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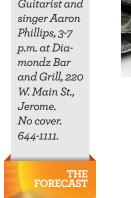
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LEGISLATURI PREPARES FO THE BIG ISSUES

With health care and education in the spotlight, Magic Valley lawmakers are preparing for a busy legislative session.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN mdavlin@magicvallev.com

BOISE • Idaho's legislative session doesn't start until Monday, but already, Magic Valley lawmakers have been working on bills.

And there's a lot to discuss. With proposed changes to state education reforms, the implementation of a controversial federal health care program, budget worries and more, Idaho's lawmakers have a busy session ahead of them.

The 2012 Idaho Legislature kicks off Monday with Gov. Butch Otter's 1 p.m. State of the State and budget addresses.

Here are four major issues that Magic Valley legislators are working on.

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Health Care Exchange

This session, legislators will consider setting up a changes by Jan. 2013, state-based health care exchange, a one-stop, online marketplace that would provide health insurance options for individuals and small busi-

Setting up exchanges is one of the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. If individual states don't take neces-

sary actions to set up exthe federal government will do so on their behalf.

It puts Idaho legislators in a tough spot, said Sen. Dean Cameron, Rpublic exchange to fulfill the requirements, they could be accused of supporting Obamacare — not a popular law among conservative Ida- should do it," he said.

hoans. If they don't enact one, they risk the federal government coming in and an exchange that might not work best for the state.

Cameron and Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, are Rupert. If they work for a working on a bill that establishes the exchange through a public-private partnership.

"We're going to do it the way we think Idaho

Budget

You might have heard about a projected surplus in Idaho's budget, but don't get too excited, warns Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chair of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

"We keep trying to tell people that surplus is when you've paid all your bills and you have money left over," he said. revenue have come in And we're not there yet. under projection, he

If there is a surplus at

the June 30 end of the fiscal year, Cameron put public education, public safety, health issues and economic growth at the top of the priority list.

"How that gets passed out will depend on how much money is there and what needs are there," he said. But four of the last five months' said.

JFAC co-chairwoman Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, expressed concern about where the Legislature had cut in the last two years.

"You assumed you were saving money," she said, like when the state cut funding for adult mental health services. But those costs might show up elsewhere, like in emergency rooms or in the judicial system.

TODAY IN PEOPLE



Rancher Has No Time for Gadgets

There are no four-wheelers, no tractors on Doug Albright's sprawling property north of Shoshone. He prefers to farm without technology that he sees as unnecessary. It's a fulfilling life, he said, unburdened by everchanging trends. But he worries that people are losing their selfsufficiency.

Read more on P1



Education Reform

In 2011, the Legislature passed public schools chief Tom Luna's Students Come First education reform plan, a comprehensive overhaul that affected technology in classrooms, teacher salaries, collective bargaining negotiations and more.

Some of the changes are still being rolled out, while others have yet to take effect. Already,

school districts have given feedback to the Legislature, said Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, and Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding.

"There's going to have to be some tweaks," Pence said.

Some provisions of the new laws have been hard to implement, Block said. For example, part of Senate Bill 1184 states that students who complete

graduation requirements by the beginning of their senior year are eligible to take dual-credit classes from Idaho colleges at the state's expense.

The problem, Block said, is students can't currently complete graduation requirements until finishing at least part of their senior year, meaning few Idaho students are eligible for those dual credits.

Idahoans May Get to Vote on **Expanding Option Tax**

Instead of going through the Legislature, proponents of the idea are trying to gather enough signatures to put it on the ballot in November.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN mdavlin@magicvalley.com

TWIN FALLS • In November, Idaho

voters may have a chance to consider giving cities more taxing authority in the form of a local option sales tax.

Idaho sales tax, currently at 6 percent, is determined by the state, with the option for resort towns with populations below 10,000 - like Donnelly, McCall and Ketchum – to add a sales tax on top of it.

Proponents such as the Idaho Chamber Alliance want that option opened to any Idaho city. That wouldn't mean an automatic sales tax hike, said Twin Falls City Councilman Lance Clow, one local option proponent. Instead, each city would decide whether to put the issue on a ballot, then let its citizens vote.

Each city would be able to decide how much the additional sales tax would be. In Ketchum, for example, retail sales have an additional 1 percent sales tax, while liquor and lodging have an extra 2 percent.

The proposal has come up before, but it's not a popular idea among Idaho legislators, said Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls.

"I don't think it's ever gotten past being introduced into committee," he said. So instead of going through the Legislature, proponents are trying to gather enough signatures to put it on the ballot in November.

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Aquifer Recharge

Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, is working on legislation to make aquifer recharge a bigger priority in Idaho.

It's a major issue for Magic Valley, where water is precious and agriculture is king. During high-water years, canal companies can encourage the return of water to the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer through injection wells or by spreading water over the land in ditches. Without those efforts, most of that surplus water flows down the Snake River. Refilling the Lake Eriesized aquifer with the excess water wouldn't infringe on anyone's water rights, Bedke emphasized.

The state water board has money for infrastructure improvements required to refill the

aquifer. Annual operating costs would be covered by deficiency warrants, where expenditures are authorized without a specific appropriation until the cost is known — possibly

capped at \$485,000. "That amount of investment puts a lot of water in the ground," he said. And that, he said, is good news for all Magic Valley water users.



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In My Next Life, I Want to Stay Put

y wife and I are in the process of moving, our world is pretty much dominated these days by Hutchinson, Minn.

No, we're not relocating to Hutchinson. We're just propping up its economy.

Hutchinson is the site of the largest adhesive tape plant in the world. 3M, the factory's owner, rolled 5.5 million miles of Scotch tape out of Hutchinson last year, and Victoria and I bought most of it.

Now, two days before the moving van arrives, I've misplaced my tape dispenser. Or did I pack it?

The polite fiction promoted by U-Haul, United, Allied and Mayflower is that relocating is only slightly harder than having Scottie beam you up to the bridge. In fact, it's a root canal without the laughing gas.

And in the end, you find yourself lusting after the cardboard boxes in your neighbor's garage. We even got a Christmas card from Omar, the counter guy at Office Depot.

Omar, you see, is my inside connection to case lots of Scotch Box Sealing Tape 371.

Trouble is, every time I use a roll I'm reminded of how Scotch tape got its

You see, 3M introduced its first adhesive masking tape in the 1920s. Its inventor, Richard Drew, dropped in on a car-painting shop in Minneapolis to see how folks liked it.



The owner told Drew to stick his tape elsewhere, claiming that it didn't have enough adhesive to stay intact during a paint job. In demanding more glue, the customer accused Drew's bosses of being too "Scotch."

(For those of you born after the Pleistocene Era, "Scotch" is an old-timey insult meaning "cheap.")

Drew took that advice to heart only too well. I think about him every time I spend 30 minutes trying to locate the end of plastic tape on a roll. Unfailingly, it fragments and disappears, leaving you to scratch up several yards of tape shards.

Over the past month, I figure I've spent 30 percent of my waking hours packing and 70 percent muttering things about Richard Drew that are morally offensive and probably physically impossible.

But since I began packing, 3M stock has shot up from \$74 to \$84. I'd buy a share, but 84 bucks just about covers the cost of a case of Scotch Box Sealing Tape 371.

Besides, I think I packed my wallet.

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IDAHO STATESMAN · ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ariah Garza, 11, pets a mixed labrador-golden retriever, trained to help people, Dec. 22 at the Ada County Courthouse in Boise. Ada County prosecutors have begun a new program where a specially trained dog can be present in the courtroom to help nervous kids testify in criminal trials.

In Ada County Program, Dogs Help Calm Kids' Jitters in Courtroom

BY PATRICK ORR Idaho Statesman

BOISE • Courtrooms can be scary places for anybody, but they are particularly intimidating to children who may have to face a judge, a jury a defendant they are afraid of.

That was the case for 11-year-old Ariah Garza this fall when she had to testify in a jury trial against a man she saw attack her mother.

Today, Norman Ortiz-Perez is serving a 20-year prison sentence for a felony domestic violence charge. But in September, he was the scary man sit-

ting across the courtroom from Ariah. Then there were those people Ariah didn't know sitting in the box at the side of the courtroom — the jurors and the lawyers asking questions.

But Ariah had a secret friend who helped her manage.

"It was kind of scary for a little while, but once Sunday was under me, I felt safe," Garza told the Statesman

Sunday, an almost 3-year-old certified service dog, could make anyone feel better. Sunday works out of Ada County's Victim-Witness Coordinators' Office in the Juvenile Court, and she has one major job - to put kids in scary situations at ease.

Most of the time, Sunday does her job in offices or waiting areas at Juvenile Court, bonding with kids unfortunate enough to be involved in the court system.

In September, she added another achievement to her resume: helping Ariah Garza testify in a criminal trial. The jurors never even knew.

Sunday sat still and silent under the witness stand, close enough so Ariah could hold her leash and touch her, but out of sight of the jury.

Ariah and Sunday were brought in and out of the courtroom while the jury was out of the room. Ariah got through her testimony, and Sunday was perfectly behaved.

That the jury could not detect Sun-

day, and therefore be unduly influ-

enced by a child who has a dog comfort her on the witness stand, was the requirement set by 4th District Judge Cheri Copsey. Prosecutors worked to convince the

judge at a motion hearing that Sunday would help, Ariah recalled, because she didn't like being in the same room with Ortiz-Perez "I felt really scared. I don't like him,

and he just kept giving me mean looks," Ariah told the Statesman. "Even though there were guys next to (Ortiz-Perez), I didn't feel safe.

Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Tessie Buttram handled the case and said that Sunday helped Ariah even before she was on the witness stand.

Ariah said she felt sick to her stomach and started crying because she was so nervous about going into court. Then she met up with Sunday, who immediately sensed Ariah's fear and cuddled up to her, licking the tears off her face.

"Sunday can sense the fear and apprehension in a child and help with that right away," Buttram said. "She was whimpering, like she didn't want Ariah to cry."

Minutes later, Sunday was providing silent support for Ariah out of sight on the witness stand.

After a four-day trial, the jury found Ortiz-Perez guilty of felony domestic violence, as well as misdemeanor counts of malicious injury to property and carrying a concealed weapon.

The dog's courtroom debut was a success.

Now, Sunday is scheduled to help another child testify in a felony sexual battery case in January.

The notion of having Sunday assist

kids in court came from her handler, Kristin Friend, a victim-witness coordinator who works for the Ada County Juvenile Court.

Friend is the owner of a retired therapy dog and was intrigued by stories about service dogs trained to help kids in courtrooms in other states.

"It's our responsibility to do everything we possibly can to make (children) going through the judicial system as comfortable as possible," Friend said. "Anything less than the best we can do is unacceptable to me."

As a victim-witness coordinator, Friend sat next to Ariah as she testified, making sure there were no issues with Sunday. Kids can have trusted adults beside them when testifying in court, so that wouldn't have been a red flag

Sunday was bred and trained by Canine Companions for Independence in Santa Rosa, Calif., a non-profit that provides free trained assistance dogs for children and adults with disabili-

Friend applied, and Sunday came to Ada County. The Idaho Humane Society provides Sunday's medical care.

Sunday works a full-time schedule, spending most of her time in the juvenile court facility on West Denton Street. When she is needed to cuddle with a child or lick off tears, Sunday performs like a champ. When she has to be still and silent, she can do that,

As a fully trained service dog, Sunday can also open doors, pick items up off the floor, and open and shut drawers, Friend said. She's also good at cheering up adult

court employees who need a boost, Friend said. But when Friend removes Sunday's

service-dog vest at the end of the day, what happens then?

"She goes crazy;" Friend said.

Powerball

lows cities to tax people who work and shop in the city, but who aren't on the hook for the property taxes that

Sales Tax

Continued from the front page

Why vote for it? A local

option sales tax allows vot-

ers to have more control

over what taxes they pay in

their communities, Clow

said. And for economic

centers like Twin Falls, it al-

typically pay for city infrastructure. The new revenue source would allow Twin Falls to reduce its property taxes, Clow said. But opponents contend it's just another tax hike one that might drive cus-

tomers to other markets,

especially for big purchases.

That's the last thing busi-

nesses in Twin Falls need,

Hartgen said. Hartgen was also concerned that the sales tax would make city revenue too dependent on purchases. In an economic downturn, that would mean less revenue for the city, he said.

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Hartgen said that Twin Falls' revenue has increased in the past four years, thanks to economic growth and increased fees, but Clow said revenue has dropped. Twin Falls City Manager

Travis Rothweiler said overall revenues for fiscal years 2008-2011 have fluctuated, though the actual tax-supported revenues have remained flat.

But you have to look at the big picture, he said. The municipal cost index, which shows how inflation affects the cost of providing city services, went up 10 percent between January 2008 and December 2011, he said.

In simplified terms, city revenues aren't keeping pace with the increasing cost to keep the city run-

Hartgen still isn't convinced that voters will get behind the idea.

"I think most people in this economy will say 'Why can't cities and counties live within their means?" he said.

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Suicidal Man Sparks SWAT Standoff

BY CHELSEA BANNACH Spokesman-Review

SPOKANE • A suicidal soldier prompted a SWAT standoff in Spokane Coun-

ty this afternoon. A few minutes before noon, a couple called police after finding a bloody man in a truck parked near Nevada Street and Magnesium Road that was running for more than an hour and a half, said sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Dave Reagan.

Police thought the 35-

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year-old man may have been armed with a gun because he is a military reservist, Reagan said. The SWAT team responded after the man refused to exit the vehicle and began revving his engine.

As SWAT moved in, the man exited the truck and surrendered.

He had self-inflicted knife wounds to his legs and neck, and was transported to a downtown hospital for surgery and a mental evaluation. A hospital employee

said at 4:30 p.m. the man was still in surgery and no condition could be provid-

Spokane police officers assisted with traffic control and Magnesium Road from Nevada Street to Crestline Street was closed for more than an hour.

"A complicated 'save' was accomplished without injury to anyone involved because of excellent teamwork by Spokane Police and the sheriff's office," Reagan Saturday, Jan. 7 3 21 24 38 39 **(24)** Power Play: x5

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Annual Expo Not Just for Brides

BY MCKAYLA HAACK

For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • There were plenty of smiles Friday night and Saturday at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship.

The reason: Brides-to-be and their grooms came to check out wedding options at the 20th annual Bridal Expo, sponsored by Music Magic Events.

It was the largest bridal event sponsored by the group in 20 years, said producer Sid Vanderpool.

A room at the church, decorated in black and full of extravagant booths, advertised wedding venues, salons, flowers, photographers and other things to help couples better plan their weddings.

While women took to the stage modeling wedding dresses, dancing and tossing bouquets of flowers, laughter and light chatter filled the room. Though it's an event that annually attracts a lot of women, many brought their men in tow.

Future groom Taylor Titcomb said he wasn't thrilled with all the sweets vendors wanted him to try, but attending the event helped him to feel better about planning for his big day.

Chris Garrett, another groom-to-be, said the food was his favorite part, which included cakes, pastas and

building dorm

CHENEY, Wash. • For the

first time in 40 years, East-

ern Washington University is planning to build a new dor-

The Daily Journal of Com-

merce reports that plans call

for a five-story, 352-bed

dormitory to open in the fall

of 2013. Construction is to

The new building, which will cost \$25 million, exclud-

ing the land, will be on the

north side of the university.

mitory for students.

start in April.



A view of custom cupcakes made by The Cup Cake in Twin Falls was displayed during the 20th Annual Bridal Expo.

See More of Expo

VIEW more photos of the Bridal Expo at Magicvalley.com

other light refreshments.

Some booths attracted women; other booths enticed the men.

"There are the flowers and cakes for the girls to look at but then you've got the limos and deejays for the guys to look at," said Rod McMillen, who manned the Lexani Limousine booth.

Burley resident Chris Day visited the limo booth, his

eyes lighting up as he asked questions about the cars.

Rick Anton, another future groom, said the show was a little slow at times, talking to one vendor at a time, but it was worth it to him to see his fiancé's excitement.

Some couples brought whole families.

"The best part is getting to spend time with everyone," said groom-to-be Daniel Shirley. "My mom's here too."

Kris Keller, father of groom Cody Keller, said the expo wasn't his forte, but he came to support Cody and his bride. "I'm excited for them, to see their excitement," he said.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing and you want to do it right," Vanderpool said about weddings. "Keep in mind, it is the celebration of two souls coming together."

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FELONY SENTENCINGS

Jessica J. Norris, 22, Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana), 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 4 years probation, 90 days county jail, 100 hours community service, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Gilbert Cedillo Fuentes, 49, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 3 years penitentiary, 1 determinate, 2 indeterminate, credit for time served, \$265.50 costs.

Nicholas Jon Sites, 26, Twin Falls; robbery, 18 years penitentiary, 9 determinate, 9 indeterminate, \$225.50 costs.

Stacy Dwight Randell, 32,Twin Falls; driving under the influence, 6 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 4 years probation, 30 days jail, 2 days time credited, \$270.50

Andrew Anthony Espinola, 23, Twin Falls; manufacturing marijuana, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 30 days county jail, 6 days time credited, 100 hours community service, \$265.50 costs, \$750 public defender

Washington Street South

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE **SENTENCINGS** Alonso Gil-Salinas, 28,

Hailey; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, 5 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, no

Oscar Barron-Crespo, 36, Eden; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, 90 days jail, 84 suspended, 6 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

Alberto Flores Jr., 32, Buhl; driving under the influence (excessive), \$500 fine, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 150 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 12 months probation, no al-

Earl George Carl, 47, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, 1 day time credited, 12 months probation, no alco-

Breanna Lee Bailey, 22,

Hansen; driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspend-

Eastland Drive South

ed, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE **SENTENCINGS**

Jessica June Luper, 30, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, 180 days jail, 117 suspended, credit for time served, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, no alcohol.

Jonathon Dean Rowland, 24, Twin Falls; driving un-

Source: City of Twin Falls

der the influence, \$300 fine, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 180 days jail, 160 suspended, 20 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 6 months probation. Kevin Slim, 38, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$400 fine, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

Jeffrey Kenneth Hill, 43, Jerome; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$50 costs, 180 days jail, 177 suspended, 3 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation.

David Allen Baker, 45, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Tattoo Artist Convicted of Killing Wants New Trial

LEWISTON (AP) • A former tattoo artist convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy in the 2001 shooting death of a Moscow woman has filed a request in Latah County for a retrial or acquittal.

The Lewiston Tribune in a story posted Saturday reports that attorneys for David J. Meister contend jurors were too hasty in reaching the guilty verdict on Nov. 22.

The attorneys also said jurors were influenced by a television video that exposed their identities, court rulings were violated during the trial and that Meister's religious beliefs were unjustifiably brought into evidence.

Latah County Senior Deputy Prosecutor Michelle Evans said a written response will be filed next week.

Oral arguments on the motion are scheduled to be heard Jan. 20 by 2nd District Judge Carl B. Kerrick.

The case involves the point-blank shooting of 21year-old Tonya Hart on Dec. 11, 2001. Meister was convicted of the killing in 2003 and sentenced to life in prison, but the Idaho Supreme Court in 2010 ordered a new trial after ruling Judge John R. Stegner erred when he didn't allow Meister's defense to pursue a

theory that another man killed Hart.

TIMES-NEWS

Defense attorneys in getting the retrial said Lane Thomas confessed to other inmates in the Asotin County Jail in Washington State that he had killed

But in Meister's retrial in November, Thomas testified that he had nothing to do with Hart's death.

The retrial lasted more than five weeks and included hundreds of written documents and exhibits, testimony and autopsy results. Jurors reached a verdict in five hours.

"The jury could not have considered fully all of the evidence adduced at trial and a reasonable doubt exists as a matter of law," the defense attorneys state in the motion.

Police said Meister initially confessed in 2002 that Hart's boyfriend had paid him \$1,000 to kill her. Meister later recanted, claiming his statement was coerced by law enforcement officers.

Conspiracy charges filed against Hart's boyfriend were dropped for lack of evidence nearly a decade ago.

Meister was just 19 and working as a tattoo apprentice in Moscow at the time of the slaying. Hart was shot when she opened the back door of her mobile home north of Moscow.

Agro Farma Plans Public Meeting

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • A meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Twin Falls City Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., to inform the public of Agro Farma's, Inc. air quality impacts associated with the forthcoming Chobani dairy processing plant to be built in Twin Falls.

Air quality impacts will

gas boiler combustion operations, according to an Agro Farma news release. The meeting will fulfill

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TIMES-NEWS

BOISE • Gov C.L. "Butch" Otter's State of the State address will be broadcast live at 1 p.m. Monday on Idaho Public Television.

Otter's address will start the 62nd Idaho Legislature, where lawmakers will tackle a variety of important topics ranging from the establishment of a state health insurance exchange to education reform and the annual business of setting Idaho's budget.

The address will be replayed at 8 p.m. Monday; 10 p.m. Monday on IPTV's Plus channel; and 7 p.m. Wednesday on its

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Motorists Salvage Fur, Food from Roadkill

Idaho soon may join the list of states allowing roadside salvage of game animals, after a three-year push by one legislator.

BY JIM SUHR

Associated Press

CASEYVILLE, Ill. • In six years of trapping, one thing has become apparent to Cody Champ: His pursuit of animal pelts isn't cheap, costing him \$100 a week just for gas. So, it's little wonder the Illinois man welcomed a recent state law that allows him to get a few freebies, even if he needs a shovel and good gloves.

Among the hundreds of Illinois laws that took effect last year, the so-called "roadkill bill" got little attention despite being perhaps the quirkiest of all allowing anyone with an Illinois furbearer license to salvage pelts or even food from the unfortunate fauna that prove no match for steel-belted radials.

Republican Rep. Norine Hammond pushed the measure straight-faced at the behest of a retired state conservation officer who thought it was a waste to allow animals' pelts to rot along the roadsides. Hammond said it was an opportunity for some people to make a little money, and could benefit the state by letting citizens carry out the task once relegated to state highway crews.

Despite snickering from some lawmakers, the bill sailed through the General Assembly – twice, because lawmakers overrode a veto by Gov. Pat Quinn, who worried that motorists might suffer the same fate as the critters. One poke came from Rep. Lou Lang, a Chicago-area Democrat who asked what to do if a critter wasn't quite dead.

"Am I required to perform mouth-to-mouth on that dead skunk?" Lang demanded.

Joking aside, at least 14 states have laws related to roadkill, including those that let motorists' keep animals they hit, though some pertain only to deer or bears, according to an informal survey for The Associated Press by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Idaho soon may join the list, after a three-year push by one legislator to allow roadside salvage of game animals. The state's fish and game agency, which once objected to the idea, is awaiting legislative review of a rule that would allow it "under some circumstances."

"You shouldn't let that stuff go to waste," said Rep. Richard Harwood, an Idaho Republican who said he





A tractor-trailer rumbles by a roadkill raccoon on Wednesday near Caseyville in southwestern Illinois. Illinois lawmakers last year signed off on letting citizens with appropriate state licenses and permits remove roadkill animals to salvage their pelts or perhaps even to eat.

took up the cause after a game warden threatened a neighbor with a \$350 fine if he messed with a run-over

it go to waste?' Since Illinois' law took effect in October, Champ, a 26-year-old who lives in Dix, about 80 miles east of St. Louis, has skinned a mink and three raccoons he found dead while driving for his job with an electrical

supply company.

bobcat near his home for a

hide that could net \$200.

"To be able not to grab it

was kind of stupid. Why let

He hasn't sold them yet, but pelts from certain wild animals are fetching the highest prices in years, due to a strong demand in Russia, China and other countries where they are valued more for their warmth than as a fashion statement. A raccoon skin routinely gets about \$9, red fox \$14 and muskrat \$6.50, with top dollar often twice that amount. In Illinois, furs mostly raccoon muskrat - brought in \$1.2 million in 2010, up 95 percent from the previous year.

Even so, nobody stands to get rich off roadkill, Champ said, because animals favored by trappers - including coyotes, foxes, squirrels, raccoons, opossums, muskrats, beavers and mink can't always be used for pelts when they meet their

end on a roadway. What's more, Champ said, the law simply legalizes what some people have

been doing quietly for years. "Is a game warden really gonna get onto you for get-

ting a few dollars" without

a license, Champ said.

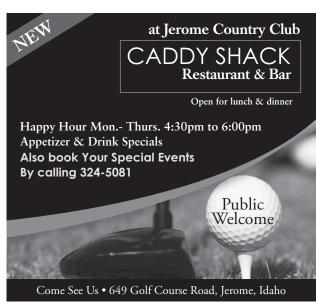
The measure broadened the options under a state law that already let people collect deer killed by vehicles. The new law does stipulate that carcasses only may be salvaged if the animal is in season, to prevent people from poaching them the rest of the year and claiming they were roadkill. And people without the proper license are out of luck.

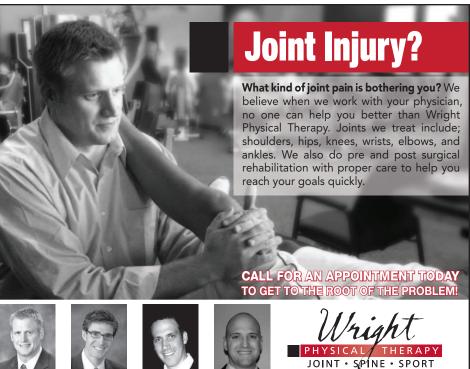
There's no way to know how many have taken advantage of the new law. The state issued 4,202 furbearer licenses during the last season - which ran from late 2010 through January 2011. That was 389 more than the year before. This year's numbers have not yet been

The state has offered some safety tips for those taking advantage of the law, including urging salvagers to wear gloves at all times and don protective glasses to avoid fluids splashing into eyes. Immediately washing hands and any fluidstained clothing wouldn't be a bad idea, either.

Game meat must be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees to kill any bacteria, but partake of roadkill at your own

"There are some species that are eaten, particularly raccoon," said Bob Bluett, an Illinois Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist. "But it depends on what shape it's in and how long it's been there. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."





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UI Study Shows Big Ag Impact on Economy

IDAHO BRIEFS

BOISE • A new study shows farmers and ranchers in Idaho are continuing to play a bigger role in boosting the state's econ-

A report released by University of Idaho re-Thursday searchers shows farm cash receipts for 2011 are projected at \$7.4 billion, which is a 29 percent increase compared with 2010, when farm cash receipts increased by 12 percent compared to 2009.

University economist Garth Taylor says nearly every crop and livestock sector posted strong gains in 2011. The report shows farm net income, or the money farmers and ranchers kept, fared even better and rose 88 percent last year to \$2.6 billion.

John Hammel is dean of the university's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and says the report highlights the importance agricultural products continue to play in the state's overall economy.

Idaho Wheat Commission to Create \$2M **Endowment**

LEWISTON • The Idaho Wheat Commission says it will create a \$2 million endowment to pay for a wheat breeding and a wheat agronomist professorship at the University of Idaho.

The Lewiston Tribune reports that the professorships at the university's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences are intended to help the state's 4,500 wheat growers.

College Dean John Hammel says the endowments will benefit wheat growers through increased research.

-Associated Press

Regional Airline Departures Irk NW Towns

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) • The decision by a Portlandbased regional airline to stop service to several Northwest towns after receiving economic incentives has left some community leaders unhappy.

But SeaPort Airlines says it can't fly if it can't make a profit, and it's changing its business strategy.

In the last year, SeaPort has added and abandoned service in five different places, The Oregonian reported. Last week it said it would drop its Portland-to-Seattle flights and cease operations at Seattle's Boeing

SeaPort started service between Portland and Seattle in 2008. The following spring, subsidized by \$4.5 million in state and federal grants, it began service to Newport and Astoria on Oregon's coast.

It left Astoria about the same time the subsidies ran

"We were just starting to fill the airplanes up. Out of nine seats, we were filling it a lot of times, and averaging five-six passengers a flight."

Len Nelson, Idaho Falls airport aviation director

out, in March. It left Newport in July.

It added a stop in Salem in late April and left after three months, giving less than a week's notice to the Oregon capital city, which spent \$10,000 marketing the serv-

SeaPort began flying Idaho Falls to Boise in July and gave notice it was leaving less than six months later.

"Their track record is not very good at this point," said Newport Mayor Mark Mc-Connell. "If I was a city of people trying to make a decision to help them out, absolutely I'd be leery about giving them a whole lot of money up front?"

Tim Sieber, a SeaPort vice president, said there were not enough passengers in the coastal towns and Salem.

"We tried to use more economical planes to lower costs," he said. "We stayed in Newport after the subsidy, and tried the stop in Salem. That didn't even pay to cover the cost of wear and tear on the brakes to be quite blunt about it?"

In Idaho Falls, airport aviation director Len Nelson said business was good and getting better. "We were just starting to fill the airplanes up," he said. "Out of nine seats, we were filling it a lot of times, and averaging fivesix passengers a flight?"

Sieber said the distance of the 200-mile Idaho flight and the airline's plan to switch to more economical but slower aircraft were factors, and the airline learned

"There is a direct highway link," he said. "Traffic-wise it was good, but there was a tipping point where people were willing to fly in an airplane and then as you edge up the fare, people say, no, I'm going to drive."

The airline now wants to develop routes in rural towns not linked to bigger cities by interstate highways, Sieber said, with routes of less than 200 miles.

The company plans new service in North Bend, Ore., Yakima and Wenatchee in central Washington and Jackson and Nashville in Tennessee, reflecting a dual focus on the Northwest and the mid-South. The company also flies in Alaska, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri

and Texas. Rural routes give SeaPort a chance to expand without heavy competition, Sieber said. The federal government subsidizes many of SeaPort's rural routes through its Essential Air Service program. Sieber said the payments, with \$9.8 million expected this year, cover 20 percent to 60 percent of operating costs.

In North Bend, the airport is waiving landing and counter space fees for the first six months, providing personnel on the tarmac and at the customer service counter for the first four months, and also marketing the airline.

"We did the math," executive director Therese Cook said. "Basically, the revenue exceeds the waivers. No matter the history of Sea-Port, I have to look at a whole new scenario. I honestly believe SeaPort is going to be a really good fit?"

Ashton Gets Ready for Annual Dog Derby

BY JOYCE EDLEFSEN Standard-Journal

ASHTON • With a 95-year tradition behind them, members of the American Dog Derby Committee understand how important the derby is to Ashton residents,

mushers and the people who travel to the small town to watch the dogs run. The derby is scheduled to start Thursday evening, Feb. 16, with mushers meetings

and registrations. Dog races will kick off Friday, Feb. 17, at 8:30 a.m., with the second day of races Saturday, Feb. 18, starting at the same time. Several other events are set Saturday in downtown Ashton as well.

Co-chairman John Scafe before the derby, Scafe re-

says the committee is meeting each Thursday now to make sure all the details are covered.

Among those details is the race route.

If snow continues to be relatively scarce, the route may have to be altered. The last thing the com-

mittee wants to do is cancel the race. "They did that one year and it really upset people," says Scafe, who works with Rhonda Bell to chair the

Organizers also have been required to move the start out of downtown Ashton due to a lack of snow, but that didn't set well either, he

With more than a month

mains optimistic that there will be enough snow to hold the race as usual with the starting and finishing gates downtown.

He's also hearing rumors that the event will draw more distance teams this year for the long races.

"We are optimistic it will happen," Scafe says of the event. "But we are planning alternatives."

With a lot of new blood on the committee, there are opportunities for volunteers who would like to help out, Scafe says. The committee still needs someone to help run the popular weight pull contest, where dogs of different sizes compete by pulling weights.

The committee also is en-

courages more vendors, particularly on Saturday, when the weight pull, snowshoe races and numerous other novelty events draw plenty of people to town.

To help raise funds for the event, which always runs on a tight budget, a mountain bike has been donated for a raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the derby.

A soup-making contest is also new to the derby this year, taking the place of the Ashton Chamber of Commerce's annual snow sculpting contest. For a \$5 entry fee, cooks may prepare their best soup to win a cash prize. And the public may sample the soup for \$2.

Another change this year will be a move toward historical correctness by holding the awards ceremony shortly after the end of the races Saturday, rather than holding a banquet Saturday night. Their winners will be announced and recognized for the dog races and novelty events, the soup contest and the bike raffle.



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Idaho Biologists File Lawsuit over 2010 Helicopter Crash

LEWISTON (AP) • Two biologists with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game injured in a helicopter crash while attempting to dart elk, moose and wolves for a study have filed lawsuits against the pilot and others.

George Pauley a wildlife biologist based in Kamiah, and Craig White, a biologist stationed in Boise, filed their lawsuits Wednesday in 2nd District Court in Lewiston.

The helicopter pilot, Richard C. Swisher, and his wife, Sharon Swisher, on Thursday also filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against companies involved in the building and repair of the engine in the helicopter that crashed on Jan. 8, 2010,

after losing power.

The biologists were putting radio collars on elk, moose and wolves about 300 miles north of Boise. Officials at the time said the biologist suffered rib and back injuries, and that the pilot had arm and back injuries.

The Lewiston Tribune reports that Pauley and White are suing for damages in excess of \$10,000 each. Besides Swisher, the biologists also name Quicksilver Air, Rolls-Royce Corp. and Rolls-Royce North America of Delaware, The Timken Co. of Ohio, doing business as Timken Alcor Aerospace Technologies of Arizona, H.E.R.O.S. Inc. of California, Arrow Aviation LLC of Louisiana, and 11 Aerospace LLC of Arizona, doing business as ASI Ser-

The Swishers are principal owners of Quicksilver Air, a company based in Fairbanks, Alaska. Their lawsuit contends that the company in May 2009 bought a compressor asunit H.E.R.O.S that had been built by Timken. The lawsuit states that after the accident, "It was discovered that the No. 2 bearing in the compressor was fractured resulting in engine failure and power loss."

The Swishers' lawsuit seeks damages that include the loss of the helicopter, loss of reputation, investigation costs, loss of earnings and business disruption.

Suspect in 2-state Crime Spree Waives Extradition

ELKO, Nev. (AP) • A Utah woman arrested in Nevada in connection with a two-state crime spree has waived extradition to Utah where she's a suspect in the killing of an elderly couple.

Angela Hill, 25, who's accused of shooting a female bodybuilder in the head during a Dec. 31 carjacking outside a Nevada casino, waived extradition during an appearance Friday in Elko Justice Court.

Logan McFarland, 24, another suspect in the Utah slaying who was arrested along with Hill on Tuesday in eastern Nevada, told the judge he plans to fight extradition, the Elko Daily Free Press reported.

They remained Saturday in the Elko County Jail after being charged in Nevada with kidnapping, armed robbery, conspiracy and automobile thefts.

Hill, also known as Angela Atwood and Angela Garcia, also was charged with attempted murder in the shooting of Rattana Keomanivong, 35, a gym operator who was wounded in the head when authorities say she foiled an attempt to steal her vehicle in West Wendover. Keomanivong has since been released from a Salt Lake City hospital.

McFarland is accused of driving behind Hill's vehicle in another stolen car when

the shooting occurred.

McFarland's attorney, Gary Woodbury, and Hill's lawyer, Frederick Lee, a deputy public defender, have declined comment on the case.

Elko Justice of the Peace Barbara Nethery told the defendants that extradition usually occurs after local charges are resolved, but there are exceptions. A preliminary hearing has not been set for the two on the Nevada charges.

Police say Hill and Mc-Farland also are suspects in the slayings of 70-year-old Leroy Fullwood and his 69year-old wife Ann during a burglary at their Mt. Pleasant, Utah, home, although neither has been charged with their deaths.

