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An Artist Finds His VOICE

Rupert's Chad Robinson was robbed of much of his communication and mobility when he nearly drowned as a toddler. But the Rupert resident expresses himself in vivid color through his paintings.

BY LAURIE WELCH
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RUPERT • Without pausing to meet Chad Robinson's gaze, a person might miss the spark dancing in his eyes and mistake his unruly body movements and lack of speech for something other than broken connections.

Those connections were destroyed July 14, 1984, when at 26 months old, Robinson nearly drowned when he fell into an irrigation ditch outside his family's Rupert home. The accident stole from Robinson, now 29, most control of his body.

After decades of physical and occupational therapy, Chad still can't walk or talk and his motor skills are limited. But his parents, Janet and Brent Robinson, and siblings Jed, Whitney and Rachel never doubted the light shining inside him. And they kept trying to find ways to help him to speak to the world.

"Every once in a while he'll look at you and there in his eyes is the real Chad, trying to communicate," said Mary Lowry, Robinson's aide.

Today, Rupert artist KriSan Hardcastle is helping Chad find his voice. Not one that resonates in the ears, rather something that speaks to the souls of those who look at his paintings.

With the Stroke of a Brush

The Robinsons hired Hardcastle in 2009 to give their son music and art lessons.

"We always knew there was a lot going on inside of him," said Janet. "Our challenge has been to find a way to access it and a process that would let him communicate."

For nearly three years, art has set Chad alight.

His parents and therapists have seen his strength increase and motor skills sharpen in ways previous decades of therapy couldn't replicate. Cassia Regional Medical Center occupational therapist Greg Hepworth has helped Chad regain day-to-day functions for the past seven years.

"I absolutely think it has helped Chad," Hepworth said, who proudly displays two of Chad's paintings in his office.

Hepworth said the controlled, repetitive motions required to form each painting, brush stroke by brush stroke, help Chad gain control of his motor functions by building muscle memory.

Chad's work in the subjective world of art is also quantifiable science,

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(TOP) Chad Robinson, 29, works with his artist KriSan Hardcastle on a watercolor painting Monday at his Rupert home. (MIDDLE) Hardcastle has modified brushes that Chad Robinson can use to make paintings. (ABOVE) Robinson at his home in Rupert. Robinson suffered severe brain trauma after a near-fatal accident when he was 2 years old.

Court Weighs Health Coverage Mandate

BY CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Death, taxes and now health insurance? Having a medical plan or else paying a fine is about to become another certainty of American life, unless the Supreme Court says no.

People are split over the wisdom of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, but they are nearly united against its requirement that everybody have insurance. The mandate is intensely unpopular even though more than 8 in 10 people in the United States already are covered by workplace plans or government programs such as Medicare. When the insurance obligation kicks in, not even two years from now, most people won't need to worry or buy anything new.

Nonetheless, Americans don't like being told how to spend their money, not even if it would help solve the problem of the nation's more than 50 million uninsured.

Can the government really tell us what to buy?

Federal judges have come down on both sides of the question, leaving it to the Supreme Court to sort out. The justices are allotting an unusually long period, six hours over three days, beginning March 26, to hear arguments challenging the law's constitutionality.

Their ruling, expected in June, is shaping up as a historic moment in the century-long quest by reformers to provide affordable health care for all.

Many critics and supporters alike see the insurance requirement as the linchpin of Obama's health care law: Take away the mandate and the wheels fall off.

Politically it was a wobbly construction from the start. It seems half of Washington has flip-flopped over mandating insurance.

One critic dismissed the idea this way: "If things were that easy, I could mandate everybody to buy a house and that would solve the problem of homelessness." That was Obama as a presidential candidate, who was against health insurance mandates before he was for them.

Once elected, Obama decided a mandate could work as part of a plan that helps keep premiums down and assists those who can't afford them.

To hear Republicans rail against this attack on personal freedom, you'd never know the idea came from them.

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Green in Fashion

Wet weather doesn't hamper parade goes from celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

BY MCKAYLA HAACK
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • True Irish weather came to Twin Falls on Saturday, but despite the rain there still were plenty of smiles and laughter during the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

As expected, there was plenty of green.

The noon parade, which began in the 500-600 block of Main Avenue East and ended at Main's intersection with Dierkes Street North, included green pickup trucks, llamas with green leis,



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Jim O'Peterson, right, plays a kazoo on the Twin Falls Senior Center float during the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday in Twin Falls. View more photos of the parade at Magicvalley.com.

an Irish wolfhound, radio stations, election floats and, of course, bagpipes and kilts.

While many spectators huddled under Main Street awnings, students of Intermountain Martial Arts stepped

outside to snag some candy and watch the festive floats.

Parade watcher Cari Heuer backed her vehicle into a parking lot, where she and her three girls, snuggled under a

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TODAY IN PEOPLE



The New Blue

Blue Hadden wasn't anywhere near the crime scene, but his name will always be linked, fairly or not, to the shooting of his grandfather, Craig Hadden. Sixteen at the time of the near-fatal attack, Blue, 18, is redirecting his life after jail time on theft charges. And he's reclaiming Shoshone's goodwill — with the help of a conference that brought him face to face with his neighbors.

Read the story on **People 1.**

Beware the Tough-looking Senior Citizens on Aisle 9

When I was a kid, my mother taught me to be unfailingly polite and deferential to senior citizens.



But now that I am a senior citizen, do I still have to? The question arises because I recently moved into a neighborhood in Sacramento, Calif., largely populated by folks who retired sometime during the Reagan administration. College Greens, located adjacent to the campus of Sacramento State University, was built in the late 1950s and the early '60s and many of its original residents haven't left.

carts out of the middle of the aisle.

Fed up with waiting the other day, I squeezed past an older woman and her daughter who were debating their many oatmeal options.

"I'm so sorry," I said. "Pardon me."

"How rude!" the younger woman snapped. "My mother is 61!"

"I'm 60," I replied. "And you're still in the way."

Look, I realize first hand that life slows down as you age and that many senior citizens, on fixed incomes, need to shop carefully.

And they all shop at Raley's, a Sacramento-based supermarket chain with a large store nearby.

So to linger at this particular Raley's is to risk life and limb from kamikaze electric shopping carts piloted by older folks who left their bifocals at home.

But buying a box of pudding is not an existential decision. To paraphrase Shakespeare, screw your courage to the sticking point and go with the butter-scotch.

One of them nearly launched me airborne the other day by running into the back of my legs while I was pondering choices of salad dressing.

My grandmother used to shop at an old-timey grocery store in Soda Springs where you had to walk up to the counter with your shopping list. All of the food-stuffs and sundries were kept behind the counter, and a clerk would fetch them for you.

"Oops," said the lady in the driver's seat.

The bigger problem, though, is trying to steer a conventional shopping cart through aisles crowded by seasoned citizens cogitating whether to get prune juice or apple.

Grandma ran a small-town cafe, so she bought in bulk. On one particular visit, she had margarine in mind.

Invariably, they block the corridors with their carts. I waited 10 minutes the other day while a fellow geezer mulled the relative merits of KC Masterpiece Smoky Bourbon and Sweet & Tangy barbecue sauces.

"I don't know which brand to buy," Grandma said. "Fleischmann's or Parkay?"

I don't wish to be unkind, but that's not a life-defining dilemma.

"Get butter," said Mr. Lalatin, the proprietor. "Because that's all we have."

Same thing happens in Idaho, of course. There are Wincos in which I've squandered hours of my life because my fellow shoppers couldn't come to grips with the notion of moving their

Raley's should be so lucky.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

President Barack Obama reacts to cheers as he arrives for the signing ceremony of his health care bill in March 2010 in the East Room of the White House. Obama and congressional Democrats pushed the mandate through without Republican support in hopes of reaching a popular goal: creating a fair system that ensures everyone, rich or poor, young or old, the health care they need at a cost that doesn't overwhelm the nation. Other economically advanced countries have done it.

Mandate

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Its model was a Massachusetts law signed in 2006 by Mitt Romney, now the front-runner of the Republican presidential race, when he was governor. Another GOP hopeful, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, supported a mandate on individuals as an alternative to President Bill Clinton's health care proposal, which put the burden on employers.

All four GOP presidential candidates now promise to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which they call "Obamacare." Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum calls it "the death knell for freedom."

So much for compromise. Obama and congressional Democrats pushed the mandate through in 2010, without Republican support, in hopes of creating a fair system that ensures everyone, rich or poor, young or old, can get the health care they need. Other economically advanced countries have done it.

Doing nothing is more expensive than most people realize.

Congress found that when the uninsured go to clinics and emergency rooms, the care they can't pay for costs nearly \$75 billion a year. Much of that cost is passed along and ends up adding \$1,000 a year to the average family's insurance premium.

The overhaul is neither the liberal dream of a single government program supported by taxes and covering everyone nor the conservative vision of stripping away federal rules and putting free enterprise in charge.

The Obama plan relies on private companies plus lots of regulation to make sure they provide basic benefits, keep premiums reasonable, and cover

the sick as well as the healthy. That's where the mandate comes in. If insurers must cover everyone, even those with existing medical conditions, healthy people have little incentive to sign up before they get sick.

Insurance companies argue that if only the sick sign up, insurers will go broke. So the law says everybody must have insurance for themselves and their children, or pay a penalty.

Also, because everyone needs health care sometime, if everyone purchases insurance, the price per person can be lower, with the cost of care spread out over many people.

After all, the government requires workers to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes, whether they want the benefits or not. One argument for the insurance mandate is that the fines are just federal taxes by another name. Another is that it falls under the government's constitutional power to regulate commerce that crosses state borders.

State governments, of course, tell people to buy lots of things, including auto insurance or motorcycle helmets.

"You can always move to another state," said Tom O'Connor, a consultant in Fairfax, Va., who thinks the health care law overreaches. "It's a little more difficult to move to another country."

Many agree. In an Associated Press-GfK poll, 85 percent said the U.S. government should not have the power to require people to buy health insurance.

When the question is worded without the specific reference to federal power, acceptance of the mandate grows a bit, but 6 in 10 are still against it.

Even among those who generally support the health care overhaul, one-third said they are against the insurance mandate.

There's also a significant minority

who sees mandates as a cop-out and prefer a government program that covers everyone, Medicare for all.

It's clear that many people do not understand what the law would do or how it would affect them.

Jan Gonzales, an out-of-work bookkeeper in Pablo, Mont., calls fining people for going without insurance "the most ridiculous, asinine thing you ever heard of!"

"If I can't put food on the table for my children, how can I pay for health care coverage?" asks Gonzales, who's been without insurance for seven years. "What moron came up with that idea?"

Of course, she might qualify for the law's exemptions for those too poor to pay and for assistance for low-income people, as well as many in the middle class.

There also are some religious exemptions.

Estimates vary widely of how many uninsured people will get insurance once it's required in January 2014.

About 4 million people would pay a penalty to the Internal Revenue Service for being uninsured in 2016, the Congressional Budget Office estimates.

By 2016, the fine reaches \$695 per uninsured adult or 2.5 percent of family income, up to \$12,500 per year. The IRS is in charge of the penalties but can't prosecute violators or place liens against them. Its only enforcement option may be withholding money from refunds.

That leaves insurance companies, who stand to gain lots of new customers, worried that people instead will shrug off the weak mandate.

Meanwhile, the state-federal Medicaid program will expand to cover more low-income people, and that's another issue before the Supreme Court, because many states say they cannot afford the extra cost.

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Wendell Council Considers Options for Tennis Court

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

WENDELL • The tennis court in Wendell's City Park has seen better days.

On Thursday, the City Council discussed plans to remove the court's asphalt floor to make way for a possible volleyball pit.

Mayor Brad Christopherson asked the council for permission to discuss sharing the cost to tear out the deteriorating court floor with Parks and

Recreation and Wendell Chamber of Commerce.

The project could also include filling in the area with sand and installing a border, and Christopherson said materials and equipment would likely cost \$3,000.

Councilman Michael Winnmill threw his support behind the project, saying the current setup requires nothing but "maintenance, maintenance, maintenance."

Christopherson said filling the area with sand for use as

a volleyball pit would allow the space to be used but not require the additional cost of installing extra sprinkler heads and replanting sod.

"It needs out," he said of the crumbling concrete.

The council unanimously supported Christopherson moving forward on the project, and the mayor said he'll report back soon.

Last year the city removed a chain link fence around the tennis court.

In other business, the

council discussed tightening regulations pertaining to traveling salesman.

The draft ordinance establishes "making unwanted visitation of private residences by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants and transient vendors ..." as a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and up to 30 days in county jail.

The council did not make any decisions about the ordinance and will continue to discuss it at further meetings.

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In Otter's Cabinet, Women Make Less

A new Idaho Statesman database reveals a gender pay gap on par with national figures.

BY DAN POPKEY
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BOISE • Idaho Agriculture Director Celia Gould has been with Gov. Butch Otter from the first day of his administration in 2007, having been a leading figure in his campaign and a respected former legislator.

She is the highest-paid of the women in Otter's Cabinet, but ranks just 16th among all top full-time officials. The median salary for 11 women in the Cabinet is \$85,446; the median for the 33 men is \$103,002.

"We really do have a glass ceiling in Idaho," said Rep. Wendy Jaquet, the senior Democrat in the Legislature and a member of the budget committee.

Jaquet compared Gould to Commerce Director Jeffrey Sayer, who was hired in October. Gould oversees 259 employees, Sayer 53. Based on Jan. 1 pay records now searchable at IdahoStatesman.com, Gould makes \$106,621. Sayer makes \$145,018.

"Director Gould is about \$38,000 under the newly-employed Jeff Sayer," Jaquet said. "You can't argue she doesn't have as many employees. Our state is no different than the national averages that show women reach a 'glass ceiling' for promotion and pay."

Jaquet also noted the difference between Gould and Otter's budget chief, Wayne Hammon, who directs the 18-employee Division of Financial Management. Hammon makes \$115,918, about \$9,300 more than Gould.

When Otter hired Gould, he set her pay at \$90,002, \$626 or 0.7 percent more than her male predecessor, Pat Takasugi. Sayer is paid 66 percent more than his predecessor, Don Dietrich, who made \$87,568.

Otter Silent

Otter and Gould declined comment for this story. Sayer and Hammon did not reply to emails and phone messages.

Otter's spokesman, Jon Hanian, commented in an email:

"The governor is concerned about the pay of all state employees. It is why one of the first things he did as governor was to push for a pay increase for state workers. As you know, the downturn in the national economy forced us to scale back, and temporarily delay our efforts to increase state workers pay. However addressing pay inequities at all levels of state government remains a priority for this administration and as the economy improves, we will continue to address those is-

sues, as we are doing with a CEC (change in employee compensation) this year."

Asked whether Otter considers the gender gap in his Cabinet a "pay inequity," Hanian did not reply. Nor did he reply to a question about why Sayer was hired at substantially higher pay to run a far smaller agency than Gould.

National Pay Gap

Sen. Joyce Broadword, R-Sagle, joined Jaquet last month in seeking an audit of state pay. The Office of Performance Evaluations hopes to complete the review before the 2013 Legislature convenes next winter. The study will focus on lawmakers' concerns that the state is losing quality employees across the board.

Broadword said she finds the gender pay gap unsurprising.

"This is not an Idaho-centric problem, but one that is nationwide," Broadword said. "Women continue to be viewed as subordinate to men and not worth as much as men when it comes to the same pay for the same job."

Women in Otter's Cabinet make 83 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Nationally, median pay for women was 82 percent of what men made in the last quarter of 2011, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics study of full-time wage and

salary workers.

The median pay for 57 million men in the U.S. workforce was \$43,836, while the median for 45 million working women was \$35,776.

According to a study released last week, the Boise-Nampa metro area ranks eighth among the top 100 metropolitan statistical areas in the male-female pay gap. Using Census Bureau data, 24/7 Wall St., an online news site for investors, said women's pay of \$32,514 amounts to 72 percent of what men make in Ada and Canyon counties, \$44,908.

Other Factors

Broadword also cited another possible reason women in the Idaho Cabinet make less: "The agencies they run may not be as vital in the eyes of policymakers. 'I suspect it is not always that it is a female director who is paid less, but an agency which is not as important.'"

House Revenue & Tax Committee Chairman Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, said he doesn't see discrimination.

"Rather, I suspect that the pay differential is the job description differential and/or time in the position," he said. "For example, I suspect the pay for (Parks and Recreation Director) Nancy Merrill's position would be the same whether a man or woman held the job."

Merrill is one of eight Cabinet members hired by a board or commission. Otter appoints all the members of those panels and designates whom he considers a Cabinet member.

Merrill, a former mayor of Eagle, said she hadn't noticed the gender gap and believes Otter is "pleased with the performance of his women" Cabinet members. "He certainly has supported me."

Merrill added that when she was hired in 2009, she "had to accept hiring of a deputy director for the same pay as I was getting."

Though she's the boss, Merrill makes \$83,320, the same salary as her male deputy director, Dave Ricks.

"I wanted to work for Idaho State Parks, so I accepted the stipulations attached with the job," said Merrill. "I do not have an answer as to why women lag so significantly. I believe we are well qualified to perform the same jobs in a professional manner."

Is There a Policy?

In explaining Otter's decision to decline comment, Hanian said Otter would not "be the individual to walk you through the position classification system and explain it."

Vicki Tokita, administra-

tor of Otter's Division of Human Resources, did not reply to requests for comment. Tokita, who makes \$95,680, is the second-highest paid woman in the Cabinet.

Tana Cory, Otter's chief of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, said looking at the figures alone might cause some to have concerns. But, Cory said, "It is not troubling because I do not believe a list tells the whole story."

Cory makes \$74,610, the second-lowest figure of the 44 full-time Cabinet members. But the figure would be higher, Cory said, had Otter had his way.

"The governor has recommended increases to this position's salary," she said. "However, I have not always accepted his recommendation."

The bureau is financed by fees paid by members of 28 professions, from barbers and cosmetologists to geologists and shorthand reporters.

"As a dedicated-fund agency, any increases would be passed on to our licensees, and I am sensitive to that in our current economy," Cory said. "Additionally, my focus is not on my own salary but on the salaries of those who work for the bureau. So, when we have an increase in (pay), I prefer to pass on as much as possible to the employees."



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What you'll find at sports bars near you: camaraderie and rivalry. Andrew Weeks reports. Friday in Entertainment

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Ashley Lynn Sumner, 27, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 6 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 4 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.
Ryan Phillip Hilliard, 25, Twin Falls; possession of heroin and hydromorphone, 7 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 4 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,250 fine, \$365.50 costs, \$946.99 public defender fee.
Amber Rose Daniel, 22, Jerome; possession of methamphetamine, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.
Tracie Ann Walker, 51, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, 6 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 3 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$2,000 fine, \$270.50 costs, \$550 public defender fee.
Alisha Nicole Carpenter, 25, Buhl; forgery, 6 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 3 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$500 fine, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.
Sean David Sengenberger, 44, Boise; failure to register as a sex offender, 2 years penitentiary, 1 determinate, 1 indeterminate, 2 years probation, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.
Kevin A. Cummins, 18, Twin Falls; burglary, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.
Kenneth Sams Quintana, 32, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, 2 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.
Larry Joe Bower, 27, Buhl; possession of methamphetamine, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, judge

granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$575.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

FELONY DISMISSALS

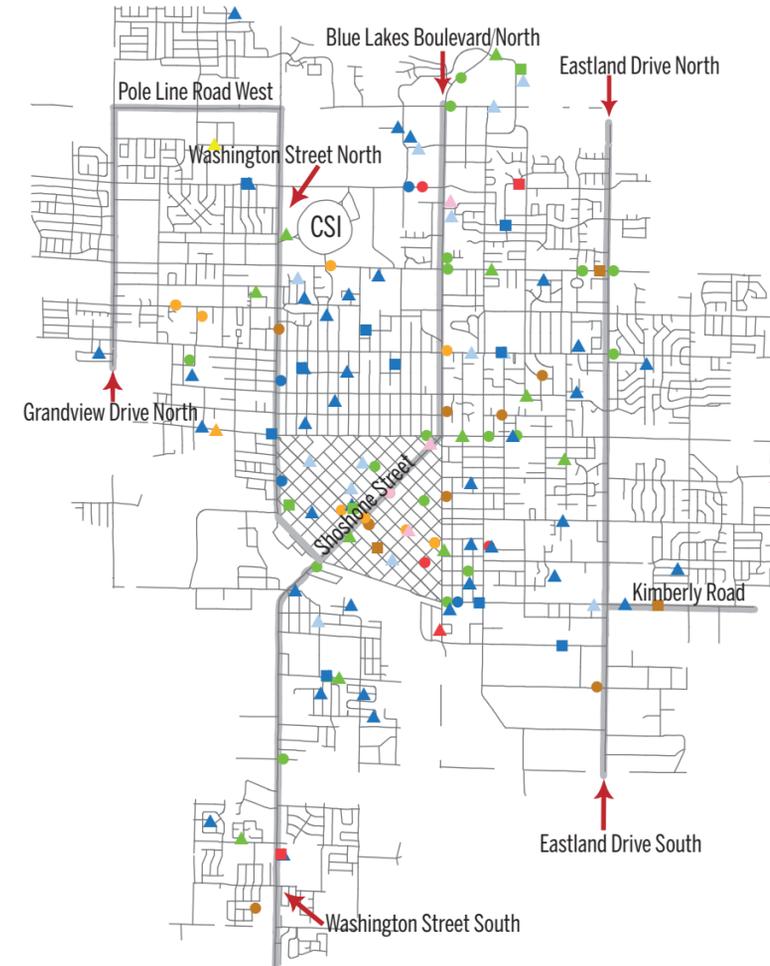
Dennis Antonio Carhuas, 27, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, state dismissed the charge.
Kevin M. Morris, 38, Twin Falls; attempted strangulation, state dismissed the charge.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Robert Joe Stovall, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 85 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.
Ruth Ann Mills, 65, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 30 days jail, 30 suspended, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following:
Jordan Eugene Stillely, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$209 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.
Velda Craig, seeking establishment of support of child in third-party care: \$206 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 45 percent of any work-related day care expenses.
Rebecca Ilene Vulgamore, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$209 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.
April Nakai Bowman, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$190 monthly support plus 52 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.
April Nakai Bowman, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$157 monthly support plus 43 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.
April Nakai Bowman, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$136 monthly support plus 51 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.



Crime Report
March 9-15

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Juan Guillermo Aguilar, seeking establishment of child support: \$22 monthly support plus 53 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 53 percent of any work-related day care expenses.
Toma C. Bartlett, seeking establishment of child support: \$871 monthly support plus 81 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 81 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

DIVORCES FILED

Ana P. Carpenter vs. Michel L. Carpenter.
 Frank Carroll vs. Iris Carroll.
 James Weighall Jr. vs. Denim Weighall.
 Jessica Robbins vs. Lorin Robbins.
 Karen McFarland vs. Keith McFarland.
 Brian Allen vs. Donna Allen.

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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS
Gilbert Palomo, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 60 days jail, 35 suspended, 25 days time credited, 12 months probation, no alcohol.
Cheri Ann Wolfe, 55, Twin Falls; driving under the in-

fluence, \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 30 days jail, 30 suspended, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.
Joshua Anderson Jones, 26, Buhl; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 87 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.
James Dean Slaymaker, 24, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days jail, 89 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.
Rodney Craig Nelson, 30, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.
Christopher Daniel Maddox, 40, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500

fine, \$400 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 155 suspended, 25 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

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Delays Expected for Eastland Work

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TWIN FALLS • Work to remove and replace irrigation pipe along Eastland Drive is expected to lead to traffic delays Monday through Wednesday.
 The work will follow Eastland between Addison Avenue and Hillcrest Drive. According to a city release,

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Information: Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, 735-7256.



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House Approves Bill to End Local Responder Fees

BOISE (AP) • The Idaho House has approved legislation that would prohibit communities from charging fees when emergency responders are called to traffic accidents.

A bill sponsored by Nampa Republican Rep. Christy Perry cleared the House Friday on a 54-7 vote.

Perry says state lawmakers should be opposed to letting local governments bill for emergency services already being paid for by tax dollars.

Perry argues the fees — which can reach hundreds of dollars — are just a form of double taxation.

Support for the bill also came from cities, counties and insurance companies — though fire districts lodged objections.

The bill applies only to responses to motor vehicle crashes and doesn't prohibit fees for ambulance and towing services or repairs to public property.

It now goes to the Senate for review.

Idaho Senate Panel Kills Land Board Limits — Again

BOISE (AP) • Senators on the Resources Committee sent a clear message: The Legislature shouldn't meddle in the Land Board's business managing Idaho's endowment properties.

They rejected a measure Friday to require the state Land Board to sell or lease all improvements on endowment-owned ground, and sell all business operations.

The bill first hit a wall Wednesday, dying without a motion.

But that hearing's inconclusive result confused

some, so the panel reconvened Friday to explain its opposition.

Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert was among those who felt it was an unconstitutional infringement on the executive branch, because it curbed the Land Board's ability to invest in the highest-yielding properties.

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Parade

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blanket, sat in the back end with the trunk's hood as their roof.

Heuer said they come to the parade every year, and although this time was colder than other years it was still a good parade.

The four of them were partial to Glanbia's float, they said, which handed out cheese.

John Williams, another parade visitor, huddled under umbrellas with his family. His three children, Hanna, Benjamin and Andrew, liked the candy and cheese, saying the parade was "wet" but "great."

Other kids lined the street for candy, while a number of adults gathered under the tents outside O'Dunken's Draught House near green-beer vendors.

Not far away, the Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors sold baked goods to raise money for their Relay for Life team.

"Every dollar counts" said ambassador Midge Fisher.

She said she didn't think inclement weather turned many away from coming out



Jesse Strup and her Irish wolfhound, Riley, walk along Main Avenue during the parade Saturday.

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to watch the parade.

"It's a good crowd," she said, "a good turnout."

Down the street, Diane Stevens and Meg Wormsbaker didn't seem bothered by the rain as they danced

and clapped.

Stevens said they came out because "it would be a guarantee to see the Sons of Knute — the only reason to come out in the rain on St. Patty's Day."

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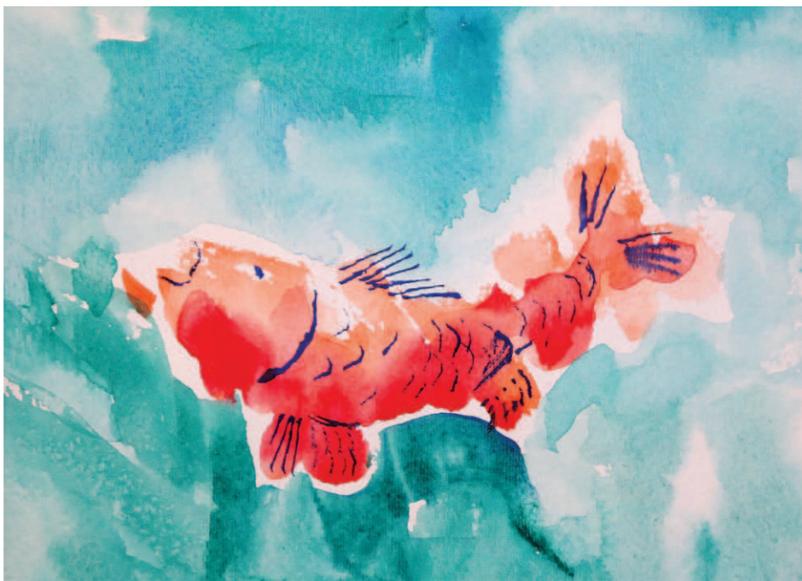
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A view of a watercolor fish painting Chad Robinson made last September.

Robinson

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Hepworth said, and it works. One of the most noticeable improvements has been Chad learning how to hold a spoon and feed himself.

The enjoyment Chad gets from the activities also gives him purpose, Hepworth said.

"He's obviously very proud of his work when it comes up in conversation," said Jeff Baldwin, Chad's physical therapist at Southern Idaho Therapy Services in Rupert. Baldwin says the art has helped Chad's adventurous spirit bloom.

Another Busy Day

The day of Chad's accident was a busy Saturday. It was moving day, and Janet and Brent hustled around outside, checking off last-minute house repairs.

Just the day before, they had rescued the rambunctious toddler from the television antennae as Brent worked on the roof.

They were used to keeping a close eye on him.

But when Chad woke from his Saturday nap, he somehow slipped unseen into the water. When his brother, Jed, said Chad couldn't be found, the family immediately checked the ditch, but his body lay hidden in a culvert.

They checked his favorite hiding spots – including inside the clothes dryer – and returned to the ditch for a final check before fanning out to search a field. When they found him, he was lifeless.

Emergency responders began trying to resuscitate the unresponsive toddler, who would remain in a coma for months.

When Chad awoke in a Utah rehabilitation center, his family learned that he had been stripped all of his 2-year-old skills – walking, talking, eating. A year after the accident, and with doctors warning not to expect much more progress, Chad's family asked to take him home.

"He couldn't swallow or suck and we spent hours trying to feed him and he'd throw it up," Janet said.

"They said he would never roll over again or even lift his head."

Despite the grim prognosis, Chad's parents encouraged him to try things and never placed limits on his abilities. Janet remembers watching anxiously nearby as Chad scooted over to the stairwell and listened to his siblings playing downstairs.

"We were never far away, but we let him go and he'd slide down the stairs on his back or side," Janet said.

Over the years, Chad endured numerous medical procedures. A medication pump was permanently implanted in his body a few years ago to help relieve his stiff muscles. But he still lives in constant pain.

Still, Chad's charming personality refuses to be squelched.

He's often the first in the room to get a joke. He's known for his teasing and stubbornness, and shows his preferences for many things. Among them: "Wheel of Fortune's" Vanna White, songs from "The Lion King," the colors blue and purple.

When his parents hired Hardcastle, they didn't know what doors would open.

"It's like a miracle," Janet said. "KriSan and Mary are the perfect pair and they are exactly what he needed."

This Sky is Yellow

The Robinsons fine-tuned a method of holding out two hands for Chad to touch when he makes a choice: the right hand if he wants to go to Dairy Queen, the left for Burger King.

It's also become one avenue for Chad's creative expression to show through in his paintings when he works with Hardcastle.

"For the first time, he gets to choose exactly what he wants – the kind of paper and the colors of paint," Janet said. "There are so many things in life he doesn't get to choose. It's empowering for him, especially when people take notice of his work."

Chad's paintings – which range from abstracts to bright poppies, fish and landscapes – have won

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Janet Robinson

county fair ribbons and were displayed during a 2010 one-man art show "A Brush with Chad," held in his hometown.

His work also hangs in his father's Rupert law office, in the Intermountain Healthcare wheelchair shop in Salt Lake City, and in physical therapy centers in Burley and Rupert. Last year, an employee at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo., offered to buy one of Chad's paintings after seeing a picture on Janet's phone.

On Feb. 15, Chad chooses yellow paint for the sky and listens as Hardcastle talks about perspective. With a lightly guiding hand from Hardcastle, he brushes out rows of trees and grasses.

Hardcastle has fashioned tools that Chad can easily hold and helps guide his somewhat stiff hand. On the paintings she feels she contributed to, she signs her name along with Chad's. His signature stamp stands alone on others.

When Chad starts to tire, she revives him with a silly poem. "The crocodile went to the dentist," she chants, reciting Shel Silverstein's "The Crocodile's Toothache." A grin spreads across Chad's face and he finishes the painting. Lowry, who lost her husband six years ago, stays attentive and close to Chad's side, the connection between the two palpable.

Lowry is quick to help engage him with silly antics and, like Hardcastle, easily coaxes his smile.

"How many times have people with disabilities passed limits set because someone loved them and persisted?" she asks when questioned about the seemingly endless patience and care both women display.

"My belief with Chad or anyone is you don't set limits and say, 'Well, this is all you can do,'" Hardcastle said. "You say, 'This is what you can do now.' And leave it



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Chad Robinson, 29, works with artist KriSan Hardcastle on a watercolor painting Monday at his Rupert home. Robinson suffered severe brain trauma after a near-fatal accident when he was 2 years old. The art projects they have worked on have improved Robinson's coordination and has given him an outlet to express himself.



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Artist KriSan Hardcastle looks over some of Chad Robinson's paintings Feb. 15 at Robinson's Rupert home.

open to whatever may happen in the future."

The Greatest Challenge

The largest hurdle Chad will continue to face seems to lie in changing how other people perceive him.

"People are frightened and put off by someone in a wheelchair," Janet said. "They think he is the chair."

The prejudices come too often, sometimes masked

when a request to compete in a regular art category is met by the creation of a special category at the county fair. What may be good-intentioned considerations for someone with special needs only serve to prevent Chad's art from standing on its own merits among that of his peers.

Fundamentally worse prejudices are shown when someone chooses to look right through Chad or speak as if he wasn't present.

Hepworth said it's com-

mon for people to assume that someone in a wheelchair lacks comprehension or capability. But Chad is bright and understands his surroundings. Janet said that makes moments when someone says something hurtful even more piercing.

People fear the unknown, Janet said. But her son's art shows that he dreams in the same vivid worlds many of us do – even if we can't express it.

"There's a lesson there for all of us," Hardcastle said.

Cormorants Off the Hook in Fall Chinook Study

LEWISTON (AP) • A study has found that cormorants on the lower Snake River aren't eating enough protected fall chinook to harm salmon populations.

The study paid for by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found that salmonids made up 11.7 percent of the underwater-swimming birds' diet, with juvenile and immature adult fall chinook accounting for about 3.4 percent of that.

Researchers concluded that the double-crested cormorants were eating a relatively small number of chinook while also eating non-native fish that prey on juvenile fall chinook.

