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Above, members of the Panama national floor hockey team pause between training exercises Friday. At left, Panama national floor hockey member Nicolas Lopez practices with teammates Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Jerome. The team is in Idaho for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, which start today.

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Times-News

Carter to get three new credit cards

New sheriff vows to avoid debt mistakes of the past

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

New Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter got permission to get three new credit cards Friday morning, one week after county officials dealt with left-over debt from the office's previous cards.

County commissioners unanimously approved Carter's request. Later in the day, he said he is trying to keep the number of cards down and has put a priority on avoiding situations like the one former Sheriff Wayne Tousley found himself in last year.

Tousley said he unknowingly racked up \$20,000 in late charges and service fees over 13 years. After discovering it last year, he approached county commissioners in September for help paying it back.

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Man's body found in Snake River.

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Floor hockey team gears up for games in Jerome

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

In Panama, floor hockey is often played with broomsticks, and snowfall is much more of a rarity than in Idaho.

But that's not keeping the country's floor hockey players away from the Gem State.

Panama's floor hockey team practiced Friday at the gym of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Jerome. For the team, it was

preparation before the Special Olympics World Winter Games that officially begin today.

The 16-member team arrived in Idaho on Tuesday and has spent the last few days with host families in Jerome and Wendell. The team has been practicing together since October, when Panama had a national competition and combined players from the first- and second-place teams.

"The main thing is for them to know each other and know their

Biden to attend Special Olympics

A spokeswoman for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games says Vice President Joe Biden is expected to visit Idaho next week, near the close of the seven-day event.

Kirsten Suto Seckler says organizers are still working with the White House on the exact date of Biden's visit and how he will participate.

— The Associated Press

speed, their capabilities," said Ramon Reyes, the assistant head of the Panama delegation.

Reyes said many of the players

have never traveled beyond Panama, seen snow or even been

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Idaho endowment funds lose \$285M

The Associated Press

BOISE — The nine land grant endowment funds that generate money for Idaho's public schools have lost \$285 million since June, a drop of about 25 percent.

Larry Johnson, manager of investments for the Endowment Fund Investment Board, said the combined value of the nine funds fell from \$1.12 billion in June to \$835 million on Jan. 22.

Johnson revealed the numbers Thursday at the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee meeting, blaming the loss on the declining economy.

"We have a high exposure to the equity markets," Johnson told the Lewiston Tribune. "About 70 percent of the value of the

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Deal announced on stimulus bill; weekend vote likely

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — With job losses soaring nationwide, Senate Democrats reached agreement with a small group of Republicans Friday night on an economic stimulus measure at the heart of President Barack Obama's plan for combating the worst recession in decades.

"The American people want us to work together. They don't want to see us dividing along partisan lines on the most serious crisis confronting our country," said Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, one of three Republican moderates who broke ranks and pledged their votes for the bill.

Democratic leaders expressed confidence that the concessions they had made to Republicans and moderate Democrats to trim the measure had cleared the way for its passage. No final vote was expected before today or Sunday.

Democrat leaders put the cost of the measure at \$780 billion, including Obama's signature tax cut of up to \$1,000 for working couples. Much of the new spending would be for victims of the recession, in the form of unemployment compensation, health care and food stamps.

Other supporters said that the price tag was actually higher, at \$827 billion.

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Snake's secure, but other rivers left wanting

Monthly water forecast says tight supply possible

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Irrigators and others who draw their water from the Snake River may find an OK supply this year.

But those who rely on other waters in south-central Idaho — including those in the Big Wood and Salmon Falls basins — could face a tight year, warns the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service in its monthly water-supply report.

The Snake River may reach 95 percent of average stream flow this spring as measured at Heise thanks to a combina-



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Fallen snow lingers around a small waterfall at Shoshone Falls Park Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.

tion of good snowpack and above-normal reservoir storage, the report states. But

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MORNING BRIEFING



Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to do today

- With a repertoire ranging from Chinese folk music to country, the Shanghai Quartet performs at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road in Ketchum. Tickets are \$25 for Sun Valley Center for the Arts members and \$30 for non-members, at sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.
- A West End Fireman's Ball will start at 9 p.m. with

a dance at the American Legion Hall on Wayne Street in Paul. The cost of \$5 includes breakfast at mid-night.

- The Mountain Home Arts Council's Visual Arts Committee presents Art, Wine and Jazz from 6 to 9 p.m. at Carmela Vineyards in Glenns Ferry. Area artists show their work with music by ArtsWest Jazz Combo set-

ting the mood. Cost is \$20 for wine, food and souvenir wine glass; or \$12 for non-wine tasting admittance or for restaurant patrons with a receipt for that evening.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@magicvalley.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Winemaker Tasting, with Gary Cunningham, owner of 3 Horse Ranch Vineyards, 1 to 4 p.m., Rudy's-A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cost, www.cooksparadise.com.

The 5th annual Art, Wine and Jazz, presented by Visual Arts Committee of Mountain Home Arts Council, 6 to 9 p.m., Carmela Vineyards, Glenns Ferry, \$20 for wine, food and souvenir wine glass hand-painted by the artists; or \$12 when dinner patrons of restaurant present receipt, or for non-wine tasting admittance, 587-5960 or 587-3706.

"Fiddler on the Roof," Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation production, 2 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., Burley, \$10 reserved, \$8 general and \$5 economy, 678-6868.

Olympic dances, dancers honor winter sports of Special Olympics World Winter Games through ballet, modern jazz, tap and hip-hop presented by Footlight Dance Co., 7 p.m., Community Campus Theater, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Hailey, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, 788-3481, ext. 6.

"Willie Wonka, Junior," presented by Magic Valley School of Performing Arts, 7 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Ave. E., \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12, 733-6128.

Shanghai Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Church of the Big Wood, 100 Saddle Road, Ketchum, \$25 for Sun Valley Center members and \$30 for non-members, sunvalleycenter.org 726-9491.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Benefit auction for Peggy Collins, with music, raffles and promos to help with cancer medical expenses, 7:30 p.m., Landmark Bar and Grill, 325 Main St., Hazelton, no cover charge, 829-4016.

West End Fireman's Ball, 9 p.m. dance with breakfast served at midnight at the fire hall, American Legion Hall, Wayne Street, Paul, open to the public, \$5 includes breakfast, 431-5209.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Christian Men's Fellowship and (optional) no-host breakfast, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Depot Grill, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5501.

Daughters of the American Revolution,

Twin Falls Chapter meeting, Good Citizens and American History Awards reception, 1:30 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., prospective members and guests welcome, 735-1205.

EXHIBITS

"Domestic Life" exhibition, multidisciplinary project on the financial and time investments spent on homes, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, no cost, sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

New work by Twin Falls sculptor Yvonne Jacques, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or Magicvalleyartscouncil.org.

Russ Hepworth Restrospective, 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls, complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 7 to 11 a.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold- insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Planet Patrol" at 2 p.m.; **"Journey to the Edge of Space and Time"** at 4 p.m.; and **"Here Comes the Sun"** at 7 p.m., Herrett Center, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less; and **Rock Entertainment Show: "Lynyrd Skynyrd: Fly On Free Bird"** at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50, 732-6655.

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

Cards

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The commissioners approved a settlement with Bank of America on Jan. 30, paying the bank roughly half of the amount owed.

All of Carter's cards are now through First Federal Savings Bank, commissioners said, and each has a \$2,000 credit limit. One will be for Carter himself, one for jail needs and one for training and patrol expenses.

The existing card is used by Carter's administrative staff, he said. Commissioners also on Friday changed the name on the card from Tousley's to Carter's.

Tousley said last fall that he had 11 cards for his office. Carter said Friday that he wants to keep the number of cards lower, but found he had to have a few on hand for things like hotels and other costs.

"Unfortunately, in this day and age you have just got to get a credit card," he said.

His card will stay in his wallet, he said, while the jail and training cards will be given to and strictly over-

seen by Capt. Tim Miller. Miller said he's just as concerned as the public about how the cards are used.

"We're taxpayers in the county, and so this is my money," Miller said.

Carter said he's also looking at using other methods of payment when he can. For example, he said, he recently stayed in a Boise hotel for a state sheriffs' meeting, but the hotel directly billed the county, negating the need for a card.

The debt issue drew attention to the county's credit-card policy, revised in 2003 after an embezzlement scandal involving former County Clerk Bob Fort. Commissioners George Urie and Terry Kramer said last month that they don't see a need to revise it again, but Commissioner Tom Mikesell said Friday during the vote that he wants to continue to review all county policies.

In response to a recent *Times-News* editorial that suggested commissioners should adopt card controls common in the private sector, the commissioners

passed out copies of a 2003 resolution concerning "account guidelines."

During the commissioner's public meeting, Mikesell suggested sending the policy to the newspaper's editorial board with a ribbon and a jar of Vaseline before he was shushed by other public officials.

Carter and the commissioners had said in mid-January that the sheriff's office had only two cards, both from First Federal.

A master list of county credit cards dated Aug. 4, but with more recent changes marked in pen, shows the county had 16 cards before Friday's vote. Cardholders include all three commissioners, the prosecutor and public defender, the assessor, county Safe House and magistrate and juvenile probation.

The list shows nine Bank of America cards that were cancelled for the sheriff's office.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	Seasonal percentage	
	% of Avg.	peak
Salmon	86%	55%
Big Wood	76%	51%
Little Wood	82%	53%
Big Lost	82%	51%
Little Lost	87%	53%
Henrys Fork/Teton	82%	54%
Upper Snake Basin	94%	62%
Oakley	81%	55%
Salmon Falls	95%	63%

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Panama

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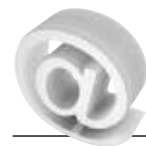
The teammates warmed up with stretching exercises and ran back and forth in the gym.

They've had a chance to explore the Magic Valley with their host families.

With Reyes translating, 18-year-old Lazaro Gomez said he's enjoyed seeing stores and visiting a dairy farm. As for the sport of floor hockey, he likes the action and movement.

"You're always on the move," Gomez said through the translator.

Deborah Bingham of



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WATCH: A video of the Panama floor hockey team practicing.

Jerome had three athletes staying in her home. She said they've seen BASE jumpers at the Snake River canyon and have visited the planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho.

Before the athletes arrived, she was nervous about the language barrier, but they got by with gestures and smiling a lot, Bingham said.

Stimulus

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Republican critics complained that whatever the cost, billions were ticketed for programs that would not create jobs. Official cost figures were not yet available.

In a key reduction from the bill that reached the Senate floor earlier in the week, \$40 billion would be cut from a "fiscal stabilization fund" for state governments' education costs, though \$14 billion to boost the maximum for college Pell Grants by \$400 would be preserved, as would aid to local school districts for the No Child Left Behind law and special education.

A plan to help the unemployed purchase health insurance would be reduced to a 50 percent subsidy instead of two-thirds.

The agreement capped a tense day of backroom negotiations in which Senate Majority Leader

Harry Reid, joined by White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, sought to attract the support of enough Republicans to give the measure the needed 60-vote majority. Democrats hold a 58-41 majority in the Senate, including two independents.

Uncertain of the outcome of the talks, Democrats called Sen. Edward M. Kennedy back to Washington in case his vote was needed.

The Massachusetts senator, battling brain cancer, has been in Florida in recent days and has not been in the Capitol since suffering a seizure on Inauguration Day more than two weeks ago.

In addition to Collins, Republican Sens. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Olympia Snowe of Maine pledged to vote for the legislation.

Whatever the price tag, the compromise marked a victory for the president,

who has veered between calls for bipartisanship and criticism of Republicans in recent days. And it indicated that Democratic leaders remain on track to deliver a bill to the White House by the end of next week.

Late Friday night, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said, "On the day when we learned 3.6 million people have lost their jobs since this recession began, we are pleased the process is moving forward and we are closer to getting Americans a plan to create millions of jobs and get people back to work."

Obama said earlier in the day that further delay would be "inexcusable and irresponsible" given Friday's worst monthly unemployment report in a generation — 598,000 jobs lost in January and the national unemployment rate rising to 7.6 percent.

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Funds

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funds is in equities, because they have a better long-term performance than bonds. We would expect equities to return about 9 percent over time, compared to 5 percent for bonds."

Idaho received 3.6 million acres from the federal government in 1890 when it became a state as endowment land to be used to support state institutions. About 90 percent of the revenue goes to public schools, and state law requires the land be managed for maximum profit over time.

The state now has about 2.46 million acres of endowment land. The endowment funds were established to manage and invest income

from the land. Main sources of revenue are timber sales, mineral extraction and cabin rentals.

Despite the decline in the value of the funds, Johnson said the reserve in the endowment is large enough to smooth out the drop. He said public schools, colleges and universities will actually receive slightly more in distributions in fiscal year 2010.

Public schools will receive \$31.1 million, up from \$29.6 million in fiscal year 2009. Colleges and universities will receive \$9.6 million, up from \$8.6 million, he said.

The total distribution from the funds will increase by \$3.3 million, from \$42.4 million to \$45.7 million.

Johnson said earnings

from the endowment funds form half of the distribution. Annual income from state lands provides the rest, with most of that coming from timber sales.

Despite the slumping economy, and a possible decline in timber sales, Johnson predicted the state Board of Land Commissioners, which sets the annual distribution level, should be able to maintain the higher distribution levels through at least 2012.

Johnson said the funds had a good year in 2007, while 2007 and 2008 were good years for income from the lands, enough to continue increasing the distribution slightly over the next few years.

Water

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reservoirs are lower in many other parts of the state, and combined with a hit-and-miss snowpack, could cause problems.

The issue wasn't helped by a weather inversion that made January's weather patterns look more like July, said Ron Abramovich, an NRCS water-supply specialist. And unless more snow shows up this month and next, he said, even the Snake users may have a tough season.

"We're going to need some more precipitation no matter what," he said.

Two of the lowest reservoirs in the state based on their average size are in the Magic Valley: Magic and Salmon Falls.

Predictions based on the

agency's 50-percent forecast — equal chances that stream flow will be higher or lower than the value in question — show that most basins should have adequate irrigation water. But supplies may only be "marginally adequate" in the Bear River Basin, the report states, and the Oakley and Salmon Falls area may see water shortages.

Groundwater pumpers should also hope that the upper Snake stays where it is, Abramovich said. Though the NRCS report doesn't address their supply, Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill told those at a water convention last month that pumpers might suffer if the river flows much below 80 percent of average.

Historically, snowpacks that are below-average by Feb. 1 aren't able to fully recover by April 1.

But Abramovich isn't giving up on the possibility of more moisture, and said more storms are possible in the second half of this month.

Predictions should be firmed up more by early March. He said he'll know more about the forecasts after the state's water-supply committee meets on Thursday.

"We just need a big day on the stock market, and a big storm to come through," he said. "And that'll bail us out for this year."

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Man's body found in Snake River

Authorities are investigating how Harlan Wolters died

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

The body of Twin Falls resident Harlan Wolters, 64, was found Friday by a hiker in chilly water near a boat launch at Centennial Waterfront Park in the Snake River Canyon.

Authorities haven't figured out yet what happened to Wolters, but they don't think foul play is behind his demise, according to a press release from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

A white car belonging to Wolters was high-centered in a lot above the Centennial Waterfront Park.

Deputies are still "trying to



Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies stand near the spot where a hiker discovered the body of Harlan Wolters, 64, of Twin Falls, Friday afternoon in the water near the boat docks at Centennial Park in Twin Falls. County sheriff's officials are investigating the death. Foul play is not suspected.

piece together whether it was an accident or an attempt to end his life," said Twin Falls

County Sheriff's Office Spokeswoman Lori Nebeker. Authorities want anyone

who may have recently seen Wolters to call the sheriff's office, "to piece together what

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WATCH: A video of the scene and an interview with Twin Falls County Sheriff's Spokeswoman Lori Nebeker.



was going on in his last several days," said Nebeker.

The Twin Falls County Coroner's Office removed Wolters' body after it was discovered at about 1:30 p.m., and it could take a couple of weeks before they know what happened to him, said Nebeker.

Authorities don't think the body was in the water for more than 24 hours, Nebeker said.

Reached Friday by the Times-News, some of Wolters' family members said they were shocked and saddened by his death.

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Five sent to hospital after crash near Nevada border

Times-News

Five occupants of a vehicle that drifted into oncoming traffic were sent to regional hospitals on Friday.

An Idaho State Police release reported that at approximately 8 a.m., a 2003 Dodge Caravan driven by Cody Smith, 31, of Nampa, drifted for unknown reasons into the northbound lane of U.S. Highway 93 near the Idaho/Nevada border.

Johannes Hendricks, 60, of British Columbia, drove onto the shoulder from the northbound lane to avoid the collision. However, his 2003 Ford F-350 was sideswiped by Smith's vehicle and rolled on its side. Smith's vehicle came to rest in a field on the east side of the highway.

According to the release, Smith was transported by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where his status is unknown. Smith's passengers, Tina Smith and three children, were transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

None of the occupants in Hendricks' vehicle were injured. The crash remains under investigation by ISP Trooper Corey Gates with assistant from Sgt. Kent Oliver.

Despite resident concerns, Castleford keeps utility rates

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Complaining with the feds isn't cheap. For Castleford residents living paycheck-to-paycheck, it's not going to get any cheaper.

During Wednesday's Castleford City Council meeting, Mayor Rita Ruffing reported concerns by residents that some of the city's senior citizens now have to choose between paying \$75 for monthly water, sewer and garbage service, or paying for medication or groceries.

Although Castleford officials empathize with their

economically strapped constituents, the city will not lower rates for certain sectors of the population.

The city itself is facing budget concerns. Castleford must repay its portion of the cost of a newly built \$2 million water project, including construction of a federally mandated arsenic filtration facility to reduce arsenic levels in the water to Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

The city must also have money for yearly operations and maintenance of the facility, including more than \$20,000 per year for the EPA-required water operator.

"The problem is that we took (rates) to public hearings," Ruffing said.

"This is what people said they could afford and that is the basis for doing the project. I don't see how we could go in and reduce it."

In order to lower some users' bills the city would need to obtain the lost revenue elsewhere. The city lacks excess funding to pick up some users' fees and doesn't have a plan in place to determine who would qualify for subsidies.

"Down the road, we may have criteria in place but right now we are not in a position," Ruffing said.

The city is also trying to figure out how to fund the replacement of several missing street identification signs. Ruffing said the cost for a single reflective aluminum sign runs about \$80.

The number of needed signs is unknown.

"That's pretty high ... for a darn little sign," said Councilman Richard Schlund.

Councilwoman Meryle Lynn Paxman said she will contact the Castleford School welding class to see if they would be interested in fabricating signs.

"It would be a good community project and would

save the city money ... and we would get the much-needed signs," Paxman said.

In the meantime the city will contact other area clubs to see if they are interested in helping with the issue. An update on those contacts will likely be discussed during next month's council meeting, set for 7 p.m., March 4, at City Hall.

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ID agency tackles gap in Hispanic student scores

Jerome district sees gains in test scores

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The state should hire more bilingual teachers and allow students who are not proficient in English to skip standardized tests or take them in their native language, the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs says.

The agency released a report on Thursday with more than two dozen recommendations for how Idaho can better educate a growing population of Hispanic students and close the stark achievement gap between them and their classmates.

A study released by the commission last year showed Hispanic students scored significantly lower than non-Hispanic students in reading, math and language on statewide tests taken during the 2006-2007 school year.

For example, one in five Hispanic students in the 10th grade scored below proficiency levels in math on the Idaho Standardized Achievement Test, while only one in 12 white students failed the test.

The ISAT is used to determine whether schools are meeting federal benchmarks set by the No Child Left Behind Act.

Hispanic students made slight gains on the tests last year in third through eighth grades, as well as in 10th grade, when they have to pass the test to graduate, but they still scored lower than non-Hispanic students.