Utah prosecutors have filed charges against three other people in connection with the burglary. The charges were filed Friday, the same day hundreds of mourners attended funeral services for the couple at a Mormon church meeting house in Mt. Pleasant.

The couple was found dead the night of Dec. 31. Mt. Pleasant police have said they believe they were shot a day earlier and may have been killed during a random burglary.

Authorities say Hill and McFarland hail from Sanpete County, Utah, where the Fullwoods were killed.

Heroin Charge Nets Probation

COEUR D'ALENE PRESS

COEUR d'ALENE • A North Idaho businessman and former Post Falls Chamber of Commerce board member was sentenced Friday to two years of probation for felony heroin possession.

Adam M. Johnson, 27, of Coeur d'Alene, also must complete 100 hours of community service and 20 days on the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department's labor program.

Johnson pleaded guilty to the possession charge. A misdemeanor paraphernalia possession charge was dismissed as part of a plea deal. He was arrested in April.

Johnson received a withheld judgment on the drug charge, so if he completes probation without violations the case against him will be dismissed.

Johnson told The Press the sentence matched the crime, and he's anxious to move on with his life.

"I think I have a lot more to offer than warming a bed in jail," Johnson said. "I'm working toward becoming an integral member of the community, as I once was."

A police report said Post Falls SWAT team members entered a home at 4990 E. Frazier Drive believing there was ongoing illegal drug activity there. Johnson was among the people inside.

He was located in a bedroom, where police found a syringe loaded with a brown liquid that police said was heroin.

Johnson helped found a telecommunications business, Convertec, in 2004.

Mark Twain Center Closes at Tahoe

INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. (AP) • The Mark Twain Cultural Center in Incline Village has closed its doors after 18 months of operation.

Need for Speed

Jerrod Kuerth, with team Cycle Therapy, rides down a hill during a Magic Valley

Cross Series race Saturday at Rock Creek Park. Kuerth won the one-hour men's race.

The next race will be at

Magic Valley Speed-

way on Jan. 14.

The North Lake Tahoe Bonanza reports McAvoy and Rebecca Layne cited financial factors for their decision to shut down the center devoted to entertainment and education on Dec. 30.

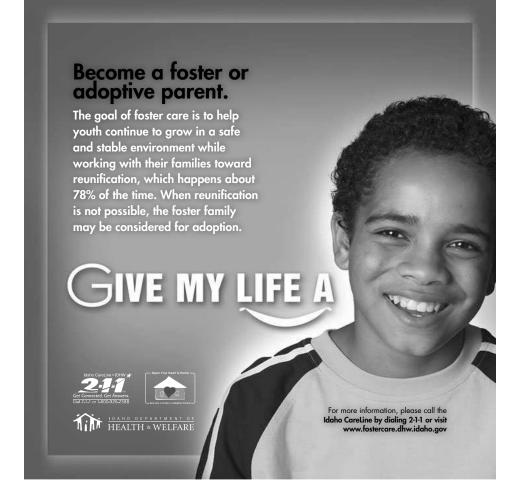
McAvoy Layne, a renowned Mark Twain impersonator, says the center was able to generate sufficient revenue in the summer, but not enough to make it through the winter.

Among other things, the center featured lectures,

concerts, plays and Layne performances after opening in July 2010 near a Lake Tahoe cove where Samuel Clemens camped and accidentally started a brush fire in 1861.

ASHLEY SMITH . TIMES-NEWS

Twain later assumed his pen name while working as a newspaper reporter in nearby Virginia City.



College Information Night at Canyon Ridge High

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • The GEAR UP grant program is hosting a college information night for Canyon Ridge High School students and their families.

The event is scheduled for 4:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Ridge Center inside Canyon Ridge High.

Topics discussed will in-

clude the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the financial aid process, as well as college application questions.

Appetizers will be offered and recruiters will be on site to answer questions about their college or university.

An iPod Touch and a family movie night gift basket will be raffled during the event.

Twin Falls Native Named Officer on Education Board

TIMES-NEWS

BOISE • Twin Falls native Marilyn Whitney has been named the new chief communications and legislative affairs officer for the Idaho State Board of Education.

Born and raised in Twin Falls, Whitney earned bachelors and masters degrees from Boise State University.

Whitney previously worked as statewide com-

munity outreach coordinator for the Idaho National Laboratory. Before joining INL in 2006, she spent nearly 15 years in corporate communications at Micron Technology Inc. and two years at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The state board position was formerly held by Mark Browning, who was recently appointed vice president for community relations and marketing at North Idaho College.

Dr. Lisa Burgett has joined St. Luke's Clinic – Internal Medicine. She earned her medical degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She completed residency training in internal medicine at the University of Iowa. Most recently Dr. Burgett was a hospitalist at St. Luke's Magic Valley and has now joined the team of St. Luke's Clinic – Internal Medicine at their location on Addison Ave East. She specializes in providing comprehensive primary care for adults.

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Montana **Tech Probe Finds Altered Grades**

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) • An investigation has revealed a former employee made more than 100 unauthorized changes to grades given to 36 former or current students, who now face potential disciplinary action, officials at Montana Tech said.

Chancellor Don Blackketter told the Montana Standard in a story published Saturday that results of the investigation will be turned over to authorities for possible criminal prosecution.

Blackketter declined to name the former employee. School officials said no faculty members were involved in alleged wrongdoing, and all transcripts have been corrected.

"Although this incident is disturbing for all associated with Montana Tech, we recognize and deeply appreciate that the overwhelming majority of Montana Tech students are outstanding people who contribute significantly to our communities," he told the newspaper. "The integrity of student records at Montana Tech is of utmost impor-

He said eight of the students have graduated and face a possible revocation of their degrees. Of the remaining 28, he said those who want to return face potential disciplinary action, including expulsion. He said most of those students are not expected to return to the school. He declined to elaborate. The spring semester begins Wednes-

The newspaper reports that the school has about 2,850 students and is known for its excellence in engineering and sci-

The investigation began in October when the administration noticed irregularities in transcripts. Blackketter on Friday emailed results of that investigation to fac-

The investigation was initiated, officials said, after what first appeared to be an unauthorized change to one student's transcript, but that triggered a larger internal investigation.

"It was the tip of the iceberg above the water, and we found out the rest," said Vice Chancellor Doug Abbott.

Abbott said the investigation eventually included transfer credits, grade changes and the deletion and addition of courses from transcript records.

Blackketter said 126 grades were changed, there were 119 instances of courses being removed from transcripts, and 19 instances of courses being added.



Kayleen Huffman and her daughter Alyvia, 5, walk along the shoreline of Lake Coeur d'Alene near Higgens Point in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho enjoying

Officer: Drop Charges in Coast Guard Copter Crash

BY BECKY BOHRER Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska • Negligent homicide and other charges against the sole survivor of a deadly 2010 Coast Guard helicopter crash should be dismissed, an investigating officer has determined.

Capt. Andrew Norris, in recommendations obtained by The Associated Press, said he doesn't conclude that Lt. Lance Leone was faultless during the flight. But Norris said the charges against him negligent homicide, dereliction of duty and destroying military property – focus on alleged navigational failures by Leone and tie those to the destruction of a helicopter and death of two crew mem-

"It is in this focus, and in making this tie, that I believe the charged offenses fail," he

Norris' recommendations will be reviewed by the Coast Guard commander in Alaska, Rear Admiral Thomas Ostebo. He is not bound by them.

Leone, who has earned a long list of Coast Guard awards and accolades, incommendation cluding medals, was co-pilot of the MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter flying from Astoria, Ore., to the crew's base in Sitka, Alaska, when it hit an unmarked span of low-hanging wires and crashed off La-Push, Wash., in July 2010,

killing three. The negligent homicide charges were related to the deaths of crew members Brett Banks and Adam C. Hoke. Leone did not face a charge related to the death of the pilot, Lt. Sean Krueger.

Prosecutors, during a military hearing last month, argued that Leone did not ful-



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

USCG Lt. Lance Leone, left, leaves Federal Court in Juneau, Alaska, after his Article 32 hearing on Dec. 7. Leone faces charges stemming from a Coast Guard helicopter crash that killed 3 colleagues off the Washington coast in 2010.

fill his duties, which included acting as a navigator and safety officer, and should face court martial. Leone's civilian defense attorney, John Smith, countered that the Coast Guard had "set a trap" by not marking the power lines that the aircraft hit.

an afternoon outing Wednesday in the unusually warm 55-degree January weather.

The crash's lead investigator called the lines a contributing factor but also said there was no reason for the aircraft to be flying so low. The prosecution maintained there was no requirement that the lines be marked because they were below 200 feet.

The wires, the site of at

least two other accidents, were the responsibility of the Coast Guard. They sloped from 190 feet to about 36 feet. At the time of the 2010 crash, marking balls were pooled near a pole, above land, at the low point, not along the span. The helicopter hit at about 114 feet, according to testimony and the court record.

Smith said Leone had programmed the helicopter on a track that would have missed the wires, but Krueger deviated from that, dropping in altitude as he flew over a Coast Guard vessel in the channel. Seconds later, the

aircraft struck the wires.

Norris said he doesn't believe that a reasonable navigator would have identified, through study of charts, hazards reasonably close by that would have posed no threat to the helicopter along its planned route.

Norris said Leone and Krueger discussed navigational aspects of a feature about 10 minutes before the crash, making clear, he said, that Leone was consulting a navigational chart or charts at the time. Referencing the hearing transcript, Norris said Krueger's plan to deviate from the flight plan was unexpected and unannounced. Leone didn't provide verbal navigational information at that point.

"As it is inconceivable that the accused would have failed to have provided such warnings had he known of the hazard, it is reasonable to conclude that the accused did not know of, or discover the presence of, the wires before the helicopter flew into them," Norris said.

Norris also investigated whether Leone was derelict in his duty for not advising Krueger that they were flying too low at certain points in the flight and recommending a rise in altitude. This arose during the hearing, and prosecutors said they did not seek the new charge.

Norris, in his report, said he believes "reasonable grounds do exist" to believe Leone "committed the crime of negligent dereliction of duty" for not questioning or speaking up about the alti-

It could be argued, he said, that had Leone advised Krueger that he was flying too low for the circumstances at one or several points in the flight that it may have helped

dissuade Krueger from making "the snap, fatal decision" to fly over the Coast Guard vessel at low altitude. This in, turn, may have prevented the crash, he said. "Proceeding in accordance with this theory is the only way I can see to causally link the accused's derelictions with the crash and deaths," Norris wrote.

"However," he said, "I do not believe that the government could prove this link to a reasonable fact-finder, as it requires speculations and suppositions as to what Lt. Krueger may or may not have done in response to such advisements, if given, that are simply unknowable."

He said he doesn't believe that disciplinary action is warranted in that instance but said it could be addressed through training and other "non-punitive measures."

In testimony, the commanding officer of Air Station Sitka, Cmdr. William Cameron, said that if anything would have stopped the crash, it would have been stronger cockpit communication skills. But Cameron also said he didn't think Krueger would have listened had Leone spoken up about the drop in altitude, saying he believed Krueger, who also had a list of military service awards, was comfortable in what he was doing.

Cameron also said he was prepared to recommend that allegations against Leone be dropped, but said that decision was "somewhat overrun by events." In meeting with the new Coast Guard commander in Alaska, he said Ostebo suggested he may have "gotten too close emotionally to Lt. Leone or something like that," and lost objectivity. Cameron then outlined his reasoning in a memo.

Injured Officer 'Devastated' by Ogden Shootout that Killed Colleague

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • A Utah police officer says he's "devastated" by a shootout with a drug suspect that wounded him and four other officers and left another colleague dead.

Jason Vanderwarf was one of six police officers from a narcotics strike force shot Wednesday night while serving a search warrant at a house in Ogden, about 35 miles north of Salt Lake City.

The suspect, Matthew Stewart, is accused of opening fire after officers received no response to their knocks and entered his home.

Vanderwarf, 37, who was released Thursday from the hospital after treatment for a hip wound, said he'll remember fallen Ogden officer Jared Francom as someone who "loved his job, loved his fam-

Vanderwarf said his hip requires no further treatment, and he wants to return to duty in part to pay tribute to Francom.

"There's still a job to be done, and the best thing we can do is honor Francom and his family by doing our job," the Roy officer told The Salt Lake Tribune.

Vanderwarf declined to discuss the shooting, citing an ongoing investigation. He did say he remained conscious afterward and was aware of what had happened.

Ogden officers Kasey Burrell and Michael Rounkles remained in critical condition Saturday at an Ogden hospital. Two others, Shawn Grogan and Nate Hutchinson, were listed in fair

Stewart, 37, an Army veteran, continued to be held under 24hour guard Saturday at an undisclosed hospital. Police have said he was shot in the raid.

Ogden Police Chief Wayne Tarwater said charges were pending, and the Weber County Attorney's

Office has taken over the case. Phone calls to County Attorney Dee W. Smith's office went unanswered Saturday. He has called the case against Stewart aggravated murder, which can result in the death penalty.

Lawyer Randy Richards, who represents Stewart, said he hasn't discussed the case yet with his

"From what I've read in the papers, they caught him (Stewart) by surprise," Richards told the Standard-Examiner of Ogden. "For someone to say he was trying to kill all the officers, that's a stretch. ... It seems hard to say that it's anything premeditated.

"As his (Stewart's) attorney, my heart goes out to the slain officer's family. This is obviously a tragedy that never should have happened," he added.

Richards and Smith were law partners until Smith was appoint-

ed county attorney in May 2009. Meanwhile, Stewart's father, Mike, has been the investigator



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Public safety officers and supporters clap for the Francom family as they leave a candle light vigil for law enforcement officers shot the night before, Thursday in Ogden, Utah. Six area law enforcement officers were shot Wednesday night while serving a search warrant. Ogden Police officer Jared Francom died from his wounds.

assigned to Weber County public defenders, including Richards, for at least 15 years.

provide investigative services to the county's roster of public de-Richards said Stewart is under

contract with Weber County to fenders.

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Bugs May Be Resistant to Genetically Modified Corn

BY RICK CALLAHAN

Associated Press

One of the nation's most widely planted crops - a genetically engineered corn plant that makes its own insecticide - may be losing its effectiveness because a major pest appears to be developing resistance more quickly than scientists expected.

The U.S. food supply is not in any immediate danger because the problem remains isolated. But scientists fear potentially risky farming practices could be blunting the hybrid's sophisticated weaponry.

When it was introduced in 2003, so-called Bt corn seemed like the answer to farmers' dreams: It would allow growers to bring in bountiful harvests using fewer chemicals because the corn naturally produces a toxin that poisons western corn rootworms. The hybrid was such a swift success that it and similar varieties now account for 65 percent of all U.S. corn acres – grain that ends up in thousands of everyday foods such as cereal, sweeteners and cooking oil.

But over the last few summers, rootworms have feasted on the roots of Bt corn in parts of four Midwestern states, suggesting that some of the insects are becoming resistant to the crop's pest-fighting powers.

Scientists say the problem could be partly the result of farmers who've planted Bt corn year after year in the same fields.

Most farmers rotate corn with other crops in a practice long used to curb the spread of pests, but some have abandoned rotation because they need extra grain for livestock or because they have grain contracts with ethanol producers. Other farmers have eschewed the practice to cash in on high corn prices, which hit a record in June.

"Right now, quite frankly, it's very profitable to grow corn," said Michael Gray, a University of Illinois crop sciences professor who's tracking Bt corn damage in that

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IRS Estimate: 17 Percent of **Taxes Owed Went Unpaid**

BY ALAN FRAM Associated Press

WASHINGTON • People and businesses underpaid their taxes by an estimated 17 percent in the most recent year studied, failing to send the government a massive \$450 billion that it was owed, according to an Internal Revenue Service report released Friday.

The study covered 2006, the most recent data the IRS said was available. The amount of underpaid taxes far exceeded the size of the entire federal budget deficit at the time.

After IRS audits and other enforcement efforts, non-compliance in 2006 shrank to 14 percent. That left the final amount of unpaid taxes at \$385 billion, the agency said.

Friday's report immediately became fodder for lawmakers arguing that any effort to overhaul the tax code - which seems a long-shot in an election year - must include closing the gap between what is owed and actually paid.

"The best way to increase compliance is to reform the tax code to make it simpler," said Michelle Dimarob, spokeswoman for House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp, R-Mich. She said that would cause fewer errors and "greater certainty, which is key to job

"In an era when we're squeezing the federal budget for every dollar of savings, we have to make every effort to recover these lost funds," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont.

By either measure, the total of unpaid taxes in 2006 was larger than that fiscal year's budget deficit of \$248 billion. Federal fiscal years begin in October of the previous

Federal deficits have since mushroomed out of control, hitting a record \$1.4 trillion in 2009 and barely receding to \$1.3 trillion last year. President Barack Obama and Republicans in Congress have agreed to some spending cuts but have remained deadlocked over how to curb the gigantic budget shortfalls that are projected indefinitely.

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For Consumers, Surveys Breed Feedback Fatigue

BY JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK • We appreciate your decision to read this story. Would you take a short survey about your satisfaction with the reading experience? Could you review this article on a website? Rate it for other readers?

As inboxes fill with requests to appraise holiday purchases and trips, it's prime time for feedback fa-

With emailed appeals for comments on commonplace transactions and customer-service calls that beget requests to take a survey, consumers are being pinged for opinions at a rate that has gotten some publicly grousing about a surfeit of surveys.

One such lament spawned dozens of responses on a frequent fliers forum last year. Some Gmail users complained about recurring bids to react to a change in the email service's look this fall, prompting owner Google to curtail the requests. Comedian Bill Maher dinged the feedback frenzy in a video for The Huffington Post in 2010, telling a nameless company, "I was actually pretty happy with your customer service, up to the point where you asked me to take a survey about your customer serv-

Surely, it's nice to be courted for input, at least sometimes. But some consumers say they're fed up with giving time-consuming feedback for free, don't like being drawn into a data web used to evaluate em-

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implants made by PIP, distributors in Venezuela.

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela About 400 Venezuelan women sued companies that sold faulty French-made breast implants on Friday demanding the companies cover their medical expenses.

The group is seeking a court order to cover expenses including surgeries to replace the defective implants and other treatment, said Emilia De Leon, one of the lawyers.

Venezuelan Health Minister Eugenia Sader announced last month that women could have the implants removed free of charge at public hospitals, but the government would not pay to replace them.

Anyoly Suarez holds, on one hand, her breast implants certificate and on the other a breast silicone implant, from the French brand Poly Implant Prothese, PIP, that was removed from her body because it was damaged, outside the civil court in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday. De Leon said Friday that

pany Poly Implant Prothese, or PIP. In some cases, women have had them removed after they ruptured.

The court order, if approved, would apply to five Venezuelan companies that sold the implants, said Gilberto Andrea, another of

the lawyers. France has said it will pay

women to have their implants removed, after more than 1,000 ruptures of PIP implants. The implants have been pulled from the market in several countries in Europe and beyond due to fears they could rupture and leak harmful silicone into the

De Leon called the French government's stance absurd and said its responsibility isn't limited to French women.

"Those who have been harmed are all over the world," she said. "They were the ones responsible for granting permits and everything that comes with a product like this. They have to be responsible at an international level also?"

Neri Parra, a 27-year-old woman who is among those suing, said she had an operation in mid-December to remove PIP implants. She that after having the implants for five years, she had suffered pains and her doctor recommended removing

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Hundreds of Venezuelans Sue over Breast Implants

Around 400 women affected by breast filed Friday a request for an injunction against the implants'

BY FABIOLA SANCHEZ

who are suing want the Venezuelan Medical Federation to agree to waive doctor's fees for replacing the implants.

The breast implants were manufactured with nonmedical grade silicone by the now-defunct French com-

the government's offer isn't

sufficient and the women

them. for some 30,000 French

Taxes

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Altogether, the IRS estimates it was owed nearly \$2.7 trillion in taxes in 2006.

The agency said that out of the \$450 billion taxpayers underpaid that year, the largest share — an estimated \$376 billion — came from underreporting of income.

The IRS pointedly noted that compliance increases when third parties like employers report income information to the government and when they withhold taxes that are owed.

The report said that with wage and salary information reported to the IRS on W-2 forms, only 1 percent of that income was misreported. But an estimated 56 percent of income was underreported when the government requires little or no information, such as income earned by some small businesses, renters and businesses selling property.

The IRS has made efforts to improve compliance, such as increasing oversight of professional tax return preparers and increasing the information that must be reported to the agency by stock brokers, mutual fund companies and for some business transactions.

Even so, tax analysts said there was no reason to believe that today's compliance rate has changed significantly from the 2006 figures.

That is chiefly because significant portions of the underpaid taxes are believed to come from businesses and individuals who report information about their income that is difficult for the IRS to verify.

"It's hard to get to that," said Clint Stretch, a tax policy expert for Deloitte Tax LLP. "Nobody wants a bunch of IRS police hammering on small business people."

John Buckley, a Georgetown University law professor and former Democratic congressional tax aide, said that if IRS budget cuts continue, "It's quite probable we'll see a decline in compliance rates"

The IRS's roughly \$12 billion budget was reduced by about \$300 million this year.

The overall 2006 compliance rates were roughly similar to 2001, the last year the IRS had examined.

In that year, 16 percent of taxes were unpaid initially, while enforcement efforts lowered the noncompliance rate to 13 percent.

That meant that in 2001, \$345 billion in taxes were uncollected initially and \$290 billion remained unpaid even after IRS audits and other enforcement efforts.

"Despite increasing complexity and an everchanging tax code, compliance has remained steady," said IRS spokesman Frank Keith.

The dollar amounts of unpaid taxes were larger in 2006 chiefly because the size of the economy and the amount of taxes owed had grown, agency officials said.

Implants

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Lisbeth Simarra, a 25year-old beautician, said she joined the group because she can't afford the more than \$4,000 cost of switching to another brand

As for the companies that sold the implants, she said, "we want them to be responsible for what they did."

It's unclear how many women have PIP implants in Venezuela, where breast enlargement surgery is popular and doctors say PIP implants were widely used.

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don't act on the advice they get. Others say they simply don't have anything revelatory to impart about, say, ordering a shirt or buying a package of pens.

"I resent the assumption that I'm interested in helping this company beyond making a purchase. Giving them your money is enough," says Travis Van, 34. He blogged about the issue in June on the website of ITDatabase, a San Francisco-based service he founded for technology companies seeking media contacts.

While market-research polls have been conducted for decades, customer-satisfaction surveys have proliferated in recent years because of technology, a growing emphasis on getting data to shape decisions and measure results, and a drive to hold onto customers in a difficult economy, experts say.

say.

"People care much more about what the customers think today," said Brian Koma, vice president of research at Vovici, a Herndon, Va.-based firm that conducts surveys and helps businesses integrate the results with views customers express online, in phone calls and elsewhere. It's owned by Melville, N.Y.-based Verint Systems Inc.

There's no scientific measure of the number of customer-feedback requests, but questionnaires have percolated into such professional settings as law firms and doctor's offices and become de rigeur for even everyday purchases.

"I can't remember the last time I bought a fast-food hamburger or a sandwich without seeing a request for a survey on the receipt;" said Valerie Salven, 57, a semi-retired lawyer in Lexington, Ky. "I don't always have that much to say about a purchase."

Julie Pfeffer has sworn off phone surveys and most online ones. She finds most so vague that it's "impossible to see how they could ever be of any use," and she questions whether companies are even listening. Pfeffer, 44, who works in money management and lives in Hockessin, Del., recalls trying vainly to provide specific comments to a car-rental company survey-taker who wouldn't veer from a "totally satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not satisfied"-style script.

Brian Warner doesn't mind being asked for input on such a big-ticket item as a car or a cruise. But "my goodness, after an oil change?" the retired high school principal chuckled.

Moreover, he's unsettled by the plaintive tone of some pleas for feedback. "It gives me the picture of some poor manager who's going to be taken out and flogged" if the response isn't ebullient, says Warner, 66, of Blaine, Wash.

A reluctance to weigh in might seem ironic in an era when countless consumers volunteer their views on social media networks and user-generated ratings sites. But to frequent traveler Wayne Rutman, it often makes more sense to com-

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ment on such sites than to take surveys.

"This way, both potential customers and management can benefit," says Rutman, 44, a Wilmington, Del.based equity analyst who participated in an outpouring of survey weariness on the online forum FlyerTalk last year. He feels companies should offer rewards for responses, as some firms do, though some survey experts feel incentives may skew results toward people with strong financial motivations.

"Survey fatigue" has long been a concern among pollsters. Some social scientists fear a pushback on feedback could hamper important government data-gathering, as for the census or unemployment statistics.

If more people say no to those, "the data, possibly, become less trustworthy," said Judith Tanur, a retired Stony Brook University sociology professor specializing in survey methodology.

Response rates have been sinking fast in traditional public-opinion phone polls, including political ones, said Scott Keeter, the Pew Research Center's survey director and the president of the American Association for Public Opinion Research. Pew's response rates have fallen from about 36 percent in 1997 to 11 percent last year, he said. The rate includes households that weren't reachable, as well as those that said no.

The Associated Press conducts regular public opinion polling around the world and has seen similar trends in response rates. There's little consensus among researchers on whether lower response rates, in themselves, make results less reliable.

Keeter attributes the decline more to privacy concerns and an ever-busier population than to survey fatigue. But the flurry of customer-feedback requests "undoubtedly contributes to people putting up their guard," he said.

Still, some consumers say the surveys can be useful to companies and customers

To Seth Miller, "feedback surveys can offer an easy and efficient way to raise an issue." The 34-year-old New York information technology consultant and travel blogger fills out as many customer surveys as he can and finds they sometimes bring specific responses.

Even feedback about feedback can prove valuable. After users sounded off in a Gmail forum about repeated requests for opinions on Gmail's fall overhaul, Google Inc. shortened the number of days the request would

appear from 14 to four.

"We're very passionate about user feedback" and solicit it in various ways, the Mountain View, Calif.-based company said in a statement this week.

"We know not all users like to be surveyed," Google





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Bugs

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A scientist recently sounded an alarm throughout the biotech industry when he published findings concluding that rootworms in a handful of Bt cornfields in Iowa had evolved an ability to survive the corn's formidable defenses.

Similar crop damage has been seen in parts of Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska, but researchers are still investigating whether rootworms capable of surviving the Bt toxin were the cause.

University of Minnesota entomologist Kenneth Ostlie said the severity of rootworm damage to Bt fields in Minnesota has eased since the problem surfaced in 2009. Yet reports of damage have become more widespread, and he fears resistance could be spreading undetected because the damage rootworms inflict often isn't apparent.

Without strong winds, wet soil or both, plants can be damaged at the roots but remain upright, concealing the problem. He said the damage he observed in Minnesota came to light only because storms in 2009 toppled corn plants with damagedroots.

"The analogy I often use with growers is that we're looking at an iceberg and all we see is the tip of the problem," Ostlie said. "And it's a little bit like looking at an iceberg through fog because the only time we know we have a problem is when we get the right weather conditions."

Seed maker Monsanto Co. created the Bt strain by splicing a gene from a common soil organism called Bacillus thuringiensis into the plant. The natural insecticide it makes is considered harmless to people and livestock.

Scientists always expected rootworms to develop some resistance to the toxin produced by that gene. But the worrisome signs of possible resistance have emerged sooner than many expected.

The Environmental Protection Agency recently chided Monsanto, declaring in a Nov. 22 report that it wasn't doing enough to monitor suspected resistance among rootworm populations. The report urged a tougher approach, including

expanding monitoring efforts to a total of seven states, including Colorado, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The agency also wanted to ensure farmers in areas of concern begin using insecticides and other methods to combat possible resistance.

Monsanto insists there's no conclusive proof that rootworms have become immune to the crop, but the company said it regards the situation seriously and has been taking steps that are "directly in line" with federal recommendations.

Some scientists fear it could already be too late to prevent the rise of resistance, in large part because of the way some farmers have been planting the crop.

For now, the rootworm resistance in Iowa appears isolated, but Gassmann said that could change if farmers don't quickly take action. For one, the rootworm larvae grow into adult beetles that can fly, meaning resistant beetles could easily spread to new areas.

"I think this provides an important early warning," Gassmann said.

Besides rotating crops, farmers can also fight resistance by switching between Bt corn varieties, which produce different toxins, or planting newer varieties with multiple toxins. They can also treat damaged fields with insecticides to kill any resistant rootworms—or employ a combination of all those approaches.

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Kenneth Ostlie, University of Minnesota entomologist

They point to two factors: farmers who have abandoned crop rotation and others have neglected to plant non-Bt corn within Bt fields or in surrounding fields as a way to create a "refuge" for non-resistant rootworms in the hope they will mate with resistant rootworms and dilute their genes.

Experts worry that the actions of a few farmers could jeopardize an innovation that has significantly reduced pesticide use and saved growers billions of dollars in lost yields and chemical-control costs.

"This is a public good that should be protected for future generations and not squandered too quickly," said Gregory Jaffe, biotechnology director at the Center for Science and Public Policy.

Iowa State University entomologist Aaron Gassmann published research in July concluding that resistance had arisen among rootworms he collected in four Iowa fields. Those fields had been planted for three to six straight years with Bt corn—a practice that ensured any resistant rootworms could lay their eggs in an area that would offer plenty of food for the next generation.

The EPA requires growers to devote 20 percent of their fields to non-Bt corn. After the crop was released in 2003, nine out of 10 farmers met that standard. Now it's only seven or eight, Jaffe said.

Seed companies are supposed to cut off farmers with a record of violating the planting rules, which are specified in seed-purchasing contracts. To improve compliance, companies are now introducing blends that have ordinary seed premixed with Bt seed.

Brian Schaumburg, who farms 1,400 acres near the north-central Illinois town of Chenoa, plants as much Bt corn as he can every spring.

But Schaumburg said he shifts his planting strategies every year — varying which Bt corn hybrids he plants and using pesticides when needed — to reduce the chances rootworm resistance might emerge in his fields.

Schaumburg said he always plants the required refuge fields and believes very few farmers defy the rule. Those who do put the valuable crop at risk, he said.

"If we don't do it right, we could lose these good tools;" Schaumberg said.



New Officers Named to Women's Council of Realtors

The Women's Council of Realtors South Central Chapter recently announced its new officers.

Faye Emerson (Magic Valley Realty) is president; Kilah Wilkinson (Magic Valley Realty) is president-elect; Kathy Partridge (Gem State Realty) is vice president of membership; Susan Bolton (Land Title and Escrow) is treasurer and Brad Leggett (Homeseekers) is secretary.

Emerson Awarded Accredited Buyer's Representation

Faye Emerson, with Magic Valley Realty, has been awarded the Accredited Buyer's Representation designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council of the National Association of Realtors.

She joins more than 30,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the ABR designation. All were required to successfully complete a comprehensive course in buyer representation and an elective course focusing on a buyer representation specialty, both in addition to submitting documentation verifying professional experience.

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Raft River Electric Employee Completes Certification

Daniel J. Madalena, an employee with Raft River Electric in Malta, recently completed a comprehensive training program for power line personnel.

The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program is administered to line personnel in 40 states and is under contract with NRECA International Ltd., supplying a Spanish program for use around the world.

The academic program is administered through computers and fax machines for immediate response, including assistance through a website.

Madalena started with Raft River electric in August 2011 and is now a foreman for the company. He was home educated, graduating in 1995. He graduated from Lineman's College in Nampa and completed the four-year MJTS course in 21/2 years. He is the son of Tony and Carlene Madalena of Filer.

Modern Woodmen of Rupert Provide Assistance

Modern Woodmen of America members in Rupert recently provided assistance to Dean McFarland of Rupert as part of the organization's Care and Share Program.

Care and Share is a nationwide program that offers Modern Woodmen chapters opportunities to provide up to \$250 in basic life necessities to individuals and families in need.



"When a family needs household items after a natural disaster or other crisis or a shelter or food pantry needs more supplies to help families, Modern Woodmen members can help through this annual project," said Jerry Voss, local Modern Woodmen activities coordinator.



From left, are Kalen Wright, Janet Franklin, Joan Hurlock, Wayne Skeem (holding the ribbon), Tom $Nelsen, McKay\ Lundgren\ (cutting\ the\ ribbon), Aaron$ Lundgren, Arlene Lundgren, Barbara Bremers, Kathryn Lundgren, Brook Prudent, Jill Lundgren, Nielsen Lundgren, Annika Lundgren and Sue B. Wade.

Superior Office Celebrates Grand Opening

Superior Office Supplies celebrated the opening of their new business in Buhl at 119 S. Broadway Ave., with a ribbon cutting and Business After Five event on Nov. 17.

The Lundgren family owns and operates Siren Operated Sensors and Superior Office Supplies out of the Buhl location.

Post-Senate Career Has Seen Santorum's Income Soar

BY ANDREW MIGA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Losing his Senate seat might have been the best thing that ever happened to Rick Santorum's bank account.

In 2006, the Republican presidential hopeful earned about \$200,000 from his Senate salary and book royalties. From January 2010 to August 2011, he earned at least \$1.3 million as he cashed in on his 16 years in Congress by working as a corporate consultant, political pundit and board member.

The financial disclosure report Santorum filed last August shows how his income has changed. Many voters are taking their first hard look at the former congressman and two-term senator from Pennsylvania following his nearwin in the Iowa caucuses.

Santorum's resume contrasts with campaign rhetoric that casts him as an outsider who would shake up Washington. It also appears at odds with the image that Santorum stresses as a candidate with hardscrabble roots in bluecollar Pennsylvania and as the grandson of an Italian immigrant coal miner.

Much of the money Santorum earned in recent years was for his work as a board member for a large health care company and consulting for a Pennsylvania energy company and a Washington lobbying firm.

earned a Santorum \$165,200 Senate salary and \$32,245 in book royalties, according to his 2006 disclosure

At one time the No. 3 GOP leader in the Senate, Santorum was of comparatively modest means during his two terms. He has followed the same revolving-door path that many former members of Congress pursue when they move to the public sector, trading on his knowledge and political connections as a congressional insider with groups that advocate for corporations and other interests. He was not a registered lobbyist but served as a corporate consultant.

"It's a well-worn path of former members of Congress using their former position in Congress to cash in," said Melanie Sloan, director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. "It's ironic that he portrays himself in his campaign as a Washington outsider. He's a quintessential insider. He's an incredibly rich, highly paid consultant?"

A Santorum campaign spokesman did not return



Republican presidential candidate former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum campaigns at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College Saturday in Manchester, N.H.

messages Friday seeking comment.

Santorum's service on the board of a hospital conglomerate provided much of his income in recent years.

Santorum reported receiving \$395,414 in director fees and stock options from Universal Health Services Inc., a hospital management company. He left the board last year as he launched his presidential bid. Santorum listed between \$100,001 and \$250,000 in Universal Health stock.

Santorum's consulting work earned him six-figure fees in recent years, his disclosure form showed.

Consol Energy, based in Pennsylvania, paid Santorum \$142,500 for his consulting services.

Santorum reported that the American Continental Group, a Washington lobbying group, paid him \$65,000 in consulting fees. The firm's lengthy client list includes Microsoft Corp., Comcast Corp. and the American Gaming Associa-

"The senator did general

consulting and provided his advice and opinion on which way the Senate may go, based on his record in the Senate and his history in leadership," said David Urban, president of American Continental Group. "He's very smart tactically."

Santorum left the firm last June when he formally began running for president.

Santorum also reported earning \$125,000 for consulting work for The Clapham Group, a Virginia-based consulting firm that works with faith-based groups, among others. Clients include the American Bible Society and The Poverty Forum, according to its website.

Santorum's earnings included payments from a conservative think tank and media outlets.

The Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington paid Santorum \$217,385 as a senior

News Corp. in New York paid Santorum \$239,153 for his appearances on Fox News Channel. Salem Radio paid Santorum \$83,999 for his

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work as a radio talk show host. Santorum was guest host for "Bill Bennett's Morning in America" radio show. The Philadelphia Inquirer paid Santorum \$23,000 for columns he wrote for the pa-

Santorum's income after he left the Senate helped him increase his investments and savings for his family. The disclosures don't show specific amounts invested, but instead offer a range of values of investments.

The most recent form shows a series of new investment accounts, including college savings funds for five of his seven children with investments valued between \$25,000 and \$375,000; individual retirement accounts with investments ranging between \$173,000 \$720,000; and a brokerage account with investments valued in the range of \$10,000 to \$150,000.

When he left the Senate, he reported retirement accounts with investments valued between \$21,000 and \$140,000.

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ORE. WIND FARM A FIRST UNDER NEW EAGLE KILL RULES

BEND, Ore. (AP) • Federal officials say a proposed Central Oregon wind project is the first in the country to be considered for a permit that allows wind turbines to kill a few golden eagles so long as developers make up for the

The Bend Bulletin reports the West Butte Power project plans to retrofit power poles where wires are so close together that golden eagles can stretch their 7-foot wingspan and get electrocuted.

The Fish and Wildlife Service says retrofits would mitigate the loss of any golden eagles killed by the 50turbine wind farm east of Bend. That kind of offset is

allowed under rules adopted in 2009.

The permit would allow three golden eagle deaths over five years and require no net loss of the breeding population.



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Lake Tahoe Resort's Makeover Plans Spark Lawsuit

HOMEWOOD, Calif. (AP) • Environmentalists have filed a lawsuit to block a Lake Tahoe resort's redevelopment plan, saying it was inadequately studied and would harm the environment.

Earthjustice, representing the Sierra Club and Friends of the West Shore, sued the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Placer County on Thursday over their approval of Homewood Mountain Resort's \$250 million makeover.

The resort on Lake Tahoe's scenic west shore wants to bulldoze the current facilities and turn the 1,250-acre property into a destination resort with a four-story hotel, ski-in condominiums, two lodges and retail space.

Homewood, now a small, quaint ski facility, has described it as the most environmentally friendly project ever at Lake Tahoe.

But the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Sacramento, says the development would increase traffic on two-lane Highway 89, worsen air pollution and spew runoff into the lake. It seeks a new environmental impact report of the project's effects on the lake.

"We welcome a revitalized Homewood ski area, but the current project is simply too large," said Mason Overstreet, conservation director of the Friends of the West Shore. "A smaller resort in scale with the surrounding community would still bring in hundreds of jobs for residents and millions of dollars in revenue. We must be careful not to destroy the beauty that attracts visitors to Lake Tahoe in the first place."

Joanne Marchetta, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's executive director, said the project was designed to provide "tremendous benefit" to Lake Tahoe's environment and economy. The plans underwent a four-year review process before being unanimously approved by the bi-state agency's governing board in December.

"It's unfortunate that this lawsuit could divide the community at a time when we need to work together more than ever," Marchetta said. "TRPA continues to believe that lawsuits are not the best path to sustainability in the Tahoe Basin."

David Tirman, executive vice president of resort owner JMA Ventures, said his San Francisco-based company was "disappointed but not necessarily surprised" by the suit.

He noted five public hearings were held on the project, all of which resulted in unanimous votes of approval of the master plan. The 2,000-plus-page environmental impact report cost more than \$1 million to prepare, he added.

"The project is considered to be among the most progressive and wide-ranging environmental initiatives attempted in the Lake Tahoe Basin," Tirman said. "For the appellants to state that the master plan was inadequately prepared and reviewed is an unfortunate distortion of the facts."

The lawsuit accuses TRPA of passing special amendments for the 50-year-old ski resort that will waive or loosen restrictions on building height, residential density and commercial development

Plans include a 15,000-square-foot, mid-mountain lodge, a 75-room hotel, up to 25,000 square feet of retail space and a residential area with 99 ski-in/ski out condos. The resort would feature 316 units in all, with underground parking for guests and 270 day-use skiers.

"The agency responsible for protecting Lake Tahoe should be enforcing environmental standards, not creating loopholes to drive bulldozers through," Sierra Club spokeswoman Laurel Ames said. "An honest appraisal of the impact on the residents and the environment would make for a better project and a better result for everyone involved."

Yahoo Dangled \$27M Pay Package to Get New CEO

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
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SAN FRANCISCO • Yahoo dangled a \$27 million pay package to lure its newly hired CEO Scott Thompson away from PayPal.

The struggling Internet company disclosed the details of Thompson's compensation in a regulatory filing late Friday. Thompson starts his new job Monday after spending the past four years running eBay Inc.'s PayPal service, where revenue more than doubled during his tenure. PayPal took in an estimated \$4.4 billion last year.

That kind of robust growth is a fuzzy memory for Yahoo Inc., a one-time Internet star whose revenue has sagged as online advertising flowed increasingly to rivals Google Inc. and Facebook.

Yahoo has promised better times under three new CEOs in less than five years, only to frustrate investors each time. They've been especially disenchanted since the company squandered an opportunity to sell itself to Microsoft Corp. for \$47.5 billion, or \$33 per share, in May 2008. The stock hasn't traded above \$20 in more than three years, with the shares closing Friday at \$15.52. The last time it closed above \$33 was 2006.

Thompson, 54, is highly regarded in Internet circles, although some analysts question whether he is the right fit for Yahoo because he has no experience in online content or advertising, the company's financial lifeblood.

blood. Yahoo offered Thompson a deal that includes a \$1 million salary and a bonus of up to \$2 million this year. Yahoo is guaranteeing to pay him \$1 million of the bonus; the remaining \$1 million will hinge on Yahoo's financial results this year.

Thompson also will receive stock incentives valued at \$22.5 million. The stock awards could be worth more or less, depending how Yahoo's long-slumping shares fare under Thompson's leadership.

To top it off, Yahoo is paying Thompson \$1.5 million to offset money he forfeited by leaving PayPal. A \$6.5 million chunk of the stock awards are also meant to offset some of the compensation Thompson would have gotten at PayPal, according to the filing.

Thompson received a \$10.4 million compensation package at PayPal in 2010. It included a \$645,000 salary. EBay hasn't yet revealed how much it paid Thompson last

year.

Unless more money and stock is added later in the year, Yahoo won't be paying Thompson as much as his predecessor, Carol Bartz, who was hired three years ago and fired four months ago. Tim Morse, Yahoo's chief financial officer, had been running Yahoo since Bartz's ouster.

Bartz's compensation package during her first year on the job was valued at \$47.2 million. Much of that, though, included stock incentives that haven't become as valuable as the original calculations envisioned because the company's shares remained in a funk during Bartz's regime. Bartz's salary was \$1 million, like Thompson's.

Actress
Who Sued
Amazon
over Age
IDs Herself

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE • An actress who filed an anonymous lawsuit against Amazon.com and its Internet Movie Database for revealing her age identified herself in a federal court filing Friday.

Huong Hoang of Texas, may be better known by her stage name, Junie Hoang. She has appeared in such films as "Gingerdead Man 3: Saturday Night Cleaver" and "Hoodrats 2: Hoodrat Warriors."

The actress filed a million-dollar claim against Amazon last fall, saying the company mined her IMDb account to learn her age, 40, and then posted it on her profile — causing her offers for roles to dry up.

The lawsuit caused a frenzy of online speculation over who the actress might be — as well as a bit of soul-searching about ageism in youth-obsessed Hollywood.

Women over 40 make up 24.3 percent of the U.S. population, but a casting analysis by the Screen Actors Guild showed actresses over 40 get just 12.5 percent of roles for television and film. Men of that age are also about a quarter of the population, but nearly equal their ranks in casting.

Last month a federal judge in Seattle ordered the lawsuit dismissed, saying the actress had no grounds to proceed with an anonymous complaint. Hoang refiled it under her real name.

She did not immediately return an email seeking comment, nor did her lawyer immediately return a voice message left after business hours.

A lawyer and a spokeswoman for Amazon also did not immediately return

Hoang's IMDb profile says she got her start in dance at 16, was the salutatorian of her high school class and earned a degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine. It lists her at 5-foot-2, 100 pounds, and suggests she can play characters ages 26-33.

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She played Sandy in "Gingerdead Man 3," a sequel to a 2005 Gary Busey movie in which "an evil yet adorable gingerbread man comes to life with the soul of a convicted killer," according to a description on

Other credits include a part as a triage nurse in the television series "I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant," and as the part of Janet in "My Big Phat Hip Hop Family."

Warner Bros. to Impose 56-day Delay on DVD Rentals

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
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SAN FRANCISCO • Prepare to have your patience tested if you prefer to rent DVDs rather than buy them.

In a precedent other major movie studios are likely to follow, Warner Bros. is poised to announce that its latest DVD releases won't be made available to rental outlets until nearly two months after the discs can be bought in stores and websites.

A person familiar with the matter explained the new rules to The Associated Press on Friday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the changes won't be announced until Jan. 10 during a major electronics show in Las Vegas.

The expanded delay was first reported by the All Things D website.

Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros. declined to comment Friday.

The new restriction will double a 28-day delay on DVD rentals that Warner Bros. reached with Netflix's video subscription service two years ago. After that breakthrough, several other movie studios adopted similar moratoriums, although many DVD releases still remain available to rent on the same day they go on sale in stores.

The increased wait for DVD rentals exposes the competitive tensions that are shaking up home entertainment. In the past seven years, movie studios have seen U.S. sales of DVDs and Blu-ray discs fall by a third - from \$10.3 billion to roughly \$7 billion. Netflix's growing popularity during the past decade helped put a major dent in one of the movie studios' biggest moneymakers - because its service enables people to watch as many mail-delivered discs as they want for a flat monthly fee.

DVD rentals didn't hurt

studios much before Netflix existed because the market was dominated by Blockbuster. That chain charged consumers for every title taken off their shelves and shared revenue with the studios.

To make matters worse for studios, Redbox's concept of renting DVDs — from kiosks set up in thousands of stores — gave movie lovers another cheap and convenient way to avoid buying the discs. Coinstar Inc's Redbox had been renting the DVDs for just \$1 per day until recently raising the price to \$1.20.

Netflix Inc. conceded to Warner Bros? demands for the 56-day rental delay to ensure that it can still buy the discs at a discount. Netflix expects to suffer a loss this year, largely because its own U.S. price increases backfired in 2011 and triggered far more customer cancellations than management anticipated.

It doesn't appear Redbox is going to bend to Warner Bros.' will. "The current agreement Coinstar has with Warner Bros. is to receive movie titles 28 days after their release," Coinstar spokeswoman Marci Maule said in a written statement. "No revised agreements are inplace."

Redbox could conceivably rent Warner Bros. DVDs on its own timetable by buying thousands of discs from stores, although that hardball tactic would drive up its expenses.

In a late October conference call with analysts, Coinstar CEO Paul Davis raised the possibility of finding "work arounds" if Warner Bros. or other movie studios tried to impose further delays on DVD rentals.

Netflix's cooperation with

Warner Bros. and Coinstar's resistance underscore the different priorities of the two services.

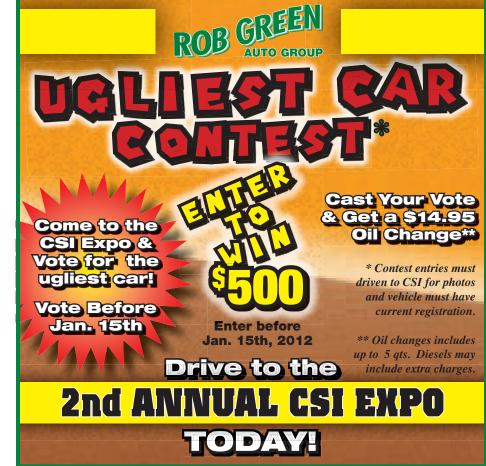
In many ways, Netflix is just keeping its DVD-by-

mail service on life support and leaving it up to each customer to decide when to pull the plug. Meanwhile, the company is pouring most of its money and energy into building up its service that delivers movies, TV shows and a growing amount of original programming to TVs and other devices with highspeed Internet connections.

Netflix's Internet video service has more than 20 million subscribers. Its DVD-by-mail business ended September with nearly 14 million customers. The DVD-by-mail subscribers could have dropped to as low as 10.3 million by the end of December, based on projections Netflix issued in October.

Investors also see Internet video as the key Netflix's future, although they became less confident about the company's decision-making after last year's U.S. price increases drove away hordes of customers. The backlash caused Netflix's stock to drop by more than 60 percent during calendar 2011. The shares have gotten off to a hot start this year, rising 25 percent during the first trading days on positive news about subscribers' Internet video viewership takeover speculation. The stock rose \$6.99 Friday to finish the week at \$86.29, its highest closing price in nearly two months.

In contrast, DVD rentals remain Redbox's financial lifeblood, although it too is looking to expand into Internet video streaming. For now, Redbox probably can't afford the potential customer alienation that would come with additional delays in the availability in new DVD releases. But having to pay more for DVDs will squeeze profit margins. Either way, it might not bode well for Coinstar's stock. Coinstar shares shed \$2.39, or 5.5 percent, to close Friday at



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Make Your Constituents Proud of 2012 Legislature

n Dec. 12, twelve members of south-central Idaho's legislative delegation met with the Times-News editorial board and a few of our reporters and editors. The meeting was productive, civil and demonstrated that elected officials can be, and often are, thoughtful individuals who genuinely care about their constituents more than they need to be right — or to be heard.

During the two-hour lunch session our legislators discussed the coming budget process, the possibility and likely size of a surplus for this year, and a myriad of issues that make up those

They discussed the pros and cons of health insurance exchanges, local option sales tax, and reducing corporate tax rates and where the offset would come from. They conversed about legislation that might limit interest rates charged by payday loan establishments, about the possibility and wisdom of allowing guns on college campuses, and whether ATV usage should be restricted during hunting season. Each of the 12 also took the chance to speak about issues that may be of interest specifically to their districts.

And they conducted this exchange against a redistricting backdrop that causes them to wonder if the folks they represent at the start of the session will be more or less the same ones they represent at the end of the session. That, of course, leads them to a degree of uncertainty about their individual political futures as they look ahead to this year's legislative elections in

The state of Idaho — and those of us who live and do business in its south-central region — is especially fortunate to have Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, as cochairs of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. They are concerned, well-spoken legislators who have, and continue to effectively lead budget discussions in a soft and well-spoken

The 2012 Legislature convenes Monday in Boise. As it grapples with the above issues and many more, we encourage all of our local legislators to maintain the thoughtful "issue over party" tone now that they've crossed beyond the Ada County line. Regardless of their position, title, or tenure, our south-central legislative delegation will continue to exercise leadership by being quicker to listen and slower to speak - and when they do speak, dialing up the substance and toning down the rhetoric.

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Are Islamic Gains a Threat to the U.S.?

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U.S. Should Help Ensure **Democracy Trumps Power** Grabs by Radical Muslims

t its best, U.S. policy toward the Middle East consists of a deft combination of short-term pragmatism and long-term idealism.

In the short term, Washington works to protect Israel and other U.S. allies, combat terrorism, rebuff Iran's hegemonic ambitions, and support regional stability, all of which ensures the continued flow of oil to power Western economies.

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In the long run, Washington promotes the advance of freedom and democracy in the region American Foreign Policy Council and elsewhere to expand

the circle of nations that share our values, reduce threats to U.S. national security, expand opportunity for hundreds of millions of people and create new markets for U.S. investment.

Unfortunately, the recent rise of Islamic movements in Egypt, Yemen, Libya and elsewhere threatens both our short- and long-run goals, generating profound new challenges for the United States.

These groups, which include the Muslim Brotherhood and Nour Party in Egypt and al-Qaida-inspired jihadists in Yemen and Libya, are anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, anti-women, anti-Western and, indeed, anti-modern. 0x160At their most extreme, they seek to restore the region and convert the world to 7th-century life during the time of the Prophet Mohammad.

To understand what they have in mind, consider recent Muslim Brotherhood-sponsored rallies in Egypt that featured calls to "one day kill all Jews," a wave of church bombings in nearby Nigeria by the group Boko Haram, whose motto is: "Western civilization is forbidden" and generalized violence against Christians across the region.

The ascendance of Islamic forces, whether at the ballot box or on the battlefield, raises serious questions about whether they would scrap such key building blocks of regional stability as the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and create more safe havens in the region for anti-Western

At the ballot box, in particular, experts fear that such groups will employ a "one man, one vote, one time" electoral strategy – secure political power legitimately and, with that power, then impose a strict and un-democratic Islamic law, known as "shariah" on their societies.

That would replace the dictatorships of old, some of which were U.S. allies like Egypt's Hosni Mubarak or contained by the West like Libya's Moammar Gadhafi with equally intolerant but profoundly anti-Western theocra-

The early returns are not encouraging. In Egypt — historically the leading Arab state and the one from which others often take their signals - the Muslim Brotherhood won nearly 40 percent of the popular vote in recent parliamentary elections while the Nour Party that's affiliated with the more fundamentalist Salafis won almost 25 percent.

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Bad U.S. Policies Created Political Islam and Are Its Main Facilitators

slamic political parties are assuming roles in the new order in Arab countries. Will these parties hurt American interests in the region? Depends on what you consider our interests.

Tunisia, the country where the political change began in early 2010, seems to be doing quite well so far. Islamists are part of the political process there, but Tunisia just

elected as president a secular candidate who seems to enjoy general support. If by American interests

in the Middle East one

means access to oil, there is probably no problem. Whoever has oil needs to sell it. Saudi Arabia is as Islamic as it gets, and they are happy to

cash our checks. It may not be irrelevant to ask how political Islam came to be a factor in the Middle East. Some fellow in a turban

issuing fatwas? Hardly! To find the source of political Islam, don't go to a mosque. Try 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, which had no minaret on top last time I checked. American presidents have created political Islam and are still its main facilita-

Islam is the rallying cry for opposing outsiders, especially us. Consider these examples:

- Iran had a secular parliamentary system until we brought it down in 1953 and replaced it with the Shah. The Shah's heavy-handed ways resulted in his being overthrown in 1979 by the ayatollahs, who went to Islam to explain how bad we are.
- In Lebanon, the Islamist-oriented Hezbollah party, now part of Lebanon's government, came to prominence to oppose the occupation of southern Lebanon by our ally
- In Afghanistan, we gave shoulder-held missiles to a rag-tag group to shoot down Soviet helicopters. Exit the Soviets, enter the Taliban.
- By letting Israel use "negotiations" as a cover for taking Palestinian land, we brought the PLO-backed Palestine government into disrepute and set the stage for PLO rival Hamas in 2005 Palestine elections. After Hamas won, we isolated it as a pariah because of its opposition to those negotiations. Hamas is not opposing our approaches because of something they found in the Koran. Hamas is reacting to our own wrong-headed

If we are concerned about Islamist parties, one might think we would learn lessons from this history. But witness our current campaign to promote Hamas. In November we cut off funding to the U.N. Economic, Social and Cultural Organization because it admitted Palestine as a member state.

The Obama administration claims that it was forced to do so by 1990s-era congressional legislation against U.S. funding of U.N.-affiliated agencies that admit Palestine. That legislation was aimed at the PLO, which we then

Romney and Paul.

ing in New Hampshire."

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Huntsman Bets Heavily on New Hampshire

or seven months, Jon Huntsman has assiduously courted New Hampshire voters to position himself for a major run at Republican front-runner Mitt Romney when the primary spotlight falls this week on the Granite State.

The former Utah governor has taken a more low-key, less confrontational approach than his GOP rivals, attracting praise from conservative papers such as The Wall Street Journal and liberal ones like this state's Concord Monitor and Keene Sentinel.

Polls show Huntsman still trails both Romney and Rep. Ron Paul, and an incident here Tuesday suggested he has a way to go to penetrate the



consciousness of enough voters to justify his controversial decision to bypass the Iowa caucuses and the enormous publicity they produced this week.

"Who's the guy?" several workers asked plant officials, as Huntsman toured the Tidland Co.'s small machine parts plant here, one official re-

lated later. Huntsman said later that he didn't

days by Rick Santorum's boost from his unexpected near tie with Romney and Newt Gingrich's vow to challenge Romney's conservative credentials. Interestingly, any success they have may help Huntsman by hurting Romney.

think it was a problem that he still

appearances in New Hampshire. "How well do they know any candi-

needs to introduce himself after 150

dates?" he asked in an interview, while conceding that prior bids helped both

"That's not the challenge," he

added. "Our challenge is to keep fo-

cused on our message and keep work-

an impact on this week's New Hamp-

shire campaign, telling an enthusiastic

rally in nearby Peterborough his mes-

sage to Iowa's winner was: "Welcome

That will be tested in the next few

to New Hampshire. Nobody cares."

Huntsman insisted Iowa won't have

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considered terrorist. Now we give aid to the PLO and consider Hamas to be terrorist. By thwarting Palestine's admission to U.N. agencies, we show the PLObacked government to be ineffective.

The beneficiary, thank you very much, is Hamas. Hamas could not ask for a better publicity agent than President Obama as it fights for hearts and minds.

Then there is our current policy on Iran. Following Israel's lead, we view Iran as a threat. This is the Iran, please recall, led by elements who came to power only because we foolishly backed their predecessor.

Our 2003 invasion of Iraq has destabilized that country along sectarian lines and enhanced the stature of Iran, which is aligned with the newly dominant Shia elements in Iraq.

We need a serious conversation about our own policies and about what our interests truly are in the Middle East.

Should we promote democracy? Then we need to be consistent.

Should we do whatever Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asks? Then we need to consider the consequences.

So long as we pursue short-sighted policies in the Middle East, we can expect a negative reaction, and some of that reaction will be clothed in Islamic garb.

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The Brotherhood's motto is "Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. The Quran is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope." The group wants to establish an Islamic state based on shariah and recognizes no right for Israel to exist or for Jews to live.

The Nour Party would go further, creating a society akin to what the Taliban had established in Afghanistan with all forms of moder nity rejected and women reduced to slave-like status.

On the battlefield, al-Qaida-inspired militants in Yemen are capitalizing on the demise of President Ali Abdullah Saleh to expand their presence. Likewise in Libya, al-Qaida has deployed jihadists to create another safe haven for its operations – now that Gadhafi is no longer around to contain such efforts.

Some U.S. foreign policy experts pine for the regional stability of pre-Arab Spring days and cast the emerging Middle East as a cautionary tale of what may ensue when dictators fall, leaving power vacuums for others

For Washington, however, the necessary path forward is not to eschew freedom and democracy but to double-down on them that is, to better assist the truly democratic forces that launched the Arab Spring and that seek a freer Middle East over the long term.

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No Heroes in the Fight over a Consumer Czar

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Friday:

resident Barack Obama has established that he's done with Congress for the rest of his term. Feeling chumped after Republicans wouldn't reach agreement with him on a broad deficit-reduction agreement, Obama has decided it's time to campaign against GOP leadership of the House and Senate.

Thus the dubious move to ignore the law and appoint a head of the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau without the consent of the Senate.

We can't really blame Obama. Republicans have been playing gotcha with this appointment, one more example of the long, dreary game of Washington obstructionism that has the public – outside of the fiercest partisans - so angry at everybody who's an incumbent.

Obama tried to play nice. The obvious choice to run the CFPB was Elizabeth Warren, the consumer advocate who largely conceived the agency. But she would have run into confirmation problems, so Obama nominated former Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray.

Republicans don't have a huge problem with Cordray. But they've blocked his appointment nonetheless. They have done this by stalling a Senate confirmation vote and gaming the rules of Congress so Obama can't do what his Republican and Democratic predecessors did hundreds of times - make an appointment while Congress was in recess.

Presidents have the power to fill vacant government posts whenever Congress breaks for more than three days. Republicans have thwarted this White House by keeping Congress in pro forma sessions, so technically there has been no recess even when lawmakers are long gone from D.C.

All those Republicans who are whining that Obama is flouting the rules, cry us a river. You've been gaming the rules. As a result, Obama has been able to make fewer recess appointments than Republican George W. Bush or Democrat Bill Clinton did.

The White House has

now decided, recessshmecess. Obama appointed Cordray, Republican tactics be damned. Republicans may eventually prevail if they pursue a legal challenge, but that'll take months.

The (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), borne of the Dodd-Frank financial reform law, has vast, unchecked power that could easily be abused.

Our concern isn't with Obama's decision to install Cordray. We get his frustration with gridlock.

No, our problem is with the agency that Cordray is going to run.

The agency, borne of the Dodd-Frank financial reform law, has vast, unchecked power that could easily be abused.

Its mission is to protect consumers from deception and abuses by banks, savings associations, credit

unions and the "shadow" banking system of check cashers and payday lenders. But its mandate is so broad - making financial companies "work" for American consumers that Cordray can pretty much fire at will.

By design, the agency lacks accountability. It operates within the Federal Reserve, but the Federal Reserve Board doesn't control it. The agency's budget and operations are shielded from congressional scrutiny. Whoever runs it has broad power to act unilaterally – even, potentially, to shut down an entire industry deemed a threat to consumer pocketbooks.

The director should report to a bipartisan executive board. That's how it works for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and other federal authorities responsible for financial oversight. Congress vastly overreached, giving the new consumer czar unprecedented authority to bring down the force of government on whatever target strikes his fancy.

That's what Republicans have been saying: Congress

should restructure the agency's governance. But Republicans don't have the votes to achieve that, so they have relied on the rules trick to hold the

agency hostage. Big banks are an inviting political target. But they're subject now to regulations on their mortgages, credit cards, debit cards and checking accounts that didn't exist during the free-for-all of the mid-

Financial regulation can produce unintended consequences, as Cordray has experienced. In Ohio, he supported a crackdown on the payday loan industry several years ago. The state approved restrictions on the interest rates that payday lenders could charge. The lenders responded by jacking up their fees for cashing the loan checks they were issuing, making up the profits they lost on the lower interest rates.

Cordray has a short time to make his mark. His recess appointment lasts less than two years — and a court challenge may cut that short.

We expect that if he overreaches, the public will let him know it, much like we saw when the National Labor Relations Board tried to block Boeing Co. from opening a factory and put ting people to work in South Carolina. The NLRB relented because the raw power move was so patently wrong.

Mr. Cordray, watch your

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Meanwhile, some Republicans here echoed Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad's comment that Huntsman "messed up big time" in trying to match Sen. John McCain's 2008 feat in skipping Iowa to saturate New Hampshire.

"No one can really be like McCain, given his bio as a war hero and his character," said Mike Dennehy, a top 2000 and 2008 Mc-Cain operative who is neutral this year. Ironically, McCain came here Wednesday to endorse Romney.

Huntsman also made a major strategic error by dropping his moderate image to portray himself as a "consistent conservative," Dennehy said.

"He has a very good image among moderates, and he is trying to play to the conservatives," he added, estimating GOP moderates and independents could make up 40 percent of next Tuesday's voters.

Huntsman denied changing his message. "It's been the same all the way from the beginning," he said. "We're talking about revitalizing the

economy. We're talking about the trust deficit" and the budget deficit.

He said there was no question he faced initial GOP enmity from being President Barack Obama's ambassador to China, and he denied pulling punches by not mentioning Obama's name while criticizing the president's failure to lead on the budget deficit.

Huntsman missed a chance to differentiate himself from his GOP rivals when, like them, he raised his hand when asked in an August debate who would reject a budget-deficit deal comprising spending cuts over tax increases by 10-to-1, presumably because it included tax increases.

"I was aghast that I was participating in a debate where such a serious question that could take an hour to discuss was presented by way of raising a hand," he said. "I'm not in favor of tax increases, but I know you have to have a deal at the end of the day."

Huntsman's earnest approach invariably impresses undecided voters.

"My inclination is to go with Romney because he's electable," retired business executive Emily Morgan, 64, said before Huntsman's Peterborough appearance. Afterward, she said, "He certainly merits being looked into further."

A night earlier in Dover, Joyce Bowden, 65, a retired insurance adjuster, said she was impressed with Huntsman's economic proposals. "I don't know why Mr.

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Huntsman hasn't caught

The next week will show

on," she said.

if he can yet do so.

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The Taliban's Olive Branch

The following editorial appeared in the Baltimore Sun on Wednesday:

merican officials are welcoming a Taliban statement that the Afghan insurgents will set up an office in the Persian Gulf state of Qatar. The move is being seen as a first step toward peace talks aimed at reconciling the Taliban and the Western-backed government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, something the United States has long sought to broker. A serious offer to negotiate would mark not only a departure from the group's previous refusal to engage in talks but also ease concerns over the scheduled withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops from the country by 2014.

The United States and its Afghan allies must proceed cautiously, however, given that previous peace overtures to the insurgents have come up empty. The most egregious failure occurred in September, when a purported envoy of Taliban leader Mullah Omar assassinated Burhanuddin Rabbani, the chairman of the Afghan government's High Peace Council, by detonating a bomb hidden in his turban during a meeting set up to outline a framework for talks.

That attack followed U.S. and Afghan attempts last year to open a dialogue with insurgents that would have been almost comical in their ineptitude had not the stakes been so high. The supposed back-channel peace feeler was made through a man who claimed to have Mullah Omar's ear. But ultimately it turned out he was merely a clever impostor who not only left his interlocutors high and dry but absconded with hundreds of thousands of dollars in NATO money he had been paid to act as a go-between.

U.S. officials say they expect the Taliban's will-ingness to talk will be conditioned on the release of hundreds of militants held by Afghan and NATO forces, though the group has not yet released a formal list of demands. The U.S. and its allies will have

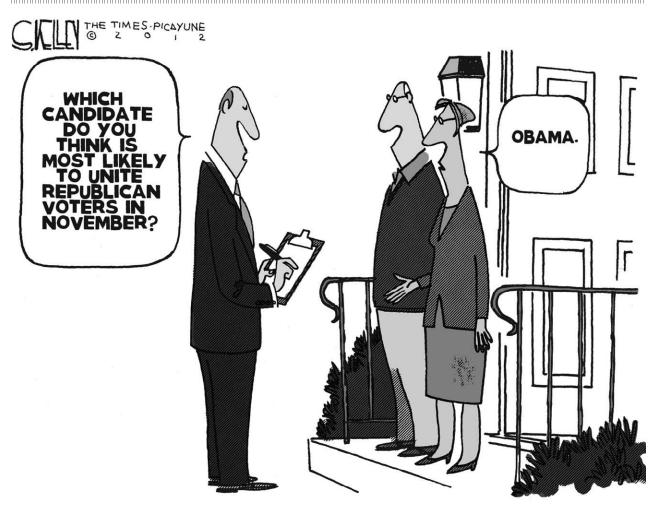
to balance the risks involved in freeing potentially dangerous captives who could turn up on the battlefield against the benefits of securing a Taliban pledge to renounce violence, break with al-Qaida, enter into the democratic process and accept the new Afghan constitution's protections for the rights of women and religious and ethnic minorities.

Whether the Taliban would ever accept such terms is a matter of fierce debate. Some Afghan politicians insist that, despite Monday's announcement, the Taliban are still less interested in reconciling with the Karzai government than in toppling it. Moreover, they say, the insurgency is riven by so many competing factions that even if an agreement could be reached with one of them, the others would likely continue fighting.

For his part, Karzai has been cool to the idea of using Qatar as a channel for negotiations. Initially, he reportedly favored Saudi Arabia or Turkey as a venue, only to grudgingly approve Qatar as a site last week. In any case, it may be months — or years — before the talks produce results, even as the clock ticks down for the eventual withdrawal of U.S. and NATO forces.

We're hopeful something good may yet come out of the proposed contacts ... But mindful of the repeated failures of the past, the United States and its allies can't afford to let up on efforts to continue weakening the enemy through drone strikes and night raids against suspected militants.

It may be true that ending the fighting ultimately must come through a diplomatic and political agreement rather than through military victory. But the U.S. needs to remain on guard in case the latest Taliban proposal turns out to be a ploy to secure the release of its captured fighters and buy time to await the departure of all foreign troops. In that case, no amount of diplomacy is likely to bring about a peaceful resolution of the



Is the Tea Party Over?

Doyle

McManus

year ago, the tea party movement looked like an irresistible wave sweeping through the Republican Party. Anyone who hoped to win this year's GOP presidential nomination, it seemed, would need to embrace tea party activists' stringent demands for smaller government, lower taxes and deep cuts in spending.

But in Tuesday's Iowa caucuses, the three candidates who hewed closest to the tea party line - Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry and Newt Gingrich - sank straight to the bottom of the pack. Instead of choosing a rigorous fiscal conservative such as Bachmann, Perry or Gingrich, Iowa Republicans divided most of their votes between Mitt Romney, the tea party's least favorite candidate, and Rick Santorum, a social conservative who voted for big spending and defended congressional earmarks when he was in the Senate. Ron Paul, at third place, was the most successful of the tea partyfriendly candidates, but the acerbic libertarian's claim to 22 percent of Tuesday's caucus votes could well turn out to be his high-water mark for the year.

In national polls too the tea party's allure has been fading. A study in November by the Pew Research Center found that 27 percent of the public said they disagreed with the tea party, while only 20 percent said they agreed — a striking reversal from a year earlier, when 27 percent agreed. The poll's authors

budget. So does this mean the tea party is over? Not exactly.

said it appeared that voters

increasingly blamed the tea

party and its champions in

Congress for the gridlock in

negotiations over the federal

The tea party has changed the political landscape in ways that are likely to last for a while. Every Republican candidate, for example, at least claims now to be a fiscal conservative. Even Romney, whose greatest achievement as a governor was mandatory health insurance, now says he supports a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution that would cap spending at 20 percent of gross domestic product, a deep cut below the current 24 percent. Santorum goes even further, proposing a spending cap of 18 percent.

And it's not really the tea party's fault that its favorite candidates, Bachmann and Perry, stumbled. Bachmann, who founded the Tea Party Caucus in the House, never found a way to turn that into a qualification to be president. Perry, whose resume was strong on paper, proved so inept in televised debates that he couldn't remember which Cabinet agencies he wanted to abolish.

According to the "entrance poll" sponsored by news organizations, about a third of those who voted in the GOP caucus pronounced themselves "strong supporters" of the tea party; of those, 30 percent said they voted for Santorum, 17 percent for Gingrich and 16 percent for Paul.

Romney tied with Perry for fourth place among strong tea party adherents. In fact, it was Romney's first-place showing among non-tea partyers that made him the statewide winner — by just eight votes.

That divide mirrors the fragmentation of the tea party itself. It's always included a mix of libertarians (Paul voters), social conservatives (Santorum voters) and older Reagan conservatives (many of whom were Gingrich voters).

That's the biggest reason, when real votes were being

counted, that Romney came out on top of the Republican field: His opponents split the remaining votes so many ways.

It's noteworthy too that although nearly half of the GOP caucus-goers labeled themselves "very conservative," only about a third were willing to call themselves "strong supporters" of the tea party.

As the campaign moves to New Hampshire and South Carolina, that persistent division may be Romney's biggest advantage. In many states, a majority of GOP voters still yearns for a candidate who isn't named Romney.

But if they can't settle on a single alternative, Romney is likely to win the nomination the same way he won (or at least squeaked by) in Iowa.

At this point, Santorum appears to stand the best chance of uniting the not-Romney camp, if only because of his strong showing in Iowa, which will give him a significant bump. But the former Pennsylvania senator hasn't raised as much money as his rivals, hasn't built an organization big enough to manage a multi-state campaign and – perhaps most important – hasn't weathered the level of national scrutiny that brought down Gingrich, Bachmann and Perry.

