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 Pictured is downtown Twin Falls' Main Avenue North, both on Wednesday afternoon and in a photograph taken in the 1940s, courtesy of the Twin Falls Public Library.

## A NEW HOPE for downtown T.F.

Third consultant in 10 years takes a swing at troubled area

By Nick Coltrain  
 Times-News writer

Say the words "downtown study" near the Brown brothers, of Claude Brown's Home Furnishings in downtown Twin Falls, and the reaction is almost immediate.

"I think they've done enough surveys and studies," Bob Brown said. "Don't spend any more money (on them)."

"They could have taken that \$55,000 and made some really nice improvements, and asked anyone down here what they should have been," Keith Brown added, alluding to a 2001 downtown development guide — the result of the first of three consultant-driven pushes to revitalize the city center since then.

The most recent consultant, Boise-based developer Mark Rivers of Brix and Co., was brought on by the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency early this month to spur development of URA-owned properties in Old Towne.

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 Three consultations and how much they cost  
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His contract is a \$20,000, four-month agreement to "provide visioning, business plans, outreach and consensus-building support on prospective redevelopment opportunities."

Rivers touted his work in downtown Boise, Glendale, Ariz., and Sonoma, Calif., when pitching his services to the URA. He used the baseball metaphor of hitting singles to demonstrate his philosophy

toward development.

"We'll do the best job we can to hit some singles," Rivers said. "And the reality is the market isn't going to bear a home run. There is no panacea today ... Success creates success, I've seen it, I believe it, I know it."

It's the same metaphor the URA — along with the city government and now-defunct Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District — bought into almost 10 years ago with the Hudson guide. According to the Tom Hudson Co., that guide "emphasizes base hits and im-

### Meet the developer

Mark Rivers, the consultant hired in the most recent downtown Twin Falls redevelopment effort, will share his ideas on revitalization.  
**What:** Community meeting  
**Where:** Historic Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls  
**When:** 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday

mediate successes to build momentum, rather than large, long-term projects."

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## THE WINNING TICKET

Mystery surrounds Idaho winner of \$190 million

By Nicholas K. Geranios  
 Associated Press writer

RATHDRUM — Holly Lahti burst into the spotlight a week ago in a feel-good story about a single mother who won a \$190 million Mega Millions jackpot.

Then came the mugshot: a thin young woman with disheveled brown hair, sporting a black eye and cuts and bruises on her face and neck. It turned out she was separated from a man who court records indicated had abused her, and now has a possible claim to some of the money through a quirk in Idaho law.



Holly Lahti

Lahti, 29, went underground with her two daughters immediately after learning she had won half of a \$380 million jackpot in the Jan. 4 drawing. She has not been seen or heard in public since, though she has posted a message to her suddenly large group of Facebook followers.

The mugshot was taken after Lahti and her husband, Josh Lahti, were arrested during a domestic dispute in 2003. The charges were later dropped, and the couple have long been separated.

Josh Lahti said he did not know Holly had won the lottery until told by a reporter from The Associated Press last week.



Josh Lahti

"That's awesome! I won't have to pay child support!" he said upon learning his wife was rich.

As it turns out, the husband could be entitled to a chunk of the winnings because he and Lahti never divorced and were never legally separated for that matter. Idaho's murky law on the issue requires a divorce filing to grant separation, which is a key factor in splitting up assets between spouses.

While the lawyers sort out the issue in the months ahead, Holly Lahti can rejoice in the fact that her troubled past has given way to riches beyond her wildest dreams.

She quit her job as a customer service representative for a bank after winning the jackpot, then she asked family and friends not to talk with reporters. She did not appear at the Jan. 12 press conference in Boise in which her good fortune was revealed.

See **MILLIONS**, Main 3

## Boise woman wants to help brother meet Bon Jovi

By Katy Moeller  
 Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Susan Mitton knows so much about Bon Jovi, she feels like the rock band is a member of her family. The group's music has been the soundtrack of her son's life.

Justin Mitton, who grew up near Castleford, was born with the genetic disorder Down syndrome. He took a shine to Bon Jovi when its first album debuted in the early

1980s. The 39-year-old, who never let his hair grow wildly long like his idols, has played their music every day since.

"Every day? Even now?" "Yeah," he said with little hesitation.

He listens to music on his iPod now. But sometimes he can't help singing out loud, and he finds meaning in the lyrics — all of which he knows by heart.

Mitton, whose family calls him

"Bergie," spoke seriously and with sincerity about his favorite band on a recent night at his sister's house in Boise. Then someone turned the music on.

His face lit up, and he smiled broadly. Pure joy.

"Every time I hear that song, I just melt," he said when the guitar strains of "Wanted Dead or Alive" whispered, then wailed, from the living room stereo.

With some encouragement, he

showed off his mean air guitar.

"Right now I'm doing Richie (Sambora)," he told an audience of adoring family members as he strummed purposefully.

"I'm trying to get a band together," he says matter-of-factly.

Mitton will turn 40 in February, and his family is hoping to make one of his greatest wishes come true: to meet Jon Bon Jovi.

They have purchased tickets to a show in Salt Lake City in March,

and they're hoping they can get a backstage pass for Justin.

This effort is hush-hush around the house — they want to surprise him — but they've turned to the public for help in making the dream come true, even starting a Facebook page in December called "Help Justin Meet Bon Jovi" in hopes of finding someone associated with the band or show.

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# TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**"Sunset Boulevard,"** part of the CSI film series, 2 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Recital Hall, \$6 each or \$30 for the series of six movies, CSI's box office, tickets.csi.edu or 732-6288.  
**"Snowflake,"** silent comedy presented by Company of Fools, 3 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, \$28 for adults, \$20 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for students (18 and younger), 578-9122 or companyoffools.org.  
**"Creature from the Black Lagoon"** film showing, 2:30 p.m., Magic Lantern Cinema, 100 Second St. E., Ketchum, in conjunction with "Creatures: From Bigfoot to the Yeti Crab" multidisciplinary project and as part of Ketchum Cinema Club, 726-4274.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Middle school/high school youth group,** first meeting for parents and teens to discuss the curriculum, future plans and schedule, 6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Rupert, free, 670-2981 or 670-5713.

## 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, 736-2265.

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Ariel Hansen reports on how to use — but no over-use — antibiotics and antibacterial products.

MONDAY IN HEALTHY & FIT

## Not too early

Melissa Davlin shows you why it's important to start thinking about your spring landscaping.

TUESDAY IN HOME & GARDEN

## THE FOOD CONNECTION

Melissa Davlin talks to a 98-year-old cookbook writer whose recipes are feeding fellow Bridgeview Estates residents.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD



## BUILDING A BUGGY

Andrew Weeks follows up on off-road group's youth project.

THURSDAY IN OUTDOORS

Ariel Hansen reports how Filer art students made a difference for children in poor countries.

## Portraits with purpose

FRIDAY IN ENTERTAINMENT

## Return to Christ

Author talks to Reporter Andrew Weeks about his return to the Gospel.

SATURDAY IN RELIGION

## SNOWPACK LEVELS



Seasonal percentage, as of Jan. 22

Watershed	% of avg.	peak
Salmon	108%	59%
Big Wood	98%	55%
Little Wood	98%	53%
Big Lost	101%	53%
Little Lost	116%	63%
Henry's Fork/Teton	122%	68%
Upper Snake Basin	125%	70%
Goose Creek	98%	57%
Salmon Falls	115%	63%

# How much is that dexamethasone in the window?

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Steve Crump



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**M**e and my health insurance company, we have this understanding.

If I don't buy expensive brand-name prescription drugs — you know, Lipitor, Nexium, Plavex, etc. — my insurer pays the bill. Otherwise, that'll be \$185 for 30 pills, please.

So, like you, I take cheaper generics. Which is to say I'm not really sure what I'm taking.

I was in to see my doctor the other day, and he asked if a particular brand-name drug he had prescribed was working for me.

"I don't take that," I replied.

"Yes, you do," he said. "I wrote you a prescription in October."

Turns out the pharmacy filled the scrip with a generic, so the medication I thought I was using for eczema was really for depression.

And as you get older, it gets worse. I have relatives with 20, 25, 30 bottles in their medicine chests, and all of the generic names of

those drugs sound exactly the same.

My aunt has prescriptions for buspirone and bupropion, clarithromycin and cilostazol, lovaza and labetalol. She's 82 and has cataracts. How she's supposed to tell them apart?

Why can't the next generation of widely-prescribed drugs be assigned generic names that ordinary people can remember?

Rhythmol, the heart drug manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline scheduled to go generic this year, could

be called, say, Barney. Xalatan, made by Pfizer to treat glaucoma, might be Jake. Accolate, the asthma drug from AstraZeneca, would be Dolores.

So what do generic names actually mean? Not much, according to the American Medical Association.

Most generic names have three syllables, only the last of which is significant.

Medicines with the same ending belong to the same pharmacologic family. The middle syllable sometimes — but not always — further classifies the drug. The first syllable is pure PR.

Take sildenafil (Viagra), vardenafil (Levitra), and tadalafil (Cialis). The "afil" stem means the drug belongs to a category called phosphodiesterase 5 inhibitors. "Den" indicates that sildenafil and vardenafil have similar chemical structures. The prefixes are "sil", "var" and "tidal", which somebody pulled out of the ozone.

As a consequence, generic drug names tend to sound alike, and I'll bet you 50

cents that most of the labels on bottles in your medicine cabinet don't describe what the drug is actually used for.

"Take two tablets before meals" can mean anything from alendronate for osteoporosis to zafirlukast for asthma.

Which means that older folks especially go to extravagant lengths to tell them apart.

My aunt, for example, keeps different drugs in different rooms of her seven-room house. Repaglinide, for diabetes, is in the dining room. Get it, "d" or diabetes?

Bisacodyl, a laxative, stays in the bathroom, and ketorolac, an anti-inflammatory medicine, is kept in the kitchen.

But I asked her where she stowed trazadone, a sleeping pill she uses.

"I ran out of rooms," she explained. "So I keep it in the trunk of the car."

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# Brother

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That effort came closer to reality Friday when Justin Mitton's sister, Sarah Mitton Cox, got a telephone call from the rock star's brother, Matt Bongiovi. News of Mitton's dream filtered to Bongiovi and in his call he said Jon Bon Jovi wants to make a meeting happen before the concert.

Justin's mother, Susan Mitton, was in tears Friday.

"I'm just hysterical. I can't believe it," she said. "My sister said, 'This is like winning the lottery. I said, 'This is much more exciting than winning the lottery. It's Jon Bon Jovi.'"

The challenge now is preserving the secret.

As a boy, Mitton would sometimes grab a microphone, get his little sister and head out to the front porch to orchestrate his own tribute concert to Bon Jovi.

"I can't imagine a day going by without it," Susan Mitton said of her son's favorite music.

She thinks her son's passion for music comes from his dad, Terry Mitton, a big fan of '80s rock music. Her son enjoys the music of other bands, including Aerosmith, Loverboy, The Cars, Breaking Benjamin and Nickelback. He's no fan of rap music, and there are a limited number of country singers he likes, including Keith Urban, Toby Keith and Shania Twain.

Mitton said her son's passion for Bon Jovi helped improve his reading skills when he was young. He voraciously read Metal Edge and other magazines, keeping stacks next to his bed. They were always in order, a family member noted.

He doesn't fixate on a song, his sister said. He enjoys listening to albums all the way through.

Mitton's mom gets emotional when she talks about the eldest of her three children — the one who doctors said would never walk or



AP photo/Idaho Statesman, Shawn Raecke

Justin Mitton, 39, plays a little air guitar for his family while listening to Bon Jovi in Boise on Jan. 14. Mitton, who was born with Down syndrome, took a shine to Bon Jovi when its first album debuted in the early 1980s.

talk. They said he probably wouldn't live past 12.

Soon after he was born, doctors said they would help her find an institution where they could send him, if that's what they wanted.

"I was totally shocked and blown away. There was no way anybody was taking him away," said Susan Mitton, who dropped out of high school to marry her son's father and care for her baby. "He was such a beautiful little baby. I couldn't imagine life without him."

Mitton was in special education at school, and he earned his diploma when he was about 20. He was teased at times, but the small community he grew up in embraced and protected him.

Cox said people who don't know him are sometimes wary.

"People are afraid to talk to him," she said.

Mitton recognized as a teenager that he wasn't able to drive and do the same things his sister and brother, Joshua, could do. That led to questions.

"One day in high school, he said, 'Mom, can I ask you something?'" Susan Mitton recalled. "He said, 'Mom, are you sorry that I have

Down syndrome? Were you ever sad?'"

She said she told him, "I've never been sad that I have you."

Mitton's parents were together for 27 years, but they are now divorced. He now divides his time between his mom's house in Buhl and his dad's house in Twin Falls. "We take my dog for walks, watch movies and play games," Susan Mitton said.

He calls his sister, who lives in Boise, a couple of times a week. She says he can be the voice of reason when her life gets overly busy or stressed, as before her wedding in August.

"He said, 'You should sit back and be happy that it's happening. Be happy about your wedding,'" Cox recalled.

"Sometimes he says things that are so wise," she said. "He can see beyond the petty and judgmental things. He's always looking at things in a positive light and loving way."

Mitton has had a job at the Smith's grocery store in Twin Falls for 10 years. He works two days a week as a courtesy clerk, bagging groceries and helping customers.

"He's professional but very personable," said Jim Faulkner, who manages the store and hired Mitton. "Mostly he and I talk a lot about football — he loves Boise State, and so do I."

Mitton has dated and has had a girlfriend. When asked recently what he wanted for his birthday, he said, "A single woman would be fine."

His family has been planning his birthday celebration for a year, including a huge surprise party at Mimi's Event Center in Buhl. They're expecting a large crowd, including former teachers, classmates and church friends.

"My mom and I have been wanting this to happen for so long," Cox said. She and her husband are going to take Mitton to the Bon Jovi concert in Salt Lake; his mom said she might tag along.

It will be the third time he's seen his favorite band in concert. The first time was in Boise in the late 1980s, when he was a teenager; he saw them in Salt Lake City in 2003.

Recently, Mitton told his mother: "I just want to tell Bon Jovi I love him. But Mom, that sounds kind of weird."

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# Downtown

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## Starting anew

Say the word "study" around URA Executive Director Melinda Anderson or Rivers and their response is just as quick as the Brown brothers.

"(My work) is not a study, we're not doing a study, that's actually an inaccurate assessment," Rivers said during a joint interview with Anderson and URA board member Larry Hall. "It's actually generating development activity, which is to take some of these properties and find out what it would take to get them to be occupied.

"(My work is to) try to identify some users we can put into these spaces and try to actually facilitate some leases or some acquisitions or some similar type activity ... (To) try and take some of these vacant properties and put them to work."

The theme — revitalizing downtown — is hardly new. URA officials now identify past development guides as swamped by poor timing or being overbroad.

"A study done by Tom Hudson was good for (what) it did back in the 1990s — it helped focus the agency and the community on what could be accomplished, but didn't lay out a blueprint," URA officials and Rivers wrote in a statement.

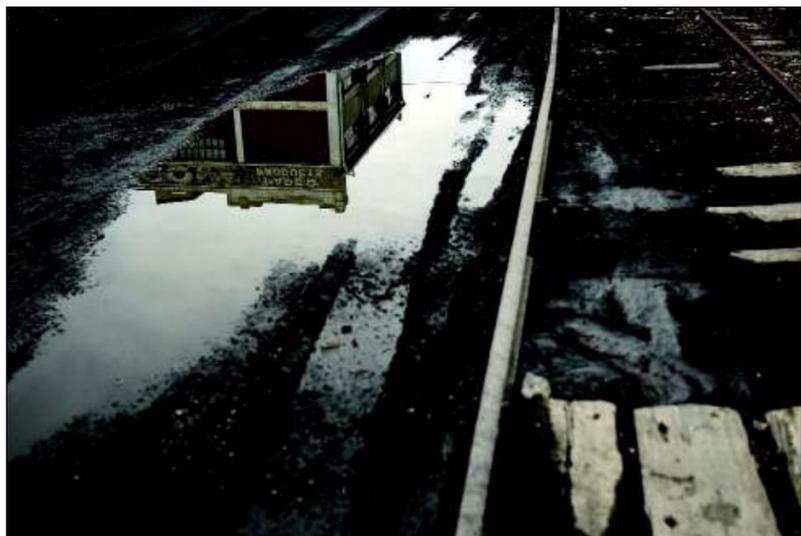
The Hudson guide — which was started in 2000 and published in 2001, following on other work Hudson did with the city in years previous — says it is a five-year plan "devoted to systematic action in the immediate future." Its itemized suggestions for action ranged from creating an online and printed directory of downtown businesses to redesigning the Second Avenue and other gateways to the area, and creating loan and grant pools for business development. It also recommended buying the block where St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center recently moved its financial offices to — a similar suggestion to what a 2007 downtown consultation pitched.

It was commissioned and completed years before Anderson joined the Twin Falls URA.

The Brown brothers said they never saw any action from that plan and haven't seen much city-spurred downtown redevelopment since the 1970s. Another Main Avenue business owner, Cathy Reitz of Stitchin' Time, said she thinks that guide was just shelved and that more money shouldn't follow it.

"(The city has) spent their wad," Reitz said. "They should use what they have."

The city and the URA have spent about \$313,000 for consultation by the Portland, Ore.-based Leland Consulting Group, as well as \$737,000 in property purchases, demolitions and professional services associated with that plan, according to URA documents. The plan centered around four blocks of mixed-use development stretching from



A downtown Twin Falls building is reflected in a puddle on Tuesday afternoon.

DREW NASH/Times-News

## THREE CONSULTATIONS

The city or its agencies have commissioned three consultations on revitalizing downtown Twin Falls in the past 10 years. (Cost in consulting fees is in parenthesis.)

### • Tom Hudson Co.'s Business Development guide (\$55,000):

A self-described 5-year action plan for downtown published in 2001. Plan specified actions such as creating a loan and grant pool for downtown businesses, redesigning the Second Avenue and buying the block where the St. Luke's financial offices now are.

### • Leland Consulting Group (\$313,000):

A 2007 multi-phase guide that centered on mixed-use development in a four-block area of downtown. The contract was dropped when the economy went sour, though some of it has been continued in recent months, Twin Falls urban renewal officials said. Also spurred \$737,000 in URA property purchases, demolitions and professional services associated with the properties.

### • Mark Rivers with Brix and Co. (\$20,000):

Rivers signed his four-month contract earlier this month. He promises on-the-ground action, not plans. His contract calls for the prioritization of specific redevelopment options and the development of plans, deal structures, budgets and redevelopment programs for URA properties.

Shoshone Street South at Second Avenue South to Fourth Avenue South and Idaho Street. Rivers now proposes not focusing on the mixed-use aspect of the Leland project because the economy won't support it.

Aside from the demolition, St. Luke's Magic Valley's move of its financial offices into the four-block area and the grant-funded beautification of that block is the most apparent change ushered in by URA efforts.

The Leland plan ultimately fell apart "due to a perfect storm of circumstances including the Great Recession of 2008 and credit markets drying up," Anderson, Hall and Rivers wrote in a statement.

"(Hiring Rivers) is a continuation of the community's investment in the revitalizing of downtown," Anderson said in the interview. "Old Towne is a big part of downtown and because the agency owns property here, that's why we are focusing on that Old Towne piece. The four blocks were just a place to get started and we knew that was a long-term proposition."

## Rivers' plans

Rivers couldn't say what the Leland or Hudson projects accomplished, only emphasizing that he is a developer — not a person who writes studies.

"I don't know what (the other consultants) did or didn't do; I wasn't a part of either of those," Rivers said. "My role or job is to actually generate activities in those properties, to either find a way to get those buildings occupied or to get investments made in those build-

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ings, or to find ways to activate those properties."

He said he would turn to some of what he learned developing downtowns in urban areas, though cater it for Twin Falls.

"An urban core is an urban core. Twin Falls is still a city. Cities are what I have experience in and cities are what I understand and am passionate about," Rivers said. "I'm Idaho-based, I know Idaho, I know the communities of our state. I think we just have to create a solution that is reflective of Twin Falls. You learn from experiences you have in other communities and gain perspective, but the solutions that you create are going to be specific to Twin Falls."

Hall said the difference between Rivers and previous consultants is that Rivers "does deal making ... he actually goes out and finds people to buy those properties or lease them."

The URA has the option of not renewing Rivers' con-

tract if board members feel he has not made adequate progress, Hall said.

When asked how Rivers' work would quell fears of another costly plan with no clear actions, Anderson said she didn't know what those fears were. But she added that new development and beautification around the St. Luke's financial offices give Rivers a running start.

And Rivers is focused on what he can do with that boost, relying more on his fresh look at things and less on the past.

"I think it's time to move forward," he said. "I think the whole line of all the old studies, and all this stuff, it was yesterday. Let's talk about today and tomorrow. The best way to move forward is to actually move forward."

"To continue to sort of regurgitate all the talk of the old studies and this and that, and pre-recession, it's fine, I guess, in the context of history, but in the context of trying to actually get some things done and looking forward and creating optimism in the community, I think it's time to look ahead."

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# Millions

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Her Facebook page appears to have been scrubbed of most personal information.

"Don't really know what to say, like the articles said....A 29-year-old mother of two and former bank worker from northern Idaho has claimed the remaining half of a \$380 million Mega Millions jackpot. ;)," said one message that cites an AP article written the day the winnings were announced.

The other Facebook message from her said: "Listen, as you can all imagine, there are a ton of messages coming in, & there is so much to do. Please send 1 message if you have a request or pitch or plea, OR post your kind wishes or requests here on the wall.

"I promise to read them all & even if it takes a month to go through, all of your messages will be acknowledged. Please be patient, & respectful of privacy, don't be rude. Thnx."

In a brief telephone interview, Josh Lahti said the two started dating in high school and got married in 2001.

Holly Lahti still lives in the couple's home in Rathdrum, a town in the Idaho Panhandle. Josh Lahti said he sees his daughters, age 12 and 10, most days.

Her friends are upset at all the attention paid to the decade-old mugshot, and say it does not reflect the devoted and hardworking young mother who has moved on from a troubled marriage.

"She is kind. She is friendly. She is shy," said Jennifer Mayberry, who has lived in the same neighborhood for a decade.

Lahti opted Friday to collect a lump-sum payment instead of annual payments over 25 years. She will get \$120 million, which will be reduced to \$80.6 million by federal and state taxes.

It will be a dramatic change for a woman who by all indications appeared to be of limited means.

A search of public records revealed that she grew up in California and moved with her parents to Rathdrum, where she graduated from high school. Her marriage appears to have included some violence.

Holly Lahti was arrested and charged with battery in 2003 in Kootenai County, but the prosecutor eventually dismissed

the charges. Her husband was arrested on the same charge the same day, and those charges were also dismissed.

In 2003, Josh Lahti was arrested for violating a no-contact order, and that charge was dismissed. He was also charged with second-degree kidnapping, possession of drug paraphernalia, domestic abuse, battery and false imprisonment. All but the kidnapping were dismissed. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail and three years probation.

In 2000, he was charged with domestic violence, but the charge was reduced to disturbing the peace. He was also cited in 2001 for failing to make child support payments.

Does Josh Lahti have a claim to some of the money? A University of Idaho law professor said it is unclear.

Most other states have laws that differentiate separation and divorce, with division of assets defined in each case, said Elizabeth Brandt, professor of family law. Idaho's statute muddles the concept of legal separation, and there is no clear case law on the issue.

But while the lottery winnings are almost certainly community property, Josh Lahti should not expect a huge windfall, Brandt said.

Holly Lahti can still file for divorce, and contend the winnings are all hers because the two do not live together and do not support each other, Brandt said. A divorce does not automatically produce a 50-50 split of assets.

"I can't imagine he will have a significant claim to these earnings in the end," Brandt said.

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## First Federal Charitable Foundation Contributions since 2003:

Organization	When	Grant	Project
City of Buhl	July-03	\$5,000.00	Stage in Eastman Park
City of Heyburn	July-03	\$3,000.00	Park Outside Shelters
Jerome Sr. Citizens Center	July-03	\$3,500.00	Office Equipment
Scottish Rite Learning Center	July-03	\$5,000.00	Tuition for Children
CSI Adult Learning Center	December-03	\$7,500.00	Staff
Golden Heritage Senior Center	December-03	\$5,000.00	Kitchen Appliances
Interfaith Volunteers	December-03	\$1,000.00	Office rent/insurance
Valley Recreation	December-03	\$7,500.00	Baseball/Soccer Field
Wendell School Dist	December-03	\$7,500.00	Sports Complex
YMCA of Twin Falls	December-03	\$2,500.00	Childrens play equipment
American Red Cross	December-03	\$2,500.00	4-wheel drive vehicle
Boys and Girls Clubs of MV	July-04	\$5,000.00	Kitchen Remodel
Buhl Arts Council	July-04	\$1,000.00	Season Sponsor
Fifth Judicial District CASA	July-04	\$2,650.00	Phone System
Ike Kistler Safe House	July-04	\$4,691.00	Bunkbeds, TV
Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation	July-04	\$2,000.00	Childrens Books
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women	July-04	\$5,000.00	Mobile Home for Shelter
Mt. Harrison Heritage Foundation	July-04	\$1,000.00	Piano
Snake River Council, Boy Scouts	July-04	\$1,000.00	Communication System
City of Buhl	December-04	\$6,000.00	Skatepark Lighting and Fountain
Minidoka County Historical Society	December-04	\$3,000.00	2nd phase of storage addition
Renaissance Arts Center	December-04	\$10,000.00	Reroofing Wilson Theatre
South Central Community Action Center	December-04	\$2,400.00	School Supplies
Twin Falls County Historical Society	December-04	\$3,000.00	Remodel Basement for Storage
Twin Falls Soccer Complex	December-04	\$10,000.00	5 Fields of Grass
Crisis Center of Magic Valley	July-05	\$4,000.00	Playground Equipment
Family Health Services	July-05	\$9,357.00	Mobile x-ray unit
TF County Fair and Rodeo	July-05	\$5,000.00	Electrical for Goat, Poultry Barns
Twin Falls County	July-05	\$2,600.00	Rock Creek Park playground
Valley Housing Coalition	July-05	\$4,000.00	Housing Unit
Crisis Center of MV (July application)	December-05	\$2,000.00	playground landscaping
Friends of Hospice	December-05	\$3,000.00	mattresses and lift chairs
Hospice Visions	December-05	\$3,000.00	computers, telephones, projector
Interfaith Caregivers	December-05	\$1,050.00	laptop and projector
Jerome School District	December-05	\$5,000.00	inside baseball practice building
Safe House	December-05	\$1,814.00	roof
Scottish Rite	December-05	\$3,000.00	curriculum materials
South Central Community Action Partnership	December-05	\$4,000.00	duplex expenses
South Central Idaho Tourism & Recreation Devel	December-05	\$2,500.00	north rim kiosk/web page design
Buhl Arts Council	July-06	\$1,000.00	Bean Festival
Buhl Rotary	July-06	\$2,600.00	Triangle Park
City of Burley	July-06	\$3,325.00	Trees
City of Eden	July-06	\$2,500.00	Playground Equipment
Family Health Services	July-06	\$5,000.00	Roof
Twin Falls County Rec Dept	July-06	\$2,500.00	Hansen Kiosk
Twin Falls County Search and Rescue	July-06	\$3,789.40	Rope/Rappel
Valley House	July-06	\$3,500.00	Monitoring System
Bickel Elementary School	December-06	\$10,000.00	Playground Equipment
Habitat Humanity of MV	December-06	\$6,500.00	Re-Store
Hansen School District	December-06	\$6,389.11	Bycycle Program
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of MV	December-06	\$2,795.00	Office Equipment
Valley House	December-06	\$1,700.00	Monitoring System
Ageless Senior Citizens (Kimberly)	July-07	\$3,500.00	paint and dishwasher
Buhl Public Schools	July-07	\$2,500.00	Track Scoring System
Family Health Services	July-07	\$5,000.00	Prenatal Ultrasound
Hospice Visions	July-07	\$1,472.00	website and bereavement support
Minico Spuds	July-07	\$1,000.00	Special Olympics Travel
MV Symphony	July-07	\$3,500.00	Harpischord
T F County Historical Society	July-07	\$3,000.00	galvanized paneling
Twin Falls County	July-07	\$2,500.00	Centennial Park
Twin Falls School District	July-07	\$5,000.00	Perrine Playground
Albion Senior Citizens	December-07	\$1,000.00	New building excavation
Buhl Centennial Commission	December-07	\$4,500.00	community benches/trash receptacles
Fifth Judicial District CASA	December-07	\$2,952.00	computers for training
Hagerman I.D.E.A.	December-07	\$2,432.00	City entrance sign
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women	December-07	\$3,163.00	security monitor, door and projector
Oakley Valley Historical	December-07	\$2,000.00	artifact storage
Snake River Council #1	December-07	\$5,000.00	Lake Murtaugh sprinklers/grass
St. Lukes/ Safe Kids	December-07	\$5,000.00	Car seats and bike helmets
Square Events	July-08	\$2,000.00	Swimming Pool
Bühl Public School Foundation	July-08	\$3,000.00	Piano
Family Health Services	July-08	\$3,700.00	Jerome Hemoglobin machine
Jerome County Senior Citizen's Service Area	July-08	\$3,000.00	Kitchen Equipment
Jerome Public Library	July-08	\$2,500.00	Concrete tables w/seats
Kimberly School District	July-08	\$2,000.00	Sports Complex-Judges Stand/block Cart
Magic Philharmonic Society	July-08	\$3,500.00	Orchestra Instruments
Mercy Housing Idaho	July-08	\$2,500.00	Storage sheds, roof and frame nail guns
Mini Cassia Reading Foundation	July-08	\$1,125.00	500 Boardbooks
Minico Spuds	July-08	\$1,000.00	Regional/State Games
Twin Falls County B	July-08	\$2,100.00	Search and Rescue 4 Dry Suits
Valley Housing Coalition	July-08	\$1,250.00	Projector and screen
Ageless Senior Citizens (Kimberly)	December-08	\$1,000.00	Tables
Castleford School District	December-08	\$1,000.00	Bleachers
City of Burley	December-08	\$1,000.00	Overland Ave. Planters
City of Paul	December-08	\$2,500.00	Public Park Development
City of Twin Falls	December-08	\$3,500.00	Movie screen and projector
Filer Senior Haven	December-08	\$6,630.00	Kitchen Flooring and Stove
Friends of the Burley Public Library	December-08	\$2,105.00	Self Check out System
Hagerman School District	December-08	\$1,000.00	Playground Equipment
Magic Valley Tennis Association	December-08	\$1,500.00	Windscreens (HS, CSI, Harmon)
Mustard Seed Ministries	December-08	\$1,000.00	Building
Renaissance Arts Center	December-08	\$1,300.00	Chairs
Twin Falls Soccer Association	December-08	\$1,250.00	Soccer Goal(s)
Twin Falls Youth Baseball	December-08	\$2,625.00	Harmon Park (Umbrellas)
West End Senior Citizens	December-08	\$1,000.00	Lighting
Family Health Services	July-09	\$3,856.00	Hemoglobin A1C machine
Kimberly Public Library Foundation	July-09	\$2,816.00	New Computers
Mercy Housing Idaho	July-09	\$2,000.00	Equipment for home building
Mini Cassia Community Childrens Center	July-09	\$1,640.00	Play equipment
MV Symphony Orchestra	July-09	\$5,000.00	Acoustic Shell System
Partners in Healthcare	July-09	\$1,999.00	Continuous glucose meter
Twin Falls School District - Canyon Ridge	July-09	\$1,600.00	AEAs (Automated Defibrillator)
Valley Housing Coalition	July-09	\$3,000.00	Furniture for meeting room
West End Ministerial Association	July-09	\$5,000.00	Refrigerators/Freezers
Boys and Girls Clubs of MV	December-09	\$3,900.00	Sumo suits, mats and boxing ring
Fifth Judicial District CASA	December-09	\$3,000.00	computer equipment
Habitat for Humanity of MV	December-09	\$3,020.00	Moving equipment
Hansen Free Library District	December-09	\$1,050.00	3 new computers
Helping Hands Thrift Store	December-09	\$4,000.00	New roof, insulation and lighting
Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services	December-09	\$3,364.20	Matching funds for education
Mini-Cassia Youth Contact Football League	December-09	\$3,650.00	Blocking sleds - 10 small
Pregnancy Crisis Center	December-09	\$3,000.00	Ultra sound program
Twin Falls County	December-09	\$5,000.00	Distracted Driver video/education
Mini-Cassia Christmas Council	July-10	\$3,000.00	Replace roof
South Central Public Health District	July-10	\$1,300.00	Purchase Slit-Lamp for Diabetes Clinic
Murtaugh Joint School District	July-10	\$2,826.00	Bleachers
City of Twin Falls	July-10	\$4,500.00	Signs for Snake River Canyon Trail
Rising Star Therapeutic Riding	July-10	\$1,200.00	Purchase safety items
Jerome Recreation District	July-10	\$3,299.00	Resurface Basketball Court
Wendell Housing Authority	July-10	\$3,088.00	Improve Stove & Ovens for Rec Hall
City of Declo	July-10	\$5,000.00	City Park/Playground
Filer School District	July-10	\$1,245.00	Purchase guitars for Music Class
Minidoka County Fire Protection	July-10	\$1,570.00	Purchase Chairs & Tables
Buhl Chamber of Commerce	July-10	\$2,500.00	Replace Christmas Lighting
Friends of DeMary Public Library	December-10	\$1,992.00	Purchase Tables
Hospice Visions	December-10	\$2,800.00	Remodel Bathroom
The Salvation Army	December-10	\$2,131.00	Purchase Ice Machine
City of Oakley	December-10	\$1,000.00	Addition to Accommodate Displays
Ageless Senior Citizens (Kimberly)	December-10	\$3,200.00	Purchase Steam Table
TF County Fair and Rodeo	December-10	\$1,500.00	Seating for Fair Patrons
Harrison Elementary	December-10	\$3,200.00	Install New Curtains on Stage
Jerome CO. Historical Society	December-10	\$1,250.00	Purchase a New Sign
West End Senior Center	December-10	\$1,987.00	Replace Tables
SCCAP	December-10	\$2,377.00	Scaffolding for Building Homes
Minidoka Senior Center	December-10	\$2,500.00	Purchase Dish Washer
Mustard Tree Community Wellness	December-10	\$5,000.00	Purchase Computer/Filing System

**Total Contributions: \$432,624.71**

**First Federal Charitable Contributions for 2010: \$58,465.00**

**Combined Contributions made by First Federal to Organizations throughout the Magic Valley in 2010 in excess of \$285,000.00**

## First Federal Charitable Foundation Board of Directors



**Barbara Gietzen** – Barbara Gietzen, an Idaho native, was born in Twin Falls, and graduated high school in Buhl. She is a past president of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, and served as Mayor of Buhl for eight years from 1998 to 2006. Member Buhl Planning and Zoning Board of Directors. In 1995 she received the Woman of the Year award, and an Excellence in Government award in 2006. She and her husband Bob owned and operated Gietzen Electric, Inc. for over 30 years before retiring in 2004. They have three children and five grandchildren.



**Rex E. Lytle** – *First Federal Director - Twin Falls*  
Rex Lytle, owner of Lytle Signs, Inc. in Twin Falls and Meridian, is a Twin Falls native and graduated from Twin Falls High School and College of Southern Idaho. He is married to Emmalean Lytle and has two children and one grandson. Rex has been a member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce (past Treasurer), a director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley (serving as past President) and a member of the Twin Falls Rotary Club. Rex is a member of the World Sign Associations, Northwest States Division (past Chairman), the United States Sign Council and Northwest Sign Council. He was the recipient of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award and recipient of the Curtis T. Eaton Award.



**Jan McBride** – *Twin Falls*  
is an Idaho native and has lived in Twin Falls for the last 30 years. She and her husband Mike have three grown children. Jan has been an active volunteer while living in Twin Falls participating in the Twin Falls School PTO's Jr. Club, The Boys and Girls Club, PEO, Twin Falls Library Foundation, and Co-chaired the Ascension Church Design Committee. Jan recently completed a 6 year term with the Idaho Community Foundation Grant Board.



**Becky Nelson** – *First Federal - Twin Falls*  
Employed at First Federal as the VP/Human Resources Director and SPHR (Senior Professional Human Resources). Becky has been with First Federal since 2003 and has 26 years of banking experience. Current member of the St. Luke's Hospital Foundation Board, St. Luke's Hospital Finance committee and the First Federal Foundation Board. Becky and her husband Steve have 6 children and two beautiful grandchildren.



**Rob Newman** – Rob Newman is a lifelong Idahoan and resides in Rupert with his wife and two children. He has been a professional singer for 30 years with over 40 different roles in opera, musical theater and oratorio. Rob has also managed a family rental company as well as owning a contract painting business. He is a member of the Rupert Kiwanis and is active in raising money for the Mini-Cassia Arts organization through the "Idaho Backyard Broadway Bash".



**Ron Rasmussen** – *First Federal - Twin Falls*  
Ron, a Twin Falls native was a 1988 graduate of TFHS and a 1992 graduate of Boise State with a degree in Marketing. He began working for First Federal in 1993 and is currently Vice President, Sr. Commercial Banking Officer. He is past President of Paint Magic and the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club. He and his wife, Brandi, reside in Twin Falls with their five children.



**Linda Watkins** – *Watkins Distributing and TFSD Education Foundation Executive Director*  
Linda Watkins was born and raised in Spokane, Washington, and graduated from the University of Washington. After several years of teaching in Missoula, Montana, she and her husband moved to Twin Falls in 1988 to purchase what is now Watkins Distributing. Linda and her husband Mitch have been blessed with 4 lovely children. Currently they have one child in law school, one in graduate school, one in college, and one in high school. Linda has served on the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation for six years, the State Elementary Accreditation Committee, and Co-Chaired the Twin Falls School District Long Range Planning/Bond Committee. At this time Linda continues to do advertising for Watkins Distributing and also works as the Twin Falls School District Education Foundation Executive Director.



**Kevin Welch** – *First Federal - Burley*  
Currently serving as First Federal's Burley Overland branch manager. Graduate of Boise State in 1992 and employed at First Federal since then in various positions. Kevin and his wife, Marianne, have one son who attends White Pine in Burley.



**Brian Williams** – *Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP - Jerome*  
Brian is a fourth generation native of Jerome and graduated from JHS in 1997, with a BA in History from BYU in 2004, and received his JD from the University of Idaho in 2008. He has been employed as an Associate of Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP in Jerome since finishing law school, and in addition to growing a private civil practice, serves as Jerome City Prosecutor and as attorney for the Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission. He is a member of the Jerome Rotary Club and was recently named to the board of the Jerome City Chamber of Commerce. He is fluent in Spanish and enjoys being active in his faith and in the community. He and his wife Megan are the proud parents of their six-month old son, Wynn.

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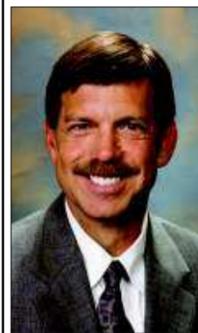
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Graduate of Twin Falls High School and Seattle University with a BCS in Accounting. Current board member of Sinclair, Inc., Maple Grove Investors, Inc., CPA with Price Waterhouse & Co., Sacramento, California 1966-68., Former President of Sinclair & Company, Inc., and former member of The New York Mercantile Exchange. Past member of the Potato Committees of: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, The New York Mercantile Exchange, and the New York Cotton Exchange. Past Board member of: United Way, YMCA, MVRMC Foundation, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, and Blue Lakes Country Club.



**JAY P. DODDS**  
Graduate of Twin Falls High School and Brigham Young University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Masters Degree in Business Administration, University of Utah. Board member and Treasurer of Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Boy Scouts of America Varsity and Finance Committee Volunteer. Board member of Twin Falls Health Initiatives Trust. Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer, First Federal.



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Graduate of Twin Falls High School and the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Accounting. Current chairman of Region IV Development Corporation. Current board member of The College of Southern Idaho Foundation and the Idaho-Nevada Certified Development Financial Institution. Past Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce "Small Business Financial Services Advocate of the Year", and former board member of American Red Cross-Snake River Chapter. Executive Vice President, Secretary, Loan Administrator of First Federal.



