebraska wins Miss America

Winner is among youngest in pageant history

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A 17-year-old aspiring politician from Nebraska captured the Miss America crown on Saturday after beating 52 other young women from across the United States.

Teresa Scanlan won a \$50,000 scholarship and a yearlong run with the crown at the competition at the Planet Hollywood casino-resort in Las Vegas, giving the Cornhusker State its first-ever win at the pageant.

Pageant officials said she was the youngest Miss America since the pageant's first competition in 1921, when Margaret Gorman of the District of Columbia won at age 15. But the organization's website listed at least two other young women who were younger than Scanlan when they won: Marian Bergeron of Connecticut, who was 15½ when she won in 1933, and California's Rosemary LaPlanche, who was 16 in 1940 and later found to be ineligible because of age limits implemented two years before.

Miss Arkansas Alyse Eady won \$25,000 as first runner-



AP photo

Teresa Scanlan, Miss Nebraska, reacts Saturday after being named Miss America 2011 during the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas.

up, while Miss Hawaii Jalee Fuselier won \$20,000 for a third place.

Scanlan, a recent high school graduate from the western Nebraska town of Gering, planned to study American politics at Patrick Henry College in Virginia after her reign as Miss America.

She also hoped to attend law school, become a judge and eventually a politician, according to her pageant biography.

Scanlan won after strutting in a black bikini and a white evening gown, playing "White Water Chopped Sticks" on piano and telling the audience that when it comes to the website Wikileaks, security should come before public access to government information.

"You know when it came to that situation, it was actually based on espionage, and when it comes to the security of our nation, we have to focus on security

Husband: Gabor smiling, talking after surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband says the actress is smiling and talking, a day after doctors amputated most of her right leg.

Frederic Prinz von Anhalt said Saturday that Gabor is heavily sedated and does not yet know that her leg

has been removed. He says he'll tell her when she regains more of her strength.

Doctors at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center decided to amputate Friday when a persistent infection wouldn't heal.

Von Anhalt says the 93-year-old

"Moulin Rouge" and "Queen of Outer Space" star will likely spend up to four weeks in the hospital.

Gabor broke her hip and had replacement surgery in July, and has been hospitalized several times since for swelling in her legs and blood clots throughout her body.

Wisconsin woman finds \$280K of drugs in vacuum

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A Green Bay, Wis., woman opened a Christmas present from her children to find a refurbished vacuum — and a load of drugs.

Authorities say the woman found 2 pounds of crystal methamphetamine and 2.2 pounds of cocaine shrink wrapped inside the box. Sheriff's officials estimate the drugs' street value at about \$280,000.

Lt. David Poteat (poh-TEET) tells the Green Bay Press-Gazette that a smuggler likely put the drugs in the box before it was shipped from the Juarez, Mexico, area, where it had been reconditioned.

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- Serve on one or more community boards/activities.
- Computer skills including proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel & PowerPoint.
- College degree or equivalent experience

The Times-News offers exciting career opportunities and competitive salary and bonus potential. Our industry-leading benefits package includes a 401(k) plan, paid vacation and sick leave, and medical, dental, vision, disability and life insurance plans.

We are a drug-free workplace and all applicants considered for employment must pass a post-offer drug screen and criminal background check prior to commencing employment.

Apply online at www.magicvalley.com/workhere by Friday, January 28th.

210 Management

WATER MANAGEMENT

Big Wood Canal Company and American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 are seeking a qualified applicant for the position of **Water master**. Position requires public relations skill, computer and supervisory experience. Benefits include insurance, vacation & retirement. Salary \$30,000 plus D.O.E. Must be willing to relocate to the Shoshone area.
Contact **Big Wood Canal Co.** at **409 N. Apple St. Shoshone, ID 83352** or Call **208-886-2331** for a complete application packet.
Applications close Jan 19, 2011.

211 Medical

All advertising

is subject to the newspaper's standard of acceptance. The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate decline or properly classify any ad. Receipt of copy via remote entry (fax, e-mail, etc.) does not constitute final acceptance by this newspaper. The advertiser, not the newspaper assumes full responsibility for the truthful content of their advertiser message.

MEDICAL

Chiropractic Therapy Assistant needed. Knowledge of basic anatomy helpful.
Fax resume to 877-782-9455

MEDICAL
St. Benedicts Family Medical Center
is hiring for:
RN OR Lead (FT)
RN Acute Care (FT)
For a complete listing of our jobs and application procedures please visit
www.stbenshospital.com
709 Lincoln Ave.
Jerome, ID 83338
EOE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
The Infant Toddler Program in the Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare is recruiting an **Occupational Therapist (OT)** in Twin Falls. We are seeking unique individuals who celebrate the opportunity to positively impact children's growth and language development for infants and toddlers from birth to three years old. OT's will have the opportunity to provide evaluations, help develop Individualized Family Service Plans and deliver routine-based interventions in natural environments which are based on family-centered practices.
For more info: please visit **www.dhr.idaho.gov**
announcement #07710068625.
Questions: **Stan Ferlic, 732-1367** or **Roz Isaak, 732-1542.**
EEO/AA/Veteran

PHLEBOTOMIST
Experienced **Phlebotomist** needed for Interpath Laboratory's growing Twin Falls location. Standard shift will be Monday-Friday, 4am-1pm, no weekend or holiday work. Minimum 1 year experience required. Phlebotomist will be drawing at various local client sites (nursing homes) as well as working in the laboratory. Competitive wages offered. No phone calls, please.
Send resume to:
jobs@interpathlab.com or **Interpath Laboratory**
PO Box 1208
Pendleton, OR 97801 or **Fax (541)278-8316**

212 Government

GOVERNMENT



The City of Twin Falls is now hiring for the position of **PUBLIC WORKS OPERATOR - STREETS**. Apply immediately! The job description and employment application are available at **www.tfid.org**. For additional information contact the Human Resource Office at **(208) 735-7268**. **The position closes January 19.**

The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Drug Free Workplace.

GOVERNMENT



The City of Twin Falls is now hiring for the position of **METER READER - ¾ PART TIME**. Apply immediately! The job description and employment application are available at **www.tfid.org**. For additional information contact the Human Resource Office at **(208) 735-7268**. **The position closes January 21.**

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MEDICAL

Family Health Services has an opening for an **LPN** to work in our **Twin Falls Clinic**. This full-time position provides support for general patient care and education. Applicants must be graduates of an accredited nursing program and have or be able to obtain an Idaho State license and CPR certification. 6 months experience preferred. Bilingual Spanish skills are required for this position.

Family Health Services offers competitive wages and a full range of benefits including health insurance, short and long-term disability, life insurance, PTO, holiday pay and 401(k) retirement.

Applications for this position will be accepted through
Wednesday, January 19th, 2011.

Applicants may fill out an application on-line at **www.fhsid.org** or email a cover letter and resume to **sequilior@fhsid.com**



Family Health Services
HR Department
794 Eastland Drive
Twin Falls, Id 83301
EOE/Drug Free Workplace

215 Professional



Developmental Disability Agency Program Manager

Provides oversight for DDA program operations involving developmental therapy and intensive behavior intervention services.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in related field.
- 2 years supervisory/management experience.
- 2 years experience providing IBI services preferred.

Benefits:

- Medical/Dental/Vision
- 401K Plan
- Tuition reimbursement.
- Professional training and an opportunity for growth.
- Competitive salary.
- 3 Weeks Paid Personal Leave per year.

For a detailed job description and to apply online, please visit www.s1start.com. Call Ladonna at 509-328-2740 with questions. EOE

PROFESSIONAL

Southern Idaho Solid Waste has an opening for a **Waste Diversion Specialist**. Starting salary \$13-\$15 DOE. Benefit package included. A job description and application can be picked up at the Twin Falls Transfer Station, 2186 Orchard Dr. E., or at the Milner Butte Landfill, 1050 West 400 South, Burley.
For more information call Josh or Stephanie at **(208) 432-9082**.
Closes Jan 25, 2011.

216 Sales

SALES

Int'l Mktng Firm expanding in the Twin Falls area, seeking 5 top level sales people. We will train you to earn a Six Figure Income.
888-303-7908

SALES

Local Beverage Distributor is seeking a **Sales Representative**. Experience required. Competitive benefits. Clean driver record. Send resume to: **scottd@safelink.net**

SALES

OUTSIDE MEMBERSHIP SALES
NFIB, a 67-year-old company, seeks dynamic sales professional for direct membership sales position. Closer and hunter mentality needed. NFIB offers an uncapped commission structure, excellent benefits, and paid training.
Visit www.nfib.com to apply or email resume to anne.gleaton@nfib.org. EOE

SALES

Purple Dragon Auto Sales ss seeking a **Car Salesman/Manager**. Bilingual preferred, but not nec. Sales exp. a must. **208-421-1648.**

TELEMARKETING

Top Pay while working from home. Flexible hours P/T & F/T. \$75K-\$120K potential. Experience required. **888-303-7908**

217 Skilled

RV TECHNICIAN

Must have 4 years+ exp, own tools including RV specific tools, and be personable. Flat rate hourly compensation. Please send resume w/job history & refs. to:
PM #91944 PO Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83301

SKILLED

We're Jayco, a respected leader in the recreational vehicle industry for over 40 years. We have **production openings** at our Twin Falls manufacturing facility.

Applicants must be able to use a variety of hand and power tools such as drills, nailers, staplers, routers, etc. in a fast paced environment requiring bending, stopping and lifting. RV or other related manufacturing experience is desirable. Knowledge of blueprints or a construction/manufacturing background is a plus.

Jayco offers competitive wages and a comprehensive benefits package including health, life, dental, and disability insurance; an attractive 401(k) retirement plan; tax free health and dependent care reimbursement accounts; employee product purchase discounts and more.

For confidential consideration **apply in person** between 7:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. at Jayco, Inc. 511 Hankins Road South, Twin Falls or **by e-mail** (Jayco_west@jayco.com) or **by fax** (574-825-6037) or **by US Mail** 511 Hankins Rd South, Kimberly, ID 83341 **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
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WWW.MAGIC VALLEY.COM/ CLASSIFIEDS

NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of East End Mutual Electric will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Members attendance at this meeting is needed so important business of the company may be conducted. A Director for District 4 will be elected. Stan Buckley is presently the Director for the District. Refreshments will be served.

PUBLISH: January 9, 12 and 16, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR SALE

Lincoln County Public Administrator, Cathy Gilbert, will sell the following described vehicle at public auction to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States, in the main lobby of the Lincoln County Courthouse at 111 West B Street in Shoshone, Idaho 83352 at 11:00AM, local time, on Thursday, January 20, 2011:

A **2005 Honda Civic**, Black, Two Door, SI/TEC/DOHC approximately 32,873 miles Sold As Is.

Inquires can be made to Gene Lee at Lee's Automotive, 60 North Highway 75, Shoshone, Idaho 83352 and by calling (208) 886-7191.