So the most likely nominee is still the candidate many tea partyers like the least: Romney.

Romney's Immigration Stance Will Hurt Him

itt Romney may well be on his way to the Republican nomination, but he'll have a hard time getting further than that because of his position on immigration.

Romney's hostile stance against even immigrant children who arrived here when they were very young does not sit well with Latinos, to say the least.

Like all voting groups, Latino registered voters represent a heterogeneous bunch of individuals with diverse political viewpoints and backgrounds, from liberal to moderate to conservative. This includes Chicanos from East Los Angeles, Puerto Ricans from the Bronx and Cubans from "Little Havana" in Miami.

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Latino voters tend to support the rights of undocumented immigrants and vote Democrat at a higher rate compared to all registered voters. For instance, according to a recent poll from the Pew Hispanic Center, while 42 percent of all Latino registered voters favor a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country, only 24 percent of all registered voters support this position. Also, in a hypothetical matchup between President Obama and Romney for the 2012 election, an overwhelming 68

percent of all Latino voters favor Obama, while only 23 percent support Romney.

Obama gave Romney an opening with Latinos, as 59 percent of Latinos disapprove of Obama's inhumane deportation policy of breaking up families. But Romney didn't take it.

Instead, he has tacked to the right on the immigration issue. He has denounced Texas Gov. Rick Perry for approving in-state tuition for immigrant students, claiming this represents a magnet for illegal immigration. He recently vowed to veto the DREAM Act, which would enable children of undocumented immigrants to become citizens if they go to college or serve in the military. And he opposes any amnesty for undocumented

immigrants, despite their daily contributions to this country.

All undocumented immigrants, Romney says, should return to their country of birth and then get in the back of the line if they want to re-enter the United States legally.

These views do not endear Romney to Latinos, who represent a growing —

Everyone

and perhaps pivotal — voter bloc.

Romney's anti-immigrant stance may be helping him win the Republican nomination but is spoiling his chance to win the White House. He may have plenty of time on his hands, after November, to ponder that irony.

Alvaro Huerta is a visiting scholar at UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center. He wrote this for Progressive Media Project.

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This male falcated duck was identified at Colusa National Wildlife Refuge, Calif., in December 2011. This bird, common in China, is an extreme rarity for California. Since it was spotted, thousands of visitors from the U.S. and Canada have flocked to the refuge to see it.

Rare Asian Duck Draws Bird Watchers to California

BY GOSIA WOZNIACKA Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. • A rare duck normally only seen in Asia has somehow turned up in California, drawing excited bird watchers from all over the U.S. and Canada to a wildlife refuge in the state's Central Valley.

Wildlife officials say a male falcated duck, a bird common in China, was first spotted at the refuge on Dec. 8.

Since then, thousands of birders have observed it paddling among mallards, pintails and geese, said Lora Haller, who works at the Colusa Wildlife Refuge's visitor center. More than 2,000 cars packed with visitors have streamed into the refuge over the last month — double the usual visitor numbers.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's extremely rare to see this kind of duck in California."

Most falcated ducks breed and live in China, and smaller populations live in Japan, North Korea and South Korea. The ducks can also sometimes be found in Alaska's Aleutian Islands, Haller said.

The celebrity bird has a silvery plumage with iridescent green and bronze on its head. "Falcated" or "curved and tapering to a point" refers to the male duck's long wing feathers near the body that overhang onto the tail.

There have only been a few previous sightings in California: One was spotted in Orange County in 1969 and one in Lassen County in the far northern part of the state in 2002 and 2003.

It's not known whether the rare duck somehow made it to California from Asia or has escaped from a private collection or zoo, Haller said. But the bird appears to be wild and isn't used to people, she

Wildlife officials say the bird has been spotted nearly every day. It likes to swim in a pond near the refuge's viewing platform.

The bird's presence, Haller said, is a rare occasion for birders, who keep "life lists" of the birds they hope to see or have seen in their lifetime. Bird watchers swarm the platform all day, awaiting the bird's arrival, she said.

The refuge, one of several that make up the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, is about 120 miles northeast of San Francisco.



Ala. Family Lives Amid Rubble from April Tornado

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. • Geraldine Horton steps out of her apartment into a broken world that looks much as it did the day after a killer tornado plowed through town last

Buildings are sliced in two across the street from her home and next door; broken bricks litter her parking lot along with shoes, underwear, kitchen canisters and splintered lumber. A smoke detector beeps somewhere deep within the wreckage, its battery dying more than eight months after the twister.

Horton, her husband Leon and their two teenage sons are one of only two families living in Graceland Apartments, both of whom moved in around New Year's. All but one of the 20 or so buildings in the complex were destroyed by a twister on April 27, and the families are living in the sole structure that survived.

"Man, it's still ugly. It really is;" Horton said as she scanned the wreckage. "It's got a sense of sadness to it. But it's all right!"

The tornado outbreak killed about 250 people in Alabama, including 52 in Tuscaloosa. The twister missed the University of Alabama campus but damaged or destroyed more than 5,000 businesses and homes in the city, displacing hundreds. While many have returned as rebuilding progresses across much of the area, the Hortons' situation shows that life is far from normal in some neighborhoods where the cleanup has lagged.

The family signed a lease in December not realizing the City Council had voted to condemn the property two days before Christmas.

"I know people think I'm crazy for living down here, but it's not where you live, it's how you live," said Horton, 53. "As long as you live the way God wants you to live, or as close as you can to the way God wants you to live, things are going to turn out right."

It's unclear how long the Hortons, who get by on government disability payments, can remain at the complex that shares a name with Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, Tenn. The couple has lived there on and off throughout 33 years of marriage. They were staying elsewhere at the time of the storm but came

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Geraldine Horton, survivor of deadly tornado outbreak in Tuscaloosa, Ala.



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Geraldine Horton, 53, pauses in tornado-ravaged Graceland Apartments on Tuesday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Horton's family is living in the lone remaining building at Graceland despite the city moving forward with plans to condemn and demolish the complex, which was mostly destroyed by the tornado that struck on April 27, 2011.

building had survived.

But the city is seizing the land through eminent domain. City leaders have talked of using the property for a new elementary school or a fire station, and workers stopped by last week with word that demolition will begin this week.

"I signed a year lease. I don't know what's going to happen," said Horton. Her family lacks cable TV but has everything else she needs — water, power, sewer service, and a roof over her family's head.

Meredith Lynch, a spokeswoman for the city's incident command, said residents will be allowed to remain temporarily, but it's not clear what will happen as the work progresses. The complex is supposed to be demolished within four months, or by the first anniversary of the tornado, she said.

"We know people are there;" said Lynch.

were staying elsewhere at the time of the storm but came back after realizing a single

Tuscaloosa businessman Matt Leavell, who identified himself as owner of the prop-

erty, said there are a lot of rumors going around about what will happen to it.

"I have yet to be contacted as the owner of the property that the area has been condemned," he said in a Facebook message. "To my knowledge we will just continue as normal until we hear differently."

While tornado debris is gone across much of Tuscaloosa and many lots have been swept clean of debris, progress has been slower in the area called Alberta City, where the apartments are located in a part of town populated mainly by retirees, students and low-income residents. There, rubble still lines University Boulevard in some places, and repaired homes stand beside vacant houses awaiting demolition.

Virtually abandoned and littered with storm debris, Graceland is deathly still aside from weeds and tornado debris that waves in a wintry breeze. It's so quiet at night Horton can hear traffic a couple blocks away.

Yet Horton's apartment is comfortable, and the vacant, deteriorating apartment shells nearby are filled with memories of old friends and families.

"When you look at it you can still feel some of the sadness, but it's not as overwhelming as it used to be right after the storm," she said. "After the storm you came in here and were wondering, 'What happened to that person, what happened to that person, what happened to that person?' You saw them again and felt much better knowing they made it out all right."

Advocates say the tornadoes made it tougher to find affordable housing in the hardest-hit areas of Alabama since thousands of homes were destroyed, and Horton said she and her family felt fortunate find a nice, reasonably priced place in Tuscaloosa. The family needed a new place to live in December, so they returned to the apartments she considers home.

Owners of the surviving building at Graceland Apart-

ments had repaired what little damage there was, Horton said, and her family moved in over the New Year's weekend. The rent is cheap — about \$50 less than previously, she said.

While a pizza buffet, a tobacco shop and a convenience store are operating a few hundred yards away on a main drag through town, the only other people at Graceland are three residents who live beside the Hortons.

Horton and her husband walked through the complex on a sunny afternoon last week, stepping past piles of bricks and concrete blocks topped by moldy mattresses and a fractured wooden crib. She's thinking of writing a book about her experiences but, for now, is just happy to have a home.

Horton has adjusted to living amid the ruins. She has a hard time even imagining Graceland without the rubble.

"It's going to be strange when they clean up all the debris and then you can't see anything;" she said.



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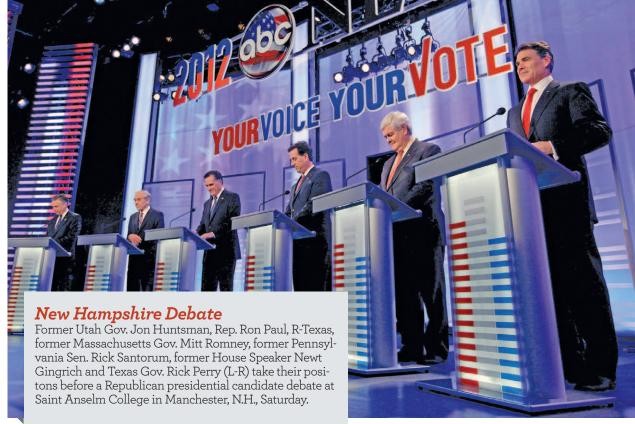


Horse Left at Ohio Amish-area Walmart Needs Home

Wally the Walmart horse is looking for a new home. That's the nickname given to a 9-year-old standardbred horse that a humane society says was left at a northeast Ohio store by an Amish teenager more than two months ago. Humane Officer Christian Courtwright in Geauga County says the teen apparently unhooked the horse from a buggy, tied it to a rail at the Walmart in Middlefield and never came back for it. He says store employees noticed the horse the next day and tended to it until police took it to a caregiver. He says the humane society now has control of the horse and expects it to be available for adoption soon.



Christian Courtwright, the Humane Officer of the Geauga County Humane Society's Rescue Village, stands with Wally, a 9-year-old standard bred horse, at the animal shelter in South Russell, Ohio on Saturday.



Romney Brushes Off Rivals' Barbs in Debate

BY STEVE PEOPLES

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. • Mitt Romney brushed aside rivals' criticism Saturday night in the opening round of a weekend debate doubleheader that left his Republican presidential campaign challengers squabbling among themselves and unable to knock the front-runner off stride.

Three days before the first in-the-nation New Hampshire primary, Romney largely ignored his fellow Republicans and turned instead on President Barack Obama. "His policies have made the recession deeper and his policies have made the recovery more tepid," he said, despite a declining unemployment rate and the creation of 200,000 jobs last month.

Over the course of the lively 90minute debate, there were attacks aplenty as Romney's five rivals vied to emerge as his principal rival in the primaries ahead. The former Massachusetts governor won an eight-vote victory in the Iowa caucuses last Tuesday and is far ahead in the pre-primary polls in New Hampshire.

That leaves his pursuers little time to stop his rise, and, all but conceding New Hampshire to the former governor of next-door Massachusetts, they're mostly focusing their efforts on the South Carolina primary on Jan. 21

Texas Rep. Ron Paul assailed Rick Santorum as a "big government person;" an allegation the former Pennsylvania senator disputed. Santorum finished a close second to Romney in Iowa this week, with Paul coming in third.

Paul, who has called former House Speaker Newt Gingrich a "chicken hawk" who has not served in the military, drew withering criticism in return. "I personally resent the kinds of comments and aspersions he routinely makes;" Gingrich said.

Paul got the last word, saying emphatically, "When I was drafted I was married and had two kids, and I went?" He was an Air Force surgeon in the Vietnam War era.

Gingrich was fourth in Iowa, Perry fifth and Minnesota rep. Michele Bachmann, who has since quit the race, was last. Huntsman did not compete there, hoping to make a splash in New Hampshire.

Romney appeared uncertain only once, when he was asked if states have the right to ban contraception. He avoided a clear answer, suggesting the question was irrelevant.

"No. States don't want to ban contraception," he said. In a ruling in 1967, the Supreme Court said married couples have a right to use contraception, a finding that has been expanded in subsequent opinions

Romney, who often touts his business background, was attacked in the opening moments of the debate.

Santorum went first, dismissing him as a mere manager. "Being a president is not a CEO. You've got to lead and inspire," he said.

Gingrich followed a few moments later, referring to published accounts that described how some workers were laid off after Bain Capital, the firm Romney once led, invested in their companies and sought to turn them around.

He said Romney should be judged on the basis of whether "on balance, were people better off or worse off by this style of management?"

Unruffled, the former Massachusetts governor retorted that Bain had created 100,000 jobs on balance, and that a businessman's experience was far better to fix the economy that a lifetime spent in Washington, D.C. "I'm very proud of the fact that the two enterprises I led were successful," he said, referring to Bain and another firm.

More than an hour later, Romney turned one question about his vision for the country into an attack on Obama that is part of his standard campaign speech. While his rivals stood by silently, he accused the president of trying to turn the United States into a "European-style

Education Law's **Promise Falls** Short after 10 Years

KIMBERLY HEFLING Associated Press

WASHINGTON • The No Child Left Behind education law was cast as a symbol of possibility, offering the promise of improved schools for the nation's poor and minority children and better prepared students in a competitive world.

Yet after a decade on the books, President George W. Bush's most hyped domestic accomplishment has become a symbol to many of federal overreach and Congress' inability to fix something that's clearly flawed.

The law forced schools to confront the uncomfortable reality that many kids simply weren't learning, but it's primarily known for its emphasis on

School in Hamilton, Ohio.

Sunday marks the 10-year anniversary of the day Bush signed it into law in Hamilton, Ohio. By his side were the leaders of the education committees in Congress, Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass. The bipartisanship that made the achievement possible in the months after the Sept. 11 attacks is long gone.

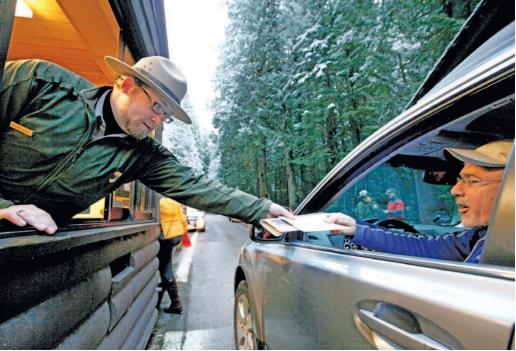
The same Senate committee approved a revamped education bill last year, but deep-rooted partisanship stalled the measure in the full Congress. In this election year, there appears little political will for compromise despite widespread agreement that changes are needed.

Critics say the law carries rigid and unrealistic expectations that put too much of an emphasis on tests for read-

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President George W. Bush, seated, signs into law a sweeping federal education bill, No Child Left Behind, in January 2002 at Hamilton High



Mount Rainier National Park Ranger Matt Chalup, left, hands park information to one of the first visitors to the park at the Nisqually entrance Saturday morning near Ashford, Wash. The park opened for the first time since the shooting death of Ranger Margaret Anderson on Jan. 1. A memorial service for Anderson will be Tuesday in Tacoma, Wash.

Mount Rainier Reopens after Fatal Ranger Shooting

BY ELAINE THOMPSON Associated Press

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash. • Rangers and volunteers somberly embraced as Mount Rainier National Park reopened to the public Saturday for the first time since an Iraq War veteran shot and killed a park ranger there on New Year's

"We're here to take back the mountain today," park spokeswoman Lee Snook said.

Margaret Anderson, who had worked as a ranger with her husband at the park for three years, was shot dead by 24-year-old Benjamin Colton Barnes after he busted through a snow tire

checkpoint. Authorities say Barnes, who showed signs of erratic behavior since returning from war, had fled to the mountain hours after a house party shooting in the Seattle suburb of Skyway that left four injured.

After killing Anderson and shooting at another ranger, Barnes fled for the woods, triggering a massive manhunt in the rugged terrain. He was found dead in a creek the following day. An autopsy showed he drowned.

On Saturday, small groups of visitors headed to the mountain's freshly powdered trails to snow shoe and cross-country ski. The flag at the ranger's kiosk remained at half-staff, and uniformed rangers wore black bands across their badges.

"This is a place to come to be happy," Allan Evans, a park volunteer from Graham, Wash., said after hugging a ranger who was

on duty when Anderson was killed. "This is what this park is about. This is the first stop to trying to get everything as whole as can be?

"We need to celebrate Margaret, of course, but I'm pretty sure she wouldn't want everybody just sitting around mopey," Evans added.

A small memorial for Anderson, decorated with flowers and candles, has been placed next to the ranger kiosk.

Entry to the park was free Saturday. But the snow play area a section popular with families remained closed.

A candlelight vigil will be held Sunday in nearby Eatonville for Anderson, who left behind her husband and two children. A memorial service is scheduled for Tuesday in Tacoma

4 Ind. National Guardsmen **Killedin** Afghanistan

BY RICK CALLAHAN Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS • Four soldiers with an Indi-National ana-based Guard unit were killed in Afghanistan and a fifth was injured when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb as they were working to clear a supply route of the improvised bombs, guard officials said Saturday.

Adjutant Indiana General Martin Umbarger said the four members of the Valparaiso-based 713th Engineer Company died Thursday mornin southern Afghanistan. He said all of the men were combat engineers who specialized in clearing major supply routes.

The blast occurred as their vehicle traveled along a road, scouting for signs of roadside bombs and other potential problems convoys might encounter as the move supplies in the decade-long war in Afghanistan, Umbarger

"Their mission is to keep the major supply routes clear of all obstacles for the convoys. And what that means is they're the first ones to go out to make sure the route can be used, so it's a very important mission but it's also extremely dangerous," he told The Associated Press.

The four men killed were identified as: Staff Sgt. Jonathan M. Metzger, 32, of Indianapolis, Spc. Brian J. Leonhardt, 21, of Merrillville, Ind., Spc. Robert J. Tauteris Jr., 44, of Hamlet, Ind., and Spc. Christopher A. Patterson, 20, of Aurora, Ill.

A fifth soldier injured in the blast, Pvt. Douglas Rachowicz, 29, of Hammond, Ind., was initially treated at a military base hospital in Kandahar before being airlifted to the U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, Umbarger said.

He said the four soldiers' deaths were the greatest number of Indiana guards since March 2005, when four members of the Indianapolisbased 76th Infantry Brigade died when a land mine exploded under their military vehicle about 30 miles south of the Afghan capital of Kabul.

Gov. Mitch Daniels said in a statement that Umbarger called him Saturday morning to tell him of the deaths. The governor said he's praying for the soldiers' fam-

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well-rounded education. Frustrated by the congressional inaction, President Barack Obama told states last fall they could seek a waiver around unpopular proficiency requirements in exchange for actions his administration favors. A vast majority of states have said they will go that route, seen as a temporary fix until lawmakers do act.

Like Obama, Republican presidential candidates have criticized the law. One, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, even saying he regrets voting for it.

"If you called a rally to keep No Child Left Behind as it is, not a single person would show up," said Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado, Denver's former school superinten-

The view was drastically different 10 years ago, when Bush took what was an uncommon stance for a conservative in seeking an aggressive federal role in forcing states and districts to tackle abysmal achievement gaps in schools.

He was able to get fellow Republicans such as Boehner, the current House speaker, and Democratic leaders on education such as Kennedy, who died in 2009, and Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., to join him. The mandate was that all students read and perform math on grade level by 2014.

"No longer is it acceptable to hide poor performance. No longer is it acceptable to keep results from parents," Bush said when he signed the legislation. "We're never going to give up on a school that's performing poorly; that when we find poor performance, a school will be given time and incentives and resources to correct their problems?

The law requires annual testing. Districts must keep and publish data showing how subgroups of students perform. Schools that don't meet requirements for two years or longer face increasingly tough consequences, from busing children to higher performing schools to offering tutoring and replacing staff.

The test results were eyeopening, recalled Miller, the top Democrat on the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

"People were stunned because they were always led to believe that things were going fine in this particular school. And the fact of the matter was, for huge numbers of students that was not the case," Miller said. "That led to a lot of anger, disappointment. That led to embarrassment. In many instances, the schools were being held out as exceeding in their mission, when it fact they were failing many, many of the children in those schools."

Under the law, watching movies and assigning irrelevant or no homework was no longer acceptable because suddenly someone was paying attention, said Charles Barone, a former aide to Miller who is director of federal policy with Democrats for Education Reform.

In low-performing urban schools, where teachers and principals once might have thrown up their hands and not known what to do, there was a new attitude along the lines of "we might not know what to do, but we've got to do something," said Eric Hanushek, a senior fellow in education at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

Both spoke at a recent forum on the law at the Thomas B. Fordham Insti-

But many teachers and principals started to believe they were being judged on factors out of their control and in ways that were un-

Ochoa, an Jennifer eighth-grade literacy teacher in New York who works with low-performing students, said the law has hurt morale among educators as well as students, who feel they have to do well on a standardized test or are failures, no matter how much progress they make.

"Afterward, it didn't matter how far you came if you didn't make this outside goal," Ochoa said. "We started talking about kids in very different ways. We started talking about kids in statistical ways instead of human being terms."

How successful the law has been academically remains under debate.

Scores on a national assessment show significant gains in math among the fourth- and eighth-graders, with Hispanic and African-American fourth-graders performing approximately two grade levels higher today than when the law was passed, said Mark Schneider, the former U.S. commissioner of education statistics who now serves as vice president at the American Institutes for Research.

"You cannot dismiss these gains, and I think ... people just aren't willing to credit NCLB or accountability in general because of ideological and political preferences," Schneider

As the years went by, however, the growth has largely plateaued, Schneider said. Similar large gains were not shown in reading, and some experts say more progress was made in reading before the law was passed. There are still huge differences in the performance of African-American and Hispanic students compared with white students.

As the 2014 deadline draws closer, more schools are failing to meet federal standards, with nearly half not doing so last year, according to the Center on Education Policy. Center officials said that's because some states today have harder tests or have high numbers of immigrant and low-income children, but it's also because the law requires states to raise the bar each year for how many children must pass the test.

Some states had long put off the largest increases to avoid penalties.

In Washington, much of the political debate over the law centers on how much federal control the government should have. Some Republicans want to go so far as to close the Education Department and end federally-imposed annual test-

Even among Democrats there's been some dissension. The Obama administration, for example, opposed the Senate bill passed in committee under the leadership of Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, because it said the measure didn't go far enough on accountability; Harkin said it wasn't a perfect bill, but compromise was necessary.

Many educators are now looking to other factors such as online learning, an increased trend toward teacher evaluations tied to student performance, the federal Race to the Top competition that states have competed in, and the common core standards adopted in the vast majority of states as factors that could provide the next boost in education.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, a former education secretary, said he's hopeful Congress will do what's right and update No Child Left Behind, which became due for renewal in 2007.

"One of the things we ought to be able to do is fix No Child Left Behind," said Alexander, R-Tenn. "What we ought to do is set new realistic goals for it so that schools and schools can have those kinds of goals, and most importantly we need to move out of Washington and back to states and local communities decisions about whether schools and teachers are succeeding or failing."

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Blackwater Successor **Settles Baghdad Shooting**

BY EMERY P. DALESIO Associated Press

RALEIGH, North Carolina • The new owners of the security company formerly known as Blackwater said Saturday they have settled a lawsuit brought by some of the survivors and estates of Iraqis killed during an infamous 2007 shooting in Baghdad.

The settlement closes the last lawsuit against the company now called Academi over the shooting that killed 17 Iraqis in Baghdad's Nisoor Square, spokesman John Procter said.

Security personnel of North Carolina-based Blackwater were guarding U.S. diplomats when the guards opened fire in the crowded square on Sept. 16, 2007. Seventeen people were killed, including women and children, in a shooting that inflamed anti-American sentiment in



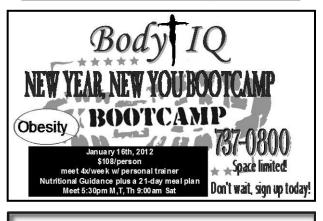
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Fred Arthur Slippey Jr.

April 16, 1951-Jan. 5, 2012

RUPERT • Fred Arthur Slippey Jr., 60, of Rupert, passed on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert due to complications from cancer.

Fred was born April 16, 1951, to Fred and Stella Belle Baird Slippey in Susanville, Calif.

Fred leaves behind a daughter, Michelle Couch of California; sons, Cory A. Slippey of Rupert and Beau J. Slippey of Cave Junction, Ore.; a grandson, Brandon Slippey; two granddaughters, Samantha Kay and Colby Ann Slippey; and siblings, Karen Hale, Charlie Ray Slippey, Edward Slippey, Allen Lee Slippey, Mary K. Smith and Ray Pritchett. He is preceded in



death by his parents; stepmother, Virginia Slippey; and a brother, David Slippey.

Fred leaves behind a world of friends, lifelong

friends that will miss him every time they hit that fishing hole and go after that monster buck, crack a cold one at the start of the game or go do nine at the Ponderosa. He loved life and lived it every chance he got. He never had much, but what he had meant the world to him. He will be missed and not forgotten.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho, under the direction of Hansen Mortuary.

Joseph Alan 'Jay' Nieffenegger Oct. 22, 1941-Jan. 5, 2012

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. • Joseph Alan "Jay" Nieffenegger, resident of Springfield, Ore., and formerly of Wendell,

died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at his home after an 18-month battle with cancer.

He was the eldest child born to Daniel Jones Nieffenegger and Evelyn Calkins, Oct. 22, 1941, in Wendell, Gooding County, Idaho.

attended grade He schools at West Point District and Buhl, Idaho. He graduated from Wendell High School with the class

He married Lucy Huffaker in Wendell, Idaho, Oct. 15, 1960. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1959 and served for four years, receiving an honorable discharge. During his naval service, he and Lucy lived in Virginia. They had three children, Connie, Mark and Kevin. Lucy died October 1979 in Puyallup,

After naval service discharge, he attended Idaho State University majoring in electronics. He worked as a radio disc jockey and developed a talent with that industry working at radio stations in Pocatello and Twin Falls, Idaho; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Farmington, N.M.; Missoula, Mont., and Seattle, Wash. He was known on air as "The Deacon" and "Jay Alan" as he spun top hits of the day and played country music.

He was a successful event promoter, farmer, salesman, truck driver and retired as a solid state electronic equipment master mechanic.

married Nancy Beaudry in Oakland, Calif., Dec. 30, 1994. After retirement, they moved to Springfield, Ore., in 2002.

time member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Alan was a life-

Saints.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy of Springfield; daughter, Connie Robanske of Kennewick, Wash.; son, Mark Alan Nieffenegger (Teresa) of Graham, Wash.; and son, Kevin Daniel Nieffenegger (Christi) of Meridian, Idaho.

Stepchildren are Tammy Meadows (Deon) of Springfield, Ore., and Dennis Forbyn (Brenda) of Napa, Calif.; siblings, Nancy Louise Iveson of Hermiston, Ore., Randolph Nief-(Janice) fenegger Prescott, Ariz., Nicholas Ray Nieffenegger (Cindy) of Hermiston, Ore., and Vendla Mary Karlson (Kerry) of Kennewick, Wash. He leaves 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Evelyn Nieffenegger; brother, Richard; and first wife, Lucy.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Market Street LDS Church in Springfield, Ore. A viewing for family and friends will be held one hour before the funeral service at the church. Interment will follow the funeral service at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman, Idaho, at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

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

Tyler Scott Christiansen

June 16, 1982-Jan. 1, 2012

TWIN FALLS • Heaven just got a little brighter and a lot more fun! Tyler Scott Christiansen passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, in part to diabetes. Tyler wasn't fond of "mushy" or "gushy," so this will be brief. We want him to know that we apologize for this obituary, but felt it necessary.

Tyler was born June 16, 1982, in Burley, to Scott A. Christiansen and Joy (Galbraith) Christiansen. He grew up in Burley and Idaho Falls, attending schools in the various areas including Ammon and Idaho Falls. Maybe you have met him. Tyler enjoyed his family and loved his friends. Bowling, walking, Dallas Cowboys, banana cream pie and hangin' with his friends were what he loved most. Working in human resources and helping those less fortunate was a great

accomplishment and talent Tyler possessed. He also would take great measures to make someone's day better or to make you laugh.

We will miss his smile, sparkling blue eyes and quick wit, but know that we now have to share him with those who have preceded him in death: grandparents, Bob and Bobbie Larsen and Gib and June Lewis. Tyler is survived by his dad and best friend, Scott A. Christiansen of Caldwell; and mom and stepdad, Joy and Jay Dee Edwards of Mack-

A private memorial service will be held at a later

Tyler, we wish it could be different. It's hard to accept your death, but we'll always love and think of you. Until we draw our last breath. Love, mom and dad.

Oren Kay Gee April 10, 1933-Jan. 6, 2012

OAKLEY • Oren Kay Gee, 78, of Oakley, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at his home surrounded by his family.

Oren was born in the Basin area east of Oakley, Idaho, on April 10, 1933, to Myron Dale and Elena Etta Mabey Gee. The family later moved to Seattle, Wash., where Oren received his education. He married the love of his life, Roberta Gay McCoy, on March 8, 1957, in Jackson, Wyo. They moved to Oakley in 1961 where they have since resided.

Oren worked for Northern Stone for 22 1/2 years as a quarry worker, and also enjoyed mechanics and welding. He was always there to help anyone and everyone he could. Oren loved hunting, fishing, gardening, doing stone work and, most of all, spending time with his fami-

He is survived by his wife, Roberta of Oakley; his children, Rick Dale Weber, William Ray Gee of Oakley, Dick Earl Gee of Boise, Deborah K. Hart of Idaho Falls and Kay Michael Gee of Oakley; his adopted daughter, Colleen (Joseph) Stritenberger of Oakley; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sister, Alta Dale





Gee of Heyburn; and a brother, Monte Gee of Oakley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Alma and Carol; and a brother, Myron Gee.

At Oren's request, there will be no formal service and cremation will take place under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Burley.

Marilyn Krenzer Way

May 14, 1942-Jan. 1, 2012

TWIN FALLS • Marilyn Krenzer Way, 69, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, at home surrounded by friends and family after a two and a half year battle with cancer.

Marilyn was born in Fresno, Calif., May 14, 1942, and grew up in Fremont, Neb., before graduating from Fremont High in 1958 and marrying then-husband, Duane Way. They moved to Idaho and raised two children, Terry (Kim) Way of Jerome, Idaho, and Kathy (Dan) Way Proctor of Pleasanton, Calif. Marilyn spent many years working in real estate and banking. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, traveling, reading, and entertaining friends.

Her infant son, Gary, and mother, Alice Krenzer, precede Marilyn in death. She is survived by her father, Charles Krenzer, 100, of Fremont, Neb.; her children; and grandchildren, Brady (Megan) Way of Twin Falls, Daniel(Clarissa) Proctor of Oceanside, Calif., Nathan



and Nicole Proctor of Pleasanton, Calif.; and companion, Victor Forgeon of Rupert, Idaho.

A celebration of life is planned at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Twin Falls Center for the Arts, 195 River Vista Place. A private family inurnment will be at Sunset Memorial in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, remembrances should be made to Hospice Visions of Twin Falls. If you wish to contact the family, please do so at P.O. Box 1662, Twin Falls, ID 83303 mway8779 or @msn.com. Family and friends are encouraged to share their memories at www.rosenaufuneralhome.c

SERVICES

Laverne M. McDonald of Twin Falls, rosary at 6:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Edwards the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Carma Ann Griffith Duncan of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Star LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 200 S. 100 W. of Burley; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church; graveside service at 3 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Kenneth L. Johnson of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Buhl LDS Church, 1001 Fair St.; visitation from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Rosenau Fu-



neral Home in Twin Falls).

Dorthy Arlene Humphrey Porter of Jerome, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at the Heritage Alliance Church, 401 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Billy Dean Armstrong of Shoshone and formerly of Sonora, Calif., memorial service at 7 p.m. Monday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Derral Hupfer

FAIRFIELD • Derral H. Hupfer, 90, of Fairfield, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at Twin Falls Care Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Fairfield Community Church in Fairfield (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Arlene Fallon

JEROME • Arlene Fallon, 90, of Jerome, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at Creekside Care Center in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.



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This undated photo shows the front and back of one of the first pennies struck at the United States Mint in Philadelphia. This 1793 'Chain Cent' sold for a record \$1,380,000 in a public auction conducted by Heritage Auctions at a coin collector's convention in Orlando, Fla. on Wednesday evening. The linking rings on the back of the coin were intended to represent the original 13 colonies, but critics claimed the chain was symbolic of slavery and the design was quickly changed with a wreath replacing the chain.

1793 Penny Fetches \$1.38M at Fla. Auction

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) • A once-cent copper coin from the earliest days of the U.S. Mint in 1793 has sold for a record \$1.38 million at a Florida auction.

James Halperin of Texasbased Heritage Auctions told The Associated Press on Saturday that the sale was "the most a United States copper coin has ever sold for at auction." The coin was made at the Mint in Philadelphia in 1793, the first year that the U.S. made its own coins.

Heritage officials said in a news release that the name of the buyer was not revealed but that he was "a major collector." One of the coin's earliest owners was a well-known Baltimore banker, Louis E. Eliasberg,

"Mr. Eliasberg was nicknamed, 'the king of coins' because before his death in 1976 he assembled a collection that consisted of at least one example of every coin ever made at the United States Mint, a feat never duplicated," Halperin said

in the news release. The final bid for the coin last week was one of the largest sales at the Florida United Numismatists coin show and annual convention, which runs through Sunday. Halperin said a five-dollar gold piece from 1829 also was sold.

Halperin said there remain a few hundred 1793 coins in different condition, but that the one auctioned off Wednesday night is rare because it wasn't in circu-

Officials say it shows no wear on its lettering, its Lady Liberty face or the chain of 13 linking rings on its

"This coin is known as a 'Chain Cent' because the central design on the back is a chain of 13 linking rings. It represented the solidarity of the 13 original colonies, but some critics claimed the chain was symbolic of slavery, and the design was quickly changed from rings to a wreath," Halperin said in the news

Halperin said the auction had \$60 million in transactions. The show runs through today.

Hawaii Hit by Number of Endangered Seal Killings

A nearly blind, endangered Hawaiian monk seal swims

in December 2011 at the Waikiki Aquarium in Honolulu.

years at a California research lab. He was first rescued

when federal officials found him suckling on a rock three

anonymous humans appear to have deliberately killed at

Hoailona, also known as KP2, has spent the past two

Hawaiian monk seals are so rare and under so many

environmental threats that they're on a path to go

extinct in 50 to 100 years. As if that wasn't enough,

least three and maybe four seals on two islands in the

days after his mother abandoned him on Kauai.

past two months.

since the 1980s.

Hawaiian Islands have been

designated critical habitat

Neil Kanemoto, a lifelong

recreational fisherman, said

he didn't know who was

killing the seals. He pointed

out the last person to be con-

victed of killing a seal, a 78-

year-old man who shot a

pregnant monk seal on Kauai

in 2009, was not a fisher-

But he said fishermen and

locals are unhappy with the

new regulations NOAA

wants, and the agency wasn't

doing enough to work with

local people to manage the

situation. People may end up

taking out their frustration on

this down people's throats;"

he said. "They're making it an

issue, and as a result, the poor

monk seal may - I'm not

saying it is — may fall victim

to repercussions from locals."

surprised of if more seals

position is, if the feds keep

pushing in this way, it's going

to increase," Kanemoto said.

lem was that older people,

who didn't see many seals

Ritte said part of the prob-

were killed.

