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Charges dismissed in SV dorm death

Prosecutors awaiting lab results, may refile

By Ariel Hansen Times-News writer

HAILEY — The suspect in a Feb. 6 death at the Sun Valley Resort dorms has been released, and charges against him dropped, while prosecu-

tors await lab results. On Monday, 20-year-old Corey D. Drehmel was charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of 49-year-old Jerome James, following an alleged altercation between the two room-

mates in their company dorm room. In a statement Friday, the Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney's Office said that due to the circumstances and the lack of eyewitnesses, the state's case against Drehmel is

dependent on the results of toxicology and microscopic tissue samples taken from James' body. The state is also awaiting DNA results and analysis of blood taken from Drehmel, and a cause of death for James from the Ada County Coroner. Those

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Democrats muscle huge stimulus through Congress

By David Espo Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In a major victory for President Barack Obama, Democrats muscled a huge, \$787 billion stimulus bill through Congress late Friday night in hopes of combating the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Republican opposition was nearly unanimous.

After lobbying energetically for the bill, Obama is expected to sign it within a few days, less than a month after taking office. Supporters said the legislation would save or create 3.5 million jobs. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., conceded there was no guarantee, but he said that "millions and millions of people will be helped, as they have lost their jobs and can't put food on the table of their families."

Vigorously disagreeing, House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio dumped a copy of the 1,071-page bill to the floor in a gesture of contempt. "The bill that was about jobs, jobs, jobs has turned into a bill that's about spending, spending, spending," he said. The Senate approved the measure 60-38 with three GOP moderates providing crucial support — the only members of their party to back it. Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio cast the decisive vote after flying aboard a government plane from Ohio, where he

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Idaho reaction

All four members of Idaho's congressional delegation voted against the economic stimulus bill. Here are their reactions:

Rep. Walt Minnick, D

"My bill was a high-powered rifle. This bill is a shotgun, and it will add nearly \$1 trillion we do not have to a debt already out of control. Clearly we needed to act, which is why I proposed my own measure. I agree with the need to put money into the system immediately, help people stay in their homes, get the banking system working again and put Americans back to work. But this bill is too much spending with too little investment in the jobs we need right now."

Rep. Mike Simpson, R

"While I support a number of programs and ideas that are reflected in the package we voted on today, I can not support the astronomical amount of money that is being thrown at this problem with very little thought and no debate. ... The way in which this body has conducted its business today — and the entire time we've tried to discuss this extremely important legislation — is an embarrassment."

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Kimberly recall fails

Review by county cuts 80 signatures from petitions

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

Kimberly city officials say an effort to recall its mayor and two other City Council members has failed.

Petitions filed against Mayor Dave Overacre and council members Lee McKinlay and George Plew failed to gather the required 305 signatures each, officials announced in a press release Friday evening.

Though each petition was submitted with about 330 signatures, a review by the Twin Falls County Clerk's Office found that a number of people signed them twice, and many others were not registered voters. Other people signed after the petitions were notarized. In the end, each petition held only 250 valid signatures, the release stated.

Wayne Sayer, one of the recall's organizers, said Friday evening he was surprised the signatures were rejected and accused the city attorney of influencing the process.

Sayer said it was his understanding that people who signed and weren't registered voters could register and then sign again, with only one signature counting. He said he also thought the petitions could be notarized at any time in the name-gathering process, and simply confirm

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SPECIAL CELEBRATION



Coralee Cooke of Canada reacts after her performance in freestyle figure skating, Thursday, at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise. Read more about the games and the volunteers who make it happen on Main 3.

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On the Web

To read the stimulus legislation or to review a synopsis of the spending plans and tax cuts, visit http://www.propublica.org/

Stimulus may bail out Idaho schools

State may get \$346M in stimulus; Controversial bills pulled

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Capping a wild Friday that rocked the Idaho Legislature, Republican lawmakers pulled back two controversial bills that educators assailed as an attack on them after learning the federal stimulus will provide millions for schools. Idaho could get \$346 million in federal money for education funding — including

Federal stimulus for education

\$243 MILLION for stabilization	\$34.6 MILLION for Title I-A
\$54 MILLION for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	\$3.1 MILLION for Title II-D technology
\$191,000 for homeless assistance	\$10.6 MILLION for school improvement grants

Source: Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction

\$243 million to stabilize budgets — and the money will protect Idaho education budgets from cuts next year, said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. Earlier in the day, Luna had relayed the information to House Education Chairman Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, prompting him to postpone hearings on bills that educa-

tors claimed went too far in changing state law.

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JFAC trims another 2 percent

2010 budget target includes \$110 million less for schools

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Legislators slashed another \$80 million, or 2 percent, from this year's budget Friday, while setting a spending target for next year that includes cutting public schools by \$110 million.

The additional cuts, which brings 2009 fiscal year hold-backs to more than \$205

million, were hinted at by lawmakers for weeks as the economic downturn continued. Public school funding is unaffected, thanks to economic reserves. About \$20 million of the \$80 million had been secured from transfers two weeks ago.

"We're doing our best to keep people working, which I think is good for our economy," said Sen. Jim Hammond, R-Coeur d'Alene. "So yes, we are making reductions but for the most part we are keeping people working and that is a good thing."

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee also set a revenue target of

\$2.55 billion for next year's budget, a figure based on a legislative economic outlook committee's estimate of more than \$100 million less than set by the office of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

"It appears that committee was dead right," JFAC Co-chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said. "And I hope they were exactly right and we don't have to go higher."

Among the moneysaving provisions is an \$80 million cut in personnel costs, including 5 percent for state employees and 5 percent in funding for public schools personnel.

School districts would see a reduction of \$48 million for staff and teachers. Combined with a proposal by Superintendent of Public

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Jerome sheriff: Body found in river was suicide

Times-News

Authorities ruled the death of man found Thursday in the Snake River as a suicide, said Jerome County Sheriff Doug McFall on Friday.

A 62-year-old man was located four feet from the north shore of the Snake River, and his cane was recovered from the Perrine Bridge walkway. The *Times-News* typically does not report on suicides unless they occur in public places.

A search for the man Thursday began because his car was left for days in a parking area on the north side of the bridge.

The suicide follows another a week ago in Twin Falls County, when a man's body was found in the Snake River by the boat dock at Centennial Waterfront Park.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls authorities are still trying to figure what caused the death of a woman found last week in a motel room with a bag over her head.

Volunteers add to the magic of Winter Games

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

It's taken a village to put on the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Sun Valley this week.

More than 400 Wood River Valley residents have donned powder blue Olympics coats as they've timed, fed and entertained the athletes.

And dozens more have contributed in sometimes unexpected ways.

Take Weifen Zhou, for instance. The owner of Ketchum's Shangri-La Antiques, she signed up to translate for the Chinese athletes.

But she found herself going to their condo one night, a dumpling rolling tool in hand, when she learned that the Chinese wanted to celebrate the end of the Chinese New Year celebration by making dumplings.

Sandra Flattery and Sharon Hodge worked 12-hour days in the information tent. They tracked two pair of missing boots to Twin Falls — and the bus driver drove all the way back to Sun Valley to return them.

They tried in vain to find a calling card for one delegation, finally enlisting Business as Usual's help in allowing the delegation to use their computer to call home.

"It's our job to help the athletes have the best experience possible," said Flattery.

Volunteers were at Dollar Mountain and the Nordic Center to applaud the athletes as they got off the bus each morning.

And dozens more were there to applaud them as they entered the dining room where 40 servers lined up each night to feed 700 athletes,



Sandra Hesselbacher of Hailey leads the charge in serving dinners of barbecued chicken, fajitas and breaded fish to 700 Special Olympians, coaches and others at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood.

Photo courtesy of KAREN BOSSICK

coaches and others.

"It's interesting to hear the smattering of languages," said Diane Cordes, of Hailey. "They all seem to know the word, 'Coke.'"

More than four dozen law enforcement officers, paramedics and ski patrol worked

to ensure the athletes' safety.

Fortunately, there was nothing more serious than when Austrian skier Karin Kolacek veered off course at the Nordic Center and wound up at Dollar Mountain, about a mile away. Kolacek told medical per-

sonnel that she "went and went" until she saw other skiers and figured she'd be safe there.

Bellevue resident Chris Matey spent weeks painstakingly building and measuring Nordic racecourses to Special Olympics specifica-

tions. Then he spent five hours each day grooming them, beginning at 1 in the morning.

When it snowed, he went over them again.

And Claudia Aulum, Diana Hewlett and Heather Cunningham thrilled Team USA skier Jenna Montgomery of North Adams, Mass., when they "adopted" her.

The trio bestowed a beautiful gift of wooden skiers for her to take home as a souvenir. Then they closed shop at The Open Room for a few hours to cheer her on.

Sun Valley Councilman Nils Ribbi, who joined such celebrities as skier Billy Kidd and ice skater Scott Hamilton, in draping medals around Olympians' necks, said he had the best job of all.

"You could feel them shake and quiver a little when you put the medal around their neck," he said. "Then came the hug. You can't imagine how that made me feel."

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE
SENTENCINGS

Jose F. Melendez, 29, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; \$2,557.22 restitution; one count failure to notify upon striking fixtures on highway dismissed. John W. Allred, 27, Buhl; driving under the influence; withheld judgment granted; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days jail, 39 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

David N. Niemeyer, 23, Boise; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Tylin C. Young, 25, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 60 days jail, 59 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count carry concealed weapon while under the influence dismissed.

Andre Barlow, 24, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended 120 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Paul M. Kennison, 38, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days jail, five suspended; six months probation.

Matthew J. Sheeler, 22, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges, two or more offenses; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 60 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation; one count violation of no contact order dismissed.

Juan A. Saldívar-Gutiérrez, 56, Twin Falls; failure to stop/leave the scene of an accident; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days jail, five days suspended; six months probation.

Garrett P. Lamure, 23, Kimberly; possession of a controlled substance; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 30 days jail, 26 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Gary N. Crosland, 37, Idaho Falls; felony insufficient funds check amended to misdemeanor; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days jail, eight suspended, credit for time served; six months probation; \$714 restitution.

Trevor H. Fullerton, 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 30 days jail, 28 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Jean C. Kottraba, 51, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$144 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

Alex R. Johnston, 21, Buhl; injure another by careless handle/discharge of weapon; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days jail, five suspended; six months probation.

Salvador M. Ruelas, 25; second-degree kidnapping; amended to custodial interference; costs waived; 180 days jail, 137 days suspended, credit for 37 days served; 24 months probation; no contact with victim.

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Joanna C. Blair, 48, Twin Falls; grand theft; ten years penitentiary; three years determinate; seven years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$110.50 costs; \$1,500 public defender fee; \$5,831.43 restitution.

Casey R. Casper, 27, Twin Falls; grand

theft; 12 years penitentiary; three years determinate; nine years indeterminate; \$100.50 costs; \$250 public defender fee.

Nelson L. Pyle, 64, Clayton, Wash.; driving under the influence; 10 years penitentiary; five years determinate; five years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$110.50 costs; \$300 restitution; driving privileges suspended for five years.

Michael L. Morris, 24, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; four years probation; \$3,000 fine; \$110.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; \$387.50 restitution; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; 100 hours community service; obtain mental health evaluation.

Paige E. McKie, 18, Twin Falls; forgery; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; \$110.50 costs; \$3,801.04 restitution; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; 40 hours community service.

Roger D. Ford, 39, Twin Falls; sexual abuse of a child under 16; five years penitentiary; three years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; six years probation; \$310.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; shall have no computer access; shall not have access to any camera or other device that is capable of taking or storing pornographic images; abide by recommendations of psycho sexual evaluation; no unsupervised contact with minor children; register as sex offender.

Alex E. Boat, 21, Twin Falls; burglary; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended; \$110.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; obtain mental health and Walker Center evaluations.

Sheldon P. Almos Jr., 28, Twin Falls; one count manufacturing a controlled substance; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; one count possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture/deliver; three years penitentiary; three years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; concurrent; \$2,500 fine; \$110.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; \$1,668.10 restitution; \$646 court compliance costs.

Shaun P. Christman, 24, Twin Falls; two counts issuing a check without funds; three years penitentiary, per count; one year determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; two years probation; concurrent; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended; \$100.50 costs; \$200 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; apologize to victim; 100 hours community service; shall have no unsupervised access to financial assets of employer; obtain mental health evaluation; \$1,384.06 restitution.

Eddie Padilla, 37, Twin Falls; two counts forgery; seven years penitentiary, per count; three years determinate; four years indeterminate; concurrent; \$100.50 costs.

Chaz Golding, 21, Twin Falls; unlawful possession of a firearm; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; 12 months probation.

Police seize nearly \$40,000 in pot, cash

Times-News

Twin Falls police arrested a part-time Canyonside Realtor, after seizing nearly \$40,000 worth of marijuana and cash from a house and garage, according to court records.

Laurel J. Condon, 39, was

arraigned Friday in 5th District Court in Twin Falls and lodged at the county jail on \$25,000 bond.

Authorities searched her home at 223 Fillmore St. on a warrant Feb. 6, and found \$19,350 in a backpack hidden in the floor of a basement closet, according to

court records.

Then they searched a garage at 215 Fillmore St. and found about 3 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$19,950. The garage had a Canyonside Realty sign in it and other items belonging to Conrad, according

to court records.

Pictures of Conrad were also found on a laptop at the home posing with pot plants, court records show.

She was arrested on Thursday. On Friday, Conrad got a public defender and her preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 23.

Ketchum OKs giant resort as economic boon

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — Ketchum doesn't have time for perfection. That was the message from City Council members Thursday night as they unanimously approved Warm Springs Ranch Resort.

"Is this the perfect project for Ketchum? Of course it isn't," said Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall before the vote. "These are extreme times, and they are calling for action."

The councilmen hope that the 78-acre resort, which includes a nine-story hotel, nine-hole golf course and numerous villas, will spur the city's economy. And it doesn't hurt that developers Helios Development LLC and DDRM Greatplace LLC will flow cash into the city's coffers at a time when budgets are highly strained.

The council said that its approval — of the project's annexation, planned unit development and large block plat — is conditional on the details of a development agreement between the city and developers that has yet to be worked out. A public workshop on the agreement is set for March

2, followed by a public hearing on March 16. Among the details to be agreed upon are the fees to the city and a construction timeline.

In a Thursday night meeting at Sun Valley Inn, the developers said some elements of the timing are out of their control because of economic realities. However, they hope to start construction within 30 months, and complete the hotel, golf course, creek restoration and worker housing within 10 years.

The project has been to the council twice — the first time with a significantly smaller footprint and a shorter hotel. The expansion has been the crux of recent public opposition to the project.

Opponents have argued that the size and height of the project violate requirements that a development be in harmony with its neighborhood. The resort is centered in the Warm Springs residential area.

But council members said the project would promote

Otter makes Wendell 'Capital for a Day' on Feb. 27

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter announced Friday that Wendell will be Idaho's "Capital for a Day" on Friday, Feb. 27.

The governor and other senior state officials will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis to meet with people from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wendell High School auditorium, 750 E. Main St.

Otter also will join Mayor Rick Coven and other area leaders for a no-host noon luncheon at the school's cafeteria.

Among the state officials who will be with the governor are: Superintendent of

Public Instruction Tom Luna; Margie Gonzalez of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs; Department of Insurance Director Bill Deal; State Tax Commission Chairman Royce Chigbrow; Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke; and Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould.

There also will be representatives from the Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho State Police, Idaho Department of Labor, Idaho Department of Lands and Idaho Department of Water Resources.

the local economy, another comprehensive plan requirement, and that economic benefits are overriding.

"This is an economic stimulus package that is real," said Councilman Baird Gourlay. "To bring \$500-\$600 million into this community over the next 10 years, I cannot ignore that."

The disconnect between sections of the comprehensive plan, and the council's valuing of one section over another, could be an issue. Bob Rennen, a Warm Springs resident who opposes the project, said he is consider-

ing a lawsuit.

The councilmen, several of whom live in the Warm Springs neighborhood, said they appreciated the public's participation in the process over the past few years, including those who have argued against the project.

"I want you to know your voice has been heard," said City Councilman Curtis Kemp, who identified himself as a conservationist. "It has made my decision-making process extremely difficult."

Ariel Hansen may be reached at 208-788-3475.

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N. Idaho wedding chapel ready for big day

By Tom Hasslinger
The Coeur d'Alene Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Inside the Hitching Post Wedding Chapel on Thursday, the phone rings.

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And rings. "It's not long and drawn out. It's not a big church wedding," she tells some prospective groom somewhere. "We'll see to it that you two get married."

The chapel has hitched young, old, fertile, sterile,

skinny and pregnant, vacationers watery-eyed from cocktails, weekenders from Washington, Montana and California; elderly couples racing against the clock and soldiers trying to beat deployment — 15 minutes at a time.

There is the couple who met in high school, ones on the Internet, ones who met 50 years ago, and some who met yesterday.

Today, Valentine's Day, will see them all. The reservation

list is full. The changing rooms, the two bedrooms in the back, will be converted to chapels all their own.

"I enjoy every one of them," Allen says, sitting in the middle of the old lake cottage — whose dining room is now the main chapel — about the thousands of couples she's married since 1987. "Sometimes the bride cries and sometimes the groom cries. I think they're all neat. I wish I could hear all their sto-

ries. I know not every marriage works out. But I like to think they do."

Across the street is the Kootenai County Courthouse, and through the big front windows you can watch the couples crossing Government Way with their marriage license in hand.