PUBLISH: January 9 and 16, 2011

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP Mutual Self-Help Housing Program

LEGAL AD

South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) Self-Help Housing Program will be accepting sealed Contractor bids for: Excavation, Foundation & flatwork, Setting Trusses, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, Insulation, and Drywall. Bid packages will be available at 550 Washington St. South, Twin Falls, ID. Contact: Chad Whitaker, (208) 733-9351. Pre-bidders conferences will be held January 19-20. Times listed in each Bid package. All bids must be mailed to P.O. Box 531, or hand delivered to 550 Washington St. South, Twin Falls, ID 83303 by February 3, 4:00 p.m. MST. Bids received after 4:00 p.m. MST will not be accepted. No Faxed bids accepted, No bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for the opening, which will be February 4, 2011, 10:00 a.m. MST at 550 Washington St. South, Twin Falls, ID. SCCAP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids deemed best for The Mutual Self-Help Program.

PUBLISH: January 13, 14 and 16, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to:

LEGAL ADVERTISING
The Times-News
PO Box 548

Twin Falls, Idaho

83303-0548

email to

legals@magicvalley.com

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Comments Sought on Weatherization Assistance Program Plan

The State of Idaho will accept public comment on its Program Year 11 funding plan for the U.S. Department of Energy's Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The PY 11 State Plan is available for review at Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, located at 5400 W. Franklin Rd., Suite G in Boise, Idaho. A public hearing on the plan will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 am on Monday, January 31, 2011 at Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, located at 5400 W. Franklin Rd., Suite G in Boise, Idaho.

The Weatherization Assistance Program assists low-income families through the installation of weatherization measures in their homes. The measures include insulation, air sealing, and heating systems improvements that improve the energy efficiency of the homes. Program services help eligible families reduce their heating costs, promoting the health and safety of the family and conserving energy resources.

Summary of changes to the 2010 DOE State Plan:

- Average cost per unit is \$6,572
 - Description of identified Training and Technical Assistance Priorities for the grant period
 - Amendment of agency allocations and production estimates
- Public comments for written testimony on the State Plan will be accepted from January 20-January 30, 2011. Send or deliver comments to:

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
Genie Sue Weppner
450 W. State Street, 2nd floor
Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

PUBLISH: January 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2011

PEOPLE FOR PETS

420 Victory Ave. - PO Box 1163
Twin Falls, Idaho **736-2299**



LOST & FOUND

1. Lab cross yellow/black young adult male found at 2536 Elizabeth Blvd.
2. Border Collie black/white adult neutered male found at United Oil on Addison Ave.
3. St. Bernard/Heeler cross white/brown adult female found at St. Luke's
4. Akita/Husky cross white/tan adult female found at 256 Cedar Park Circle
5. Great Pyrenees white adult male faded red collar found at 3858 N 1600 E in Buhl, ID
6. Pit Bull cross white/tan adult male red/black/gold harness found at 220 Walnut
7. Heeler red merle green collar adult male found on Spurlock Ct.
8. Lab chocolate older adult male found at 272 Pierce St.
9. Husky cross cream/white/tan adult female found at the Rivercrest Apartments
10. Beagle/Lab cross tan older adult female faded green collar found at 244 Jefferson St.
11. Shih-Tzu white blue collar adult male found on Washington St.

ADOPTIONS

1. Pug fawn 3 year old neutered male "Mater"
2. Lab cross yellow/black 1 year old neutered male
3. Lab/Pointer cross 7 year old spayed female "Suzu-ki"
4. Pit Bull cross white/tan 2 year old neutered male
5. Heeler red merle 3 year old neutered male "Trigger"
6. Shih-Tzu white 4 year old neutered male
7. Pug/Corgi cross brindle 8 weeks old neutered male "Grubb"
8. Pug/Corgi cross dark brindle 8 weeks old spayed female "Brynlee"

Many cats/kittens for adoption www.petfinder.com

Mon-Fri. 10:00 am-5:30 pm Sat 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Closed Sunday and Holidays

We can only keep animals 48 hours, they are then sold or DESTROYED. **Please check daily**

NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office of the Deputy City Clerk until 10:00 o'clock A.M., prevailing local time, January 31, 2011; at which time they will be opened publicly and read in the City Hall Conference Room located at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Bids will be received for the **purchase of waterworks supplies**. Bids must be submitted on bid forms provided by the City of Twin Falls. Bid forms are available at City Hall, Room 23, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Sharon M. Bryan
Deputy City Clerk
City of Twin Falls
321 Second Avenue East
P.O. Box 1907
Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907

PUBLISH: January 16, 2011 and January 23, 2011
OPEN: January 31, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

101 Lost and Found

FOUND BACKCOUNTRY PACK w/avalanche equipment. Jan 1 near Baker Creek. **208-788-5506**

FOUND Black Lab, female, about 5 months old. Found near Rupert Animal Hospital 12-24-10.
Call Crystal at 431-4822.

FOUND CAT on Larkspur. Gray and white, very friendly and loving.
208-733-1019

LOST beloved pet, white Chihuahua w/serious heart cond, near Falls, Washington & Meadows. Please return beloved pet. Daughter heart broken. Reward: **208-969-0987**

LOST German Shepherd, 3 year old female, from the Malta/Declo area. Lost Dec 19th. Reward of \$100. Contact Steve at **208-731-4453**.

MISSING Blue Australian Shepherd, female, from home at 3 miles south Jerome. Needs meds, please call with any info **316-1848**.

MISSING Springer Spaniel in Paul. We miss him very much. If you have seen him please call me at **208-808-9406**. He is 6 years old and had on a camouflage collar and scarf. He is brown and white and his name is Trigger. Family is missing him very much, we've had him since he was little.

106 Special Notices

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried?
Free Pregnancy Tests
Confidential
208-734-7472

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

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Start a delivery route today!

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TWIN FALLS 735-3346	TWIN FALLS 735-3346	TWIN FALLS 735-3346
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paintbrush Dr.• Alderwood Ave.• Wildrush Cir.• Ironwood Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julie Lane• Bitterroot Dr.• Woodriver Dr.• Sawtooth Blvd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E. 9th St.• E. 3rd St.• Overland Ave.• Hiland Ave.
TWIN FALLS 735-3346	TWIN FALLS 735-3346	BURLEY 735-3302
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main St.• Lake St.• Adams St.• Ash St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main St.• Adell• Yakima• Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occidental• Overland• Railroad Ave.• W. 5th St.
KIMBERLY 735-3302	FILER 735-3241	BURLEY 735-3302
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aspenwood Lane• Cypress Way• 9th Ave. E.	TIMES-NEWS <i>magicvalley.com</i> <hr/> <i>Call now for more information about routes available in your area.</i>	Motor Route
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Twin Falls, TFMR.735-3346		
Burley, Rupert, Paul, Hailey, Kimberly, Shoshone		
. 678-1536 or 735-3302		
Gooding, Jerome, Filer, Buhl, Wendell.735-3241		

Classified Deadlines

For line ads
Tues. - Sat. - 1 p.m.
the day before.
For Sun. & Mon.
2 p.m. Friday.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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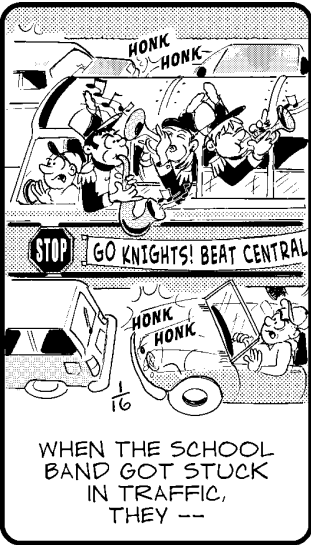
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

Answers are on page Classifieds 8

401 School Instruction

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center 1-800-876-7060

REAL ESTATE

501 Open House

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Selling Property?
Don't pay any fees until it's sold. For free information about avoiding time share and real estate scams, write to: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060.

502 Homes For Sale



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin or an intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination." "Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodian; pregnant women and people securing custody or children under 18,

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD Toll-free telephone number at 800-669-9777. The Toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 800-927-8275.

Real Estate Auction
Nominal Opening Bid: \$1,000
504 Palomino Dr, Filer
4BR 2BA 1,640sf+/-
Sells: 10:00AM Tuesday, Jan. 18 on site
Open this weekend, please go to williamsauction.com or call **800-801-8003** for details.
Many properties now available for online bidding!
A Buyer's Premium may apply.
Williams & Williams

ID RE LIC#DB36650 JUDSON
GLEN VANNOY BROKER

502 Homes For Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER SW of Jerome. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1741 sq. ft. Open floor plan, family room & sun room, appls. incl. 5+ acres + 5 shares water. \$115,000. **208-324-8270**

HAZELTON Owner carry with \$7,000 down. Acreage, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. \$150,000.
Juli Lee 410-2878
Magic Valley Realty - Realtor Owned

TWIN FALLS 2 houses for sale. 468 Diamond, custom built 3 bdrm w/large storage bldg, \$49,900 and 880 West 4th, 4 lots, 2 story house, garage, \$49,900. **208-410-1637**

TWIN FALLS
Free Home Search
www.twinfallshomeinfo.com
Free list of foreclosures
www.twinfallsforeclosures.com
Canyonside Irwin Realty

TWIN FALLS Sale, lease or rent 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2.5 acres, pasture, shop, country living at a great deal. Owner willing to be creative. Lease payments can vary depending on contract & down payment. **Call Bill 801-726-4564.**

513 Acreage and Lots

FILER 2.5 acre pasture w/irrigation. Private area, mature trees. Well & power. \$60,000. Will consider all offers. **208-731-9768.**

515 Commercial Property

TWIN FALLS



Ground level entrance at both front and rear on 100 Block of Main Ave. East in Twin Falls. Ample parking in rear of building. Great foot traffic. Approx. 9000 sq. ft. situated on three levels. Lease or purchase. Available April 1, 2011. Call for further details, **208-320-3920**

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RENTAL PROPERTIES

601 Furnished Homes

CLASSIFIEDS

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0602 Unfurnished Homes

ALBION 4 bdrm., 2 bath new home. Wood floors, woodstove, dbl garage, sprinklers, beautiful views. 1st mo. free. \$895 mo. **430-6430.**

BUHL ½ off 1st months rent + dep. 1 bdrm, 1 bath, \$375 mo + \$375 dep. **Call 208-212-1678**

0602 Unfurnished Homes

BUHL 2 bdrm, garage, gas heat W/D hookup, dining rm., lrg living rm, pantry \$550 + dep. **420-4621**

BUHL Country home, 2-3 bdrm, 1 bath, new carpet/paint, no smoking, \$650/mo. + dep. **543-6294**

BUHL Small, clean 2 bdrm house, refrig, stove. No indoor smoking/pets. \$375rent \$300dep. **312-5559**

BURLEY 3 bdrm, 2 bath, attached garage. Idaho Housing Approved. Available approx Dec. 1st. \$850 month + deposit. **909-881-2045**

BURLEY Newer 2007 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Appls incld, W/D hookups, 2-car garage, \$925/mo + dep. Lease option avail. **650-8596**