Latino students in the Jerome School District were particularly successful in bringing up their scores, but only after officials there

spent several years targeting ways to help children who don't speak English as a first language.

"We want to get closer to eliminating the gap. This is just the starting point," said Juan Saldana, a community resource specialist at the state Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Hispanics accounted for 35,900 students in Idaho, making up about 13 percent of the 272,000 K-12 population during the 2007-2008 school year, according to the most recent enrollment figures available from the state Department of Education.

The commission recommends that school districts create individual education plans for students who are in bilingual programs and use state and federal funding to develop practices, based on research, aimed at the academic success of these children.

The agency also proposes that Idaho expand Head Start programs for Hispanic students and eliminate bilingual and English as a Second Language classes that have proven ineffective in some school districts.

Val Kilmer ponders run for NM governor in 2010

By Deborah Baker
Associated Press writer

SANTA FE, N.M. — Holy hornet's nest, Batman! The New Mexico governor's mansion?

Fresh from the inauguration, actor Val Kilmer is pondering running for governor in 2010, when two-term Democrat Bill Richardson will be forced from office by term limits.



Kilmer

"I'm just looking for ways to be contributive," Kilmer told The Associated Press on Thursday. "And if that ends up being where I can make a substantial contribution, then I'll run."

But there's no decision yet. Kilmer, 49, grew up in Los Angeles but has called New Mexico home for more than two decades. He's currently registered as a Democrat and said he cast a ballot for Barack Obama from Bulgaria, where he was filming.

A Kilmer candidacy could throw a monkey wrench into

the well-oiled Democratic machine of Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, who's already running for the job.

Kilmer's screen credits include Batman in "Batman Forever" in 1995, brash fighter pilot Lt. Tom 'Iceman' Kazansky in the 1986 hit "Top Gun," and rock icon Jim Morrison in the 1991 Oliver Stone film, "The Doors."

Kilmer said if he ran it wouldn't have to be a conventional campaign. While the actor decides, he's getting out and about and has been listening to people — something he says he's pretty good at.

"What I do for a living is listen," he said, making a bold prediction: "If I run, I'm going to be the next governor."

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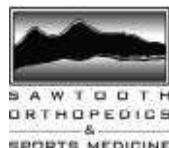
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"They didn't vote for the status quo; they sent us here to bring change. We owe it to them to deliver."
 — President Barack Obama, imploring Congress to pass a massive financial recovery plan

Local control of local liquor licenses? It could happen

CHEERS: Idaho legislators talk local control all the time, yet they're far less eager to let it happen. But soon they'll get another chance. Gov. Butch Otter's office is reviewing legislation from a task force he set up that would overhaul Idaho liquor licensing by removing the state's role in the system. The proposal would transfer responsibility of granting liquor licenses at restaurants to cities and counties while capping the existing number of licenses at bars. The bill is the result of more than a year's work from an Otter-appointed task force consisting of public officials, lobbyists and various bar and restaurant owners. The committee was assembled by Otter in 2007 to update the state's Prohibition-era liquor laws.

Licenses are awarded by the state on a per-capita basis in Idaho: one license for every 1,500 people in a city. This process has drawn a long waiting list of applicants, and licenses can be sold or leased for an unlimited amount — which has created a black market. Under the new rules, the quota list would be eliminated and sale of bar-only licenses would be overseen by a new independent board — and not by the Idaho State Police, which currently does the job. Restaurant licenses would be administered by city councils and county commissions, and would require licensees to do 75 percent of their business in food service. Local control of alcohol sales is the rule in most of America. This is a step in the right direction for Idaho.



JEERS: Good for Mike Gwartney for thinking big. It's just too bad he's tone-deaf. The director of the Idaho Department of Administration this week presented an agency budget 69 percent higher than this year's original appropriation. In outlining the \$99 million budget proposal to the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, Gwartney said technology is such a vital part of government that

spending millions in upgrades now will reap benefits later. The Idaho Education Network, a statewide broadband system designed to expand education, will cost \$2.9 million to get off the ground. Important, certainly. But we're in the middle of a recession. The money's just not there this year. "If it's a decision between having that or keeping teachers, I expect we'll be keeping teachers," said state Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls. **CHEERS:** To the State Board of Education, for beginning the process of cutting the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind loose from direct control of the board. Legislation introduced Thursday would create a Bureau of Educational Services for the

Deaf and Blind to supervise programs offered by the Gooding school. The move — part of an ongoing transfer of responsibilities away from the State Board — would essentially make the school independent. A volunteer board of directors would be created and would oversee the school and its programs. The change is designed to make ISDB operate more like the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, which provides services statewide but also specialized programs to individual districts. The change is part of a campaign by the board to get out of the day-to-day business of managing education in Idaho and become more of an oversight entity. That's good news for ISDB, and for Idaho education.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxpayers should not have to pay for Tousley's bills

I am writing in response to the article that appeared in the *Times-News* last week about Wayne Tousley and his \$20,000 credit card bill. It was a noble move on Grant Loeb's part to negotiate the bill down to \$10,000; after all, he is the county attorney. Isn't that what he's paid to do? But to let Wayne Tousley off the hook and the county taxpayers left to pay his bills, I think that is outrageous. We are talking about a man that all during his time in office bragged about how he had complete control of his office and his budget also under control. And then to have the commissioners say that when Tousley was questioned about his budget he would become so defensive and enraged that it was better not to question him at all. I don't know how the other taxpayers feel but I think Tousley should be made to pay the entire \$10,000 and if the commissioners disagree, maybe they need to pay a portion. After all they think the credit card system that the county uses does not need to be reevaluated because it works just fine. If this is what fine is, I would hate to see what a bad system would entail or how much it would cost us the tax payers.

I would like to know how many other Twin Falls county taxpayers feel the way I do. I also think the commissioners need to rethink their decision on this matter; after all, you are elected officials also.

JUDY A. MONTGOMERY
Twin Falls

Medicare cuts will make life harder for mentally ill

Hello, my name is Charlene Bay and I'm mentally ill. I am concerned that our hours have been cut from 36 hours down to 12 hours by Medicare. I have improved through the programs that I have received through a Community Support Center. I think I'd go crazy if we lost this center that I go to. When I first came here, I used a walker to get around and now I'm walking without the use of it, getting my lunches instead of my husband waiting on me. I also used to use oxygen all through the day and night; now since I've been coming to the center, they've helped

me to even be off oxygen until nighttime. I feel that this center has really helped me learn how to cope outside its doors in society. Please help get my appeal out to Medicare of the hours that were being cut in its programs because I feel I'd go crazy and find myself in a hospital instead of living now in the community.

CHARLENE BAY
Twin Falls

Yeaman said it all clearly in one simple letter

I am writing in regard to Mr. Dee Yeaman's letter. Hip, hip, hooray and amen. He said it all, very clearly I might add, in one simple letter. A question does arise. "Fashion Police"? Does that mean no more shoes?

JOY D. STUART
Twin Falls

Paper may be to blame for candidates' snub of valley

The public's attention is called to Jan. 31, 2009, issue of the *Times-News* Opinion page article, "Cheers and Jeers," wherein the University of Idaho is criticized for not scheduling the prospective candidates for the president of the University of Idaho to visit south-central Idaho.

The author of this article would lead readers to believe this is negligence of the University of Idaho and that approximately 6,000, not 4,000, University of Idaho alumni in the Magic Valley are being ignored. Many of these alumni now have relatives, business associates and lifelong friends in northern Idaho and eastern Washington with whom they remain in contact.

I am an alumnus of the University of Idaho and have subscribed to the *Times-News* since 1967. In order to keep pace with what happens up north, I have also subscribed to the *Lewiston Tribune* and have noted many articles that definitely would be of news to Magic Valley readers; however, these articles seldom appear in the local paper.

This lack of coverage of statewide news has been a glaring omission by the *Times-News* over these years and just may be one of the reasons the finalists for University of Idaho presidency are not making an appearance in south-central Idaho.

GEORGE E. LEE
Twin Falls



Let's quit squabbling till the fire's out

A not-so-funny thing happened on the way to economic recovery. Over the past two weeks, what should have been a deadly serious debate about how to save an economy in desperate straits turned, instead, into hackneyed political theater, with Republicans spouting all the old clichés about wasteful government spending and the wonders of tax cuts.

It's as if the dismal economic failure of the last eight years never happened — yet Democrats have, incredibly, been on the defensive. Even if a major stimulus bill does pass the Senate, there's a real risk that important parts of the original plan, especially aid to state and local governments, will have been emasculated.

Somehow, Washington has lost any sense of what's at stake — of the reality that we may well be falling into an economic abyss, and that if we do, it will be very hard to get out again.

It's hard to exaggerate how much economic trouble we're in. The crisis began with housing, but the implosion of the Bush-era housing bubble has set economic dominoes falling not just in the United States, but around the world.

Consumers have cut back their spending and sharply



PAUL KRUGMAN

increased their saving — a good thing in the long run, but a huge blow to the economy right now. Developers of commercial real estate, watching rents fall and financing costs soar, are slashing their investment plans. Businesses are canceling plans to expand capacity, because they aren't selling enough to use the capacity they have. And exports, which were one of the U.S. economy's few areas of strength over the past couple of years, are now plunging as the financial crisis hits our trading partners. Meanwhile, our main line of defense against recessions — the Federal Reserve's usual ability to support the economy by cutting interest rates — has already been overrun. The Fed has cut the rates it controls basically to zero, yet the economy is still in free fall. It's no wonder, then, that most economic forecasts warn that in the absence of government action we're headed for a deep, prolonged

slump. Some private analysts predict double-digit unemployment. The Congressional Budget Office is slightly more sanguine, but its director, nonetheless, recently warned that "absent a change in fiscal policy ... the shortfall in the nation's output relative to potential levels will be the largest — in duration and depth — since the Depression of the 1930s."

Worst of all is the possibility that the economy will, as it did in the '30s, end up stuck in a prolonged deflationary trap.

We're already closer to outright deflation than at any point since the Great Depression. In particular, the private sector is experiencing widespread wage cuts for the first time since the 1930s, and there will be much more of that if the economy continues to weaken.

As the great American economist Irving Fisher pointed out almost 80 years ago, deflation, once started, tends to feed on itself. As dollar incomes fall in the face of a depressed economy, the burden of debt becomes harder to bear, while the expectation of further price declines discourages investment spending. These effects of deflation depress the economy further, which leads to more deflation, and so on.

Would the Obama economic plan, if enacted, rescue America? Not necessarily: A number of economists, myself included, think the plan falls short and should be substantially bigger. But the Obama plan would certainly improve our odds. And that's why the efforts of Republicans to make the plan smaller and less effective — to turn it into little more than another round of Bush-style tax cuts — are so destructive.

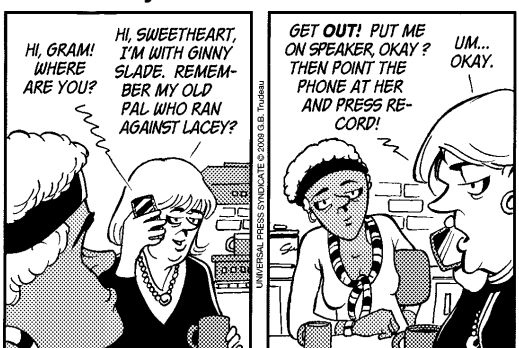
So what should Obama do? Count me among those who think that the president made a big mistake in his initial approach, that his attempts to transcend partisanship ended up empowering politicians who take their marching orders from Rush Limbaugh.

It's time for Obama to go on the offensive. Above all, he must not shy away from pointing out that those who stand in the way of his plan, in the name of a discredited economic philosophy, are putting the nation's future at risk. The American economy is on the edge of catastrophe, and much of the Republican Party is trying to push it over that edge.

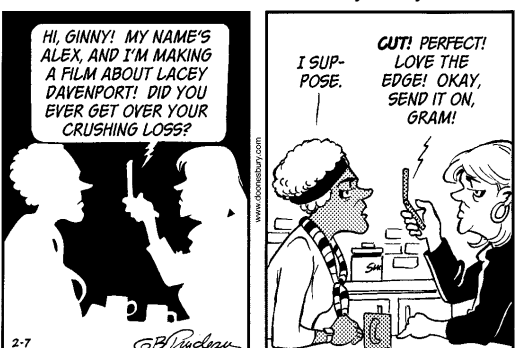
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AROUND THE WEST

CALIFORNIA

Gunmen kill 1, wound 6 in coffee shop

SAN GABRIEL — Police on Friday searched for two gunmen who killed one man and wounded six others when they opened fire on a table full of people at a crowded coffee shop in an attack believed to be gang-related.

Sheriff Lee Baca said it appeared the bandana-wearing gunmen were targeting a specific person late Thursday at the cafe in San Gabriel, about 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

"The manner in which it was done suggests it was a payback situation or a revenge situation," Baca said. "They had a specific person they were trying to shoot."

Deputies said the attackers walked in through the front door of the Coffee House and began firing handguns. Saying nothing, they initially targeted a table next to the entrance where people were playing cards.

Both suspects fired several shots toward the table then turned the guns deeper into the cafe, sheriff's homicide Lt. Pat Nelson said. The attack lasted only a few seconds before the two shooters fled on foot.

IDAHO

Man sentenced for shooting deputy

GRANGEVILLE — A northern Idaho man has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for separate attacks on two Idaho County deputies.

Douglas G. Wood of Kamiah was sentenced Thursday in 2nd District Court.

He must serve 30 years before he is eligible for parole. Wood pleaded guilty in October to shooting Idaho County Chief Deputy Jim Gorges in December 2007.

Also in October, Wood pleaded guilty to attempting in April to shoot Deputy Rick Shira, who was guarding Wood at St. Mary's Hospital where Wood was being treated for physical complaints.

Group reportedly wants pharmacist choice on Plan B pill

BOISE — An Idaho anti-abortion group reportedly wants the state to allow pharmacists to choose whether to dispense the so-called morning-after pill to prevent pregnancy.

Sen. Russ Fulcher, R-Meridian, said David Ripley, executive director of Idaho Chooses Life, approached him about crafting "conscience protection" legislation govern-

ing distribution of emergency contraception.

It would allow pharmacists to refuse to distribute the pill if they have a moral objection, Fulcher said Friday.

Ripley did not return repeated phone calls for comment on Friday.

The National Food and Drug Administration approved the morning-after pill — a concentrated dose of the most common ingredient in regular birth-control pills — for over-the-counter sales in August 2006. Minors are still required to have a prescription in order to obtain the pill.

The pill, sold as Plan B, can dramatically lower chances of pregnancy if it's taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. It prevents ovulation or fertilization of an egg; it also may prevent the egg from implanting into the uterus, though some research suggests that's unlikely.

ALASKA

State senate: Palin's husband, staff found in contempt

JUNEAU — The Alaska Senate on Friday found Gov. Sarah Palin's husband and nine state employees, including some of her top aides, in contempt for ignoring subpoenas to testify in the Legislature's Troopergate investigation.

The Senate said it would seek no punishment for the witnesses' failure to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee last fall in an investigation into the governor's firing of her public safety commissioner, Walt Monegan.

"During the Monegan investigation, we were reminded that the legislative branch's power of subpoena is an important one, and must be respected by the executive branch," said Sen. Hollis French, D-Anchorage. "With this resolution, the Senate is making it clear that we are a coequal branch of state government."

The witnesses later provided sworn written statements after a lawsuit filed on behalf of seven of the state employees by state Attorney General Talis Colberg was dismissed in Superior Court. The case was appealed to the state Supreme Court.

The investigation was looking into whether Palin, assisted by aides and her husband, Todd, pressured Monegan to fire a state trooper — the ex-husband of Palin's sister — and then fired Monegan when he refused. Palin said Monegan was ousted over budget disagreements.

— Compiled from wire services

Calif. employees forced to take day off without pay

By Judy Lin
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO — California drivers who needed to renew their licenses or registration found no one to help Friday at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The doors to the state health agency were locked, too.

Even Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's emergency services office was dark.

Hundreds of state offices closed because there was nobody to run them: More than 200,000 state employees had to take the day off Friday without pay to help ease California's budget crisis.

Schwarzenegger ordered employees to take two unpaid days off a month, hoping to save the state \$1.3 billion through June 2010, when the mass furloughs are expected to end.

Critical services such as state fire stations and centers that process unemployment insurance claims remained open, as well as state parks.

The days off, expected to be the first and third Fridays of each month, will trim the average state worker's salary by 9.2 percent as Schwarzenegger and lawmakers try to solve a \$42 billion budget shortfall.

"It feels like we're being punished because we chose a career in state government," said Shelia Byars, 47, a hearing officer at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Van Nuys.

Byars, who expected to lose \$400 a month, was among about a dozen union members protesting outside the agency's office in downtown Los Angeles. She said it didn't make sense to close 180 DMV locations because they collect revenue for the state

through licenses and registration fees.

The California furloughs began as the latest national unemployment numbers underscored how quickly the recession is deepening. The nation's employers shed 598,000 jobs in January, the highest number in 35 years. In all, 3.6 million Americans have lost jobs since the start of the downturn.

The Labor Department numbers released Friday also showed that California's furloughed workers were joining a growing number of people who are working less than they would like.

The jobs report indicated that the poor economy had forced 7.8 million Americans to work part time in January, meaning their hours had been cut or they were unable to find full-time work. That's up from 4.7 million a year ago.

California's unemployment rate is 9.3 percent, a 15-year high.

At the state Department of Transportation, a handful of engineers were working Friday, although they were not being paid.

Mark Sheahan, a transportation surveyor in the department's Marysville office, said the road and infrastructure projects he works on would be set back as employees take off 16 hours a month.

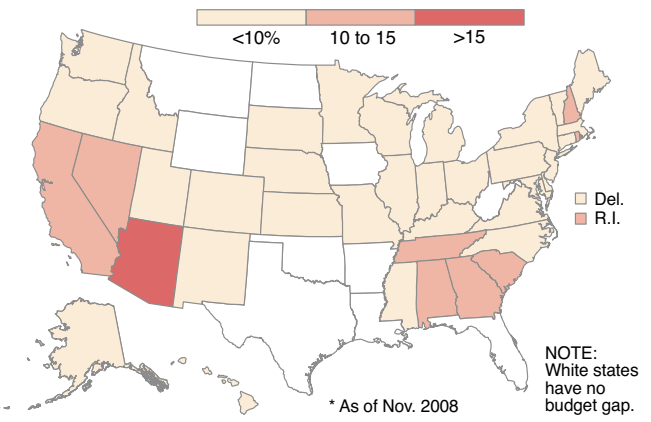
"We lay asphalt and pour concrete and get people back to work," Sheahan said. "Why would you ever want to stop those things when we have a budget crisis?"

In the days before the furloughs took effect, state agencies scrambled to inform the public, but that did not prevent many people from showing up Friday at DMV

Shortfalls leave states scrambling

States' budgets have worsened, leaving 40 with shortfalls in the current fiscal year July 2008 through June 2009.

Projected budget gap of states' general fund, fiscal year 2009*



SOURCE: National Conference of State Legislatures

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offices around the state.

In Long Beach, a steady stream of customers shook the locked door handle of a DMV office and peered in the window despite a large sign that read "Closed" in English and Spanish.

Bob Cabeza, who came to file an accident report, was furious.

If taxes must be raised to keep offices opened, then lawmakers should make that decision, he said.

"I made \$200,000 a year

between me and my wife, and I don't mind paying higher taxes," the YMCA executive said. "These Republicans, they seem to think taxes are taboo."

Mark Rogers arrived at a DMV office in Los Angeles to pay \$143 in parking and traffic fines. The security guard was expecting to get his license back, but the office doors were closed.

"People need jobs. People need licenses to get to their jobs," he said.



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Idaho positions itself to borrow as unemployed deplete funds

Extended federal and state benefits to be triggered next week

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The national recession's grip on the Idaho economy will trigger a further extension of jobless benefits on Monday, and could force the state to seek federal loans as the unem-

ployed deplete funds.