**STEPHEN WESTFALL**  
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*At the Close of Business on December 31, 2010*

ASSETS:	12/31/2010	12/31/2009
Cash & Equivalents.....	18,065,000	4,885,000
Mortgage, Commercial & Consumer Loans.....	346,568,000	342,906,000
Investment Securities.....	67,531,000	66,161,000
Office Buildings & Equipment (Net of Depreciation)...	13,924,000	14,539,000
Other Assets.....	10,731,000	13,463,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>456,819,000</b>	<b>441,954,000</b>

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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	12/31/2010	12/31/2009
Deposit Accounts.....	380,699,000	365,624,000
Commercial Sweep Accounts.....	3,329,000	4,408,000
Borrowings.....	17,960,000	20,660,000
Other Liabilities.....	4,988,000	4,215,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>406,976,000</b>	<b>394,907,000</b>
<b>Total Equity Capital</b>	<b>49,843,000</b>	<b>47,047,000</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>456,819,000</b>	<b>441,954,000</b>

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# In new experiment, lawmakers pleased with civility

**B**OISE — It usually isn't advice that's needed when the Legislature's budget-setting committee meets. But on Friday, with the auditorium packed with hundreds and the public providing input for the first time in Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee history, some additional guidelines were needed. Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome and JFAC co-chairwoman, asked the audience to refrain from cheering in reaction to others' testimony. With public education being an emo-

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tional topic, she provided an alternative. "Just kind of grit your teeth and think about what you like and don't like," Bell said. It seems the suggestion worked. The new format meant that JFAC's leaders, aside from running the meeting, also tracked time so no one went over their three allot-

ted minutes. With a "One minute, please" reminder from Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and committee co-chairman, order ruled the day. After the meeting, Bell said she was pleased that of about 80 people who talked to legislators, only about three needed to be moved along when their time ran out. When people will travel and sit quietly while waiting for a turn that may never come, she said, it's a success. "We ought to bottle this up and share it with a few

other places," Bell said. **Still chances to testify** Bell gave Friday's audience a reminder worth repeating here. Friday's hearing wasn't the only chance to testify about the Legislature's upcoming public education decisions. Much of Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's education reform proposal involves policy decisions — not budget decisions — that will need to go through the House and Senate education commit-

tees instead of JFAC. Legislative committees routinely hear testimony in public hearings when bills are introduced and the rooms are sure to be crowded. **Up next** JFAC still has another listening hearing, this one scheduled for 8 a.m. Friday to receive input about the health and welfare budget. It's the same format — three hours planned — and signing up to give input starts at 7 a.m. It has a three-minute time limit for

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individuals as well. For the public education hearing, about 10 people were already gathered outside the auditorium waiting to sign up at 6:30 a.m. — so earlier is better than later. *Ben Botkin may be reached at [bbotkin@magicvalley.com](mailto:bbotkin@magicvalley.com).*

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS**  
Walter G. Kidd IV, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 bond, court compliance program, private counsel, preliminary Jan. 28.  
Cheryl A. Dutt, 42, Kimberly; burglary, grand theft by receiving, possession or disposition of stolen property, summons, private counsel, preliminary Jan. 28.  
Jeremy R. Spencer, 25, Twin Falls; forgery, recognizance release, court compliance program, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 28.  
Richard L. Henley Jr., 35, Twin Falls; driving without privileges (third offense), \$2,000 bond, public defender appointed, pre-trial Feb. 8.

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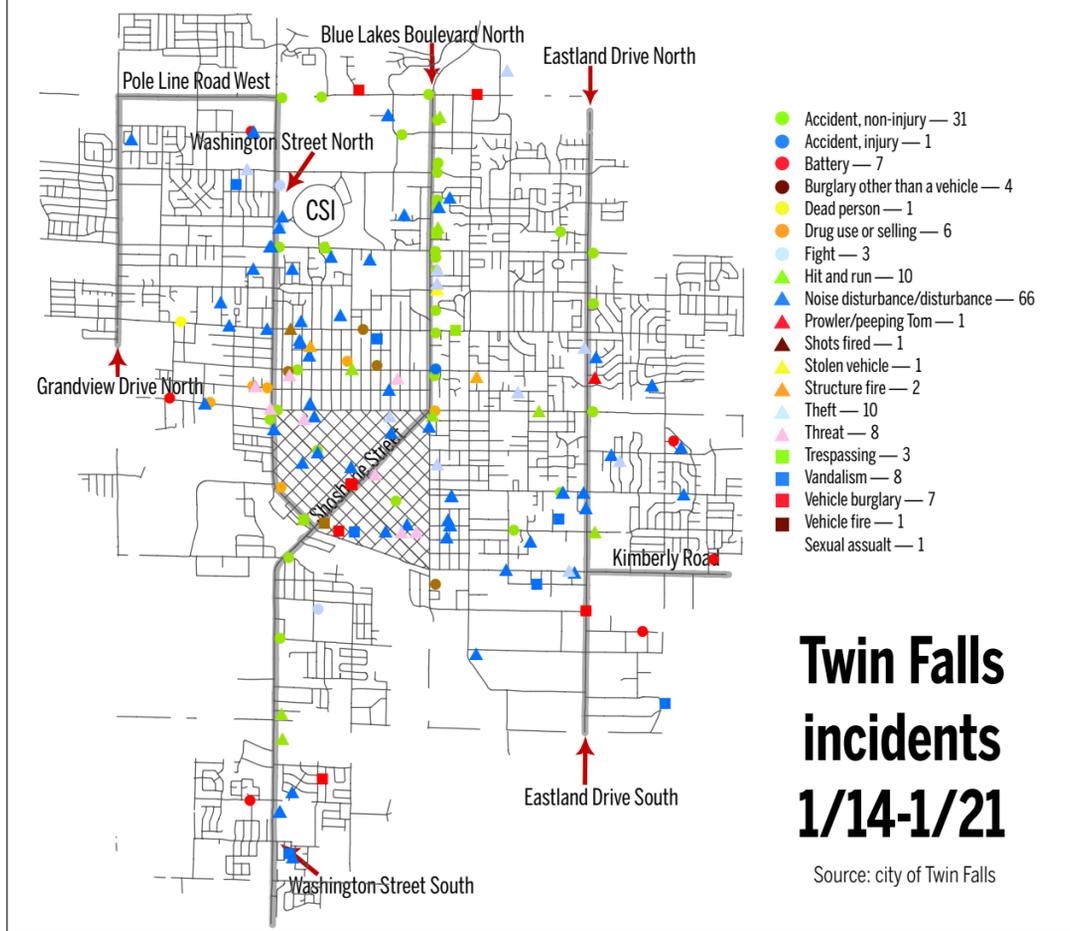
Jacqueline C. Mahan, 43, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, seven years penitentiary, three determinate, four indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,000 fine, \$265.50 costs, \$250 public defender fee.

**FELONY DISMISSAL**  
David F. Aragon, 56, Hansen; possession of a controlled substance, dismissed by prosecutor.

**TWIN FALLS COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS**  
Calvin Driesel, 20, Buhl; injury to child, 10 years penitentiary, four determinate, six indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$125.50 costs, \$1,500 restitution.  
Earl D. Anderson, 26, Twin Falls; delivery of marijuana, five years penitentiary, two determinate, three indeterminate, \$165.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee, \$1,141.79 restitution.  
Frank L. Gorrell, 33, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, seven years penitentiary, two determinate, five indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50 costs, \$300 restitution, \$1,447.83.  
Felicia V. Rodriguez-Cortez, 24, Idaho Falls; destruction, alternation or concealment of evidence, five years penitentiary, 1.5 determinate, 3.5 indeterminate, \$225.50 costs, \$741.03 restitution, enter therapeutic community.  
Daniel D. Reichel, 41, Twin Falls; injury to child, 10 years penitentiary, four determinate, six indeterminate, three years probation, \$88.50 costs, \$1,500 restitution, sex offender treatment program.  
Sally A. Ransbottom, 53, Buhl; possession of methamphetamine, four years penitentiary, two determinate, two indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50, \$155 other fees and costs, \$600.40 restitution, 100 hours community service.  
Clyde L. Jolley, 60, Twin Falls; failure to register as a sex offender, three years penitentiary, one determinate, two indeterminate, three years probation, \$350.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**  
Cody D. Norris, 20, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 150 days, 12 months probation, 32 hours community service; possession of controlled substance, \$200 fine, \$50 costs, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, one credited.  
David A. Thornton, 59, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$600 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, one day work detail, driving privileges suspended 120 days, 12 months probation.  
Charles L. Kimball, 62, Hazelton; driving under the influence, amended to simple driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation.

**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**  
The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following: Shantel Hennings. Seeking establishment for medical support of third party child care: 18 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance.  
Patrick M. Austin. Seeking establishment for child support: \$839 monthly support plus 67 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, 67 percent of any work related day care expenses.  
Kenneth L. Pullin. Seeking establishment for support of children in foster care: \$310 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance.  
Jacqueline C. Mahan. Seeking establishment for support of



**Twin Falls incidents 1/14-1/21**  
Source: city of Twin Falls

child in foster care: \$201 monthly support plus 38 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$207.70 foster care reimbursement.  
Vincent L. Kessler. Seeking establishment for medical support: 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, lien will be placed upon defendant's real and personal property if delinquent in obligation for at least 90 days or \$2,000, whichever is less.  
Ryker D. Fairbanks. Seeking establishment of paternity of child in foster care: \$283 monthly support plus 81 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$1,123.48 foster care reimbursement.  
Bradley B. Lisonbee. Seeking establishment for medical support: 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, lien will be placed upon defendant's real and personal property if delinquent in obligation for at least 90 days or \$2,000, whichever is less.

**DIVORCES FILED**  
Quintin Cammack vs. Rebekah Cammack.  
Elizabeth B. Reed vs. John C. Reed.  
Aaron J. McLeod vs. Yutdeny R. McLeod.

Linda K. Hill vs. Douglas R. Stewart.  
Aurelio Naveros vs. Marcelina Meza.  
Tracy Armstrong vs. Jori Armstrong.  
Cassandra Whitehawk vs. Anthony Whitehawk.  
Chad E. Minteer vs. Jennifer L. Minteer.  
John K. Kemper vs. Ashley M. Brenner.

**CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**  
Juvenal Pinon-Ortiz Jr., 24, Shoshone; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.  
Jesus Cabral, 21, Hazelton; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 89 suspended, one credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.  
Amanda S. Thompson, 24, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, one credited, one day work detail, driving privileges suspended 100 days, 24 months probation; leaving the scene, amended to driving offense, \$50 costs.

## Army probes sale of 14 Arlington cemetery urns

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Army is investigating how 9-foot-tall, decorative marble urns that once flanked the stage of Arlington National Cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater ended up on a private auction block. An Alexandria auction house is planning to sell 14 decorative urns that once stood in the amphitheater next to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a memorial visited by presidents for 90 years.

The urns were apparently removed from the cemetery during a 1990s renovation. Since 1997 they have been at a Maryland antiques shop, but the shop owner is closing the store and auctioning its inventory. He says he bought the urns from the company that renovated the amphitheater, replaced the urns and took away the originals. After learning of the sale from *The Washington Post*, the Army on Friday asked The Potomack Company to halt the urns' auction.

# Empowering kids

## Ketchum book publisher started 'cold turkey'

By Sabina Dana Plasse  
Idaho Mountain Express

KETCHUM — Maxton Beckwith was a municipal bonds trader in San Francisco for 11 years when he decided to give his notice and start a book publishing company. At 41, he lives in west Ketchum with his family. He runs his business, The Little Author, out of his house.

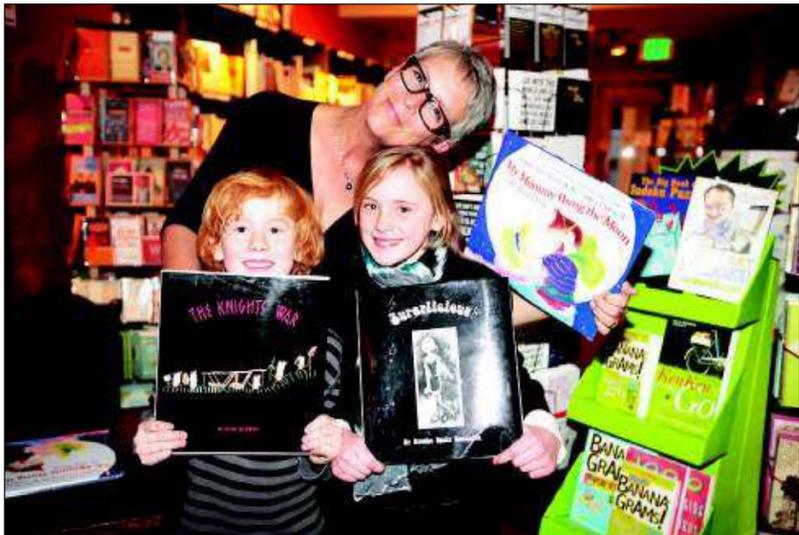
"I did it cold turkey," Beckwith said. "I wanted to take kids' artwork and make it presentable in a book form to empower kids."

Beckwith said he had been illustrating on the side. He knew he was not in the right profession as a trader.

Beckwith's publishing calling was also not completely unfounded. His grandfather had published textbooks, as well as developed tractors from the first cars for big Detroit companies, worked for Gulf Oil and taught at a university. As a small child, Beckwith was captivated by his grandfather's accomplishments, especially as a published author.

"I was always interested in children's books," he said. "I had illustrated a couple of things."

When Beckwith began his hand-crafted, custom book publishing company in 2005, he received good press from Parents magazine and television shows. He did well. The



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Blake, left, and Brooke Beckwith pose with actress and children's book author, Jamie Lee Curtis in Ketchum on Dec. 23. Blake and Brooke are the children of Maxton Beckwith, who was a municipal bonds trader in San Francisco for 11 years when he decided to start a book publishing company.

Little Author took off.

"I received a solid customer base of 500 customers," he said.

But Beckwith did not want the pressure and headaches of running a big company — he had left that behind when he terminated his trading career and moved to Idaho. Beckwith's mother is manager of Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch in the Sawtooth Valley.

Beckwith said he decided to scale back his company to a more boutique business for fine, handcrafted custom books.

"I want to do larger projects with people who are on the same page as me," he said. "My dream is to be involved with a nonprofit business. I'm looking for the right nonprofit."

Beckwith's books "Super-licious!" by his daughter, Brooke Beckwith, and "The Knights' War" by his son, Blake Beckwith, contain original artwork by the children.

In addition, Beckwith has published a book with supermodel and spokesperson Cindy

Crawford and her daughter. "It's their artwork and artistic freedom," he said. "The book is a piece of artwork as itself."

The books are hard covered and printed on linen paper that is thick and elegant. Images are captured by scanning or photography and are printed clearly with beautiful color balance. Beckwith has his own machinery to bind and print books in his west Ketchum home.

"People want something different," he said.

## Hawaii bars release of Obama birth info

HONOLULU (AP) — A privacy law that shields birth certificates has prompted Democratic Gov. Neil Abercrombie to abandon efforts to dispel claims that President Barack Obama was born outside Hawaii, his office says.

State Attorney General David Louie told the governor that privacy laws bar him from disclosing an individual's birth documentation without the person's consent.

"There is nothing more that Gov. Abercrombie can do within the law to produce a document," said Dela Cruz. "Unfortunately, there are conspirators who will continue to question the citizenship of our president."

Abercrombie, who was a friend of Obama's parents and knew him as a child, launched an investigation last month into whether he can release more information about the president's Aug. 4, 1961 birth.

The governor said at the time he was bothered by people who questioned Obama's birthplace for political reasons. But Abercrombie's attempt reached a dead end when Louie told him the law restricted his options.

Hawaii's privacy laws have long barred the release of a certified birth certificate to anyone who doesn't have a tangible interest.

So-called "birthers" claim Obama is ineligible to be president because they say there's no proof he was born in the United States.

## A true cowboy: Jackson Hole man represents Wyoming in films

By Kelsey Dayton  
Jackson Hole News & Guide

JACKSON, Wyo. — George Smith walks with the gait of a horseman, a slight bow to the legs and a long stride.

His cowboy hat is weathered, the color faded from sun and darkened in spots by sweat. He sits in a plaid jacket and takes a breath, his words coming slowly.

Coming into Jackson recently, he said, he found the bustle of the town almost overwhelming. He moved to the valley in 1988 and the place seems to get busier every year.

Smith, 57, seems the quintessential modern cowboy, a dying breed, a member of the group that wears cowboy boots ravaged from work for their practicality and not their style.

He is everything opposite the Hollywood actor.

Yet in the past few years Smith has built a short acting resume playing extras for Western movies.

Most recently, he acted as a face in the crowd for the movie "True Grit," in theaters now, and then shortly after as an extra horse rider and bartender in the film "Cowboys and Aliens."

A rancher and cowboy by profession, Smith isn't looking for fame. He enjoys dabbling in movies. To him it is a way to share a piece of his home with the world.

"I go out and represent Wyoming," he said.

As a kid, Smith loved

"I just love portraying the West. I love being part of the West, and I love Wyoming. It's a way to hold onto our heritage."

— George Smith

Westerns, spending his Saturdays entranced by the horses and gunfire and rooting for the good guys.

"Back then, there was a clear good guy and bad guy," he said.

Smith grew up in Sheridan. He started riding horses as a child at his grandparents' home in northern Minnesota.

He moved to Jackson Hole in 1988, working as an electrician and on area ranches and performing in the Town Square Shootout.

Today, Smith owns land in Sheridan and Thayne but still helps on Jackson valley ranches.

He remembers seeing the original "True Grit," starring John Wayne. Never did he dream of being in one of the movies he loved to watch.

As an adult, Smith acted in local commercials and as a horseman on programs on the Discovery and Learning channels. He appeared in a segment on "60 Minutes" about the split-estate issue about five years ago Smith

liked being in front of the camera.

"I just love portraying the West," he said. "I love being part of the West, and I love Wyoming. It's a way to hold onto our heritage."

While visiting his son in Austin, Texas, Smith got wind that a new version of "True Grit" was in the works. He ran into a farrier in the parking lot of Walmart who said the film crew was looking for riders.

Smith called the casting director.

She needed an extra to fit a costume in a size 44 long — his exact size.

A week later Smith found himself in Granger, Texas, which had been transformed into an old Western town.

His part was small, just another face in the crowd during scenes in a courtroom and at a public hanging.

Smith hasn't seen the new "True Grit" yet.

On set, it wasn't the big names in the movie, like Matt Damon or Jeff Bridges, that left him star-struck.

It was an older man named Dean Smith, who once worked as John Wayne's stuntman, whom George Smith boasts of meeting.

Perhaps he will meet him again, Smith isn't done with movies. He plans to look for more work and even audition for speaking roles.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Cassia Co. schools to hold hearings Comment on \$3.5M roadwork sought

The Cassia County School District will continue to hold public meetings to discuss its March 8 election for a \$41.5 facility bond issue. The 7 p.m. meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Tuesday: Dworshak Elementary School, Burley
- Thursday: Oakley High School
- Feb. 1: Raft River High School, Malta
- Feb. 10: Burley High School Little Theater
- Feb. 15: Albion Elementary School
- Feb. 21: Declo High School

Hailey residents are invited to attend two open houses about possible improvements to Woodside Boulevard.

Open houses will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on:

- Wednesday: Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, focused on improvements between Fox Acres and Countryside Boulevard.
- Thursday: Woodside Elementary School, 1111 Woodside Elementary Lane, focused on improvements between Countryside and State Highway 75.

Project staff will be available to answer questions and receive comments. A translator will be present for Spanish-speaking participants.

Proposed improvements include sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping between sidewalks and the road, bus pullouts and shelters, and other steps intended to slow traffic, improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and repair the roadway. A new traffic signal would be placed at Woodside and Highway 75.

The work would be funded by a \$3.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The 35-year-old road is the second-busiest street in Hailey, according to the city.

For information, including how to submit comments through Feb. 12: [www.cityofhailey.org](http://www.cityofhailey.org).

— Staff reports

### Jaquet to speak at T.F. event

State Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, will be the special guest at the Twin Falls County Democrats' Pizza and Politics, held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Elevation 486, 195 River Vista Place in the Twin Falls Center for the Arts.

The nine-term representative serves on a variety of committees, including the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, and was House minority leader from 1998 to 2008. Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee Chairwoman Deborah Silver invites the public to thank Jaquet, who will not seek a 10th term, for representing the Magic Valley.

Information: Silver, 420-1663.

### Snowmobile accident kills woman

BOISE (AP) — Boise County Coroner Pamela S. Garlock says Smith died of blunt force trauma.

Dawn M. Smith died Friday evening after being struck by another snowmobiler on a groomed trail in Boise County.

Garlock says Smith and 57-year-old Danny M. Foxx of Garden Valley were injured when the snowmobile they were riding went over an embankment.

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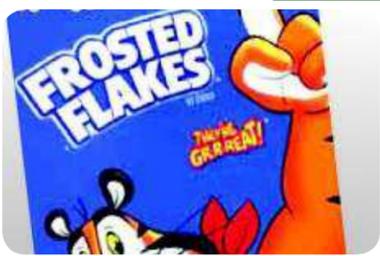
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## Job Gap study finds many Idaho jobs pay less than living wage

By Blair Koch  
Times-News writer

The Alliance for a Just Society's 2010 Northwest Job Gap Study found that across the Northwest, jobs paying a living wage are becoming further and fewer between.

The Seattle-based organization, formerly the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, concluded that in Idaho, a single adult needs to earn, on average, \$29,642 a year, or \$14.25 an hour. For households with two working adults and two children, the combined living wage of both adults shoots to \$75,372 a year, or

\$36.24 an hour.

"What we found is that there are many households, from single-adult households to families with both parents working, struggling to make ends meet," said Alliance regional organizer Fernando Mejia.

Taking into account average rents, transportation costs, grocery prices and the like, the study identified a living wage for each county within Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, the percentage of job openings paying a living wage and the ratio of living-wage job openings to the number of people looking for work.

Data came from state and federal sources, such as the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and was based on 2009 figures.

The Job Gap study defines a living wage as, "a wage that allows families to meet their basic needs, without public assistance, and that provides them some ability to deal with emergencies and plan ahead. It is not a poverty wage."

Twin Falls resident Roxie Carr, a board member with the Idaho Community Action Network, told the *Times-News* the organization helped survey households across the

state for the study.

"We went door to door," Carr said. "We all know the job situation is bad, but the wage thing, there is really no excuse for it. People should be given a living wage. What we found is that hardly anybody around here is making the kind of wage they should."

The study found that 48 percent of Idaho job openings pay less than the living wage for a single adult, and 81 percent of job openings pay less than the living wage needed for families with two adults, one working, with two children.

Meanwhile, U.S. corporations are making record profits. The U.S. Commerce

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Department reported in November that corporate profits hit an all-time high of \$1.66 trillion during the third quarter of 2010.

"We need to make these companies pay people a living wage," Carr said.

The Northwest Job Gap Study indicated that from 2001 to 2007, two-thirds of income generated by the nation's economy was absorbed by the top 1 percent of households. The income concentration trend began in the late 1970s, reversing three decades in which the bottom 90 percent saw their income increase more rapidly than did

the top 1 percent.

"Poor wage growth represents a drag on the economy and it contributes to the recovery's sluggishness. Between 2002 and 2007, while the productivity of workers grew, hourly pay dropped for typical workers with a high school or college education," Job Gap authors wrote.

In Idaho there are eight job seekers to every job opening paying at least the \$14.25-an-hour living wage for a single adult. For every job paying at least the \$26.64-an-hour living wage for a single adult caring for two children, there are 33 job seekers, on average.

## It's not too early to think about 2011 taxes

By Carlone Feldman  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON—The Bush-era tax cuts have been extended, the alternative minimum tax is patched and capital gains rates are set.

Tax breaks are in place for students and teachers, and for the most sizable estates.

Congress established some of the parameters for the 2011 tax year even before the year began.

The big question confronting lawmakers was whether to extend the Bush tax cuts and for whom. Democrats had argued that the nation's richest taxpayers should be excluded from any extension. But as a part of a compromise deal worked out with President Obama, Congress approved an extension for all taxpayers through 2012. The net result: Workers won't see their take-home pay reduced because of taxes.

In fact, they'll actually see an increase.

Congress declared a 2 percent payroll holiday in 2011, temporarily reducing Social Security withholding. People who are self-employed will see the savings when they file their estimated taxes.

"People are going to spend it or they're going to save it" depending on their goals and financial situation, said Greg Rosica, tax partner with Ernst & Young. "It's a great opportunity to look at it as an opportunity to increase their 401(k) or make an IRA contribution."

"That could multiply tax savings," said Barbara Weltman, author of tax guides for J.K. Lasser. "If they give to charity, it's tax deductible. If they put it into an IRA, that's deductible."

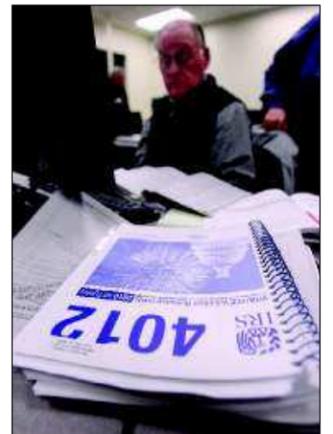
Other options could be to put it in a 529 plan to save for a child's education, or open a Roth IRA and create tax-free income for retirement. A note of caution: Roth IRA contributions are not tax deductible.

The reduced withholding for Social Security took the place of the Making Work Pay tax credit, which had been in place for 2009 and 2010. That credit was worth up



Debra Barksdale attempts to grab driver's attention as she holds a tax refund sign Wednesday afternoon on Fillmore Street in Twin Falls.

Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News



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

higher incomes.

For those people and others, the payroll holiday will work out better. Earnings up to \$106,800 are subject to the Social Security payroll taxes. That means a maximum savings from the payroll tax holiday of \$2,136. Also, unlike the Making Work Pay credit, the payroll holiday does not phase out at higher incomes.

Some lower-income workers will be worse off, however, said Weltman. A married couple earning less than \$40,000 a year or an individual earning less than \$20,000 gets a smaller benefit under this year's tax break.

For tax year 2011, the standard deduction increases slightly to \$11,600 for married couples filing joint returns, \$8,500 for heads of households, and \$5,800 for singles and married couples filing individually. The personal exemption increases to \$3,700, up \$50 from 2010.

Congress in December patched the alternative minimum tax to adjust for inflation for tax years 2010 and 2011. The AMT exemption for 2011 is \$74,450 for joint returns, \$48,450 for singles and heads of households, and \$37,225 for married couples filing separately. Without the patch, millions

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## Tax experts offer tips for preparing returns

The Associated Press

With tax season upon us, tax experts are ready with advice.

"Everybody needs to put some effort into understanding what the law is for 2010, how things changed, how things didn't change," said Greg Rosica, tax partner at Ernst & Young.

Some pointers:

- Documents. "Get your records in order, get everything together, don't be in a rush," said Barbara Weltman, author of tax

guides for J.K. Lasser. Needed records include W-2s, 1099s and receipts for charitable deductions.

- Deductions and credits. "Make sure you're claiming every one you're entitled to," said TurboTax Vice President Bob Meighan. For example, he said, if you volunteer at the food kitchen you can't deduct your time but you can deduct your mileage to get there. Don't underestimate the value of goods you donate to charity.

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In this file photo Richard Hucks, and Demetrius Rumph, left, install energy efficient windows in a home in West Columbia, S.C. This year's tax season will look a lot like last year's, but with a few sweeteners added. Most of the tax changes put in place in 2009 to spur the economy remained in effect in 2010, even though the recession was officially declared over.

## Some credits, deductions could trip up taxpayers

By Carole Feldman  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Did you buy energy-efficient windows for your home last year? You can only take the energy efficiency credit if they were installed by Dec. 31.

That's just one of the details that could trip up taxpayers filing 2010 returns.

Want to take the first-time home buyer credit on your taxes? If you bought your house after April 30, or didn't have a binding contract by that time, you're probably out of luck. Was closing delayed? Depending on how

long, you might not be eligible.

But some taxpayers have an extra year to buy a home. Those serving outside the United States as members of the Foreign Service, the uniformed services, including the military, or the intelligence community have until April 30, 2011, to buy a new house and qualify for the credit.

One more thing: The first generation of the new home buyer's credit was actually an interest-free loan. If you claimed that credit on your 2008 taxes, you have to start paying it back this year. If you took the full value of

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Jordan Torrez

Jensen Jewelers is proud to announce the graduation of Jordan Torrez of Jensen Jewelers in Burley from the prestigious Certified Professional Jeweler program.

This employee has completed the 11-week course, which involved extensive training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

### Amanda Stamper



Stamper

Amanda "Mandy" M. Stamper, an employee with Deagle, Ames & Co. in Buhl, recently completed her studies to become a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

She graduated from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., with a Bachelor of Science in business administration degree in accounting.

Stamper joined the company in October of 2008, and has experience with financial statement preparation, payroll services, audits and tax preparations.

### Jennifer S. Blair

Proforma Elevation Brand Source (a division of WebDog Services, LLC) is proud to welcome Jennifer Schwinn Blair to the team, as their new customer development manager. She will be handling all aspects of branding and marketing in multimedia, promotional products, printing services, corporate apparel and business documents.

Blair, an Idaho native, moved to Twin Falls following her graduation from Fresno State University in 2002, with a degree in business management. She has worked for several divisions of Wells Fargo for the past seven years, been actively involved with the Magic



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Valley Leadership organization and continues to serve on the Board for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, co-chairing the Annual Dinner and Auction this past 2010 season.

Contact Blair at 734-3647, Jennifer.blair@proforma.com, or stop by the offices at 212 Second Ave. W. Suite 105 in Twin Falls and congratulate her, and/or place an order.

### Jack Bauer

Idaho Lending Group of Twin Falls would like to welcome Jack Bauer to their team.

Bauer obtained his college degrees in engineering and business. He paid his way through college building and managing scientific research projects, and after college sent an experimental payload on the Space Shuttle Mission 59 "Endeavor" in 1994. He received a patent for his in evapo-transpiration tech-



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nology in 1998.

Bauer has managed, financed and constructed over \$110 million dollars in projects to date. He has direct experience in private

funding, commercial funding, purchasing and selling farms and ranches, entitling and developing large scale residential and commercial land, contracting, finance, manufacturing, fabrication, ranching, fishing/hunting lodges, farming, highest end residential compounds, high rise and commercial tenant improvements, solar power plants, marketing and sales, with focus on closing deals.

Call Bauer at Idaho Lending Group at 734-5626.

## MILESTONES

### NORTHWEST MUTUAL FINANCIAL NETWORK

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony along with the Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors. Northwestern Mutual is a new member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Financial services and products are available through Northwestern



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The ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan.14 welcomed financial representative Tyler Layne, who moved to Twin Falls this past summer. The office is located at 488 Blue Lakes Blvd N., Suite 108, in Twin Falls, and phone number is 733-7611.

## KETCHUM-BASED LAWSON LASKI CLARK & POGUE LAW FIRM RECOGNIZED

The Lawson Laski Clark & Pogue law firm, in Ketchum, has been recognized in the 95th edition of the "Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory," a definitive guide to America's leading law firms and lawyers.

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The firm consists of attorneys Ed Lawson, Jim Laski, Erin Clark, Mike Pogue and Kirsten Dutcher. It serves both business and personal legal needs of clients in the Wood River Valley and throughout southern Idaho.

## Taxes

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more Americans would be subject to the AMT.

Other 2010 tax provisions in effect for 2011 include:

- A top capital gains rate of 15 percent.
- Personal exemptions and itemized deductions won't be phased out for higher-income taxpayers.
- The American Opportunity credit, an expansion of the Hope credit. Qualified taxpayers can get a credit of up to \$2,500 toward tuition and other fees at colleges and universities.
- The maximum \$4,000 deduction for qualified tuition and fees.
- The option of deducting state and local sales tax, geared mainly toward taxpayers in places that don't have state income taxes.
- The maximum \$250 deduction for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by teachers in grades kindergarten through 12.
- The deduction for mortgage insurance.

Some of those credits and deductions phase out at higher incomes.

By the same token, some credits and deductions in place for 2010 were allowed to expire and are unavailable to taxpayers for 2011.

Among them is the first-time homebuyers credit. A smaller homebuyers credit for people who had owned homes before also expired.

An exception was made, however, for active duty military and members of the Foreign Service or intel-

ligence community stationed overseas. They may still qualify for the maximum \$8,000 credit if they enter into a contract to buy a home by April 30, 2011. There are income limits and limits on the price of the home.

For those already in their homes, a limited credit is available for new windows, doors, furnaces or other energy-efficient improvements installed in 2011. A more-generous credit for energy-efficient improvements expired at the end of 2010.

A year from now, when it's time to do your 2010 taxes, remember that professional tax preparers will have been required not only to register with the IRS, but also to have passed a competency exam. Certified public accountants and others who meet other qualifying standards are exempt from the exam.

Since many things already are in place for 2011, Rosica says people should do some planning now.

For example, if you're thinking about selling your home in the next year or two and the value has increased, should you sell it in 2011 since the lower capital gains rate are in effect only until the end of the year? The same with selling a business. "All items ought to be on the list to be examined," he said.

There's one big caveat: The economy, political environment and many other factors can change. And Congress still has a full year to amend the tax laws.

## CONTRIBUTION

### Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging

South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) would like to thank Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging and its employees for their \$7,500 donation to be used for the emergency food fund that was designated to be used in the Twin

Falls area. SCCAP appreciates Longview Fibre's commitment to giving back to the Twin Falls community by supporting SCCAP's continuing efforts to enhance the lives of residents in our community to help build bridges toward self sufficiency.



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Pictured from left to right: Leanne Trappen, SCCAP, Community Service director; Kent Bradford, Longview Fibre, plant manager; Russell Williams, Longview Fibre, plant superintendent; and Ken Robinette, SCCAP, executive director.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### 'Dump Hunger' campaign gains momentum at Albertsons grocery store in Twin Falls

Western States Equipment and Albertsons have teamed up again to raise food, funds and awareness during the most challenging time of year for food banks across the state.

The "Dump Hunger" campaign hopes to generate 225,000 pounds of food by Feb. 7, a critical post-holiday period for food bank donations.

Food donations can be taken to any of the Western States branch locations or participating Albertsons stores, including the Twin Falls location at 1221 Addison Avenue. Cash donations are accepted only at Western States locations, including 3085 E. Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, and The Idaho Foodbank.

Each participating Albertsons store is building a Dump Hunger display for a contest across all of the territories involved. The winner will be determined by Facebook votes on the Western States Facebook page, so we're encouraging customers and the community to vote for their favorite display. For every "like" vote cast on Facebook, Western States will donate \$1 to the local food bank in the area, up to \$5,000 total across its territories.

### Cactus Petes Resort Casino team members raise more than \$117,000 for the Magic Valley and Treasure Valley communities

Team members from Cactus Petes Resort Casino, along with company and foundation matches, have pledged to generously contribute \$117,686 to the Magic Valley and Treasure Valley communities through Ameristar's 2010 Ameristar Cares Workplace Giving Campaign.

Contributions went to Saint Alphonsus Rehabilitation Hospital, Ameristar Cares Sunshine Fund, United Way and Community Health Charities, and the designated local charity, Crisis Center of Magic Valley, determined by community needs and team member input.

All donations made during this year's workplace giving campaign are being matched twenty-five-cents-on-the-dollar by Ameristar Casinos, Inc. Also, The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation will provide an additional dollar-for-dollar match to contributions directed to designated spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers. Individual team member pledges company wide totaled \$881,500, which will grow to \$1,333,000 with the matching funds.



Rodney Lind, left, director of Technology for the Cassia School District, is pictured taking receipt of used computers and servers donated to the district by McCains Foods from Louie Manzo, right, at McCains. Courtesy photo

### McCains gives computers to Cassia School District

McCains Foods of Burley donated about 120 used computers and six servers to the Cassia School District following an upgrade of the plant's computers. Louie Manzo from McCains contacted the district administration to ask if the district could use the computers.

According to Jeff McCray, plant manager, the equip-

ment was given to Cassia District as service to the community where the plant is located. He noted that plant continually upgrades its computers.

Rodney Lind, director of technology for the district, picked the equipment up from Manzo at McCains. He plans to replace older computers throughout the district.

## We want YOUR BUSINESS news

We welcome announcements about new businesses as well as employee changes or advancements. To submit contributions to YourBusiness, send announcements and photographs to Times-News business Editor Blair Koch at bkoch@gmagicvalley.com. Photos will only be accepted as .jpeg e-mail attachments. The deadline to submit an announcement for the following Sunday is Wednesday at noon. Announcements must be 150 words or less. The Times-News reserves the right to edit content.



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# IRS decides against mailing tax forms

By Carole Feldman  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The start of tax season used to be heralded by the arrival of tax forms in the mail.

No more. The Internal Revenue Service decided this year not to automatically mail them to individual and business taxpayers. "It's a sign of the times," said Terry Lemons, IRS senior spokesman. "More people are going electronic. We're interested in saving taxpayers money."

He said the agency realizes that not everyone has access to the Internet or to computers. "We think most people are going to have options to get this information," he said.

Forms will be available at many public libraries, post offices and other community sites. They also can be ordered through the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). In addition, there are programs such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly, Lemons said.

Kathy Pickering, executive director of the Tax Institute at H&R Block, said the decision against mass mailing of forms has another benefit. "With late passage of the tax bill, the



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In this file photo, canceled mail addressed to the Department of the Treasury's Internal Revenue Service is seen at New York post office.

IRS did not have to send out forms that were obsolete," she said. "It provided them with some agility."

Congress passed a tax bill, which included extension of the Bush-era tax cuts, during a post-election session that ended just before Christmas.

Lemons said only 8 percent of individual taxpayers got paper tax packages in the mail last year. Those people were mailed postcards last fall informing them about the decision against mass tax-form mailings and telling them where they could get the required forms. Still, some may have missed the postcard.

"Some people are just

waiting for their forms to come before they file," said Barbara Weltman, author of some of J.K. Lasser's tax publications. "Don't wait," she said. "It's not coming."

Electronic filing of tax returns is gaining in popularity. The IRS said nearly 99 million returns were filed electronically last year, up 3 percent from 2009. While nearly two-thirds of the electronic returns were filed by professional preparers, the biggest growth — 8 percent — was among those who did their taxes themselves. Last year, 34.8 million self-prepared tax returns were received electronically by the IRS.

# Deductions

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The home buyer credit the credit, you'll owe \$500 this year.

"It might catch people unaware," said Barbara Weltman, author of tax guides for J.K. Lasser.

If you deducted the first \$2,400 of your unemployment benefits last year, be aware that you can't do it again this time around. Congress didn't extend that tax benefit.

Some experts advise taxpayers to seek help preparing their returns, either from a professional tax preparer or by using tax preparation software, especially with the late changes Congress made to the tax law. Some benefits were extended; others were allowed to lapse.

One source of information is the Internal Revenue Service's tax guide for individuals, Publication 17. Running over 200 pages, it's filled with information on credits and deductions, and how to figure your tax and file your return.

"There's so much going on this year and it's confusing," said Kathy Pickering, executive director of H&R Block's Tax Institute. "It really isn't the year to go it alone."

Take the energy credit.

Taxpayers may qualify for a credit of 30 percent, or a maximum \$1,500, for energy improvements made to their homes. They can include new windows, doors, insulation, and certain air conditioning, heating or hot water systems. The improvements must be expected to remain in use for at least five years and meet certain energy efficiency requirements. How do you know if they meet the requirements? In most cases, you have to rely on the contractor or the manufacturer to tell you.

There's another catch. The energy efficient product must have been installed before the end of the year to qualify for the credit. "Purchasing something at the hardware store and putting it in the garage for installation later won't do it," said Mark Luscombe, principal tax analyst at CCH, a provider of tax, accounting and audit information.

The home buyer credit had different incarnations. The first, taken as a credit, was the loan for first-time home buyers. That was later changed to make it a true credit, and a provision was added for long-time home owners. But the maximum credit differed for first-time home buyers and people who already had owned a home, a maximum \$8,000 for the former, \$6,500 for the latter. If the purchase price exceeds \$800,000, you cannot claim either credit.