BURLEY Rent to own 1800 sq. ft. mfg home, city lot, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. **TWIN FALLS** mfg home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. **PAUL** mfg home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. **208-324-0020**



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Will beat any competitor price. \$20 gift card for referrals. Free estimates!
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Call us on the carpets!!!
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HAZELTON Small 2 bdrm, \$400 month + \$100 deposit. **208-731-0665**

HOLLISTER 3 bdrm, garage, most pets ok, \$595 + utilities. **Call 208-539-9950**

HOMES FOR RENT
1, 2, and 3 bedrooms.
All over the Magic Valley-**329-0075**

JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath in the country, \$525 mo. + \$450 dep. Water/trash/electric incl. **324-2154**

JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath, dining room, appls incl., \$650 mo + \$500 dep. **731-6712**

0602 Unfurnished Homes

JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath, on 1 acre, near schools. City services paid, \$650/mo. 1st, last + dep. **320-8988**

JEROME 2 bdrm, 2333 S. Lincoln. \$400 mo. Heat pump, references, no pets. **324-2834 or 539-2836**

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile homes, \$550-\$650. No pets. Long term. **324-8903 or 208-788-2817**

JEROME 3 bdrm., 400 East F. Refs. Garage, gas, no pets. **Call 208-324-2834 or 539-2836.**

JEROME 4 bdrm, 2 bath, fenced yard, 727 17th Ave. E. \$700 mo. + \$600 dep. **539-1885 or 324-4946**

JEROME 4 bdrm, 2½ bath, large kitchen, dining room & front room. Vaulted ceilings, 3 car garage and corrals, \$950 month. **Call 208-539-6382 or 420-7041.**

KIMBERLY 3 bdrm, 1 bath, lg yard, all appliances, incl. W/D, water/garbage pd. \$750 mo. + Deposit & Fees. **208-293-4520**

KIMBERLY 3362 A Addison Ave. E. 2 bdrm farm house on 1 acre for rent. No smoking/pets. New electric heat pump. \$650 mo + \$650 dep. **208-420-0459 or 733-0459**

KIMBERLY 734-4334
5 Bedroom House
337 Madison St. E.
\$795 Pets Negotiable

KIMBERLY Single wide, 3 bedroom. \$400 month + deposit. **Call 208-423-5590.**

RUPERT 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central air. NO PETS. NO SMOKING. \$600/mo. \$600 dep. **Call 312-4353**

SHOSHONE Clean & Quiet 4 bdrm, 1 bath. No smoking. Refs. \$600 + dep. 510 W 4th St. **Call 539-9792**

SHOSHONE Rental houses in town or country, 1-6 bedroom, starting at \$295. **208-308-2941**

TWIN FALLS '06 3 bdrm., 2 bath. Fenced yd. 1404 sq. ft. \$850 mo. + \$850 dep. **Call Melisa 734-7935.**

TWIN FALLS 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$350 month. **208-420-5170**

TWIN FALLS 1950 9th Ave E. 3 bdrm., 1.5 bath. No pets/smoking. \$800 mo. + dep. **208-884-5235**

0602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm ½ mi CSI newly renovated, W/D, AC, off street parking, fenced yd \$585. **420-6628**

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm duplex, AC, appls, carport, no smoking/pets, \$550/mo. **Call 208-733-3742**

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm Townhouse Stove & refrig included. \$495/mo + \$400 dep. No pets. **208-948-9401**

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, no pets, \$550 + \$300 deposit. **Call 208-212-1678**

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath house, full bsmt, fenced yard, pets ok. **Call 734-8004**

TWIN FALLS 2 Country homes, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$650. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$600. **208-733-3634**

TWIN FALLS 2144 Rancho Vista, 2600 sq. ft. home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, gas heat & central air, 2 car garage, \$900 month, \$900 deposit. **410-7209 or 404-4799.**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, garage, \$690/mo. + dep. 1240 Blue Lakes Cir. **208-734-3039**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, office, pantry, laundry rm, lg fenced yd. borahrental.blogspot.com. **208-420-4128**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, W/D hookups, attached garage & lrg. fenced back yard, \$800 month. **Lori 420-7232 or Jamie 280-1465**

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appliances, \$575 mo, \$600 dep. 241 Alexander St. **208-734-8146**

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bath, large yard, all appl incl. \$900 mo. + sec dep. Pets neg. **208-731-1009**

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

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Today's Highlight:
On Jan. 16, 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. In an address to the nation, President George H.W. Bush declared, "The battle has been joined."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned czar.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland.

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Fla.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother and about 20 other people died when their plane crashed near Las Vegas, Nev., while returning from a war-bond promotion tour.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in London.

In 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1981, in Northern Ireland, Protestant gunmen shot and wounded Irish nationalist leader Bernadette Devlin McAliskey and her husband.

Ten years ago: Confirmation hearings for Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft opened in Washington with Senate Democrats throwing jabs at him over abortion and civil rights. Laurent Kabila, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, was mortally shot and wounded by a bodyguard at his home. Dave Winfield and Kirby Puckett were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on their first try. Leonard Woodcock, former head of the United Auto Workers union, died in Ann Arbor, Mich., at age 89.

Five years ago: A U.S. military helicopter crashed north of Baghdad, killing the two crew members; it was the third American chopper to go down in ten days. Africa's first elected female head of state, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, was sworn in as Liberia's new president. "Brokeback Mountain" won four Golden Globes, including best motion picture drama; "Lost" won best dramatic television series while "Desperate Housewives" won for best musical or comedy series.

One year ago: Precious water and food began reaching parched and hungry earthquake survivors on streets of ruined Haitian capital Port-au-Prince. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with Haitian President Rene Preval and promised that U.S. quake relief efforts would be closely coordinated with local officials. Glen W. Bell Jr., 86, founder of the Taco Bell chain, died in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are the “go to” person on the go in the week ahead. You have your goals firmly in mind and are ready to act in ways that will make them a reality. Friends may stimulate you to a higher level of accomplishment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): And now for something completely different. In the upcoming week, your tastes might stray toward the new and unusual, or you might feel an urge to invest in antiques. Expect the unexpected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are intent on your intentions. In the week ahead, you could be passionate about getting what you want in areas that have to do with career, finance, or business, but may express yourself too harshly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are moved by the atmosphere that surrounds you. Seeing someone else's peaceful nest may motivate you make to make your home a serene haven. At least pick up your socks in the week ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to work you go. In the week ahead, you will take pride in industry and can take active steps to make sure your health is everything it can be. An exercise program might be a new passion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your mind takes a magical mystery tour. You are intrigued by mysteries and puzzles in the week ahead. You may mentally explore the unknown and welcome a special someone along on the trip.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The social whirl widens your world. You are willing to experiment impulsively and may take on something out of the ordinary in the week ahead. Your love life might unwittingly walk on the wild side.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The mighty mind can conquer matter. You know that all things are related, so you may become intrigued by business secrets of the rich and famous. This is a good week to study investment techniques.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are generous to a fault. In the week ahead, you can be easily fooled, but somehow it will work out all right because a friend or well-wisher will give you a heads-up before it is too late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You work hard for your money. That is why when unexpected bills show up in the week to come, you may feel unable to get ahead. Be comforted by the fact that your reliability has been noticed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Imagination and shrewdness work hand in hand. In the week to come, your ability to remain sensitive to the needs of others is a definite asset when dealing with financial or career decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If love were an oil well it would come in like a gusher. Your sensitivity to others is accentuated in the week ahead, so you might find yourself in perfect attunement with a variety of harmonious souls.

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ACROSS

1 Toward the ship's rear

6 It may be rolled out

10 Sandler of "Big Daddy"

14 Really dig

19 Man of La Mancha

20 Asian nurse

21 Steam (up)

22 River to the Tyrrhenian Sea

23 King of workouts?

26 Cache

27 Jam time

28 Balaam's mount

29 Upscale groups

31 Swore

34 By far

36 Seed protector

39 Isolate, in a way

41 Green sides

45 Belittle Short?

50 __ Victor

52 Country where Baha'i was founded

53 Lab subject

54 Bully

55 Hip bones

57 Milky Way phenomenon believed to occur almost weekly

58 Delay

59 Bullet that leaves a trail

60 Wordsworth works

62 Commander, in Arabic

63 Fragrant resin

65 "My mama done __ me ...": song lyric

66 One paying a flat fee

67 Earned

68 Creep

70 Good in the 'hood

71 Bowler's assignment

73 Cup part

76 Parting shot, say

79 La __

81 Chimborazo's range

85 Bank deposit

86 Beauty

87 pageant prize

87 Pounds

89 "__ fallen ..."

90 Word most often heard around midnight

91 Talk with one's hands

92 A lot of thinking is done in them

93 Truck capacity unit

94 Hasenpfeffer, e.g.

95 Antitrust law enforcer: Abbr.

96 Rogaine-induced reverie?

99 Mezzo Berganza

101 They have reservations

103 Quaker's pronoun

104 Confined

106 Most austere

111 Compound used to stabilize perfume

113 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.

115 Self-playing instrument

118 Like some floors

119 Institution for Shrek and Fiona?

124 Bestow

125 "-zoic" things

126 Cork's home

127 Bistro bill of fare

128 Fool

129 Coastal raptors

130 Artistic impressions, briefly?

131 See 2-Down

DOWN

1 Lenten symbol

2 With 131-Across, greatest thing

3 Writer Tyler

4 On eBay, e.g.

5 Assignment

6 California border lake

7 Words of agreement

8 Churchill's "so few": Abbr.

9 Key letter

10 Guns

11 Semi filler

12 Capone and Capp

13 Allots, with "out"

14 Fifth-century scourge

15 Footballers who draw flags?

16 O, in old radio lingo

17 Guns

18 "... __ he drove out of sight"

24 Little bird

25 Pie cuts, essentially

30 Dr. Cuddy on "House"

32 1970s-'90s Toyota

33 Come in

35 Mountain homes

36 Discombobulate

37 Kidney-related

38 Candidate's concern

40 Threw barbs

42 Pizzeria attraction

43 Longtime Seinfeld collaborator

44 Catch

46 Join the cast of

47 "__ any drop to drink": Coleridge

48 Purloined sirloin?

49 "Giovanna d'__": Verdi opera

51 Zoo area for dromedaries?

56 __ Altos, California

61 Caribbean, e.g.

64 Silent cowboy flick?

66 Delt neighbor

69 PC component

70 German chancellor, 1969-'74

72 Like Willie Nelson's voice

73 Great time

74 Beat

75 Dynamo's antithesis

77 Discipline involving slow movement

78 Web address ending

79 "Wheel of Fortune" category

80 Saroyan's "My Name Is __"

82 Abandon

83 Arouse

84 Taste, e.g.

87 Immune response component

88 Nod, maybe

95 Man-goat deity

97 Mutiny

98 It can help you relax

100 Poorly made

102 Like some bands

105 Giggle

107 Like soldiers and their families, usually

108 Toys with tails

109 Ring bearer?

110 Small cut

111 Smallest

116 Traditional wisdom

117 A chip, maybe

118 "The Joy Luck Club" author

120 "Catch-22" pilot

121 "Are we there __?"