In Idaho, couples can marry without witnesses on the same day they pick up their licenses from across the street.



Coeur d'Alene Press/AP photo
Colleen McGee and Jim Welker share a moment before saying 'I do' Thursday at the Hitching Post in Coeur d'Alene.

AROUND THE STATE

Father seeks new judge in hypothermia case

BOISE — A father accused of involuntary manslaughter and felony injury to a child in the hypothermia death of his 11-year-old daughter has requested a new judge to preside over his trial in south-central Idaho.

A public defender filed a motion on behalf of Robert Aragon seeking to disqualify Fifth District Judge John K. Butler on Feb. 3. Attorney Patrick McMillen did not give a reason in his motion.

Aragon is accused of letting his two young children walk to their mother's house on Christmas Day after his car got stuck in a snowdrift near Highway 75 in Lincoln County. Bear Aragon, who was 12 at the time, survived.

The body of his sister, Sage Aragon, was found the next day.

Bill would allow lawsuits over man-eating wolves

BOISE — An Idaho lawmaker says state law should allow people to sue the federal government if a wolf eats somebody, even though officials in Idaho and other states with sizable populations of the predators say they have no reports of wolves ever attacking humans.

Rep. Phil Hart, R-Athol, told the House Resources and Conservation Committee on Friday that the federal government knew gray wolves were dangerous when the animal was reintroduced in the mid-1990s to Idaho and should be held responsible for any deaths.

An estimated 825 wolves in Idaho and 1,500 total in northern Rocky Mountain states remain under federal protection.

"It doesn't just kill to eat, it kills for the fun of it," Hart said. "They knew this and they put us in the situation where someone's going to get killed."

His bill would allow survivors of potential victims to sue and would make it a felony for people to protect killer wolves, punishable by up to five years in state prison and a \$50,000 fine.

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"I'm just going to be a little too conservative."
— Republican Sen. Judd Gregg, on his withdrawal as President Barack Obama's commerce secretary

Gooding school patrons rise to the occasion

CHEERS: To voters in the Gooding School District, for stepping up to the plate in a big way this week.

Patrons on Tuesday approved both a supplemental levy and plant facilities levy renewal in the beleaguered 1,300-student district, choosing to tax themselves in tough economic times.

The plant facilities levy renewal proposal was to increase the levy from \$125,000 to \$250,000 annually to provide money for projects such as foundation and drainage system repairs at schools.

The two-year, supplemental levy was for \$325,000 annually to provide money for the district to keep programs in place for students such as remediation, art and music, drama and field trips.

The district had asked voters to pass the levies to preserve what already exists for students.

The two levies will raise property taxes \$138 annually for every \$100,000 of assessed value.

If you doubt how unusual that is during these difficult times, consider that on the very same day voters in Pocatello rejected a \$7.5 million supplemental levy. It was only second time in 58 years that a supplemental levy had failed in the 12,000-student district.

The Gooding district faces big challenges in maintaining quality of education in competition with the North Valley Charter School, and there are still significant divisions in the community over the leadership and direction of the



public schools. But this week, patrons proved there's unmistakable support for good schools in Gooding.

JEERS: To Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's proposal to change the way the state allows school districts to calculate transportation costs, which unfairly affects the Twin Falls School District.

Luna has proposed requiring

high-density school districts — like Twin Falls — to calculate their transportation expenses by using a cost-per-student, not cost-per-mile. The move would save the state \$1.7 million, \$150,000 from the Twin Falls district.

The Boise School District would face a whopping \$1.45 million reduction.

That's unfair. Luna needs to find a formula that would spread the burden more equitably.

CHEERS: To Twin Falls law enforcement officials and state Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, who are pushing legislation to throw the book at parents who expose their children to methamphetamine.

Under current law, subjecting a kid to meth use is a misdemeanor.

Legislation, yet to be introduced, would make that a felony.

In our opinion, exposing a child to meth is an unforgivable offense.

"Right now it's difficult to prosecute someone smoking and exhaling meth fumes with a child in the room," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb.

Doctors say subjecting a child to meth poses great health risks. The proposed legislation would send anyone older than 18 who lets a minor "be exposed to, ingest or inhale, or have contact with a controlled substance or an immediate precursor substance ... guilty of a felony" and subject to imprisonment for up to 10 years.

As far as we're concerned, the change couldn't happen too soon.

Not a typical Valentine's Day

Candy. Flowers. Dinner out. Over the 30-plus years of our marriage, that had been the progression. And so it was last Valentine's Day when I had finally made dinner reservations at our favorite downtown DeKalb (Ill.) restaurant. By mid-afternoon the reservations were made, I had e-mailed my wife the place and time, and I settled back in to the last few hours of work of another typical Valentine's Day.



READER COMMENT
John Pfeifer

As publisher of the *Daily Chronicle* newspaper in DeKalb I was in the midst of the 3 meeting with our editor, Jim Bowey, and Human Resources Director Viki McKay had arranged to discuss staffing changes Jim wanted to make in order to have more reporters available to cover local stories. Six minutes later and only 2 1/2 miles southeast of our office, "typical" came to an abrupt and tragic end.

At 3:06 p.m. last Feb. 14 a former graduate student stepped from behind some curtains at the front of one of the auditoriums at Cole Hall on the campus of Northern Illinois University and opened fire on students attending a geology lecture. What we would not know for several hours was the number affected — five killed and 16 wounded — before the shooter turned the gun on himself.

The next nine hours, as well as the days and weeks that immediately followed, were at the very same time the most exhilarating and numbing of my 30-year newspaper career. I made two trips onto campus in the next several hours; first to retrieve a memory stick from one of our young photographers and then to cover a press conference with NIU President John Peters. After parking illegally — and many blocks away — on my first trip to campus, I walked quickly to Cole Hall, then to the photographer's car, then back to my own. A year later I can still see the flashing red lights of police and rescue vehicles; still hear the sound of news helicopters hovering overhead; still remember the thoughts and questions that were running through my mind. "Why here?"

The newsroom that evening was chaotic yet amazingly focused. We had been first to break the story online and were providing continuous updates. Reporters and photographers were assigned, dispatched and then reassigned. Our Webmaster and IT person created and recreated templates for the posting of more stories, more photos, more graphic elements and real-time student and reporter

blogs. Our classified salespeople and graphic artists pitched in to answer the glut of calls coming in from those both providing and requesting information. For the remainder of the evening we no longer had "departments" — just a large group of united employees — some realizing for the first time the importance of what it is that we did.

In the midst of our news gathering, aggregating and delivering there were also business decisions to make. By 7 p.m. I had decided that we would have a morning edition (the *Daily Chronicle* was an afternoon paper a year ago), that we would print an additional 3,000 copies and that we would go to press at midnight. I also urged judicious use of references to Valentine's Day and, together with our editor, prohibited use of the word "massacre."

In the next few days we forged great relationships with those at the *Roanoke Times* and with students and administrators from Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg. They had already been through what we were experiencing and — perhaps because it provided them with a degree of therapy — gave us and provided both counsel and support without measure.

The shootings, and our coverage of them, brought out both the best and worst in our readers. I still have the letters and e-mails from parents who wrote to say "thank you" because they had relied on our Web site for information in that very first hour. I remember the story from one of our reporters who was on campus the next day and was hugged when she identified herself and told about the many students who were hiding in their dorms with no information other than what we were providing. But of course I also heard from those who wanted to exploit the tragedy to air their particular agenda. I was yelled at, threatened and labeled a "co-conspirator" because I refused to use the newspaper as a forum to rail against guns or print someone's diatribe that blamed violent video games for the campus shootings. Oh, the contrast; thankfulness from grateful readers contrasted with the anger and hatred of those who just couldn't wait to place blame.

After the press was running and I had a copy of our Friday paper, I left the office with my son — the aforementioned IT person. We didn't speak; we couldn't speak; there was nothing left to say. I'm looking forward to a return to a "typical" Valentine's Day today — but will never forget the one that wasn't.

John Pfeifer is the Times-News advertising director and former group publisher of newspapers in DeKalb and St. Charles, Ill. The paper in DeKalb was until recently owned by Lee Enterprises, the parent company of the Times-News.



On the fast track toward collectivism

In Charles Dickens' novel "David Copperfield," Wilkins Micawber delivers an economics lesson to young David that has been lost on most congressional Democrats, the president and many of us. "Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery."



CAL THOMAS

The so-called "stimulus plan" cooked up mostly by House Democrats is, in reality, a plan to stimulate government and make it an even greater presence (and burden) in our lives. The appeal to speed and urgency by President Obama is an invitation to overlook details of the bill, which would accelerate the transformation of America from a capitalistic system that exalts the individual to a socialistic system that exalts the state.

Notice that in none of the apocalyptic rhetoric from the president and congressional leaders do we hear anything about the power of people to overcome the recession and restore the economy to health. There is no call for us to help ourselves first, with the aid of family and neighbors, and to employ vision, persistence and risk in climbing out of the recessionary hole. No, only government can save us, when, in fact, it is government (along with our greed) that has caused

our predicament.

Robert Rector, a Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation, has studied the bill (<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Economy/wm2276.cfm>). He finds it to be a resurrection of the welfare state, which many believe died during the Clinton administration with considerable assistance from the then-Republican Congress.

Rector notes that in the first year following enactment of the stimulus bill, "federal welfare spending will explode upward by more than 20 percent, rising from \$491 billion in fiscal year 2008 to \$601 billion in FY 2009." That would be the largest expansion of welfare in the nation's history. But it is only the beginning of Obama's pledge to "Joe the Plumber" to "spread the wealth around."

"Once the hidden welfare spending in the bill is counted," writes Rector, "the total 10-year fiscal burden (added to the national debt) will not be \$816 billion, as claimed, but \$1.34 trillion. This amounts to \$17,400 for each household paying income tax in the U.S."

Under this legislation, according to Rector, the federal government for the first time "will give significant cash to able-bodied adults without dependent children." Even though these people may have little apparent need of help, they'll get a check just because government can send one.

Rector says that the House and Senate bills "use the idea of economic stimulus as a Trojan horse to conceal massive, permanent increases in the U.S. welfare system. The goal of the bills is

'spreading the wealth,' not reviving the economy."

It will add to the growing number of people dependent on government and, thus, politicians, who will never show them the way out of poverty, but give them only enough money to sustain them in poverty and then tell them if they don't vote for Democrats, those nasty Republicans will take their checks away.

How many have been duped by Obama's personality and good looks? Don't they understand that a socialist economy means the end of prosperity, individual initiative, personal dreams and a complete transformation of America, as we have known it? After the "stimulus bill" will come health care "reform." Watch Obama declare an emergency in his pursuit of socialized medicine. Then there's Social Security and Medicare, which must be reformed to alleviate pressure from the retirement of massive numbers of baby boomers. Debt will mount on top of debt.

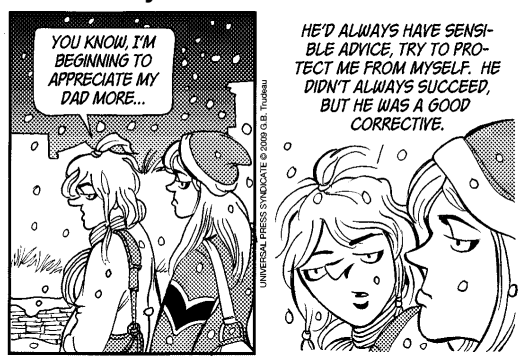
Part of this is our problem. We have believed the marketers who have convinced us that more is better and still more buys happiness. Politicians promise to help, but in fact hurt by hurtling toward a collectivism in which individuality will be subsumed to the will of the state.

Who will sound the alarm? Who will stand in the gap? This isn't "change we can believe in." This is a nightmare from which we'll never escape. There's still time, but not much. The choice is clear: happiness, or misery.

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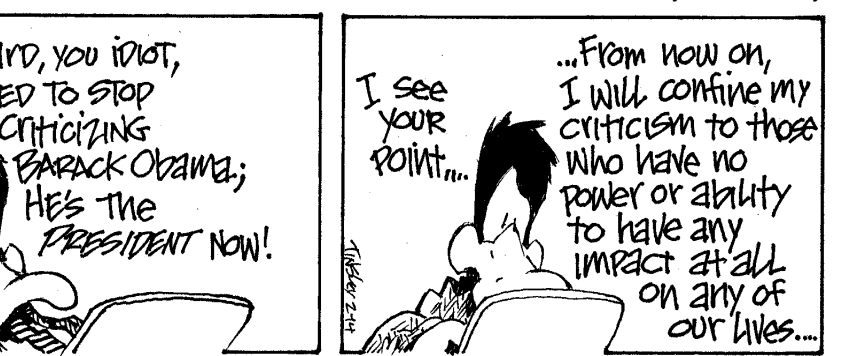
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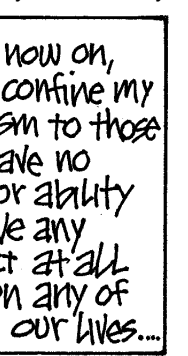
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Simpson's reply to EFCA support was hokum

I asked Congressman Mike Simpson to support the Employee Free Choice Act. His response: "The EFCA would allow unionism to be forced on non-union employees through so-called "card checks." If a union collects signed "authorization cards" from 50 percent plus one employee, the employees at the business may never get the opportunity to cast a secret ballot for or against the union. As Americans, the right to cast a secret ballot for or against those who would represent our interests in government or in employment negotiations is something to which each individual is entitled." "If a majority of workers at a business vote, in a secret ballot election, to unionize, that is their right. However, using "card checks" is not a practice I support because it denies employees not wishing to unionize their rights in the representation process. This is why I opposed EFCA during the 110th Congress, and I will continue to oppose it." His answer is pure hokum. The truth is: "When establishing a new union, the Employee Free Choice Act will allow the workers to have a choice on the election process. A secret ballot election will be held if one-third of the workers choose this option. Otherwise the majority sign-up will be the process."

A fact worth remembering: only 42 workers nationwide

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have been forced to sign union cards since 1995; however, 30,000 workers per year are harassed and/or fired for wanting to bargain for a better life.

Understand, not a single chief executive officer would work a day without a contract to protect their outrageous pay and perks, so why are working-class persons disallowed contractual protections. Answer: greed.

Congressman Simpson has shown a complete lack of understanding on this issue as well as most issues that affect the working classes of Idaho. MARK SCHUCKERT Twin Falls

State should not be in the liquor business

The state of Idaho in the liquor business? Why is the state of Idaho in the sales of liquor in any shape or form? The state should shut down or sell all the state-run liquor stores and let free enterprise take the reigns. In the era of "government downsizing," the state of Idaho should start there. I don't want more government, I want less. The state doesn't sell gas

or milk, so get out of the retail/wholesale booze business. What happened to free enterprise? ROBERT NORTON Twin Falls

No unemployment in American companies

There is no unemployment in American companies. If you want a job in an American company, just go to China, India, Mexico or hundreds of other countries around the world. But don't try to get one in America; there aren't any. ROY R. DAVENPORT Buhl

Walsh responds to Blasius' letters

John Blasius has twice written to newspapers to express disagreement with my views: the first was on Feb. 2, 2006, to the South Idaho Press; the second on Jan. 14, 2009, to the Times-News. I'll respond first to his Times-News letter. Blasius claims that I have manipulated facts, made up stories (lied) and am in need of gainful employment. Coming from a man who has never talked with me,

and to my knowledge has never attended a City Council meeting or requested or examined documents from City Hall, and never previously publicly commented on Burley's politics, and seems to have done nothing since retiring from the military except utter absurdities about the work of others — his opinions, to use a British Army expression, "are bootless."

"In need of gainful employment!" What a joke. I probably get more done accidentally than Blasius does intentionally. Had he lifted his arse out of his recliner and walked down the street to my place, he could have learned that, at almost 70, I work more than 80 hours each week at two jobs and still find time to be involved in Burley's politics.

Blasius' first letter expressed displeasure at my letter of disgust and outrage at the action of a veteran of World War II who had boasted, in one of a wonderful series of profiles written for the South Idaho Press by Blasius' wife, to having forcibly extracted a gold tooth from the corpse of a Japanese soldier and to packing the trophy for more than 60 years. Blasius unnecessarily rebuked me and claimed that to understand the veteran's action I would have had to have been there. I suppose, then, he'll agree that to understand Burley's politics, he'll have to be there.

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LETTERS OF THANKS

Papp's family thankful for those who helped in rescue

The friends and family of Tanessa Papp wish to thank all the people who were involved in her rescue or took care of her after her accident on Jan. 18. Our thanks goes to all the police officers, ambulance attendants, emergency staff and doctors; also, all the friends and family who waited patiently in the emergency room to find out if she was OK. Special thanks to Dr. Millar, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Joe and Lee Gibbey. Heartfelt thanks to Dave Korom, Dave Roundy, Eric Bedke and Kevin Smith, who were Tess's special guardian angels. Without them, we would not have our Tess anymore. There's no way we can thank you enough. I must have heard the word "miracle" at least 20 times, and I believe it was a miracle that these very special people were there in our time of need. May God bless each and every one of you. JUDY OSBORNE Oakley

sixth- and seventh-grade classes. The sixth-grade students gave each Head Start child a scarf, provided a snack and read books to the children. The seventh-grade class provided each Head Start child with a pencil, paper, crayons and an eraser. The community of Wendell is very fortunate to have such caring and compassionate youth. Thank you to each and every student who participated in these projects. We would also like to thank the teachers who so carefully and mindfully lead these students. CINDY SCOTT LANA PHILLIPS Orchard Valley Head Start Wendell

Supper a success because of volunteers, sponsor

The Kimberly Parent Teacher Student Organization would like to thank WinCo Foods for sponsoring our annual chili supper! Thanks to their generous donation of all the food and paper products, our chili supper was once again a great success. We served more than 500 people with the proceeds going toward both academic and sports programs at the Kimberly High School as well as benefiting programs at the middle and elementary schools.