Idaho Department of Labor officials say a record \$10.4 million in regular unemployment benefits were paid to an all-time high 39,000 idled workers this week.

In addition to the regular benefit payout, the department also paid

\$1.9 million in federally funded extended benefits to 7,100 more out-of-work Idahoans, who had already exhausted their regular state benefit allotment. In December, 35 percent of unemployment claimants had exhausted their regular state benefits, a level approach-

ing the exhaustion rate in late 2003 as the state worked its way out of the 2001 recession.

The deteriorating job picture has sent unemployment benefit payouts to new records nearly every week since November, and that has dramatically increased the drain on the state's trust fund, which stood at around \$165 million at the end of January. The fund balance was

almost \$320 million in November 2007.

As a result, the department is taking steps so it is prepared to borrow from the federal government either late this year or in early 2010 to maintain unemployment benefit payments.

A loan will be needed despite a 70

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Rite Aid sells Twin Falls and Burley locations to Walgreens

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Rite Aid Corporation announced Thursday that it signed an agreement to sell five Rite Aid locations in southern Idaho to Walgreens, which will include pharmacies in Twin Falls and Burley.

A Rite Aid spokesman said the southern Idaho locations were too "distant" from other Rite Aid locations to be effective.

It's unknown if Walgreens will close the Rite Aid locations or lay off workers.

Walgreens' corporate office did not return calls from the *Times-News*, and the Rite Aid spokesman said he did not know what Walgreens planned to do with the Burley and Twin Falls locations.

Chris Hall, Rite Aid senior vice president of strategic business development, said the Rite Aid locations in southern and eastern Idaho did not leverage the brand name that is more concentrated in places like New York and California.

"Our stores in eastern Idaho are just too widespread and too distant from other Rite Aid locations to operate efficiently," he said. "This is a good transaction for Rite Aid."

The three other locations in southern Idaho that were sold to Walgreens include Pocatello, Blackfoot and Idaho Falls. The transition to Walgreens is expected to be completed by the end of March 2009.

Walgreens, which already operates a pharmacy at 306 Blue Lakes Blvd. North in Twin Falls, plans to build a new location at Pole Line Road West and Washington Street South this summer.

Rite Aid Corporation is one of the largest drugstore chains with more than 4,900 stores in 31 states and the District of Columbia with 2008 annual sales of more than \$24.3 billion.

However, Walgreens is currently the fastest growing pharmacy chain in the nation, with more than 490 new locations expected to open in 2009.

Walgreens had January sales of \$5.2 billion an increase of 5.3 percent from about \$5 billion for the same month in 2008. Sales in comparable stores rose 0.4 percent, while comparable store front-end sales decreased 0.9 percent.

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Funding for broadband in stimulus plan sparks debate



AP photo

Mel Grimes waits for a download on his dial-up Internet connection in Waterloo, Ala. Among the economic stimulus proposals moving through Congress is one that would offer substantial funding for high-speed Internet networks in corners of the country that still rely on dial-up connections or have only one broadband option.

Some question if there is demand for broadband expansion in rural areas

By Joelle Tessler
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Among the economic stimulus proposals moving through Congress is one that fulfills an old dream of broadband boosters. It would offer substantial funding for high-speed Internet networks in rural parts of the country that still rely on dial-up connections or have only one broadband option.

The hope is that construction of these networks will

create jobs, and that better access to broadband will spur new economic activity. Yet not everyone agrees that broadband funding belongs in a stimulus plan.

Some critics of the idea wonder how many people will actually sign up for the new networks once they are built. Others question how many jobs broadband investments will really create. Even supporters debate whether Congress is going about funding broadband expansion the right way.

Recent surveys by the Pew Internet & American Life Project have found that 57 percent of Americans subscribe to broadband at home, while 9 percent rely on dial-up service. Others go online elsewhere — but 25 percent simply don't use the Internet at all.

They include many poor and elderly people, as well as residents of rural areas that the big broadband providers have abandoned as too costly to serve — an issue that Congress is trying to address.

The broadband proposals are still taking shape as Congress debates the broader stimulus plan. But the bill that ultimately emerges is likely to contain \$6 billion to \$9 billion to help fund landline and wireless broadband networks in unserved and underserved areas. It also is likely to give tax incentives to encourage companies to invest in new or faster broadband networks.

These investments will create new jobs up and down the economic food chain, said Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. His group estimates that a \$10 billion

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Jobless rate at 7.6 percent; 598K jobs cut in January

Idaho delays release of unemployment figures until Feb. 27

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Recession-battered employers eliminated 598,000 jobs in January, the most since the end of 1974, and catapulted the unemployment rate to 7.6 percent. The grim figures were further proof that the nation's job climate is deteriorating at an alarming clip

with no end in sight.

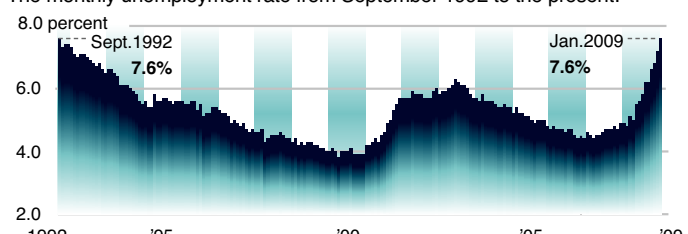
Idaho Department of Labor said earlier this week that it will delay the release of state unemployment figures because of a "benchmarking" process — an annual adjustment that revises rates based on rates from previous years.

The latest net total of job

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Unemployment

The monthly unemployment rate from September 1992 to the present:



SOURCE: Department of Labor

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Non-payers can hurt small businesses at tax time

It's a bit of insult added to injury — small business owners who had non-paying customers in 2008 are likely to find they can't take the bad debts as deductions on their income tax returns.



SMALL TALK
Joyce M. Rosenberg

Tax laws limit the ability of many small businesses, among them service providers, to deduct the money that customers never paid. That means owners need to try other methods of capturing the funds — and to be sure they don't get burned again.

What determines the deductibility of bad debts is the accounting method that a small business uses. Generally, service providers like auto mechanics, personal trainers and dentists use what's called cash basis accounting. Under that method, income is recognized when it's received and expenses are recognized when they're paid for. So, income that's never received can't be recognized, and it can't be deducted.

"If you're a cash basis business, you provide a service and you don't get paid, you're out of luck, you're out your time and everything else," said Barbara Weltman, a tax attorney in Millwood, N.Y., and author of "J.K. Lasser's Small Business Taxes."

Companies that use what's known as the accrual method of accounting generally have an easier time deducting bad debts. Manufacturers and other companies with inventory tend to use accrual accounting. Under that system, income is recorded when a sale occurs or a debt is owed, not when payment is received. Expenses are recorded when they're owed, not when they're paid.

So, if a manufacturer ships goods, the income should be recorded on when the sale occurs. If the customer never pays, the tax deduction effectively allows the income to be wiped out.

The company also gets

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Minico grad now building robots in Tennessee

By Judy Albertson
Times News writer

A former Minico graduate is now the president of Remotec, Inc., a company in Clinton, Tenn., that makes high-tech robots.

Mike Knopp grew up in Paul and graduated from Minico High School in 1972. His parents, Alex and Nilace Knopp, still reside in Paul.



Knopp

Knopp started with Remotec in 2005 as business manager and served as chief operating officer for two years, before being named president in Sept. 2008. His robot was recently featured in a story in the News Sentinel in Clinton.

The robots — called unmanned ground vehicles — have been featured in the TV crime drama "The Closer," and will be in an upcoming movie "The Hurt Locker" about bomb squads in Iraq. The cameras in the Disney-PIXAR film "WALL-E" are based on Remotec systems, Knopp said.

The robots have been at NASCAR races, the Olympics and last year's Super Bowl to check for bombs, if necessary.

Knopp said Remotec has survived the economic slump and is looking solid for 2009, with an eight-month backlog of robots on order.

The company currently makes five models of robots weighing from 200 to more than 8,000 pounds, Knopp said. The large robot, referred to as "The Beast," is used by

the Israelis and can rip doors off vehicles suspected of harboring bombs.

Knopp said Remotec has a lock on the domestic bomb-probing robot market, with U.S. law enforcement agencies making up more than half its market.

The company's robots are used by the military in Iraq to ferret out roadside bombs.

"Sometimes they come back, sometimes they don't," Knopp said. "If they don't, it means we've saved some lives."

Knopp has served in controller, business comptroller, business management, CFO and vice president capacities for various divisions of Fortune 500 companies, including Boise Cascade Corp., Morrison-Knudsen Corp., ALCOA, SAID, Manufacturing Sciences Corp., and currently Remotec, a subsidiary of Northrop Grumman.

His 28 years of experience include 15 years of engineering and environmental program management, as well as 13 years in manufacturing. His time with Morrison-Knudsen Corp. included six years of M&O contract experience at Idaho National Laboratory, and four years at the National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Knopp has an undergraduate degree in general business from Boise State University and a masters degree in management from Bristol University.

Knopp is married with two grown children. His son recently returned from service in Kuwait as a full-time National Guard member supporting our troops in Iraq.

INTRO TO IDAHO



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Special Olympics athletes gathered at the Turf Club Thursday for a luncheon sponsored by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and Twin Falls Kiwanis Club. More than 100 athletes will stay in Twin Falls in hotels or private housing as they prepare for the 2009 World Winter Games in Sun Valley, which begin Sunday and run through Friday. Most of the athletes at the luncheon were African and will see snow for the first time as they participate in snow-shoeing. They trained for the event by practicing in the sand. More information on the Games: www.2009worldgames.org.

Even 10 mph can make a big difference

Q: What is the big deal about going 25 mph on one street and 35 mph on another in the cities? Why don't they just make the speed limit the same for the whole city?

A: The big difference most of the time is that we can trap you better when the speeds fluctuate and get money out of you. Just kidding. That's probably the answer you believe makes the most sense.

The biggest reason for dif-



POLICEMAN DAN Dan Bristol

ferent speeds is that certain areas of town have different concerns. The reason could range from nearby parks or school zones to areas of regular traffic congestion.

I know 10 mph may not

seem like a big difference but here are some statistics from the National Highway Safety Traffic Advisory that might explain speed limit reasons. A vehicle going 20 mph has a stopping distance of at least 69 feet, whereas a vehicle going 30 mph has a stopping distance of 123 feet.

If that doesn't enlighten you, here is another NHSTA statistic. If a vehicle hits a pedestrian at 20 mph, the pedestrian faces a 5 percent

likelihood of death. If a vehicle hits a pedestrian at 30 mph, the pedestrian faces a 45 percent chance of death. If a vehicle hits a pedestrian at 40 mph, that mark increases to 85 percent.

I hope this helps in understanding why speed limits differ within cities. Even 10 mph can mean the difference between life, death and road rash.

See **SPEED**, Business 4

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bereavement seminar to be held in Burley

A bereavement education group, sponsored by Hospice of Intermountain Healthcare and Cassia Regional Medical Center, will offer emotional support and education about grieving as well as an opportunity to become acquainted with other adults who have suffered a loss of a loved one through death.

The group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday beginning March 3 through April 7, at Parkview Care Center, The Oakley Room, in Burley. To get to the Oakley Room, enter rear entrance — old hospital ER — and go straight. The Oakley Room will be on your left before you reach the closed double doors.

To register: Marcie Bedke, LSW, 678-8844.



Courtesy photo

K-Kids charter and installation was held at Paul Elementary School Jan. 29 and was sponsored by the Rupert Kiwanis Club. Bob Cameron stated that every school in Minidoka County has an active Kiwanis-sponsored club, and this is the only county in Idaho with this distinction. Acequia, Heyburn, and Rupert Elementary Schools have K-Kids, East Minico and West Minico Middle Schools have Builders Clubs and Minico High School has Key Club. Pictured from left front: Gloria Castillo, Kim VanEvery, Erick Bailes, Tayla Sayre; middle: Bryn Evans, Kaylee Walton, Jayla Rasmussen, Arlette Iturra, Brenda Rodriguez, Chancey Bott; back: Chief Randy White, President-elect, Gene Snapp, former Superintendent Bob Cameron, charter member of the Rupert Kiwanis Club.

Harris, 4. Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai.

East-West: 1. Jackie Brown and Dot Creason, 2. Donna Moore and Jane Keicher, 3. Dee Keicher and Leo Moore, 4. Peggy Payne and Dona Kunau.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more infor-

mation: Steve Sams, 878-3997 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Fellowship group meets Wednesday

Lifeline Fellowship organization will hold its February meeting from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday at Connor's Cafe.

The theme for the meeting is "A New Year & A New You": program by Joyce Lindstrom, music by Linda Croft, speaker, Linda Ziulkowski.

For reservations call Lila at 438-5376; prayer concerns call Ruth at 436-5380.

Lifeline Fellowship Prayer Circle will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 18, hosted by Leola Bailey. For directions call 438-5524.

Lifeline Fellowship is a non-denominational organization and is open to the public.

Declo High band to host Sweetheart Dinner

Declo High School jazz band "Softtouch" is hosting a Sweetheart Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 14 at Declo High School gym (enter through the west door). Cost: \$8 per couple.

Enjoy an evening of dancing with a show and rice stuffed chicken dinner.

Minidoka senior center plans breakfast buffet

Minidoka County Senior Center will host a breakfast buffet from 7 to 11 a.m. Feb.

14, at the center, 702 11th St., Rupert.

Menu includes pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, milk, juice, coffee. Cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

M-C students earn place on ISU dean's list

POCATELLO — The Idaho State University 2008 fall semester dean's list for the College of Technology has been announced by Marilyn Davis, Ed.D., dean of the college.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 semester credits and receive a grade-point average of 3.66 or higher.

Area students are: Tamara Mahoney of Albion and Jeanette Valerio of Rupert.

New titles available at Burley Public Library

The Burley Public Library announced recent additions to its shelves.

Nonfiction
"Parenting is Your Highest

Calling and 8 Myths That Trap us in Worry and Guilt" by Leslie Leyland Fields, "Mrs. Astor Regrets" by Meryl Gordon, "Living Rich for Less" by Ellie Kay, "Do the Right Thing: Inside Movement That's Bringing Sense Back to America" by Mike Huckabee.

Adult fiction

"Dear American Airlines" by Jonathan Miles, "The Circle Trilogy" by Ted Dekker, "Your Heart Belongs to Me" by Karen Kingsbury, "Just After Sunset" by Stephen King.

Juvenile and young adult fiction

"Babymouse Books" by Jennifer L. Holm, "Queste" by Angie Sage, "Wonder Bear" by Tao Nyeu, "My One Hundred Adventures."

Juvenile nonfiction

"Skyscraper: From the Ground Up" by Susan Goodman, "Two Homes for Tyler: A Story About Understanding Divorce" by Pamela Kennedy, "The American Story" by Jennifer Armstrong, "Florence Nightingale: The Making of an Icon" by Mark Bostridge.

DVDS
Eagle Eye, Entrapment, In Her Shoes, The Notebook.

— From staff reports

Patients are entitled to explanation of test results in plain English

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently had an "upright and PA lateral" chest X-ray. The report stated "tortuosity of the descending aorta is again noted" and "mediastinum is full but stable." The current X-ray was compared with the previous X-ray from November 2002.

My reason for writing is I would like to know what these two statements mean.



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

I am a 65-year-old woman with several medical conditions and medications.

DEAR READER: I will first say that you should consult your physician about the results of your chest X-ray, as he or she is familiar with your case. That being said, I will now answer your question.

First, "tortuosity of the descending aorta" simply means that your aorta (a large artery leading down from your heart) is twisted or

ent more than normal. Without the X-ray, you likely would never have known this and it has probably been present for years, if not since birth.

As for the statement "mediastinum is full but stable," this may mean that you have air in the space between your lungs but that it is not causing any harm. However, without seeing the

X-ray, knowing your past and current medical history, your medications and more, I cannot say this for sure.

I urge you to return to your physician and ask for an explanation of the results. You are entitled to know what those statements mean and how they may affect you. If your physician refuses, I recommend you seek out a second opinion from

another physician.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been on Prilosec for my acid indigestion. It works. Recently, my daughter called me and told me that in India they have you eat a banana as a treatment for GERD and that I should try it. The next day, I put a chopped up banana in my

See **DR. GOTT**, Business 4

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies. Highs, 40s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, 20s.
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds to becoming mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds. High, upper 30s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows, 20s.
Tomorrow: Turning cloudy, but likely still dry. Highs, upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 The brunt of the weather activity will be staying well to our south. Therefore, expect variably to partly cloudy skies and mainly dry weather for the weekend. Some snow could return on Monday.

Today Highs 30 to 33 Tonight's Lows -3 to 10

BOISE
 You will notice an increase in clouds this weekend due to moisture coming up from the south. Precipitation, however, is not expected. Monday holds a chance for a rain/snow mix.

NORTHERN UTAH
 We will be on the northern edge of most of the precipitation. Expect mostly cloudy skies and only small chances for mixed showers or snow.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 52 at Boise Low: 8 at Elk City
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-wintery mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Scattered clouds	Overcast	Off and on snow	Partly cloudy	Redeveloping snow
High 44	Low 28	41 / 28	39 / 25	33 / 22	32 / 24

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 47 Yesterday's Low 33 Normal High/Low 38 / 19 Record High 56 in 1995 Record Low -11 in 1989	Yesterday 0.09" Month to Date 0.09" Normal Month to Date 0.20" Year to Date 3.98" Normal Year to Date 4.55"	Yesterday's Maximum 88% Yesterday's Minimum 51% Today's Maximum 95% Today's Minimum 64%	6 pm barometer Yesterday 29.92 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM Sunday Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM Monday Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Moon Phases
 Feb 9 Full Moon
 Feb 16 Last Qtr.
 Feb 25 New Moon
 Mar 4 First Qtr.