122 "Mamma __!"

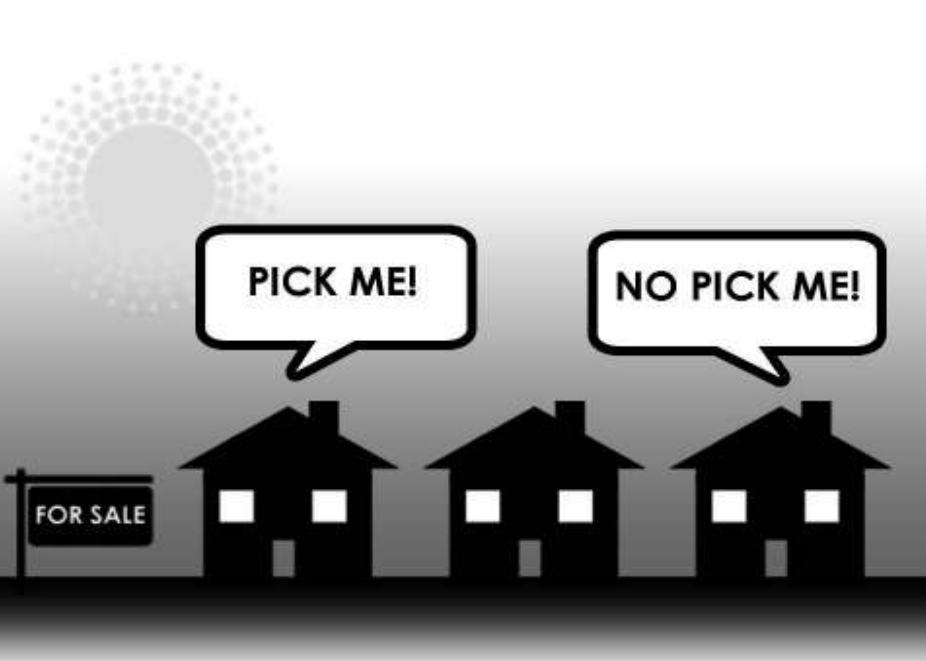
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She tried to discipline my well-behaved kids, ages 15 and 21. She attempted to treat them the way she treated us, using foul language, hitting and verbally abusing. My husband and kids have called me at work saying I need to get home immediately because Mother was out of control.

We told her we'd cook her meals because she could no longer use the oven. We modeled appropriate examples of interacting with the kids, but she just didn't get it. We finally had to put her in a nursing home.

Now we are wracked with guilt. Did I do the right thing? My siblings didn't want her because of her long history of abuse. I'm in no hurry to visit her at the home, either. Why couldn't she be the kindly grandma and parent that many children have?

— GUILT-RIDDEN IN TUSTIN, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR GUILT-RIDDEN: Probably because she was modeling behavior she learned from her own mother and possibly because she is demented. Frankly, it was unrealistic to expect that she would suddenly change from the person she has been for the past 92 years into a Disney character — and I don't mean Cruella De Vil.

Did you do the right thing? All things considered, yes. However, you should not abandon your mother. As a loving daughter — which you have tried to be — I'm advising you to try a little harder. Visit her. Bring her something to distract her. If she's able to be moved, take her out for a meal. When she's gone, you, unlike your siblings, will have nothing to regret.

DEAR ABBY: My son "Rob" and his fiancée invited me to join them at a dinner his father and stepmother, "Jane" are hosting. Rob's grandmother, brother and sister-in-law will be there, as well as Jane's two sons. I love them all and thought they loved me.

Apparently, Jane doesn't want me to attend! No reason was given. I was shocked. Jane and my ex were always welcomed in my home and life. I wished them well when they married after dating for 20 years. Jane's children have spent the night in my home. I took care of them for several days after a hurricane. I even flew her youngest son to join Rob and me at a theme park. Now when I look back, I realize Jane never reciprocated.

Rob and I are heartbroken. He wants nothing to do with Jane and doesn't want her at his wedding. He's furious with his dad for letting Jane make the rules. Rob doesn't want to attend their dinner. Abby, I am sick that I have apparently caused a rift in the family. Please tell me how to deal with this.

— STUPEFIED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STUPEFIED: Take the high road and encourage Rob to attend the dinner. This is Jane's party, and as the hostess it was her privilege to invite you — or not. Rob should not have assumed that he could dictate her guest list.

While you have done everything you can to be a friend to Jane and have one large, happy extended family, she may feel competitive toward you. Or she may regard you as a chapter in her husband's life that she would prefer to be closed. Regard it as a reflection on her and her own insecurities. Be smart, take your cue from this and step back.

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

I'm an aspiring tournament player who has been using transfer bids in response to one- and two-no-trump openings for some time. Are there any other sequences in which one would use transfer bids?

Number Cruncher, Cartersville, Ga.

ANSWER: The sequences you mention are the most useful and occur most frequently. Many people these days are also using transfer bids in response to overcalls. (These are called Rubens Advances if you want to pursue the subject further.) But transfers can be used in conjunction with Lebensohl and also after a rebid of one no-trump or a jump rebid of two no-trump. Brian Senior wrote a book called "The Transfer Principle," which you might find helpful.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

When my partner led out of turn, the Tournament Director was called. I know the declarer has options. However, the director told the declarer that he could demand that I lead anything he wanted me to. Was this correct?

Harsh Sentence, Miami, Fla.

ANSWER: No, your director was incorrect. Declarer can accept the lead, forbid the lead, make the card a penalty card, demand that the suit be led (with the card picked up), or even put declarer's hand down as dummy. But declarer may not name the suit to be led.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I was in fourth chair and my LHO opened one heart, passed around to me. I had ♠ K-J-9, ♥ A-Q, ♦ 10-3-2, ♣ A-Q-7-4-2 and knew I was too strong for a balancing call of one no-trump. As against that, I thought my heart honors were badly placed, and I did not fancy playing in two no-trump if my partner responded two diamonds. Ultimately, I bid two clubs and played there. Which evil would you have considered the least severe?

Conan the Cogitator, Muncie, Ind.

ANSWER: Being an optimist, I would have upgraded my hand and doubled. (After all, why should partner choose diamonds to respond in?) Note that in three no-trump a heart lead comes into the tenace, so my holding is not really so unattractive.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

A lot of players in my club are using a short club, with a one-diamond opening bid guaranteeing a five-carder. Would you recommend treating the opponent's opening bid as natural or as artificial? If the latter, what specifically do you suggest doing?

Taste Test, Macon, Ga.

ANSWER: Let's distinguish between players who open one club on a doubleton only when they hold 4-4 in the majors, and those who open one club on all balanced hands outside the no-trump range (even on balanced hands with five-card majors). In the former case I'd treat the club as natural. In the second case I'd want to be able to bid two clubs as natural, and so perhaps I'd make my two-diamond overcall the Michaels cue-bid. This is standard practice in France, by the way

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I noticed that Zia Mahmood won the Bermuda Bowl last year. Who do you think is the strongest player still playing in major events never to have won a major world-title?

Coulda Been a Contenda, Twin Falls, Idaho

ANSWER: The first name that comes to my mind is my old friend Patrick Huang. For North America I'd pick Sami Kehela and Eric Murray of Canada, but both are largely retired. Three other countries come to mind: first England, where Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson have had a long run at the top; then Sweden, where Fallenius-Fredin are two of a sizable top echelon. And finally Poland, spearheaded by Balicki-Zmudzinski, who have missed out narrowly on many occasions.

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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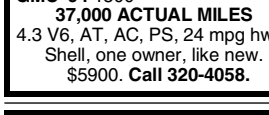
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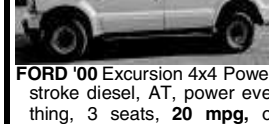
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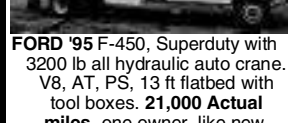
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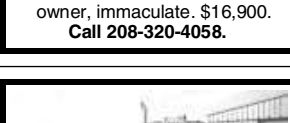
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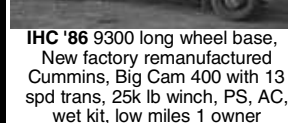
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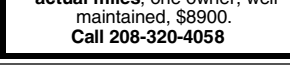
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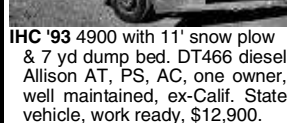
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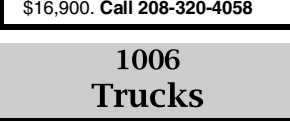
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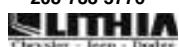
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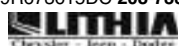


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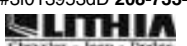


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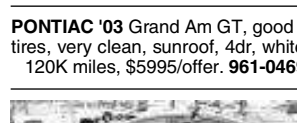
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Larry Corbin, left, and Lew Porter, 94, joke with friends Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Falls Senior Center. The center provides movie nights, art classes and exercise, but organizers of a new social club want more options for seniors.

Friday dance launches new senior social club

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Don't feel like playing bingo? You're not alone.

A group of Twin Falls seniors has come together to organize Magic Valley Social Club. The club will be open to people ages 50 and older and will include activities like dances, barbecues and trips — perhaps shopping in Boise, carpooling to an Oakley play or gambling in Las Vegas.

Reva Holloway, 64, and her friends got the idea for the social club after struggling to find activities in Magic Valley. The senior center offered a lot, she said, but nothing within their interests. They wanted to dance and travel and meet new people.

Holloway and her friends tried going to dances offered by the Elks Lodge. While they enjoyed the dances — unlike the bars, there's “no smoking, no cussing, no carrying on,” Holloway said — they felt the dances were geared toward couples. The closest singles-friendly dance they found was in Boise.

“They were actually driving up to Boise on Sunday nights to go to the dance and

“There's not a whole heck of a lot to do.”

— Janet Mink, Twin Falls senior talking about going out with her friends

coming back very late,” said Lisa Douda, Holloway's daughter.

Concerned about the commute, Douda helped Holloway and her friends organize their own social group, with a dance kickoff set for Friday.

The Historic Ballroom in Twin Falls donated its facility for the evening, and Wynwood At Twin Falls is offering free rides home for the partiers Friday night. For now, the club will be free, Holloway said, but dues are possible later to cover expenses like renting facilities.

The club's dance might strike a chord with other seniors.

Twin Falls widow Janet Mink agreed that activities for local seniors aren't always what she is looking for. She and her friends get together for wine and games, but rarely go out.



Seniors eat lunch Tuesday at the Twin Falls Senior Center. Lunch is the center's biggest social activity, said director Diane Bennett Stevens, who hopes to offer more options.

“There's not a whole heck of a lot to do,” Mink said.

But getting organized activities off the ground is no easy feat. A few years ago, she tried to start a skiing group and put fliers up at local gyms, but no one signed up. She and a friend settled for skiing through a College of Southern Idaho class, ending up at Pomerelle Mountain

“with a bunch of college kids.”