We would like to thank the many volunteer workers, including the Food Service staff, KHS Athletic Department, KHS custodians, Kimberly School Board, KHS Baseball Team, Track and Cross Country teams, the National Honor Society and the many students, parents and patrons who came out to eat. Thanks also to the members of the Gooding community and basketball teams who supported our supper. Thank you so much for your support of our wonderful community! Hope to see you again next year. KATHY BULCHER KHS PTSO Liaison Kimberly

Fundraiser support appreciated

We would like to publicly thank Applebee's and KMVT for the support they gave us with our People to People Student Ambassador Fundraising Breakfast. We appreciate you and your help in getting the word out to the public. This is a great opportunity for us to go to a different country, broaden our horizons and experience life like we never have before while representing our towns, state and country. Thank you! DEE DEE JOHNSON Student Ambassador

Coordinator Buhl (Editor's note: Dee Dee Johnson submitted this letter on behalf of the People to People Student Ambassadors, including Tori Barger and Jene' Johnson, both of Buhl; Cassandra Cameron and Maegen Pato, both of Twin Falls; Charity Houser of Rupert; Jessica Lowe of Shoshone; Zack Page of Jerome; and Samantha Brady of Kimberly.) The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from: Organizations thanking contributors or supporters. Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service. Send letters to letters@magicvalley.com or call Ellen at 735-3266. If you would like to purchase a classified ad to express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Customer Service department at 733-0931, ext. 267.

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Please join us for a series on: Women's Health. The Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program with support from the University of Washington School of Medicine and the University of Idaho, are pleased to offer a Mini-Medical School community education series on women's health. Topics include: February 19 Anatomy and Physiology: The Basics, February 26 Breast Cancer, March 5 Menstruation & Fertility, March 12 Women & Aging, March 19 Reproductive Tract Cancer. Brought to you by: St Luke's Magic Valley, CSI, University of Idaho.

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NTSB: Plane crew saw significant ice before crash

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Dairy prices to trigger MILC payments

Changes to the program will slow payments to producers

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Services Agency announced Thursday that declining milk prices have triggered federal price supports through the Milk Income Loss Contract.

Aaron Johnson, acting state executive director for the agency in Idaho, said that FSA will be making payments in April to producers through

the MILC program.

He said the exact amount that will be distributed to dairymen is not yet known, but he expects the distribution to be the largest on record.

"We will be making MILC payments as a result of the low prices but because of the changes to the program ordered in the 2008 Farm Bill, the payments may be higher," Johnson said.

He added that it will take

more time to gather the required data before payments can be made.

The 2008 Farm Bill made changes to the MILC program, most notably the addition of a feed cost adjustment and modifications to the per-operation limit.

The FSA makes MILC payments on a monthly basis when the Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight as adjusted for feed costs.

The dairy feed ration cost is calculated each month from the price of feed ingredients as reported by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

"While the dairy feed ration cost adjustment benefits producers when feed costs are high, it also means we must wait until that month's (feed cost) is known before the MILC payment rate can be calculated," Johnson said.

He said FSA distributes payments less than 60 calen-

dar days after the agency receives evidence that a producer's feed to production ratio has met MILC requirements.

The annual maximum eligible pound limit per dairy operation is about 3 million-pounds per fiscal year.

MILC participants must select a month for which FSA will begin issuing payments for each fiscal year. The 2008 Farm Bill excludes producers whose non-farm average adjusted gross income exceeds \$500,000 from receiving MILC payments.

JPMorgan and Bank of America halt foreclosures

Obama to outline plan to rescue troubled homeowners

By Alan Zibel
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Several major banks are expanding their efforts to halt home foreclosures while the Obama administration develops its plan to help struggling homeowners.

The White House said President Barack Obama will outline his much-anticipated plan to spend at least \$50 billion to prevent foreclosures on Wednesday in a speech in Arizona.

"It's not intended to be measured by one day's market scorekeeping, but instead to ensure that the 10,000 Americans each day that have their homes foreclosed on, and the millions more that are barely getting by, are protected," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Friday without providing other details.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner announced a revised effort to stabilize the financial system on Monday. It contained outlines of a foreclosure-relief effort, but few details.

More than 2.3 million homeowners faced foreclosure proceedings last year, a whopping 81 percent increase from 2007, and analysts say that number could soar as high as 10 million in the coming years, depending on the severity of the recession.

New York-based JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp. said Friday they are halting foreclosures through March 6. And Citigroup Inc. said its halt will extend until the administration has finalized the details of the loan modification program or March 12, whichever is earlier. New York-based Citi's action expands on a similar effort that it started in November.

The banks' pledges apply to owner-occupied homes, not those owned by investors.

Obama's announcement next week is expected to include details about how the administration plans to spend at least \$50 billion on foreclosure prevention and

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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CSI offers budgeting, personal finance class

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center enrichment program is offering a Making Your Dollars Stretch course from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mar. 7 at 1600 Parke Ave.

Gus Brackett will discuss budgeting for specific financial goals as well as consumer choice and marketing traps to avoid. Brackett will cover types of debt, good versus bad debt, tools for evaluating appropriate debt and which debt to avoid. Most importantly, students will learn to formulate a plan to eliminate debt.

The cost is \$40. For more information, call 678-1400.

IDAHO

Labor department warns against firms charging for benefits

Companies are trying to take advantage of out-of-work Idahoans by sending the workers e-mails claiming their unemployment benefits will be cut off if they fail to pay \$10 dollars to ensure the weekly checks continue, Idaho Department of Labor officials say.

The Idaho Department of Labor administers the unemployment insurance program and does not employ any third parties to work with benefit claimants. There is no charge for filing a claim or benefit administration. The department's Web site and regional offices are the only places to apply for benefits.

For more information, go to <http://labor.idaho.gov/IW>.

— Staff reports

Billions for businesses

Total amount of stimulus money designated for Idaho: \$1.03 billion



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada talks to reporters on Capitol Hill after the Senate passed the stimulus bill. In the plan the U.S. is marshaling resources against economic catastrophe in ways not seen since Franklin Roosevelt put the New Deal in motion; Reid was quick to point out that a big chunk of the \$8 billion set aside to build high-speed rail lines could go to a proposed Los Angeles-to-Las Vegas rail.

Provisions for small businesses may bring some out of the red

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Thousands of small businesses operating in the red could get tax refunds under the economic recovery bill that was approved by Congress on Friday.

Businesses won't fare as well as they did in earlier versions of the legislation. But

most of the tax cuts for families and individuals were preserved, though some were reduced.

Business groups complained that some of their breaks were scaled back or eliminated. But the U.S. Chamber of Commerce came out Thursday in support of the overall package.

"Rather than focus on what's not in the package,

COMING SUNDAY IN BUSINESS

An in-depth look at the approved stimulus package.

we're trying to focus on what's in it," said Bruce Josten, the group's executive vice president for government affairs. "It's all against the backdrop of a worsening recession and increased joblessness.

Among the business provisions:

- Money-losing small businesses could use their losses to offset profits made in the

See **BILLIONS**, Business 2

Recession hits Idaho nonprofits

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Pundits might have been debating the reality of a recession, but by December 2008, the writing was on the wall for Idaho's nonprofit sector.

After the Idaho Nonprofit Center learned from a recent survey that most nonprofits expected severe budget shortfalls, the organization

began scheduling town hall meetings around the state to address the issue.

An online survey conducted by the center in January 2009 found that:

- Almost 65 percent experienced a decline in total revenue.
- More than 50 percent had an increase in demand for services.
- More than 50 percent reported increased expenses.



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READ: A copy of the Idaho Nonprofit Center's Current Conditions Report for 2009.

The center surveyed the state's nonprofit organizations to provide a quick, real-time analysis of nonprofit challenges in the worsening economy. The 270 responses represent nonprofits from every area of Idaho with a

wide variety of missions and budget sizes.

Reflecting the sector's profile, more than 90 percent of the nonprofits that responded reported that they raise and spend less than \$5 million annually.

Group calls for nonprofit town hall meetings throughout Idaho

To address the budget shortfalls of nonprofits in Idaho, the center will hold nonprofit town hall meetings throughout the state to provide training in contingency planning and opportunities for nonprofits to collaborate.

"Nonprofits must come together to explore new ways to leverage each other's strengths, talents and resources, and come up with solutions to the most press-

ing issues we are all facing," says Lynn Hoffmann, executive director of the Idaho Nonprofit Center.

The Idaho Nonprofit Center is a statewide association of nonprofit organizations that promotes and strengthens nonprofits in Idaho.

Hoffmann said town hall meetings are scheduled in Twin Falls on March 3, and in Ketchum on Feb. 24.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	16.22	▲	.28	Dell Inc.	9.12	▲	.05	Idacorp	26.92	▲	.03
Lithia Mo.	3.30	▲	.02	Micron	3.73	▼	.21	Supervalu	17.93	▲	.11

COMMODITIES

For more see Business 2

Live cattle	84.05	▼	.30	Mar. oil	37.51	▼	3.53
Feb. gold	941.5	▼	7.0	Feb. silver	13.62	▼	.11

The lure of the smooch is chemistry

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — "Chemistry look what you've done to me," Donna Summer crooned in Science of Love, and so, it seems, she was right.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, a panel of scientists examined the mystery of what happens when hearts throb and lips lock. Kissing, it turns out, unleashes chemicals that ease stress hormones in both sexes and encourage bonding in men, though not so much in women.

Chemicals in the saliva may be a way to assess a mate, Wendy Hill, dean of the faculty and a professor of neuroscience at Lafayette College, told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Friday.

In an experiment, Hill explained, pairs of heterosexual college students who kissed for 15 minutes while listening to music experienced significant changes in their levels of the chemicals oxytocin, which affects pair bonding, and cortisol, which is associated with stress. Their blood and saliva levels of the chemicals were compared before and after the kiss.

Both men and women had a decline in cortisol after smooching, an indication their stress levels declined.

For men, oxytocin levels increased, indicating more interest in bonding, while oxytocin levels went down in women. "This was a surprise," Hill said.

In a test group that merely held hands, chemical changes were similar, but much less pronounced, she said.

The experiment was conducted in a student health center, Hill noted. She plans a repeat "in a more romantic setting."

Hill spoke at the session on the Science of Kissing, along with Helen Fisher of Rutgers University and Donald Lateiner of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Fisher noted that more than 90 percent of human societies practice kissing, which she believes has three components — the sex drive, romantic love and attachment.

The sex drive pushes individuals to assess a variety of partners, then romantic love causes them to focus on an individual, she said. Attachment then allows them to tolerate this person long enough to raise a child.

Men tend to think of kissing as a prelude to copulation, Fisher said. She noted that men prefer "sloppy" kisses, in which chemicals including testosterone can be passed on to the women in saliva. Testosterone increases the sex drive in both males and females.

"When you kiss an enormous part of your brain becomes active," she added. Romantic love can last a long time, "if you kiss the right person."

NTSB: Plane crew saw ice before crash

Flight goes down miles from Buffalo airport, killing 50

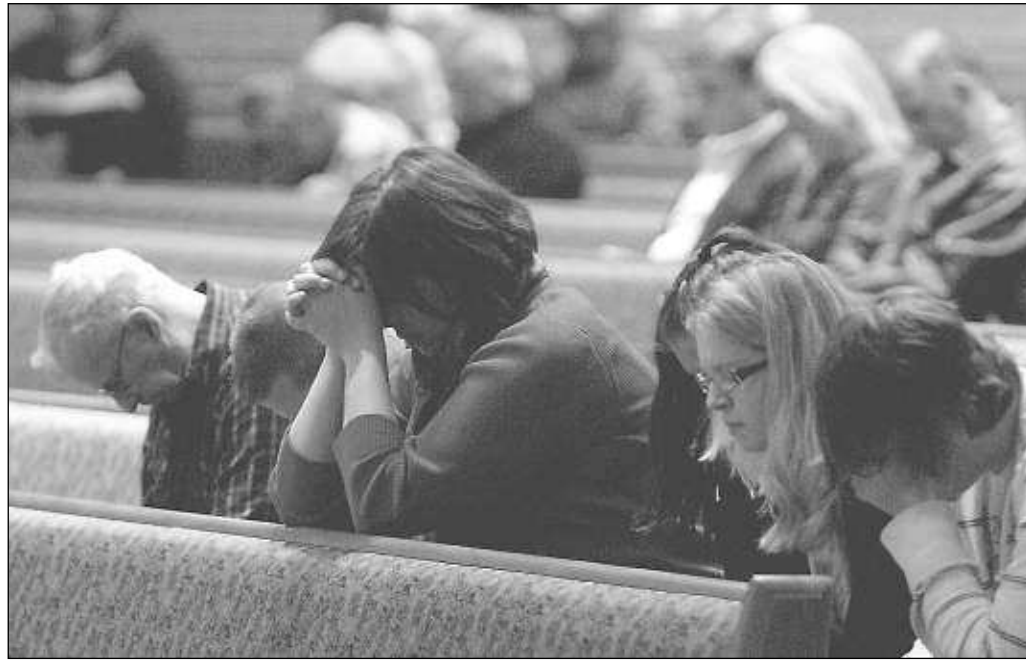
By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The crew of the commuter plane that fell on a house, killing all 49 people aboard and one person on the ground, noticed significant ice buildup on the wings and windshield just before the aircraft began pitching and rolling violently, investigators said Friday.

Officials stopped short of saying the ice buildup caused Thursday night's crash and stressed that nothing has been ruled out. But ice on the wings can interfere catastrophically with an aircraft's handling and has been blamed for a number of major air disasters over the years.

Continental Connection Flight 3407, bound from Newark, N.J., went down in light snow and mist — ideal conditions for ice to form — about six miles short of the Buffalo airport, plunging nose-first through the roof of a house in the suburb of Clarence.

All 44 passengers, four crew members, an off-duty pilot and one person on the ground were killed. Two others escaped from the home, which was engulfed in a raging fireball that climbed higher than the treetops and burned for hours, making it too hot to begin removing the bodies until around nightfall Friday.



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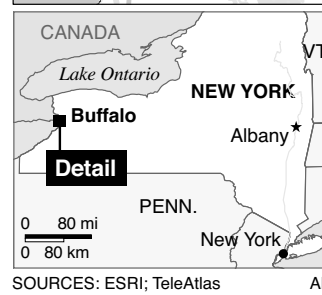
Mourners listen to a sermon during a vigil for the victims of Continental Connection Flight 3407, Friday at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Clarence, N.Y.

Among the passengers killed was a woman whose husband died in the World Trade Center attacks of Sept. 11.

It was the nation's first deadly crash of a commercial airliner in 2½ years.

One of the survivors from the house, Karen Wielinski, 57, told WBEN-AM that she was watching TV in the family room when she heard a noise. She said her daughter, 22-year-old Jill, who also survived, was watching TV in another part of the house.

"Planes do go over our house, but this one just sounded really different, louder, and I thought to myself, 'If that's a plane, it's going to hit something,'" she told the station. "The next thing I knew the ceiling was on me."



SOURCES: ESRI; TeleAtlas AP

She said she and her daughter escaped in their socks.

"I was panicking a little

but trying to stay cool," she said. "I happened to notice a little light on the right of me. I shouted first in case anybody was out there. Then I just kind of pushed what was on top of me off and crawled out the hole. ... The back of the house was gone, the fire had started. I could see the wing of the plane."

She said she hadn't been told the fate of her husband, Doug, but added: "He was a good person, loved his family."

Investigators pulled the black box recorders from the wreckage, sent them to Washington and immediately began analyzing the flight data and listening to the cockpit conversations.

Steve Chealander, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board,

said at an afternoon news conference that the crew of the twin-engine turboprop discussed "significant ice buildup" on the windshield and the leading edge of the wings at an altitude of around 11,000 feet as the plane was coming in for a landing.

The flight data recorder indicated the plane's deicing equipment was in the "on" position, but Chealander would not say whether the equipment was functioning.

The landing gear was lowered one minute before the end of the flight at an altitude of more than 2,000 feet, and 20 seconds later the wing flaps were set to slow the plane down, after which the aircraft went through "severe pitch and roll," Chealander said.

The crew raised the landing gear at the last moment, just before the recording ran out. No mayday call came from the pilot.

Doug Hartmayer, a spokesman for Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, which runs the Buffalo airport, said: "The plane simply dropped off the radar screen."

"Icing, if a significant buildup, is an aerodynamic impediment, if you will," Chealander said. "Airplanes are built with wings that are shaped a certain way. If you have too much ice, the shape of the wing can change requiring different airspeeds."

But he refused to draw any conclusions from the data, and cautioned: "We are not ruling anything in or anything out at this time."

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON Company in peanut scare calls it quits

The peanut company at the center of the nationwide salmonella scare has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection and will begin liquidating its assets as a crush of legal claims pile up against Lynchburg, Va.-based Peanut Corporation of America.

"Given that PCA is under criminal investigation, I'm not surprised they've gone bankrupt," said Bill Marler, a Seattle-based lawyer representing 47 clients who are suing the company, including family members of two victims who died after reportedly consuming peanut products tainted with salmonella.