"Any action we take on these birds wouldn't have much benefit," David Trachtenberg, a fisheries biologist for the corps based at Walla Walla, Wash., told the *Lewiston Tribune*.

The researchers killed 130 cormorants during the study

and examined the contents of their stomachs.

Bass and sunfish made up 34.3 percent of the diet, juvenile shad 15 percent, minnows and carp 11.7 percent, catfish 6.3 percent, and perch 3.4 percent.

"We have been monitoring populations since 2004," said Cindy Boen, a project manager for the corps at Walla Walla. "The predation on Granite Pool is very limited. It is not cause for concern compared to some of the other (bird) colonies."

Those other bird colonies include Caspian terns. The corps is developing its Inland Avian Predation Management Plan that could lead to reductions in the size of two inland populations of the species.

One colony is nesting on Crescent Island on the Columbia River, just downstream from the mouth of the Snake River, and another is on Goose Island at Pot-

holes Reservoir, near Othello, Wash. Officials estimate that the Goose Island terns

are eating about 10 to 15 percent of the upper Columbia River steelhead populations

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Bald Eagle Permit a Victory for Tradition

BY BEN NEARY
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. • A federal government decision to allow a Wyoming tribe to kill two bald eagles for a religious ceremony is a victory for American Indian sovereignty as well as for long-suppressed religious freedoms, the tribe says.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service granted a permit March 9 to the Northern Arapaho Tribe allowing it either to kill or capture and release two bald eagles this year.

While no one questions the religious sincerity of Northern Arapaho tribal members, spokesmen for some conservation and animal rights groups question why the tribe can't meet its religious needs without killing wild eagles. They say the tribe could raise captive birds, or accept eagle feathers or carcasses already available from a federal repository that collects birds killed by power lines or other causes.

The Northern Arapaho share the Wind River Indian Reservation in central Wyoming with the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. The Northern Arapaho decline to say specifically what they will do with the eagles the federal permit allows them to kill.

"It has been since the beginning of time with us, and we respectfully utilize the eagle in our ceremonies," said Harvey Spoonhunter, a tribal elder and former chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council. "We get to utilize the eagle, which we consider a messenger to the Creator."

Bald eagles were removed from the federal list of threatened species in 2007. The birds remain protected under the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Several Indian tribes have been allowed permits to kill golden eagles for religious purposes.

Suzan Shown Harjo, president of the Morning Star Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based American Indian rights group, notes that only a few tribes still practice ceremonies that require them to kill eagles.

From the 1880s to the 1930s, the federal government enforced so-called "Civilization Regulations" that criminalized traditional ceremonies, including the Northern Arapaho's Sun Dance. Many Indian religious ceremonies were stamped out, Harjo said.

"They've done the correct thing, the proper thing. It's a good step in the direction of the United States trying to make amends for things that they did all too well to suppress Native American religious freedom for so long," Harjo said.

Andy Baldwin, lawyer for the Northern Arapaho Tribe, said the tribe went to court last fall to get the bald eagle permit following the federal prosecution of Winslow Friday, a young tribal member who shot a bald eagle on the Wind River Indian Reservation in 2005 for the Sun Dance. Friday ultimately pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay a fine in tribal court.

"One of the goals of the current suit is to prevent any young men like



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This Jan. 1, 2005 file photo shows a bald eagle stretching its wings near Lake Meridian in Kent, Wash. A federal government decision to allow a Wyoming tribe to kill two bald eagles for a religious ceremony is a victory for American Indian sovereignty as well as for long-suppressed religious freedoms, the Northern Arapaho Tribe says.

Winslow Friday from being prosecuted in the future for practicing their traditional religious ceremonies," Baldwin said this week.

The Fish and Wildlife Service says it issued the permit in response to the tribe's application, not the lawsuit it filed against the agency.

Federal lawyers filed a status report in the lawsuit this week saying that the Eastern Shoshone Tribe had opposed the killing of eagles on the reservation the two tribes share. The Northern Arapaho permit specifies the two bald eagles must be killed or captured off the reservation.

Edward Wemytewa, a member of the Zuni Tribe in western New Mexico, said he's happy for the Northern Arapaho.

"The common theme for a lot of indigenous peoples is that the bird, it brings not only strength and courage, it's just one of those creatures that still brings awe to many, many people," he said of eagles.

The Zuni Tribe has a federal permit allowing it to keep live eagles, most of which come from raptor rehabilitation projects while some are caught in the wild. Wemytewa declined to say whether any Zuni practices require killing eagles.

"I think because of ceremonies, our language has

survived, our communities have survived, and I think that is one of the keys for endurance of Native American culture," Wemytewa said. "So if again, other tribes harvest birds for sacrifice in the name of ceremony and tradition, and longevity and health, I guess it makes sense."

Reaction to the Northern Arapaho bald eagle permit was muted among some non-Indian groups.

"We hold bald eagles in great esteem as well, and as a humane organization, we don't want to see them killed," said Wayne Pacelle, president of The Humane Society of the United States.

Saying his group understands the importance of many animals in Native American culture, Pacelle said, "in this case, we had hoped they would use feathers and carcasses that they could obtain from trustworthy sources and not resort to direct killing."

Brian Rutledge, vice president for the Rocky Mountain Audubon Society, said his group encourages tribes to raise captive birds, rather than killing wild ones.

"But we understand that there are religious decisions that are made here that may not be understandable to all, but are well within the rights of the people acting

on them," Rutledge said.

Matt Hogan, assistant regional director for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver, said no other applications to kill bald eagles are pending. And Harjo emphasized the Northern Arapaho permit isn't likely to unleash a flood of applications from other tribes.

"This isn't a wholesale run on the bald eagle that would drive them back into an endangered or threatened position," Harjo said. She emphasized that only a few tribes have intact ceremonies involving eagles and said that only a few individuals within those tribes have a religious need to kill wild birds.

On the Wind River Indian Reservation, the Northern Arapaho are preparing for spring. Nelson White, a tribal elder, said his people are listening for this year's first clap of thunder.

"That thunder represents the eagle hollering," White said. "And when that happens, that's when everything is waking up. The grass is coming back up, the birds are coming back, the plants and animals that were in hibernation are coming out. It's a new beginning."

"So in essence, with this decision, with this you might say victory, we say 'ho'hou,' — 'thank you,'" White said.

BOISE POLICE DON'T KNOW WHERE 18 WEAPONS WENT

BOISE (AP) • Police in Boise say they don't know what happened to 18 weapons that were supposed to be destroyed because the paperwork is missing.

An internal audit revealed the discrepancies late last year, showing that 18 out of 156 guns slated to be destroyed had incomplete paperwork.

The weapons were no longer

needed for evidence, were unsafe or were otherwise unsuitable for auction. After officials realized the paperwork was missing, the police department asked the Ada County Sheriff's Office to conduct a criminal investigation. No charges have been filed. During the investigation, a part-time employee responsible for the record-keeping resigned.

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'Pink Slime' Sounds Gross, but How Does it Taste?

BY J.M. HIRSCH
Associated Press

All this angst over "pink slime" has made one thing clear: We don't always know what we're getting when we bite into a big juicy burger.

Which leaves unanswered some of the most basic questions in the debate over what the meat industry calls lean finely textured beef, a processed meat filler that experts say has found its way into much of the ground beef consumed in the United States.

But as a professional eater, I needed to know two things: What does this stuff do to the taste and texture of ground beef? And how can consumers know when they're eating it?

Neither answer came easily, the former because of the sheer volume of beef I needed to eat, the latter because of the rather opaque way ground beef is made.

'Slime' in the News

For schools, that opacity began to clear Thursday, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that as of the fall the National School Lunch Program will allow districts to choose ground beef that does not contain the product. Previously, it was difficult for schools to know whether the beef they bought from the feds had it or not.

That's because pink slime — no matter what you call it or what you think of it — really is made from beef and therefore doesn't need to be listed as a separate ingredient.

But Thursday's announcement doesn't do much for the average consumer.

At the grocer, a steak is a steak, and it is nearly always labeled by the cut of beef it's from. There was a time when ground beef was similarly labeled and you knew at least roughly what part of the animal you were getting. And though some packages still indicate "ground chuck" or "ground sirloin," today most is labeled simply as "ground beef."

Most consumers don't care. They'd rather focus on another part of the label — the fat percentage. And producers don't care. It has made it easier for them to take a more amalgamated approach to ground beef, using whatever cuts they want or have without worrying about spelling it out.

Now introduce lean finely textured beef, and the meat picture is further muddied.

The product is made from bits of meat left over from other cuts. It's heated and spun to remove the fat, then compressed into



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A hamburger made from ground beef containing what is derisively referred to as 'pink slime,' or what the meat industry calls 'lean, finely textured beef,' right, and one made from pure 85% lean ground beef are ready for tasting Thursday in Concord, N.H.

blocks for mixing into conventional ground beef. Because it's so lean and inexpensive, producers often mix it into fattier meat to produce an overall leaner product.

That means two packages labeled "ground beef 80 percent lean" may look and sound the same but be composed of different meats. One could be unadulterated ground beef made from cuts of meat containing 20 percent fat. The other could be made from poorer quality — much fattier — meat but cut with and made leaner by pink slime, a term coined by a federal microbiologist grossed out by it and now widely used by critics and food activists.

How do you tell the difference? For the most part, you don't.

"You can't differentiate beef from beef," said Jeremy Russell, a spokesman for the National Meat Association, which represents processors, suppliers and exporters. "Talking to your retailer would be the only way."

So that's what I did. But it got me only partial answers.

The Field Research

At grocer No. 1, the folks behind the butcher counter were able to show me one brand, a pricy "all-natural" ground beef that did not contain the meat filler. But for the many other and far less expensive varieties of ground beef? They had no way of knowing.

Grocer No. 2 presented the opposite problem. The workers there found one brand that definitely did have the stuff, but they couldn't say whether any others did or didn't.

And don't be fooled by the "all-natural" beef label at store No. 1. That term is

unregulated, so it doesn't really mean anything. At another store, another brand of ground beef could be similarly labeled but still contain the meat filler.

But the term "organic" is regulated, and that provides a clue. If you can find it — and are willing to pay the price — ground beef labeled organic cannot contain lean finely textured beef.

Despite the odds, I had lucked out. Between the two grocers, I'd managed to identify two packages of 85 percent lean ground beef, one with pink slime and one without. Time to taste.

By label alone, it was clear we were talking different beef demographics. The pink slime-free product bragged that it was minimally processed and that the cows had been raised without antibiotics, growth hormones or animal byproducts in their food. Price — \$5.99 per pound. The pink slime version? Just a minimalist "compare and save." Price — \$3.09 per pound.

Outwardly, they seemed the same: They smelled the same, and they looked basically the same, though the pink slime sample was slightly lighter in color. Until you touched them. The all-natural sample was slightly fattier to touch. That seemed odd, since both products should have the same fat content.

Into the Mouth

For the taste test, I kept it simple and pure. I formed a half-pound of each ground beef into a thick burger patty, adding nothing to the meat. And though I prefer my burgers on the grill, I decided to fry these in a skillet because it's easier to control the cooking, ensuring both would be cooked to the same degree and under the same conditions.

I added nothing to the

pan. Meat this fatty generally bleeds out a robust amount of grease, so I wasn't concerned with sticking. That was my second surprise. The pink slime patty released very little fat during cooking. The other patty gave off two or three times as much.

About 5 minutes per side, and I declared them medium-rare. After giving them a few minutes to rest, I seasoned them lightly with salt and pepper, then cut in.

First, the unadulterated burger. The aroma was luscious. The meat was juicy, tender and nicely seared. Where I'd cut, juices slowly dribbled out onto the plate, collecting in a pool. The taste was savory and meaty, with big beefy flavor. The chew had just the right texture, substantial but giving. Basically, everything you would want in a burger.

The pink slime burger also was perfectly seared and drew me in with an equally alluring aroma. But no juices collected on the plate. Or dribbled out. Or were apparent in the meat in really any way. The taste was — OK. I took another taste of the first burger, then back to the pink slime burger.

It was not bad. But nor was it good. It was flat. I added more salt. No. It was simply one-dimensional.

And then there was the texture. Unpleasantly chewy bits of what I can only describe as gristle, though they were not visible, seemed to stud the meat of the pink slime burger. The result was a mealy chew that, while not overtly unpleasant, didn't leave me wanting another bite.

Of course, I did take another bite. In the interest of good journalism, I ate both burgers entirely. And then I felt sick. I'm confident that has nothing to do with slime of any sort.

New Charges for Nevada Mustang Killers

BY SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. • Two Nevada men called "boneheads" by a U.S. judge when he sentenced them to six months in prison for shooting federally protected mustangs may be headed back behind bars for illegal trapping.

Joshua Keathley and Todd Davis are scheduled to appear in a Washoe County Justice Court on March 21 on a misdemeanor citation for failure to visit steel leg-hold traps within 96 hours — a state law intended to help minimize the suffering of animals whose feet are snared in the spring-loaded, metal jaws.

If they plead guilty, the two Lovelock men face a penalty of up to \$192 each in fines and court costs, state wildlife officials said. More serious is the possibility they could be found to have violated the terms of their parole.

"We have notified the feds and have been cooperating with them," Chris Healy, spokesman for the Nevada Department of Wildlife, told The Associated Press.

Natalie Collins, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Las Vegas, confirmed federal parole violation charges are pending against the men but said she could not comment further because the charges were sealed.

The men are scheduled to appear on "revocation proceedings" in federal court in Reno on April 18 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert McQuaid Jr., court records show.

McQuaid is the same judge who berated them when he sentenced them for the November 2009 killing of five wild horses after they admitted they had been drinking and used the animals for target practice.

"I keep thinking about it, and I keep coming back to the senselessness of it," McQuaid said at the sentencing Nov. 3, 2010. "Drunken and boneheaded is not an excuse."

Daniel Bogden, U.S. attorney for Nevada, said at the time his office was swamped with as many as

8,000 e-mails from "all over the world" urging maximum prosecution of the two men.

The chief prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sue Fahami, said one of the most "disturbing and cold-hearted" parts of the crime was the shooters' total disregard for the animals after they were shot and left to die.

"Any hunter knows that when you go hunting, you want a clean shot" that kills the animal quickest, Fahami said.

John Springgate, a Reno lawyer for Keathley in the horse killing case, confirmed he would represent him in the federal proceeding but declined further comment. Todd Plimpton, a Lovelock lawyer for Davis, did not immediately respond to emails or telephone calls.

Davis, 45, and Keathley, 37, completed their prison terms last May but remain on probation through May 10, 2012, Collins said.

Last month, they were in the high desert about 25 miles northwest of Gerlach — not far from where they had shot the horses — when a state game warden caught up with them and cited them for a trapping violation.

Wildlife officials, aided by a special agent for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, determined it had been seven days since the two men had checked their trap line.

No animals were found in the traps, which could be used to capture bobcats, foxes or other small animals. Some animals left in traps for long periods of time have been known to gnaw off legs to escape.

State trapping laws are hard to compare because of variations in seasonal wildlife populations, but Nevada's requirement that traps be checked every 96 hours — four days — is one of the most lax in the nation, according to a recent report by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

More than half the states require leg traps be checked daily and another dozen require visits every 72 hours, said the association's most recent summary of trapping regulations for fur harvesting in the United States in 2007.

COMING UP

No Mere Fusion

A new local restaurant focuses on "Latin freestyle" — think duck confit empanadas, smoked ribs with candied chilies, mussels and clams sauced in Tecate and lime. Wednesday in Food



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**Obama to Congress:
Kill Oil Industry's
Tax Breaks • M3**

Feds Fight Fraud in Seafood Sizes

BY JAY LINDSAY
Associated Press

BOSTON • Those plump and tempting scallops behind the fish counter glass might be a lot smaller than they look — a sodium-based compound can bloat scallops well past their actual size. And that pollock fillet isn't such a good deal if the price includes the layers of ice glazed onto it to keep it fresh.

This "overglazing" rips off consumers, as does so-called "soaking" of scallops, which can also alter the taste of the shellfish. At the International Boston Seafood Show this week, a top federal seafood quality officer announced his agency was increasing efforts to stop these and other types of seafood fraud.

"We've decided we're going to take on the economic fraud concern," said Steven Wilson, chief quality officer at the National Marine Fisheries Service's seafood inspection program.

Perhaps the best known kind of seafood fraud is species substitution, when sellers secretly replace a prized species with a similar tasting, cheaper fish — say, whiting substituted for grouper, or mako shark for swordfish.

But fraud involving inaccurate food weights, caused by practices such as overglazing and soaking, is far more common, Wilson said. Inspectors at his agency find some kind of economic fraud in at least 40 percent of all products submitted to them voluntarily. And in at least eight out of 10 of those cases, inaccurate weights are the prob-

lem, he said.

"If we focus on the net weight issues we'll drop that 40 ... percent to very, very minor percentages," Wilson said.

The problem with detecting the soaking or overglazing is that both involve legitimate ways to keep seafood fresh, so it's tough to tell when someone is cheating.

The law says a package labeled as 10 pounds of fish must contain 10 pounds of fish, with the ice glaze as extra, uncounted, weight. But the only way to know whether the ice is being counted is with labor-intensive inspections that match the fish weight with the weight advertised on the package.

That happened in 2010, when an investigation by 17 states showed customers were often charged for the ice in seafood packaging, sometimes as much as \$23 per pound. In the four-week investigation, 21,000 packages of seafood were removed from shelves.

"This sounds like something that is so simple, and so sort of pedestrian in the world of fraud, you would think ... people wouldn't get away with it," said

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Brazil Flocks to U.S. to Buy

BY JENNY BARCHFIELD
and GISELA SALOMON
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO • The over-stuffed bags filling Fernando Mello's luggage cart wobbled precariously as the gym owner made his way home one morning through Rio's international airport. Navigating the terminal, Mello was part of a horde of other Brazilian travelers returning with loot found in the strip malls and discount outlets of southern Florida.

Mello's girlfriend's freshly purchased Michael Kors handbag in gold lame sat atop four bulging suitcases like a shining crown — a testament to the newfound consumer power of Brazilian travelers, who now spend more per capita than any other visitors to the U.S.

In fact, Brazilians are spending so much that flights with Brazil's top airline TAM originating in the U.S. have had to carry more fuel to accommodate the dramatically overweight baggage.

"We left with nothing, just a piece of hand luggage," said the 30-year-old Mello. "We go to the U.S. once a year, stay in great hotels, have a fantastic holiday and shop till we drop and it's still cheaper than shopping in Brazil. It's a no-brainer."

According to the latest statistics, Brazilians spent \$5.9 billion in the U.S. in 2010 in a tsunami of cash that's shifting American immigration practices and boosting economies in hard-hit parts of the U.S. that remain in the doldrums.

President Barack Obama recently ordered the State Department to speed up the visa application process for tourists coming from Brazil, China and other nations with newly flush consumers.

After suffering decades of hyperinflation, Brazil has ridden high commodity prices along with some of the world's biggest offshore oil



Beatriz Cesari, left, and her friend Sylvia Schleier, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, look at watches as they shop on March 4 in Miami, Florida. Brazilian travelers spend more per capita than any other visitors to the U.S.

discoveries to expand its economy, lift millions out of poverty and multiply the ranks of the country's deep-pocketed elite.

The buying binge also shows off the muscle of the country's mushrooming middle class, which has expanded by 40 million people since 2003. That's been bolstered by the growing use of credit cards, bank loans and other forms of consumer credit.

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Fernando Mello

But it's not just the easy money that has transformed Brazilians into world-class shoppers.

Stiff tariffs on all imports push the prices of foreign-made goods into the stratosphere at home. And

though domestic products are not known for their quality, their prices have risen in recent years as demand is higher than production, making it cheaper to buy nearly everything in the U.S., from clothes

to toys and kitchen gear and even soaps and shampoos.

As a result, Brazilians spend more in the U.S. than visitors from any other nation — around \$5,400

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U.S.-based Dansko Struggles to Produce Shoes at Home

BY MARIA PANARITIS
The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

PHILADELPHIA • An overpowering smell of fresh leather and the words printed on stacks of cardboard boxes containing Dansko shoes inside the company's West Grove, Pa., distribution warehouse are jarring to the senses.

Made in China, most of the boxes say, or Made in Italy. None say Made in U.S.A., but that's not to say Dansko, the 22-year-old company that made stapled clogs popular across the country, hasn't tried.

The impressions are all the more striking because just a short stroll away stands a headquarters building that projects a company with a capitalist conscience. Visitors are greeted by an indoor wall of plants hydrated by a waterfall of recycled rainwater and other accoutrements of a business driven by more than just low-cost, high-profit mathematics. The Dansko nerve center has LEED Gold certification, a stamp of environmental approval.

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Dansko's founders and owners, Peter Kjellerup, left, and wife Mandy Cabot, stand in the atrium of the company's headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CLEM MURRAY - PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/MCT

BEN & JERRY'S ISSUES PRO-GAY MARRIAGE FLAVOR

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTPELIER, Vt. • Vermont-based ice cream maker Ben & Jerry's is supporting gay marriage in Britain by repackaging an apple pie flavor as Apple-y Ever After.

The subsidiary of the global food and cosmetics conglomerate Unilever is issuing the newly labeled ice cream in the United Kingdom as the British Parliament begins debating legislation that would allow same-sex couples to marry.

When Vermont passed such a law two years ago, the ice cream company celebrated by briefly repackaging its Chubby Hubby flavor as Hubby Hubby.

Ben & Jerry's has been involved in progressive political causes since its founding in 1978. The South Burlington-based company's spokeswoman Liz Stewart says the genders of married spouses matter less than their love and commitment.



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against Chevron Executives
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YOUR BUSINESS

Fiala, Monsanto Donate to Jerome Senior Center

JEROME • Gary Fiala of Kimberly has been selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The donations are available through the Monsanto Fund.

Fiala designated the Jerome Senior Center, located at 520 N. Lincoln St. in Jerome, to receive the award in Jerome County.

Information: www.growcommunities.com.



Fiala

Sturgill Certified as Financial Planner



Sturgill

TWIN FALLS • Rob Sturgill of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Twin Falls has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to use the certification mark CFP.

Sturgill successfully completed CFP Board's initial certification requirements, which include completion of financial planning coursework and passing a comprehensive examination.

Individuals who hold CFP certification must agree to meet ongoing continuing education requirements and uphold CFP Board's code of ethics and professional responsibility and financial planning practice standards.

MVRS Announces Changes

TWIN FALLS • Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services announced that Karen Mungall, of Twin Falls, was recently hired as a therapy technician for MVRS' community access program.

She will provide personal and social adjustment skills training to people with disabilities and work in the adult activity program, a supervised, structured day program outside of a participant's home that offers social, recreational and health activities, along with assistance with daily activities.

Gene Bright was elected to the board of directors. Now retired, he has lived in the Magic Valley for 48 years and is currently a resident of Kimberly who enjoys woodworking and traveling. As the board's newest member, he has been appointed to the Building and Planning and Personnel committees.



Mungall



Bright

PMT Adds Downs, Hoover



Downs

RUPERT • Project Mutual Telephone recently announced the addition of two new employees: Shane Downs and Dan Hoover.

Downs fills the responsibilities of sales manager, which include managing the outside sales staff, supporting current commercial clients and generating new sales. He brings more than 15 years of experience in sales and management, most recently as an owner of Farmer's Corner in Burley.

Hoover brings a wealth of engineering experience to PMT. He started his engineering career at Pacific Bell in 1977 and has worked in the western U.S., managing large construction projects for both private companies and the government.

Ellis Selected to Farm Bureau Hall of Fame

TWIN FALLS • Dedication to helping customers meet their needs throughout all stages of their lives, as well as a commitment to providing excellent customer service, have contributed to Rob Ellis' selection as a member of the 2012 Farm Bureau Hall of Fame.

Ellis has been agent with Farm Bureau Financial Services in Twin Falls for 18 years. He was given this honor for consistently performing as a top achiever for 10 years or more. He has also earned recognition in Farm Bureau's All American Club, Silver Club, served on the Agency Council and been the Boyd Agency Agent of the Year.



Ellis

Dansko

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Much about Dansko LLC and its founders, Mandy Cabot and husband Peter Kjellerup, reflects a business vision fixed on a broad horizon: Employee stock ownership is part of the privately held company's mix, as is a "B" corporate structure that rewards decisions that consider more than profit.

Yet like countless footwear companies in the past two decades as the nation hemorrhaged its shoe-manufacturing footprint overseas, Dansko has failed to achieve perhaps the most symbolic goal of a company attuned to its place in the economic ecosystem. It has not found a way to make in America the shoes it sells to Americans.

That may be about to change, with Dansko completing a plan for a new line of shoes to be manufactured from molds in a stateside factory as early as next year.

Currently, 80 percent of Dansko's bulbous clogs and other ergonomically designed shoes are assembled in China and 20 percent in Italy — an equation the company is eager to recalculate.

If all goes well, Dansko hopes to manufacture a new clog from recyclable material in Arkansas in 2013. A nonrecyclable version called Avalon Pippa debuted this spring in stores. It is made in China.

If successful, the company — founded in 1990 from the tack shop of its founders' equestrian farm — will have reached a milestone that could allow for further domestic manufacturing of shoes in its growing collections, top executives said.

"We don't want to be 80 percent in China," Cabot, president and chief executive officer, said in a series of long interviews at Dansko headquarters, where more than 170 employees work, and near a giant distribution center under construction. "Our goal is to spread out our risk and our global presence as we start to expand our sales in other parts of the world."

"The ultimate goal in my mind is to have something that is made in America, 100 percent recyclable, that performs on all the support and ride attributes that we need to have labeled Dansko products," Cabot said.

It may seem odd that the recyclable clog's forerunner, the Pippa, is made in China. The reason, however, illustrates just how little footwear manufacturing is left in America, and why it is hard to stitch it back into the nation's economic fabric.

"We're making it in China because they're up to speed and ready to go with it," Cabot



CLEM MURRAY • PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/MCT

To find the right fit, Sarah Horstmann, a nurse from Washington, eyes an array of clogs at the Dansko outlet store. The popular shoes are manufactured in China and Italy. They're handmade, meaning each has a different fit.

said of the factory churning out the virgin-polymer-based Pippa, on sale now in neon bright colors.

China is the leading producer of footwear in the world, ahead of No. 2 Vietnam, and is chock-full of factories and trained cobblers as a result.

Since the 1980s, footwear manufacturers have flocked to such nations for labor so inexpensive that, even with import tariffs imposed by the United States, the shoes can be sold at prices consumers will pay, and generate profits that companies crave.

Dansko is among them, having learned that domestic manufacturing is no easy task, and finding that the rising cost of the euro was making it hard to keep all its manufacturing in Europe, even though Europe is what made it famous to begin with.

Cabot and Kjellerup stumbled upon stapled clogs on a trip to his native Denmark. Thinking they were perfect for the farm, they brought batches home and sold them one pair at a time.

Word spread, demand grew, and the couple struck a deal with a Danish manufacturer to introduce them to the U.S. market under the brand name Dansko. The company was born in 1990.

In 1995, despite the cachet and craftsmanship associated with having the clogs and other so-called "Euro comfort" shoes made in Europe, Dansko commissioned a factory in Maine to assemble the clogs. It imported the

outsoles from Italy, used U.S. leathers, and employed the technical expertise of Danish technicians, Cabot said.

"Being made in the U.S. was a really great thing, and we would have loved to continue there," she said. "But after about 18 months of manufacturing in Maine, there was so much attrition in the workers and workforce up there that we simply couldn't continue."

Dansko had set up shop in Maine as other shoe manufacturers had pulled up stakes from the Northeast for foreign shores. It was hard to find and keep talent; the industry was vanishing.

"We had two technical people from Denmark over here, and they kept getting really bad results," Kjellerup said. "Half the shoes, we couldn't sell because the quality was so bad."

The next year, Dansko left Maine, and its Danish manufacturing partner instead expanded production to a small town in Poland. There was enough of a shoemaking industry there that the factory was up to speed in no time.

"They put the machinery in, and within three to six months they were full running; they had worked out all the bugs," Kjellerup said. "Within six months, we had perfect shoes come out of there, no problem."

"After banging our head for 12 months over here," he said, "we went to Poland, and it went just like that."

Dansko parted ways with its contract manufacturer several years ago, reengineered its clogs, and began manufacturing them through contracts with factories in Brazil in 2006, Italy in 2007, and China in 2008. (Brazil is no longer in the mix.)

Dansko says its migration to China and its retention of operations in Italy stem from its desire to use high-quality materials and skilled workers so that its clogs, for one, last seven to 10 years. Its shoes also must be durable enough — and constructed at costs efficient enough — to command U.S. prices that are far from bargain-basement: roughly \$120 to \$135 for clogs; \$115 to \$140 for sandals; up to \$235 for boots.

"We're not moderately priced; we are expensive," Cabot said. "We're best-in-class for what we do. We're not the most expensive shoes on the planet; surely we're not that. But we're not driven by the least expensive prices we can get and trying to squeeze out the highest profit."

Why start with a molded shoe in the United States? Labor costs are lower than they would be with a 54-component leather shoe.

The Avalon line is a baby step. Even if it proves viable, do not expect Dansko to make leather shoes stateside soon.

Even if the company were to offer U.S. workers wages similar to what it pays in Italy — \$18 to \$20 an hour — its founders say there would remain the fundamental issue of where to find people with the expertise, or the desire, to take those jobs, given how shoemaking as an industry has been decimated.

"It's really about there's no knowledge — no knowledge, no support structure," Kjellerup said. "Because if you had that, I think America could be competitive in manufacturing."

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Seafood

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Gavin Gibbons of the National Fisheries Institute, a seafood trade association. "But it is absolutely a challenge."

The soaking of scallops and other seafood, such as shrimp and even whitefish fillets, involves moisture retention agents that keep seafood fresh.

It's tough to define how much is too much for a given species, but their use can be abused. Wilson described a scallop as "a little sponge" that can absorb as much as half its own weight in water. The truth about these bloated scallops becomes clear when they hit the frying pan, shrink and their water burns off.

"You're paying for water that's going to disappear when you cook the product," Wilson said.

Since about two-thirds of the water-retention compounds are sodium-based, they can also add a saltiness to the seafood that isn't natural, but which some research has shown consumers see as normal, and even prefer, Wilson said.

"If this goes on long enough, the consumer thinks it's normal, when it's not," he said.

Both problems are hard to

detect, so they're also tough to stop.

Most seafood eaten in the U.S. is imported and packed outside the country, so regulators here can't prevent any fraud. And the more fraud there is, the more industry members feel pressure to commit it to compete.

Once seafood arrives in the U.S., the Food and Drug Administration regulates it. But that agency's resources are often consumed by more urgent concerns, such as food safety and bioterrorism, according to a report by the Congressional Research Service. The report said just

85 of the FDA's 1,350 inspectors work mainly with seafood.

"Enforcement of economic fraud and labeling laws may be a lower FDA priority relative to protecting the health and safety of the U.S. food supply," said the 2010 report.

Drs. Welch, Allan, & Hatch

Welcome

Dr. Matt Merrell, OD

Dr. Merrell has joined Drs. Welch, Allan, and Hatch Ophthalmology/Optometry Clinic.

Dr. Merrell earned his optometry degree at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, in 1993. He has practiced in Twin Falls for the last 18 years in a commercial setting in the mall. This move allows Drs. Welch, Allan, Hatch, and Merrell to provide the Magic Valley area with the most comprehensive eye care.

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Gasoline prices above five-dollars a gallon are posted at a gas station in downtown Los Angeles on Friday.

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Obama to Congress: Kill Oil Industry's Tax Breaks

BY KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Pump prices on his mind, President Barack Obama says Congress should kill tax breaks for the oil and gas industry and help develop alternative sources of energy.

Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address that he expected Congress to consider in the next few weeks ending \$4 billion in tax subsidies, a move he has failed to persuade lawmakers to make during his term. He said the vote would put them on record on whether they "stand up for oil companies" or "stand up for the American people."

"They can either place their bets on a fossil fuel from the last century or they can place their bets on

America's future," Obama said.

Industry officials and many Republicans in Congress contend that cutting the tax breaks would lead to higher fuel prices, raising costs on oil companies and affecting their investments in exploration and production. The measure is considered a long shot, given that Obama couldn't end the subsidies when Democrats controlled Congress earlier in his term.

Republican presidential candidates have accused Obama of delaying drilling for oil in the Gulf of Mexico and in a national wildlife refuge in Alaska and faulted him for not advancing the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to Texas Gulf Coast refineries. They have also criticized policies pursued by the Environmental Protection Agency as in-

hibiting energy development.

Obama said there is no quick fix to high gas prices, which climbed to \$3.83 on Friday according to AAA, but he pushed back against critics who say he is opposed to more drilling. He said the U.S. is producing more oil than at any time in the past eight years and has quadrupled the number of operating oil rigs.

"If we're truly going to make sure we're not at the mercy of spikes in gas prices every year, the answer isn't just to drill more — because we're already drilling more," Obama said. He said his administration was trying to develop wind and solar power, biofuels and usher in more fuel-efficient vehicles to make the nation less dependent on oil.

In the weekly Republican

address, Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., said his constituents have been hard hit by an increase in gasoline prices and were "fed up with the way the president is handling this issue, and rightfully so. The most forceful thing the president has done about high gas prices is try to explain that he's against them."

Gardner said the \$800 billion stimulus spending sought by Obama promoted energy companies that went bankrupt, wasting taxpayer money.

"After spending money we don't have on what won't work — and overregulating what would — is it any wonder gas prices have more than doubled on the president's watch? Make no mistake, high gas prices are a symptom of his failed 'stimulus' policies," Gardner said.

Obama is expected to keep up a drumbeat on energy this week, traveling to four states over two days to push his administration's "all of the above" energy strategy. The trip includes stops in Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Ohio.