Moonrise and Moonset
 Today Moonrise: 3:54 PM Moonset: 6:30 AM
 Sunday Moonrise: 5:15 PM Moonset: 7:09 AM
 Monday Moonrise: 6:34 PM Moonset: 7:40 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W
Boise	43 28 pc 41 28 c	40 24 mx	40 24 mx
Bonnars Ferry	35 23 pc 34 25 pc	31 21 c	31 21 c
Burley	39 23 pc 37 25 c	35 22 ls	35 22 ls
Challis	38 14 pc 39 18 mc	34 19 ls	34 19 ls
Coeur d'Alene	36 25 pc 35 27 pc	32 23 c	32 23 c
Elko, NV	40 25 pc 43 25 mx	39 19 mx	39 19 mx
Eugene, OR	47 31 pc 44 32 r	43 33 sh	43 33 sh
Gooding	46 29 pc 43 29 c	41 26 ls	41 26 ls
Grace	34 16 mc 33 17 mc	30 11 ls	30 11 ls
Hagerman	47 27 pc 44 27 c	42 24 ls	42 24 ls
Halley	35 14 pc 33 16 pc	30 15 c	30 15 c
Idaho Falls	33 17 pc 32 16 mc	30 12 ls	30 12 ls
Kaispell, MT	37 24 pc 37 24 pc	35 19 c	35 19 c
Jackpot	41 25 mc 41 25 mc	31 17 sn	31 17 sn
Jerome	38 15 pc 36 17 pc	33 16 c	33 16 c
Lewiston	46 33 pc 44 34 pc	40 31 c	40 31 c
Malad City	38 17 mc 37 18 mc	34 12 ls	34 12 ls
Malta	36 20 pc 34 22 c	32 19 ls	32 19 ls
McCall	36 11 pc 29 14 pc	29 10 ls	29 10 ls
Missoula, MT	41 23 mx 39 26 pc	35 23 c	35 23 c
Pocatello	37 21 mc 36 22 mc	33 16 ls	33 16 ls
Portland, OR	50 34 pc 45 32 r	42 33 sh	42 33 sh
Rupert	39 25 pc 37 27 c	35 24 ls	35 24 ls
Rexburg	31 15 mc 30 13 mc	27 10 ls	27 10 ls
Richard, WA	45 29 pc 44 30 mx	38 28 ls	38 28 ls
Rogerson	44 29 pc 41 29 c	39 26 ls	39 26 ls
Salmon	40 15 pc 41 19 mc	36 20 ls	36 20 ls
Salt Lake City, UT	46 29 r 46 30 mx	44 25 ls	44 25 ls
Spokane, WA	40 26 su 42 26 mc	38 24 mc	38 24 mc
Stanley	35 0 mc 36 8 mc	31 6 ls	31 6 ls
Sun Valley	39 2 mc 40 10 mc	35 8 r	35 8 r
Yellowstone, MT	30 5 mc 32 8 mc	28 7 ls	28 7 ls

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	52	32	0.01"
Burley	46	32	0.04"
Challis	42	17	Trace
Coeur d'Alene	36	32	0.28"
Idaho Falls	36	14	Trace
Jerome	43	30	0.02"
Lewiston	49	38	0.24"
Lowell	40	31	0.03"
Malad	not available		
Malta	48	36	Trace
Pocatello	41	29	Trace
Rexburg	33	17	0.04"
Salmon	36	16	0.00"
Stanley	35	21	0.00"

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W Hi Lo W
Acapulco	82 70 pc	83 71 pc	Moscow	31 31 ls
Athens	64 55 pc	63 49 sh	Nairobi	78 56 pc
Auckland	79 55 pc	84 54 pc	Oslo	30 22 sn
Bangkok	92 70 pc	94 71 pc	Paris	42 29 ls
Beijing	49 28 pc	50 30 pc	Prague	39 31 pc
Berlin	46 33 pc	39 29 pc	Rio de Janeiro	87 73 th
Buenos Aires	84 63 pc	88 64 pc	Rome	56 45 sh
Cairo	79 52 pc	86 63 pc	Santiago	83 54 sh
Dhahran	68 61 r	79 61 pc	Seoul	48 26 pc
Geneva	37 24 ls	27 9 ls	Sydney	95 71 pc
Hong Kong	71 68 pc	71 68 sh	Tel Aviv	64 63 pc
Jerusalem	70 52 pc	80 80 pc	Tokyo	46 34 pc
Johannesburg	74 53 sh	73 56 sh	Vienna	49 38 r
Kuwait City	71 56 pc	73 56 pc	Warsaw	45 38 pc
London	34 24 pc	37 32 r	Winnipeg	31 13 pc
Mexico City	72 40 pc	71 39 pc	Zurich	33 21 sn

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today
 Yesterday's National Extremes:
 High: 88 at Peecos, Texas
 Low: -21 at Whitefield, N.H.

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W Hi Lo W
Calgary	32 21 ls	34 24 pc	Saskatoon	28 22 pc	32 22 pc
Edmonton	31 13 pc	32 15 pc	Toronto	35 20 r	35 15 pc
Regina	36 24 ls	27 9 pc	Vancouver	40 31 pc	42 27 pc
	31 18 pc	31 19 pc	Victoria	44 33 pc	44 28 pc
	36 24 ls	27 9 pc	Winnipeg	31 13 pc	27 22 pc
	29 20 pc	33 26 pc			

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself."
 Lucille Ball
 1911-1989, Comic Actress

Educating at-risk children is rewarding, important

Every child has the potential to succeed in school and life. Keeping kids in school has taken on a new urgency in difficult economic times. As an educator in the Minidoka County School District, I can appreciate the benefits of keeping kids in school — especially at-risk youth, who, without education, may end up in our juvenile jails, prisons and mental institutions. Not a promising future for

MINIDOKA VIEW
Teresa Lowder
 these kids, their families or our communities. For more than 20 years, the Minidoka County School District has partnered with the Idaho Youth Ranch to ensure quality education for at-risk youth. Working with these kids, who are between the ages of 8 and 17, can be

challenging since most are either victims of abuse, neglect or other tragic circumstances. They may feel alienated from school because of their role as a victim or due to family dysfunction. This impacts their self-esteem and ability to focus. The school program is only one part of the overall education these kids receive as part of the nonprofit Idaho Youth Ranch program. They participate in full days of activities

that include counseling, ranch chores, school, and recreational activities like mastering the many levels of horsemanship. Each has an intended outcome that impacts behavior and helps these kids rebuild relationships and adopt positive life skills. While teaching these kids is more challenging than most, it's also more rewarding. I know that I can impact their lives and our community. As

an educator, I also appreciate and support educational achievement because a well-educated workforce can contribute to the local economy in several ways by launching new businesses, offering jobs and needed services to the community and otherwise serving as an asset to a community that depends on attracting new businesses and new jobs. The future of our children is closely linked to the suc-

cess of our schools, which determines the future potential of our children. In order to secure a bright future for our community and our country, it's obvious that we need to educate our children and instill behaviors that are anchored by honesty, compassion and integrity. Teresa Lowder is assistant principal of Mount Harrison Junior/Senior High School in Rupert.

Garner to receive Eagle Scout Award

Kai S. Garner, 13-year-old son of Samuel and Jeanna Garner of Rupert, will receive his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor held at 7 p.m. today at the Rupert Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St., Rupert. Garner earned 35 merit badges. He has earned enough badges to earn bronze, gold and silver palms, but needs to meet the time requirements. For his Eagle project he

designed and installed terraced landscaping at the entrance to the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. He worked on the project for 151 hours and was assisted by family members and other scouts. He belongs to Troop 49 sponsored by Rupert 5th Ward. His troop leader is Layne Mackay. Garner is in the eighth grade and plays football and basketball at Declo Junior High School. He has been involved in 4-H for five years and was recently picked to attend the 4-H Know Your Government Conference in Boise.

Military autism benefit may be increased

Active-duty service members who have an autistic child have access to a benefit through Tricare that provides up to \$2,500 a month for applied behavioral analysis treatment. But once a service member retires, the benefit is no longer available. Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., and Jeff Miller, R-Fla., have introduced legislation that would continue the benefit for retired military families with autistic children. Supporters of the proposal say it would save the government money in the long run, citing the findings of a Harvard School of Public Health report that says without effective interven-

tion, 90 percent of patients with autism require lifelong care. ABA therapy has been shown to be effective in reducing that figure to less than 50 percent of a patient's lifespan. Moran and Miller said the Pentagon estimates that 8,784 military retirees have dependents diagnosed with autism or a related disorder. "All those affected by autism should be able to receive appropriate, medically necessary care," said Lee Grossman, president

and CEO of the Autism Society of America, which supports the legislation. **Getting VA to go solar** Solar power may be the wave of the future, but its time has not come for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities. Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., ranking Republican on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, said he was blocked by House rules from offering an amendment to a 2009 veterans funding bill that would establish a solar power initiative for veterans hospitals — something he said could save a lot of money over time.

Buyer will have other opportunities to push for what he sees as a way to provide electricity for energy-hungry hospitals. One thing he will try right away is to talk with the Secretary Dr. James Puake about whether the solar power could be used under existing authority and without extra money from Congress — a shortcut for a Republican trying to get a Democratic-controlled Congress to support his initiative. "Installing solar panels at VA should be such a simple, no-brainer decision," Buyer said. George Schwindeman is a veteran who lives in Rupert.

Dr. Gott

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 breakfast cereal. To my surprise, it worked. Since I have started this, I have had no indigestion and have not had to take my Prilosec. I don't know why or how it works, but it does. Please pass this on to your readers. **DEAR READER:** Done. Like you, I have no idea why this would work but am curious to know whether it works for others. So, readers, if you suffer from gastro-esophageal reflux disease or frequent heartburn and indigestion, please give this remedy a try and let me know what your results were. It is certainly novel, not to mention tasty, but if it works, it could also save a fair amount of money (which is important in these ever-worsening economic times). Bananas are much

cheaper and healthful than are medications. Thanks for sharing and I will be sure to print a follow-up in the future when I have received plenty of responses. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia, Acid Reflux and Indigestion." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title. Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

Speed

Continued from Business 3
 Q: I know somebody who videotapes movies at the theatres and puts them on DVD. What would happen if that person were caught? A: This answer can best be found by hitting the pause button the next time the pre-movie warning pops up. It says that if you distribute a copyrighted movie you can be given up to 5 years in federal prison and/or be fined up to \$250,000. This means that if you copied a movie and gave it to somebody or sold it to somebody you would probably not like the results if caught. Being in possession would bring the same penalty. You can also be charged by the state under Idaho Code 18-903 which states: "Any person who, without

the written consent of the motion picture theater owner, knowingly operates the audiovisual recording function of any device in a motion picture theater while a motion picture is being exhibited for the purpose of recording the motion picture being exhibited shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be imprisoned for not more than one year, fined not more than \$5,000, or shall be punished by both such fine and imprisonment." Idaho Code 16-904 allows the theater owner or authorized employee to seize the equipment if they catch somebody recording a movie and detain them in a reasonable manner until police arrive. The questions I would ask is why pirate movies

anyway? It's plenty cheap to buy them legally and the quality is better. **Thought of the month** The only control you have in life is the choice you make. **Officer down** Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless them all. • Chief of Police Johnny Hamilton, New Ellenton Police, South Carolina • Officer Chris Jones, Middletown Township Police, Pennsylvania Be safe, I'll talk to you next week. Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police. E-mail your questions to policeman-dan@yahoo.com.

We want your community news Do you have community news you would like to have published in the Times-News' Jerome, North Side, Mini-Cassia and Twin Falls Community sections? E-mail the information and a photo, if you have one, to front-door@magicvalley.com. Please put the word "community" in the subject line. If you are announcing an upcoming event please send the information at least two weeks in advance.

Arizona Cardinals feel comfortable going into Pro Bowl.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009

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Jerome's Kris Bos is defended by Minico's Bronson Miller during their basketball game Friday night in Rupert. Jerome won 62-56 in overtime.

RYAN HOWE/
Times-News



Jerome boys outlast Minico

Game decided in OT

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — With the No. 1 seed for the Great Basin Conference tournament already wrapped up, it seemed like the Jerome boys basketball team entered Friday night's contest at Minico with little to play for.

It showed.

Jerome needed overtime to survive a solid team effort by Minico as the Tigers escaped Rupert with a 62-56 victory. "We didn't play our best bas-

ketball," said Kameron Pearce, who led Jerome with a game-high 18 points. "But we'd rather have a close game that tests our character and not a 20-point blowout like we've been having. So that was good for us to come into a hostile environment and Minico gave us a good game tonight. We just found a way to win."

Jerome improved to 17-2 overall and capped an undefeated regular season in conference play (6-0).

In a game that had 17 lead changes and five ties, Minico led by three with 1:07 remaining. That's when Pearce drove

to the hoop and earned a three-point play to tie it up, 48-48. On the other end, Pearce came up with a huge blocked shot to keep Minico from hitting the game-winner and sent it into overtime.

"When we were down by three and had the ball, coach (Joe Messick) told us that we were going to win the game," Pearce said. "In the overtime, we just had to play like we know how to play."

Jerome quickly scored the first six points of the extra session. Logan Parker scored

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CSI men win in OT

Eagles hang on after losing big lead

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

There are no easy ones in the SWAC these days. Not even with a 17-point second-half lead.

Daequon Montreal and Jamelle Barrett combined to hit four free throws with 19.3 seconds remaining in overtime and CSI survived for a 118-112 home win over 15th-ranked College of Eastern Utah.

The Golden Eagles (17-6, 4-4 Scenic West Athletic Conference) squandered a 76-59 lead down the stretch, but made the plays in overtime to snap a three-game losing streak.

Up 113-111, CSI's Aziz Ndiaye blocked his fifth shot of the game, a running attempt by CEU All-American Darrington Hobson. Barrett was fouled and CEU head coach Chris Craig was ejected after being whistled for his second technical foul of the game. CSI sealed the win at the foul line.

"I'm just exhausted," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar. "I feel like we were in a 15-round, heavyweight boxing match."

University of Connecticut transfer Nate Miles made a successful debut for CSI, scoring 24 points and hitting three 3-pointers.

"He was great," said Montreal, who had a game-high 32 points to go with eight rebounds. "He's still learning some of the plays and learning how we play defense, but once he gets that down, we're going to be a special team."

CSI lead 97-91 with 1:10 left in regulation after a bucket by Montreal, but Hobson scored consecutive layups as part of his 28-point night to make it 97-95 with 60 seconds to play.

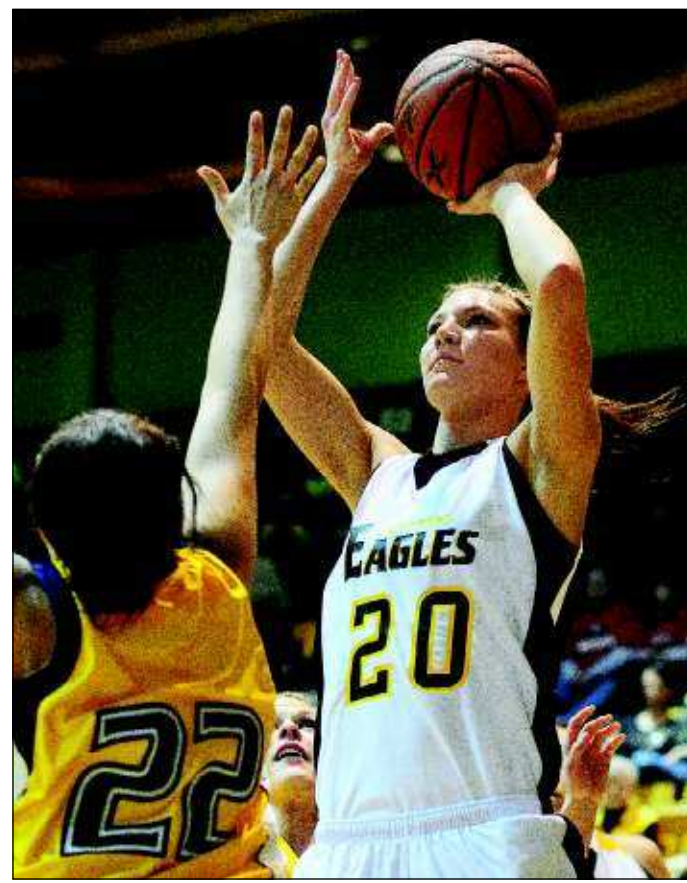
CSI appeared to be in control again after Montreal hit two free throws for a 103-98 lead with 16.9 to play. But CEU's Chandler Pearson hit a trey with 3.4 seconds left and CSI's long

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JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho guard Cheyne Martin (12) makes a drive with the ball during the first half of play against Eastern Utah Friday night in Twin Falls.



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho guard McChel Hunt (20) takes a shot over an Eastern Utah defender during the second half of their game Friday night in Twin Falls.

CSI women slowed in win over CEU

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The Golden Eagles were far from soaring in an effort that head coach Randy Rogers called "mediocre" but still came away with a lopsided victory Friday.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team scrapped its way to an 86-62 home victory over the visiting College of Eastern Utah in Scenic West Athletic Conference action.

"We just looked sluggish," said Rogers, whose 12th-ranked team moved to a league-leading 7-1 in SWAC play and 18-4 overall.

With CEU guard Livnat Alon harassing CSI point guard Martina Holloway

much of the game, CSI had a tough time getting into an offensive flow.

"Teams are not letting Martina run free, and we're not getting transition buckets like we used to," said Rogers.

Holloway, who had 13 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for CSI, said the offensive issues simply come down to "just us concentrating and running what we're supposed to run. We were too impatient."

Freshman Shauneice Samms led CSI with 21 points and 10 rebounds, while All-American Soana Lucet added 14 points and seven boards but suffered through a 6-for-17 shooting night. Both

See **WOMEN**, Sports 4

CSI baseball beats Phoenix College, 8-5

Times-News

A strong middle-relief effort from pitcher Colby Robison kept the College of Southern Idaho baseball club alive and kicking Friday night in Phoenix.

Along with a big seven-run seventh inning, the Golden Eagles defeated Phoenix College 8-5.

Robison entered during the bottom of the fourth and kept Phoenix off the board for a few more innings.

"Colby came in, and we were struggling a bit," Eagles head coach Boomer

See **BASEBALL**, Sports 2

CSI softball splits with Salt Lake CC

Times-News

It's a stalemate so far. The preseason No. 27 College of Southern Idaho softball squad split a Friday doubleheader with No. 20 Salt Lake Community College in St. George, Utah. The Golden Eagles won the opener 3-0 before falling 7-5 in Game 2.

The Golden Eagles and Bruins are still tied atop the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings at 5-1. North Idaho College (4-9, 2-4 SWAC) and College of Southern Nevada (6-3, 3-1) also split a doubleheader Friday.

Catcher

Megan

Zimmerman owned the plate once again, driving in all of CSI's runs during the first game by hitting two home runs. She also nailed a three-run shot during the bottom of the seventh in Game 2 to close the gap with the Bruins.

"I don't know if they kept the pressure on us or if we kept it on ourselves," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "We wanted to come out (for Game 2) and keep the hammer on. Salt Lake did a good job of turning the tables on us. They were ready to go. We chipped here and there but could never get back even."

See **SOFTBALL**, Sports 4

Trojans cruise into title game

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Consider Hagerman the latest team to find out that once Raft River gets going, the Trojans are nearly impossible to stop.

After scoring just 19 points in the first half, Raft River outscored Hagerman 38-13 after the break to take a 57-29 victory Friday night and advance to the Snake River Conference girls basketball championship game.

Sally Hansen led the Trojans (16-5) with 18 points and nine rebounds, scoring 10 of Raft River's first-half point total. That first-half stretch included her 1,000th career point, according to Raft River coach Jeremy Qualls.

The finish was a far cry

from Wednesday's narrow win over Oakley, in which Hansen hit the game-winning shot just before time expired.

"That was really an eye-opener, that we have to play our game or we're not going to win the kinds of games we want," Hansen said of the Oakley game. "Tonight was a totally different situation."

Whitney Holtman added 15 for the Trojans, while Marli Manning scored nine and pulled in nine rebounds.

Kaitlyn Nebeker led Hagerman (13-9) with eight points, while Haley Arriaga added seven. The Pirates hit just seven shots from the field to Raft River's 24, however, and were outrebounded 59-39.

Raft River advances to

face Challis in tonight's championship game. Both teams have assured themselves of at worst appearing in a state play-in game next Saturday at Glens Ferry.

Hagerman will play Shoshone in an elimination game this afternoon.

CHALLIS 64, SHO-BAN 48

Kristen Garlie scored 21, Ashley McGowan added 18 and Challis outscored Sho-Ban 24-6 in the third quarter to obliterate a marginal half-time deficit and take a 64-48 win to advance to the Snake River Conference title game.

Jenna Hamilton scored 10 for the Vikings (20-1), who will face (the Hagerman-Raft River winner) tonight

See **TROJANS**, Sports 4

Phelps doesn't criticize suspension

Gold medalist gets back to training

BALTIMORE (AP) — Michael Phelps says it's fair for USA Swimming to suspend him for three months, the latest fallout from a photo showing the Olympic great inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

Phelps was back training at his regular pool Friday, a day after his suspension.

"It's not my decision. It's theirs," Phelps said of USA Swimming's decision. "I have nothing to say, but if that's they want to do, that's their choice. It's something that USA Swimming came up with. It's fair.

Obviously, for a mistake you should get punished."

Phelps won a record eight gold medals in Beijing and returned to America as one of the world's most acclaimed athletes. He made headlines of a different kind, however, in the wake of the photo, published Sunday by News of the World, a British tabloid.

"It was bad and stupid judgment, and something I'll always live with," Phelps said, minutes before diving into the pool at the Meadowbrook Aquatic Center, where he has trained since he was 7.