“It is great fun,” she said.

Douda praised the local senior center and Elks, saying the social club is just another alternative to what they offer.

For its part, the Twin Falls Senior Center is looking at other potential programs to put on its schedule. Diane Bennett Stevens, center

director, said she has fielded several requests for different group activities since taking over the post in December. Seniors want community forums to discuss current events in addition to the art classes, free movies, quilting groups and aerobics the center already offers.

“There's a list of things that I would love to have some-

NIGHT OUT

- **What:** Magic Valley Social Club Kick-off Dance
- **When:** 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday
- **Where:** The Historic Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls
- **Cost:** Free. The dance is for people 50 and older, both singles and couples.
- **Information:** Reva Holloway, 734-9199 or magicvalleysocialclub@msn.com.

body come in and teach or implement,” Stevens said. “It would be really cool to have our own barbershop chorus.”

The problem with organizing the activities, Stevens said, is you can't get something started without participation, but people can't participate if the activities don't exist.

“It's six of one, half dozen of the other,” she said.

But Holloway is hopeful the club will catch on. She and her friends have been spreading the word and said there is a lot of interest.

“It's just getting together ... meeting more people instead of the same ones all the time,” she said.

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Who's watching?

Neighborhood watch benefits are clear, but useless if no one participates

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Do you know your neighbors' names?

How about their travel habits, or their phone numbers, or how to reach their relatives in an emergency?

South-central Idaho police departments hope to increase community participation in neighborhood watches, which police say not only decrease crime but foster relationships between neighbors. But without support from residents, the programs don't help anyone.

Sgt. Jay Gardner of the Jerome Police Department has more than 20 years of experience with neighborhood watches, which pair groups of neighbors with local law enforcement to report suspicious activity and deter crime. In that time, he has worked in both small cities like Jerome and rural areas like Power County.

Neighborhood watches work in both settings, he said, citing an incident in Teton County where a neighborhood watch thwarted a farm equipment theft ring.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS

There is more to coordinating a neighborhood watch than putting up signs and keeping an eye on your neighbor's property. Sgt. Jay Gardner of the Jerome Police Department and Officer Luke Allen of the Twin Falls department offer these tips to get started:

- **Coordinate** with your local police department. Each has different materials and training and can teach residents when to call 911, how to be a good witness and what to watch out for, among other tips. Officers can come out for every neighborhood watch meeting, or a few times a year.
- **Meet** with your group at least once a month at first. Some neighborhood watch groups meet more often, while other, more experienced ones get together once every three months or so.
- **Exchange** phone numbers and organize a phone tree. During an emergency — such as when a dementia patient wanders off, or a child goes missing — if everyone takes the time to call two people on their phone tree list, the police department has dozens more eyes helping.

Twin Falls residents may call Allen at 735-7358, and Jerome residents may call Gardner at 324-4328. Don't live in those towns? Call your city's police department for information.

Gardner encourages neighborhood watches to expand beyond basic crime prevention. When he meets

with groups, he does workshops on topics ranging from

See **WATCH**, Family Life 2

Fun needs to be on the checklist for a child with autism

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Susan Walton's son has autism. He was diagnosed at age 2, when she was pregnant with twins. Spontaneity, she learned, would quickly become a thing of the past, as predictability and routine became of the utmost importance.

But the mom of three was determined to keep her fam-

ily's life filled with joy.

"The biggest mistake we can make is to put family fun at a low priority," she writes in her new book, "Coloring Outside Autism's Lines: 50+ Activities, Adventures and Celebrations for Families with Children with Autism" (Sourcebooks, \$14.99). "It is easy to be consumed by the role autism forces us to play. We are caretakers, therapists, nutritionists, nurses, taxi drivers and so

much more.

"But for the sake of your child and your family, having fun needs to form a central part of any intervention and therapy you pursue."

Five tips from Walton's book:

Before visiting any family destination, call ahead and inquire about special needs passes, something Walton



says many places have but don't advertise. "A special needs pass can help you avoid long lines, loud antechambers or restrictive rules that would inhibit your ability to have a relaxing day."

Install an indoor swing, which offers many sensory benefits. A hammock can work too.

Approach swimming pools, gymnasiums, bounce-house centers and other businesses about holding regular events for special-needs families. "One parent visiting a location with a child who has unique needs is a single customer," Walton writes. "But a group of families together looking for recreation for their families is a more powerful entity."

Have a seat. "Try making

a visit to some coin-operated massage chairs; they often have these at the local mall."

Know your gluten-free and casein-free restaurant options. Walton recommends these national chains: Boston Market, Chevys Fresh Mex, Chili's, Outback Steakhouse, P.F. Chang's, Subway and TCBY. (Check with your local restaurant to verify its menu.)

Shorecrest High School students Jesse Hoefer, left, Nicholi Wytovicz, Mara Harris, Samuel Chudler and Corey Smith video document The Social Experiment, a project where hundreds of Shoreline students give up social media for one week.



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Teens go old school, quit social media

By Nicole Tsong
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Starting one recent Monday, Tanner LeCount, 16, began calling his mom instead of texting her to let her know what he's doing. Eimanne El Zein, 17, gave up Facebook for runs with her dogs. Nicholi Wytovicz, 16, replaced status updates with chores and homework.

Whose children are these? For one week, Shoreline, Wash., high-school students were testing a life where text messages and Facebook don't exist. As part of a project dubbed The Social Experiment, more than 600 students gave up texting, e-mail, Facebook and Twitter for a weeklong social-media blackout. It ended Dec. 12.

Under the rules, students could call each other but until the experiment began, many of them never had.

Cole Sweeten, 17, found out some of his friends are awfully awkward on the phone.

"They don't know what to say," he said.

But the Shorewood High School junior likes getting calls. He prefers a real "Hey, how are you?" to a "Hello" text with a smiley face.

"People sound different when they're on the phone," he said. "It's emotion, not just little lines."

The idea for The Social Experiment started with Trent Mitchell, a video-production teacher at Shorecrest High School. In early October, he saw the movie "The Social Network," a story about the founding of Facebook. Mitchell wondered whether his students, who often walked into class heads down, typing away on their phones, could cut themselves off from text and Facebook.

Mitchell, 36, who remembers when big, clunky car phones were the rage in the 1990s, talked to his video-production class and told the students that he didn't think they could tear themselves away from social media. Then he polled them. Half the students said they could do it; the other half thought it was the worst idea they'd ever heard, he said.

Mitchell pulled in friend and teacher Marty Ballew, Shorewood's video-production teacher, and together, they created The Social Experiment.

The theme: What was life like in 1995?

"Things are so much different than when we went to school," said Ballew, 37. "It's kind of unfathomable, the leap we've taken from the early '90s to now."

To promote the project, students made video trailers spoofing "The Social

Network" and the Harry Potter series. Video students are documenting the process with confessional videos and interviews with students and staff, some of whom also volunteered to cut themselves off. The schools will combine the results for a final documentary film on the experiment.

Some students went to extremes to make sure they didn't break the rules. Five Shorewood students handed their cellphones over to Ballew. One girl gave him her Facebook password and asked him to change it for the week to avoid temptation.

The experiment was based mostly on an honor system, but secret spies roamed the halls, sending text messages to students and instant messages to people breaking the rules on Facebook. Answer the text (some students did) and you might get the response: "You're out of the Social Experiment!"

Kids who made it through the week were entered in a drawing for a gift card, Mitchell said.

"Some are doing it for a gift card," Mitchell said mid-experiment. "Some are seriously challenging themselves."

Count Sweeten among the latter. He deleted texts as they came in, but it could be hard to remember he wasn't supposed to answer text

messages. On the second day, he heard the familiar buzz-buzz, grabbed his phone, ready to hit the button to read the new text message, when he remembered. "No!" he shouted, and dropped the phone to the floor.

"I miss texting," Sweeten said.

In 2009, El Zein was sending or receiving 200 texts per day, or about 6,000 per month. It was enough to get her phone confiscated by her parents for a week. In 2010, she said, she averaged 20 to 50 a day, until the experiment week that is.

It was "weird" not checking her e-mail, text and Facebook as soon as she wakes up. But each day got easier. She has gotten more exercise, for one thing.

"I run my dogs, other things I like to do but don't always do because I spend all my time on Facebook," she said, as the experiment was ongoing.

Wytovicz has done chores with his free time, an idea that sounds like it came from his parents, but he claims he wanted to do it. He also figured out activities such as shooting hoops or watching basketball are better distractions than ones that take 10 or 15 minutes, he said.

"Do something that fills time in large segments," he advised.

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Zoiee Rachel Wiltsie, daughter of Don Wiltsie and Meghan Searle of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 6, 2011.

Jayden R. Loewen, son of Riley Chatfield and Crystal Loewen of Wendell, was born Jan. 8, 2011.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Leonel Johan Animas, son of Ernestina Avalos and Gustavo Animas of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2010.

Alailee Cruz Mora, daughter of Stephanie Ann Rico and Erik Bibiano Mora of Jerome, was born Dec. 31, 2010.

Miranda Isabel Ferreira, daughter of Ashley Nicole Vieira and Robert Joseph Ferreira of Buhl, was born Jan. 3, 2011.

Noelia Arminda Ochoa, daughter of Monica Jean Ramirez and Alfredo Ochoa-Villalobos of Jerome, was born Jan. 3, 2011.

Audria Grace Kloer, daughter of Brooke Ann and Jed Paul Kloer of Buhl, was born Jan. 4, 2011.

David Lane Keeley-Johnson, son of Liana Lee Keeley and John Chisum Johnson of Buhl, was born Jan. 4, 2011.

Brooklyn Raylee Patterson, daughter of Melvina Irene and Michael Paul Patterson of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 4, 2011.

Vicente Edward Govea, son of Kelly Jean Govea and Elias Govea Sandoval of Shoshone, was born Jan. 4, 2011.

Destiney Maya Bautista, daughter of Jessica Dominguez and Sergio Chavez Bautista of Jerome, was born Jan. 5, 2011.

Solomon Michael Graham, son of Rebecca Shalynn and Calvin James Graham of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 5, 2011.

Emma Nicole Machado, daughter of Cristina Maria and Mike Oliveria Machado of Buhl, was born Jan. 5, 2011.

Aaron Everest McKee and Cadler Reed McKee, twin sons of Whitney Jade and Aaron Reed McKee of Tetonia, were born Jan. 6, 2011.

Keyshawn Apolo Nelson, son of Kari Michelle and Antuan Jermaine Nelson of Kimberly, was born Jan. 6, 2011.

Karmin Persaius DeLeon, daughter of Andrea and Samuel Hernandez DeLeon of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 7, 2011.

Sannia Guadalupe Ibarra Gonzalez, daughter of Esmeralda Gonzalez Ortega and Carlos Ibarra Carlos of Wendell, was born Jan. 7, 2011.

Jaquelin Bojorquez Gutierrez, daughter of Rosalva Paola Gutierrez Tonesca and Jose Abel Bojorquez Lopez of Buhl, was born Jan. 7, 2011.