He said he wouldn't be

"It's not going to end. My

"The point is, don't shove

the seals, Kanemoto said.

BY AUDREY MCAVOY Associated Press

HONOLULU • Two Hawaiian monk seals were found bludgeoned to death on a remote coast of Molokai - one was killed in mid-November and the other shortly before Christmas. Earlier month, a dead seal showed up on Kauai. A fourth possible killing on Molokai is also under investigation.

No one knows who is killing the seals — a critically endangered species - or why.

But the deaths are coming as the federal government steps up its efforts to protect the seals, leading to simmering resentment among some fishermen who fear new regulations will trample upon their right to fish. The killings are also happening as the misguided notion spreads that the animals aren't native to Hawaii and don't belong

"It's really serious. This attitude, this negative attitude toward the seals has overpowered the concern that this is a species that's going to become extinct," said Walter Ritte, a Molokai resident and longtime activist who has sounded an alarm about the

Like pandas, the seals are adored by many humans for being cute, though their lazy demeanor and pudgy appearance belies the strength of a wild animal. Also like pandas, the animal is dangerously close to disappearing. There are only 1,100 left in the world, and scientists say the seal is on course to vanish in 50 to 100 years.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration last year proposed two initiatives to give the seals a better shot at surviving.

One would temporarily bring a few seals from the remote Northwestern Hawaiian Islands – where competition for food and predators mean only a dismal 20 percent of seal pups live to be adults - to the main Hawaiian Islands.

There aren't as many sharks to prey on seal pups, or large fish to compete with seal pups for food, around Kauai, Oahu, Maui and other places in the main Hawaiian Islands. This gives seals in this area, which is also where the state's 1.4 million people live, an 80 percent chance of living to adulthood.

NOAA is also proposing to expand federally protected zones - or critical habitat for the seal to include parts of the main Hawaiian Islands. Parts of the Northwestern growing up or hear about them from their elders, are spreading the word that the seals don't belong in Hawaii.

A NOAA report released last year showed 35 percent of those surveyed at beaches and popular fishing areas on Kauai and Molokai believed the seals aren't native to the islands.

This is contradicted by archaeological digs that found monk seal bones in a human trash pit dating between the 15th and 18th centuries. The Hawaiian creation chant, the Kumulipo, also mentions a creature like a monk seal -"a rat running beside the

By the early 1900s, however, most monk seals in the main Hawaiian Islands had been hunted and killed for their meat and fur. Even until a decade ago, it was rare to encounter one in the main islands.

Ritte said the seals have been showing up regularly on Molokai, a rural island of just 7,000 people, for about the past seven years. They've

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started to compete with subsistence fishermen who are already catching less because pollution runoff and overfishing have depleted fish stocks in the area.

The issue is serious on Molokai, where the unemployment rate hovers over 15 percent and where people get one-third of their food from hunting, fishing, and gather-

"So here you have a fisher-walking two man. He's been walking two to three hours to get to his fishing grounds over rough terrain. And then he runs into these seals. And it causes him to get only half his catch and a quarter of his catch," Ritte said. "I think that is the essence of why."

He said the NOAA's proposals are making things

"It's like fuel to the fire," he

NOAA says moving a few seals to the main Hawaiian Islands was the only feasible and effective way to address the high mortality rate for seals in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Further, it says critical habitats aren't intended to prevent public access to beaches and oceans. The agency says it wants to continue talking to fishermen and to address their concerns.

Ritte believes no one would kill the seals if they understood the animals have been in Hawaii for millions of

He said the state and federal governments and environmentalists need to get the word out quickly that the seals belong here. Usually he would say everyone should focus on educating the children, so they'll grow up knowing better. But he said that approach may not work this time.

"I don't think we have that luxury because the seals might be gone by then. So we need to hit this generation. That's going to take a lot of effort," he said.

William Aila, the head of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, said the state was preparing a monetary award for information that leads to the conviction of those responsible. He said the department would also link its website to a page with information on the deep roots monk seals have in Hawaiian tradition.

"We have a responsibility to do our part to help this species recover," he said.

FUEL SHIP 190 MILES AWAY FROM ICED-1 **ALASKA CITY**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) • A Russian tanker carrying much-needed fuel for the iced-in Alaska city of Nome was less than 190 miles away on Saturday and was making slow but steady progress, a company official said.

The city of about 3,500 people on the western Alaska coastline normally gets fuel by barge. But it didn't get its last pre-winter fuel delivery because of a massive storm and it could run out of crucial supplies before spring.

The 370-foot tanker was carrying more than 1.3 million gallons of fuel and was being shepherded through hundreds of miles of sea ice by the U.S. Coast Guard.

"They're navigating through ice right now, taking a direct route for now," said Jason Evans, the CEO of Sitnasuak Native Corp, one of the companies undertaking the delivery. "They considered going through patches where there might be thinner ice, but determined that that would have taken them on a longer route."

The ship is scheduled to arrive later Monday or perhaps even Tuesday. If the mission is successful, it will be the first time petroleum products have been delivered by sea to a Western Alaska community in win-

The Russian tanker came upon ice about a foot thick very early Friday near Nunivak Island, a large island in the eastern Bering Sea, the Coast Guard said. The tanker is following the Healy, the Coast Guard's only functioning icebreaker - a ship of special design with a reinforced hull made to move through ice.

"It's going basically as planned," Evans said.

Sitnasuak officials have said they settled on the Russian tanker delivery plan after determining it would be much less expensive and more practical than flying fuel into Nome. The vessel, which is certified to travel through ice 4 feet thick for long distances, normally delivers fuel to communities in the Russian Far East.





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Spartans Supreme at Buhl Invite

BY DAVID BASHORE

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BUHL • The Minico train just keeps picking up steam.

The Spartans sent four wrestlers into Saturday's championship round of the 38th annual Buhl Wrestling Invitational. All four won, and the team took home some hardware as well.

Alberto Ramirez, David Borden, Salvador Gutierrez and Joseph Valencia all scored individual championships and Minico claimed the team title as the

Spartans left little doubt about who was the class of the tournament.

Ramirez kicked things off at 132 pounds, dominating throughout and improving to 10-1 on the season with a 7-1 win over Carbon Kennington of Star Valley, Wyo.

"Ever since I lost earlier this season I've just never wanted to lose again. I never want to come off the mat with that feeling again," said Ramirez. "I'm never really satisfied, even if I win, unless I've wrestled a perfect match. I'm sure there's more I can do out there. I just

don't want to come off the mat feeling disappointed in myself."

Minico finished with 176 points, 16 clear of Spring Creek, Nev., and more

than 40 ahead of Star Valley in third. "Spring Creek and Star Valley are tough teams," said Ramirez. "This shows that we're a team to be reckoned with."

Ramirez got the Spartan championship parade started, and Borden essentially mopped up the team title when he beat Spring Creek's Nick CdeBaca 5-1 to take the 170-pound title. That was

Please see SPARTANS, S2



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College of Southern Idaho forward Chakala Carthen (32) dribbles past Snow College's Jordi Willden during their

Bad Shooting Dooms Eagle Women Again

BY STEPHEN MEYERS

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TWIN FALLS • With the shot clock winding down late in the second half, Snow College sharp shooter Erica Martinez put up a contested 3-pointer to beat the buzzer.

She missed.

Good defense from the Golden Eagles? Not really.

Snow corralled the offensive rebound and passed to a cutting Martinez down the lane for a pretty layup to put the Badgers up by eight with 1:30 to play.

It was that kind of game for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team, which fell 67-62 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference matchup.

"That was a killer play right there," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers. "We had several of those today where we would play good defense for the majority of the possession, but they'd get the rebound or we'd foul. It would make it feel like you lost the rebound-

ing battle." The Golden Eagles won the rebounding margin 39-37. They also held the Badgers to 43.6 percent shooting, including 26.7 from 3-point range. Martinez scored 24 points, but it took 21 shots to do so as Kylee Schierman, Tayllor Gipson and Mechela Barnes all took turns defending the sophomore guard.

CSI, though, was done in by another poor shooting night. Barnes was 0for-5 from deep, and the Golden Eagles failed to make a trey, going 0-for-

"I'm glad we didn't shoot more," Rogers joked. "I thought we were out Please see CSI WOMEN, S2

SAINTS OPEN **PLAYOFFS WITH SHOOTOUT WIN OVER LIONS**

BRETT MARTEL

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS • Drew Brees and the Saints keep pouring on the points, rolling up the wins and rewriting the record books, too.

Brees led an unstoppable offense by throwing for 466 yards and three touchdowns, and New Or-

leans poured it on in the second half for a 45-28 NFC wildcard victory over the Detroit Lions on Saturday night. New Orleans broke the postseason mark for total yards

with 626, beating the record set 49 years ago. Brees hit on 33 of 43 passes while throwing for the most yards in a regulation playoff game. He highlighted his night with three completions of at least 40 yards.

We just focus on winning. We're not focused on yards and records," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "I'm serious when I say that."

As usual, the quarterback had plenty of help from an offense that set an NFL record for yards from scrimmage this season (7,474). The Saints (14-3) will travel to San Francisco (13-3) for next Saturday's second-round game.

Matthew Stafford threw for 380 yards and three TDs for the Lions (10-7), who simply could not keep pace in their Please see SAINTS, S2



New Orleans Saints wide receiver Robert Meachem hauls in a pass as Detroit Lions cornerback Aaron Berry defends during the Saints' 45-28 wild card playoff football win Saturday in New Orleans.

Bill O'Brien, 'the Right Guy,' Takes Penn St. Reins

BY GENARO C. ARMAS

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. • Sporting a Nittany Lions pin on the lapel of his dark gray jacket, Bill O'Brien took the podium, looked straight ahead and introduced himself with two quick,

no-nonsense sentences. "I feel like I'm a mentally tough guy right now. I feel like I'm the right guy."

And with that, the 42-year-old O'Brien, the New England Patriots' offensive coordinator the past four years, was off and running at his first briefing as Penn State's new head football coach, the school's first in nearly a half century.

It is his first head-coaching job.

"This is unbelievable," he said.

and former players all over the country, how this all came to be is exactly that - unbelievable.

Until Nov. 9, the Nittany Lions had been directed by the same person for 46 seasons — Joe Paterno, who was fired that day in the aftermath of a child sex abuse scandal involving retired assistant coach Jerry Sandusky. The case also forced the school president to resign.

Not only is O'Brien replacing Division I's winningest coach, he is joining a still-reeling school attempting to steer its way through federal, NCAA and Big Ten inquiries - not to mention criminal proceedings against former administrators. Sandusky, meantime, is awaiting trial after waiving a preliminary court hearcharges.

O'Brien will remain with the Patriots for the duration of their playoff run. New England has a bye this

The new coach said he would pull together his staff during the next two or three days, and get the assistants on the recruiting trail immediately while he works with New England. He will retain assistant Larry Johnson from Paterno's staff to coach the defensive line.

"I'm going to surround myself with good people," O'Brien said, "and I'm excited to do that."

His five-year contract, finalized Friday, included base compensation starting at \$950,000, with a 5 percent increase each season. O'Brien will alradio and television work, as well as a \$350,000 Nike contract.

The base package is roughly on par with Paterno's compensation, which was about 1.02 million last year -arelative bargain for a coach with two national championships. Until now, Penn State never released details of salary from endorsement deals outside the school.

O'Brien joined New England in 2007 following 14 seasons on the college level, including stops at Duke, Maryland and Georgia Tech. The Patriots are third in the NFL overall in scoring (32.1 points per game), and second in total offense (428 yards) and passing (317.8 yards).

Penn State finished a 9-4 campaign with a 30-14 loss in the TicketCityBowl to Houston on Jan. 2.

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Penn State's new football coach Bill O'Brien holds Penn State football helmet after he was introduced during an NCAA college football news conference, Saturday in State College, Pa.



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BY STEPHEN MEYERS

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TWIN FALLS • Pat Swilling $sank\,a\,3\,from\,the\,left\,corner$ off a nice kickout pass from Sebastien Michineau.

Rafriel Guthrie, normally a banger inside, made a trey from the top of the key the very next possession. Swilling made his second three, seconds later.

Fabyon Harris got in on the 3-point party too, sinking back-to-back from deep a few possessions later. The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team couldn't miss. Five 3pointers in a row, all in a two-minute stretch early in the first half. It was awe-

The lead swelled to 10 points and the Golden Eagles didn't look back from there, smoking Snow College 83-63 to complete a home Scenic West Athletic Conference weekend sweep.

"We've been making a focus to come out hot. Make some buckets and get our crowd into it," said Swilling, who scored 16 points. "We always feed off each other. After a couple makes, it gives everyone confidence."

CSI (15-1, 2-0 SWAC) eventually cooled off from its hot start, making 8-of-20 from deep – a 40 percent clip – but pushed its lead to more than 30 in the second half.

The Golden Eagles led 43-27 at the half and held Snow (11-4, 0-2) scoreless for nearly five minutes to open the second. Swilling, Guthrie, Kevin Attila and Michineau all took turns defending Snow guard Travis Wilkins, and the quartet shut him down.

Wilkins, coming into the game averaging 22.2 points per game, was held to just five points on 0-for-8 shooting.

"He's a great, great scorer. All those guys had a chance at him and they all did a great job," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "We allowed him to not get a good look. I know we'll have our work cut out for us when we go down there. He's a great player."

Harris finished with 18 and Guthrie had 11 and the bench was emptied for much of the final 15 minutes of the game. Teancum Stafford led Snow with 21.

Jon Pulsifer, a former Twin Falls High School star, got into the game with a minute remaining -much to the delight of the CSI crowd which featured Twin Falls students - and threw a bullet pass down the court to reserve big man Paul Bunch, who slammed it home for the final points of the night.

"It was a fun game tonight. A really good win for us. We played as a team and defended home court," Swilling said. "That was huge for us, getting this home sweep before we go on the road."

CSI travels to Treasure Valley Community College on Thursday.

CSI 83, SNOW 63 SNOW (63) Bamba 5-13 2-2 12, Gruniger 0-3 2-2 2, Wilkins 0-8 5-6 5, Sane 3-9 6-8 12, Stafford 6-18 5-6 21, Hoopes 0-0 0-0 0, Crosbie 1-3 0-1 2, Brocklin 2-9 0-2 5, Mears 1-5 2-5 4, Totals 18-68 22-32 63.

0.2 5, Mears 1-5 2-5 4. Totals 18-68 22-32 63.
CSI (83)
Harris 7-11 1-2 18, Swilling 6-11 2-2 16, Guthrie 4-9
2-2 11, Egwuonwu 3-6 1-2 7, Michineau 3-3 2-2 8,
Attila 3-10 0-0 8, Santo 2-7 3-4 7, Cothron 13-2 4,
Bunch 1-2 0-0 2, Sequele 0-0 0-0 0, Foster 1-2 0-0
2. Totals 31-64 13-18 83.
Halftime: CSI 43, Snow 27, 3-point goals: Snow 520 (Bama 0-2, Wilkins 0-5, Stafford 4-10, Brocklin
1-3), CSI 8-20 (Harris 3-4, Swilling 2-5, Guthrie 1-2,
Attila 2-9). Rebounds: Snow 44 (Bamba 10), CSI 49
CSI 12 (Harris 4), Turnovers: Snow 9, CSI 14. Total fouls:
Snow 15, CSI 26. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls:
Snow 15, CSI 26. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls:
Snow 15, CSI 26. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls:

CSI Women

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of sync offensively the entire game. We just struggled to get into our offense. We're a team, when we play well offensively, the defense is better."

CSI (8-8, 1-1 SWAC) led 54-51 after a Schierman jumper but Snow (8-8, 1-1) went on an 11-0 run, fueled by three Golden Eagles turnovers and a Martinez trey, to close out the

Carthen led CSI with 14

points and 11 boards, while Barnes added 13 points. Schierman finished with

CSI visits Treasure Valley Community College on Thursday.

SNOW 67, CSI 62

CSI (62) Geometria (12 - 22 10, Barnes 5-14 37-13, Carthen 6-13 2-2 14, Saint-Felix 2-5 0-2 4, Prestwich 2-3 0-0 4, Tanner 4-6 0-0 8, Borges 0-1 0-0 0 Liepina 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-65 8-15 62. 0-0 4, Martinez 2-7, Diaz 2-4, McGrath 0-2, Rees 0-1, CSI 0-10 (Gispon 0-1), Schierman 0-1, Barnes 0-5, Carthen 0-1, Prestwich 0-1, Borges 0-1), Rebounds: Snow 37 (Wells 9), CSI 39 (Carthen 11), Assists: Snow 15 (Wells 4), CSI 10 (Gispon 7), Turnovers: Snow 14, CSI 12. Total fouls: Snow 12, CSI 15. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Parcells on List of Pro Football Hall of Fame Finalists

CANTON, Ohio (AP) • Bill Parcells moved one step closer to Canton on Saturday when the Pro Football Hall of Fame released a list of 15 modernera finalists for enshrinement that included the Bowl-winning

Wide receivers Tim Brown, Cris Carter and Andre Reed, running backs Jerome Bettis and Curtis Martin and former Kansas City Chiefs guard Will Shields also made the cut when the 26 semifinalists were pared down through a mail ballot. The final list of candidates also includes two senior nominees: former Steelers defensive back Jack Butler and former Lions guard Dick

The Hall's selection committee meets in Indianapolis next month. A finalist must receive 80 percent of the vote to be selected.

Between four and seven enshrinees will be announced the day before the Super Bowl on Feb. 5, and inducted in August in the Hall's 50th class.

Parcells and Shields were the only two candidates to make the list of finalists in their first year of eligibility. The notable exclusions from the semifinal list include former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, ex-Chargers coach Don Coryell and running backs Roger Craig and Terrell Davis.

Parcells is considered a first-year candidate under new requirements that were put in place in 2008, after he had been a nominee in 2001 and 2002. The new rule makes it mandatory for coaches, like players, to be retired for five consecutive seasons. Before that, coaches were eligible immediately upon retirement.

Parcells won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants in 1987 and 1991, then coached the Patriots and Jets before retiring in 1999. He returned to coach the Cowboys in 2003.

Bettis ranks fifth on the NFL rushing list with 13,662 yards in 13 seasons, three for the Rams and a decade with the Steelers, with whom he won the 2006 Super Bowl in his final game. Martin ranks fourth with 14,101 yards with the Patriots and Jets from 1995-2005. Other finalists include DB Aeneas Williams, DEs/LBs Chris Doleman, Kevin Greene and Charles Haley, DT Cortez Kennedy, C Dermontti Dawson, offensive tackle Willie Roaf and owner Edward DeBartolo,

Filer Girls Rally to Beat Declo

find an answer for Pocatel-

lo's lights out shooting as

three players from Pocatello

Karly Hudelson led the

Canyon Ridge travels to

Canyon Ridge 6 6 7 9 - 28
Pocatello 18 11 17 15 - 62
Canyon Ridge (62)
Rogers 3, Hudelson 9, Baird 3, Miller 6, Co. Joslin 5, Sagers 2. Total 9 11-22 28.
Pocatello (28)
LGasper 15, Smith 4, Jones 8, K.Casper 3, C. Parker 14, Crist 12, A. Parker 6, Totals 24 8-17 62.
3-point goals: Canyon Ridge (Baird 1), Pocatello 6 (J.Caspers 3, K.Caspers 1. C Parker 2). Total Fouls: Canyon Ridge 17, Pocatello 18. Fouled Out: Pocatello 1.Casper.

Boys Basketball JEROME 51, BUHL 25

Jake Hollifield had 14 points

and Shaquille Kennedy

pitched in 11 as Jerome rolled

Jerome led 11-2 after first

quarter and 31-5 at halftime.

Buhl's Kellen Gillins led all

scorers with 16 in the losing

Jerome (10-1) hosts Burley

2 3 12 8 -25 11 20 18 2 -51

on Tuesday in a Great Basin

Jerome 11 20 18 2 -51 BUHL (25) Jensen 3, Privott 4, C. Gillins 2, K. Gillins 16. Totals 9

JEROME (51) Espinoza 6, Leavitt 6, Geist 9, Kennedy 11, Gratzer 1, Hollifield 14, Ahrens 2, Hope 2. Totals 17 11-16 51. 3-point goals: Buhl 3 (K. Gillins 3), Jerome 6 (Geist 3, Espinoza 2, Kennedy). Total fouls: Buhl 12, Jerome 7.

CAREY 58, CHALLIS 47

visiting Challis.

double-double.

on Monday.

Dillon Cenarrusa scored 19

and pulled down nine re-

bounds to lead Carey over

Chance Chavez had 14

points for the Panthers (3-

6), while Baley Barg added

an 11-point, 10-rebound

Carey visits Glenns Ferry

Carey 20 16 8 14
CHALLIS (47)
Trusnovec 8, Hamilton 13, Lind 2, Olson 18,
Sensabaugh 6. Totals 18 9-15 48.
CAREY (58)

CAREY (58)
Dilworth 3, Hansen 3, Chavez 14, D. Cenarrusa 19,
Barg 11, P. Baird 4, Gamino 4. Totals 22 7-10
3-point goals: Challis 2 (Trusnovec, Olson); Carey 7
(Chavez 4, Barg, Hansen, Dilworth). Total fouls:
Challis 8, Carey 14.

VALLEY 51, SHOSHONE 41

Austin Shawver and Ricardo

Mora both scored 13 as Val-

Garrett Sant had eight to

lead Shoshone (4-6), which

shaved the deficit from nine

to one during the third quar-

ter but didn't have enough

ley improved to 6-1.

12 11 11 13 -47 20 16 8 14 -58

Conference matchup.

over Buhl.

effort.

JEROME (51)

Riverhawks with nine

reached double digits.

Burley on Wednesday.

points.

PREP ROUNDUP

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Filer rallied from down five to start the fourth quarter and escaped with a 51-48

Sierra Koyle scored 13 and Audrey Croy had 11 for the Wildcats (9-6), who iced the game on Cassidy Ferrell's put-back in the final seconds.

Sydney Webb had a gamehigh 22 for Declo (9-3).

Filer hosts Kimberly on Tuesday.

Filer 51, Declo 48
Declo 12 18 11 7 -48
Filer 13 10 13 15 -51
DECLO (48)
Webb 22, Knopp 7, Schroeder 1, Wilson 9, Pickup 9.
Iotals 17, L2-17 48.

. Hughes 9, Jarolimek 4, Sharp 4, J. Hughes 2, Koyle 8, Moon 1, Ferrell 5, Croy 11, Lekkerkerk 2. Totals 17 3-28 51. 3-point goals: Declo 2 (Webb, Knopp); Filer 4 (Koyle 3, K. Hughes). Total fouls: Declo 22, Filer 19.

Girls Basketball JEROME 42, **AMERICAN FALLS 35**

Jerome struggled at the free throw line, shooting 11-for-34, but was able to grind out the victory.

Paige Jackman and Frankie Carey each led the Tigers with nine points.

Jerome (12-1) plays Minico on Tuesday.

Jerome 4 18 14 6 -42
American Falls 9 13 8 5 -35
JEROME (42)
JEROME (42)
JACKMAN 9, Praegitzer 2, Burnham 7, Kelley 7, Branch
3, Grove 1, Carey 9, Lott 4. Totals 14 11-34 42.
AMERICAN FALLS (35)
MCComber 5, Morris 6, Sanchez 13, Villa 5, Trumann
3, Wadsworth 1, Totals 7 21-34 35.
3-Point goals: Jerome 3 (Burnham, Kelly). Total fouls:
Jerome 21, American Falls 23. Fouled out: Burnham,
Sanchez.

SHOSHONE 62, OAKLEY 49 Kelcie Hutchins had 31 points and five 3-pointers to vault Shoshone over Oakley on Saturday.

The Hornets kept things tight going into the half but fell behind in the third quarter and never recovered.

Addie Bedke and Jacie Bedke both notched 14 points for the Hornets in the

Shoshone 62, Oakley 49 Shoshone 15 13 26 8 - 62 Oakley 13 15 13 8 - 49 Shoshone (62)
Hutchins 31, Welborne 3, Hadden 8, Schoolcraft 2, Simonson 3, Gay 10, Race 4. Totals 22 14-19 62.

Oakley (49)

A Bedke 14, J.Bedke 14, Critchfield & Kelley 6, Cooper 3, Lind 2, Keetch 2. Totals 20 7-12 49.

3-point goals — Shoshone 7 (Hutchins 5, Hadden 2),
Oakley 2(Cooper 1, Kelley 1). Total Fouls: Shoshone 12,
Oakley 13

POCATELLO 62, **CANYON RIDGE 28** The Riverhawks could not

Saints

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first playoff appearance

since 1999. They have lost

seven straight postseason

All-Pro receiver Calvin

Johnson had 12 receptions

for 211 yards and two touch-

downs in his playoff debut for Detroit, but that was not nearly enough as the Saints' defense responded in

the fourth quarter with two interceptions by Jabari The teams combined for

1,083 yards, tying an NFL playoff record set by Buffalo and Miami on Dec. 30, 1995.

Pierre Thomas rushed for 66 yards and one touchdown, while Sproles added 51 yards, two scores and several other clutch plays. Marques Colston over-

came an early fumble with seven catches for 120 yards, including a 40-yarder to set up Jimmy Graham's short TD grab.

left in the tank to get over the

Shoshone visits Hagerman on Thursday.

hump.

Valley 17 9 8 17 -51
Shoshone 6 11 16 8 -41
VALLEY (51)
Johnson 8, Keele 2, Juarez 2, Shawver 13, Mora 13,
Arteaga 5, Cauhorn 8. Totals 22 1-1 51.
SHOSHONE (41)
Aoi 4, Garcia 7, Sant 8, Waite 5, Diaz 3, Roberts 6,
Wallace 4, Hadden 4. Totals 17 2-3 41.
3-point goals: Valley 6 (Mora 3, Artega, Cauhorn,
Shawver); Shoshone 5 (Sant 2, Garcia, Waite, Diaz).
Total fouls: Valley 8, Shoshone 8.

GRACE 53, HANSEN 47, OT Hansen couldn't find a bucket when it needed one most, getting outscored 11-5 in overtime as Pete Veenstra and Devon Spearing sat on

the bench after fouling out. Devon Fitzsimmons led Hansen with 19 points and Seth Williams had 13.

Hansen (5-4, 1-1 Snake River South) is at Oakley next Friday.

Grace 9 17 14 2 11–53
Hansen 13 15 4 10 5–47
GRACE (53)
Klabis 7, Simonson 4, Jorgensen 16, Lloyd 15, N.
Jensen 8, J. Jensen 3, Totals 19 7-16 53
Two of our starters foul out.
HANSEN (47)
Spearing 2, Williams 13, Veenstra 7, Fitzsimmons 19,
Fuller 4, Cummings 2, Totals 16 12-20 47.
3-point goals: Grace 8 (Lloyd 3, Klabis 2, Jorgensen 2), Hansen 4 (Williams 2, Jensen, Fitzsimons), Total fouls: Grace 19, Hansen 21. Fouled out: Simonson, Veenstra, Spearing.

DIETRICH 64, LIGHTHOUSE **CHRISTIAN 42**

Andru Howard had a double-double of 20 points 12 rebounds as Dietrich used a big second half to put away Lighthouse Christian.

Brody Astle had five assists for the Blue Devils, who outscored Lighthouse Christian 37-21 in the second half.

Dietrich (9-1) plays Murtaugh on Friday.

1. IUdais 17 3-14 42. DIETRICH (64) C. Astle 2, Kent 4, Porter 7, B. Astle 4, Aguilar 7, Weber 6, Perron 8, A. Howard 20, Power 6. Totals 27 10-22 64.

10-22 64. 3-point goals: Lighthouse Christian 1 (Heath). Total fouls: Lighthouse 17, Dietrich 17. HAGERMAN JV 44, TWIN FALLS CHRISTIAN **ACADEMY 42**

Reuben Zismer scored 15 points and Nate Scruggs scored 14 in the road loss.

12 9 13 10 -44 12 3 10 17 -42 TFCA (42)
Zismer 15, Wilmot 4, Scruggs 14, Bolyard 6, Yamane
3. Totals 16 10-19 42.

3. Totals 16 10-19 42. HAGERMAN IV (42) Crist 2, Goolsby 4, Nebeker 4, Byers 8, Bell 12, Miller 2, Sandoval 18, Sauer 4. Totals 21 27 44. Total folus: TFC4 10, Hagerman 20. Fouled Out: Hagerman, Sandoval.

victories, Gutierrez at 195

McGinnis 5-1.

followed with a pair of pin

and Valencia at 220. Valencia's win was the first of two all-District IV finals. The other was the heavyweight title, which saw Jerome's Layne Lasike out-point Gooding's Cole

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Jerome's Layne Lasike

Lasike used his height disadvantage to his benefit, sneaking inside McGinnis' reach and using quickness to hand his bigger opponent his first loss of the season.

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Final results
Team scores: 1. Minico 176; 2. Spring Creek, Nev., 160; 3. Star Valley, Why; 134.5; 4. Jerome 128; 5. North Fremont 89; 6. Challis 84*7. **Decid 81.5** 8. Weiser 78; 9. Parma 77; 10. Mountain Home 75; 11. Snake River 67; 12. Caryon Ridge 66; 13. Salmon 165; 14. Filia May 596; 15. Emmatt 57; 16. Battle Snake River Gr. IZ 24/07/100402 67.3. Salmon 625, 14. Elko, Nev., 385, 15. Emmett 57, 16. Battle Mountain, Nev., 55, 17. Bulh 54. Gooding 54, 19. South Fremort 49, 20. Valley 275, 22. Klmberly 36. 22. Twin Falls 35, 23. Wood River 32, 24. Burley 31: 25. White Pine, Nev., 265, 26. Wendell 7, 27. Filer 4; 28. Butte County 3. Champiorship match results - 106. Steven Zettel, Challis, Dinnel table Frost. Snake River, 113. Skylerr

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Challis, pinned Jake Frost, Snake River. 113: Skylern
Zelentine, Snake River, dez. Aldon Bishop, North
Fremont, 5-0. 120: Tyler Tate, Spring Creek, m-dec.
Mitch Heap, Star Valley, 121: 126: Dustin Tripo,
Spring Creek, def. Stirfand Zollinger, Declo., 9-4. 132:
Alberto Ramirez, Minico, dec. Carbon Kennington,
Star Valley, 7-1 38: Wade Fry, Elko, dec. 105Phillips, Declo., 5-2. 145: Ruger Jarvis, Challis, dec.
Casey Ney, Valley, 1-0. 152: Mitch Svedin, Weiser,
dec. David Hemmert, Parma. 2-0. 160: Matt Petero,
Welser, pinned Austin Clark, Mountain Home. 170:
David Borden, Minico, dec. Nick CdeBaca, Spring
Creek, 5-1. 182: Connor Hoopes, Star Valley, pinned
Trev Graves, Salmon. 195: Salvador Gutlerrez, David Borden, Minico. dec. Nick CdeBaca, Spring creek, 5-1, 182. Connor Hoopes, Star Valley, pinned Trey Graves, Salmon. 195. Salvador Gutlerrez, Minico, pinned Jordan Semadeni, Star Valley, 220. Joseph Valenda, Minico, pinned Oren Cartfon, Buhl. 285: Layne Lasike, Jerome, dec. Cole McGinnis, Gooding, 5-1. Third-place match results - 106: Riley Thacker, Jerome, dec. Gage Kepner, Canyon Roige, 6-1. 113: Zach Rockwell, Spring Creek, dec. Comior Subblefield, Canyon Ridge, 13-10. 120: Jacob Herman, Kimberly, dec. Shad Cordingley, North Fermont, 5-0. 126: Omrat Jahrs. North Fermont.

Argyle, Jerome, dec. Chris Johnson, Battle Mountain, 2-0. 170: Drew Peterson, Emmett, pinned Thomas Heiden, Wood River. 195: Juan

Houston took Watt with the 11th overall pick in last

year's draft, a cornerstone

for the reconstruction of the

Texans defense. He started

all 16 games and led the team

Watt saw this one coming,

measuring his jump when

Dalton dropped back and

snatching the ball with both

hands. He sprinted to the end zone as the capacity

crowd exploded, and he

raised both hands after

Watt became the sixth defensive linemen to return an

interception for a touch-

down in postseason history

excluding the Super Bowl

and the first rookie to do

"He's been exceptional,"

Kubiak said. "He's played

reaching the end zone.

with 13 tackles for loss. But he'd never picked off a

make it happen.

TEXANS WIN FIRST PLAYOFF GAME, 31-10 OVER BENGALS

BY CHRIS DUNCAN Associated Press

HOUSTON • The Houston Texans turned to their rookies, then to their stars to win the first playoff appearance in franchise history, a 31-10 rout of the bungling Cincinnati Bengals. Rookie J.J. Watt's leaping

interception return for a touchdown late in the first half propelled the Texans in Saturday's AFC wild-card game. Third-string quarterback T.J. Yates, another firstyear play pressed into action, then threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Andre Johnson and Arian Foster followed with his second touchdown of the game, a 42-yard run in the fourth quarter, to finish off the Bengals.

After nine seasons of missing the playoffs, the AFC South champion Texans (11-6) are heading to AFC North winner Baltimore (12-4) next Sunday.

"This is a special day," Houston coach Gary Kubiak

Watt returned the first of rookie Andy Dalton's three interceptions 29 yards for a score that broke a 10-all tie with 52 seconds left in the



Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt celebrates his touchdown on an interception of Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton during the second quarter of an NFL wild card playoff football game Saturday in Houston.

Yates then hit Johnson on a TD pass late in the third quarter, and Foster added his long scoring run to close WILD CARD out the scoring.

Cincinnati was in the playoffs for the third time in seven seasons, but the Bengals (9-8) haven't advanced since beating the Houston Oilers following the 1990 season.

run in the first quarter to tie the score at 7, and finished with 153 yards on 24 carries. Dalton was 24 of 42 for 257

Foster scored on an 8-yard

era matching two rookie quarterbacks. As the final seconds ticked away, Kubiak walked down the sideline wearing a broad smile and smacked hands

yards, while Yates

was 11 of 20 for 159

yards in the first

playoff game in

the Super Bowl

He embraced Johnson the franchise's best player decade in the making.

coaches.

in a moment that was a

with players and assistant

board. It was just his second interception in his last seven games.

