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Obama sets timetable for Iraq

By Karen DeYoung
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Obama Friday fulfilled a campaign promise by setting a date for the withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from Iraq, declaring that while the country they will leave behind will not be perfect, the United States will have reached its “achievable goals” and must move on.

By the August 2010 deadline he set, American troops will have been at war for nearly 7 1/2 years in Iraq, a duration

surpassed only by that of the Vietnam War, at more than eight years, and the ongoing Afghanistan conflict, which began in 2001.

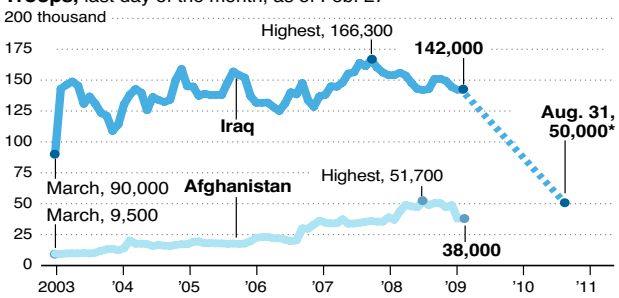
Just a day after he transformed the domestic political landscape with a breathtakingly bold budget plan, Obama chose a far more cautious approach to his administration’s most momentous foreign policy decision thus far, adopting a timetable that positioned him squarely on the side of

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Drawing down troops in Iraq

President Barack Obama announced that roughly 100,000 U.S. troops will be pulled out of Iraq during the next 18 months.

Troops, last day of the month, as of Feb. 27



*After the drawdown, 35,000 to 50,000 U.S. troops will stay in Iraq under a new mission of training, civilian protection and counterterrorism.

SOURCE: Department of Defense

It's not just grazing as usual

Judge: BLM must reexamine grazing permits in wake of fire

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management needs to re-evaluate the way it handles grazing authorizations on more than 600,000 acres burned by the 2007 Murphy Complex Fire, a federal judge has said.

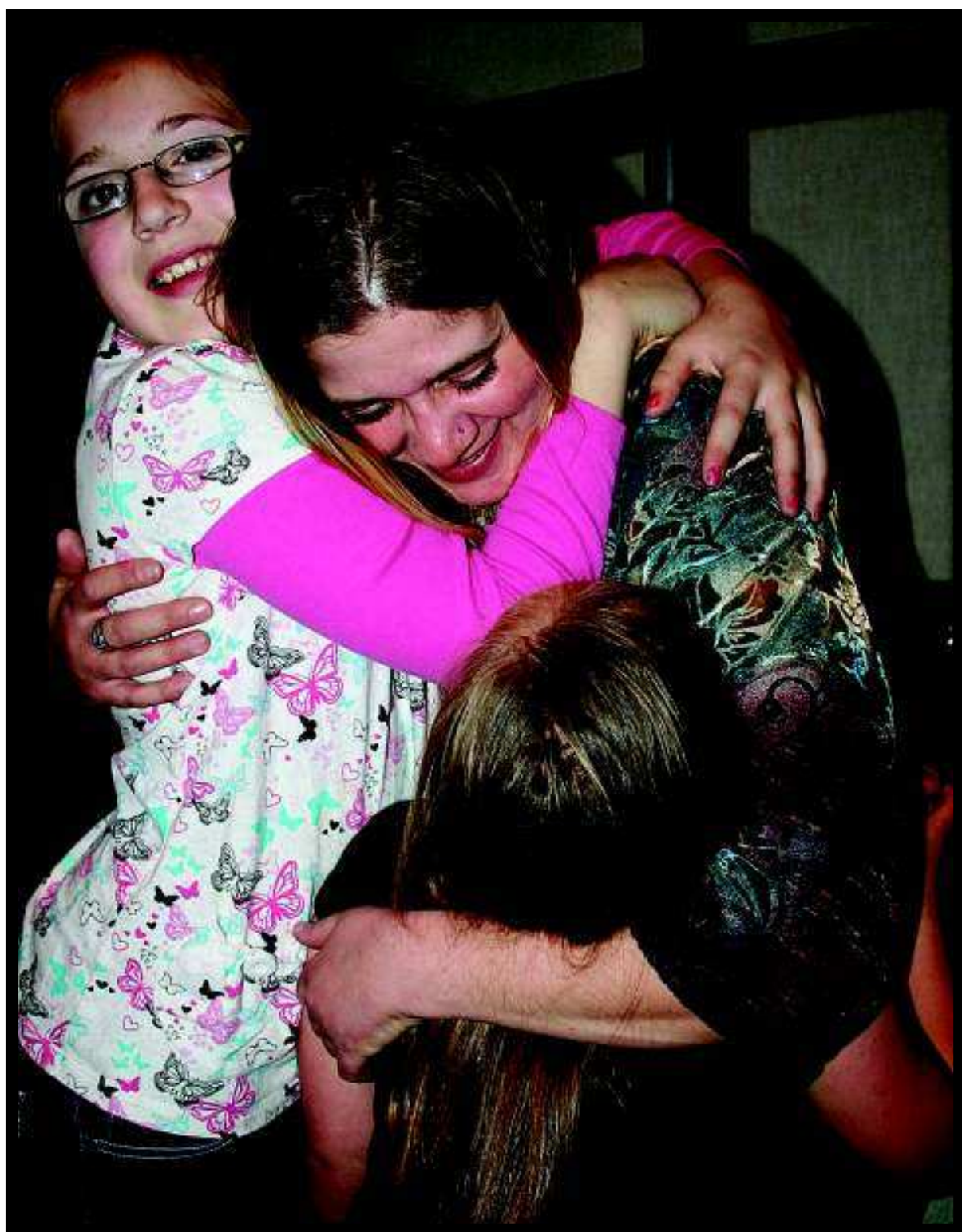
In a preliminary injunction issued Thursday, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill wrote that the agency has to abandon its “grazing-as-usual model” it

used in 2008 and examine the effect livestock grazing has on sensitive species in the area.

Ranchers and environmentalists clashed over the role grazing played in the massive blaze, as well as the practice’s continued effects on the land. The ruling was the latest in a case started last year when the Hailey-based Western Watersheds Project sued the BLM over its actions in the wake of the

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New beginnings



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Fifth Judicial District Drug Court graduate Cassie Aullman, 32, center, receives hugs from her daughters, Mariah Aullman, 11, left, and Lillie Aullman, 7, right. Aullman was one of 21 graduates honored during a graduation ceremony on Wednesday and said she is grateful for her second chance at being a mom.

5th Judicial District Drug Court graduates 21

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Mariah Aullman can remember when her mother, Cassie Aullman, 32, used to spend her days locked in her bedroom, a drug-ruled hermit high on methamphetamine.

The 11-year-old girl was reminded of those days, now behind the

family, during Wednesday’s 5th Judicial District Drug Court graduation ceremony. As her mother’s name was announced to a large crowd gathered at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theater, two photos were projected on the stage.

The first photo, a “before” photo showing a now unrecognizable

Cassie — eyes dark and shrunken, skin pale, pocked, sagging and gray.

The next photo was Aullman looking radiant and prepared for a fresh start.

“She is happier and a lot nicer. She’s not in her room with the door

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ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Governor C.L. ‘Butch’ Otter talks with visitors Friday at Wendell High School during ‘Capital for a Day,’ which allows members of the community to ask questions of the governor and a panel of state agencies.

Gov. Otter takes pulse of Wendell

Town latest Idaho ‘Capital for a Day’

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

WENDELL — For a day, the Magic Valley’s Hub City became the hub of the state.

For what he figured was the 25th stop on his “Capital for a Day” tour, Idaho Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter and roughly 15 other state officials arrived on Friday at

Wendell High School, seeking to learn more about what’s on the minds of south-central Idahoans.

The monthly event — held in a different city or town around the state each time — is a way for the governor to keep in touch with constituents and their worries, he said during a lunchtime break.

“This just gives them access,” he said.

And Magic Valley residents

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WATCH: Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter talk about the federal stimulus package while in Wendell.

Idaho lawmakers hit stimulus doldrums

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — If there’s one thing the stimulus package isn’t stimulating in the Idaho Legislature, it’s committee hearings.

House lawmakers didn’t hold a single hearing on a bill Friday, outside of discussion among budget writers about the effects of the \$787-billion federal stimulus package on Idaho’s budget. The halls of the Capitol Annex, the Legislature’s tem-

porary home until next year, were nearly deserted by noon.

In the Senate, there was just one morning State Affairs Committee hearing.

Lawmakers agree that the lingering uncertainty over state tax revenue — new numbers are due out next week, and they aren’t expected to be rosy — coupled with confusion over how the federal stimulus money will plug state budget holes has

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Moses Goldberg's "Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs," presented by St. Thomas Playhouse for children pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, 2:30 p.m., Iconoclast Books, 335 N. Spruce Ave., Ketchum, no cost, 726-5349, ext. 13.



"Kokonut Kapers," presented by JuMP Company, 7 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Ave. E., \$7 general admission and \$10 reserved seating, 733-4378.

"I Love Paris," presented by Sun Valley Opera, 8 p.m., at Sun Valley Club, Sun Valley, \$35, sunvalleyopera.com or 726-0991.

"Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins" by Stephen Temperley presented by Company of Fools and Barksdale Theatre, 8 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, tickets: \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and older) and \$15 for children (18 and younger), 578-9122.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Lighthouse Christian High School Indoor Yard Sale, fundraiser for the senior trip, includes coffee and bake sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., inside Lighthouse foyer, 960 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, 737-1425.

Inga-Lami, celebration of women in traditional Nordic costumes, skiing for fun and celebration of Nordic skiing; raffle tickets won for each loop skied, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. registration; 11 a.m. start time; and 1 p.m. appetizers, drinks and raffle prizes, Sun Valley Nordic Center, \$10 entry fee, refreshment stations available, support to The Advocates and Bald Mountain Rescue Fund, liis-impso@aol.com or 208-622-2250.

City of Wendell Centennial Dinner, 6 p.m. no-host bar and 7 p.m. prime-rib dinner with entertainment by the Smith Family Singers, Magic Valley Portuguese Hall, 625 E. Ave. F., Wendell, proceeds to completion of new Gooding County Historical Society museum, \$25 per person, \$45 per couple or \$180 (table of eight), 934-5135, 536-5366, 934-4412 or 536-1711.

Wilson Theatre Renaissance Ball, Banquet and Auction, with the 25th Army Band in performance, 6 p.m., Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave., \$40 per person or \$320 to reserve a table (seating of eight), late reservations: 436-2787.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

Buttons and Bows Square Dancing, used square dancing clothes for sale as fundraiser for Relay For Life, 7:30 p.m. pre-rounds and 8 p.m. squares, American Legion, 107 Seventh Ave. E., Jerome, bring finger food, bbooprice@yahoo.com.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Raices Community Leadership Training for Latinos age 14 and older of Shosone, Jerome, Heyburn and Burley; free, interactive training on organization techniques; includes meals, materials and child care, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., United Electric Conference room, 1330 21st St., Heyburn, no cost, \$75 in gift certificates available, 208-324-4286 or mgaitan-gonzalez@ccidaho.org.

EXHIBITS

"Cantabile," featuring the work of Chinese artist Andrew Lui, Gallery DeNovo, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 320 First Ave. N., Suite 101, free admission, Gallerydenovo.com or 726-8180.

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

New work by Twin Falls sculptor Yvonne Jacques, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's La Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-2787 or Magicvalleyartscouncil.org. **David Drake's "Evidence,"** 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

Bereavement Day Camp, age-appropriate activities led by trained counselors and mentors hosted by Kids Count, Too, Inc.; for any child between age six and 16 who has experienced loss of a loved one, 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., Boys & Girls Club, Frontier Road, Twin Falls, no cost with lunch and snacks provided, 736-0900, 316-0358 or 404-3210.

"Focus on Marriage: Seeing your marriage through the eyes of God," a simulcast including speakers Beth Moore, Dr. Gary Smalley, Dr. John Trent, Gary Thomas and Dr. Del Tackett with worship by Jeremy Camp, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., two locations: First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eighth St., Rupert; and The Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, \$69 per couple, 208-436-4040 or focusonmarriage.com.

GOVERNMENT

Blaine County Board of Commissioners meeting, workshop with Congressman Mike Simpson, 3 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Dr. Seuss Birthday storytime and painting party, "Sneetches" reading and star mug painting, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, refreshments, \$15, 736-4475 reservations.

Bingo, for men and women, 1 to 3 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, cards: four for \$3, 734-5084.

LIBRARY

Library Buddy Day, stories, activity and treat presented by Modern Woodmen for children ages 3-10, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, (adult must accompany children ages 7 and younger), 878-7708.

MILITARY SUPPORT

Military Support Group meeting and potluck, sharing time, 6:30 p.m., Wendell City Hall (three blocks east of stoplight), table service and drinks provided, guests welcome, 536-6159 or 536-6111.

MUSEUMS

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

POLITICS

Idaho Democratic Legislative Listening Tour (no-host pizza and politics), featured speakers Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Assistant House Minority Leader James Ruchti, D-Pocatello, 7 p.m., Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public, 420-1663.

SPORTS

Minico High School Spartan Dance Force mini dance workshop, open to girls and boys of all ages (for Spartan Dance Force's annual dance show March 10 at high school auditorium), 9 a.m. to noon, high school's main gymnasium, 100 S. 292 W., Rupert, \$10, 436-4721.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Discount deadline for March 6, 7 Enneagram "Know Your Number" personality workshop, led by Suzanne Stabile, 6:30 to 9 p.m. (6) and 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. (7), Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, \$45 (\$50 after today), 733-8881.

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

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Four things to do today

- The city of Wendell celebrates its centennial with dinner and entertainment starting at 6 p.m. at the Magic Valley Portuguese Hall, 625 E. Ave. F. Cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple.

- Roger Steffens, actor, author, lecturer and reggae archivist, presents a Bob Marley multimedia show at 4 p.m. at nexStage Theatre in Ketchum with dancing to reggae artist Don Carlos and

the Dub Vision band at 7 p.m. on Fourth Street. Free admission to all events.

- If reggae's not your cup of tea, there's the Wilson Theatre Renaissance Ball, Banquet and Auction with the 25th Army Band performance at 6 p.m. at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave. Cost is \$40.

- And one more for the cowboy and cowgirl in you — the Walter Parke Memorial Cowboy Crisis

Fund Benefit Team Roping and Silent Auction, held at noon at the College of Southern Idaho Eldon Evans Expo Center off North College Road in Twin Falls. The fund helps people in the cowboy community.

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

Graze

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fire. At stake are three precariously perched species across 600,000 acres and 36 grazing allotments: sage grouse, pygmy rabbit and slickspot peppergrass, all three contenders at one time or another to be listed as endangered.

Winmill denied most of Western Watersheds' requests, including halting fence construction and repair in the area and revising the BLM's criteria for closing grazing allotments. And he stopped short of the requested total ban on grazing on the more-than-600,000 acres, mentioning, however, that it may be an option should the BLM not comply with the injunction.

The judge also maintained rulings and arrangements made for several other allotments in this and a related case.

A call to Western Watersheds Executive Director Jon Marvel was not

returned Friday. But in a press release issued by the group, Marvel celebrated the ruling as a vital change in policy.

"This ruling confirms basic common sense," he was quoted as saying.

Rick VanderVoet, field manager for the BLM's Jarbidge office and a defendant in the suit, said he has yet to examine the whole ruling with attorneys but that the agency is pleased with it overall — pointing to the denied requests and Winmill's statement that he feels the BLM would follow his directive.

The injunction came after a 10-day court hearing VanderVoet called "unprecedented" for the type of case.

"This is a caution to us to do a better job in terms of special-species management," VanderVoet said.

State officials were also assessing the effects of the ruling. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said he couldn't comment on it, having not read the docu-

ment. But he noted steps the state had pushed for to repair the land, including fencing off surviving riparian areas.

At Friday's Lincoln Day banquet in Twin Falls, Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, a prominent rancher in the affected area, said he didn't have time for comment.

The question that remains, VanderVoet said, is exactly what the injunction means for the ranchers who rely on the area's land. The grazing year begins Sunday, and few livestock are in the area right now, he said, giving the BLM some time to work out its options. Western Watersheds stated it plans to stay "deeply involved" in that process.

He said he still feels the agency has done a number of good things for species such as sage grouse, but understands Winmill's instructions that business cannot continue as usual.

"We're taking that to heart," he said.

Otter

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used that access to discuss a variety of concerns. Otter said the most common questions he took regarded the federal stimulus package, parts of which he's worried could create more expense for the state in the long term through spending on new projects. But people also asked about proposed fee increases for the Department of Fish and Game, unemployment issues and economic development, he said.

Emily Anderson with Otter's office said close to 150 people usually attend the events.

"In these smaller towns, I think that's significant," she said.

Teacher Jim Waterman took advantage of the visit to ask Otter and State Tax Commission Chairman Royce Chigbrow about a \$3,200 jump in his Twin Falls County property taxes after he rebuilt a home. The officials suggested first appealing to county commissioners, who serve as the property-tax appeal board every year.

Some people came just to listen. Benita Ross said she was tuning in on children's issues such as the quality of the foster-care system.

"I want to know what he's got to say," Ross said.

Otter said he told citizens that he does support parts of the stimulus and sees great worth in using the money to fulfill unfunded federal mandates — such as cities trying to meet tighter arsenic standards.

"There's problems like that all over the state," he said.

No matter the issue, just being on the road talking to people provides a better understanding, said Mike Rush, executive director of the State Board of Education.

"Your perspective is enriched," he said.

Doldrums

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led to stagnation in a session that already was in the grips of a bill drought not seen since the economic downturn of the mid-1980s.

"This is really unusual," said Mike Nugent, a 31-year state veteran and head of the branch of Legislative Services that writes up bills.

"The stimulus package has created a pause in the budget process, until we figure out the best way to approach it," said Jeff Youtz, who after 32 years at the state heads up Legislative Services. Youtz said he's rarely, if ever, seen a February day in the Statehouse when the House didn't at least consider a couple of bills.

Through the session's seventh week, only 608 new pieces of legislation have been drafted, below the average of 787 since 2004 and just two-thirds of the 931 bills introduced in 2006. Only 330 bills have actually been introduced, between 73 and 181 fewer than in each of the last five years.

Lawmakers continue to collect their \$16,116 annual salary, plus expenses for housing and travel during the session. After the House assembled for 10 minutes Friday, long enough for a prayer, its members adjourned. The Senate voted on three bills and amended three others.

Rep. John Rusche, D-

Lewiston, and Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, minority leaders in the House and Senate, respectively, said lawmakers came to the 2009 session with fewer proposals — especially ones that would cost money — on the expectation that money would be tight.

It's only gotten tighter — hundreds of millions have been cut from the budget — and final tax revenue estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30 remain up in the air. Moreover, Monday's news that Micron Technology Inc., once the state's largest private employer, will cut 2,000 jobs by August has thrown already morose projections for next year into disarray.

Troops

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military commanders wary of pulling out too many troops, too soon.

"There are some Americans who want to stay in Iraq longer," Obama acknowledged in a speech to Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C., "and some who want to leave faster."

Those who had sought a speedier withdrawal included many in the Democratic Party and, at one time, Obama himself, who pledged during the campaign that combat troops would depart Iraq at the rate of one brigade a month and would all be home within 16 months of his inauguration.

Not only will the timetable be longer and the pace less

even — with major reductions unlikely to begin until after Iraqi elections in December, according to senior military officials — but about a third of the current U.S. force of 142,000 will remain in Iraq until the end of 2011. Their new mission, Obama said, will be to train and advise Iraqi security forces, protect diplomats and civilians working in Iraq, and continue the counterterrorism fight against al-Qaida and other insurgent groups.

The final decision rested on what senior administration officials called a military calculus of "risk management" and "mitigation," as well as on the judgment that it would be better to be

known as the president who got out of Iraq, even if it took too long, than the one who was in such a rush that he imperiled a safe and orderly exit. With so many other bold changes in motion, not every risk was seen as worth taking.

In his first speech as commander in chief to assembled U.S. troops on their home turf, Obama provided his most comprehensive description to date of what he called "a new era of American leadership" in "the broader Middle East," including the pursuit of "principled and sustained engagement with all the nations in the region, and that will include Iran and Syria."

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Big Wood	77%	62%
Little Wood	84%	66%
Big Lost	84%	63%
Little Lost	86%	63%
Henrys Fork/Teton	82%	65%
Upper Snake Basin	94%	73%
Oakley	82%	67%
Salmon Falls	93%	75%

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Patching up the coulee

Times-News

Construction along the Perrine Coulee near Fred Meyer is intended to replace a collapsed culvert, the engineer on the project said Wednesday.

Rex Harding with J-U-B Engineers said the store is responsible for maintaining the culvert, which runs along the west end of its property next to Fillmore Street. The repair work began earlier this month and should wrap up by the end of March, Harding said. Until then, orange construction cones and signs will alert drivers along Fillmore to the work.

A number of agencies and organizations are keeping tabs on the project, including the city of Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Canal Company and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Harding said winter is a good time for the work because not much water flows through the coulee, making it easier to avoid water-quality issues.



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News
Construction workers get to work on a collapsed culvert Wednesday on the west side of Fred Meyer on Fillmore Street in Twin Falls.

Kimberly school buildings nearing completion

Board closes school Friday for basketball tourney

By Jeremy Roberts
Times-News correspondent

The Kimberly School District board assembled Thursday to discuss topics of progress in preparation for the rest of this school year, as well as the 2009-10 school year.

Starr Corporation representatives addressed the board with progress reports concerning expansion of district buildings. Kimberly High School's four-classroom addition will be finished first, with a plan for completion set for March 9. The middle school's six-classroom addition will finish next, with a completion date of May 14. The final two projects will be the agriculture shop and the intermediate school, which will be finalized on July 6 and July 15, respectively.

The projects are funded by a \$10.25 million school bond that district voters

passed in October 2007.

Along with new buildings comes the physical space for new students. Board Chairman Dave Fullmer, after relinquishing the chair position momentarily to Robert Champlin, motioned that the district "re-open our attendance to non-residents, and to give preference to siblings of students that we already have."

This would also open the doors for other students who meet the criteria that the district has used in the past to accept non-resident students. The motion was seconded by Board Member Myron Nield, and the topic will be addressed at future meetings.

The discussion turned to evaluation and increase of building occupancy capacities, which would legally allow for the possible growth of the district's student body in the future. Steady growth is anticipated from not only non-residents, but also the steady flow of students already within the district.

Kimberly is no different from other districts fretting over possible budget cuts and how the federal stimu-

lus will impact services. However, Fullmer gave an optimistic report.

"Everything is on budget for the school year," Fullmer said, "and we're doing everything feasibly possible to anticipate the cuts that the state is going to require us to make."

In addition to everything being within budget, the district is receiving outside donations for its schools. The district recently received \$1,000 from the John William Jackson Fund to help buy musical instruments for students unable to do so themselves. Farmer's National Bank is donating \$300 to pay for dual-credit textbooks.

Also, with the formation of the Kimberly School Foundation, future costs for the district may be alleviated.

On a side note, the board also decided to close Kimberly schools Friday to allow for attendance at the Class 3A boys state basketball tournament.

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Graduates

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shut, sleeping all day," Mariah said, arm around her mother, proud and smiling. "At first, I didn't even recognize her in that photo. I don't like to think of her when she was like that. This is a gift from God."

Cassie's younger daughter, Lillie Aullman, 7, approached, exclaiming, "You looked so ugly in that picture, Mom! It was gross. I'm so glad you don't look like that anymore."

Cassie agreed. She's grateful her children have been so resilient and forgiving. She

gathered her two girls in a hug, closed her eyes and breathed them in. Had she not turned her life around Cassie could be sitting a jail cell — her children in foster care — instead of smiling, holding them and making plans to enjoy a movie later on.

"You don't even know you look that bad when you are there," she said. "It was hard to see that picture up there ... I started using when I was 12 and never even noticed how I looked."

The Twin Falls resident is

well aware of the pain and conflict her children have gone through. Her drug court graduation and short period of sobriety is just a start. Her children have gone through a lot, Cassie said, but she is dedicating herself to making up for past mistakes and making a better future.

"It feels good ... I can be a mom and can concentrate on my responsibilities and my life," she said. "At one point my kids were taken from me and I even went to jail. That was my wake-up call — sitting in jail thinking 'This isn't

what you wanted in life.'"

Cassie was one of 21 graduates from the district drug court, one of its largest graduating classes, said 5th District Drug Court Coordinator Darrell Roskelley.

"This could be the biggest class to graduate but I can't verify that — but I know it was a pretty big class," Roskelley said. "We've had 260 total graduates from the drug court program."

Hundreds attended Wednesday's ceremony, which included a guest appearance and speech by Idaho

Supreme Court Justice Roger Burdick.

Burdick reminded graduates of their impact on the community, which can be beneficial or detrimental depending on their choices.

"Understand how important it is that you succeed," Burdick said. "It is vitally important that you continue your recovery ... the whole state is watching."

While the program's progress will be reported to legislators and state court officials in the future, graduates and their loved ones just

celebrated the moment.

"Drug court was my son's second chance," said Buhl's Priscilla Sisson. Her son, Jake Sisson, was admitted into drug court due to his problems stemming from methamphetamine abuse.

"We have our son back."

The program has room for 110 participants at any given time. At the end of January there were 80 people taking part. Another graduation will take place in June but the number of people who will graduate is unknown at this time.

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Hailey declines to aid struggling development

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Turn onto Countryside Boulevard in Hailey, and you'll be greeted by dozens of attractive townhomes — all empty.

On Monday, Jim Laski, a representative for the developer of the 421-unit Sweetwater Community, came before the Hailey City Council to plead for help, saying the development was "way under water." Just 49 of the planned units have been completed, and the developer is hoping to make Sweetwater more attractive to a bank to finance it for another owner. The alternative, Laski said, may be foreclosure.

However, after considering Laski's proposed alterations to Sweetwater's planned unit development agreement, the council members said they couldn't sign onto so many "dramatic changes."

"This is not a happy outcome," said Councilwoman Carol Brown.