Ellsie Lynn Jones, daughter of Joni Stephanie and Jeffrey Lynn Jones of Buhl, was born Jan. 7, 2011.

Arriaineys Vianey C.Torres, daughter of Guadalupe Isabel Torres of Gooding, was born Jan. 7, 2011.

Etta Nikkole Fallin, daughter of Jessica Marie Dodge and John Chester Fallin of Wendell, was born Jan. 7, 2011.

Kaydee Airiana Kidd, daughter of Nancy Evangiline DeShields and Steven Dean Kidd of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 7, 2011.

Joseph Oliver Shull, son of Courtney Marie Elizabeth Morris and Joseph Charles Shull of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 8, 2011.

Chelsea Harris, daughter of Krista Harris of Jerome, was born Jan. 9, 2011.

A lesson on the slopes

Laughter, frustration and triumph: Ariel Hansen reports as parents teach their kids to ski and snowboard.

Next Sunday in Family Life

Watch

Continued from Family Life 1

emergency preparedness to landscaping and lighting that deter criminals. Gardner also has materials in Spanish for Jerome's Latino population.

And now that police department budgets are seeing cuts across the country, neighborhood watches can help community members be more independent, Gardner said.

"This is the best way that our citizenry can help themselves," he said.

But if no one participates, no one benefits, and apathy is the biggest hurdle to overcome. The only active neighborhood watch in Twin Falls is now defunct because no one cared, said organizer Ruth Bowlby.

"They don't want to be involved," she said of her

neighbors in Valley Vista Village. Bowlby had hoped the group would curb drug deals and thefts that she said occurred in the parking lot, but no one wanted to take responsibility and report the crime.

"That doesn't solve anything," Bowlby said. As of Monday, the neighborhood watch signs were still up in the Valley Vista Village parking lot, but no one is watching, Bowlby said.

"I am done," she said of the group.

Neighborhood watches work best when at least half of the neighborhood is involved, said crime prevention officer Luke Allen of the Twin Falls Police Department.



Marchant

"You can't start a neighborhood watch with two neighbors," Allen said.

Jerome City Administrator Ben Marchant participates in his neighborhood watch — the only active one in Jerome that collaborates with the police department. The group started in November 2009 after a graffiti incident concerned residents of the new Maple Ridge subdivision.

Since then, up to 90 percent of the neighborhood has attended meetings,

Marchant said. There have been few criminal incidents in the past year, besides change being stolen from some cars and a vacant house being broken into. Residents often call each other to report suspicious activity and consult each other on when to contact police.

"It's definitely more communication than I've had in other neighborhoods," Marchant said.

That connection has helped people in the subdivision get to know each other, too. "It's just a great excuse to get together, get to

know our neighbors better," he said.

Unfortunately, people wait until crime happens to start a neighborhood watch, Allen said. They go strong for a while, then disband after another incident-free period.

"It's really important to not wait (until) something happens to get these started," Allen said.

Both Allen and Gardner hope that message will get through to Magic Valley residents in time to prevent more crime.

"I believe in this program," Gardner said. "I have seen this program work. Lives have been saved."

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Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; thrift store, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; daily movie, 1 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon. 734-5084.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked potato bar with toppings
Tuesday: Beef goulash
Wednesday: Pork roast
Thursday: Chicken strips
Friday: Sloppy Joe

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Martial arts class by White Tiger Martial Arts, 6-8 p.m.; open to all ages, free for senior center's members; 921-6329.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday at lunch AARP driving school, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Painting class, 6 p.m.
Basket weaving, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m. to noon
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
AARP driving school, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Martial arts class, 6-8 p.m.; open to all ages, free for center's members; 921-6329.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Painting class 1, 3 p.m.
Painting class 2, 6 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, noon

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday. Energy assistance by appointment, 736-0676.

MENUS:

Monday: Broccoli cheese soup, sandwich
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Corn beef and cabbage
Thursday: Turkey, birthday lunch

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
Last Resort Band
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Jackpot, Nev. trip, 3-10 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Finger steak

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:45 p.m.
Cards, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Music by Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Chili dogs
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Friday: Salisbury steak

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken noodle casserole
Tuesday: Chow mein with rice
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Baked chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild card, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Music by Fiddlers
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at

noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet. Computer class available; Barbara Adamson, 731-2249.

MENUS:

Monday: Chili cheese dogs
Wednesday: Soup and sandwich
Friday: Pot roast

ACTIVITIES:

Piano music by Joyce Snapp on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Friday: Foot clinic; bring a towel; \$5

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trans IV bus runs Monday through Friday, call 736-2133.

MENUS:

Monday: Country fried steak
Tuesday: Tater Tot casserole
Wednesday: Pepper steak
Thursday: Fish or chicken
Friday: Roast beef, birthday lunch

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Dance with music by Melody Masters, 2 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Last Resort Band
Tuesday: Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Coffee group, 8-10 a.m.
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Country Boys Band
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.
Creekside luncheon
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Free Baptist potluck, 6 p.m.
Women's pool, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Last Resort Band
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Potato soup
Thursday: Hot beef sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Sausage gravy over biscuits
Thursday: Ham and beans

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Breaded chicken patty
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Baked potato bar with toppings
Wednesday: Baked beans with franks
Friday: Meatloaf

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Monday: Cajun chicken breast
Tuesday: Grilled Italian-style chicken breast
Wednesday: Meatball stroganoff
Thursday: Roast pork

Friday: Grilled trout or chicken

7:30-10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Foot clinic, 9 a.m.
Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wii bowling, 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.
Crocheters and Knitters Anonymous, 1-2 p.m.
Thursday: "Charlie St. Cloud" movie, 1 p.m.; \$2
Friday: Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors.

MENUS:

Monday: Soup and salad bar, sandwich
Thursday: Roast pork

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken chow mein
Tuesday: Country steak
Wednesday: Barbecued chicken
Thursday: Ham and beans
Friday: Smorgasbord

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic, 11 a.m.
Blood pressure checks, 11 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast buffet,

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Stromboli
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Swiss steak

ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:30 a.m.
Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Wood carving, 6 p.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenss Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

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Childhood obesity is solved at home

In last week's column, I offered 15 parenting resolutions for the new year. This week, I'm making a prediction: 2011 will see the beginning of a revolution in what and where America's children eat. Over the next decade, it will become more cool for a parent to have a slim child than a child who makes straight A's.

The childhood obesity problem in this country is a disgrace. We have the best economy and the best health care system in the world and nearly one in five of our children ages 6 to 19 are obese. That's up from approximately one in 20 in 1980. And consider that childhood obesity was pretty much a non-issue when I was a kid.

Being overweight during childhood and adolescence significantly increases a child's risk of developing high cholesterol, hypertension, respiratory ailments, orthopedic problems, depression and type 2 diabetes during his/her childhood years. Furthermore, being obese in childhood greatly increases the likelihood the child will have serious weight-related

LIVING WITH CHILDREN
John Rosemond



health problems as an adult. Needless to say, the child's estimated lifespan is much shorter than that of a child of normal weight. The hospital costs associated with childhood obesity are in the mega-millions.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says "the causes of childhood obesity are multi-factorial." No they're not. The reason so many of our children are obese is because they consume too much bad stuff and move too little. Their diets are high in bad carbohydrates (i.e., junk food) like french fries, sodas and sweets, and low in fresh vegetables, fruits and healthy sources of protein. They spend entirely too much time in front of televisions, video games and computers and not enough time in physical activity. And make no mistake, the best physical activity for a child is free play. A child enrolled in an adult-micro-managed sport is not getting

half the exercise kids got playing sandlot games in the 1950s and '60s, when childhood obesity was very rare. In rare instances, a medical issue may precede childhood obesity, but the typical overweight kid has a lifestyle problem. As such, the solution is for parents to begin making their children's weight a high priority. Yes, schools need to eliminate carbo-load lunches along with soda and snack machines, but in the final analysis, childhood obesity is going to be prevented and solved at home.

This is not rocket science. Eat at least 90 percent of your meals at home, around the table as opposed to in front of a television set. If that means taking your kids out of most after-school activities, do it! Most of them involve minimal activity anyway. Prepare meals that are heart-healthy.

When your children are hungry between meals, give them apples, cheese and raw vegetables. When they're thirsty, direct them to the faucet.

Garden with your kids. Studies have shown that children who garden with

their parents eat what they grow and have, as a consequence, healthier diets. They actually like vegetables! Gardening is also a source of great exercise. Exercise with your children. Take daily walks and bicycle rides with your kids. Play catch. Throw Frisbees. Get a backyard trampoline. When they say they're bored, point to the back door.

Don't allow televisions, video game consoles or computers in your children's rooms, and restrict total screen time to no more than one hour per day. As screen time has increased for America's kids, so has their weight.

Perhaps most important, find out what you should weigh, get there and stay there. Having an overweight parent greatly increases a child's chances of being overweight. Good health tends to run in families.

Join the next parenting revolution! Be a happier, healthier parent! Have happier, healthier kids!

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his website at www.rosemond.com.



A donor woman watches sad films in isolation, using a mirror to capture tears into a vial.

Photo courtesy Science

Chemical signal in women's tears a turnoff for men

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — If a crying woman's red nose isn't a big enough turnoff to a man, a surprising experiment found another reason: Tears of sadness may temporarily lower his testosterone level.

Those tears send a chemical signal as the man gets close enough to sniff them — even though there's no discernible odor, say researchers from Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

It's the first such signal to be found in tears, and it's probably not unique to women's. Theirs just were the first to be studied.

"It's hard to get men to volunteer to cry" in a lab, noted Weizmann neurobiologist Noam Sobel, senior author of the study appearing in the journal Science.

Emotional tears are chemically different from the reflex tears that form when you get dust in your eye. But biologists have long puzzled over the true function of emotional tears: Are they merely cathartic, or do they have some other physiological role?

Mice can produce a sort of tear that contains a pheromone, an odorless molecule that triggers basic instincts in many animals. So Sobel's team tested whether human tears similarly can convey subliminal chemical signals through the nose. After all, we tend to hug a crying loved one, putting our nose near their tears.

First, some women volunteered to watch a sad movie in the lab and collect their tears in a vial. For a comparison, researchers trickled saline down the women's cheeks and collected those droplets, too.

Healthy young men couldn't smell a difference

between the real tears and the sham ones.

Then came a series of tests: The men were given women's photographs to rate. When they sniffed actual tears, they found the women less sexually attractive than when they sniffed saline. And to researchers' surprise, sniffing actual tears didn't make the men empathetic.

Also, saliva tests of testosterone levels found a dip in that hormone after they sniffed tears but not the salt water. Finally, when they sniffed tears and then watched a sad movie inside a brain-scanning MRI machine, the men showed less activity in neural networks associated with sexual arousal.

"We have never looked at tears in this way before," said Dr. Esen Akpek of Johns Hopkins University's Wilmer Eye Institute, who wasn't involved with the new study. "This is really interesting."

