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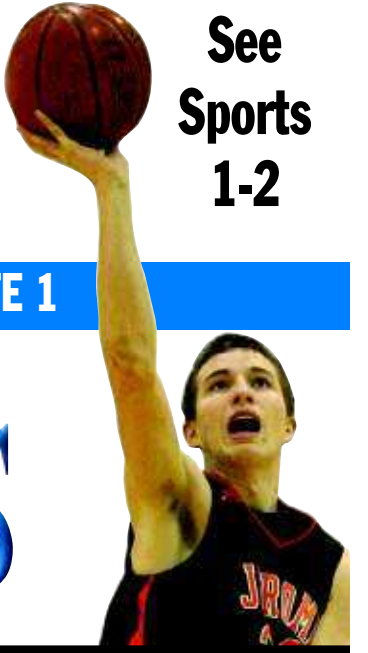
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VANISHING POINT

20 years after her disappearance, Rupert woman's family searches for answers in City of Rocks



Fred McDonald scans the horizon as psychic Rusty Peterson stands by, going over the dream she repeatedly had of a young woman walking away from her car through the snow on a cold night in the City of Rocks. Peterson says the woman is buried near a post near the Twin Sisters rock formation.

Story by Andrea Jackson • Photos by Megan Thompson
Times-News

ALMO — The disappearance 20 years ago of Noreen Boyd is a story about family.

With their binoculars in hand, and a four-wheeler in tow, Boyd's eldest son, Phillip McDonald, and her brother, Fred McDonald, walked through the City of Rocks last week, searching for an answer to a question that's haunted them every day for two decades:

Where is Noreen?

On Dec. 20, 1988, Noreen Boyd was last seen in Rupert. Her father found her apartment door ajar when he went to check on her after she called him, upset. Christmas music was playing on the stereo. Her purse and presents for her children were undisturbed on the table.

Nearly three months later, on March 10, 1989, hikers found her gray Ford sedan at the base of the Twin Sisters formation in the City

of Rocks. Her crushed sunglasses were on the ground next to her belt.

Cassia County sheriff's deputies inventoried the scene: Nine empty Coors Light cans; cigarette butts littering the ground; an empty bottle of Nytol sleep aid and a makeup case containing cross-tops — a form of amphetamine. They said the car, with the driver's-side door unlocked, had been there a long time.

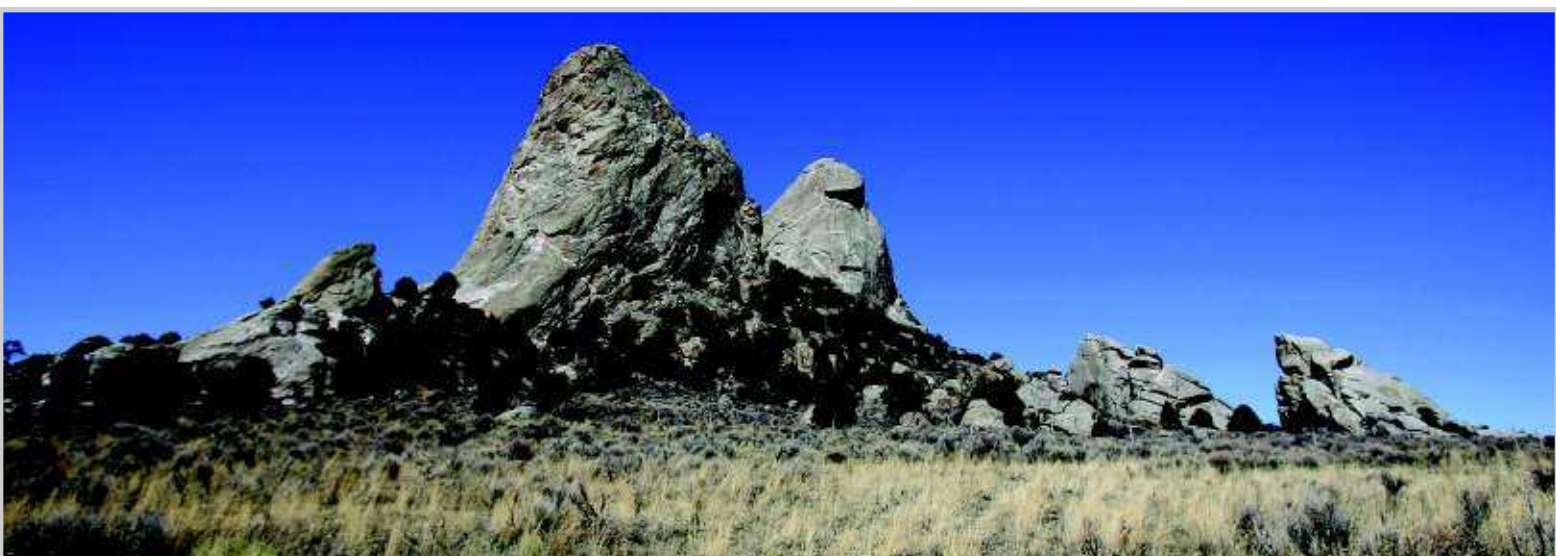
The car was towed away and, three days later, turned over to the bank that held its title. No further forensic examination was done.