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In this March 6 photo, Daniela Dias, right, and her sister Natalia, from Brazil, shop at the Sawgrass Mills mall in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Brazilian travelers spend more per capita than any other visitors to the U.S.

Brazil

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per person in 2010, with experts estimating the number growing last year. Japanese tourists followed, spending \$4,300 each.

Unniverson Liborio, a 60-year-old chef based in New York, disembarked at Rio's airport with bags stuffed with hot buys for his grandchildren — baby onesies, a pink plastic Barbie mansion and 700 disposable diapers.

"I got this all for maybe \$300, total," said the Brazilian-born Liborio, who has lived in the U.S. for decades. "Here I couldn't have bought even half the diapers for the same price, and forget about everything else."

Price discrepancies are particularly pronounced when it comes to luxury goods.

With the number of millionaire households here forecast to more than triple by 2020, Brazil is widely regarded as the new El Dorado of luxury, and top-tier labels such as Italy's Prada and Bot-

tega Veneta are scrambling to get a foothold.

Because of the staggering import taxes, however, the high-end handbags, shoes, garments and electronics can end up retailing for several times more here than in Europe or the U.S. The iPhone 4S with 16 gigabytes of memory costs \$1,515 without a contract on Apple's Brazilian website. The same phone retails without a contract for \$649 on Apple's U.S. website.

And so it is that hordes of Brazilians swarm Miami's Apple Store while the Girls from Ipanema snap up designer purses on New York's Fifth Avenue.

Brazilian shoppers are easy to spot — they're the ones at malls with huge suitcases on rollers, spending from store to store until their baggage won't hold any more.

Aristoteles Guimaraes, a 36-year-old from Sao Paulo, was busy recently at Miami's Sawgrass Mill mall while on a special four-day shopping mission with a budget of \$4,000.

"I came exclusively to buy things for my baby," said Guimaraes, whose wife is seven months pregnant and remained back home. "I came to buy everything. Things here cost on average one-third of what they would in Brazil."

His big find: an Italian baby stroller that would have run him \$1,300 in Sao Paulo but was \$350 in the U.S.

Guimaraes had visited before, with his first trip in 2005, and said he was treated better this time at his hotel and at the shops.

It should come as no surprise: Still struggling merchants have rejoiced at the business.

"They spend a lot," said Giovana Ennen, a saleswoman at a luggage store in Miami. "I've sold 16 suitcases to a family of six people."

Ennen added that she sees some Brazilian clients every six weeks or so and that they leave each time with bags full of merchandise.

Brazilians' heavy spending has in part helped pave the way for a geopolitical shift in relations between the Latin

American giant and the U.S.

During a recent visit to Disney World, a perennial favorite among Brazilians, Obama unveiled measures aimed at making it faster and easier to obtain tourist visas for citizens of developing countries such as China and Brazil with "rapidly growing economies, large populations and emerging middle classes."

"More and more of their people can now afford to visit America who couldn't come before," Obama said.

He said the State Department has been instructed to process 40 percent more visa applications for Brazilian and Chinese nationals this year.

That expected increase comes on top of the already skyrocketing numbers of U.S. visas granted to Brazilians in recent years, which more than doubled over the past decade to 546,866 in 2010. Official figures for 2011 have not yet been released, but the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia estimates at least 1 million visas were granted last year.

Brazil to File Charges against Chevron Executives

BY STAN LEHMAN
Associated Press

SAO PAULO • Brazilian prosecutors said Saturday they will file criminal charges against 17 executives of Chevron Corp. and drilling contractor Transocean Ltd. for a new oil leak near the offshore well where at least 110,000 gallons spilled late last year.

Those targeted include George Buck, chief operating officer for Chevron's Brazilian division, federal prosecutors' spokesman Marcelo del Negri said by telephone.

He said prosecutors would file the charges including "environmental crimes" in a federal court next week, but he did not provide further details.

Other than Buck, he did not know how many of the executives worked for California-based Chevron and how many for Transocean, the drilling contractor for the well where the leak occurred last year.

Prosecutors have also asked the court for an order prohibiting the 17 from leaving the country, he said.

A spokeswoman for Chevron in Brazil said the company had no comment because it had not been notified of the decision. She asked not to be identified in line with internal regulations.

On Thursday, Chevron confirmed that there was a "small new oil seepage" and that it was working to collect the crude.

The size of the new leak is unknown, Brazil's National Petroleum Agency, known as ANP said, explaining the leak was detected because an oil slick appeared on the ocean surface.

An ANP spokeswoman said the new leak was "not coming from the well; it's been sealed. It seems to be coming from fissures on the ocean floor near the well," where the leak occurred last

year. She spoke on condition of anonymity, saying she was not authorized to discuss the matter.

Chevron has asked ANP for permission to halt all production activities, saying it wants to conduct a "comprehensive technical study" to better understand the reservoirs where it's drilling.

Ibama, Brazil's environmental protection agency said in a statement posted on its website that Chevron has until March 20 to provide "detailed information on the action taken to mitigate the environmental impact" of the new leak.

The new leak is another challenge for plans to safely extract oil from the offshore finds Brazil has seen in recent years. It's estimated at least 50 billion barrels of oil lie off Brazil's coast, the biggest discoveries in the Americas in three decades.

Oil started leaking from cracks on the ocean floor at the site of a Chevron appraisal well last Nov. 7, about 230 miles off the northeastern coast of Rio de Janeiro state. About two weeks later, ANP said that the leak was under control.

Experts had warned, however, that there was a high risk of oil seepage resuming.

Chevron said at the time then that the spill occurred because it underestimated the pressure in an underwater reservoir.

It said that caused crude oil to rush up a bore hole and eventually escape into the surrounding seabed. The oil leaked through at least seven narrow fissures on the ocean floor, all within 160 feet of the well head.

The work at the Frade field in the Campos Basin where the leaks occurred is among Chevron's "biggest capital investments," according to the company's website.

The field produces close to 62,000 barrels of oil a day.

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U.S. Man Captured by Militia in Iraq Handed Over to U.N.

BY LARA JAKES AND QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD • Wearing a U.S. Army uniform and flanked by Iraqi lawmakers, an American citizen announced Saturday that he was being released from more than nine months of imprisonment by a Shiite militia that for years targeted U.S. troops. The man did not identify himself. But at a bizarre press conference outside the Green Zone in Baghdad, lawmakers showed U.S.-issued military and contractor ID cards that identified him as Randy Michael Hultz. Speaking calmly and tripping over Arabic names in a monotone voice, Hultz said he was grateful for his release. "It was explained to me that this is a

gift to me, my family and to the American people who oppose the war," he said at the press conference that was held for Iraqi media. He gave scant details of what he described as a "kidnapping," or how he was treated while captured. "I was taken inside Baghdad and kept in and around different locations within the city," Hultz said. The kidnapers, he said, were from the Promised Day Brigade, a branch of the Mahdi Army, which is a militia that is controlled by the anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Al-Sadr's militia led some of the bloodiest attacks against American troops at the height of the sectarian fighting in Iraq that brought the country to the brink of civil war. Followers of the cleric, who currently is believed to be studying in Iran, led the govern-



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This image taken from TV shows a man identified as Randy Michael Hultz who was handed over to the United Nations by Shiite lawmakers Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq.

ment's demands for U.S. troops to leave Iraq last December after nearly nine years of war. *Please see IRAQ, M5*

Romney, Santorum Head to Next Battleground in Illinois

BY KASIE HUNT
Associated Press

BAYAMON, Puerto Rico • Looking toward the critical primary in Illinois, Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney wrapped up a shortened campaign trip to Puerto Rico on Saturday as he prepared for more tough contests against chief rival Rick Santorum.

The former Massachusetts governor dramatically curtailed his trip to the U.S. territory, which holds its primary Sunday, in favor of spending more time in Illinois, where polls have shown him slightly ahead of Santorum. Romney had planned to spend the weekend and visit a polling place today, but instead left the island immediately after a morning appearance.

Santorum left Puerto Rico earlier this week and was spending the morning in Missouri, where he already won a primary that awarded no delegates. Missouri Republicans were meeting in county caucuses Saturday, the first step toward choosing delegates to the national convention who are committed to specific candidates. Santorum was headed to Illinois Saturday night.

Romney campaigned Saturday morning with Puerto Rican Gov. Luis Fortuno, shopping for tropical fruit and meeting with voters a day after a massive, energetic rally in San Juan celebrated his arrival here.

"It was Ronald Reagan who very famously in our party said that it was important for the people of Puerto Rico to have the choice to become a state, and if the people of Puerto Rico choose that path, I will be happy to lead that effort in Washington," Romney said after the crowd began chanting "Statehood now! Statehood now!"

The island's political status — statehood, independence or no change — is the critical issue underlying Sunday's primary. Puerto Ricans will vote on the island's status in November.

Romney has support from much of the establishment here, including Fortuno, who supports making the island the fifty-first state, and Romney is confident about his prospects for winning many of the island's 20 delegates. *Please see CAMPAIGN, M5*



Lost Out on Promotion
Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, left, takes part in an exercise in August 2011 at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

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Afghan Killings Suspect Had Money, Career Woes

Classmates and neighbors remember Robert Bales as 'happy-go-lucky,' but court records, interviews reveal family troubles and brushes with the law.

BY DONNA BLANKINSHIP AND DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

LAKE TAPPS, Wash. • Bypassed for a promotion and struggling to pay for his house, Robert Bales was eyeing a way out of his job at a Washington state military base months before he allegedly gunned down 16 civilians in an Afghan war zone, records and interviews showed as a deeper picture emerged Saturday of the Army sergeant's financial troubles and brushes with the law. While Bales, 38, sat in an iso-

lated cell Saturday at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., military prison, classmates and neighbors in suburban Cincinnati, Ohio, remembered him as a "happy-go-lucky" high school football player who took care of a special needs child and watched out for troublemakers in the neighborhood. But court records and interviews show that the 11-year veteran — with a string of commendations for good conduct after four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan — had joined the Army after a Florida investment job went sour, had a Seat-

le-area home condemned, struggled to make payments on another and failed to get a promotion or a transfer a year ago. His legal troubles included charges that he assaulted a girlfriend and, in a hit-and-run accident, ran bleeding in military clothes into the woods, court records show. He told police he fell asleep at the wheel and paid a fine to get the charges dismissed, the records show. Military officials say that after drinking on a southern Afghanistan base, Bales crept away on March 11 to two slumbering villages overnight, shooting his victims and setting many of them on fire. Nine of the 16 killed were children and 11 belonged to one family. *Please see SHOOTINGS, M5*

Twin Blasts Kill 27 in Damascus

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

AMMAN, Jordan • After weeks of punishing defeats in rebellious Syrian cities, anti-government insurgents struck at the heart of President Bashar Assad's regime Saturday with twin bombings in the capital that killed 27 and wounded more than 100.

The Syrian state news agency, SANA, carried a statement from the Syrian interior ministry saying that "booby-trapped" cars driven by suicide bombers were behind the coordinated attacks in Damascus, which struck five minutes apart just after 7 a.m. The ministry said investigators had collected evidence, remains and "remnants of explosives materials" that were sent to labs for testing.

The blasts targeted security and intelligence posts just two days after thousands of pro-Assad demonstrators rallied in the capital on the first anniversary of the uprising.

The deadly attacks were a reminder that, even if Assad manages to rout rebels from flashpoint cities, he still faces the prospect of a bloody, drawn-out guerrilla campaign designed to wear down his isolated regime.

Members of the loose grouping of rebel forces known as the Free Syrian Army denied responsibility for the bombings — which seemed to suggest, as some U.S. officials have warned, that outside forces would try to exploit the chaos in Syria, which has divided the Middle East along sectarian lines.

Saturday's blasts followed similar bombings in recent months in Damascus and the commercial capital, Aleppo, that U.S. intelligence officials — along with Assad's regime — have blamed on al Qaeda-inspired insurgents who've slipped into the country from neighboring Iraq.

Pope of Egypt's Coptic Christian Church Dies

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) • Pope Shenouda III, the patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church who led Egypt's Christian minority for 40 years during a time of increasing tensions with Muslims, died Saturday. He was 88. His death comes as the country's estimated 10 million Christians are feeling more vulnerable

than ever amid the rise of Islamic movements to political power after the toppling a year ago of President Hosni Mubarak. The months since have seen a string of attacks on the community, heightened anti-Christian rhetoric by ultraconservatives known as Salafis and fears that coming governments will try to impose

strict versions of Islamic law. Tens of thousands of Christians packed into the main Coptic cathedral in Cairo on Saturday evening hoping to see his body. Women in black wept and screamed. Some, unable to get into the overcrowded building, massed outside, raising their hands in prayer.

"He left us in a very hard time. Look at the country and what's happening now," said Mahrous Munis, a Christian IT worker in his 30s who was among the crowds. Munis' friend, Sherif Sabry, interrupted. "He was our rock. God help us find someone who can fill his place?"

Firestorm over Apple Monologue Leads Artist to Change His Show

BY MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK • Mike Daisey, the off-Broadway performer who admitted that he made up parts of his one-man show about Apple products being made in Chinese sweatshops, has cut questionable sections from the monologue and added a prologue explaining the controversy.

Oskar Eustis, artistic director of The Public Theater, where the monologue is being performed, said Saturday that Daisey has "eliminated anything he doesn't feel he can stand behind" from the show and

added a section at the beginning in which he addresses the questions raised by critics. Eustis called the prologue "the best possible frame we could give the audience for the controversy" and said Daisey agreed to make the changes himself, which are "his and his alone." "Mike is a great storyteller, not a journalist. I wish he had been clearer about that distinction in the making of this piece," Eustis said after seeing Saturday's matinee performance. "If we had understood the rules Mike was using to make the show, we would have framed it differently from the outset."

Daisey portrayed his work as fact during a media blitz to promote his critically acclaimed show, and he misled dozens of news and entertainment outlets, including the popular public radio show "This American Life." The Associated Press, The New York Times, MSNBC and HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher." But in an interview with "This American Life" host Ira Glass broadcast Friday, Daisey acknowledged that some of the claims in his show, "The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs," weren't true. The show retracted its Jan. 6 episode *Please see DAISEY, M5*



THE PUBLIC THEATER - ASSOCIATED PRESS
This undated image shows Mike Daisey in a scene from 'The Agony and The Ecstasy of Steve Jobs' in New York.

Campaign

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Santorum campaigned here earlier in the week and said he would support statehood if the November vote were decisive.

Santorum also spent days explaining his comment that English would have to become the island's main language for Puerto Rico to realize statehood. That's an emotional issue because few of Puerto Rico's residents speak English fluently, and many feel strongly about controlling their own cultural and linguistic identity.

Puerto Rico's delegates will be split proportionally among the candidates, though if someone wins more than 50 percent of the

vote they'll receive all 20.

As he shopped for tropical fruit Romney said he was "cautiously optimistic that we're going to do well in Puerto Rico."

He was less certain about Illinois. "You know, I hope that we're going to do well there as well. But I'm going to be there this afternoon, so we'll see," Romney said.

Romney wasn't initially supposed to be in Illinois on Saturday. That was before he lost Mississippi and Alabama to rival Santorum, ratcheting up pressure for him to do well in Illinois. Romney has eked out victories over Santorum in Michigan and Ohio, two other critical Midwestern states, as he has struggled to stave off the former Pennsylvania senator's challenge.

Iraq

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Al-Sadr disbanded most of his militia and joined politics although he kept the Promised Day Brigade, a smaller group of fighters who carried out attacks against U.S. troops and facilities.

The Shiite cleric's political wing has 40 lawmakers in parliament, two of whom appeared with Hultz late Saturday.

Hultz was flanked at the press conference by lawmakers Maha al-Douri and Qusay al-Suhail, the deputy speaker of Iraq's parliament. Al-Douri read a statement she said was from the Promised Day Brigade, which said it kidnapped Hultz mainly as "revenge for the beloved Iraqi nation and restrain for the American forces."

Al-Douri said the militia released Hultz without any negotiating or pressure from

the government or diplomats. She called the release "a gift to his family" and "to explain the picture of real Islam."

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Daisey

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because Glass said he couldn't vouch for the truth of its claims.

Daisey, who admitted Friday on his website that the work is a mix of fact and fiction, did not respond to questions sent to his personal email account, and his publicist did not respond to a request for comment Saturday.

The controversy is unlikely to lessen the media scrutiny of the Chinese factories that make Apple products, since news outlets including the Times have reported about the dangerous working conditions in them, including explosions inside iPad plants where four people were killed and 77 were injured.

But some of Daisey's older monologues might get a second look.

"If he had only chosen to actually utilize what theatre allows you to do — which is to transform fact into something that retains an emotional truth," said Howard Sherman, a former executive director of the American Theatre Wing and an arts administrator and producer. He didn't see Daisey's show but said he thought it might "call into question people who do this in the future."

Daisey is just the latest artist to apparently get tripped up by the truth — joining a list that includes James Frey, who admitted that he lied in his memoir "A Million Little Pieces," and Greg Mortenson, who is accused of fabricating key parts of his best-selling book "Three Cups of Tea."

The controversy raised once again the question of the artist's role in society and what his or her responsibility is to the truth. And has Daisey ultimately hurt or harmed the very people he was trying to help?

Terry Teachout, chief theater critic for The Wall Street Journal, called Daisey a talented artist but said the episode was "unforgivable," and Peter Marks, the critic for The Washington Post, tweeted that Daisey's "zeal seems to have gotten the better of his judgment."

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Chris Jones at the Chicago Tribune suspected Daisey "was seduced by the glare of attention?"

The controversy put The Public, where the work ends its second run today, in a difficult spot — protective of artists and their right to free expression but also sensitive to audience concerns.

"We do not and cannot fact check our artists; we're a theater, not a news organization. The vast majority of what occurs on our stages is fiction. If we didn't believe fiction could reveal truth, we would have to give up our profession. With that said, it obviously matters a great deal to me that our audience understands what they are seeing," Eustis said.

Daisey, who performs his monologues seated at a desk and using notes, has previously tackled everything from dysfunctional dot-coms to the international financial crisis. A movie has been made of his monologue "If You See Something Say Something," and in a weird twist, he did a 2006 show called "Truth" about how art and fact mix. In it, Daisey admitted he once fabricated a story because it "connected" with the audience.

Daisey told Glass he felt conflicted about presenting things that he knew weren't true. But he said he felt "trapped" and was afraid people would no longer care about the abuses at the factories if he didn't present things in a dramatic way.

Shootings

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"This is some crazy stuff if it's true," Steve Berling, a high school classmate, said of the revelations about the father of two known as "Bobby" in his hometown of Norwood, Ohio.

Bales hasn't been charged yet in the shootings, which have endangered complicated relations between the U.S. and Afghanistan and threatened to upend U.S. policy over the decade-old war.

His family troubles were hinted at by his wife, Kari, on multiple blogs posted with names like The Bales Family Adventures and BabyBales. A year ago, she wrote that Bales was hoping for a promotion or a transfer after nine years stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord outside Tacoma, Wash.

"We are hoping to have as much control as possible" over the future, Kari Bales wrote last March 25. "Who knows where we will end up. I just hope that we are able to rent our house so that we can keep it. I think we are both still in shock."

After Bales lost out on a promotion to E7 — a first-class sergeant — the family hoped to go to either Germany, Italy or Hawaii for an "adventure," she said. They hoped to move by last summer; instead the Army redeployed his unit — the 3rd Stryker Brigade, named after armored Stryker vehicles — to Afghanistan.

It would be Bales' fourth tour in a war zone. He joined the military two months after 9/11 and spent more than three years in Iraq during three separate assignments since 2003. His attorney said he was injured twice in Iraq — once losing part of his foot — but his 20 or so commendations do not include the Purple Heart, given to soldiers wounded in combat.

Bales always loved the military and war history, even as a teenager, said Berling, who played football with him in the early 1990s on a team that included Marc Edwards, a future NFL player and Super Bowl champion with the New England Patriots.

"I remember him and the teacher just going back and forth on something like talking about the details of the Battle of Bunker Hill," he said. "He knew

history, all the wars."

Bales exulted in the role once he finally achieved it. Plunged into battle in Iraq, he told an interviewer for a Fort Lewis base newspaper in 2009 that he and his comrades proved "the real difference between being an American as opposed to being a bad guy."

Bales joined the Army, Berling said, after studying business at Ohio State University — he attended three years but didn't graduate — and handled investments before the market downturn pushed him out of the business. Florida records show that Bales was a director at an inactive company called Spartina Investments Inc. in Doral, Fla.; his brother, Mark Bales, and a Mark Edwards were also listed as directors.

"I guess he didn't like it when people lost money," Berling said.

He was struggling to keep payments on his own home in Lake Tapps, a rural reservoir community about 35 miles south of Seattle; his wife asked to put the house on the market three days before the shootings, real estate Philip Rodocker said.

"She told him she was behind in our payments," Rodocker told The New York Times. "She said he was on his fourth tour and it was getting kind of old and they needed to stabilize their finances."

The house was not officially put on the market until Monday; on Tuesday, Rodocker said, Bales' wife called and asked to take the house off the market, talking of a family emergency.

Bales and his wife bought the Lake Tapps home in 2005, according to records, for \$280,000; it was listed this week at \$229,000. Overflowing boxes were piled on the front porch, and a U.S. flag leaned against the siding.

The sale may have been a sign of financial troubles. Bales and his wife also own a home in Auburn, about 10 miles north, according to county records, but abandoned it about two years ago, homeowners' association president Bob Baggett said. Now signs posted on the front door and window by the city warn against occupying the house.

"It was ramshacked," Baggett said. "They were not dependable. When they left there were vehicles parts left on the front yard...we'd given up on the owners."

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Florida Family Denies that Man Killed Black Teen in Self-defense

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

SANFORD, Fla. • Calls made to police show that a black teenager was terrified as he tried to get away from the white neighborhood watch volunteer who shot him, and that the volunteer was not defending himself as he has claimed, the teen's family told The AP on Saturday.

Sanford police released eight 911 calls late Friday. The neighborhood watch volunteer, George Zimmerman, tells a dispatcher in the first call that he is following 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. He says Martin is running, but the dispatcher tells him not to follow the teen.

"How can you claim self-defense and you are the aggressor?" Tracy Martin, Trayvon Martin's father, told the AP on Saturday.

Zimmerman had called police to report a suspicious person walking through the gated community. He has said he shot the teen in self-defense. Zimmerman's father said in a letter to the Orlando Sentinel that his son, who is Hispanic, has been cruelly and unfairly portrayed in the media as a racist.

The teen had gone to a convenience store to buy candy and was walking back to his family's home in the neighborhood.

"This guy looks like he is up to no good. He is on drugs or something," Zimmerman told the dispatcher from his SUV. He added that the black teen had his hand in his waistband and was walking around looking at homes.

"These a***** They always get away," Zimmerman said on a 911 call.

He has said he acted in self-defense, but Martin's family said they are now more

convinced than ever that Zimmerman should be charged in the shooting. Several of the 911 calls made by neighbors describe some sort of scuffle or fight outside, someone yelling for help and a gunshot.

"(Zimmerman) was chasing him, he was following him, and my son was afraid," Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon Martin's mother, told the AP. "He didn't know who this stranger was."



Trayvon Martin, in an undated photo

Tracy Martin said the calls paint a stark picture of what were his son's final moments.

"He was yelling for help, and no one could help him. He saw his life being taken away from him," Tracy Martin said.

The case has been turned over to the State Attorney's Office, which can decide whether to file charges or present evidence to a grand jury.

Trayvon Martin's family said they will continue pushing for charges to be filed against Zimmerman.

"We're hoping this doesn't happen again to another family, and that America opens their eyes ... even though this won't bring Trayvon back, we don't want there to be another Trayvon," Tracy Martin said.

Moments after Zimmerman's first call, dispatchers were bombarded by seven 911 calls from frantic neighbors describing a fight between two men, screaming and then a gunshot.

"There is somebody screaming outside," one female caller said, as an unknown male voice can be heard crying in the background. Then a shot is heard.

A male caller described a physical altercation between Martin and the shooter.

"I just heard a shot right behind my house," The caller

said. "They're wrestling right behind my porch. The guy is yelling 'Help! I'm not going outside.'"

Earlier Friday, Martin's parents called on the FBI to take over the investigation, saying they no longer trusted the Sanford police department.

Sanford police Sgt. David Morgenstern said the department stands by its investigation but welcomes help from any outside agency. FBI agent David Couvertier said the agency has been in contact with Sanford police and is monitoring the case.

"We are committed to having somebody review this to see if we made a mistake," said Sanford Mayor Jeff Triplett. "If we made missteps and there is something there, we will act accordingly!"

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Three Keys to Saving the U.S. Postal Service

The only way to reach Supai, Ariz. (population 208), is to hike or helicopter eight miles to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. The U.S. Postal Service delivers mail and supplies there three days a week — by mule.

Although the country's steepest canyon may be no match for the American mail carrier, our postal system does face a gaping threat from a huge hole of another kind: After several years of modest surpluses, the postal service lost \$25.4 billion between 2007 and 2011, plunging \$13 billion into debt.

That crisis now threatens postal facilities across the country. For three years, business owners and residents in Easton, Md., have been fighting plans to close the U.S. postal service sorting facility there. If it closes, mail would be trucked 160 miles to a facility near Wilmington, Del., taking with it an estimated \$19 million from the area's economy.

Kristina Costa

The Baltimore Sun

The Easton plant is one of 252 mail processing centers being considered for closure as a cost-cutting measure. More than 3,800 post offices are also on the chopping block.

Digging out of the financial chasm will require congressional action, and lawmakers are considering several reform plans. As they do, members of Congress should make every effort to preserve this critical and beloved American institution. They can start by adhering to these three core principles:

Minimize harm. Reform efforts should attempt to protect economically and socially vulnerable communities like those on the Eastern Shore, as well as to the 574,000 Americans who count on the postal service for good, middle-class jobs.

Please see SERVICE, O2

After several years' hiatus, when we filled our time ignoring war and the economy by arguing if a certain Hawaiian hospital existed in 1961, America has returned to the fine old tradition of using religious beliefs to impose political viewpoints upon others.

That's concerning. If you can't test your beliefs — in God, science or whatever else drives you — by sitting down, listening to those with differing outlooks and having a real conversation on the issues, then those beliefs must be rather insecure.

The birth control fight that sparked the most recent round of fingers-in-ears contention is especially disappointing. President Obama initially overstepped by trying to force secular rules on religiously owned institutions, but the blowback has now swung too far the other way, with religious forces demanding that our nation's laws be dictated by one religion's beliefs.

Each time this happens, the argument usually ends up back in 1789, with the question of whether America's form of governance was based solely on Christianity or as a broader ideal, a melting pot for all with true freedom to worship regardless of the deity — or non-deity — involved. Quotes from one or another of the Founding Fathers usually make the rounds, as well as admonished finger-wagging to

Listen To These Gods Among Men.

All those actions have proven is that anyone can twist the Founding Fathers's words to say anything, and that those same Founding Fathers were in many ways as flawed in respects as we are today.

One thing that does seem remarkably clear, when all their various sayings are viewed in full: they created a republic supporting freedom of belief and thought and debate, which they actively practiced themselves. The United States of America is not a theocracy, as indicated by President Kennedy's famous speech establishing that his presidency wouldn't be subservient to the pope. If that speech makes Rick Santorum want to "throw up," as he stated last month, maybe he should go run some Middle Eastern dictatorship more suited to the alternative.

But we're not solely a secular nation, either. Though rational thought and scientific study should drive our decisions, we must listen equally well to our souls, and respect one another's convictions — for no brand of God or godless has cornered the market on morality and law.

The key is to remember that it's not as simple as "church" versus "state." America is home to dozens of beliefs, from atheism and mainstream Christianity to Hinduism and the Baha'i Faith. The government cannot and

should not favor one over the other, be it in public schools or the statehouse. But there's no reason that the convictions that followers of all of those hold can't inform public debate. The key is to remember that not everyone sees things your way.

Some issues simply require one view or another — or more likely both — to give ground.

In many ways we all share common values. Taking a life is a hideous crime, regardless of whether your God or your own mind led you to that conclusion. Preserving a mother's life and dignity is equally vital. While tricky, the debate over abortion — or rather, the sanctity of life — can be discussed rationally if we take the time to understand one another's views.

What Idahoans, and Americans, need to do is to spend less time listening to those whom they agree with and devote at least some time listening to those who might challenge their beliefs. Neither humanists nor people of faith are infallible; our challenge is to practice our beliefs and even espouse them publicly while maintaining our citizenship plurality and tolerance.

It isn't easy or we'd all have worked it out decades ago. But we owe it to ourselves — and both those that agree and those that disagree with us — to put forth a better effort.

READER COMMENT

What If Luna Reforms Were Applied to Legislators?

Last week, Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, along with announcing his retirement, said in an interview with Idaho PTV's Greg Hahn, "I am concerned ... what I'm seeing right now is there are more people [in the current Idaho Legislature] willing to follow how somebody else is voting, rather than stand up and make their own decisions."

It is clear this is precisely what happened with Mr. Luna's 3 education reform laws. Fortunately, this Nov. 6 the state of Idaho will have the opportunity to right these wrongs at the ballot box.

Idahoans do not appreciate inattentive lawmakers. But legislators like Rep. Darrell Bolz, R-Caldwell, can be thanked for listening to constituents, defying the party mandate and voting against those ill-conceived edicts.

Granted, Rep. Bolz will never get a chairmanship, but unlike some, he's not in it for the power.

I think it would be instructive if Idaho legislators applied the Luna laws to themselves.

To save precious tax dollars, lawmakers should go entirely online. Committee and caucus meetings could happen via video link. This would al-

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low legislators to remain in their home districts closer to their families and the citizenry they serve. No travel and per diem issues.

Merit pay. Let's compensate legislators based on how well they adhere to the majority voice of their constituency. Let's improve transparency and accountability to voters. Instead of two-year terms, let's make their "contracts" one to two years, depending upon performance.

Every legislator is already given a laptop, but let's reduce their exorbitant salaries over five years to pay for both it and the merit pay. Idaho comes first, right? Let's not apply "the ol' 19th century way of doing things in this, the grand 21st century."

Reduction in force. Let's put term limits on the older legislators, those with all that institutional memory, large network of contacts, mastery of the subject matter, those who have really perfected their craft, you know — the expensive lawmakers. Let's "reward" them for a life-

time of service by firing them.

Union busting. Let's do away with the dominant political party. Like unions, the dominant political party serves no real purpose other than to resist progressive change and prosperity for all. Let's "party bust," then tell Idahoans, "It's really about what's best for Idaho."

And akin to the propaganda being shoved down the throats of Idaho's school districts, let's put more regulation on the Legislature, enact more federal laws, weigh them down with mandates, and tell them, "We're really giving you more power, more 'local control!'"

Finally, like the bill currently before the Idaho Senate to raise the cap on charter schools, let's raise the number of legislators we have in office. Currently, it stands at only 105 senators and representatives. Let's entirely lift this cap to whatever the business lobby wants. Big Corporation is better than Big Government, right?

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READER COMMENT

Losing Tenure Law Benefits Both Students and Teachers

Proposition One on the November ballot is the legislation passed in 2011 regarding negotiated agreements and renewable contracts for teachers. While the specific wording that will appear on the November 2012 ballot is not yet finalized, it is assumed that a "YES" vote will be to support the legislation as passed by the House and Senate and signed by Governor Otter. A "NO" vote would be to support the position of the teacher's union, the IEA.

There are literally thousands of reasons to support the Legislature, the governor and this legislation. There has never been a more important "YES" vote in the history of Idaho education.

Schools are for kids, and parents have a right to expect that when they send their child off to school, their child will be safe and entrusted to a dedicated and competent professional educator. Parents do NOT have that assurance today. Most of our teachers are doing a great job. But our schools do have a few teachers who should find another line of work, yet they are protected by an outdated unneeded law: the renewable contract, also known as tenure. Bad teachers remain on the job, at the expense of student

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achievement and, indeed, our children's future. While the 2011 legislation will not end "tenure" for all — there is a grandfather provision for current "tenured faculty" — over time, no teacher will be afforded the sweeping and unreasonable protection of tenure. The education reforms protect kids. The reforms also benefit our best teachers, as they will no longer have to work side-by-side with colleagues who are a drain on the profession and the education system.

The education establishment, including the teacher's union, will counter the above paragraph with something like the following: Current law provides for the removal of "bad" teachers; and those bad teachers are removed and more would be removed if only administrators would use that existing law.

However, in Idaho and in every state that has a tenure law, marginal or unsatisfactory teachers are rarely removed. Those marginal teachers are either transferred to another school, assigned to a non-teaching position or their dismissal is tied up, sometimes for years in litigation. Nearly

every day you can find news reports about a teacher in some way abusing a student. We simply can't continue to maintain a law that has provided protection and allowed that abuse to occur.

A recent study of public employees including teachers, by Mark Flatten from the Goldwater Institute of Arizona, revealed that over a 15-month period in Arizona, none were ever fired. Flatten stated, "Teachers are rarely fired, it is just simply easier to relocate the teacher, or ignore the misbehavior and all of the time the teacher is still in the classroom with kids."

I am confident, having had the benefit of a half-century in Idaho schools, that a similar study here would reveal similar findings. On a positive note, I believe that the vast, vast majority of teachers come to school each day prepared, dedicated and ready to do their best to keep students safe and to help students learn. These teachers do great work in their classrooms every day. They "do the job" and are in demand — the renewable contract law provides no added benefit for them or for their profession!

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'Hunger Games,' Reality and Dystopia

"Kids killing kids."

That's how the trilogy "The Hunger Games" is summed up by critics of the forthcoming film, premiering March 23. And it's not an untrue or inaccurate description. That arrow absolutely hits its mark.