So how do you know whether you had the loan or the true credit?

Most people know the year in which they bought their home and can figure it out that way, said Terry Lemons, chief spokesman for the IRS. If you used tax preparation software and rolled over your data from year to year, it also lets you know which you took.

Other things that could trip folks up:

- Charitable deductions. You'll need a bank record, such as a cancelled check or a receipt, even for the smallest donation. That means that if you gave \$1 in cash to the Salvation Army bell ringer over the Christmas holidays, you can't claim a deduction without a receipt. For donations of motor vehicles, get a completed Form 1098-C or similar statement from the organization and attach it to your return.

- Out-of-pocket expenses for teachers. Congress restored the deduction of up to \$250 for teachers. It applies only to full-time teachers from kindergarten through high school.

- Conversion of traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs. You'll have to decide whether to include the value of the conversion as income for 2010, or split it over two years, 2011 and 2012.

One more thing: For this year only, forget that April 15 is synonymous with tax day. Because of the Emancipation Day holiday in the District of Columbia, the deadline for submitting tax returns is April 18 for everyone, including those who don't live in the nation's capital.

# Experts

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- Check for errors. "Review, review, review," the Internal Revenue Service says. Don't forget to include your Social Security number and sign your return.

- Don't go it alone. "Software serves as a double-check," said Mark Luscombe, a principal tax analyst at CCH. So do professional preparers.

- File electronically. "You're going to get a more accurate return," says Terry Lemons, chief spokesman for the IRS. It also will help speed your refund, especially if you choose direct deposit.

- Remember the deadlines. This year, taxpayers have until April 18 to file 2010 tax returns.

- Look ahead. It's not too early to start planning for your 2011 taxes. Are you having too much tax — or too little — withheld from your paycheck? Should you be doing more to save for retirement — and lower your tax liability in doing that? Are you considering selling a house or business? If so, you might want to consider doing it this year, when capital gains rates are still low. "All items ought to be on the list and examined," Rosica says.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR FILING TAX RETURNS

The Associated Press

Some key numbers you'll need to know for filing your taxes in 2011:

PERSONAL EXEMPTION:

- Each personal or dependent exemption is worth \$3,650.

STANDARD DEDUCTION:

- \$11,400 for married couples filing a joint return, and qualifying widows and widowers.

- \$5,700 for singles and married individuals filing separate returns.

- \$8,400 for heads of household.

- Taxpayers who are 65 or older or who are blind may be eligible for a higher standard deduction.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX THRESHOLD:

- \$72,450 for a married couple filing a joint return, and qualifying widows and widowers.

- \$47,450 for singles and heads of household.

- \$36,225 for married individuals filing separately.

Income tax brackets:

- 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent, 35 percent.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT:

To qualify income can be no greater than:

- \$43,352 (\$48,362 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children

- \$40,363 (\$45,373 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children

- \$35,535 (\$40,545 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child

- \$13,460 (\$18,470 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

Maximum credit:

- \$5,666 with three or more qualifying children

- \$5,036 with two qualifying children

- \$3,050 with one qualifying child

- \$457 with no qualifying children

CAPITAL GAINS:

- 0 percent if taxed in the 10 percent or 15 percent brackets.

- Top rate of 15 percent if taxed in higher brackets.

# China Is following the same old script — the one that gives it all the Best Lines

Here we go again. China's Supreme Leader visits Washington, and administration officials declare in the run-up to the visit that the United States has had quite enough of Beijing's currency-manipulating, intellectual-property-stealing, domestic-industry-subsidizing policies.

The Supreme Leader denies his country engages in such practices, then promises it will stop them in its own sweet time, without any more meddling interference from Imperialist Running Dogs.

Meanwhile, with great fanfare, the Supreme Leader announces an order for a few more Boeing passenger jets. There are toasts and smiles all around at the A-list White House dinner. As the Supreme Leader flies off, the Treasury secretary declares his "get tough" policy has been a success.

Then it's off to the headquarters of Multinational Corp., where the Supreme Leader signs one of those joint venture agreements with a Chinese government-owned company in which Multinational Corp. agrees to share its latest technology to gain access to the World's Fastest Growing Market — a market that by treaty obligation is supposed to be open to foreign products and foreign investment but in practice is just one giant pay-to-play racket.

By week's end, Americans finally turn their attentions back to the more pressing issue of whether the Jets can really make it to the Super Bowl.

So far, this week's visit by President Hu Jintao has pretty much followed the script.

There was last week's tough speech by Treasury Secretary Timothy F.



Steven Pearlstein

Geithner that extolled the growth in the U.S.-China trade relationship but threatened to cut off access to U.S. investment opportunities and access to U.S. high-tech products if more progress was not made on the usual laundry list of concerns.

Within days, we learned that a company called Evergreen Solar would shutter its solar panel factory in Devens, Mass., opened with great fanfare three years ago with at least \$43 million in state subsidies. Evergreen is shifting its production to China. Plunging prices for solar panels had rendered the U.S. plant unprofitable, according to chief executive Michael El-Hillow, but Evergreen can still make money in China because of the lower costs and considerable government subsidies offered by the government there. So much for those 800 "green jobs" in Massachusetts.

Then this week, my colleague Howard Schneider weighed in with an equally telling story from Wisconsin, where Manitowoc Co. has for years exported giant cranes to China for use in giant construction projects such as the Three Gorges Dam. But now that Chinese firms are ready to enter the market, Beijing has slapped a 30 percent tariff on Manitowoc's exports under a provision of global trade rules that allow "developing" countries to protect "emerging" industries. To stay in the game, Manitowoc has had to enter a joint venture with one of its Chinese competitors,

which means much of the work will be done there.

The right response to these challenges would be for the president this week to laud China for the success of its economic policies and announce that the administration will begin forthwith to apply each and every one of them to Chinese exports into the United States. Subsidies and directed credit for local companies, buy-American provisions for government agencies and government contractors, currency manipulation, the rules on "conditional market access" and "indigenous innovation" — surely China could hardly complain if we were to pay them the highest compliment by embracing their economic model.

To start things off, the administration might announce its intention to block the joint venture Hu intends to announce later this week with General Electric. GE already sells lots of engines to China for all

those Boeing and Airbus jets it buys. Now GE is hoping to get the contract to provide avionics to the state-owned Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China, which intends to go into direct competition with Boeing. What better way than by forming a 50-50 joint venture with Aviation Industry Corp. of China, another state-owned firm?

In addition to \$200 million, GE will be contributing technology to the partnership that will operate as the avionics brain for Boeing's new 787 Dreamliner. And going forward, the partners will jointly develop new radars, controls and guidance system at a jointly run research and development laboratory that is already under construction. Call me cynical, but this sure sounds as if one of America's leading technology companies has decided to sell some of this country's crown jewels to ensure access to China's rigged market, potentially jeopardizing the competitive

advantage enjoyed by this country's leading export industry.

This is the nub of the problem. With its state-controlled economy, China can force its companies to act collaboratively to achieve the country's strategic economic objectives. And that gives it a tremendous advantage in negotiating the terms of trade with a country like ours, where China can strike deals that may provide short-term profits to one company and its shareholders but in the long run undermine the competitiveness of the other country's economy. What's good for GE or Honeywell or Rockwell is, in this case, almost certainly not good for America and American workers.

Americans are uncomfortable with the idea of industrial policy. But when competing against countries that practice it skillfully and aggressively, we may have no choice but to respond in kind — if for no other reason than as a way to negotiate a more level playing field for American firms and American workers. China has already leveraged this advantage to wipe out large swaths of American industry, build up a \$3 trillion war chest and help to put the U.S. economy in a rut characterized by low growth, high unemployment and unsustainable trade deficits.

How much longer must we wait, how much deeper does the rut have to get, before we say, "Enough!"?

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# Updated rehab aims to give Rep. Giffords her life back

By Marilynn Marchione  
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — She inspired the nation with her fairy-tale recovery. Now Rep. Gabrielle Giffords must inspire herself through the ordeal of rehabilitation, and doctors say it's likely to be the hardest work she'll ever do.

Just a couple of decades ago, rehab was little more than physical therapy for shuffling stroke victims and wheelchair-bound quadriplegics, a last resort after doctors had done all they could.

Now it's a sophisticated science at the forefront of treating people like Giffords, who was shot in the forehead two weeks ago while meeting constituents in Tucson. An early start on rehab is key to limiting permanent damage, and the Houston hospital where she will be treated uses high-tech tools to push the brain to rewire itself.

The Arizona congresswoman arrived Friday at the Texas Medical Center, where she is expected to spend a few days in intensive care before moving to TIRR Memorial Hermann rehab hospital. Dr. Gerard Francisco, the hospital's chief medical officer, said Saturday that she was "even more alert today" and progressing nicely with therapy.

Instead of doctors making you well, rehab means "teaching you how to help yourself" to get your life back, said Dr. William Donovan, a former medical director of the rehab hospital who still works there part-time.

It's frustrating when your muscles and mind won't work the way you want them to. Emotional challenges, post-traumatic stress and physical problems like seizures, headaches and infections loom as risks that could complicate her recovery.

No one can predict how she will do, or what her "new normal" will be, as the hospital's CEO, Carl Josehart puts it. A CT scan on arrival showed "really minimal" injury for the mortal wound she had, said Dr. Dong Kim, neurosurgery chief for



Patient Luis Gonzalez works with occupational therapist Eric Lantz, left, on Thursday at TIRR Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation Hospital in Houston. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords will soon be a patient at the facility.



Patient Gary W. Noska works on a machine Thursday at TIRR Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation Hospital in Houston.

University of Texas Health Science Center.

The type of bullet, its path, good trauma care and her general health before the injury bode well for her, but "a bigger impact on recovery is the amount of family and social support after the injury," said Mark Sherer, a neuropsychologist at the rehab hospital.

After doing a head-to-toe mapping of her injuries and abilities, "we'll have to figure out how to meet each and every deficit," Francisco said.

The first step: setting a goal, such as being able to live independently or to return to work or school.

"We try to tailor that to what's realistic," Josehart said.

His hospital is a modern, six-story, red-brick building with hacienda-style arches

and signs with the "O" in Memorial Hermann made into a hopeful yellow sunburst. The rooms are standard hospital ones — no VIP suites, the doctors quip.

A large gym can treat 30 to 40 patients at a time with state-of-the-art equipment. There are therapy pools, treadmills with harnesses to help support weight and sophisticated recumbent bikes that send electrical signals to help muscles move.

A day's stay costs several thousand dollars, and the hospital treats a mix of public insurance, private pay and uninsured patients. About two-thirds have brain injuries — everything from gunshot wounds to strokes — and most of the rest are spinal cord injuries.

"In the early days of rehabilitation — 20, 30 years ago

— it was not uncommon for patients to be in a rehab hospital for a year," Josehart said.

Now, three to six months is a very long stay, partly due to better treatments and new technology that allow more care to be given at home — portable lifts to help people out of wheelchairs, for example.

How does someone get better in rehab?

"Practice, practice, practice, and I'm not being facetious," said Dr. Paul Schulz, a UTHealth neurologist who works at the hospital.

A patient having trouble speaking — as doctors suspect Giffords might — could be given a Ouija board and asked to form words on it. Or encouraged to sing what they are trying to say to a familiar tune like the ABC's or Happy Birthday while tapping their fingers, said Dr. David Lacey, medical director of rehab services at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

That engages more body systems and encourages new connections and nerve growth, he explained.

"Sometimes you can break through the speech deficit by using the auditory pathway. They can get the word out rather than just thinking of the word and saying it," said Lacey, who is not involved in Giffords' care.

# Olbermann and MSNBC: a failing relationship

By David Bauder  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Keith Olbermann's exit from MSNBC appeared abrupt to viewers of his show, but the talk-show host and his network were involved "in a relationship that's been failing for a long time," an NBC Universal executive said Saturday.

Olbermann's announcement at the end of Friday's "Countdown" that it would be his last show quietly, at least for the moment, the most dominant liberal voice in a cable-television world where opinionated talk has been the most bankable trend over the past several years.

As Olbermann read from a James Thurber short story during a three-minute exit statement Friday night, MSNBC simultaneously e-mailed a statement to reporters that the network and host "have ended their contract." Neither indicated a reason nor addressed whether Olbermann quit or was fired.

But the NBC Universal executive characterized it as a mutual parting of the ways, with Olbermann taking the first step. The executive spoke on condition of anonymity because settlement talks were kept confidential.

Olbermann was nearly fired in November but instead was suspended for two days without pay for violating an NBC News policy by donating to three political campaigns, including the congressional campaign of Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. He returned and apologized to his fans, but not the network.

MSNBC spokesman Jeremy Gaines insisted Olbermann's exit had nothing to do with the acquisition of parent company NBC Universal by Comcast, which received regulatory approval Tuesday. That deal marks the exit of NBC Universal chief Jeff Zucker, who saw Olbermann's value in turning around a once-unprofitable network, despite headaches the mercurial personality sometimes caused his bosses.

Olbermann and his manager did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Saturday.

One clue Olbermann offered in his goodbye statement was that he'd "been told" that Friday was

his last show. But Olbermann also said that "there were many occasions, particularly in the last 2½ years, where all that surrounded the show — but never the show itself — was just too much for me. But your support and loyalty and, if I may use the word, insistence, ultimately required that I keep going. My gratitude to you is boundless."

"He did more than anybody to establish the credibility of progressive views through market-driven success," said David Brock, founder and CEO of the left-wing media watchdog Media Matters for America.

Olbermann's show was also an incubator for left-wing talent on the air, he said. Two-thirds of MSNBC's prime-time lineup, Rachel Maddow and Lawrence O'Donnell, got their own shows after successfully subbing for Olbermann.

His show also gave platforms to bloggers like Josh Marshall and Markos Moulitsas, as well as his own organization and the Center for American Progress, Brock said.

"Countdown" took off at a time when there was a large imbalance toward conservatives in radio and television political talk, Brock said.

"Keith led the way in correcting that," he said. "Now we're back to some degree of the balance going the other way."

Anyone who expects the volume of political rhetoric on MSNBC will go down will be "rudely surprised" in about a week, said Brent Bozell, founder of the conservative watchdog Media Research Center.

O'Donnell "is every bit as mean-spirited (as Olbermann), but not as creative," Bozell said. "I don't think the philosophy of MSNBC will change one iota."

While he disagreed with most everything Olbermann said, "he had probably the best-produced show on television," Bozell said. That's the danger for MSNBC and liberals — Olbermann may be replaced by someone who has the same viewpoints, but not necessarily with a show people are as eager to watch.

"I'm not in the slightest bit surprised" by Olbermann's exit, Bozell said.

"I've been expecting this to happen for a long time. But I was expecting a more spectacular blow-up."

# Officials fear bath salts are growing drug problem

FULTON, Miss. (AP) — When Neil Brown got high on bath salts, he took his skinning knife and slit his face and stomach repeatedly. Brown survived, but authorities say others haven't been so lucky after snorting, injecting or smoking powders with such innocuous-sounding names as Ivory Wave, Red Dove and Vanilla Sky.

Some say the effects of the powders are as powerful as abusing methamphetamine. Increasingly, law enforcement agents and poison control centers say the bath salts with complex chemical names are an emerging menace in several U.S. states where authorities talk of banning their sale.

From the Deep South to California, emergency calls are being reported over exposure to the stimulants: the powders often contain mephedrone and methylenedioxypyrovalerone, also known as MDPV.

Sold under such names as Ivory Wave, Bliss, White Lightning and Hurricane Charlie, the chemicals can cause hallucinations, paranoia, rapid heart rates and suicidal thoughts, authorities say. The chemicals are in bath salts and even plant foods that are sold legally at convenience stores and on the Internet. However, they aren't necessarily being used for the purposes on the label.

Mississippi lawmakers this week began considering a proposal to ban the sale of the powders, and a similar step is being sought in Kentucky. In Louisiana, the bath salts were outlawed by an emergency order after the state's poison center received more than 125



AP photo  
Inmate Neil Brown describes self-inflicted injuries he sustained while having hallucinations after ingesting a bath salt powder that is being sold at convenience stores and over the Internet.

calls in the last three months of 2010 involving exposure to the chemicals.

In Brown's case, he said he had tried every drug from heroin to crack and was so shaken by terrifying hallucinations that he wrote one Mississippi paper urging people to stay away from the bath salts.

"I couldn't tell you why I did it," Brown said, pointing to his scars. "The psychological effects are still there."

While Brown survived, sheriff's authorities in one Mississippi county say they believe one woman overdosed on bath salts there. In southern Louisiana, the family of a 21-year-old man says he cut his throat and ended his life with a gunshot. Authorities are investigating whether a man charged with capital murder in the December death of a Tippah County, Miss., sheriff's deputy was under the influence of the bath salts.

The stimulants aren't regulated by the U.S. Drug

Enforcement Administration, but are facing federal scrutiny. Law officers say some of the substances are being shipped from Europe, but origins are still unclear.

Gary Boggs, an executive assistant at the DEA, said there's a lengthy process to restrict these types of designer chemicals, including reviewing the abuse data. But it's a process that can take years.

Dr. Mark Ryan, director of Louisiana's poison control center, said he thinks state bans on the chemicals can be effective. He said calls about the salts have dropped sharply since Louisiana banned their sale in January.

Ryan said cathinone, the parent substance of the drugs, comes from a plant grown in Africa and is regulated. He said MDPV and mephedrone are made in a lab, and they aren't regulated because they're not marketed for human consumption. The stimulants affect neurotransmitters in the brain, he said.

"It causes intense cravings for it. They'll binge on it three or four days before they show up in an ER. Even though it's a horrible trip, they want to do it again and again," Ryan said.

Ryan said at least 25 states have received calls about exposure, including Nevada and California. He said Louisiana leads with the greatest number of cases at 165, or 48 percent of the U.S. total, followed by Florida with at least 38 calls to its poison center.

Dr. Rick Gellar, medical director for the California

Poison Control System, said the first call about the substances came in Oct. 5, and a handful of calls have followed since. But he warned: "The only way this won't become a problem in California is if federal regulatory agencies get ahead of the curve. This is a brand new thing."

In the Midwest, the Missouri Poison Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center received at least 12 calls in the first two weeks of January about teenagers and young adults abusing such chemicals, said Julie Weber, the center's director. The center received eight calls about the powders all of last year.

Dr. Richard Sanders, a general practitioner working in Covington, La., said his son, Dickie, snorted some of the bath salts and endured three days of intermittent delirium. Dickie Sanders missed major arteries when he cut his throat. As he continued to have visions, his physician father tried to calm him. But the elder Sanders said that as he slept, his son went into another room and shot himself.

"If you could see the contortions on his face. It just made him crazy," said Sanders. He added that the coroner's office confirmed the chemicals were detected in his son's blood and urine. Sanders warns the bath salts are far more dangerous than some of their names imply.

"I think everybody is taking this extremely lightly. As much as we outlawed it in Louisiana, all these kids cross over to Mississippi and buy whatever they want," he said.

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## Marie K. Ignac

RUPERT — Marie K. Ignac, age 89, of Rupert, passed away Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Marie was born Oct. 30, 1921, in Paul, Idaho, the daughter of Lee Orin and Erma Sheen Kessinger. She graduated from Rupert High School in 1939 and then attended Albion State Normal School in Albion, where she received her teaching certificate. Marie then taught elementary school in Buhl for two years. She enlisted in the United States Navy on May 7, 1943, and served during World War II at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif. She received her honorable discharge on Jan. 19, 1945, as a pharmacist mate 2nd class.

She married John C. Ignac on Aug. 20, 1944, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Following the war, they lived in Rupert until 1956, when they relocated to Toronto, Ohio. While raising her children, Marie was privileged to be a "Mom." She took great pride in her husband and children and used her homemaking skills in providing an outstanding home life for her family. In 1985, she and John moved back to Rupert, where she had since resided. Marie was an active member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and participated in the various church groups. She loved visiting people, gardening (especially pulling weeds), reading, and was a wonderful cook.

She is survived by her children, John C. Ignac III (Marie) of Olympia, Wash., Anne M. Lattimer (Mike) of Shawnee, Kan., Edmund L. Ignac (Nancy) of Rupert, Stephen C. Ignac (Judy) of Ferndale, Wash., Lee A. Ignac (Barbara) of Winterville, N.C., Lawrence J. Ignac (Sophie) of Phoenix,



Ariz., and Martin P. Ignac (Peggy) of Largo, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and her sister, Leela Cook (Richard) of Mountain Home. Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, who died in 1988; two sisters, Kay Kessinger and Ina Booth; and a grandson, Jeremy Ignac.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, also at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Justin Brady as celebrant. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization. Friends and family may call at the church one hour prior to the vigil service Tuesday and one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Wednesday.

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

## Risa Lee Marshall

BUHL — Risa Lee Marshall, beloved wife, mother and friend, passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, with her family by her side. She leaves behind her husband, Wayne, and her son, Kenny.

At her request, there will be no services. Her family suggests that in lieu of flow-



ers, memorials be made in her name to Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Scholarship Fund, 1450 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330 or Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

## SERVICES

**Elsa Gurski** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Joann M. Nieffenegger** of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hagerman Cemetery; visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service Wendell Chapel.

**Dean LeRoy Manning** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Springdale LDS Church, 200 S. 475 E. of Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

**Maria Geertruida "Mary" de Bruijn-van Vliet** of Twin Falls, celebration of life memorial at 11 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church chapel; visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the church "octagon" (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Raymond Montgomery** of Filer, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Filer Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls),

**Wesley Headington** of Hagerman, memorial service at 6 p.m. Monday at the Calvary Chapel, 241 State St. in Hagerman (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Albert J. Mattice

Albert J. Mattice, 93, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Private family services were held (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

### Wyoma Riebold

GOODING — Wyoma "Mickey" Riebold, 79, of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at Bennett Hills Care Center.

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## Glen O. McBride

RUPERT — Glen Orvil McBride, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, in Bountiful, Utah, at the age of 84.

Glen was born to Alvin Ezra and Myrtle (Bowen) McBride in Burley, Idaho, on March 25, 1926. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. On Sept. 27, 1944, Glen married Vaona Jane Schofield in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Glen and Vaona had four children, Lynda, Bruce, James and Christine. In 1986, Glen's wife, Vaona, passed away. On Nov. 24, 1990, Glen married Jeanette Lowder Broadhead in the Logan Utah LDS Temple, and they resided in Rupert until moving to Bountiful, Utah, in late 2008.

Glen was a kind and gentle man and a loving husband and father. Glen loved fishing and hunting with family and friends. He loved sports — particularly baseball. He especially enjoyed being with family whenever possible. Glen was an active member in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as a ward/stake clerk for many years and as bishop of the Rupert 2nd Ward for six years. Glen and Jeanette served together in the Family History Center in Burley for nine years. Glen went into business with his father and brother, Verl, operating McBride's Lumber and Bean Warehouse in Rupert. In 1981, his son, James, joined the business. Glen was a respected member of the Rupert business community and in the Rupert Kiwanis organization, where he served as secretary/treasurer for 17 years.

In addition to his first wife, Vaona, he was preced-



ed in death by his parents; his brother, Verl; and a grandson, Jeff McBride. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Jeanette Broadhead McBride of Bountiful, Utah; one brother, Kenneth (Janice) McBride of Farmington, Utah; two sisters, Elva Merkley of Layton, Utah, and Bonnie Bartlett of Meridian; his loving children, Lynda (Steve) Snapp of Naperville, Ill., Bruce (Jan) McBride of Mesa, Ariz., James (Melani) McBride of Rupert and Christine (Mike) Higley of Heyburn; 21 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Susan (Larry) Denham of Farmington, Utah, Carol (Wayne) Young of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Jeff (Louann) Broadhead of Burley. Glen has 17 step grandchildren and 24 step great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St. in Rupert, with Bishop Kelly Bessire officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery with military rites provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

## Elsie Leona Long

Elsie Leona Long died peacefully last Thursday morning, Jan. 20, 2011, of natural causes.

Elsie was born on Jan. 5, 1914, in Madison, Wis., to Grace and Julius Berkan. She attended the School of Music at the University of Wisconsin. She shared her talent and her love of music with others by becoming a piano teacher at the Wisconsin School of Music.

Elsie married John Fred Long on June 5, 1937, and resided in Madison until retiring from teaching in 1971. Wanting to be closer to family, the couple moved to Woodland Park, Colo., and then on to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1977. During her retirement years, she became even more active — developing a love for swimming and



cross-country skiing. She was also a dedicated volunteer at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital and the Twin Falls Senior Center.

Elsie is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, and her sister, Jean Fisher of Madison, Wis. She is survived by her daughter, Faye (Bob) Maxwell of Twin Falls, and grandson, Shane Milward of Boise.

Elsie's family wishes to thank the compassionate, dedicated staff of Woodstone Assisted Living and Hospice Visions.

Elsie requested that no services be held. Her cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary.

To share a memory of Elsie or offer condolences to Elsie's family, please visit [www.whitemortuary.com](http://www.whitemortuary.com).

## Oldest living member of 'Band of Brothers' dies

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A member of the "Band of Brothers" who fought in some of World War II's fiercest European battles, Ed Mauer, 92, died Friday, told his family that some of the things in the miniseries, like the locations of buildings, weren't quite what he remembered from being there in person.

His role came to light only after a friend loaned him a copy of the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers," said his daughter, Laurie Fowler of Omaha. Mauer, who died Friday, told his family that some of the things in the miniseries, like the locations of buildings, weren't quite what he remembered from being there in person.

"He said, 'I know all those places,'" Fowler said. But before that, "he never talked about it for years and years and years," said Terry Zahn, president of the Midwest chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association. He met Mauer during a 2009 Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II memorial.

Mauer, 94, was the oldest living member of Easy Company, which is often better known now as the "Band of Brothers." Born Dec. 18, 1916 in LaSalle, Ill., he was drafted in

1942 and volunteered for the 101st Airborne Division. He was assigned to Company E, 506th Regiment — Easy Company — which participated in the D-Day invasion of France and the follow-up Operation Market Garden. The 101st also helped defend Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

Historian Stephen Ambrose interviewed Easy Company leader Dick Winters for the 1992 book "Band of Brothers," upon which the HBO miniseries that began airing in September 2001 was based. Winters, of Hershey, Pa., died earlier this month at age 92.

The miniseries followed Easy Company from its training in Georgia to the war's end in 1945. Its producers included actor Tom Hanks and director Steven Spielberg.

Mauer was not among the soldiers portrayed in the miniseries.

Zahn said Mauer kept his service a secret, even from his relatives. Besides being "extremely humble," Fowler said, her father was also sensitive about talking about the war in front of his wife, who had relatives injured in the conflict.

## Lowell S. Cole

GOODING — Lowell S. Cole, 86, of Gooding, Idaho, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2011.

He was born Jan. 8, 1925, in Filer, Idaho, to Walter and Ruth Cole.

Lowell was an Air Force veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He retired from United Airlines. Lowell was an avid fisherman and enjoyed tending a beautiful garden.

Lowell is survived by the love of his life, Rosa of Gooding; sons, Russell (Christine) of Johns Creek, Ga., and Gregory (Sue) of Georgetown, Calif.; brothers, Dick and Gary Cole; sis-

ter, Sharon Ballerstein; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Eileen Prendergast.

Lowell will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

No services are planned at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary link at [www.demarayfuneralservice.com](http://www.demarayfuneralservice.com).



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# Calif. man seeks paternity test for Idaho twins

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A California man planned to get a paternity test so he can take custody of 2-year-old twin girls who were taken from their mother by authorities last month after they were found living in a filthy Idaho apartment with dried feces caked on their bodies.

Scott Lewis Crossley, 41, said he found out Friday of his estranged wife's arrest in December.

"It was like somebody punched me in the gut," he told the *Coeur d'Alene Press*. "I could feel the air leaving my body."

Elisabeth C. Crossley, 26, was charged with two counts of felony injury to a child. She remained held in the Kootenai County Jail awaiting trial.

Elisabeth Crossley's mother and the twins' grandmother, Ruth K. Cassidy, 55, was also charged with two counts of felony injury to a child.

Police said a passer-by alerted authorities about the girls after spotting them through a window of the apartment.

They said dirty diapers were on the floor and window sill, and that the walls appeared to be smeared with feces.

Officers said the beds in Crossley's and Cassidy's bedrooms appeared to be relatively clean. But when officers opened the door to the children's bedroom, one officer had to step outside to

vomit: the smell of feces was overwhelming, and it was caked on the children's heads, arms, legs, hands and feet.

They also had bruises and open sores.

The children are in the custody of the Idaho Health and Welfare Department.

Scott Crossley said he and Elisabeth Crossley were married in San Diego in December 2002 and split up in May 2008 over infidelity, about a month before the girls were conceived. Elisabeth Crossley filed for divorce in August.

He said traces of their life together were destroyed in a burn barrel on a California beach while on an "acid trip."

Scott Crossley said he worked as a professional wrestler from 1999 to 2002 under the name Mutant, but isn't working now because of a heart-rhythm disorder. He said he lives in an apartment with his girlfriend.

He said he's not sure why the children were abused, but is proud of how resilient the girls have been.

"That's what makes me think they're mine," he said. "My mother always told me I have the survival instincts of a cockroach."

He said officials tell him the twins' verbal skills aren't as developed as they should be for their age.

"They communicate between each other, but not with other people," he said.

# Horse roundup criticized

BLM event was to occur today near Pickens' ranches



AP photo Philanthropist Madeleine Pickens is shown during a news conference in September 2009 held at Mustang Plaza on the Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas.

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Animal rights activists are lashing out at plans to remove about 2,000 wild horses from the range near two northeastern Nevada ranches that the wife of oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens purchased to serve as a mustang sanctuary.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management planned to begin rounding up the horses today near philanthropist Madeleine Pickens' ranches, which are in the 1.3 million-acre Antelope Complex near the Utah line, roughly 70 miles southeast of Elko.

Pickens' Saving America's Mustangs, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and other groups urged the BLM to postpone the roundup, saying it makes more sense financially to leave the animals on the range in Pickens' sanctuary instead of shipping them to the Midwest.

"Why disturb them and move them to another state?" Pickens asked. "It's a slap in the face to every taxpayer in this country. I don't think the BLM has come to grip with the fact that America is out of money."

The BLM offers horses gathered from the range for adoption to the public. Those too old or considered unadoptable are sent to long-term holding facilities in the Midwest, where they can live for decades.

Spokesman Tom Gorey in Washington, D.C., said

Pickens' plan to send those horses to her sanctuary is not a practical alternative at this time, and the agency was waiting for more details from her to determine whether it would be feasible.

The BLM has a mandate under federal law to remove some horses to sustain the health of herds, rangelands and wildlife, Gorey said.

Horse herds can double in size about every four years, he added, and the BLM has determined the Antelope complex can handle 427 to 788 of the animals.

"There's nothing new in their arguments. They oppose gathers, period," Gorey said of the activists. "They say there's no need and let the population explode. Their laissez-faire management philosophy would result in cataclysm on the range, both to the range itself and the animals that depend on it."

Pickens last year purchased the 14,000-acre Spruce Ranch and adjoining 4,000-acre Warm Creek Ranch to serve as a sanctuary that would keep mustangs on the range instead of in government-funded holding facilities.

The Elko County ranches, which she has renamed the Mustang Monument preserve, come with grazing rights on about 564,000 acres of public land.

Activists are calling for a reallocation of grazing rights in the Antelope complex, saying the BLM annually authorizes the equivalent of more than 2,000 privately-owned cattle and nearly 7,000 privately-owned sheep to graze in it.

"The bias favoring welfare livestock is shocking," said Ginger Kathrens, director of the horse advocacy group Cloud Foundation based in Colorado. "It is time to re-slice this pie and give wild horses their fair share of our

public rangelands?" BLM spokeswoman Heather Emmons said some of those with permits in the Antelope complex have been forced to scale back or cease grazing in allotments because of scarce forage caused by an overpopulation of horses.

The federal agency has a multiple-use mandate for public lands, she said, and has authorized about 2,400 cattle and 10,500 sheep annually in the complex.

"I wouldn't say we're catering to anyone, but we're trying to follow the law and do what the land can sustain out there," Emmons said. "We're way over with horses out there. We want to get in there and manage them correctly with the right numbers."

Activists also contend that winter roundups — involving helicopters that drive horses to corrals — expose the animals to the risk of respiratory illness.



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## AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO

### Snowmobiler killed in E. Idaho crash

IDAHO FALLS — The Madison County Sheriff's office says a snowmobiler has died in a crash in Teton County in a rugged, backcountry location in eastern Idaho.

Police say the snowmobiler died at the scene of the crash in the Temple Peak area of Kelly Canyon.

The Post Register reports that a Madison County Search and Rescue team responded to the area where Madison County and Teton County meet.

Madison County authorities say at least one other snowmobiler was in the backcountry with the victim but was not involved in the crash.

The victim's name has not been released.

### Homeless count planned in eastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS — Officials in the eastern Idaho plan to count homeless people in Bonneville and surrounding counties next weekend.

MarDee Harper is executive director of CLUB Inc. in Idaho Falls. The group works on housing for the homeless and providing other services. Harper tells *The Post Register* that there's been a dramatic increase in the number of first-time homeless in the region.

Harper also says there's been a steady increase in the number of homeless people who were homeless before.

The one-day count is set for Jan. 29.

The count is being sponsored by the Regional Homeless Coalition and helps a nationwide effort by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to determine the number of homeless people.

### Residents urged to clear snow from roofs

REXBURG — City officials in the eastern Idaho town of Rexburg are advising residents to inspect their roofs following the collapse earlier this week of a commercial building likely due to heavy snow and ice.

No one was injured in the collapse of the flat-roofed cinder block commercial building on Tuesday morning.

Val Christensen is Rexburg's community development director.

Christensen recently sent out the warning to residents to clear snow and ice from roofs if the amount appears significant.

WYOMING

### Man accused of shoplifting crashes truck

CASPER, Wyo. — Casper police say a 39-year-old man is suspected of stealing meat from a grocery store and crashing his truck into another car after running a red light while making his getaway.

Police say Dallas Wayne Horton was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence, reckless driving and shoplifting. Capt. Chris Walsh says police first received a call about shoplifting at about 11:40 a.m. and then saw a truck matching the description of the suspect involved in a crash. The *Casper Star-Tribune* reports that a woman in a Pontiac Grand Am was taken to the hospital after her car was struck by the truck.

Walsh says Horton fled on foot after the wreck.

— The Associated Press



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## EDITORIAL

### Domestic violence courts gain a foothold in south-central Idaho

In the past decade, Idaho drug and mental health courts have saved millions of dollars in law enforcement and prison costs, and the lives of thousands of people.

Domestic violence courts have the potential to do as much.

Now the 5th Judicial District hopes to join neighboring court systems in an effort to reduce south-central Idaho's number of repeat domestic violence offenses.

The domestic violence court pilot project for the 5th District debuted in December in Burley and Rupert with help from county probation offices, and the district has applied for a grant from the state Supreme Court for more than \$54,000 to pay a domestic violence coordinator. That person would work out of Minidoka County and coordinate domestic violence courts in Minidoka, Cassia, Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Blaine and Lincoln counties.

The domestic violence court is different from other courts focusing on certain types of offenders in that completing the court doesn't defer the criminal process. Its mission is identifying and discouraging repeat violence and working with victims.

In short, it's about accountability.

If a decade's worth of experience with diversion courts has taught Idahoans anything, it's that accountability cuts crime.

There are now 21 felony drugs courts statewide, along with 10 adult mental health courts, one juvenile mental health court, eight misdemeanor/DUI courts, four DUI courts, seven juvenile drug courts and four child protection courts. Collectively, they've helped reduce the number of offenders sent to prison enough that Idaho no longer has to send its felons to lockups out of state.

In the past two years, Idaho's prison population has actually declined, despite a 16 percent cut in state funding as a consequence of the Great Recession.

In other judicial districts, coordinators identify gaps in domestic violence services and work as liaisons between the courts and the community partnerships responsible for victim safety and offender compliance.

We hope the Supreme Court will approve the 5th District's grant, but even if it doesn't, 5th District Magistrate Rick Bollar — the point man for domestic violence courts in south-central Idaho — has vowed to continue and expand the program.

It can't happen too soon.

#### ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURTS

There are seven integrated domestic violence courts statewide — in the 7th Judicial District (Bonneville, Jefferson, Bingham, Custer and Lemhi counties), the 6th Judicial District (Bannock County), and the 4th Judicial District (Ada County).

An independent evaluation of domestic violence courts in the 6th and 7th districts showed a decrease in criminal and civil protection order violations since the courts were established in 2006.

Last year, domestic violence court coordinators helped more than 1,350 victims, according to the Idaho Judiciary. Coordinators also assist the parties involved in civil protection order cases to establish parenting schedules.

Idaho has developed two integrated domestic violence court models, both of which are designed to address the correlation between civil and criminal domestic violence cases and other family related cases; families in child protection, divorce or child custody disputes may also be involved with these courts.

Offenders appear before a judge every 30 to 180 days for compliance reviews of court-ordered treatment and probation. One aspect of Idaho's domestic violence courts is the accelerated disposition of criminal domestic violence cases, which expedites the offender's entrance into treatment and increases the court's ability to monitor the offender and provide safety for the victim.

— Source: Idaho Judiciary

## Idaho companies and taxes

"The share of total state general fund revenue provided by the corporate income tax declined from 10.2 percent in 1995 to 4.2 percent in 2010.

A corporate tax cut would further reduce the corporate share and increase the share of taxes paid by other taxpayers."



### Cutting state income tax rates would be a mistake

By Ken Robison

Even with deep cuts in appropriations for public school and colleges and universities, some Idaho legislators are proposing corporate and individual tax cuts. This would help assure continuing starvation budgets for schools with increasing class sizes and more property taxes. It would mean continuing robust fee increases for college and university students.

While Idaho has an above-average corporate income tax rate the tax code provides a slew of credits that hold down actual tax payments. The share of total state general fund revenue provided by the corporate income tax declined from 10.2 percent in 1995 to 4.2 percent in 2010. A corporate tax cut would further reduce the corporate share and increase the share of taxes paid by other taxpayers.

The Idaho investment tax credit saves corporate and other businesses \$40 million a year on income taxes. Up to half of the income tax owed can be avoided with a 3 percent credit on qualifying investments and credits not used can be carried forward for up to 14 years. An enhanced 3.75 percent credit against up to 62 percent of taxes owed is offered for businesses adding \$500,000 or more in facilities and creating 10 or more new jobs.

Business tax cuts in the last decade totaled more than \$130 million. The Legislature provided more

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State	2011 Rank	2010 Rank	2009 Rank	2008 Rank	2007 Rank	2006 Rank
Alabama	28th	19th	20th	23th	22th	16th
Alaska	2nd	3rd	4th	3rd	4th	3rd
Arizona	34th	28th	24th	25th	29th	29th
Arkansas	39th	40th	35th	37th	36th	35th
California	49th	48th	49th	49th	48th	42th
Colorado	15th	13th	13th	10th	11th	13rd
Connecticut	47rd	38th	37th	38th	39th	41th
Delaware	8th	8th	10th	9th	8th	9th
Florida	5th	5th	5th	5th	5th	5th
Georgia	25th	29th	27th	28th	21st	20th
Hawaii	22nd	24th	22nd	18th	16th	24th
Idaho	18th	18th	29th	21st	26th	30th
Illinois	23rd	30th	23rd	24th	31st	26rd
Indiana	10th	12th	14th	13th	12th	12th
Iowa	45th	46th	44th	46th	45th	44th
Kansas	35th	32nd	31st	31st	35th	33rd
Kentucky	19th	20th	34th	27th	28th	38th
Louisiana	36th	35th	33rd	34th	33rd	32nd
Maine	31st	34th	40th	35th	37th	43rd
Maryland	44th	45th	45th	47th	24th	25th
Massachusetts	32nd	36th	32nd	33rd	34th	36th
Michigan	17th	17th	21st	32nd	17th	23th
Minnesota	43rd	43rd	41st	42nd	43th	39th
Mississippi	21st	21st	19th	22nd	19th	19th
Missouri	16th	16th	16th	16th	15th	14th
Montana	6th	6th	6th	6th	6th	8th
Nebraska	29th	33rd	42nd	40th	41st	45th
Nevada	4th	4th	3rd	4th	3rd	4th
New Hampshire	7th	7th	7th	7th	7th	6th
New Jersey	48th	50th	50th	50th	50th	48th
New Mexico	33rd	23rd	26th	29th	25th	23rd
New York	50th	49th	47th	45th	46th	49th
North Carolina	41st	39th	39th	41st	42nd	40th
North Dakota	20th	25th	30th	32nd	32nd	31st
Ohio	46th	47th	48th	48th	47th	47th
Oklahoma	30th	31st	18th	19th	20th	21st
Oregon	14th	14th	8th	8th	9th	10th
Pennsylvania	26th	27th	28th	30th	30th	22nd
Rhode Island	42nd	44th	46th	44th	49th	50th
South Carolina	24th	26th	25th	26th	27th	27th
South Dakota	1st	1st	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
Tennessee	27th	22nd	17th	20th	17th	18th
Texas	13th	11th	9th	11th	10th	7th
Utah	9th	10th	11th	12th	18th	15th
Vermont	38th	41st	43rd	43rd	44th	46th
Virginia	12th	15th	15th	15th	14th	17th
Washington	11th	9th	12th	14th	13th	11th
West Virginia	37th	37th	36th	36th	38th	34th
Wisconsin	40th	42nd	38th	39th	40th	37th
Wyoming	3rd	2nd	1st	1st	1st	1st

Note: The higher the score, the more favorable a state's tax system is for business. All scores are for fiscal years.