Deputies made a brief search of the area and found nothing.

"They treated it like an abandoned car and a runaway," Fred McDonald said. "All the good evidence is gone."

Noreen Boyd, 29, the mother of three young boys, had vanished.

THE STORY CONTINUES ON MAIN 4



The Twin Sisters formation in the City of Rocks, about 50 miles south of Rupert, is where Noreen Boyd's car was found in 1989.

Trickle down stimulus

Funding for state projects could impact Magic Valley

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — As Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter pores over thousands of requests from public officials and private companies for a taste of more than \$1 billion in federal stimulus headed to Idaho, south-central Idaho could see its own share come through state projects with some of the biggest price tags.



At the top of the list is a \$10 million request from the University of Idaho to help fund the planned \$36 million livestock research center slated for the Magic Valley. Then there's the Twin Falls Alternate Route, or Highway 93\30 junction, now estimated at \$40 million.

Coming Monday
Find out which Magic Valley governmental, charitable and for-profit entities are hoping to receive stimulus funding for projects.

Finally, the state's branch of Homeland Security wants \$4.9 million for a statewide wildfire mitigation communications system, which would create 23 jobs.

The requests, due last Wednesday, are being reviewed by Otter's Division of Financial Management before going to an advisory stimulus committee made up of former governors and budget directors. He'll meet with that panel Monday and give the Legislature his own recommendations in about a week.

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AP photo

Tim Edwards smokes a hand rolled cigarette sitting outside a Waffle House restaurant Feb. 27 in Houston. Edwards has become the human face of homelessness to thousands of online viewers on the Web site created by Kevin and Sean Dolan called www.pimpthisbum.com.

Pimp this bum

Can Web site offer homeless man hope?

By Monica Rhor
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Until a few weeks ago, Tim Edwards was just another one of the men begging for change at a busy Houston underpass, ignored by most drivers who sped on past without a glance.

Now, thanks to an Internet marketing campaign and unlikely allies, Edwards has become the human face of homelessness to thousands of online viewers drawn to his Web site by its deliberately controversial name — Pimp This Bum.

During regular Webcasts, dozens of visitors to <http://www.pimpthisbum.com/> ask questions about Edwards' life and his slow fall from office manager with a home, a car, and a future to an outcast short of hope and

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Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to do today

- Catch some of the best bowlers around at the Jerome U.S. Bowling Congress Doubles Tournament today and March 14-15 at the Jerome Bowl, 159 W. Ave. A. Last year, 75 teams from as far away as Mountain Home competed. Information: 404-1213. It's free to watch.
- Opera fans can make a

pilgrimage to Opera Idaho's performance of Mozart's "Così fan tutte" at 3 p.m. at the Egyptian Theater, 516 S. Ninth St., Boise. Tickets are \$10-\$80.

- Search your home for unused household items — anything from microwaves to desks — to donate to the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center. The center also needs volunteers to

work with refugees in English as a Second Language education and give them rides to grocery shopping. Information: Michelle, 736-2166.

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

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

William Shakespeare's "Othello, the Moor of Venice," presented by Community School Players, 2 and 7 p.m., Community School Theatre, 181 Dollar Road, Sun Valley, \$8 for adults and \$4 for students, 622-3955, ext. 131.

"Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins" by Stephen Temperley presented by Company of Fools and Barksdale Theatre, 3 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

Our Moveable Feast, "The Joy of Cooking," a benefit for The Community Library; different rooms of the library decorated to evoke the images of several books dealing with food; food served to match the theme, 5:30 p.m., at the library, 415 Spruce Ave. N., Ketchum, \$100 per person (includes food, wine and non-alcoholic beverages), www.thecommunitylibrary.org or 726-3493.