As much as I'm a values-enforcing mother of two teenage girls, I have to admit, I love "The Hunger Games." I've read 2½ of the three books, partly in an effort to have conversations with my 14-year-old. But it may be easier to accept the violent story line on the page than it will be to see it come to life on the big screen.

In an age when Columbine is still much more than a Colorado high school and, just three weeks ago, a student emptied his handgun in a school in Ohio, killing three students, should we ever be sanguine about kids killing kids? The idea makes you want to pop in an escapist Disney DVD — you know, the one with the happy ending. Oh, right, that's every Disney film.

In fact, we've spent generations feeding kids happy endings. Fairy tale characters may face grim obstacles, but they almost always prevail in the end. More recently, our culture has been walking up to darker themes. Voldemort tried to kill the hero in the "Harry Potter" series. The birth scene toward the end of "Twilight" was gruesome.

Are kids ready for all this?

The "Hunger Games" series is set in a post-apocalyptic future, in which the country of Panem is divided into 12, fenced-in manufacturing or agricultural districts, ruled by a hyper-powerful Capitol. Capitol residents obsess about their attractive bright pink hair or sequined skin, while district dwellers are often desperate for medical care or enough to eat.

Each year, two district representatives — a teenage boy and girl — are chosen by lottery to fight in the Hunger Games, a futuristic "American Idol" in which the 24 "tributes" fight to the death. Kids killing kids. Capitol and district residents alike

Anne Michaud

Newsday

watch the Hunger Games televised. It is their chief entertainment — like the brutal Roman games of history.

The series is imaginative and well-written, and the protagonist is a cunning and brave teenage girl, Katniss Everdeen. Clearly adults everywhere are impressed by the books: The series is assigned reading in eighth grade in my school district.

Katniss wrestles with all the moral questions the plot implies. Why is there an exempt class of Capitol residents who are never required to compete in the games? How can tributes be allies and friends, and then be required to turn on one another? Katniss' love triangle raises further questions of loyalty.

Loyalty is an overarching issue for middle-schoolers, who are often breaking old elementary school bonds and discovering new packs. So it's easy to see why the books were chosen for an eighth-grade audience. If the film portrays these issues well, it will be worth watching.

But morality is harder to convey on screen than gore. If filmmakers go the blood-and-guts route, emphasizing the considerable violence, "Hunger Games" will have failed its fans. Movies with PG-13 ratings, like this one, often push up against the envelope of R — and no ratings system seems adequate to prevent plain bad taste. Will Ferrell has convinced me of that.

At some point we have to trust our kids to understand the difference between reality and dystopian fantasy, and I believe most of them can. In some parts of the world, in the Lord's Resistance Army in northern Uganda, for example, leader Joseph Kony forces children to murder — a real-life "kids killing kids."

It's not as though this idea has never entered the human imagination.

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School Levy Vote Was Too Close

Yippee! The levy passed! Oh, wait a minute — yikes! Only 907 to 681? That was a close one. Good grief! We barely won. What on earth is the matter with people? How could that many people vote against the children? Well, at least it passed. Whew!

I'm glad those crazies that voted against it will be forced to pay whether they want to or not. It's the new American way. We know that the school district treats our money as sacred. They know we work hard for every penny. They put in the paper that it would be used to supplement their budget. What more proof do we need that they use our money wisely? Who in their right mind wouldn't want to supplement their budget?

All I can say is that it is a darn good thing that we held this when we did. There are probably more morons and mean, greedy people that would have voted against it if it were at a more convenient time or in conjunction with another election. We are lucky that our district leaders are so clever!

It's lucky that those on fixed incomes aren't as able to get out and vote! They don't have the right attitude about us forcing them to supplement the district's bank account. They are too willing to throw their money at silly things like medication and rent.

So congratulations! We won! The 7 percent was enough. I shouldn't worry that with all the school employees, their families and the parents in the district, we only got 907 votes, should I? Hopefully, the 7 percent doesn't read this. If they do they might get upset that their vote would have made the difference and we can't take the chance of them turning out on the next one.

(Chad Fridal's good twin)
CHAD FRIDAL
Malta

It's Time to Register as a Republican

In a predominately Republican county as we have here in Twin Falls, there is rarely a contested primary election race for Democrat candidates. The primary election, in May every other year, is generally where we decide who will represent us in Twin Falls County and in Boise.

I have had discussions with many friends who are unhappy Republicans or

disenfranchised independents. These unhappy Republicans and independents tell me, "I have voted all my life for Republicans, but I am fed up with you office holders at the state and federal level, and I will not vote Republican any more." I have to tell them, "Well, you will if you want to participate in the selection process."

"Elite Republicans" have decided that candidates will be selected at caucuses and closed primaries. Hence, if you want to vote in the primary, you have to contact the county clerk's office and sign a slip saying that you are a Republican. You may sign that slip at the ballot box this next May 15. If you do not, you can still vote in the Democrat primary (no contests and not closed). In the November general election, you can vote for whomever you want and cross over when you want.

The purpose of the closed Republican primary is to reduce voter participation and encourage only "real Republicans" to vote. This letter is my plea to my unhappy Republican friends and independents to register as Republicans and do vote in the closed primary. We need your voices of moderation. If you stay home, the efforts of the "elite Republicans" to "purify" the party will be successful.

REP. LEON SMITH
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Leon Smith is the representative from District 24.)

Republican Caucus Will Only Continue to Fail

I attended the Republican Caucus in Twin Falls on March 6. It was a gross failure.

A caucus is inefficient, discriminatory and contrary to our values. I encourage the Republican Party in Idaho to do away with this monstrosity. It will only continue to fail.

The caucus took far too long for what it accomplished. The long lines and uncomfortable bleacher seating discourages anyone from going to another caucus. Once seated and everyone was in the gym, we were "treated" to three lame speeches extolling the candidates. We were finally allowed to cast our ballots and waited 45 minutes for the results to be tabulated. Mercifully, the candidate was selected on the first ballot or we could have been there for another three hours.

The caucus discriminates against people who have

physical handicaps and cannot climb the steps to bleachers or sit on them for 3½ hours. It discriminates against people who may have to travel up to 35 miles. It discriminates against people who have to work at the time the caucus is held. It discriminates against families with small children — especially single parent families. And worst of all, it discriminates against our brave members of the military who are deployed guaranteeing our right to vote!

The caucus attracted only about 42 percent of those who voted in the last primary election, thus eliminating 58 percent of the electorate! And since my chosen candidate didn't win the caucus, the "winner take all" philosophy effectively stole my vote and threw it away. Some democracy!

Come on, Republicans. We can do better than this. If it takes new legislation or even an amendment to the Idaho Constitution, let's do it. The caucus system is flawed. I hope I never have to attend another caucus to cast my vote.

JOHN ELLIS
Twin Falls

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MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

O'Leary Middle School Choir Commended

I would like to write a letter about the O'Leary Middle School choir.

Serena Clark and Joseph Casperson really do an amazing job in promoting music and helping our kids' progress. I have been especially impressed that they sing different genres of music. It has been refreshing to see them sing songs that have a religious meaning to them — not singling out any one religion but focusing more on God. It is nice to see in this day and age that the O'Leary choir is still grounding young teenagers in good ideals and morals.

I am proud to be part of

this school district.

Thank you, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Casperson.

JASON JACOBIA
Twin Falls

Roemer Has Experience as a Republican

The purpose of a primary election is for voters to elect the candidate who best represents the political party they have affiliated with.

Right now the presidential primaries are capturing most folks' attention, but the same process is occurring with U.S. congressional candidates, state legislative candidates and, at the local level, county candidates.

At every level, the question is, which candidate best represents the political party of the voters' choice?

In 2008, Jerome County voters elected me with 67 percent of the vote to be the Republican primary candidate for county commissioner. This election year, voters will again have a choice — who best represents the Republican Party for Jerome County commissioner, District 1?

My opponent, who ran as a Democrat for county commissioner in 2006, believes that by simply attending one Jerome County Republican Central Committee meeting several months ago to announce he had "switched" parties, qualifies him to be the Republican nominee.

I disagree. It takes commitment to Republican ideals and being active at the local level. In 10 years of involvement with the Jerome County Republican Central Committee, I have rarely missed a monthly meeting. I have worked on many committee projects including the recent Jerome County caucus. I served as committee chairman, state committee woman and am currently Legislative District 26 Committee chairman. I have attended numerous state Republican meetings to cast my vote on important party issues. This past year, I served as one of two representatives from District 5 on the State Party Redistricting Task Force.

I believe that as the incumbent Republican Jerome County commissioner, District 1, I will best represent Republicans in the primary election.

I ask for your vote on May 15.

CATHY ROEMER
Jerome

(Editor's note: Cathy Roemer is the Jerome County commissioner for District 1.)

Service

Continued from Opinion 1

Address the real problems. Declining mail volume is a problem, but Congress should also reform or repeal burdensome legislative mandates, including a 2006 requirement that the postal service pre-fund 75 years' worth of retiree health benefits over just 10 years. This law placed an unprecedented financial burden on the postal service during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

Refrain from additional burdensome mandates.

Congress should give the postal service more flexibility, not less, by rescinding legal restrictions on the kinds of activities it can conduct. This will allow the postal service to create a business model for the 21st century — while retaining delivery services essential for the public good.

Several bills have been introduced in both chambers of Congress to address the postal service's financial crisis. Of these, the 21st Century Postal Service Act, sponsored by Connecticut independent Sen. Joseph Lieberman, is the only postal reform bill to

have cleared its committee.

A coalition of 27 senators recently signed a letter advocating for amendments to Lieberman's bill, including protecting rural post offices and maintaining fast standards for first-class mail. The letter rightly notes that local post offices are "the heart and soul" of rural communities that lack broadband Internet access.

As the debate continues, Congress should remain vigilant and ensure that any postal reform initiative is careful, deliberate and adheres to the core principles outlined above. This is an issue with high stakes

for Maryland and the nation.

For example, proposed closings could have serious ramifications for the November election. Voting officials in California and Arizona are concerned about delays in mail speed resulting from processing facility closures, while the registrar in the swing state of Ohio is worried about security if mail-in ballots get sent across state lines to be sorted. And in Oregon, the first state to require its residents to vote by mail, the closure of rural post offices will make it more difficult for voters to submit their ballots.

Cutting costs and services is not the only way forward. Congress should also give the postal service the flexibility it needs to adjust to the Internet Age. Allowing post offices to sell hunting and fishing licenses, notarize and photocopy documents, and branch out into other retail services — all activities currently prohibited by law — could go a long way toward making rural post offices, in particular, more financially viable.

At a time of mounting cynicism about the federal government, the postal service remains extremely popular. A 2010 Pew Re-

search Center survey found that 83 percent of Americans gave the postal service a "favorable" rating. In the same survey, favorability ratings for the two major political parties, Congress, and the government in general all reached record lows.

It's time for Congress to give the postal service the flexibility it needs to meet the economic demands of the 21st century — without writing off small-town America.

Kristina Costa is a research assistant in economic policy at the Center for American Progress.

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Senate's 'Dr. No' Delivers a Surprise 'Yes'

The judicial confirmation wars are clearly escalating when Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., calls for a halt to the carnage. Coburn, dubbed "Dr. No" for his unyielding opposition to many of his colleagues' ideas, including judicial appointments, proclaimed this month that the confirmation wars must end. He said: "I think the very issue (of judicial selection) is what makes Americans sick of what we're doing. It's a tit for tat. We've got to get beyond that. The problems are too great for our country. What I do know is that presidents are entitled to their nominees." The senator must now follow his words with actions, and both Democrats and Republicans must heed his admonitions.

Judges, litigants and attorneys have been laboring under a 10 percent vacancy rate on the federal bench since August 2009. This political logjam has seriously delayed appointments, left most nominees with their careers and personal lives on hold, prevented stellar prospects from considering judicial service and impeded swift and fair case resolution. It has also eroded public respect for the process and the Senate.

Coburn offered his thoughts at the Senate Judiciary Committee meeting this month to consider Arizona Supreme Court Justice Andrew D. Hurwitz's nomination to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. That hearing started in typical fashion, with the chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and the ranking member, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, exchanging pleasantries. Grassley then announced his intention to vote against Hurwitz. His "primary concern" was a 2002 law review article "embracing and celebrating the framework for Roe vs. Wade" that Hurwitz wrote. The senator also remarked that President Obama's allegedly unconstitutional recess appointments of officials in January required him to apply a less deferential standard that Hurwitz could not satisfy.

As the hearing proceeded, Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., affirmed his "enthusiastic support" and that of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., for Hurwitz, the type of strong endorsement from home-state senators that typically precedes a unanimous committee vote. Kyl dismissed the relevance of Hurwitz's possible personal support for Roe vs. Wade. "The real question is how has he comported himself in the place where you can really judge it, the Arizona Supreme Court." Kyl declared his complete

Carl Tobias

Los Angeles Times

satisfaction with Hurwitz's decade of performance on Arizona's highest court, emphasizing his intelligence, qualifications, temperament and support by Arizonans. However, a unanimous committee vote was not to be. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., characterized Kyl's avid defense of Hurwitz as "music to my ears." She lauded Kyl for not permitting the article to outweigh the nominee's lengthy excellent record, labeling the article a "subordinate issue." Feinstein added: "I don't think there is a more qualified person for the 9th Circuit anywhere."

Coburn then surprised his colleagues with observations and suggestions that were anything but typical. The senator lamented the incessant partisan disputes, the "gotcha" tactics used to oppose nominees like Hurwitz and the loss of civility. Coburn then pointed to a way forward. He stated that the GOP leadership has "advised that there should be no retribution for the recess appointments" and that the dispute over them should be resolved in court. He went on to say, "I think we need to build bridges instead of burn them, and I think we ought to move this nominee."

Coburn also urged a return to the days before the administrations of Presidents George W. Bush and Obama when Democrats and Republicans cooperated. Senators used to expeditiously conduct ballots for large groups of well-qualified, noncontroversial district nominees, especially as they were about to go on recess. The Senate confirmed big District Court nominee packages even in the Bush administration, but this practice stopped in the Obama administration. GOP rejection of this tradition is animated by the hope that its presidential nominee will win in November and, thus, be able to appoint his own judges.

Following Coburn's lead, senators may want to reinstate this tradition and exercise more deference to home-state colleagues and the president, who has rigorously consulted lawmakers and even nominated numerous candidates whom Republicans suggested.

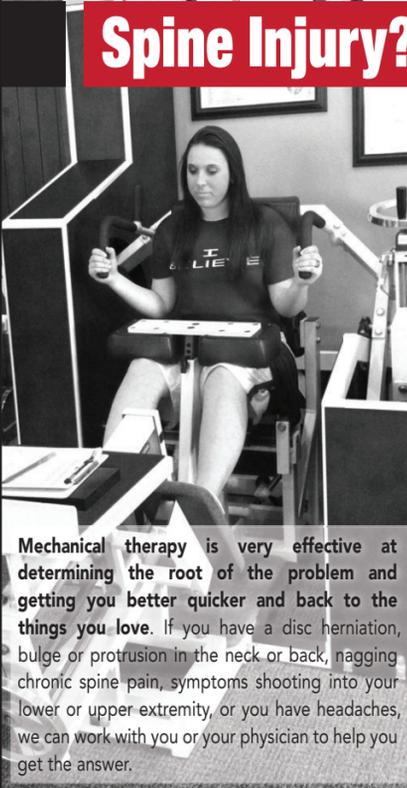
Coburn acknowledged that Hurwitz perplexed him and that he was unsure how to vote. Yet Coburn ultimately agreed to give Hurwitz his vote, saying the president is entitled to

his nominees and suggesting that nominees deserve up-or-down floor votes. The committee approved Hurwitz 13 to 5. Kyl then said the overwhelming vote would facilitate timely floor consideration and address the 9th Circuit's desperate need to fill its four vacancies.

Coburn has identified and prescribed effective solutions for a grave problem in American governance: the confirmation wars that have left more than 80 federal judgeships empty and litigants waiting interminably for their day in court. The senator must strive to ensure that his constructive descriptions and suggestions are not merely a flash in the pan. The first test comes this week when Coburn votes on whether 23rd Judicial Circuit Judge Gina M. Groh, a nominee who secured unanimous Judiciary Committee approval, can receive a floor vote.

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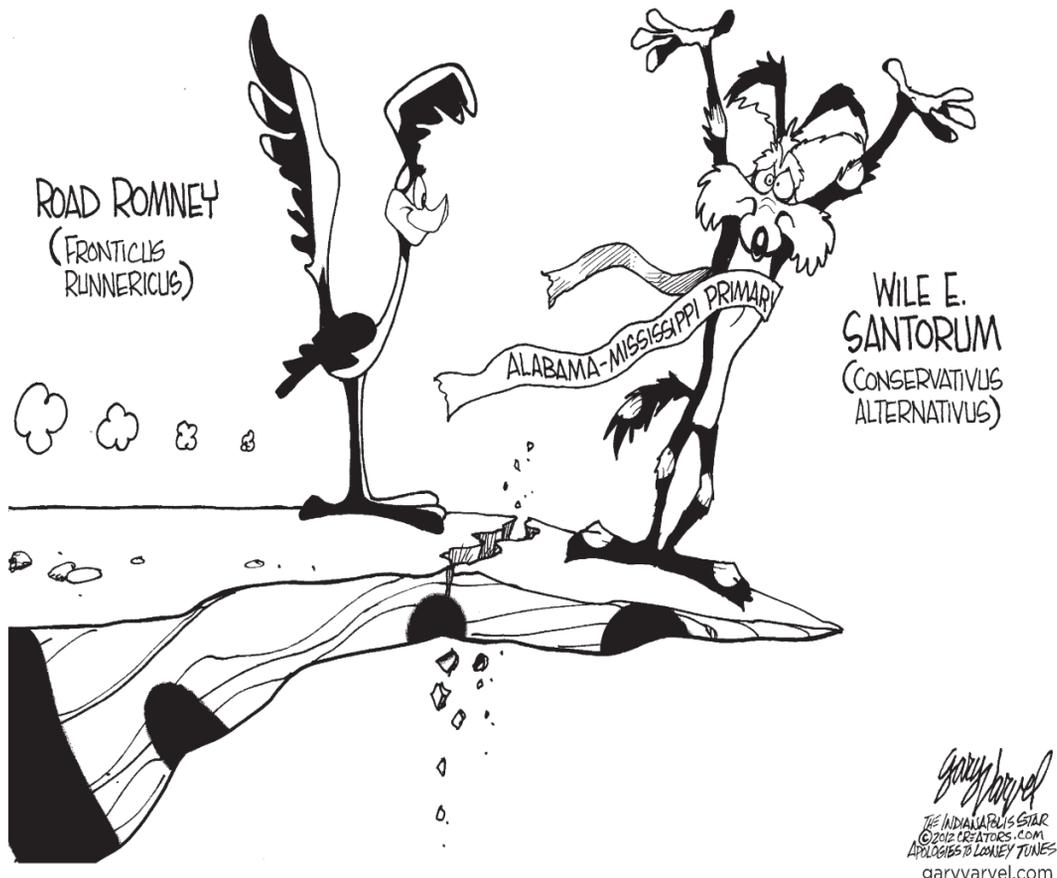
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Causes of the Crisis

Four years after the onset of the financial crisis — in March 2008 Bear Stearns was rescued from failure — we still lack a clear understanding of the underlying causes. Hundreds of studies and books have given us an increasingly detailed picture of what happened without conclusively answering why. Conventional wisdom has advanced competing theories: Wall Street types took too many risks, encouraged by lax government regulation; or, pro-homeownership policies eroded mortgage-lending standards and created the housing bubble.



Robert J. Samuelson
The Washington Post

swelling home values and stock portfolios. All the good news (low inflation, high employment, rising stock and real estate prices) drove economic growth. Between 1982 and 2007, there were only two mild recessions. When prosperity was jeopardized — by the 1997 Asian financial crisis, the tech crash in 2000, the 9/11 attacks — the Federal Reserve seemed to defuse the threats. The economy seemed less risky. Economists announced the Great Moderation of business cycles. Booms become busts because justifiable confidence becomes foolish optimism. So it was. Believing the world less risky, people took more risks. Investment banks and households increased their debt. Lending standards eroded, because borrowers' repayment prospects were thought to have improved. Regulators relaxed oversight, because markets seemed more stable and self-correcting. On the fringes, ethical standards frayed; criminality increased. The rest, as they say, is history.

mately result from events years or decades ago. Among the public, the press and politicians, the disdain for historical explanations is no mystery. The crash was a crime against society; the public wants culprits. The press pursues wrongdoing. It's a good story. President Obama blames his predecessor's policies. It's good politics. A narrative rooted in mass and bipartisan delusion does not serve these purposes. Everyone wants blood. The case of economists is more curious. They presumably crave truth; most aren't hankering for political appointments. But their blind spot is their self-identity. Modern economists portray their discipline as a "science" that can better manage the economy for growth and stability. In particular, this repudiates the fatalism of the 1920s that, as Sylvia Nasar describes in her book "Grand Pursuit: The Story of Economic Genius," saw business cycles as unavoidable and, in part, desirable: "Judging by newspaper headlines of the early 1930s, popular wisdom viewed economics through a biblical lens: recessions were the wages of sin. When good times lasted too long, businesses and individuals threw caution to the wind and behaved badly. Recessions ... occurred when private businesses and households unwound past excesses, wrote off bad investments, and behaved with restraint once again. ... (Recessions) were regrettable but necessary correctives, like a detox program for a drunk."

The problem for economists is that the crisis has, to some extent, reaffirmed this dour and previously discredited view. Prolonged prosperity from 1983 to 2007 bred bad habits and overconfidence. This does not mean that we know nothing or that we have no tools to combat savage recessions; after all, we did avoid a second Great Depression. But it does mean that one promise of modern economics — to extend economic expansions and shorten slumps — can create the conditions for its own failure. Although the conclusion is obvious, economists ignore it. The most likely reason is that it undermines their self-appointed role as agents of social progress.

Actually, both theories are correct — and neither is. It's true that Wall Street took too many risks while government regulators watched passively; it's also true that the government's aggressive promotion of homeownership contributed to real estate speculation. But the fact that these theories are not mutually exclusive suggests that both were consequences of some larger cause. Just so. What ultimately explains the financial crisis and Great Recession is an old-fashioned boom and bust, of which the housing collapse was merely a part.

The boom started with the decisive defeat of double-digit inflation in the early 1980s. Consumer price increases dropped from 14 percent in 1980 to 3 percent in 1983. As inflation fell, interest rates gradually followed (from 1982 to 1989, rates on 10-year Treasury bonds fell from 13 percent to 8 percent) when investors realized the decline was lasting. With interest rates falling, stock prices rose (from 1982 to 1989, they nearly tripled), and with a lag, housing prices did too. Consumer spending surged, as Americans skimped on saving and borrowed against

Confession: I have written all this before. It is a lonely view. The latest issue of the academic Journal of Economic Literature has two review articles; one summarizes 21 books on the crisis by economists and journalists, and the other analyzes 16 scholarly papers and studies. None — so far as I can tell — suggests this long boom-bust crisis explanation. The only "boom" that matters is the housing boom. There is no sense of history: a recognition that today's events mayulti-

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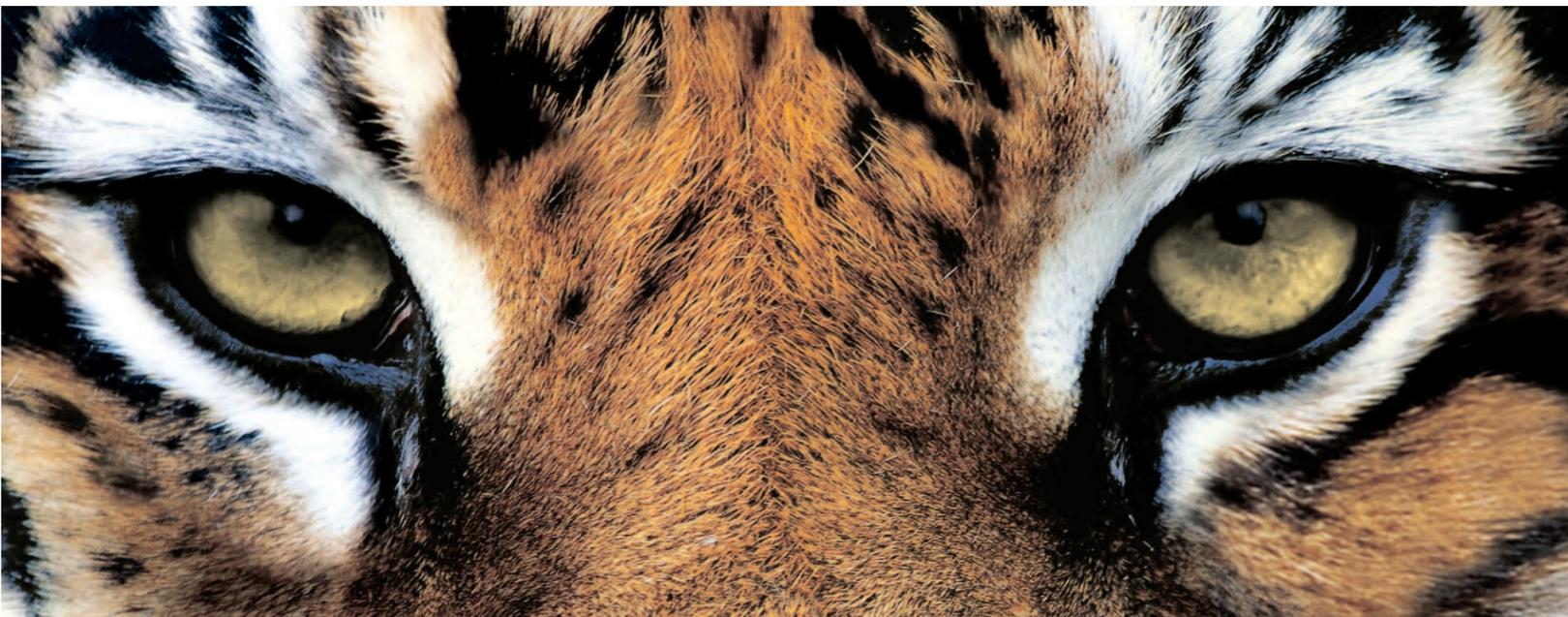
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He was born Nov. 3, 1980, in Silvertone, Idaho, the son of Gordon Wayne Azure and Linda Joe Teupel. He attended school in Minidoka County, Shoshone County and completed his education in Kootenai County. He married Joy Louise Woolley on Feb. 9, 2001, and together, they had a beautiful daughter, Audrie Jo Azure. They later divorced on Nov. 23, 2010. He was a hoof trimmer, operated a backhoe and had worked for the city of Rupert, Amalgamated Sugar Company, IMCO, Harvest Foods, Red Crow Kitchen, Spun Strand and Western World Inc. He loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles, snowmobiles and four-wheelers, relaxing in the hot tub, listening to music, working on cars, wood cutting and, most of all, spending time with friends and family. Additionally, he was an outstanding artist.

He is survived by his former wife, Joy Louise Azure; and their daughter, Audrie Jo Azure; his father, Gordon Wayne Azure; his mother and stepfather, Linda and Kenny Smith; his brothers and sisters, Kenna Marie



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A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 23, at the Malta LDS Church with Bishop Brad Hutchison officiating.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Burley.

Dennis Ray Durfee

March 9, 1941-March 14, 2012

HAGERMAN • Dennis Ray Durfee, 71, of Hagerman, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, following a five-year battle with colon cancer and the heartbreak of losing a son eight months ago.

He was born March 9, 1941, in Nampa, Idaho, one of four children born to JL and Irene Durfee. Dennis was raised in Nampa, Boise and Pocatello. At age 18, he joined the United States Army and served his country in Korea and Paris, France, as a radio tech. In 1965, while working in Jackpot, he met and married his lifetime love, Mary Jo Wilson. They were 11 days shy of being married 46 years. Dennis and Mary Jo raised one son, Billy, in Pocatello, Jerome and Phoenix. Dennis spent most of his working life as a precision machinist, mold-maker and tool and die maker. After 40 years, he retired and moved back home to the river in Hagerman — that they called “their little piece of paradise.”

Dennis loved drag racing his 1968 Dodge Charger and 1956 Ford pickup. He enjoyed his Yamaha 1100 motorcycle and gave it up



for an 800 ATV that he loved to ride. Dennis also enjoyed speeding up and down the river in his jet boat and 4th of July fireworks. He could often be found helping friends and neighbors, which he loved to do. Mostly, he loved reading stories to his grandkids and spending time with them. He will be dearly missed.

Dennis is survived by his sweetheart, Mary Jo of Hagerman; three grandchildren, Amanda, William and Daniel; two step-grandchildren, CC and Tony; daughter-in-law, Lea Durfee; his brother, Robert Durfee; and his sister, Joanne Johnson; and many extended family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; his son, William “Billy” Durfee; and his sister, Patricia Matkin.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. A gathering to celebrate Dennis’ life will be announced this summer. Dennis’ family would like to thank the wonderful neighbors and friends and the Hospice Visions for the excellent service and the many acts of kindness. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Lloyd Edwin Gardner

July 24, 1936-March 8, 2012

HILLSBORO, Ore. • Lloyd Edwin Gardner, 75, a resident of the Hillsboro community, died Thursday, March 8, 2012, at his home.



the home Lloyd built. They were blessed with three children — Daniel, Stanley and Phillip.

Lloyd worked for Garrett Freightline in Pocatello, Idaho.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Singing Hills Christian Church, 3025 Southeast River Road in Hillsboro. Family and friends are invited to a reception following the service. A private family interment has taken place at Union Point Cemetery in Banks, Ore.

Lloyd was born July 24, 1936, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was one of five children born to Theodore and Olive (King) Gardner. He was raised and received his education in various schools in the Magic Valley. Lloyd earned his GED in 1958. In June 1967, Lloyd completed an apprenticeship in the trade of inside electrician.

Lloyd was honorably discharged from the National Guard of Idaho in November 1955. He then served in the U.S. Air Force from November 1955 until May 1963. He served honorably in Ashiya, Japan, with the 483rd Police Squadron then James Connally Air Force Base in Waco, Texas, with the 3565th Air Police Squadron, ATC.

He met his future wife, June Daniels, while in the hospital, with other nurses playing “cupid.” They soon began dating and, after a six month courtship, they were united in marriage Oct. 28, 1961. After their marriage, they lived in Pocatello, Idaho, until moving to Portland, Ore., in 1963. In 1969, they moved to Vancouver, Wash., where they resided until 1971, when they settled in Hillsboro, Ore., in

As an electrician, he worked for B & R Electric, Huene-gard Electric and the Port of Portland. He was retired on disability in 1980 after suffering an industrial accident. He enjoyed photography, dancing, swimming, camping, fishing and traveling. He was a character, charming people with his fun-loving personality, telling jokes and laughing with people. He was known for his home improvements and was good at troubleshooting any problem that might occur around the home.

Lloyd is preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Ted and Ralph. Survivors include his wife, June; three children and their spouses; Dan and Jody Gardner of Nampa, Idaho, Stan and Melanie Gardner of Beaverton, Ore., and Phil and Heather Gardner of Salem, Ore.; two former daughters-in-law, Sandra Gardner and Tina Jackson; sisters and their spouses, Irene and Jay Tadlock, and Janet and Gerhard Luttmer; sisters-in-law, Betty Gardner and Fern Gardner; 14 grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests donations in Lloyd’s name to Washington County Hospice or charity of your choice.

Services are provided by Duyck and VanDeHey Funeral Home in Forest Grove, Ore. (503-357-8749). The online guestbook is at www.dvfuneralhome.com.

Linda Sue Hansing-Brock

May 11, 1952-March 16, 2012

TWIN FALLS • Linda Sue Hansing-Brock, or also known as Miss Hansing, Miss Hansing-Brock, Mrs. Brock and Lindy Sue burst on the Heavenly scene Friday, March 16, 2012.



tired eyes resulting from late night drives home from ball games where she watched the focal point of her life, Katie, leave it all on the floor one

Linda was born May 11, 1952, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She graduated from Filer High School in 1970 and held a degree in education from Idaho State University and a Master of Arts degree from the College of Idaho. This woman with the many names, wore many hats, made all of our lives richer and helped not just her students but all of us to find our better selves.

Linda dedicated her life to making it better for all. Her vehicle was the Home Ec. Room at Valley High School beginning in 1975 and expanded to the FC-CLA organization across the state of Idaho to the national level in Washington, D.C. If you wanted to find Linda, you had to go to the Home Ec. Room. There, with flour on her apron, a chocolate in her pocket and ice tea close by she would be, surrounded by the very best Valley High School had and those searching to be the very best. Linda always had time for whatever was needed, she would lessen the pain of a high school romance gone awry, make the final decisions for the award-winning Traveling Treats and Viking Express orders, assign a class project, teach a nutrition lesson and then found a way to get lunch off of some teacher’s tie. All this with

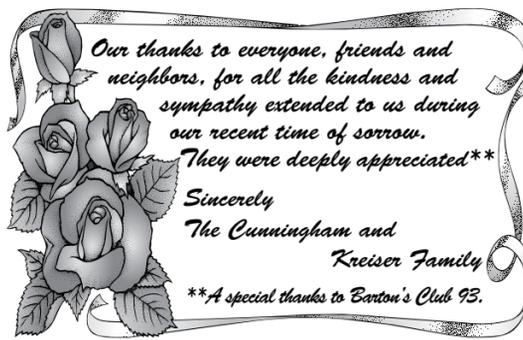
Linda’s kind heart for all and her quiet listening, nonjudgmental ways made her the friend and counselor for kids and adults alike. She took with her the secrets of many, the too heavy burdens of still others, but her faith was strong and deep and she had plenty of help in her mission to spread the love of God through her gentle words and kind actions. May her legacy of caring for others live in our hearts forever.