She and the other council members said that while philosophically they could accept delayed payment of fees, pushed-back construction timelines and even income-restricted workforce housing rather than more than \$2 million in in-lieu fees, all the requests combined to set a potential precedent they couldn't live with.

Laski seemed disappointed but not surprised at the vote.

"It's a policy decision on whether you want to work with a developer to get them out of a mess or not," he said.

On March 9, the council expects to hear from representatives for another development, the Old Cutters subdivision, which owes the city \$876,000 in annexation fees. The developers are seeking final plat approval for units marketed as affordable housing, but they cannot be occupied until the approval is granted.

Hagerman Planning & Zoning reviews city map

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Planning & Zoning Commission is in the initial stages of updating its decade-old map of Hagerman.

"There are quite a few discrepancies," said Commissioner Dave Maestas.

The Hagerman Cemetery was not included on the map and zoning needs to be adjusted. The commission began analyzing the map to determine what is zoned for commercial, industrial, recreation and residential.

Mayor Jake Rice Jr. said the commission needs to identify zones and problem areas, and then redefine the boundary lines.

For example, commercial zones are bordered by an alley to provide access services such as garbage pickup and utility maintenance, and it could be difficult determining whether a parcel of land should be zoned commercial or residential if it borders a residence. Also, Maestas said the city's R-2 multiple-family residential zone, used to offer a buffer between commercial areas and low-density resi-

dential areas, was "never written on the map."

Commission Chairwoman Pat Winther said residences can be located in a commercial zone but commercial properties cannot be in residential zones. The commission decided to zone part of North Avenue and Second Avenue as commercial.

A city attorney will review the recommendations by planning and zoning upon completion.

Hagerman also needs to review its annexation program designed to include properties within city limits

that are either receiving city services or are impacting city services. Annexation is pending on "whether the city can provide services such as water and sewer," said Rice. He said the commission would then make a recommendation to the Hagerman City Council. The Hagerman city map needs to be completed before the commission can consider annexation of currently outlying properties.

Rice said the city council is getting pressure from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Quality to

update the city's wastewater treatment plant. The council has applied for a grant to fund a survey to determine the location of a new plant.

In other business, the commission received a draft of bylaws to review prior to the next meeting to begin work on updating the city's comprehensive plan, last updated in 1996.

"The comprehensive plan can take several years to complete," said Winther.

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Animal control board wants Heyburn back in the loop

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

Officials from the Minidoka County Animal Control board made a plea to the Heyburn City Council to reconsider joining the animal control joint powers agreement it opted out of in August 2004 during the aftermath of the J.R. Simplot plant closure.

The agreement was drafted in 2005 by Paul, Rupert, Minidoka and Acequia, with Minidoka County replacing Heyburn's lost share with a flat amount.

Minidoka County Commissioner Bob Moore, who serves as the county representative on the Minidoka County Animal Control Board, approached the Heyburn council Wednesday to ask city officials to re-evaluate the city's participation in the program.

"Animal control right now is underfunded and it's just a matter of time until it goes under," Moore said.

Moore said the animal control budget this year is \$87,000 and is not covering

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— Minidoka County Commissioner Bob Moore

the costs of running the facility.

"The easiest thing for me would be to throw my hands up and opt out as a county," Moore said.

Moore said he had proposed an idea of implementing a \$15 property tax fee for every resident in the county.

The money would have been used to expand the overcrowded facility, hire additional help and provide more services but he was told at the state level it was not legal.

"They said we were absolutely crazy to be involved in animal control, that it's not a county responsibility," Moore said.

"But the only way this joint agreement works is if the county administrates it."

Moore said if the facility raises fees to help cover

the costs it will just cause people to drop off animals in the middle of the night.

Moore said many people do not realize the facility is geared toward animal control and is not a shelter although it allows rescue volunteers to take and place dogs in homes from it.

"The ideal situation would be to have a Mini-Cassia shelter. That would solve the problems in both counties," Moore said.

Heyburn Mayor George Anderson said the city would consider rejoining if the board could come up with a plan for less than \$30,000, he might consider it," Anderson said.

"If you can come up with a plan for less than \$30,000, we might consider it," Anderson said.

Laurie Welch may be reached at 208-677-8767 or luelch@magicvalley.com.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Leslie M. Stanitz, 25, Buhl; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for two days served, eight days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; obtain alcohol evaluation; \$1,837 restitution.

Levi B. Hill, 22, Buhl; driving under the influence, two or more convictions; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 170 suspended, credit for six days served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol; obtain alcohol evaluation.

Dennise Rodriguez, 35, Wendell; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 170 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol; obtain alcohol/drug evaluation.

Christopher J. Walling, 22, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 160 suspended, credit for three days served, 17 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; obtain alcohol/drug evaluation.

Maurice T. Thompson Jr., 42, Twin

Falls; one count driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count driving without privileges dismissed.

Carl M. Colby, 53, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Francisco Aguilar-Romero, 18, Hansen; driving without privileges; costs waived; 30 days jail, 25 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Ashley P. Pavlu, 34, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.

Jesse R. Paez, 23, Ely, Nev.; criminal trespass; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 84 suspended, credit for time served; two days work detail; 12 months probation; no contact with victim.

Alfredo Flores, 28, Twin Falls; one count resisting/obstructing an officer; \$700 fine, \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; two days work

detail; \$367 court compliance costs; 12 months probation; one count violation of no contact order dismissed. Jose L. Carrillo-Pliego, 25, Burley; driving without privileges; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Brodie R. Bybee, 26, Buhl; open container; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.

Casey R. Casper, 37, Pocatello; assault/battery on certain personnel; amended to two counts resisting/obstructing an officer; costs uncollectible; 360 days jail, credit for time served; \$198.09 restitution.

Fredrick G. Folk, 37, Kimberly; one count disturbing the peace-willfully disturb neighbors; \$400 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; 12 months probation; one count assault or battery upon certain personnel; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$400 fine, \$300 suspended; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; 12 months probation; one count resisting/obstructing an officer; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; 12 months probation.

Adam R. Pullin, 21, Twin Falls; stalking; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$300 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender

fee; 60 days jail, credit for 15 days served, 45 days house arrest; no contact with victim.

Joel D. Tubbs, 33, Pocatello; possession of drug paraphernalia; costs waived; four days jail.

Carlos Gonzalez, 16, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$400 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Jeffery J. Crivits Jr., 27, Kimberly; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; amended to \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; 12 months probation.

Jose S. Duenas, 33, Murtaugh; open container; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 12 months probation.

Randall G. Mitchell, 48, Payette; use of telephone to harass/make obscene phone calls; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; 12 months probation.

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AP file photo

Federal police carry a box of weapons taken from suspected members of a crime gang allegedly operating on the outskirts of Mexico City, after the weapons were shown to reporters on Feb. 10 at the headquarters of Mexico's federal police in the capital.

Mexico: U.S. must battle cross-border gun trade

By Traci Carl
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Mexico blames Americans for arming the world's most powerful drug cartels, a complaint supported Friday by a U.S. government report that found nearly all of Mexico's escalating drug killings involved weapons from north of the border.

President Felipe Calderon told The Associated Press that his police and soldiers are dangerously outgunned because U.S. authorities are failing to stop the smuggling of high-powered weapons into Mexico. His attorney general called for more aggressive prosecutions of gun smugglers, saying that the U.S. constitutional right to bear arms doesn't protect them.

"The Second Amendment was not put there to arm foreign criminal groups," Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora told the AP on Thursday.

Calderon has complained for two years that the U.S. isn't carrying its weight in the cross-border drug war, despite the fact that American drug users ultimately finance the cartels.

"I'm fighting corruption

among Mexican authorities and risking everything to clean house, but I think a good cleaning is in order on the other side of the border," Calderon said.

President Barack Obama's administration is beginning to respond. On Wednesday, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder promised to enforce a long-ignored ban on importing assault weapons, many of which are re-sold illegally and smuggled into Mexico to resupply the cartels.

Calderon applauded Holder's announcement as "the first time ... in many years that the American government is starting to show more commitment."

When the U.S. enforced the assault weapons ban, only 21 percent of the weapons Mexico seized from traffickers were assault rifles, Medina Mora said. Today, more than half are, and Mexican law enforcement officials are paying with their lives — some 800 have been killed in the past two years.

Drug-related killings claimed 6,290 lives last year in Mexico — more than double the 2007 toll, and more than 1,000 have been killed so far this year, he added.

Both Calderon and his top prosecutor said the U.S.

should aggressively enforce gun laws and pressure sellers to keep weapons in the hands of law-abiding citizens.

Their complaints were supported by a U.S. State Department report Friday that weapons bought or stolen in the U.S. were used in 95 percent of the killings.

The report also said cartels are increasingly carrying out contract killings inside the United States, part of a wave of violence that also includes a sharp rise in kidnappings in Phoenix.

Holder announced Wednesday the Drug Enforcement Administration had rounded up 755 suspected Sinaloa cartel members and seized more than \$59 million in drug money in the past 21 months.

Congress is also paying attention. Lawmakers included \$10 million in the economic stimulus package for Project Gunrunner, a federal crackdown on U.S. gun-trafficking networks.

The Brookings Institution has estimated that 2,000 guns enter Mexico from the United States every day. The ATF says more than 7,700 guns sold in America were traced to Mexico last year, up from 3,300 the year before and about 2,100 in 2006.

AROUND THE WEST

WYOMING Snowmobilers survive night in Gros Ventres

JACKSON — Two snowmobilers are safe after spending a night lost in the Gros Ventre Range in northwest Wyoming.

Authorities say the 47-year-old man and 39-year-old woman from Albany, Texas, suffered minor frostbite and the earliest stages of hypothermia.

Doug Meyer of Teton County Search and Rescue says the pair were found by a commercial snowmobile tour about 11 a.m. Thursday.

Rescuers were called out Wednesday afternoon when the snowmobilers didn't return from an excursion when expected. The couple shared one snowmobile.

Meyer says the couple got lost when a heavy snowstorm Wednesday afternoon left them disoriented. They were found just before another snowstorm started Thursday.

IDAHO SEC accuses man of \$40 million fraud

BOISE — Federal regulators are accusing an Idaho businessman of conning at least \$40 million from investors and using the money to make credit card payments, pay for snowmobiles and a mansion in Idaho Falls.

The Securities and Exchange Commission filed the lawsuit against Daren Palmer and Trigon Group Inc. on Thursday in U.S. District Court in Boise. The commission said in a statement that the court signed an order freezing his assets and appointing a receiver for the

company. Idaho's Department of Finance has already issued a cease-and-desist order to the Idaho Falls investment firm, which is under investigation for what state and federal officials are calling a classic Ponzi scheme.

That's the same kind of fraud that New York money manager Bernard Madoff is also suspected of running, in which money from new investors is used to pay off earlier investors. The scheme falls apart when clients start trying to pull their money out and there aren't enough new investors to provide funds.

Palmer, 40, is president and sole owner of the Trigon Group, a Nevada corporation that is headquartered in Idaho Falls. The SEC filed a civil lawsuit against Palmer saying he defrauded at least 55 investors by promising high returns through an allegedly riskless trading program.

State says N. Idaho needs new hazardous waste site

KELLOGG — Environmental officials say Idaho's Silver Valley will soon need a new hazardous waste site to dump tainted soil removed during Superfund clean ups of mining waste.

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality mine waste scientist Andy Mork said the agency is considering several sites between Kellogg and Mullan for a new repository.

The state needs to build a new facility before the current one at Big Creek reaches capacity. Projections based on the current cleanup pace estimate Big Creek can be used for up to four more years, but that could shrink if federal stimulus money accelerates

the pace of clean up.

"We want to keep that cleanup machine running," Mork told The Spokesman-Review.

The state and federal government spend about \$16.5 million each year to clean past mining pollution in the Silver Valley. The bulk of that money is currently spent on removing tainted soil from residential properties.

S. Idaho clinic closes \$80,000 in debt

POCATELLO — A mental health clinic in this eastern Idaho city has closed after amassing \$80,000 in debt while providing care to an increasing number of uninsured patients and those covered by federal health programs.

The Cedar Health Center was one of three low-cost mental health clinics in Pocatello and closed on Thursday.

Last year, Cedar Health Center Director Kathy Werner-Leap said the clinic could not stay open without more financial assistance. Administrators sought donations from the community, including the Bannock County Commission, to stay open.

Werner-Leap has said the clinic fell into debt because of an increase in patients without insurance and also, a decline in reimbursements from government health care programs for the elderly and poor.

Werner-Leap says two other mental health clinics in Pocatello offer free mental health services, but these facilities are sometimes forced to turn away patients because of space limitations.

— Wire reports



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Mondays and Thursdays, March 9-26, 6:30-7:30pm

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Thursday, March 19, 6-7pm

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Saturday, March 21, 8am-1pm

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OPINION

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“I just happened to catch Tim playing really well, and I didn’t make enough birdies to answer him.”

— Tiger Woods after losing to Tim Clark in second round of Accenture Match Play Championship after eight-month layoff after knee surgery.

Jerome County commissioners think smart about future

CHEERS: To the Jerome County Commission, for making two decisions important to the ability of the county to handle future growth.

The commission voted to consider charging impact fees. Such fees — assessed to builders as a way to pay for growth — are used by the city of Twin Falls.

The study will also include the Jerome Rural Fire District, the Jerome and Hillsdale highway districts, the Jerome Recreation District and Jerome Ambulance District.

Highway districts have said for months that they don’t have the funding to keep up with their sprawling jurisdictions.

And last week, the commission pared the county Planning and Zoning Commission from 12 members to seven, partly at the suggestion of new

Prosecutor John Horgan.

Last month Horgan pointed out — correctly — that the commission has too often been dysfunctional, worked at cross-purposes, and at times let personality conflicts hamper its business.

At one point the P&Z divided into separate Planning and Zoning commissions, but discovered they hadn’t done it right — leaving the full body to redo much of its work. And an attempt to revise the county’s ordinance on confined-animal feeding operations outlasted two moratoriums designed to allow the planning commissioners to finish the business at hand.

JEERS: It’s good to give Idaho school districts flexibility to spend state money, but state Sen. Richard Sagness’ proposal to temporarily remove the “fence” from around Idaho



Lottery payments isn’t a good idea.

Current state law says school districts can only spend Lottery money for capital improvements. To help cope with the budget crisis that nearly all the 115 districts in the state are facing, Pocatello Democrat wants to suspend that restriction for three years and permit districts to spend Lottery money — \$17.3 million last year — any way they choose.

Trouble is, once those funds are available for all expenses in the district, it’s up for grabs

among many competing interests — including teacher salaries. And when the three-year trial period expires on June 30, 2012 — and the Lottery money can’t be spent for any purpose — school boards would be faced with the stark task of replacing it in their budgets.

Recovering a deep recession, that’s not a challenge they’ll need.

CHEERS: To Avista Corp., for pushing a proposal to help financially strapped ratepayers stay current on their power and gas bills with help from other utility customers.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted this week for the measure. Idaho Power Co. or Intermountain Gas Co. also could create such “affordability assistance programs,” which would still have to be approved by the Idaho Public Utilities

Commission.

Surcharges totaling pennies a month would be added to all residential customers’ bills.

In addition to helping those customers least able to pay their energy bills, the plan could prevent pricey service disconnections resulting in “uncollectibles” that regulated utilities struggle to recover.

Utilities would design their own programs, then present them to the commission for consideration.

Under the existing federal Low Income Heating Assistance Program, 101,000 Idaho households meet federal low-income guidelines to qualify for financial help paying their bills.

But last year, there was only enough funding in that program to help some 33,000 people.

Avista’s plan is a good one. The full Senate should approve it.

Obama already being rolled by congressional spend-o-crats

On Tuesday night, President Barack Obama talked about a national culture of irresponsibility. He talked about the way Americans have sacrificed the long term for the short term, spent more than they could afford, and how the country’s leaders have broken promises and delayed reform. Obama described a rot that was ingrained and pervasive.

On Thursday, he offered a budget of his own, and the question arises: Will he really change all that?

The answer is somewhat, but not enough. Obama’s budget is far more honest than the ones that preceded it. It imposes real pay-as-you-go rules on future outlays. Intellectually serious efforts are made to pay for at least half of the cost of health care reform.

But the ingrained habits are still there, and the rot is not expunged. Obama enthusiastically perpetuates the myth that the American people can have everything they want without a dose of shared sacrifice. They can have health care, education reform, even a cure for cancer, and 98 percent of them need pay nothing. The burdens of progress will be borne by the rich while everyone else can enjoy their tax cuts and go shopping.

Obama perpetuates base-



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line gimmickry. He claims to save hundreds of billions by drawing down forces in Iraq. But even the Bush administration was going to draw down. Obama is claiming bogus savings by not spending money that never would have been spent anyway.

Obama grades himself on a curve. He’s set a target of merely cutting the deficit in half from 2010 to 2013. But the red ink has quadrupled in one year. Cutting the deficit to still unsustainable levels as the economy recovers is about as challenging as riding a sled downhill.

If you watched Obama’s magnificent speech Tuesday night, you’d get the impression that he bestrides Washington like a colossus. He imposes his authority in ways large and small, purging old habits. In reality, the situation is messier. Almost no sacred cows are cut from this budget. The president is now engaged in an argument with Democratic appropriators about whether to strike earmarks from the omnibus



spending bill. He’s apparently getting rolled even on a matter as easy and clear-cut as this.

The bigger problem is health care. This is an issue where everybody wants benefits they don’t pay for, where perverse incentives have created an expensive system that doesn’t deliver results. This is an area where aggressive presidential leadership is mandatory.

Yet in no other area does the administration cede so much authority. The administration has over-learned the

lessons of the Clinton-care fiasco. They’re not going to send up a detailed 1,400-page program. Fine. But they’re not pushing a plan at all.

Instead, replicating the model that did such harm to the stimulus package, they are merely outlining eight general principles and then sending the matter up to Capitol Hill. They vow to have a series of “conversations” and then presumably at some point some group of committee chairmen will write a bill or a bunch of bills.

The balance of power will

be clear. The White House will have no dominating figure to ride herd day to day now that Tom Daschle is out of the picture. Instead, the same old chairmen habituated by the same old interest groups will dominate everything.

If Hillary Clinton were still in the Senate, at least there would be a focus. If Ted Kennedy were at full strength, the negotiations would be coherent. Instead, there will be a wide array of committee chairmen in the House and Senate scrambling for influence, maneuvering with and

against each other through a Machiavellian process of secret negotiations and backroom deals.

Thursday, there was a weird burst of optimism in the halls of the Washington Establishment. Most members of Congress and lobbyists are delighted that the White House has surrendered so much authority to Capitol Hill. Everybody is working on a way to push their own particular vision of reform through the middle.

There are good plans on offer, but it won’t take long for this to get ugly. We’ll either get an irresponsible bill produced by the Old Order or no bill at all. It could be that even with a thousand “conversations,” no consensus will automatically emerge from the hundreds of players who have produced the gridlock of the past 30 years.

Even though the budget is not all one would have hoped, I’d trust the folks in the Obama administration to craft a decent health care plan before I’d trust the Congressional Old Bulls. Obama blew a mighty trumpet Tuesday night, but after you blow the trumpet, you actually have to charge.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The reason for leash laws

For those complaining about the leash law, or having a dog shot, I would ask you a few questions.

1. Have you ever been bitten or threatened by a loose dog?
2. Have you had your dog, on a leash, attacked by a loose dog?
3. Have you ever taken a cat to a veterinarian because it was mauled by a dog?
4. Have you had a dog hit by a car?
5. Have you had 23 sheep killed in their own pasture by a pack of friendly, loose dogs?
6. Have you had a pig run to death by a stray dog?
7. Do you turn your dog out at night to go poop on the neighbor’s yard?
8. Do you ever have to clean up the neighbor’s dog poop in your yard?

I love dogs, but I believe in

responsible ownership. Maybe there is a reason for the leash laws.
BUD ANDREW Shoshone

Truck driver saves the day

Over Valentine’s weekend, I did something very much like a dumb girl. On my way home from Boise, I ran my car out of gas. I was rushing to get home to my husband to spend a romantic weekend without the kids. Needless to say I was a bit preoccupied. I had our youngest in the back (getting ready to go to grandma’s) sleeping. I managed to make it to the top of the Wendell exit before the van sputtered to a stop. I had to call and humbly ask my husband to come to my rescue.

Just after I got off the phone with him a Furniture

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and Appliance Outlet truck drove past and I saw what you always hope for in that situation: brake lights! A young man jumped out and not only did he offer to help but he didn’t treat me like a dumb girl, though he could have. He was all smiles and polite enough to make any mother proud. Then he was off to get gas without a hint of annoyance.

I called my husband to let him know he could save a

trip. Moments later, the young man returned, having purchased a new gas can for the occasion. When all was said and done, I offered to pay him for the fuel, the can and the trouble, but he refused! I offered a second time (in case he was just being polite) and he refused again!

I made it home safe, sound and extremely grateful. If the other employees at the Furniture and Appliance

Outlet are as helpful and polite, then I would recommend everyone considering them the next time they are in the market for a new couch. Thanks to both the young man and his driver. You, guy, saved the day!
SUNI LYBRAND Twin Falls

Reader praises letter

Reference: The letter, Left Wing Loons, Feb. 19:
Thank you, Mr. Barry; it’s time someone replied to the piles of hate Ken White dishes out in his letters.
I used to read them. They are so disgusting, I’ve decided not to waste my time. If his name is on the letter, I skip it.
We can be thankful we’ve had President Bush and Vice President Cheney the last eight years. They had the

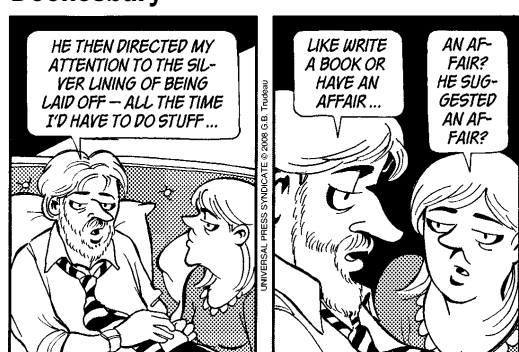
backbone to do what was necessary to prevent another attack on U.S. soil. What will the future bring? God help us!
Good letter, Nick; thanks again.
BILL NEWMAN Twin Falls

Drivers speed through school zone

To the two young males in a white Mustang convertible going north on Blue Lakes Boulevard on Friday, Feb. 20, at approximately 3:15 p.m.:
That was a school zone that you were in when you sped up and passed me. You idiots!
People like you who don’t practice safe driving, especially in a school zone, deserve to lose their licenses.
DEBI CULLEN Twin Falls

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Three things we know are true

In difficult times, it would be easy to spend our time fighting among ourselves, blaming others for problems that none of us can control and generally wasting time that could be better spent solving problems for the people of Idaho. Fortunately, in Idaho we have a long history of parents, teachers, administrators and legislators working together to achieve our common goals. We do not always agree on what should be done, however we share core principles that guide educational policy in Idaho.

1. Idaho children are our No. 1 priority.

While we may disagree on specifics, legislators, teachers, administrators and families all agree that our kids are our future, and that education is the tool that will allow them the opportunities that we want for them in the future.

2. Idaho schools are good, and they can be better.

While we all wish that we had more money to invest, we have a track record of making due with less, and this ability will serve us well through this economic crisis.

Idaho schools are safe. Each year our State Board of Education reports to the federal government how many schools are "persistently dangerous", and each year they find that all of Idaho's schools are providing a safe environment for our kids. We



Rep. Bob Nonini

Sen. John Goedde

do well in academics, too. In 2008, 58 schools improved by more than 20 percent with at least one group of students. This is amazing growth. When someone tells you that excellence is not possible, and that schools cannot be held accountable for great results — tell them that in Idaho, schools are excellent, and they are constantly getting better!

3. Innovative solutions to school funding issues are possible.

To name just one innovative solution, a bill was passed last session which would open some of Idaho's 2.5 million acres of endowment lands for the capture of renewable energy sources such as wind, geothermal and solar energy. These lands are earmarked to fund education, and as a result all revenue would go directly to education. This is a way to fund our children's educa-

tion without increasing the tax burden on families.

The power generated by renewable sources could be used to serve Idaho's energy needs to infinity. This bill does not provide all the answers to the mammoth funding challenges for education. However, it is an example of the creative approaches that Idaho needs to look for during these difficult economic times.

We as legislators are committed to providing quality services to the people of Idaho while maintaining our constitutional duty to balance Idaho's budget, and our moral duty to do all we can to avoid increasing the burden of the economic downturn on families that are already struggling.

As we continue to work through the legislative process, we are asking for your help. We need your support, your prayers and your ideas as to how we can best guide Idaho through these trying times. Please feel free to contact us as well as all of your legislators to be a part of solutions in education.

Bob Nonini, a third-term Republican from Coeur d'Alene, is chairman of the House Education Committee. John Goedde, a five-term Republican from Coeur d'Alene, is chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Obama's sleazy No. 3 choice for commerce secretary

Liberal media outlets are doing their best to boost former Washington Gov. Gary Locke, President Obama's third pick for the beleaguered Commerce Secretary job. "Obama's New Commerce Pick Has Clean Reputation," declared National Public Radio's Tom Banse. The Democrat possesses "a largely scandal-free resume" reported *The New York Times*. He is a "safe choice," *The Washington Post* asserted, because of his "strait-laced reputation."

But repeating the Mr. Clean claim doesn't make it so. Those in his home state who know Locke best paint a far grimmer picture of a crony politician with a serial habit of skirting campaign finance laws and conflict-of-interest rules. In other words: Locke's "Do As I Say, Not as I Do" record makes him a good fit for the ethically impaired Obama administration.

The left-leaning *Seattle Weekly* newspaper notes that Locke presided over a \$3.2 billion tax break for Boeing while "never disclosing he paid \$715,000 to — and relied on the advice of — Boeing's own private consultant and outside auditor." Then there's the tainted matter of Locke's "favors for his brother-in-law, including a tax break for his relative's company, personal intervention in a company dispute, and Locke's signature on a federal loan application for the company." Locke's laces ain't so straight.