Texans for most of the first half before that, holding down Houston's offense and controlling time of posses-

like a 4- or 5-year player. That was a huge play. That got us a lot of momentum going into halftime." Dalton, meanwhile, rolled his eyes and shook his head as he walked to the Cincinnati bench and watched the replay on the giant score-

The Bengals outplayed the

And two rookies helped

SCOREBOARD

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NFL Playoffs Today				
FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	0/U	UNDERDOG
at N.Y. Giants Pittsburgh Jan. 15	3½ 8	3 8½	(47½) (33½)	Atlanta at Denver
at Baltimore	7	8	(381/2)	Houston

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Philadelphia NewYork Boston Toronto NewJersey	5 4 4 3 2	2 4 4 5 7	.714 .500 .500 .375 .222	1½ 1½ 1½ 2½ 4
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami Atlanta Orlando Charlotte Washington	8 6 5 2 0	1 3 3 6 7	.889 .667 .625 .250 .000	- 2 2½ 5½ 7
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Indiana Cleveland Milwaukee Detroit WESTERN	7 6 4 2 2	2 2 3 4 6	.778 .750 .571 .333 .250	1/2 2 31/2 41/2
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio Dallas Memphis Houston NewOrleans	6 4 3 2 2	2 5 4 6	.750 .444 .429 .250 .250	2½ 2½ 2½ 4 4
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
OklahomaCity Portland Denver Utah Minnesota	7 5 6 4 2	2 2 3 3 5	.778 .714 .667 .571 .286	1 1 2 4
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A.Clippers L.A.Lakers Phoenix Sacramento GoldenState	3 5 3 2	2 4 4 5 5	.600 .556 .429 .375 .286	- 1 1½ 2

Phoenix Sacramento Friday's Games Atlanta 102, Charlotte 96, OT Atlanta 102, Charlotte 96, 0T New Jersey 97, Toronto 85 New York 99, Washington 96 Philadelphia 96, Detroit 73 Indiana 87, Boston 74 Oklahoma Ciry 109, Houston 94 Denver 96, New Orleans 88 Cleveland 98, Minnesota 87 Chicago 97, Orlando 83 Utah 94, Memphis 85 L.A. Lakers 97, Golden State 90 Phoenix 102, Portland 77 Saturday'S Games

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 109, Chicago 94
Indiana 99, Charlotte 77
Indiani 101, New Jersey 90
New York 103, Detroit 80
Oklahoma City 98, Houston 95
Philadelphia 97, Toronto 62
San Antonio 121, Denver 117
Dallas 96, New Orleans 81
Utah at Golden State, late
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, late
Sunday's Games Saturday's Games

MINVAUKEE AT L.A. L'IIPPETS, LATE Sunday's Games Minnesota at Washington, 11 a.m. Orlando at Sacramento, 4 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m. Milwaukee at Phoenis, 6 p.m. Cleveland at Portland, 7 p.m. Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m. Monday's Games Monday's Games
Minnesota at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago 6 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago, 6 p.m. New Orleans at Denver, 7 p.m.

NBA BOXES PACERS 99, BOBCATS 77

CHARLOTTE (77)
Diaw 1-8 0-0 2, Thomas 3-6 4-6 10, Diop 2-3 0-0 4,
Augustin 7-19 3-4 20, Henderson 5-16 2-5 14, Mullens 3-11
4-4 10, Brown 2-6 1-2 5, Walker 3-10 0-0 6, White 1-5 0-0
2, Blyombo 2-4 0-0 4, Higgins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-89 14-

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INDIANA (99)

Granger 4:12 4-6 13, West 5-8 0-0 10, Hibbert 10-16 0-0
20, Collison 5-10 4-5 14, George 2:5 2-3 6, Hansbrough 6-12 3-5 15, Hill 6-8 0-0 13, Jones 0-3 6-7 6, Price 0-2 0-0 0, Foster 1-1 0-0 2, Amundson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-77 19-26

77. Charlotte 30 19 14 14 - 79 Indiana 22 21 28 - 99 3-Point Goals—Charlotte 5-16 (Augstin 3-5, Henderson 2-4, Mullers 0-1, Walker 0-3, Diaw 0-3), Indiana 2-9 (Hill 1-4, George 0-1, Jones 0-1, Price 0-2). Fouled Out—Diaw. Rebounds—Charlotte & (Mullers 1), Indiana

50 (Hibbert, Collison 8). Assists—Charlotte 12 (Aug 4). Indiana 15 (Collison 4). Total Fouls—Charlotte 2

HAWKS 109, BULLS 94

CHICAGO (94)

Deng 413 0-0 8, Boozer 6-11 0-0 12, Noah 0-4 1-2 1, Rose
3-10 2-2 8, Brewer 1-2 0-0 3, Asik 4-8 0-1 8, Korver 3-8 4-5
1, Gibson 5-8 1-21 11, Lucas 6-12-2 16, Butler 3-3 6-6 12,
Scalabrine 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 36-82 16-20 94.

ATLANTA (109)Williams 1-3 0-0 3, Smith 11-17 2-2 25, Horford 7-8 0-0 14, Williams 19 04 3, Johnson 7-14 1-1 17, McGrady 04 0-0 0, Pachulia 3-5 0-0 6, Radmanovic 57 2-2 17, Pargo 0-3 0-0 0, Green 5-10 0-0 10, I.Johnson 1-5 1-1 3, Collins 1-1 0-0 2, Stackhouse 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 47-83 6-6 109.

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33 30 62 57
3-Point Goals—Chicago 6:14 (Korver 3-5, Lucas 2-4,
Brewer 1-1, Scalabrine 0-1, Rose 0-3), Atlanta 9-12
(Radmanovic 5-5, JJohnson 2-2, Williams 1-1, Smith 1-1, Pargo 0-1, Green 0-2), Fouled Out-None, Rebounds-Chicago 48 (Asik 13), Atlanta 38 (Horford 7), Assists— Chicago 21 (Rose 6), Atlanta 32 (Teague 8). Total Fouls— Chicago 9, Atlanta 16. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second, Atlanta defensive three second. A–17,112

HEAT 101, NETS 90

MIAMI (101)
LJames 11-17 10-12 32, Bosh 6-14 4-4 16, Anthony 0-1 2-2
2, Chalmers 3-4 1-2 7, Jones 3-6 0-0 8, Olid 4-13 0-0 9,
Haslem 5-11 2-12, Battier 3-4 0-0 8, Pittman 1-1 1-2 3,
Harris 2-5 0-0 4, Gladness 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-76 20-24

Harris 25 0-0 4, Gladness 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-76 20-24 101.

NEW JERSEY (90)

Stevenson 2-6 0-0 6, Humphries 8-21 9-11 25, Petro 0-0 0-00, DWilliams 4-16 0-2 10, Morrow 4-10 0-0 11, She Williams 2-5 4-5 8, Sha Williams 1-5 11 4, Farmar 37-22 8, Brooks 3-7 4-5 12, JWilliams 0-2 0-2 0, Gaines 1-4 4-4 6, Horner 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 28-83 24-32 90.

Miami 31 26 21 23 — 101

New Jersey 18 17 29 26 — 90

3-Point Goals—Marill 5-15 (Battler 22, Jones 2-5, Cole 1-3, Bosh 0-1, L. James 0-1, Chalmers 0-1, Harris 0-27, New Jersey 10-33 (Morrow 3-7, Brooks 2-3, Stevenson 2-6, DWilliams 2-7, Sha Williams 1-5, Gaines 0-2, Farmar 0-3), Fouled Out-None. Rebounds—Marill 3-16, Haslem 12), New Jersey 2 (She Williams 13), Assists—Miami 27 (L. James 9), New Jersey 4 (D Williams 10), Total Fouls—Marill 27, New Jersey 21, Technicals—Chalmers, New Jersey defensive three second. A–18,711 (18,711).

KNICKS 103, PISTONS 80

NEW YORK (103)
Anthony 5:14 2-2 13, Stoudemire 8:15 6-8 22, Chandler 4-5 2-2 10, Shumpert 5:10 0-0 11, Fields 3-8 1-2 8, Douglas 0-3 0-0 0, Harrellson 5:11 0-0 11, Walker 13-0 0-2, Bibby 4-5 4-4 16, Balkman 3-5 0-0 6, Novak 0-2 0-0 0, Lin 1-1 2-2 4, Jordan 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-83 17-20 103.

DETROIT (80) Prince 1-6 1-2 4, Jerebko 1-6 1-2 4, Monroe 7-11 1-4 15, Knight 7-19 0-0 19, Gordon 5-12 0-1 12, Maxiell 2-4 7-7 11, Wilkins 3-5 1-2 7, Bynum 1-9 2-4 4, Wallace 2-6 0-0 4, Macklin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-78 13-22 80.

Macklin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-78 13-22 80.

New York 25 39 22 17 - 103

Detroit 24 18 15 23 - 80

3-Point Goals-New York 8-28 (Bibby 4-4, Shumpert 13
Fields 1-4, Anthony 1-4, Harrellson 1-5, Douglas 0-1,

Balkman 0-1, Walker 0-2, Stoudemire 0-2, Novak 0-2),

Detroit 9-26 (Knight 5-13, Gordon 2-5, Prince 1-2, Jerebko 1-3, Bynum 0-1, Wilkins 0-2). Fouled Out-None.

Rebounds-New York 56 (Chandler 9), Detroit 49 (Maxiell, Knight, Fynum 6). Assists-New York 26 (Anthony 7), Detroit 17 (Knight 4). Total Fouls-New York 20, Detroit 21. Technicals-Anthony, New York defensive three second. A-12,044 (22,076).

THUNDER 98, ROCKETS 95

OKLAHOMACITY(98)
Durant 10-25 5-6 27, Ibaka 1-4 0-0 2, Perkins 1-2 0-0 2, Westbrook 10-20 4-5, Sefolosha 1-3 0-1 2, Harden 4-12 5-516, Collison 1-3 2-2 4, Mohammed 7-13 3-4 17, Cook 1-2 0-0 3, Mayror 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-85 19-22 98.

HOUSTON(95) Parsons 1-6 0-0 2, Scola 12-28 4-5 28, Dalembert 1-3 0-0

2, Dragic 7-10 4-4 20, Martin 4-11 6-6 16, Patterson 5-10 0-0 10, Williams 1-4 0-0 3, Budinger 3-8 0-0 6, Hill 3-5 0-0 6, Flynn 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 3-8 87 14-15 95. Oklahomacity 23 25 24 26 - 98 Houston 21 25 26 23 - 95 3-Point Goals-Oklahoma City 7-21 (Harden 3-7, Durant 2-8, Cook 1-2, Westbrook 1-2, Mayrior 0-1, Sefolosha 0-1), Houston 5-14 (Dragic 2-3, Martin 2-4, Williams 1-2, Parsons 0-2, Budinger 0-3), Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Oklahoma City 5-4 (Perkins 9), Houston 48 (Parsons 8), Assists-Oklahoma City 18 (Westbrook 6), Houston 28 (Dragic 8), Total Fouls-Oklahoma City 16, Houston 21, A-14, 327 (18,043).

62. PHILADELPHIA (97) Iguodala 3-12-6-6 14, Brand 3-5-4-6 10, Hawes 3-5-12-7, Holiday 6-10-0-14, Meeks 2-11-2-7, Young 5-8-2-412. Vucevic 47-12-9, Williams 5-13-3-313, Turner 4-8-12-9, Nocioni 12-0-0-2, Allen 0-1-0-0 0, Brackins 0-10-0 0.

MAVERICKS 96, HORNETS 81 NEWORLEANS(81)

NEWOKLEANS(S1) Aminu 4-8 5-6 15, Kaman 4-8 2-2 10, Okafor 3-7 3-5 9, Jack 4-14 4-4 13, Belinelli 1-4 1-2 3, Vasquez 2-4 2-2 6, Landry 3-7 6-7 12, Ayon 1-1 0-0 2, TJohnson 1-4 0-0 2, CJohnson 3-7 0-0 9. Totals 26-64 23-28 81. DALLAS(96)

DALLAS(96)
Marion 1-6 4-4 6, Nowitzki 2-11 6-6 10, Haywood 1-2 0-0
2, West 2-6 8-8 12, Carter 5-11 2-2 13, Odom 4-9 0-0 9,
Mahinmi 5-6 3-8 13, Terry 5-9 0-0 12, Beaubois 4-10 0-0
11, Cardinal 1-1 0-0.3 Wright 2-2 1-15, Jones 0-1 0-0 0.
Totak 3-7-3/ 24-2-9 9-6 Totals 32-74 24-29 96.

Kaman, New Orleans Coach Williams, New Orleans defensive three second 2. Flagrant Fouls—Jack. A—20,409 (19,200).

DENVER(117)
Gallinari 10-16 8-10 31, Koufos 0-2 0-0 0, Mozgov 2-2 0-0
4, Lawson 9-18 2-3 20, Affilalo 5-8 0-0 12, Harrington 7-10
4-7 19, Fernandez 4-8 1-2 11, Millier 4-11 0-0 8, Andersen
0-10 2-1, Brewer 5-6 1-2 11. Totals 46-81 17-26 117.
SANANTONIO(121)
Lefferson 7-13-20, 10 D Durgan 4-8 2-3 10 Bair 5-10 0-0

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DOTEM					
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT PTS GF	GA
N.Y.Rangers	39	26	9	4 56 116	82
Philadelphia	39	24	11	4 52 133	115
NewJersey	41	23	16	2 48 114	117
Pittsburgh N.Y.Islanders	40 39	21 14	15 19	4 46 123 6 34 91	106 125
NORTHEAST	GP	W	L	OT PTS GF	GA
Boston	38	26	11	1 53 141	73
Ottawa	42	21	15	6 48 129	139
Toronto	41	21	15	5 47 133	131
Buffalo Montreal	41 41	18 16	18 18	5 41 107 7 39 109	121 114
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SOUTHEAST	GP	W	L	******	GA
Florida	41	20	13	8 48 107	115
Winnipeg	41	20	16	5 45 109	119
Washington	38	21	15	2 44 114	110
TampaBay	40	17	20	5 45 109 2 44 114 3 37 109 7 35 112	136
Carolina WESTERN	43	14	22	7 35 112	146
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT PTS GF	GA
St.Louis	41	24	12	5 53 107	89
Chicago	41	24	13	4 52 132	120
Detroit	40	25 22	14	1 51 131	92
Nashville	41	22	15	4 48 111	114
Columbus	40	11	24	5 27 95	130
NORTHWEST	GP	W	L	OT PTS GF	GA
Vancouver	42	26	13	3 55 138	102
Minnesota	41	21	14	6 48 95	98
Colorado	43	23	19	1 47 114	120
Calgary	42	18	19	5 41 100 3 35 111	123
Edmonton	41	16	22		119
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT PTS GF	GA
SanJose	37	22	11	4 48 107	87
Dallas	40	23	16	1 47 112	114
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NOTE: Two points for a win, one
Friday's Games
New Jersey's, Florida 2
NY, Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1
Carolina 4, Buffalo 2
Colorado 4, Chicago 0
Anaheim 4, NY, Islanders 2
Saturday's Games
Vancouver 4, Boston 3
Philadelphia 3, Ottawa 2, ort
Dallas 4, Edmonton 1
Columbus 1, Los Angeles 0
Winnipeg 2, Buffalo 1, Ort
Toronto 4, Detroit 3
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 1
New Jersey 2, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 4, Colorado 0
Nashville 5, Carolina 2
Phoenix 5, NY, Islanders 1
Minnesota at Calgany, late
Washington at San Jose, late
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Ottawa, 3 p.m.
Louis Anaheim, 6 p.m.
Konday's Games

College Basketball

Gonzaga 82, Santa Clara 60 Idaho 63, Fresno St. 59 New Mexico 85. North Dakota 57 Portland 53, Pepperdine 43 Washington 57, Utah 53 Midwest

Creighton 92, Bradley 83 E. Michigan 47, N. Illinois 40 Illinois 59, Nebraska 54 Illinois St. 75, Evansville 73 Kansas St. 75, Missouri 59 Milwaukee 64, Green Bay 63 Missouri St. 69, Indiana St. 63 N. Iowa 83, Drake 68 N. Iowa 83, Urake 68
Oakland 93, IUPUI 81
Ohio St. 76, Iowa 47
Saint Louis 78, George Washington 56
South Dakota 76, UMKC 57
St. John's 57, Cincinnati 55
W. Illinois 75, IPPW 65
W. Illinois 75, IPPW 65 Wichita St. 83. S. Illinois 73

Youngstown St. 71, III.-Chicago 50 **Southwest** Arkansas St. 75, North Texas 72 Baylor 73, Texas Tech 60 E. Illinois 74, Houston Baptist 62 Iowa St. 74, Texas A&M 50 Kansas 72. Oklahoma 61 Lamar 103, Cent. Arkansas 67 Marshall 63, Rice 61 McNeese St. 71, Texas A&M-CC 69 Oral Roberts 97, S. Dakota St. 75 SMU 57, Tulsa 55 Stephen F. Austin 63. SE Louisiana 36 Texas 58, Oklahoma St. 49 Texas Southern 84. Prairie View 49 Texas-Arlington 85, Nicholls St. 55 UALR 40, FAU 38

SCHEDULE:

TONIGHT'S BIG GAMES

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. ESPN - GoDaddy.com

Bowl, Arkansas St. vs. N. **GOLF**

Illinois, at Mobile, Ala. 7 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, Africa Open, final round, at East London, South Africa (same-day tape)

3:30 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, Tournament of Champions, third round, at Kapalua, Hawaii

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11:30 a.m. CBS - Wisconsin at Michigan

3:30 p.m. FSN — Arizona at Southem Cal

5:30 p.m. FSN — California at Ore-

gon NFL 11 a.m. FOX - NFC Wild Card,

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants 2:30 p.m. CBS-AFC Wild Card,

Pittsburgh at Denver NHL

5:30 p.m. NBC Sports Network (formerly Versus) — Detroit at Chicago

RODEO 12:30 p.m. NBC - PBR, Madison

Square Garden Invitational, at New York (sameday tape)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. FSN — Memphis at UTEP

1 p.m. FSN — Oklahoma at Texas A&M

Alcorn St. 63, Jackson St. 60 Bethune-Cookman 59, NC A&T 56 Campbell 77, Presbyterian 65 Chattanogra 65, Appalachian St. Alcom St. 63, Jackson St. 60 Bethune-Cookman 59, Nr. A&T 56 Campbell 77, Presbyterian 65 Chattanooga 65, Appalachian St. 63 Clemson 79, Florida St. 59 Coastal Carolina 80, Charleston Southern 77, OT Coll. of Charleston 66, Furman 43 Davidson 96, Georgia Southern 74 Delaware 75, William & Mary 64 Delaware 78, South Alabama 50 Duke 81, Georgia Tech 74 E. Kentucky 63, SE Missouri 59 ETSU 76, Mercer 61 Florida A&M 62, NC Central 60 Gardner-Webb 65, High Point 61, OT George Mason 61, Georgia St. 58 Hampton 57, Howard 55 Jacksonville St. 72, Tennessee St. 65 Kentucky 79, South Carolina 64 LSU 81, Mississippi 55 Longwood 88, NIIT 70 Louisiana-Monroe 54, FIU 50 Middle Tennessee 65, Louisiana-Lafayette 53 Morgan St. 73, SC State 68 Murray St. 87, Austin Peay 75 New Mexico St. 81, Louisiana Tech 73 Norfolk St. 78, Md. Fastern Shore 72 North Carolina 83, Boston College 60 North Horida 88, Florida Gulf Coast 81, OT Northeastern 68, James Madison 56 Northwestern 18, 38, Texas St. 68 Norte Dame 67, Louisville 66, 207 Old Dominion 75, Towson 38 SC-Upstate 68, Kennesaw St. 53 SIU-Edwardsville 69, UT-Martin 65 Savannah St. 72, Coppin St. 60 Southern Miss. 71, Tulane 66, OT Southern Miss. 71, Fulane 66, OT Southern Miss. 72, Forballing St. 59 Stetson 73, Jacksonville 61 Tennessee 67, Florida 56 Tennessee G7, Florida 56 Tennessee Tech 66, Morehead St. 55 The Citadel 73, Samford 62 Troy 67, W. Kentucky 65 UCF 81, East Carolina 63 UNC Asheville 98, Liberty 75 UNC Willmington 86, Hofstra 80 Vanderbilt 65, Auburn 35 Virginia 52, Miami 51 W. Carolina 67, Wofford 57 Wake Forest 58, Virginia Tech 55

WOMEN'S SCORES
Far West
BYIL 76, San Francisco 67
CS Northridge 57, Long Beach St. 50
California 90, Oregon 67
Colorado 57, Washington St. 56
E. Washington 4N, N. Arizona 56
Gonzaga 80, Loyola Marymount 54
Idaho St. 58, Montana 51
Longwood 59, Air Forre 48
N. Colorado 68, Sacramento St. 58
N. Dakota St. 80, S. Utah 68
Pacific 80, UC Riverside 59
Pepperdine 66, Portland 63
Portland St. 66, Weber St. 56
San Diego 77, Saint Mary's (Cal) 60
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San Diego 71, Saint Mary's (Cal) 60
Southern Cal 72, Arizona 67
Stanford 67, Oregon St. 60
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UC Santa Barbara 39, Cal St. Fullerton 37
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Providence 60, DePaul 52
Quinnipiac 59, St. Francis (NY) 43
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NFL TEXANS 31, BENGALS 10 Cincinnati 7 3 0 7 10 7 First Quarter

Cin–Benson 1 run (Nugent kick), 7:34. Hou–Foster 8 run (Rackers kick), 4:57. Second Quarter Cin—FG Nugent 37, 7:09. Hou—FG Rackers 39, 1:48. Hou–Watt 29 interception return (Rackers kick), :52. **Third Quarter**

HOU—A.Johnson 40 pass from Yates (Rackers kick), 1:08. Fourth Quarter Hou–Foster 42 run (Rackers kick), 5:15. A–71,725.

	Cin	Hou
First downs	21	19
Total Net Yards	300	340
Rushes-yards	19-76	35-188
Passing	224	152
Punt Returns	3-20	3-12
Kickoff Returns	1-22	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-28
Comp-Att-Int	27-42-3	11-20-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-33	2-7
Punts	3-48.3	5-50.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	5-87
Time of Possession	30:17	29:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING—Cincinnati, Leonard 3-34, Dalton 3-17, Benson 7-14, Scott 6-11. Houston, Foster 24-153, Tate 9-37, Casey 1-PASSING—Cincinnati, Dalton 27-42-3-257. Houston, Yates RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Leonard 6-36, Green 5-47, Gresham 5-46, Simpson 3-33, Scott 3-29, Whalen 2-24, Lee 1-36, Hawkins 1-8, Benson 1-(-2), Houston, A.Johnson 5-90, Foster 3-29, Daniels 2-29, Walter 1-11. MISSED FIELD GOALS—Cincinnati, Nugent 50 (WR).

Golf Fournament Of Champions Saturday

At Plantation Course At Kapalua		
Kapalua, Hawaii		
Purse: \$5.6 Million		
Yardage: 7,411 - Par 73		
Second Round		
Steve Stricker	68-63-131	-15
Webb Simpson	68-68-136	-10
Kevin Na	73-64-137	-9
Martin Laird	68-70-138	
Jonathan Byrd	67-71-138	-8
D.A. Points	71-69-140	-6
Chris Kirk	75-66-141	-5
Brvce Molder	71-70-141	-5
Keegan Bradley	69-72-141	-5
Aaron Baddeley	75-68-143	-3
Scott Stallings	74-69-143	-3
Bubba Watson	74-69-143	-3
Harrison Frazar	74-69-143	-3
Sean O'hair	73-70-143	-3
Rory Sabbatini	73-70-143	-3
Mark Wilson	72-71-143	-3
Scott Piercy	72-71-143	-3
Ben Crane	72-71-143	-3
K.J. Choi	70-73-143	-3
Michael Bradley	68-75-143	-3
Gary Woodland	73-71-144	ゆゆぐさささいさいりょうりょうしょうしゃ
Nick Watney	73-71-144	-2
Johnson Wägner	72-72-144	-2

Tennis ATP WORLD TOUR QATAR

EXXONMOBIL OPEN Saturday
At The Mallfa International Tennis & Squash Complex
Doha, Qatar
Purse: \$1.11 million (WT250)
Surface Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (3), France, def. Gael Monfils (4),

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (3), France, def. Gael Monfils (4), France, 7-5, 6-3.

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL Saturday At Queensland Tennis Centre Brisbane, Australia Purse: Men, \$486,000 (WT250) Women, \$655,000 (Premier) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Men Semifinals

Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Bernard Tomic (8), Australia Alexandr Dolgopolov (3), Ukraine, def. Gilles Simon (2), France, 6-3, 6-4.

Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia

FOOTBALL National Football League NDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed WR Jarred Fayson.

HOCKEY HOUREY
Mational Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Reassigned F Drayson Bowman
to Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Activated D Steve Montador from injured reserve. Assigned D Dylan Olsen to Rockford (AHL). FLORIDA PANTHERS—Reassigned RW Bill Thomas to San Antonio (AHL).

ECHL—Suspended Chicago's Chaz Johnson one game and fined him an undisclosed amount as a result of his actions in a Jan. 6 game against Chicago.

GWINNETT GLADIATORS—Signed F Aaron Bendickson.

Major League Soccer
MONTREAL IMPACT—Named Denis Hamlett assistant coach
and Nicolas Gagnon assistant coach for the U21 team and
technical assistant of the Impact soccer schools.

Devon Ramsay a hardship waiver, giving him an extra year of eligibility in 2012.

by J.J. McDermott, to beat

Pittsburgh 28-6 Saturday in

the BBVA Compass Bowl.

JACKSON HELPS BAYLOR REMAIN UNBEATEN

LUBBOCK, Texas • Former College of Southern Idaho guard Pierre Jackson scored 19 points and No. 4 Baylor beat Texas Tech 73-60 on Saturday.

Brady Heslip had 16 points and Quincy Miller finished with 15 for the Bears (15-0, 2-O Big 12), who are off the best start in school history.

Baylor held off the Red Raiders (7-7, 0-2) after building an 11-point lead midway through the second half. Texas Tech put together a 9-2 run to close to 55-51 with 8:17 remaining, but the rally fizzled from there.

The Red Raiders committed eight turnovers in the second half, compared to four after halftime for the Bears.

Javarez Willis scored 13 points and Ty Nurse added 10 for Texas Tech.

NO. 1 SYRACUSE 73, NO. 20 MARQUETTE **SYRACUSE, N.Y.** • Kris

Joseph scored 17 points, Brandon Triche added 16, and top-ranked Syracuse remained unbeaten with a gritty 73-66 victory over No. 20 Marquette on Saturday.

Syracuse (17-0, 4-0 Big East) is two wins away from matching the school's best start, established a decade ago.

NO. 2 KENTUCKY 79, SOUTH CAROLINA 64.

LEXINGTON, Ky. • Terrence Jones hit his first eight shots to finish with 20 points and No. 2 Kentucky beat South Carolina 79-64 on Saturday in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

The Wildcats (15-1, 1-0) have won seven straight and came in as the preseason favorite to win the SEC for the 45th time. They used an 11-0 run to end the first half to take a comfortable lead against South Carolina.

NO. 3 NORTH CAROLINA 83,

BOSTON COLLEGE 60 CHAPEL HILL, N.C. • Harrison Barnes scored 25 points and No. 3 North Carolina won its eighth straight.

Tyler Zeller added 20 points for the Tar Heels (14-2,1-0). The preseason league favorites shot 47 percent, took control with a big firsthalf run and used an even bigger spurt late to claim its 27th straight win at the Smith Center.

Matt Humphrey scored 14 points and Ryan Anderson added 13 for BC (5-10, 0-1), which started five freshmen and had 20 turnovers in losing its third straight.

NO. 5 DUKE 81, GEORGIA

TECH 74 ATLANTA • Ryan Kelly scored 21 points, Seth Curry added 15 and No. 5 Duke beat Georgia Tech 81-74 on Saturday.

Duke (13-2, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) avoided consecutive defeats for the first time since Feb. 11 and Feb. 15, 2009.

Glen Rice Jr. scored a season-high 28 points and Mfon Udofia finished with 19 points for Georgia Tech (7-8, 0-1 ACC). The Yellow Jackets, who never led, have lost four straight.

NO. 6 OHIO STATE 76, IOWA 47

IOWA CITY, Iowa • Jared Sullinger scored a seasonhigh 28 points and Deshaun Thomas added 10 points for the Buckeyes, who won for the second time on the road.

Ohio State (15-2, 3-1 Big Ten) went on a 16-2 run sandwiched around halftime to jump ahead 38-21 early in the second half. The Buckeyes steadily built that lead to 60-33 with just under eight minutes left and cruised to their third Big Ten win by at least 29 points.

NO. 23 KANSAS STATE 75, NO. 7 MISSOURI 59 MANHATTAN, Kan. •

Rodney McGruder scored 20 points and No. 23 Kansas State encountered surprisingly little resistance from No. 7 Missouri.

Missouri (14-1, 1-1 Big 12) entered the day as one the nation's four remaining unbeaten teams but never threatened in the final 30 minutes. Marcus Denmon led the

Tigers with 17 points while

Michael Dixon added 16. **RUTGERS 67,** NO. 8 CONNECTICUT 60

PISCATAWAY, N.J. • Freshman Eli Carter continued his scoring streak with 19 points and Rutgers beat a Top Ten team for the second time this season, defeating Connecticut in coach Jim Calhoun's return from a three-game NCAA suspension.

WEST VIRGINIA 74, NO. 9 **GEORGETOWN 72** MORGANTOWN, W.Va. •

Truck Bryant scored 25 points and West Virginia ended No. 9 Georgetown's 11-game winning streak.

Kevin Jones added 22 points and 16 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season for the Mountaineers (12-4, 3-1 Big East).

NOTRE DAME 67, NO. 11 LOUISVILLE 65

LOUISVILLE, Ky. • Eric Atkins scored six points in the second overtime and the Fighting Irish got their first road win of the season.

Notre Dame (10-6, 2-1 Big East) held the Cardinals without a field goal in the second overtime until Rakeem Buckles' tip in at the buzzer.

TENNESSEE 67, NO. 13 FLORIDA 56 KNOXVILLE, Tenn. • Kenny Hall scored a season-high 13 points and Tennessee up-

set No. 13 Florida. The Gators, who have lost all four of their true road games this year, came in averaging 85.4 points this season, best among SEC teams and fifth in the nation. The Volunteers held them to 35.7 percent shooting while hitting 51 percent of their own attempts.

NO. 14 KANSAS 72, OKLAHOMA 61

NORMAN, Okla. • Travis Releford scored 28 points to set a career best for the second straight game and Thomas Robinson added 18 points.

The Jayhawks (12-3, 2-0 Big 12) scored the first seven points of the second half to take the lead, then never gave it back. Jeff Withey, Elijah Johnson and Robinson all had two-handed slams during a 29-6 surge that turned a one-point game into a blowout.

NO. 15 ARKANSAS 98, MISSISSIPPI STATE 88 FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. •

Julysses Nobles scored a career-high 24 points as Arkansas opened Southeastern Conference play with a win over Mississippi State.

Nobles, a Mississippi native, scored 15 in the first half as the Razorbacks (12-3, 1-0 SEC) forced 11 turnovers and opened a 43-37 halftime lead. The junior finished 7 of 11 from the field, including 4

NO. 19 MURRAY STATE 87, **AUSTIN PEAY 75** CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. • Isaiah Canaan scored 35 points to keep Murray State

NO. 21 VIRGINIA 52, MIAMI 51 CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va • Mike Scott scored 23 points and No. 21 Virginia held off a rally and hung on for its 12th

NO. 22 HARVARD 63, **DARTMOUTH 47** CAMBRIDGE, Mass. •

Oliver McNally scored 17 points, hitting a 3-pointer during an 8-0 run that gave the Crimson the lead for good, and No. 22 Harvard pulled away with a dominant second half.

SANTA CLARA 58 **SPOKANE, Wash.** • Sam Dower scored 17 points and

to check off both benchmarks to give coach June

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. • SMU has not lost this season when

Associated Press

BY CHARLES ODUM

76ERS 97, RAPTORS 62 TORONTO (62)
Butler 0-4 0-0 0, Bargnani 8-19 4-6 21, A.Johnson 6-11 00.12, Calderon 3-9 1-27, DeRozan 4-13 0-0 8, Liohinson 311-13, Davis 13-0 0-2, Carter 15-0-0 2, Barbosa 17-11-3, Magloire 0-0 0-0 0, Forbes 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 27-85 7-12

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Totals 36-83 20-27 97.

Toronto

16 18 15 13 - 62

Philadelphia

19 22 32 24 - 97

3-Point Goals—Foronto I-12 (Bargnani I-4, DeRozan 0-1, Carter 0-1, Barbosa 0-1, Butler 0-2, Calderno 0-31),

Philadelphia 5-21 (Holiday 2-4, Iguodala 2-5, Meeks 1-6, Nocioni 0-1, Turner 0-1, Williams 0-41, Fouled Out-None Rebounds—Foronto 55 (A.Johnon 14), Philadelphia 62 (Iguodala, Vucevic 10), Assists—Toronto 15 (Calderon 7),

Philadelphia 20 (Holiday 6), Total Fouls—Toronto 20,

Philadelphia 10. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second 2. A–14,522 (20,318).

Totals 32-74 24-29 96. NewOrleans 20 21 24 16 - 81 Dallas 26 26 23 21 - 96 3-Point Goals-New Orleans 6-11 (L.Johnson 3-4, Aminu 2-4, Jack 1-2, Vasquez 0-1), Dallas 8-19 (Beautois) 3-5, Terry 2-3, Cardinal 1-1, Carter 1-3, Odom 1-4, Jones 0-1, Nowitzki 2-3, Calumia 1-3, Carlet 1-3, Outon 1-4, Jones 0-1, Nowted 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 46 (Aminu 12), Dallas 44 (Mahinmi 7). Assists—New Orleans 17 (Jack 5), Dallas 22 (Terry, West, Nowitzki 4). Total Fouls—New Orleans 19, Dallas 21. Technicals—Jack,

SPURS 121, NUGGETS 117 DENVER(117)

U-U-L21, Brewer 3-6 1-2 11. 10fals 46-81 17-26 117.

SANANTONIO(22)

Jefferson 7-12 0-0 19, Duncan 4-8 2-2 10, Blair 5-10 0-0

Jo, Parker 8-16 3-5 19, Neal 5-11 0-1 10, Green 9-13 3-3 24,
Leonard 3-4 0-0 6, Splitter 4-5 2-2 10, Bonner 1-2 0-0 2,
Ford 2-5 4-5 8, Anderson 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 49-89 14-18 121.

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Fernande 2-4, Harrington 1-3, Lawson 0-1, Miller 0-1),
San Antonio 9-20 (Jefferson 5-8, Green 3-4, Anderson 1-2,
Bonner 0-1, Parker 0-1, Ford 0-1, Neal 0-3), Fouled OutNone, Rebounds—Denver 43 (Miller 6), San Antonio 47

(Ford 7), Total Fouls—Denver 17, San Antonio 19.

Technicals—Denver defensive three second. A-17,537

(18,797).

EASTERN

Monday's Games Vancouver at Florida, 5:30 p.m. Washington at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

Far West BYU 81, San Francisco 56 Colorado 71, Washington St. 60 Colorado St. 87, Nebraska-Omaha 63 Loyola Marymount 79, San Diego 68 Montana 68, Idaho St. 44

Midwest
Akron 65, Miami (Ohio) 60
Ball St. 78, W. Michigan 69
Bowling Green 67, Ohio 57
Cent. Michigan 85, Toledo 69
Cleveland St. 69, Loyola of Chicago 48
Creichton 20, Pendlav 32

UTEP 70, Houston 50 Alabama 74, Georgia 59 Alabama A&M 65, Ark.-Pine Bluff 62

MCDERMOTT LEADS SMU PAST

least 21 points.

PITTSBURGH IN COMPASS BOWL

it scores first or puts up at

The Mustangs were quick

Jones his 100th collegiate win.