A special thanks to Huntsman Institute of Neuro-Oncology, Creekside Hospice, MSTI in Twin Falls, Idaho, and Downard Funeral Home and Crematory.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Katie Grant (Mike); mother, Shirley Hansing; sisters, Lawana Meade (Bob), Annette Gardner (Randy); brothers, Bob Hansing (Candy), Scott Hansing (Jami); and 12 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Bob Hansing.

A memorial service for Linda will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Valley High School in Hazelton, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Compassion International is requested.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The email address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on “Obituaries.”



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DEATH NOTICES

Inez Smith

BURLEY • Inez M. Smith, 83, of Burley, died Friday, March 16, 2012, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Lee Hutcheson

GOODING • Harlan Lee Hutcheson, 69, of Gooding,

died Friday, March 16, 2012, at North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

LeRoy Ellis

BURLEY • LeRoy Ellis, 92, of Burley, died Saturday, March 17, 2012.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Dustin James Zapata of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Kimberly City Park (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Fred Vondell Shill of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary.

Carlos T. Hahn of Home-dale, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

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OBITUARIES

Robert Lee Brinkman

Sept. 5, 1940-March 7, 2012

BUHL • Robert Lee Brinkman 71, of Sacramento, Calif., and formerly of Buhl, passed away at his home Wednesday, March 7, 2012.



times included coaching Little League baseball and men's softball. He enjoyed bowling, hunting and golfing with his friends.

Robert was born on Sept. 5, 1940, in Vernalis, Calif., to Ollie and Ras Brinkman. Robert lived in Tracy, Calif., where he farmed with his family. He moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1968 and later to Buhl, Idaho, in 1970. He worked alongside his mother at Brinkman's Market in Buhl from 1971 to 1986. After leaving Brinkman's Market, he moved on to the insurance industry working for Twin Falls County Mutual and later Welch Obenchain Insurance. In 1997, Robert moved to Sacramento, Calif., and continued to work in the insurance field with Statewide Insurance until he retired in 2010. Robert's favorite pas-

ed in death by his parents, Ras and Ollie; brother, Charles (Shorty) Brinkman; and daughter, Cindra Brinkman Henson. He is survived by his sons, Rob (Angie) Brinkman of LaDera Ranch, Calif., and Derrick (Amy) Brinkman of Buhl; sister, Doris Brinkman of Buhl; six grandchildren, Ryan, Lily, Hannah, Emma, McKenna and Madison; three nieces, Julie, Kristen and Lori; nephew, Jim; and stepfather, Loren Gurnea. Services are being arranged by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. An open house for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 19, at Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Thai Billionaire Who Created Red Bull Dies

BY THANYARAT DOKSONE AND TODD PITMAN

Associated Press

BANGKOK • Chaleo Yoovidhya, the self-made Thai billionaire who introduced the world to "energy drinks" and co-founded the globally popular Red Bull brand, has died. He was in his 80s.

Chaleo died of natural causes in Bangkok on Saturday, according to local media reports and state television broadcaster, MCOT, which cited the Thai Beverage Industry Association.

Forbes magazine, which ranked Chaleo the 205th richest man in the world this year with a net worth of \$5 billion dollars, said he was 80 years old. Several Thai media outlets cited his birth-date as Aug. 17, 1923, however, indicating he was 88. It was not immediately possible to explain the discrepancy.

Born in central Thailand's Pichit province to a Chinese father and a Thai mother who reportedly sold fruit and ducks to survive, Chaleo died the third richest man in Thailand.

Chaleo started a small company, T.C. Pharmaceuticals, in the 1960s and formulated an energy drink prototype a decade later called Krathing Daeng, or Red Bull in English.

The drink became popular among truck drivers and other blue-collar workers throughout the country, but it remained a local phenomenon until Chaleo met Austrian entrepreneur Dietrich Mateschitz.

Together, the pair modified Chaleo's initial formula and founded the international Red Bull brand. Launched in 1987, Red Bull now sells billions of iconic slim cans across the world annually. Mateschitz and Chaleo each own roughly half of the company.

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John Demjanjuk, Convicted Death Camp Guard, Dies

BY DAVID RISING

Associated Press

BERLIN • John Demjanjuk was convicted of being a low-ranking guard at the Sobibor death camp, but his 35-year fight on three continents to clear his name — a legal battle that had not yet ended when he died Saturday at age 91 — made him one of the best-known faces of Nazi prosecutions.

The conviction of the retired Ohio autoworker in a Munich court in May on 28,060 counts of being an accessory to murder, which was still being appealed, broke new legal ground in Germany as the first time someone was convicted solely on the basis of serving as a camp guard, with no evidence of involvement in a specific killing.

It has opened the floodgates to hundreds of new investigations in Germany, though his death serves as a reminder that time is running out for prosecutors.

Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk steadfastly maintained that he had been mistaken for someone else — first wounded as a Soviet soldier fighting German forces, then captured and held as a prisoner of war under brutal conditions.

And he is probably best known as someone he was not: the notoriously brutal guard "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka extermination camp. That was the first accusation against him, which led to him being extradited from the U.S. to Israel in the 1980s. He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to death — only to have the Israeli Supreme Court unanimously overturn the verdict and return him to the U.S. after it received evidence that another Ukrainian, not Demjanjuk, was that Nazi guard.

"He has become at least one of the faces" of the Holocaust, Israeli historian Yehuda Bauer said in a telephone interview from Jerusalem.

"His case illustrates the

principle that whenever even a very low-ranking Nazi criminal can be found and convicted, the importance is not in the sentence, not in the amount of time such a person may have to sit in jail ... the important thing is to bring the crime to the attention of the general public."

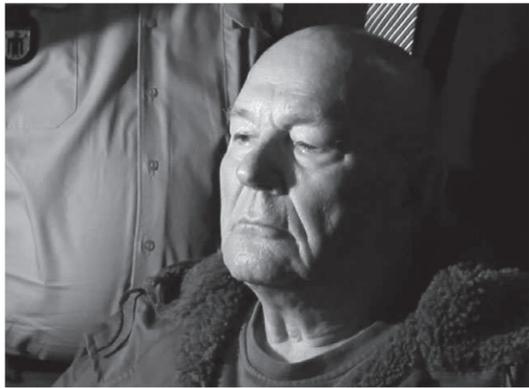
But attorney Yoram Sheftel, who defended Demjanjuk in the Israel trial, criticized the German conviction of Demjanjuk as a Sobibor "Wachmann" — the lowest rank of the "Hilfswillige" prisoners who agreed to serve the Nazis and were subordinate to German SS men — while higher-ranking Germans were acquitted in years past.

"I can only call it a prostitution of the Holocaust," he said.

After his conviction in May, Demjanjuk was sentenced to five years in prison, but was appealing the case to Germany's high court. He was released pending the appeal, and died a free man in his own room in a nursing home in the southern Bavarian town of Bad Feilnbach.

His son, John Demjanjuk Jr., said in a telephone interview from Ohio that his father apparently died of natural causes. Demjanjuk had terminal bone marrow disease, chronic kidney disease and other ailments and local authorities said the exact cause of death was still being determined.

"My father fell asleep with the Lord as a victim and survivor of Soviet and German brutality since childhood," Demjanjuk Jr. said. "He loved



John Demjanjuk waits in a courtroom in Munich in May 2011.

life, family and humanity. History will show Germany used him as a scapegoat to blame helpless Ukrainian POWs for the deeds of Nazi Germans."

Demjanjuk spent most of his 18-month trial in Munich lying in a special bed brought into the courtroom, and listened to the proceedings through a Ukrainian interpreter.

Though he made no lengthy statements to the court on his own, in one read aloud by his attorney, he told the panel of judges he had been a victim of the Nazis himself — first wounded as a Soviet soldier fighting German forces, then captured and held as a prisoner of war under brutal conditions.

"I am again and again an innocent victim of the Germans," he said in the statement.

He said after the war he was unable to return to his homeland, and that taking him away

from his family in the U.S. to stand trial in Germany was a "continuation of the injustice" done to him.

"Germany is responsible for the fact that I have lost for good my whole reason to live, my family, my happiness, my future and hope," he said.

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SPORTS + WEATHER



CSI's Luke Cothron poses for a photo in his dorm room Thursday in Twin Falls. While taking a 17 credit class load Cothron is also a key weapon for the Golden Eagles basketball team. (BELOW) Cothron heads to the dorms after basketball practice Thursday.

PHOTOS BY DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

No Real Losers in the Peyton Manning Chase

The slightest clue that he is in town draws curious on-lookers to airports and practice fields. Reporters stake him out, and television helicopters hover overhead to capture his every move.

There's never been a free agent frenzy like this in the NFL. Then again, there's never been a free agent like Peyton Manning.

He's undergone four neck operations, missed an entire season, and is about to turn 36, ancient by NFL standards. His old team cast him off like yesterday's garbage, infatuated by the thought of a fresh new face playing quarterback in Indianapolis.

And yet normally sane NFL executives are convinced he's the player who will lead them to a Super Bowl. They're willing to mortgage their team's futures to have him play, and they're raiding their piggy banks to find enough cash to pay him.

The field has now been cut, by most accounts, to three. One will get the prize, while the other two will have to figure out how to deal with quarterbacks



Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

with abandonment issues. Money doesn't seem to be an issue. The price for the recycled Peyton Manning reportedly is the same as the Colts put on him a year ago when he signed a five-year, \$90 million deal. His decision will be made for other reasons, and the teams courting him can only hope they have the other reasons.

So let's handicap the contenders:

DENVER: I'm making the Broncos the favorite in this race. They were the first to publicly embrace Manning, and seem to have a game plan in place to land him. The salary cap is not an issue and, perhaps most important, they have John Elway in charge of their courtship.

Imagine the conversations the Hall of Fame quarterback and Super Bowl winner could have with the future Hall of Fame quarterback with a

Please see DAHLBERG, S2

COOL HAND LUKE

He was dismissed from the team for nine games and unsure that he'd come back, but Luke Cothron is at peace and back with the team and thriving as the Golden Eagles aim to repeat as national champions.

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
smeyers@magicvalley.com

TWIN FALLS • There was a time when Luke Cothron didn't know if he'd be back.

Doubt crept into his jumbled mind.

"Can I do this? Do I even

want to do this?" Cothron thought as he stared down another set of 100 wind sprints.

He had been dismissed from the team. Shunned from practice. Relegated to the stands in street clothes to watch his College of

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Southern Idaho teammates. Forced to do the team's laundry.

For a month and a half, Cothron was a ghost on the CSI basketball team. A footnote at the bottom of newspaper articles.

People asked questions.

"Where's Luke?" "When is he coming back?"

CSI head coach Steve Gosar didn't know when his prized 6-8 forward would be back with the team.

"When he gets his mind straight," Gosar would say. "He still has some work to do."

Fast forward to now.

Cothron made the all-Region 18 Tournament team last weekend as the Golden Eagles beat North Idaho for their second straight SWAC championship. He helped CSI beat Arizona Western on Tuesday, and now, after missing two road trips during the regular season, Cothron is on the road to Hutchinson, Kan., where the Golden Eagles will defend their NJCAA national title.

"It's fun to be back with my teammates. Now it's time to go back-to-back," said Cothron.

The ordeal started in mid-January as Cothron and Gosar got into a number of heated exchanges during practice. Gosar would get after Cothron about his effort and Cothron retaliated.

"We butted heads. In

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Sharpshooter: Heslip's 3's Lift Baylor to Sweet 16

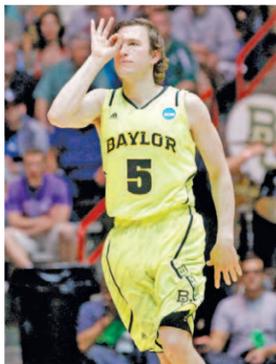
BY EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. • The basket was as wide as the ocean for Brady Heslip, and because of that, the future looks as bright as those uniforms for the Baylor Bears.

Heslip made 9 of 12 from behind the 3-point line Saturday to lift third-seeded Baylor and their highlighter-yellow uniforms to a pullaway 80-63 victory over No. 11 Colorado. The Bears (29-7) advance to the South Regional semifinals, their second trip to the final 16 in three seasons. They'll play the winner between Xavier and Lehigh next Friday in Atlanta.

Heslip, the Boston College transfer who grew up playing — and losing — lots of H-O-R-S-E games with his father up in Canada would have beaten just about anybody on this electric day at The Pit.

He made six 3s in the first half to keep his cold-shooting team-



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baylor guard Brady Heslip (5) gestures after hitting a three-point basket during the first half of an NCAA tournament third-round college basketball game against Colorado, Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

mates close. Then, he helped break open a tight game late. His 3-pointer with 6:56 left came in the early stages of Baylor's 19-3 run to close the game.

NCAA Tournament

Saturday's Scores
East Regional
Syracuse 75, Kansas State 59
Ohio State 73, Gonzaga 66
Wisconsin 60, Vanderbilt 57
South Regional
Kentucky 87, Iowa State 71
Baylor 80, Colorado 63
Indiana 63, VCU 61
West Regional
Marquette 62, Murray State 53
Louisville 59, New Mexico 56

And it was contagious. Shortly after that make, Pierre Jackson (15 points, 10 assists) jacked one up from three feet behind the arc. Swish. Anthony Jones also made one.

But Heslip, not to be outdone, sandwiched No. 9 in between those — leaving him only two short of the NCAA tournament record set by Jeff Fryer of Loyola Marymount in 1990. Those

Please see BAYLOR, S4

Wood River's Thompson Shines In State All-Star Game

Twin Falls' Eric Harr and Jerome's Jake Hollifield helped the South win the boy's game, while Thompson's teammate, Kaitana Martinez, suffered another knee injury.

BY RYAN COLLINGWOOD
For the Times-News

COEUR D'ALENE • When Wood River's Kaitana Martinez hit the deck at the onset of the North-South All-Star Game on Saturday, the Dartmouth-bound senior's face told the extent of her ill-timed injury as she was aided to North Idaho College's training room.

Her second ACL tear in two years had become a reality.

So, Haylee Thompson, another Hailie product selected to the ninth annual contest, picked up her fallen teammate's slack in tribute fashion.

The 6-foot-2 Thompson tallied a game-high 28 points to pace the South in a 106-78 thrashing of the North and was named the game's MVP.

The South boys, which featured Twin Falls' Eric Harr and Jerome's Jake Hollifield, were able to hold off the North

119-114 in the following game.

"When (Martinez) got hurt, I got confidence from the other players telling me to play for her," Thompson said. "It was nice."

Coeur d'Alene's Deon Watson — headed the University of Idaho for both football and basketball this fall — won the dunk contest with a 360-degree flush to get into the finals. Leaping over a teammate with a two-handed slam sealed the triumph.

Borah's Ben Tucakovic got past Kyeli Parker of Coeur d'Alene to win the 3-point contest.

GIRLS: SOUTH 106, NORTH 78

It wasn't longer after Martinez's injury when the South manufactured a sizable run that turned into a 20-point cushion that never withered.

Thompson went on a personal 6-0 run in the first half and found herself matched up against the North's interior defense that featured Gonzaga-bound Chelsea Waters of Lewiston.

"I think I play better when I go against better players," said Thompson, who also connected from long range. "You have to adapt to the competition — I

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RAIN WASHES OUT LOCAL SCHEDULE

TIMES-NEWS

A steady downfall of rain Friday night and throughout the day Saturday washed out a dozen prep and college baseball and softball games Saturday afternoon.

Events that were postponed include the Madison-Twin Falls baseball doubleheader, Madison-Jerome softball double-

header and Bonneville-Burley baseball game.

The College of Southern Idaho's baseball doubleheader with Scenic West Athletic Conference rival, Salt Lake, was also washed out, as was the CSI softball game at Western Nevada in Carson City, Nev.

No reschedule dates were immediately announced.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Youth Co-ed Spring Soccer

Jerome Recreation District will hold registration for youth co-ed spring soccer through March 26 for children ages 4 through 6th grade. Cost is \$15 for district residents, \$25 for non-district residents. The four-week season features games on Saturdays. Registration can be done over the phone at 324-3389, at the JRD office, 2032 S. Lincoln or online at jeromerecreationdistrict.com.

Idaho Prep Basketball

Idaho Prep Basketball is hosting its next tournament in Twin Falls on March 23-24, for girls and boys grades 6-12. Tournaments will fol-

low in Boise, Pocatello and Burley. Information: www.idahoprepbasketball.com or 360-885-7810.

Buhl Babe Ruth Baseball

Buhl Youth Baseball will have signups for boys ages 13-15 for Babe Ruth Baseball on March 21 at 7 p.m. at That One Place in Buhl. Information: Mike Hamilton, 543-4354 or Mark Lively, 731-8812.

Softball Leagues

Magic Valley Church League will hold its annual coaches information meeting for co-ed and men's League on March 22 at 7 p.m. Fees, start dates, tournaments and rule changes will be discussed. The meeting is at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship at 960

Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. Information: Kevin Newbry, 737-1425 or 734-3169.

Twin Falls Ladies Golf Association

Twin Falls Ladies Golf Association is kicking off the 2012 golf season with a spring opener brunch, and scramble to follow. The brunch will be held on March 29th beginning at 10:30 am. Information: Twin Falls Golf Club at 733-3326 to reserve your spot.

Hansen High Alumni Game

Hansen High will host an alumni game and fundraiser on March 30-31 at the school gymnasium. Cost is \$25 for players and admission is \$1. The school will have open gym sessions on March 28-29 for

those who need to dust off their skills. Funds raised will help send current Hansen players to basketball camps and provide for other basketball program necessities. Information: Jim Lasso, 423-5593 or jlasso@hansen.k12.id.us

Men's Softball League

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking rosters for the summer league season through May 4. Cost is \$950 for a 16-game season and a double-elimination tournament. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:45, 8 and 9:15 p.m. at Harmon Park starting May 27. Information: Brandy Mason, 736-2265 or bmason@tfid.org.

— Staff reports

Cothron

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practice, we would argue," Cothron said. "Coach was just trying to show me that it's not all about me. It's about my team. It's bigger than me."

So Cothron was off the team.

He played Jan. 14 in a 75-71 loss to North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene and wouldn't play again until Feb. 25 — a nine game stretch where the team went 8-1, including four straight wins on the road.

"I think there's a responsibility to being on a team. Everyone has their role. Everybody is expected to live up to their role and to fulfill their role as best as they can possibly do it," Gosar said. "I didn't feel like Luke was living up to the expectations for him and I didn't think he was fulfilling his role to the team."

Part of the problem, Cothron said, was the distractions back home in Huntsville. His mother had been hospitalized and he hadn't talked to his father — serving a life-long jail sentence — in more than two years.

"I had a lot of stuff going on. It was tough to deal with," said Cothron, who saw a counselor every Monday while he was away from the team. "He helped me a lot. We talked all the time."

The 6-8 forward turned his attention toward earning his way back on the team.

In between classes and late at night, he had to run hundreds of sprints. Gosar would supervise him. His teammates and counselor would support him.

"When me and coach bumped heads, I thought of going home. But I fought through it. I had to get back for my team and not give up," Cothron said. "Me running is painful, but the pain is optional. If I can get through it, you know it's done and it's been worth it."



CSI's 6-foot-8 Luke Cothron watches the NCAA tournament from the small bed in his dorm room Thursday in Twin Falls.

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CSI player **Luke Cothron**

Gosar made Cothron keep his beard neat and trimmed and even had him do the team's laundry.

"It wasn't going to be easy. I wanted to make sure that there was some doubt in his mind that he wanted to do it," Gosar said. "And I'm surprised how quickly he was able to come back. I'm proud of his dedication and there was no guarantee that he'd play. He did all that just to say he was on the team. That's a commitment. I'm so proud of that kid. He's going to look back at this time of his life and see how it's made him a better person. You can see it in the way he acts."

Cothron remained cool with

his teammates, especially his closest friend, Paul Egwuonwu.

"It was tough for him because he understood that he messed up," Egwuonwu said. "We all supported him. We just told him it's not over. 'Do what you've got to do do.'"

He did what he had to and he's been a different player — and person — since.

In five games — all coming off the bench — he's kept his averages of 14 points and 8 boards and twice in the Region 18 Tournament, he made game-saving blocks.

"Luke made some absolutely great defensive plays for us,"

Gosar said after CSI beat North Idaho in the Region 18 championship game. "He has fully bought into the defensive side of the floor for us and some of those post moves he made on offense were big time. We're going to need him in Hutch."

Cothron, who said he's always cool and calm on and off the court, looks more at ease while he plays. He's attentive on defense and he said his relationship with Gosar has healed.

"We both understand each other. I know what I need to do, he knows what he needs to do. He knows what it takes to win a national championship. I don't," Cothron said. "This time has really been a humbling experience. It's all about putting the team first and I've become a better person. It ain't how you start, it's how you finish and I'm going to do whatever I can to help this team win a championship."

Dahlberg

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Super Bowl ring. Better yet, Elway can drop the facade and quit acting like he's happy when Tim Tebow is flinging wild passes around the field while somehow finding a way for the Broncos to win.

Denver's leaky offensive line may be an issue for an aging quarterback with health issues. And, after a season with Tebow, the Broncos don't have any receivers who remember what it's like to have passes thrown in places they can actually catch them. My guess, though, is that after Manning barks at them a few times in practice they would figure it out.

The downside? The demise of Tebowmania, which before Linsanity was the greatest craze in sports. Elway is so eager to find a way to get Tebow out of town that he might send him on his way in the same private jet that brings Manning to town for his official signing.

SAN FRANCISCO: A solid competitor that in recent days has moved up the depth chart. Unlike the Broncos, the 49ers took the stealth approach with Manning, reportedly working him out with coach Jim Harbaugh in private before Alex Smith ever realized his job was in jeopardy.

The 49ers have to be

tempting to Manning, and not just because they came within one win of the Super Bowl last season. San Francisco has a great defense, a strong running game that takes pressure off the quarterback, and the infectious spirit of a coach who knows a thing or two about the quarterback position himself.

It seems a perfect fit, but there are some negatives. One is the miserable stadium the 49ers play in, which is often made even more miserable by lousy weather. The other is that the 49ers are already so good that anything less than winning the Super Bowl in Manning's first season would be looked upon as a failure for the quarterback.

Still, with the clock running on Manning's career, he might see the 49ers as his best chance of joining his brother, Eli, as a multiple Super Bowl winner.

"I know Peyton Manning is looking for a team to join now and win a division now and go to the Super Bowl now," former San Francisco great Steve Young told ESPN. "That's the San Francisco 49ers."

TENNESSEE: Yes, I know there are a lot of gangly teenagers in Tennessee named Peyton. People loved him so much at the University of Tennessee they named their kids after him, and Tennessee owner Bud Adams loves him so much he told team execu-

tives to do whatever it takes to sign him.

Manning worked out for the Titans on Saturday in Knoxville, and the reviews were good. And if \$90 million or so isn't enough, a Tennessee-based restaurant chain is offering Manning free pancakes for every day he is a Titan if he signs with the team.

The pluses for the Titans are that Manning is comfortable with the area and might want to remain with a small market team. The minuses are that the Titans are a mediocre team with a lot of questions on defense and a brutal schedule for the 2012 season. They're an underdog in this race, but they could pull it out by offering Manning not just control over the offense but, perhaps, a say in key personnel decisions.

Sometime this week Manning will likely announce his choice, and we'll have a winner. Assuming he's ready to play next season and can remain healthy, some lucky team will have a four-time NFL MVP with impeccable credentials under center.

The other two teams? Well, at least they gave it a shot. Nothing lost, except maybe the loyalty of an incumbent quarterback or two.

The only real loser in the Peyton Manning sweepstakes might be the team that let him go in the first place.

TITANS GM: MANNING WORKS OUT FOR TEAM ON SATURDAY

BY TERESA M. WALKER

Associated Press

Peyton Manning worked out for Tennessee on Saturday in Knoxville, Titans general manager Ruston Webster said.

The GM said he thought Manning "looked comfortable throwing the ball and we had a good visit."

"This is another important step in the process," Webster said. Manning spent eight hours meeting with Tennessee executives on Wednesday.

Webster was joined at Saturday's workout by Titans head coach Mike Munchak, chief operating officer Mike Reinfeldt, offensive coordinator Chris Palmer, quarterbacks coach Dowell Loggains and strength coach Steve Watterson, a person familiar with the session told The Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team has not released details of the workout.

Saturday was Manning's third workout for teams this week.

On Friday, the four-time NFL MVP worked out at Duke for Denver. Tuesday night he worked out at the Blue Devils' facilities for San Francisco. Manning has been rehabbing in North Carolina following a string of neck surgeries.



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NFL quarterback Peyton Manning, left, walks across a football practice field with Denver Broncos executive John Elway, right, near Wallace Wade Stadium, Friday, at Duke University in Durham, N.C. Elway and coach John Fox watched the star quarterback throw at Duke's athletic fields.

And the quarterback is getting good reviews.

After throwing for Hall of Fame QB turned Broncos executive John Elway and Denver coach John Fox in a workout that lasted a little under two hours. When it was over, Elway seemed convinced that Manning is still Manning "We enjoyed visiting with Peyton today in N.C.," Elway wrote on his Twitter account. "He threw the ball great and looked very comfortable out there."

A few minutes later, Elway

posted: "Watching him throw today was the next step in this important process for our team and Peyton. It was a productive visit and went well!"

Manning, who turns 36 on March 24, missed the 2011 season with the neck injury, which led to him being released by Indianapolis.

Duke football coach David Cutcliffe said Manning looks good.

Cutcliffe — Manning's offensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee — said Saturday morning that Manning has been throwing at "game pace."

After Duke's scrimmage, Cutcliffe said the quickness of Manning's release has impressed him.

"He never ceases to amaze me," Cutcliffe said.

Manning also continues to amaze NFL types.

Titans owner Bud Adams declared earlier this month he wanted the quarterback and felt Manning could be the missing piece to a championship team.

Adams has said he thought Manning would make a quick decision, and the quarterback seems to want it over quickly. He worked out Saturday even though it was his anniversary; Manning married his wife, Ashley, on St. Patrick's Day in 2001 in Memphis.

SCOREBOARD

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NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Today
Third Round
At Greensboro, N.C.

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
North Carolina	9	(160)	Creighton
Xavier	3½	(139½)	Lehigh

At Columbus, Ohio

Georgetown	4	(132)	NC State
Michigan St.	6	(123)	Saint Louis

At Nashville, Tenn.

Florida St.	2½	(127)	Cincinnati
South Florida	3	(114)	Ohio

At Omaha, Neb.

Florida	14½	(143)	Norfolk St.
Kansas	8	(141)	Purdue

NR
Second Round

at Drexel	7	(121½)	N. Iowa
at Nevada	3	(133½)	Bucknell
at Oregon	7½	(155)	Iowa

College Insider Tournament

at Old Dominion	8½	(134)	SC-Upstate
at Fairfield	5	(125)	Manhattan
at Loyola Marymount	4	(145½)	Weber St.

NBA

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Cleveland	2½	Atlanta
at L.A. Clippers	9	Detroit
at Memphis	11	Washington
at Sacramento	1	Minnesota
at Miami	9	Orlando
at Phoenix	5½	Houston
at Oklahoma City	9½	Portland
at L.A. Lakers	9	Utah

NBA

NBA EASTERN

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	20	55.6	-
Boston	21	21	52.3	1½
New York	21	24	46.7	4
Toronto	15	30	33.3	10
New Jersey	15	31	32.6	10½

SOUTHEAST

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	32	11	74.4	-
Orlando	29	16	64.4	4
Atlanta	25	19	56.8	7½
Washington	10	33	23.3	22
Charlotte	7	36	16.3	25

CENTRAL

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	37	10	78.7	-
Indiana	25	18	58.1	10
Milwaukee	20	24	45.5	15½
Cleveland	16	25	39.0	18
Detroit	16	28	36.4	19½

WESTERN

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	14	67.4	-
Memphis	26	18	59.1	4½
Dallas	26	20	56.5	4½
Houston	24	21	53.3	6
New Orleans	11	34	24.4	19

NORTHWEST

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	33	11	75.0	-
Denver	25	20	55.6	8½
Utah	22	22	50.0	11
Minnesota	22	23	48.9	11½
Portland	21	23	47.7	12

PACIFIC

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	28	16	63.6	-
L.A. Clippers	25	18	58.1	2½
Phoenix	22	22	50.0	6
Golden State	18	24	42.9	9
Sacramento	15	29	34.1	13

Friday's Games

Orlando 86, New Jersey 70
Miami 84, Philadelphia 78
Atlanta 102, Washington 88
New York 115, Indiana 100
Portland 100, Chicago 89
Toronto 114, Memphis 110, OT
San Antonio 114, Oklahoma City 105
Sacramento 120, Boston 95
Phoenix 109, Detroit 101
Milwaukee 120, Golden State 98
L.A. Lakers 97, Minnesota 92

Saturday's Games

L.A. Clippers 95, Houston 91
Charlotte 107, Toronto 103
New York 102, Indiana 88
Chicago 89, Philadelphia 80
New Orleans 102, New Jersey 94
Denver 98, Boston 91
Utah 99, Golden State 92, OT
Dallas 106, San Antonio 99

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 1:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 4 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 5 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Philadelphia at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

JAZZ 99, WARRIORS 92, OT

GOLDEN STATE (92)
D.Wright 5-10 2-13, Lee 8-15 2-3 18, Biedrinis 11 0-0 2, Robinson 6-15 5-19, DeRozan 6-16 3-17, Thompson 6-16 3-17, R.Jefferson 2-14 4-7, McGuire 2-4 0-0 4, Rush 0-0 4-4 4, Jenkins 3-5 0-0 6. Totals: 33-80 20-25 92.

UTAH (99)
Howard 2-6 0-0 4, Mills 6-18 1-2 13, Forsys 7-13 9-23, Harris 5-13 1-2 12, Liles 2-5 0-0 4, Tinsley 6-10 0-0 13, Hayward 6-13 0-0 12, Kamler 2-7 0-0 4, Burks 4-12 1-9, Evans 2-4 1-2 3. Totals: 42-101 13-16 99.

Golden State 128, LA 122

Utah 182, 23 18 12- 99
3-Point Goals—Golden State 6-25 (Robinson 2-6, Thompson 2-8, D.Wright 1-4, R.Jefferson 1-7), Utah 2-13 (Tinsley 1-2, Harris 1-5, Miles 0-1, Howard 0-1, Burks 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 44 (D.Wright 10), Utah 40 (Harris 17). Assists—Golden State 14 (Robinson 4), Utah 20 (Harris 5). Total Fouls—Golden State 21, Utah 19. A—17,854 (19,911).

MAVERICKS 106, SPURS 99

SAN ANTONIO (99)
Leonard 2-6 0-0 5, Duncan 7-12 3-5 17, Blair 3-6 0-0 6, Parker 5-12 3-7 13, Green 6-8 2-2 17, Neal 3-7 0-0 9, Splitter 7-12 1-5, Ginobili 3-11 1-2 9, Bonner 12 0-0 3, Dallas 2-4 0-0 5. Totals: 39-79 10-18 99.

DALLAS (106)
Carter 3-6 3-4 10, Nowitzki 9-19 7-7 27, Mahimi 2-4 3-4 7, Kidd 5-9 0-0 14, Beaubien 8-16 0-0 16, Terry 6-10 2-2 7, Odum 1-7 2-4, Cardinal 1-3 0-0 3, Wright 2-5 4-6 8. Totals: 37-79 21-25 106.

CLIPPERS 95, ROCKETS 91

HOUSTON (91)
Budinger 8-14 1-1 19, Scola 4-14 2-5 10, Dalembert 4-5 0-0 8, Pritchard 4-10 3-3 11, Lee 9-14 3-25, Morris 13-22 4-8, Dragovic 5-11 4-4 14, Forsson 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 35-75 15-18 91.

L.A. CLIPPERS (95)
Butler 4-15 2-11, Griffin 7-13 4-6 18, Jordan 2-5 2-3 6, Williams 5-11 0-0 11, Ken Martin 3-5 0-2 7, Simmons 1-3 0-0 3, Bledsoe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 35-86 19-27 95.

Houston 23, LA Clippers 26

3-Point Goals—Houston 6-20 (Lee 4-9, Budinger 2-6, Morris 0-2, Dragovic 0-0). L.A. Clippers 6-23 (Ken Martin 1-1, Simmons 1-3, Williams 1-3, Paul 1-4, Butler 1-6, Foye 1-6). Fouled Out—Griffin. Rebounds—Houston 45 (Scola 11), L.A. Clippers 56 (Jordan 11). Assists—Houston 25 (Dragic 14), L.A. Clippers 18 (Paul 5). Total Fouls—Houston 25, L.A. Clippers 17. Technicals—L.A. Clippers Bench, A—19,660 (19,040).

BOBCATS 107, RAPTORS 103

TORONTO (103)
Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Bargnani 4-10 2-11, Gray 3-5 0-0 6, Bayless 10-16 4-5 29, DeRozan 8-12 2-10, Kleiza 6-9 0-0 13, Odom 1-2 4, Davis 3-4 1-7, Forbes 4-10 0-0 9, Magloire 1-2 0-0 2. Totals: 38-73 19-24 103.

CHARLOTTE (107)
Maggette 3-11 14-21, Thomas 3-6 5-7 11, Biyombo 4-8 1-2 9, Augustin 6-11 9-9 23, Henderson 11-14 2-2 24, White 4-7 0-0 8, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Walker 1-7 0-0 2, Brown 1-1 0-0 2, Mullens 1-3 0-0 2, Najera 2-3 0-0 5. Totals: 36-71 33-47 107.