— Source: Tax Foundation

## Obama administration won't reform the grazing fee system on public lands

By Rocky Barker  
Idaho Statesman (Boise)

The Obama administration isn't only angering Idaho Gov. Butch Otter over its Wild Lands policy for the Bureau of Land Management.

It tossed water on one of the reform initiatives that environmental groups have been pushing for more than 20 years, raising grazing fees. The fees for grazing — just \$1.35 per cow and calf per month in 2010 — is based on a formula that critics say is far below market rates.

This is the fourth year in a row that the fee was set at



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

its lowest legal limit. The 2011 fee will be announced at the end of January.

The Departments of Agriculture and Interior both denied a petition from a coalition of environmental groups, which had sued to

change the grazing formula. BLM director Bob Abbey said it just was not a high priority.

Abbey said the BLM's day-to-day rangeland management efforts are becoming more complex as rural communities expand and species like sage grouse take special management. Energy development also is challenging the agency and it has greater workloads due to appeals and litigation.

"As impacts from the spread of invasive species, alterations in the fire cycle, and changes to the Earth's climate continue to complicate public lands management in the West, it is criti-

cal that the BLM prioritize its efforts on actions that directly improve resource conditions and promote land health," Abbey said.

That didn't make the environmentalists vey happy.

"Today's long-awaited answer was a huge disappointment," said Greta Anderson, Arizona director for Western Watersheds Project. "Year after year, we watch as the government gives a sweetheart deal to public-lands ranchers at the expense of taxpayers and the environment."

"We had hoped the

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# China's real edge? Education

An international study published last month looked at how students in 65 countries performed in math, science and reading. The winner was: Confucianism!

At the very top of the charts, in all three fields and by a wide margin, was Shanghai. Three of the next top four performers were also societies with a Confucian legacy of reverence for education: Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea. The only non-Confucian country in the mix was Finland.

The United States? We came in 15th in reading, 23rd in science and 31st in math.

I've been visiting schools in China and Asia for more than 20 years (and we sent our own kids briefly to schools in Japan, which also bears a Confucian imprint), and I've spent much of that time either envious or dumbfounded. I'll never forget pulling our 2-year-old son out of his Tokyo nursery school so we could visit the States and being handed a form in which we had to list: "reason for proposed vacation?"

Education thrives in China and the rest of Asia because it is a top priority — and we've plenty to learn from that.

Granted, Shanghai's rise to the top of the global charts is not representative of all China, for Shanghai has the country's best schools. Yet it's also true that China has made remarkable improvements in the once-awful schools in peasant areas.

Just 20 years ago, children often dropped out of elementary school in rural areas. Teachers sometimes could barely speak standard



Nicholas Kristof

Mandarin, which, in theory, is the language of instruction.

These days, even in backward rural areas, most girls and boys alike attend high school. College isn't unusual. And the teachers are vastly improved. In my Chinese-American wife's ancestral village — a poor community in southern China — the peasant children are a grade ahead in math compared with my children at an excellent public school in the New York area. That seems broadly true of math around the country.

For a socialist system that hesitates to fire people, China has also been surprisingly adept — more so than America — at dealing with ineffective teachers. Chinese principals can't easily dismiss teachers, but they can get extra training for less effective teachers, or if that doesn't work, push them into other jobs.

"Bad teachers can always be made gym teachers," a principal in the city of Xian explained to me as she showed me around her kindergarten. In China, school sports and gym just don't matter.

(That kindergarten exemplified another of China's strengths: excellent early childhood education, typically beginning at age 2.

Indeed, the only element of China's education system that really falters badly is the university system. Colleges

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are third-rate and should be a national disgrace.)

But this is the paradox: Chinese themselves are far less impressed by their school system. Almost every time I try to interview a Chinese about the system here, I hear grousing rather than praise. Many Chinese complain scathingly that their system kills independent thought and creativity, and they envy the American system for nurturing self-reliance — and for trying to make learning exciting and not just a chore.

In Xian, I visited Gaoxin Yizhong, perhaps the city's best high school, and the students and teachers spoke wistfully of the American emphasis on clubs, arts and independent thought. "We need to encourage more creativity," explained Hua Guohong, a chemistry teacher. "We should learn from American schools."

One friend in Guangdong Province says he will send his children to the United States to study because the local schools are a "creativity-killer." Another sent his son to an international school to escape what he likens to "programs for trained seals." Private schools are sprouting everywhere, and many boast of a focus on creativity.

For my part, I think the self-criticisms are exactly right, but I also deeply

admire the passion for education and the commitment to making the system better. And while William Butler Yeats was right that "education is not filling a bucket but lighting a fire," it's also true that it's easier to ignite a bonfire if there's fuel in the bucket.

The larger issue is that the greatest strength of the Chinese system is the Confucian reverence for education that is steeped into the culture. In Chinese schools, teachers are much respected, and the most admired kid is often the brain rather than the jock or class clown.

Americans think of China's strategic challenge in terms of, say, the new Chinese stealth fighter aircraft. But the real challenge is the rise of China's education system and the passion for learning that underlies it. We're not going to become Confucians, but we can elevate education on our list of priorities without relinquishing creativity and independent thought.

That's what we did in 1957 after the Soviet Union launched Sputnik. These latest test results should be our 21st-century Sputnik.

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## Following up with China

The Washington Post

President Hu Jintao of China left Washington on Friday, having done little to assuage the growing fear among Americans that his country has the United States over a barrel, economically. Supporters of free trade, including trade with China, must acknowledge what's legitimate about this concern. As its economy has taken off, China has seemed bent on imposing mercantilist policies rather than assimilating the norms of international legality nurtured by the United States and its allies after World War II. Cases in point: China's clinging to an undervalued currency; its refusal, or failure, to thwart systematic theft of U.S. intellectual property; its discrimination against U.S. firms in government procurement; and its apparent use of its monopoly on rare earth materials to punish Japan. These and other attempts by China to gain unfair advantage must be resisted.

The question is not whether to push back but how. Trade sanctions or retaliatory tariffs might cost the United States as much as, or more than, they would punish the Chinese. Washington needs to defend its interests more deftly, with a clear-eyed view of the power balance. For example, China's efforts to suppress the value of its currency are already producing inflation, with damaging economic and political consequences. The very lack of intellectual freedom in China is an important constraint on growth;

it may even be one reason Chinese firms resort to intellectual property theft.

As Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner noted in a speech Jan. 12, China's post-1979 growth has been fueled by rapid urbanization combined with rapid labor force expansion. Yet both trends have just about peaked. According to estimates by Jack Goldstone, a professor at George Mason University, China's demographic profile resembles that of Japan two decades ago, when that erstwhile economic champion entered a period of long-term stagnation. By comparison, the U.S. demographic and social outlook is favorable to continued growth; the U.S. economy is still more than three times larger than China's and is likely to remain the world's biggest for years.

To be sure, the U.S. ability to contend with China depends in part on Washington's ability to lessen its own fiscal predicament; the sooner that gets done, the fewer cards America's "bankers" in Beijing will have to play. But even now, the United States has leverage.

Geithner appropriately outlined the administration's approach in his speech, reminding China that its growth "was also made possible by the access China enjoyed to the markets, the investments, and the technology of the United States and the other major economies" and suggesting that increases in that access "will depend, of course, on how much progress we see from China." That strikes us as the right way to do business.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Writer thanked for story on kidney donation

On Christmas Eve, you did an article regarding the kidney donation.

I would like to give great thanks to the writer who wrote it. They did such a nice job and the picture was great also. Thank you for your time in writing the article. I believe that it will inspire others to open up their hearts, especially in times of need.

Again, thank you for the interview and your time.

JOHN CHESLEY  
YOLI CHESLEY  
Burley

### Scouting for Food was a great success

The counts are all in and the families of our communities are being helped. Scouting for Food was an overwhelming success. The

communities that the BSA Snake River Council serves which encompasses Stanley to Jackpot, Bliss to Raft River and all the surrounding towns were so kind and opened their hearts to serve those in need.

The Boy Scouts collected 65,241 cans of food in the Magic and Wood River valleys. Although short of our goal of 100,000 cans, it was an impressive increase of 23,215 cans over 2009. The Salvation Army and South Central Community Action report that their shelves have never been so full.

In December, 107 families received emergency boxes of food. These boxes of food were not to supplement what they already had but to feed these families until more stable relief. They were literally out of food.

The people of our communities are so kind. Since 2007, Scouting for Food

### Community member wanted for Times-News Editorial Board

The *Times-News* would like your input! We would like a second community member on our Editorial Board, someone with good knowledge of and strong opinions on local issues that affect our lives. If you can combine those opinions with an open-minded ability to listen to and debate the merits of issues with those that may disagree with you, we'd like to hear from you.

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donations have increased 64 percent! We as Boy Scouts and leaders feel so honored to work side by side with each of you. It is humbling to see that when times are the toughest, you dig the deepest and give the most.

As a volunteer leader, I

wish to thank everyone who participated in any way. We not only helped feed families but by donating, you gave the young men of our valleys the opportunity to serve. The quality of service, learned early in a young man's life, will build upon

the great examples of each of you and continue to make this the best place on earth.

Once again, thank you for all you do to support these young men and the values that Scouting teaches them. We look forward to 100,000 cans in 2011!

Yours in service,  
**BRET BELNAP**  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Bret Belnap is the commissioner for the Falls District, Snake River Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.)

### Jerome ruling singles out rental property owners

The Jerome City Council, on Jan. 4, voted not only to suspend its rules but to suspend the Constitution as well.

These "robberhoods" have decided to pass their responsibilities for apartment renters' unpaid water

bills on to the rental property owners. The property owners have no control over the tenants water usage, size of the bill, the duration, nor can the water be shut off even if the account is in the property owner's name.

Since these bills are now to be passed on to the property owner, the motivation to pursue the delinquency by the water department will diminish if not entirely be neglected.

Further, this ruling is highly discriminatory as it singles out rental property owners while ignoring bank repossessions along with any other possible reason for nonpayment.

Regardless of whether this particular law affects you, you should be alarmed and outraged. Next time, it could be, what's in your wallet — the city of Jerome?

**PETE HAZARD**  
Twin Falls

## Taxes

Continued from Opinion 1 than \$40 million in cuts from 2001 to 2006 including a reduced corporate tax rate, new jobs credit, research and development credit, small employer investment credit, broadband credit, insurance premium tax reduction, replacement of property tax on farm equipment and a mine license tax reduction. With the 2006 sales tax increase business property taxes were cut \$90 million.

Idaho businesses save \$147 million a year on sales tax with the production exemption.

State individual income tax rates have been

declining and can be expected to continue to decline without any additional tax cut. The rates were reduced in 2000 and indexed for inflation. The rates come down automatically as living costs increase.

Even before the recent recession and the 2009 and 2010 budget cuts, school support was being scaled back. While school enrollment increased from 245,000 in 2000 to 278,000 in 2010, state support for schools increased only 17 percent, from \$863.8 million to \$1,012.7 million. If you consider inflation plus enrollment growth, actual per student

support went down.

With lean appropriations from the Legislature in recent years more school districts are asking voters to approve override property tax levies. In 2002 overrides totaled \$62.2 million in 51 districts. In 2010 the total was \$136 million in 88 districts. Overrides are up \$74 million in eight years.

College and university students would pay more with income tax cuts. In the last decade total student fees increased 25 times as much as total state support for higher

education. While state support increased \$3.4 million in 10 years, from \$228 million to \$231.4 million, student fee payments rose \$87 million, from \$59 million to \$146 million. State support was up 1.5 percent in ten years while fees rose more than 100 percent. Community college fees also doubled.

Businesses considering expanding or locating in Idaho look at the education system as well as taxes. Further tax cuts would be a clear signal that Idaho is engaged in a race to the bottom in support for its

education system.

Ken Robison, a Boise Democrat, represented Ada County in the Idaho

House of Representatives from 1987-2004. He was a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

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## Westword

Continued from Opinion 1 Obama administration would do better, but it's business as usual for the western livestock industry," she said

Ranchers have argued for decades that the huge costs of doing business on public lands justifies the low rate. That argument has been less convincing over time as

states like Idaho have been raising their grazing fees, under pressure from the same groups.

But in the end Congress will make the final decision and ranchers still have a strong voice there.

Rocky Barker covers environmental issues for the *Idaho Statesman*.

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# Obama's agenda: Boost U.S. competitiveness

## President to focus on job creation during State of Union address

By Julie Pace  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Under pressure to energize the economy, President Barack Obama will put job creation and American competitiveness at the center of his State of the Union address, promoting spending on education and research while pledging to trim the nation's soaring debt.

Obama hopes this framework will woo Republicans as he searches for success in a divided Congress and will sway a wary private sector to hire and spend money it's held back. The economy is on firmer footing than when he took office two years ago, and his emphasis on competitiveness signals a shift from policies geared toward short-term stabilization to ones with steady and long-term growth in mind.

Obama will speak to a Congress shaken by the attempted assassination of one of their own. Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was shot in the head two weeks ago during an event in her district in Tucson, Ariz.

The president has appealed for more civility in politics, and in a nod to that ideal, some Democrats and Republicans will break with tradition and sit alongside each other in the House chamber Tuesday night during a joint session of Congress.

White House aides have not said much about the specific proposals the presi-



AP photo

President Barack Obama speaks at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem, N.C., last month.

dent will outline. Obama has offered hints, however.

In a recent speech in North Carolina, Obama said making the U.S. more competitive means being willing to invest in a more educated work force, commit more to research and technology, and improve everything from roads and airports to high-speed Internet.

"Those are the seeds of economic growth in the 21st century. Where they are

planted, the most jobs and businesses will take root," Obama said.

The state of the economy will greatly influence Obama's re-election prospects in 2012, and White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the president will devote most of his nationally televised address to his vision for extending the economic recovery.

More than half of those questioned in a new

growing economies in China, India and throughout Southeast Asia.

In his travels to Asia and during Chinese President Hu Jintao's recent trip to Washington, Obama has said he's been struck by the rapid rise of the region and the laser-like focus on competing in the global economy.

"They are thinking each and every day about how to educate their work force, rebuild their infrastructure, enter into new markets," Obama said in November, after wrapping up a 10-day

Asia trip. "We should feel confident about our ability to compete, but we are going to have to step up our game."

As part of that effort, Obama announced a restructured presidential advisory board Friday that will focus on increasing employment and competitiveness. He named Jeffrey Immelt, the top executive at General Electric, to it.

The White House sees competitiveness as an issue that can win broad support from business, labor and Republicans.

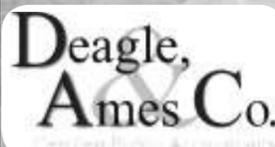
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## Tea partiers keeping an eye on those they backed

By Charles Babington  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Welcome to Washington, tea partiers.

Now that they're freshmen in a GOP-run House, the political movement's candidates are running smack into the traditions, partisan divisions and powerful competing interests that make it so hard to redirect the government.

Some tea party activists — part of a loose-knit, libertarian-tinged network advocating small government and less federal spending — already are dismayed to see their new lawmakers plunge into familiar patterns of raising political cash, hiring former lobbyists and stopping short of the often-heard vow to "change the way Washington works."

Others are more lenient and patient.

"There's a little bit of expectation that they can do more than they really can do," said Sal Russo, a California-based co-founder of the Tea Party Express. Democrats still control the Senate and White House, he noted in an interview from Wyoming, where he was visiting potential Senate candidates for 2012.

Russo said the recently enacted tax cut compromise reached with President Barack Obama was imperfect but "as good a deal as we're going to get." The tea party must expand its influence with each new election, he added.

Other activists, however, fear their newly elected lawmakers will fall too quickly into old Washington habits of turning to special interest groups and their lobbyists for information, advice and campaign money. Some won at a Jan. 4 fundraiser at Washington's W Hotel, where ticket prices ranged from \$2,500 for individuals to \$50,000 for "donors." It was sponsored by a political committee founded by freshman Rep. Jeff Denham of California and other Republicans who won election with tea party support.

Denham defended the event, telling reporters his freshman class needs campaign money to stay self-

reliant and win future elections.

Some tea party activists also fear their newly elected allies will weaken or break promises to dramatically cut federal spending. Tea Party Patriots co-founder Mark Meckler told CBS it's an "absolute joke" for House Republicans to back away from pledges to cut \$100 billion this fiscal year.

Newly elected Rep. Kristi Noem, a South Dakota Republican with tea party ties, says critics should simmer down.

"They should stay focused on the results we deliver," Noem said in an interview shortly after taking office. "They pick little fights, but I think in the future they're

going to be satisfied with the results and solutions that this Republican Congress brings forth."

House Republicans plan on Wednesday to fulfill a tea party priority: voting to repeal the health care law passed by Democrats last year. The pace and rhetoric of the drive have cooled in recent days because of the shootings in Arizona that severely wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who supported the new law.

Nonetheless, GOP leaders are sticking with a title for their resolution that Democrats say is inaccurate and unseemly in light of the six people killed in Tucson: "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act."



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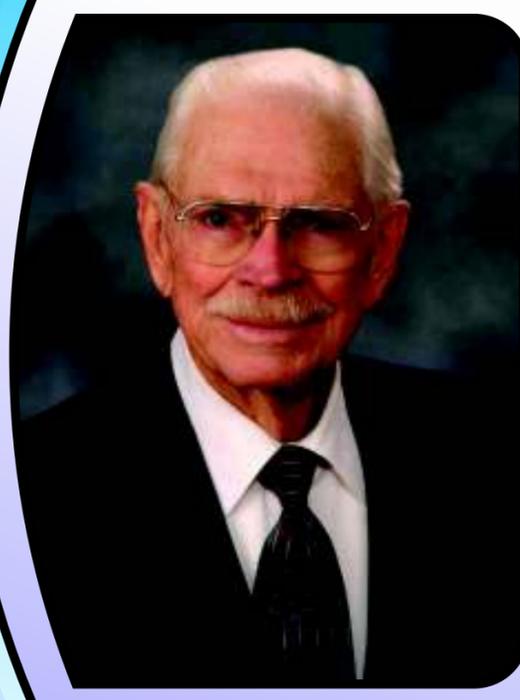
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# Women recount horrors at abortion clinic

Alleged victims describe filthy conditions, illnesses

By Mary Claire Dale  
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — When Davida Johnson walked into Dr. Kermit Gosnell's clinic to get an abortion in 2001, she saw what she described as dazed women sitting in dirty, bloodstained recliners. As the abortion got under way, she had a change of heart — but claims she was forced by the doctor to continue.

"I said, 'I don't want to do this,' and he smacked me. They tied my hands and arms down and gave me more medication," Johnson told The Associated Press.

Johnson, then 21, had a 3-year-old daughter when she became pregnant again. She said she first went to Planned Parenthood in downtown Philadelphia but was frightened away by protesters.

"The picketers out there, they just scared me half to death," Johnson, now 30, recalled this week.

Someone sent her to Gosnell's West Philadelphia clinic, at the Women's Medical Society, saying anti-abortion protesters wouldn't be a problem there. She said she paid him \$400 cash.

A few months after the abortion, she began to have gynecological problems. An examination revealed venereal disease. She blames Gosnell, 69, for the lifelong illness, which she declined to identify, and for the four miscarriages she has subsequently suffered.

Johnson learned last week that Philadelphia prosecutors believe Gosnell frequently delivered late-term babies alive at his clinic, then severed their spines with scissors, and often stored the fetal bodies — along with staff lunches — in refrigerators at the squalid facility. Tiny baby feet, prosecutors said, were discovered in specimen jars, lined up in a macabre collection.

"Did he do that to mine? Did he stab him in the neck?" Johnson asked at her North Philadelphia home. "Because I was out of it. I don't know what he did to my baby."

Gosnell was charged last week with killing seven babies born alive and with the 2009 death of a 41-year-old refugee after a botched abortion at the clinic, which prosecutors have called a drug mill by day and abortion mill by night. The medical practice alone netted him at least \$1.8 million a year, much of it in cash, they say.

Prosecutors said uncounted hundreds more babies died there.

"(He) regularly and illegally delivered live, viable babies in the third trimester of pregnancy and then murdered these newborns by severing their spinal cords with scissors," said a report of the grand jury that investigated Gosnell and his clinic for a year.

The grand jury said while it believes Gosnell killed most of the babies he aborted after 24 weeks, it could not recommend murder charges for all of the cases.

"In order to constitute murder, the act must involve a baby who was born alive," the grand jury said, adding that it was stymied by files that were falsified or removed and possibly destroyed.

"His entire practice showed nothing but a callous disdain for the lives of his patients," said the nearly 300-page grand jury report, released Wednesday.

The panel also had scathing criticism for Pennsylvania state health and medical regulators, saying they had numerous opportunities to shut Gosnell down over the years but ignored complaint after complaint about filthy conditions and illegal operations.

In all, prosecutors said, state officials failed to inspect the clinic despite



AP photo

Davida Johnson, 30, relates her story of her 2001 abortion at Dr. Kermit Gosnell's clinic during a Friday interview with the Associated Press in Philadelphia. Johnson believes she contracted a venereal disease while undergoing the abortion at Dr. Gosnell's clinic, and says she has since had four miscarriages.

repeated complaints from 1993 until January 2010, when a federal drug raid investigating heavy painkiller distribution at the clinic shut it down.

"His contempt for laws designed to protect patients' safety resulted in the death of Karnamaya Mongar," the refugee from Bhutan, the

grand jury report said.

Unlicensed staff members gave Mongar far too much anesthesia for her 4-foot-11-inch, 110-pound body, hours before Gosnell arrived for his evening slate of abortions, the grand jury charged.

Gosnell, at his arraignment Thursday, said he did

not understand why he was being charged with eight counts of murder.

"I understand the one count, because a patient died, but I didn't understand the seven counts," he told a magistrate.

The magistrate explained the other counts involved babies who prosecutors say

were born alive, and she denied him bail.

Four other clinic employees are charged with murder for roles prosecutors say they had in the deaths of Mongar or the viable babies. Gosnell's wife was charged with performing illegal abortions and other crimes and is being held on \$1 million bail.

Gosnell, in an interview with the *Philadelphia Daily News* after the clinic raid last year, described himself as someone who wanted to serve the poor and minorities in the neighborhood where he grew up and raised his six children, who include a doctor, a college professor and two children who are still at home.

Defense lawyer William J. Brennan, who represented Gosnell during the investigation, said Gosnell "feels he has provided a general care medical facility in a fairly impoverished area for four decades."

"That's his belief," Brennan said, "and he's entitled to it."

Gosnell told the magistrate he's looking to retain another lawyer, and Brennan

confirmed he's not representing Gosnell anymore.

"I wish him well, but I am not taking this case," Brennan said. "The doctor and I have had our run."

In one 1999 case, prosecutors said, 20-year-old Marie Smith was sent home after a Gosnell abortion unaware that he had been unable to remove the entire fetus from her uterus. Days later, vomiting and with a swollen abdomen and severe infection, Smith was taken to a hospital, where she was rushed into surgery.

Her mother, Johnnie Mae Smith, said she was shocked at the "nasty and dirty, filthy" conditions in the clinic. When her daughter took ill days later, she called Gosnell.

"I said, 'What did you do to my daughter? ... My daughter's about to die,' Smith said. "He said, 'Take her to the hospital!'"

Gosnell turned up at the hospital with his checkbook, she said, aiming to settle immediately. Instead, she chased him away, vowing to sue. Later, her daughter got \$3,000, after lawyer fees from a \$5,000 settlement.

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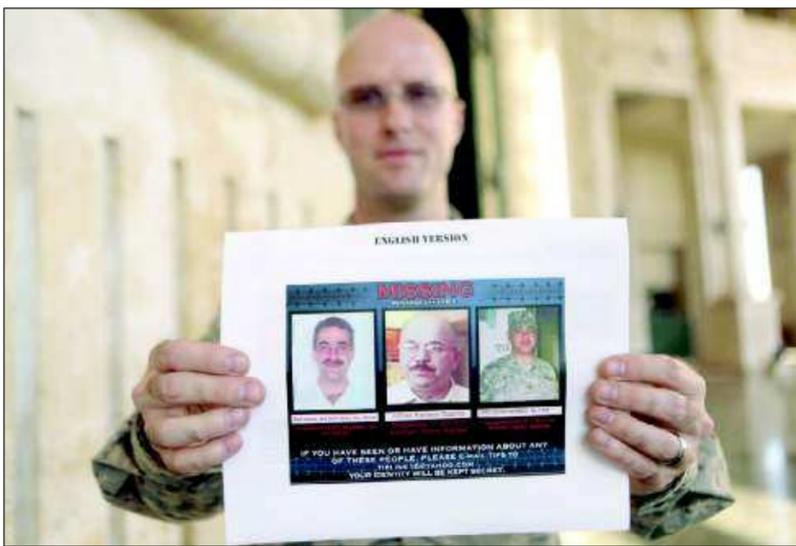
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U.S. Air Force Maj. Jimmy Smith holds a flyer with the photos of missing persons Bob Hamza, left, Abbas Kareem Naama, center and U.S. Army reservist Ahmed Kousay al-Taie in Baghdad, Iraq. Smith is the head of the Personnel Recovery Division that is responsible for finding missing U.S. service members and others in Iraq.

## COLD CASES

### Search goes on for missing Americans in Iraq

By Kim Gamel  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The U.S. soldier was out of uniform when he sneaked off base on a motorcycle to visit his Iraqi wife in central Baghdad. The militiamen hiding nearby weren't fooled. They were seen seizing him at gunpoint.

More than four years later, Ahmed Kousay al-Taie, a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan who was born in Iraq, is the only American service member still missing here. His family fears he will never be found.

At the twilight of the U.S. military presence in Iraq, a unit is dedicated to searching for al-Taie and 12 missing civilians, including seven Americans. Its mission is a key piece of unfinished business for the U.S. as it prepares to withdraw its remaining troops from Iraq by the end of this year.

Kidnappings for ransom or political motives, mostly of Iraqis but also many foreigners, were common as the insurgency gained steam after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. The February 2006 bombing of a Shiite mosque by Sunni insurgents caused retaliatory bloodshed to spiral. Death squads roamed the streets.

Many cases have been resolved as security has improved. Tips are now far more forthcoming, and U.S. and Iraqi troops have access to former no-go zones. But the fate of al-Taie and others who vanished remains unknown.

Al-Taie, an Army interpreter, was kidnapped on Oct. 23, 2006. About a week later, a family member received a ransom demand, the U.S. military told The Associated Press.

The relative then met with members of the group behind the kidnapping. They showed him a grainy video on a handheld device of a man they claimed was al-Taie but he demanded solid evidence that al-Taie, who was 41 at the time, was alive and well, the military said in an e-mail.

Al-Taie's uncle, Entifadh Qanbar, a spokesman for a controversial Iraqi politician, denied that any ransom demand had been made but described for the AP a web of negotiations with a number of intermediaries as he continued to pursue leads through the years. The missing soldier was last seen four months after his abduction, in a video posted on the Internet by a Shiite militant faction called Ahl al-Bayt Brigades.

Al-Taie had grown up in Iraq but fled the country with his family when he was a teenager. They eventually settled in the Michigan college town of Ann Arbor. He dreamed of becoming a pilot and wasn't good at school. The ouster of Saddam Hussein gave him new focus.

"Everybody loved Ahmed. He had a smooth and cheerful personality," Qanbar said. "He had lots of job offers. He had such a bright future ahead of him."

His mother, Nawal al-Taie, said her son, like many Iraqi exiles, was eager to help rebuild his homeland after the invasion. He met his wife during a trip to Iraq shortly after Saddam fell. At the time,



AP file photo

Equipment Express President Jeffrey Ake inspects fill heads on a water bottle filling machine at his plant in Rolling Prairie, Ind., in March 2004. Ake was reportedly kidnapped on April 11, 2005, while working on a water treatment plant near Baghdad.

he was still a civilian. His wife now lives in Michigan but declined to be interviewed because she fears for her family back home.

In December 2004, al-Taie joined an Army reserve program for native speakers of Arabic and other strategic languages. He was deployed to Iraq in November 2005 and was assigned to a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Baghdad until he was kidnapped the following year.

His in-laws say he often met secretly with his wife at her family's home despite warnings that he was in danger of being attacked by the Mahdi Army, a Shiite militia loyal to anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. It was during one of those visits that al-Taie disappeared. Masked gunmen hiding in an abandoned Saddam-era army building seized him as he went to find his wife at her uncle's house, less than two blocks away in the mainly Shiite neighborhood of Karradah.

"A neighbor saw the gunmen and went to my family and informed them. My parents, brothers and sisters all came at once and pleaded with them to let him go," recalled al-Taie's sister-in-law, Shaimaa Abdul-Sattar, who witnessed the abduction.

Al-Taie remained calm as he was led into a waiting car and whisked away.

"He just kept saying 'I have trust in the Mahdi Army,'" Shaimaa said during an interview in the shabby two-room apartment she shares with about a dozen relatives in Baghdad.

As an American soldier and a Sunni Muslim, al-Taie faced a double risk when he left the protection of his base inside the Green Zone, a well-guarded area that houses the U.S. Embassy, Iraqi government offices and the parliament.

American commanders immediately launched a massive manhunt, locking down Karradah and the Mahdi Army stronghold of Sadr City.

Within days, the military arrested four of the kidnapers. But by then, al-Taie had already been handed off to another group and transported to the Shiite heartland of southern Iraq, according to people familiar with the case.

During a telephone interview from her home in Ann Arbor, Al-Taie's mother, Nawal, wept but said she hasn't given up hope.

"When my son joined the Army, I was happy because he was helping the military and helping the Iraqi people, too," she said. "I always, always remember him day and night

... and I'm waiting for him to come home."

In the meantime, the military promoted al-Taie in absentia from specialist to staff sergeant. He became the only military service member still missing in Iraq after the 2009 discovery of the remains of Navy pilot Scott Speicher, who was shot down 18 years earlier, on the first night of the Gulf War.

The search effort is now in the hands of the military's Personnel Recovery Division, a group of 20 people overseen by Col. Michael Infanti of Stafford, Virginia.

Infanti was the battalion commander in charge of the search for three U.S. soldiers who went missing after their unit was ambushed south of Baghdad in May 2007. Their remains were found more than a year later, after Infanti and other soldiers, who had spent months combing through the canal-lined terrain, had returned to the U.S.

Besides al-Taie, the Personnel Recovery Division is also looking for seven other Americans, four South Africans and a British man.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Jimmy Smith, the division's deputy director, said nine American abductees, including three who were still alive, have been recovered in Iraq since 2004.

The military said it is developing a plan to transfer the cases concerning American citizens to the U.S. State Department, which has promised to maintain a strong diplomatic presence after the troops leave. The other cases will be turned over to their respective countries.

Many kidnap victims were engineers and businessmen participating in the effort to rebuild Iraq.

Jeffrey Ake, of LaPorte, Indiana, has been missing since April 11, 2005, when he was abducted by masked gunmen at a water treatment plant where he was working in the Taji area north of Baghdad.

A witness said the kidnapers tied Ake's hands behind his back and placed him in a black vehicle that sped away, according to a U.S. military incident report released by WikiLeaks.

Ake, a father of four who was 47 when he was captured, was last seen in a video two days later in which masked gunmen stood by as he pleaded for his life.

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# After failed Iran nuclear talks: What now?

By George John  
Associated Press writer

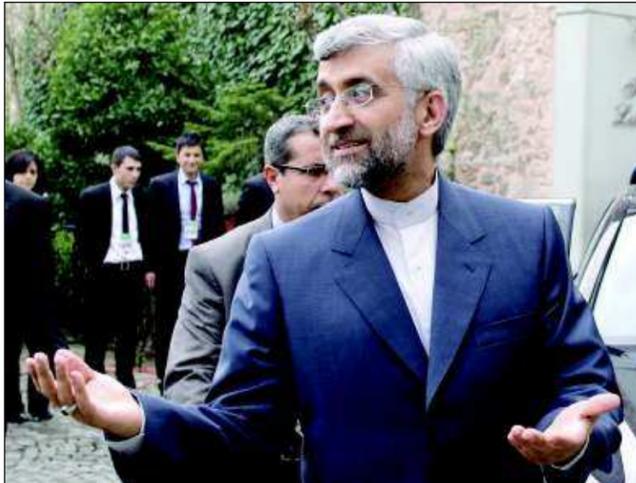
ISTANBUL — The collapse of another attempt at international outreach to Iran on Saturday has left world powers with few options except to wait — and hope that the bite of sanctions will persuade Tehran to reconsider its refusal to stop activities that could be harnessed to make nuclear weapons.

But their patience could be tested. While the U.S. and others say that Iran already is suffering from the wide range of financial and trade sanctions, travel bans and other penalties imposed by the U.N., the U.S., the EU and others, the Islamic Republic shows no sign of bending.

Uranium enrichment lies at the heart of the dispute.

Low-enriched uranium — at around 3.5 percent — can be used to fuel a reactor to generate electricity, which Iran says is the intention of its program. But if uranium is further enriched to around 90 percent purity, it can be used to develop a nuclear warhead.

Iran came to the Istanbul talks with six world powers Friday declaring it would not even consider freezing uranium enrichment — and left the negotiations Saturday repeating the same mantra.



Iran's Chief Negotiator Saeed Jalili arrives to address the media after two-day talks between Iran and world powers on Iran's nuclear program at Ciragan Palace in Istanbul, Turkey, Saturday.

AP photo

Throughout two days of hectic meetings, it stubbornly pushed demands it must have known were unacceptable to the six — a lifting of sanctions and acceptance of its enrichment program before any further discussion of its nuclear activities.

“Both these preconditions are not the way to proceed,” EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton declared — and added no new talks were planned.

Publicly, the U.S. and others nations concerned that Iran could turn its enrichment program toward making fissile warhead material say that troubles with enrichment have slowed that activity and left more time to

persuade Iran to heed international concerns than thought just a year ago.

Israeli officials now talk of a three-year window — until 2014 — before Iran can make a bomb. That compares with projections of 2011 just three years ago.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told NBC’s “Today” show earlier this week that the new Israeli estimates are “very significant.” The delay, she said, “gives us more of a breathing space to try to work to prevent them from obtaining a nuclear weapon.”

Two outside forces could account for any Iranian problems in enriching uranium — the increasing weight of U.N.

and other sanctions meant to choke off raw materials needed to make and maintain the program, and the apparent havoc caused by the mysterious Stuxnet computer malware, which experts think was created by Israel or the U.S.

“Sanctions have had an impact. There are signs that Iran’s nuclear program has slowed, so I think there is time and space for diplomacy,” a senior U.S. administration official said after the Istanbul talks collapsed. He asked for anonymity in exchange for discussing the delicate issue.

While there is no talk for now of U.N. Security Council new sanctions past a fourth

set in June that target Iran’s Revolutionary Guard, ballistic missiles and nuclear-related investments, there have been significant Western efforts to enforce present penalties.

Senior U.S. officials have been touring China, Japan, South Korea and the pro-western Arab nations to demand compliance with the U.N. sanctions and the European Union, Canada, Australia and others have followed Washington’s example in imposing their own restrictions on trade, financial transactions and other relations with Iran.

A diplomat from a delegation that met with Iran in Istanbul told the AP Saturday that EU outsiders Switzerland and Norway would formally adopt the EU sanctions next week. He asked for anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter.

On the cyber front, Iran has acknowledged that Stuxnet hit “a limited number of centrifuges,” saying its scientists discovered and neutralized the malware before it could cause any serious damage. The computer worm is assumed to have caused disruption of enrichment in November that temporarily crippled thousands of centrifuges at Natanz and experts say it

could flare up again to do further damage.

Still there is no reason for complacency.

In a study shared this week with The Associated Press, the Federation of American Scientists notes impressive improvements in the performance of the Iranian machines that enrich uranium. The centrifuges are still underperforming but FAS says Iran last year appears to have increased their efficiency by 60 percent, giving it the technical capacity to produce enough material for a simple nuclear warhead in five months.

Few people think that Tehran is likely to provoke the world — and increase the likelihood of U.S. or Israeli attack — by kicking out International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors and recalibrating its centrifuges to make such a device.

Manufacturing nuclear warhead material is only one step in making a weapon, and Olli Heinonen, who retired late last year as the IAEA deputy director general in charge of the agency’s Iran file, calls the likelihood of such a “breakout scenario” a “suicidal mission” because of the likelihood of overwhelming international retribution.

Still, Iran seems determined to let nothing stop it from expanding enrichment.

## Judge OKs insanity defense

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Lawyers for a mother accused of suffocating her 3-year-old son and then burying him in a park will be allowed to present an insanity defense at her murder trial.

District Judge Stan Whitaker gave approval Friday to Tiffany Toribio’s attorneys to present the defense. She is accused of suffocating Ty Toribio in May 2009 and burying him in sand at an Albuquerque park’s playground.

Toribio has pleaded not guilty to murder, child abuse and other charges. She reportedly told police after her arrest that she was homeless and didn’t want her son to have the same kind of life.

The decision wasn’t opposed by prosecutors, despite a law saying they should have been given notice within three weeks of her arraignment in June 2009, according to KRQE-TV.

The district attorney’s spokesman, Pat Davis, said the state agreed not to fight Toribio’s request to use the insanity defense because if they had won and Toribio was found guilty, she could use it in an appeal.

“Everybody recognizes she needs the opportunity to present the defense that she is most comfortable with and she thinks is most appropriate in this case,” Davis said.

Defense lawyer Jeff Buckels told Whitaker that it took much longer than three weeks to develop a defense strategy.

“That’s 20 days after the arraignment,” Buckels said. “Nobody on the face of the earth was going to be able to say what their defense or offense would be of this case.”

Whitaker rescheduled the start of the trial from March to October.

If a jury finds Toribio not guilty by reason of insanity, she could be sent to a mental hospital if she’s considered a danger to society or released. A guilty verdict means life in prison.

Toribio was sleeping in the park after being kicked out of her mother’s home and a friend’s apartment days before her son’s death because she was ignoring the boy and withholding affection, investigators have said.

A mother playing with her children at a park spotted a black sneaker sticking out of the sand underneath the playground equipment and found the body.

## U.S.-China tensions aren’t over

By Tom Raum  
Associated Press writer

### Analysis

WASHINGTON — Despite the pomp, pageantry and vows of cooperation, tensions between the United States and China are likely to grow — not shrink — after President Barack Obama’s summit meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

While the United States struggles with near-chronic unemployment and a continuing housing crisis, China was the first major economy to power out of the global downturn and recently passed Japan as the world’s second-largest economy.

As China gets closer to overtaking the U.S. economically in a decade or two, trade and currency disputes seem likely to intensify.

A joint news conference Wednesday by Obama and Hu produced a rare concession for a Chinese leader. Hu openly acknowledged “a lot still needs to be done in China on human rights,” although he said progress had been made.