SMU put up three firstquarter touchdowns, includ-

ing scoring runs and passes

Virginia 52, Miami 51
W. Carolina 67, Wolford 57
W. Carolina 67, Wolford 57
Wake Forest 58, Virginia Tech 55
Winthrop 91, VMI 84
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American U. 82, Colgate 54
Bryant 59, St. Francis (Pa.) 56
Bucknell 75, Army 59
Buffalo 66, Kent St. 65
CCSU 68, Robert Morris 53
Charlotte 57, Saint Josephis 52
Cornell 78, Albright 60
Dayton 87, Temple 77
Duquesne 66, St. Bonaventure 52
Harvard 63, Dartmouth 47
Holy Cross 84, Lehigh 78
LIU 79, Quinnipia 275
Lafayette 65, Navy 63
Luyla (Md.) 77, Canisius 62
Maine 89, LIMBC 70
Mount St. Mary's 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 45
Richmond 70, Rhode Island 53
Rutgers 67, UConn 60
Seton Hall 66, Providence 57
St. Francis (NY) 99, Sacred Heart 84
Syracuse 73, Marquette 66
Wagner 89, Monmouth (NJ) 79
West Virginia 74, Georgetown 62
Xavier 67, Fordham 59

WOMEN'S SCORES

Transactions

COLLEGE NORTH CAROLINA—Announced the NCAA granted FB

"I'm really proud of the defense," Jones said. "Really the defense has been that way all year. They've been the reason we've won eight games. We haven't been as sharp on offense as we've been in years past."

of 7 on 3-pointers.

Austin Peay. Canaan scored the first 16 points for the Racers (16-0, 4-0), who tied the best start in school history — matching the 1935-36 squad. He hit seven of his eight 3-point attempts.

unbeaten with a victory over

consecutive win.

NO. 25 GONZAGA 80,

No. 25 Gonzaga pulled away in the second half for a win over Santa Clara.

— The Associated Press

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Tuesday

A day of

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ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Normal High / Low 33° / 17°

Today: A few clouds, mild. High 37 Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Low 21.

Tomorrow: Warming up, partly cloudy. High 43.

ALMANAC - BURLEY Rrecipitation **Temperature** Yesterday's High /esterday's Low 27° Normal High / Low 35° / 17°

-22° in 1982 Avg. Water Year to Date 3.01" IDAHO'S FORECAST SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly sunny with temperatures in the mid 30s Tomorrow, mostly sunny again with temperatures warming even more. Coeur d' Alene Tonight's Lows 20's BOISE 35 / 29 sunny skies will persist today and through the early portions of the Temperatures will stay Today Highs/Lows 30's to 40's / 20's **NORTHERN UTAH** 40 / 27 with mild temperatures. Tomorrow will start a multi-day warmup, with McCall skies to stay sunny Idaho Falls Pocatello **Twin Falls** erday's State Extremes - High: 43 at Lewiston Low: -4 at Dixie

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Avg. Water Year to Date 3.59" A w 52° in 1969 -14° in 1982 er year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 ation valid through 5 pm yesterday Moonrise **Moon Phases** and Moonset Moonrise: 5:10 PM 6:15 PM 7:23 PM **REGIONAL FORECAST** NATIONAL FORECAST Today Tomorrow Tuesday Hi Lo W Hi Lo W Hi Lo W 41 23 pc 41 27 pc 41 27 pc 38 29 is 39 29 is 36 29 pc 37 21 pc 43 21 pc 42 21 pc 34 14 pc 37 16 pc 36 16 is 35 29 is 41 31 mx 37 31 is Today Hi Lo W 63 49 sh 48 32 pc 46 32 pc 65 50 sh 46 37 pc 45 31 pc 56 34 pc 66 56 th 45 34 pc 67 55 th Elko, NV 35 9 pc 41 13 su 48 13 pc 42 34 fg 48 35 r 45 35 pc Sacramento 60 32 su 58 33 su 5t. Louis 48 32 pc 49 34 pc 5t. Paul 38 26 pc 45 28 pc 5alt Lake City 34 20 pc 37 23 su 5an Diego 70 45 su 74 48 su 5an Francisco 61 47 su 60 47 su 36 22 pc 39 25 pc 38 25 pc 27 13 pc 33 17 pc 36 17 pc ldaho Falls Kalispell, MT 33 28 ls 39 25 pc 44 36 sh 39 19 pc 41 22 pc 33 18 ls 35 31 sh 37 26 ls 39 28 pc 38 22 pc 41 25 pc 42 32 pc 46 36 r 34 18 pc 37 19 pc 35 22 pc 39 22 pc 32 15 pc 35 18 pc 38 25 ls 40 31 pc Missoula, MT 33 22 pc 39 23 pc 45 38 pc 48 37 r 38 20 pc 43 21 pc 27 15 pc 34 17 pc 40 23 pc 46 37 pc 42 21 pc 33 17 pc 71 51 pc 73 53 pc 47 29 pc 48 30 pc Portland, OR 39 30 pc 41 32 r 38 26 pc 46 28 su 43 32 pc 42 28 pc 77 47 su 79 52 su 58 44 sh 54 45 sh Salmon 31 10 pc 35 18 pc 28 18 sh Salt Lake City, UT 34 20 pc 37 23 su 41 23 pc
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Yesterday's Weather Wednesday Thursday Boise Challis Coeur d' Ale Idaho Falls 27 0.00 19 0.00 25 Trace Lewiston 43 32 0.00' 39 33 0.00' Malad City n/a n/a n/a"
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Sunrise and Sunset Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:23 PM Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:24 PM Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:25 PM Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:26 PM Today's U. V. Index

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NBA ROUNDUP

LEBRON, HEAT ROLL OVER HÁPLESS NETS

NEWARK, N.J. • LeBron James returned to the lineup and scored 22 of his 32 points in the first quarter, and the Miami Heat rolled to a 101-90 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Saturday night despite playing without Dwyane Wade.

Wade missed his third straight game with a bruised left foot, but James had the game under control by the time his All-Star teammate arrived at his seat on the bench.

James made his first seven shots, leaping high for dunks, lobs and blocked shots and showing no effects from the sprained left ankle that forced him to miss a game. The NBA's leading scorer added nine assists and seven rebounds.

MAVERICKS 96, **HORNETS 81**

DALLAS • Vince Carter and Ian Mahinmi had 13 points each as Dallas handed New Orleans its sixth consecutive

Carter and Mahinmi led a balanced scoring attack for the Mavericks (4-5), who won their fourth straight at home and had six players scoring in double figures.

KNICKS 103, PISTONS 80 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. •

Amare Stoudemire scored 22 points and Mike Bibby added 16 to lead New York to an easy victory over Detroit.

Carmelo Anthony scored 13 points in three quarters for the Knicks, who led 64-42 at halftime and by 29 after three. Bibby has scored 27 points in his last two games after scoring seven through New York's first

THUNDER 98, ROCKETS 95

HOUSTON • Kevin Durant hit a jumper with 22 seconds left and nailed two free throws to give Oklahoma City a win over Houston.

Durant finished with 27 points and six rebounds, Russell Westbrook added 25 points and six assists, and reserve Nazr Mohammed had a season-high 17 points and six rebounds for the Thunder.

Luis Scola had a seasonhigh 28 points and seven rebounds, Goran Dragic had a season-best 20 points and eight assists, and Kevin Martin had 16 points to lead the Rockets (2-6), who have lost four straight games. Houston had a chance at the end but Dragic threw the ball out of bounds with less than a second remaining to seal it.

HAWKS 109, BULLS 94

ATLANTA • Josh Smith scored 25 points, Joe Johnson and Vladimir Radmanovic each added 17 and Atlanta beat Chicago to snap the Bulls' six-game winning streak.

John Lucas III had 14 of his team-high 16 points in the fourth quarter for Chicago, which never led. The Bulls, who dropped to 7-2, had been off to their best start since going 12-0 in 1996-97.

SPURS 121, NUGGETS 117 **SAN ANTONIO • Danny** Green scored a season-high 24 points as San Antonio beat Denver for its sixth straight home win and third

in a row overall.

Green hit two free throws with 3.6 seconds left to ice it for the Spurs (6-2) after Danilo Gallinari hit a 3pointer with 7.6 seconds left to pull Denver to 119-116.

76ERS 97, RAPTORS 62 PHILADELPHIA • Andre

Iguodala had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Jrue Holiday also scored 14 points to lead Philadelphia over Toronto for its fourth straight win.

PACERS 99, BOBCATS 77 INDIANAPOLIS • Roy Hibbert had 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocks despite briefly leaving the game with a sprained right ankle to lead Indiana over Charlotte.

— The Associated Press

Miami Heat forward LeBron James is fouled by New Jersey Nets forward Kris Humphries during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Saturday in Newark, N.J. ASSOCIATED PRES



Star-Studded Injury List Ahead of Aussie Open

BY DENNIS PASSA Associated Press

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BRISBANE, Australia • Serena Williams has a badly sprained left ankle, Roger Federer an aching back and Kim Clijsters a sore left hip.

Add in a limping — but "I'll be OK" - Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal playing with a sore left shoulder from last season and the warmup tournaments for next week's Australian Open are beginning to look like a star-studded sports injury clinic.

Williams' injury seems to be the most serious and could affect her chances of winning the singles title for the sixth time at Melbourne Park. She rolled it badly in the second round at the Brisbane International and pulled out of the tournament.

In her first tournament since losing the U.S. Open final in September, Williams was serving for the match against Bojana Jovanovski of Serbia when she twisted her ankle and fell to the court.

After receiving medical attention, she limped through the end of that game and the next to complete a straightsets win. She later withdrew after medical scans "confirmed that I have a left ankle sprain (and) that I probably shouldn't play on."

On Saturday, Williams sounded optimistic in a brief message to her nearly 2.4 million Twitter followers.

"Team Williams on way to Melbourne.. I'm doing everything to heal up and winfromwithin," she tweet-

Federer and defending Australian Open champion Clijsters withdrew from their tournaments on Friday. Federer, a four-time Australian Open singles champion, withdrew ahead of his scheduled Qatar Open semifinal against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga because of back muscle spasms. But said he expects to be fit for the first Grand Slam of the season when it begins on Jan. 16.

The 16-time Grand Slam singles champion said his back had not improved since beating Andreas Seppi in three sets on Thursday.

Clijsters was forced to retire from her semifinal match against Daniel Hantuchova at the Brisbane International. Clijsters won the opening set 7-6 (4) but surrendered a break at the start of the second set and needed treatment after the third game. She came back on court for one game before walking to the net and telling Hantuchova she couldn't continue after falling behind 3-1.

On Saturday, the WTA said a scan showed there was no tear but she had suffered a spasm in the muscle that helps control movement in the hip.

"Kim will be resting for a

few days and getting intensive treatment, but the Australian Open should not be in danger," the WTA said, adding that Clijsters will have another scan next week.

Both Clijsters Williams, the 2010 Australian Open champion, were playing their first tournaments in four months. Clijsters struggled with injuries last season and only played eight tournaments, including the win at the Australian Open that helped her return to the No. 1 ranking for one







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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of East End Mutual Electric will be held January 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Rupert Elk's Lodge. Members attendance at this meeting is needed so important business may be conducted. A Director At Large will be elected. Jim McBride is currently the director. Refreshments will be served

PUBLISH: January 1, 8 and 15, 2012

CITY OF JEROME PLANNING & ZONING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 24th day of January, 2012, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the City Planning and Zoning Commission at City Council Chambers, 100 East Avenue A, Jerome, Idaho to hear a request from **Dub Beem** for a Special Use Permit allowing calves and/or sheep on that parcel described as Tax 4 of Block 249, Jerome Townsite, SW Section 13, Township 8, Range 16, east of the Boise Meridian, more commonly known as 705 N Fir in Jerome.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, and shall have an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2012.

/s/ Paula Thompson

Paula Thompson, Planning and Zoning Secretary

PUBLISH: Sunday, January 8, 2012

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF LOW-INCOME **HOUSING TAX CREDIT**

Notice is hereby given by Idaho Housing and Finance Association that the second application period for the year 2012 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit has been opened. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2012. Non-Targeted Credit \$ 1,200,000

Developers of affordable housing interested in applying for a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Reservation may obtain a copy of the 2012 Allocation Plan and Application on the Internet at www.ihfa.org under Multifamily Housing / Low Income Housing Tax Credits. If you have trouble accessing the Internet, you may contact the Multifamily Program Assistant, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899, telephone (208) 331-4769 or toll free (800) 219-2285, or for hearing impaired (800) 545-1833.

PUBLISH: January 8, 2012

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY

NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 2012. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 AM in the Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho

Director from District 1 (Hansen, Kimberly & Murtaugh) will be elected for a three-year term

Director from District 5 (Castleford) will be elected for a three-

Petitions of Candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 2011

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2012 water supplies, water call and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 30, 2011.

The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM on January 10, 2012, if necessary.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 6, 2012

DATED this 12th day of October, 2011. TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY

Kay Puschel Assistant Secretary

PUBLISH: December 21, 25 and 28, 2011, Jan 1 and 8, 2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the

Stockholders of the North Side Pumping Company, will be held at the office of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., 921 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, Monday, January 16, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the By-laws of the Company The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term:

One Director from District No. 2

One Director from District No. 4

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 16, 2012 and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 16, 2012, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of said Company.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2011 at Jerome, Idaho. NORTH SIDE PUMPING COMPANY

BY: Terry Walters, Secretary PUBLISH: January 1 and 8, 2012

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the North Side Canal Company, Ltd., will be held at Sawtooth Best Western Inn. 2-miles south of Jerome. Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws of the Company.

The following Directors are to be elected for a three year term. One Director from District No. 1

One Director from District No. 5 One Director at Large

The Stock books will close ten days prior to January 12, 2012, and all proxies must be filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to January 12, 2012, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Company.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2011 at Jerome, Idaho.

NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LTD. BY: Terry Walters, Assist-Sec'y

PUBLISH: January 1 and 8, 2012

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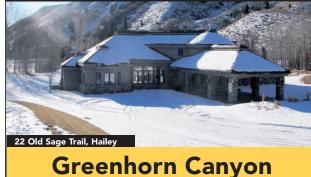
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Our "story time" visits continued until full-blown Alzheimer's disease set in. I only hope she enjoyed our times together as much as I did. They were special to me, and I'd always leave the nursing home with a smile.

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DEAR ABBY **Jeanne Phillips**

DEAR FOUND A WAY:

I'm sure vour mother-inlaw enjoyed those visits, and what a treasure trove of family history she must have shared with you. Please write down all the stories you remember for the rest of the family because they are priceless. Your idea was brilliant, and thank you for sharing it with me and my readers.

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LOSING PATIENCE IN LOUISIANA DEAR LOSING

PATIENCE: This may not be what you would like me to say, but as long as your mother is footing the bills for your wedding, she will have some say in the planning. If you prefer to make this a one-woman production — and that's your privilege – thank her warmly for her generous offer and tell her you can't accept it, and that you will be planning and paying for your wedding yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a small, quiet office. My boss sits at the desk across from me and spends a great deal of time biting his nails. The noise drives me crazy and turns an otherwise pleasant work experience into a stressful one. I've tried turning up the radio, to no avail. Do you have any suggestions on how to tell my boss that he has a loud and nasty habit?

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My partner held ♠ A-K-7-3,

much.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

♥ A-K-9-4-2, ♦ 10-5-3, ♣ 4. His LHO opened three spades, passed around to him. As I see it, the choice would be to pass which seems a little pessimistic — or to reopen. If he bids, should he double, bid three no-trump, or try four hearts? At the table we wended our way to four hearts. mercifully undoubled, down 300.

Ray of Sunshine, Montreal, Quebec

ANSWER: Your partner had a tough hand, but if he wants to bid, the choice is between a call of three no-trump and four hearts, with my money firmly on the latter. Passing seems very pessimistic, but could easily be right. Even if it is, you may not score well at pairs.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

If my partner opens two clubs and I respond two diamonds, what auctions will allow us to stop short of game? Or are we forced to game?

Weaseling Out, Walnut Creek, Calif.

ANSWER: After a negative response of two diamonds, responder can pass opener's rebid of two no-trump, which shows 22-24 or so. If opener bids a suit and responder bids the lower minor as a second negative, then opener's rebid of his suit becomes nonforcing. Everything else must lead to

Dear Mr. Wolff:

game.

In second seat I held this strong unbalanced hand: \(\Delta \) J-3, ♥ A-K-10-9-4-2, ♦ A-J-5-3, ♣ A. I bid two hearts over RHO's one spade, and my LHO raised to two spades. When the auction came back to me, should I have bid three hearts, three diamonds, or passed?

Off the Grid, Elmira, N.Y.

ANSWER: You should clearly reopen here, looking for the most flexible action. Best is to double, since you can raise diamonds or correct a club response to either three diamonds or three hearts.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

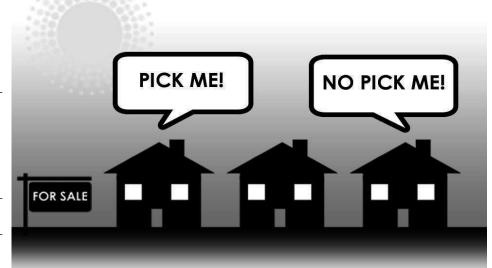
What is the best way to defend against a bid of a strong notrump? Do I want to be able to show two-suiters or is it better to play natural?

Old Artificer, Dodge City, Kansas

ANSWER: I used to be content to play natural, but these days I'm more inclined to consider a defense geared to letting me act with two-suited hands as well as one-suiters. The most active defenses are called DONT and Woolsey. You can find out more at www.pattayabridge.com/conventions/defense-1NT.htm

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072 @aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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Restraining order

IF JANUARY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The year ahead offers you magnificent opportunities to make permanent improvements in your life. Although this next four to six weeks is not ideal for business or career changes, you might get inspired in February to try something romantic. Jupiter, the planet of luck and abundance, will dance your direction in April when unexpected good fortune can come your way. Trust in the universe to provide exactly what you need. Count on receiving needed help and cosmic assistance for all your goals. You can expect better luck with your financial or business concerns in May when you should concentrate career.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A helpful friend could provide you with wise advice this week. An opportunity could appear that will speed you toward an important objective. A temporary lack of good taste will soon pass.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sell yourself long, not short. In the week to come, people might think you are a bit better at what you do or more desirable than others. Use this to your advantage and make the rounds in social circles.

GEMINI (May 21-June **20):** Wagging tails warm the heart. No matter what mood you are in, the sight of a friendly face brings you out of your funk. Try to spread more joy around and brighten the world in the week to come.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Ask for advice. The people closest to you might know the best answer to your questions. You would prefer to dally by the water cooler this week, but remember there are miles to go before you sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A significant other could stir impulsive, romantic ideas. Don't pass up a chance to spend magical moments with a loved one during the upcoming week. Someone could give you valuable financial advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow your bliss and you will get somewhere. Use brainpower to put your New action. Get good advice about finances today and put it into motion at the end of the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The only people you need in your life are those who prove they need you in theirs. You may run into more than one charming person in the early part of the week who piques your interest, but only time will

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sustainable living requires sustainable individuals. Your innate resourcefulness will give you a leg up during the week ahead. Connect with others who are dedicated to getting back to grass roots.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Whether you are hungry for love or yearning for money, you have the power to tap into success in the week to come. Don't be put off by a few bogus impressions in the first half of the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-**Feb. 18):** The race for love involves false starts. Early in the week, you might be attracted to people who aren't as special as they first seem. By late week, however, you will certainly find the real deal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Instead of a hello, give a hug. There is something about personal contact that brings warmth to any relationship. Try to give a few more reassuring pats on the back or firm handshakes in the week to come.

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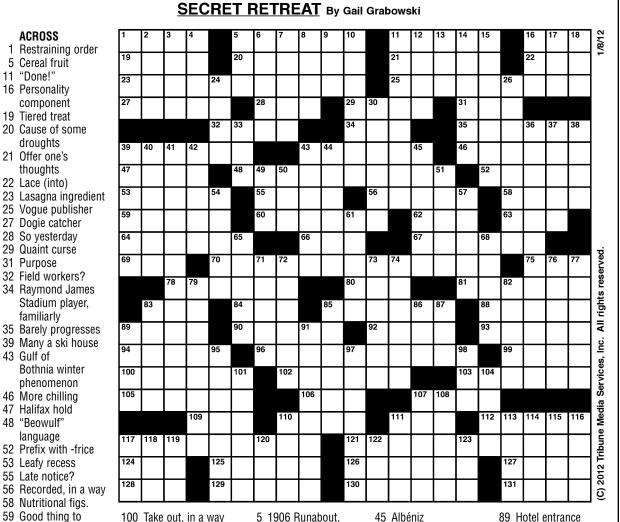
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eavesdrop 103 Mends, as a bad stitching job

sidekick 106 Part of

109 Flying fig.

78 Words to one vessel on the way out 117 Business identifier 80 Bygone intl. carrier 121 Scraps

81 Relief givers 83 Crunch unit 84 With it 85 Appeared in a

big way 88 Marathon measures

89 Scoop holder 90 Where to find a lot of corned beef

92 Marine predator 93 Mosey

94 In __: stuck

"Works for me" Surveyor's drawing

105 Comedian's

a line: Abbr. 107 Port container

110 Haywire 111 Recede 112 WWII torpedo

124 Sharer's word 125 Delta preceder

126 Provided with temporarily 127 Frenzied 128 Comforting

companion 129 Game trail

130 Scoundrels 131 Meddle (in)

DOWN Yuk it up 2 Rossini specialty

3 Watch displays, briefly 4 Hose fillers

e.g.

6 Unfriendly 7 River near Karachi

8 It builds up in channels 9 Having four sharps 10 Feeder with fodder

11 Italian flatbread 12 It can help you carry a tune 13 "Collages" novelist

14 Bring about 15 Blows a gasket 16 Victorian

18 Decline, with "out"

24 Par 26 Not as far from 30 Word often

17 PX patrons

sentence 33 Job ad abbr. 36 Concert band

preceding a

37 Sic on 38 Hindu honorifics

39 2006 tennis retiree 40 Some comedies

"Little Fockers" co-star

42 As a companion

43 Took by force 44 Complete

45 Albéniz composition "Cantos de _

49 Hi-tech titter 50 Corp. alias 51 Studly dudes 54 Hold sway

57 Court tie

61 Slowly, to Mozart 65 Grass-B-Gon maker 68 Bit of gaucho gear

71 Sitting in a cask, say 72 "Consider it done" 73 Score in a

pitcher's duel,

perhaps 74 Accomplish using force

76 Future litigator's study 77 Items of value 79 Speed demon's

delight 82 Fools 83 Assembly line

worker 85 Book that might be cooked

86 Old French coin 87 Former U.N. leader Hammarskjöld

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promise?' 95 Angled fairways 97 Crème brûlée

ingredient 98 Time pieces: Abbr.

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111 Flamboyant

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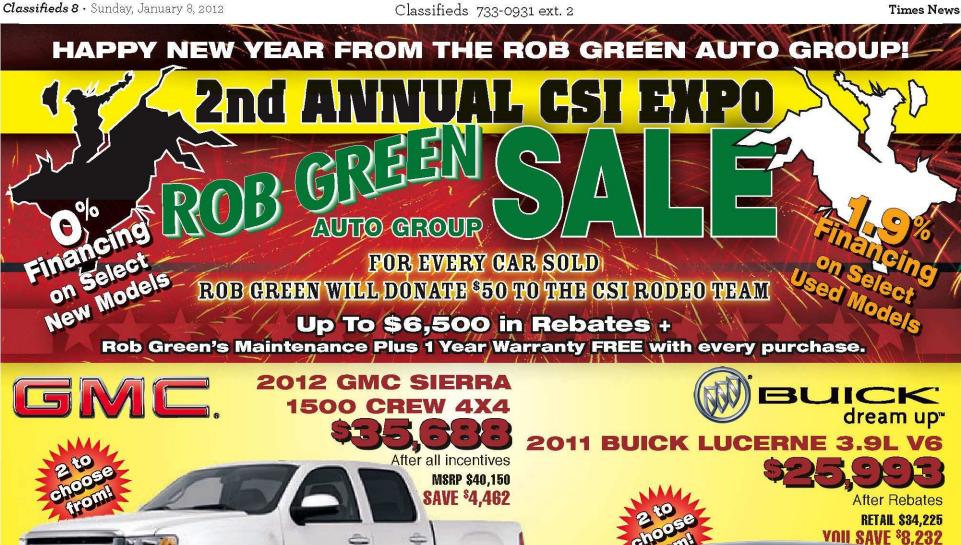
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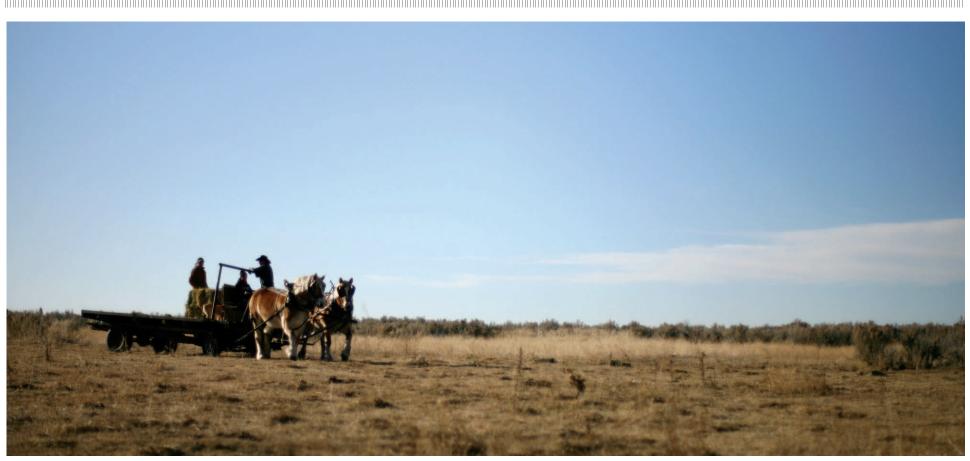
Fashion is coming full circle with red-carpet starlets ready to embrace the flared skirts, longer hemlines and loads of red lipstick coming their way in the new year. They're looks that give a wink to Hollywood's glamorous heyday of the 1950s, and stars far too young to find these styles old are eager to bring them back.

Eva Longoria is in to the trend she calls

"I think of great hair," Eva Longoria said. "The great falls and the red lipstick, and definitely the full skirts. I think it's flirty.

The '50s are flirty." Visions of Americana pop into Isabel Lucas' head: "I think of the iconic all-American girl with the small waist dresses, and 'Grease' with the little ribbons around their neck."

Please see FASHION, P2



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 $Doug\ Albright, Laura\ Sluder\ and\ Clancy\ Macfarlane\ warm\ down\ Albright's\ draft\ horses\ on\ Tuesday\ north\ of\ Shoshone\ after\ feeding\ cattle.$

An Independent Man

'We're not tough,' says a Shoshone rancher who figures he doesn't need a fancier hearing aid, or a four-wheeler, or a cell phone. Or a water heater in summer.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN mdavlin@magicvalley.com

SHOSHONE • On a cloudy Friday afternoon, Doug Albright unharnessed his pair of Belgium draft horses, a loyal cattle dog sitting

There were no four-wheelers, no tractors on his sprawling property in the high desert north of Shoshone. Albright prefers to farm and ranch the way he lives his life without technology he sees as un-

It's a fulfilling life, he said, free of excess, unburdened by everchanging trends. And as he sees younger people rely heavily on smartphones and computers, he worries that people are losing their self-sufficiency.

Albright grew up in the East but dreamed of cowboys on the western plains. His mother bought him a cowboy outfit, and he spent his free time running around the woods with a .22, shooting squirrels and pretending he was Roy

In school, he made excuses to get up from his desk and sharpen his pencils. The sharpener was by the window, a chance to stare outside

and daydream. After eighth grade, he switched from secondary school to a trade school, where he learned to weld. At 17 he joined the Navy, then he worked in construction in Califor-

Still, he dreamed of owning a ranch. He bought his first property in northern California in 1972, when he was in his late 20s. He stayed there for a few years, then upgraded to a 100-acre ranch, for which he paid cash.

Just before he moved into the property, a fire burned down the house. Instead of worrying, he moved his wife and children into the barn and rebuilt the house over the course of a few years. You do what you have to do, he said.

Please see ALBRIGHT, P6



Doug Albright prepares one of his draft horses at his Shoshone ranch Tuesday before using them to feed cattle. Albright — who has ranched for 40 years and spent the past 16 in Idaho-says he avoids modern technology like cell phones, computers and instant coffee makers.



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More Online

SEE a gallery of more photos of Doug Albright's unusual lifestyle. Magicvalley.com

(LEFT) Doug Albright's dog Anna waits while cattle are fed Tuesday. (RIGHT) Doug Albright tells stories during a Sept. 13 cowboy rendezvous on his land.

STORK REPORT

Bond between Mother and Toddler Could Affect Obesity Later On

BY JEANNINE STEIN Los Angeles Times

The quality of a mother's relationship with her toddler could affect that child's weight in adolescence, a study has found.

The report was based on observing how mothers interacted with their children when they were 15, 24 and 36 months old, then following up with those kids when they turned 15 to check levels of obesity. Study participants included 977 children.

Researchers concentrated on two aspects of the relationship: attachment security, or how aware children are that their mother is a base of security and a comforting presence in times of stress; and maternal sensitivity, or a mother's awareness of her

child's emotional state and her ability to be comforting and warm. The quality of the relationships was rated on a six-point scale, with scores of three or greater indicating an emotional relationship of poor quality.

Overall, the worse the relationship between mother and toddler, the greater the chances of the child being obese by age 15. Among the children, 24.7 percent had an adverse relationship with their mothers, scoring three or higher. Having low maternal sensitivity, insecure attachment and both together were linked with a greater chance of being obese in adolescence.

Specifically, obesity prevalence in teen years was 26.1 percent among those with a score of three or greater, 15.5

percent among those with a score of two, 12.1 percent among those with a score of one, and 13 percent among those with a score of zero.

When researchers controlled for birth weight and gender, they discovered that the odds of becoming obese in adolescence was 2.45 times higher for those who had the worst relationships with their mothers, compared with those with the best relationships.

Researchers said they believe that good or bad relationship bonds early on could affect how the child reacts to stress, such as overeating or having poor quality sleep.

"Sensitive parenting increases the likelihood that a child will have a secure pattern of attachment and develop a healthy response to

Monday: SilverSneakers

exercise, 10:30 a.m. and

Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Bunco, 12:45 p.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Free massages, 1 p.m.

tance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Energy assis-

SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

5:20 p.m.

stress," said lead author Sarah Anderson of Ohio State University in a news release. "A well-regulated stress response could in turn influence how well children sleep and whether they eat in response to emotional distress just two factors that affect the likelihood for obesity."

Anderson, an assistant professor of epidemiology, stopped short of blaming mothers for having an effect on their children's weight: "It is possible," she said, "that childhood obesity could be influenced by interventions that try to improve the emotional bonds between mothers and children rather than focusing only on children's food intake and activity."

The study was published in the January 2012 issue of the journal Pediatrics.

St. Luke's Jerome

Raven Teresa Gonzalez, daughter of Natalie Orosco and Carlos Gonzalez of Jerome, was born Dec. 31, 2011.

Santiago Ricky Hidalgo, son of Lisa Jimenez and Victor Hi-

dalgo of Wendell, was born Dec. 31, 2011. Amy Alexa Alonso-Astudillo, daughter of Claudia Beatriz Astudillo-Rendon and Angel Alonso Mireles of Jerome, was

Madalin Rose Hansen, daughter of Tara and Ben Hansen of Gooding, was born Jan. 1, 2012.

St. Luke's Magic Valley

Johnathon Evan Moctezuma, son of Katelyn Marie Smith of Hagerman, was born Dec. 24, 2011.

Joel Jaxson Huff, son of Anna Marie and Jason John Huff of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 25, 2011.

Juarez and Pedro Ortega Ruano of Jerome, was born Dec. 26, Ella Anne O'Donnell, daughter of Sierra Page Anderson

Landin James Morton, son of Amber Nicole Beall and Levi

Alexavier Ivyn Nevarez, son of Mary Monique and Steven

Nevarez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 27, 2011. Addison Eileen Pierce, daughter of Kelly Marie and Justin

Michael Pierce of Buhl, was born Dec. 27, 2011. Zachary Tyler Smith, son of Gloria Teresa and Tyler

Matthew Smith of Kimberly, was born Dec. 27, 2011. Brayden Ross Crumrine, son of Chantell Jewel and Terry

Aubree Sophia Garza, daughter of Jordan Hope Lucas and

Andrew Gage Wrigley-Linares, son of Ann Jannsy and Leavin Wrigley of Heyburn, was born Dec. 28. 2011.

Byron Allen Patterson of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 28, 2011. Twin Falls, was born Dec. 29, 2011.

Pricilla Adulfa Perez, daughter of Melyssa R. and Jesus

Layla Colleen Tracy, daughter of Chelsea Ann Nicholas and Justin Gerald Tracy of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 29, 2011.

Brandon Ruiz, son of Francisca Guzman of Jerome, was

Hugh Richman Metzler, son of Michelle Joy Richman and Malcolm Dean Metzler of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 30, 2011. Gavin Joshua Purkey, son of Michelle Lynn and Joshua Lee

Shaffer of Paul, was born Dec. 30, 2011.

Mattie Lee Brown and Marlie Lane Brown, twin daughters were born Dec. 31, 2011.

Rodney Olsen of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 31, 2011.

Devon Lewis Hamilton, son of Morgan Whitney Baker of Jerome, was born Jan. 1, 2012.

Getaruelas Recamara and Sunnylee Ninolas Gran of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1, 2012.

and Hector Hugo Ventureno of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1,

linejad of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1, 2012.

Riddle of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1, 2012.

Quentin Blake Rogers of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1, 2012.

Divina Reinrosa Ortega, daughter of Hope and Jesus Jose

Samuel Ryan Golembewski, son of Santos Flores and An-

Layne Max-Emilian Ollivier, son of Ashley LeeAnn and

Rodrigo Ortega Hernandez, son of Esmeralda Hernandez

and Ryan Patrick O'Donnell of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 26,

Rocky Morton of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 27, 2011.

Arthur Crumrine of Wendell, was born Dec. 28, 2011.

Rudy Garza of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 28, 2011.

Mazey Dawn Patterson, daughter of Melanie Jean Fisk and J'Shaun Michael Murphy, son of Shawna Marie Murphy of

Manuel Perez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 29, 2011.

Ryleigh Rae Barnes, daughter of Jessica Marie and Clinton Craig Barnes of Eden, was born Dec. 30, 2011.

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of Jordan Lenna Baker and Daniel Joseph Brown of Jerome,

Halle Paige Olsen, daughter of Krystle Gale and Brennen

Samuelle Katherine Divine Gran, daughter of Kathrina

Melissa Ventureno, daughter of Maria Guadalupe Flores

Faran Gholinejad, son of Parisa Seddigh and Farhoud Gho-

Ian James Riddle, son of Ariane Michelle and Derek Ryan

Eathin Alexander Rogers, son of Tina Marie and Orivel

Ortega Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 2, 2012.

drew Ryan Golembewski of Goose Creek, S.C., was born Jan.

Blake William Hunter Ollivier of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 3,

difficult to wear unless you

wear high heels. That partic-

ular length that is flattering

with a flat shoe, with kitten

Not to say this is neces-

sarily an easy look. As any

fan of "Mad Men" knows,

women of the era put had to

put a lot of extra time into

getting ready — there was no

such thing as get up and go.

Kirsten Dunst appreciates

so popular," Dunst said. "So,

I feel like everyone wants to

watch something pretty.

Like I love how put together

women were. There is an el-

egance and an art to that. It's

exhausting too. But it looks

beautiful when a women is

put together like that?