EXHIBITS

New Works by Dutch artist Sjer Jacobs, oil paintings and bronze sculpture, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gallery DeNovo, 320 First Ave. N., Suite 101, free admission, Gallerydenovo.com or 726-8180.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Meeting memo for March 10 Southern Idaho Parrot Head Club meeting, a non-profit organization which provides opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy music and volunteer for planned community service and environmental projects sponsored by O'Dunkens Draught House, 7 p.m., O'Dunkens Draught House, downtown Twin Falls, 208-720-8001.

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

Hope

Continued from Main 1 with little prospect of help. The Web site also is a venue where visitors can donate money, services and goods to help Edwards yank himself out of homelessness.

Some homeless advocates say it makes Edwards a victim of exploitation, but the organizers say that edgy tone is what makes the project succeed.

"We wanted to insult people's sensitivities so that they would go to the site and see Tim, and people seem to have fallen in love with him. He's funny and doesn't blame the world for his situation," said Kevin Dolan, 55, a marketing specialist from the Houston suburb of Katy who started the Web site with his 24-year-old son, Sean.

If the site had been called "Help the Homeless," many Web surfers might just have clicked on past, says Sean. The Dolans had initially set out to test an advertising campaign and generate publicity for their new Internet marketing business. They planned to promote a mom-and-pop business, until Sean suggested using the Web site to do some good.

Now visitors to the Web site are getting to know Edwards beyond the stereotype of an anonymous group labeled "The Homeless."

"I'm the world's first online bum," jokes Edwards, a lanky, bearded 37-year-old who talks about life on the streets with a mix of dark humor and unvarnished honesty. "The whole idea of this project is to get people off the street. I'm the pioneer, but I've got friends behind me. If I don't get this right, it ain't gonna work for them."

The Web site features videos of Edwards and a photograph showing him with a hand-drawn, cardboard sign.

There's a "Donate" button where viewers can charge donations to their credit card. And some people have



AP photo
Tim Edwards, left, talks with Kevin Dolan, center, and his son Sean outside a Waffle House restaurant on Feb. 27 in Houston.

dropped by Edwards' regular panhandling spot to drop off food and fast-food gift cards.

Some homeless advocates say the Web site does little to address the underlying issues of homelessness. Even the name makes Anthony Love bristle.

"He is a person. His name is Tim. And to pimp anyone is not something I would endorse," said Love, president of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County.

The Web site also stirred up an Internet debate over the merits of the Dolans' approach. One blogger named KatDish said: "Your impassioned pleas for helping Tim get off the street don't hold much weight when you ask him to hold up a sign that says 'Pimp this Bum' and let people know he needs a Sharpie and a cheeseburger."

But Edwards says he roared with laughter when Sean Dolan nervously approached him with the idea of the Web site and the proposed name.

At first, he wasn't sure if the Dolans were a threat or just do-gooders bringing food. Now he considers them an answer to a prayer.

"I asked God to make it rain and here come these guys. And I thought this is just crazy enough to work," he said.

Edwards had been mired in homelessness since Aug. 19, 2004, (he remembers the exact date), unable to shake

severe alcoholism.

He has become skilled in the art of survival on the street: Keep to your own territory. Beg enough for the bare necessities — food, cigarettes, drink — then get off the corner. Learn who to trust and who to stay away from.

Edwards says he has tried programs aimed at getting the homeless off the streets, but none have worked for him.

"Those programs work for some people, but for some, they don't. We're not 'The Homeless.' Not some monolithic group of people," said Edwards. "But this has brought me and my friends a lot of hope. I can't express in words how much hope it's brought us."

Edwards, who says his descent into homelessness began when he "turned his back on God" after the deaths of his mother and grandmother, says he is finally ready to begin detox and find the road back to normalcy. Not just for himself, but for others living on the street.

On Monday, in preparation for his trip to Seattle and scheduled entry to an alcohol detox program at the Seattle-based Sunray Treatment and Recovery, which is providing the \$13,800, 35-day program free of charge, Edwards plans to shave his beard and trim his hair — a symbolic nod to the start of a new life.