The glowing profiles of Locke have largely glossed over his troubling ties to the Clinton-era Chinagate scandal. As the nation's first Chinese-American governor, Locke aggressively raised cash from ethnic constituencies around the country. Convicted campaign finance money-lauderer John Huang helped grease the wheels and open doors.

In the same time period that Huang was drumming up illegal cash for Clinton-Gore at the federal level, he



MICHELLE MALKIN

also organized two 1996 galas for Locke in Washington, D.C.; three fundraisers in Los Angeles; and an extravaganza at the Universal City, Calif., Hilton in October 1996 that raised upward of \$30,000. Huang also made personal contributions to Locke — as did another Clinton-Gore funny-money figure, Indonesian business mogul Ted Sioeng and his family and political operatives.

Sioeng, whom Justice Department and intelligence officials suspected of acting on behalf of the Chinese government, illegally donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to both Democratic and Republican coffers. One Sioeng associate's maximum individual contribution to Locke was illegally reimbursed by the businessman's daughter.

Checks to Locke's campaign poured in from prominent Huang and Sioeng associates, many of whom were targets of federal investigations. Locke eventually returned a token amount of money, but not before bitterly playing the race card and accusing critics of his sloppy accounting and questionable schmoozing of stirring up anti-Asian-American sentiment.

That scrutiny was more than justified. Locke's political committee was fined the maximum amount by Washington's campaign finance watchdog for failing to disclose out-of-state New York City Chinatown donors. One of those events was held at NYC's Harmony Palace restaurant, co-owned by Chinese street gang thugs.

And then there were Locke's not-so-squeaky-clean fundraising trips to a Buddhist temple in

Redmond, Wash., which netted nearly \$14,000 from monks and nuns — many of whom barely spoke English, couldn't recall donating to Locke, or were out of the country and could never be located. Of the known temple donors identified by the Locke campaign, five gave \$1,000 each on July 22, 1996. Two priests gave \$1,000 and \$1,100 respectively on Aug. 8, 1996. Three other temple adherents also gave \$1,000 contributions on Aug. 8. Internal campaign records show that two other temple disciples donated \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively on other dates. State campaign finance investigators failed to track down some of the donors during their probe.

But while investigating the story for the *Seattle Times*, I interviewed temple donor Siu Wai Wong, a bald, robed 40-year-old priest who could not remember when or by what means he had given a \$1,000 contribution to Locke. He also refused to say whether he was a U.S. citizen, explaining that his "English (was) not so good." The extensive public record clearly shows that the Locke campaign used Buddhist monks as conduits for laundered money.

The longtime reluctance to press Locke — who became a high-powered attorney specializing in China trade issues for international law firm Davis, Wright & Tremaine after leaving the governor's mansion — on his reckless, ethnic-based fundraising will undoubtedly extend to the politically correct and cowed Beltway. Supporters are now touting Locke's cozy relations with the Chinese government as a primary reason he deserves the Commerce Department post. Yet another illustration of how "Hope and Change" is just another synonym for "Screw Up, Move Up."

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When bad things happen to beautiful faces

Domestic violence thrives in anonymity. Battered faces hide from the world or don't make-up and shades to mask their pain. The anonymity shields its victims from questions they don't want to answer and embarrassments they shouldn't feel. But anonymity and its companion, silence, prolong the abuse.

So when the rich and famous go public with problems shared by some of us, some good may be born of their troubles.

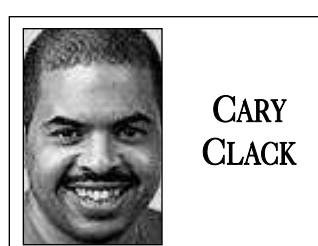
Earlier this month, 19-year-old pop star Chris Brown allegedly beat up his girlfriend, 20-year-old pop star Rihanna. I use the word "allegedly," but Rihanna, bruised and bloodied, accused Brown. Brown told the Associated Press that he's "sorry and saddened" about what happened.

As horrible as this is, it's an opportunity for the millions of young fans who idolize both singers to either learn about domestic abuse or evaluate the abusive relationships they may be in.

"I've been doing classes at the schools lately, and young people are starving for this kind of dialogue," says Patricia Castillo, executive director of the Putting an End to Abuse through Community Efforts (P.E.A.C.E.) Initiative. "What touches me the most is how common it is for girls who are not battered to worry about their peers who are."

Castillo says that at teen-parent conferences, mothers and fathers raise concerns about teen dating violence. She says more needs to be done to meet this demand.

"I hear them screaming at us to help them with this and we're not listening. We're not," she says. "Being in a healthy nonviolent relation-



CARY CLACK

ship requires skills, and we're not teaching them in any creative, comprehensive way.

"Hopefully, young people will see that no one deserves to be hit, beaten, get their face jacked up or verbally abused and attacked," she says. "Many girls believe they deserve the abuse and are told it's because they 'pushed their buttons.' I hope young men who look up to Chris will take note of him having turned himself in. Hopefully, this is a sign that he wants to be held accountable for his behavior."

Castillo says that an example of communities "getting it" is that some radio stations

across the country refused to play Brown's music for a time to protest what he did.

"Chris and Rihanna may be in love, but they don't see each other as equals," she says. "It is apparent that he felt he could do this and get away with this."

In her classes, Castillo discusses how people become violent and abusive.

"I take people back to that 3-year-old kicking and screaming at the store for a candy. To shut them up we give it to them. Not a good lesson to teach," she explains. "At 13, they want such-and-such, and they won't leave you alone until you give it to them. At 23, they want what they want and if they have to jack up your face to get it, so be it. Non violence begins early on."

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Violence between repo men, car owners on the rise

Some say licensing and training are key to reducing violence

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press writer

HALSELL, Ala. — Alone in his mobile home off a winding dirt road, Jimmy Tanks heard a commotion at 2:30 a.m. just outside his bedroom window: Somebody was messing with his car.

The 67-year-old railroad retiree grabbed a gun, walked out the back door and confronted not a thief but a repo man and two helpers trying to tow off the Chrysler Sebring. Shots were fired, and Tanks wound up dead,

a bullet in his chest. The man who came to repossess the car, Kenneth Alvin Smith, is awaiting trial on a murder charge in a state considered a Wild West territory even by the standards of an industry that's largely unregulated nationally. Since Tanks' death last June, two other repo men from the same company Smith worked for were shot, one fatally.

"It's gotten to where it's a crazy world out there," said Smith, 50, an ex-Marine who preaches part-time and sings gospel music.

Smith said Thursday that he fired in self-defense after Tanks fired a shot.

With the U.S. dealing with an economic slide that has cost millions of jobs, the number of vehicle repossessions is expected to rise 5 percent this year. That's after it jumped 12 percent to 1.67 million nationally in 2008, said Tom Webb, chief economist with Manheim Consulting, an automotive marketing firm. That followed a 9 percent increase in

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Georgia Tanks pauses at the spot where her husband, Jimmy Tanks, was fatally shot during a vehicle repossession last year at their home in rural Halsell, Ala. A repo man who is awaiting trial on a murder charge in Tanks' death says he fired in self-defense.

AP photo

CITIGROUP REACHES DEAL FOR AID WITH GOVERNMENT

Rescue will require additional federal funds

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government will exchange up to \$25 billion in emergency bailout money it provided Citigroup Inc. for as much as a 36 percent equity stake in the struggling bank, greatly increasing the risks to taxpayers as voter unhappiness about the broader bailout program rises.

The deal announced Friday by the company and the Treasury Department represents the third rescue attempt for Citigroup in the past five months. It's contingent on private investors agreeing to a similar swap.

The plan comes one day after the Obama administration laid the groundwork in its first budget request for greatly increasing the size of the \$700 billion bailout program that Congress passed in October. Administration officials said no decisions had been made yet but suggested the size of the effort could be expanded by as much as another \$750 billion.

The swap of \$25 billion of preferred shares into common stock will expose the government to the same risks facing other holders of the bank's common stock. Shares of Citigroup and many other financial companies have plunged as the sector undergoes its worst crisis in seven decades.

The administration decided to restructure the bailout package for Citigroup again in the hopes that converting \$25 billion of preferred shares into common stock would give investors more confidence that the bank has sufficient capital reserves to withstand mounting losses on its holdings of mortgages and other loans.

But the administration is mindful about growing unhappiness among voters and lawmakers in the huge sums that have been provided to the nation's banks, money that so far seems to have done little to stabilize the situation.

In his first address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, President Barack

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Citigroup headquarters in New York is seen. Citigroup Inc. said Friday it had reached a deal that will give the U.S. government up to a 36 percent stake in the struggling bank.

AP photo

FDIC raising fees on banks

Regulators also add emergency fee

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Facing a cascade of bank failures depleting the deposit insurance fund, federal regulators on Friday raised the fees paid by U.S. financial institutions and levied an emergency premium in a bid to collect \$27 billion this year.

The FDIC said the economic crisis, which has caused the insurance fund to drop to its lowest level in nearly a quarter-century, also warranted extending the plan to rebuild the insurance fund from five years to seven.

The emergency premium, to be levied on the roughly 8,500 federally insured institutions on June 30, will be 20 cents for every \$100 of their insured deposits.

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Economy shrinks at fastest pace in 26 years

Consumers cut back more than expected

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The economy contracted at a staggering 6.2 percent pace at the end of 2008, the worst showing in a quarter-century, as consumers and businesses ratcheted back spending, plunging the country deeper into recession.

The Commerce Department report released Friday showed the economy sinking much faster than the 3.8 percent annualized drop for the October-December quarter

first estimated last month. It also was considerably weaker than the 5.4 percent annualized decline economists expected.

A much sharper cutback in consumer spending — which accounts for about two-thirds of economic activity — along with a bigger drop in U.S. exports sales, and reductions in business spending and inventories all contributed to the largest revision on records dating to 1976.

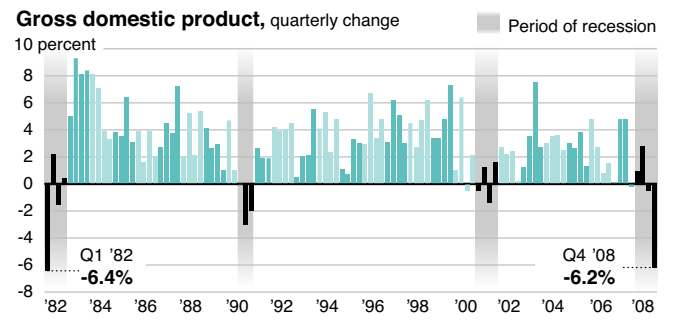
Looking ahead, economists predict consumers and businesses will keep cutting back spending, making the first six months of this year especially rocky.

"Right now we're in the period of maximum recession stress, where the big cuts

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GDP weakest since 1982

The economy shrank at a rate of 6.2 percent at the end of 2008 as the deepening recession slowed consumer and business spending.



SOURCES: Bureau of Economic Analysis; Commerce Dept. AP

Oil below \$43, ending 2-day rise on weak economy

By Sandy Shore
Associated Press writer

DENVER — A record U.S. economic contraction dragged oil prices below \$43 a barrel Friday, a day after crude surged on signs that weak U.S. demand could be recovering.

Benchmark crude for April delivery fell \$2.42 to \$42.80 a barrel in morning trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The drop came after oil prices rose for two consecutive days on news that imports in the last two weeks have fallen more than 10 percent below the prior month's average, indicating overseas producers are cutting production to keep pace with fading demand. Meanwhile, gasoline demand declined less than expected.

Still, the Commerce Department said Friday the economy contracted at a

staggering 6.2 percent pace at the end of 2008, the worst showing in a quarter-century.

The report showed the economy sinking much faster than the 3.8 percent annualized drop for the October-December quarter first estimated last month. It also was considerably weaker than the 5.4 percent annualized decline economists expected.

"We're still dealing with a historic drop in demand and historic retraction on the economy," said Alaron Trading Corp. analyst Phil Flynn.

Economists predict consumers and businesses will keep cutting back spending, making the first six months of this year especially rocky.

Meanwhile, federal regulators launched an investigation into the United States Oil Fund, which at times controls enough oil contracts to supply the world with crude for a day.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	15.08	▲ .03	Dell Inc.	8.53	▲ .32	Idacorp	91.50	—
Lithia Mo.	2.64	▼ .07	Micron	3.22	▼ .07	Supervalu	5.61	▲ .42

COMMODITIES

For more see Business 2

Live cattle	82.52	▼ .43	Apr. oil	44.76	▼ .46
Mar. gold	941.50	▼ .30	Mar. silver	13.08	▲ .13

AROUND
THE WORLD

BANGLADESH

Dozens more bodies
found at mutiny site

DHAKA — Firefighters searching the headquarters compound of Bangladesh's border guards on Friday uncovered the grisly results of the force's two-day mutiny — dozens of senior officers massacred, their bodies hurriedly dumped into shallow graves and sewers.

By nightfall, 44 bodies had been found, including the body of Maj. Gen. Shakil Ahmed, the commander of the guards, bringing the confirmed death toll to 66, fire official Mizanur Rahman said. Dozens more officers were missing.

While newly elected Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ended the revolt in two days, persuading the mutinous guards to surrender through promises of amnesty coupled with threats of military force, the insurrection raised new questions about stability in this poor South Asian nation.

She said Friday that there would be no amnesty for the killers. And Dhaka's largest newspaper, the Daily Star, lauded Hasina in an editorial for "sagacious handling of the situation which resulted in the prevention of a further bloodbath."

ITALY

Witness says American
suspect did cartwheels

PERUGIA — A young American woman charged with murder in Italy turned cartwheels and sat on her boyfriend's lap in the police station after the killing of her apartment mate, Italian investigators testified at the trial Friday.

The court in this central city heard testimony from detectives who inspected the apartment where 21-year-old Meredith Kercher, a Briton, was found stabbed to death Nov. 2, 2007.

Kercher's roommate, University of Washington student Amanda Knox, and Knox's Italian former boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, are charged with murder and sexual violence. They have pleaded innocent and looked tense and somber when they were escorted into court by police guards.

Domenico Giacinto Profazio, the former head of the Perugia police detective squad, recounted the investigation that led to charges against the two defendants and a third suspect convicted in a separate trial last year. Rudy Hermann Guede of the Ivory Coast was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Prosecutors allege Kercher was killed during what began as a sex game, with Sollecito holding her by the shoulders from behind while Knox touched her with the point of a knife. They say Guede tried to sexually assault Kercher and then Knox fatally stabbed her in the throat.

BRITAIN

British police seeking
radioactive fugitive

LONDON — British authorities hunted Friday for a fugitive whose treatment for a thyroid problem has made him radioactive.

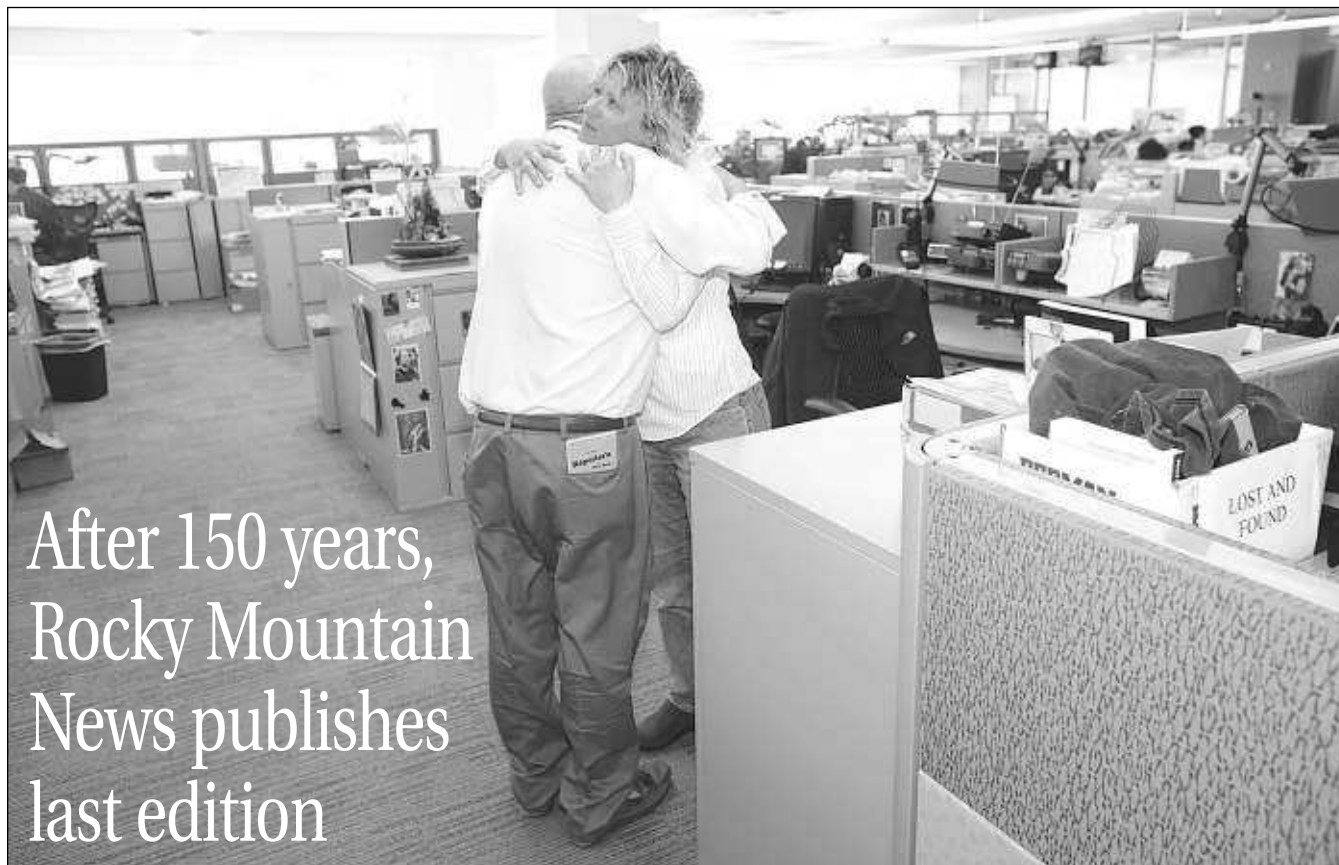
Thomas Marius Leopold, 42, failed to appear for a hearing Thursday at London's Southwark Crown Court on child pornography charges. His defense lawyer Jeannie Mackay told the court her client's treatment made him radioactive, a warning the judge passed on to police officers.

"Please warn officers that when he is arrested he might be radioactive," Judge John Price said. "This is not a joke."

The nature of Leopold's illness wasn't immediately clear. Mike Keir, a radiation protection adviser at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, northern England, said Friday that the description given by the court would fit with a person being treated with radioactive iodine for an overactive thyroid.

— The Associated Press

Death of a newspaper



After 150 years,
Rocky Mountain
News publishes
last edition

AP photo

Reporters Gary Massaro, left, and Judi Villa hug in the newsroom of the Rocky Mountain News in Denver on Thursday. E.W. Scripps Co., owners of the News, announced on Thursday that the paper was ceasing publication on Friday.

By Catherine Tsai
Associated Press writer

DENVER — On the day his newspaper published its final edition, Rocky Mountain News Editor John Temple advised a gathering of Colorado journalists to focus on local news and suggested creating online content that niche audiences might pay for.

"It's not realistic to think in this day and age that people are going to have one information source and you're going to be it. You try, you die," Temple told the Colorado Press Association convention on Friday. "If you're not experimenting, then I think you're in trouble," said Temple, who also held the titles of publisher and president.

The E.W. Scripps Co., which owns the News, announced Thursday that the Friday edition would be the newspaper's last after nearly 150 years in business.

"Goodbye, Colorado," read the headline on a 52-page commemorative edition wrapping the regular newspaper Friday. "STOP THE PRESSES," read the front-page headline inside.

Mike Simonton, a bond analyst at Fitch Ratings, said a number of other newspapers could close by the end of 2010, and those that survive will be focused on local



The New York Times/AP photo

The front page of the first issue of the Rocky Mountain News in 1859. The rise of Colorado's capital city and the rise of The Rocky, as it became known, were intertwined from the beginning. The city was founded in late 1858, The Rocky the following April.

news with smaller staffs and less printed content.

Four owners of 33 U.S. daily newspapers have sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the past 2 1/2 months, and a number of other newspapers are up for sale.

"We think this downturn is incremental to a very severe longer-term pressure from the Internet," Simonton said. "Many of the newspaper groups are in dire financial situations. We believe there will be more newspaper group bankruptcies and more newspapers closing

over the next two years."

Scripps said the News lost 80 percent of News subscribers. Simonton said that was a realistic goal since those subscribers have shown they value a printed product.

The Post has hired 10 News staffers, including columnists, and is picking up features and comics that the News published. "We're going to make a play to get all those readers over time, and to keep them," Moore said.

The overlap in readership for the newspapers is roughly 14,000, according to the Denver Newspaper Agency. There were no immediate plans to raise ad, subscription or newsstand prices.

The Saturday edition of The Post will include a new home section called "Inside and Out" and features on things to do on the weekend, Moore said.

Singleton, who is also chairman of the board of The Associated Press, has said Denver could support only one newspaper. He said Thursday he was confident his newspaper would survive.

The state Senate paused Friday morning to lament the closing of the News and applauded one of its statehouse reporters, Ed Sealover, who had stepped into the chamber.

Assisted suicide ring members
prepare for fight in court

By Greg Bluestein
Associated Press writer



Goodwin

ATLANTA — Members of an assisted suicide ring say they've done nothing wrong and seem eager for a court battle over criminal charges they helped a Georgia man kill himself, while their supporters are using the case as a rallying cry for more debate about end-of-life issues.

Four members of the Final Exit Network were arrested Wednesday on charges they violated Georgia's assisted suicide laws by helping 58-year-old John Celmer use helium and an exit bag — a plastic hood with tubing attached — to suffocate himself.

Network president Thomas E. Goodwin and member Claire Blehr, both arrested in metro Atlanta, were released from jail late Thursday. Goodwin's attorney, Cynthia Counts, said she was confident her client "will be vindicated."

In Baltimore on Friday, Dr. Lawrence D. Egbert and Nicholas Alex Sheridan smiled and waved to supporters before asking a judge to release them on bond so they could travel to Georgia to face charges. The judge later agreed to release and their attorney said they were expected to travel to Georgia over the weekend.

medical director, and Sheridan. "These are people who want justice."

Celmer's mother says he suffered for years from mouth and throat cancer, but Georgia authorities say he was cancer-free and simply embarrassed about how jaw surgeries had affected his appearance when the network helped him kill himself.

Network members bristle at the term assisted suicide, saying they don't actively aid suicides but rather support and guide those, like Celmer, who decide to end their lives on their own.

"These people are suffering. And the suffering that they're experiencing is their own personal experience," said Jerry Dincin, a Chicago clinical psychologist who was named the group's president after Goodwin's arrest.

Dincin, who wasn't arrested, said he never met Celmer. But he said Friday people who approach the group for help are asked

repeatedly in the days leading up to the suicide — often more than 10 times — if they are sure they want to go through with the process.

"Who are we to judge? That's his opinion. He was suffering to the point where he didn't want to live anymore. He had every opportunity to say no, and he didn't."

The four also were charged with tampering with evidence and violating anti-racketeering laws.

Suicide rate
prompts
Marine
prevention
program

By Tony Perry
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — Alarmed by a rising suicide rate among their troops, Marine officials announced Friday that all Marines, including those in Iraq and Afghanistan, will receive a two-hour suicide-prevention presentation next month.

Commanders have been ordered to do three-to-five minute videos as part of the presentations.

The sessions will remind troops to watch for warning signs among their buddies and to inform their superiors immediately if they feel a Marine is thinking of suicide.

In 2008, 41 Marines committed suicide, a rate of 19 per 100,000. In 2007, the figure was 33 suicides for a rate of 16.5, and in 2006, 25 suicides for a rate of 12.9.

Suicide attempts also increased during the same period. In 2008, there were 146 suspected attempts, compared with 103 in 2007 and 99 in 2006, according to the Marine Corps.

Last year, the Marine Corps lost more troops to suicide than were killed in Iraq (32) or Afghanistan (27).

The Army had a similar increase. In 2008, 128 soldiers committed suicide, a rate of 20.2 per 100,000, up from 16.8 in 2007.

Navy Cmdr. Aaron Werbel, behavioral health affairs officer at Marine Corps headquarters, said commanders have been ordered to ensure the presentations are dramatic enough to grab the attention of their young troops.

"We don't want a presentation that will put them to sleep," said Werbel, who is in charge of devising suicide-prevention strategies.

What makes the rise in the rate of suicide vexing is that nothing is different in the demographics or other statistical breakdown from previous years, Werbel said. Of the 41 Marines, 69 percent had been on at least one overseas deployment, roughly the same figure as the overall force.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Near average temperatures and partly cloudy skies. Highs, 40s.
Tonight: A few clouds. Lows, 30s.
Tomorrow: A bit warmer despite more clouds. Highs near 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs, 40s.
Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows, 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, but likely dry. Highs, 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 The weekend will start out dry and quiet on the weather front. Another Pacific storm system will slow moving in late Sunday and Monday. Expect more clouds and return chance for mixed showers and snow.

BOISE
 The weekend looks to be mainly dry with variably cloudy skies. There will be some precipitation in the region on Sunday, but it will likely stay to our north. We could see some showers on Monday.

NORTHERN UTAH
 The weather will be good for those traveling this weekend. Expect mostly sunny skies today and a few more clouds on Sunday.