Companies that PCA supplied with peanut products have also gone to court against it, and PCA's insurer, Hartford Casualty Insurance Co., has filed a lawsuit in an effort to limit its liability.

PCA's products have been linked to nine deaths and 636 cases of food poisoning in 44 states, and more claims expected to follow. Records released during congressional hearings last week showed the company continued to

ship its contaminated products even after they tested positive for deadly bacteria.

TENNESSEE VA clinic warns about possible contamination

CHATTANOOGA — Thousands of patients at a Veterans Administration clinic in Tennessee may have been exposed to the infectious body fluids of other patients when they had colonoscopies in recent years, and now VA medical facilities all over the U.S. are reviewing their own procedures.

A spokesman at the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn., said the clinic is offering free blood tests and medical care to all patients whose records show they had colonoscopies between April, 23, 2003 and Dec. 1, 2008.

Christopher Conklin said in a telephone interview Friday that notification letters were sent this week by registered mail to 6,378

patients of the Murfreesboro facility. He said no related health problems have been reported, and every measure is being taken to assure that affected veterans are screened.

PAKISTAN Kidnappers threaten abducted American

QUETTA — Kidnappers threatened on Friday to kill an American employee of the

United Nations within 72 hours and issued a grainy video of the blindfolded captive saying he was "sick and in trouble."

A letter accompanying the video delivered to a Pakistani news agency said the hostage, John Solecki, would be killed unless authorities released 141 women it said were being held in Pakistan.

The video and the demands indicated that Solecki, the head of the U.N.

refugee agency in Quetta, a city near the Afghan border, was alive and that his captors wanted to negotiate.

Solecki, who appeared blindfolded and with a shawl draped over his shoulders in the 20-second clip, said his message was addressed to the United Nations.

"I am not feeling well. I am sick and in trouble. Please help solve the problem soon so that I can gain my release," he said.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and a few snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and cold. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: A little milder with mostly cloudy and mostly dry conditions. Highs upper 30s, lows middle 20s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered snow showers and cloudy skies. Highs lower 30s, lows near 20.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: Chilly temperatures and mostly cloudy skies. Highs lower 30s, lows lower 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Light mountain snow showers are likely for today with scattered snow showers lingering into tonight and Sunday. Valley locations will have scattered snow showers today and will be mostly dry Sunday.

BOISE
 Scattered light snow showers will be found around the Boise area today. Tonight and Sunday will be mostly cloudy and mostly dry.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Higher elevations will have light snow showers today and again on Sunday. Scattered snow showers are possible at lower elevations.

Today Highs/Lows 36 to 41 / 23 to 28

Yesterday's State Extremes: 46 at Powell Low: -17 at Stanley

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
High 32	Low 20	39 / 25	37 / 24	39 / 25	38 / 25

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	42	27	0.00"
Burley	33	13	0.00"
Challis	29	6	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	39	28	0.00"
Idaho Falls	19	-10	Trace
Jerome	27	7	0.00"
Lewiston	44	27	0.00"
Lowell	43	22	0.00"
Malad	not available		
Malta	37	12	0.00"
Pocatello	28	2	0.00"
Rexburg	19	-10	0.00"
Salmon	28	7	0.00"
Stanley	26	-17	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature
 Yesterday's High 35, Yesterday 0.00"
 Yesterday's Low 19, Month to Date 0.09"
 Normal High/Low 43 / 25, Normal Month to Date 0.43"
 Record High 58 in 1970, Year to Date 3.98"
 Record Low 5 in 1994, Normal Year to Date 4.78"

Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.00", Month to Date 0.09"
 Normal Month to Date 0.43", Year to Date 3.98"
 Normal Year to Date 4.78"

Humidity
 Yesterday's Maximum 81%, Yesterday's Minimum 66%
 Today's Maximum 83%, Today's Minimum 65%

Barometric Pressure
 6 pm barometer Yesterday 29.82 in.

Sunrise and Sunset
 Today Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM
 Sunday Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM
 Monday Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM
 Tuesday Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM
 Wednesday Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM

Moonrise and Moonset
 Today Moonrise: none Moonset: 9:41 AM
 Sunday Moonrise: 1:37 AM Moonset: 10:10 AM
 Monday Moonrise: 1:37 AM Moonset: 10:43 AM

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Regional and National Forecasts
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 Jacksonville 72 56 th 66 47 th
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 New York 43 27 pc 43 28 su
 Oklahoma City 47 32 pc 46 29 pc
 Omaha 30 16 mc 30 13 mc

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

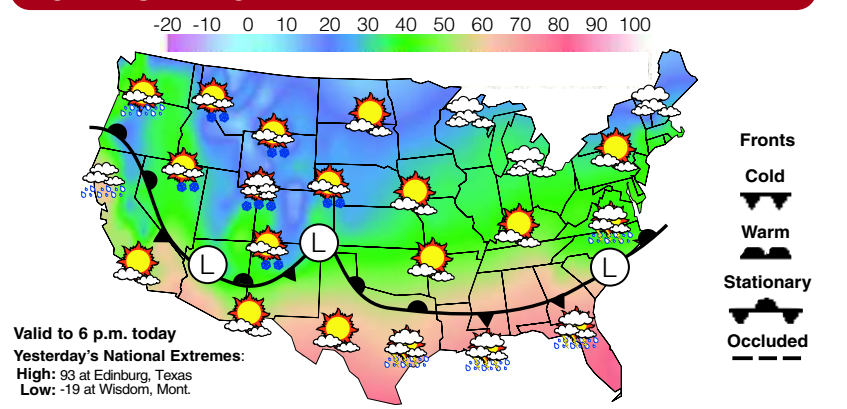
CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	10 -10 pc	11 -11 pc	Saskatoon	4 -20 mc	5 -11 pc
Cranbrook	18 3 pc	19 -12 ls	Toronto	28 18 pc	27 16 pc
Edmonton	15 8 ls	9 -1 pc	Vancouver	39 25 pc	36 27 pc
Kelowna	23 13 pc	24 12 ls	Victoria	41 31 pc	38 32 pc
Lethbridge	15 8 ls	9 -1 pc	Winnipeg	8 -8 pc	9 -11 pc
Regina	5 -14 pc	8 -18 pc			

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	86 73 pc	85 72 pc	Moscow	32 25 ls	32 32 sn
Athens	42 33 r	47 37 sh	Nairobi	76 52 sh	74 51 sh
Auckland	68 54 pc	70 56 pc	Oslo	20 4 pc	25 23 ls
Bangkok	97 71 pc	98 74 pc	Paris	39 28 pc	41 37 pc
Beijing	51 22 pc	38 21 pc	Prague	26 19 pc	28 22 ls
Berlin	32 25 pc	31 25 ls	Rio de Janeiro	77 68 sh	83 67 sh
Buenos Aires	98 73 pc	94 73 pc	Rome	45 38 ls	47 35 pc
Cairo	79 41 pc	68 40 pc	Santiago	89 56 pc	80 57 pc
Dhahran	75 61 pc	79 66 pc	Seoul	43 22 pc	34 17 pc
Geneva	25 12 ls	29 15 pc	Sydney	67 64 sh	67 64 sh
Hong Kong	75 72 pc	75 72 pc	Tel Aviv	67 62 pc	65 61 sh
Johannesburg	74 48 pc	68 46 sh	Tokyo	68 43 sh	58 39 pc
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Kuwait City	73 61 pc	71 60 sh	Warsaw	33 28 ls	32 27 ls
London	42 35 pc	46 40 pc	Winnipeg	8 -8 pc	9 -11 pc
Mexico City	75 43 pc	76 46 pc	Zurich	20 -16 ls	22 14 pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



All safe after jet nosegear collapses in UK landing

By Meera Selva
 Associated Press writer

LONDON — The nose-wheel of a British Airways passenger jet collapsed with a loud bang as it landed Friday evening at London City Airport, sending the plane scraping across the tarmac with 71 people aboard, officials and witnesses said.

All aboard escaped by emergency slides, but one person was taken to a hospital with a minor injury.

The plane was arriving from Amsterdam about 8 p.m. when the front landing gear failed and the front of the plane slammed onto the runway and skidded, officials and firefighters said.

"As a precaution the emergency slides were deployed and passengers were evacuated down the slides onto the runway," British Airways said. "One passenger suffered a minor injury."

The airline said it did not yet know what caused the landing gear problem on the Avro 146 RJ100, which had been carrying 67 passengers and four crew members. The government sent three investigators to the scene.

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Jerome boys snap long skid against Bruins

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

JEROME — Logan Parker's personal mission carried through the first half. Kameron Pearce's took care of business in the second, and Jerome partied like it was 1999.

Parker scored 27 of his 29 points in the first half and Pearce scored 20 of his 25 in the second half and Jerome took a 73-62 win over Twin Falls on Friday night.

The victory snapped a 19-game losing streak for the Tigers (18-2) against Twin Falls (13-7), dating back 10 years.

"I came out and wanted to hit some big shots early," said Parker. "There's no feeling like beating your rival. I always want to beat Twin Falls no matter the sport."

Parker opened up on fire, scoring Jerome's 11 first points and 17 in the first quarter in his quest to get the Tigers off to a flying start. He hit all five of his 3-pointers in the first half, but cooled down considerably after the break.

But when one of the best guards in the state went cold, another went off as Pearce took it upon himself to pick up the slack, and Parker found a different way to get himself involved — taking advantage of defense closing in on him to set up his teammates and also plucking four steals.

"I knew that Logan was going to cool off eventually, so I tried to take the game into my own hands," said Pearce, who also dished out five assists. "We always get the best out of Twin Falls, so it always makes for a great game. This is

See JEROME, Sports 2



Jerome's Logan Parker (11) takes a shot during the first half of play against Twin Falls Friday night in Jerome.

JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Clutch play lifts Golden Eagle men past Snow

Gosar misses game to attend birth of his second child

Times-News

With their head coach en route to Twin Falls for the birth of his second child, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball players took care of business in Ephraim, Utah, topping Snow College 61-54 on Friday night.

Jay Watkins broke a 54-all tie in the final minute with a 3-pointer, and he and fellow sophomore Daequon Montreal sealed the win at the free-throw line.

"It feels good to come out and get this win for coach," Montreal told 1270 AM KTFI. He had a game-best 24 points as the Golden Eagles kept their Scenic West Athletic Conference title hopes alive.

CSI head coach Steve Gosar left Ephraim Friday

afternoon when he learned his wife, Lu, was in labor.

With Gosar gone, the Golden Eagles (19-6, 6-4 SWAC) struggled in the first half and trailed 28-24. Montreal said the team was out of its usual rhythm without Gosar on the sideline.

"We talked about it at halftime, and we came out in the second half and did what we needed to do," said Montreal. Did they ever.

Montreal had made only seven treys in the first 24 games of the season but went 4-for-4 on Friday, his final triple giving CSI at 43-39 lead.

Up 49-42, the Golden Eagles saw their lead quickly evaporate as Snow's Ryan Brimley hit consecutive 3-pointers, the second of which he turned into a four-point play after a foul was called on CSI's Jamelle Barrett.

Nate Miles scored the last of his 16 points to put CSI in front again. He assisted on a

See CSI, Sports 4

CSI women rally past Badgers

Lucet scores 33 to key comeback win

Times-News

The Golden Eagles simply wouldn't be denied.

Facing a double-digit second-half deficit on the road, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team somehow found a way, grinding out a 76-69 victory over Snow College.

With point guard Martina Holloway slowed by illness and top reserve Noelle Milicic out for the season with an ACL tear, CSI (20-4, 9-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) faced long odds in keeping sole possession of first place in the SWAC.

Down 42-32 in the second half to the second-place Badgers, the 11th-ranked Golden Eagles rallied with stellar play down the stretch.

"I thought we played as well as we have in a long time in that second half," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers.

Soana Lucet scored 21 of her game-high 33 points after intermission, while Holloway scored all of her 10 points after the break to go with five assists and four steals.

CSI took its final lead of a back-and-forth first half at 30-29 on a 3-pointer by Cassie Wood. But the Badgers (16-9, 7-3 S W A C) ended the half on a 6-0 run and extended the burst with a 7-2 scoring edge to start the second half.

Trailing 55-46 with 10:07 to play, CSI engineered a 7-0 run in 76 seconds, capped by a Holloway 3-pointer to get within 55-53. The Golden Eagles took the lead back at 60-59 and built a five-point edge before the Badgers rallied.

Snow's Torlee Nenbee

See RALLY, Sports 4

Bruin wrestlers fall to IF on senior night

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls grapplers got a final look at some regional foes before next week's tournament as Idaho Falls came to town for senior night. Although the Bruins found success in the lower middle weights, they fell 41-30 to the Tigers.

"I kind of expected that," head coach Said Dabestani said. "Quite frankly, our middle weights are our strong weights, and our upper weights are not that strong."

Four Bruins won matches, including Joe Hamilton



at 119 pounds, Tylor Hine at 130, Will Keeter at 135 and Zak Slotten at 171.

Hamilton and Keeter won via pinfall, while Hine and Slotten took decisions. Slotten started off the night's matches with a 7-3 decision over Jesse Paulsen. Slotten held Paulsen scoreless through two periods before being held scoreless himself during the third.

"I came out and started really good," he said, "but

I've got to work on ending matches."

Hine started quietly against Chris Bateman, scoring only a takedown in the first period before going on a six-point barrage in the second. Like Slotten, he allowed his opponent numerous points during the final round.

"I got nervous," he said. "I'm always nervous before a match. Coach says everybody's a champion until you beat them."

The Bruins will see the Tigers next Friday when they travel to Idaho Falls for the Class 5A Region Four-Five-

Six state qualifier, which was pushed back from Wednesday. The Bruins expect to send many grapplers onto the state tournament, held at Pocatello's Holt Arena on Feb. 27 and 28.

Idaho Falls 41, Twin Falls 30

103 pounds: Connor Stubblefield, Twin Falls, won by forfeit; 112: B. Clements, Idaho Falls, won by forfeit; 119: Joe Hamilton, Twin Falls, pinned Christian LaForge, 1:38; 125: Jairo Schwaneveldt, Twin Falls, won by forfeit; 130: Tylor Hine, Twin Falls, dec. Chris Bateman, 10-4; 135: Will Keeter, Twin Falls, pinned Zack New, 1:18; 140: Jordan Cox, Idaho Falls, dec. Todd Anderson, 5-2; 145: Josh Warner, Idaho Falls, pinned Mark Christianson, 1:30; 152: Jackson Carpenter, Idaho Falls, major dec. Cody Hanson, 17-5; 150: Taylor Anderson, Idaho Falls, T-Fall Manolo Martinez, 18-2; 171: Zak Slotten, Twin Falls, dec. Jesse Paulsen, 7-3; 189: Evan Seamans, Idaho Falls, T-fall Justin Elmer, 16-0; 215: Christian Denny, Idaho Falls, pinned Kevin Hurd, 3:12; 285: Simon Resendiz, Idaho Falls, pinned Kris Hall, 1:03.

Battle in Boise No. 21 Utah State at Boise State

Time: Today, 7 p.m.

TV: KTVB 24/7

Who to watch: Utah State senior Gary Wilkinson is averaging 17.3 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. BSU will counter with forward Mark Sanchez (12.5 points, 7.5 rebounds).

The Skinny

The 23-1 Aggies (11-0 WAC) are off to their best start in school history and coming off a 62-53 road win over Idaho on Thursday. Utah State is the first ranked team to come to Taco Bell Arena this season. The Broncos (16-7, 6-4) are 11-1 at home this season and looking to bounce back from a disappointing road loss at Fresno State on Monday. USU beat BSU 79-65 on Jan. 17 in Logan, Utah, and has won 18 games in a row — the longest winning streak in the nation.



Tiger girls hold off upset-minded Panthers

Dietrich punches ticket to state

By John Derr
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — Down early, Richfield lit it up from outside in the second quarter and held on down the stretch, earning the Class 1A Division II Northside Conference championship with a 50-45 victory over Carey Friday night at Dietrich High School.

Carey trailed by six late in the first quarter only to go on a 8-2 run behind 3-pointers from Kayla Bailey and Kelsey Green.

Down by one to open the second, Richfield's Teenie Kent got hot. She nailed back-to-back-to-back treys to put the Tigers up 28-17.

"I was making them so I just wanted to keep shooting," said Kent, who tallied a game-high 21 points.

The teams traded baskets for much of the second and third quarters with Richfield lead by 10 heading into the final period.

That was when the Panthers made their move.

Chelsey Hunt came off the bench to make a 3-pointer to keep Carey within striking distance. With less than three minutes left, Green found the range beyond the arc and cut the deficit to three.

"We stepped up our defense big time and stopped the outside shooting," said Green, who tallied 14 points. "We focused on one point at a time and playing the way we are capable of."

Richfield's Mirian Rivas hit a pair from the charity

stripe, but Green connected again as it was a two-point game with 23 seconds left on the clock.

Forced to foul, Kent, who switched from No. 11 to 4 at halftime due to blood on her jersey, hit 3 of 4 from the line to seal the victory.

"Carey made a run and it hit us hard," said Kent. "There was a lot of pressure, but we had to step up and hit some free throws. We didn't want to lose our first game at district."

Said Carey coach Lane Durtschi: "I was proud of my team with their defense and hustle. Richfield is a good team. We started playing better defense and made some outside shots that gave us confidence. We fouled the wrong girl."