It will be broadcast live on the Web site.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Photo Courtesy Filer Public Library

At the intersection of Main Street and Yakima Street in Filer, a bandstand was built and it was called 'The Gazebo.' Band concerts and gatherings were held at the site until the late 1920s. Yakima Street was originally called Cassia Street on the plat of 1905, but was changed after settlers from Yakima, Wash., came to Filer. Trees were planted between the streets and many homes were built along the double street.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Stimulus

Continued from Main 1

Otter told reporters Friday he'd prefer the requests from the public and private sector help create and retain jobs, not bail out the state budget or make programs that will lead to expectations of continued funding when the stimulus dries up.

But he said funding new projects like weatherization, energy conservation, and water systems in rural communities could rejuvenate the state economy.

"All of those things — I think we can create a lot of jobs," Otter said. "If a person gets a job, that whole family suddenly gains confidence in tomorrow and they know it's OK to buy a new refrigerator

and pick up a monthly tab of \$25 or \$35 in order to make the payments. I believe that's the kind of hope everybody had for the idea of a stimulus package when it was first mentioned."

The Department of Environmental Quality has requested money to address mercury matters in water. And more than \$1.8 million could fund road maintenance with the Idaho Transportation Department. The South-Central Public Health District is requesting \$760,527, mostly to upgrade its data systems.

But Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, a co-chairman of the joint budgeting committee, said most of the money will be used to balance the budget —

not wish-lists, regardless of whether the requests are from the private sector or the public sector.

He said very little of the money is discretionary funding — money that agencies can use as they please — and most is to stabilize budgets.

"There's a misconception there's all this money," he said. "Everybody that's submitted requests for stimulus money will be disappointed. The bulk of it will be used to balance the budget."

The list of state agency requests is so large that Otter's office hasn't released an official total.

Both state agency and non-state agency funding requests — there are more than 1,000

from private companies, school districts, and local governments that total \$4.7 billion — are listed online at the Division of Financial Management Web site.

But the information isn't complete.

"That's not the entire picture," said Richard Budzich, a DFM analyst. "All we have there is a sampling of state agencies."

Jon Hanian, a spokesman for the governor, said the amount of requests given to DFM overwhelmed that office as it tried to post proposals online to comply with public record laws.

"The problem we're running into is transposing (files) from the non-stage agency

side, going through documents and pages so we can get to the bottom line," Hanian said. "Given the volume of stuff they had to do, they've done an incredible job."

Hanian said revisions to the initial list that was released

Thursday will be made as more request details are made known.

Staff writer David Cooper contributed to this story.

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SPENDING FOR THE VALLEY

Items included in state agency requests that could impact south-central Idaho:

- \$1.74 million to Idaho Transportation Department for District 4 Rural Transit, primarily for Mountain Rides, the bus service in the Wood River Valley.
- \$5.7 million to Idaho State Department of Agriculture for prevention, monitoring and control of quagga mussels, an invasive species that officials fear could hurt Idaho's irrigation systems and lakes.
- \$10 million via the University of Idaho for the livestock research center.
- \$1.5 million for Soil Conservation Commission Idaho Water Quality Program.
- \$2.6 million for Soil Conservation Commission for

- 10 new projects on the Idaho Water Quality Program for Agriculture Project priority list.
- \$1.45 million, including \$900,000 for next year to College of Southern Idaho for building construction and to mitigate the need to raise fees and tuition.
- \$8.4 million to the Department of Commerce in community block development grants. Such grants have been distributed to rural Magic Valley communities in the past.
- \$200,000 to Blaine County, via the Department of Lands, for grants for Fuels Reduction in Wood River Valley subdivisions.
- \$500,000 for wolf depredation in the Office of Species Conservation.

CLARIFICATION

A letter to the editor published Sunday from Chris Page of Rupert refers to a \$50,000 medical bill. Another amount was listed in the letter

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Little Wood	83%	71%
Big Lost	86%	70%
Little Lost	91%	71%
Henry's Fork/Teton	85%	72%
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Go to Magicvalley.com to find a ski report at the Snow Center.

Don't ask me

Steve Crump



Don't be shy: Name that Sun Ketchum Valley

You may have heard that Sun Valley and Ketchum are dating and thinking seriously about getting married. Voters in both towns are scheduled to decide this summer.

So what to call the new city? The Idaho Mountain Express, the weekly newspaper in Ketchum, asked readers and came up with some dandy prospective names for the new berg.