Toronto 29, 24 14 36 - 107

Charlotte 20, 23 38 26 - 103
3-Point Goals—Toronto 8-18 (Bayless 5-6, Bargnani 1-2, Kleiza 1-3, Forbes 1-5, DeRozan 0-2), Charlotte 4-9 (Augustin 2-5, Najera 1-4, Maggette 1-1, Walker 0-1, Henderson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 42 (Davis 12), Charlotte 36 (Biyombo 9). Assists—Toronto 20 (Charlotte 6), Charlotte 25 (Augustin 11). Total Fouls—Toronto 36, Charlotte 21. Technicals—Pacers 88.

KNICKS 102, PACERS 88

NEW YORK (102)
Anthony 6-13 3-7 16, Stoudemire 4-8 8-8 16, Chandler 3-5 2-2 8, Lin 6-10 7-8 19, Fields 3-7 3-4 9, Smith 4-12 0-1 11, Jeffries 1-5 4-6, Shumpert 1-6 4-7 6, Bibby 2-5 0-0 5, Novak 2-6 0-0 6. Totals: 32-77 31-40 102.

INDIANA (88)
Granger 5-10 11, West 1-4 1-3, Hibbert 8-13 8-9 24, Collison 6-16 3-15, George 6-13 4-5 18, Hanstrung 2-4 1-5, Hill 1-7 1-2 4, Arundson 0-0 0-0 0, Price 1-5 2-4 4, Jones 2-2 0-4. Totals: 32-79 20-27 88.

New York 35, 27 17 25 - 102

Indiana 30, 16 23 14 - 88
3-Point Goals—New York 7-24 (Smith 3-8, Novak 2-6, Bibby 1-2, Anthony 1-4, Shumpert 0-1, Lin 0-1, Fields 0-2), Indiana 4-19 (George 2-5, Hill 1-5, Granger 1-6, Collison 0-1, Price 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 58 (Chandler 9), Indiana 50 (Hibbert 12). Assists—New York 16 (Lin 6), Indiana 16 (George 4). Total Fouls—New York 22, Indiana 26. Technicals—Hill, Indiana Coach Vogel, A—18,165 (18,165).

NUGGETS 98, CELTICS 91

BOSTON (91)
Pierce 8-17 3-3 22, Allen 2-9 2-2 6, Garnett 9-12 4-4 22, Rondo 6-11 0-0 12, Bass 3-10 1-7, Silenma 2-5 0-0 4, Pietrus 1-3 0-0 2, Bradley 2-4 4-4 8, Douling 0-0 0-0 0, Daniels 3-2 3-8. Totals: 36-76 16-17 91.

DENVER (98)
Gallinari 5-11 7-8 20, Faried 5-5 8-8 18, Mozgov 4-6 0-0 8, Lawson 2-5 2-2 7, Afflalo 6-14 2-15, Harrington 4-2 2-4 11, Koufos 3-5 0-1 6, Miller 1-8 0-1 2, Brewer 3-5 2-8 6, Fernandez 1-3 0-0 3, Totals 34-74 23-31 98.

Boston 29, 26 25 18 - 91
3-Point Goals—Boston 3-15 (Pierce 3-7, Pietrus 0-2, Allen 0-6), Denver 7-20 (Gallinari 3-5, Lawson 1-2, Fernandez 1-2, Harrington 1-5, Afflalo 1-5, Miller 0-1). Fouled Out—Pierce. Rebounds—Boston 33 (Garnett 9), Denver 56 (Faried 16). Assists—Boston 27 (Rondo 16), Denver 26 (Lawson 10). Total Fouls—Boston 21, Denver 17. Technicals—Boston Coach Rivers, Denver defensive three second 2-A—19,003 (19,155).

HORNETS 102, NETS 94

NEW ORLEANS (102)
Ariza 3-7 2-3 10, Ayon 4-8 0-0 8, Kaman 9-13 2-2 20, Jack 6-14 2-12 6, Bellinelli 8-13 0-0 20, Ja.Smith 3-9 0-0 6, Henry 1-3 2-2 4, Vasquez 2-6 2-2 6, Aminu 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 4-5 2-2 10. Totals 41-81 12-13 102.

NEW JERSEY (94)
Wallace 3-9 4-4 11, Humphries 3-10 2-2 8, S.Williams 3-3 1-7, Williams 5-24 0-4 20, Brooks 3-7 3-5 10, Petro 0-2 0-0 0, Morrow 8-13 0-0 20, Je.Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Green 6-13 2-16, J.Williams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-86 12-14 94.

New Orleans 26, 21 23 32 - 102
New Jersey 29, 22 31 12 - 94
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 8-16 (Bellinelli 4-6, Ariza 2-3, Jack 2-6, Vasquez 0-1), New Jersey 10-23 (Morrow 4-4, Green 2-4, D.Williams 2-7, Brooks 1-2, Wallace 1-5, Je.Smith 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 46 (Ayon 9), New Jersey 47 (Humphries 16). Assists—New Orleans 29 (Vasquez 9), New Jersey 23 (D.Williams 12). Total Fouls—New Orleans 14, New Jersey 13. A—11,711 (11,711).

BULLS 89, 76ERS 80

PHILADELPHIA (80)
Igoudala 3-10 0-0 7, Brand 1-2 0-0 2, Hawes 5-8 0-0 10, Holiday 13-27 3-4 30, Turner 2-8 2-2 6, Vucevic 0-4 2-2 2, Williams 3-9 3-9 9, Tyousng 4-8 0-0 8, Meeks 3-2 1-2 6. Totals: 32-115 80.

CHICAGO (89)
Deng 3-11 0-0 6, Boozer 4-10 3-3 11, Noah 3-7 7-10 13, Watson 6-15 4-5 20, Brewer 3-6 1-4 7, James 0-2 0-0 0, Gibson 4-9 3-4 11, Asik 1-2 2-3 4, Korver 4-8 1-2 11, Lucas 3-7 0-0 6, Butler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-77 21-31 89.

Philadelphia 24, 20 15 21 - 80
Chicago 27, 26 25 12 - 89
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 3-13 (Meeks 1-2, Igoudala 1-4, Holiday 1-5, Williams 0-2), Chicago 6-21 (Watson 4-8, Korver 2-5, Brewer 0-1, James 0-1, Lucas 0-2, Deng 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 44 (Hawes, Tyousng 7), Chicago 62 (Noah 11). Assists—Philadelphia 16 (Holiday 5), Chicago 15 (Noah, Gibson 4). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 20, Chicago 11. Technicals—Hawes, Turner, Philadelphia defensive three second, Chicago Coach Thibodeau, A—22,225 (20,177).

PHILADELPHIA (80)

BULLS 89, 76ERS 80
Chicago 37, 10 787 - 89
Indiana 25, 18 581 10
Milwaukee 20, 24 455 15½
Cleveland 16, 25 390 18
Detroit 16, 28 364 19½

College Basketball

NCAA TOURNAMENT

GLANCE
FIRST ROUND
AT UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 13
Western Kentucky 59, MVSU 58
BYU 78, Iona 72

Wednesday, March 14
Vermont 71, Lamar 59
South Florida 65, California 54

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Kansas State 70, Southern Mississippi 64
Syracuse 72, UNC Asheville 65
Gonzaga 77, West Virginia 54
Ohio State 78, Loyola (Md.) 59

At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin 73, Montana 49
Vanderbilt 93, Harvard 70

Friday, March 16
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati 65, Texas 59
Florida State 66, St. Bonaventure 63

Third Round
Saturday, March 17
At The CONSOL Energy Center
Pittsburgh
Syracuse 75, Kansas State 59
Ohio State 73, Gonzaga 66

At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wisconsin 61, Vanderbilt 57

Sunday, March 18
At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Florida State (25-9) vs. Cincinnati (24-10), 7:40 p.m.

Regional Semifinals
At TD Garden
Boston
Thursday, March 22
Syracuse (33-2) vs. Wisconsin (26-9)
Ohio State (29-7) vs. Florida State-Cincinnati winner

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Southwest REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 15
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky 81, Western Kentucky 66
Iowa State 77, UConn 64

At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Baylor 68, South Dakota State 60
Colorado 68, UNLV 64

At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
VCU 62, Wichita State 59
Indiana 67, Mexico State 66

Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Lehigh 75, Duke 70
Xavier 67, Notre Dame 63

Third Round
Saturday, March 17
At The KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.
Kentucky 87, Iowa State 71

At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Georgia (22-8) vs. Marist (25-7), 10:05 a.m.
St. Bonaventure (29-3) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (29-2), 3:00 p.m.

At The Rose Garden
Portland, Ore.
Indiana 63 VCU 61
Indiana 63 VCU 61

At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Lehigh (27-7) vs. Xavier (22-12), 5:40 p.m.

Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Friday, March 23
Kentucky (34-2) vs. Indiana (27-8)
Baylor (29-7) vs. Lehigh/Xavier winner

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Friday, March 16
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Cincinnati 58, Alabama 57
North Carolina 77, Vermont 58

At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
N.C. State 79, San Diego State 65
Georgetown 74, Belmont 59

At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Ohio 65, Michigan 60
South Florida 58, Temple 44

At CenturyLink Center
Omaha, Neb.
Purdue 72, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 69
Kansas, Detroit 50

Third Round
Sunday, March 18
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
North Carolina (30-5) vs. Creighton (29-5), 3:15 p.m.

At Nationwide Arena
Columbus, Ohio
Georgetown (24-8) vs. N.C. State (23-12), 10:15 a.m.

At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.
Ohio (28-7) vs. South Florida (22-13), 5:10 p.m.

At CenturyLink Center
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SOUTH REGIONAL

KENTUCKY STORMS PAST CYCLONES

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. • Freshman Marquis Teague scored a career-high 24 points and top-seeded Kentucky put together another complete performance with a dominating second-half run the third round of the NCAA tournament to beat Iowa State 87-71.

Freshman Anthony Davis had 15 points and 12 rebounds, senior Darius Miller added 19 points and Doron Lamb finished with 16. The Wildcats (34-2) move on to South Regional semifinals in Atlanta and will face fourth-seeded Indiana on Friday.

Royce White scored 23 points and had nine rebounds before fouling out with 4:32 left for Iowa State (23-11), which beat defending national champion Connecticut on Thursday night. But the Cyclones couldn't contend with Kentucky's overwhelming offense and smothering defense.

NO. 4 INDIANA 63, NO. 12 VCU 61

PORTLAND, Ore. • Indiana's Will Sheehey made a 15-footer from the baseline with 12.7 seconds left after a shot was blocked right to him.

Rob Brandenburg got a great look at a potential winning 3-pointer but it rimmed off at the buzzer, ending the Rams' bid for another surprising March run.

Indiana advanced to the round of 16 for the first time in a decade and just four years after Tom Crean inherited a decimated program. The Hoosiers did it by rallying from down 59-53 with 6 minutes remaining, including Victor Oladipo's driving three-point play with 46.5 seconds left that tied it at 61.

Christian Watford and Cody Zeller had 16 points apiece for Indiana (27-8). Sheehey finished with eight points; his game-winner was his only basket of the second half.

Bradford Burgess scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half for VCU (29-7).

EAST REGIONAL

Wisconsin Holds Off Resurgent Vanderbilt

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. • Ryan Evans scored 11 points and grabbed a crucial rebound in the closing seconds of Wisconsin's 60-57 win over Vanderbilt.

John Jenkins took a 3-pointer that would have given the Commodores the lead, but it bounced high off the rim and Evans pulled down the rebound and was fouled with 2.1 seconds left.

He made the first free throw to make it a three-point game. After a Vanderbilt timeout, he missed the second and the Commodores called time with 1.3 seconds remaining.

Jared Berggren contested the inbounds pass and got his right hand on Lance Goulbourne's overhand heave and started celebrating Wisconsin's fifth trip to the round of 16 under coach Bo Ryan as the horn sounded.

NO. 1 SYRACUSE 75, NO. 8 KANSAS STATE PITTSBURGH

Scoop Jardine had 16 points and eight assists to lead top-seeded Syracuse over eighth-seeded Kansas State on Saturday in the third round of the East Regional.

James Southerland added 15 points for the Orange (33-2), who didn't wait until the final minutes to seal the win as they did in the second round against 16th-seeded North Carolina-Asheville.

Syracuse plays Wisconsin in Boston on Thursday night in the regional semifinals.

Rodney McGruder had 15 points for the Wildcats (22-11), who struggled from the field against Syracuse's 2-3 zone defense.

Neither team had its leading rebounder. Syracuse's 7-foot Fab Melo, the Big East Defensive Player of the Year, was declared ineligible by the school for the rest of the tournament earlier in the week. About 20 minutes be-



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The Wisconsin bench cheers during the second half of an NCAA tournament third-round college basketball game against Vanderbilt, Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

fore the start of this game, Kansas State announced that Jamar Samuels would be held out over an eligibility issue.

NO. 2 OHIO STATE 73, NO. 7 GONZAGA 66

PITTSBURGH • Jared Sullinger scored 18 points, including two big baskets in the final 3 minutes to lead

Ohio State past Gonzaga and into the round of 16 for the third straight year.

DeShaun Thomas also scored 18 for the Buckeyes (29-7), while Aaron Craft added 17 points and 10 assists. Ohio State will play Florida State or Cincinnati in the East Regional semifinals Thursday in Boston.

Gary Bell Jr. led Gonzaga

(26-7) with 18 points, but the Bulldogs were unable to become the third team to knock off a No. 2 seed in less than 24 hours.

Gonzaga erased a 10-point deficit to tie it at 61 on a 3-pointer by Elias Harris with 4:05 remaining, but Sullinger knocked down two pretty hook shots late while the Bulldogs went cold.

McCollum Proof Recruiting an Imperfect Science

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENSBORO, N.C.

Every year a productive player seems to emerge on the NCAA tournament stage from a small school, leaving coaches and fans to wonder, "Why didn't we recruit him?"

This year it's Lehigh's C.J. McCollum, who scored 30 points in an upset win over Duke.

Among the interested suitors in McCollum were Bowling Green, Kent State and Akron — although they didn't offer scholarships — but none of the major schools. Few figured at the time that McCollum, just 5-foot-6 as a junior in high school, would sprout to 6-foot-3 and become the nation's fifth-leading scorer.

"As to why we didn't recruit him, well, recruiting is a crap shoot," Xavier coach Chris Mack said of McCollum, whom he'll face Sunday in Greensboro in a 10 vs. 15 seed matchup. "If we all had crystal balls and we could figure out who that kid would be walking out the door of Xavier versus who he was walking in the door, there would be a lot more winning records in college basketball and a lot happier coaches."

RULES ARE RULES: There were critical lane-violation calls by officials late in the UNC Asheville-Syracuse and Xavier-Notre Dame games, both involving players who ran in from behind the 3-point arc too early.

The rule requires that any player lined up behind the arc must wait for the ball to hit the rim before sprinting in for a rebound.

"Obviously when you're in that situation in a game, you're trying to get that little extra jump to get there a little quicker should the free throw be missed, so I certainly understand the thinking of the player that violated it," Creighton coach Greg McDermott said. "But I think the rule book needs to be called as it's written. And if we as coaches that set the rules and we don't like the rules, then we need to change it. But the referee's responsibility in my opinion is to call it as they're written,

and they shouldn't be criticized if they do that."

LONG-TERM MEMORY: Georgetown coach John Thompson III was patiently taking questions on Saturday about his third-seeded Hoyas team that meets 11 seed North Carolina State in an NCAA Midwestern Regional on Sunday.

An enterprising writer from Carolina had a question about a lingering grudge from when the teams met in the NCAA tournament's Eastern regional semifinals.

"I'm not sure what your memories are of the 1989 game between Georgetown and N.C. State," the reporter began, "but there's a significant portion of the people in Raleigh who think Alonzo Mourning fouled Chris Corchiani at the end of that game instead of the travel that was called. Do you remember any of that?"

Thompson laughed.

His father, John Thompson Jr., was the coach of the Hoyas when they edged the Wolfpack 69-61 before falling to Duke 85-77 two days later in the round of eight. The younger Thompson was just a year out of Princeton at the time.

Just two games before the Hoyas-Wolfpack game in 1989, the Hoyas almost became the first and only No. 1 seed to lose to a 16th seed when Georgetown held off Princeton 50-49. In that game, Princeton had two chances to win in the final seconds, but Mourning blocked two shots. Many thought then — and some still do — that the Hoyas center had fouled the shooter.

"I do not remember that game specifically," JT3 said of the N.C. State-Georgetown game. "When you were asking that question, the first thing that went through my head was that there are a lot of people in Princeton, N.J., that think Alonzo Mourning fouled Bobby Scrabis on the last shot of that game. So that must have been the theme that year."

From the other side of a nearby curtain came a booming voice: "Both of them were wrong!"

It was John Thompson Jr.

WEST REGIONAL

Dream Ends For Murray State

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. • Jae Crowder scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half, and Marquette used a late run to overcome Murray State, winning 62-53.

Trailing 46-41 with 7:43 to play, Marquette went on a 14-2 run. While Crowder and Davante Gardner took care of the offense, scoring all but two points during the spurt, the Golden Eagles used their size and strength to wear down the pesky Racers.

Isaiah Canaan scored 16 for Murray State, (31-2) which is still looking to get out of the first weekend of the NCAA tournament. It's the second time in three years Murray State has fallen short of the regional semifinals. Marquette (27-7) plays the winner of Norfolk State-Florida next Thursday in Phoenix.

LOUISVILLE 59, NEW MEXICO 56

PORTLAND, Ore. • Russ Smith had 17 points as Louisville held off New Mexico Saturday night for its sixth consecutive win to advance to the regional semifinals for the first time since 2009.

Kyle Kuric added 10 points for the Big East tournament champions, who lost their first game of the NCAA tournament the past two seasons.



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Murray State guard Latreze Mushatt (4) reacts at the end of a 62-53 loss to Marquette in the second half of their NCAA third-round tournament college basketball game in Louisville, Ky., Saturday.

Trailing 53-46, New Mexico's Drew Gordon hit a pair of free throws, and Demetrius Walker made a 3-pointer to pull to within 53-51 with 1:36 left. Smith made a pair of free

throws for fourth-seeded Louisville (28-9), but Gordon answered with a tip-in. Gorgui Dieng dunked with 32.3 seconds left and Peyton Siva added free throws to

make it 59-53. Gordon dropped a 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left, but it was too late for the fifth seeded Lobos (28-7), who have never been to the round of 16.

Baylor

Continued from Sports 4

nine also matched the number put up by Purdue's Courtney Moses in the women's tournament a few hours earlier.

Heslip's wasn't a record, but they'll certainly let that one go at Baylor.

The Bears came into this

game taller, longer and more athletic than Colorado (24-12), but the Buffs matched their hustle through the entire first half and beyond.

With the two Qs — Quincy Acy and Quincy Miller — shut down along with Perry Jones III, Heslip kept pulling up from long range and hitting nothing but net. He had matched his career high, with six at halftime — the

most in one half of the tournament since Butler's Shelvin Mack did it in 2010. Heslip, who finished with 27 points, celebrated a few of his makes by pinching together his thumb and forefinger on each hand and lifting the other three digits in the air.

A little bit cocky? Sure. But if you can back it up ... Askia Booker had 15 points

for Colorado, which was on an amazing, but leg-sapping, run: Four wins in four nights last week at the Pac-12 tournament to get to March Madness, then a march-to-the-wire win over UNLV to open the South Regional.

It was quite a show for the Buffs, who made the NCAAs for only the fourth time since 1969.

DES MOINES REGIONAL

Tennessee Rolls Tenn.-Martin

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ROSEMONT, Ill. • Meighan Simmons scored 20 points and Tennessee gave coach Pat Summitt a 72-49 victory over the school where she played.

Glory Johnson added 14 points and 12 rebounds as Tennessee (25-8) pulled away from Tennessee-Martin in the second half. The Lady Vols set up a meeting with DePaul on Monday, hoping for their first Final Four run since winning the championship in 2008.

Tennessee vowed to get back there and win a ninth NCAA title for Summitt, who shook the sport with her announcement in August that she has early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type. Earlier this week, the icon with the most wins in NCAA history said she wasn't sure she would coach beyond the season.

NO. 7 DEPAUL 69, NO. 14 BYU 55

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Anna Martin led a balanced attack with 17 points as DePaul held off a late Brigham Young rally to claim a 59-55 victory in the first round of the NCAA women's tournament Saturday.

The seventh-seeded Blue Demons (23-10) will play No. 2 Tennessee at suburban Allstate Arena on Monday.

FRESNO REGIONAL

Hampton No Problem For Ogwumike, Stanford

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NORFOLK, Va. • Nnemekadi Ogwumike scored 22 of her 28 points in the first half and Stanford pulled away before halftime to beat Hampton 73-51.

Joslyn Tinkle added 16 points as the Cardinal (32-1) extended their school-record winning streak to 29. Stanford will face eighth-seeded West Virginia in the second round Monday night.

Alyssa Bennett scored 19 points to lead Hampton (26-5), which set a school record for victories in a season and was playing about 11 miles from its campus.

NO. 8 WEST VIRGINIA 68, NO. 9 TEXAS 55

NORFOLK, Va. • Taylor Palmer scored 13 of her 18 points in the second half and West Virginia held on against Texas after squandering most of a 15-point lead.

NO. 4 PURDUE 83, NO. 13 SOUTH DAKOTA ST. 68 WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. • Courtney Moses scored 29 points and set a first-round NCAA women's tournament record by making nine 3-pointers, helping Purdue pull away from pesky South Dakota State.

NO. 5 SOUTH CAROLINA 80, NO. 12 EASTERN MICHIGAN 48 WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. • Markeshia Grant scored 12 points and Charenee Stephens added 11 to lead South Carolina past Eastern Michigan.

The Gamecocks (24-9) will face fourth-seeded Purdue, the site host, on Monday night in the second round.

Tavelyn James, the nation's No. 2 scorer, had 11 points to finish her career with 2,461.

KINGSTON REGIONAL



Idaho State's Kara Jenkins, left, tries to control the ball against Miami's Shenise Johnson during the first half of an NCAA tournament first-round women's college basketball game Saturday, in Spokane, Wash.

Idaho State Falls Hard against Miami

TIMES-NEWS

SPOKANE, Wash. • Shenise Johnson scored 20 points and added four assists as Miami beat overmatched Idaho State 70-41 in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament on Saturday.

Third-seeded Miami (26-5) will play 11th-seeded Gonzaga (27-5) on Monday night, with the winner advancing to the round of 16.

Ashleigh Vella led Idaho State (24-8) with 12 points. The 14th-seeded Bengals were winners of the Big Sky Conference tournament. Miami played without All-WCC guard Riquana Williams, who did not make

the trip to Spokane for an unspecified team violation.

NO. 1 UCONN 83, NO. 16 PRAIRIE VIEW BRIDGEPORT, Conn. • Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis scored 21 points to help top-seeded Connecticut beat Prairie View A&M 83-47 on Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

Mosqueda-Lewis matched the school record set by Jamelle Elliott in 1993 for points by a Huskies player in her first tournament game.

NO. 8 KANSAS STATE 67, NO. 9 PRINCETON 64 Branshea Brown scored a ca-

reer-high 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Kansas State past Princeton.

Janala Childs added 15 points for the Wildcats (20-13).

NO. 2 KENTUCKY 68, NO. 15 MCNEESE STATE 62

AMES, Iowa • Keyla Snowden scored 11 points, Azia Bishop added 10 and Kentucky squeaked by McNeese State in its NCAA tournament opener.

SEC Player of the Year A'udia Mathies had just six points for the Wildcats (26-6), who struggled to put away the Cowgirls until late in the second half. McNeese

State got within 63-57 on two free throws by Martika Hull with 40 seconds left, but the Cowgirls couldn't get any closer.

NO. 11 GONZAGA 86, NO. 6 RUTGERS 73 SPOKANE, Wash. • Kayla Standish scored 23 points to lift Gonzaga over Rutgers.

Playing before a big crowd on its home floor, Gonzaga (27-5) mostly handled Rutgers' press and used a 3-point barrage in the second half to hold off the Scarlet Knights. Haiden Palmer added 21 points for the Bulldogs.

Gonzaga, in the tournament field with an at-large bid for the first time, took

control early and held off every Rutgers charge.

NO. 7 GREEN BAY 71, NO. 11 57 AMES, Iowa • Lydia Bauer and Sarah Eichler each scored 16 points and seventh-seeded Green Bay rolled over host Iowa State 71-57 in the NCAA women's tournament on Saturday.

Adrian Ritchie added 15 for the Phoenix (31-1), who'll take on second-seeded Kentucky in the second round Monday night.

Green Bay blitzed through the Cyclones in their own gym, running out to a 42-23 halftime lead and barely looking back.

RALEIGH REGIONAL

Defending Champion Texas A&M Starts Fast



Texas A&M's Kelsey Assarian (40), Sydney Carter (4), Kelsey Bone (3) and Skylar Collins (25) celebrate with teammates after defeating Albany in an NCAA tournament first-round college basketball game on Saturday in College Station, Texas.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas • Tyra White scored 18 points in her return from injury and defending national champion Texas A&M used a big second half run to pull away from Albany and win 69-47 in the first round of the NCAA tournament Saturday.

White had missed the last three games with a left foot injury. She got going early, scoring 12 points in the first half, and added four points and a steal in a decisive second-half run.

The Great Danes (23-10) had scored six straight points to tie it early in the second half before A&M used a 17-4 run to take a 49-36 lead with about 13 minutes remaining. The Aggies (23-10) were making their school-record seventh straight tournament appearance and Albany was in the tournament for the first time.

NO. 2 MARYLAND 59, NO. 15 NAVY 44 COLLEGE PARK, Md. • Alyssa Thomas had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 2 seed Maryland past in-state foe Navy.

Laurin Mincy scored 14 for Maryland (29-4), which pulled away after leading 31-23 at halftime. The Terrapins will play No. 7 seed Louisville on Monday night.

NO. 7 LOUISVILLE 67, NO. 10 MICHIGAN STATE 55

COLLEGE PARK, Md. • Becky Burke scored 14 points and Shawnta' Dyer had 13 to help Louisville beat Michigan State.

The Cardinals (23-9) rattled the Spartans (20-12) with speed and defense, forcing 14 turnovers and pulling away with a 16-2 run late in the first half.

NO. 6 ARKANSAS 72, NO. 11 DAYTON 55

COLLEGE STATION, Texas • Quistelle Williams scored 15 points, Keira Peak and Lyndsay Harris added 14 apiece and Arkansas rallied from an early double-digit

deficit to defeat Dayton.

C'eira Ricketts had 13 points and five assists for the Razorbacks (24-8), who finished the game with a 20-2 run after trailing by as many as 14 in the first half.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: More mixed moisture. High 39.

Tonight: Rain and snow showers. Low 26.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, snow showers. High 36.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	46°	Yesterday's	0.28"
Yesterday's Low	33°	Month to Date	0.85"
Normal High / Low	50° / 28°	Avg. Month to Date	0.53"
Record High	74° in 2007	Water Year to Date	5.55"
Record Low	2° in 2002	Avg. Water Year to Date	5.04"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Snowfall is in the forecast each day over the next few days as moisture continues to push into the region from the west.

BOISE
Plenty of moisture will continue across the region for the next few days. Mostly rain, but some light snow is possible.

NORTHERN UTAH
More weather will remain unsettled as we wrap to the weekend and head into the workweek. Rain and snow is here to stay.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 54 at Rexburg Low: 28 at Stanley
weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers,r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly cloudy, snow showers	Overnight snowfall	Light snow expected	Warming up some	A few showers, much warmer	A mild and nice day
High 42°	Low 27°	40° / 26°	48° / 36°	57° / 40°	60° / 35°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	44°	Yesterday's	0.66"	Yesterday's High	89%	5 pm Yesterday	29.50 in.	Today	Sunrise: 7:44 AM
Yesterday's Low	34°	Month to Date	1.48"	Yesterday's Low	70%	Monday		Monday	Sunrise: 7:42 AM
Normal High / Low	52° / 30°	Avg. Month to Date	0.56"	Today's Forecast Avg.	67%	Tuesday		Tuesday	Sunrise: 7:40 AM
Record High	71° in 2007	Water Year to Date	6.15"	Wednesday		Wednesday		Wednesday	Sunrise: 7:38 AM
Record Low	20° in 1980	Avg. Water Year to Date	5.95"	Thursday		Thursday		Thursday	Sunrise: 7:38 AM

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Mar. 22	Mar. 30	April 6	April 13

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 5:29 AM	Moonset: 4:16 PM
Monday	Moonrise: 5:59 AM	Moonset: 5:20 PM
Tuesday	Moonrise: 6:26 AM	Moonset: 6:22 PM

Today's U. V. Index

Low Moderate High

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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Bonnerville	46 30 pc	42 26 ls	43 26 ls
Burley	39 26 mx	36 23 ls	44 23 ls
Challis	42 21 mx	38 16 ls	43 16 ls
Coeur d'Alene	43 29 ls	39 27 ls	42 27 ls
Elko, NV	37 19 ls	36 22 ls	45 22 ls
Eugene, OR	44 32 sh	48 37 r	52 37 r
Gooding	40 27 ls	40 27 ls	45 27 ls
Grace	40 20 mx	32 20 ls	37 20 ls
Hagerman	45 29 mx	45 29 ls	50 29 mx
Hailey	36 19 ls	32 15 ls	37 15 ls
Idaho Falls	44 28 sh	37 22 ls	43 22 ls
Kalispell, MT	45 26 ls	45 23 ls	43 23 ls
Jerome	40 26 ls	39 25 ls	45 25 ls
Lewiston	51 34 pc	50 34 sh	52 34 r
Malad City	41 27 sh	37 25 ls	43 25 ls
Malta	38 25 mx	34 24 ls	43 24 ls
McCall	32 16 ls	31 13 ls	33 13 ls
Missoula, MT	46 27 ls	41 24 ls	45 24 ls
Pocatello	42 29 sh	37 25 ls	44 25 ls
Portland, OR	45 33 sh	49 39 r	51 39 r
Rupert	40 26 mx	38 23 ls	45 23 ls
Rexburg	41 28 sh	35 21 ls	41 21 ls
Richland, WA	52 27 sh	54 35 mx	56 35 r
Rogerson	30 15 ls	27 11 ls	38 20 ls
Salmon	45 21 sh	38 16 ls	43 16 ls
Salt Lake City, UT	50 32 ls	44 31 ls	46 31 ls
Spokane, WA	46 29 pc	42 27 ls	45 27 r
Stanley	33 11 ls	30 6 ls	36 6 ls
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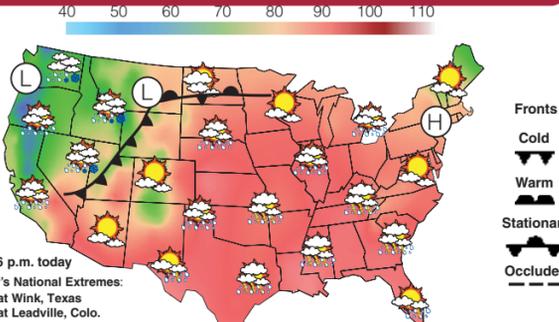
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Birmingham	83 58 pc	83 59 pc
Boston	68 51 pc	66 50 sh
Charleston, SC	76 62 th	78 61 pc
Charleston, WV	77 55 th	81 54 sh
Chicago	85 62 th	79 64 th
Cleveland	71 55 th	74 54 th
Columbus	69 34 sh	49 30 r
Des Moines	79 61 pc	75 56 th
Detroit	69 53 th	72 54 pc
El Paso	79 48 hz	56 47 sh
Fairbanks	1-15 pc	3-13 pc
Fargo	76 58 pc	70 51 th
Honolulu	79 69 pc	79 69 pc
Houston	82 72 sh	81 70 th
Indianapolis	79 60 th	82 61 pc
Jacksonville	84 61 pc	80 61 pc
Kansas City	81 63 th	72 60 th
Las Vegas	54 43 sh	57 41 pc
Little Rock	82 63 pc	81 63 th
Los Angeles	56 46 sh	60 47 sh
Memphis	82 64 pc	84 64 pc
Miami	82 70 pc	81 72 pc
Milwaukee	69 52 fg	72 51 th
Nashville	83 56 th	85 61 pc
New Orleans	82 66 pc	82 66 pc
New York	66 50 pc	69 52 sh
Oklahoma City	76 60 th	74 51 th
Omaha	79 60 pc	70 55 th

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	87 74 pc	87 72 pc
Athens	60 54 pc	61 55 pc
Auckland	67 57 sh	65 55 r
Bangkok	93 81 th	94 81 pc
Beijing	46 32 pc	51 37 pc
Berlin	64 39 sh	49 31 sh
Buenos Aires	80 63 pc	84 66 th
Cairo	68 44 pc	72 44 pc
Dhahran	68 58 pc	68 61 pc
Geneva	42 27 ls	37 25 ls
Hong Kong	74 72 sh	74 71 th
Jerusalem	64 44 pc	67 45 pc
Johannesburg	72 50 pc	72 49 sh
Kuwait City	61 48 pc	69 53 pc
London	50 31 sh	52 34 pc
Mexico City	71 51 sh	71 46 pc
Moscow	35 21 r	35 26 pc
Nairobi	82 54 pc	80 53 sh
Oslo	46 30 pc	44 33 pc
Paris	50 35 sh	51 34 sh
Prague	63 40 sh	50 31 sh
Rio de Janeiro	74 61 sh	78 65 sh
Rome	61 53 pc	62 51 sh
Santiago	82 51 pc	79 51 pc
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Sydney	70 63 sh	77 63 sh
Tel Aviv	61 56 pc	64 60 pc
Tokyo	51 34 pc	48 33 sh
Vienna	62 43 pc	56 35 sh
Warsaw	61 38 pc	50 31 ls
Winnipeg	61 55 pc	71 40 sh
Zurich	47 26 ls	37 18 ls

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Vonn Sets Record for Most World Cup Points

BY ERIC WILLEMSSEN
Associated Press

SCHLADMING, Austria • Lindsey Vonn set a women's record for the most World Cup points in a season Saturday after finishing eighth in a slalom won by Austria's Michaela Kirchgasser. Vonn reached 1,980 points to beat the mark of 1,970 set by Janica Kostelic of Croatia in 2006. "I am very happy with that," said Vonn, the overall champion who needs 21 points in Sunday's giant

slalom to also overtake Austrian great Hermann Maier's 12-year-old record of 2,000 points. Vonn will need to finish 12th or better to overtake Maier and match his record by placing 13th. "I hope I can do it tomorrow. I will fully attack," she said. "I am going to take risks, but I will also ski smart." The American said it was her goal to get a few points from the slalom — her weakest discipline — to make Sunday's task a little easier.