Today Highs 39 to 43 Tonight's Lows 18 to 25

Today Highs/Lows 50 to 55 / 32 to 37

Yesterday's State Extremes: 44 at Orofino Low: -18 at Stanley
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-winterly 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 46	Low 31	50 / 34	53 / 33	50 / 36	45 / 30

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prop
Boise	41	20	0.00"
Burley	34	18	Trace
Challis	27	-4	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	34	16	0.08"
Idaho Falls	26	12	0.00"
Jerome	34	20	0.00"
Lewiston	44	24	0.00"
Lowell	43	27	0.00"
Malad	not available		
Malla	34	21	n/a
Pocatello	30	17	0.00"
Rexburg	25	14	0.00"
Salmon	36	19	0.00"
Stanley	23	-18	0.01"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 36 Yesterday's Low 16 Normal High/Low 46 / 25 Record High 62 in 1980 Record Low 1 in 1993	Yesterday 0.01" Month to Date 0.44" Normal Month to Date 0.95" Year to Date 4.33" Normal Year to Date 5.31"	Yesterday's Maximum 85% Yesterday's Minimum 36% Today's Maximum 76% Today's Minimum 42% A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	6 pm barometer Yesterday 30.33 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM Sunday Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM Monday Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 6:29 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:30 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 6:32 PM

Moon Phases

Mar 4 First Qtr. Mar 11 Full Moon. Mar 18 Last Qtr. Mar 26 New Moon

Moonrise and Moonset

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	8:31 AM	10:55 PM
Sunday	8:59 AM	none
Monday	9:34 AM	12:08 AM

U. V. INDEX

Low Moderate High

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	52 34 pc	53 35 mc	56 33 sh
Bonners Ferry	46 27 pc	46 31 mc	50 31 sh
Burley	40 23 mc	41 22 mc	39 24 mc
Coeur d'Alene	39 33 mc	40 31 mc	38 29 sn
Elko, NV	46 27 mc	51 27 r	52 24 sh
Eugene, OR	49 37 r	52 38 r	49 36 r
Gooding	48 32 pc	52 35 mc	55 34 mc
Graca	38 15 pc	44 23 c	43 23 mc
Hagerman	49 30 pc	53 33 mc	56 32 mc
Hailey	41 29 mc	42 28 mc	39 21 sn
Idaho Falls	36 17 pc	40 24 c	43 23 mc
Kalispell, MT	37 22 mc	41 25 mc	42 24 c
Jackpot	47 24 su	49 30 mc	51 29 mc
Jerome	44 30 mc	45 29 mc	42 22 sn
Lewiston	53 41 mc	55 37 sh	50 34 r
Malad City	42 16 pc	48 24 c	47 24 mc
Malta	43 24 pc	43 28 mc	47 28 sh
McCall	33 22 mc	38 23 mc	31 13 sn
Missoula, MT	48 32 pc	52 35 mc	55 34 mc
Pocatello	41 20 pc	47 28 c	46 28 mc
Portland, OR	48 40 r	50 41 r	48 39 r
Rupert	46 29 pc	46 33 mc	50 33 sh
Rexburg	34 15 pc	38 21 c	40 21 mc
Richland, WA	45 34 r	50 38 r	50 34 r
Rogerson	46 32 pc	50 35 mc	53 34 mc
Salmon	42 24 mc	47 28 mc	41 25 mc
Salt Lake City, UT	48 39 pc	59 44 mc	55 40 r
Spokane, WA	43 29 mc	46 33 mc	46 31 sh
Starley	48 21 mc	47 20 mc	44 14 mc
Sun Valley	52 23 mc	51 22 mc	48 16 mc
Yellowstone, MT	33 11 mc	36 19 pc	34 17 mc

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	62 40 th	45 30 r
Atlanta City	43 36 r	43 36 r
Baltimore	42 33 r	39 24 mc
Billings	36 26 pc	51 32 pc
Birmingham	55 30 sh	45 29 ls
Boston	38 28 pc	29 20 sn
Charleston, SC	66 52 th	53 34 sh
Charleston, WV	43 29 r	35 21 ls
Chicago	34 19 pc	31 13 ls
Cleveland	30 17 pc	26 16 ls
Denver	48 27 su	64 35 su
Des Moines	26 8 ls	31 16 pc
Detroit	32 15 pc	29 11 ls
El Paso	69 38 pc	76 47 pc
Fairbanks	19 -2 ls	17 -2 mc
Fargo	10 -6 pc	19 6 pc
Honolulu	69 66 pc	70 66 pc
Houston	64 36 pc	60 40 sh
Indianapolis	37 15 pc	34 18 pc
Jacksonville	80 53 sh	55 36 sh
Kansas City	31 16 ls	35 20 pc
Las Vegas	71 50 pc	74 54 pc
Little Rock	47 29 r	51 27 pc
Los Angeles	70 56 pc	63 53 r
Memphis	45 29 r	45 28 pc
Miami	78 65 pc	79 49 th
Milwaukee	27 14 ls	28 17 pc
Nashville	41 26 mc	35 22 ls
New Orleans	72 37 th	56 36 pc
New York	46 31 sh	36 26 mc
Oklahoma City	43 23 su	53 33 su
Omaha	27 8 su	31 16 pc

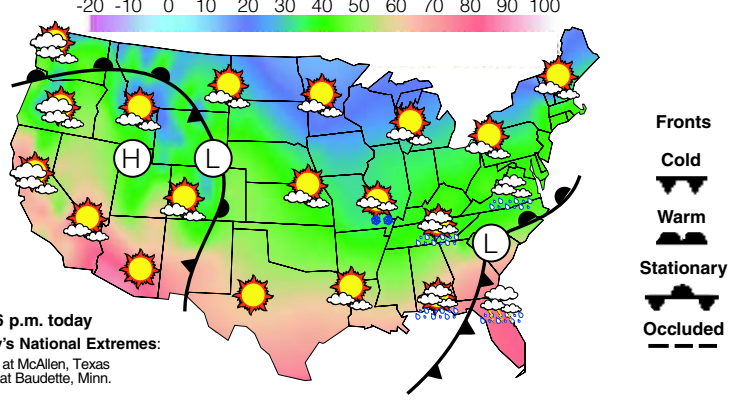
WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	85 71 pc	87 70 pc	Moscow	29 24 ls	30 26 ls
Athens	52 41 pc	56 44 pc	Nairobi	79 51 sh	78 51 pc
Auckland	71 62 sh	73 57 sh	Oalo	22 14 pc	31 31 ls
Bangkok	94 78 pc	92 78 sh	Paris	57 41 pc	57 37 pc
Beijing	51 28 pc	45 25 pc	Prague	40 35 r	45 36 pc
Berlin	43 38 r	47 38 pc	Rio de Janeiro	89 71 th	88 71 th
Buenos Aires	86 72 pc	92 69 th	Rome	57 50 pc	57 51 sh
Cairo	64 46 pc	63 37 sh	Santiago	62 57 pc	62 55 pc
Dhahran	86 63 pc	70 60 sh	Saout	48 28 pc	45 25 pc
Geneva	47 36 pc	48 33 pc	Sydney	87 67 sh	77 65 pc
Hong Kong	72 70 pc	72 69 sh	Tel Aviv	58 56 sh	60 59 sh
Jerusalem	49 46 sh	53 43 sh	Tokyo	48 37 pc	42 33 r
Johannesburg	72 58 th	63 53 sh	Vienna	42 35 r	47 38 pc
Kuwait City	74 53 sh	72 54 pc	Warsaw	35 27 ls	35 27 pc
London	53 37 pc	51 32 sh	Winnipeg	11 12 pc	16 14 pc
Mexico City	77 40 pc	65 34 pc	Zurich	35 32 pc	35 32 mc

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	28 0 pc	26 15 pc	Saskatoon	8 -2 pc	19 10 ls
Cranbrook	29 18 pc	32 30 ls	Toronto	23 13 pc	22 5 pc
Edmonton	32 11 pc	19 16 pc	Vancouver	37 36 r	41 38 sh
Kelowna	30 27 pc	33 28 ls	Victoria	39 39 r	48 41 sh
Lethbridge	32 11 pc	19 16 pc	Winnipeg	11 12 pc	16 14 pc
Regina	11 1 pc	28 19 pc			

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "The money I have is in direct proportion to the value I've given to others. The more I give of myself, incredibly, the more economic power comes my way."
 - Todd Barnhart, Author

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Airline pay toilets? Better ignore that beverage cart

By Shawn Pogatchnik
 Associated Press writer

DUBLIN — When nature calls at 30,000 feet, is \$1.40 a wee price to pay? Or could it force passengers without correct change into a whole new kind of holding pattern?

The head of budget European airline Ryanair unleashed a flood of indignation and potty humor Friday when he suggested that future passengers might be obliged to insert a British pound coin for access to the lavatory to get some in-flight relief.

Airline chief Michael O'Leary suggested that installing pay toilets would lower ticket costs and make flying, somehow, easier for all.

Not even his own aides seemed to be sure if he was serious or pursuing his penchant for making brazen declarations to get free publicity for Ryanair.

"One thing we have looked at in the past, and are looking at again, is the possibility of maybe putting a coin slot on the toilet door, so that people might have to actually spend a pound to 'spend a penny' in future," O'Leary said, using a British euphemism for going to the bathroom.

not on airplanes? Not everyone uses the toilet on board one of our flights, but those that do could help to reduce airfares for all passengers."

Analysts agreed that the man who pioneered charging passengers to check bags, to use a check-in desk and even to use a credit or debit card to make an online booking just might be serious about mile-high toilet extortion.

David Castelveter, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents the major U.S. airlines, said he wasn't aware that any were considering a toilet fee.

Not surprisingly, passengers reacted with indignation and outrage at the prospect.

Vitaly Zananetskin, who was boarding a Ryanair flight to London at Riga International Airport in Latvia, called it "a bad idea."

"I would just try to go to the restroom before going on board and then try not to drink too much during the flight," he said. "A three-hour flight without a toilet is tolerable. Of course, if it gets so bad that your eyes are watering, then you can pay the money."

E-cigs gain ground amid safety concerns

By Audra Ang
 Associated Press writer

BEIJING — With its slim white body and glowing amber tip, it can easily pass as a regular cigarette. It even emits what look like curling wisps of white smoke.

The Ruyan V8, which produces a nicotine-infused mist absorbed directly into the lungs, is just one of a rapidly growing array of electronic cigarettes attracting attention in China, the U.S. and elsewhere — and the scrutiny of world health officials.

Marketed as a healthier alternative to smoking and a potential way to kick the habit, the smokeless smokes have been distributed in swag bags at the British film awards and hawked at an international trade show.

Because no burning is involved, makers say there's no hazardous cocktail of cancer-causing chemicals and gases like those produced by a regular cigarette. There's no secondhand smoke, so they can be used in places where cigarettes are banned, the makers say.

Health authorities are questioning those claims.

The World Health Organization issued a statement in September warning there was no evidence to back up contentions that e-cigarettes are a safe substitute for smoking or a way to help smokers quit.

It also said companies should stop marketing them

Cigarettes without the smoke

Several companies are selling electronic cigarettes that vaporize nicotine rather than burn tobacco, claiming they are safer than traditional cigarettes.

Vapor inhaled to simulate smoke

Available in a variety of flavors and nicotine levels

SOURCES: NJOY; Smoking Everywhere

patented its ultrasonic atomizing technology, in which nicotine is dissolved in a cartridge containing propylene glycol, the liquid that is vaporized in smoke machines in nightclubs or theaters and is commonly used as a solvent in food.

When a person takes a drag on the battery-powered cigarette, the solution is pumped through the atomizer and comes out as an ultrafine spray that resembles smoke.

Hong Kong-based Ruyan contends the technology has been illegally copied by Chinese and foreign companies and is embroiled in several lawsuits. It's also battling questions about the safety of its products.

Most sales take place over the Internet, where hundreds of retailers tout their products. Their easy availability, O'Leary warns, "has elevated this to a pressing issue given its unknown safety and efficacy."

that way, especially since the product may undermine smoking prevention efforts because they look like the real thing and may lure non-smokers, including children.

"There is not sufficient evidence that (they) are safe products for human consumption," Timothy O'Leary, a communications officer at the WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative in Geneva, said this week.

The laundry list of WHO's concerns includes the lack of conclusive studies and information about e-cigarette contents and their long-term health effects, he said.

Unlike other nicotine-replacement therapies such as patches for slow delivery through the skin, gum or candy for absorption in the mouth, or inhalers and nasal sprays, e-cigarettes have not gone through rigorous testing, O'Leary said.

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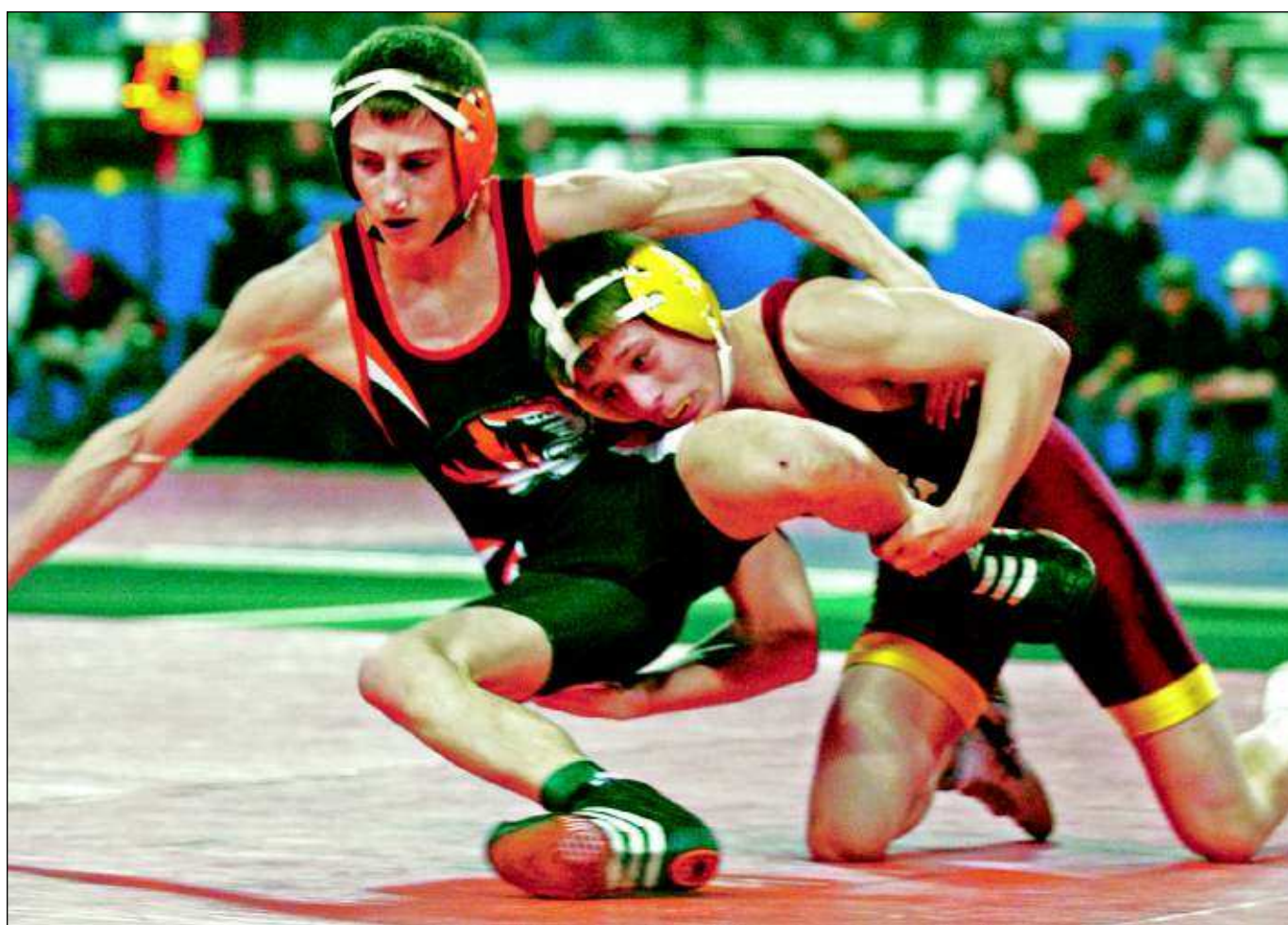
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See what folks think of the new
two-day format for state wrestling.
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See
Sports 5



Jerome's Cory Cummins wrestles against Jackson Blakley of Columbia during the 119-pound quarterfinals at the Class 4A wrestling tournament Friday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Photos by RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Cummins leads Jerome trio into semis

Minico third after Day 1 with four into semis

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Jerome senior Cory Cummins' influence at the Class 4A state wrestling tournament goes far beyond his advancement to the 119-pound semifinals. As a junior, Cummins went undefeated with a state title at 103. His Tiger teammates took notice.

INSIDE

Roundup of Class 3A and 2A wrestling action and full Day 1 results for area wrestlers.

See Sports 2

"Last year, (Cummins) would always get up and run in the mornings and he would always eat healthy and didn't do anything

besides think wrestling," said Jerome's 189-pounder Wade Bennett. "He started doing that last year, and we saw how he turned out, so this year we learned from him to just all come in the mornings as a team and run and work hard."

His leadership has paid off as this year two Jerome teammates, Bennett and Keenan Allen, will join him

in the semifinals.

Cummins not only talks the talk, he walks the walk. On Friday he earned a 9-1 major decision in the first round. Down 5-4 heading into the third period of his quarterfinal bout with Jackson Blakley of Columbia, Cummins used all that extra conditioning to

See JEROME, Sports 2

Three Bruin grapplers make championship semis

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — For the wrestler who works 363 days a year to prepare for the two-day mayhem that is the state tournament, the experience can be the highest of highs or the lowest of lows.

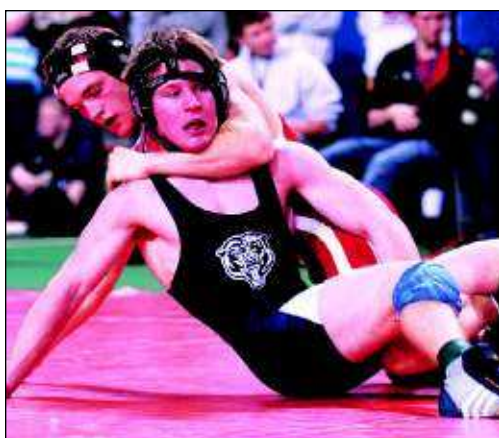
Now Twin Falls' Todd Anderson knows both sides.

After winning the 130-pound Class 5A state title last year, Anderson was

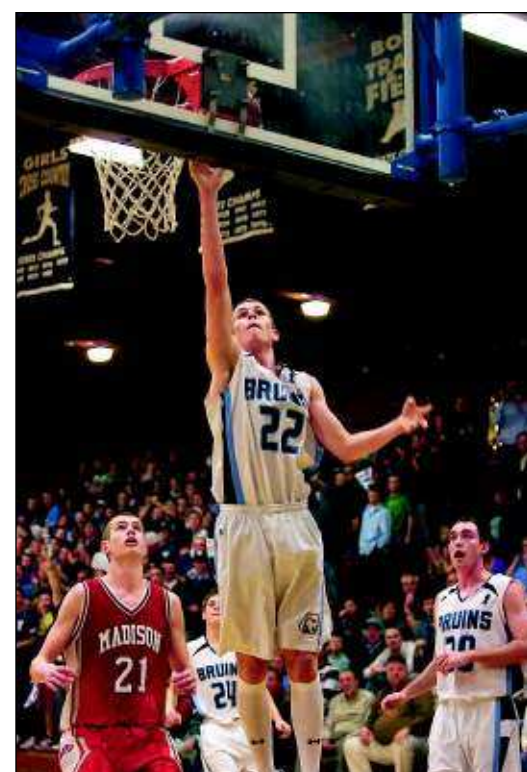
knocked out of the quarterfinals at 140 on Friday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

"It's a heartbreaker," Anderson said after his 12-8 decision loss to Darryl Cunningham of Madison. "My goal was to repeat as a state champion, but it didn't happen. It hurts. I wanted to go for a four-time state championship, but there's always three... I'm still

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Twin Falls grappler Todd Anderson, front, wrestles Darryl Cunningham of Madison during the 140-pound quarterfinals at the Class 5A wrestling tournament Friday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.



Twin Falls High School guard Marcus Jardine (22) goes for a layup as teammate Jake Hanchey (20) and Madison post Josh Fuller (21) look on Friday night at Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

JEFF JARDINE/
For the Times-News

Region title back in Twin Falls

Bruin boys beat Madison for championship

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The Bruins are back on top. One year removed from a six-win season, the Twin Falls boys basketball team earned its fourth Region Four-Five-Six championship in seven years Friday by defeating Madison 52-46 at Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

Head coach Matt Harr said that while all of his championships — and the boys that won them — are special, this one is a bit different.

"We didn't talk about it, but it is," Harr said. "I told the group, 'You don't realize what you've done yet.' With this one, nobody expected us to do anything this year."

The unexpected became reality after the Bruins beat Madison two nights in a row to wrap up the tournament. The final 16 minutes of the tournament saw the Bruins trail by as many as 10 points only to mount a comeback.

Trailing 26-25 to start the second half, the Bruins allowed Madison one early bucket during the third quarter before going on a 9-0 run to gain a lead that they would not relinquish. Jake Hanchey's lay-up at the 6-minute mark of the third quarter was a key basket during the pivotal run.

"It was a team effort. Everybody helped on defense, everybody crashed the boards, and everybody was hustling everywhere."

— Marcus Jardine

"We got off flat-footed," Hanchey said of the first half, "but we all pulled together at the same time and made a run when we needed to."

Hanchey scored 10 points with four rebounds, and Jon Pulsifer added a dozen points before fouling out late in the fourth.

Madison got within two possessions late in the fourth. Marcus Jardine was the recipient of many fouls, but maintained his composure to hit 3 of 4 late free throws to keep the Bobcats at bay. After each successful shot, the student section would chant, "Just like Brady!" in reference to his older brother, Brady Jardine, who helped Twin Falls win a state title in 2006. Marcus finished with a game-high 15 points and six rebounds.

"It was a team effort," he said. "Everybody helped on defense, everybody crashed the boards, and everybody was hustling everywhere."

Jordan Hamblin was also fouled late and did his part by

See TITLE, Sports 4

CSI men slam CNCC in blowout

Golden Eagles dish out 30 assists in win

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The fastest way to overcome a 7-0 deficit? A 37-3 run works pretty well.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball overcame a slow start Friday night to rout visiting Colorado Northwestern Community College 114-53.

"These are tough games," CSI head coach Steve Gosar said of playing the Spartans, 0-14 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. "The guys came out a little bit flat but they found a way to fix it."

After falling behind 7-0 early, CSI had seven different players score in a 16-0 run to take control. The

burst ballooned to 37-3 as CSI threw down eight first-half dunks and built a 55-20 halftime cushion.

The Golden Eagles kept it rolling in the second half, piling up 30 assists for the game as four players scored 16 or more.

"The guys were having fun out there and being really unselfish," said Gosar.

Aziz Ndiaye had 24 points, eight rebounds and three blocks, with eight of his 10 field goals coming on dunks as CSI had 14 slams on the night.

"He put on a show," said CSI point guard Jamelle Barrett. "He and (Daequon Montreal) were dunking left and right."

Montreal scored 23 points, while Nate Miles had 19 points and eight assists to share game-high honors with Barrett. Romario Souza went 10-for-10 from the foul line in scoring 16 points and

See BLOWOUT, Sports 4



The College of Southern Idaho's Louis Garrett (32) goes up for two during the first half of play against Colorado Northwestern Community College Friday night in Twin Falls.

JUSTIN JACKSON/
Times-News

CSI women win lackluster outing

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The Golden Eagles' play fit their situation. In other words, they looked like a team with little to play for.

The 11th-ranked College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team sleepwalked its way to an 81-52 home win over Colorado Northwestern Community College Friday night.

With the Scenic West Athletic Conference title and top seed to next week's Region 18 Tournament already wrapped up, CSI (24-4, 13-1 SWAC) looked lethargic and disinterested for long stretches against the last-place Spartans (2-25, 0-14).

"I thought (the Spartans) did a good job of doing things right on their side," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers. "We might have had

too much firepower, but we were the ones that played sloppy. We're the ones that didn't box out and gave up 18 offensive rebounds and turned the ball over 20 times.

...

"It's disappointing." After poor shooting plagued both teams in the first half, CSI used runs of 9-0 and 12-0 after intermission to put the game away.

"Things weren't going our way and we started to hang our heads," freshman guard Nicole Harper said of the first-half effort. "When we came out for the second half we knew we had to step it up."

Soana Lucet's 17-point, 12-rebound double-double led CSI, while Shauneice Samms had a game-high 18 points to go with nine boards. Martina

See CSI, Sports 4

McIlroy moves into quarterfinals of Match Play

MARANA, Ariz. — Teenage sensation Rory McIlroy did his part to put some excitement back into the Accenture Match Play Championship, crushing the player who knocked out Tiger Woods to advance to the quarterfinals.

McIlroy, the 19-year-old from Northern Ireland who keeps adding credentials to be the next young star, built a 4-up lead after six holes and never gave Tim Clark of South Africa a chance to catch up in a 4-and-3 victory.

One day after Clark was practically flawless in sending Woods home early from Dove Mountain, hardly anything went right. It was the third straight time that a player who beat Woods in this tournament lost in the next round.

Ross Fisher won the first of three England-USA matches, easily defeating Jim Furyk, 4 and 3.

Another match ended early under the wrong kind of circumstances. Luke Donald of England was 1 down to Ernie Els on the 18th tee when he took a practice swing with his



Rory McIlroy pitches to the No. 8 green during his 5 up victory over Tim Clark Friday in their third-round match at the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship in Marana, Ariz.

driver, felt a twinge in his left wrist and conceded the match.

Donald, who had surgery on that wrist last summer and missed two majors, felt

some pain on his tee shot at the 17th, and took extra time hitting his bunker shot to 12 feet.

"For the first time since coming back, I felt a little twinge in my wrist," Donald said. "So rather than risk it, I wanted to play it safe and concede the match to Ernie. Hopefully, I've just pulled it a little bit and nothing serious."

NA, WILSON SHARE LEAD IN MEXICO

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Kevin Na was going over all the things that are lining up for him right now, even bringing up something from four years ago that seemed like a bit of a stretch.

His point was obvious: The 25-year-old expects his first PGA Tour win to come at the Mayakoba Golf Classic this weekend.