And both leaders called for a renewed effort of cooperation on a flock of other big issues besides human rights, including trade and currency irritants, fighting global terrorism and tackling the international financial crisis.

But while it was in the interest of both countries for Hu and Obama to project a confidence-building image of mended ties after a troubled year for U.S.-Chinese relations, the thaw may be short lived.

With neither side giving much ground, “There were some singles and doubles, but no home runs,” said Michael Green, a White House adviser during the George W. Bush administration and now an analyst at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Green said the two leaders may have helped take

the heat off some economic disputes, including trade and investment.

“But the currency issue is going to continue to flare up. On the military side, on North Korea and on human rights this summit maybe put a floor under what has been a very rough year. But it didn’t solve the structural problems that are going to continue to complicate the relationship for the next few years at least,” he said.

Polls show most Americans still view China’s economy as more of a threat to U.S. jobs than an opening for new investments, a perception Obama sought to alter Wednesday as he trumpeted a series of new business deals. He said the agreements would increase U.S. exports to China by more than \$45 billion and support some 235,000 American jobs.

“I absolutely believe that China’s peaceful rise is good for the world and it’s good for America,” Obama said.

But not all were as enthusiastic as the president about the developments.

“Business deals, while important, are no substitute for firm commitments from China to stop its currency manipulation and to end its illegal subsidies of industry,” said Scott Paul, executive director of the Alliance for American Manufacturing, a harsh critic of China’s policies.

While U.S. military superiority seems likely to last far longer than its economic leadership, wariness continues to grow in the United States over handling tensions on the Korean peninsula, confronting Iran over its nuclear program, Beijing’s increasingly aggressive stance in the western Pacific and accountability questions of the People’s Liberation Army.



Hu

Sometimes there appears to be a disconnect between the military and civilian leaders in the one-party government.

During Defense Secretary Robert Gates’ visit to China earlier this month, China’s military conducted a test fight of its first aircraft designed to evade radar, the J-20 stealth fighter — apparently catching Hu and other Chinese civilian leaders off guard.

Also of worry to the Pentagon is China’s development of anti-ship missiles that could make it harder for American aircraft carriers to operate in the western Pacific.

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# A month in the lions' den

## Florida man calls attention to plight of animal sanctuaries

By **Tamara Lush**  
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — The owner of a Florida wildlife rescue center is living in a cage with two lions, a fundraising stunt that has riled other animal rescue groups and underscores how difficult it is to keep such sanctuaries afloat.

James Jablon with Wildlife Rehabilitation of Hernando County, a semi-rural area about an hour north of Tampa, is halfway through his month of eating, sleeping and otherwise hanging out with the carnivorous cats. Wearing a microphone, he talks with people who watch streaming video of his "captivity" online and post comments.

He maintains his unusual idea is a harmless way to raise \$150,000 to keep the center — home to 100 animals of all types — running for the next two years. It is unclear how much money he has raised so far.

Those in the animal sanctuary world say it's extremely expensive to raise and care for exotic animals, especially when a single tiger can eat upward of 60 pounds of meat a week.

"It's been incredibly diffi-



AP photo

James Jablon, who runs Wildlife Rehabilitation of Hernando County, plays with Ed, a 1-year-old African lion, in Hernando, Fla., on Jan. 4. Jablon, the owner of the Florida wildlife rescue center is living in a cage with two lions for a fundraising stunt.

cult for sanctuaries," said Josephine Martell, a spokeswoman for the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, a Washington-based accreditation group. "It's just like every other business, sanctuaries are cutting back on staff and capacity."

Actress Tippi Hedren, who starred in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" and runs the Shambala Preserve in Acton, Calif., said it costs her more than \$75,000 a month to feed her 65 big cats.

"Sanctuaries everywhere are folding because of the economy," she said.

Last September, the Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio closed its doors due to "overpopulation, underfunding and inadequate housing for the animals," a message on the defunct sanctuary's website said.

About 400 animals were displaced because of the closing, and Martell said it was difficult to find homes for them because other sanctuaries are so cash-strapped.

Even in the face of such shortfalls, Hedren and others questioned the wisdom of Jablon's stepping into the lions' den.

Jablon is "taking his life into his hands," Hedren said.

The stunt is not just dangerous but exploitative, said Pat Derby, owner of the Performing Animal Welfare Society, adding that it sends the wrong message to the public.

"We're supposed to be protecting the animals, not exploiting them," said Derby, a former Hollywood

animal trainer who has three sanctuaries in California.

Jablon wouldn't speak with The Associated Press, saying that a London publicity-photo agency is handling media requests. That agency said that some large organizations like the AP would have to pay for access to him and the facility. The AP does not pay for interviews.

Jablon told the *St. Petersburg Times* he has set up an area with a computer, chair, sleeping bag, video camera and coffee maker inside the enclosure where he is staying with young lions Ed and Lea for a month. He uses a spigot to wash up and a portable toilet. He is prepared to climb a tree if the lions fight with each other and become dangerous.

On a recent evening, Jablon could be seen laying down in front of the camera as the two lions napped under a wooden shelter nearby.

Jablon insisted he will be safe because he has raised the animals since they were small and they are familiar with him.

"I'm not risking my life. I'm enhancing their life," he told the newspaper, which didn't pay for its interview or

photos and never pays for news, according to editor Neil Brown.

Published reports show Jablon has been struggling for a while. Last February, he custom-made a motorcycle out of the skin and skull of an alligator to raise money for his sanctuary, which cares for about 100 abandoned and abused animals of all types and sizes.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection report dated Sept. 27, 2010, the Siberian tiger enclosures at Jablon's facility were "not sufficiently constructed to contain these animals." The report also said that he did not have a feeding plan for the big cats and did not have records showing how he acquired several of the animals.

In another report dated May 13, 2010, a USDA inspector wrote about watching as two lions were unloaded from transport enclosures into permanent enclosures.

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## Colombia helping Mexico fight drug gangs

By **Juan Forero**  
The Washington Post

CAJICA, Colombia — Long experienced in fighting cocaine cartels and Marxist guerrillas, Colombia is training thousands of Mexican policemen as well as soldiers and court officers to help contain drug gangs that have turned parts of Mexico into virtual combat zones.

Most of the training has taken place in Mexico, Colombian and American officials say. But in a sign of how serious the threat posed by the Mexican cartels has become, an increasing number of Mexican soldiers and policemen are traveling here to train with Colombia's battle-tested police commandos.

"Mexico has what we had some years ago, which are very powerful cartels," Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said in a recent interview. "What we can provide is the experience that we have had dismantling those cartels, training intelligence officers, training judicial police."

Colombia's new role provides the Obama administration, which pays for part of the training and has a close alliance with Colombia, with a politically viable way to improve Mexican security forces without a substantial American military or police presence in Mexico. Placing U.S. forces there would be politically contentious in Mexico even as Washington commits hundreds of millions of dollars to help smash powerful drug cartels.

"The American military can indirectly do a lot more through the Colombians than they politically would be able to do directly," said Roderic Ai Camp, an expert on Mexico's military at Claremont McKenna College in California. "Given the loss of half of Mexico's national territory to the United States in the 19th century, and the Mexican army's hesitant cooperation with their American counterparts, the Colombians are a logical proxy."

Colombia's shift reflects its desire to demonstrate an ability to help resolve regional problems instead of being seen as simply a recipient of U.S. aid, which totals \$9 billion, mostly in military hardware, going back to the Clinton administration.

Colombia is still the No. 1 producer of cocaine, much of which passes through Mexico en route to American

consumers. Colombian drug gangs still battle it out over cocaine routes while guerrillas engage security forces in a conflict now in its 47th year.

But things were far worse a generation ago, when the city of Medellin had the world's highest homicide rate.

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Escobar's notoriously violent cocaine cartel in that northern city bombed shopping malls, killed high-profile politicians and even blew an airliner out of the sky, before his death when police hunted him down in 1993. A decade ago, another force appeared to be an even greater threat: the Revolutionary Armed Forces

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# Bench carries CSI men past Salt Lake CC

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

On a night when its three starting guards suffered through a sub-par shooting night, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball still found a way to blow out rival Salt Lake Community College.

The No. 12 Golden Eagles got 43 points from their bench, routing the No. 13 Bruins 97-71 Saturday night in front of a packed house at CSI Gymnasium.

Fabyon Harris scored 11 of his 13 points in the first half, sparking both of CSI's big runs before intermission. His performance made up for a

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night when starters Pierre Jackson, Jerrold Brooks and Darius Smith combined to shoot 4-for-20 in the first half and 9-for-33 (27 percent) for the game.

"JB and P weren't on their A game tonight, so I had to come off the bench and give the team a spark," said Harris, who had a 3-pointer and a beautiful assist to Kenny Buckner in an 8-0 run that put CSI ahead 29-21 with 7:24 left in the first half.

Chris Patton came on for a

foul-plagued Buckner and netted 11 points to go with five rebounds, including a fast-break layup during a 13-0 spurt that put CSI up 48-31 in the final minutes of the opening half.

"My teammates did a really good job of finding me," said Patton, a 6-10 freshman center from Australia. "There wasn't a lot of times where I had to do a whole lot, so I give a lot of credit to them. With the big crowd and white-out, it just felt like we had to go a little bit harder. With that atmosphere we were ready to go."

CSI's bench outscored Salt Lake's 43-21 on the night, nearly matching the team's

margin of victory.

"I'm very happy with our bench," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar, whose 20-2 team is all alone atop the Scenic West Athletic Conference with a 6-1 record. "They were huge for us tonight. Salt Lake was concentrating a lot on JB, Pierre and Smitty. I think Terrance (Lafayette), Fabyon, Chris and Gerson (Santo) came in and were huge for us tonight. They gave us that spark, they gave us that lift that we needed."

With most statistical categories fairly even, CSI ultimately won the game at the

See **CSI MEN**, Sports 2



College of Southern Idaho guard Fabyon Harris soars to the rim against Salt Lake Community College Saturday in Twin Falls.

DREW NASH/  
Times-News

## Rally comes up shy for CSI women

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

Felicity Jones grabbed the rebound and put in the layup with 0.9 seconds on the clock. But what could have been the game-winning bucket was rendered meaningless by a shocking sequence a few minutes earlier.

The 21st-ranked College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team was left to wonder what might have been after suffering a 60-58 loss to No. 11 Salt Lake Community College on Saturday.

Trailing 56-52 with less than 2 minutes to play, CSI forced a loose ball that bounced around before falling into the hands of Golden Eagle guard Mechela Barnes. With Barnes cradling the ball, Salt Lake coach Betsy Specketer called and was granted a timeout, giving her team possession.

SLCC All-American Haley Holmstead made the gift count, drilling a 3-pointer to put the Bruins up 59-52. CSI still almost clawed back, but what could have been a one-pos-

session game on the final play was instead a four-point deficit as CSI came up short.

"They can say that (Specketer) had the timeout earlier or whatever, but that ball was never in possession to get the timeout. It was loose before any coach could get a timeout. I think they missed it. That happens in the game of basketball, officials miss things, too. But that was a big possession," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers.

"Seven (points) was just too much, especially with the time we had left," added CSI sophomore post Laurel Kearsley, who had eight points, 10 rebounds and four blocks off the bench.

That CSI (17-5, 4-3 Scenic West Athletic Conference) had any chance down the stretch is incredible considering how the game started.

CSI missed nine of its first 10 shots as Salt Lake built a 15-2 lead. The Eagles still trailed 26-14 before ripping off a 13-2 spurt in the final 4:38 of the half to get within 28-27. Kyler

See **CSI WOMEN**, Sports 2



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho athletic trainer Richard Bingham wraps the ankle of CSI Golden Girl Baylee Orr, 20, while athletic trainers in training Luis Sanchez and Adrian Shabi, far back, observe Thursday at CSI in Twin Falls.

## Making it better

In short supply, athletic trainers play key role for area athletes

By Stephen Meyers  
Times-News writer

Brooke Rey knows what it's like to watch a football game and hope there's a doctor in the stands.

Growing up in rural Fairfield, it was an all-familiar reality that if a player went down with an injury, there was a real chance no one outside of a student manager with very basic taping knowledge or a parent who knew CPR would help treat them.

"They are treated by a mom who might be a nurse, or a dad who has experience as an EMT, which is great, but in rural communities as Filer, Buhl and Kimberly, that's who takes care of them. And when it comes down to it, there's so much more to injury prevention and keeping kids healthy that can be done," Rey said. "That's what made me want to be a part of it. We can make this better."

Today, Rey walks the sidelines as the athletic trainer for Canyon Ridge High School.

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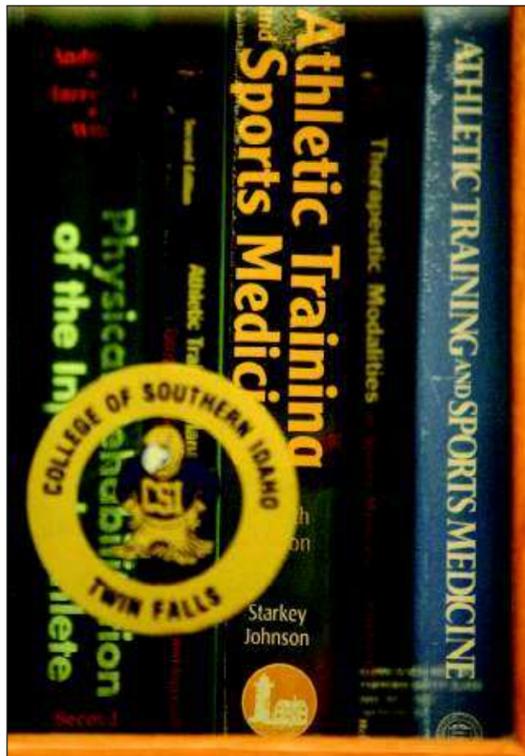
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The University of Idaho graduate joined the CRHS staff in the spring of 2010, providing immediate care to athletes when they are injured in practice or during a game or competition.

But there's much more to the profession.

"When you hear a 'trainer' you also hear that when you go to Gold's Gym, you get assigned a trainer. When you go to a track to race your horse, you have a horse who has a trainer, so what does that mean?" said Richard Bingham, the athletic trainer for the College of Southern Idaho.

In his seventh year at CSI, Bingham averages 50-60 hours a week from August to May. He is on hand at all of the basketball and volleyball teams' practices, providing



Books fill the cabinets of CSI athletic trainer Richard Bingham's work room.

pre and post-practice care and attends every home game, the first to provide care when an athlete sustains injury. In between games and practices, he works with athletes on injury prevention, stretching, nutrition, hydration and rehab.

Simply put, athletic trainers play a vital role in the development and safety of athletes in the high school and college setting and are instrumental in getting athletes back on the field doing what they love.

See **TRAINERS**, Sports 6



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College of Southern Idaho post Fanny Cavallo puts the ball up as Salt Lake's Jami Mokofisi defends her Saturday in Twin Falls.

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### Friday's Games

New Jersey 89, Detroit 74  
Orlando 112, Toronto 72  
Phoenix 109, Washington 91  
New Orleans 100, Atlanta 59  
Boston 110, Utah 86  
Milwaukee 102, Cleveland 88  
Memphis 115, Houston 100  
San Antonio 101, New York 92  
Golden State 119, Sacramento 112, OT  
L.A. Lakers 107, Denver 97

**Saturday's Games**  
Atlanta 103, Charlotte 87  
Dallas 85, New Jersey 86  
Washington 85, Boston 83  
Detroit 75, Phoenix 74  
Miami 120, Toronto 103  
Philadelphia 96, Utah 85  
Chicago 92, Cleveland 79  
New Orleans 96, San Antonio 72  
Oklahoma City 101, New York 98  
Orlando 118, Houston 108  
Memphis 94, Milwaukee 81  
Indiana at Portland, late  
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, late

**Sunday's Games**  
Indiana at Denver, 6 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
Cleveland at New Jersey, 5 p.m.  
Detroit at Orlando, 5 p.m.  
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.  
Memphis at Toronto, 5 p.m.  
Washington at New York, 5:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Chicago, 6 p.m.  
Houston at Minnesota, 6 p.m.  
Orlando at Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 6 p.m.  
Sacramento at Portland, 8 p.m.  
San Antonio at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

## NBA Boxes

### BULLS 92, CAVALIERS 79

**CLEVELAND (79)**  
Evens 9-23-47, Jamison 12-22-35-31, Hickson 5-19-3-6, 13 Sessions 0-4-0, D.Gibson 3-12-2-10, Harris 1-5-2-2, Graham 27-23-6, Hollins 1-4-4-6, Samuels 1-2-0-2, Totals 27-84 19-28-79

**CHICAGO (92)**  
Deng 8-15-0-20, Boozer 8-18-4-6-20, Thomas 11-23-4, Rose 8-20-7-24, Bogans 15-0-0-3, Korver 4-9-0-11, Asik 11-0-0-2, Tibbs 10-0-0-2, Brewer 0-2-0-0, Watson 2-5-2-6, Totals 38-82 15-20-92

**Cleveland** 17 21 17 - 79  
**Chicago** 22 26 24 - 92

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 6-20 (Jamison 47, D.Gibson 2-6, Evenga 0-2, Harris 0-2, Graham 0-3), Chicago 9-19 (Deng 4-5, Korver 3-6, Rose 1-3, Bogans 1-4, Watson 0-1), Fouled Out—Thomas, Rebounds—Cleveland 63 (Hickson 20), Chicago 56 (Deng 12), Assists—Cleveland 19 (D.Gibson, Jamison 5), Chicago 23 (Rose 8), Total Fouls—Cleveland 18, Chicago 23. Technicals—Chicago Bench. A—21,389 (20,917).

## WIZARDS 85, CELTICS 83

**BOSTON (83)**  
Pierce 4-0-4-12, Garnett 7-13-3-17, Erden 3-6-0-0-6, Rondo 6-12-1-13, Allen 6-5-2-16, Davis 4-11-3-9, Daniels 13-23-4, Robinson 3-8-0-6, Wafer 0-1-0-0-0, Totals 34-79 11-18-83

**WASHINGTON (85)**  
Pierce 8-12-1-12, Lewis 7-13-4-4-18, McGee 6-11-4-5-16, Wall 7-12-1-16, Young 1-13-4-5-6, Seraphin 0-0-0-0-0, Shakur 2-4-1-15, Y-12-0-2, Thornton 3-2-2-4, Martin 1-4-1-3, Booker 0-1-0-0-0, Totals 33-77 18-26-85

**Boston** 25 21 24 - 83  
**Washington** 20 26 24 - 85

3-Point Goals—Boston 4-15 (Pierce 2-4, Allen 2-8, Rondo 0-1, Robinson 0-2), Washington 1-9 (Wall 1-1, Lewis 0-1, Martin 0-1, Thornton 0-1, Shakur 0-2, Young 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Boston 52 (Erdem 11), Washington 52 (Lewis 11), Assists—Boston 20 (Rondo 9), Washington 14 (Shakur 5), Total Fouls—Boston 22, Washington 20, Technicals—Boston defensive three second, Blatche, A—20,278 (10,173).

## HAWKS 103, ROBERTS 87

**ATLANTA (103)**  
Johnson 12-18-5-32, Smith 8-14-0-16, Pachulia 3-5-3-4-9, Bibby 5-10-14, Evans 2-4-6-4-9, Ja.Crawford 4-13-5-14, J.Collins 1-2-0-2, Williams 1-3-2-4, E.Thomas 0-1-0-0, Jo.Crawford 1-1-0-0-3, Totals 37-73 20-23-103

**CHARLOTTE (87)**  
Johnson 8-10-5-8-22, Brand 6-15-7-18, Hawes 4-9-0-1-8, Holiday 3-12-2-2-9, Meeks 2-5-2-8, Turner 2-5-0-4, Speights 2-4-0-0-4, L.Williams 5-15-8-10-20, Young 1-5-0-0-2, Kapono 0-0-0-0-0, Battie 0-1-0-0-0, Totals 33-81 21-31-96

**Atlanta** 24 20 32 - 103  
**Charlotte** 29 20 20 - 87

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 9-19 (Johnson 3-4, Bibby 3-5, Jo.Crawford 1-1, Evans 1-3, Ja.Crawford 1-6), Charlotte 6-18 (Augustin 3-4, Jackson 3-9, Najera 0-1, Wallace 0-4), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Atlanta 46 (Pachulia, Bibby 8), Charlotte 37 (Wallace 8), Assists—Atlanta 19 (Johnson 5), Charlotte 23 (Augustin 7), Total Fouls—Atlanta 14, Charlotte 16, Technicals—Bibby, Jackson, Charlotte defensive three second, A—17,286 (19,077).

## 76ERS 96, JAZZ 85

**UTAH (85)**  
Hayward 2-3-0-0-4, Millsap 8-16-2-18, Jefferson 8-19-3-4-19, Williams 7-19-4-4-20, Bell 15-0-0-3, Okur 1-3-1-3, Miles 1-2-6, Kirilenko 2-7-0-2, Watson 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 34-81 13-17-85

**PHILADELPHIA (96)**  
Iguodala 8-10-5-8-22, Brand 6-15-7-18, Hawes 4-9-0-1-8, Holiday 3-12-2-2-9, Meeks 2-5-2-8, Turner 2-5-0-4, Speights 2-4-0-0-4, L.Williams 5-15-8-10-20, Young 1-5-0-0-2, Kapono 0-0-0-0-0, Battie 0-1-0-0-0, Totals 33-81 21-31-96

**Utah** 29 22 22 - 85  
**Philadelphia** 26 21 23 - 96

3-Point Goals—Utah 4-16 (D.Williams 2-7, Bell 1-3, Miles 1-4, Kirilenko 0-2), Philadelphia 6-15 (L.Williams 2-4, Meeks 2-4, Iguodala 1-3, Holiday 1-4), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Utah 45 (Jefferson 13), Philadelphia 54 (Hawes 11), Assists—Utah 27 (D.Williams 14), Philadelphia 19 (Iguodala 5), Total Fouls—Utah 20, Philadelphia 16, Technicals—D.Williams, Utah def of game, Philadelphia defensive three second, A—14,036 (20,318).

## THUNDER 101, KNICKS 98

Gallinari 7-12-6-7-23, Chandler 2-8-1-15, Stoudemire 7-

18-4-6-18, Felton 5-16-0-10, Fields 4-7-2-2-11, Turiaf 3-1-4-7, Douglas 4-10-1-10, Walker 4-9-0-0-12, Williams 1-3-0-2, Totals 37-86 15-21-98

**OKLAHOMA CITY (101)**  
Durant 10-25-7-30, Green 3-11-0-0-7, Kristic 6-9-0-0-12, Westbrook 7-15-14-17-28, Sefolosha 0-3-1-2-1, Ibaka 4-9-3-11, Harden 3-0-0-1-7, Collison 0-1-3-4-3, Maynor 1-3-0-2, Cook 0-2-0-0-0, Totals 34-88-28-34-101

**New York** 30 30 17 - 98  
**Oklahoma City** 31 22 26 - 101

3-Point Goals—New York 9-26 (Walker 4-9, Gallinari 3-5, Douglas 1-3, Fields 1-3, Chandler 0-2, Felton 0-4), Oklahoma City 5-17 (Durant 3-8, Green 1-1, Harden 1-4, Maynor 0-2, Cook 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—New York 51 (Stoudemire 12), Oklahoma City 64 (Ibaka 15), Assists—New York 21 (Felton 7), Oklahoma City 12 (Westbrook 5), Total Fouls—New York 22, Oklahoma City 19, Technicals—Stoudemire, New York defensive three second, Ibaka, Oklahoma City defensive three second, A—18,203 (18,203).

**ORLANDO (118), ROCKETS 104**  
Turkoglu 8-11-33-21, Bass 9-13-0-0-18, Howard 7-11-8-13-22, Nelson 3-5-2-2-10, J.Richardson 7-12-0-0-18, Anderson 5-15-0-0-12, Redick 5-12-0-0-13, Arenas 2-4-0-1-4, Clark 0-2-0-0-0, O.Richardson 0-2-0-0-0, Duhon 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 68-97 19-118

**HOUSTON (104)**  
Battier 1-6-0-0-3, Scola 5-11-5-15-15, Hayes 4-7-2-3-10, Lowry 4-9-3-12, Martin 5-18-6-17-18, Budinger 8-11-0-19, Brooks 2-11-0-0-4, Hill 27-2-2-6, Lee 5-11-2-13, Patterson 0-2-0-0-0, Williams 1-1-2-2-4, Jeffries 0-1-0-0-1, Totals 37-95 22-104

**Orlando** 34 32 18 - 118  
**Houston** 26 25 28 - 104

3-Point Goals—Orlando 13-32 (J.Richardson 4-7, Redick 3-6, Turkoglu 2-4, Nelson 2-4, Anderson 2-8, Clark 0-1, O.Richardson 0-1, Arenas 0-1), Houston 8-27 (Budinger 3-5, Martin 2-7, Battier 1-4, Lowry 1-4, Lee 1-4, Brooks 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Orlando 54 (Howard 14), Houston 54 (Scola 9), Assists—Orlando 26 (Nelson 9), Houston 19 (Hayes 4), Total Fouls—Orlando 19, Houston 21, Technicals—Arenas, J.Richardson, Orlando defensive three second 2-A-18,052 (18,043).

## MAVERICKS 87, NETS 86

**DALLAS (87)**  
Pavlovic 1-2-0-0-3, Nowitzki 7-24-7-8-23, Chandler 7-11-5-6-19, Kidd 1-6-2-2-5, Stevenson 1-3-1-4, Marion 2-8-0-0-2, Terry 4-4-2-2-11, Haywood 0-1-2-2-2, Barea 3-6-0-0-6, Mahinmi 0-0-6-6-6, Totals 26-75 27-29-87

**NEW JERSEY (86)**  
Outlaw 2-7-2-2-3, Favors 3-5-0-0-6, Lopez 10-15-4-6-24, Harris 4-12-7-8-15, Graham 1-3-0-0-2, Farmer 2-8-0-0-6, Vujacic 4-12-0-0-9, Humphries 3-4-2-3-8, Morrow 0-2-2-2-2, Petro 3-4-0-0-6, Totals 32-72 17-21-86

**Dallas** 22 26 20 - 87  
**New Jersey** 26 19 21 - 86

3-Point Goals—Dallas 12-32 (Nowitzki 2-6, Pavlovic 1-1, Stevenson 1-3, Kidd 1-4, Terry 1-4), New Jersey 5-15 (Outlaw 2-4, Farmer 1-3, Vujacic 1-3, Harris 0-1, Morrow 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Dallas 46 (Marion 11), New Jersey 49 (Humphries 15), Assists—Dallas 18 (Kidd 8), New Jersey 23 (Harris 11), Total Fouls—Dallas 24, New Jersey 25, A—14,051 (18,500).

## HEAT 120, RAPTORS 103

**TORONTO (103)**  
Nurjic 2-7-0-0-4, Johnson 5-7-4-14, Bargnani 10-24-5-9-28, Calderon 4-8-4-14, DeRozan 12-4-4-30, Davis 3-4-0-1-6, Bayless 15-5-5-7, Gaines 0-1-0-0-0, Totals 38-81 22-24-103

**MIAMI (120)**  
James 14-29-9-14-38, Jones 4-6-5-15-15, Iguaskas 1-2-2-4, Chalmers 3-1-1-10, Miller 12-20-23-32, Anthony 1-4-0-0-2, Howard 2-4-0-0-4, Arroyo 1-2-0-0-2, House 4-10-1-1-3, Totals 48-20-26-120

**Toronto** 17 23 37 - 103  
**Miami** 32 34 26 - 120

3-Point Goals—Toronto 5-8 (Bargnani 3-3, Calderon 2-3, DeRozan 0-1, Bayless 0-1), Miami 16-26 (Miller 6-11, House 4-7, Chalmers 3-3, Jones 2-2, James 1-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Toronto 59 (Davis 10), Miami 50 (James 11), Assists—Toronto 20 (Calderon 13), Miami 27 (Chalmers 9), Total Fouls—Toronto 21, Miami 22, Technicals—Toronto defensive three second 2-A—20,025 (19,600).

## HORNETS 96, SPIURS 72

**SAN ANTONIO (72)**  
Jefferson 3-8-2-2-9, Duncan 2-11-2-2-6, Blair 3-6-1-3-7, Parker 4-8-2-2-10, Ginobili 2-8-0-0-4, Splitter 2-5-10-11, Hill 2-6-3-4-8, McDye 0-2-0-0-0, Neal 3-9-0-0-8, Quinn 2-4-0-0-4, Owens 2-2-1-5, Totals 25-69 18-25-72

**NEW ORLEANS (96)**  
Ariza 5-8-13-15, West 8-11-2-2-18, Okafor 4-9-1-2-9, Paul 4-11-2-4-11, Bellinelli 2-10-1-2-7, Green 0-2-0-0-0, Smith 0-3-0-0-0, Mbenga 1-1-0-0-2, Jack 4-8-1-2-9, Ponderster 3-7-0-7-7, Thornton 7-10-0-1-18, Andersen 0-1-0-0-0, Totals 38-81 8-15-96

**San Antonio** 13 26 10 - 72  
**New Orleans** 13 28 31 - 96

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 4-15 (Neal 2-5, Jefferson 1-3, Hill 1-3, Quinn 0-1, Parker 0-1, Ginobili 0-2), New Orleans 12-15 (Ariza 4-4, Thornton 4-4, Bellinelli 2-5, Paul 1-1, Ponderster 1-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—San Antonio 39 (Splitter, Blair 6), New Orleans 62 (Okafor 12), Assists—San Antonio 15 (Ginobili 6), New Orleans 19 (Paul 6), Total Fouls—San Antonio 17, New Orleans 22, Technicals—West, New Orleans defensive three second, A—18,023 (17,188).

## PISTONS 75, SUNS 74

**PHOENIX (74)**  
Hill 4-14-0-0-8, Frye 3-14-0-0-8, Lopez 2-4-0-0-4, Nash 5-8-3-14, Carter 3-11-1-2-9, Waddell 5-9-2-2-13, Gortat 4-5-1-1-11, Dragic 1-2-0-1-2, Durrick 1-2-0-2-1, Pietrus 1-3-0-0-3, Totals 30-74 7-9-74

**DETROIT (75)**  
Prince 8-19-1-17, Wilcox 3-7-0-0-6, Monroe 3-4-0-0-6, McGrady 1-5-0-0-3, Stuckey 3-15-5-6-11, Dave 4-11-2-2-11, Wallace 0-3-0-0-2, Gordon 3-8-2-2-9, Maxwell 0-1-0-0-0, Bynum 4-8-4-5-12, Totals 25-91-14-17-75

**Phoenix** 17 21 21 - 74  
**Detroit** 17 15 11 - 75

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-27 (Carter 2-6, Frye 2-12, Wilcox 1-3, Pietrus 1-3), Detroit 3-10 (McGrady 1-1, Gordon 1-3, Dave 1-3, Prince 0-1), Stuckey 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Phoenix 48 (Gortat 13), Detroit 53 (Prince 13), Assists—Phoenix 20 (Nash 8), Detroit 16 (Prince 5), Total Fouls—Phoenix 12, Detroit 13, Technicals—Phoenix defensive three second 3, Flagrant Fouls—Gordon, A—21,326 (22,076).

## GRIZZLIES 94, BUCKS 81

**MEMPHIS (94)**  
Gay 3-10-5-11, Randolph 7-10-2-4-16, Gasol 7-10-12-11-24, Conley 3-11-2-18, Young 4-6-0-0-8, Mayo 5-7-0-0-11, Vesasek 0-2-0-0-0, Arthur 7-11-0-0-14, Thabeau 5-1-0-0-0, Allen 1-2-0-0-2, Totals 37-72 18-23-94

**MILWAUKEE (81)**  
Maggette 5-11-2-12, Ilyasova 3-5-0-0-6, Bogut 7-10-0-0-14, Dooring 2-10-2-2-7, Douglas-Roberts 0-3-0-0-0, Mbah a Moute 1-1-0-0-2, Jefflino 2-12-0-2-5, Sanders 6-11-0-0-12, Boykins 8-22-4-2-23, Brockman 0-1-0-0-0, (Tans 3-10-8-12-81)

**Memphis** 21 22 29 - 94  
**Milwaukee** 19 21 19 - 81

3-Point Goals—Memphis 8-28 (Conley 1-3, Mayo 1-3, Dooring 1-4, Gay 0-1), Milwaukee 5-20 (Boykins 3-6, Gasol 1-5, Jefflino 1-7, Ilyasova 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Memphis 60 (Gasol 16), Milwaukee 40 (Bogut 9), Assists—Memphis 17 (Vesasek 4), Milwaukee 19 (Maggette 5), Total Fouls—Memphis 15, Milwaukee 19, A—16,157 (18,717).

## Friday's Late NBA Boxes

### LAKERS 107, NUGGETS 97

**L.A. LAKERS (107)**  
Artest 8-12-1-3-19, Gasol 8-14-3-19, Bynum 7-11-3-14-17, Fisher 1-5-0-0-3, Bryant 8-15-2-3-18, Odom 9-14-0-0-18, Blake 2-6-0-0-7, Denver 2-2-0-0-4, Walton 2-3-0-0-4, Totals 47-88-9-14-107

**DENVER (97)**  
Anthony 10-24-3-3-23, Martin 1-3-0-0-2, Nene 3-7-3-6-9, Billups 10-15-5-16, Afflalo 8-11-1-2-22, Harrington 2-7-0-0-5, J. Smith 2-6-1-1-5, Ely 0-1-0-0-0, Lawson 6-9-3-3-15, Totals 37-78 16-20-97

**Lakers** 22 27 33 - 107  
**Denver** 20 27 25 - 97

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 4-16 (Artest 2-3, Fisher 1-4, Blake 1-4, Bryant 0-2, Brown 0-3), Denver 7-21 (Afflalo 5-7, Billups 1-4, Harrington 1-5, Lawson 0-1, J. Smith 0-1, Anthony 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 55 (Gasol 13), Denver 36 (Nene 7), Assists—L.A. Lakers 24 (Bryant 5), Denver 19 (Anthony 5), Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 20, Denver 15, Technicals—Anthony, A—19,155 (19,155).

# GAME PLAN

## TV SCHEDULE

**4:30 p.m.**  
CBS — Playoffs, AFC Championship Game, New York at Pittsburgh

**NHL HOCKEY**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
NBC — Philadelphia at Chicago

**TENNIS**  
**5 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Australian Open, round of 16, at Melbourne, Australia

**1:30 a.m.**  
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**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**11 a.m.**  
FSN — Oklahoma at Kansas

**1 p.m.**  
FSN — Oregon St. at Oregon

**3 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — North Carolina at Maryland

FSN — Duke at N.C. State

## WARRIORS 119, KINGS 112, OT

**SACRAMENTO (112)**  
Casspi 6-15-0-0-14, Thompson 5-10-2-4-12, Cousins 8-17-5-8-21, Udrih 2-7-7-11, Evans 14-29-6-10-35, Dalembert 0-2-0-0-0, Landry 3-6-4-6-10, Jeter 2-3-12-5, Head 0-1-0-0-0, Greene 2-4-0-0-4, Totals 42-94 25-37 112

**GOLDEN STATE (119)**  
Curry 5-11-3-1-13, Lee 9-16-4-5-22, Biedrins 2-3-0-0-4, W. Curry 12-21-7-34, Ellis 12-29-3-4-28, Radmanovic 1-0-0-2, Udoh 2-3-0-0-4, Law 3-3-0-0-6, Williams 1-3-0-0-0, Gadhari 2-5-0-0-4, B.Wright 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 49-95 17-20 119

**Sacramento** 28 23 30 - 112  
**Golden State** 27 34 32 - 119

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 3-12 (Casspi 2-6, Evans 1-3, Udrih 0-1, Jeter 0-1, Greene 0-1), Golden State 4-18 (Curry 3-7, Ellis 1-6, Williams 0-2, W.Right 0-1), Fouled Out—Thompson, Biedrins, Rebounds—Sacramento 59 (Thompson 12), Golden State 54 (D.Wright 12), Assists—Sacramento 22 (Udrih 7), Golden State 17, Total Fouls—Sacramento 23, Golden State 26, Technicals—Lee, Golden State defensive three second, A—18,428 (19,956).

## Men's College Scores

**Far West**  
Air Force 72, Wyoming 51  
BYU 94, Colorado St. 85  
CS Northridge 80, Cal Poly 65  
Pepperdine 78, Loyola Marymount 75  
Sacramento 22 (Udrih 7), Golden State 17, Total Fouls—Sacramento 23, Golden State 26, Technicals—Lee, Golden State defensive three second, A—18,428 (19,956).

**Midwest**  
Akron 63, Bowling Green 58  
Ball St. 70, Toledo 60  
Buffalo 73, Ohio 68  
Cleveland St. 65, Wright St. 46  
Dayton 91, Fordham 57  
Detroit 73, Youngstown St. 69  
Loyola of Chicago 68, Ill. Chicago 59  
Minnesota 69, Michigan 64  
Missouri 87, Iowa St. 54  
Missouri St. 67, Creighton 66  
N. Iowa 69, Drake 49  
N.I. James 80, Marquette 75  
Notre Dame 80, Marquette 75  
Oakland, Mich. 83, N. Dakota St. 76  
Ohio St. 73, Illinois 68  
Pittsburgh 80, DePaul 50  
Purdue 86, Michigan St. 76  
S. Dakota St. 87, IPW 52  
South Dakota 89, Utah Valley 85  
Texas 74, Kansas 73  
UMKC 55, W. Illinois 46  
W. Michigan 82, N. Illinois 80  
Wichita St. 93, Indiana St. 83, 30T Xavier 88, Temple 77

**Southwest**  
Bayler 76, Oklahoma St. 57  
Houston Baptist 81, Texas-Pan American 71  
Lamar 107, Cent. Arkansas 72  
North Texas 83, Arkansas St. 64  
Oklahoma 67, Colorado 60  
Oral Roberts 78, Centenary 65  
SMU 79, Southern Miss. 65  
Texas Tech 84, Kansas St. 56  
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 70, Sam Houston St. 68  
Texas Tech 74, Kansas St. 56  
UMKC 55, W. Illinois 46  
W. Michigan 82, N. Illinois 80  
Wichita St. 93, Indiana St. 83, 30T Xavier 88, Temple 77

**South**  
Alabama 68, Auburn 58  
Alabama A&M 64, Alcorn St. 55  
Austin Peay 80, Jacksonville St. 66  
Campbell 85, Stetson 55  
Coastal Carolina 58, Gardner-Webb 55  
Coll. of Charleston 73, Appalachian St. 64  
Coppin St. 77, Mid.-Eastern Shore 68  
Delaware 64, Georgia St. 62  
Delaware 64, Morgan St. 62  
Duke 83, Wake Forest 59  
E. Kentucky 59, Morehead St. 49  
East Carolina 82, Marshall 81  
Florida 64, Georgia Southern 62  
Florida 75, Arkansas 43  
Florida A&M 45, Howard 38  
Florida Atlantic 88, Ark.-Little Rock 71  
Florida St. 67, Boston College 51  
Furman 85, Chattanooga 5

# Texas Longhorns end Jayhawks' home streak

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The longest home winning streak in Kansas' vaunted history came to an end on a doubly sad day for the Jayhawks.

J'Covan Brown scored 23 points and keyed a second-half run that erased a 15-point deficit, enabling No. 10 Texas to grab a 74-63 victory Saturday over the second-ranked Jayhawks and snap their 69-game home streak.

Shortly after 11 p.m. the night before, players, coaches and players' moms gathered around sophomore Thomas Robinson when his mother died unexpectedly of a heart attack in Washington, D.C.

Robinson asked to remain with the team, and with him coming off the bench, an emotional Kansas scored the first 10 points and led by 15 in the early going. But Texas (16-3, 4-0 Big 12) outscored the Jayhawks 36-13 while turning a 12-point halftime deficit into a 59-48 lead on a 3-pointer by Cory Joseph.

There was a moment of silence before the game for Thompson's mother. He scored two points, got five rebounds and committed four fouls.

The Jayhawks (18-1, 3-1) had not lost at home since Feb. 3, 2007, the longest current streak in the nation, and were 7-0 at home against Texas since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996.

Jordan Hamilton added 17 points for the Longhorns.

Tyrel Reed had 17 points and Marcus Morris 16 for Kansas.