The latest fallout has been much greater than in 2004, when an



Phelps

underage Phelps was arrested for drunken driving three months after the Athens Olympics. He pleaded guilty and apologized to his fans, saying he wouldn't make the same mistake again.

Phelps wasn't sure how the negative publicity might influence his decision to compete in the 2012 London Olympics.

"I'm taking it step by step, day by day. There's still a long way between now and then," he said. "But I'm back here, I'm training for who knows what yet. But I'm back in the water, doing the thing I love."

That's a welcome diversion from the attention he's getting outside

the pool.

"From waking up to megaphones outside your house at 7:30 in the morning to still photographers out there every day for the last four days from 7:30 to when I left for a workout, I can just do what's normal for me," he said. "And right now that's me coming to the pool every day."

His coach, Bob Bowman, said the suspension will alter his plans for Phelps, who recently resumed serious training with the goal of qualifying for this summer's world championships in Rome.

"It takes away some options from our planning. You know, we had a plan of meets to kind of get us ready for the end of the summer and now we'll have to adjust that," Bowman

said. "That kind of comes with this territory."

With the three-month suspension he won't be able to take on any rivals until early May, which would give him a little more than two months of competition before July's world championships in Rome.

The U.S. team for Rome will be chosen at the national championships July 7-11 in Indianapolis.

USA Swimming's decision to suspend Phelps didn't surprise Bowman.

"As a member of USA Swimming, I expected them to take action," Bowman said. "I think that we'll abide by it. I think it sends a very strong message to Michael and to others."

2009 NFL PRO BOWL

CARDS FEEL COMFORTABLE

Players finally see respect as a team

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) — Everyone was all smiles Friday as they wore purple orchid leis, mingled with hula girls and took team Pro Bowl photos.

That included the Arizona Cardinals, who feel as though they're finally getting what they deserve.

"It's the first time we're being respected as a team," said receiver Anquan Boldin, making his third trip to Hawaii. "Individually, I've been getting respect for a number of years, but to see our team get the respect is gratifying."

The longtime NFL doormats were doubted during the regular season, then finished 9-7 and limped into the playoffs, where they were underdogs all the way to the Super Bowl. Now, they're the ones who are basking in the Hawaiian sunshine, earning pats on their backs from their Pro Bowl peers — even after a 27-23 loss to Pittsburgh in the NFL's big game.

"Everybody has a great deal of respect for them now for what they've accomplished and for the road they had to go through to get to the Super Bowl," Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Farrior said. "That was a great accomplishment. They've got to be proud of themselves for that."

Boldin said all the praise from their fellow all-stars means the most.

"Those are the guys that see you week in and week out," Boldin said. "Those guys are the ones you compete against and watch you on film. So they're the only opinions that matter."

Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner, who'll start for the NFC on Sunday, said the Pro Bowlers appreciate what the Cardinals accomplished when no one believed in them.

"You even get that sense from these great players," he said. "They were in a little bit in awe of the run we had and really appreciated it as football fans."

Warner said no one expected the Cardinals to reach the Super Bowl, especially before or during the regular season.

"I don't know if you polled the guys in our organization and how many would've expected it, but you know guys didn't expect it from the outside," he said. "Even with the great players we have, nobody expected it. So when you get the congratulations, you almost get a sense of respect that comes with that."

One NFC teammate the Cardinals earned the respect of was All-Pro run-



New York Giants punter Jeff Feagles fastens his vintage helmet Tuesday during an NFC practice for the Pro Bowl game in Kapolei, Hawaii.

ning back Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings.

Peterson admits having questions about how talented the Cardinals were, especially after the Vikings routed the Cardinals at the University of Phoenix Stadium 35-14 in Week 15. Peterson had 165 yards rushing in that lopsided game, where Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald were held to just 86 yards receiving combined.

"When we went to Arizona, we put a pretty good butt whooping on them and it was kind of questionable as far as how good they were," Peterson said. "But when the playoffs started, they lifted

their game and went above everybody's expectations."

The difference in the playoff, Peterson believes, is the Cardinals' offensive line protected Warner, they jelled as a team and they played for each other.

New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning, Warner's backup in the Pro Bowl, said he wasn't that surprised at what the Cardinals did.

"We played the Cardinals. We knew they were a tough team," Manning said. "They played great football, especially down the stretch and that's when it matters the most."

Kansas City Chiefs hire Todd Haley as coach

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Whenever conversation at the Haley family dinner table turned to football, it was more than just talk.

It was education. While Dick Haley was personnel director at Pittsburgh and helping craft the great Steelers dynasty of the 1970s, Todd Haley was taking it all in.

Todd Haley rose to prominence this year as offensive coordinator for the NFC champion Arizona Cardinals and on Friday, just weeks shy of his 42nd birthday, was introduced as head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs.

"I would not be where I'm at right now without my father, or without having the father that I did," said Haley.

He replaces Herm Edwards, who was fired at the end of a 2-14 season, and fills the NFL's last remaining head coaching vacancy.

Dick Haley was personnel director at Pittsburgh from 1971-90 before going on to other front office jobs in the NFL.

One of the people who worked under the elder Haley in New York was Scott Pioli, who was hired as Chiefs general manager last month. Pioli became friends with his new head coach when the two were with the New York Jets.

Haley inherits a team that lost all but two of its past 25 games and is joining a franchise that hasn't won a postseason game since an aging Joe Montana was quarterback in the 1993 season.

Haley helped shape an offense that carried the Cardinals to an improbable NFC West title and came within seconds of beating Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl. Behind Warner, Haley's offense set a franchise record with 427 points, finished third in scoring in the NFL and was second in yards passing.

BALCO FIGURE STUBBLEFIELD GETS 2 YEARS' PROBATION

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge on Friday sentenced former NFL player Dana Stubblefield to two years' probation for lying to investigators about his steroid use.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston cited Stubblefield's later cooperation with authorities in the BALCO steroids case as she declined to sentence him to three months' home confinement, which is what federal probation officials had recommended.

Illston said the sentence was warranted because Stubblefield was "extremely cooperative" with investigators after he was charged in January 2008. She also fined the 1997 defensive player of the year \$5,000.

COLTS FILL OUT STAFF UNDER NEW COACH CALDWELL

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts coach Jim Caldwell ended weeks of speculation Friday by hiring defensive coordinator Larry Coyer and special teams coordinator Ray Rychleski. Caldwell also promoted receivers coach Clyde Christensen to assistant head coach.

Coyer spent the past two seasons as an assistant with Tampa Bay after leading the Denver Broncos' defense. Rychleski has been a college coach throughout his career, spending last season at South Carolina.

One day after being introduced as Dungy's successor, Caldwell decided not to renew the contract of special teams coach Russ Purnell. A week later, defensive coordinator Ron Meeks resigned. He's accepted the same job with Carolina.

— The Associated Press

Hamlin eager to make 2009 a championship season

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Denny Hamlin was the new kid at Joe Gibbs Racing — an unknown in the shadow of defending NASCAR champion and teammate Tony Stewart — when he rolled into Daytona International Speedway for his 2006 rookie season.

He needed just two days to change that.

With a push from good buddy Dale Earnhardt Jr., Hamlin stole the victory in the non-points Budweiser Shootout to rocket into NASCAR stardom.

Four years later, he considers that victory one of the greatest accomplishments of his short career.

Only problem? In Hamlin's mind, he's done very little to back up that breakthrough win.

"That's the thing — when



Hamlin

and struggled a little bit, then we could have looked at the last two years and said, 'Hey, we're getting better. We're heading to where we need to be.'

"Now it just seems like we had that early success, and then we just kind of maintained over the last couple of years."

Never mind that Hamlin has stats many drivers only dream of, winning four races and notching 59 top-10 finishes through his first three seasons. He also earned a coveted

spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship all three years.

He was a career-best third in the final 2006 standings, raising expectations that he was on the verge of becoming a serious championship contender. Instead, he sunk to 12th and eighth the next two seasons and has yet to sniff a NASCAR title.

It's made Hamlin eager to correct past mistakes and make 2009 the year to remember. His bid to turn it up a notch begins Saturday night with the Shootout, the unofficial start to the season.

"I expect more from myself than that," Hamlin said of his first three years. "I've been successful at so many different levels. ... When you win one out of every four or five races or something like that, you wonder, 'Why can't that

happen in the Cup Series?'

What I don't like to hear is: 'You've got a lot of potential.'

"It's my fourth year. It's time to be a champion. Not a guy that contends."

His timing couldn't be better. Stewart's 10-year run with JGR is over, leaving the organization with a huge hole to fill both on and off the track. The two-time Cup champion was the leader of the team and an experienced voice the younger drivers could turn to.

Without him, they head into this year with 23-year-old Kyle Busch and 18-year-old rookie Joey Logano — leaving the 27-year-old Hamlin to joke about his status as the team's elder statesman. At the time, he said, it was a terrifying thought. But something has clearly shifted in Hamlin, who insists he's ready to lead.



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Obama names more economic advisers

By Neil Irwin
and Lori Montgomery
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Obama Friday unveiled a new team of economic advisers, a group drawn from corporate, labor and academic circles and tasked with providing the administration counsel from beyond his inner circle of aides.

In announcing the White House Economic Recovery Advisory Board, Obama said he was seeking "to ensure that no stone is unturned as we work to put people back to work and to get our economy moving." The group is particularly heavy on executives of companies known for innovation and success in the international marketplace.

The board will be chaired by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker. Its members include Jeffrey Immelt, chief executive of General Electric, and James Owens, chief executive of Caterpillar. Both companies have strong sales around the world, though both are encountering hard times amid the slowing global economy; Caterpillar said last month it would cut 20,000 jobs.

The board also includes representatives of labor organizations: Anna Burger, who chairs the labor group Change to Win, and Richard Trumka, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO. There are



AP photo
President Barack Obama, accompanied by Economic Recovery Advisory Board Chair Paul Volcker, introduces members of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, Friday in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

also two prominent conservatives: William Donaldson, who served as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission during the Bush administration, and Reagan administration economic adviser, Martin Feldstein, who has supported the idea of a massive economic stimulus package but was sharply critical of the legislation passed by the House of Representatives.

"I'm not interested in groupthink, which is why the board reflects a cross-section of experience and expertise and ideology," Obama said.

Economists generally praised the lineup but noted that, while the team includes several prominent representatives of corporate America, the only Wall Street representative is Robert Wolf, chairman of the American operations of Swiss bank UBS.

"A fatal mistake is always missing something and being too insular and too narrow. What he's missing in all the appointments is financial people," said economist Allen Sinai of Decision Economics, a private consulting firm. Sinai noted that the omission is somewhat understandable, since Wall Streeters have been "totally discredited in our country." But, he said, "decision makers need to keep their eyes and ears open."

There are some financial experts on the board from outside Wall Street, such as Roger Ferguson, chief executive of financial services company TIAA-CREF and a former vice-chairman of the Federal Reserve; David Swensen, who manages Yale University's endowment; and Mark Gallogly, founder of private equity firm Centerbridge Partners.

It is unclear how much influence the advisory board will have. Obama already has a group of accomplished — and vocal — in-house economic advisers, most notably White House economic chief Larry Summers and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

"We're also going to count on these men and women to serve as additional eyes and ears for me as we work to reverse this downturn," Obama said. "Many of them have a ground-level view of the changes that are taking place."

FDA: Plant knowingly sold salmonella-laced peanuts

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Georgia peanut plant knowingly shipped salmonella-laced products as far back as 2007, at times sending out tainted products after tests confirmed contamination, according to inspection records released Friday.

Food and Drug Administration officials earlier had said Peanut Corp. of America waited for a second test to clear peanut butter and peanuts that initially were positive for salmonella. But the agency amended its report Friday, noting that the Blakely, Ga., plant actually shipped some products before receiving the second test and sold others after confirming salmonella.

Federal law forbids producing or shipping foods under conditions that could make it harmful to consumers' health.

In 2007 the company shipped chopped peanuts on July 18 and 24 after salmonella was confirmed by private lab tests. Peanut Corp. sold products "on or after the positive salmonella results were obtained," the FDA report states.

In other cases, the company didn't wait for a second round of salmonella tests.

"In some instances, peanut products were shipped by (the company) prior to having assurance

that the products were negative for salmonella," said Michael Rogers, head of field investigations for the FDA.

Rogers said the FDA made the discovery after a more detailed analysis of records submitted by the company.

The salmonella outbreak has been blamed for at least eight deaths and 575 illnesses in 43 states. The Justice Department has opened a criminal investigation. More than 1,550 products have been recalled.

A Peanut Corp. lawyer said the company is investigating what happened at the plant and had no comment on the latest FDA findings.

"We have not made a determination yet on liability," said attorney Amy Rotenberg. "We are neither denying or admitting liability at this point. We are still investigating."

Peanut Corp. previously said it "categorically denies any allegations" that it sought lab results that would put its products in a favorable light.

Problems at the plant are not new. FDA inspectors found in 2001 that products potentially were exposed to insecticides, one of several violations uncovered during the last visit federal officials made before the current food-poisoning scare, according to a report obtained by The Associated Press.

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON FDA approves first drug from genetically engineered animals

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration made history Friday as it approved the first drug made with materials from genetically engineered animals, clearing the way for a new class of medical therapies.

GTC Biotherapeutics said regulators cleared its drug ATryn, which is manufactured using milk from goats that have been scientifically altered to produce extra antithrombin, a protein that acts as a natural blood thinner.

The drug's approval may be the first step toward new kinds of medications made not from chemicals, but from animals altered by scientists. Similar drugs could be available in the next few years for a range of human ailments, including hemophilia.

The FDA cleared the drug to treat patients with a rare hereditary disorder that causes a deficiency of the protein, putting them at higher risk of deadly blood clots. The injectable treatment will be marketed in the U.S. by Deerfield, Ill.-based Ovation Pharmaceuticals.

TEXAS Judge clears dead man of rape conviction

AUSTIN — A man who died in prison while serving

time for a rape he didn't commit was cleared Friday by a judge who called the state's first posthumous DNA exoneration "the saddest case" he'd ever seen.

State District Judge Charles Baird ordered Timothy Cole's record expunged.

Cole was convicted of raping a Texas Tech University student in Lubbock in 1985 and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. He died in 1999 at age 39 from asthma complications.

DNA tests in 2008 connected the crime to Jerry Wayne Johnson, who is serving life in prison for separate rapes. Johnson testified in court Friday that he was the rapist in Cole's case and asked the victim and Cole's family to forgive him.

"I'm responsible for all this. I'm truly sorry for my pathetic behavior and selfishness. I hope and pray you will forgive me," Johnson said.

The Innocence Project of Texas said Cole's case was the first posthumous DNA exoneration in state history.

VERMONT State moves closer to legalizing gay marriage

MONTPELIER — Nine years after becoming the first state to permit civil unions, Vermont moved a step toward legalizing gay marriage Friday.

A bill that would allow same-sex unions was introduced in the Legislature, causing a crowd of about sev-

eral hundred supporters to gather at the Statehouse in celebration.

"This really is a great day and a part of moving forward to a time when all Vermont couples will be treated equally under our laws," said a sponsor, Rep. Mark Larson.

A similar bill is expected to be introduced later in the state Senate.

The House legislation has 59 sponsors, none of them Republican, though some GOP lawmakers have said they'll vote for the bill, Larson said.

CALIFORNIA State Medical Board probes octuplet birth

LOS ANGELES — The fertility doctor who helped a California woman have 14 children, including octuplets born last month, is now facing a state investigation on top of harsh criticism from medical ethicists.

The Medical Board of California did not identify the doctor who helped Nadya Suleman, 33, of Whittier, become pregnant with the six boys and two girls born on Jan. 26. Suleman has six other children.

"We're looking into the matter to see if we can substantiate if there was a violation of the standard of care," board spokeswoman Candis Cohen said Friday. She did not elaborate.

Suleman, a divorced single mother, told NBC's "Today" show that the same fertility

specialist provided in vitro fertilization for all 14 children using sperm donated by a friend.

In the interview broadcast Friday, Suleman also said six embryos were implanted for each of her pregnancies. In her latest, two of Suleman's embryos split, resulting in two sets of twins among the octuplets.

When asked why so many embryos were implanted, Suleman said: "Those are my children, and that's what was available and I used them. So, I took a risk. It's a gamble. It always is."

IRAQ Pentagon hires company despite electrocutions

WASHINGTON — Defense contractor KBR Inc., which is under criminal investigation in the electrocution deaths of at least two U.S. soldiers in Iraq, has been awarded a \$35 million contract by the Pentagon to build an electrical distribution center and other projects there.

The announcement of the new KBR contract comes just months after the Pentagon, in strongly worded correspondence obtained by The Associated Press, rejected the company's explanation of serious mistakes in Iraq and its proposed improvements. A senior Pentagon official, David J. Graff, cited the company's "continuing quality deficiencies" and said KBR executives were "not sufficiently in touch with the

urgency or realities of what was actually occurring on the ground."

"Many within DOD (the Department of Defense) have lost or are losing all remaining confidence in KBR's ability to successfully and repeatedly perform the required electrical support services mission in Iraq," wrote Graff, commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency, in a Sept. 30 letter.

PAKISTAN Nuclear scientist freed from house arrest

Early Friday, the Pakistani scientist at the center of one of history's worst nuclear scandals walked out of his Islamabad villa to declare his vindication after five years of house arrest. "The judgment, by the grace of God, is good," a smiling Abdul Qadeer Khan told a throng of reporters and TV crews.

Moments earlier, a Pakistani court had ordered the release of the metallurgist who had famously admitted selling nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea. Through years of legal limbo, Khan, 72, had never been charged, and now he never will be. "The so-called A.Q. Khan affair is a closed chapter," a Pakistani government spokesman said.

In Washington, the news sparked criticism but little surprise. It was a jarring denouement to what had been one of the most cele-

brated successes against nuclear weapons trafficking in decades — a victory that has been increasingly tarnished by government failures in the aftermath of the ring's breakup.

Nearly five years after Khan's smuggling operation came to light, the international effort to prosecute its leaders is largely in shambles, yielding convictions of only a few minor participants and no significant prison time for any of them.

RUSSIA Moscow allows transit of U.S. military supplies

MOSCOW — Russia granted transit rights Friday to non-lethal U.S. military supplies headed to Afghanistan but only after apparently pressuring a former Soviet state to close an air base leased to the Americans.

The signal from Moscow: Russia is willing to help on Afghanistan, but only on the Kremlin's terms.

Kyrgyzstan announced the closure of the Manas air base but American officials suspect that Russia was behind the decision, having long been irritated by the U.S. presence in central Asia.

The Russian decision to let U.S. supplies cross its territory opened another route to those through Pakistan now threatened by militant attacks, but U.S. officials were still left scrambling for alternatives to Manas.

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God in their game

T.F. Reformed Church presents 'Athletes in Action'

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

As Buccaneers running back Warrick Dunn was being honored with the 2009 Bart Starr Award at the annual NFL-sanctioned Super Bowl Breakfast on Jan. 31 in Tampa, Fla., the Twin Falls Reformed Church was applauding local high school football coaches for their character and leadership on the field.

The local church hosted its first annual Super Bowl Breakfast and watched a rebroadcast of the NFL ceremony, made available to the Reform Church through its partnership with CCN, Church Communication Network.

"Athletes in Action puts the

emphasis on the side of the NFL that gets so little press, those men with character and purpose," Mike Smit, director of the church's men's ministry, said. "Those players that exemplify solid character both on and off the field. We thought it would be a perfect fit for our program here.

"The core of our men's ministry, 'Men of Adventure,' expresses that it is OK to be men and Christian. There is a real sense that church is for sissies, that real men don't go to church. The goal of our ministry is to take every opportunity to say it is OK to be a guy and be able to speak boldly in our belief in Christ."