"Right now, 'Mad Men' is

the extra effort.

heel, with high heels?"

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. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For lunch take-out, 11 a.m. to noon daily: 734-5084.

Monday: Pork chops Tuesday: Beef stew Wednesday: Shepherd's

Thursday: Roast turkey Friday: Meatloaf

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m. Foot clinic, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday,

11:45 a.m.

Painting class, 6 p.m. Pinochle, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Quilting, 9

a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30

50/50 raffle, noon Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Painting classes, 3 and 6

Magic Valley Women's AA, 6 p.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to

Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 Bingo, noon

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$4, nonseniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Bus for lunch pickup: 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday.

Today: Dinner, 1 p.m., barbecue ribs Monday: Turkey and noo-

Wednesday: Chili Thursday: Pork chops

Tuesday: Beef stew

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bingo at 7 p.m., with Hot Ball special

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers,

Filer Senior Haven

10:30 a.m.

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$5. 326-4608.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce Wednesday: Taco pie

Thursday: Roast beef

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 Bingo, 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Closed for remodeling.

Gooding County Senior Čitizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. 934-5504.

Monday: Spaghetti Tuesday: Enchiladas Wednesday: Chicken fet-

Thursday: Ham

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild card, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pinochle, Shoshone at Gooding, 1:30 p.m.

Hand and foot, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m. Board meeting, 1 p.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Morning out, 9

Pool, 9:30 a.m. Annual meeting Foot clinic Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Duplicate bridge,

Saturday: Pinochle, 2 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays.

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. 837-

Monday: Chili Wednesday: Homemade chicken and noodles **Friday:** Hot dogs

Tuesday: Bingo, early bird, 6:45 p.m.; cash prizes

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. 324-5642. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Trans IV bus: 736-2133.

Monday: Barbecue chick-

Tuesday: Lasagna

Wednesday: Polish

Thursday: Fish or chicken Friday: Ham

Let's Dance, 4:30 p.m. Snack bar, 5 p.m. Bingo, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m. Country Cowboys band SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Women's pool, 1 p.m. Board meeting, 1 p.m. LCR, 1 p.m. YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m. Thursday: Scones and coffee, 9 to 10 a.m. YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Women's pool, 7 p.m. SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers,

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Gem State Fiddlers

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

10:30 a.m.

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, nonseniors. 825-5662.

Tuesday: Chicken and noodles Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m. Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Thursday: Barbecue beef

sandwich Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce Thursday: Turkey salad sandwich

Golden Years **Senior Citizens** Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. 886-2369.

Tuesday: Sauerkraut with wieners Wednesday: Hamburgers Friday: Fried chicken

Monday: Quilting, 10 a.m.

Tuesday: Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Pinochle at Gooding, 1:30 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., Fair-

field. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. 764-

Wednesday: Pepper steak Friday: Baked chicken

Blaine County

Senior Center

Tuesday: Enchilada-style

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Monday: Fish and chips Tuesday: Barbecue ribs Wednesday: Baked chicken Parmesan Thursday: Herb-roasted

Friday: Korean-style kalbi

short ribs Monday: Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Weight Watchers, 5 to

pork loin

6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m. Thursday: movie, 1 p.m.;

Friday: Fit and Fall Proof,

11 a.m. Minidoka **County Senior** Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, nonseniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. 436-9107.

Monday: Beef stroganoff with noodles Tuesday: Shepherd's pie Wednesday: Roast beef Thursday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich Friday: Smorgasbord

Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Saturday: Benefit dinner for Dennis Bossert, 5 to 8

Monday: 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. 878-8646.

Monday: Freezer day Tuesday: Chili Wednesday: Turkey Thursday: Meatballs over

Friday: Roast beef

Monday: Pool

Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open 6

Wednesday: Pool

Exercise, 11 a.m.

Friday: Pool

Bingo, 1 p.m.

Exercise, 11 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m. Thursday: Wood carving, 6 p.m. Community pinochle, 6

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Peterson, an expert in home design, repair and renovation, has written "Building With Secondhand Stuff." It's a practical guide to choosing, salThe book fo-

"Building With Secondhand Stuff" is published by

Book Teaches How to Reuse Salvaged Materials

Fashion

Continued from People 1

from vintage cars.

Maybe she just saw pho-

tos of Miuccia Prada's spring

collection, which revved up

its runway with inspiration

who so often need to be

dressed up might be the ex-

cuse to sometimes wear

flats. The overall look is so

feminine and surprisingly

versatile that there are few

Roksanda Ilincic says of the

below-the-knee length that

is expected to be popular.

She likes the look "with flats.

Because some lengths are

"I love that silhouette,"

designer

strict rules on shoes.

British-based

A fringe benefit to stars

there for reusing salvaged materials, but Chris Peterson provides the how-tos.

HOW TO RE-CLAIM, RE-VAMP, RE-PURPOSE 8 RE-USE SALVAGED & LEFTOVE BUILDING MATERIALS CHRIS PETERSON

cuses on working with the materials, but there's plenty of inspiration to spark your creativity, too.

Creative Publishing International and is priced at \$19.99 in softcover.

How to Be a Better Flu Guard

BY ALISON JOHNSON

Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Wash your hands often and get an annual flu vaccine — those are the best ways to avoid getting sick, yes, but not the only ways. "There's an entire arsenal of tools and actions you can use to fight off this virus," says Dr. William Berg, director of the public health department in Hampton, Va. Such as:

Stop touching your eyes, nose and mouth. You're not just at risk if somebody coughs or sneezes near you. Viruses can live on many surfaces, and you can easily infect yourself by touching one and then a mucus membrane.

Give up cigarettes and heavy drinking. Smoke — including second-hand smoke — damages your lungs and paralyzes tiny, hair-like cells in the nose that can sweep out viruses. Alcohol can weaken your immune system.

Live healthfully. You're better able to fight off germs when you get enough sleep, exercise, eat

fruits and vegetables and drink plenty of water. Note: Obesity appears to be a risk factor for severe flu cases.

Use a humidifier. Membranes in your nose and throat can block more germs if they don't dry out. A moister environment also may prevent viruses from staying airborne as long.

Carry hand sanitizer. It's portable, convenient and effective if it has an alcohol concentration of at least 60 percent. But stick with soap and water for visible dirt.

Use sanitizing wipes. Clean commonly touched surfaces, including door-knobs, remote controls, office desktops, grocery store carts and ATM keypads.

Avoid crowds. Limit trips to public places such as movie theaters and shopping malls at the height of flu season.

Ask about prescription medication. If someone close to you gets sick and you haven't had a flu shot, an anti-viral — plus a vaccination — may keep you healthy.



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Eric Rego stitches boots in an L.L. Bean facility in Brunswick, Maine.

LL BEAN BOOT GETS A KICK FROM RETRO TREND

BY DAVID SHARP
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Maine • A nearly century-old hunting

boot is catching on with a younger generation that sees the utilitarian footwear as hip.

L.L Bean's familiar duck boot with leather uppers and rubber soles - designed for slogging through mud and snow has become something of a fashion statement owing to its newfound popularity on college campuses, the company says. Another reason is new styles, including something Leon Leonwood Bean surely never envisioned in 1912: bright blue and pink leather, new for spring.

Part of the success of the boot is its versatility, in barnyards or in cities, in snow or rain.

At Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Zina Huxley-Reicher, of New York, wears her dark brown, shearling-lined boots nearly every day, with a skirt or jeans. She has only one pair, but some classmates have several.

"They are very practical, but they've also become a fashion trend," she said. "They're simple and kind of have that rugged look that has been adopted as a fashionable thing."

Sales have grown from 150,000 pairs four years ago to about 400,000 last year, said Jack Samson, L.L. Bean senior manager for manufacturing in Brunswick. This year, demand is projected to reach 500,000.

Defying a trend toward offshore production, the outdoors retailer is adding 125 full-time employees to its Maine-based manufacturing operation to keep pace with orders.

The well-known boot appears to be benefiting from a retro trend, whether it's penny loafers or the Gap's 1969 series blue jeans, said Candace Corlett, president of WSL Strategic Retail in New York.

"It's sort of like the Coca-Cola bottle or the sleek silver lines of Apple. It's iconic. And when you have that kind of icon, you leverage it," Corlett said. "The good news is that L.L. Bean's icon from decades ago is striking an emotional chord with people who're yearning for the good old days."

NEXT WEEK

Saddles, Chaps and Purses

A Kimberly woman fills her time making leather crafts. Find out who else does it and how to get involved.

Next Sunday in People





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David Frank of Libertyville, Ill., does just about all his own home repairs and remodeling.

Home Repairs: Knowing When You Can Do It Yourself

BY CAROLE FELDMAN

Associated Press

In times of economic hardship, "do-it-yourself" is a tempting mantra for many homeowners with dripping faucets, running toilets, leaky windows or sticky

The savings can add up when you don't have to call a repairman, especially for things like painting, plumbing and appliance repair, said Ken Collier, editor-in-chief of The Family Handyman. "Parts are a small part of the cost. Labor is huge," he said.

And if things go wrong? With a small job, Collier said, "Worst case, you have to hire a pro and eat some crow."

There are some home repairs, of course, that an unskilled homeowner should avoid, among them "situations where having heavy equipment makes the job go much better, especially outdoors," Collier said.

Avoid jobs where you could injure yourself or

damage property.

Chris Long, a member of the Home Depot do-it-yourself team, recommends calling an expert to replace a tub or shower valve, or to do more involved electrical work. And while "any reasonably careful person can hang drywall," Collier said, taping it to cover the seams and joints is "very much an art where a practiced hand

makes a huge difference."

But many other household repairs and projects can be tackled by a do-it-yourselfer who takes the time to learn what's required.

David Frank of Libertyville, Ill., does just about all his own home repairs and remodeling — "from electric to plumbing to concrete. Any of it can be done." He started working on his first house, a fixer-upper he bought in college, to save money. "I had to learn to do it, or it wasn't going to get done," he said. Over the years, he has taught himself by reading books, watching home-improvement TV shows and talking to experts.

Besides the money saved, there's "definitely a sense of accomplishment" in doing the work himself, he said.

His advice to beginners: Use common sense, take your time and read as much as you can. "The Internet is unbelievable," he said.

When taking on a project, begin by finding out where in your home you turn off the water and gas, and how the circuit breakers work. If you need a professional to show you, hire one.

You'll also need a good set of tools. Collier recommends such things as a 20-ounce straight claw hammer, a utility knife, linesman's pliers, a flexible putty knife, a four-inone screwdriver, a cordless drill-screwdriver, a 25-foot

measuring tape and an adjustable crescent wrench. Add to that a plunger, groove-joint pliers and duct tape.

If you're going to do any electrical work, be sure to have a voltage sniffer. "Electricity is scary stuff, and a voltage sniffer is a really safe way to know everything is off," Collier says.

There's a wealth of material online, including videos for the do-it-yourselfer.

Even unskilled homeowners should be able to do some basic appliance repairs, Collier said, such as changing a dryer belt.

And for winter, homeowners can do a lot of weatherizing themselves, including adding insulation, and applying adhesive-backed, foam weather stripping to prevent cold air from seeping in around doors and windows.

Other jobs that a do-ityourselfer can learn include repairing drywall, replacing a deadbolt, or installing a new light fixture or ceiling fan.

Here's where that voltage sniffer comes in. "If you know how to confidently turn that breaker off and you can test it to verify it, you can change that fixture," said Danny Lipford, who hosts nationally syndicated TV and radio shows and is a contributing design editor for Better Homes and Gardens.

Plumbing repairs also can be accessible even to the

Online

• familyhandyman.com/DIY -Projects

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• homedepot.com

novice.

"A toilet is really a very simple mechanism and the parts are readily available to change out," Lipford said.

First, the cause of the problem has to be diagnosed. Find information online, in books, or talk to a worker at your hardware store.

If the toilet is running, for example, one way to figure out what's going on is to add a little food dye to the water in the tank, said Long, of Home Depot. If the water in the bowl turns the same color, the flapper valve is likely the problem. The flapper seals the tank, then lifts to allow water to flow into the bowl when the toilet is flushed. If the seal isn't tight, water will leak into the bowl.

It could be that the chain connecting the flapper to the handle is too long or too short. Adjusting that could fix the problem. Or, it could be the flapper itself. In most cases, the flapper snaps out and you can easily replace it with a new one. But first remember to turn off the water to the toilet. It's also a good idea to bring the old part to your hardware store to make sure you're purchasing a compatible new one.

Need Eyebrow Rehab? Start by Letting Them Grow

BY MELISSA MAGSAYSAY
Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles Times

If at 16 you went through an intense grunge phase or idolized Kate Moss in her Calvin Klein heyday, then you're likely to have wimpy little eyebrows that just refuse to grow.

I discovered tweezers around that age and haven't looked back, using them a couple of times a week to grab a rogue hair here or there. But since being put through a brow rehab by eyebrow specialist and makeup artist Kristie Streicher, I realize that although I may never be Brooke Shields, I've certainly got better brows than I thought.

Streicher's first rule in getting brows back to being full and lush is to give the tweezers a timeout for a few weeks. This means no plucking a stray hair or cleaning up the shape, just letting them grow no matter how messy they start to look or feel.

Streicher, who shapes Julia Roberts' famous eyebrows and sees clients at the Warren Tricomi salon in New York and L.A., advises getting all the hair to be on the same growth cycle, meaning even the little strays should stay put until the wanted

hairs have a chance to sprout.

"Most people I see have overplucked," she says.

"More than anything, people want thicker brows, but they're under the impression that they can't grow them. What they don't realize is that pulling out a few hairs every day does affect how the rest of the brows grow."

The first step of simply putting the tweezers down is definitely the hardest part, but as Streicher points out "knowing you're on a plan helps." In a first session, she also tints the brows with a vegetable-based dye to emphasize each hair, making them immediately appear fuller and more defined. She then plucks around the brow area lightly to show clients the shape she is going for.

"Full brows look so freshfaced and healthy," she says. "Skinny little scrawny brows put more focus on the fine



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A handy little pencil from Darac Beauty called the Brow Trio offers a clean, angled shape, and the low-oil formula makes it glide on more like a powder for a softer finish.

lines and dark circles around the eye area. You also end up using less makeup when you have a full brow, because they really do frame and define the

face."

After an initial session of consulting, light tweezing and possible tinting, Streicher generally won't see a client for six to eight weeks to give the brow hair ample time to grow. In the meantime she recommends a handy little pencil from Darac Beauty called the Brow Trio. The pencil's clean, angled shape and the low-oil formula make it glide on more like a powder for a softer finish.

Streicher also likes the product for the brush at the end and highlighter in the middle of the pencil, which she uses to further define the shape of brows and hide the little hairs coming in while you're on tweezer hiatus.

Lash-growing products

are something Streicher recommends not for lashes, but definitely for brows. She name-checks Latisse, GrandeLash and RevitaLash to boost hair growth in the area and, for very extreme cases, a visit to a hair restoration specialist for a hair transplant of your own hair into your brow.

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How Do I Rid Myself of a Pestering Relative?

I have a family member who I don't get along with. I've told her to leave me alone, send back all her mail, and don't answer when she calls. She isn't violent or threatening in any way; I just want her to leave me

Is there any legal way I can get her to stop trying to contact me? I don't want to change my phone number, but will do so if that's my only option.

– Robin

et's see, what would "Dear Abby" say to fix this? I'm afraid that the only thing you can do is hire a hit man to take her out. Now before you take me seriously, let me add, "he said jokingly" to that request.

I would start with simply writing her a letter that tells her to leave you alone, lest you seek legal advice if she persists in bothering you. You should include that you don't want her to contact you verbally or in

If that doesn't work, the next step would be to pay an attorney to send her a letter to request that she "cease and desist" her attempts to contact you. If that letter doesn't work, I believe that you could then sue her in court, but since that would be a civil matter, a civil attorney would be a much better resource to learn about what you could do after

As far as criminal charges, although what she is doing is a harassing behavior, you are not feeling any fear, which is one of the factors to prove harassment. Such a criminal charge can also be a felony and usually requires issues that would be considered as a hate crime to prosecute.

You could sign a cita-



tion for phone harassment against her. That is a misdemeanor crime that is usually much easier to charge. This is especially true when there are numerous calls that are constant in na-

Finally, you could block her phone number from your phone. Your phone company should be able to help you do this. If you are only using a cellphone, your provider can help

Officer Down

I am not happy to report that 164 U.S. police officers lost their lives while on duty in 2011. Let's hope for fewer officers down in

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless these heroes.

- Officer Clifton Lewis, Chicago Police
- FBI Special Agent Daniel Knapp
- · Officer Shawn Schneider, Lake City Police, Minn.
- Special Agent John Capano, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Sgt. Abimael Castro-Berrocales, Puerto Rico Police
- Ranger Margaret Anderson, U.S. National Park Service

They fought the good fight, now may they rest in peace.

Email your questions to policemandan@yahoo.co m or look for "Ask Policemandan" on Facebook.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

Seeks to Help Dogs

Gooding Group



The four pictured Magic Valley FIRST Lego League teams were among the 60 teams that competed in a Dec. 17 robot challenges and presentation competition in Moscow.

M.V. Teams Perform Well in Lego League Competition

DECLO • A quartet of Magic Valley teams fared well during a FIRST Lego League competition for students ages 9-14. The Dec. 17 com-

petition in Moscow included 60 Idaho teams vying in robot challenges, presentation and teamwork challenges.

Declo's Hotwired team, sponsored by Cassia County 4-H, won the project research competition. The RoboSpuds of Rupert finished second in the innovative solution category.

Also finishing second were the Kimberly Bacon Bits, in overall performance. The Declo-based RoboRebels, sponsored by Cassia County 4-H, finished seventh in robot perform-

FIRST Lego League promotes science and technology education through a wide range of robotics activities.

Basic Graduate Gonzalez has T.F. Ties

TWIN FALLS • Army National Guard Pfc. Jesus E. Gonzalez Jr. recently graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, Gonzalez received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, firstaid and Army history, core

values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Gonzalez is the son of Maricela Guzman of Homedale and Jesus E. Gonzalez of Twin Falls.

BRIDGE NEWS

BJ Duplicate Bridge

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert recently announced the results of play for Jan. 3. 1. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner, 2. Shirley Tschannen and Riley Burton, 3. Gracie Bennett and Dennis Hanel, 4. Steve and Nancy Sams, 4. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 5. Gary and Barbara Carney, 6. Mildred Wolf and Sheila Hubsmith.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-7691, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge

Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for Dec. 30. 1. Edna Pierson and Riley

Burton, 2. (tie) Betty Jeppesen and Kathy Rooney; Deloris Robinson and Rosalee Eber-

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. Information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

Twin Falls **Duplicate** Bridge

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge released its results for Dec. 28

Flight A North/South: 1. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner, 2. Shirley Tschannen and Lorna

East/West: 1. (tie) Joyce Johnston and Betty Sabo; Robert Probasco and Marilyn Nesbit

Flight B North/South: 1. Joye Astorquia and Betty Frantz

East/West: 1. Johnston and Sabo

Boy Scout Promotion



Jon Garn, district executive for the Minidoka County and Cassia County Boys Scouts of America, was recently presented a statue of Lord Baden Powell, founder of scouting, by the Snake River Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, for his service to area scouts. Garn has been promoted and transferred to Florida.

GOODING • A group of Gooding citizens has formed an online bulletin board to help area residents place lost, found and pound dogs into their original homes or new homes

where they will be cared for. The Gooding Dog Groups website, www.goodingdogs.com, links animal lovers with dogs in need of

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homes, and can also serve as a tool to help locate lost dogs or advertise that someone has found a dog they believe to be lost.

The site's organizers say they will work with Gooding County's animal control facility to help find homes for dogs in the facility to spare them from being put down.

Veterans Officer Comes to Jerome Smith will be available to

JEROME • Magic Valley veterans and surviving spouses are invited to meet with Idaho Division of Veterans Services representative Milt Smith from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 18 at the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 N. Lin-

answer questions about compensation, pension and medical benefits, along with any other veterans issues.

To make an appointment, call Terry Gabbert, veteran services officer, at 644-2708.

Grande, Ore.

Haran Earns Degree from Eastern Oregon

BURLEY • Burley High School graduate Joel Haran recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical activity and health from Eastern Oregon University in La-

NARFE Meeting Nears in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS • National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1959 will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. The speaker will be Mike

federal employee is encouraged to attend and bring a guest. The meeting provides a chance to enjoy friendship and information among peers.

Matthews from the office of

Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho. Any

retired or presently employed

Information: 308-1670.



M-C Educators to Meet Monday

HEYBURN• Mini-Cassia Retired Educators will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Monday at Connor's Cafe, north of the Interstate 84 Idaho Highway 27 interchange in Heyburn

The speaker will be Heather Barnes, a graduate of Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in psychology. She works for the Student

Management Behavior Organization, which contracts with the Twin Falls School District to work with its Asperger syndrome and autistic students who have special educational needs.

Everyone is welcome to this informative program and luncheon. A short business meeting also will be held.

Information: 878-4705.

Hager to be Installed as Job's **Daughters Honored Queen**

TWIN FALLS Kaitlyn Hager will be installed as honored queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters Bethel 43 at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.

Other officers to be installed are Alexandrea Hudson, senior princess; Jenna Gray, junior princess; Chazarae Shoup, guide; and Cait-



Hager

lyn Probasco, marshall. The ceremony will be narrated by Tracie Roberts, with piano accompaniment by Sarah Benton.

The public is invited to the installation and following recep-

Job's Daughters is part of the Masonic family for young girls between the ages of 10 and 20.

DeMary Memorial Library

Here are the most recent book notes from DeMary Memorial Library in Ru-

Fiction "Down the Darkest Road" **by Tami Hoag:** Once upon a time I had the perfect life. And then, as in all fairy tales, evil came into our lives and destroyed us.

"Sleepwalker" by Karen Robards: Micayla Lange is alone on New Year's Eve, wearing pajamas and wielding a Glock .22 as she zeroes in on the source of an unmistakable sound.

"Death Benefit" by Robin Cook: Is someone attempting to manipulate private insurance information to allow investors to benefit from the deaths of others? "D.C. Dead" by Stuart

Woods: In Washington, D.C., Stone Barrington's investigation takes him to the highest reaches of political power ... and private scandal.

"77 Shadow Street" by **Dean Koontz:** Whatever drove the Pendleton's past occupants to their unspeakable fates is at work again.

"No Place to Hide" by Kristoffer Neff: A great thud hit the front door, shaking the dust loose from around the frame. Panicked, Jerry turned to the boys: "Hide!"

Kimberly Public Library

LIBRARY NEWS

The Kimberly Public Library has the following new materials:

Adult fiction

"Devil's Gate" by Clive Cussler, "The Scottish Prisoner" by Diana Gabaldon, "V is for Vengeance" by Sue Grafton, "Snow Angel" and "The Overton Window" by Glenn Beck, "Micro" by Michael Crichton and Richard Preston, "The Drop" by Michael Connelly, "Three-day Town" by Margaret Maron, "Tough Customer" by Sandra Brown, "The Chocolate Castle Clue" by JoAnna Carl, "Red Mist" by Patricia Cornwell, "Explosive Eighteen" by Janet Evanovich, The Jill Kismet novels: "Night Shift," "Hunter's Prayer," "Redemption Alley," "Flesh Circus," "Heaven's Spite" and "Angel Town" by Lilith Saintcrow, "Loving Chloe" by Jo-Ann Mapson, "Someone Like You" by Susan Mallery, "Peony in Love" by Lisa See, "Major Pattigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson, "Chased by Moonlight" by Nancy Gideon, "Second Nature" by Jacquelyn Mitchard **Adult nonfiction**

"Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard, "Pure Murder" by Corey Mitchell, "Alaska Wolf Trapping Manual" By the Alaska Trappers Association, "The Second World War: a Military History" by Gordon Corrigan Inspirational fiction "When Dreams Cross," "Blind Trust," "Broken Wings" and "Never Again Goodbye" by Terri Blackstock, "To Have and to Hold" by Tracie Peterson and Judith Miller, "Her Captain's Heart," "Her Patchwork Family" and "Her Healing Ways" by Lyn Cote, "Turnabout's Fair Play" and "A Case For Love" by Kaye Dacus, "The Wedding Letters" by Jason F. Wright, "The Dead Don't Dance" and "Maggie" by Charles Martin, "Courting Morrow Little" by Laura Frantz, "Longing" by Karen Kingsbury Juvenile fiction

"The Fire" by James Patterson and Jill Dembowski, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever" by Jeff Kinney, "Warriors: the Forgotten Warrior" by Erin Hunter, "Tiger's Voyage" by Colleen Houck, "Reaching Through Time" by Lurlene McDaniel, "Virals" and "Seizure" by Kathy Reichs, "Clockwork Prince" by Cassandra Clare, "The Hunter Chronicles: Return to Exile" by E.L. Patton, "Barbie: The Class Act" and "Barbie: The Silver Deer" by Rita Balducci, "Barbie: Secret of the Three Teardrops" by Jacquelyn Ball, "Curious George in the Snow" by Margaret Rey, "Clifford:

The Ice Race" by Apple Jordan, "Bambi: Snowy Day" by Betty Birney, "Scooby Doo! and the Scary Snowman" by Mariah Balaban, "Little Snowflake's Big Adventure" and "Five Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice" by Steve Metzger, "There Was an Cold Lady who Swallowed Some Snow" by Lucille Colandro

Juvenile nonfiction

"Ripley's Believe it or Not! Strikingly True," "Stonewall Jackson: Confederate General" by Lynda Pflueger, "Dandy Donosaurs" and "Water Wonders" by Better Homes and Gardens

"Shooter," "March of the Penguins," "Finding Neverland," "The Dukes of Hazzard," "Alaskan Guide to Successful Wolf Trapping," "Bolt," "Thomas' Snowy Surprise and Other Adventures," "It's Training Time," "Beauty and the Beast: Belle's Magical World"

Audio tapes "Wicked" by Gregory

Maguire

CDs

"Motor Mouth" by Janet Evanovich, "Vanished Man" by Jeffery Deaver Videos

"Meet Joe Black," "Titanic," "Doctor Zhivago," "Elizabeth," "The WaterBoy," "Everest," "Scooby-Doo Meets the Boo Brothers," The Lion King 1 ½," "Mickey's House of Mouse Vil-

Old World vs. New World Wines

BY GEORGE BALLING

Coeur dAlene Press

COEUR D'ALENE • While the wine you choose to purchase and drink always does and should come down to selecting wines you like, there are very clear differences between wines produced in the old world appellations of Europe and those from the new world, including those made here in the U.S. As we always say though too, trying different wines for us is a big part of the joy of wine so as you have the opportunity to try some of the wines from Europe here are a few things to watch for.

Many of these observations are based on generalities, so clearly there are aberrations from both Europe and the U.S. most times centered on the background, training, personal preferences of the winemaker and winery owners. Our recent tasting with Serge Laville, the winemaker for Spring Valley Winery who hails from Cte Rtie in France, is a great example. It would be a stretch to expect a winemaker whose roots run deep into this famed French wine region to fully embrace U.S. methods and ignore all of his prior train-

Many of the regional differences you will find in wines from Europe and the states start in the vineyard with some factors that are uncontrollable, but most that are. The vines in Europe are simply older, resulting in lower yields and more concentrated flavors. Combined with different weather and soil conditions they represent the bulk of the uncontrollable factors.

On the controllable side the Europeans will typically keep their yields lower too by "dropping" fruit (cutting it off prior to ripening) during the growing season to further enhance the flavors in the wine. So too winemakers and vineyard managers throughout the continent tend to harvest the fruit when it is slightly less ripe with lower sugars and higher acid levels. While they still prefer "hang time," or extended time on the vine once the fruit is ripe, ranging into the fall Europeans prefer wines from grapes harvested at these levels.

Lower sugar levels produce wines that have lower alcohol, since there is less sugar for the yeast to consume and convert to alcohol. The higher acid levels in the grapes at harvest creates two characteristics; age-ability and food friendliness, the latter being more important in Europe as wine is consumed as an aperitif less frequently than here in the U.S.

The flip side in America is a harvest at higher sugar and lower acid. The reverse therefore is true as wines tend to have higher alcohol levels and richer flavors. With lower acid the wines tend to finish with more opulence, are less austere and are created to be consumed now.

Another big difference is the choice of cooperage, and when oak is employed the length of time the wine is left in the oak barrels. Europeans generally use less oak, instead employing stainless steel tanks, concrete vats and at times for the home winemaker just plain old glass jugs. When they do use oak, French and Hungarian are the choice. These barrels have the oak staves cut differently exposing a smaller wood grain resulting in reduced oak flavors. The vessels too are many times bigger, further reducing oak flavors, and the wood is less "toasted" also reducing the oak notes in the wine, and as mentioned the wine spends less time in the barrels.

Here in the states more of the toasty warm oak flavors and the smoothness that oak imparts on the wine are still the preferred characteristics. While generally speaking American winemakers are reducing the wood influence, our palate preferences are simply different and more geared to wines fermented

The use of sulfites is virtually indispensible when running a winery, whether it is used as a preservative, a sterilization agent to stop fermentation or kill unwanted yeast or the many other uses; it is a part of the winemaking process. Again speaking in general terms though the Europeans use a lower sulfite load than we do here at home. This is of great concern to those who are faced with wine allergies related to sulfites. In fact, when customers are concerned about sinus reactions to wine our first recommendation is to try drinking wines from France, Italy, Spain and the other winemaking regions of Europe. The other major cause of

wine allergies is tannin. Tannins come from the grape skins and their time in contact with the wine and the aforementioned oak barrels. Europeans tend to use a more hands off approach to winemaking employing fewer "punch downs." This is the exercise despised by many young winemaking assistants where a large paddle is used to punch the grape skins down through the fermenting juice. This winemaking technique results in more color and flavor as well as tannin being extracted from the grape skins. The fact that the Europeans do less of this technique results in lower tannin levels.

While all of this is unlikely to change your wine preferences, it is helpful for consumers to identify the characteristics they prefer most as they continue their journey through the world of wine.

HANDLING PETS AT PARTY TIME CAN BE TICKLISH

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Question: My Pomeranian goes ballistic whenever company comes. She does not bite, but she barks and barks and circles around my guests. This year there will be quite a few of my relatives who do not appreciate my "yappy little dog" their words, not mine. In this situation, what's the best thing for me to do for both my dog and my fami-

For a gathering of just a few hours. I find it just easier to get the pets out of sight and concentrate on my guests having a good time. When they leave, the animals all come out and resume their lives as if nothing has happened. Remember that pets have no regrets of the past or aspirations for the future. **Answer:** I do have friends

who share my passion for pets. When they come over to socialize, my pets are all out with us and we all have a good time. In your case, it may be easier to just keep your Pom in a spare bedroom while your guests are

Girl Scouts Celebrate 100 Years



Twin Falls Girl Scouts celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts of the USA on New Year's Eve. The event, held at First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls, was organized by Service Unit Director Susan Baisch.

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Hagerman Valley Historical Society to Meet

HAGERMAN Hagerman Valley Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the National Park Service

building in Hagerman

Jim Evans, executive director of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation, will present "1,170 Miles Nez Perce

Historical Trail." The public is invited.

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Engagements

Collins-Drown

John and Andrea Collins are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Erin Joy, to Mitchell Lane Drown, son of Terry and Debbie Drown of Filer.

Erin is a 2008 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a recent graduate from the CSI RN nursing program. She is employed by Dr. Sara Johnson in Twin Falls.

Mitch graduated with an Associate degree in is employed by Cesco in couple will reside in Filer. Jerome.



Erin Joy Collins and Mitchell Lane Drown

The couple will be married Friday January 13, 2012 at business in 2010 from CSI Bethel Temple Apostolic and is currently working Church at 7:00 in the on a Bachelor in Business evening. A reception will through Boise State. He follow at the church. The



That stubborn, can-do attitude has served Albright

Unable to read past an elementary school level, Albright survived on wits. But in his late 20s, he realized he needed to learn

"I got to thinking, this isn't going to get you very far in life," he said. He resolved to learn how to read and speak better.

"My English was terrible," he said. "It was 'don't got,' 'ain't got.'" He paid close attention to how other people spoke and copied their speech patterns.

He couldn't teach himself to read, though. In his early 30s, he enlisted his wife's friend's help.

"I took her aside one day and said, 'I'd like to learn how to read," he said. With his baseline understanding and hard work, he learned in about a month. He now reads newspapers regular ly and prides himself on not needing reading glass-

Albright moved to Shoshone in 1994 after divorcing. Since then, his life has remained mostly unchanged. He eschews most modern farming equipment, choosing workhorses and a plow over tractors.

He remains blissfully unaware of changing technologies. One Christmas, his friends in California sent him a square photo in a cheap plastic frame. He thought it was a thoughtful gift, if slightly strange.

A couple of weeks later, his friends called to see if he had received the music they'd sent. The photo, it turns out, was a CD.

"I couldn't even open it!" he said, laughing. He had to track down a CD player.

His children have tried to convince him to get a cell phone, concerned that he'll be injured while farming. Albright isn't swayed.

"If a haystack's gonna fall on me, or I'm going to get kicked in the head, I won't find the cell phone and be coherent enough to do it," he said. "And if it ain't that bad, I'll limp in and take care of it myself."

Albright does see some drawbacks to his lifestyle. He has bad hearing from

years of construction, and has a hearing aid that he got in 1995. "Not hearing is frustrating because you miss out on things."

But if he gives in on the fancier hearing aids, or a four-wheeler, or a cell phone, he's worried he'll grow soft.

Albright's tidy house has a comfortable living room, bedroom, bathroom and weight room, which helps him keep in shape when he's not farming. The clean living space isn't the result of a maid, he said.

"I don't need nobody to clean my house," he said. He knows how to pick up his own socks.

Albright also gardens and cooks his own food another testament to selfsufficiency. He learned how to can a few years ago, and he makes his own sal-

Between the carrots and tomatoes from his garden and the elk meat from hunting trips, Albright stays mostly independent. He uses as few resources as possible: In the summer, he takes showers outdoors with water warmed by the morning sun. There's no need to turn on the water heater until the weather turns cold, keeping his bills

"I hate waste."

But he's not a loner and has visitors to his property almost every day. Albright's friend Laura Sluder of Shoshone said Albright impresses her with his wit and resourcefulness. He learned how to work with the draft horses in the past few years — her specialty, she said, so she knows how much work it

"He can pretty much do it all and has done it all," Sluder said.

When Albright sees kids favoring texting over faceto-face social interaction and adults spending all day in front of the television, he worries that people are becoming too dependent on technology.

Independence isn't all that hard, he said. He recalled helping a fellow rancher retrieve his cattle in a valley after a massive snow storm in the California mountains in the '80s. The men had to trudge through 3-foot snow to rescue the cows, a task that



Doug Albright rides into camp northwest of Shoshone on Sept. 13 to play music and tell poetry. The camp was part of a three-day trail ride leading up to a cowboy poetry gathering in Shoshone.

took five days.

It was bitterly cold, and the trip almost killed his horse. But it wasn't anything compared with how old-time cowboys lived, he said. They didn't have trucks. They didn't have down sleeping bags.

"Those guys tough," he said. "We're not tough.



Doug Albright has resisted his children's urging to get a cell phone. 'If a haystack's gonna fall on me, or I'm going to get kicked in the head, I won't find the cell phone and be coherent enough to do it,' he says. 'And if it ain't that bad, I'll limp in and take care of it myself.'



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Steve Harrington, left, and Doug Albright tell stories at a cowboy camp Sept. 13.



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