The findings make sense, she said, because the glands that secrete tears bear receptors, or docking ports, for sex hormones — a connection most clearly seen with dry eye, which is most common in postmenopausal women.

Why would our tears have a "chemical signal" to function as a sign of sexual disinterest? It's possible that's a proxy for lowering aggression, acknowledged Sobel, who now is trying to identify the molecule doing the work.

For now his findings suggest "the signal is serving to time sexual behavior. It is a signal that allows its user to say, 'Now is not the right time.' I predict there are other signals that say, 'Now it is,'" Sobel said. "This is just one of many chemosignals."

Stay tuned: He's now testing male tears, "as we finally have one good man crier!"



Photo courtesy Toyota

A scene from the Toyota 2011 Highlander 'Kid Cave' commercial. Toyota is using the concept of kids' embarrassment over parental behavior to sell Highlander SUVs.

What embarrasses a teen? A parent's mere existence

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Mom is not cool in her jeggings and Uggs. Dad's a dork who drives a wreck. Together they're unbearable, singing along to songs in the supermarket.

No wonder "Mom (or dad), you're embarrassing me!" is heard wherever teenagers are seen in public with their parents.

And yet, parental bad taste is not the true cause of teenage mortification. What's really going on is a normal stage of adolescent development, according to David Sabine, a clinical psychologist in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sabine said that teens feel, "I am more important than everyone else around me. If I have a pimple on my face, everyone in the world is going to see it." By extension, they think the world is also watching their parents, and that they'll be judged by peers and strangers alike for what mom or dad says or does.

"They think they're just bound to be caught up in that wave of uncool," he said. "They feel that anything close to them is going to be noticed, when in fact nobody's looking and nobody cares."

The criticism can be mighty picky. Shari Von Holten of Wantagh, N.Y., embarrassed her daughter by doing the following: "I tapped my foot to music once in front of other people. I sang to a song in the car. I own a website. I mentioned

her name in a conversation with my friend."

She added: "Just my breathing is an embarrassment."

Using slang is bad, too. "I am not to use 'cool' words like awesome, sick, bling," said Stephanie Staples, mother of three teens in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

And never call attention to yourself. Dianne Sikel of Phoenix, Ariz., was banned by her son from ever bringing pom-poms to football after she spent one game waving them while cheering for his team.

Shaunice Hawkins' kids literally ran away from her at the Universal theme park in Orlando outside the SpongeBob SquarePants ride when her husband belted out, "Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?" But Hawkins, who lives in Maplewood, N.J., relished the moment, saying, "My husband and I live to embarrass our children!"

Hawkins is not the only parent to get a kick out of teenage unease. Tilmon Brown of Mobile, Ala., makes a point of picking his 14-year-old daughter up from school in his beloved old red pickup truck, even though he owns nicer cars. "She is mortified, she hides her head, and on some occasions, hides behind the school buildings until all the other kids have been picked up. She tells me that she had to stay late at school, but I know what she is up to."

Brown also likes to blow the horn "real loud, which

sounds like a dying moose. What is strange is that all the other kids love it, they think her dad is way cool and lots of them come over and give me high-fives."

Toyota uses the concept of kids' embarrassment over parental behavior to sell Highlander SUVs. One ad shows a kid in a nondescript sedan mouthing "Help me!" as his parents croon, "Just call me angel of the morning!" to the radio. In an adjacent lane, a boy in a Highlander, watching a video on a backseat entertainment system, comments, "Just because you're a parent, doesn't mean you have to be lame."

Looking like a dork is a parental no-no, but so is looking too good. Eva-Marie Fredric went to a coffee bar with her high school-age son in Los Angeles and got a very friendly greeting from a young man there. A few minutes later, a group of her son's teen friends approached, leading her son to shout, "This is my MOM, guys!" Later, she said, her son told her, "I'm really glad you take care of yourself, but I don't want to hear a word from any of the guys."

Adolescence is a stage when kids launch from parents in a big way, Sabine said, "at a time when peers are everything. They spend so much time fretting about that, the pressure leads them to emphasize and magnify anything that might reflect upon them. They are working so hard to be cool that they project the criticism onto mom and dad."

So how should parents

respond when kids express embarrassment about something they said or did? Sabine says that rather than demanding respect or getting angry, it can be more effective to use humor and invite communication.

For example, Sabine says, you could sigh, in commiseration, "Yes, it is a real burden to have a dad like me." Or, he suggests, you could "give them an opportunity to inform and teach you." If your tattered jeans or ancient sneakers cause them humiliation, invite them to accompany you to the mall to pick out new ones.

But don't make changes you're not comfortable with. It's also OK to say, "I want you to respect those things that are authentic to me," Sabine said.

Fortunately, as teens mature, embarrassment over parents wanes. "By 16," Sabine says, "they have come to live with the idea that mom and dad are not going to be cool."

Sometimes kids even realize that whatever embarrassed them is actually worthy of emulation. Jeannie Bush of LaCrosse, Wis., is the type of person who writes a letter when she has a concern. One day her daughter, then in high school, complained: "I hate it! Do you have a letter for everything? ... I hate it! Can't you just shut up? No one else's mom does this!"

Bush says her daughter, now in college, recently wrote her own letter of complaint. "I couldn't have been more proud," said Bush.

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Poll: Most pet owners see a 6th sense

By Sue Manning
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Lassie could always sense when Timmy was in trouble. Black Beauty knew the bridge was out.

Now two-thirds of American pet owners say they can relate — their pets have a sixth sense about bad weather. Forty-three percent say the same about bad news, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll.

Seventy-two percent of dog owners said they've gotten weather warnings from their pets, compared with 66 percent of cat owners.

For bad news, 47 percent of dog owners and 41 percent of cat owners said they've been alerted by their pets, according to the poll conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Corporate Communications.

Jim Fulstone says his farm dog, a Pomeranian named Austin, gives warnings about 15 minutes before earthquakes and 45 minutes before thunderstorms

"He'll run around in circles and look at you. If you sit down, he'll sit down with you. If you are outside,

he will come up to you, run around, look off, sniff your leg, just kind of be there. He's a lot more active," said Fulstone, 65, of Wellington, Nev. "For the quakes, he was very alert and started barking and doing his run-around routine."

The reason? Hard to know.

"A sixth sense is something we can't explain but we tend to trust. It's a matter of belief and faith," said psychologist Stephanie LaFarge, the senior director of counseling services for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Scientists have suggested animals sense bad weather because of changes in barometric pressure or other factors, LaFarge said, and dogs anticipate seizures, low blood sugar or other medical problems because of hormonal changes. But they haven't figured out what alerts pets to earthquakes, bad news or other events — or if it's just in the eyes of their owners.

Kay Moore, 64, of Loma Linda, Calif., said she gets quake warnings from her dogs, Brie, a 90-pound yellow Lab and Great Dane mix, and Lola, a 50-pound basset hound. "They get

very, very hyper," Moore said.

If a friend or relative comes to the door, Lady, a 4-year-old golden retriever mix, doesn't even bother to get up, said Stacey Jones, 50, of Stone Mountain, Ga. But if it's a stranger, she goes on minor alert, she said.

Lady's sixth-sense tendencies are very subtle, said the Atlanta university writer and editor.

But 18 years ago, when Jones was ordered to bed toward the end of her pregnancy, her dog Silver "planted herself next to me and would not leave. She knew something was going on with the baby and it was her job to take care of the baby."

Anne Radley was raped and suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome. If she has an episode or panic attack, whether it lasts a few minutes or all day, she can count on her three dogs and four cats.

"If I have high anxiety, I have pets all over me. All of the pets will come and try to cuddle. It gets a little crowded, but they all do it," said the 37-year-old Hiawatha, Kan., mother of two.

They are led by Mickey,



Lady, a 4-year-old golden retriever mix, looks out the window while sitting with her owner, Stacey Jones, at their home in Stone Mountain, Ga. Jones believes Lady has a subtle sixth sense.

AP photo

about 15, a mixed breed terrier she got from a rescue 10 years ago. He can't see her pain, Radley said, because he has gone blind, so she is sure it is a sixth sense.

He has always watched over her daughters and if they get sick, he will not only cuddle them, but cuddle them exactly where they hurt, she said. "He warms them up, he's a little heating pad. He's always done that."

LaFarge has had similar brushes with a pet's sixth sense.

"I have been awakened in the middle of the night by a dog," she said. "Very shortly after that, I received some very, very shocking bad news. I was awake when the phone rang. I couldn't explain why I was awake

except the dog was next to me nudging me. How did the dog know my father died at midnight?"

How do pets convey their concerns?

Sixty-four percent of those polled said their pets tried to hide in a safe place, 56 percent said they whined or cried, 52 percent said they became hyperactive,

erratic or made unpredictable movements, and 36 percent said they barked or meowed persistently.

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Playing with your child: Too much of a good thing can be a bad thing

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

Kimberly Dzielski worries she doesn't play enough with her 5-year-old daughter.

"I read to her. We play games. We play make-believe," Dzielski says. "I even try to make housework into a fun thing."

But she worries it's not enough. Except when she's worrying that it's too much.

"I worry if she's just by herself she'll be lonely, and I don't want her to just be in front of the TV," says Dzielski, who lives in a Chicago suburb. "Then part of me thinks she'd be more independent if I wasn't doing everything with her all the time."

Dzielski is not alone in her dilemma. Countless parents of young children are finding themselves navigating a world in which books, blogs, parenting magazines and researchers extol the virtues of parent-child play, even as an equal number of resources warn that we're raising a generation of spoiled, entitled children accustomed to viewing their parents as pals — and struggling to deal with teachers, bosses and other authority figures as a result.

The issue is a fairly modern one. "My mother never played with me," Dzielski says, echoing a common sentiment among the over-30 set. "I don't have any example to go on. I don't know what's normal!"

Parenting experts say a happy medium does exist. And there's even time to throw together dinner or, dare we say, relax with a (nonparenting) book on occasion.

"Set aside a period of time that's bounded," advises Julianne Idleman, communications director for Hand in Hand Parenting, a California-based group that conducts parenting workshops and support groups. "It needs to have a beginning and an end so the child understands they're going to have you to themselves and you are fully devoted to them."

Clear-cut start and stop times allow both parent and child to settle immediately into play mode.

"The child can't really relax knowing every minute is negotiable," says Idleman. "You make a special gate for special time, and if the phone rings, you don't answer it."

Likewise with the buzzing dryer, the barking dog and

the beeping BlackBerry.

The allotted time might be five minutes or 30 minutes, Idleman says. But it's protected.

"The kids (who) are constantly demanding attention never feel full," she says. "It's like eating junk food and never getting satisfied. They never know they've got your full attention or your full cooperation."

And when the time is up, you shouldn't feel guilty about moving on.

"Simply say, 'I love spending special time with you, and we'll do it again tomorrow. Right now it's time for ...'" says Idleman. "It doesn't take playing with them all day long. It takes playing with them well."