AP photo

Texas forward Gary Johnson (1) signals to fans following their 74-63 win over Kansas Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

## NO. 1 OHIO STATE 73, NO. 23 ILLINOIS 68

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Jared Sullinger had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Ohio State scored 14 straight points in the second half to rally past Illinois.

Aaron Craft made two free throws with 15 seconds left and Jon Diebler forced an Illinois turnover with 4 seconds on the clock to help the unbeaten Buckeyes (20-0, 7-0 Big Ten) hold on.

## NO. 7 VILLANOVA 83, NO. 3 SYRACUSE 72

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Maalik Wayns scored 17 of his 21 points in the first half as Villanova took a big lead and then held on to beat Syracuse in front of a raucous Carrier Dome crowd.

It was the second straight game for each squad against a top-10 team. Villanova (17-2, 5-1 Big East) lost 61-59 at No. 8 Connecticut on Monday, when the Orange (18-2, 5-2) lost 74-66 at fifth-ranked Pitt. Syracuse had won 16 straight at the Carrier Dome dating to last February, but disappointed a season-high crowd of 33,736, second-largest in the building's history.

## NO. 4 DUKE 83, WAKE FOREST 59

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Kyle Singler scored 24 points and keyed the run that helped Duke pull away from pesky Wake Forest.

Ryan Kelly added a career-high 20 points on perfect shooting and Nolan Smith shook off a slow start and finished with 19 on 6-of-22

shooting for the Blue Devils (18-1, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

## NO. 5 PITTSBURGH 80, DEPAUL 50

CHICAGO — Gilbert Brown scored 17 points and Ashton Gibbs added 13 to lead Pittsburgh over DePaul.

With the exception of a brief lapse early in the second half, the Panthers (19-1, 7-0 Big East) cruised to their ninth straight win.

## NO. 8 CONNECTICUT 72, TENNESSEE 61

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kemba Walker scored a season-low 16 points but that was enough to help Connecticut beat Tennessee, spoiling coach Bruce Pearl's brief return to the Volunteers' bench.

## NO. 9 BYU 94, COLORADO STATE 85

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Jimmer Fredette scored 42 points, his second 40-plus performance in a week, and Brigham Young beat Colorado State for its ninth straight victory.

Fredette, the nation's leading scorer, had a season-high 47 points in a win over Utah on Tuesday. This time, he made 16 of 17 free throws and shot 11 of 24 from the field, including 4 of 9 from 3-point range, to lead the Cougars (19-1, 5-0 Mountain West) in scoring for 18th time in 20 games.

Kyle Collinsworth and Jackson Emery added 16 points apiece for BYU, which defeated Colorado State (13-6, 3-2) for the ninth straight time. Wes

Eikmeier led Colorado State with a career-high 25 points.

## NO. 11 TEXAS A&M 64, KANSAS STATE 56

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Khris Middleton had 18 points and Texas A&M made 13 free throws in the last 2 minutes to hold off struggling Kansas State.

## NO. 12 KENTUCKY 67, SOUTH CAROLINA 58

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Brandon Knight scored 23 points and Kentucky held off a late charge from South Carolina.

## NO. 13 MISSOURI 87, IOWA STATE 54

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Ricardo Ratliffe matched his career best with six blocked shots and Michael Dixon had 15 points with three 3-pointers, helping Missouri rout Iowa State.

## NO. 14 PURDUE 86, NO. 17 MICHIGAN ST. 76

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — E'Twaun Moore scored 26 points, and JaJuan Johnson had 20 for Purdue.

## NO. 15 MINNESOTA 69, MICHIGAN 64

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Trevor Mbakwe and Ralph Sampson III scored 13 points apiece to lead Minnesota over slumping Michigan.

## NO. 16 NOTRE DAME 80, MARQUETTE 75

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Ben Hansbrough scored a career-best 28 points and keyed a second-half spurt that rallied Notre Dame past Marquette.

## PROVIDENCE 72, NO. 19 LOUISVILLE 67

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Marshon Brooks scored 27 points and Gerard Coleman had a season-high 19 to lead Providence over No. 19 Louisville.

## NO. 20 WASHINGTON 88, ARIZONA STATE 75

SEATTLE — Matthew Bryan-Amaning carried Washington with a career-high 30 points and nine rebounds, and the Huskies matched their best conference start in 24 years with a win over scrappy Arizona State.

Washington needed Bryan-Amaning's career day with leading scorer Isaiah Thomas focused more on trying to slow Arizona State's Ty Abbott at the defensive end. Thomas still did his part, knifing for a pair of driving layups in the last 4 minutes, including a right-handed finish at the rim with 1:44 left to give Washington a 78-71 lead.

## VANDERBILT 89, NO. 22 SAINT MARY'S 70

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — John Jenkins and Jeffery Taylor each scored 19 points and Vanderbilt snapped Saint Mary's 11-game winning streak.

## NO. 25 CINCINNATI 53, ST. JOHN'S 51

NEW YORK — Yancy Gates' three-point play with 8 seconds remaining gave Cincinnati a close victory over St. John's.

— The Associated Press

# Broncos rally past Vandals

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — La'Shard Anderson had 21 points and seven assists as Boise State beat Idaho 70-67 on Saturday night.

Ryan Watkins and Paul Noonan each added 11 points for the Broncos (12-7, 5-2 WAC), who rallied after trailing 33-26 at halftime. Former College of Southern Idaho star Daequon Montreal scored 10 for BSU.

Kyle Baron led Idaho (12-

7, 5-2) with 15 points, but missed a potential game-tying 3-point attempt with 5 seconds to play. Shawn Henderson and Jeff Ledbetter added 11 points each.

The Vandals led by two with 5 minutes remaining, but Anderson scored 12 points down the stretch, including hitting 6 of 7 from the free-throw line.

Boise State travels to New Mexico State on Thursday, while Idaho travels to Louisiana Tech.



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant, center, celebrates with teammates James Harden, far left, Russell Westbrook, left, and Serge Ibaka after hitting the game-winning shot Saturday against the New York Knicks in Oklahoma City.

AP photo

# Kevin Durant's game-winner lifts Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant made a 3-pointer from the right wing as time expired and finished with 30 points to lift the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 101-98 win against the New York Knicks on Saturday night.

Durant was tightly guarded by Danilo Gallinari but connected while leaning back in front of the Knicks bench, extending New York's losing streak to six games.

The Thunder hadn't led since the first 2 minutes of the second quarter, but erased a six-point deficit in the final 3 minutes to escape their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Gallinari scored 23 points and Amare Stoudemire had 18 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Knicks.

## 76ERS 96, JAZZ 85

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Iguodala scored 22 points and Lou Williams added 20, leading Philadelphia to the victory.

Elton Brand added 19 for the Sixers, who snapped a two-game losing streak and won for the 12th time in the past 15 games at home. Spencer Hawes grabbed 11 rebounds.

Deron Williams had 20 points and 14 assists for the Jazz (27-17), who dropped their fourth in a row on their five-game road trip. It's their longest skid in slightly more than a year.

## HEAT 120, RAPTORS 103

MIAMI — LeBron James had 38 points and 11 rebounds, Mike Miller scored 22 of his 32 points in the second quarter, and the Heat snapped a four-game slide.

James Jones scored 15 and Eddie House added 13 for Miami, which played without Dwyane Wade (migraine) and Chris Bosh (left ankle sprain). The Heat led 32-17 after one quarter and 66-40 at the half, then held on after Toronto got within seven with 6:27 remaining.

## HORNETS 96, SPURS 72

NEW ORLEANS — David West had 18 points and 10 rebounds, helping New Orleans earn its eighth consecutive victory and end San Antonio's eight-game winning streak.

One night after winning by 41 at Atlanta, the

Hornets led by as many as 31 against a Spurs team that has the NBA's best record (37-7), but which also has lost twice to New Orleans (29-16).

## WIZARDS 85, CELTICS 83

WASHINGTON — John Wall banked in a 3-pointer with the shot clock running down in the game's final minute, and Washington rallied from a 16-point, first-quarter deficit to get the surprising victory.

## MAVERICKS 87, NETS 86

NEWARK, N.J. — Dirk Nowitzki hit a jumper in the lane with 6 seconds to play and Dallas continued its dominance over New Jersey.

The Nets messed up their chance at a game-winning attempt, and Jordan Farmar was forced to toss up an off-balance shot that didn't come close to going in at the buzzer.

## MAGIC 118, ROCKETS 104

HOUSTON — Dwight Howard had 22 points and 14 rebounds, Hedo Turkoglu added 21 points and Orlando built a big first-half lead on its way to the easy victory.

Jason Richardson hit four 3-pointers and scored 18 for the Magic, who went 13 for 32 from 3-point range.

## BULLS 92, CAVALIERS 79

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 24 points, helping the Bulls extend the Cavaliers' losing streak to 16 games.

## HAWKS 103, BOBCATS 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Joe Johnson scored 32 points and the undermanned but energized Hawks bounced back from a humiliating loss.

## PISTONS 75, SUNS 74

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Austin Daye made a go-ahead jumper with 53 seconds left and the Pistons snapped the Suns' five-game winning streak.

Tayshaun Prince led Detroit with 17 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Will Bynum added 12 points.

## GRIZZLIES 94, BUCKS 81

MILWAUKEE — Marc Gasol had 24 points and 16 rebounds, and Zach Randolph set a franchise record with his 10th straight double-double for Memphis.

— The Associated Press

# Vegas surges to Hope Classic lead

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Jhonattan Vegas birdied the final five holes Saturday to join Gary Woodland atop the Bob Hope Classic leaderboard for the second straight day.

Vegas shot a 6-under 66 on the La Quinta course to match Woodland at 24 under. Woodland had a 66 in postcard-perfect weather on the Palmer private course in the PGA Tour's only five-day, four-course event.

Scotland's Martin Laird (66) was two strokes back, and defending champion Bill Haas had a 10-under 62 on

the generous Palmer course to join Chris Kirk (66), Daniel Summerhays (64) and Keegan Bradley (66) at 21 under.

Vegas and Woodland are winless on the PGA Tour.

## KAYMER STAYS IN FRONT AT ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Defending champion Martin Kaymer shot a 6-under 66 to extend his lead to five strokes in the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship.

Kaymer, the German star who won the PGA

Championship last season, had an 18-under 198 total. He also won in Abu Dhabi in 2008. Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy was second after a 65.

Phil Mickelson was 15 strokes back after a 72.

## COCHRAN MAINTAINS LEAD AT MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CHAMPIONSHIP

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii — Russ Cochran shot a 7-under 65 to maintain a two-stroke lead over defending champion Tom Watson in the Champions Tour's season-opening

Mitsubishi Electric Championship.

The 52-year-old Cochran, coming off a two-win season that broke a nearly 20-year drought, had his second straight bogey-free round to reach 17-under 127, matching Don Pooley's 36-hole record set in 2006.

Watson shot a 65, birdieing the last hole to reach 15 under — the same two-round total he had last year when he led by two strokes. John Cook (64) was third at 14 under.

— The Associated Press

# CHEERLEADING

## M.V. Eagles finish well at competition in Utah

The Magic Valley Eagles all-star cheerleaders got first-place finishes from their mini and senior teams at the USA competition Jan. 8 at Timpview High School in Provo, Utah.

The Eagles' youth team placed third. The Eagles train at Radio Rondevo and are coached by Andrea Pierce, Troy Allen, Lexxi Richardson, Shay Louder and LeeAnn Gonzales.



Courtesy photos

### Magic Valley Eagles senior team



### Magic Valley Eagles mini team



### Magic Valley Eagles youth team

## MARTIAL ARTS



Courtesy photo

### Little Tigers advance

Four Little Tiger students recently earned rank advancements at Pil Sung Martial Arts in Rupert. Yellow Morgan, Kevin Merkey and Jimmy Rasmussen earned their yellow belts, while Victor Pugh earned his red belt. Pictured, from left, head instructor Neka Bethke, Pugh, Morgan, Merkey, Rasmussen and Little Tiger assistant instructor Kristi Pugh.

# Heyburn boxers headed to nationals

HEYBURN — Three boxers from the Gonzales Boxing Club in Heyburn have earned a spot in the 2011 Silver Gloves Nationals.

Local fighters Wyle Tibbets, Anthony Rawson and Dakota Pawson will represent Idaho. The tournament, which will be held Feb. 2-5 in Kansas City, Mo., will feature the top young boxers from all over the country.

Tibbets is 13 years old, and Rawson and Pawson are both 10. To earn the trip to nationals, they each won Region 7 Silver Gloves championships Jan. 15 in Bend, Ore., against fighters from Oregon, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

They are each ranked in the top 8 nationally in their age and weight division.



From left, Dakota Pawson, Wyle Tibbets and Anthony Rawson will compete in the 2011 Silver Gloves National Championships, Feb. 2-5 in Kansas City, Missouri.

RYAN HOWE/Times-News

To help cover costs of travel, meals and lodging at the national championships, the boys are seeking sponsor-

Information: Gary Pawson at 312-0307 or Frank Gonzales at 431-1651.

# Your Scores

## BOWLING

### MAGIC BOWL — TWIN FALLS SUNDAY ROLLERS

**MEN'S SERIES:** Keith Kelly 633, Anthony Pato 609, Harvey McCoy 593, Stan Visser 585.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Keith Kelly 251, Harvey McCoy 247, Anthony Pato 220, Stan Visser 205.

**LADIES SERIES:** Kim Dreisigacker 618, Tawnia Bryant 571, Amanda Crider 593, Suzanne McCoy 516.

**LADIES GAMES:** Kim Dreisigacker 214, Tawnia Bryant 214, Ida Countryman 202, Amanda Crider 197.

### MASON TROPHY (9-14)

**SERIES:** Joan Leis 554, Gloria Harder 537, Shanda Pickett 524, Skeet Donaldson 515.

**GAMES:** Shanda Pickett 211, Joan Leis 191, Skeet Donaldson 189, Gloria Harder 189.

### MASON TROPHY (1-11)

**SERIES:** Marie Bruce 535, Gloria Harder 526, Shanda Pickett 398, Virginia Mulkey 491.

**GAMES:** Gloria Harder 200, Nancy Lewis 192, Shanda Pickett 190, Marie Bruce 187.

### VALLEY (1-5)

**SERIES:** Tony Cowan 802, Ron Dawson 741, Jody Bryant 736, Matt Olson 721.

**GAMES:** Cory Moore 278, Tony Cowan 278, Matt Olson 277, Leon Klimes 268, Mike Tackett 268.

### VALLEY (1-12)

**SERIES:** Tony Cowan 757, Nate Jones 730, Todd Fiscus 717, Matt Olson 713.

**GAMES:** Matt Olson 279, Nate Jones 279, Bruce Major 277, Bruce Quale 266.

### 50 PLUS SENIOR LEAGUE

**MEN'S SERIES:** Tom Smith 716, Myron Schroeder 635, Tom Glass 603, Jack Boyd 578.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Tom Smith 268, Earl McCoy 242, Maurice Fuller 223, Clayne Williams 222.

**LADIES SERIES:** Pat Glass 535, Barbara Smith 519, Joan Leis 512, Linda Vining 504.

**LADIES GAMES:** Pat Glass 204, Gloria Harder 194, Joan Leis 191, Linda Vining 178, Dot Van Hook 178.

### THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Jake Carnahan 709, Jach Black 671, Buddy Bryant 666, Steve Allison 637.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Jake Carnahan 278, Jody Bryant 267, Zach Black 264, Kasey Jeroue 242.

**LADIES SERIES:** Tawnia Bryant 620, Sylvia Wood 554, Donna Rhyne 512, Edie Barkley 503.

**LADIES GAMES:** Tawnia Bryant 255, Devena Hamrick 192, Donna Rhyne 190, Sylvia Wood 190.

### BOWLADROME — TWIN FALLS SUNDAY EARLY MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Lin Gowen 664, Jake Carnahan 565, Paul Gosnell 565, Shane Cook 538.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Lin Gowen 254, Shane Cook 219, Jake Carnahan 203, Paul Gosnell 201.

**LADIES SERIES:** Becky Lewis 427, Ludy Harkins 417, Carlene Jarrell 497, Rosann Bowman 396.

**LADIES GAMES:** Becky Lewis 182, Ludy Harkins 152, Dana Stewart 148, Debbie Westbrook 144.

### MONDAY MIXED FOLLIES

**MEN'S SERIES:** Joe McClure 654, Terry Rogers 616, Rocky Reece 609, Dave Wilson 607.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Joe McClure 241, Steve Hall 231, Terry Rogers 225, Rocky Reece

224, Kevin Hamblin 224.

**LADIES SERIES:** Lorenia Rodriguez 551, Sylvia Inman 516, Michele Seckel 513, Dee Hall 506.

**LADIES GAMES:** Lorenia Rodriguez 222, Michele Seckel 181, Ann Shepherd 180, Leslie Hamblin 180.

### SH-BOOM

**MEN'S SERIES:** Nick Parsons 675, Clint Koyle 657, Donnie Parsons 648, Ron Marshall 598.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Ron Marshall 257, Clint Koyle 247, Donnie Parsons 233, Nick Parsons 228.

**LADIES SERIES:** Diana Brady 531, Barbara Reynolds 513, Kathi Jeroue 497, Stacey Lanier 461.

**LADIES GAMES:** Diana Brady 199, Barbara Reynolds 180, Stacey Lanier 178, Kathi Jeroue 174.

### MID MORNING MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Dave Wilson 647, Carey Moser 618, Maury Miller 580, Tom Morgan 575.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Matt Baysinger 238, Dave Wilson 232, Ron Barrett 226, Josh Groves 224.

**LADIES SERIES:** Bonnie Draper 531, Linda Vining 527, Bernie Smith 493, Kim Leazer 484.

**LADIES GAMES:** Bonnie Draper 213, Bernie Smith 197, Linda Vining 189, Jeane Miller 179.

### TUESDAY A.M. TRIOS

**SERIES:** NaJean Dutry 485, Edith Sutherland 483, Veann Jacobson 482, Charlene Anderson 470.

**GAMES:** Flame Klundt 196, NaJean Dutry 186, Gail McAllister 184, Edith Sutherland 180.

### LATECOMERS

**SERIES:** Barb Aslett 590, Susan Kepner 565, Brittny Rackham 537, Kristy Rodriguez 536.

**GAMES:** Kristy Rodriguez 215, Susan Kepner 210, Barb Aslett 206, Kay Bengochea 203.

### TUESDAY MAJORS

**BOYS' SERIES:** Tyler Black 650, Anthony Brady 626, Matt Thrall 601, Anthony Vest 586.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Tyler Black 237, Anthony Brady 230, Anthony Vest 212, Matt Thrall 210.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kati Jo Moses 515, Paige Maher 485, Jessica Jenkins 440, Rio Leazer 385.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Paige Maher 188, Kati Jo Moses 186, Rio Leazer 151, Miranda Curtis 150.

### MEN'S CONSOLIDATED

**SERIES:** Todd Fiscus 710, Neil Welsh 209, Tony Everts 704, Kenny Davis 670.

**GAMES:** David Rockwell 263, Kenny Davis 257, Tony Everts 255, Jene Prudent 255.

### MAGIC VALLEY SENIORS

**MEN'S SERIES:** Duke Stimpson 551, Ken Cameron 537, Cy Bullers 494, Gary Hartruff 475.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Duke Stimpson 223, Gary Hartruff 196, Ken Cameron 194, Cy Bullers 172.

**LADIES SERIES:** Tina Holland 406, Jean McGuire 483, Betty Taylor 427, Shirley Kunsman 418.

**LADIES GAMES:** Tina Holland 181, Jean McGuire 176, Betty Taylor 176, Jeannine Bennett 168.

### LADIES CLASSIC

**SERIES:** Diana Brady 510, Kay Puschel 506, Mary Beams 495, Betty Wentworth 486.

**GAMES:** Justine Schoessler 192, Mary Beams 189, Sharon Simmons 188, Betty Wentworth 185.

### SOMETHING ELSE

**MEN'S SERIES:** Daryl Easterly 495, Corky

Federico 474, Juan Martinez 463, Dave Gyroly 495.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Rusty Biggs 183, Corky Federico 182, Daryl Easterly 178, Roger Blass 174, Dave Grofry 174.

**LADIES SERIES:** Sherry Blass 477, Carolyn Biggs 436, Terri Federico 414, Kay Clysdale 381.

**LADIES GAMES:** Carolyn Biggs 173, Sherry Blass 172, Terri Federico 148, Kay Clysdale 142.

### SUNSET

**SERIES:** Gail Cederlund 603, Kristy Rodriguez 592, Tracey Hoffman 577, Karen Morano 534.

**GAMES:** Kristy Rodriguez 234, Joelle Moses 231, Tracey Hoffman 215, Gail Cederlund 214.

### FRIDAY P.M. SENIORS

**MEN'S SERIES:** Eddie Chappell 610, Tom Smith 607, Dave Wilson 606, Bob Brown 572.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Dave Wilson 255, Eddie Chappell 247, Tom Smith 214, Bob Brown 214.

**LADIES SERIES:** Dawn Kulm 533, Bonnie Draper 532, Shirley Kunsman 500, Dixie Eager 493.

**LADIES GAMES:** Dawn Kulm 204, Dixie Eager 192, Bonnie Draper 190, Shirley Kunsman 187.

### MOOSE

**MEN'S SERIES:** Ed Harmon 734, Tony Cowan 683, Cobey Magee 674, Ray Turpin 663.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Jake Carnahan 279, Ed Harmon 269, Bob Staffen 265, Ryan Shull 258, Kerry Klassen 258.

**LADIES SERIES:** Julie Shull 592, Kim Leazer 505, Leanna Magee 462, Misty Welsh 453.

**LADIES GAMES:** Julie Shull 219, Kim Leazer 181.

### GIANTS

**BOYS' SERIES:** Tom Upchurch 518, Jacob Hildreth 372, Dylan Mace 338, Oliver Cook 325.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Tom Upchurch 192, Jacob Hildreth 139, Dylan Mace 126, Oliver Cook 122.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Katie Upchurch 324, Alexis Ybarra 319, Ashley Etters 316.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Alexis Ybarra 128, Katie Upchurch 113, Ashley Etters 108, Steffi Leazer 102.

### PEEWEE & BUMPER

**BOYS' SERIES:** Riley Magee 233, Eli Cook 200, Donovan Howell 155, Brock Hanson 155.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Riley Magee 128, Eli Cook 105, Brock Hanson 84, Lucas Wisdom 80.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kyle Wills 226, Lindsay Beem 194, Mikila Stromer 169.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Kyle Wills 132, Lindsay Beem 113, Mikila Stromer 90.

### SNAKE RIVER BOWL — BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS

**SERIES:** Derry Smith 576, Diane Strolberg 473, Lori Parish 457, Edna Renz 430.

**GAMES:** Derry Smith 213, Diane Strolberg 174, Lori Parish 171, Jessica Hodge 158.

### LADIES TRIOS

**SERIES:** Tiffany Hager 586, Georgia Schultz 519, Alicia Bywater 494, Clarice Leslie 484.

**GAMES:** Tiffany Hager 225, Georgia Schultz 192, Jachelle Lowe 183, Glenda Mechem 280.

### MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO

**SERIES:** Bob Bywater 983, Tyson Hirsch 918, Brad Holm 893, Logan Parish 851.

**GAMES:** Bob Bywater 290, Brad Holm 256, Logan Parish 248, Tyson Hirsch 235.

### TUESDAY MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Byron Hager 747, Bob Bywater 743, Rick Hieb 715, Tyson Hirsch 655.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Byron Hager 279, Rick Hieb 264, Bob Bywater 258, Tyson Hirsch 238.

**LADIES SERIES:** Tiffany Hager 603, Stacy Hieb 587, Annette Hirsch 535, Kristie Johnston 461.

**LADIES GAMES:** Tiffany Hager 224, Stacy Hieb 213, Annette Hirsch 185, Kristie Johnston 161.

### RAILROADERS

**SERIES:** Kris Jones 634, Theresa Knowlton 602, Kym Son 589, Tammy Raines 534.

**GAMES:** Kris Jones 234, Theresa Knowlton 231, Tammy Raines 223, Kym Son 211.

### WEDNESDAY MIXED

**MEN'S SERIES:** Justin Studer 784, Tyson Hirsch 702, Thom Stimpson 609, Galen Rogers 562.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Justin Studer 299, Tyson Hirsch 247, Thom Stimpson 225, Galen Rogers 213.

**LADIES SERIES:** Annette Hirsch 560, Alexis Studer 501, Bobbi Crow 461, Sharon Smith 410.

**LADIES GAMES:** Annette Hirsch 234, Susan Fowler 180, Alexis Studer 177, Chip Hedges 158.

### HOUSEWIVES

**SERIES:** Missy Stuart 534, Kristie Johnston 522, Bonnie Murphy 496, Derry Smith 491.

**GAMES:** Kristie Johnston 217, Bonnie Murphy 191, Derry Smith 191, Missy Stuart 189.

### MAJORS

**SERIES:** Byron Hager 683, Shon Bywater 672, Dee Maier 632, Dusty Penrod 617.

**GAMES:** Byron Hager 266, Mike Showalter 247, Shon Bywater 239, Gary Posluzny 238.

### PINHEADS

**BOYS' SERIES:** Brody Albertson 506, Mhason Stimpson 457, Kariigan Hollins 379, Stetson 369.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Brody Albertson 183, Mhason Stimpson 167, Quentyn Roberts 153, Stetson 143.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Bridget Albertson 499, Kiara Hieb 478, Cheyenne Powers 378, Dachotah Hieb 284.

### BURLEY

**BOYS' SERIES:** Logan Hollins 431, Brandon Baldwin 385, CJ 318.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Brandon Baldwin 175, Logan Hollins 151, CJ 116.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kiara Hieb 465, Dominique Powers 362, Teri Lucero 339.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Kiara Hieb 175, Teri Lucero 134, Dominique Powers 133.

### MINICO

**BOYS' SERIES:** Kolby Widmier 494, Gerardo Juarez 491, Reid Pinther 477, Shane Amen 467.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Reid Pinther 208, Gerardo Juarez 198, Shane Amen 193, Mason Peterson 180.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Bridget Albertson 610, Sydney Walker 359, Angie Holmes 358, Rachel Watson 319.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Bridget Albertson 245, Lyndie Mittelsteadt 155, Yajayra Garcia 135, Elizabeth Hatch 129.

### BURLEY HIGH

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

**BOYS' GAMES:** Logan Hollins 151, RJ 103.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Kiara Hieb 455, Courtney Johnson 382, Kortni Wells 232.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Kiara Hieb 165, Courtney Johnson 135, Kortni Wells 96.

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**100-yard IM:** 1. Gabe Machado, BY, 1:34.36; 2. Trace Mayo, MV, 1:41.46; 3. Trey Scott, BY, 1:49.82; 4. Asher Brown, MV, 1:56.72; 5. Luke Smith, IFST, 2:09.64.

### Age 9-10

**50-yard fly:** 1. Mason Johnson, UNAT, 35.72; 2. Thomas Roark, BY, 40.33; 3. Carter Carlson, SA, 42.56; 4. Jakob Hansen, EST, 50.42; 5. Tyler Davis, IFST, 9. Dalton Rasgorshok, MV, 56.56; 14. Dylan Morris, MV, 1:20.11.

**50-yard back:** 1. Thomas Roark, BY, 35.08; 2. Mason Johnson, UNAT, 37.09; 3. Carter Carlson, SA, 43.02; 4. Dylan Silcock, HEAT, 45.56; 5. Dylan Foreman, MV, 46.58; 13. MacCabe Taylor, MV, 53.76; 15. Dylan Morris, MV, 54.96; 20. Dalton Rasgorshok, MV, 1:01.87.

**50-yard breast:** 1. Thomas Roark, BY, 43.72; 2. Carter Carlson, SA, 44.03; 3. Mason Johnson, UNAT, 47.59; 4. Jakob Hansen, EST, 50.14; 5. Dylan Silcock, HEAT, 50.67; 6. Dylan Morris, MV, 53.43.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Mainly sunny and pleasant. High 39.

Tonight: Chilly, with a few clouds possible. Low 22.

Tomorrow: A mild day. High 41.

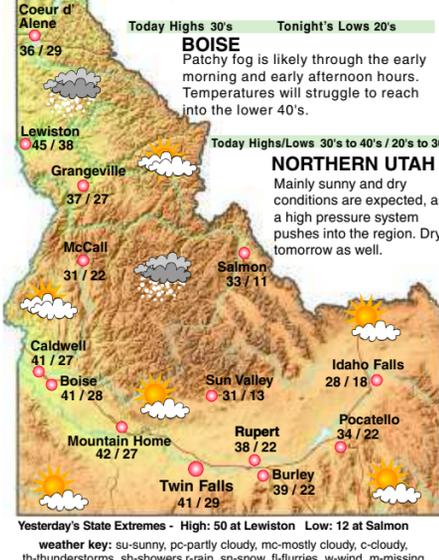
**ALMANAC - BURLEY**

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	40°	Yesterday's	0.05"
Yesterday's Low	34°	Month to Date	0.76"
Normal High / Low	36° / 18°	Avg. Month to Date	0.87"
Record High	54° in 1994	Water Year to Date	5.27"
Record Low	-30° in 1962	Avg. Water Year to Date	3.55"

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**

Chilly, winter temperatures and skies turning mostly cloudy today. A little bit of sunshine tomorrow, and in the low to mid 30's.



**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
A good amount of sunshine	A few clouds	Partly to mostly sunny	A mild day	Intervals of sunshine	Partly sunny, cool
High 41°	Low 29°	42° / 26°	44° / 26°	43° / 28°	45° / 26°

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	43	27	0.05"
Challis	37	23	Trace"
Coeur d'Alene	39	27	0.00"
Idaho Falls	39	27	0.00"
Jerome	39	30	0.03"
Lewiston	50	40	0.02"
Lowell	41	32	0.25"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	34	29	Trace"
Rexburg	27	16	0.15"
Salmon	37	12	0.11"
Stanley	31	23	0.07"
Sun Valley	41	21	0.00"

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity	
Yesterday's High	42°	Yesterday's	0.01"	Yesterday's High	82%
Yesterday's Low	35°	Month to Date	0.86"	Yesterday's Low	56%
Normal High / Low	36° / 21°	Avg. Month to Date	0.96"	Today's Forecast Avg.	67%
Record High	52° in 1969	Water Year to Date	6.09"		
Record Low	-3° in 2008	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.02"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	

**Barometric Pressure**

5 pm Yesterday 30.22 in.

**Sunrise and Sunset**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	8:00 AM	5:40 PM
Monday	7:59 AM	5:41 PM
Tuesday	7:59 AM	5:42 PM
Wednesday	7:58 AM	5:43 PM
Thursday	7:58 AM	5:45 PM

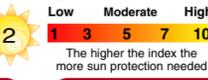
**Moon Phases**



**Moonrise and Moonset**

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	10:54 PM	9:52 AM
Monday	none	10:20 AM
Tuesday	12:08 AM	10:51 AM

**Today's U.V. Index**



**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	41 28 pc	42 27 pc
Bonnerville	34 24 ls	38 25 ls
Burley	39 22 pc	41 24 pc
Challis	30 14 pc	33 13 mc
Coeur d'Alene	36 29 ls	39 28 mc
Elko, NV	43 17 pc	44 24 pc
Eugene, OR	44 33 fg	44 35 pc
Gooding	36 26 pc	37 21 pc
Graceland	28 13 pc	31 15 ls
Hagerman	42 28 pc	43 26 pc
Hailey	33 19 pc	35 18 pc
Idaho Falls	28 18 pc	31 18 pc
Kalispell, MT	34 27 ls	33 28 mc
Jerome	37 27 pc	38 24 pc
Lewiston	45 38 pc	48 35 mc
Malad City	31 17 pc	31 17 pc
Malta	34 22 pc	36 23 pc
McCall	31 22 mc	34 19 mc
Missoula, MT	35 23 mc	34 28 mc
Pocatello	34 22 pc	36 22 pc
Portland, OR	46 35 fg	46 39 pc
Rupert	38 22 pc	38 23 pc
Rexburg	25 16 pc	28 18 ls
Richard, WA	46 32 pc	45 32 fg
Rogerson	41 22 pc	40 25 pc
Salmon	33 11 ls	31 20 r
Salt Lake City, UT	39 25 pc	38 28 pc
Spokane, WA	34 19 pc	35 15 ls
Stanley	31 13 pc	34 15 pc
Sun Valley	31 13 pc	34 15 pc
Yellowstone, MT	22 10 ls	27 17 ls

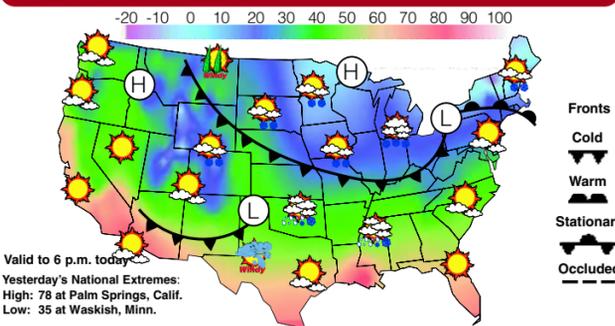
**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	49 30 pc	48 35 mc
Baltimore	28 11 pc	24 19 pc
Birmingham	51 34 pc	48 36 r
Boston	18 -3 ls	11 4 su
Charlotte, NC	51 36 pc	56 42 pc
Chicago	37 24 pc	42 27 pc
Cleveland	15 5 pc	22 16 mc
Denver	45 26 pc	40 28 ls
Des Moines	16 10 sn	24 12 ls
Detroit	16 8 pc	21 14 sn
El Paso	55 27 pc	57 27 pc
Fairbanks	-25 -30	-9 -16 ls
Fargo	12 11 ls	19 7 ls
Honolulu	78 68 pc	78 67 pc
Houston	64 38 r	60 39 pc
Indianapolis	21 14 pc	27 19 ls
Jacksonville	53 36 su	60 48 pc
Kansas City	20 13 ls	32 16 ls
Las Vegas	60 42 su	61 42 pc
Little Rock	48 32 mc	44 29 ls
Los Angeles	78 50 su	77 48 su
Memphis	45 34 r	47 32 r
Miami	68 54 pc	73 60 pc
Milwaukee	18 13 ls	27 22 ls
Nashville	39 29 mc	43 20 ls
New Orleans	59 47 pc	62 45 sh
New York	26 10	18 14 pc
Oklahoma City	36 24 pc	49 25 pc
Omaha	16 6 ls	28 10 ls

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	83 68 pc	83 68 pc
Athens	60 51 sh	57 46 pc
Auckland	70 59 sh	73 59 sh
Bangkok	92 75 pc	92 74 pc
Beijing	28 9 pc	28 8 pc
Berlin	34 24 ls	32 27 pc
Buenos Aires	93 72 th	95 72 th
Cairo	69 42 pc	70 44 pc
Cebu	87 61 pc	86 60 pc
Geneva	28 15 pc	32 15 pc
Hong Kong	65 59 pc	64 61 sh
Jerusalem	66 43 pc	67 42 pc
Johannesburg	81 62 th	73 61 th
Kuwait City	65 45 pc	65 44 pc
London	43 33 sh	42 32 sh
Mexico City	68 36 pc	68 36 pc
Moscow	14 2 pc	13 -3 pc
Nairobi	77 52 sh	77 51 sh
Oslo	32 19 pc	32 6 pc
Paris	41 37 pc	40 33 sh
Prague	33 22 ls	30 22 pc
Rio de Janeiro	86 69 th	84 68 th
Rome	46 38 sh	47 37 pc
Santiago	86 51 pc	85 51 pc
Seoul	20 4 ls	20 3 ls
Sydney	96 68 pc	91 66 sh
Tel Aviv	65 61 pc	64 60 pc
Tokyo	40 29 ls	42 28 pc
Vienna	35 23 pc	31 19 ls
Warsaw	32 21 ls	29 20 ls
Winnipeg	26 -2 ls	29 6 pc
Zurich	22 -3 pc	25 4 ls

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
"Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."  
Ella Wheeler Wilcox 1855-1919, Poet and Journalist

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	25 18 ls	30 7 ls
Edmonton	31 17 pc	31 22 mc
Kelowna	29 25 pc	32 20 ls
Regina	31 21 pc	34 18 pc
Saskatoon	25 18 ls	30 7 ls
Toronto	13 -14 ls	10 9 ls
Vancouver	39 40 ls	42 37 r
Victoria	47 47 r	49 43 r
Winnipeg	26 -2 ls	29 6 pc

**Roethlisberger the vet among remaining QBs**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The quarterback saga for Sunday's conference championship games goes far beyond Benny and the Jets.

Sure, Ben Roethlisberger towers over the AFC landscape with his overpowering arm, improvisational skills, outsized personality and a strong-willed comeback from off-field trouble. And, oh yeah, don't forget his two Super Bowl rings — with a third within grasp in just his seventh NFL season.

"I know I probably never will win the league MVP or passing title," he says. "That is not why I play the game. I try to win football games and championships."

Also trying to win a championship, their first, are Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers, Chicago's Jay Cutler and the New York Jets' Mark Sanchez. To dismiss any of the other quarterbacks in the final four would be foolhardy.

No one is playing better than Rodgers, who has not only stepped out of Brett Favre's shadow, he's beginning to cast one of his own over Cheeseheads everywhere.

Cutler has toned down his wild wings act, morphing into the dependable quarterback the Bears need to complement their fierce defense. Cutler

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even equaled a record set by the great Otto Graham more than 50 years ago when he had two TDs passing and two more rushing against Seattle in the divisional round.

Sanchez? He's already won twice as many postseason games as Joe Namath — all on the road.

Quite an eclectic group, although Sanchez questions if he belongs, even though a win Sunday gives him more road playoff victories than any quarterback. Ever.

"That kind of stuff is maybe something you'll tell your grandkids about," he says. "But for now, these wins are for us. It's for the Jets. We all beat them."

By far, Roethlisberger is the most accomplished of the remaining QBs. He also has the biggest black mark on his resume: Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Roethlisberger for four games to start the 2010 season for violating the league's personal conduct policy. He was accused in March of the sexual assault of a 20-year-old college student, but a prosecutor in Georgia declined to

bring charges. Just when the fan base in Pittsburgh seemed ready to turn against him, Roethlisberger appears to have turned around his life. He even was given a media cooperation award that is named for Steelers founder Art Rooney Sr., and has been won by Dan Rooney, Rod Woodson, Jerome Bettis and Hines Ward. Roethlisberger called it "an awesome honor."

How did he do it? "Just be me," he says with a shrug. "Anytime I can be around these guys and play the game I love, it's an awesome thing and to have success as a team, it's a great thing. We are a family and it's a close group."

It's also a group close to an unprecedented seventh Super Bowl title. A third for Roethlisberger would place him in the company of Hall of Famers Joe Montana, Troy Aikman and Terry Bradshaw — the previous measuring stick for quarterbacks in the Steel City — along with Tom Brady.

The first QB to win Offensive Rookie of the Year

**AFC CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Jets at Steelers  
4:30 p.m. CBS

(2004), Roethlisberger is, according to many opponents, just as difficult to deal with as the Bradys, Mannings and Breeses of the NFL.

"When things break down and it becomes backyard football, that's when he's most dangerous," Jets safety Eric Smith says. "He extends plays like nobody else."

"And if you get a hold of him back there, you have to make sure you pin his arm, or else he's still going to make a play."

The Steelers went 3-1 during Roethlisberger's suspension, but no one in Pittsburgh believes they'd be playing this weekend without him.

"He's a winner," says veteran receiver Hines Ward, the MVP of the 2006 Super Bowl win over Seattle. "Every time he steps into the huddle, the whole team knows we have a chance. As long as he is on that field, we have a great shot to win. As long as he is in our huddle, I am smiling."

The smiles are just as wide for Green Bay's receivers. Rodgers has a 134.5 passer rating — 158.3 is perfect — with six touchdowns and no inter-

ceptions in two playoff games. At least two likely TD passes were dropped.

"You know, the last couple weeks I've played the kind of football I think you need to play to win playoffs," Rodgers says.

Unlike Roethlisberger, Cutler and Sanchez, Rodgers had an old-fashioned apprenticeship in the NFL, sitting behind Brett Favre for three seasons. And that meant sitting, because Favre never missed a start and hardly skipped a play.