Smit said invitations were sent to high school football coaches

across the Magic Valley. Coaches Allyn Reynolds of Twin Falls High School, Kirby Bright of Kimberly High School, Gary Krumm of Jerome High School and John Van Vliet of Lighthouse Christian School were recognized at the event.

Bright said his faith is a major element in his life on the field, in the classroom and at home. Being a role model and confidant are just as important as winning football games.

"I hope the kids know that everybody on the staff has been through what they're going through and they aren't alone," he said.

See **ATHLETES**, Religion 2



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News
Kirby Bright, football coach at Kimberly High School, said his spiritual faith helps him to be a better person and coach. Bright was one of a handful of Magic Valley coaches who attended the Twin Falls Reformed Church's Super Bowl Breakfast on Jan. 31.

Fire destroys landmark

LDS church was a fixture in Nevada community

By Ken Ritter
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — A pre-dawn fire reduced a landmark Mormon church to rubble Wednesday, destroying one of the oldest buildings in the Moapa Valley.

No one was injured in the 4:11 a.m. blaze that destroyed Logandale's Mormon church in the small southern Nevada farming town about 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

Clark County fire spokesman Scott Allison said FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents joined county fire investigators probing the cause of the fire, but said there was no immediate evidence of foul play.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stake President Asahel "Ace" Robison said nothing was reported amiss when a church women's group left after a Tuesday evening meeting. But he noted that electric fans were left running overnight to help dry carpets left wet after cleaning.

As a boy in 1950, Robison said he watched church members build the structure.

"Some older folks who helped build that building watched, helpless, as a large piece of their lives went up in flames," Robison said of the worship center for almost 350 families and more than 1,000 members.

Allison said flames ripped through the 450-seat sanctuary and classrooms, but spared offices housing church archives. FBI and ATF officials did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

Allison called the cement block and wood building a total loss, but no damage estimate was immediately available.

"The dollar value pales in significance to the emotional value and the love people have for the place where they've worshipped virtually all their lives," Robison said.

The fire appeared to have started in a hallway or a meeting room in a back wing before racing through the attic to the sanctuary, he said.

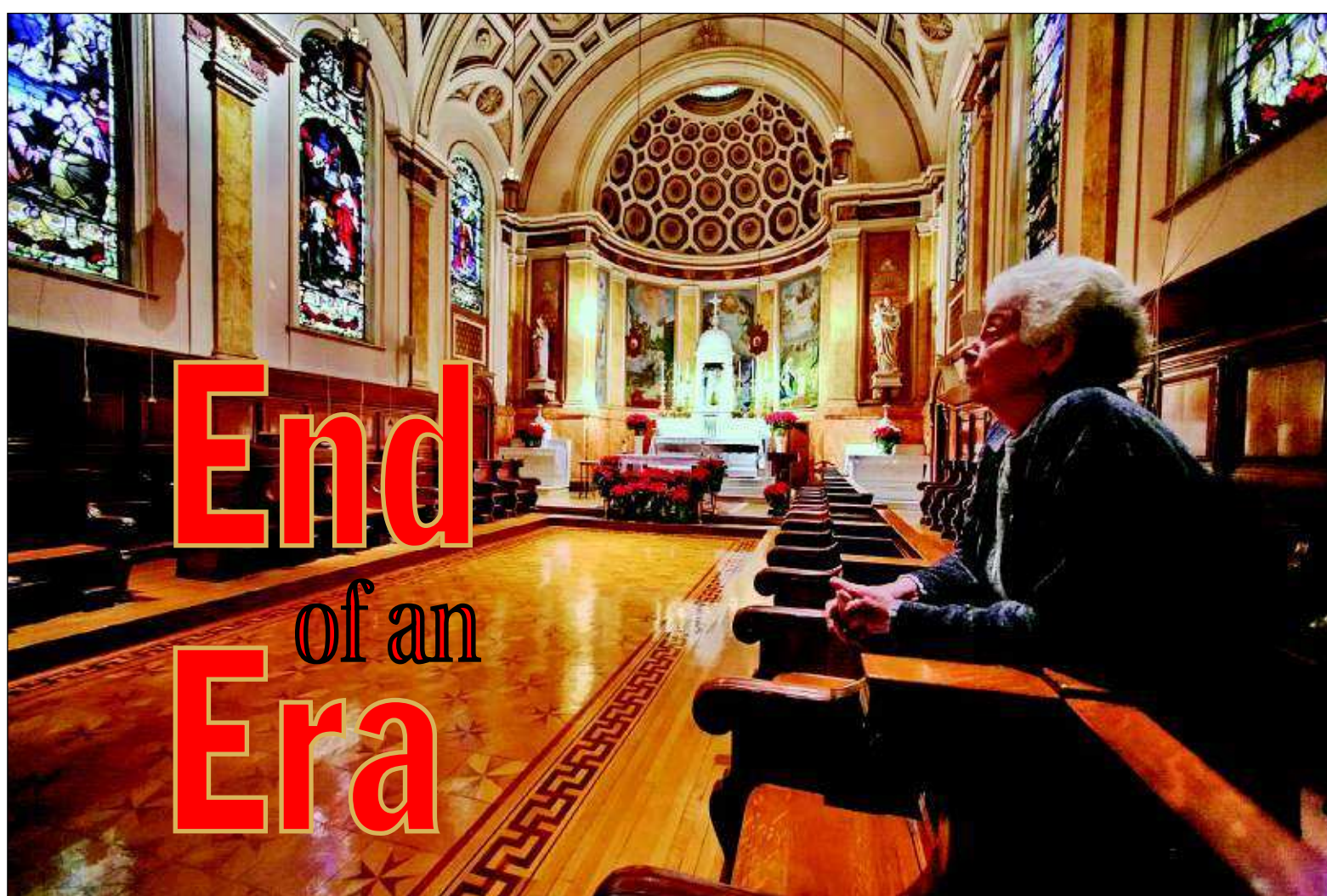
Allison said that when volunteer firefighters arrived, they found the structure fully ablaze. Fire crews were summoned from North Las Vegas, the Las Vegas area and Mesquite near the Arizona-Utah state line.

Mark Hall-Patton, Clark County museum administrator, said the church, with its distinctive spire, was one of the first buildings built in the Moapa Valley.

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AP photo
A firefighter carries a water hose as he walks past the remains of the destroyed chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints after a pre-dawn blaze Wednesday in Logandale, Nev.



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AP photos
Sister Camille D'Arienzo, 76, a past president of the Brooklyn Sisters of Mercy order visits the chapel at the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Brooklyn, N.Y., Jan. 6. 'The chapel means more to me than any spot on earth and I cannot bear the thought of losing it,' said D'Arienzo.

Convent shuts after helping generations 'overcome'

By Verena Dobnik
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Ringed by massive red brick walls, the Convent of Mercy rose during the Civil War. Two decades later, the Brooklyn Bridge opened. And more than four decades passed before the Empire State Building appeared on the Manhattan skyline seen from the windows of the Brooklyn convent.

Since 1862, the fortress-like complex has sheltered, educated and nurtured people in need, from Irish orphans to developmentally disabled adults and poor Hispanic children.

But suddenly, some months ago, the convent's elderly residents faced shattering news: They learned they'd be forced to leave the "mother house" of the Sisters of Mercy in Brooklyn, a Roman Catholic order whose aim is "to help people to overcome the obstacles that keep them from living full and dignified lives," according to their mission statement.

The reason for the convent closure in mid-February: money. Engineers said it would cost more than \$20 million to fix structural and safety problems discovered in the building in the Fort Greene neighborhood.

Preservationists fear that the property — a collection of buildings that covers almost a city block — could be targeted by developers and demolished, like other religious institutions across the country that have vanished for lack of money or members.



A preservationist group is seeking landmark status for the stately edifice of the Sisters of Mercy convent, designed by 19th century church architect Patrick C. Keely.

To many, the convent transcends its walls.

"It represents the spirit of wanting to do things for the right reason," said 91-year-old Sister Olivia Clifford. "I can look at a person — a poor person, or even a very rich person who needs help, and say, 'I'm doing this because Jesus lives in him as well as he lives in me.' And therefore you reach out to that person and do good."

In the spacious chapel, sunlight streams through German-made stained-glass windows — one of them a gift from former orphans. "This chapel means more to me than any spot on earth and I cannot bear the thought of losing it," said Sister Camille D'Arienzo, 76, a past president of the Brooklyn

Sisters of Mercy who worked from convent offices, while living elsewhere. D'Arienzo would once have been called the mother superior, cloaked in a long black-and-white habit. These days, she wears civilian clothing, sometimes with elegant earrings.

The 29 nuns who still lived at the convent recently were all moving to Catholic-run homes in the New York area.

"Sept. 28 — I'll never forget it," said Clifford. "That's the day they broke the news to us that the house was slipping."

Countered 89-year-old Sister Margaret Clacherty, a Scottish-born retired teacher, "But the building seems to be in such good shape!"

"It (the convent) represents the spirit of wanting to do things for the right reason."

— 91-year-old
Sister Olivia Clifford

"Yeah, but if you're sliding off your foundation..." shot back Clifford, who had lived in a tough neighborhood in her native Brooklyn, where she opened a residence for disabled youths.

The sisters' work — which includes caring for abandoned children, teaching school, visiting prisoners and performing social and religious services — will continue from the community's other locations. But the sisters will be gone from the shining convent corridors that were filled with the voices of orphans through the 1970s.

On a frigid winter day recently, the halls were silent.

From the far end of the convent's rose garden, 5-year-old Jeremy Aparicio pointed, explaining, "That's the mother house, where we do music."

The convent's auditorium was a special place where he performed as part of an after-school center for working parents who can't pay for babysitting. It's housed in a new two-story building at the edge of the garden.

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CHURCH NEWS

Clifford Moore celebrates Eucharist

Father Clifford Moore will celebrate Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Special music at the 10 a.m. service will be presented by the Guitar Band.

Christian Education is at 9 a.m.; child care for ages 5 and under is available from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Eucharist services are at 7 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., and Bible study is at 11 a.m. A knitting/handwork group meets at 1 p.m.

A quilting workshop to make jean quilts for the Safe House will be from 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

Information: www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org or 733-1248.

Lutherans recognize new members

Immanuel Lutheran Church will recognize new members who joined during 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

A contemporary service begins at 8:30 a.m., Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. and a traditional service is at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday night service starts at 7 p.m.

Information: www.immanueltf.org or 733-7820.

Scouts serve breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 67 will serve breakfast from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

The menu includes pan-

cakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, orange juice, coffee and tea. Donations will go to Friends of Scouting.

Information: www.tffumc.com or 733-5827.

Singles hold fireside

The Regional LDS Singles (ages 31 and over) will hold a fireside at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Maurice Street Stake Center.

A member of the Wendell Stake presidency will be the speaker. Refreshments and baby-sitting will be provided.

Information: Fred or Lynn Jaynes, 326-4428 in the evening.

Methodists sponsor food bank

The Idaho Food Bank and Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly are sponsoring a free Mobil Food Bank from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the new church facility, 131 Syringa Ave. (across from the Arctic Circle) in Kimberly.

Volunteers are needed — five to six at 10:30 a.m. to set up, eight to 10 with strong backs at 11 a.m. to unload the food and 10 to 12 to do the distribution itself.

Information: Robyn Moss at crossroadsumc@qwestoffice.net or 423-4311.

Olive Tree Ministry hosts Valentine party

The Olive Tree Ministry Center will hold a Valentine Dinner and Movie event at 7 p.m. Friday at 338 Idaho St. E. in Twin Falls.

Food, drinks and the romantic drama, "Fireproof,"

is free. However, space is limited and reservations are required. Child care will be provided; donations will be accepted.

Reservations: Judi, 734-6288.

Book discussion, signing comes to Boise

What happens when a Muslim, a Christian and a Jew sit down to write a book? The answer is not the punch line to a riddle — it is "The Faith Club," a book about a journey of understanding undertaken by three mothers of different faiths.

The Episcopal Diocese of Idaho and St. Mark's Catholic Church will bring the authors of this bestseller to Boise this month to inspire people of all faiths. The discussion begins at 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 7960 Northview St. in Boise. A reception and book signing will follow. A world peace presentation starts at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each. For tickets and information: www.episcopalidaho.org or 345-4440. Tickets also will be available at the door.

"The Faith Club" is a groundbreaking book about how three women overcame their own religious stereotypes and misunderstandings to form a friendship.

Ranya Idliby, an American Muslim of Palestinian descent; Suzanne Oliver, an Episcopalian; and Priscilla Warner, a Jew, set out together on a journey for understanding. They shared their experience in the book, "The Faith Club," and now speak internationally.

More information:

Stephanie Crumrine, 734-3660.

Capstone Missions holds annual crab feast

The Fourth Annual Capstone Mission Benefits Crab Feast and Benefit Auction will be held Feb. 21 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome.

A wine and cheese social begins at 5:30 p.m.; dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. Dessert and live and silent auctions will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

The dinner menu includes fresh-cracked crab, salad, french bread, beer, wine and other beverages and a dessert auction.

Tickets are \$35 each. Advance tickets are available by calling Colleen Crozier at 324-4257 or Debby Miciak at 733-1187. Tables can be reserved by contacting Dar Wagner at dar@capstonemissions.org or 733-3994.

Capstone Missions is an Idaho faith partnership that sends groups of volunteers to Tijuana, Mexico, to building homes and remodel facilities that serve the poor. It also helps support St. Joseph's Home and Hacienda de la Inmaculada orphanages which care for abandoned, neglected or special needs children.

Information: Colleen Crozier, 324-4257 or www.capstonemissions.org.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication in the Saturday religion page.

MISSIONARIES

Elder Zachary Thomas Montgomery has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Mexico Hermosillo Mission.



Montgomery

Montgomery is an Eagle Scout and a 2008 graduate of Buhl High School. He is the son of Clay and Laura Montgomery of Buhl and is in the Buhl 1st Ward. He will enter the Mission Training Center on Wednesday.

Elder Brad Caresia has been called to serve an LDS mission in the Washington DC South Mission.



Caresia

Caresia is a graduate of the LDS Church Seminary and Burley High School in 2008, where he was a member of the boy's basketball team that won two state championships. He graduated from Cassia Tech in construction and attended College of Southern Idaho for a semester in construction. He is the son of Roger and LaVonne Caresia of Burley, and is in the Burley 8th Ward.

Elder Randy Hale has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Marshall Islands M a j u r o Mission.



Hale

He is the son of Leon and Starla Hale of Rupert and is in the Rupert 10th Ward. He worked at Swensen's in Rupert before his mission.

Elder Jordan Crane has returned from serving an LDS mission to the Brazil Belo Horizonte Mission.



Crane

Crane plans to continue his education in civil engineering. He's the son of Dan and Shauna Crane of Kimberly and is in the Kimberly 1st Ward.

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RELIGION LETTER

A warm welcome for a newcomer

I've read with interest the contentious religion thread on the *Times-News* Web site, each presenting as absolute their own understanding. I find the lack of mutual respect disturbing.

In view of this, I'd like to thank the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for the warm and welcoming spiritual home it provides for me as a newcomer to Twin Falls. A truly liberal church is a very different and pleasing experience. They support, with gentle respect, my evolving spiritual belief.

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come all to fellowship.

Our group is small but our hearts are big. We meet at the Step Ahead Learning Center, 273 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls at 10 a.m. each Sunday. The UU adult Sunday class studies the world's religions because we know that acknowledging diversity enhances understanding while ignorance breeds fear. At 9 a.m. sharp, we are currently studying the Hindu religion.

The public is welcome. Questions? Call 733-3579.

With joy and gratitude,
SANDY FACKLER
Twin Falls

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and the Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

RELIGION BRIEFS

LDS church announces tour dates for new temple

SALT LAKE CITY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints says it will dedicate its newest Utah temple in mid-August.

The Oquirrh ('OH-kur) Mountain Utah Temple will be open to the public from June 1 through Aug. 1, excluding Sundays, the Fourth of July and July 24.

The temple in South Jordan will be dedicated during 12 sessions from Aug. 14-16.

The church also announced Saturday that the groundbreaking for the Gila Valley Arizona Temple will be on Feb. 14.

The Oquirrh Mountain Utah Temple will be the church's 130th in the world. It will serve about 83,000 church members.

Nevada chaplain to give Hindu prayers in states

RENO, Nev. — A Nevada chaplain who a year ago became the first to read a Hindu prayer at the U.S. Senate plans to make the same sort of history over the next month with prayers at state legislatures in Oregon, Colorado and Indiana.

Rajan Zed is the president of University Society of Hinduism and a spokesman for the India Association of northern

Nevada.

He became the first to read a Hindu prayer to the Nevada State Assembly on March 19, 2007. He did the same in the U.S. Senate on July 12, 2007, but only after Capitol police officers removed three shouting protesters from the visitors' gallery.

Zed already delivered prayers from ancient Hindu scriptures Jan. 28-29 in Salem, Ore., and plans to do so again Feb. 17 in Denver and Feb. 19 in Indianapolis.

Anglicans seek extended moratorium on gay bishops

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt — Leaders of the world Anglican fellowship want its churches to continue a temporary ban on consecrating openly gay bishops and writing prayers for gay unions.

The Anglican leaders made the request Thursday as they ended a meeting in the Egyptian city of Alexandria.

The moratoria were first requested five years ago to avoid a global split over the election of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

Robinson's elevation in 2003 pushed the Anglican family toward the brink of schism.

— The Associated Press

Convent

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The center's founder, Irish-born Sister Kathleen Quinn, said she was assured that it wouldn't be part of "any kind of deal" involving the convent.

Nearby is another small building where four developmentally disabled adults live while working in the city — part of the Mercy Home agency that operates a dozen such group houses. These residents are expected to stay.

A decision on the future of the complex has yet to be made by leaders of the order's Mid-Atlantic Community, in Merion, Pa., who oversee 1,100 sisters in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Massachusetts and New York.

The Mercy order could use the money from selling the property, worth millions, to bolster the mission of the dwindling number of sisters — about 8,000 worldwide, down from 10,000 a decade ago.

"At this point, every option has to be considered, and anything is possible," said Sister Christine McCann, president of the Mid-Atlantic Community that's part of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in Silver Spring, Md.

The institute is an umbrella group for 4,078 sisters in the Americas, the Caribbean, Guam and the Philippines. That's down from 5,500 a decade ago. Their average age is 73.

"We have fewer members, and we must be much more strategic about how the future of our ministries will be stewarded by us and by lay leaders," said Sister Patricia McDermott, the institute's vice-president.

In some Third World countries, however, religious orders are thriving, or even growing. And thousands of people have joined the



AP photo

Sister Mary Brenda Gorman looks into the chapel from a set of windows in the residential area where she lives at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Brooklyn, N.Y., Jan. 6. The convent's elderly resident nuns are being forced to leave because it would cost more than \$20 million to fix structural and safety problems discovered in the building, according to the order's governing body.

Sisters of Mercy as associates — lay men and women who don't have to be either Catholic or celibate to work in various ministries.

"What tugs at my heart is, what is God asking of us in this moment?" said McDermott. "Our mission is needed, it's critical, as we confront a world in economic crisis and more and more people are in need of housing, health care, education."

Most Mercy sisters live scattered in homes resembling ordinary housing, and e-mail is a common link.

The Mercies rely on individual salaries, private donations and government grants to operate their schools and foster homes.

"The charism, the mission, will continue even if there are not a lot of sisters," said Quinn. "We pass on to others what we believe in."

She rushed off to make sure the children received gifts left over from holiday donations.

The more than 40 kids' gleeful shrieks floated across the convent garden from a classroom where their parents also learn computer literacy, English and job skills.

Such hands-on service to the outside world, not cloistered prayer, is the hallmark of the Mercies.