Right? "I'm not going to say that," he said, smiling wide and laughing nervously. "But..."

With the world's best 64 players in Arizona, Na came

to Mexico seeking to build on a terrific start and certainly has. He shot an 8-under 62 Friday to zoom into a first-place tie with Mark Wilson (64) midway through the PGA Tour's annual stop in Mexico.

Na had two birdies and no bogeys over his first nine holes, then something clicked as he made the turn. He birdied six of the next eight holes — including a pair that were among the 32 toughest on the PGA Tour last season — then stood over a 10-foot putt on the final green that would've tied the best round in the tournament's 3-year history. He barely missed to the right, forcing him to settle for sharing the best two-round score with Wilson at 10 under.

Trivial marks like those aren't what Na is chasing. After finishing third, fifth and tied for 25th so far this year, he's looking to go home with the hefty chameleon trophy that goes to the winner of this tournament, played on the El Camaleon course designed by Greg Norman.

AMERICAN BRITANNY LANG TAKES LPGA THAILAND LEAD

PATTAYA, Thailand — American Brittany Lang shot a 3-under 69 on Friday to take a one-stroke lead over compatriots Morgan Pressel and Paula Creamer after the second round of the \$1.45 million LPGA Thailand.

Lang used long drives to produce her second straight bogey-free round, giving her a two-day total of 7-under 137 at the 6,477 yard Siam Country Club Pattaya Plantation course.

"It is a great golf course for me," Lang said. "The greens are firm and I hit the ball high. It is a long course, so I can hit the par 5s or par 4s with wedge shots for my approaches to the green. As long as I can use my wedge and my chip, I will have an easy round."

Lang, ranked No. 37 in the world, is chasing her first LPGA victory after having previously finished second at both the 2008 Sybase Classic and the 2005 U.S. Open as an amateur.

— The Associated Press



New Washington Redskins football player Albert Haynesworth, right, holds up a jersey with head coach Jim Zorn Friday during a press conference at Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va.

Redskins give Haynesworth \$41 million in guarantees

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

After a rare year in which they refrained from an early leap into the free agent market, the Washington Redskins reverted to form Friday, signing defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth to a \$100 million contract that includes a record \$41 million signing bonus.

The Haynesworth signing on the first day of the free agent period came shortly after Washington re-signed cornerback DeAngelo Hall to a six-year, \$54 million deal.

In other major moves, talented but troubled tight end Kellen Winslow was traded from Cleveland to Tampa Bay. The Titans re-signed 36-year-old quarterback Kerry Collins, and New England signed 33-year-old Fred Taylor, who is 16th on the NFL's career rushing list and was cut last week by Jacksonville after 11 seasons.

But Washington made the biggest splash after being quiet last season.

For the decade that Daniel Snyder has owned the team, the Redskins have usually been the first team in the free-agent market. Yet after winning the NFC East at 10-6 in 1999, the first year Snyder owned the team, they've gone 66-78 without another title in the NFL's most competitive division.

Last season, the Redskins finished 8-8 and last in the division, apparently prompting Snyder to move quickly on the most sought-after player from this year's crop. Agent Chad Speck drove up Haynesworth's price tag by suggesting that teams such as the Bucs and Giants were interested along with the Titans, who attempted to re-sign him.

But the Redskins, seemingly with little cap room, managed to find \$41 million up front for Haynesworth and a reported \$22.5 million in guarantees for Hall, who

was cut after eight games with Oakland last season.

Haynesworth's money eclipsed the previous mark of \$37 million in guarantees that Atlanta paid Michael Vick in December 2004. All told, the Redskins — who laid off 23 employees recently — are spending nearly \$63 million on two players.

Tampa Bay didn't bid anywhere near the nine-figure mark, even though the Bucs are nearly \$60 million under the \$127 million salary cap after cutting five veterans Wednesday.

Instead of signing Haynesworth, the Bucs obtained Winslow from the Browns, where his five years were marked by injuries and controversy. He missed most of his first two seasons with injuries, but made the Pro Bowl in 2007 after making 82 catches for 1,106 yards. He demanded a new contract after that season and last year was suspended briefly after being hospitalized with a staph infection.

Winslow was the sixth overall pick in 2004. The son of Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow Sr., he had 219 receptions for 2,459 yards and 11 touchdowns in 44 games with the Browns.

Collins took over for Vince Young at quarterback and led the Titans to the NFL's best regular-season record at 13-3. There was never much chance that he would leave and never much doubt that the Titans wanted him back.

Taylor, who has 11,271 yards rushing in his career, made his first Pro Bowl in 2007 after running for 1,202 yards and a career-best 5.4 yards per carry. Last season, he finished with 556 yards on the ground and averaged a career-low 3.9 yards a carry behind an injury-riddled offensive line, as Maurice Jones-Drew took over more of the load.

In other moves Friday: The New Orleans Saints agreed to a five-year deal with linebacker Jonathan

Vilma, bringing back the team's leading tackler from last season. A knee injury cost Vilma the last nine weeks of 2007, but he played all 16 games for the Saints in 2008.

Pittsburgh re-signed left guard Chris Kemoeatu after he turned down an offer from the New York Jets. The deal is worth \$20 million over five seasons and pays him a signing bonus of nearly \$4 million, which is believed to be less than the Jets were offering.

The New York Jets bolstered their defense in a big way, signing former Ravens linebacker Bart Scott to a six-year, \$48 million deal. Scott will make \$27 million over the first three years of the contract.

Denver signed running back Correll Buckhalter to a four-year deal and were putting the finishes touches on a four-year contract for J.J. Arrington, said J.R. Rickert, the agent for both players.

The Chicago Bears agreed to a four-year contract with free agent Frank Omiyale, who can play tackle or guard, hoping to stabilize their offensive line.

Kyle Busch not ruling out Formula One opportunities

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Formula One was never on Kyle Busch's radar as he chased his dream of being a NASCAR superstar.

That doesn't mean he wouldn't consider a legitimate opportunity to join the globe-hopping series.

"I toss the idea around," he said Friday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. "It's definitely something I wouldn't shoot down, but I don't think it's the right time yet in my career and where I'm at."

Busch is in his second season with Joe Gibbs Racing, where he's emerged as one of NASCAR's most talented drivers. It has landed him on Peter Windsor's wish list of potential drivers for a planned U.S.-based Formula One team.

Windsor, one of two businessmen behind the effort to field USF1 in 2010, mentioned Busch's name earlier this week as an American driver the team would like to hire. Busch, who is signed with JGR through 2010, said he's not been contacted by the team.

Should they call — or any other F1 team — he'd be willing to someday listen.

"It's something that I'd love to give a shot at one day," he said. "It was never on my radar. Open-wheel stuff wasn't, but it's some-

thing that I wouldn't mind trying. I wouldn't mind trying IndyCars and running the Indianapolis 500 or Formula One. It's not quite the time for me to do that yet.

"If I could win a championship here in the next two or three years, then I wouldn't mind going over there and doing that, trying it for a few years and coming back. I think I'd still be young enough that if I could win a championship by 25, go run Formula One for a few years, be back by 28. I still have plenty of time left to run in NASCAR."

Juan Pablo Montoya made the move from Formula One to NASCAR, and said Busch's lack of experience in open-wheel cars would make a potential move difficult.

"He grew driving these things, and open wheel is very different," Montoya said. "He would have a very hard transition. He runs very well on the ovals. He does a very good job on the road courses. But it is a different car, it is a different animal."

Busch had an opportunity to drive an F1 car last December through Toyota, but had to pass on the demonstration because of a scheduling conflict with NASCAR's Nationwide Series awards ceremony.

Busch brothers claim front row at home track

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Busch brothers claimed the front row at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, but an engine change will prevent Kyle and Kurt Busch from starting next to each other Sunday.

Kyle Busch blew his motor during Friday's practice session, forcing him to change it before qualifying. The new engine helped him post a pole-winning lap of 185.995 mph.

That was better than older brother Kurt's lap of 185.707. But Kyle Busch will have to drop to the back of the field at the start of the race, and third-place qualifier Jimmie Johnson will slide into the front row.

The Busch's are from Las Vegas, and neither has won a NASCAR race at their home track.

The last time brothers qualified first and second was in 2000, when Rusty and Kenny Wallace swept the front row at Martinsville.

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More than dance



Photos by BRIAN CLAYTON/For the Times-News

LEFT: Mini-Cassia area Girl Scouts and dancer Isamara Velazquez perform a traditional Yucatan candle dance at the Feb. 21 performance. **TOP:** Pictured from left are Juanita Ronquillo, Norma Pintar, Katie Kulesa and Carrie Churba. The group helped bring a traditional Mexican dance performance to Burley Junior High School on Feb. 21.

M-C Girl Scouts learn about heritage, self-esteem in performance

By Brian W. Clayton
Times-News correspondent

Girl Scouts from across Mini-Cassia gathered on Feb. 21 to put on a traditional Mexican dance performance at Burley Junior High School.

Directed by Norma Pintar, artist in residence for the

Idaho Commission on the Arts, the girls were instructed earlier in the day before donning traditional dresses for a 3 p.m. performance. Pintar, also a Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho founder, taught a class of 15 girls about traditional Mexican dance, and shared stories of the country's

ancestry and geography.

"The most romantic people in Mexico were born in Yucatan," she told the class. "The best, more well-known poets, singers, writers of songs have been born in Yucatan. It's something that they have in their blood."

The importance of costumes such as the tradition-

al Chiapas dress was taught as well. Pintar shared that the black dress with brightly colored embroidery costs about \$300, is embroidered by hand and takes three months to make. She shared her pride of heritage with the girls through a variety of

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CHAMBER AWARDS



Courtesy photos

David Nebeker, right, presents Adam Haynes with the 2008 Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce award for Member of the Year.



David Hruza presents Judge Rick Bollar and Pat Bollar with 2008 Minidoka and Cassia Volunteers of the Year.



Adam Haynes, 2009 ambassador president, is pictured awarding Shauna Kraus 2008 Chamber Ambassador of the Year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Minico mini dance workshop held today

Minico High School's Dance Force will hold a mini dance workshop from 9 a.m. to noon today at Minico High School's main gym. Cost is \$10. Boys and girls of all ages are welcome.

Participants will perform at the Spartan Dance Force Annual Dance Show and will receive free

admission. The show will be held March 10 at the Minico High School Auditorium. The cost for the show is \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door.

CSI M-C offers course in basics of photography

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program is offering a basic photography and

landscapes course from March 30 to April 20.

Instructor John Berglund will present techniques to bring out the best in pictures with composure, angle and light. Among the techniques Berglund will teach are dissecting a scene by taking an overall picture and then breaking the scene into smaller scenes.

The agenda includes field trips for practice. Participants need a

camera, digital or single reflex lens, with aperture and f-stop settings.

The cost is \$40. Information: 678-1400.

CSI M-C to hold beginners Quicken class next month

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center enrichment program is offering Quicken for

beginners from March 25 to April 15 at 1600 Parke Ave., Burley.

Quicken is used to manage personal finances and small businesses. The class is an introduction to Quicken and doesn't require the purchase of the program.

Lance Pincock will teach the class using a Quicken online site.

The cost is \$40. Information: 678-1400.

— From staff reports



Courtesy photo

The students who participated in Tractor Day at Declo High School are, from left, Rire Thomander, Jackson Wrigley, Dallin Darrington, Kyle Darrington, Kaylen Martinez, Tucker Edgar, Brandon Hurst, Shawn Corbridge, Jordan Darrington, Casey Durfee, Andrew Wheeler, Jarad Erickson and Nate Garner. Not pictured, Braxton Wrigley.

Declo High School FFA students celebrate agriculture

During National FFA Week there was a lot of excitement at Declo High School.

Semitrailers filled the parking lot with kids who drove their semis to school, along with 14 students who drove their tractors. FFA members drove tractors to show their pride in FFA and agriculture.

Other events included the Introduction to Agriculture class touring the Kowitz sheep farm to see its operation during lambing season and a welding contest where the agriculture students competed for an auto-tint welding helmet and other prizes.

Jesse Miller, adviser of the Declo FFA Chapter, said he is very proud of his students and the accomplishments that they have made this year.

Volunteer visiting nurses are a service to the community

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a volunteer visiting nurse. Recently, upon cleaning out my desk, I came across a memo I had been sent. I know it is rather old but thought you would like to read it, as it holds you in high regard. Thanks for your vote of confidence and support!

"Cheers from all of us at the Central Coast Visiting



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

Nurse Association and Hospice! I've sent the following to about 75 of our

donors, board members and friends. It has also gone out to each of 300+ VNA staff.

The dedicated staffs of all VNAs rarely get the pat on the back they deserve. We are the only nonprofit VNA serving nearly 5,000 square miles with lots of ranches, back roads and Dr. Gott readers.

Memo: Did you happen to read the nationally syndi-

cated 'Ask Dr. Gott' column the other day? In answer to a reader's question, he says, in part, 'Most communities have a visiting-nurse association that can supply nursing care, free in-home volunteers, hospice treatment for palliative care, social-service input and help with methods to reduce or waive the costs of prescription medications, among other

services. Check with your local VNA. You may be surprised at the extent these organizations can assist the needy. In many instances, the VNAs perform astonishing levels of home care because their staffs are comprised of truly dedicated professionals. I cannot credit them enough, and I thank them heartily for serving every elderly patient

that I have referred to them."

DEAR READER: Those are, indeed, some of my words. I have written several times about the value and under-appreciation of visiting nurses. Nurses in general get the short end of the deal. They are often the ones caring for the patients but don't get the

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Vehicles shouldn't cross the solid yellow line

Q: I was behind a very slow tractor the other day and there was a solid yellow line. Could I have passed the tractor if I was clear to do so?

A: No you couldn't have passed the tractor and could have been cited if you had passed it.

The only way that you might have passed the tractor would have been if you had an emergency situation that the court would take into consideration or you were an emergency vehicle en route to a call. You probably know by now that if you were an emergency vehicle the tractor would have had to yield the right-of-way anyway.

The saving grace is that had you been behind the tractor and so were two or



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more other vehicles, the tractor is required by law to pull to the right shoulder, as soon and safe as possible.

I must add that sometimes catching up to a slow-moving vehicle is not always that easy. If that line behind the vehicle is very long then passing safely, to get to the slow vehicle, can take a while — even with lights and sirens.

Q: Is there a self-defense law in Idaho?

A: There is and the code

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section it falls under is Idaho Code 19-201 through 19-205.

Idaho Code 19-201 talks about how you have the right to lawful resistance if you are about to be injured in a public offense. Other parties can step in to protect you as well.

Idaho Code 19-202 talks about how you can use the sufficient amount of force to protect not only yourself and family but also your property. This means that if

the offense stops then you must stop as well. You can't go above and beyond any injury occurred.

Idaho Code 19-203 makes it so you cannot be sued for any injury caused from self-defense. You could be sued, however for any injuries that were caused by using too much force that could no longer be called self-defense. In other words, shooting somebody who was trying to leave could result in criminal and/or civil charges.

The other codes talk about how law enforcement is used as self-defense because it is formed to keep the peace. The irony here is that we are required to keep the peace, but the Supreme Court has ruled that in certain circumstances we are

not required to protect. I would bet by the number of names of officers down that I share each week we don't pay much attention to forgetting to protect.

Officer down

In your prayers, please remember these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families. God bless these heroes.

- Capt. Scott Bierwiler, Hernando County Sheriff, Florida
- Officer Glen Ciano, Suffolk County Police, New York

Be safe, I'll talk to you next week.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

Dance

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stories, one about her becoming a Girl Scout in Mexico and dancing since she was 5 years-old.

"Never feel embarrassed of your body or your face or your costume," she said. "... Feel proud of your culture and your family."

Burley Junior High School teachers and volunteers Marta Hernandez and Juanita Ronquillo, parent volunteer Carrie Churba and the Twin Falls Girl Scouts Membership Manager, Katie Kulesa, combined efforts to bring Pintar and dancer Isamara Velazquez to Burley for the performance planned since October.

Kulesa said volunteers took about 60 girls to Nampa in September for the Girl Scout Soy Unica, a day celebrating Latino culture and arts.

"... we wanted to continue the progress on what was happening at Soy Unica and bring it back to Burley," Kulesa said.

Hernandez and Ronquillo helped secure sponsorships to bring the workshop and performance back to Burley, where it was met with enthusiastic participation.

"This was truly a community collaboration," Kulesa said. "...The Mini-Cassia area had always been very supportive of Girl Scouts and we appreciate that, because I think they realize just how important it is to tell girls they can be all they can be."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Rupert to hold blood drive Monday

As part of Red Cross Month, an American Red Cross blood draw will be held at the Rupert Civic Gym from noon to 5:45 p.m. Monday. Information or appointments: Marie Hansen, 436-0360.

BJ Bridge announces Tuesday results

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert announced results of Tuesday play.

North-South: 1. Ella Annett and Lola Moorman, 2. Jackie Brown and Dot Creason, 3. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 4. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie

East-West: 1. Loretta Klingenberg and Marlene Temple, 2. Jan Huzinga and Naomi Lynch, 3. Donna Moore and Jane Keicher, 4. Bill Goodman and Mildred Wolf.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and information: Steve Sams, 878-3997 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Minico class of '69 reunion this summer

Minico High School's 1969 graduating class will hold its 40th class reunion on July 18 at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of the following, contact Kris Adams, 208-862-3893 or 208-431-0604.

Georgia (Pratt) Scott, Kathlene (Nalley) Wilson, Sheryl Vilhauer, Daryl Johnson, Loretta Johnson, Joan (Hatch) Spencer, Ken Wakewood, Donna James, Ted Stimpson, Kathryn (Raisch) Nokes, Valorie (Cagle) Wyal, Micheline (Schuch) Pelham, Carol McConnelly, David Neilson

Norma (Tuttle) Visser, Douglass Johnson, Kirk Paulson, Steve Humphrey, Jan (Bates) Berkeley, Wayne Watson, Dennis Knopp, Marilyn (Babcock) Oliver, Patty Jo (Bills) Miller, Kathy (St Armour) Schrader, Thomas Knopp, Robert Paul, Randy Short, James Fass, William Short Pat (Graf) Heffner, Billie Atwood, Dennis Amen, Larry Schneider, Jerry Emery, Donna Whitaker, Robert Cole, Virginia (Allen) Bayby, Alice (Martinez) Fleck, Nanette (Felt) Anderson, Mike Beesley, Merrill Sunderland, Santos Garza, Mark Leoni, Jill (Goode) and Craig Hodges

Joe Jones, James L. Moore, Wayne George, Ron Lowder, Mary (Allen) Young, Robin Anderson, Debbie Bowman, Venita Durfee, James Faulkner, Dianne Garner, Carol Haag, Clyde Jolley, Brent Lowder, Renee Price, Teressa Satchwell, Max Twiss, William Winslow, Barbara (Lobush) Cottom, Steve Harris, Carol (Wisecaver) Grosch.

What's new on DeMary Library shelves

Here are the most recent book notes from DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert.

Fiction: "Eclipse" by Richard North Patterson

A frantic e-mail for help from a long-ago lover shakes attorney Damon Pierce out of a complacent existence. On the verge of divorce himself, he joins Marissa and her husband, Bobby, in the volatile west African nation of Luandia. During a protest rally in the middle of a full eclipse of the sun, everyone

in Bobby's village is massacred by government troops, and now Bobby is accused of murdering three PetroGlobal workers. Can Damon save them from certain death, and can he save himself?

Fiction: "Kiss" by Ted Dekker

After a car accident puts Shauna in a coma and wipes out six months of her memory, she returns to her childhood home to recover, but her arrival is fraught with confusion. Her estranged father, a senator bidding on

the White House, and her abusive stepmother blame Shauna for the tragedy, which has left her beloved brother severely brain damaged. And if she starts to remember a group of conspirators will kill her.

Fiction: "Darker Place" by Jack Higgins

Russian writer and ex-paratrooper Alexander Kurbsky has gotten fed up with the Putin government, and decides he wants to disappear into the West. He is under no illusions, however,

about how the news will be greeted at home. He has seen too many of his countrymen mysteriously die at the hands of the thuggish Russian security services, so he makes elaborate plans with a group informally known as the 'Prime Minister's private army' for his escape and concealment.

Children Titles: Berenstain Bears Lose a Friend; Celebrate! It's Cinco de Mayo; Biscuit's Day at the Farm; Fancy Nancy Sees Stars.

NEW OFFICERS AT SEARCH AND RESCUE



Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue's newly elected officers for 2009 are, from left, front, Kevin Watson, second vice commander; Rod Draper, first vice commander; Mark Welch, commander; Jim Jakicic, secretary-treasurer; Leonard Barendregt, board of directors chairman; second row, Minidoka County Sheriff, Kevin Halverson; Brent Muecke; Bing Parkinson; Dave Praegitzer; Shirley Hubbard; Brandon Byars; Bob Stacy; Chuck Maxwell; Danny Bond; Rosa Maxwell; and Scot Draper; top row, Kurt Wilcox; Chris Stewart; Lyle Smith; Dan Lowder; Mike Wheeler; Ivan Reynolds; and Colin Barendregt.

Courtesy photo

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

CASSIA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Laura Annette Renz, 36, attempted grand theft, guilty, \$350.50 costs, 4 years probation, 2 years prison determinate, 5 indeterminate, 156 days credited.

Tiffany Booth, 21, insufficient funds check fraud, guilty, \$350.50 costs, 3 years probation, 10 days jail, 2 credited 1 year prison determinate, 1 indeterminate, penitentiary suspended; fraud, no account check, guilty, \$150.50 costs, 10 days jail, 2 suspended, 1 year prison determinate, 1 indeterminate, penitentiary suspended; fraud, no account check, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

David Joel Thompson, 19, burglary, guilty, \$350.50 costs, 3 years prison determinate, 7 years indeterminate, 12 days credited, penitentiary suspended; burglary, guilty, \$100.50 costs, 3 years prison determinate, 2 indeterminate, 12 days credited, penitentiary suspended; criminal conspiracy, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; possession of burglary tools, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; theft by receiving/possessing of stolen property, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Miguel Vega Orozco, 21, attempted strangulation, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; domestic violence, guilty, \$224.50 fine, \$75.50 costs, guilty, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 162 suspended, 18 credited; domestic violence, guilty, \$224.50 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 162 suspended, 18 credited.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Russell D. Brown, 30, burglary amended to petit theft, guilty, \$324.50 fine, \$75.50 costs; grand theft, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Douglas K. Carter, 44, driving without privileges, guilty, \$125 fine, \$125.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended.

Christopher Sturgeon, 27, driving without privileges amended to driver's license or commercial driver's license violation, guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Jose Luis Carrillo, 25, driving without privileges, guilty, \$500 fine, \$125.50 costs, driver's license suspended 24 months, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 148 suspended, 2 credited, defendant to serve 30 days starting Feb. 17.

Leslie Edward Greenwell, 43, possession of controlled substance, guilty, \$200 fine, \$120.50 costs, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended; use or possess drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Megan Leigh Damron, 22, willful concealment, guilty, \$300 fine, \$110.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 credited, 2 days community service in lieu of jail time.

Jacob Chris Shockey, 25, consume/possess alcoholic beverage open container, guilty, \$200 fine, \$110.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 credited.

Uziel Aceves, 17, possess/consume/purchase alcoholic beverage by minor, guilty, \$215 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation.

Ana Cristina Cardenas, 18, resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed by motion of prosecutor; possess/consume/purchase alcoholic beverage by minor, guilty, \$215 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation.

Gerardo Gaxiola, 18, possess/consume/purchase alcoholic beverage by minor, guilty, \$110.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 1 day jail credited; resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

David John Hale, 26, fail to purchase/invalid driver's license, guilty, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Travis D. Bodily, 21, placing debris on public/private property, guilty, \$50 fine, \$75.50 costs.

Travis L. Avila, 18, driving without privileges, guilty, \$200 fine, \$125.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 credited.

Elvis F. Martinez-Avalos, 41, fail to purchase/invalid driver's license, guilty, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 26 suspended, 4 credited.

Miguel A. Morales-Cabrera, 17, fail to purchase/invalid driver's license, guilty, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 27 suspended, 3 credited; fail to provide proof of insurance, guilty, \$100 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 27 suspended, 3 credited.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Victor Herrera Villeda, 41, fail to purchase/invalid driver's license, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Lynn Robert Manning, 47, insufficient funds check fraud amended to public disturbance, dismissed on motion of prosecutor, \$175.50 fine.

Edward L. Smith, 61, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Luis A. Miramontes, 17, fail to provide proof of insurance, dismissed by court.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Randy Dean Ennis, 45, driving under the influence, guilty, \$500 fine, \$125.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 360 days jail, 350 suspended, 10 credited, must report to jail at 6 p.m., Feb. 27.

James Adam Stephenson, 44, driving under the influence, guilty, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$90.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 credited, 30 days community service suspended.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITHHELD DISPOSITION

Cecilio A. Salazar, 27, driving under the influence, guilty, disposition withheld; driving without privileges, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; provide false information to officer regarding offense/identity, guilty, dis-

position withheld; consume/possess alcoholic beverage in open container (driver), guilty, disposition withheld.

MINIDOKA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Christine M. Bapties, 31, possession of controlled substance, \$1,000 fine, \$110.50 costs, 2 years prison determinate, 7 indeterminate, 16 days credited, retained jurisdiction; possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed by court; providing false information to an officer, dismissed by court.

Deyber Chavez-Prado, 28, possession of drug paraphernalia (misdemeanor) amended to burglary (felony), \$1,000 fine, \$100.50 costs, 2 years prison determinate, 8 indeterminate, 116 days credited; possession of burglary tools amended to possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed by court; possession of burglary tools, dismissed by court.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Mary Elizabeth Perez, 47, burglary, dismissed by court.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Kathie A. Luna, 38, reckless driving, \$200 fine, \$107.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 89 suspended, 1 credited.

Alonzo Arroyo, 28, driving without privileges amended to driving without privileges (first offense), \$200 fine, \$289.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 36 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 1 credited, 2 days McWork in lieu of 1 day jail; contempt of court, guilty; 3 counts probation violation, 12 days jail, 2 credited.