DIETRICH 81, CAMAS COUNTY 30

In the early game, Dietrich ran away from Camas

County 81-30 as the Musers' season came to an end. The Blue Devils, now assured of a berth to the state tournament, will play Carey today for seeding purposes at 7 p.m.

The Blue Devils charged out of the gate Friday. With both teams running a tight zone, the difference would be Dietrich's speed and press. A couple early Camas turnovers off the press led to buckets by Nakia Norman, who also added a 3-pointer to score the first seven points of the game.

"We just wanted to take it to them," said Norman, who tallied 14 points.

Dietrich also welcomed back Jesse Dill, the lone senior on the team, who has missed the last 12 days including the semifinal loss to Carey. Her coast-to-coast

See 1A DII, Sports 2

Wie shoots to top of SBS Open leaderboard

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Michelle Wie put herself into contention for her first LPGA Tour victory, shooting a 2-under 70 in difficult conditions Friday in the second round of the season-opening SBS Open.

(68) was at 7 under, two shots ahead of Japan's Momoko Ueda (71) and rookie of the year Yani Tseng, who was 1 over through nine holes. The 19-year-old Wie is seeking her first title in her 49th start on the LPGA Tour. She's also looking to put her past struggles behind her.

of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, he's hopeful of seeing some old results. Goosen hit a 3-iron to 8 feet for an eagle on the second hole at Pebble Beach, then picked up even more momentum by holing a 70-foot chip on the par-3 fifth green for birdie.

Beach as the breeze strengthened but the skies remained surprisingly clear, leaving him at 3-over 147 and in serious jeopardy of missing the cut. Also at 3 over was Vijay Singh, who had a 75 at Pebble Beach.



Michelle Wie tees off on the No. 11 hole during the second round of the LPGA SBS Open golf tournament at the Turtle Bay Resort, Friday in Kahuku, Hawaii.

shoulder. He finally made the decision to play late Tuesday night — and it wound up being a good one. Pate had an eagle and six

GOOSEN GRABS LEAD AT PEBBLE BEACH

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Retief Goosen is sporting a new look at a tournament he has never played. After an 8-under 64 in the second round

PATE, LANGER SHARE CHAMPIONS TOUR

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Jerry Pate and Bernhard Langer were in the lead at 8 under after the opening round of the Allianz Championships.

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Warriors 105, Trail Blazers 98

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ATP World Tour SAP Open

ATP World Tour SAP Open Friday. At HP Pavilion San Jose, Calif. Purses: \$600,000 (W/T5250). Surface: Hard-Indoor. Singles. James Blake (3), U.S., def. Sam Querrey (6), U.S., 7-6 (9), 6-3.

David Beckham does about face, midfielder coming back to L.A. Galaxy

CARSON, Calif. — David Beckham is coming back to the Los Angeles Galaxy. The English midfielder will return to the MLS team next month as scheduled after his two-month loan agreement with AC Milan ends despite his wish to stay in Italy.

representatives to the league would not be made permanent. Beckham's five-year Galaxy contract is owned by MLS, and he is due in the team's training camp on March 9.

Sports Shorts

MAGIC VALLEY Perez to box for title today. Salvador Perez of Paul will compete for the Idaho welterweight championship of amateur boxing today.

a coach or a representative to the meeting. Information: District commissioner Craig Mills at Burley High School (878-6606), home (431-7134) or e-mail milcraig@sd151.k12.id.us.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Montana coach nets new contract

MISSOULA, Mont. — University of Montana head football coach Bobby Hauck has agreed to a new one-year contract with a base salary of \$144,500.

T.F. umpire certification planned

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will offer an umpire certification class for Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Baseball at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb 25, in room G-2 at Twin Falls High School.

Gooding hosts benefit volleyball tournament

GOODING — Gooding High School will host a co-ed volleyball tournament today at the gym.

Rules clinic set for District IV

BURLEY — The state rules clinics for District IV baseball and softball will be held Monday, Feb. 16, at Twin Falls High School.

NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND



AP photo
West Virginia forward John Flowers (41) dunks over Villanova guard Corey Stokes (24) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Morgantown, W.Va. Friday.

Villanova upset by West Virginia

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Da'Sean Butler scored a career-high 43 points to lead West Virginia to a 93-72 victory over No. 13 Villanova on Friday night.

Butler scored 24 in the first half as the Mountaineers (17-8, 6-6 Big East) built a 20-point lead en route to their first win this season against a team in the top half of the conference standings.

Devin Ebanks added 16 for West Virginia, which led 52-34 at halftime.

Villanova (20-5, 8-4) trimmed the deficit 13 points in the second half, but Butler and the Mountaineers went on to snap the Wildcats' six-game winning streak. Corey Fisher had 17 points to lead Villanova. Corey Stokes and Scottie Reynolds added 12 each.

Butler became the first West Virginia player to score 40 points in a game since

Lowes Moore in a win over Notre Dame in 1978.

NO. 15 BUTLER 80, ILLINOIS-CHICAGO 61

INDIANAPOLIS — Matt Howard had 19 points and eight rebounds, Gordon Hayward finished with 18 points and No. 15 Butler hit 13 3-pointers in a victory over Illinois-Chicago.

Butler (22-2, 13-1 Horizon League) won its sixth straight in the series and its 16th in a row at home.

The Flames (11-14, 4-11) were led by Josh Mayo with 19 points, but lost for the sixth time in seven games. They fell into a 25-8 hole midway through the first half and never got closer than seven.

Illinois-Chicago played without coach Jimmy Collins, who was in Syracuse, N.Y., attending the funeral of his mother.

— The Associated Press

CSI

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dunk by Montreal to make it 54-51, but Donnie Lao nailed a triple to knot the score again.

That's when Watkins capped his 12-point night with a clutch 3-pointer. He entered the game only 5 of 18 from beyond the arc this season. He and Montreal each hit two free throws in the closing seconds to cap a key road win.

"Our chemistry the last 10 minutes of game, we started really playing together," said assistant coach Russ Beck, who praised the team's two sophomores for their late makes from the foul line.

"We love to see guys knocking down free throws," he said.

Ryan Brimley scored 15 to

lead Snow (17-8, 4-6 SWAC), while Jordan Rex added 11.

While Miles had his lowest scoring game for CSI since becoming eligible, he created plenty of good looks for his teammates.

"Nate is very unique. As good as he is shooting the ball, he's probably a better passer," said Beck. "At 6-7, he can really see the floor and he's deceptively quick"

The teams meet again today, and CSI expects another stiff challenge from the Badgers.

CSI 61, Snow College 54

CSI (19-8, 6-4 SWAC)
Daquan Montreal 24, Jamelle Barrett 2, Byago Drouf 4, Jay Watkins 12, Nate Miles 16, Louis Garrett 2, Romario Souza 1. Totals 19-42 15-25 61.

SNOW COLLEGE (17-8, 4-6 SWAC)
Riley Crosbie 8, Donnie Lao 5, Melvin Haynes 5, Ryan Brimley 15, Jordan Rex 11, Cameron Evans 6, Everton de Araujo 7. Totals 22-62 4-17 54.
Halftime: Snow 28, CSI 24. 3-point goals: CSI 8-18, Snow 6-27. Rebounds: CSI 33, Snow 29. Assists: CSI 9, Snow 12. Turnovers: CSI 11, Snow 8.

Rally

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capped her 18-point night with a bucket to get Snow within 70-69 with 1:12 remaining. But LaCale Pringle-Buchanan, who made numerous big buckets and free throws down the stretch, went 2-for-2 at the line to make it 72-69. Holloway hit four three throws in the final 30 seconds to seal the win.

"We can't blow this team out on its home floor," said Rogers. "We're going to have to grind it out. We did a lot of grinding tonight."

Pringle-Buchanan and Shauneice Samms each scored 11 for CSI, while Lucet had a game-high 11 rebounds. Amy Parkinson

chipped in 14 for Snow. CSI forced 15 second-half turnovers and had 15 steals on the night, including three apiece from Wood and Lucet. Wood also added nine points.

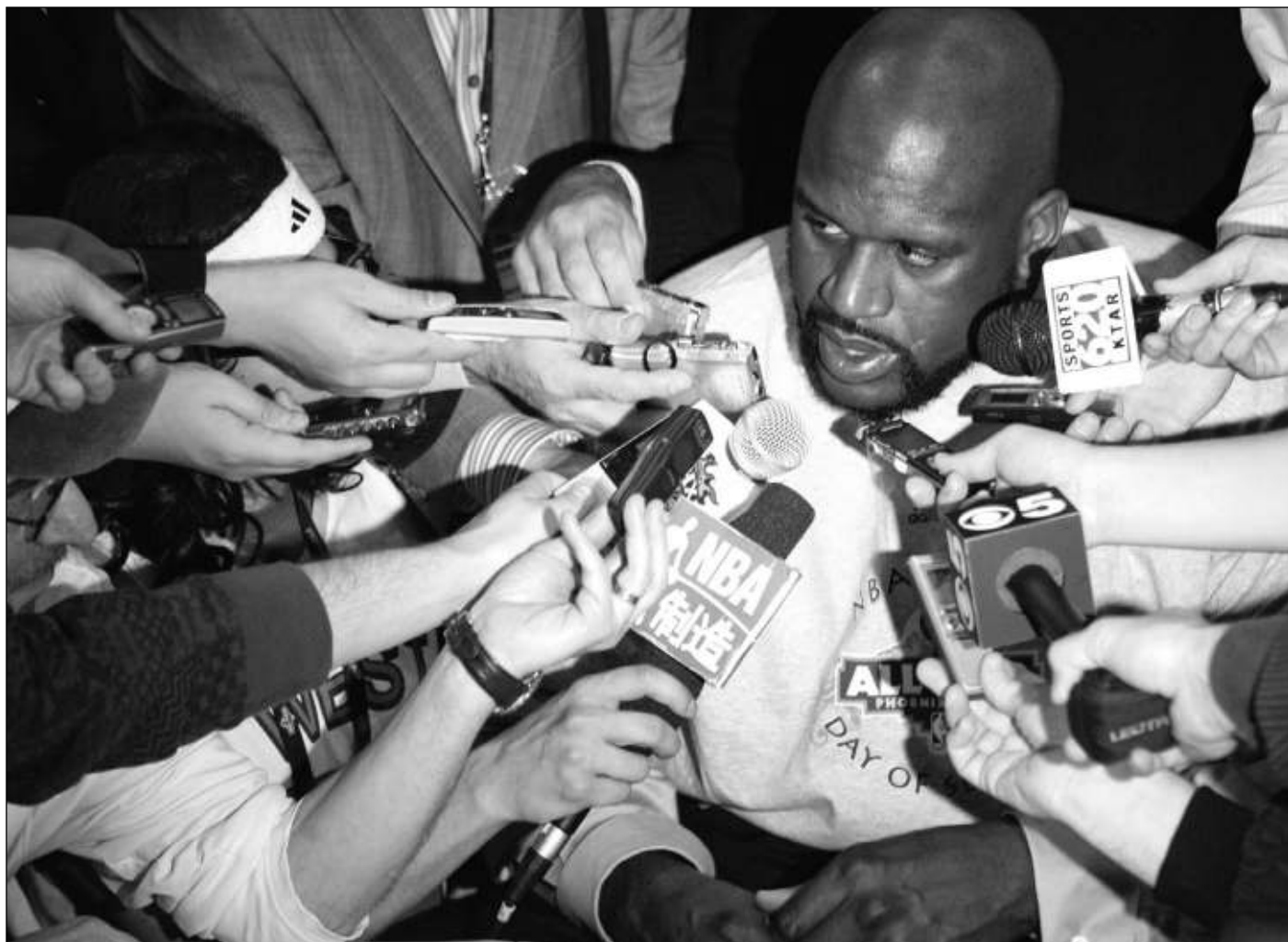
The Golden Eagles can wrap up at least a share of the SWAC crown with another win over Snow today (3 p.m.).

"It'll be a dogfight," said Rogers.

No. 11 CSI 76, Snow College 60

CSI (20-4, 9-1 SWAC)
Soana Lucet 33, Shauneice Samms 11, LaCale Pringle-Buchanan 11, Martina Holloway 10, Cassie Wood 9, Kiara Tate 2. Totals 31-72 10-11 76.

SNOW COLLEGE (16-9, 7-3 SWAC)
Shaylee Nielsen 8, Taesha Higbee 6, Cami Hymas 9, Lindsey Hodges 10, Amy Weitzell 4, Amy Parkinson 14, Torlee Nembee 18. Totals 31-61 4-9 69.
Halftime: Snow 35, CSI 30. 3-point goals: Snow 3-11; CSI 4-21. Rebounds: CSI 36 (Lucet 11); Snow 29. Assists: CSI 15 (Holloway 5); Snow 22 (Abbie Beutler 6). Turnovers: CSI 17, Snow 22.



AP photo
Phoenix Suns center Shaquille O'Neal talks to the media Friday at the NBA All Star weekend activities in Phoenix.

SHAQ, KOBE TOGETHER AGAIN

Former teammates reunited at All-Star game

PHOENIX (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant spent part of their first day as teammates again helping refurbish a school and its playground.

O'Neal didn't accuse Bryant of hogging the tools and Bryant didn't blame O'Neal for being too fat to keep up.

See that, those former feuders are getting along just fine.

The start of All-Star weekend brought the former Los Angeles Lakers teammates back together Friday, five years after the end of a great partnership on the court and a better soap opera off it.

"It'll be like old times. It'll be great memories," O'Neal said. "Kobe's playing at a very high level right now. It'll be like old times. I can remember, not that long ago, we were the best tandem ever created in the game. So it's going to be fun out there."

They will take the floor Sunday night for the first time since the 2004 NBA finals, when they were upset by the Detroit Pistons, letting another possible title slip away.

They won three, but both say they would have won more had they stayed together. O'Neal guessed six or seven, Bryant said "several more," but all agreed there was no use dwelling on the past.

"We just don't look at things like that in this game," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who will coach the Western Conference. "Things went the way they were supposed to go, and life goes on as far as that goes."

Just like the old days, the two couldn't have seemed more different Friday. O'Neal, always the entertainer, had hugs and handshakes for old friends and foes, smiling his way throughout his return to All-Star weekend after missing

"All of that stuff going back and forth, I think it was done purposely. I know times that I would say stuff just by saying it."

— Shaquille O'Neal

last year's game.

Bryant arrived 45 minutes late for his session with the media and seemed to squirm with every mention of O'Neal's name.

"Everybody wants to make a story out of that thing and to us it's really not that big of a story," Bryant said. "I'm not revisiting that. It wasn't a fun time for me so I'm not about to revisit it."

O'Neal and Bryant won three straight titles from 2000-02, all the more impressive considering how much energy they spent bickering with each other. O'Neal thought Bryant was a ballhog who wouldn't settle for being the No. 2. Bryant retorted that O'Neal was out of shape and therefore not dependable late in games — and that was just part of it.

Yet both swear things were never as bad as they seemed in the media.

"All of that stuff going back and forth, I think it was done purposely. I know times that I would say stuff just by saying it," O'Neal said. "But I can tell you for a fact, and you can ask Kobe this, our years together we never had one problem in practice. It was always, he said something that I thought he'd said, and I'd come back."

"Not only that, we never had a problem in a game. It was always on point. We always looked out for each other. It was all marketing. It was a duo that's still talked about to this day, and I haven't played with him for what, five years? Which means my marketing worked."

Their feud became out of

control by the time of their loss in the 2004 finals. When they committed to Bryant that summer with a max deal to keep the free agent, it was time for O'Neal to go.

He was dealt to Miami, where he won another title two years later teamed with Dwyane Wade. Bryant and the Lakers never got past the first round of the playoffs the next three years before reaching the finals last season.

"Now that they look back on it, they kind of miss the times that they had and I'm sure they'll enjoy this weekend," Wade said.

They volleyed occasional shots at each other from opposite coasts before patching things up three years ago — though O'Neal did mock Bryant in a freestyle rap last summer. O'Neal claims they were never that bad, blaming the media for overhyping them and Jackson for allowing them to continue for so long.

O'Neal is now complimentary of Bryant, calling him the best player in the game. Bryant doesn't say much about O'Neal, trying to change the topic whenever he was asked Friday.

"I'm evasive on that subject," Bryant said. "I don't get into it too much. We have a good relationship, though."

They mostly kept their distance Friday. They were in opposite corners of a ballroom for their sessions with the media, with a large curtain dividing the room. They were separated by a couple of hundred yards at the community school project.

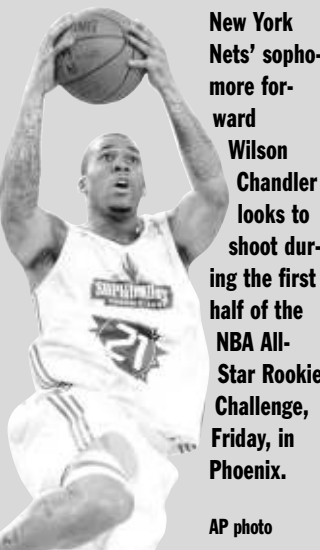
NBA sophomores defeat rookies 122-116

PHOENIX (AP) — Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant scored a Rookie Challenge-record 46 points to lead the NBA's sophomores to a 122-116 victory over the rookies on Friday night.

Durant shattered the record of 36 set by Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire as a sophomore in 2004. Durant helped hold off a late charge by the rookies with a three-point play, an emphatic dunk and two free throws in the final minutes.

Michael Beasley of Miami led the rookies with 29 points.