The order began in 1827 in Dublin, Ireland, where a wealthy woman, Catherine McAuley, built a "House of Mercy" for struggling women and children. The church hierarchy was not pleased, since nuns rather than lay women usually engaged in this sort of activity.

McAuley "was forced against her wish to found a religious community by the bishop of that time," explained D'Arienzo. "But she didn't want to be stuck behind the walls."

So the non-cloistered Sisters of Mercy became known as the "Walking Sisters" who took care of

needs outside a convent.

The nuns received just a meager allowance, having taken a vow of poverty and given what they earned to the order. That's a practice still followed today.

"It's almost like communism," Quinn said jokingly.

In 1855, five Irish-born sisters boarded a ferry from Manhattan to Brooklyn to help destitute Irish immigrants and children living in the streets, eventually building the convent on Willoughby Avenue. The stately edifice was designed by Patrick C. Keely, America's leading 19th century church architect, and a preservationist group is now seeking landmark status for it.

After 147 years, the convent has completed its service to the Sisters of Mercy — but not without deep nostalgia.

"This was a place of constancy," said D'Arienzo. "People knew that good things happened here."

Athletes

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Nineteen-year-old John Van Vliet, a freshman at Idaho State University, graduated from Lighthouse Christian last spring. He said faith in Jesus Christ helps him keep the game and life in perspective.

"He gives me strength and comfort when games or practices aren't going

well ... but the knowledge that, really, football is a game and should be enjoyed," he said.

He said awards such as the Bart Starr award, which honors athletes who serve as positive role models, will hopefully inspire young athletes to be better people.

"It's a blessing to know that on the field I can be aggressive and gung-ho, but

once it's over I can be someone other people can come to," Van Vliet said.

More than 100 church and community members attended the breakfast. Smit said he can't wait to bring it back next year.

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AP photo

In jail for second-degree murder, Christopher Johnson, center, sits with fellow inmates at the Lafourche Parish Jail on Jan. 25 in Thibodaux, La. Talking about how it felt to have members of the House of Prayer United Pentecostal Church sing, Johnson said he really enjoyed the concert and hopes they come back often.

Church takes tuneful message to inmates

By Raymond Legendre
The (Houma) Courier

THIBODAUX, La. — As roughly a dozen jail inmates clad in red uniforms looked on, Beatrice Randolph clutched the cell bars in front of her and belted out a hymn encouraging them to cheer up and “live in the sunshine.” Upon completing the song “Father Along,” Randolph, tears welling in her eyes, turned away from the bars and slowly walked back to her place among other members of her church choir, as prisoners applauded.

Choir members from House of Prayer United Pentecostal Church in Thibodaux performed various praise and worship numbers on a recent Sunday night during a first of its kind mini-concert at the Lafourche jail. The event is designed to provide inmates with not only entertainment but a measure of hope.

“This may be the first time people tell them they care about them,” Lafourche jail Warden Alan Abadie said. “Maybe this will teach them to have better self-respect.”

Abadie thanked House of Prayer pastor Ronnie

Melancon for being receptive to the idea of the jail-house ministry through song. Tammy Theriot, coordinator of inmate services and programs, organized the event.

Using two acoustic guitars, a keyboard and more than a dozen voices, the House of Prayer choir provided uplifting sounds for inmates throughout the jail.

For much of the night, the group performed out of sight from the prisoners, whose whoops and whistles of approval were heard, even when they themselves could not be seen.

Some inmates cried. Others enthusiastically sang along.

Inmates on Cell Block D, all of whom are awaiting trial on felony offenses, said Randolph’s song of redemption resonated with them.

“Due to the dark days we usually spend in here, that was pretty enlightening,” said 35-year-old Christopher Johnson of Thibodaux, who faces a murder charge. “That brought a lot of joy to people’s hearts.”

Johnson said his favorite song of the night contained the words, “I am a friend of

God; he calls me friend.”

“We have all fallen by the wayside,” Johnson said. “It’s not about falling, it’s about getting back up and dusting yourself off again.”

Another Block D inmate, Urie Ledet said he got goose bumps listening to the music.

“I always thought the Good Lord brings joy to everyone’s life,” said Ledet, a 22-year-old Gheens resident awaiting trial for carnal knowledge of a juvenile charge. “Hearing that music made me feel good.”

Some inmates spoke of what they described as a whirlwind of positive change is occurring at the jail.

“It doesn’t make sense to be in here trying to rehabilitate, if there’s nothing to help you change,” said Derrick Odomes, 30, of Thibodaux, charged with first-degree murder. Odomes credited Abadie for the improvements to the jail.

More church performances will occur on a periodic basis, Abadie added, and an inmate choir could possibly be formed in the near future.

“It’s hard to make a 180-degree change overnight,” the warden said. “You have to change 10 degrees at a time.”

Iconic Chicago church offers Mass despite fire

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Parishioners worshipped Thursday at Chicago’s iconic Roman Catholic Holy Name Cathedral, undeterred by an attic fire a day earlier that left holes in the roof and led to a water-damaged sanctuary.

Carla Kupe-Arion, 28, who has been coming to the cathedral since 2005, joined dozens of parishioners at morning Mass in the cathedral’s adjacent parish center, using plastic and metal chairs for pews and a concrete floor to kneel. Work crews assessing damage blocked the church’s main entrance.

A day earlier, firefighters battled the blaze in frigid temperatures at the Gothic revival-style church for more than two hours. The flames severely damaged the attic and left gaping holes in the roof. The smell of charred wood lingered outside the cathedral’s massive bronze doors hours later.

Church officials have not offered an estimate of the full extent of the damage, but Archdiocese Chancellor Jimmy Lago said he expected the cathedral to be closed for months.

“Chicago has always bounced back from fires,” Cardinal Francis George said Wednesday, after surveying



BRIAN JACKSON/Chicago Sun-Times

Firefighters sweep water from the floor inside Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Wednesday, after an early morning fire severely damaged the attic and left gaping holes in the roof of the 134-year-old landmark and seat of Cardinal Francis George.

damage inside the 134-year-old cathedral just blocks from the John Hancock Center in a busy shopping district.

The original Holy Name was destroyed in the Great

Chicago Fire of 1871 and the parish rebuilt. The new cathedral opened in 1875.

There was no smoke or fire damage in the sanctuary, fire department spokesman Larry Langford said.

Fire

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“It was an important structure for the church members out there,” he said. “It’s quite a loss for the community.”

Robison said the building, which opened in 1951, was home to three of 13 sub-

units, or wards, he oversees in the historically Mormon farming communities of Moapa, Logandale and Overton. The region is home to about 8,000 residents.

Robison said he expected church leaders will want the church rebuilt. He said he

also expected that members of four other meeting halls in his geographic stake will welcome the displaced congregants.

“There will be no hesitation at all,” he said. “The other wards will crowd up and we’ll make room.”

Mormon church lists more Prop 8 expenses

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Mormon church officials say they spent \$190,000 more supporting the Proposition 8 gay marriage ban than they previously reported.

They previously listed just \$2,078 to support the ban.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is being investigated by the state Fair Political Practices Commission.

The report filed Friday with

the secretary of state lists church leaders’ travel expenses; \$20,575 to use facilities and equipment at the church’s Salt Lake City headquarters; and \$96,849 to pay employees who worked for the ban.

Fred Karger of Californians Against Hate says the disclosures show the church previously failed to properly report spending. His group, which opposed Proposition

8, filed the complaint with campaign watchdogs in November.

Church officials aren’t immediately commenting.

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Bethene B. Goold

HEYBURN — Bethene B. Goold, an 86-year-old Heyburn resident, passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at Countryside Care in Rupert.



Bethene was born July 30, 1922, in Oakley, the daughter of John James and Alice Walker Mabey. She attended schools in Oakley and Weiser. She later moved to Seattle, Wash., and worked in the shipyards during World War II. She married Murray Goold on July 15, 1942, in Burley. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed visiting teaching each month.

Bethene enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, skiing when she was younger, raising her garden and helping her neighbors, family and friends.

Bethene is survived by her husband, Murray Goold; two brothers, Clyde (Mary Ann) Mabey and Claude (Dorothy) Mabey; one sister, Lorraina (Ross) Jones; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service Monday. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to Relay for Life, American Cancer Association.

John T. Jamison

HEYBURN — John T. Jamison, 83-year-old Heyburn resident, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at his home in Heyburn.

He was born Dec. 27, 1925, in Burley, the son of John C. Jamison and Alta (Fairchild) Johnson. He was raised by his stepfather, Leonard Johnson, and mother, Alta (Fairchild) Johnson. John served his country during World War II with the Army.

He married Billie Carson and together had one son, John Steven Lott. They were later divorced, and he married June Kay Yeaton. They had four children, John Leonard, Linda Sue, Robin Kay and Russell Thomas. They divorced, and he married Barbara, and he adopted her children, Theresa, Dale and Verna. They were later divorced.

He is survived by two sons, John Steven (Rena Jo) Lott and John Leonard (Susan)



Jamison; one daughter, Robin Kay Cole (Harley Goodwin); a brother, Michael (Sherry) Johnson; and sister, Jill (Bud) Fisher. He is survived by 23 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Linda; his son, Russell; and grandson, Brett.

To keep with John's wishes, he will be cremated and memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

DEATH NOTICES

Madeline Walters

JEROME — Madeline Walters, 93, of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Jerome First United Methodist Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Tosha M. Hanson

Tosha M. Hanson, 20, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Robert L. Davis

GLENNS FERRY — Robert L. Davis, 72, of Glens Ferry, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Clair K. Ricketts

JEROME — Clair Keith Ricketts, 85, of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Chaparelle House in Twin Falls.

A private graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

David C. Peterson

David C. Peterson, 58, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

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

Marguerite Bell Wells

Marguerite Bell Wells, our loving mother and grandmother, 101, of Twin Falls, went to be with our Lord on Friday, Feb. 06, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.



Marguerite was born July 13, 1907, at Holton, Kan., on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation to Frank Russell and Alma Barnes Shepard. She was raised there until at the age of 12, when they moved by train to Wendell. She married Ira Lagrand Wells on Oct. 15, 1924, at Twin Falls. Together, they had three children. In 1946, they moved to Stanley and lived there until 1976. Upon retirement, they moved back to Hagerman. When her husband had to move to a nursing home, she moved to Twin Falls to be close to her daughter and lived there until the spring of 2008. She then went to live at Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Buhl. She made many friends there.

Marguerite is survived by her children, Ilene (Butch) Burr of Twin Falls and Neil

(June) Wells of Sagel; her grandchildren, Iris (Randy) Boyd of Filer, Richard (Paula) Achenbach of Orofino, Ralene Ford of Kimberly and Bob Wells of Twin Falls; great-grandchildren, Tammy (Shane) Clark of Kimberly, Dusty (Keith) Moller of Twin Falls, Frank (Evelyn) Tucker of Filer, Richard Tucker of Twin Falls, Sirrena Ford of Nampa, Ray Achenbach of Buhl and Mackenzie Achenbach of Buhl; and great-great-grandchildren, William, Dustin, Torey, Todd, Dylan, Tyler, Shaylene, Kylea, David, Jacob, Domminick, Nellisha, Hunter, Trinity, Alex, Little Richard and Josigha. Her grandparents, including her grandmother, Sarah, who lived to be 114; her parents; her husband, Ira; her five brothers; and a son, Dale Wells; preceded her in death.

Thank you for all the wonderful memories, Grandma. We will miss you deeply!

A celebration of life will be held for Marguerite at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at In His Name Christian Fellowship, 660 Highway 30 in Filer. Pastor Tim Chandler will officiate. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Chance Michael Rowe

Chance Michael Rowe, age 10, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise.

Chance was born Feb. 16, 1998. Although he weighed only 2 pounds 4½ ounces, he had such a huge impact on everyone he met. Chance never met a stranger. Everyone became a life-long friend.

Chance was here for such a short time, but those who were touched by him understand that he packed as much living into everyone's life that he possibly could. He had a great big smile and outgoing personality. Chance possessed strength, courage, perseverance and an ability to overcome incredible odds and physical challenges that plagued him throughout his life.

Due to his ongoing positive nature, he quickly became known as one of the nurse's favorites at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Chance's can-do attitude led us all to believe that each day was an opportunity to live life to the fullest and create lifelong memories. He was special and unique, radiating happiness. Our community is a better place because of Chance.

There were many doctors (especially Dr. Adrian, Dr. Hansen and Dr. Smith) and nurses (especially Letty, Cat and Connie) that blessed Chance's life and were blessed by him as well. Through their dedication, love and support, Chance was able to overcome so many tough challenges. He will be dearly missed by all of these special people, too



numerous to mention, who provided Chance with love and dignity in life and in death.

Chance is survived by his parents, Melissa and Shannon Rowe of Twin Falls; Great-Grandma Bass and Great-Grandma Jeske; grandparents, Wanda and Harlan Flinn; and many, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. A memorial service to honor his life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Boy's and Girl's Club in Twin Falls. Please wear BSU clothing or colors.

Donations to help with medical and funeral expenses can be made at any First Federal Bank in Chance's name.

Condolences may be made at www.magicvalley-funeralhome.com.

The family would like to thank Greg Middlekauff, the Boy's and Girl's Club, Sawtooth Elementary School, The Twin Falls Police Department and all friends and family for your overwhelming support.

SERVICES

Venessa Ryall Fisher of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Merlin Davis of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Paul; visitation; one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Dorothy E. Willett of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Elizabeth "Beth" Abbott of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Church, 50 E. 100 S.; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Jana Bell Thornton of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Albion LDS Church; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Merlin Clyde Davis of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Baptist Church; visitation one hour before the serv-

ice today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Maurice E. Barnett of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Buhl (Farmer Chapel in Buhl).

Ronald T. (Ron) Johnston of Kimberly, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Faye Aldene Nussbaum of Twin Falls, memorial celebration of life service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.

Jean Walbridge Jordan Matthews of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave.; visitation from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Allen E. Osborne of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Amazing Grace Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Mary Bonar of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth St. in Buhl.

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Versatile actor James Whitmore dies at 87

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — James Whitmore, the many-faceted character actor who delivered strong performances in movies, television and especially the theater with his popular one-man shows about Harry Truman, Will Rogers and Theodore Roosevelt, died Friday, his son said. He was 87.



Whitmore, as Will Rogers

The Emmy- and Tony-winning actor was diagnosed with lung cancer the week before Thanksgiving and died Friday afternoon at his Malibu home, Steve Whitmore said.

"My father believed that family came before everything, that work was just a vehicle in which to provide for your family," said Whitmore, who works as spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. "At the end, and in the last two and a half months of his life, he was surrounded by his family."

His long-running "Give 'em Hell, Harry," tracing the life of the 33rd president, was released as a theatrical movie in 1975. Whitmore was nominated for an Academy Award as best actor, marking the only time in Oscar history that an actor has been nominated for a film in which he was the only cast member. His Teddy Roosevelt portrait, "Bully," was also converted into a movie.

He later became the TV pitchman for Miracle-Gro plant food, and used the product in his large vegetable garden at his Malibu home.

While not known for his politics, Whitmore was an early supporter of President

Barack Obama. He stumped for Obama during a 2007 rally at the Gibson Theatre at Universal Studios, telling the crowd that Obama had the wisdom "to deal with a very, very confused and complex country, and the world."

Whitmore also appeared in TV commercials in 2008 for the "First Freedom First" campaign, which advocates religious liberty and preserving the separation of church and state.

Whitmore had regularly attended an Oscar night bash, Night of 100 Stars, and had sent in his RSVP for this year, said Edward Lozzi, a spokesman for agent Norby Walters' gala.

Whitmore started both his Broadway and Hollywood careers with acclaimed performances, both as tough-talking sergeants. In 1947, discharged a year from Marine duty, he made his Broadway debut in a taut Air Force drama, "Command Decision." He was awarded a Tony for outstanding performance by a newcomer.

Two years later, Whitmore was nominated for an Academy Award and won a Golden Globe as supporting actor in the war movie "Battleground."

He followed with memorable performances in scores of films, refusing to be typed. Besides war movies, he appeared in Westerns ("The Last Frontier," "Chato's Land"), musicals ("Kiss Me Kate," "Oklahoma!"), science fiction ("Planet of the Apes," "Them"), dramas ("The Asphalt Jungle," "The Shawshank Redemption") and comedies ("Mr. O'Malley and Mrs. Malone," "The Great Diamond Robbery.")

One of last survivors of 1906 quake dies at 106

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Herbert Hamrol, who survived the Great Earthquake of 1906 and recalled for later generations how his mother carried him to safety that day, has died. He was 106.

Hamrol, one of the last survivors of the catastrophic quake and fire that leveled San Francisco, died Wednesday at Seton Medical Center in Daly City, a hospital spokeswoman said. His death came less than a month after he celebrated his 106th birthday with a big bash at a steakhouse.

The party was just Hamrol's style, said friends and co-workers. He smoked cigars into his 90s, and told whoever wanted to know that his secret to a long life was "wild women and good liquor," said Janine Barrett, a manager at Andronico's Market in San Francisco.

Until last month, Hamrol had worked at Andronico's stocking shelves and greeting customers — a job he took after retiring as a grocer in 1967.

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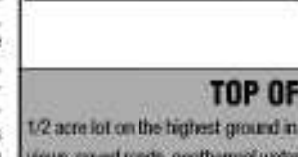
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— Henry Miller

On defense, when partner leads an unnaturally high or low card against a suit contract, you frequently have to be alert to the idea that he is perhaps giving a suit-preference signal for a ruff. That may in turn suggest your third-hand play has to be selected with care.

Here, for example, against four spades, partner leads the club five, an unusual choice indicating a desire to ruff; and though it is a small-card lead, it must be a request for a heart ruff, not a diamond ruff. But that is not enough. Two club tricks and one ruff make three, but where is the fourth trick coming from? If you assume the club five to be partner's smallest club, declarer has the 3-2, and you can get four tricks on defense by winning the club six, giving a ruff, then receiving the lead with the club nine and giving the second ruff.

Note what would have happened if declarer had broken the rules by playing second hand high at trick one. It would have blocked the club suit!

Incidentally, it is alleged that a famous international player, defending a slam in a similar position, pulled a fast one. His partner (West) underled the solid suit, trying for a ruff, but our hero had only been dealt the doubleton four. Since declarer was paying no attention to the first trick, expecting to lose it, East simply dropped his card on the floor, called out "High card coming up," then collected the trick and gave his partner the ruff.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay10072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobby.wolff@mind-spring.com.

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NORTH 02-7-A
 ♠ A K 4
 ♥ A K 9 4 2
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ 8 4

WEST
 ♠ 9 8
 ♥ —
 ♦ 10 8 5 3
 ♣ A K Q J 10 7 5

EAST
 ♠ J 5 2
 ♥ J 10 8 6 5
 ♦ J 7 6
 ♣ 9 6

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 10 7 6 3
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ K 9 4
 ♣ 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	4 ♣	Dbl.	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Club five(♣)

BID WITH THE ACES

02-7-B
 South holds:
 ♠ Q 10 7 6 3
 ♥ Q 7 3
 ♦ K 9 4
 ♣ 3 2

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	3 ♦	1 ♥	2 ♦
?		4 ♣	4 ♦

ANSWER: In a competitive auction like this, partner's bid simply shows a game-forcing two-suiter, rather than being a slam-try. You have no extras, but your hand is not especially stacked with defense. With the choice of passing, doubling, or bidding, the most neutral action is to pass. If you bid, partner may push on in further competition without giving you a chance to double.

Distaste for big wedding may mask deeper issues

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and have been with a great guy, "Albert," who's 20, for more than a year. We're engaged to be married and live together in a condo we recently bought. We both work full time and support ourselves comfortably.

While I would love to marry Albert, I feel we are young and I see no need to rush into it. Things are wonderful between us, but I'm not really looking forward to a wedding.