Kody Ethan Durfee, 19, possession of alcoholic beverage by a minor, \$200 fine, \$142.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 24 months probation, 30 days jail suspended; 3 counts probation violation, guilty.

Nicholas Patrick Pena, 20, possession of alcoholic beverage by a minor, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 288 hours community service; failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, dismissed by prosecutor; contempt of court, 8 days jail, 3 credited in lieu of fines.

Dr. Gott

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respect they deserve simply because they don't have an MD after their names.

In my experience, nurses know just as much as doctors, not because they were taught about it in school, but because they see it first hand. Nurses, and especially volunteer visiting nurses, are an invaluable source of knowledge, know-how and caring.

Over the years, I personally have referred perhaps hundreds of people to local visiting-nurse associations. Their services are incomparable.

Thanks for sending this to me. I am printing the memo as a reminder to all about the great service visiting nurses provide to communities both small and large.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son developed a boil on his heel from his shoes rubbing. My 80-year-old mother was visiting at the time and told me to put a small piece of raw bacon on the sore and cover it with a 4-inch-by-4-inch piece of gauze. Within a few days, the head of the boil lifted, leaving a large hole. This then started to heal from the inside out. It cost nothing, unless you count having to smell bacon day and night for a few days.

DEAR READER: This is a new treatment to me. I am not sure how sanitary it is because raw meat can harbor several organisms, such as E. coli. I cannot argue with results, though. However, I recommend anyone who tries this remedy be prepared to face any consequences that may develop. Eating raw or undercooked meat can lead to diarrhea, vomiting and several potentially serious conditions. In much the same way, these organisms may be able to enter the body through an open wound.

Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."

SERVICES

Anne Clark Heiner of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward-Spanish Branch Church (former Rupert Stake Tabernacle), 806 G St. in Rupert; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Roger D. Nass of Twin Falls, gathering at 1 p.m. today at his home, 3643 N. 3100 E. in Twin Falls; information: 293-4658.

LaMar Ray Severson of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Sherry K. Workman of Malad, viewing from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Horsley Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N. in Malad.

Joanna Kay Combs of Boise, memorial service at 10

a.m. Monday at the Boise Funeral Home, Acles Chapel.

Eldon 'Ned' Huber of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the View LDS Church, 550 S. 500 E., Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Edna Katherine Wellhausen Brune of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

David L. Dellett of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary Chapel).

Evalona Mae Denney passed away Feb. 19, 2009, in Murtaugh.

Evalona is survived by two children, **E ar l e e n** Noyd of Murtaugh, Idaho, and **Ar t h u r** Denney of Eugene, Ore.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; one sister, **Neoma Shouse** of Filer, Idaho. Husband **Garland**



Theodore George 'Ted' Glassinger

TWIN FALLS — Theodore George "Ted" Glassinger, 83, passed away, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Feb. 26, 2009.

Ted was born to Ben and Amy Glassinger on Aug. 30, 1925, in a two room house four miles north of Filer, Idaho.

Ted attended schools in Filer and graduated from Filer High School in 1943. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and graduated as a navigator, bombardier, and radar observer. He was discharged in 1946. He attended Washington State University and later graduated from The College of Idaho in 1949.

After college, Ted worked for E.W. Woolworth as assistant manager in stores in Pocatello, Logan, Utah, and Ogden, Utah. In 1953 he worked as a chief computer on seismograph crews in Wyoming and Montana. In 1956 he returned to Filer to spend 31 years teaching Math and Physics in Filer High School while farming as a hobby and raising two children who learned the value of hard work and ambition. He was very proud of the many students who went on to careers as engineers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, and excellent farmers, tradesmen, and good citizens.

In 1944 Ted married Norma Carter. One son, Terry, was born to this union. They later divorced and in 1953 he married Louise Breckenridge of Filer. They were blessed with two children, Breck and Charee. Louise passed away in 1995.

In 1998 Ted married Adrienne Douglas of Burley and gained three step children, Linda (Jeff) Schiller of Draper, Utah, Dennis McNeely and Ron McNeely of Boise.

Ted was a fraternal man and as he moved about the country he joined several groups to help his fellow man. He was a 59 year life member of the American Legion Post in Filer. He was a 53 year member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge in Pocatello and also he was a 51 year member of the Masonic Lodge in Logan, Utah. A life member of Elks Lodge in Cody, Wyo. Ted was a 33 Degree Life member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Boise and a Life Member of the El Korah Shrine in Boise. He belonged to the Royal Order of Scotland and the Royal Order of Jesters in Boise. He was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls.

In 1990 he helped organize the Scottish Rite Learning Center (now the Southern Idaho Learning Center) in Twin Falls and was a faithful member of the Management Team.

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Henry 'Hank' Albert Todd

BUHL — Henry "Hank" Albert Todd, 85, of Buhl, returned to his Heavenly Father Feb. 24, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Hank was born on Jan. 18, 1924, to William and Florence Todd in Castleford, Idaho. He attended school in Castleford then began working for the Blick Seed Company. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served on the USS Cony as a boiler operator during World War II. He held the rank of WT2c.

After being honorably discharged in 1946, Hank married his sweetheart, Arlene Hough on April 6, 1946. Hank and Arlene made their home in Castleford with their children Larry and Judy where they farmed and owned a trucking company.

In 1957, Hank and Arlene moved to Buhl and Hank started working at Pet Milk. He worked there until he retired in 1986. After retiring, Hank and Arlene enjoyed traveling and began wintering in Quartzite, Ariz., and met many new friends there. Although they enjoyed their time in Arizona they both missed their family terribly and were always anxious to get back home to Idaho. In the summers they had fun camp-

ing with their friends and grandchildren. Hank enjoyed playing cards, wood carving, tinkering in his shed and anything else that kept him busy.

Hank was a loving man with a kind heart and a warm smile. He was the type of man that would help anyone that was in need. Anyone that met him knew right away that he was a genuinely kind person.

Hank is survived by his son, Larry Thomas; four granddaughters, Vickie Tvrdy, Sindi Covey, Debbie Hurst and Kristi Deitrick; four great-grandchildren, Brock Tvrdy, Mike Tyree, Brent Tvrdy and Jessy Covey; and two great-great-grandchildren, Rian Luke Tyree and Trinity Reese Tvrdy. He is also survived by two sisters, Edith Jones and Evelyn Fassler; nieces and nephews, as well as a very special sister in law, Dorothy Howard.

He was preceded in death by his wife Arlene, daughter, Judy Laucirica, his parents, a brother and two sisters.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the First Baptist Church, 400 9th Ave. N., Buhl, Idaho. Interment will follow immediately after the service at West End Cemetery. A meal for family and friends will be served at the church after the interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, 400 9th Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316.



DEATH NOTICES

George E. Gibson

BURLEY — George E. Gibson, 68, of Burley died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Payne Mortuary.

L. Ray Lytle

L. Ray Lytle, 91, of Twin Falls died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at White Mortuary; visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at the mortuary.

Lynn D. Pehrson

HEYBURN — Lynn

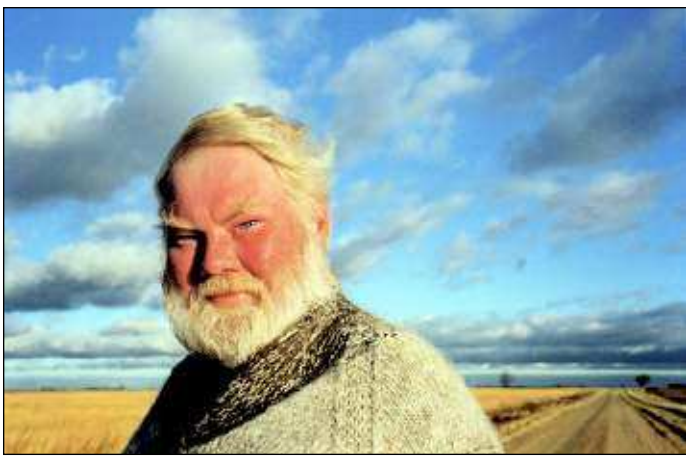
Delayne Pehrson, 58, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel, 500 W. 300 S. Heyburn; visitation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert and one hour prior to the services at the church on Tuesday.

Eugene D. Wadsworth

OAKLEY — Eugene Dee Wadsworth, 93, of Oakley, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009.

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



AP file photo

This undated photo shows Minnesota author Bill Holm, who died Wednesday in Sioux Falls, S.D. He was 65.

Minnesota author Bill Holm dies at 65

By Steve Karnowski
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Bill Holm, an author who traveled the world but remained firmly rooted in the southwestern Minnesota prairie, has died. He was 65.

The Rehkamp & Horvath funeral home in Marshall said Holm died Wednesday at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D. Services were pending.

Holm, a poet and essayist, was born in 1943 on a farm north of the town of Minneota. He continued to live in Minneota while working an English professor at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, where taught for 27 years before retiring in 2007.

He wrote around a dozen books, including "The Windows of Brimnes," named for his cottage near the small fishing village of Hofos in Iceland, where he spent his summers in the land of his ancestors. It was published in 2007 by Milkweed Editions.

"The further away from Minnesota that I got, the more I realized that my material as a writer — not just the material, but the way that I saw the world, and the lens through which I observed America, the world and my life — had something to do with this funny little town where I was born," he told Minnesota

Public Radio last year.

Some of Holm's other titles included "Boxelder Bug Variations" (1985), "Coming Home Crazy" (2000), "Eccentric Islands" (2000), "The Heart Can Be Filled Anywhere on Earth" (2001), and "Playing the Black Piano" (2004).

"The world of letters has suffered a devastating loss today, with the death of Bill Holm," Daniel Slager, Milkweed's publisher, said in a statement. "Bill was that rarest of combinations: devastating in his critique of provincialism, militarism, and the abuse of power in all forms; but also profoundly tender, musical, and filled with compassion for all living creatures. His work will live on — in Chinese, Icelandic, and Italian editions, not to mention ours — but we will miss him deeply."

According to Milkweed's Web site, Garrison Keillor of public radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" once called Holm "the tallest radical humorist in the Midwest and a truthful and graceful writer."

Last year, Holm won the annual McKnight Foundation Distinguished Artist award, which is given to people who could work elsewhere but choose to stay in Minnesota and make a difference in the state's cultural life. The award included a \$50,000 cash prize.

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Know your number

Ancient personality test to be presented at T.F. church

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

What was true centuries ago remains true today. At least when it comes to personality types, according to the Enneagram, an ancient personality test that will be presented as a workshop March 6-7 at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls.

Suzanne Stabile, co-founder of Life Trinity Ministry in Dallas, will present the two-day workshop, sponsored by Ascension church member David Duhaime. Before



Stabile

agreeing to come to Twin Falls, Stabile presented workshops in Italy and other places at home and abroad, informing people about what the Enneagram can do for them.

It is different than other personality tests, she said. Like other tests, it identifies personality types; unlike other tests it gives people an awareness about how they can build on their

WORKSHOP DETAILS

"The Enneagram: Know Your Number," presented by Suzanne Stabile, will be 6:30-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7 at Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. The second workshop is a continuation of the first. Cost is \$45 (\$50 after today). Suggested reading: "The Essential Enneagram," by David Daniels and Virginia Price. Information: David Duhaime at 733-8881.

strengths and improve their relationships with others and with God.

"It's deeper, broader and has more applications for daily living," Stabile said. "It doesn't place you

into a box, but shows you the box you're already in ... It gives you an awareness that in some mystical way helps you (to improve)."

It can help people to better integrate with others rather than isolate

themselves. It also celebrates diversity, both individually and denominationally, she said. It does this because there is no right or wrong number, and it is non-denominational.

"But it is spiritual," Stabile said. The Enneagram, which pinpoints nine personality types, has ties to Ponticus, an Egyptian monastic who lived in about AD 345-399. It survived orally for centuries and was first put into print only in the mid-1970s, Stabile said.

See **ENNEAGRAM**, Religion 3

TEACHING THE AUTISTIC

Dobson resigns as chairman of Focus on the Family

By Eric Gorski
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Conservative evangelical leader James Dobson has resigned as chairman of Focus on the Family but will continue to play a prominent role at the organization he founded more than three decades ago, The Associated Press has learned.



Dobson

Dobson notified the board of his decision Wednesday, and the 950 employees of the Colorado Springs, Colo.-based ministry were informed Friday morning at a weekly worship service, said Jim Daly, the group's president and chief executive officer.

Dobson, 72, will continue to host Focus on the Family's flagship radio program, write a monthly newsletter and speak out on moral issues, Daly said.

Dobson's resignation as board chairman "lessens his administrative burden" and is the latest step in a succession plan, the group said. Dobson began relinquishing control six years ago by stepping down as president and CEO.

"One of the common errors of founder-presidents is to hold to the reins of leadership too long, thereby preventing the next generation from being prepared for executive authority," Dobson said in a statement. "... Though letting go is difficult after three decades of intensive labor, it is the wise thing to do."

While Focus on the Family emphasizes that it devotes most of its resources to offering parenting and marriage advice, it is best known for promoting conservative moral stands in politics.

Dobson, a child psychologist and author, has gotten more involved in politics in recent years. He endorsed Republican John McCain last year after ini-

See **DOBSON**, Religion 2



AP photo

Jennifer Aldrich, an educator trained in autism with the Warwick, R.I., school department, reads a story to John-Paul Davis, left, and P.J. Letizia, Jr., right, at St. Peter's Church in Warwick, R.I., Feb. 7. Church leaders in Rhode Island are running classes geared for autistic children.

Catholic parish starts religious ed for kids with special needs

By Ray Henry
Associated Press writer

"The whole point is Jesus is totally inclusive."

— Rev. Roger Gagne

WARWICK, R.I. — Two autistic boys sat inside a parochial school classroom this month. In a setting stripped of unnecessary furniture and toys to avoid distraction, they studied pictograms of a bearded Jesus in a red sash and images of their family members and people helping each other.

"P.J. helps — P.J. can help who?" Jennifer Aldrich, a volunteer teacher, asked 7-year-old P.J. Letizia Jr.

"Daddy and mommy," he said.

"Yeah," Aldrich said, "and when P.J. helps daddy and mommy he can be ..."

"Like Jesus," he said.

The program at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church is among a handful of pro-

grams at Catholic churches exclusively for autistic children and the first in Rhode Island. It is part of a broader effort by dioceses to accommodate children with a wide range of developmental disorders or handicaps.

Dioceses in at least 31 states offer specialized religious instruction for students suffering from conditions including autism, mental retardation, emotional and learning disabilities and brain injuries, according to a 2007-2008 survey by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"To not find ways of welcoming all the people whose families want them to be

part of the church community, would be not really living out our faith, I think," said Marie Powell, executive director of the conference's Secretariat of Catholic Education.

Religious groups have long offered classes to instruct the young in their faith but some have struggled to include and teach the autistic, who can have difficulty communicating and extremely short attention spans. In one high-profile case last year, a Catholic priest in Minnesota sought a restraining order against an autistic teenager who allegedly caused distractions by wetting himself and allegedly assaulted a child

during Mass.

The program at St. Peter's offers a nurturing and inclusive classroom setting every two weeks for children with special needs. It also helps students practice their religion by preparing them to participate in the sacraments, or ritual acts, that normally serve as milestones on the journey to young adulthood for Catholics.

Those sacraments include confessing sins to a priest and seeking absolution, receiving the Eucharist, or bread and wine that Catholics believe is changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and being publicly confirmed into the

church by a bishop.

"The whole point is Jesus is totally inclusive," said the Rev. Roger Gagne, the pastor of St. Peter's who celebrated Mass for the students and their families by condensing an hour-long liturgy to about 15 minutes, skipping the music, optional prayers and making a very brief homily. "He directs his followers to do the same."

Margaret Andreozzi, the faith coordinator for elementary students at St. Peter's, said she first realized that autistic children were being left behind when she saw the siblings of an autistic child receive their sacraments while their autistic brother did not.

Other families with autistic children were wary of

See **AUTISTIC**, Religion 2



Many religions in U.S. see declines in membership

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Membership in the nation's two largest Christian church bodies, the Roman Catholic Church and Southern Baptist Convention, declined slightly in 2007, according to the latest edition of the Yearbook of American

and Canadian Churches.

The Catholic church remains the largest body of believers in the U.S., with 67 million members, the yearbook said. But from 2006 to 2007 the church shed 398,000 members in the U.S. — a 0.59 percent drop. Southern Baptists reported 16.2 million members for

a decline of 0.24 percent, or a loss of nearly 40,000 members.

Although the declines are relatively small, both churches historically have reported growth. The yearbook is published by the National Council of Churches, an ecumenical group based in New York.

Among the 25 largest churches in the U.S., four are growing, the yearbook found: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or the Mormon church (up 1.6 percent), the Assemblies of God (up nearly 1 percent), Jehovah's Witnesses (up 2

See **MEMBERSHIP**, Religion 2

CHURCH NEWS

Calvary Assembly hosts Magic Valley Jubilee

BUHL — The Calvary Assembly of God Church, 110 Fruitland Ave. in Buhl, will host the Magic Valley Jubilee in concert at 7 p.m. today.

The program will be a "Tribute to the Oldies" and will feature local vocalists and musicians and a special selection of love songs.

Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Information: 734-9436.

Center welcomes new staff members

HAGERMAN — New pastors have joined the staff at the Hagerman Christian Center.

Youth Pastor Patrick Ricca of Oakland California says he has a strong passion to see teens and youth coming to know God and experience an abundant life in Christ.

Pastor Jerry Evenson will be the Seniors Adult pastor. He has more than 15 years of pastoral experience and has served in many capacities. He will be assisted by his wife, Betty Evenson.

Sandra Kinder is the new Women's Ministry pastor. She graduated from Berean School and is a credential minister that has worked in many capacities, especially with women and intercession ministry.

Pastor Isaac Tellez and the congregation will celebrate with the new staff at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Everyone is welcome. Information: 837-6580.

Methodists serve monthly luncheon

WENDELL — A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is a freewill offering.

Information: 543-6980.

Life Church holds healing service

JEROME — Life Church of the Magic Valley, 425 E. Nez Perce (100 South) in Jerome will host a healing service at 6 p.m. Sunday. Pre-service prayer is at 5 p.m.

The service is dedicated to healing the sick. Anyone with pain or illness — the lame, the blind, the deaf, the crippled, the oppressed; those with cancers, back pain, arthritis, fibromyalgia or any other disease — is invited. Healing is not promised, but members and visitors will stand in faith with anyone who comes believing Jesus is still healing.

Anyone who needs to be healed is invited. All faiths are welcome to come learn and participate.

Information: lifechurch-mv.com or 324-5876 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Lighthouse continues New Age series

Part 3 of a four-part lecture series, "New Age or Old Lie," will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Lighthouse Christian

Fellowship, 960 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

College of Southern Idaho professor Ken Floyd will speak on "The Nature of Man."

The concluding session, "The Nature of Truth," will be at 6 p.m. March 8.

Information: 737-4667 or lighthousecf.org.

Ascension announces Lenten series

Ascension Episcopal Church will observe the season of Lent with services on Wednesdays, March 4 through April 1.

Each week will feature evening prayer, a soup supper and discussion revolving around the book, "Listening Hearts." Worship starts at 6 p.m., followed by the soup and bread meal. The book discussion will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday services are at 8 and 10 a.m., with Sunday school at 9 a.m. The adult education class will discuss the history of the Artisans Holiday Show that has been held at the church for more than 30 years.

Wednesday services are at 7 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.; Bible study is at 11 a.m.

Anyone is welcome to worship and study at Ascension.

The church is located at 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Information: 733-1248 or www.ascension.episcopali-daho.org.

Presbyterian Church hosts Lenten luncheons

BUHL — Lenten soup luncheons with guest speakers will be held the next five Wednesdays at the First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. in Buhl.

Marilyn Butler of the Episcopal Holy Trinity Church will speak Wednesday. Other guests are Jerry Peters of the Buhl-Castelford United Methodist Church on March 11, David Royer of the Calvary Assembly Church on March 18, Mike Graybeal of the Castelford Baptist Church on March 25 and Art Freund of the Buhl First Christian Church on April 1.

The public is invited.

Fellowship hosts Christian movie night

River Christian Fellowship will hold its monthly Christian Movie Night Friday at the church, located on the corner of Falls Avenue East and the road to Shoshone Falls.

Pizza and salad will be served at 6 p.m.; donations are requested.

The movie, "Born Again," will be shown at 7 p.m.

All are welcome; admission is free. Information: 733-3133.

Reformed Church hosts summit broadcast

Integrity Music will present Worship Summit 2009 live via satellite from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. in Twin Falls.

The broadcast features

some of today's top worship artists, including Paul Baloche, Lincoln Brewster, Israel Houghton, Darlene Zschech, Kathryn Scott and more. Worship leaders and teams will be challenged to go deeper in their hearts for worship and learn practical ideas to make their services more effective.

Cost is \$70 per person or \$50 for a group of 10 or more. Tickets at the door are \$80.

A free concert broadcast from Florida will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The special simulcast will be led by Baloche, Brewster, Ross Parsley, Brian Doerksen and the New Life Worship Band.

Information: 733-6128 or www.worshipsummit.com.

Methodists host mission auction

The annual Mission Auction of the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church will be held March 8 at 360 Shoshone St. E. The silent auction will be in the Friendship Room between the worship services and will close shortly after noon.

A potato bar lunch and live auction will begin about noon in the Fellowship Room, with Ron Jones as auctioneer. The United Methodist Men will prepare and bake the potatoes and the United Methodist Women will make fruit plates and desserts.

Items for the auction will be handcrafted articles, including an afghan of Swedish weaving and a crocheted picture, outdoor grill items, sporting goods and miscellaneous gift baskets. Other items will be a hot dog picnic, dinner at Jaker's, homemade dill pickles, pies and breads, and home-cooked dinners, with more items to be added.

Anyone who would like to donate items for either the silent or live auction should call Laura Corder at 734-0929. Proceeds will support missions in the church, the community, and the world. Specific recipients will be scholarships for camp and college, Interfaith Caregivers, the Crisis Center and the Central Asia Institute.

Everyone is welcome.

This Sunday, the adult Sunday school class at 9:45 a.m. will begin a study of the Lord's Prayer led by Corrine VanDyk. All are welcome.

The Leadership Council of the Eastern District of the Idaho-Oregon Annual Conference will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7 at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church.

Information: 733-5872 or www.tffumc.com.

Episcopal Church offers scholarship

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Burley and Rupert is making available a scholarship of \$1,000 to anyone who wishes to continue their education at an accredited university or vocational school. Father Rand Fagg, spokesman for St. Matthew's Outreach Committee said our committee understands money is tight right now. Some have lost their jobs and

others are unsure of their futures. Education is something the economy can never take away, so we hope to help someone continue their education who may not be able to otherwise.

To receive a scholarship application, send a request to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Attention: Outreach Committee, P.O. Box 324, Rupert, ID 83350, or to rfagg@pmt.org.

Completed applications must be returned no later than May 29. The winner will be notified by June 8.

Hansen Baptist Fellowship announces March events

The Hansen Baptist Fellowship, 340 West Third St. in Hansen, was organized April 26, 2006, with six adults and three children participating in Bible study, prayer and a Southern Baptist picnic. Services include Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and Bible study at 5 p.m. Sundays.



Stevenson

Pastor Doug Stevenson will teach from Romans in the morning, preach a series of sermons from Colossians and discuss Revelation in the evening.

A constituting service to become a church will be in March. It will then be a fully constituted church but also will do mission work. The fellowship is Southern Baptist and belongs to the Southern Baptist Convention and the Utah/Idaho Convention and will become a member of the Magic Valley Southern Baptist Association when it is a church.

The church will host an English as Second Language course provided by the College of Southern Idaho that goes along with the requirements for becoming a citizen. Class will be from 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday beginning March 1. Anyone who is a certified teacher is encouraged to volunteer as they need help teaching English. Someone from CSI will be present to explain the program. Child care will be available.

A free Clothes Closet for the distribution of clothing for all ages will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 14. Donations are welcome; drop them off at the church or call 423-6937 to have them picked up. The purpose of this event is to serve people in Hansen, Eden, Hazelton and Murtaugh.

Seventeen boxes of food from the Idaho Food Bank are distributed to the elderly each month. Volunteers will visit and read the Bible and pray with these recipients. To be added to the list, call 423-6937.

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

RELIGION BRIEFS

Lutheran church leader criticizes gay clergy proposal

ST. LOUIS — The president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod expressed "great disappointment and deep sadness" over a proposal that would allow gays and lesbians in committed relationships to serve as clergy in the larger and more liberal Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Gerald B. Kieschnick, in a letter to his 2.5 million-member denomination, said the change "would constitute a radical departure from the 2,000-year-long teaching of the Christian tradition that homosexual activity, whether inside or outside of a committed relationship, is contrary to Holy Scripture."

In 2001, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod adopted a resolution saying it does not consider the Chicago-based Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to be "an orthodox Lutheran church body" but recognizes that many members of the larger denomination "remain faithful" to the Christian Gospel.

Last week, a task force of the 4.7 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America issued a series of recommendations that could lead to lifting a ban on non-celibate gay clergy.

The task force acknowledged a lack of consensus on the issue and proposed that congregations and synods, or regional church bodies, be given "structured flexibility" to decide whether to hire people in "lifelong, monogamous, same-gender committed relationships" as clergy.

The recommendations, which may be revised in the coming months, will be considered at the denomination's biannual convention in Minneapolis this August.

Archbishop takes to YouTube to reach lapsed Catholics

WASHINGTON — To mark the beginning of Lent, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is launching a \$75,000 marketing blitz using YouTube, a blog and advertising to reach lapsed Catholics.

"We wanted people to be able to ask questions," said Susan Gibbs, spokeswoman for the 580,000-member archdiocese. "Sometimes they're not ready to walk in a church door ... or they might be embarrassed to ask a question, or they might be

worried that they won't be welcome."

The campaign's slogan is "Longing for something? Maybe it's God?" Only about one-quarter of archdiocese's Catholics attend weekly Mass, Gibbs said, and the goal is to improve those figures.