"Different kinds of play are important in different ways," says parenting expert Penelope Leach, author of "Your Baby and Child" (A.A. Knopf). "Free play is anything a child thinks of for himself, does because it's fun and goes on doing until it stops being fun. Imaginative play, where a toddler whizzes around the room being a truck, or a preschool child sits talking to dolls, is of that kind. And that's the kind of play where parents have the least to offer — and trying to join in may even be interfering."

Other times, a parent makes a perfect playmate.

"A 3-year-old who wants to make a den won't get far enough to satisfy himself unless someone helps him," says Leach. "A 5-year-old who enjoys puzzles won't be able to get from 50 pieces to a daunting 100 unless an adult will help him go patiently on."

Parents can use this time to model behavior they would like their children to mirror.

"Children who enjoy ball games early are often frustrated by trying to play with peers because they can't yet catch or hit the ball or abide by the rules," Leach explains. "Likewise board and card games. It's hard enough for a grade-school child to manage his own competitiveness and be a good loser, but if he's playing with another child who's in similar difficulties the game often stops being fun. A grown-up player can keep it enjoyable."

"It's a little space we carve out for them to learn to be a leader, to learn to direct things, to learn to work with other people," says Idleman.

"After the age of about 4, parents shouldn't try to join in when two or more chil-

dren are playing together — unless they need an assistant," says Leach. "But there may still be times when a lot of playing together is appropriate and hugely enjoyable, whatever the child's age. On a vacation, for example, where nobody in the family has their usual outside-family companions."

Don't be afraid to prod your children to entertain themselves as well.

"Sometimes you have to be more boring than the boredom," says Kim John Payne, author of "Simplicity

Parenting: Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier and More Secure Kids" (Ballantine, \$15). "You don't want to become an unpaid performer where you're offering them option after option after option. They can take that for hours."

"That's when you answer, 'I'm bored,' with, 'Oh, that's too bad. I'm sorry to hear that,'" Payne says. "The payoff for parents is, when kids learn to get creative on their own, we can finally sit down and read that magazine."

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Dr. Meredith A. Taylor earned her PhD in the area of WTO trade law with the University of Bern in Bern, Switzerland. Her research is focused on agriculture negotiations, subsidies, dispute settlement, and development issues with the WTO. She received training in WTO trade-related topics as a graduate of the World Trade Institute where she earned her Master in International Law and Economics. Her academic background also includes a Juris Doctorate from the University of Idaho College of Law and a B.A. in Political Science and Certificate in Health Public Policy from Duke University.

Dr. Black received his PhD. in economics from

Meredith Anne Taylor and Geoffrey A. Black

the University of Washington in 1995, with specialties in public finance and environmental and natural resource economics. He also has a Master of Science in Geology from Montana State University and a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of the Pacific in California. Prior to pursuing an academic career, Dr. Black served as an Economic Analyst for the Washington State Department of Ecology where conducted analyses of the economic impacts of environmental legislation. He also worked for major oil producing firms in Wyoming and for smaller alternative energy development firms on projects in California, Nevada, and Montana.

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Children play in a cleared area in the Fort National neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, almost a year after a major earthquake hit the Caribbean country.

Haiti still suffering a year after quake

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

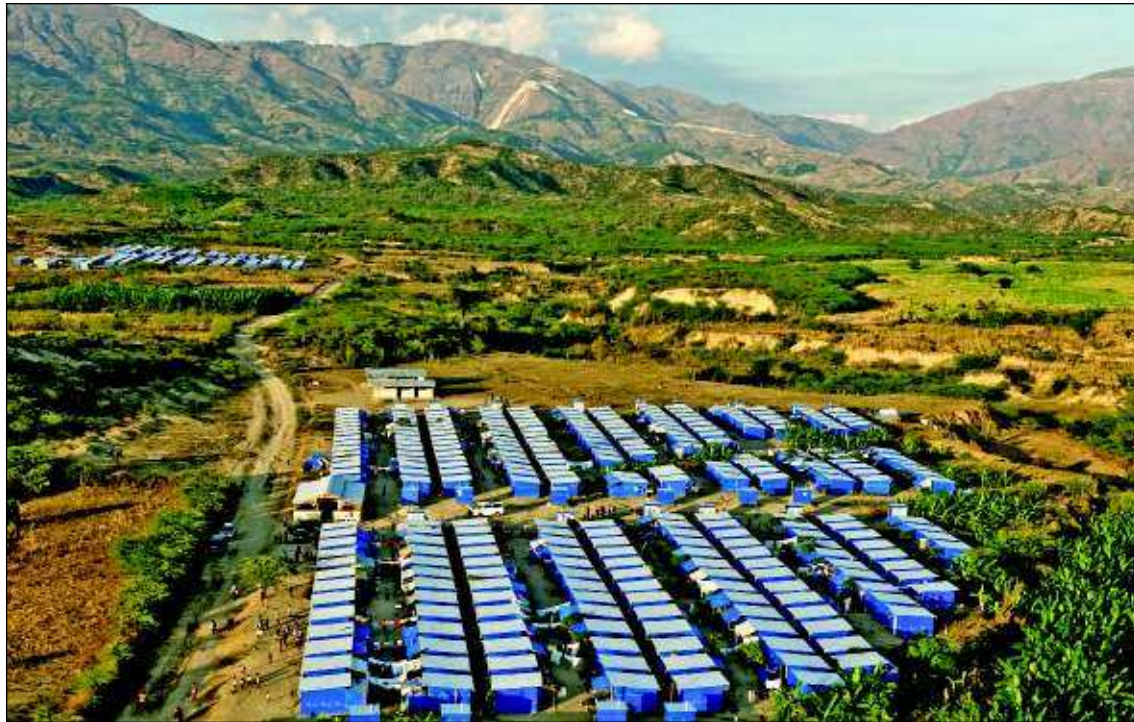
One year ago, a terrible earthquake struck the island nation of Haiti and its biggest city, the capital of Port-au-Prince.

The country was devastated, with 230,000 people killed and more than a million left homeless. Hundreds of thousands of buildings were destroyed. The government lost a third of its employees and most of its buildings.

There was an incredible world-wide response to the crisis in Haiti. Governments, businesses and individuals raised billions of dollars to help rebuild the country, one of the poorest on the planet. You may have participated in a fundraising effort yourself, since many kids were touched by the tragedy and wanted to help. We wanted to update you on the situation in Haiti a year later.

The rebuilding challenge

The simple fact, unfortunately, is that Haiti is still in very bad shape. The Haitian government was so disorganized and ineffective even before the earthquake that there were not enough schools to educate all the country's children. Today, the job of rebuilding the country is "almost overwhelming," according to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.



Neat rows of temporary shelters built by Samaritan's Purse are assembled in a tranquil setting in Cabaret, Haiti. Progress is painstakingly slow one year after the devastating earthquake.

The government's shortcomings have made it difficult to distribute the billions of dollars meant to provide food, medicine and clean water to the Haitian people and to help rebuild their country. For example, only 5 percent of the rubble from the crushed buildings has been cleared, so life in the capital is far

from normal.

Haiti has a population of about 10 million people, but hundreds of thousands of Haitians are still living in tents that were distributed after the earthquake. These tent cities are not clean and it is hard to keep them safe, so crime is a problem. There also has been an outbreak of cholera, a

deadly infection of the intestines, that has spread rapidly because of unclean conditions. The disease has killed more than 3,000 people and could affect many more.

Kids

Because 5,000 schools were

destroyed in the earthquake, some kids are going to tent schools, but there's still a huge need for more classrooms. One program is turning specially ventilated cargo containers, like the ones you see on the backs of tractor-trailers, into classrooms.

Education is still a challenge in Haiti. Before the earthquake, "only about 50 percent of school-age children even went to school," said Tiffany Kuehner, of Hope for Haiti, an organization that supports education, nutrition and health programs in Haiti. A year later, "most kids are not in school," Kuehner said.

Signs of progress

Experts familiar with the rebuilding efforts in Haiti say relief work is finally speeding up under the guidance of a group called the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission. It is being run by Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive and former U.S. president Bill Clinton. The group has set a goal of removing 40 percent of the earthquake rubble by October and has approved projects such as highways, apartment buildings and 250 temporary schools for children. But even with these projects under way, rebuilding Haiti will take many years.

Newbery, Caldecott awards announced

The Washington Post

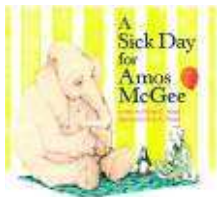
"Moon Over Manifest," a book full of mystery and history, was awarded the John Newbery Medal on Monday as the outstanding children's book of 2010.

The book, the first written by Clare Vanderpool, tells the story of 12-year-old Abilene Tucker, who finds herself separated from her father, Gideon, living with a pastor in Manifest, Kan., in 1936. Along with two new friends, she discovers a mystery dating from 1917, and the book combines history from World War I and the Great Depression. The book is meant for readers

ages 9 to 12.

Also awarded Monday was the Randolph Caldecott Medal for the best picture book. It was given to "A Sick Day for Amos McGee," which was illustrated by Erin E. Stead and written by her husband, Philip C. Stead. It tells the story of what happens when zookeeper Amos McGee comes down with a cold and the animals from the zoo decide to visit him to make him feel

better. While it's a picture book meant for younger kids, it has beautiful illustrations and a lovely (and funny) story about friendship that readers of all ages can enjoy.



2011 resolutions: Expand your circle of sports, stop complaining

By Fred Bowen
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It's time for resolutions, the promises people make to themselves to do something different in the coming year. Around now, lots of moms and dads are saying they will exercise more or eat fewer sweets in 2011. Kids who play sports can make new year's resolutions, too. Think about these four suggestions for a fresh start in 2011.

1. Try a new sport. If you play soccer or basketball or any sport year-round, it's time to get into another game. Try your hand at tennis or rock climbing or martial arts.

A new sport can give your mind and body a break. Kids who play one sport all year tend to have more injuries than kids who mix it up. You might also find that you like the new sport as much as your old favorite.

2. Read about the sports you enjoy. Every sport has a fascinating history filled with interesting stories. Did you know rope climbing, croquet and tug of war were once Olympic sports? Or that

the northern white ash trees that are used to make professional baseball bats are commonly more than 50 years old before they are cut down? I found those fun facts in books. The kids' room at my local library has eight shelves of sports books alone. That's more than 250 nonfiction books on every sport from inline skating to swimming. That's a lot of fun facts.

3. See more high school sports. Just about every school has boys and girls sports teams, from basketball to wrestling to volleyball. So get your parents or another adult to take you to see a high school team. The games are fun, inexpensive and a great way to learn how to play. Kids dream about being professional athletes, but not many make it to the NFL or the WNBA. Making the local high school team is a reasonable dream for lots of kids.



4. Cut down on complaining. Too many kids who play sports complain about everything: the referees, their opponents, their teammates and even their coaches. I guess they see and hear professional athletes complaining and figure it's part of the game. In the next year, try to cut down on that stuff and concentrate on how you can get better. Good athletes try to find a way to win instead looking for an excuse to explain why they lost.

Keep those four new year's resolutions, and 2011 will be a great sports year.

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