Off-injured Portland center Greg Oden was a late scratch with a sore left knee after bumping into Golden State's Corey Maggette on Thursday night. Though he was drafted two years ago, Oden was a member of the rookie team because he missed last season with injuries.



AP photo
New York Nets' sophomore forward Wilson Chandler looks to shoot during the first half of the NBA All-Star Rookie Challenge, Friday, in Phoenix.

'Hoops 4 Hope' continues Yow's legacy after death

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The door to Kay Yow's office in Reynolds Coliseum remains open, the lights on inside. It's as though the Hall of Fame coach has merely stepped away from her desk to grab lunch or run a brief errand.

Less than three weeks after her death, Yow's presence is still felt strongly in the North Carolina State women's basketball program she left behind. And that might never be more true than this weekend when the Wolfpack holds the annual event Yow created to raise awareness of the disease that ultimately took her life.

Sunday marks the fourth "Hoops 4 Hope" game, which helps raise money for the cancer research fund in Yow's name. The event is sold out for the first time, bringing Yow's long fight back to the forefront once again.

"She always looked at this as a game that would provide hope for so many cancer survivors and for so many people who are having difficulties in their lives."

— North Carolina State women's basketball team interim coach Stephanie Glance

"She always looked at this as a game that would provide hope for so many cancer survivors and for so many people who are having difficulties in their lives," said interim coach Stephanie Glance, an assistant to Yow for 15 seasons.

That energy is something Glance figures her team needs as it continues to grieve heading into Sunday's game against No. 17 Virginia. The Wolfpack (10-14, 2-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) has lost eight of 10 games, a stretch that began when Yow had to take leave from the team in

Foundation. The next year, the event raised about \$44,000.

Last season was the first in which the proceeds went to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, created in December 2007. The event raised more than \$42,000 last season.

During halftime of Sunday's game, breast cancer survivors are invited to walk onto the court in a display meant to give hope to those fighting the disease.

The Yow/WBCA fund operates in partnership with The V Foundation, the organization named after former N.C. State men's basketball coach Jim Valvano, who died of cancer in 1993. Both Valvano and Yow handled their fights against the disease publicly, speaking about the importance of raising money to find life-extending treatments and possibly a cure.

Spring camp: Bats and balls, steroids and syringes

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

It happens every spring, at least these days. Pitchers and catchers report to camps, and talk shifts from bats and balls to steroids and syringes.

From Florida to Arizona, the recent disclosures about Alex Rodriguez are topic No. 1.

"Guys that are playing right now, guys that haven't done anything, the younger guys coming up, we have to deal with that cloud," major league home run champion Ryan Howard of the Phillies said Friday. "Everyone who is playing in the present day has to deal with that cloud."

"That's more of the frustrating thing about it. The game is under this cloud," he said at the World Series champions' camp in Clearwater, Fla. "It's just a dark cloud because of the steroid use."

With spring training starting this week, there were also plenty of on-the-field questions. Among them: Can Chris Carpenter put his injuries behind him? Will Dontrelle Willis regain his control?

After shifting to Plan B — as in Boston, instead of Atlanta — John Smoltz provided an early answer about his status. The star right-hander said he doesn't expect to pitch in a game before June, about 12 months after having shoulder surgery.

"My timetable's a lot faster than most," the former Braves star said at Red Sox camp in Fort Myers, Fla. "I told them their biggest challenge for me is to tame me down because I'm a full-bore guy and I love to compete. So they've communicated it well and I look forward to the opportunities when they come."

Exhibition games begin Feb. 25. Just a reminder to Manny Ramirez, in case he decides to rejoin the Los Angeles Dodgers: They now train in Glendale, Ariz., instead of Vero Beach, Fla.

But before stats count, the suspicions will mount.

"I think anybody now who performs well or does anything well, people are going



AP photo
New York Yankees' C.C. Sabathia throws at George Steinbrenner Field during a brief workout upon arriving for the beginning of spring training in Tampa, Fla., Friday.

to definitely assume that they're doing something," Yankees newcomer CC Sabathia said in Tampa, Fla.

Sabathia said he was surprised the A-Rod scandal caused so much commotion.

"I didn't think it was going to be that huge of a deal. I mean, I just said it was unfortunate that it had to come out in the way it did," he said.

Another high-priced New York pitcher, A.J. Burnett, said he ran into Rodriguez in the Bahamas a couple of weeks ago. Burnett already has a plan on how he'll try to make the slugger comfortable.

"Just going to mess with him every day, you know, prank him every day. I'm going to be mean to him," Burnett said.

Meanwhile, fans and players and officials kept debating another aspect of the A-Rod situation: Should the names of the other 103 players who tested positive be revealed?

"I'm not here to say that because I don't know what the issues are legally, don't know what the situation is between the union and commissioner's office," Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said in Mesa, Ariz.

"I would like to just acknowledge the fact that so many people played the game clean and now that era is tarnishing them with an extremely unfair high percentage as it's listed," he said.

Torre says baseball must rebuild trust

LITCHFIELD PARK, Ariz. — Asked how long a drug cloud would hover over baseball, Joe Torre peered into the past.

"I don't know how long the Black Sox scandal lasted," the Los Angeles Dodgers manager said Friday. "It's something we're going to have to endure."

"To me, the most important thing is that we need to regain the trust and it's not something that's going to happen overnight, it's not going to be fixed overnight. It's going to take management, players, to do everything we can to recover from this. I think the healing process has to start now with all of us taking part."

Torre spoke at a news conference on the eve of the Dodgers' opening their new camp in Arizona, where they've moved from their longtime spring home in Vero Beach, Fla.

Few of the questions dealt with the Dodgers or their progress toward bringing Manny Ramirez back, with those negotiations still on hold. Most of the queries dealt with Alex Rodriguez, Torre's time as the Yankees' manager and the sport's marred image.

"Baseball has always been very proud of its past. It's one of the few sports that really never changed, so the records always pretty much meant the same," Torre said.

"But now there are going to be a lot of questions involved. That's the sad part about it, but we have to look forward and try to do something about it."

He said the news about A-Rod, who played for him for four years in New York, was particularly difficult for him to take. Rodriguez said he stopped using any substances before he joined the Yankees.

AT MIAMI, THEY'RE STILL CELEBRATING A-ROD

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Saying he had a responsibility to give back, Alex Rodriguez briefly addressed the drug scandal that has enveloped his life for the last week Friday night when Miami formally renamed its baseball field in his honor.

With his name affixed to the scoreboard in left field, Rodriguez — who was greeted by a 45-second standing ovation — spoke in public for the first time since acknowledging he took banned substances as a member of the Texas Rangers from 2001-2003.

"I have been so fortunate to have received so much from a game I love so much," Rodriguez said. "That doesn't mean I haven't made mistakes, and unless you've been in a cave under the ocean this last week, you know that I've made some."

— The Associated Press

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EMULATING A HERO

Stewart hopes to get same Daytona results as hero Foyt

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Tony Stewart's first memory of A.J. Foyt is watching him hammer on the engine of a balky IndyCar in the pits at the Indianapolis 500.

Foyt took a few whacks, then climbed back into the cockpit and roared away.

"I was amazed," Stewart said Friday while seated next to Foyt at Daytona International Speedway. "After I hit it that hard with a hammer, I wouldn't have got in and drove it."

But that's exactly the kind of fiery, win-at-all-costs mentality that Foyt saw in Stewart when they became friends a few years later.

Foyt, long retired from driving but still a car owner in the IRL's IndyCar Series, accepted Stewart's invitation to come to Daytona and watch the NASCAR star race a Chevrolet bearing the No. 14 that Foyt made famous. But these two hard-driving, temperamental men share a lot more than just a car number.

"He calls a spade a spade and kind of calls it like it is," Foyt said, glancing at Stewart. "That's what made A.J. what he is today. Good or bad, I meant everything and I really believed it. Today, they sugarcoat it. He doesn't."

Both have been known to let their tempers get the best of them at times, on and off the track. They also have similar physical characteristics — a bit on the beefy side.

"Somewhere down the line some genes must have crossed," Foyt said.

The similarities don't end there. Both have shown their talent and versatility, winning races and championships in a variety of series, from IndyCars to sprint cars to stock cars and more.

Foyt distinguished himself as a successful owner/driver, a role Stewart took on several years ago with a short-track team. Stewart expanded his ownership duties to NASCAR this year, partnering with businessman Gene Haas in Stewart-Haas Racing.

One of the two-time NASCAR champion's first decisions as a team owner



AP photo
Tony Stewart, right, talks with A.J. Foyt, left, during practice for Sunday's NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Friday.

was to ask Foyt for permission to use his No. 14 on his new ride. It's a fitting tribute since the 37-year-old Stewart likes to say he and his 74-year-old hero are like twin brothers born nearly 40 years apart.

"We just enjoy the same things," Stewart said. "But I'm proud of that."

One thing the longtime friends don't share, though, is a victory in the Daytona 500.

Foyt won NASCAR's biggest race in 1972, part of a resume that includes four Indy 500s wins and victories in both the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Daytona 24 hours.

Since making the tough decision in the late 90s to leave open-wheel racing, which was what attracted him to the sport in the beginning, Stewart has become one of NASCAR's biggest stars.

He has won races at Daytona. Just not the most important one.

Stewart has come close, finishing second in the 2004 Daytona 500 and third last February.

"Yeah, it's a little frustrating because I want to win so badly," Stewart said last week. "But I want to win every time I race, so that's nothing new. If I don't win

Harvick wins pole for Nationwide race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kevin Harvick won the pole Friday for the Nationwide Series race at Daytona International Speedway, edging Matt Kenseth and Clint Bowyer for the top starting spot.

Harvick turned a lap at 180.799 mph in a Chevrolet. Kenseth was second in a Ford with a lap at 180.448, and Bowyer was third in a Chevrolet at 180.097.

Jason Leffler was fourth, followed by Tony Stewart and Greg Biffle.

Danny O'Quinn Jr., Joey Logano, David Ragan and Carl Edwards rounded out the top 10. Sprint Cup Series drivers captured 10 of the top 13 qualifying spots for Saturday's race.

Six drivers failed to qualify, including Derrike Cope, a former Daytona 500 winner who also failed to make this year's 500.

the Daytona 500 in my career, I'm not going to sit around crying.

"But it would be something that would mean a lot to me if it happens."

Despite having only the few months since the end of last season to concentrate on getting his new team ready for 2009, Stewart already has shown he will be competitive this year.

He finished third in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout last Saturday and was second in his 150-mile qualifying race Thursday. Teammate Ryan Newman hasn't been as fortunate, running into problems with an engine failure in practice and crashing in his 150.

"I didn't come here saying, 'We're going to struggle' or 'We've got a shot to win every race every time.'" Stewart said. "It was more taking a step back and saying, 'Let's just see what happens.'"

"But I have been pleasantly surprised. I've been obviously very ecstatic that we've run the way we have. Ryan's car obviously was good in qualifying. We qualified well. We've had two good races now this week. It's been an awesome, awesome week for the organization."

Stewart credits the employees from Haas CNC Racing who stayed on, along with the ones he hired for putting him in a competitive situation so quickly.

4 bid cities for 2016 unveil plans amid recession

LONDON (AP) — The four cities vying for the 2016 Olympics released their detailed bid plans Friday, touting compact venue layouts, lasting sports legacies and financial security at a time of global economic turmoil.

More than ever, financial issues will be closely scrutinized, with each candidate trying to portray its multibillion-dollar projects as best placed to cope with the recession.

Chicago, Madrid, Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro disclosed their hefty bid documents after having submitted them earlier this week to the International Olympic Committee.

The documents run up to 600 pages and provide details on 15 criteria requested by the IOC, including plans for competition venues, infrastructure, environmental protection, accommodations, transportation, security and financing.

The IOC evaluation commission will study the bid files and visit the four cities — Chicago from April 4-7, Tokyo from April 16-19, Rio from April 29-May 2 and Madrid from May 5-8.



The panel will issue a report assessing the bids a month before the IOC votes on the host city on Oct. 2.

Organizers of the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver and 2012 London Olympics have both been forced to dip into contingency funds to cover shortfalls caused by the slowing economy and lack of private financing.

Against that backdrop, the 2016 bid cities must address the financial crunch.

Chicago organizers, whose bid relies heavily on existing and temporary venues, said Friday they have a safety net of at least \$1 billion if costs top the \$4.8 billion price tag.

The safety net includes a \$450 million "rainy day fund," as much as \$375 million in IOC cancellation insurance, another \$500 million in insurance coverage — and a "last-resort" \$500 million guarantee of taxpayer money from the city of Chicago.

Chicago, which has the support of President Barack Obama, is seeking to bring the Summer Olympics to the U.S. for the first time since the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Chicago, whose games would be centered along the

city's scenic downtown lakefront, says 22 of its 27 venues are temporary or already exist and are located within a 5-mile Olympic ring.

Tokyo, which hosted the 1964 Olympics, claims its bid is "recession proof."

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GOT ANYTHING?
NOPE.
THEN WHAT ARE YOU LEANING ON THAT ROCK FOR?
JOBS
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JOBS

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WELL, THAT WAS FUN!
YEAH, WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART?
I'M A GUY. I LIKED THE CONCEPT STROLLERS.
I'M A KID. I LIKED THE TOYS.
I'M A GIRL. I LIKED THE CUTE CLOTHES.
WANDA...?
I'M A NOM. I LIKED JUST GETTING OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

WAIT! I'M BOUND BY DUTY AND HONOR TO WALK YOU HOME
WELL, CHIVALRY IS NOT DEAD
NEITHER IS INSINCERITY

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, HONEY!
OH, THANK YOU, DEAR
IT'S ONE OF THOSE NEW SINGING CARDS!
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR IT!
A LOT OF THE ACTUAL VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS WERE PRETTY WELL PICKED OVER
CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE HEAVEN ON EARTH WITH AN ONION SLICE

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I REHIRED DILBERT FOR A SALARY MUCH LOWER THAN HIS PREVIOUS PAY.
THAT MAKES THE REST OF YOU OVERPAID AND EXPENDABLE. PLEASE WELCOME HIM BACK.
TODAY YOU LEARNED THAT HUGGING HAS A DARK SIDE.
HOW ABOUT A HUG?

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Miss O? Any good story leads for mah Rested Development newsletter?
Well, there's the effect the economy is having on the elderly's nest eggs.
Buh. It's been done!
Oh! You could do a piece on how seniors are embracing the Internet for some extra income!
We're contemplating eliminating a pudding flavor in the café...
It's tapioca, ain't it? The ugly ducklin' of desserts!
Too much research!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WAAAAAHHH! AHHH--WAAAAA
OH, LIZZIE... NOT AGAIN!
HICK! SNUFFLE HIC! SNERK SNUFFLE--ZZZZZ
ZZZZZZ
AAAAAAA WAAAAAHHH! HHHH AAAA
THIS IS WHEN SYMPATHY TURNS INTO... "SNARL!"
WHINE WAAH! SARK SNFL

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
ERNE TOOK TIME TO SMELL THE ROSES AND HE REALIZED THEY WERE \$50 PER DOZEN.

Garfield By Jim Davis

DID YOU LEAVE ARMANDO A NICE TIP?
OF COURSE
SEE? HE'S WAVING!
WITH HIS FIST?
RIGHT ON, ARMANDO!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HELGA, I'VE DEFINITELY DECIDED TO GO ON A DIET TOMORROW!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS MAKE THAT DECISION RIGHT BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP?
BECAUSE THAT'S THE EASIEST TIME TO DECIDE TO GO ON A DIET!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I'M TAKING IRMA TO DINNER FOR VALENTINE'S DAY.
THAT'S NICE.
AND I'M CELEBRATING THE END OF FOOTBALL SEASON!!

Luann By Greg Evans

THE WHITE HOUSE IS THE ONLY PRIVATE RESIDENCE OF A HEAD OF STATE THAT'S OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, FREE OF CHARGE
WONDER IF HE'S HOME?
HELLO, MR. PRESIDENT!
HE'S AT THE WINDOW... MOUTHING SOMETHING... "HELLO! YOU LOOK TIRED AND HUNGRY... COME ON IN... WE'LL HAVE LUNCH"
WHAT A GREAT GUY! SO WHERE'S THE FRONT DOOR?

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Dear Mom, This has been a bad day. The rain and the shooting were stop.
And I didn't get any Valentines.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

DUDE, WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
OH, IT'S PROBABLY ME. THERE'S A DROUGHT, SO I'VE STOPPED SHOWERING.
SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO-- JUST GO AROUND SMELLING AWFUL??
OH, NO, NO, SILLY, EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES, I RUB 'SPEED STICK' ALL OVER MY FACE.
DUDE. Mmmmmmm Feels goooooood.

Pickles By Brian Crane

WOULDN'T IT BE AWFUL TO GET TO THE END OF YOUR LIFE AND FIND THAT NO ONE IS SORRY TO SEE YOU GO?
YES, I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE.
THAT'S WHY I TRY TO LIVE MY LIFE IN SUCH A WAY THAT MY LOVED ONES WILL BE SAD WHEN I'M GONE.
I SEE. SO YOUR FINAL GOAL IN LIFE IS TO MAKE ME SAD. THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU!

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

I HOPE I CAN FILL IT IN TIME!
I AM FED UP WITH THIS WEATHER! I CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH.
BEACHBALL BREATH: A QUICK REMEDY FOR WINTER WOES!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

TO WHOM ONE AND ONLY VALENTINE! from your SUPER-SECRET ADMIRER
FROM JEFFREY?
WHO KNOWS? IT WAS SENT ANONYMOUSLY. BUT I REALLY HOPE...