For the past two years, the Washington archdiocese has used Lent to encourage Catholics to go to confession more regularly.

This year's campaign will include conventional advertising such as signs in subway cars and buses, radio and newspaper ads and a billboard, Gibbs said.

Taking to the Internet is a new approach. A clip of Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl has been posted on YouTube, the video sharing site, inviting Catholics who have "drifted away" to "think about coming back ..." The archdiocese also is launching an interactive blog staffed by several priests and laypeople.

Lent is a 40-day period of penance and fasting that begins this week with Ash Wednesday and culminates with Easter, the Christian celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Dispute over concerts settled out of court

PITTSBURGH — An out-of-court settlement has been reached in a legal dispute between county officials and a man who described his "jam band" concerts on his 147-acre spread as church services.

William Pritts, head of the Church of Universal Love and Music, argued that the concerts were part of religious expression, so he didn't need a permit. Fayette County officials labeled the church a sham Pritts created because his 2001 application for a zoning exemption was rejected.

Pritts sued the county in 2006. The man's lawyer, Gregory Koerner, said terms of the settlement are confidential. But he described the accord as "mutually satisfactory" and said Pritts will be able to continue his venture. County lawyer Marie Milie Jones confirmed that an agreement had been reached.

The dispute began in 2001 when Pritts filed for a zoning exception to hold concerts on an agricultural tract. Pritts didn't claim to head a church when he first sought the exception and a permit to build a stage, though he said some local churches might use the facility for fundraisers, county officials said.

— The Associated Press

Dobson

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tially saying he would not, and also sharply criticized Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

On political matters, Dobson "will continue to speak out as he always has — a private citizen and not a representative of the organization he founded," said Gary Schneeberger, a Focus on the Family spokesman. He said the nonprofit ministry and Focus on the Family Action — an affiliate set up under a different section of the tax code that permits more political activity — will continue to be active on public policy.

Dobson has a devoted following. His radio broadcast reaches an estimated 1.5 million U.S. listeners daily. Yet critics say his influence is waning, pointing to evangelicals pushing to broaden the movement's agenda beyond abortion, gay marriage and other issues Dobson views as most vital.

"In the short term, in the near term, Dr. Dobson will stay committed to the issues close to his heart," Daly said in an interview. "He'll continue to speak out on those topics."

Daly said there is no timetable for Dobson to leave the radio program, and the group will "look for the next voice for the next generation" while Dobson

remains on the air.

That will likely mean not one person behind the microphone but several speaking on their respective areas of expertise, Daly said. The organization, anticipating a post-Dobson era, for several years has tried out different voices on the broadcast and in giving media interviews on hot-button social issues.

At the same time, Focus officials have acknowledged difficulties in raising money from younger families critical to its future. The economy also has hurt. Last fall Focus on the Family eliminated more than 200 staff positions, its largest employee cutbacks ever.

Daly said the group is now "right on track" with a revised annual budget of \$138 million.

Dobson's wife, Shirley, also resigned from the Focus board. The new board chairman is retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Patrick P. Caruana, a longtime board member and a former executive with defense contractor Northrup Grumman.

"I don't see any dramatic departure from what Focus stands for," Caruana said of Dobson's leaving the board. "There are obviously younger people the ministry would like to reach, and we're on track to do that."

Autistic

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taking them to weekly Mass because they sometimes cry out, have verbal tics or difficulty being in large crowds.

"People are feeling that they're being cut off from the church," Andreozzi said.

Not an autism expert herself, Andreozzi consulted with professionals, bought a religious education curriculum designed by a mother in Massachusetts and recruited Catholic volunteers who have professional experience teaching autistic students in the secular world.

The program now serves 18 students ranging from 7 years

old to 20. The classes have been adjusted in ways designed to help the autistic. For starters, Andreozzi and her volunteers remove unnecessary furniture, toys and other clutter from the classrooms that could distract children who sometimes fixate on unexpected objects.

Students move through three, highly structured 15-minute sessions meant to maximize routine and accommodate short attention spans. Classes are generally capped at two or three students.

Since some students are

nonverbal or have difficulty reading, teachers use pictograms to discuss God, the Holy Spirit, the church and to help them pray the Lord's Prayer as a group.

More emphasis is placed on big ideas than memorizing the Ten Commandments, church history or Bible study.

Maya Colantuono, who teaches the two oldest boys in the program, said her class requires flexibility. Sometimes her students insist on talking about clothing or their attention fades before the 15-minute session ends. She hopes to impart a

few central lessons.

"It's always Jesus and God love us," she said, shortly after returning her students to their parents. "They love all people, even people who are different. And so I think particularly with autism, they are sometimes aware of their differences."

The program satisfies a void for parents, said Susan Conroy, 50. She wants her son, Gabriel, to make his first communion like her two older children. But she worried that Gabriel would have struggled in the preparatory classes offered at another parish in Warwick.

Membership

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suffering declines. Those churches in the yearbook experiencing the highest rate of membership loss include predominantly white, mainline denominations the United Church of Christ

(down 6 percent), the Presbyterian Church (USA) (down nearly 3 percent) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (down more than 1 percent).

A more conservative

Lutheran denomination, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, reported a decline of nearly 1.5 percent. The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church suffered a 3 percent drop.

Enneagram

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The Enneagram — which some Christians might erroneously believe is related to the pentagram, she said — has nine points in a circle. Each point is designated by a number, with No. 9 at the top. Each point represents one of nine personality types. The nine points on the circumference are also connected with each other by the inner lines of the Enneagram. Points three, six, and nine form an equilateral triangle; the remaining six points form an irregular hexagram — one connects with four, four with two, two with eight, eight with five, five with seven, and seven with one.

Though it might seem intimidating, it really is not, Stabile said.

The Enneagram workshop will be presented as a large-group discussion rather than a question-and-answer test on paper, she said. Stabile will spend about 40 minutes on each number, with questions at the end of each discussion. It is more effective when presented orally, just as it was centuries ago, she said. Audience members will be able to determine what type of personality they are at the end of the discussion. And, more importantly, Stabile said, they'll know better how to improve their situation.

"Each person's number is also their worst problem," she said, noting herself as a No. 2, or a giver. But being too much of a giver can become a bad thing, she said. It's not always altruistic.

"Sometimes I give just to give, and it's wonderful," Stabile said. "But sometimes I give to get something back, and I need to learn not to do that."

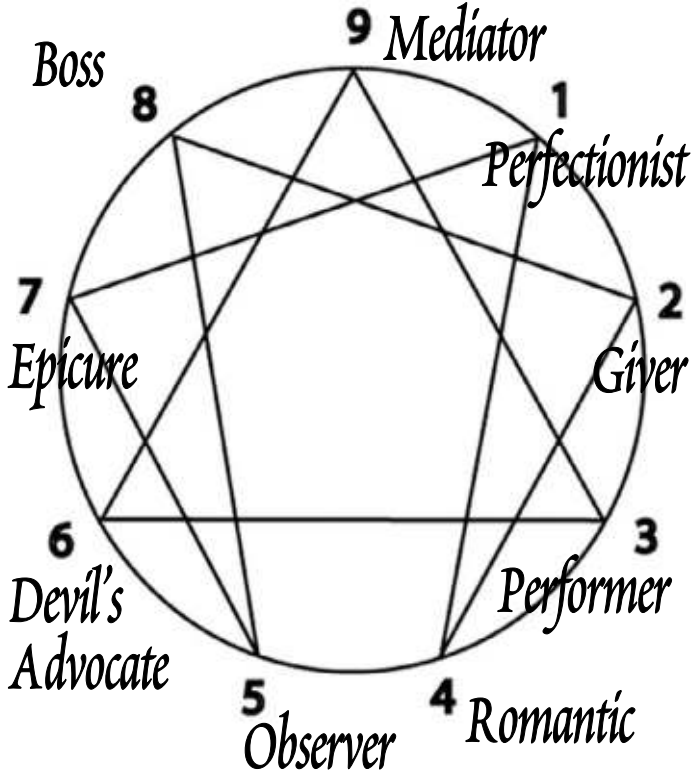
It's the same for everyone. You have to work to put boundaries around your gifts, she said.

Enough has been written about the Enneagram, both favorable and otherwise, that it's best understood once tried, Stabile said.

Some contenders, though, say it is nothing but New Age theory.

Mary Jo Anderson, writing for Women of Grace, called it "bogus" and "psychic babble."

Duhaime, who became familiar with the Enneagram just a few years ago, said it is nothing of the sort. It brought to him a new awareness. He now better understands why he acts the way he does in certain circumstances, he



TYPES OF PERSONALITIES

Number	Characteristics
One	principled, purposeful, self-controlled and perfectionistic
Two	demonstrative, generous, people-pleasing and possessive
Three	adaptive, excelling, driven and image-conscious
Four	expressive, dramatic, self-absorbed and temperamental
Five	perceptive, innovative, secretive and isolated
Six	engaging, responsible, anxious and suspicious
Seven	spontaneous, versatile, distractible and scattered
Eight	self-confident, decisive, willful and confrontational
Nine	receptive, reassuring, agreeable and complacent

To find out more about the Enneagram:
<http://lifeinthetrinityministry.com/>

better recognizes his weaknesses and his strengths, and it has made him a better listener, he said. It also has helped him to become more understanding and accepting of others, and why they might act the way they do.

"It exposes people to a tool of discernment of spirits that could prove to be very valuable in their lives," he said.

The Enneagram — and how it is presented in workshop format — is not meant to make anyone feel inferior or uncomfortable about who they are. Rather it aims to bring more perspective into their lives and actions. It is meant to build, not tear down, he said.

"It's not about denying who you are, but about becoming aware of it," he said. "It's about recognizing your gifts. It's about recognizing the gifts of others, that

they are equally unique."

Duhaime said he is sponsoring the workshop, with support from the church, in an effort to help others the way the Enneagram has helped him. All money earned covers workshop expenses, he said. Though he doesn't expect to make a profit on the event, if he does it will be donated to a local charity, Duhaime said. He hopes to have at least 60 people sign up.

But, he cautioned, it likely is not for teenagers, but better suited for adults.

"It'll have more benefit for those 35 and older," he said, noting that they have enough experience with life to draw from, and will be able to better recognize patterns in their lives.

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Vatican: bishop's apology on Holocaust not enough

By Nicole Winfield
 Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican said Friday that the apology issued by an ultra-conservative bishop who denied the Holocaust was not good enough to admit him into the Catholic Church as a clergyman.

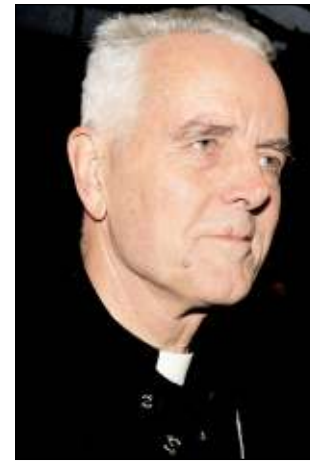
Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi said Bishop Richard Williamson's statement "doesn't appear to respect the conditions" the Vatican set out for him.

In an interview broadcast last month on Swedish state TV, Williamson denied 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust, saying 200,000 or 300,000 were murdered. He said none were gassed.

Williamson apologized for his remarks on Thursday, saying he would never have made them if he had known "the full harm and hurt to which they would give rise."

But he did not say his comments had been erroneous, nor that he no longer believed them.

Williamson's initial remarks sparked widespread outrage among Jewish groups and others. The interview was broadcast just days before the Vatican announced that it was lifting his excommunication and that of three other bishops.



Bishop Richard Williamson is shown on Wednesday. The Vatican said Friday that Williamson, who denied the Holocaust, hasn't met conditions to be admitted into the Catholic Church as a clergyman.

The four, members of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X, had been excommunicated after being consecrated as bishops without papal consent in 1988.

Bowing to the criticism, the Vatican on Feb. 4 demanded that Williamson "absolutely and unequivocally distance himself from his remarks about the Shoah if he is to be admitted to episcopal functions in the church." Shoah is the Hebrew term for the Holocaust.

In his statement Friday, Lombardi noted that

Williamson's comments were not addressed to Pope Benedict XVI or to the Vatican's Ecclesia Dei commission, which has been dealing with the Society of St. Pius X ever since its bishops were excommunicated.

Williamson issued the statement, carried by the Zenit Catholic news agency, upon his arrival in Britain after being expelled from Argentina.

In it, Williamson said he was only giving the opinion of a "non-historian" during the Swedish TV interview. He said that opinion was "formed 20 years ago on the basis of evidence then available, and rarely expressed in public since."

However, he said, "the events of recent weeks and the advice of senior members of the Society of St. Pius X have persuaded me of my responsibility for much distress caused."

"To all souls that took honest scandal from what I said, before God I apologize."

Jewish groups were not impressed.

"With his failure to clearly retract his malicious lies, Williamson has shown again that he is a convinced anti-Semite and an incorrigible Holocaust denier," said the head of Germany's Central Council of Jews, Charlotte Knobloch.

News of archbishop to be spread by text-message

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Barack Obama the presidential candidate used it to reveal his vice presidential choice.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis will use the same technology to share news of its next archbishop.

The archdiocese said that

it believes that no other diocese in the country has used text-messaging to communicate such an announcement.

St. Louis, a traditional Catholic stronghold, has been without an archbishop since June 27, when Archbishop Raymond Burke was named as the first

American to lead the Vatican supreme court.

After a new archbishop for St. Louis is announced in Rome — typically 5 a.m. St. Louis time — the archdiocese will send a text message about the new appointee to anyone who has registered on its Web site.

Malaysia to allow Christians to use 'Allah'

By Julia Zappei
 Associated Press writer

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The Malaysian government has softened an earlier ban on the use of the word "Allah" by Christian publications to refer to God and is allowing them to use it as long as they specify the material is not for Muslims, a church official said Thursday.

The government had earlier argued that the use of Allah in Christian texts might confuse Muslims, who might think Allah refers to their God.

The revised order was issued Feb. 16 by Home Minister Syed Hamid Albar, said the Rev. Lawrence Andrew, the editor of the *Herald*, the Roman Catholic Church's main newspaper in Malaysia. He said the publication has already started printing "For Christianity" on its cover.

The *Herald* publishes weekly in English, Mandarin, Tamil and Malay with an estimated readership of 50,000. The ban on "Allah" concerns mainly the Malay edition, which is read mostly by indigenous Christian tribes

in the eastern states of Sabah and Sarawak. The other three editions usually do not use the word "Allah."

The dispute has become symbolic of increasing religious tensions in Malaysia, where 60 percent of the 27 million people are Muslim Malays. A third of the population is ethnic Chinese and Indian, and many of them practice Christianity.

Malaysia's minorities have often complained that their constitutional right to practice their religions freely has come under threat from the Malay Muslim-dominated

government. They cite destruction of Hindu temples and conversion disputes as examples. The government denies any discrimination.

Andrew, the *Herald's* editor, said although the order "makes things easier" for the *Herald*, the newspaper will not drop a legal challenge against the ban. A court is due to hear arguments in the case Friday.

The *Herald* is arguing that the Arabic word is a common reference for God that predates Islam and has been used for centuries as a translation in Malay.

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NATION & WORLD

Source: Obama to rescind Bush abortion rule

By Ricardo Alonso-Zalvidar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to repeal a Bush administration rule that has become a flash point in the debate over a doctor's right not to participate in abortions.

The regulation, instituted in the last days of the Bush administration, strengthened job protections for doctors and nurses who refuse to provide a medical service because of moral qualms. A Health and Human Services official said Friday the administration will pub-

lish notice of its intentions early next week, opening a 30-day comment period for advocates on both sides, medical groups and the public.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the notice has not been completed.

The Bush administration rule was quickly challenged in federal court by several states and medical organizations. As a candidate, President Barack Obama criticized the regulation and campaign aides promised that if elected, he would review it.

The news that he was doing so drew praise from abortion-rights

supporters and condemnation from groups opposed to abortion.

"It would be a horrible move. These regulations were a long time coming," said Tom McClusky, a vice president at Family Research Council. "What they seek to do is protect patients, nurses, doctors and other health care professionals from being forced to violate their consciences."

McClusky and other abortion opponents said the Bush regulation clarified federal policies and raised awareness about the rights of medical providers to follow their consciences. But abortion rights advo-

cates said it was vague and overly broad, and could reduce access to other services — allowing a drug store clerk to refuse to sell birth control pills, for example.

"I think it's a wonderful step," Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., who co-chairs the Congressional Pro-choice Caucus and has introduced legislation to overturn the regulation, said of Obama's move.

"That rule was actually a poorly drafted last-minute attempt to, I think, restrict health care access and I think it would have had far-reaching and unintended consequences."

Federal law has long forbidden discrimination against health care professionals who refuse to perform abortions or provide referrals for them on religious or moral grounds. The Obama administration supports those laws, said the HHS official.

The Bush administration's rule adds a requirement that institutions that get federal money certify their compliance with laws protecting the rights of moral objectors.

It was intended to block the flow of federal funds to hospitals and other institutions that ignore those rights.

AROUND THE NATION

ILLINOIS Trio to perform 'lost' Beethoven piano piece

CHICAGO — Nearly 182 years after Beethoven's death, three musicians are getting ready to give the first known performance of a lost piano trio by the composer.

The 12-minute piece of the trio in E flat will be performed Sunday, along with the North American premieres of two other once-lost Beethoven pieces — piano trios in D major and a second in E flat trio, Opus 63.

According to Beethoven scholar James F. Green, the main work on the program is an arrangement Beethoven made of an early trio he had written about 1792 for violin, viola and cello. Beethoven set out to arrange it for piano, violin and cello sometime between 1800 and 1805.

The existing manuscript in Beethoven's own hand disappeared for more than 100 years before it was rediscovered and published by German musicologist Willy Hess in 1920. And even then it attracted little notice.

"Hess published it only in a scholarly review, and it took a very long time for working musicians to learn that it even existed," said pianist George Lepauw, who will perform the work with fellow members of the Paris-based Beethoven Project Trio.

CALIFORNIA McMahon 'hospitalized with bone cancer'

LOS ANGELES — Ed McMahon, former sidekick to Johnny Carson on "Tonight" and a familiar TV commercial pitchman, is hospitalized in intensive care, and a person close to him said Friday that McMahon has bone cancer.

Spokesman Howard Bragman said McMahon, 85, had been hospitalized for several weeks for treatment of pneumonia and other ailments. He declined to identify the Los Angeles facility.

"It's serious," Bragman said when asked about McMahon's condition, noting his age. But, Bragman added: "We're hopeful."

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POMFRET — A Connecticut man was so engrossed with the tunes on his iPod that he didn't realize his house was on fire — until his alarm company called.

Pomfret Assistant Fire Chief Edward Bates says Andrew Riley told him he was listening to music Thursday afternoon when the blaze broke out on the upper floor of his 21/2-story house.

Bates says Riley didn't smell smoke or hear the smoke alarm going off. After receiving the call, Riley dashed upstairs and shut a door to the burning room. Firefighters arrived on the scene and quickly put out the blaze.

— The Associated Press

Calling it good in the Big Easy



New Orleans businessman Calvin Stewart talks about the Louisiana National Guard's departure from the city, Thursday at Stewart's restaurant in the 9th Ward of New Orleans.



Louisiana National Guard Lt. Ronald Brown, Jr., center, and Sgt. Wayne Lewis talk with a New Orleans police officer Thursday after arriving at a domestic dispute call in the 9th Ward of New Orleans.

After 3½ years, Guard pulling out of New Orleans

By Mary Foster
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Three and a half years after Hurricane Katrina, the National Guard is pulling the last of its troops out of New Orleans this weekend, leaving behind a city still desperate and dangerous.

Residents long distrustful of the city's police force are worried they will have to fend for themselves.

"I don't know if crime will go up after these guys leave. But I know a lot more of us will be packing our own pieces now to make sure we're protected," said Calvin Stewart, owner of a restaurant and store.

New Orleans Police Superintendent Warren Riley said his rebuilt police department is up to the job of protecting the city. "I think we're ready to handle things," he said.

The National Guardsmen were welcomed as liberators when they arrived in force in a big convoy more than four days after Katrina struck New Orleans in August 2005 and plunged the city into anarchy. The force was eventually 15,000 strong.

The last of the troops were removed in January 2006 as civil authority returned, but then, after a surge in bloodshed, 360 were sent back in

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— Lt. Ronald Brown, who has been part of Task Force Gator since April 2007.

beginning in mid-2006 to help police keep order. As of February, only about 100 troops were left in the city.

With Louisiana facing a \$341 million budget deficit, state lawmakers were reluctant to keep the Guard in place any longer.

The Guard was used to patrol the less populated sections of the city where Katrina's floodwaters left most houses uninhabitable. That included the woeful Ninth Ward, where renovated houses are outnumbered by moldy, boarded-up wrecks and weed-choked vacant lots.

In their camouflage uniforms and Humvees, the troops were often a welcome sight.

"We don't have enough cops. It's not that they're bad, it's just that there's not enough of them. These guys are Johnny-on-the-spot when you need them," said 57-year-old Tom Hightower, who is still trying to get the mold out of his house. He added: "This is still a spooky place after dark."

The troops had full arrest powers but were required to call New Orleans police on

serious matters. In their time on the streets, Guard troops were involved in only one shooting, and the district attorney ruled it justified.

The Guardsmen answered lots of calls involving domestic violence, reported to be up in New Orleans since the hurricane, and handled car wrecks, house and business alarms and other problems.

"One of the biggest things we did was keep those places safe so people could rebuild," said Sgt. Wayne Lewis, a New Orleans native who has been patrolling the streets since January 2007. "People would put the things to rebuild in their houses and thieves would come along and take them right out again. We stopped a lot of that."

New Orleans had 210 murders in 2007, making it the murder capital of America, with the highest per-capita rate in the country. That number dropped to 179 in 2008.

Nevertheless, "crime continues to be this community's No. 1 concern. Even with the lower numbers it is still unacceptably high," said Rafael Goyeneche, executive direc-

tor of the Metropolitan Crime Commission.

Before the hurricane, the police force had more than 1,600 officers. But its ranks were reduced after the storm by more than 30 percent because of desertions, dismissals, retirements and suicides. (New Orleans has only about 70 percent of its pre-Katrina population of 455,000.)

The department has climbed back up to about 1,500 officers, and hopes to add by the end of April more than two dozen Guardsmen who liked the work so much they signed on.

The Guard was supposed to leave on Jan. 1, but Louisiana lawmakers approved funding to keep 100 troops through February to give the police more time to recruit officers.

The Guard's departure, which will take place after the final patrol ends at 3 a.m. Sunday, will be low-key. There will be no convoy, no bands playing. The last few Guardsmen on the street will check in their vehicles and head home for good.

"I don't think the city is ready for us to leave," said Lt. Ronald Brown, who has been part of Task Force Gator since April 2007. "I'd like to see us stay. I think we make a difference, but I guess it's a money thing."

Court rules man owns copy of Declaration

By Michael Felberbaum
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — A rare 1776 copy of the Declaration of Independence belongs to a Virginia technology entrepreneur, not the state of Maine, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled Friday.

Richard Adams Jr. of Fairfax County purchased the document from a London book dealer in 2001 for \$475,000. But the state of Maine claimed it belongs to the town of Wiscasset, where it was kept by the town clerk in 1776.

Virginia's high court said that a lower court did not err in its ruling in Adams' favor because Maine didn't prove the document was ever an official town record and that Adams had superior title to the print.

Adams' attorney, Robert K. Richardson, has argued that Wiscasset's town clerk copied the text of the Declaration of Independence into the town's record books on Nov. 10, 1776. It's that transcription, not the document upon which it was based, that is the official town record, Richardson said.

"The fact that the print was not made by an authorized public officer and was not intended to be the official memorial of the Declaration precluded the print from qualifying as a 'public record' under common law," the court said in its ruling.

Adams, who gained fame when he founded UUNet Technologies Inc., the first commercial Internet service provider, sued to establish title to the document after learning that Maine was trying to get it back. His attorney told the high court last month there's no evidence the document was ever an official record kept by the town of Wiscasset and that Adams is the rightful owner.

Maine Assistant Attorney General Thomas Knowlton argued that Wiscasset never gave up ownership of the document, which is one of about 250 copies printed in 1776 and distributed to towns throughout Massachusetts to be read to residents. Maine was part of Massachusetts at the time.

Maine state archivist David Cheever said he found it "incredible" that the state's rights were trumped by a private collector. Maine contended the document never should have been sold because of a state law which presumes that public documents remain public property unless ownership is expressly relinquished by the government.

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Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"The most ordinary word, when put into place, suddenly acquires brilliance. That is the brilliance with which your images must shine." - Robert Bresson

Today's deal comes from the Dallas 1997 U.S. Nationals. Geir Helgemo of Norway, one of the world's best players, was partnering Edgar Kaplan. A remarkable feature of this diamond slam was that after the session in which it occurred, I saw a number of experts discussing the deal in hushed tones. Normally, the last thing any expert wants to do is admit someone found a play he might not have made himself.

Helgemo ruffed the friendly lead of the heart king, drew trumps, then considered the spade suit. A 3-3 break would have seen the slam home — dummy's second club departs on the 13th spade, after which South's losing club could be ruffed in dummy. However, the chance of an even spade break was slim at best, given that West had shown a weak two in hearts and had already followed suit with a diamond.

Can you envisage any other chance that declarer might have? Helgemo found an ingenious solution. At trick three he led the spade two from his hand, and when West played low, he inserted dummy's seven. East won with a deceptive jack and returned the spade five.

Appreciating that West might have contributed the 10 had he held it, Helgemo had the courage of his convictions and ducked. When dummy's nine won, the rest was easy.

Had East returned another suit, South would have entered dummy in trumps to play the spade nine, pinning West's eight. A further spade finesse would have achieved the same result.