"Svetchum" and "North Hailey" were my favorites from among Kvetchin', Hemingway, Ketchup, Ketchsun, Paradise City, Ray View, Baldy, Big Valley, Some Valley, Leadville and Wonthappentown.

But shoot, Sun Valley is a regional institution that belongs to all south-central Idaho, so let's hear some suggestions from flatlanders as well.

Send them to me at scrump@magicvalley, fax them to me at 734-5538 or mail them to me at the Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. I'll forward your ideas to Randy Hall and Wayne Willich, the current co-mayors of Sun Ketchum Valley.

There's historical precedence for calling the place Leadville. That's Ketchum's original title, dating from 1880 and reflecting the dominant local industry at the time. But since there were already several Leadvilles in Idaho, the U.S. Postal Service vetoed the name. David Ketchum, a prospector who was the town's original settler, got the honor instead.

Trouble is, he didn't hang around the Wood River Valley for long, decamping for other opportunities in Arizona. So although it's a fine name, Ketchum doesn't have much true historical resonance.

Nor does "Sun Valley," for that matter. Steve Hannigan — railroad magnate Avrell Harriman's press agent and the man who put Miami Beach on the map — came up with the term in 1936.

There are some ghost towns in Blaine County with names they're not currently using, so maybe Sun Ketchum Valley should take one. Gladiator, a long-ago mine located in northern Blaine County would be an interesting choice. So would Galena, Bullion, Mascot or Carriertown.

Or maybe even Philadelphia, named for the Philadelphia Mining and Smelting Company whose Blaine County mill was the biggest in Idaho in the 1880s.

But I think the best handle for the combined town would be Alturas, an Idaho legacy name that the Legislature wasn't wise enough to hold on to.

Created in 1864, Alturas County once included all the territory north of the Snake River from the mouth of the Bureau River to the Lost River — that's larger than Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey combined — and Hailey was its county seat after 1882.

Alturas means "mountain heights" in Spanish.

In 1889, the Legislature carved Elmore County and Logan County from parts of Alturas County. After Idaho became a state, lawmakers combined Alturas and Logan counties as Blaine County in order to circumvent a state Supreme Court decision striking down an earlier county reorganization.

Alturas rolls off the tongue nicely, don't you think? Besides, would you rather have your million-dollar second home in Alturas — or Leadville?

State stimulus swap '09 a no-go

BOISE — During his annual address to the Idaho Press Club, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Friday offered his thoughts on the approximate \$1 billion in federal stimulus money Idaho will receive — and why his name's circulated as one of the governors who plans to reject some of the money.

"I've never said I wouldn't take any of the stimulus package," said Otter, speaking in a three-piece gray suit with cufflinks adorned with a pressed shirt embroidered with the word "Butch."

"It had been my druthers they didn't do it in the first place," he said, "and didn't do it the way they did it. If they had put it all into jobs creation or in jobs retention, that would've been, to me, much more acceptable."

He said "the genesis" of him possibly rejecting some money likely stemmed from a letter he signed with GOP Govs. Rick Perry of Texas and Mark Sanford of South Carolina that said "this is not a good idea." Otter didn't mention who received the letter.

Otter asserted he's opposed philosophically to taking federal funding but will "hold his nose" for the millions for roadwork because he's been told it's all or nothing. For example, he said there's \$25 million he's against but another \$150 million he supports.

One suggestion that got turned down, he said, was if a governor declined stimulus money his state would become exempt from paying for the cost of the stimulus, possibly through income tax cuts. Another nixed suggestion brought up the possibility of trading the money with another governor, like Arnold Schwarzenegger of California.

"The next thing I asked for was, 'Well, can we barter these funds?'" he said. "There's some of this money, like the landscaping

— let me trade Schwarzenegger \$6 million worth of landscaping for \$6 (million) worth of bridge money."

"They said 'No, you can't barter it, either. Either you take it or we're gonna reconfigure this,'" Otter said. "And Schwarzenegger said he'd take all that we don't."

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, said Friday he expects the committee to begin budget writing next week on Wednesday or Thursday — more than two weeks later than expected.

The process will follow adoption of a new revenue target for next year. The \$2.55 billion will decrease — lawmakers estimate by another \$50 million — because of Micron's announcement to lay off 2,000 workers by August and more bad economic news in terms of revenue and unemployment.

"Unless there's something pressing, we'll finish setting budgets in two weeks and then wrap up the session after that," he said.