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"VALENTINE'S DAY IS ONE HOLIDAY I CAN DO WITHOUT."

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WILL I SPEND VALENTINE'S DAY WITH SOMEONE SPECIAL?
I SEE LONG LEGS, CURVY HIPS AND A FLOWING NECKLINE
IS IT LADY GWEN?
YOUR HORSE

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Valentine's Day
CLICK! PREEEEEEEE
HEY! WHOA!
SIGH!
YOU'RE STILL OPEN, RIGHT?

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COMMUNITY NEWS

21 tournament to be held in Rupert

The Shocky Sheet Metal Relay for Life team will host a 21 tournament at 2 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S., 200 W., Rupert.

There is a \$25 buy-in with \$15 buy-back available.

Prizes and food provided. Seating is limited, so make reservations by calling Ike, 670-3814 or Patty, 670-2975.

Trinity Lutheran to host parenting workshop

Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert is hosting a free three-week parenting workshop titled "Parenting Families from Me to We."

Everyone is welcome to the workshop including parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone who works or lives with children. Parenting can be a joyous, challenging and downright tough job, so take some time to learn practical strategies that you can put to use today to improve attitudes and relationships.

Workshops will be held 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20, 27 and March 6 at the church. Refreshments will be provided.

Information: 436-3413.

Oakley arts council to award scholarship

Oakley Valley Arts Council is accepting applications for the 2009 Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded to local high school seniors who have participated in the arts.

Aaron and Gloria Johnson were killed in an accident several years ago and this scholarship was set up to remember their contributions to the arts and Oakley Valley Arts Council. 2008 winners were Eliza Christensen from Burley and Temperance Davis from Oakley.

Applications can be downloaded at www.oakleyvalleyarts.org or obtained from high school counselors. They must be postmarked no later than March 25.

Send completed forms to: Oakley Valley Arts Council, 160 North Blaine Ave., P.O. Box 176, Oakley, ID 83346.

New book, movie titles available at library

The Burley Public Library announced its new book list.

Adult fiction
"What I did for Love" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips, "Echo" by C.L. Kelly, "Under the Radar" by Fern Michaels, "Wicked Game" by Lisa Jackson and Nancy Bush.

Adult non-fiction
"Mistress of the monarchy" by Alison Weir, "The Love Dare" by Stephen and Alex Kendrick, "Patent, Copyright & Trademark" Richard Stim.

Movies
Aquamarine, Ever After, Ray, Spider-Man, Mary Poppins.

Audio
"The Associate" by James Patterson.

Young adult fiction
"Extras" and "Specials" by Scott Westerfeld, "The Battle of the Labyrinth" by Rick Riordan, "Power of Three Warriors" by Erin Hunter.

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Special delivery for Valentine's Day

Buhl kids make holiday cards for area seniors

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — With a quick visit by school children and the receipt of a pink, cheerfully decorated Valentine's Day card, Grace Fairchild's day was made.

"Oh, I love to see kids. They are real cute," said Fairchild, a resident at Buhl's Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center.

On Thursday the center was visited by members of the Popplewell Elementary School K-Kids Club. Last month the club created 75 Valentine's Day cards for the outing, which will have lingering effects on both the students and nursing home residents.

"It is always special when the kids visit. It lifts the residents' spirits," said Pam Alvarez, an activities director at the center. "The area kids do a lot for our facility, we're really lucky.



Grace Fairchild, a resident of Buhl's Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center, hugs Roberto Miranda during the Popplewell Elementary School's K-Kids Club visit to the center to deliver handmade Valentine's Day cards to the seniors.

We are very honored they remember us and do these kinds of things."

The trip to Snake River Rehab was a first for 10-year-old Alexis Valdez, who said she was a little scared at first.

"My brother said old people are mean but that wasn't true," Valdez

said. "The lady I gave my card to, I thought she was very happy and very nice. It made me very happy."

Now that her fear has been debunked, Valdez is prepared to come back to the center.

"After seeing how happy they were to get their cards it made me

Photos by BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News



Grace Fairchild looks over the Valentine's Day card she received from the Buhl K-Kids Club of Popplewell Elementary School. Fairchild said the visit and small gift were a special treat, especially since she doesn't get to see her own grandchildren very often.

want to do it again next year," Valdez said.

In the meantime, Roberto Miranda, 12, is glad to have made a positive impact on Fairchild's holiday. He didn't mind that she grabbed him for a quick hug.

"It feels pretty good to be here," he said.

And the residents felt pretty good they came.

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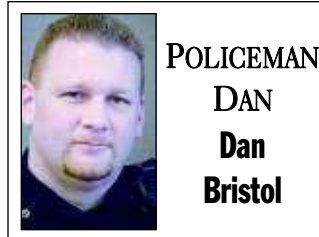
Go ahead and search your teenager's room

Q: I was told that if my teenager puts a lock on his or her door that I could be charged with trespassing if I went into their room. Is that true?

A: Teenagers have no rights, except to study hard and do what their parents tell them. (I can hear the cheers and jeers already.)

The simple truth is that if you are not charging your teenager (18 or older) rent, you have the right to not only go into the room but also look through their stuff. I'd go as far to say that a teenager who had a problem with me looking through their room would make me more determined to do just that.

I know parents don't want their children angry with them but the simple fact is that you are the almighty parent and they



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Bristol

are the subservient children until they move out. Besides, children need parents — not best friends — because a parent who is also their child's best friend is neither a parent nor a best friend.

Q: I have recently become aware of human trafficking and the sad stories that go along with it. Does Idaho have any laws regarding human trafficking?

A: Yes, Idaho does have laws in regards to human trafficking (Idaho Code 18-8601 to 8605). Thankfully, I

haven't heard of any court cases yet.

Human trafficking, for those of you who don't know, is technically slavery. Most of the victims seem to be foreigners brought to our country with the promise of freedom when in fact they get used as prostitutes or forced laborers and promised that after serving a certain amount of time they will be given freedom, which usually never happens.

The sad part is that a lot of these victims are teenage children who have no clue as to what they can and can't do in this country. They are often told lies to make them fear going to the authorities for help. Often in the United States, runaways are prime targets for traffickers.

Humantrafficking.org estimates that between

100,000 and 300,000 runaways are at risk for sex trafficking each year.

The penalty for anybody caught trafficking humans in Idaho is a maximum of 25 years in prison unless there are other crimes committed that have more severe penalties. The federal government would more than likely come in with charges as well.

Best answer ... ever

Katie Couric, while interviewing a Marine sniper, once asked: "What do you feel ... when you shoot a terrorist?"

The Marine shrugged and replied, "A slight recoil."

Oops

I have to make a correction on an error I made sev-

eral weeks back. You do not have to have a motorcycle endorsement to ride an ATV on public roads. I apologize to anybody that started studying for his or her endorsement. But hey, if you got it then maybe a new road bike is in your future too.

Officer down

Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty, and his family in your prayers. God bless this hero.

• Sgt. Greg Hernandez, Tulare County Sheriff's Department in California.

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.

VOLUNTEERS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS



The Minidoka Memorial Hospital Volunteers recently awarded four \$500 scholarships to help students who are in college taking health-related classes. Applications for the scholarship are accepted every December and awarded in January. ABOVE LEFT, from left: volunteer Irene Maxson, student Jill Olson, and volunteers Mae Bubel and Ruth Hodges. ABOVE RIGHT: Other recipients included Roanne Mancari, left; Kevin Bean, third from left; and Melissa Bedke, second from right.

Though painful, costochondritis is temporary and not contagious

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with costochondritis and have been unable to determine what causes the inflammation. I swim daily and work part-time. Is this a contagious illness I have picked up?

My doctor did not give me any medication except Indocin for pain. My chest and back hurt, and I am extremely tired. I have not had any trauma or viral respiratory infections recently,



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

have never smoked, nor did I go near people that smoke.

X-rays were taken, and my doctor said my lungs are clear. I have had no surgeries. I take vitamins, exercise

and try to maintain a healthy life. The doctor said it could last as long as three weeks.

Please give me your thoughts on this illness.

DEAR READER: Costochondritis is an inflammation of the cartilage that connects the ribs to the breastbone, resulting in sharp pain. When accompanied by swelling, the condition is known as Tietze syndrome. One or more rib cartilages can be involved and

can cause severe pain that may radiate to the neck, shoulder or arm, mimicking the pain of a heart attack. Injury, infection and fibromyalgia are common causes; however, in some cases there is no apparent cause.

Your physician obviously scheduled an X-ray to rule out other conditions, since costochondritis cannot be seen through any imaging test. In fact, it is diagnosed

through history, examination and hands-on palpation over the area. It differs from a cardiac-related condition in that the pain from an attack is more widespread, while this pain is focused in a much smaller area.

Pain relief is obtained through nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, muscle relaxants and, in some cases, antidepressants. Rest, heat and moderate exercise that doesn't aggravate the condi-

tion will also be beneficial. You do not have a contagious condition. It most often subsides in about two weeks. Obviously, you are beyond that time frame and are still experiencing pain. If your swimming involves stretching your arms out in front of you, modify your strokes to allow healing to occur.

Peter Gott is a retired physician.

VA looks to streamline HIV testing, counseling

If the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs didn't need separate written consent for HIV testing and counseling for veterans using its facilities, it would double the number of people being tested and provide early treatment for more people, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

About 125,000 HIV tests are conducted each year with written consent. The number would increase to 200,000 in 2009 and to more than 250,000 in 2010 and beyond, if comprehensive testing is allowed. The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee wants approval of comprehensive testing, but one obstacle could be treatment costs. By testing twice as many veterans, VA could expect to have an

VETERANS CORNER George Schwindeman

additional 1,600 newly diagnosed veterans in 2009 with average annual treatment costs of \$27,000, according to the nonpartisan budget office.

Additional dental care for the pregnant

Pregnant women covered by Tricare can receive an additional teeth cleaning at no cost under an enhancement approved by the Tricare Management Activity.

In response to research indicating a higher risk of dental disease during pregnancy that may be linked to

preterm and low-birth weight babies, the change allows for a third cleaning for mothers-to-be in a 12-month period, rather than the normal two. Tricare announced the change in August, although it actually took effect in June.

According to the American Dental Association Web site, gingivitis, which can cause red, puffy or tender gums, is especially common during pregnancy. The gums tend to bleed during brushing, and the sensitivity is caused by an exaggerated response to plaque, which in turn is caused by the increased amount of progesterone in a pregnant woman's body.

George Schwindeman is a veteran who lives in Rupert.

Community

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Area students named to dean's list at ISU

The Idaho State University 2008 fall semester dean's list for the College of Education has been announced by Deborah L. Hedeon, Ph.D., dean of the college.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have at least 12 semester credits and a 3.66 grade point average.

Mini-cassia students include: Burley: Kalli Hokanson; Declo: Nicole Anderson; Heyburn: Marciela Larios and Demarice Zemke; Oakley: Karen Westover; Paul: Stephanie Harris; Rupert: Katy Anderson.

Retired educators hear expert on rangeland

The Mini-Cassia Retired Educators Association held its January meeting with guest speaker Professor Kelly Crane.

Crane, who has a doctorate in rangeland ecology and management, is the rangeland extension specialist at a Twin Falls research facility.

He gave a talk on rangeland management, which has a big place in Idaho, where 44 percent of land is rangeland.

At the Feb. 9 meeting at Connor's Cafe, the guest speaker was Jason Scribner, the new director of the Idaho Youth Ranch. Information: Linda Croft, 679-0339.

BJ Duplicate Bridge announces results

The BJ Duplicate Bridge

Club in Rupert has announced the results of Tuesday play.

North-South: 1. Marian Snow and Lila Bumann, 2. Sheila Hubsmith and Mildred Wolf, 3. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie, 4. Warren and Faun McEntire.

East-West: 1. Jane Keicher and Donna Moore, 2. Clarence and Sylvia Neiwert, 3. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 4. Peggy Payne and Dona Kunau.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. Information: Steve Sams, 878-3997 or Vera Mai, 436-163.

— From staff reports



2009 Best of Mini-Cassia

It's time to vote for your favorites!

It's time for you, our readers, to vote for the best of Mini-Cassia. This year we have new categories and we need your input. Please take the questionnaire below, and vote in as many categories as you would like, and return this ballot to the Times-News by Monday, February 16, 2009. We will publish a special pull-out section in February announcing the winners as chosen by our readers. Winning businesses and individuals will receive a certificate proclaiming them Best of Mini-Cassia 2009.

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Deadline for Best of Mini-Cassia is February 16th. Look for results in the February 28th Times-News.

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Pope plans trip to Israel

Benedict XVI says church committed to reject anti-Semitism

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI told American Jewish leaders Thursday that he plans to visit Israel in May, coupling the long-awaited announcement with his strongest condemnation of Holocaust denial.

The 81-year-old pope assured the group that the Catholic Church was “profoundly and irrevocably committed to reject all anti-

Semitism,” helping to ease Jewish furor that followed the pope’s reinstatement of an ultraconservative bishop who questioned the extent of the Holocaust.

“Such warmth, with an outstretched hand,” said New York Rabbi Arthur Schneier, a Holocaust survivor, after the audience in the frescoed Consistory Hall. “The visit is on, no hesitation, reservations.”

There has been only one other official visit by a pope

to the Jewish state. Both sides said it will take place in May.

The trip, talked about since the start of the German pope’s papacy in 2005, has been up in the air for some time due to problems raised by both sides.

The latest jolt came when Benedict last month lifted the excommunications of four ultraconservative bishops — one of whom denied that Jews were gassed by the Nazis during World War II.

Protests by Jews, the pope’s own bishops in Germany and German Chancellor Angela Merkel led the Vatican to demand the bishop recant, easing tensions and leading to Thursday’s meeting with more than 60 representatives of American Jewish organizations.

Addressing the group in English as they sat in chairs before him, Benedict called the slaughter of 6 million Jews a crime against God.

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Pope Benedict XVI, center, receives a gift from Rabbi Arthur Schneier, senior Rabbi at Park East Synagogue in New York, left, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, on the occasion of an audience with about 60 American Jewish leaders, at the Vatican on Thursday.
AP photo



POLYGAMY’S PAST

New book chronicles early polygamy among Mormons

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — If the past is a window to the present, then a new book about polygamy among early Mormons could be a portal to understanding where some contemporary Utah polygamists have found inspiration for their way of life.

From child brides and secret ceremonies to their defiance of marriage laws, the narrative in “Nauvoo Polygamy,” by George D. Smith illustrates the development and breadth of polygamy as it was first practiced in the 1840s by some members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints living in Nauvoo, Ill.

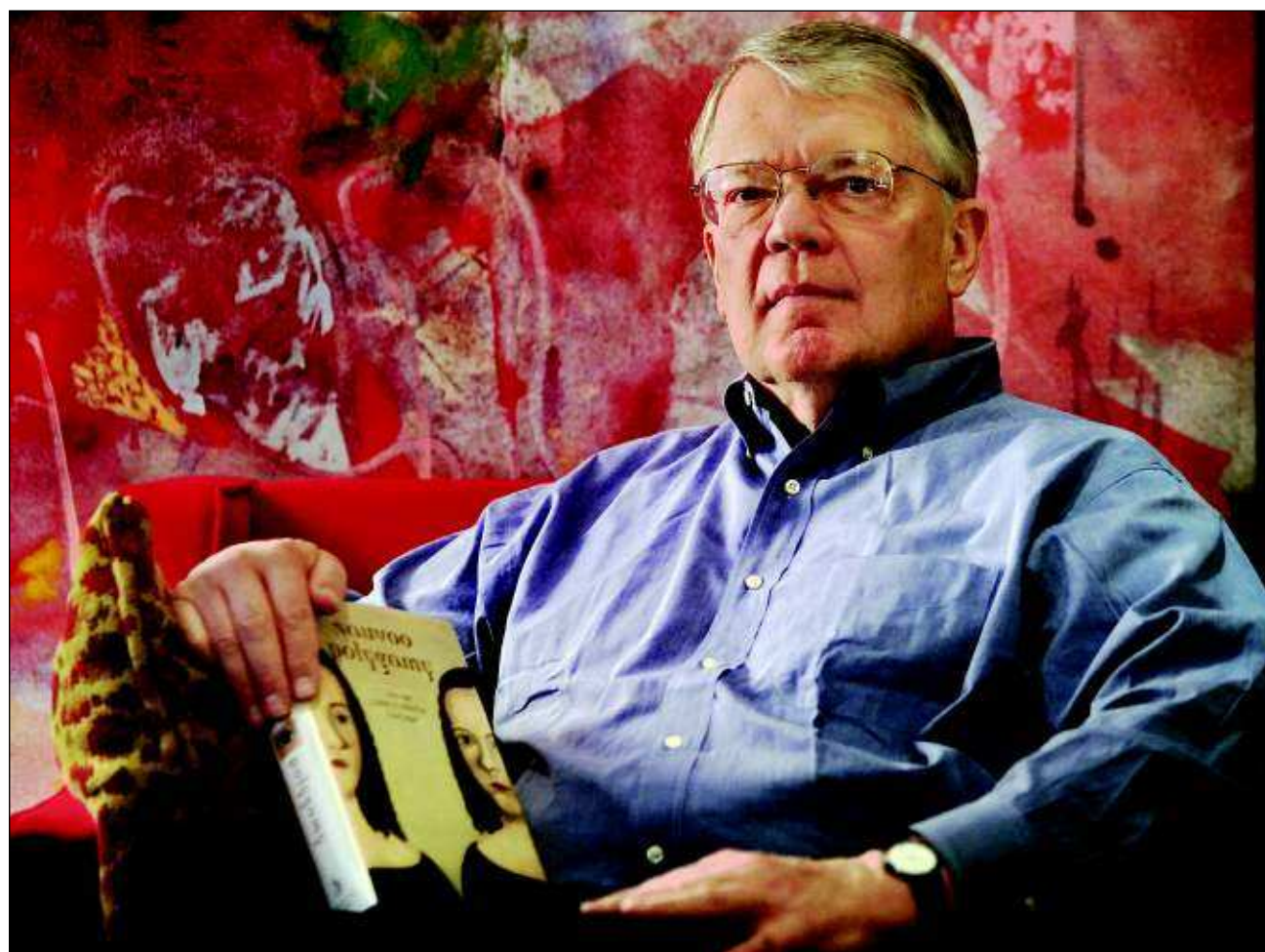
“It changes our understanding of a plurality of wives,” polygamy historian Martha Sontag Bradley said of the book. “It provides indisputable, quantifiable evidence that the scope of plural marriage was more broad and deep than we had imagined.”