"Slalom has been a struggle for me in the last couple of years," she said. "I've got a couple of top 10s this season but have not been finishing very often so it was good step for me." After a clear, cold night, the sunshine softened the snow and made for difficult conditions. "It was definitely really warm for the second run," Vonn said. "It was tough. I personally don't do well with really soft conditions. I struggled a little bit and maybe didn't ski as aggressively as I could have done. But I had two solid runs without major mistakes." Vonn is also an outside contender for the GS title. She has to win the race while leader Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany fails to score points. In that case, Vonn would win her record fifth crystal globe of the season after the overall championship, downhill, super-G and super combined titles. "I've got a minor chance," said Vonn, who won her first GS race this season. "I will give everything and hope to make the podium." Kirchgasser finished in 1

minute, 32.57 seconds for her third career victory. She was followed by Veronika Zuzulova of Slovakia and Marlies Schild of Austria. Schild had already clinched the slalom title. She won six slalom races this

season and 33 overall, leaving her one short of Swiss great Vreni Schneider's record. "I hoped to get that 34th victory today," the world slalom champion said. "But finishing third was OK and there is always something

you can do better next season." Zuzulova led after the first run and finished 0.12 behind. Zuzulova has had 13 top-three finishes in the World Cup but has yet to win, more than any other female skier.



Lindsey Vonn, of the United States, shows her trophy for winning the alpine ski, women's World Cup super-combined discipline title in Schladming, Austria, Saturday.



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10-11:30am - Cloud Computing Seminar presented by SEN Technologies.
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12noon-1pm - Economic Development Luncheon with speakers Gov. CL "Butch" Otter and Gynii Gilliam (Idaho Department of Commerce)
\$30/person RSVP Required Please call the Chamber at 733.3974 to RSVP.

1pm-7pm - Chamber Business Trade Show
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101 Lost and Found

FOUND Border Collie in the Gooding area. Older black & white dog. 208-934-5683

FOUND Chihuahua puppy, wearing a sweater, in the Jerome area. 208-324-2169

FOUND German Shepherd, female, found east of Rupert March 12. Call Jason 208-312-2427.

FOUND Mens Class Ring from Gooding '81. Near Shoshone. Call to identify 208-886-7936

FOUND Watch at Thomsen Park. Call to identify, 208-420-6135

LOST Black Lab on East 16th St, Burley. 5 mo old female, blue collar, answers to Bella. 878-8092

LOST Chocolate Lab, male, 4 mo. Old. White under 2 front paws. 3 miles East of Hazelton. 280-2256

LOST Eyeglasses in Twin Falls. 2060 11th Ave. E. Call 208-733-4453



LOST Shih Tzu on 16th Street in Rupert. Small female has medical problems. Reward! 208-808-3360

LOST Terrier, small male black & white long-haired. Scarred left ear. Last seen west of TF near 2600 E. "Tank". 733-4462 or 320-3282.



STOLEN Haulmark trailer 20', white, by 1st Federal & Walmart on Cheney Dr. Sunday 3/11 at 9:30 pm. \$1000 Reward for information leading to arrest and conviction. 208-438-5837

104 Personals

FAMILY MEMBER looking for any information on Larry W. Stewart that lived in Bliss in the early to mid 1960's. dai500@hotmail.com

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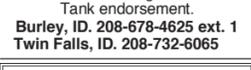
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207 General

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207 General

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210 Management

MANAGEMENT
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211 Medical

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EOE - AA - Drug Free Workplace

211 Medical

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MEDICAL
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215 Professional

PROFESSIONAL
Physical Therapist Assistant Program Instructor/Clinical Coordinator
 College of Western Idaho is seeking an Instructor/Clinical Coordinator for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. **Apply online by March 30th, 2012. See this job post and others on cwidaho.cc**

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Seasonal Therapists
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210 Management

City of Elko Employment Announcement

Animal Shelter Manager
 The City of Elko is currently seeking applications from interested applicants for Animal Shelter Manager. The range of pay is \$4,017-\$5,403 monthly based on experience and qualifications.

To be considered for this position, a completed City of Elko employment application with supplemental questions must be submitted to the Human Resources Department (1751 College Avenue, Elko, NV 89801) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012. For application materials, please visit our website at www.elkocity.com or call (775) 777-7122

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NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETING
FARMERS ELECTRIC COMPANY
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 8:00 PM
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PUBLISH: March 11 and 18, 2012

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217 Skilled

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SKILLED
 Southern Idaho Solid Waste has an opening for a full-time **Equipment Operator** at the Jerome Co. Transfer Station. Starting pay is \$10-12/hour DOE. Benefit package includes medical insurance, vacation and sick pay, and retirement. **A job description and application can be picked up at the Jerome Co. Transfer Station, 1178 Hwy 25, Eden. For more information call 208-825-4150. Applications accepted through March 23, 2012.**

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City of Elko Employment Announcement

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HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't dip into your savings to make a frivolous or extravagant purchase, as you will regret doing so later. Overlook criticism from someone in your inner circle – and don't read too much into praise in the week to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Some say that bravery is when you are afraid, but move forward nevertheless. You may have doubts about your current project but the only way to progress is to press on in the upcoming week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Bide your time. Tensions over an issue could make you spring into unnecessary action. In the week to come, let cooler heads prevail. Tread with care when navigating through relationship matters.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep it in neutral. In the week to come, the best course of action to take is to not take any at all. What captures your fancy or seems like a good investment may be in direct opposition to what is best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): To forgive is divine. Don't hold a grudge over a trivial issue, as it will ultimately result in more harm than good. Paying attention to the words of a friend or colleague may yield a lucrative opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spend only what you have to spend. Stay within your means and avoid getting yourself into debt as you may have a hard time getting out of it. This week remember that the best things in life are free.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Live and let live. You don't need to cause a stir by pointing out someone else's shortcomings, no matter how obvious those flaws may be. Concentrate on the best and highest and stay positive in the week ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Patience is a virtue. You may feel as if you are spinning your wheels when you want to move forward in the week ahead. You can only proceed or make progress when certain events fall into place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't jump to conclusions. Your fantasies could create serious problems if left unchecked. Talk things out with the other party to clear the air. The week to come won't be as bad as you think.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take nothing for granted. You may be quite content and happy with your current relationship, but a partner may be feeling neglected. In the week ahead, let loved ones know that you care.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep the clamoring crowds content. It falls on you to make sure family problems are solved in the week to come. Talk things out with loved ones to maintain a happy and productive home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): It's a poor time for testing wills. What works for you may not go over so well with your mate. Don't try to dictate your own agenda. Find a happy medium that you can both enjoy in the upcoming week.

Today is Sunday, March 18, the 78th day of 2012. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On March 18, 1962, France and Algerian rebels signed the Evian Accords, a cease-fire agreement which took effect the next day, ending the Algerian War after more than seven years and leading to Algeria's independence.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1911, Irving Berlin's first major hit, "Alexander's Ragtime Band" was first published by Ted Snyder & Co. of New York. The Theodore Roosevelt Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, the former president.

In 1922, 12-year-old rabbi's daughter Judith Kaplan became the first American Bat Mitzvah in a ceremony at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in New York City.

In 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of interning Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

In 1965, the first space-walk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

In 1980, Frank Gotti, the 12-year-old youngest son of mobster John Gotti, was struck and killed by a car driven by John Favara, a neighbor in Queens, N.Y. (The following July, Favara vanished, the apparent victim of a gang hit.)

In 1990, thieves made off with 13 works of art from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston (the crime remains unsolved).

In 2009, Tony-winning actress Natasha Richardson, 45, died at a New York hospital two days after suffering a head injury while skiing in Canada.

Ten years ago: Brittanie Cecil died two days short of her 14th birthday after being hit in the head by a puck at a game between the host Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames; it was apparently the first such fan fatality in NHL history.

Five years ago: Pakistan's national cricket team coach, Bob Woolmer, 58, was found dead in his hotel room in Kingston, Jamaica, during cricket's World Cup tournament. (An inquest into Woolmer's death ended with the Jamaica jury unable to reach a ruling on the cause.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama demanded that Moammar Gadhafi halt all military attacks on civilians and said that if the Libyan leader did not stand down, the United States would join other nations in launching military action against him. At a massive demonstration against Yemen's government, snipers fired on protesters and police blocked an escape route; dozens were killed, including children. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher died in Los Angeles at 85. Princess Antoinette of Monaco, the late Prince Rainier III's oldest sister and a prominent advocate for animal rights, died at 90.

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Sunday Crossword

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By John Lampkin

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ACROSS
 1 Bestows on, with "to"
 8 Forgoes scissors
 13 Captivates
 20 Fashionista's field
 21 Bring to the mix
 22 "Sorry, Charlie"
 23 Start to finish, e.g.?
 24 Persevere, like a teamster?
 26 It may be abstract or concrete
 27 Stopwatch users
 29 Intent
 30 "Gladiator" composer Zimmer
 31 Examines closely
 33 Raise a glass to
 36 Clerical residence
 37 Really boring
 39 Persevere, like a stand-up comic?
 42 Lang. of Jamaica
 43 Dora the Explorer, for one
 45 Cartoonist Keane
 46 Ready
 50 Place for a plunger in Plymouth
 51 It's wet in Oaxaca
 52 Infatuated, old-style
 54 Display irritation
 55 Sea debris
 57 Warmup for college hopefuls, briefly
 58 Diamond strategy
 59 Morning hrs.
 60 "Voilà!"
 61 Hand-on-chest words
 63 Careerbuilder.com listing
 64 Contingency phrase
 66 Writer Lebowitz
 68 Persevere, like a frequent flier?
 70 Challenging
 71 Impose fraudulently
 73 Rams' city: Abbr.
 74 Musician awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011
 76 Julio's yesterday
 79 Neighbor of Uru.
 80 Isaac's eldest
 82 Aussie runners
 83 Nonnegotiable, as a plan
 85 Queequeg crewmate
 87 Suds
 88 Utah state flower
 89 Aussie college
 90 Do routine tire maintenance

91 Inspired mixture
 92 Strands at a chalet, maybe
 94 Carpet
 95 Persevere, like a very loud organist?
 98 Bean or noodle
 100 Leipzig legwear
 103 Where glasses may be raised?
 104 Strove to attain
 106 Dip ___ in: test the water
 107 Manage moguls
 108 Full of school spirit
 110 Wealthy "Wind in the Willows" character
 113 Persevere, like a golfer?
 117 Longtime CBS golf analyst Ken
 119 Nintendo game with Pikachu
 120 Nasty smile
 121 Hall of talk
 122 Scaredy-cats
 123 Surfer wannabe
 124 Hero's hero

2 Like old records
 3 Persevere, like a boxing promoter?
 4 Set things right
 5 Make tracks
 6 Persevere, like a judge?
 7 Weigh station visitors
 8 Grab a coffee, say
 9 Central German river
 10 "___ Fideles"
 11 Forgo scissors
 12 Cat lead-in
 13 Sum of all parts
 14 Cliff's pal on "Cheers"
 15 Sun Devils' sch.
 16 "Where Creativity Happens" retail chain
 17 Mork, by birth
 18 Harness straps
 19 Get the feeling
 25 Nosy?
 28 Craze
 32 Fitzgerald et al.
 34 Planetary path
 35 "___ turns out ..."
 36 Revolutionary army
 37 Dutch city in many New York" lyric

38 First name in bombers
 40 Poughkeepsie college
 41 "Nerts!"
 44 Antacid choice
 47 Persevere, like a lightning rod installer?
 48 Pal of Grover
 49 Examination
 53 Proposal with a nice ring?
 54 Buster
 56 Works on the road
 57 Ring out
 58 One-named rocker
 62 Carrie Nation's org.
 63 High points
 65 Kegger locale
 67 Piggod out
 69 "Oh, I give up!"
 70 Persevere, like a museum curator?
 71 Susceptible to sunburn, probably
 72 Roughly
 73 "Exodus" actor Mineo
 75 Architect ___ van der Rohe

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	5	7	2	8	6	4	1
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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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It's hard to separate my own thoughts and emotions from those of spirits around me. I'm concerned about my psychic ability in relation to my clients. If I pick up on abuse in the mind of a child, for example, am I obligated to report it?

Being psychic is as natural to me as my having blue eyes. It will never go away. I must now find the means to manage it. I don't want a career as a medium. I'm dedicated to the profession I have chosen. Can you offer me advice?

- GIFTED IN NEW YORK

DEAR GIFTED: Instead of using your visions to form JUDGMENTS about your clients, use them to guide you during interviews. If you do, you will then be better equipped to provide concrete proof of the need for an intervention than revealing you "saw" something that others can't see or wasn't disclosed to you.

Many people have psychic abilities to a greater or lesser degree than you do, and those "vibes" can be invaluable. It is possible that your gift will give you insight into the individuals you will serve. I wish you success.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has turned into a bona fide slug! We have been married 30 years. For half of them she stayed fit and trim, but over the past 15 she has put on 100 pounds and refuses to try to lose any of it. She also refuses to cook. I have to cook my own meals or we eat out. She no longer cleans (we pay a maid) or has sex with me.

She is obviously depressed and has taken several medications over the years to no avail. She has had lab work done, but nothing shows up. Because she doesn't have a job, she sits around in her pajamas all day playing on the computer or reading romance novels. She'll do laundry, but only after a month, when there's nothing left to wear. The other thing my wife likes to do is travel. The more expensive the trip, the more she loves it. Does God really expect me to live like this until I die? I have tried everything I can think of to help her. I dread going home every night. Advice, please?

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

I see you lead king from ace-king. I understand Rusinow leads involve leading second from touching honors. I know from the ACBL Encyclopedia that they are supposed to be "off" in no-trump contracts and when leading partner's bid suit. With the above in mind, what is your take on these methods?

Honor-Bound, Ames, Iowa

ANSWER: In fact, Rusinow leads work well at both no-trump and suits. The problem is that leads of the jack and 10 from short suits are sometimes ambiguous. That said, one should also combine them at no-trump with using the king as an unblock lead from three honors, while the ace is from A-K without the queen or jack.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In fourth seat my partner held ♠ 4, ♥ K-7-3, ♦ A-K-9-4-2, ♣ A-10-5-3 and opened one diamond. After a one-spade overcall, passed back to him, he reopened with two clubs and we missed our penalty. (I had five good spades and nine points.) He said he could not double without four hearts. What do you say?

Lying in Ambush, Torrance, Calif.

ANSWER: In this sequence, reopening when holding full values and short spades is mandatory. The fact that your partner has at least three cards in an unbid suit is more than sufficient. After all, if you pick hearts, he won't exactly be giving you an unsuitable holding to work with. For the same reason a regular takeout double suggests but does not promise four cards in every unbid suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

What is the definition of a responsive double? Is the critical factor that partner's first action is a double, or that the opponents have bid and raised the same suit?

Dictionary Johnson, Dover, Del.

ANSWER: When partner doubles, you make a responsive double

if the opponents raise the same suit, but NOT if the opponents bid a new suit — then your double is business. Conversely, if partner overcalls and the opponents either raise the bid suit or bid a new suit, your double would be values, suggesting the unbid suit(s) — typically with tolerance for partner. By contrast, your bidding a suit suggests more length or strength in that suit and you may have fewer values and less tolerance for partner.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

As dealer I picked up ♠ Q-10-5-3, ♥ 9-4, ♦ K-7-3, ♣ A-Q-7-2, and passed initially. When I heard a weak two-diamond call to my left, passed back to me, was I right to pass? As it turned out, our side had good play for three no-trump and collected only 100 in undertricks.

Undercooked, Tucson, Ariz.

ANSWER: Some hands are just too hard. If you had guessed to double, partner might have jumped to four hearts, while if you had bid two no-trump, you might have gone for your life when partner was weak. If you can't stand to pass, the only conceivable bid here is two spades — and I'm not foolhardy enough to risk that either.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I held 20 points, no singleton or void, and five spades. Was I supposed to open two no-trump, or one spade?

Goodies Galore, Edmonton, Alberta

ANSWER: When in the right range, you are almost always better off opening two no-trump with a balanced or semi-balanced hand — unless you have a simple way to show your hand. By this I mean that with 5-4 pattern you may prefer to open the long suit and jump in the other suit. Some experts will go further and open two no-trump with a singleton high honor. Although I don't necessarily agree with them, the no-trump call sounds very much the right option with your hand.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, email him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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Blue Hadden, 18, feeds hay to horses Wednesday at his dad's home north of Shoshone. In a restorative conference last year, the former juvenile offender met Shoshone folks face to face. 'It was an opportunity to explain myself to them, which isn't offered through the court system,' Blue says.

THE NEW BLUE

After jail time, teen Blue Hadden is redirecting his life and reclaiming Shoshone's goodwill — with the help of a conference that brought him face to face with his neighbors.

BY NATALIE DICOU
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SHOSHONE • Blue Hadden didn't pull the trigger — nor was he anywhere near the crime scene on April 1, 2009 — but his name will always be linked, fairly or not, to the shooting of his grandfather, Craig Hadden.

Sixteen at the time of the near-fatal attack, Blue, 18, says he's different now.

In a few weeks, he'll graduate high school. He hopes to become a veterinarian and pro rodeo cowboy. Mostly, he just wants to redeem himself.

"When I die, I want people to read that in the paper and think, 'That's a shame,' not, 'Thank goodness the world is rid of that scum,'" Blue said last week at the Shoshone probation office where, several days a week, he uses the computer to work

toward his online high school diploma.

"I want people to know: When I tell people I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it to the best of my ability, and for people to say, 'He's a good guy. I could go to him and he'll give me the shirt off his back,'" said Blue, who will be on probation until October. "That's the kind of guy I want to be."

The Murder Plot

It was one of the most talked-about crimes in recent Magic Valley history.

Blue had a solid alibi the day of the 2009 attack. He was behind bars, locked up for burglary and malicious injury to property.

Blue was at court in Gooding when he first learned of his grandfather's shooting. A police officer showed up to find out

what the teen knew.

Blue was shocked: His mother and his teenage friend had actually gone through with it.

"The cop asked me if I knew it was (my mom)," Blue said. "I told them 'no,' because I was scared ... I wanted to protect my mom."

For about three months leading up to the shooting, Traci Hadden had been trying to convince her son to kill her ex-father-in-law for inheritance money, Blue said.

"She kept insisting on it, and insisting on it," Blue said. "So finally she got one of my friends talked into it."

Michael Cannon — also 16 at the time and involved in a sexual relationship with Traci, according to court documents — was convicted of attempted murder and

Please see **BLUE, P6**

About This Series

Easter Seals-Goodwill Youth and Family Services — which helped former juvenile offender Blue Hadden reconnect with his community — is one of 31 Magic Valley agencies that

received money last week from the United Way of South Central Idaho. As the local United Way prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary this summer, *Times-News* features reporter Natalie Dicou is writing a series of stories about individuals whose

lives have been affected by the agencies that United Way funds. See the third installment in her series next Sunday, in *People*. Did you miss last Sunday's story about a homeless Twin Falls dad's comeback? Read it online: Magicvalley.com/lifestyles

'Feel Good in My Own Body'

Meet a few of the folks who are chasing prize money — and healthier lives — in the Magic Valley Weight Loss Competition.

BY MCKAYLA HAACK
For the *Times-News*

TWIN FALLS • Participants are joining gyms, playing tennis and running in hopes of losing weight and winning up to \$6,000 in the fourth annual Magic Valley Weight Loss Competition.

After the first weigh-in challenge on Feb. 25 in Jerome, the competition is down 30 people but still has about 200 active contestants.

"It is still anybody's competition," challenge coordinator Jenny Hefner said, adding that it's common to lose a number of people in the first month.

Participants David and Shannon Hartman of Filer are doing a variety of cardio — going to Body Works in Buhl, walking, running or basketball — and are changing their eating habits by learning about proper serving sizes.

David said he couldn't do it without his wife. After a trip to the emergency room because of his Type 2 diabetes, he said, his motivation to keep going is the image of his wife crying.

"Whenever I feel like I might fall off it, I lose another pant size and it keeps me going," Shannon said. David's clothes are fitting a lot looser, too. The couple takes one cheat night a month to reward themselves with a date.

Please see **COMPETITION, P6**

5 Things Kids Learn from Bowling

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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TWIN FALLS • Take your pick: blue, green, red or orange bowling balls? Isaiah Parrott chose a blue ball.

The Twin Falls 8-year-old was with his team, The Giants, at Bowladrome where every Saturday morning 10 or so Magic Valley kids gather to share laughs, become better bowlers and learn a few life lessons.

Before long, Isaiah's blue ball was rolling down the lane. But it wound up in the gutter.

"Oh, I hate doing that," Isaiah said, pouting as he turned back to his team.

"Do you know why you're doing that?" asked Ian DeVries, 32, who was coaching Isaiah, his girlfriend Mindy Sansom's son. "You're not following through!"

Isaiah picked up another ball and sent it down the lane. This time several pins fell down.

"There you go, that was better," DeVries said.

It took a little patience, concentration and confidence — just some of the things kids learn from bowling.

"Lessons learned on the lanes really do translate into the home," said DeVries, 32, who started bowling when he was 3.

Do the kids feel the same way? Here's what members of The Giants — and their parents — said bowling teaches:

1. Patience Is a Virtue

"You have to be patient and stuff," Isaiah said. "You have to wait for your turn. I try to learn patience and



PHOTOS BY DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

(ABOVE) Isaiah Parrott, 8, talks to Steffi Leazer, 8, during league play March 10 at the Bowladrome in Twin Falls. (BELOW) Shelby Koyle, 10, center, and Ravyn Barela, 9, right, participate in a youth league at the Bowladrome.



to aim the ball where I want it to go."

2. Exercise Is Fun

"It's fun and I like to win," said Travis Folks, 8, whose mom, Jennifer Folks, works at the Bowladrome. "I'm learning to keep my body straight and follow through."

Lifting bowling balls makes him feel like he's getting a workout, he said, especially after several games. The average weight of a ball for youth is 8 to 10 pounds, DeVries said.

"It's an outlet for them to have a good time," said Kimberly resident Bob Leazer, whose two

Please see **BOWLING, P6**

Put the Kids on the Lanes

Twin Falls: The Giants league, for ages 5 and up, meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Bowladrome, 220 Eastland Drive. A league for younger kids, The PeeWees, also meets Saturday mornings. Cost to bowl with the PeeWees is \$4 per day; The Giants is \$11 for league membership or \$7 per day; 733-0369.

Twin Falls: Youth 5 and older can bowl for \$7 at 10 a.m. Saturdays; Magic Bowl, 340 Second Ave. E.; 733-2566.

Buhl: WABA Minors and WABA Majors, ages 4-21; \$19 membership plus \$7 per week; Sunset Bowl, 1020 Burley Ave.; 543-6835.

Burley: The Pinheads, ages 7-19; \$15 a year plus \$7 a week; Snake River Bowl, 725 Minidoka Ave.; 679-2695.

Filer: Beginner Basics, ages 9-11, and Standards, 12 and older; \$5.95 to \$9.95 per visit, depending on ability; Cedar Lanes, 15 U.S. Highway 30; 326-5902.

Jerome: All ages of youth can bowl for \$5 a day; Bowling Center, 159 W. Ave. A; 324-5292.

Shoshone: Mountain View Lane Youth, ages 3-18; \$3 to \$5.25 per visit; Mountain View Lanes, 608 N. Greenwood; 886-2020.

More Inside

2 Twin Falls men qualify for national bowling competition. [Read full story on People 6.](#)

More Online

SEE a photo gallery of more kids on the Bowladrome lanes at Magicvalley.com/gallery.

STORK REPORT

With a Few Rules, Dogs and Offices Can Mix Well

BY MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON
For The Associated Press

No one at the Ohio chapter of The Nature Conservancy enjoys going to meetings more than Annie. Once, she was even disciplined for attending a meeting to which she was not invited.

Annie, a mixed-breed dog who belongs to a staff member, is a welcome addition to the office, said Josh Knights, the chapter's executive director, in Dublin, Ohio. "It gives the office a kind of warmer feeling," he said. "Just because we're nonprofit doesn't mean we're non-stress. There's something about having a dog there to pet."

Dogs in the workplace are "a growing phenomenon," said Rebecca Johnson, director of the Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction at the University of Missouri's College of Veterinary Medicine, in Columbia.

"People are realizing we need to do things to reduce stress in the workplace," she said.

Dogs can build connections among co-workers and create a healthy diversion from work, Johnson said. People interacting with dogs experience a hormonal reaction that causes them to "feel more relaxed and more positive," she said.

The programs work best, however, when there are rules, human resources officials stressed.

For instance, the experts



MARY ALTAFFER · ASSOCIATED PRESS
A beagle sits on Jamie Silverman's lap as she works with Jared Shechtman at the office of Extrovertic in midtown Manhattan.

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said, dogs should be prohibited from certain rooms, such as eating areas and restrooms. And companies should allow only dogs who get along with people and other animals.

"Manners matter," said Keeli Hyde, human resource manager at G5, a marketing firm in Bend, Ore.

Not every dog can handle an office setting, she said. A few workers at her company have found that their dogs are too noisy or rambunctious for work.

Pet owners usually make good decisions about whether to bring their animals, added Jeanine Falcon, vice president

of human resources at Replacements, Ltd., a china retailer that has allowed pets in the workplace for about 15 years.

"Trust your employees," Falcon said from her office in Greensboro, N.C. "People know their animals."

The 25 or 30 dogs that routinely visit the company create a positive atmosphere, she said. They provide an opportunity for employees to get to know each other better.

"When someone comes walking down the middle of the warehouse carrying a new puppy, how can you not connect or smile?" she said. Dorothy Wetzels has noticed

Some Tips

Here are some tips from Pet Sitters International for bringing dogs to work:

1. Keep dogs on a leash, unless they are in the employee's office or cubicle. Not everyone loves puppy kisses, even from the best-behaved dogs, so respect your co-workers' space. Co-workers who want to pet your dog will likely come to you.

2. Use a baby gate to prevent a dog from leaving your office unsupervised. You don't want Fido dashing out of your office in the middle of an important sales call or during a visit from a business partner. Try to give the dog space to roam in your office.

3. Certain areas such as bathrooms or dining halls should be designated as dog-free. Work with management and co-workers to determine which areas those will be.

4. Have a backup plan for taking the dog home if it isn't comfortable in the work environment. While many dogs love spending a day at the office, some might not be ready for it. See if a spouse, friend or professional pet sitter can take care of a pet who needs to leave the office.

that when she or other staff members bring their dogs to work at Extrovertic, a New York-based marketing firm, the office is more jovial.

"There's a smile on everyone's face," said Wetzels, the firm's founding partner. "It causes us to interact more."

The pet-friendly policy also underscores the company's desire to "offer a different work experience" than more run-of-the-mill offices, she said.

"We want people bringing their whole self to work," she said.

St. Luke's Magic Valley

Whitley Mae Arriaga, daughter of Lindsay Mae Hill and Trevor Michael Arriaga of Wendell, was born Feb. 29, 2012.

Savannah Jo Rasmussen, daughter of Marlisa Bixler of Twin Falls, was born March 1, 2012.

Ambreah Ellienna Nava-Bell, daughter of Aubirhnn Railien Bell and Andres Jesus Nava of Twin Falls, was born March 1, 2012.

Kees Wain VanderStelt, son of Rachel Lynn Griggs and Gary Andrew VanderStelt of Hagerman, was born March 2, 2012.

Aaron Lopez Magana, son of Yuri Diana Magana-Mejia and Ricardo Miguel Lopez Rodriguez of Hazelton, was born March 4, 2012.

Abbigail Faith Wilmoth, daughter of Nicole Irene Lomprez and Barry Westor Wilmoth of Twin Falls, was born March 5, 2012.

Taylin Julisa Rubash, daughter of Julisa DeAnn and Lucas Conrad Wayne Rubash of Jerome, was born March 6, 2012.

Luke David Taylor, son of Sara Kay and David Robert Taylor of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2012.

Nycole Lynn Westcott, daughter of Samantha Marie and Kevin Lyle Westcott of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2012.

Scott Craig Wilmoth, son of Devin Michelle and Joshua Lawrence Wilmoth of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2012.

Noah James Stinson, son of Stacey Marie and Nathanael James Stinson of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2012.

Felicity Lynn Denman, daughter of Jolene Amber Barlow and Rory Lee Denman Jr. of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2012.

Jack Timothy Brown, son of Jessica Dawn and Matthew Thomas Brown of Twin Falls, was born March 7, 2012.

Cooper Craig Vander Ham, son of Juliana Vander Ham and Craig Philip Vander Ham of Wendell, was born March 7, 2012.

Levi Phillip Dalton, son of Camille and Phillip Alan Dalton of Twin Falls, was born March 7, 2012.

Eliza Rose Gremler and Ezequiel James Gremler, twins, daughter and son of Angel Christine Gremler of Twin Falls, was born March 7, 2012.

Suzette Josephine Parent, daughter of Charlene Leann and Tyson Seth Parent of Filer, was born March 7, 2012.

Brynn Annalise Harper, daughter of Suzanna and Mason Robert Harper of Twin Falls, was born March 8, 2012.

Neva Jolee Matheney, daughter of Jacqueline Lee and Justin Lee Matheney of Richfield, was born March 8, 2012.

Jalna Brynn Searle, daughter of Stacey and Eli Jeffery Searle of Kimberly, was born March 9, 2012.

Augustus Timothy Maurice Hudson, son of Stephanie Laura and Logan Dell Hudson of Twin Falls, was born March 10, 2012.

Roberto Robles Parra, son of Agueda E. Parra and Pedro Javier Robles of Hazelton, was born March 11, 2012.

Norah Grey Hawkins, daughter of Jessica Theresa and Luke Stephen Hawkins of Twin Falls, was born March 11, 2012.

Taggart Martell Stokes, son of Suzanne and Matthew Wayne Stokes of Twin Falls, was born March 11, 2012.

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: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Baked ham
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Thursday: Roast pork
Friday: Hamburgers and hot dogs

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Ask a Nurse, 11:30 a.m.
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Tai chi, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: AARP tax preparation, 9 a.m.
Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m.
Ticket Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.
Art class, 6 p.m.
Pinochle, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Cinnamon roll sales
Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Tom and Beryl, 11:30 a.m.
Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: AARP tax preparation, 9 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Art classes, 3 and 6 p.m.
Magic Valley Women's AA, 6 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, noon

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Bus for lunch pickup: 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday.

Today: Dinner, 1 p.m., barbecue ribs

Monday: Cabbage soup
Tuesday: Sweet and sour pork over rice
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Chicken fried steak

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
AARP tax preparation, 9 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, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$5. 326-4608.

Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Beefy macaroni and cheese
Thursday: Baked ham

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Closed for remodeling.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. 934-5504.

Monday: Hawaiian hay stacks
Tuesday: Taco bar
Wednesday: Pork chow mein
Thursday: Spaghetti

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild card, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 1 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; \$6, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. 837-6120.

Monday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Roast beef
Friday: Fried trout

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: Bacon-wrapped Salisbury steak
Tuesday: Chicken salad casserole
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Barbecue
Friday: Hash brown casserole

Today: Potluck, dance; 2-5 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Bunco, 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Gem State Fiddlers
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Let's Dance, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 5 p.m.
Bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

Country Cowboys band
SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Jewelry making class, 1 p.m.
Women's pool, 1 p.m.
LCR, 1 p.m.
YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Scones and coffee, 8-10 a.m.
YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 1 p.m.
SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m.
Women's pool, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Last Resort Band
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. 825-5662.

Tuesday: Clam chowder
Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m.
Bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Potato bar

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Chicken breast strips
Thursday: Lentil soup

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: Fish
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

Monday: Quilting, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fair

field. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. 764-2226.

Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Tortellini stew
Friday: Open-face turkey sandwich

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$7, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Monday: French dip sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Hawaiian teriyaki meatballs
Thursday: Citrus-glazed wild salmon
Friday: Barbecue hamburgers

Monday: Ping pong, 10-11 a.m.
Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Weight Watchers, 5-6:30 p.m.
Duplicate bridge, 7 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 dona-

tion: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. 436-9107.

Monday: Pork chops
Tuesday: Beef and broccoli over rice
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Tacos
Friday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 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: Turkey a la king
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Fried chicken
Thursday: Patty melt
Friday: Pork noodles

Monday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Ask a Nurse, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Blood pressure checks, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic, 1 p.m., \$15
Wood carving, 6 p.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise, 11 a.m.
Coalition for the blind, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

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How to Use 'Neurobics'

BY ALISON JOHNSON
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Challenging your brain with new and unexpected experiences — sometimes referred to as “neurobics” — can help keep it stronger into old age. “Breaking with routine, and using all your senses, is like having your brain cells lifting barbells,” says Manning Rubin, co-author of the book “Keep Your Brain Alive.”