By those estimates, adjournment would come during the second week in April. Otter said Friday the stimulus has delayed the session by three to four weeks.

The House voted 52-17 on Friday to pass a controversial election consolidation bill.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, is designed to simplify the approximate 450 elections held in Idaho while at the same time boosting turnout and transparency. Education groups opposed the bill, which limits its elections to just four dates each year, over cost concerns.

The bill still needs \$3.1 million in funding, which state budget writers said could be difficult during an economic downturn. It is



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK
Jared S. Hopkins

headed to the Senate.

The 2009 Legislature continues its slower-than-usual pace.

Through Friday, only 361 bills had been introduced in both the Senate and House. That's the lowest total in at least five years.

Meanwhile, for the second consecutive Friday, no House committees considered bills. Appropriations was the only

committee that met and it does so jointly with its Senate counterpart. The House adjourned at 9:08 a.m. and most members went home within the hour.

Quote of the Week: "I didn't not invite him — I just didn't know where to get in touch with him." — Otter, on Friday, when asked by the Times-News why former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wasn't asked to sit on Otter's "stimulus executive committee" with former governors and state budget chiefs. A press release from Otter said everyone asked to sit on the panel agreed to.

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Magic Valley School of Performing Arts is holding auditions for 2 upcoming shows:

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Casting for children Preschool - 6th grade.
Production fee is \$150.

Auditions: Wednesday March 11th
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Children Preschool - 6th grade

Fiddler on the Roof
Starring Danny Marona as "Tevya." Casting for adults & children of all ages. Production fee is \$100.

Auditions: Wednesday March 11th
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Children of all ages
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Adults

Business Highlight

Dr. Sam Barker Relieving Your Pain

Dr. Sam Barker is a Twin Falls native that has been practicing in the Magic Valley for three years. He is the only chiropractic office in Twin Falls offering some of the newest non-surgical treatments for

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VANISHING POINT

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In her dreams, Rusty Peterson sees snow falling under a full moon as a pretty young woman walks away from her car, her blue jacket unbuttoned.

The car's headlights are on, illuminating the woman from behind.

Then the nightmare begins. She sees Noreen Boyd being buried, her blue jacket now buttoned, by a man in a baseball cap holding an irrigation shovel.

Peterson says God gave her the power to have dreams and premonitions that answer questions no one else can. She reported her dream about the woman in the City of Rocks to authorities on the day Boyd's car was found, but says she started dreaming of Boyd weeks before Boyd was even reported missing.

"When I walked out of there I felt like they was thinking, 'there's some crazy old woman,'" Peterson said of her visit to the police station. "I mean I felt like it was poo-pooed, like, 'so you had a dream — so?'"

Four years later, a Cassia County deputy followed up, going to the City of Rocks to see if he could find the scene she described. He found the spot, but nothing else.

The McDonalds also have come to have faith in Peterson's dreams. Last week she accompanied them to the spot where she says she dreamed three times about the burial. Before leaving her home in Declo, she asked the McDonalds to stand in a circle, holding hands to pray to God that they would find Boyd.

At Twin Sisters, Peterson led the family through a gate to an area near an old water cistern, where Fred McDonald identified some depressions in the hard ground and said he would return in warmer weather to dig.

Just days later, McDonald was back at Twin Sisters with a shovel. Though he was able to break the hard, cold ground, he found nothing.

Yet he still hopes.

"She's still out there," he said. "We want to do more searching. The ground is frozen."

The search for an answer has turned desperate after two decades of loss.

"My parents are getting older," he said. "I want closure for them."

Necia McDonald says she cried every day for the first 10 years after her daughter disappeared. Two decades on, she sounds bitter at the lack of information from police, who have twice asked her to look at photos of bodies, or answers from anyone.

"I want an end," she said. "It would be easier for me to accept death than disappearance. I know she didn't disappear. She wouldn't have left her babies."

At the Rupert Police Department, Lt. James Wardle holds his hands a foot apart to show how much paperwork authorities have in files about Noreen Boyd's disappearance.

But he wouldn't say much about the case, citing an ongoing investigation, or



Necia McDonald looks on as Lt. James Wardle of the Rupert Police Department prepares DNA test kits for the McDonald family Feb. 6 at their home in Shoshone. The DNA could help locate Noreen Boyd, McDonald's daughter, who has been missing since December 1988.