North 973, 9762, K1086, 92
West 84, KQJ84, 5, K10753
East QJ105, A1053, 3, QJ64
South AK62, A Q J 9 7 4 2, A 8

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: West The bidding: South West North East 2♥ Pass 4♥ 6♦ All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: QJ105, A1053, 3, QJ64

South West North East Dbl. Pass 2♦ Pass

ANSWER: Your partner's call of two diamonds is not a reverse — it just shows both minors. So you do not need to do more than revert to three clubs and let partner bid on if he has undisclosed extras. With a good hand, your partner could cue-bid two hearts or even jump to three diamonds.

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

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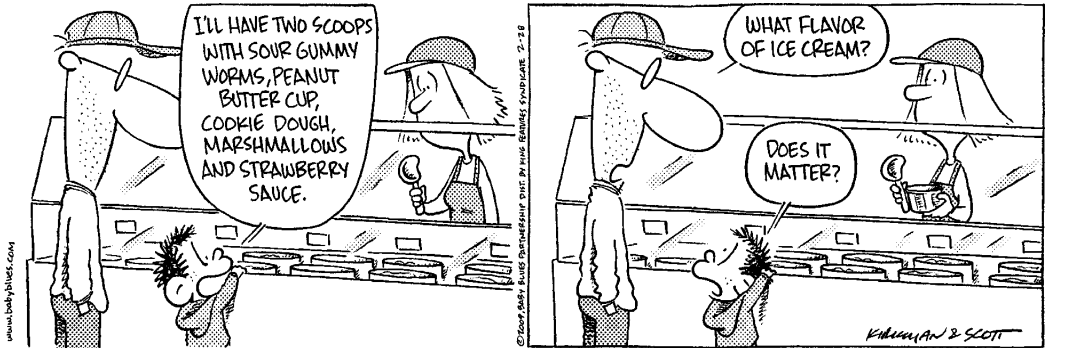
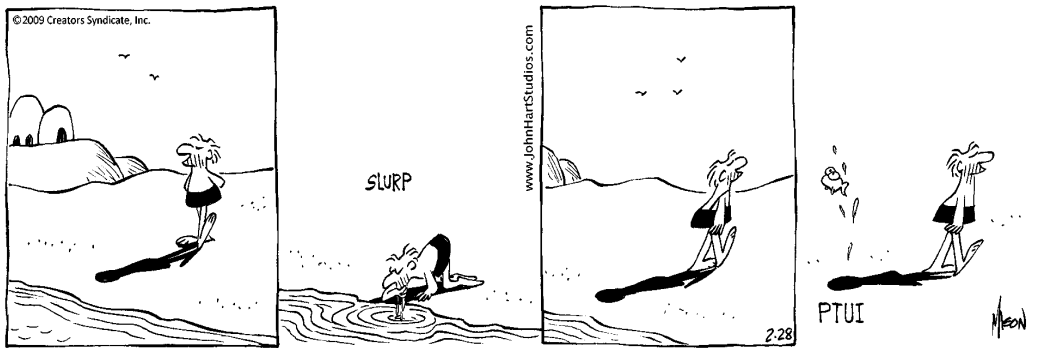
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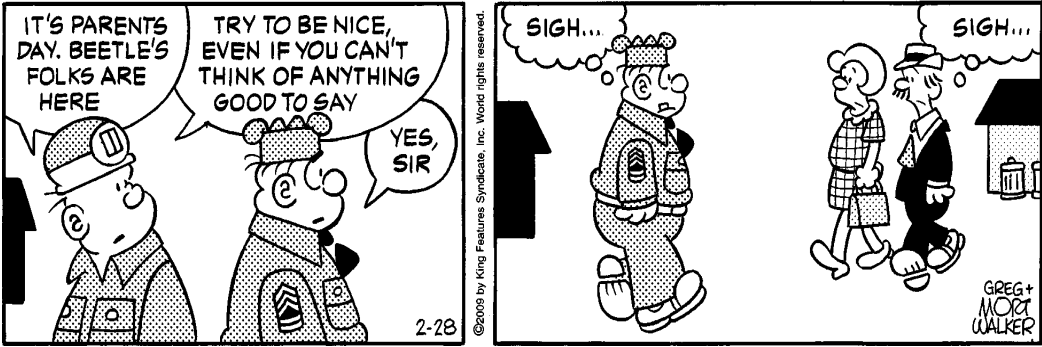


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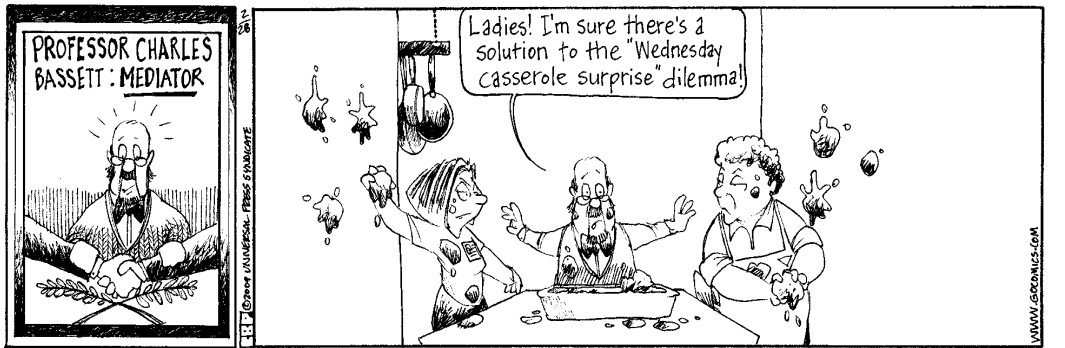


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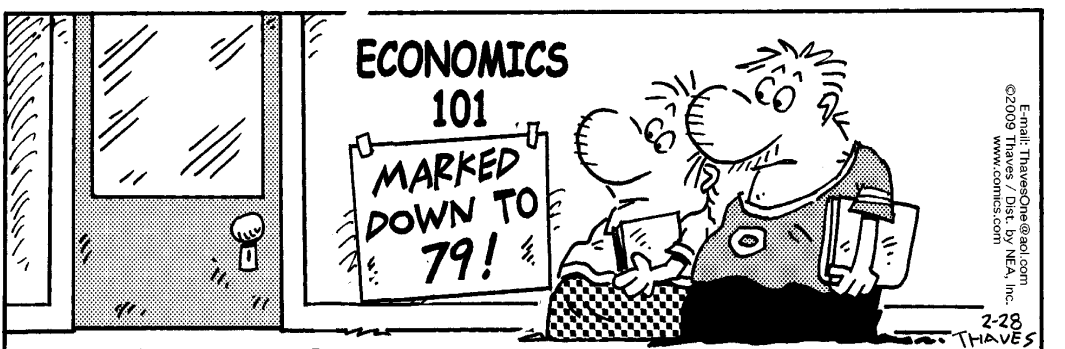
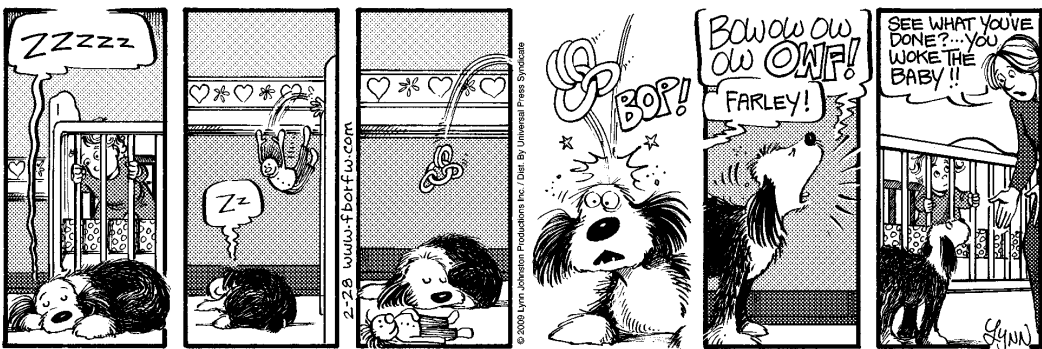


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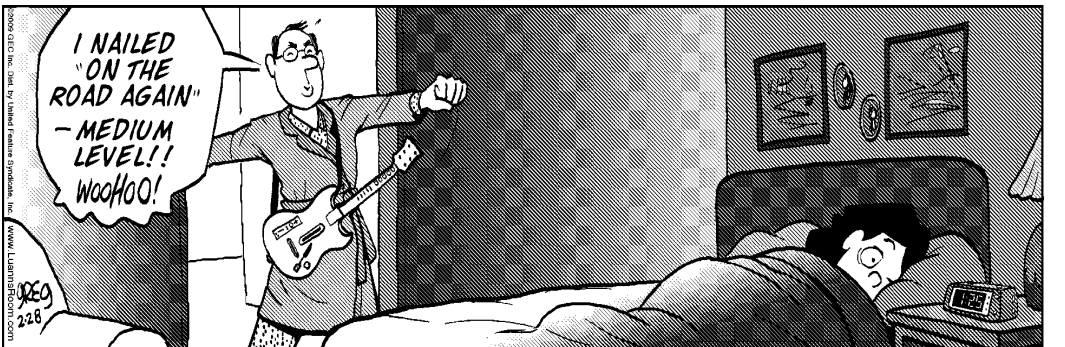
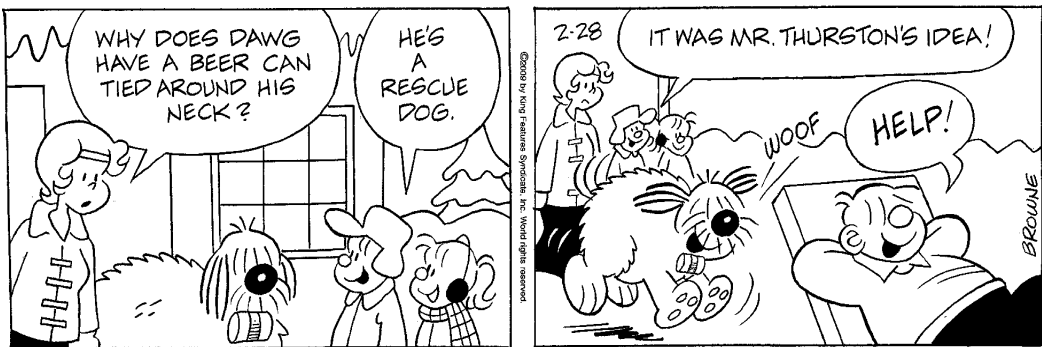


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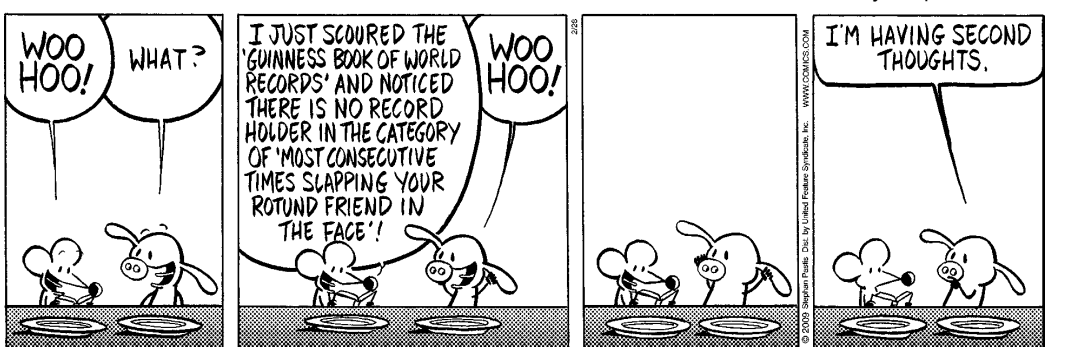


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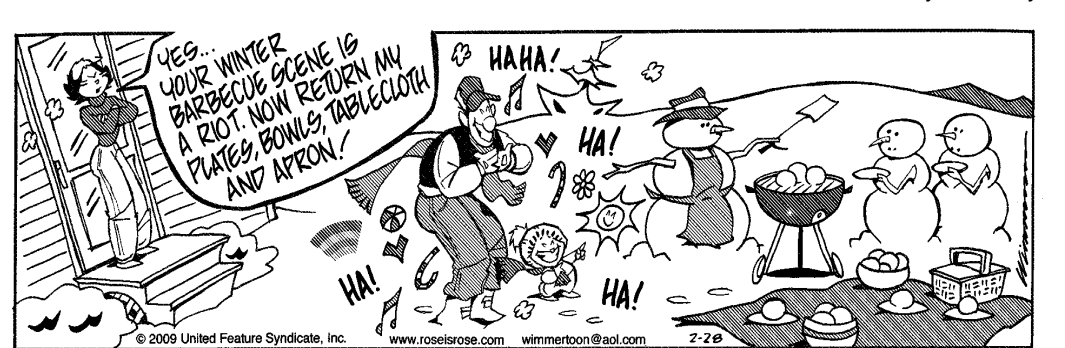
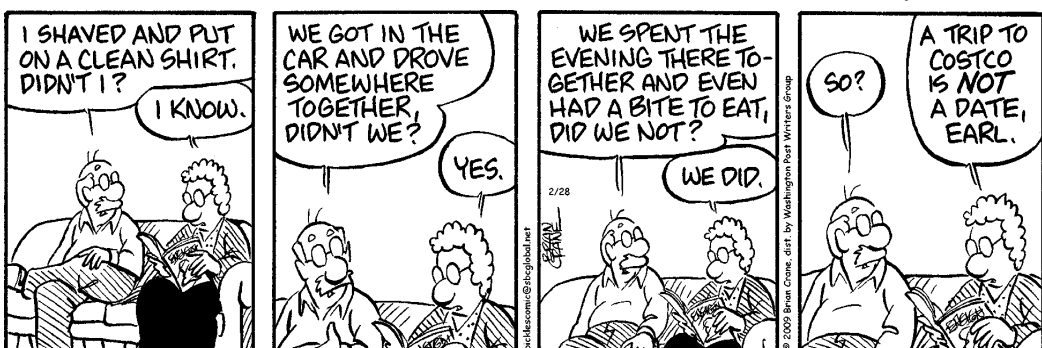


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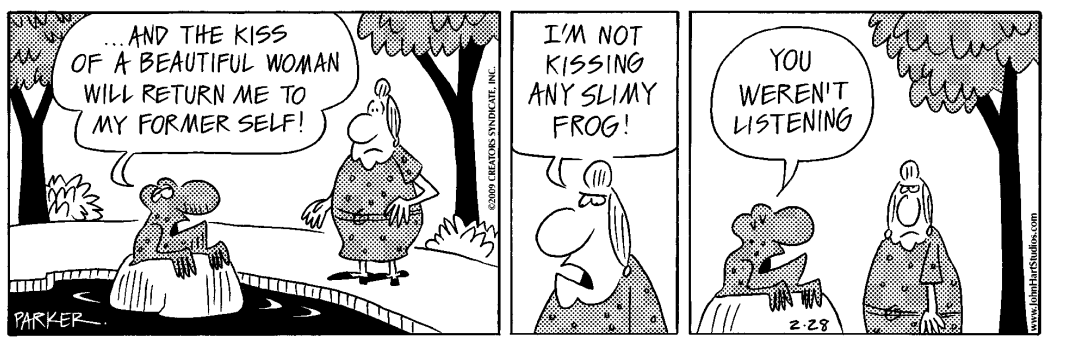
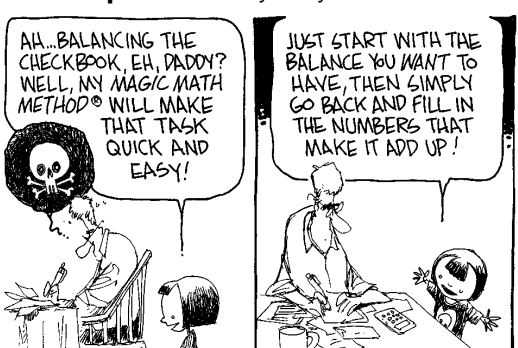
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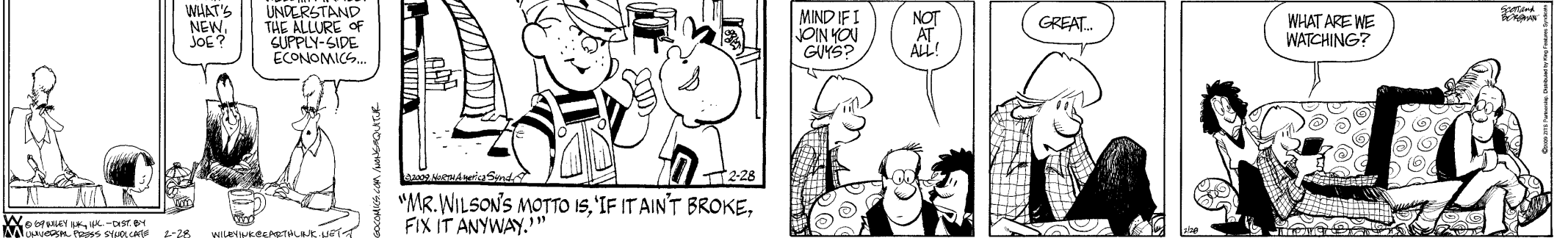
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Talented teen is swamped by wide variety of activities

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl — a straight-A student in the eighth grade. Most of my teachers like me, but I am overscheduled.

I do swimming five times a week. To prepare for the Advanced Placement test, I have German lessons every Wednesday. I have orchestra rehearsal every Saturday morning and sailing class every Sunday. I also take private violin lessons that I must practice for.

I love swimming, but if I go less often, I will be kicked off the team. The German class is something my mom insists on, and I don't mind it too much. I like being musical, and my violin teacher insists I play in the orchestra. Sailing is my passion. I am nationally ranked, and it keeps me going.

I manage this schedule, but some time for myself would be much appreciated. Any ideas, Abby?



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am living with a great guy, "Phil" is a sweetheart. He has two nice kids, a good job and we are talking about marriage. We travel, have fun and I have never been happier.

Here's my problem: My son, "Danny," a college senior, will most likely need to move back home in May. I love him, but I must admit he is self-centered, depressing and uncooperative. I suppose much of it is his father's and my fault.

Phil does not want Danny to move in after graduation. He feels the decision is not about choosing between him and my son, but about choosing between my son and me.

I can envision a wonderful future with Phil, but I can't imagine telling my son that he is on his own. My heart tells me I'm a mother first and must provide for my son no matter what. In the back of my mind I suspect that if I don't, I'll regret it forever. I see no middle ground.

Can you?

— CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: The first thing that comes to mind is that Danny should move in with his father. If that is not feasible, then you, Phil and Danny must sit down together and talk like adults.

You stated that you live with Phil — not the other way around. If it is Phil's house, he is under no obligation to have your son as a long-term houseguest. If he does agree, he has a right to know that Danny will be there under certain conditions, for a limited period of time and have it in writing.

Among today's realities is the fact that the job market is difficult, and not all college graduates are able to find jobs in their chosen fields. A certain amount of compromise will be necessary on all your parts.

DEAR ABBY: I run a "coupon swap" in my office. Subsequently, at the end of each week, I am left with numerous unwanted coupons. Can you give me any ideas on how to put these "leftovers" to good use?

— THRIFTY SHOPPER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR THRIFTY SHOPPER: Gladly. Donate them to a church, shelter, food bank or a nursing home. I'm sure they would be appreciated.

— STRESSED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STRESSED: It appears you excel at everything, and frankly, just reading your schedule makes me tired. While all of your activities will look good on a college application, you do appear to be overscheduled. A talk with a school counselor might help you better prioritize your interests — and that's what I recommend you do before you burn out.

IF FEBRUARY 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: If you keep your nose to the ground you may sniff out a fortunate opportunity to improve your situation within the next six weeks. Don't promise more than you can deliver, however, as you will need to shoulder extra responsibilities and toe the line to succeed. You might even need to spend some time as an apprentice. You can make a great deal of progress in your career and relationships in the year ahead.

From March through September, the best side of your personality and talents will be magnified and obvious to others. You could meet your soul mate or grab hold of the job of your dreams. You are more likely to reach your aspirations through the help of others who are impressed with your abilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your sensitive antenna may detect tensions behind the scenes; pay attention and duck trouble. With Venus in your sign, people will be delighted to invite you along for impromptu excursions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Ignore romantic urges and intuitions. Don't go to extremes to impress a new hookup. Be light-hearted and optimistic about the future, but wait to see what happens before you take irrevocable steps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The light touch is the right touch. Remain upbeat and steer clear of people with an ax to grind. Don't try to obtain commitments or promises. A little friendly competition or a game can brighten the day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Harmless banter and chitchat will keep things upbeat. Avoid confrontations or holding heart-to-heart discussions about important matters. Don't bother to go shopping for anything of significance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may not have concrete facts. Do not count on good intentions that have little basis in reality. Don't jump to conclusions, make crucial purchases or make promises until you have time to do more research.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your imagination and sympathetic urges are not quite on target today. Indulge in comfort foods and curl up with a good book. Squabbles will not disappear because you pretend they didn't happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concede a point. You will find it is not essential. Someone famous



Jeraldine Saunders

once said, "If you are losing a tug-of-war with a tiger, give him the rope before he gets to your arm. You can always buy a new rope."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An air of flirtatious romanticism could lead you astray or create a misunderstanding. It is best to maintain a low profile and avoid making important commitments under these stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Too much worry invites discord. Chill out and simply take it easy for the next day or two. Making adjustments or anticipating situations that have not manifested yet may be a waste of time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is a good day to relax with a good movie after a satisfying family dinner or to just putter around the house. Hold off on making promises, avoid first dates and do not make significant expenditures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Plans for the future could become a compelling topic. Buy the things you must have, but don't risk making significant purchases now. Share a day trip, a walk, a hike or sports with a special someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "All that glitters is not gold" may be a prudent thought to keep in mind if you meet a prospective hookup. You may be in love with the idea of being in love and not see the person for who they are.

deadline for adopting an interim constitution. Six-nation talks on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program ended in Beijing with an agreement to hold more negotiations. The Bow Mariner, a tanker carrying ethanol, exploded and sank off the Virginia coast; three crew members died and 18 were left missing and presumed dead, while six men survived. Former Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin died in Washington, D.C., at age 89.

One year ago: President George W. Bush told a White House news conference the country was not recession-bound; Democratic candidate Barack Obama said the economy was "on the brink of a recession" and blamed economic policies espoused by Bush and Republican presidential contender John McCain. Defense Secretary Robert Gates told his Turkish counterpart that Turkey should end its offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq as soon as possible. Deposed Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra returned to Thailand from 17 months in exile to face corruption charges. Mike Smith, lead singer for the British band Dave Clark Five, died outside London at age 64.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1975, more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

In 1906, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm.

In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

In 1997, in North Hollywood, Calif., two heavily armed and armored robbers bungled a bank heist and came out firing, unleashing their arsenal on police, bystanders, cars and TV choppers before they were killed.

Ten years ago: Guerrillas detonated two bombs beside a military convoy in southern Lebanon, killing an Israeli brigadier general and three other Israelis; Israel retaliated with air raids on suspected guerrilla hideouts.

Five years ago: Iraq's U.S.-picked leaders failed to meet a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lost and Found

FOUND Black Lab at 402 W. 100 S. in Burley. Female, medium size, wearing pink collar. 208-678-9370

FOUND Black Lab male, young, possible mix. Found along river near Declo/Rupert bridge. No collar. Call 208-654-2899.

FOUND Border Collie/Heeler, 8-10 weeks old, female rust, brown & black. Found on 1st St in Rupert. 208-436-9512

FOUND Bracelet, in the Turf Club parking lot on 2/20. Call to identify. 208-404-3316

LOST 2 Lab Mix dogs missing from the Kimberly/Twin Falls area. Zues is a 4 year old black male. Ellie is a 9 year old chocolate female in need of her medications. **REWARD!!!! PLEASE CALL 208-539-3390**

LOST Australian Shepherd, blue merle, in the Declo area. Answers to Jesse, wearing purple collar. Call 208-670-4178

LOST German Shorthair, male, white with brown spots. Lost 2 weeks ago on 3rd Ave. W. Call 208-734-3527

LOST Lab, Ivory/yellow in color, male, approx 5 yrs old, was wearing collar, lost in Eden area approx 2 mi. N of the Traveler's Oasis near Hwy. 50 on 2/5. Answers to "Chomper." 293-2897

LOST Min Pin, female, chocolate brown, small. Lost in the Declo area. 654-2668.

LOST Shih Tzu, black and white female, on Clear Lakes Rd. Reward! 208-539-2177 or 539-2117

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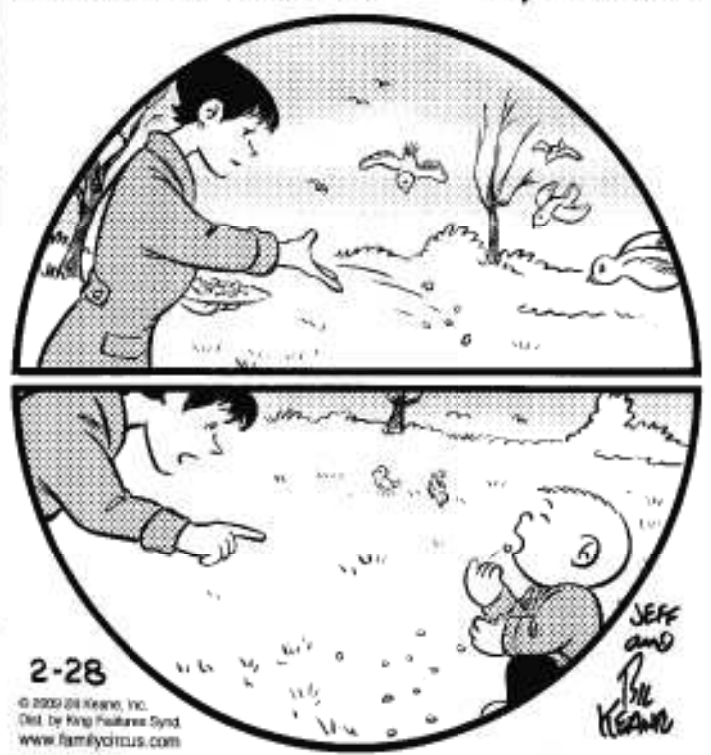
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