Some basics:

Make life your gym. You don't need to use a computer or puzzle book or schedule a specific time to sharpen your brain. Instead, think of ways you can break your usual habits throughout the day.

Close your eyes. Listen to sounds in the park, take a shower, navigate around your house or try to identify objects by touch without relying on sight.

Use your non-dominant hand. Eat, brush your teeth, dial a telephone number or write with the hand you don't normally use to give different parts of your brain a workout. Or try to button a shirt, tie a shoe or get dressed using just one hand.

Vary your commute. Get off at an earlier bus stop or drive down different roads on regular errands or trips to and from work. New sights, sounds and smells will take your brain off autopilot.

Mix things up. Have people sit at a different spot at the dinner table, trade chores with another family member or rearrange dishes in a cabinet so you'll have to think about where you're reaching.

Try something new every day. This can be something small — tasting a different food, say, or using chopsticks at dinner — or bigger, such as picking up a new hobby or tackling a skill such as a foreign language.

Combine your senses. Read a book while burning a scented candle, and pay attention to both. Or close your eyes and try to identify a food by smell alone.



Jen Emmett, having hot chocolate with niece Kenzie Wolff, right, in Maple Grove, Minn., finds the acronym PANK (professional aunt, no kids) applies to her.

'Panks' Happy to Remain Aunties Only, Sans Kids of Their Own

BY BILL WARD
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

For Jennifer Emmert, it's the best of both worlds. Emmert loves kids and spends tons of time with her six nieces and nephews, from outdoor activities to sleepovers at her place. The 30-year-old is engaged to be married, but she's perfectly happy living up to the name of one of her favorite books: “Childless and Loving It.”

“I'm completely content with adoring and smothering my nieces and nephews and keeping my life the way it is,” said the Minneapolis resident. “I absolutely love and adore them, and I love and adore when they go home.”

Emmert and millions of other PANKs (professional aunt, no kids) are opting not to have kids, finding fulfillment in bonding with their nieces and nephews instead. Their numbers are growing: Nearly 20 percent of American women reach 40 to 44 childless, compared with 10 percent in the 1970s, said a 2008 Pew Research Center report.

Choosing not to have children doesn't mean a woman has no use for children. As aunts they can forge loving relationships with nieces and nephews — whether in the role of friend, mentor or sounding board — and strengthen ties

with their siblings.

The activities that aunts share with their young relatives vary widely and evolve as the kids grow up.

Sara Fleetham, 44, of St. Paul, Minn., has two “sets” of nieces and nephews, five of whom are now 22 to 26. When they were growing up, she said, “my sister had NO desire to take them to the State Fair. And I thought ‘How can you not take them to the State Fair?’ So I did that until she was ready to. Same with the Harry Potter movies.”

Her two other nieces, now 9 and 11, live in St. Michael, Minn. They spend one night a month with her, and Fleetham drives to their town for games and student of the month luncheons. “The oldest and I are Twins fans so we always go to a Twins game for her birthday. It never gets old. I love it.”

The number of childless women has been growing for years. A 2011 Center for Work-Life Policy study found that 43 percent of 33- to 46-year-old women have decided to put off having kids or have none at all. Among the factors fueling the trend:

- **More young women** than ever have lucrative careers that can get sidetracked by pregnancy and motherhood. Childless women ages 22 to

30 had bigger paychecks than their male counterparts in 47 of the nation's 50 largest cities, according to Reach Advisors research.

- **Marriage rates** are at historical lows. The number of married adults has dropped to 51 percent, the Pew Research Center reported last year, compared with 72 percent in 1960.

- **Health concerns** come into play. Amy Hoover of Minneapolis said she is a likely carrier of a congenital disease that runs in her family, and for many women, childbirth can be a risky physical process.

- **And there's** less societal pressure. A 2011 MacArthur Research Network survey found that only half of U.S. consumers cite marriage and parenthood as required milestones of adulthood.

That suits Hoover just fine. “People assume that everybody wants children, and that's not true,” she said. “I've grown extremely weary of the virtual pat on the head by ill-informed people saying, ‘Oh, you'll change your mind, dear.’ But now that I'm 41 and divorced, I have thankfully moved beyond such ridiculous and thoughtless comments.”

The timing of this growing trend couldn't be better, said family therapist Judy Hoy.

“If ever there were a time where kids could benefit from having attachments to other adults it's right now. What an aunt provides is another adult who can offer wisdom and support and resources. ... It is a win-win-win.”

Some experts, however, see potential pitfalls in the expanding role of aunts. Arturo Sesma, assistant professor of psychology at St. Catherine's University, said it's important that parents and aunts reach a consensus on their distinct roles.

“Parents and aunts should be on the same page. There should be consistency of message on discipline,” Sesma said. “It requires great communication between the parents and the sister.” Potential problems also can arise “if the parent is not a good parent and the aunt mirrors that and exacerbates that,” he said.

Still, Sesma noted, reams of research reinforce the benefits of kids having positive relationships with non-parental adults.

“It's well established both in clinical practice and research,” he said. “Kids are likely to do better in school, be more socially adjusted. It's an important developmental experience for kids. Having non-parental adults is a resource that kids gobble up.”

Kids Eat, Drink Way Too Much Added Sugar, CDC Says

BY KAREN KAPLAN
Los Angeles Times

Children and teens are consuming too much added sugar in their diets, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly one in every six calories they eat and drink comes from some type of added sugar.

This finding isn't exactly surprising, but it's worth looking at some of the statistics to appreciate the magnitude of the problem. The data here is on U.S. kids between the ages of 2 and 19, culled from the government's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey:

- **Boys** consumed an average 361 calories' worth of added sugar each day. For girls, the daily average was 282.

- **Though** the total amount of added sugar in the diet was higher for boys than for girls, the proportion of total calories that came from added sugar was similar — 16.3 percent for boys and 15.5 percent for girls. The 2010 Dietary Guidelines recommend that no more than 15 percent of daily calories come from “discretionary” foods such as added sugar and solid fats.

- **Consumption** of added sugar rose steadily as kids got older. For instance, preschool-age boys got an average of 218 calories from added sugar, while those in the 6-to-11 age bracket got 345 and those in junior and senior high got 442. The trend was similar for girls.

- **59 percent** of calories from added sugar came from food, 41 percent from beverages.

- **Most** added sugars are consumed at home. This is more true for foods than for drinks.

- **Household** income had no bearing on the proportion of calories consumed in the form of added sugar.

Added sugar is just what it sounds like — a caloric sweetener that doesn't exist naturally in foods. A partial list of the types included in the report includes white sugar, brown sugar, maple syrup, honey, molasses and high fructose corn syrup. The CDC said it counted “all sugars used as ingredients in processed and prepared foods such as breads, cakes, soft drinks, jams, chocolates, ice cream, and sugars eaten separately or added to foods at the table.”

Why are they bad? In addition to contributing to weight gain, they boost cholesterol and increase the risk of various heart problems in children.

COMING UP

Aging Well

Natalie Dicou introduces Magic Valley's 109-year-old. **Next Sunday in People**

No Mere Fusion

A new local restaurant focuses on “Latin freestyle” — think duck confit empanadas, smoked ribs with candied chilies, mussels and clams sauced in Tecate and lime. **Wednesday in Food**

Review: Soulo Converts iPad into Karaoke Machine

BY ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Karaoke lovers typically fall into two categories: Those who enjoy it, and those whose arms have to be twisted to get up and sing in public.

Enter Soulo, a software and microphone kit that can turn an iPad or other Apple device into a karaoke machine. It gives you instant karaoke in the privacy of your own home, or wherever you carry your Apple gadgets.

That's the idea, anyway. In practical terms, the quality of the karaoke experience depends largely on the kind of sound system you pipe Soulo through.

The software app does a great job of emulating the sing-along video animation typically found in a commercial karaoke machine. It also offers a good selection of songs.

But I wasn't thrilled by the sound quality I got from the Soulo microphone. That dampened an otherwise entertaining way to use an iPad.

In particular, I like how the Soulo-iPad combo makes it a snap to record audio and video of a performance and then post clips — not full songs — on YouTube, Facebook and elsewhere.

Soulo is available with a digital wireless micro-

phone, which retails for \$99, or with a wired microphone, which sells for \$69. Songs cost extra after the first handful. I tested the wireless version, which comes with a receiver that plugs into the iPad dock and syncs with the microphone.

The karaoke app and microphones are compatible with iPads, iPhones and the iPod Touch. Audio output options include listening through headphones or other speaker systems via the devices' stereo jack. The wireless receiver also can connect to a TV.

Transforming the iPad into a karaoke machine is easy. You download the free Soulo app from the Apple Store and register the software.

Soulo comes with a few songs and a code to download 10 karaoke tracks for free. You can purchase and download more songs for 99 cents each. The Soulo store has hundreds of tracks, including versions of songs by Diana Ross, Tobey Keith, Prince, Cyndi Lauper, Maroon 5 and The Who. First Act Inc., which

makes Soulo, continually makes more songs available.

You can also sing to songs you have on iTunes, thanks to a Soulo sound feature that lets you suppress a tune's vocal track. This works better with some songs than others. But only songs purchased from

Soulo's store come with lyrics.

As a more-than-casual karaoke fan, I enjoyed the Soulo app features and the no-fuss interface for downloading tracks and recording performances.

And when I tried it with some friends, we had a good time picking through the

bevy of tracks for songs to sing. The ability to just pass around the iPad made this particularly easy.

We recorded video of a few performances, though they shall stay locked in a digital vault. We also tweaked settings on the app to add echo and alter the pitch on our vocals. The features mostly distorted our voices, which was good for laughs, but that's about it.

Although we had a fun time, I remain disappointed with the sound quality.

That may seem contradictory, given that we're talking about karaoke.

Saunter into any karaoke bar and even the skilled singers can sound less than stellar crooning over dinky synth versions of songs that barely resemble the original recordings. But just because bad singing often is synonymous with karaoke that doesn't mean the sound quality shouldn't be good enough for the butchered vocals to be clearly audible.

I tested Soulo on a couple of different iPads, using stereo headphones, the iPad speaker and an Altec Lansing desktop PC sound system with a subwoofer.

For best results, I recommend using an external stereo speaker system with Soulo, rather than the speakers built into the iPad and other Apple devices.



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They Survived Death by Chocolate



The Rotary Club of Twin Falls recently presented award plaques at its meeting to the first-place winners of the seventh annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser that was held Feb. 2. Pictured are some of the winners who attended the ceremony: Chef Cesare Washington, Cactus Petes; Daniel Perttula, Cold Stone Creamery; Chef Irving Karas, Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center; Taylor Koonce, Twin Falls High School student; Nicole Manwaring, TFHS teacher; Haylee Wright and Jessa Hegman, TFHS students. Information and photos: www.twinfallsrotary.org.

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The Easiest Option Is to Just Wear the Seat Belt

Can I be pulled over just because I'm not wearing a seatbelt, or do they have to pull me over for something instead of that, so they can get me for not wearing a seat belt?



Dan Bristol
Policeman Dan

— Scott

Scott, since I know you mainly ride a motorcycle more than drive a vehicle I would have said that this was a trick question. (Although from how I have heard about and seen you ride, a seat belt on your motorcycle might not be a bad idea.)

The simplest answer here is it depends on where you are at in Idaho. Idaho Code 49-1403 reads: "It shall be unlawful for the owner, or any other person, employing or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle, to require or knowingly permit the operation of the vehicle upon a highway in any manner contrary to law." What some Idaho jurisdictions have determined is that this law gives probable cause (hopefully you were paying attention to last week's column) to stop a driver for simply not wearing a seat belt while driving. The courts in those jurisdictions have even backed this as a reasonable stop.

The seat belt code itself, though, makes not wearing a seat belt a secondary offense, which can only be cited if a primary reason for the stop was established (aka speed, tint, etc.). The driver and/or passenger(s) can then be cited just for the seat belt violation and no other charge has to be required for the citation. I might add that if you are under 18 and driving and anybody in the vehicle under 18 is not belted in, the fine

would be \$51.50 instead of the normal \$10. This is not a moving violation, which means it would not make insurance go up unless a crash was involved.

The child seat law is not a secondary offense and a stop can be made upon observing the violation. It is also not a moving violation, but carries a fine of \$69.

Why can't policeman give warnings?

— Monique

Because then you would find out we are really nice people and anarchy would reign supreme. Truthfully, though, most officers do give warnings for violations that are slight. I would say that if you are not getting any warnings it's because you were playing "NASCAR driver."

I do like to give warnings and they usually go something like this: "I'm warning you that if I catch you speeding again... I'll write you another ticket."

Officer Down

Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty, and her family in your prayers. God bless this hero.

• Corrections Officer Britney Meux, Lake County Sheriff, Ind. She fought the good fight, now may she rest in peace.

Email your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com or look for Ask Policemandan on Facebook.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

LIBRARY NEWS

Rupert Library Offers New Items

RUPERT • New items at DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert include the following:

Fiction:
"Chasing Mona Lisa" by Tricia Goyer, "Words Spoken True" by Ann Gabhart, "Dry as Rain" by Gina Holmes, "Blue Moon Bay" by Lisa Wingate, "Sonoma Rose" by Jennifer Chiaverini, "Oath of Office" by Michael Palmer, "Table for Five" by Susan Wiggs, "Heart of a Killer" by David Rosenfelt,

"Into the Darkness" by V.C. Andrews, "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult, "Thief" by Clive Cussler and "Wolf Gift" by Anne Rice.

Mystery:
"Deader Homes and Gardens: A Claire Malloy Mystery" by Joan Hess, "Victims: An Alex Delaware Novel" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Death of a Greedy Woman" by M.C. Beaton, "Cinnamon Roll Murder" by Joanne Fluke and "No Mark Upon Her" by

Deborah Crombie.
Western: (large print)
"Dead River Killer" by Frank Leslie, "Savage Texas" by William W. Johnstone, "Cruel Rider" by Charles West, "Yuma Gold" by Steven Law, ".45 Caliber Desperado" by Peter Brandvold and "Massacre of Eagles" by William W. Johnstone.

Young adult fiction:
"Reckless" by Cornelia Funke.

Audio fiction:
"Private Games" by James Patterson and "Edge" by Jeffrey Deaver.

Science fiction:
"Pure" by Julianna Baggott and "World Divided" by Mercedes Lackey.

Nonfiction:
"Through the Window of Life" by Suzanne Freeman.

Audio nonfiction:
"The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris" by David McCullough.

Coin Club Calls Meeting

PAUL • Empty Pockets Coin and Currency Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Paul City Hall Conference Room, 152 S. 600 W. Members and visitors are asked to bring their dime collections for show and tell. Information:

678-3938. Dimes have been produced by the U.S. Mint since 1796. Rare specimens in very nice condition are very valuable. For example, a 1916-D dime in excellent uncirculated condition is worth around \$30,000.

Before 1965, dimes were composed of 90 percent silver. At silver prices of \$35 per ounce, the silver in an unworn dime is worth about \$2.50. If you have saved a roll of 50 dimes, it is worth about \$125 in silver at \$35 per ounce.

Jerome Senior Center to Host Jewelry Class

JEROME • Learn how to make beaded bracelets for yourself, as a unique handmade gift or to sell.

Forever Chic Jewelry will present a class at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Senior Center, 520 N. Lincoln.

Cost is \$7 and \$1 for each additional strand. Please pre-register by contacting Kris Shelton at 324-5642.

Come join an afternoon of fun as the instructor shows participants how to make wired or stretchy bracelets. All materials and beads will be provided, and you get to keep your original design.

Magic Valley Eagles All-star Cheerleaders Donate to SCCAP



The Magic Valley Eagles All-Star cheerleaders held their fourth annual cheer and dance expo Feb. 11 at Filer Middle School. All of the participating teams donated canned food items, which were donated to South Central Community Action Partnership.

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Rupert BPW Offers Scholarship

RUPERT • The Rupert Business and Professional Women will award a \$500 scholarship to a woman in the Mini-Cassia area who is in the process of working toward more education in order to improve her job opportunities.

Candidates must be at least 25 years of age or older and in their second year in an accredited college or

voc-tech facility. Financial need is a consideration.

Women who have received this scholarship have been working for advanced training in the fields of nursing, education, banking and management positions.

Application deadline is March 26. Information: Terri at 430-0543 or Lesa at 430-3086.

CSI Northside Offers 'Detox' Lecture

GOODING • A free public lecture, "Introduction to Detoxification," will be presented by Dr. Marjorie Brockman at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. A 21-day detox program

will hold weekly group meetings beginning April 11. Information: Brockman Family Chiropractic at 934-5000.

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Stimpson Celebrates His 90th Birthday

HEYBURN • Louis Stimpson will celebrate his 90th birthday during an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heyburn LDS Church, Stimpson



300 S. of Burley (one mile east of Idaho Power on the Burley-Paul highway). Friends and relatives are invited to come share birthday cake and punch and stories with him. The church is located just a half mile east of Stimpson's birthplace 90 years ago. No gifts, please.

Conservation District Offers Trees for Sale

SHOSHONE • The Wood River Soil Conservation District is taking orders for its spring tree sale.

Bareroot trees and shrubs, 18 inches to 3 feet, cost \$27-\$35 for a bundle of 10 trees per bundle. Trees include hybrid poplar, Nanking cherry, common chokecherry, red maple, common purple lilac, quaking aspen, flame willow, Red osier dogwood, cotoneaster, common privet, and golden willow and Amur maple.

Fruit trees are \$18 each or \$85 for a bundle of five; golden delicious apple, Moorpark pear, Anjou apricot and Italian plum.

Rocky Mountain junipers, blue spruce and Austrian pine are available in one-gallon containers for \$7.50 each.

Balled and burlapped trees, 3 to 4 feet, are also available for \$60 and include Austrian pine.

A 50 percent deposit is required when the trees are ordered. Quantities are limited.

Trees will be available for pick up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 28 at the Bureau of Land Management Fire Center in Shoshone.

Order forms are available at www.wrswcd.org, call 886-2258 ext. 3, or stop by the USDA office, 217 West F St., Shoshone.

Shoshone Grazing Board To Meet Tuesday

SHOSHONE • The Shoshone District Grazing Advisory Board will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the conference room at the Bureau of Land Management district office, 400 W. F St.



Rapids Soccer Club players have been selling Chobani yogurt as a fundraiser. Pictured left to right are Anthony Ippolito, Caden Zierenberg, Christian Hawkes, Simon Alexander and Trevor Walter, members of the U10 Boys team.

Rapids Soccer Club Players Sell Chobani Yogurt for Fundraiser

TWIN FALLS • For about three weeks, a couple of hundred Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club players sold Chobani yogurt as a fundraiser.

What makes this fundraiser special? First, it involves a healthy food. Second, the players sold the yogurt for a

very competitive price. Finally, 100 percent of the proceeds from the fundraiser support the soccer club, which includes player fees, scholarships, equipment and more.

"Chobani has been wonderful to work with from the start. We sold more than

4,500 cases of yogurt," said Chris Clark, volunteer tournament director for the Rapids Soccer Club for the Canyon Rim Classic Soccer Tournament coming up on May 5 and 6, where more than 2,000 players in about 120 soccer teams from throughout the Intermountain West

will be participating.

"Chobani understands the value of working with the local community and our youth. We are excited to have Chobani as one of our partners and welcome them and the positive impact they will have on our community," Clark said.

Fundraisers to Help Local Family

GOODING • Several fundraising events are scheduled to help with medical and travel expenses for Sheri and Randy Basterrechea's family as one of their 4-year-old twin sons has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma.

An account has been established at Zion's National Bank in Gooding.

A benefit spaghetti dinner hosted by Elk's Lodge No. 1745 will be held from 5 to 9

p.m. April 14. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children or \$25 for a family of four. A raffle is planned, with items such as an iPad, Kindle Fire and dinner for two with a helicopter ride. Tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for three. Dinner and raffle tickets are available at Stampede Burger in Gooding or at the door.

A Zumba-thon is tentatively scheduled for April 28 at the Gooding Recreation

District gym.

Following a hospital visit for a fever that continued to progress, Nikolas Basterrechea was diagnosed with a tumor the size of a cantaloupe surrounding one of his kidneys. Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City chartered a plane for Nikolas and his family. Emergency surgery was performed to remove the tumor, which they found had encased his kidney and grown

into his diaphragm. Nikolas now has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma that has spread to his lymphnodes. He is in stage 3 and will be going through chemo, radiation and a stem-cell transplant over the next few months. Just three years ago, Nikolas' mother (Sheri), went through her own battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Information: Suzie Heller at 320-5035 or Sheri Basterrechea at 571-6451.

BRIDGE NEWS

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge Results

TWIN FALLS • The Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge Club recently released its results from March 7.

Flight A: 1. Edna Pierson and Sue Skinner, 2. Kathy Rooney and Claire Major, 3. Joye Astorquia and Jessie Lingnaw.

Flight B: 1. Veeta Roberts and Doris Finney, 2. Mary

Tucker and Doris Watts.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Results

RUPERT • BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert recently announced the results of play for March 3.

1. Duane Schneberger and Shirley Tschannen, 2. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 3. Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter, 4. Shirley Harris and Kent Gillespie, 5. Sheila

Hubsmith and Mildred Wolf, 6. Lila Buman and Marian Snow.

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They've packed in about as much fun and family as they possibly could.

Come join us for a grand and wonderful celebration at the LDS church in



Buhl located at 1001 Fair Street on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 3-5 p.m., hosted by their 9 children, 32 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren! No gifts please!

If you would like to bring or send a note of how you met them and/or how they have affected your life in a good way, please do so. A temporary e-mail account has been set up and we will print and compile a book from those well wishes. VaunMaurine@gmail.com

Engagements

Browning-DeVaney

Brent and Toni Browning of Paul are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Heidi Browning, to Kyle Shane DeVaney, son of Darrin and Laura DeVaney of Homer, Alaska.

Heidi is a 2006 graduate of Minico High School. She served an LDS Mission at the L.A., California Temple Visitor Center. She is currently studying at BYU-ID and will graduate in April with her teaching degree.

Kyle is a 2006 graduate. He served an LDS Mission in Guadalajara, Mexico, and is currently studying Civil Engineering at BYU-ID.

The couple will be married on Friday, March 23rd in



Heidi Browning and Kyle Shane DeVaney

the Idaho Falls Temple. No reception will be held, but they will be honored at a luncheon in Idaho Falls following the wedding.

The couple will be living in Salt Lake City, following the wedding, where Heidi will be teaching and Kyle will be continuing his education.

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A 60th Anniversary Celebration- Congratulations Jack & Kay Fields

Please join us in celebrating 60 wonderful years of marriage and memories. We are excited to include family, friends and colleagues.

The wondrous event will be hosted by Ron, John, Janie, Becky and Bill @ Mimi's Saddle Horn at 289 Clear Lakes Rd., Buhl Idaho 83316. This will be an open house with dessert available from 3:30pm-6:30pm on Saturday, March 24th.



Blue Hadden, 18, feeds horses Wednesday. Hadden is finishing high school online and hopes to attend college to be a large-animal veterinarian.

Blue

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sentenced to four to 12 years in prison. Traci got seven years for stealing cattle, and 10 to 15 for aiding and abetting an attempted murder. She must serve the sentences back-to-back.

Blue remembers hearing his mom talk about the plot to kill Craig. A self-described mama's boy, he wanted to please her.

"I talked big like I could do it, and said that I would, but I couldn't," Blue said. "Every time it was brought up, I'd come up with an excuse why I couldn't go do it that day."

Excuses kept coming up for all three involved, Blue said, so he thought — and hoped — the scheme was just big talk.

It wasn't. On April Fools' Day, four bullets ripped into Craig Hadden's body when Cannon fired a .30-06 rifle at him outside the businessman's Lincoln County home.

"The trauma doctor in Boise basically told me my being alive was an absolute miracle, because it was impossible for me to be alive," Craig said last week. "I refused to die."

Today Craig describes himself as "as close as possible to 100 percent" healthy. He lost two ribs, his spleen and part of a lung to the shooting, but the only lasting effects are pain and numbness in his right arm.

Blue knows it could have been so much worse.

His Mother's Son

Blue's downward spiral began when he was 15 — when his parents, already divorced, finally moved apart. Brooker Hadden, Blue's dad, had been a stabilizing force in the household, Blue said. But the teen wanted to live with his mom.

With Brooker living elsewhere in Shoshone, Blue said, Traci began encouraging Blue to steal money. He'd take it from cars, stores, people's wallets. He'd con whomever he could out of cash. Then he'd hand most of it over to Traci, sometimes keeping a little for himself.

Craig believes both teens involved were brainwashed by Traci. Within six months of living with his mother without Brooker, Blue landed in juvenile detention.

"It sounds horrible to say, but I think (my bad decisions) had a lot to do with my mom," said Blue, noting he wasn't a strong or confident person back then. "I kind of followed in her footsteps because I don't know why. It was a stupid decision that I made."

Blue was never charged with anything related to the attempted murder and currently has no contact with Traci or Cannon. His latest sentence was for grand theft and malicious injury to property — he stole Craig's four-wheelers before the shooting.

"I am responsible for everything I did, but I definitely wasn't given the proper tools by my mom," said Blue, who lives with Brooker now. "My dad — yeah my dad was awesome. He tried to give me everything I needed to be successful. But I didn't want to listen to him."

Facing His Neighbors

After a year and a half behind bars, Blue re-entered Shoshone society. He'd completed a Positive Peer Culture program while incarcerated. Blue said the state's nine-month program taught him how to



Blue Hadden pauses next to his family's horses north of Shoshone.

deal with his problems and how to think before he acts. He felt like a changed young man.

But would the Shoshone community accept and welcome him back?

"I know part of Blue's family thought he had paid his dues," said Blue's probation officer, Linda Boguslawski. But some community members were fearful because Blue never told anyone about the plot to kill his grandpa. In another incident, Blue threatened to kill a police officer, Blue said last week, but charges were dropped after he said he wasn't serious.

"The community didn't feel safe," Boguslawski said. So she arranged for a meeting between Blue and the officer he threatened, then for a "restorative conference" in Shoshone so people could meet with Blue face to face.

About 30 people showed up to the conference in January 2011: police officers, City Councilmen, Shoshone High's principal, family members — including Craig — and anyone else who wanted to. Walking in, Blue was nervous.

"You don't know how you're going to fare," he said. "You could be walking into a room full of lions. But really, everyone there was really supportive and really helpful and wanted to be there to help me and see me be successful rather than see me fail."

At a restorative conference, the offender and harmed individuals answer scripted questions, said LeWayne Jungert, program manager for Easter Seals-Goodwill Youth and Family Services, which trains facilitators who lead these conferences for juvenile offenders up to 19 years old.

For the offender: What happened? What were you thinking at the time? What have you thought about since? Who has been affected by what you have done? What do you think you need to do to make things right?

"It was an opportunity to explain myself to them, which isn't offered through the court system," Blue said. For the harmed: What did you think when you realized what had happened? What impact has this incident had on you and others? What do you think needs to happen to make it right?

"What the victims want is often much less than what you'd think," said Jungert, noting Magic Valley has 50 trained facilitators, including Boguslawski. "They really want to hear, 'Why did you pick me?' Those kinds of things. The goal isn't just to teach the offender a lesson, it's to give victims a voice in the process."

Blue said the conference was a turning point. "It had hit me before, but that really

brought it home," Blue said. "It puts it in your face and tells you, 'Hey, this is how these people feel.'"

At the conference, community members asked Blue to wear an ankle monitor for one year; it was removed about three weeks ago. He also agreed to counseling and to a psychiatric evaluation, Boguslawski said.

"Blue has proven himself to the community now," she said. "At this point, he has a lot of community support. I think he can stay on track."

Grandpa and Grandson

Craig and Blue don't talk about the shooting these days. They'd rather discuss sports or farming.

Craig forgives his grandson. He also forgives Cannon and would set him free if he could.

Blue works for Craig sometimes, doing odds and ends around his farm. They live a mile apart and see each other often. They've come to an understanding.

"Pretty much the understanding is I was a dumb kid and did a lot of dumb things," Blue said. "He understands that, and he doesn't hold a grudge. ... He just wants to see me be successful, move on with my life and be the best person I can be."

Blue hopes to enroll at the College of Southern Idaho and join its rodeo team as a bull rider and bareback rider.

Blue played basketball and football and competed in rodeo for Shoshone High this year. (He doesn't attend as a student, studying online instead.)

"He accepted his role and came off the bench and sometimes played valuable minutes," said Shoshone basketball coach Larry Messick, noting Blue showed up to practice every day and worked hard.

Craig attended all of his basketball games and a handful of football games.

"In basketball, he'll always point out the things I did really good, and maybe give some ideas on what I could do better," Blue said of his grandpa.

It's that way in life too.

"I hope he goes to school and does whatever he wants to do," Craig said. "This whole thing has been quite a positive thing for Blue because prior to this experience, I think he was influenced terribly by his mom. And he had quite a temper. (Lately) I've seen absolutely no indication of any temper at all."

It's one of the bad traits Blue said is gone now. He readily acknowledges he used to be rude, had little respect for anybody and was selfish. He insists he's different now.

To Shoshone residents, he's got the rest of his life to prove it.

2 Twin Falls Men Qualify for National Bowling Competition

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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TWIN FALLS • When Anthony Brady was a boy, he used to bowl with his parents and other family members.

"I was born into the sport," he said. "My mom played. My dad and grandfather bowled."

Anthony Best said much the same thing, as the two friends stood near Bowladrome lanes on a busy Tuesday night; he also grew up in a family of bowlers.

Over the years, the friends from Twin Falls, both 20, have become so good at the sport that they've qualified for the U.S. Bowling Congress Junior Gold National Championship, July 14-21 in Indianapolis.

This is Brady's first time qualifying, and Best's fifth.

Bowling teaches many virtues, they said against the din of a noisy evening crowd. For instance, they said, it has taught them patience, teamwork and confidence in themselves.

But their passion for

bowling is summed up in a phrase, Best said: "It's the love of the sport."

The scholarships aren't bad either, Brady said. "You can get some good scholarships from bowling."

Dennis Seckel, owner of Bowladrome, said he's seen a number of young people receive scholarships because of bowling, including one young man who earned around \$8,000.

There's yet another draw to bowling, Brady said. The people he's met in leagues are role models, and the pros are too.

"I grew up watching the pros on ESPN," Brady said. "I look up to Pete Weber, Tommy Jones, Walter Ray Williams. I even met a few of them."

He and Best plan to hold fundraisers in late spring and early summer to help pay for their trip to Indiana, they said. They don't yet know what those fundraisers will be, but they hope the community will step up.

It's for a good cause, they said with a laugh, and for a great sport.



(ABOVE) Steffi Leazer, 8, high-fives her dad, Bob Leazer, after her turn bowling. (BELOW) Isaiah Parrott, 8, takes his bowling seriously.

Bowling

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daughters Steffi, 8, and Jenny, 10, have bowled since they were 3 and 4, respectively. "I'm not pushing them too hard right now. I want them to have a good time."

3. Be a Good Sport

Brendan Rife, 12, of Twin Falls said bowling has taught him to be a better team player. His cousin, Jenny Leazer, 10, said it helps her get along better with others: "It helps me with teamwork."

"I think it does teach them teamwork, camaraderie," said her dad, Bob Leazer.

Jennifer Folks said she likes to watch her two sons bowl and associate with their peers. Her preschool son, Nickolas, bowls in a PeeWee league on Saturday mornings. "It does teach them teamwork and respect for others like taking turns."

4. Get Coordinated

"It also helps teach me hand-eye coordination," Jenny Leazer said, noting that she uses those skills in



other sports. "It helps me with basketball."

5. Social Networking Isn't All on the Web

"I like to hang out with my sister, and my cousin and friends," said Steffi Leazer. She looks forward to Saturday mornings at Bowladrome, hanging out with her teammates.

"All of the people here, who I bowl with, are my friends," said Dennis Hudelsy, 14, of Twin Falls.

He's been bowling for about two years, but watching him you'd think he's been doing it longer: He made several strikes and spares on a recent Saturday.

Bob Leazer said he's been bowling for years and knows firsthand how it helps kids get socialized: "All of my friends I met while bowling."

CLEANING

Question: A friend at work was telling me about a Don Aslett Cleaning Seminar she attended where she learned that there is a wrong and a right way to clean a toilet. Come on Lori! Cleaning the "John" seems basic and simple to me. What could I possibly do wrong? "Captain of the Bowl Patrol!"

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Competition

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Christene Schmidt of Twin Falls is returning to this year's competition after placing fourth in 2009.

"It took a lot of courage to walk back in there," Schmidt said. "After this year's is over, I plan to maintain my health no matter what."

Schmidt is walking a mile and a half a day, playing tennis and chasing after her grandkids. To change her diet, Schmidt changed her mindset by thinking of food as fuel instead of comfort. She is down 22 pounds and said her energy has skyrocketed.

Cassi Hohnhorst of Twin Falls began the competition with her sister, brother, sis-

ter-in-law and husband. She goes to the gym every morning with some or all of her group and spends 30 minutes on cardio and 30 minutes on circuit training.

"I want to be at the point that I feel good in my own body," said Hohnhorst, who's down 34 pounds.

The Magic Valley Weight Loss Competition ends June 23, and the winner is deter-

mined by percentage of body weight lost — not by pounds lost.

Last year's winner, Bear Bangs, offered advice about not beating yourself up after slipping a bit.

"Don't let the speed bump knock you off course," Bangs said. "The weight didn't go on overnight, and it's not going to come off overnight."