In nearly 700 pages, the book weaves the story of church founder Joseph Smith’s relationships with the more than 30 women he married and how he persuaded his closest followers that “celestial marriage” was a sacred and essential religious practice.

In addition, more than 70 pages of charts uniquely chronicle Illinois marriages between 196 Mormon men and 717 women — about four wives to each man — including the dates of the unions and, when available, the ages of husbands and wives.

The records show more than 200 of the brides were 17 or younger. Often they married men 10 or more years older, including 12-year-old Mary Ann Williams whose husband was 43 when they married in 1856.

The data are somewhat similar to marriage and family records seized



George D. Smith poses for a portrait with a copy of his new book ‘Nauvoo Polygamy’ on Feb. 4 during a visit to New York.

AP photos

last year from a Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints ranch in a raid by Texas authorities. One of Utah’s largest polygamous groups, the traditionally insular FLDS closely follow Joseph Smith’s original teachings.

Publicity and rumor have swirled around the FLDS since 2006, when church leader Warren Jeffs was arrested and then convicted in Utah of rape as an accomplice for his role in the 2001 marriage of a 14-year-old follower to her cousin.

In Texas, a dozen FLDS men, including Jeffs, have been charged with crimes ranging from sexual assault of a child to failure to report child abuse. Jeffs, 53, is accused of a sexual assault involving a 12-year-old girl he is said to have married.

“It was all laid out in Nauvoo,” said Bradley. “The (book’s) view on plural marriage in its earliest and

subterranean years suggest that underage marriage has always been a part of the story.”

The Texas raid in some ways echoes Nauvoo, where polygamy fueled such public anger that Smith was killed and Mormons were run out of Illinois.

“Just looking at Texas it does give you a certain amount of empathy with how Mormons were viewed in the 1840s,” George D. Smith said.

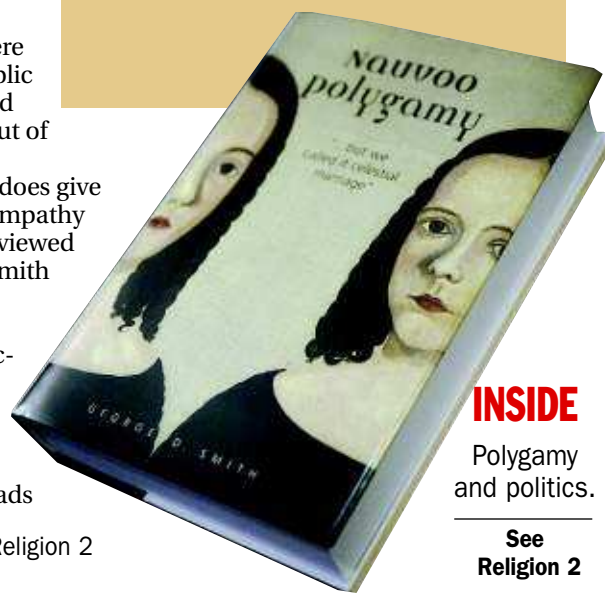
Currently, FLDS leaders say the faith does not practice or condone underage marriage.

Whether in the 1840s or today, fundamentalists believe plural marriage leads

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Polygamy and politics.

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Archaeologists search for unbaptized babies’ grave

By Shawn Pogatchnik
Associated Press writer

DUBLIN — Archaeologists began searching Tuesday for unmarked mass graves containing hundreds of unbaptized babies and infants buried by the Catholic Church on the edge of a Belfast cemetery.

Unlike many other Christian churches, the Catholic Church teaches that baptism is essential for a soul to enter heaven and therefore the ritual must take place as near to birth as possible. For decades, newborns and infants who die before baptism were deemed ineligible for salvation and were not buried on consecrated, or holy, ground.

Individual priests in Belfast began loosening that restriction in the 1980s as families demanded the right to bury their youngest loved ones in marked family plots.

“We’re coming out of what we can only regard as a mistaken theology of a hundred years ago,” said the Rev. John McManus, a Belfast priest who has been working with local families demanding that their children’s resting place be mapped, marked and preserved. “People have been carrying the grief and burden of losing a child for decades. It’s important we get this right.”

Although Catholics have long believed that children who die without being baptized are with original sin and thus excluded from heaven, the Church has no formal doctrine on the matter. Theologians long taught that such children enjoy an eternal state of perfect natural happiness, a state commonly called limbo, but without being in communion with God.

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI reversed centuries of that teaching by approving a report by the International Theological Commission, a Vatican advisory panel, that said there were “serious”

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Church of England debates allowing women bishops

By Robert Barr
Associated Press writer

LONDON — The Church of England’s governing body, seeking to bridge stubborn differences over allowing women to become bishops, on Wednesday voted to have a committee refine a compromise that would let traditionalist parishes be overseen by men.

Though bitterly torn over homosexuality, the 77 million-member worldwide Anglican Communion has lived with differences about women as priests and bishops.

Within the Church of England, sharp differences over the role of women were evident in the debate, though past votes indicate that a larger number within the church support female bishops.

The proposal before the governing General Synod was designed to allow parishes that reject women’s ministry to be overseen by male bishops. Tuesday’s vote sent the proposed structure to a committee empowered to make amendments and bring the plan back later for more debate.

“It seems to me that it is really

important that we get on with this,” said John Gladwin, the bishop of Chelmsford. “Many of us have been waiting long enough.”

But the proposal met with scorn from both sides.

“I tend to agree with the friend of mine who described these proposals as a jigsaw put together with a hammer — some of the pieces don’t quite fit properly,” said Christina Rees, an advocate for women bishops.

But the Rev. Rod Thomas, a traditionalist, said the proposal “leaves us very clearly with a feeling that our ministry in the church is simply

being tolerated rather than being given the space where our ministry is encouraged to flourish.”

Church of England officials say it is unlikely that any woman would be consecrated as a bishop before 2014. The church has ordained women as priests since 1994, and nearly half the priests in training now are women.

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the spiritual leader of the Church of England, told synod delegates on Tuesday that differences over the role of women in the church would not go away, and that

both sides would have to accept compromise.

“All of us — and I do emphatically mean liberals as well as traditionalists — have a bit of us that is in love with purity, that wants to find in the other a perfect echo of ourselves and to be able to present to the world outside a united face,” Williams said.

“Traditionalist opponents of women in the episcopate (the office of bishop) have long since acknowledged that it is likely to come and

See **BISHOPS**, Religion 3

St. Joseph priest follows calling

Man transformed from FBI agent

By Erin Wisdom
St. Joseph News-Press (Mo.)

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The calling to be a priest didn't come like he thought it might, in an audible voice or an instant assurance. So Angelo Bartulica decided to be an FBI agent instead.

The 34-year-old St. Joseph native, who was set to celebrate his first Mass in early January as pastor of St. John LaLande Catholic Church in Blue Springs, Mo., grew up looking up to priests — ones that around fifth grade he began to notice had a certain joy he wanted to have himself.

The journey to actually becoming one of them, however, didn't begin until much later, after he'd graduated from Missouri Western State University with a criminal justice degree and had joined the Knights of Columbus in order to bulk up the resume he would include with law school applications.

Despite these plans, something resonated with the Rev. Bartulica when a fellow Knights of Columbus mem-

ber happened to ask him if he'd ever thought of being a priest.

"I saw it as maybe being a confirmation," of the pull toward priesthood he'd felt as a child, he says.

So instead of law school, he entered Conception (Mo.) Seminary College in January 1998, knowing that even if he ultimately decided against going into the priesthood, he'd still come away a better Catholic.

What he didn't know was how much uncertainty would fill the next decade.

This uncertainty caused him to turn back twice — once after his first semester of seminary, as he questioned his ability to live a celibate life, and another time after he'd graduated and was serving a pastoral internship. The first time, he spent a year teaching at a parish school. The second, he worked at a bar in Kansas City's Westport district and then decided to go to law school, after all, but didn't find a strong sense of purpose in it.

What he did find, however, was a friend who wasn't at all surprised when he decided to return to his pursuit of priesthood.

"After knowing him just a few weeks, I knew it was his

calling," says Taylor Crouse, who was Bartulica's roommate during the year he spent in law school and who later converted to Catholicism due to Bartulica's influence. "He was always reading Catholic Web sites and blogs, and I just knew it was only a matter of time before he felt the calling to go back."

And when he did, Crouse adds, "I don't think a more careful and contemplative decision had ever been made." It was a decision, too, that Bartulica was sure about this time. Unable to go right back to seminary because he had dated during his time away, he spent a year teaching at St. Monica Catholic School in Kansas City before completing his last year of preparation for priesthood at Mundelein (Ill.) Seminary.

He graduated in May, and on Dec. 20, he was ordained a priest. There were nerves that morning, he says, because he was, after all, making a life-long commitment. But after years of fear and uncertainty, he'd come to trust that God would work through him and use him even in his weaknesses.

"God was calling me to be a priest," he adds, "and I knew



that unless I responded to that, I wasn't going to be happy in life."

Also very happy the day of Bartulica's ordination was Kelly Tighe, who taught Bible school at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church when he was in high school. Although she never had him in class, Tighe noticed Bartulica and his brother during Mass and was certain, somehow, that one of them would become a priest.

Years later — and knowing him much better — she's even more certain of his calling.

"I love him because he's very down to earth. He's simple, and he's young," she says. "That youth and that vulnerability is how you know (his calling) really is from God."

She's not surprised his path to becoming a priest was long, she adds, noting that others throughout the church's history — such as St. Theresa and St. Patrick — also faced trials in fulfilling their callings.

Looking back, Bartulica doesn't mind the twists and turns he took in reaching his destination, either.

"I have no regrets," he says, "because it gave me a lot of life experience I believe will help me in ministry."



AP photo
Members of the General Synod of the Church of England take part in a debate, in London, Wednesday. The Church of England's governing body, seeking to bridge stubborn differences over allowing women to become bishops, was expected to vote on a compromise that would let traditional parishes be overseen by women.

Bishops

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that they must find ways of living with the results; and those who passionately believe it to be right and good for the church's health have acknowledged that opponents are not going to disappear," Williams added.

"Both have to some extent turned their backs on the fantasy of a church that is 'pure' in their own terms, in favor of a church that is honest about its diversity, even when that diversity seems at first embarrassing and unwelcome."

Fourteen Anglican churches around the world have authorized women to serve as bishops, though only four have gone ahead to elect one. The Episcopal Church in the United States was the first to have a woman as bishop, in

1989, followed by Anglican bodies in New Zealand, Canada and Cuba. The U.S. Episcopal Church is now led by a woman, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori.

The Roman Catholic Church, which admits only men to the priesthood, has warned the Church of England against authorizing female bishops.

"Such a decision signifies a breaking away from the apostolic tradition maintained by all of the churches since the first millennium, and therefore is a further obstacle for the reconciliation between the Catholic Church and the Church of England," said a statement in July by Cardinal Walter Kasper, head of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

Pope

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The Vatican said Benedict did not know about the views of Bishop Richard Williamson when he agreed to lift the excommunication, but he clearly referred to him Thursday.

"The hatred and contempt for men, women and children that was manifested in the Shoah was a crime against God and against humanity," Benedict told the visiting leaders, using the Hebrew term for the Holocaust. "This should be clear to everyone, especially to those standing in the tradition of the Holy Scriptures."

Jewish leaders applauded his comments, most saying the crisis with the church over Williamson's comments was over.

"We came here with heavy hearts because of recent events, but we came away pleased and honored by the words of His Holiness," Malcolm Hoenlein, vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told reporters.

Abraham Foxman, a Holocaust survivor and the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said the Vatican should excommunicate Williamson again because of his remarks.

"Every moment that he stays in the church gives him

credibility," he told reporters after the meeting.

"Today's statement was important but it did not bring closure," he said. "You cannot condemn Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism and reinstate someone who to this day continues to be an anti-Semite and deny the Holocaust."

In an interview with Swedish state TV broadcast Jan. 21, Williamson said only about 200,000 to 300,000 Jews were killed, none of them gassed.

Williamson has apologized for causing distress to the pope, but has not recanted. He said he would correct himself if he is satisfied by the evidence, but insisted in an interview with the German magazine Der Spiegel that examining it "will take time."

Benedict's trip had been planned before the Williamson affair surfaced.

Pope John Paul II made the first official visit in 2000, moving many when he prayed at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

The only other visit by a pope, in 1964, reflected the strained nature of the relationship in those years. Pope Paul VI spent only part of one day in Israel, never ventured into Jewish west Jerusalem nor uttered the word "Israel" in public.

But while both sides have since forged formal diplo-

matic ties, the relationship has suffered bumps and strains.

The Vatican is upset with a caption under a photo of World War II Pope Pius XII at Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial. It alleges that Pius didn't protest as Nazis rounded up Jews in Europe and sent them to their deaths.

In turn, Israel was upset when senior Vatican Cardinal Renato Martino said Gaza during Israel recent military offensive resembled a "big concentration camp."

Rabbi David Rosen said the Israel visit is planned for May and that the pope told him Thursday he hopes it will be "a sign of peace" for the Middle East.

"The pope's language was very clear," Rosen said. "It was a very strong and quite moving affirmation of his commitment to Catholic-

Jewish relations and opposition to anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial."

Benedict visited Israel when he was a cardinal in 1994.

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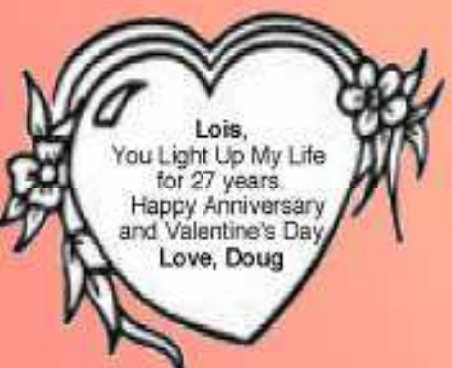
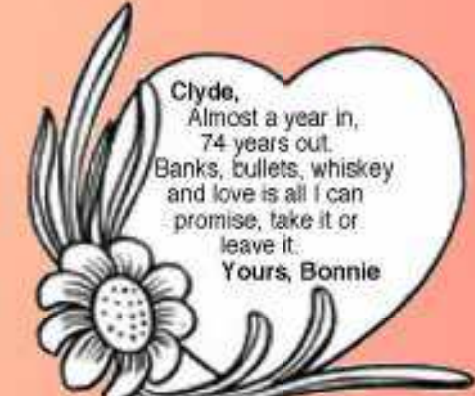
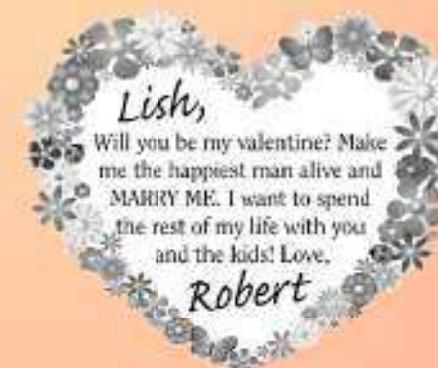
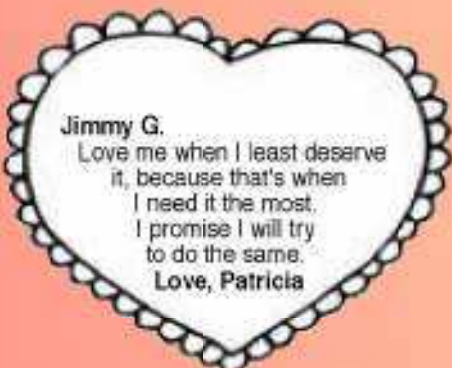
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2 Omit in pronunciation
3 Impromptu
4 GM makes
5 Hence
6 Hebrew prophet
7 Clear material
8 Sch. near Harvard
9 Swallows
10 "Safety Last" star
11 Father of Italy
12 "Norma" song
13 Spanish province
21 Unbroken stretch
23 Daiquiri requirement
26 One of the Ionian Islands
29 Film version
31 Soda-shop orders
33 Web makeup
34 Largo and Longboat
35 Healing sign
36 Artist Cezanne

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38 Painter Picasso
39 Japanese auto maker
43 Closely coiled
46 Stridently loud
48 Hog
52 Of punishment
54 Musical show
56 Repair again
57 Eat away at
58 Pompous fools
59 Narrow cut
60 Long, long time
61 Top review
63 Stray off course
66 Turner or Mack

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