Questions about how prepared Rodgers was to take over in 2008, when the Packers bitterly cut ties with Favre, were answered quickly. Favre had taken the Pack to the NFC title game in 2007 but Rodgers was viewed as the future, and this year — particularly in the last month — that decision looks brilliant.

"I think he's definitely the quarterback we all hoped he would become," coach Mike McCarthy says. "He was a young, talented quarterback, had a very bright future, and now we're in Year 3 of his development, and he's defi-

nately developed into a special player. He does it the right way. He'll break them down physically, mentally. He's in a great rhythm right now. He's playing his best football of his career at this point, and that's what you want, especially this time of year. He's definitely a big-time quarterback. He's everything we hoped he'd be."

Cutler can be that, too — at times. He was at his creative best last week against Seattle, and when he's on his game, the Bears are a championship-quality bunch.

But he also can be obstinate, as he proved in his feud with equally inflexible Broncos coach Josh McDaniels in 2009, when Cutler forced his way out of Denver. When Cutler reverts to his my-way persona, it becomes counterproductive.

Then again, he's a better quarterback than Rex Grossman, who led the Bears to the 2006 NFC title.

"Jay Cutler should be the quarterback of the Chicago Bears," coach Lovie Smith says. "He's a tough guy, comes to work each day. And quarterbacks now are normally the difference. You have some guys that blend in and are great, and then you have the QBs that need to make plays ... he's a playmaker."

**Trainers**

Continued from Sports 1

Athletic trainers maintain good relationships with the medical community and Rey makes daily contact with Twin Falls physicians, physical therapists, orthopedic doctors, hygienists and dentists.

"When an athlete is hurt and after the initial care, if I feel it's something over my head, I can talk with a doctor or specialist and the athlete's parents and set them up with an appointment," Rey said. "One of the most invaluable things is, say they get an ankle sprain, they don't have to go to the emergency room and be in a walking boot for six weeks. They start treatment and healing that day. It's decreasing healing time, decreasing their time to return to play and increasing their strength for the future. When the doctor sees them, they're not starting from scratch. They've talked with me and know what happened and the parents can skip the step of seeing their family doctor who will refer them to a specialist."

One advantage of having an athletic trainer at the high school is the regular contact they have with students, seeing them not only in practices and games, but in



Athletic trainer Richard Bingham wraps Baylee Orr's ankle Thursday at CSI in Twin Falls.

class or in the hallways or at lunch.

"That's the nice thing that happens when you have an athletic trainer at the high school, you saw what happened the night before and expect to see them at school the next day, so I can let the coach know," said Twin Falls High athletic trainer Allyn Reynolds. "Whereas the coach may take care of it and then who knows what the kid is going to do between now and when the coach is going to see them."

Reynolds, in his 24th year at TFHS, has morphed into the athletic trainer position. Originally hired as a health teacher, Reynolds has slowly garnered the necessary equipment and resources to

establish a solid athletic training program at the school.

"I believe our athletic trainer position is as valuable as any position in our school," said Twin Falls Athletic Director Mike Federico. "They provide education to parents, coaches and participants, from preventative measures for injury and positive health habits to treatment of specific sport-related injuries and, most importantly, they keep kids safe."

This fall, Reynolds' football team sustained six concussions and in 2009 that number reached 11. In any given football season, with 120-150 players, a team can expect about 8-12 concussions, Reynolds said. And knee injuries, ankle

sprains, shoulder strains, nicks, cuts and bruises. Athletes' bodies take a beating every day in practices and games. For college athletes, that beating is ratcheted to an entirely new level.

"You're only as good as you're wink of slink, I'm sorry. It's the nature of any sport," Reynolds said. "Don't get mad about it. It's part of the business. Keep it all in perspective. That kid's got a lot of years ahead of him or her."

Said Bingham: "Have you ever gone as intense and as long as you'll do in here? They're here for three hours a day between weights and practice. That's five to six days a week for eight months."

It makes for interesting relationships between trainers and coaches.

The coach has an agenda: win. Having the best players in the lineup makes that much easier, so informing a coach that a star player is going to be out for six weeks can be tough.

"Once coaches realized I was here to help, not to take away from winning or losing, I think we have a good understanding here that we're going to do everything we can once that kid's hurt to get them



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**ACCOUNTING**  
Full-Time Experienced Bookkeeper needed. Must be detailed and organized with strong computer skills. Have accounting knowledge and accurate data entry skills. Please email resumes to [tressa@pioneerfeed.com](mailto:tressa@pioneerfeed.com)

**ACCOUNTING**  
Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc. is seeking an accounting administrator. For job description & qualifications, go to [www.longviewfibre.com/careers/](http://www.longviewfibre.com/careers/) You must apply online.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**  
Accounting Administrative assistant for CPA firm. Clerical, bookkeeping, taxes, & room for growth. Send resume to: PO Box 5781 Twin Falls, ID 83303

### 203 Customer Service

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
**ROB GREEN AUTO GROUP**  
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### 205 Education

**EDUCATION**  
North Valley Academy Charter School #465 is seeking qualified teachers for Elem. positions for the 2011-12 school year. Applications are available on-line at [www.northvalleyacademy.com](http://www.northvalleyacademy.com) or by calling 934-4567. Position open until filled. EOE

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University of Idaho - Kimberly R & E Center. Research Support 3 - Temporary. PT & FT. \$9,500-13+/hr. Investigate the biochemical pathway of cold-induced sweetening (CIS) in long term cold stored potatoes. For complete info and to apply visit <http://www.kimberly.uidaho.edu/jobs/index.html>. AA/EOE

### 206 Farm

**CLASSIFIEDS**  
It pays to read the fine print! Call the Times-News to place your ad 1-800-658-3883 ext. 2

### 207 General

**GENERAL**  
Highland Estates is seeking Housekeeper and Cook. Apply in person at 2050 Highland Ave, Burley, Idaho

### 207 General

**GENERAL**  
Kennel Worker PT, two days per week plus every other weekend. Needs to get along well with people & enjoy working with animals. Involves lots of cleaning. Must be hard worker. Please come in to fill out application at Magic Valley Veterinary Hospital, 542 Main Ave. South Twin Falls

**GENERAL**  
TRAVEL, WORK, PARTY, PLAY! 50 States. Play in Vegas, Hang in LA, Jet to New York! Hiring 18-24 Girls/Guys. \$400-\$800 Weekly Paid Expenses. Are You Energetic & Fun? Call 877-259-6983

**GENERAL**  
Twin Falls United Methodist Church seeks organist/accompanist to serve as organist and choir accompanist for Sunday worship services. Duties include providing prelude, postlude, offertory music on the church's acclaimed pipe organ, as well as accompanying the vocal choir at both rehearsal and worship performance. Availability for occasional funeral and wedding duties is also requested. Interested applicants may request an audition by submitting a resume to: Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, Attention: Organist Search, 360 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or by email to: [TFFUMC@gmail.com](mailto:TFFUMC@gmail.com). References will be required at time of audition. The position will remain open until Jan. 31 or until a suitable candidate is hired.

**WAREHOUSEMAN**  
WAREHOUSEMAN/COUNTER SALES  
Electric Wholesaler: Burley. Immediate opening. Shipping and receiving duties. Limited computer skills needed. Will train to our system.  
\*Energetic individual who wants to grow within our company.  
\*Competitive salary and excellent benefits.  
Send resume to Columbia electric Supply PO Box 1246, Burley, Idaho 83318 or fax to 208-878-2767. Closing date 2/15/2011

### 208 Hospitality

**COOK**  
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### 208 Hospitality

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**Pilot FLYING J.**  
At Pilot Flying J, the nation's largest travel center company and one of the nation's largest restaurant franchise operators, teamwork is rooted in our business strategy. We are looking for the following team members:  
**Part-time Coffee Hosts**  
**Cashiers**  
**Deli Shift Leaders**  
**Maintenance**  
Apply within:  
Flying J Travel Plaza  
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Jerome, ID 83338  
Or apply online at: [www.jobspilot.com](http://www.jobspilot.com)

### 209 Human Resources

**GENERAL**  
A well established local company has the following opening:

**Experienced Diesel Mechanic.** Must have own tools. Excellent wage, Cafeteria Health plan after 6 months.

Applications are being accepted: 731 Golf Course Rd. Jerome, ID 83338

**GENERAL**  
A well established local company has the following openings:

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Apply at 731 Golf Course Rd or Call 208-324-7600

### 210 Management

**MANAGEMENT**  
Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc. is seeking a **Converting Production Supervisor**. For job description & qualifications, go to [www.longviewfibre.com/careers/](http://www.longviewfibre.com/careers/) You must apply online.

### 211 Medical

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**St. Benedict's Family Medical Center**  
is hiring for:  
**RN OR Lead (FT)**  
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For a complete listing of our jobs and application procedures please visit [www.stbenshospital.com](http://www.stbenshospital.com)  
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- Histotechnologist**- Professional certification: HT(ASCP), HLT(ASCP), or equivalent. Bachelor's degree in anatomic science or related field preferred.
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- Cares Interviewer**- Holds a current license to practice in the State of Idaho. Has a minimum of a BSW in Social Work. MSW preferred. Five years experience working with children.
- Certified Surgical Tech**- Graduate of an accredited Surgical Technologist program and Certification within six - nine months following employment.
- Clinical Office Position** - CMA, LPN or RN required with previous clinical office experience preferred.

**St. Luke's General Surgery**

**St Luke's Magic Valley**  
P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0409 (208) 737-2671 or FAX (208) 737-2741  
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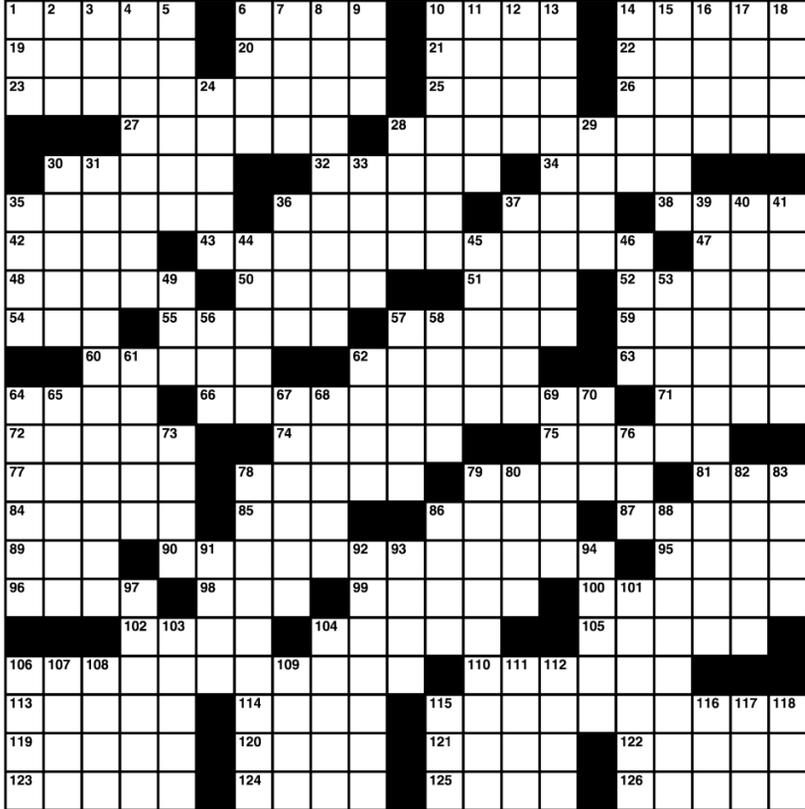
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# Sunday Crossword

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GET IN By Gail Grabowski

- ACROSS**
- Heist, say
  - Pooch without papers
  - "Beowulf," for one
  - Nuance
  - Full of energy
  - U.S. Open stadium
  - "\_\_ chance!"
  - It's west of Daytona Beach
  - Compelling read
  - Go here and there
  - Opera hero, often
  - Common starting hr.
  - Oberlin, e.g.
  - Ancient market
  - Mark of distinction
  - Respond to an alarm
  - Exchange worker
  - "But \_\_ a man in Reno": Johnny Cash lyric
  - Damage
  - Way out there
  - Short talk
  - Spa fixture
  - Colorful card game
  - Colt 45 brewer \_\_ Cong
  - Santa \_\_ winds
  - Digital interpreter
  - Toledo title: Abbr.
  - School whose mascot is Sam the Minuteman
  - Top in the 'hood
  - Molten rock
  - Mockery
  - Succubus
  - Had leftovers, say
  - Lose locks
  - Refinery sight
  - LAX postings
  - Tribal symbol
  - Arabic holy book
  - Former Colt .45
  - Tropical eel
  - Keys
  - Magical start
  - Org. with much swinging
  - Stallion, for one
  - Up to, briefly
  - Former "Last Comic Standing" host Jay
  - Resort east of Grand Junction
  - Mythical flier
  - Landscaping tool
  - Subtle help
  - Team neckwear



- Fathers and grandfathers
  - CSA leader
  - Seven-time Grammy winner Morissette
  - Exchange
  - Tons
  - Twilled fabric
  - Travel agency offering
  - Line dance step
  - Peaks
  - Pen or pencil, e.g.
  - Airport freebie
  - In need of dough
  - Record
  - Like hands co-opted by the Devil?
  - Freshwater eel, at sushi bars
  - Wound up
  - Roy Rogers's birth name
  - Beautician, at times
  - They may be rough
- DOWN**
- Tube top
  - Menu catchphrase
  - Greedy sort
  - Toss-up ratio
  - Hit the hay
  - Colt carrier
  - Annapolis inst.
  - They have fewer privileges
  - Thrice, in Rx's
  - Neither here nor there
  - Resort attractions
  - Tilted type: Abbr.
  - Canon holder
  - Carries
  - Party pitcherful
  - Shuffle cousin
  - Flush
  - Come by honestly
  - Take some heat from?
  - Plumbing problem
  - Woman of the future?
  - Clamoring en masse
  - Site of some trash talk
  - Excellent, slangily
  - Local govt. units
  - Fertility goddess
  - Demain, across the Pyrenees
  - Dairy Queen option
  - Lack of vigor
  - Many Shakespearean characters
  - Sailor's "Stop!"
  - Futurist's tool
  - \_\_ Lee Bunton, a.k.a. Baby Spice
  - Shoddy ship
  - Movie with a posse
  - Año part
  - "Ballet Rehearsal" artist
  - Broken mirror to some
  - Without a flaw
  - Show some spunk
  - Cath. church eponym
  - Jinx
  - Silent approval
  - "Good Times" actress
  - Iridescent shell layer
  - Manhattan school
  - Sasquatch, for instance
  - Airport screening gp.
  - "Maybe, maybe not"
  - Computerized course, e.g.
  - Woeful cry
  - Spirit in a bottle
  - Social crawlers
  - Not so hot
  - It's opposite the eye
  - Hi-tech read
  - Rout
  - Keister
  - One with ropelike tresses
  - Parts of Alaska's Denali Highway are built on them
  - Alliance
  - Refuse
  - Crummy
  - It's history
  - Feel the pain
  - "You're not serious!"
  - Plug away
  - Eye with ideas
  - Hungarian castle city
  - Box top
  - Diamond putout
  - Chronology datum
  - PX patrons

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**704**  
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**211**  
**Medical**  
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**713**  
**Farms/Pasture Rentals**  
HANSEN Virgin Potato Ground for CY 2011. Exempting bids until 1/31/11. Call 208-731-0796.

**REAL ESTATE**

**513**  
**Acres and Lots**  
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**604**  
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**211**  
**Medical**  
NURSE PRACTITIONER FT Nurse Practitioner for South Central Public Health. \$30-34 hr. Apply at [www.dhr.idaho.gov](http://www.dhr.idaho.gov) announcement #07574058022 by 1/31/11. Questions? 208-737-5975 EOE/AA, Vet's pref.

**212**  
**Government**  
DEPUTY ASSESSOR Full-time. Both office and field work required. Must be able to attend out of town classes on occasion and have valid driver license. No exp. nec. If interested, pick up application at: 111 West B Street, Shoshone, ID, 83352. Closes 02/01. EOE, Veterans Preference.

**217**  
**Skilled**  
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**MEDICAL**  
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**211 Medical**

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### 515 Commercial Property

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**Today's Highlight:**  
On Jan. 23, 1961, word reached the world that the Portuguese ocean liner Santa Maria, with some 600 passengers aboard, had been seized in the Caribbean by two dozen hijackers led by Henrique Galvao, an opponent of Portugal's leader, Antonio de Oliveira Salazar. (The drama ended on Feb. 2 with the surrender of the hijackers off Brazil.)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**On this date:**  
In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1943, critic Alexander Woollcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program "People's Platform."

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1960, the U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1968, North Korea seized the Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

In 1981, American composer Samuel Barber died in New York at age 70.

**Ten years ago:** California energy officials eked sufficient power out of tight West Coast electricity supplies to avoid rush hour blackouts as lawmakers scrambled to make longer-term deals to buy power. Five people identified by Chinese authorities as Falun Gong followers set themselves on fire in Beijing's Tiananmen Square; two died.

**Five years ago:** Ford Motor Co. said it would cut up to 30,000 jobs and idle 14 facilities in North America by 2012. A U.S. military jury at Fort Carson, Colo., ordered a reprimand, but no jail time, for Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Welshofer Jr., an Army interrogator convicted of killing an Iraqi general. Stephen Harper and his Conservative Party won Canada's national elections, ending 13 years of Liberal rule.

**One year ago:** Abby Sunderland, 16, left Marina del Rey, Calif. on her first attempt to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world. (The voyage ended a week and a-half later because the boat experienced power problems; Sunderland then made a second attempt, but that too fell short.) Rachael Flatt won her first title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Spokane, Wash., finishing more than 10 points ahead of Mirai Nagasu.

## NOTICES

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### 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 101 Lost and Found

**FOUND** black cat stuck in my garage maybe 1 wk or more on Julie Ln & Galena area. Call/Text 404-6058.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

### Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

	1		8		7			
9	4			5			8	
			3			6		
	7							
8	3				2		7	
							8	
	8		5					
1		2			6		9	
	9		4			3		

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

1/23

### Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	9	2	5	3	7	1	4
4	1	3	6	7	8	2	5	9
5	2	7	1	4	9	6	8	3
7	4	6	8	2	1	3	9	5
3	8	1	5	9	6	4	7	2
2	9	5	4	3	7	1	6	8
6	7	4	3	8	5	9	2	1
1	5	2	9	6	4	8	3	7
9	3	8	7	1	2	5	4	6

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

1/23

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**BIRTHDAY PHOTOS**  
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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Is the two-club response to a one-diamond opening an exception to the possible set of two-over-one responses? I know this response may be somewhat weaker than the other possibilities, and there might be other things to say about this particular sequence. Also, how does opener advance with diamonds (four or five cards) and a major?  
Bargain Hunter, Orlando, Fla.

**ANSWER:** With a splinter-jump, the last suit is always the one agreed as trumps. In the given sequence, to set hearts as trumps, just raise the suit. In this auction three hearts might be played as stronger than four hearts. Or you can (my preference) play a jump to four hearts to show fitting cards in a minimum hand, with no control of the fourth suit.

**ANSWER:** Let's go with two clubs as game-forcing, since one can play a jump to three clubs over one diamond as invitational — unless you want to play that sequence as a diamond raise. After the two-club response I like to play bids in the majors as reversing, with a non-minimum hand. I'd rebid two diamonds with a dead minimum and 5-4 pattern, or just diamonds, and rebid either two no-trump or three clubs with a balanced hand.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I am in the dark as to how to respond to the fourth suit. I don't even know what the priorities are. Please help.  
Ready and Waiting, Walnut Creek, Calif.

**ANSWER:** Over fourth suit forcing, opener can raise his partner with trump support, show extra length in his own suits, or bid no-trump with a stopper in the fourth suit. There is no set rule as to what to do if you have a choice among these options. The default actions are to raise partner with a doubleton honor or to repeat your original suit with a decent five-carder. Giving preference to responder after a fourth-suit bid is rather more likely to be a two-card raise than three if (as in my style) you might have raised partner's major directly with a semi-balanced hand and three trumps.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
If you pick up as dealer ♠ J-9, ♥ A-Q-9-7-3-2, ♦ 10-3-2, ♣ Q-7, I assume you would open two hearts at any vulnerability. I was vulnerable against not, and my partner asked for a feature with a two-no-trump bid. The next hand doubled; what should I have done next?  
Jumbo Shrimp, Wichita Falls, Texas

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I had an opening-lead problem, holding ♠ J-9-3, ♥ 9-6-4-2, ♦ J-8-3-2, ♣ 9-5. My RHO bid one no-trump, my LHO raised to three no-trump, and my partner doubled. Is the double a convention? And what would you lead?  
Best Foot Forward, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

**ANSWER:** The two-heart opening is just fine by me. I believe any bid now should show a feature, with pass suggesting a balanced minimum and a three-heart bid suggesting good trumps. Redouble would show balanced extras — but at this vulnerability I do not think you have anything to spare, so I would pass.

**ANSWER:** The double by a hand not on lead suggests a good suit and an entry, or a solid suit. Here you have no idea which suit your partner has, but acting on the principle that the opponents probably aren't over-long in the majors, I would cross my fingers and lead my shorter major — a low spade.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Recently you wrote that in all sequences after a two-over-one where responder's simple raise of opener's second suit would be forcing, a jump in a new suit should conventionally be played as a splinter. How does this work when opener has bid two suits in a sequence such as one heart - two clubs - two diamonds? When responder jumps in a new suit, which suit does this agree?  
Single Malt, North Bay, Ontario

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## HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't let a chance for some fun today pass you by. The workweek ahead will be a busy one and a little time spent doing what you enjoy will recharge your batteries. A romantic interest may be a little more romantic than usual tonight.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Informal settings are where you will be most at home. You may look great in a tie or a dress, but you'll be far more comfortable in jeans this week. Designate time for your own pursuits and bypass the needs of others.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't get in over your head this week. In trying to be helpful, you may offer to solve a problem that you are neither qualified nor capable of handling. There's no shame in asking for help when you can't figure out your next move.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll find no enjoyment indoors. Get out and discover ways to have fun in the great outdoors. Some fresh air will be just the thing to raise your energy level for the coming week. When shopping, looking is much cheaper than buying.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** For once, you can put pleasure before business. There will be plenty of time for work in the week ahead. Do spend time in pursuit of something or someone that really grabs your interest. Let your hair down.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get out your calculator. Your prowess with numbers comes into play this week, as you lend help to someone with their books or make precise measurements for mundane tasks. Find little ways to show loved ones you really care.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Get your kicks while you can as a busy week lies ahead. Take some time to enjoy the simpler pleasures in life. You can earn both gratitude and karmic benefits by lending a helping hand to someone who needs it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Dust off the address book and invite friends and family over for a wingding this week. Surrounding yourself with loved ones will be just what the doctor ordered to bring a much-needed smile to your face.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Dreams don't always come true this week. An intricate pipe dream may temporarily seem like the answer to all your problems but when you eventually look at it practically, it's just so much smoke.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** A little pride in your appearance can go a long way toward drawing notice from those in power who can start you down the road to success. Conduct yourself as a professional and no one will question that you are this week.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can't tell what's in the center of a chocolate without taking a bite. While outward appearances may seem unattractive, what lies beneath the surface may be far more appealing. Accept nothing at face value in the week ahead.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll need to think on your feet this week. No matter how much training or whatever your qualifications, sometimes the only way to get through a situation is just to follow your instinct and do what you think is right.

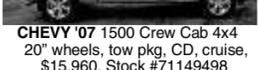
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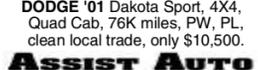
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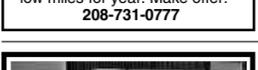
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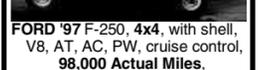
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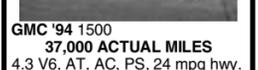
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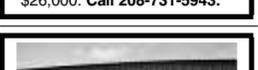


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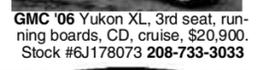
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**REMEMBER**  
That birthday or anniversary picture you ran in the paper. Now is the time to come in and pick up your picture.





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Brandi Whaley poses next to her vehicle Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls. Whaley's 3-year-old daughter, Lauren, was allegedly shaken and suffered retinal hemorrhaging and other injuries when she was 5 1/2 months old.

# Fighting for Lauren

Twin Falls mom educates Idahoans about shaken baby syndrome

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

Brandi Whaley has a reason to fight.

When the Twin Falls woman's daughter, Lauren, was 5 1/2 months old, a caretaker allegedly shook the baby, though charges against the caregiver were later dropped. Lauren's injuries included two broken ribs, a fractured arm, hundreds of retinal hemorrhages in both eyes, bleeding on the brain and blood pooling on her spine, Whaley said. The Boise doctor who cared for the baby compared her trauma to being thrown from a two-story building, the mother said.

Lauren survived, but many babies with similar injuries don't. Now Whaley is working with Idaho hospitals and legislators to increase awareness about shaken baby syndrome and to teach parents and caretakers to never, ever shake a baby.

Babies typically cry the most between the ages of 2 weeks old and 5 months old. A high crier may cry up to six hours a day, according to the website of Period of PURPLE Crying, a national effort to prevent shaking by educating parents.

For parents and caretakers, this unrelenting screaming can be devastating. Frayed nerves lead to frustration, and in extreme cases, that frustration can be taken out on the baby.

Lauren, who will turn 4 years old next month, is one of the lucky ones. Despite her extensive injuries, she came away with no brain damage or physical impairments. The only lasting effect of being

shaken was a weak eye, which she had surgery on in March 2009. Lauren still wears an eye patch for two hours a day to strengthen the eye, Whaley said.

When Whaley went to a conference on shaken baby syndrome in Atlanta last year, she met children who were in wheelchairs and parents of children who had died — all because of shaken baby syndrome. When a person violently shakes an infant or toddler, injuries can include fractures, brain bleeding and swelling, retinal hemorrhages and oxygen deprivation.

"She's definitely a miracle," Whaley said of her daughter.

Whaley is working with Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, to draft a resolution about shaken baby syndrome.

The resolution would designate Child Abuse Awareness Month in April as a time to learn about and reflect on shaken baby syndrome, Jaquet said. She plans to submit the bill to the Commerce and Human Resources Committee in the next two weeks, and she also hopes Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter will issue a proclamation.

"I haven't talked to him yet, but I think he'll probably be open to it," she said.

Whaley has also approached Magic Valley hospitals about providing information on shaken baby syndrome through a program called Period of PURPLE Crying. PURPLE stands for Peak of Crying, Unexpected, Resists Soothing, Pain-Like Face, Long-Lasting and Evening, describing characteristics

See **LAUREN**, Family Life 2



A family photo shows Lauren Whaley after she allegedly was shaken at 5 1/2 months old. Retinal hemorrhaging weakened her left eye.

## SOOTHING YOUR BABY

You've been through the checklist: The baby is fed, her diaper is clean, she won't take her pacifier. What next?

**Give** your baby kisses and massaging touch. Pay special attention to her feet.

**Pick** her up and dance, swaying back and forth slowly. Sing or talk softly to her.

**Try** white noise. Run a vacuum, turn on the dishwasher, put on a white noise machine, or turn the television to a fuzzy station.

**If you** get frustrated, set the baby down and walk away. Call a friend or family member.

Remember that each baby is different, and soothing techniques don't always work. It's OK to set your baby down for a few minutes and let her cry, but check on her every 10 to 15 minutes. Information: purplecrying.info or happiestbaby.com.

# Learning the ropes on the slopes



Call it a pizza slice or french fries — ski instructors recommend using fun, less technical terms for equipment and methods when teaching young children.



Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Using a Racer Chaser vest to help keep his 2 1/2-year-old son, Andy, safe and slow, Jamie Coulter eases him down the Quarter Dollar run at Sun Valley's Dollar Mountain on Jan. 16. Jamie sometimes carries the toddler as he skis a nearby terrain run, because Andy enjoys going fast but isn't skilled enough to do it on his own.

# How to introduce your toddler to skiing

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — The little boy is bundled up so tightly, even his high-pitched voice is muffled enough he can barely be heard.

"You're going to go down by yourself? That was the plan," says his dad, gesturing toward the Dollar Mountain lodge from the top of the magic carpet.

Barely audible, the boy's answer is still clear: "No."

"Do you want to hold my poles?" his dad asks.

"No."

It's going to be a short day on the ski slopes for this 2 1/2-year-old.

Andrew Turner, like many parents of young kids, is starting his son's ski education himself, and it is taking a lot of patience.

"You kind of want to push them and you kind of want to make them ski, but at that age if they don't want to do something sometimes they turn to Jell-O, flop on the ground and just lay there," he said. "You learn pretty quickly that you can't make them do it if they don't want to do it."

Patience and safety are the two priorities for parents who want to take on the role of ski teacher, said professional instructors.

"Always have the child on the right degree of slope for their ability, and you want to be careful of the progression, not to rush them," said Julia Webb, ski instructor with Sun Valley Co. She suggested not discussing much technique with children younger than 5, instead using games to help them get a feel for what their bodies should be doing. "They're going to get it by osmosis. You use the terrain to help them learn the maneuvers, you make it fun."

Be sure your child has boots and skis appropriate for her height and weight, and other safety gear like a well-fitted helmet; many ski schools will rent or lease equipment at rates more affordable than buying new gear.

Most ski schools don't



Jacki Crego of Bellevue, right, comes back from the ticket booth with lift tickets for her husband, Brandon, and 4-year-old son, Wyatt, at Dollar Mountain on Jan. 16. The parents plan to put Wyatt in professional ski lessons next year, but this year they are taking turns teaching him.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Contact the ski instructors at your favorite resort to learn about the availability of youth skiing lessons, or of family classes that offer professional tips for parents who wish to teach their children.

**Sun Valley Resort:** sunvalley.com, 622-4111

**Pomerelle:** pomerelle-mtn.com, 673-5555

**Magic Mountain:** magicmountainresort.com, 736-7669

**Soldier Mountain:** soldierrmountain.com, 764-2526



It was a day of just two runs for 2 1/2-year-old Will Turner and his dad, Andrew, who pause here to examine a piece of snow equipment on display at Dollar Mountain on Jan. 16. It takes a lot of patience to teach a toddler to ski, instructors say, and an emphasis on fun rather than technique.

accept students under kindergarten age, so parents who want to get toddlers on the slopes are on their own. But take a lesson from the professionals, and take it slow and easy.

Webb suggests the adult hold a ski pole under the child's arms as they descend: That helps the child feel safe with a big open space in front of him, she said. She also recommends putting Edgie Wedgies on the child's ski tips to help him keep the front of his skis together.

But be careful using a Racer Chaser, cautioned Webb and Pomerelle ski instructor Sheryl Whiting. That's a harness or vest for the child with cords that the parent can hold onto from behind.

"The child never learns on their own, they're always waiting for mom or dad to stop them, and if mom or dad falls, they fall," Whiting said. "The biggest thing you can do wrong is take a little child that's on a harness, take them to a run that's so

steep that the little child couldn't ski it even if they didn't have a strap on them."

Use language the child can understand. Instead of "right" and "left," for example, name one of her skis "Spongebob" and the other "Krabby Patty." Instead of describing the snowplow position, call it the "pizza slice"; parallel skis are "french fries."

Turner said he watched the professional instructors at Sun Valley teach little skiers, and he talked with other parents about their techniques. But he still worries that he might be giving 2 1/2-year-old Will bad habits.

In part, that is why Webb recommends setting a tentative lesson plan before you hit the slopes: If you have an idea what you want to focus on, that'll help you make the best of your time on the snow.

Ed Mulich of Bellevue has been helping his daughter, Grace, for three or four years, but the 8-year-old has learned primarily from professional instructors. "We put her in lessons right away so she would learn the modern way," he said, noting that he learned to ski by trial and error. He also said, half-joking, that it can be a headache to teach your own children because of the relationship dynamics.

Next year, Brandon and Jacki Crego of Bellevue plan to enroll their son, Wyatt, in a professional class, but this winter the 4-year-old trades off between mom and dad as teacher.

"Let's roll, Dad," Wyatt said, as he and his father reached the top of the magic carpet at Dollar Mountain. As they headed downhill, Brandon reminded Wyatt to try slowing himself down. "Point your tips together, buddy. Snowplow?"

"He's finally starting to turn!" Jacki said, a note of pride in her voice as she watched her son.

No matter who is doing the teaching, it's important to keep skiing enjoyable —

See **SLOPES**, Family Life 2

# SENIOR CALENDAR

## Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 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:** Beef stew  
**Tuesday:** Sweet and sour chicken  
**Wednesday:** Turkey, birthday lunch  
**Thursday:** Swedish meatballs  
**Friday:** Fish

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
 Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bridge, 1 p.m.  
 Martial arts class with Brian Jensen of 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  
 Painting class, 6 p.m.  
 Basket weaving, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m. to noon  
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon  
 Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
 Martial arts class, 6-8 p.m.; open to all ages, free for senior 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:** Italian three-cheese chowder  
**Tuesday:** Meatloaf  
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice  
**Thursday:** Hamburgers

### ACTIVITIES:

**Today:** Lasagna dinner, 1 p.m.  
 Few and The Faithful band  
**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bingo at 7 p.m.; minimum cost is \$9; public welcome  
**Thursday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**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:** Sweet and sour chicken nuggets  
**Wednesday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Thursday:** Fried chicken

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
 Bingo, 12:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
 Bingo, 1 p.m.; \$2  
**Thursday:** Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m.  
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### MENUS:

**Monday:** Minestrone soup, grilled cheese sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Fried chicken  
**Friday:** Pork roast

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
 AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome  
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**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:** Meatloaf  
**Tuesday:** Clam chowder  
**Wednesday:** Tater Tot casserole  
**Thursday:** Ham

### 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.  
 Energy assistance  
 Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.  
 Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Morning out, 9 a.m.  
 Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
 Birthday party  
 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:** Fish with Thai peanut sauce  
**Wednesday:** Ham and beans  
**Friday:** Sweet and sour chicken

### ACTIVITIES:

Piano music by Joyce Snapp on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

## 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:** Barbecued meatballs  
**Tuesday:** Burritos  
**Wednesday:** Baked chicken  
**Thursday:** Turkey  
**Friday:** Meatloaf

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Tai chi, 10:30 a.m.  
 SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Snack bar, 5 p.m.  
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.  
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday:** YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.  
 SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.  
**Friday:** SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### MENUS:

**Tuesday:** Fried chicken  
**Thursday:** Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes

### 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:** Meat pizza  
**Thursday:** Tuna sandwich, vegetable soup

## 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:** Chicken alfredo with noodles  
**Wednesday:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich  
**Friday:** Pork roast

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.  
 Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
 Quilting, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Bingo  
**Wednesday:** Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Bingo

## Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### MENUS:

**Tuesday:** Beef stew  
**Wednesday:** Twice-baked potatoes  
**Friday:** Pork roast

## 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:** Hamburgers  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fried steak  
**Wednesday:** Meat and vegetable lasagna  
**Thursday:** Roasted lemon-pepper chicken  
**Friday:** Meatloaf

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.  
 Bingo, 1 p.m.  
 Wii bowling, 2 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10 a.m.  
**Thursday:** "Dear John" 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:** Roasted lemon-pepper chicken

## 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:** Pork chops  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fettuccini  
**Wednesday:** Birthday, anniversary lunch  
**Thursday:** Salisbury steak  
**Friday:** Smorgasbord

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### MENUS:

**Monday:** Barbecue on a bun  
**Tuesday:** Ham and beans  
**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak  
**Thursday:** Beefy tomato macaroni  
**Friday:** Spaghetti

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Pool Exercise, 11 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**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

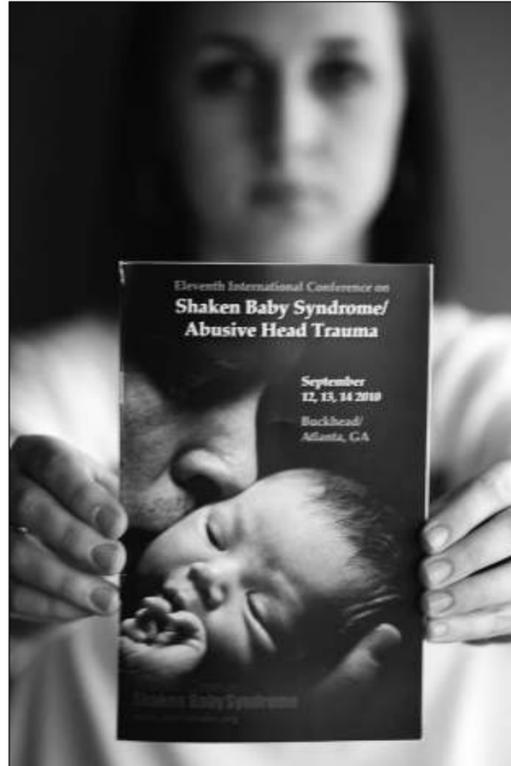
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glens Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### MENUS:

**Monday:** Beef pot pie  
**Tuesday:** Liver and onions  
**Thursday:** Ham loaf

### ACTIVITIES:

**Monday:** Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Foot clinic  
 Food bank  
 Quilting, 1 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday:** TOPS, 10 a.m.  
 Cardo, 1 p.m.



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Brandi Whaley holds a pamphlet on shaken baby syndrome Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

# Lauren

Continued from Family Life 1 of crying.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center plans to teach a combination of Period of PURPLE Crying and another program, called and Happest Baby on the Block — taking information on crying from the former and advice on how to soothe babies from the latter, said nurse Alisha Baithavong.

St. Luke's staff had heard of the programs before Whaley contacted them.

Staff nurse Andrea McCarron, who is putting together shaken baby information, can relate to the frustration parents feel.

"When we reviewed the Period of PURPLE Crying, my baby was 4 1/2 months old, and he was a very fussy baby," McCarron said. She was familiar with a lot of the advice because of her nursing career, but recognized how helpful it would be for parents who didn't have a medical background.

"We're really trying to find the best mix of educational and informational materials for the parents," said Laura Stewart, marketing and public relations coordinator for St. Luke's Magic Valley.

Legal repercussions for shaking a baby vary. In 2010,

Jeffery Alan Baker of Boise, who was accused of shaking his infant daughter, was charged with first-degree murder after the 11-week-old girl died; a trial is scheduled for February. And in November, Patricia Ann Widerburg of Idaho Falls was sentenced to three to seven years in prison following a modified guilty plea of involuntary manslaughter for the death of 20-month-old Hannah Covington in 2008.

The woman accused of shaking Whaley's daughter, Wendi Stevens, was charged with felony child abuse, but the prosecutor dropped those charges against Stevens in January 2008. Whaley's civil case filed against Stevens and her husband was settled out of court.

Whaley isn't interested in tearing down the woman once accused of shaking Lauren. All she wants to do is make sure no more children end up like those she saw in Atlanta.

"I'm not just fighting for my daughter," she said. "I'm fighting for all those kids I saw down there."

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Brandi Whaley's credentials from the 11th Annual International Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome, held in Atlanta, lie on her table in Twin Falls.

# Slopes

Continued from Family Life 1 which could mean heading in for hot chocolate after only a run or two, as Will and Andrew Turner did last week.

"End on a high note, take them in before they turn the bend," Webb said.

Turner said the moments together outweigh any frustration with those short days.

"I'm still spending time with my son," he said. "It's a long-term investment. Hopefully six or seven years from now I can be on Baldy taking some big runs with him and having fun."

Of course, if it continues to be a blast, the little skiers soon won't want to stay with mom or dad.

"My 5-year-old doesn't

even want me to ride on the chair with him anymore, he wants to ride with his friends," said Jamie Coulter of Hailey, who was teaching his 2 1/2-year-old son, Andy, while Andy's older brother took a professional lesson at Dollar Mountain. "The earlier you start the better; they take right to it like fish in the sea. They learn how walk, they learn how to ski, and then they're skiers for life."

Just don't forget to use the bathroom before you go outside. Little will spoil a day on the slopes faster than wet ski pants.

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# Proud to be a Western parenting wuss

Over the years, I have been called every name in the book, all related to my admittedly traditional parenting philosophy. Draconian is a favorite slur. I am confident that these epithets are tossed by folks who have turned their children into golden calves, so I have no problem with harsh or evil or "parenting Hitler" or any of the rest.