Albert wants a formal wedding with family in attendance. He says his parents and other family members would be upset if we eloped and would have trouble forgiving him. I'm a rather reserved person, and the idea of being put in the spotlight, with all the hoopla and expense, is overwhelming. In fact, to elope would be perfect for me.

When I share my feelings with Albert, he becomes offended and accuses me of not being as "in love" with him as he is with me. I do love him, and I would be happy to be his wife. I'm just not interested in a ceremony and everything that goes with it. We need advice.

— **RELUCTANT BRIDE**
 IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR RELUCTANT: The fact that you "see no need to rush" and say you're "not really looking forward to a wedding" indicates to



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

me that while you love your fiancé and theoretically would like to marry him someday, you are not yet ready to make that final commitment. Albert may be picking up on your ambivalence, which is why he says you don't love him as much as he loves you and becomes "offended" when you try to discuss your feelings.

Of one thing I am certain: You should not elope or have any other kind of wedding right now. What you should do is talk with your clergyperson. Premarital counseling, which is offered by most denominations, will help to ensure that you and Albert are in agreement about other important topics, including (but not limited to) how you plan to handle finances, how many children you want, how they should be raised, etc. These are issues that can make or break a marriage.

DEAR ABBY: Not long ago, I returned to my hometown for a funeral and reconnected with a distant cousin I hadn't seen since

high school. "Jake" and I were close growing up, but had lost touch after I moved away at 17.

Since my trip home we have been in constant contact. Over Thanksgiving, Jake joined me for a long weekend getaway. He also made plans for us to be together on New Year's Eve and to take some other fun trips. We both feel we could have a future together, but we're worried about what people back home will say. (It's a small town where everyone knows everything.)

Jake remains very close to some of my other family, so it would be hard to drop the "cousin" role. I spoke with my doctor before getting involved; he confirmed there are no medical reasons why we shouldn't. We're sixth cousins, but were raised as if we were closer than that.

Have you any advice on how to make the transition from cousins to a couple? —

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DEAR RELATED: Sixth cousins are so distantly related that there is no reason why you shouldn't be a couple if you wish to be. Becoming a couple is an evolution. Let the relationship evolve — and don't be secretive. People who love you should be happy for both of you.

IF FEBRUARY 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

Enjoy peace and contentment on your birthday, because in the next several weeks your life might take a turn for the better. Until mid-March, you might have your nose pressed tightly to the grindstone — but during the last half of March and through mid-June you will experience improving conditions, ample opportunity to put your most important plans into motion, and a happier and more optimistic outlook. Don't take on new obligations or responsibilities in July, but wait until August when a new sense of purpose will prod you into hectic activity as you change deep within and choose new directions. Be confident and look forward to an end to dull routine in the near future.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put up or shut up. Rather than complaining, do something constructive. It is much too easy to pay lip service to what you think should be without taking the initiative to see that it is done yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Doing your own thing might get the job done — but may also invite criticism from others. Actions that seem perfectly acceptable now may disturb the more traditional elements of your inner circle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):



Remain silent in the face of adversity. Talking over problems now might only create more dissension or magnify them. Wait to sign contracts and agreements until better stars are in the heavens.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a break. The less you say and the less you spend, the more you will enjoy the day. If you become overly tired, your body could react oddly to food or drink. Rest up in a tranquil environment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Overinflated egos might develop a slow leak and become manageable. It still isn't a good time to make investments, sign agreements or borrow money, but you might be able to smooth over a rough spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tranquilize your surroundings. Turn them into a place of peace and contentment. Invite those you can trust and rely upon into your home or into your confidence. Kind words make a world of difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partners may be in an amorous and playful mood. This isn't a good time to make a commitment or a

promise — but that doesn't mean you can't have fun. Find things to do that don't cost an arm and a leg.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may need to re-examine and reflect upon an obsessive situation to achieve clarity. Apologies may be in order. If you have treated someone harshly or unfairly, take steps to make reparations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are aiming some of those proverbial arrows today, you could easily miss the target. Companions may misunderstand your meaning, so delay heart-to-heart talks. Put off major initiatives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can't fly free when you feel that your wings have been clipped. It may be that you must put family responsibilities first or that other pressing obligations keep you from enjoying yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Breaking with tradition is unwise. You could be overly sensitive to the atmosphere or your surroundings today, so seek bright lights and upbeat companions. Avoid dreary conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your best foot forward. You might itch to fight the system, but if you wish to succeed on certain levels, it is important to drift along with the conventional flow. Steer clear of unpleasant surroundings.

Today is Saturday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2009. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

On this date:
 In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1943, the government announced the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Ten years ago: Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah. NASA launched the

Stardust spacecraft on a mission to chase a comet in hopes of collecting a sample of comet dust.

Five years ago: John Kerry won the Washington state and Michigan Democratic presidential primaries.

One year ago: John McCain effectively sealed the Republican presidential nomination as chief rival Mitt Romney suspended his campaign. Fourteen refinery workers were killed in a sugar dust explosion near Savannah, Ga. A gunman opened fire at a Kirkwood, Mo., council meeting, killing two police officers and three city officials before being fatally shot by law enforcers. In Los Angeles, a man who claimed responsibility for the deaths of three relatives opened fire on a SWAT unit, killing one officer; the gunman was killed by a police sniper. After two months of delay, shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit with Europe's gift to the international space station, a \$2 billion science lab named Columbus.

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HAGERMAN 1 bdrm, unfurnished, \$350 mo + \$350 security dep. No pets. Call 208-358-0747 for appt.

JEROME Immediate move in. Beautiful and Spacious 2 & 3 bdrm apt. All apps, W/D hookup, central air, fitness center & playground, high speed internet and cable IHA Accepted Karla 324-0572

JEROME No Money Move-In Move in now, pay no money down and no rent until Jan 1, 2009. Brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, central heat/air, W/D hookups, playground, basketball court, private fenced yards. Call 208-324-6969. The Oaks 1911 N. Kennedy St (Tiger Dr and 18th Ave E)

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B.C. By Johnny Hart

MY MOTHER SPENT HER WHOLE LIFE IN FRONT OF A SPINNING WHEEL.

SO HOW DID SHE EVER MEET YOUR DAD?

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

YOU'RE BORED, AREN'T YOU, DARRYL?

WHO WOULDN'T BE?

WE'RE WALKING THROUGH A CONVENTION CENTER FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT BABY PRODUCTS!

OKAY. WE CAN GO.

THANK YOU!!

I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO SEE THE BREAST PUMP DEMONSTRATION ANYWAY.

WHAT? WHAT? WHAT'S THE RUSH?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

EACH OF US IS DIFFERENT IN OUR OWN WAY. EXCEPTIONAL, UNIQUE. NO ONE IS ORDINARY.

WHY IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT ME?

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

ELMO!

SHHH! MR. B AND I ARE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK!

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS HOUSE.

DAGWOOD!!

SHHH! ELMO AND I ARE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

DILBERT WORKS IN COLLECTIONS.

PLEASE LISTEN WHILE I READ THIS THREATENING SCRIPT.

I HAVE HIDDEN POISONOUS SPIDERS IN YOUR HOME. IF YOU PAY US NOW BY CREDIT CARD I WILL GIVE YOU THE ANTIDOTE.

OKAY, FINE. BUT IF YOU FEEL A TICKLE ON YOUR LEG, GIVE ME A CALL.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

'Scuse me, sir?

What can I do for you, little soldier?

Would you please buy some candy so my class can buy an old cowboy a steak dinner?

Nice try, Dusty!

C'mon, General! Have a heart!

Hello, Mom? Can you come get me now?

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

LONELY DIVORCEE, AGE 35, ONE CHILD, SEEKS COMPANIONSHIP...

NO. MAKE THAT: SINCERE SINGLE WOMAN WITH CHILD SEEKS RELATIONSHIP WITH...

AAAA! IT'S NO USE!! I'LL PROBABLY ATTRACT SOME CRAZY NUTCASE!

THEN AGAIN... A WEIRD RELATIONSHIP MIGHT BE BETTER THAN NOTHING!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

COMEDY CLUB

OPEN MIC NITE

A CAR DOING COMEDY?

IF IT'S LIKE MINE, IT'LL MAKE FUNNY NOISES!

Garfield By Jim Davis

OH, GREAT...

THIS IS GONNA BE ALL ABOUT YOU AGAIN, ISN'T IT?

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHAT'S GOING ON, MOM?!

YOUR FATHER HAS AGREED TO GO SHOPPING WITH ME!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

LOOK! IT'S "SNOW BUNNY" AND "SNOW BOARDER!"

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THEY'RE TWINS SOMETIMES.

Luann By Greg Evans

WHILE WE'RE GONE, YOU'LL NEED TO WATER THE HOUSE PLANTS, FEED PUDDLES AND GET THE MAIL.

HERE'S A LIST OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS. I LEFT SOME DINNERS IN THE FREEZER BUT YOU'LL NEED TO BUY MILK AND BREAD.

ARE YOU GETTING ALL THIS, BRAD?

HE'S YOUR SON, MRS. D. HE'S TUNED OUT AT "HOUSE PLANTS." BUT I GOT IT.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

YOU AND I ARE A LOT ALIKE. JUST A COMMON BIRD AND A COMMON DOG..

OF COURSE. IF WE HAD WANTED TO, WE COULD HAVE BEEN GREAT..

BUT WE DIDN'T WANT TO..

BUT IF WE HAD WANTED TO, WE COULD HAVE..

BUT WE DIDN'T NEED TO..

BUT WE COULD HAVE..

OR COULD WE?

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

I'VE DECIDED TO START SAYING SORRY FOR ALL THE WRONGS I'VE COMMITTED AGAINST OTHERS.

BECAUSE I'VE REALIZED YOU'VE CAUSED?

BECAUSE I'VE REALIZED SORRY IS JUST A WORD AND YOU CAN SAY IT WITHOUT MEANING IT.

THAT'S NOT NICE.

SORRY.

Pickles By Brian Crane

GRAMMA, IS IT TRUE THAT I'M GOING TO LOOK LIKE GRAMPA WHEN I GROW UP?

WELL, IT'S POSSIBLE, NELSON, BUT IT'S HARD TO SAY FOR SURE.

YOU MIGHT END UP LOOKING MORE LIKE ME AND MY SIDE OF THE FAMILY.

OH, GREAT!

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

I GET MY SHARE OF CROSS-COUNTRY WISHERS!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

HISTORY CAN BE VERY DISTURBING WHEN YOU HEAR THE REAL STORY FROM SOMEONE WHO LIVED THROUGH IT...

UH, LIKE WHAT?

WELL... LIKE THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT IN THE '70s.

OK... WHAT ABOUT IT?

I'M SORRY, DADDY... I THOUGHT YOU KNEW

IT WAS AN ALIEN PLOT TO ENLAVE MEN, BUT WAS THAWARTED BY THE GREAT FREEDOM FIGHTER, SAINT HEFNER...

YEAH, SOMEHOW THAT WAS LEFT OUT OF THE TEXTBOOKS

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THE ROYAL ECONOMIST TO SEE YOU, SIRE.

WHERE IS YOUR REPORT?

IT'S BEEN DELAYED SIRE.

WHY?

I CAN'T FIND MY OUIJA BOARD.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"HOW COME STUFF THAT MAKES YOU WELL TASTES AWFUL?"

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE BASEMENT, JEREMY?

IT'S LAUNDRY DAY.

GREAT! HOW MANY LOADS ARE YOU DOING?

ONE.

JUST ONE?

I ALWAYS GET IT DONE IN ONE.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

1. Effective Date: December 8, 2008.
2. Parties:
Madenford Development, Inc., an Idaho corporation (Borrower or Grantor).
Zions First National Bank, N.A. (Lender or Beneficiary).
Kent M. Brown, attorney at law (Bar No. 5304) (Successor Trustee).

3. Definitions
Obligation: Promissory Note dated May 11, 2007 with a principal balance of \$1,475,000, bearing interest at the contract rate of one-percent (1%) per annum over prime, with a floor of eight and one-quarter percent (8.25%), and thereafter at the default rate of three percent (3.00%) per annum above the contract rate of fifteen percent (15%), whichever is higher. The Promissory Note provides for monthly interest payments and mandatory principal payments. The maturity date is June 1, 2009. The Promissory Note is payable to Beneficiary and is payable by Grantor.
Property: See Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
Property Address: 2468 East 3700 North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
County: Twin Falls County, State of Idaho.
Deed of Trust: Land Development Loan Trust Deed, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (Development Loan) (2nd Lien) dated May 11, 2007, and recorded in the official records of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, on May 15, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-011673, given by Grantor to Trustee to secure payment of Obligation to Beneficiary. The Deed of Trust encumbers the Property.
Public Auction Date/Time: April 14, 2009 at 12:00 Noon
Sale Location: The front entrance to the Theron W. Ward Judicial Building, 427 Shoshone Street N., Twin Falls, Idaho.

4. Notice
Successor Trustee will sell the Property at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or its equivalent, payable at time of sale, without covenant or warranty of title or possession. The sale will be held at the Sale Location at the Public Auction Date/Time.
The Property Address is identified to comply with Idaho Code 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The Property's legal description is on Exhibit A attached to this notice.
Subsequent to recording the Deed of Trust, Grantor subdivided the Property into Sunset Ridge Estates Subdivision, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho. The subdivision plat was recorded in the official records of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, on November 15, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-028027 (hereinafter the "Plat"). The following lots as shown on the Plat have been sold, released from the Deed of Trust, and are not subject of this notice:
Lots 12 and 15 of Block 1 of Sunset Ridge Estates Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho as per the recorded plat thereof, recorded on November 21, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-028027 on the file in the recorder's office.
Successor Trustee reserves the right to release any lots sold prior to the Public Auction/Time. Any interested party may obtain information about property released from the Deed of Trust at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale.
The sale is for the purpose of satisfying the Obligation secured by the Deed of Trust, sums expended under its terms, interest, costs, and trustee's and attorney's fees. Advances made under the Deed of Trust, interest on the advances, charges and expenses of the trustee, and costs of foreclosure, including reasonable attorney's fees and interest of each of them will be owing at the time of sale.
The breach of the Obligation has occurred because Grantor has failed to pay the following: Payment due July 1, 2008 - \$395,097.35
Payment due September 1, 2008 - \$222,000.00
As of October 9, 2008, the unpaid principal amount of the Obligation was \$1,322,218.07, with all accrued late charges and unpaid accrued interest in the amount of \$41,613.00. Also due are accrued title expenses in the amount of \$3,464.00 and legal fees in excess of \$10,000.00.
The Obligation has been accelerated and the unpaid principal and all accruing interest is now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure.
Notice of Default was recorded in the official records of Twin Falls, County, State of Idaho, on October 27, 2008, as Instrument No. 2008-023292.
Kent M. Brown
Successor Trustee
STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE
On December 8, 2008, before me, Gumana Besio, a Utah notary public, personally appeared Kent M. Brown known or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.
In witness, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.
Notary Public
Residing at: 10 E. So. Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84133
My Commission expires: June 4, 2012
(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A
That certain real property situated in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, more particularly described as follows:
Township 10 South, Range 16 East of the Boise Meridian
Section 22: The SW1/4 of the SE1/4.
ALSO KNOWN OF RECORD as SUNSET RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as per the recorded plat thereof, recorded on November 21, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-028027 on file in the recorder's office.
LESS Lots 12, 15 and 17 of Lot 1 of SUNSET RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as per the recorded plat thereof, recorded on November 21, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-028027 on file in the recorder's office.
Parcel No. RP10S16E228400.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LAND FOR LEASE
BIA ACCEPTS BID FOR FARM/PASTURE/BUSINESS LEASES
The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until NOON, March 3, 2009 on various Farm/Pasture/Business leases on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at (208)238-2305 or 238-2307.
PUBLISH: February 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, and 28, 2009

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.
DATE OF NOTICE: January 29, 2009
DATE OF MEETING: Commencing February 12, 2009, and continuing each Thursday until the end of the 2009 Legislative Session.
A Commission Conference Call is scheduled at 8:00 AM MST.
PLACE OF MEETING: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho.
PERSONS ATTENDING: Commissioners, Director, Staff
PURPOSE OF MEETING, AGENDA: Discuss legislation of interest to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the Director's office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 208-334-5159 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 ASSESSMENT ROLL
The City of Burley hereby gives notice that the Burley City Council shall meet and consider, in open session, the Assessment Roll for Local Improvement District No. 3, also known as the Hy-Line Local Improvement District, on the 25th day of February, 2009 at 12:00 o'clock P.M. at the Burley City Hall located at 1401 Overland Avenue, Burley Idaho and will then and there hear and consider any and all objections to said Assessment Roll by the parties aggrieved by such assessments. Notice is further given that such Assessment Roll is on file in the office of the Burley City Clerk and available for public inspection and copying.
February 4, 2009
/s/Melanie Haynes
City Clerk
PUBLISH: February 5, 6 and 7, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the emergency response plan for chemical accidents developed for the Twin Falls County Area, and extremely hazardous substance notifications, material safety data sheets, chemical inventory forms and accidental release notifications submitted by facilities are available for public review at the office of the Twin Falls County Emergency Service Coordinator at 162 6th Ave N. from April 1st 2009 through March 31st, 2010 from 9:00 until 4:00 regular weekdays. For more information please contact the Twin Falls County Emergency Services Coordinator, Jackie Frey at 736-4234.
The Twin Falls County Local Emergency Planning Committee is required to publish this notice pursuant to section 3 24 (b), U.S.C. section 11044 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act.
PUBLISH: January 31, February 7, 14 and 21, 2009

Classified Deadlines

For line ads
Tues. - Sat. - 1 p.m.
the day before.
For Sun. & Mon.
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101 Lost and Found

LOST Walking cane, carved, light/medium brown. Has sentimental value & is needed. Lost on 2/4 at Walmart. Can be returned to Walmart or call: 208-645-2595

104 Personals

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106 Special Notices

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Monday-Thursday, 8pm
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Monday, 8pm
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679-9414

CHOICES FOR RECOVERY
Monday, 4-5:30pm
Minidoka Memorial Hospital, 1218 8th St., Rupert. 431-3741

CRYSTAL METH ANONYMOUS
Tuesday, 6:30pm.
Thursday, 6:30pm.
109 E. Main, Burley.
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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Sunday 11am-12:30pm
Sunday 7pm
Monday-Ladies only, 6-7:30pm
Monday 8pm
Tuesday 7pm
Wednesday 7-8:30pm
Thursday 7pm
Friday 7pm
Saturday 8pm
220 East Ellis, Paul
Saturday 9pm
1230 J St., Heyburn
MCANA Meeting info
208-438-4935

OVERCOMERS OUTREACH
Wed., 6:30-7:30pm
First Baptist Church
2262 Hiland Ave.,
Burley. 208-678-3678

SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY SERVICES
Friday, 7pm
LDS Burley W. Stake
2420 Park Ave., Burley
208-678-3933

LOST Black Lab puppy on South Blue Lakes. Call 208-733-0511

LOST Chihuahua mix, male, lost on President streets. Brown/white. If found call 308-6538.

LOST Chihuahua, female, long haired, brown and black, 7 months. Lost on Elizabeth, Sat. Jan. 31st. Any info please call 208-731-1613.

LOST Kitten, teenaged Calico, female. Lost near Lincoln School from 4th Ave. N. 208-733-9110

LOST Schnauzer small all black female, answers to Bella. Lost at 672 W 100 S of Paul. Reward! 678-0109

LOST Taco Dog (resembles & named after Taco Bell Dog). I miss him. Reward! 208-944-4570

106 Special Notices

ROAD 2 RECOVERY
Tuesday, 7:00-8:30pm
1044 E. Main, Burley
208-670-2578

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ID# 374 Rupert
Thursday, 9:30am.
410 East 3rd, Rupert
436-6037 or 679-3518
ID# 256 Heyburn
Thursday, 5:15-7pm.
1431 17th St., Heyburn
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