But my reputation may be in store for rehabilitation, because according to Amy Chua, writing in *The Wall Street Journal* (Jan. 11), my parenting malevolence is nothing compared with that of the Chinese Tiger Mother, of which she is one. Consider that the CTM does not allow her children to attend sleepovers, have playdates, participate in school plays, watch

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John Rosemond



television, play computer games, choose their own extracurricular activities, be less than the very best in every subject save drama and gym, attend sleepover camp, and play any instrument other than the piano or violin, of which they will play one or the other.

I conclude that future Chinese orchestras will be bereft of horn and percussion sections. I also ponder the competitive chaos that must result if several children of CTMs wind up in the same classroom. Ms. Chua believes that one does not

become proficient to the point of superior at a skill without hours and hours of forced practice. Practice must, in fact, be forced because as she admits, "the child will resist." Left to their own devices, she claims, children never want to work, which is why it is crucial for responsible (presumably) parents "to override their preferences."

Ms. Chua overrides her two daughters' preferences by calling them names like "garbage" and threatening to throw away a favorite doll-house unless the child in question learns a particularly difficult piano piece within 24 hours. If one of her daughters ever came home with a B (something she says would never happen), there would be a "screaming, hair-

tearing explosion."

From her, mind you, not the child.

The CTM believes her child is in debt to her because of the inordinate time and energy she devotes to making sure the child achieves total, unequivocal success in life. If the child does not repay the debt by being the best at everything, it is the CTM's right and perhaps even duty to demonstrate, presumably by launching ballistic missiles at the child's psyche, that she is ashamed of the child.

This all seems like unmitigated, indefensible emotional blackmail to me, but then I am a Westerner and therefore an unmitigated parenting wuss. I do not understand what it takes for a child to achieve success in life. Is

this cultural chauvinism or what? Ms. Chua describes her parenting style as if she is being totally unselfish, but I suggest that she is all about her.

This CTM stuff is more about Ms. Chua's ego than it is her kids' success.

She lives through her children. She even freely admits that she and her American husband do not agree on how to raise the kids, but when he objects, she simply argues him into submission. The Chinese Tiger Mother is also a Tiger Wife.

At the crux of my disagreement with Ms. Chua is her definition of success.

She's fixated on grades and other material accomplishments (one of her daughters played Carnegie Hall in 2007). I want a child

to pretty much — with some coaching and correcting of course — find his or her own way in life. I'm all for the child learning through trial and error what path is right for her. Ms. Chua is about choosing the child's path and keeping her on it no matter what. I think character is more important than material success. Ms. Chua believes character is forged in the struggle for material success. We agree on nothing.

In any case, I am indebted to Ms. Chua for inadvertently improving my public image. I am now a Western Parenting Wuss and proud of it.

*Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his website at [www.rosemond.com](http://www.rosemond.com).*



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Lighting designed by Bentley Meeker at the wedding of Melissa Rivers at New York's Plaza Hotel. 'Wedding lighting is really about what people are always trying to do with their weddings, which is to create a certain vibe and atmosphere,' the New York City lighting pro said.

## Lighting can transform a wedding space

By Diana Marszalek  
For The Associated Press

You'd be hard pressed to find a bride who doesn't make flowers, centerpieces and tablecloths a priority when it comes to creating a certain mood for the wedding.

But talk to wedding lighting designer Bentley Meeker — whose clients have included Chelsea Clinton and Catherine Zeta Jones — and he'll tell you that simple tricks, such as changing the color of light bulbs, can create the desired ambiance more effectively than roses and fancy tablecloths ever could.

"Wedding lighting is really about what people are always trying to do with their weddings, which is to create a certain vibe and atmosphere," the New York City lighting pro said.

"Say you're going to do a wedding in your office, and you bring in flowers and the tables and you still have fluorescent lighting," he said. "It will look like your office decorated for a wedding."

"But if I came in and lit the office and didn't do any other decorations, we would have transformed that space."

Diann Valentine, a Los Angeles wedding designer and expert on the cable station *Wedding Central*, agreed that lighting should top brides' decorating priority lists because it

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— Bentley Meeker, wedding lighting designer

"allows us to program the mood of an event."

That might mean changing the intensity of light throughout a wedding — dimmer for cocktails, brighter for dinner, for example — or using it to completely change the feel of a room.

Rainer Flor, who married wife Candice at singer Gloria Estefan's Costa d'Este in Vero Beach, Fla., said lighting effects enhanced the "Miami chic" atmosphere they were looking for. With floor lights and strategically placed LED lights, he said, the room, right off the beach, "looked almost like an aquarium."

Central Florida wedding planner Karry Castillo, who helped design the Flors' wedding, said effects can range from simple spotlights on particular room features or decorations, to lighting motifs and patterns on walls, floors and ceilings.

In addition, lighting effects can be relatively inexpensive, anywhere

from a few hundred dollars to thousands, depending on complexity.

"In many ways, lighting not only enhances the elements you have in place, but it can also give you a lot more bang for the dollar too," Castillo said.

Meeker is particularly fond of using pink and amber light bulbs, though he warns that those colors must be used cautiously ("There is ugly amber"). Dimmed incandescent light is another of his favorites.

Particularly in closed rooms, he said, use lighting that's appropriate for the setting — fixtures that can be absorbed into, rather than take over, the larger setting.

"It has to look beautiful so when the guests walk in they lose their breath," Meeker said.

Make sure light isn't so glaring — or dark — that it distorts or distracts from the wedding party.

And choose soft, flattering colors to create a serene atmosphere, particularly by quelling strong lights. "Lighting can change so much that people really feel good about themselves," Meeker said.

Meeker sometimes works with crews 120 strong, and charges anywhere from \$4,000 to \$500,000 to custom light a wedding. But there is plenty that brides and wedding planners with more limited resources can do quite simply, he said.

One cost-free suggestion: Dim the lights.

"If you want to transform a space, you put everything on dimmers," he said.

Meeker says he dims lights somewhat darker than you'd expect ("Your eye adjusts"); whether you can see your shoes and laces clearly is a good barometer or whether you've hit it right.

Other wise advice: "Ask your mother or mother-in-law-to-be, and if it's not too dark for her, there's your atmosphere."

Meeker also suggests this fairly inexpensive trick: Use small spotlights (about \$30 each, he said) to highlight architectural or decorative features around the wedding space.

## The joy of delayed sex

By Ellen McCarthy  
The Washington Post

Sometimes a one-night stand lasts for more than a night — a random hookup becomes a boyfriend, or a friend-with-benefits evolves into a girlfriend. But a new study suggests couples who start a relationship based on physical interaction may be less satisfied in the long run than those who delay sex.

"It's kind of a puzzle, because you think, 'Well, why would it matter, right?'" says University of Iowa sociologist Anthony Paik, who specializes in the study of sexual behavior.

To find out, Paik returned to data he helped gather for a major sex survey in the mid-1990s. The researchers had conducted exhaustive interviews with 642 people in relationships and found that 56 percent of them had waited until they were seriously dating, engaged or married before having sex with their partner. The others had their first sexual encounter with their partner while they were either casually dating, just friends or new acquaintances.

Participants were asked to rate their emotional and physical satisfaction with their relationship. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being "very satisfied"), those who started out as nonromantic sexual partners gave an average rating of 3.8. Those who waited until the partnership was serious to have sex noted an average score of 4.2.

While those who had sex earlier were, on average, less happy in their relationships, Paik found that the problems weren't necessarily a result of the early sexual interaction. Instead, people who ended up together after what began as a casual fling seemed "predisposed to lower relationship quality," he says — meaning they hadn't been after a commitment to begin with.

"It kind of makes sense, because a lot of people entering nonromantic relationships are not looking for relationships," he says. "But

it's much easier, I think, to have a repeat hookup than to have a one-time thing and keep having different partners. And maybe they kind of get sucked into a relationship that way."

Similarly, a 2007 study by researchers at the University of Texas at Austin found that nonromantic sexual relationships were more likely to lead to cohabitation than marriage.

There are exceptions, of course. "Some people do hook up, and it is kind of a sex-at-first-sight situation, and they have meaningful relationships," Paik says. "It's probably pretty rare, but (our) study suggests there's some of that going on."

Unfortunately, he adds, in those instances there's also a very real risk that "the person one thinks they're in love with or has sex with on the first night is often just interested in sex."

Paik, whose paper on the topic was published in the September issue of *Social Science Research*, says he was most surprised to find that couples who had sex while they were casually dating also reported lower relationship satisfaction. He attributes this to the mix of motives in the dating pool: "There are people primarily interested in sex and people primarily interested in long-term relationships, and they're kinda coming together in one place."

He thinks that confusion over long-term goals has helped give rise to a hookup culture, where, as he writes in the study, there is "a relatively clear set of expectations about what the objectives of these relationships are about, at least initially."

So for those looking for happily committed relationships, Paik has a strategy to suggest: "Delay sex. That way you kind of select out those individuals who are predisposed to not look for a long-term relationship."

That advice, he acknowledges, "is like what one's grandmother would probably say."

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# Face first: The science behind a beautiful mug

By Lori Kozlowski  
Los Angeles Times

What's in a face? David Perrett has spent his career trying to find out.

Author of "In Your Face: The New Science of Human Attraction" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), Perrett is an experimental psychologist at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and head of its Perception Lab. Using computer graphics, Perrett's team tweaks faces on screen to explore how they help us choose the best mates, whether you can trust a face, the cuteness factor in babies and what faces reveal about overall human health.

We tend to be egotistical creatures, he explains; when someone smiles, we tend to think they are smiling at us, but when someone looks angry, we think they are mad at someone else. We like attractive faces turned toward us, and less attractive faces turned away from us. But then, he notes, our brain chemistry can break all the rules and make us drawn to one person, even if their visage is not perfect.

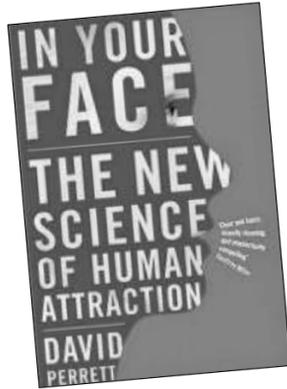
Perrett spoke about his work with the Times.

**Q:** The work in your lab has produced some general rules of attractive faces. What are they?

**A:** One rule is symmetry — it does make faces more attractive. But it's a small factor. Another rule is averageness. That may seem contradictory, but we like to choose things that are familiar to us.

Another rule applies to female faces — you can make them more attractive (in computer models) by making them more feminine. For instance, you can make lots of structural changes — taking a broader chin and more prominent eyebrow bones and changing them to a smaller chin and a less prominent eyebrow bones. You can also create a smaller nose and larger eyes. In male faces, you can make them more rugged or masculine, but not all women will agree that the increased masculinity is more attractive.

There are also clues to health in the face. For instance, skin color — this is not about dark skin or light skin, but rather about redness and yellowness. Ruddy skin can tell you about the blood circulation, whether it's poor or good. Yellowness in the skin reveals a



plant-based diet.

**Q:** Do people seek symmetrical partners?

**A:** Everyone seems to like symmetry, but not everyone likes it as much. For instance, women who find themselves attractive seek more symmetrical men. So the degree to which symmetry matters to someone depends on what they think of themselves.

Symmetry is less important to some people; it actually explains very little about the range of attractiveness in people.

**Q:** Your research also reveals that not everyone plays by

the same rules or focuses on the same things. Can you talk about that?

**A:** Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. There are so many reasons why we're attracted to one face versus another. The family — particularly parents — affects us. Especially if we get along with our parents, we tend to (but don't always) choose partners that resemble the opposite-sex parent.

There's also a lot of social learning from peers. If we see our peers giving a lot of attention to one person, then that person might become more appealing in our eyes. We can see that in the influence of Hollywood stars.

The experiences you have with someone — friendship, or more intimate — really affects how you see them. No matter what their face, the chemicals in our brain can lock us onto one person.

**Q:** You have also charted attractiveness over time. You've written: "We're at our cutest at about 8 months of age, and after that it's all downhill!" Explain.

**A:** One way to chart this is to play around with faces of babies (on the computer). You can

expand the forehead and reduce the size of the chin.

By 8 months of age, human babies have a massive forehead and a really diminutive chin — and that's the point at which most people find babies most attractive. After 8 months, the face grows relatively quickly. That gives rise to a less and less cute configuration. We find infants cute and we want to take care of them.

But, of course, there are different types of "attractive" — for instance, sexual attraction after puberty.

**Q:** You also observe that "a good-looking son could come from any dad, whether the dad was good-looking or not." Why?

**A:** There is a widely believed idea in biology called "sexy sons" — that good-looking sons will father the most offspring, and that what is attractive to women in one generation will be attractive to women in the next generation.

We found that masculine dads do have masculine sons. But some women like masculine men and some women don't like it. So that's why there's no connection between father and sons.

## What happens when mom unplugs teens for 6 months?

By Beth J. Harpaz  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Susan Maushart lived out every parent's fantasy: She unplugged her teenagers.

For six months, she took away the Internet, TV, iPods, cell phones and video games. The eerie glow of screens stopped lighting up the family room. Electronic devices no longer chirped through the night like "evil crickets." And she stopped carrying her iPhone into the bathroom.

The result of what she grandly calls "The Experiment" was more OMG than LOL — and nothing less than an immersion in RL (real life).

As Maushart explains in a book called "The Winter of Our Disconnect" (Penguin, \$16.95), she and her kids rediscovered small pleasures — like board games, books, lazy Sundays, old photos, family meals and listening to music together instead of everyone plugging into their own iPods.

Her son Bill, a videogame and TV addict, filled his newfound spare time playing saxophone. "He swapped Grand Theft Auto for the Charlie Parker songbook," Maushart wrote. Bill says The Experiment was merely a "trigger" and he would have found his way back to music eventually. Either way, he got so serious playing sax that when the gadget ban ended, he sold his game console and is now studying music in college.

Maushart's eldest, Anni, was less wired and more bookish than the others, so her transition in and out of The Experiment was the least dramatic. Her friends thought the ban was "cool." If she needed computers for schoolwork, she went to the library. Even now, she swears off Facebook from time to time, just for the heck of it.

Maushart's youngest daughter, Sussy, had the hardest time going off the grid. Maushart had decided to allow use of the Internet, TV and other electronics outside the home, and Sussy immediately took that option, taking her laptop and moving in with her dad — Maushart's ex-husband — for six weeks. Even after she returned to Maushart's home, she spent hours on a landline phone as a substitute for texts and Facebook.

But the electronic deprivation had an impact anyway: Sussy's grades improved substantially. Maushart wrote that her kids "awoke slowly from the state of cognitively interrupted that had characterized many of their waking hours to become more focused logi-



Photo courtesy FRANCES ANDRIJICH

Susan Maushart, second from left, with her children, from left, Anni, Sussy and Bill, play a board game together at the family home in Perth, Australia, before a move to the U.S. When Maushart took away the Internet, TV, iPods, cell phones and video games for six months, she and her kids rediscovered small pleasures.

cal thinkers."

Maushart decided to unplug the family because the kids — ages 14, 15 and 18 when she started The Experiment — didn't just "use media," as she put it. They "inhabited" media. "They don't remember a time before e-mail, or instant messaging, or Google," she wrote.

Like so many teens, they couldn't do their homework without simultaneously listening to music, updating Facebook and trading instant messages. If they were amused, instead of laughing, they actually said "LOL" aloud. Her girls had become mere "accessories of their own social-networking profile, as if real life were simply a dress rehearsal (or more accurately, a photo op) for the next status update."

Maushart admits to being as addicted as the kids. A native New Yorker, she was living in Perth, Australia, near her ex-husband, while medicating her homesickness with podcasts from National Public Radio and The New York Times online. Her biggest challenge during The Experiment was "relinquishing the ostrich-like delusion that burying my head in information and entertainment from home was just as good as actually being there."

Maushart began The Experiment with a drastic measure: She turned off the electricity completely for a few weeks — candles instead of electric lights, no hot showers, food stored in a cooler of ice. When blackout boot camp ended, Maushart hoped the "electricity is awesome!" reaction would soften the kids' transition to life without Google and cell phones.

It was a strategy that would have made Maushart's muse, Henry David Thoreau, proud. She is a lifelong devotee of Thoreau's classic book "Walden," which chronicled Thoreau's sojourn in solitude and self-sufficiency in a small cabin on a pond in the mid-1800s. "Simplify, simplify!" Thoreau admon-

ished himself and his readers, a sentiment Maushart echoes throughout the book.

As a result of The Experiment, Maushart made a major change in her own life. In December, she moved from Australia to Long Island in New York, with Sussy. Of course, the move merely perpetuated Maushart's need to live in two places at once: She kept her job as a columnist for an Australian newspaper and is "living on Skype" because her older children stayed Down Under to attend university. Ironically, the Internet eased the transition to America for Sussy, who used Facebook to befriend kids in her new high school before arriving.

Another change for Maushart: She's no longer reluctant to impose blackouts on Sussy's screentime. "Instead of angsty, 'Don't you think you're spending too much time on the computer? Don't you think you should do something else like reading?' I now just take the computer away when I think she's had enough," Maushart said in a phone interview. "And now that she's been on the other side and remembers what it's like, it's less of an issue."

Maushart realizes that living off the grid for six months is unrealistic for most people. (She also admits getting her kids to go along with it partly by bribing them with a cut of proceeds from the book, which she planned to write all along.)

But she encourages families to unplug periodically. "One way to do it is just to have that one screen-free day a week. Not as a punishment — not by saying, 'I've had enough!' — but by instituting it as a special thing," she said. "There isn't a kid on the planet who wouldn't really rather be playing a board game than sitting at the computer."

## Friend, will you marry us? Online ordinations rise

By Monica Rhor  
For The Associated Press

Jessica Alexander's wedding was everything she had envisioned: a private gathering by her summer house on an Iowa lake. There was a pink and purple color scheme, a butterfly motif, and a dessert bar rather than a full meal.

And, wearing a short periwinkle dress designed "to show off her legs," was Alexander's minister and bridesmaid, Anna-Megan Raley, a close friend who was ordained online specifically to perform the ceremony.

Raley, a blogger for the Houston Chronicle, didn't even know she had been ordained until Alexander and her mother sprang the news at the bridal shower. They had already paid a \$25 fee and filled out a form with her name and address, making her the Rev. Raley.

"I thought it was a joke. I'm sure that I put it on Facebook and Twitter," said Raley. "But I had heard about people getting ordained to perform weddings. So, I said: 'Sure, I'd love to!'"

Nontraditional? Perhaps.

A growing trend? Definitely.

More and more engaged couples are turning to friends or family members to perform their wedding ceremony. They say it is more personal, relatively stress-free and cheaper.

It is also surprisingly fast and simple.

Getting ordained requires little more than finding an online ministry that performs ordinations, and filling out a short form with your name and address. Some websites require a nominal fee for paperwork; others don't charge anything.

Prospective brides and grooms should look into the website and local marriage laws, however, to make sure the ceremony would be valid. Although online ordinations are generally recognized, laws vary widely from state to state, sometimes from county to county. Some states require ministers to register after they are ordained. In Louisiana, parishes ask for a letter of good standing from the church, while Las



Anna-Megan Raley of Texas was ordained online specifically to perform a wedding ceremony for a close friend.

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Vegas requires a four-page application and background check.

In 2009, about one in seven weddings were performed by a friend of the couple, according to The Wedding Report, a research firm.

Andre Hensley, president of the non-denominational Universal Life Church, which has been issuing ordination credentials since 1962, believes more couples are turning to friends because of the Internet, which makes the process easier, and because of many people's lack of affiliation with a church.

"I've gone to weddings where the ministers didn't know the couple or anything about them. It didn't have a special feeling," said Hensley, who estimates that his church has ordained 18 million people. About 3,000 to 5,000 are ordained every month, a number that has steadily increased over the last 10 years, Hensley said.

It takes about 24 hours for the church to process an ordination request, all of which are reviewed by a live person, he said.

Janis Jones, a 27-year-old Chicago nurse, asked her older sister to perform her wedding this June.

"Neither of us belong to a church, and we liked the idea of incorporating prayers and the religious aspect into the ceremony, but we didn't want to be married by someone we

didn't know at all and who didn't know us," said Jones, who has been dating her fiancé, Eric Strand, for six years.

The couple turned to Jones' sister, Vicky Rappatta, who has been happily married for 10 years, has a background in writing and had always been a motherly figure to her younger sibling.

"I was so honored and so moved that they wanted me to be such a huge part of their wedding. Now, I'm getting terrified," joked Rappatta, who plans to write an original wedding prayer for the couple.

Rappatta said she researched the legality of the ordination process, including checking with the county where her sister will be getting her marriage license.

"The last thing I wanted to do was get a fake ordination," said Rappatta, who got her credentials from American Marriage Ministries, whose website boasts "over 10,000 marriages performed!"

Kirsten Nichols, whose October wedding was performed by her husband's cousin, asked a co-worker who is an ordained minister to be on hand at the service — just in case.

"If you find out after the fact that you are not legally married, it can definitely put a damper on things," said Nichols, who lives in Montgomery County, Md.

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Debra Chermonte, dean of admissions at Oberlin College, background center, is shown along with college admissions staff during application reading at the college in Oberlin, Ohio.

# Advice from experts on writing college app essays

By Beth J. Harpaz  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — With college application deadlines looming, the pressure is on for high school seniors to write the perfect essay.

But what are schools really looking for? And what role should parents play when teens try to sum up their lives in a few hundred words?

Here are some insights from admissions officials at The Ohio State University and at Oberlin College, along with advice from the author of "Write Your College Essay In Less Than a Day."

Ohio State, one of the country's biggest schools with 56,000 students on its Columbus campus, gets 26,600 applications a year and admits more than 14,000 students. "When you're getting the volume of applications we do, you put the greatest weight on the high school transcript and performance in high school," said Mabel Freeman, assistant vice president for undergraduate admissions.

But like a lot of colleges, Ohio State also asks applicants to write 300 words on why they are interested in attending.

"Our use of the essay is to try to determine if this is going to be a good match for an institution and a student," Freeman said. "We are a big public research institution, diverse and urban. For the right student, this is the right place. But for some students, it could be overwhelming."

She added that "the essay will never trump the transcript, but it can be the tipping point."

Students who are unable to visit the campus should try to find an online video tour and look at the college website and other material so they can show in their essay that they understand what the school offers and why it's a good match.

As for the 300-word limit, Freeman says, "most of my faculty and admissions professionals are not sure that any 17-year-old has much more than 300 well thought-out words to say on any topic. Make your point and be done. Organize your thoughts, make your statement and defend it. Why would this be a place that could help you be successful?"

What about the parent's role? "I'm fine with a student running the app past mom or dad, saying, 'Does this look correct to you? Am I saying things that seem right about who I am?'" Freeman said. "We're very concerned about the student who finishes at 1 a.m. and hits send without anybody looking at that app in the light of day."

On the other hand, parents must not be so over-involved that they write the essay. One year, Ohio State asked applicants to suggest a course they might add to their high school curriculum if they were principal. One writer suggested an

advanced biology course, adding something like, "If my son had such a course, he would be in better shape."

"It couldn't have been more blatant" that the applicant's parent had written the essay, Freeman said.

Oberlin College, also in Ohio, is a small private school with 2,900 students. Oberlin received 6,000 applications last year, admitted a third and enrolled 700. Like hundreds of other schools, Oberlin uses the online Common Application, which includes six essay choices on topics like writing about someone who's had an influence on you or discussing an issue of personal, local, national or international concern. Oberlin also has a supplemental essay with a theme found on many apps: "Given your interests, values, and goals, explain why Oberlin College will help you grow (as a student and a person) during your undergraduate years."

"It is a way for our admissions committee members to get a sense of fit between the applicant and Oberlin, and allows us to envision how this applicant may become part of the fabric of our community," said Debra Chermonte, Oberlin's dean of admissions and financial aid.

She said admissions officers "aren't looking for perfection in 17- and 18-year-olds. We are looking for the human being behind the roster of activities and grades. We are looking for students who love to learn, whose investment in ideas and words tell us that they are aware of their world beyond their own homes, schools, grades and scores."

Essays also demonstrate writing skills. "We also want to see that a student is able to write that first paper for a freshman seminar while avoiding careless mistakes that will drive faculty crazy," Chermonte said.

Parents, she added, "can be great critics and editors." In one essay Oberlin received, an applicant professed admiration for Julie Taymor, an Oberlin grad who created "The Lion King" musical. Unfortunately, the applicant spelled it as "The Loin King," an error that a parent proofreader might have caught.

Wissner-Gross, author of "Write Your College Essay in Less Than a Day" (Random House, \$15), says the hardest part of writing a college essay is finding the right topic. "Everyone has stories to tell, and you don't have to be the top student to have a great story," said Wissner-Gross, whose website is EducationalStrategy.org. "If you find that you're laboring over it, it probably isn't the right story. If it's the right story, then you'll be dying to tell it and it'll be fun to write."

She added: "The main thing colleges want to know is why they should accept

you. You want your essay to tell them that as directly as possible."

Depending on the topic, "the best way to do it is to tell a real story that gives them one slice of your life rather than trying to summarize your life in 500 words. Think of a good story that shows your greatest achievement so far. It doesn't have to be that you cured cancer or published a novel. It could be an act of compassion or community service, or something related to a job, or how you dealt with a challenge or a hardship growing up."

Wissner-Gross says a typical five-paragraph, 500-word college essay "starts with the climax of the story — the most exciting or most confusing part of the story or the challenge." The second paragraph tells "who, what, when, where, how and why." The third paragraph continues the story. The fourth paragraph includes your credentials, and the fifth should "tie it all together" with a happy ending, punch line, moral or summation of "why I want to study this in college."

But students must keep the focus on themselves. "It shouldn't be a story they observed, but rather a story in which they played a central or pivotal role and saved the day or solved the problem." The essay should "show that you've grown through the experience."

Parents can help kids brainstorm essay topics. But avoid tales from early childhood, Wissner-Gross said.

She cautioned that "if a child is afraid to show the

parent the essay, that's a light bulb. A lot of kids will use this opportunity to confess all their worst misdeeds. It's not a good idea."

While parents should proofread essays, their bigger role starts in ninth grade, by making sure teens have extracurricular activities, whether sports, clubs, work or volunteering.

Students who have the hardest time writing essays, Wissner-Gross says, are the "kids who have such outrageously sheltered lives that they never experience anything."

## STORK REPORT

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

**Gary Eugene Kudrma Jr.**, son of Krystal Waters and Gary Kudrma Sr. of Jerome, was born Jan. 11, 2011.

**Fernando Andres Nava Madera**, son of Florentino and Rosa Nava of Jerome, was born Jan. 14, 2011.

### St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

**Riggen Joseph Spencer**, son of Adina Kljuchnin and Kyle Wayne Spencer of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 18, 2010.

**McKaiya Dalcyce Collins**, daughter of Nancy Anne Loya of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2010.

**Jaydon Glynn Russell**, son of Miranda Rose Hendrickson of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 6, 2011.

**Zeik LeRoy Exon**, son of Amber Rose Hite and Bryan Lee Exon of Filer, was born Jan. 10, 2011.

**Ava Mary Andersen**, daughter of Cheryl and Eric Andersen of Murtaugh, was born Jan. 10, 2011.

**Korbyn Joshua Pohlman**, son of Felisha Marie Holcomb and Aaron Jason Pohlman of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 11, 2011.

**Izabell Leynn Garner**, daughter of Neathery Ann Fisher and Justin Lynn Garner of Filer, was born Jan. 11, 2011.

**Armin Bajro Bektic**, son of Fata and Nail Bektic of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2011.

**Ryatt Buster Shurtz**, son of Shania Renae and Rebel Burdett Shurtz of Heyburn, was born Jan. 12, 2011.

**Rogan Levi Mong**, son of Stephanie Marie and Thomas Vladmir Mong of Gooding, was born Jan. 12, 2011.

**Cameron Dean Ward**, son of Laura Diane and Terry Lynn Ward of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 12, 2011.

**Zandy Raimundo Legarreta**, son of Shawnee Beaudine Irish and Reno John Smokey Legarreta of Gooding, was born Jan. 13, 2011.

**River Bearett Bradley**, son of Alexia Christine and Beau Richard Bradley of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 13, 2011.

**Paytyn Leeann Mack**, daughter of Melody Ann and Ricky Lee Mack Jr. of Kimberly, was born Jan. 13, 2011.

**Roper Roswell Parker Schoonover**, son of Ashleigh Nikole Adamson and Jeffery Michael Schoonover of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 14, 2011.

**Ella Rae Hardcastle**, daughter of Whitney Ann and Calvin Kameron Hardcastle of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 14, 2011.

**Brianna Lopez-Eudabe**, daughter of Mayra del Rocio Eudabe and Edgard Lopez Pina of Wendell, was born Jan. 14, 2011.

**Reimi Lenora Marshall**, daughter of Angel Marie and Ronald Lee Marshall of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 14, 2011.

**Oscar Matthias Chavez**, son of Kyra Lynn Vaughn and Patrick Joseph Chavez of Kimberly, was born Jan. 14, 2011.

**Cole William Christopher Pohanka**, son of Daisi Jane and Christopher Michael Pohanka of Jerome, was born Jan. 14, 2011.

**Xander Isaac Auth**, son of Michelle Rae McMinn and William Isaac Auth of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 16, 2011.

**Marilyn Maria Alonso Arizmendi**, daughter of Lilia Anabel Arizmendi Sanchez and Felipe Alonso Torres of Buhl, was born Jan. 18, 2011.

Don't go to bed mad

Reporter Melissa Davlin talks to couples about how they fight.

Next Sunday in Family Life

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## Anniversaries

### The Bywaters

Gary L. and Marilyn K. Bywater will be married 50 years January 26, 2011. The celebration for this event will be held Sunday, January 23 from 2-5 at the Rupert Elks.

The event is hosted by their children, Jan Bywater (Lawrence Davids), Dan Bywater (Paula Goodsell), Debbie (Brian) Smith, and their grandchildren.



Marilyn K. and Gary L. Bywater

Friends and family are invited to celebrate their special occasion.

For information on how to place your announcement in the *Times-News*, please call Janet at 208-735-3253 or email [announcements@magicvalley.com](mailto:announcements@magicvalley.com)  
Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday to be published in the following Sunday's Family Life page.

## The Diehls



Beverly and Ted Diehl

Ted and Beverly (Eggers) Diehl will be honored at an open house for Bev's 80th birthday and their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to an open house from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn, 2653 South Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho.

Ted and Bev were



married on February 4, 1951 in Lewiston, ID.

The event is hosted by their children and local grandchildren, Jennifer, Marilee (Steve), Wade (Joanne), and Jerry and Dusty (Cortney) and Stephanie (Dustin). Ted and Bev have eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

No gifts, your attendance will be their gift.

# Kids Only

## 'Hero' no big leap for author Mike Lupica

By Tracy Grant  
The Washington Post

"All my kids are heroes. Danny, Michael, Zach. (They show) strength they didn't know they had; they show more heart than they thought they were capable of showing," says Mike Lupica, his voice bursting with a father's pride.

Except that Lupica, a sports columnist and author of more than a dozen books for kids, isn't talking about his children; he's talking about his characters.

So it's all the more fitting that Lupica's newest book is called "Hero." But unlike his earlier works, which featured a main character dealing with a problem on the baseball diamond or basketball court, the protagonist in the new novel must deal with the realization that he has inherited super powers.

Lupica took time out from working in what he calls his writing cottage at his home in Connecticut to talk about kids, stories and superpowers.

**Q:** You have said that you like to write about "regular kids," but Zach Harriman is far from a regular kid.

**A:** "Actually, this kid is a regular kid. He doesn't even know if he likes these powers. All my kids get



Sportswriter Mike Lupica, whose newest children's book is 'Hero,' meets young readers at Riverview High School in Sarasota, Fla.

knocked down. When Zach gets back up, he not only stands tall, he can fly, too."

**Q:** Why did you want to write a fantasy book?

**A:** "I was a comic-book kid (when I was growing up). I knew I could write a book about one of my comic-book-type characters, like the

Green Lantern. So, I took one of my main characters in one of my sports books and gave him some really cool things he could do."

**Q:** We're not giving anything away by saying that Zach's dad dies early in the book and that death fuels the plot. What made you want

to deal with such a serious subject?

**A:** "If you start reading one of my books, you know it's not going to be smooth sailing. So what's the worst thing that can happen to a child? It's the loss of a parent. I wanted my character's heart to be tested in a way that (it)

never had been tested before."

**Q:** The way "Hero" ends makes the reader think there will be more Zach Harriman books. Are you working on a sequel?

**A:** "I have three chapters written on a sequel, but it won't be my next book. I can tell you the first



sentence of the sequel, though: 'It started with a Facebook message that wasn't a message at all but a threat.'"

**Q:** Zach is the name of one of your sons, right? Did you have to promise to have the other kids be characters in future books to avoid fights?

**A:** "It was not a good day for old Dad when I told the older boys, and let me tell you that there's a Hannah in the book I'm writing now because I'm under huge pressure (from his 12-year-old daughter, who is named Hannah). But it really is fair to say that Zach Lupica has informed so many of my characters."

And when he says that, Mike Lupica's voice really is bursting with pride as he talks not about a character but about his son.

Photo by RICH NASTAN



JUANA ARIAS/For the Washington Post

Michelle Stevens, a research assistant from George Washington University, helps Amani Reese, 11, play an active video game called Winds of Orbis during physical education class at Francis-Stevens Education Campus in Washington.

## Wii in PE?

## If it gets you moving

By Margaret Webb Pressler  
The Washington Post

Some days you may not feel like going to PE, but would you ever groan about playing Wii?

You probably said no to that question, which is why some schools are starting to use active video games such as Wii and Dance Dance Revolution as one part of their physical education programs.

For years, video games have been considered part of the obesity problem for kids: When you're sitting on the couch playing games, you aren't running around or riding your bike. But active video games get kids to move around, sometimes a lot. And it's usually exercise kids enjoy.

"If you're not an athlete, you generally are not going to have a good time in PE," said Todd Miller, who teaches exercise science at George Washington University in Washington. "But if you do something like Dance Dance Revolution, you can play the most athletic person in the class and still win."

Some local students have had the chance to test this theory. Miller used a group of sixth-graders at Francis-

"It's just fun. It's exciting, and you move around a lot."

— Dominique Butler, 12, after playing a video game called Winds of Orbis

Stevens Education Campus, a District of Columbia public school, to study the amount of exercise kids got playing two different video games as well as during regular PE class. The kids wore special belts that tracked the calories they burned and were asked how much they enjoyed the games and how hard they were.

Miller said video games can't replace a PE program but can help make it more appealing — and effective — for all kids.

During one session run by Miller's research assistants, it was clear how four students felt about leaving a well-organized dodgeball game in the regular gym to go play video games in a smaller gym.

"It's just fun. It's exciting, and you move around a lot," said Dominique Butler, 12, after playing a video game called Winds of Orbis. To play, you have to run, jump and punch your way through

an on-screen obstacle course full of monsters. "Sometimes you can be exhausted when you're finished," he said.

Nearby, his classmate Chrystian Dowe, 11, was sweating after finishing 20 minutes of dancing wildly on a Dance Dance Revolution mat. "It's more exercise than dodgeball," he said.

A different study was conducted recently on overweight teens in Washington using the Wii version of the game Sports Active. Researchers Sandra Calvert and Amanda Staiano, of Georgetown University, studied kids who played various games competitively and in groups, and found the activity helped the kids lose weight, feel better about themselves and even focus better.

"We hear so many negative things about gaming," Calvert said. "Here's something very positive for all of us to look at."

## Why some kids wet the bed

By Howard Bennett  
Special to The Washington Post

My 18-year-old daughter wet the bed until she was 11. A cousin wet the bed when she was a kid as well. I did not wet the bed as a child, but I got interested in the problem when I was training to be a pediatrician 30 years ago. So you could say that I know a fair amount about bed-wetting.

I sympathize with kids who wet the bed because it's hard to deal with something that happens when you're sleeping. Even more frustrating is the fact that kids don't know if it's going to happen. Although some kids wet the bed every night, most do it less often. But the bottom line is that 5 million American children go to sleep at night not knowing if their bed will be wet or dry in the morning.

Most kids do not tell their friends if they wet the bed, which is understandable. But because kids don't talk about wetting the bed, a child who

does often thinks she's the only one with the problem. Now you know that isn't true.

Bed-wetting is hardly ever caused by a serious medical problem. In most cases, it happens because your bladder can't hold all the urine (pee) your body makes at night. If most people need to pee during the night, the bladder either relaxes to hold more urine or sends a signal to the brain telling the person to wake up so he can go to the bathroom. Kids who wet the bed at night do not wake up when their bladder signals the brain that they have to go. Many kids don't even wake up after they wet the bed! Talk about sleeping like a log. If your mom or dad says you're a "deep sleeper," that's what they're talking about.

So what can you do if you wet the bed? Well, the first thing to do is to let your doctor know. It was recently discovered that most parents do not raise the issue at checkups either because they don't

think the doctor can help or they don't want to embarrass their child. On the other hand, many doctors don't ask patients if bed-wetting is a problem because they figure you'd tell them if it were.

Eventually, bed-wetting stops. But there's no reason to wait if you can speed up the process. For example, your doctor might recommend a small device you wear to bed that helps you wake up if you start to pee while you're asleep.

You and your parents should remember:

- **Bed-wetting** is a medical problem, so there is no reason to be embarrassed about it.

- **No one wets** the bed on purpose.

Howard Bennett, a pediatrician, is the author of "Waking Up Dry: A Guide to Help Children Overcome Bedwetting." You can download sections of his book at [www.wakingupdry.com](http://www.wakingupdry.com).

## Why kids should drink milk

By Howard Bennett  
Special to The Washington Post

Your parents do lots of great things for you. They put clothes on your back, food in your stomach and clean up your snotty tissues when you are sick. They help with homework, cart you all over town and buy you cool stuff on your birthday. So why do they spoil everything by making you eat and drink things you don't like?

The answer to this question is simple. They want to keep you healthy. As kids get older, two things happen that may reduce their desire to drink milk. First, more sugary drinks, including juice and soda, become more appealing. Second, milk tastes best when served icy cold, and cold milk is not always available outside the home. And whether you like it or not, milk is part of a healthful diet.

In order to grow and stay well, your body needs protein, carbohydrates, fats and a wide variety of vitamins and minerals. Milk is an excellent source of protein, calcium and Vitamin D. Although you can get plenty of protein from other foods, it's hard to get all the calcium

and Vitamin D you need without drinking milk. (Cheese and yogurt have plenty of calcium, but they typically do not contain Vitamin D.)

At this point, you might be asking yourself: What's the big deal about calcium? Most people know calcium is essential for strong bones. What people don't know, however, is that calcium is used in every cell of your body. If an alien landed on Earth and shot you with a ray gun that sucked the calcium out of your body, you would die instantly.

So since lots of earthlings do not drink milk, why don't people keel over every day from a lack of calcium? Well, it turns out that the body is often smarter than we are.

When you were a baby, you drank gallons and gallons of breast milk or formula. Most of the calcium you ingested ended up making your bones very strong. The body is constantly replacing old calcium in bones with new calcium. So if you don't have enough calcium in your diet, your cells won't immediately suffer, because the body uses the calcium that's been stored in your bones.

But if you don't replace old

calcium with new calcium, your bones will become weaker over time. The same thing would happen with a bank account. Let's say you have \$500 in a savings account. If you keep taking money out and never put any back, your account eventually will be empty. A similar thing can happen with the calcium stored in your body. Your bones won't turn to dust, but they can get weaker; and weaker bones are more likely to break if a person gets injured.

So consider drinking milk three times a day. If you're allergic to cow's milk, try "milk" made from soy, rice or almonds. If that doesn't sound appealing, drink calcium-enriched orange juice, eat vegetables rich in calcium such as cooked broccoli and spinach or take a calcium and Vitamin D supplement.

If you want to learn more about calcium and bone health, ask your parents if you can go to [www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics](http://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics) and scroll down to "Milk and Bone Health."

Howard Bennett, a Washington pediatrician, is the author "Lions Aren't Scared of Shots."