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WATCH: A video of the McDonald's recent search for Noreen Boyd in the City of Rocks.

release more than an eight-page summary of the case to the *Times-News* and Boyd's family.

Boyd's family says Mini-Cassia law enforcement authorities have said little to them over the years.

"I don't think they did much of an investigation at all," said Necia McDonald.

In recent weeks police have begun showing more interest, the family says, after the *Times-News* started asking about it.

"We've had a hard time getting anything from police," said Fred McDonald. "We'd make phone calls and sometimes it would be nine months to five years before we heard anything. It's been insane."

Police say the case cools with no leads, but they want to solve it.

"I don't want to say it was ignored," said Wardle about the case. "It's a missing person case with no leads, so without aggressive leads and new information it's kind of hard to stay following up on it ... It would just be great to get this off and out and give the family closure."

In 2002 the Rupert police took blood from the McDonalds for DNA analysis. In 2006, investigators realized that the samples were not complete and had never been entered into a national DNA database used to match missing people to found bodies.

Last month, Rupert Police took new DNA samples to complete the database listing after New Jersey State Police sent word of a woman's skull found March 5, 1989, in an embankment by the 7th tee of the Stoney Brook Hopewell Valley Golf and Country Club in Mercer County, N.J. The unidentified woman's legs were found in April 1989 in Morris County, New Jersey.

Forensic scientists say the woman in Mercer County died not long before her head was found — less than three months after Boyd disappeared. Their description comes close to Boyd — same age, weight and hair color. The New Jersey woman had blue eyes; Boyd had hazel —

and she was a few inches taller.

Police in New Jersey had drawings made of a recreation of the woman's face, and to some the resemblance to Boyd is striking — though her family has doubts.

"No," said her father, Fred McDonald Sr., holding a computer printout from New Jersey.

"The nose looks wrong," said his son. "I don't know ... maybe."

Phillip, who was 8-years-old when his mother vanished, said "Everything else looks close, except the nose."

Boyd committed suicide. Or she was murdered. Or she suffered some accident.

Family members agree they cannot rule out any of those possible explanations. The only theory they discount is that Boyd left voluntarily to start a new life, never to be heard from again.

Her younger brother, Fred, said his sister was a "hippie" with a long history of marijuana use, depression and suicide attempts. He thinks she likely killed herself in the City of Rocks, though he cannot explain why she would have gone to a place she had never been before, some 50 miles from her home, or where her body might be.

"I'm still leaning towards suicide," he said. "But I can't see her going up there by herself. I do know one thing in my heart, she's not alive."

Nor does Wardle, the Rupert policeman, think Boyd simply ran away and has avoided detection for 20 years.

"She hasn't turned up," he said. "She's more than just hiding."

Yet Boyd's life wasn't easy. When she was 16, she ran away from the family's home in Southern California — though she still kept in touch with the McDonalds.

At age 20, she arrived at the McDonalds' new home in Rupert, pregnant with

Phillip. She had two more children with two other men, but had settled down and was a devoted mother, her brother said.

She worked a night job at a food processing plant, and managed the small apartment complex where she lived, he said. But she also was involved in the drug trade, and had started using cocaine in the months before her disappearance, he said.

Phillip remembers that his mother grew marijuana plants in the closet of his bedroom, and that a police officer in uniform would drop by to smoke pot with her at their kitchen table, after she separated from her husband. Twenty years later, he cannot recall what the officer looked like or what department's uniform he wore, though he said the man always left with a white envelope.

"Now I'm thinking that was drug money," he said. Rupert police have noth-



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Necia McDonald helps her husband, Fred McDonald Sr., with the DNA swab that must be rubbed against the inside cheek 20 times to collect a sample Feb. 6 at their home in Shoshone. The McDonalds are looking for their daughter, Noreen Boyd, who disappeared just before Christmas in 1988.



Photo courtesy New Jersey State Police

A facial reconstruction of a woman's skull found at a golf course in New Jersey. The DNA tests will prove whether or not this woman is Noreen Boyd.

enough that she would have to be killed, and dead people don't pay debts."

In the days before she vanished, Boyd called her sister and told her "I'm in trouble," McDonald said.

The sister later told police she suggested that Boyd seek mental health treatment.

McDonald also said Boyd had a large sum of money before she vanished after taking out a signature loan for as much as \$6,000 from a finance company and also collecting rent on the apartments she managed.

None of the money was ever found, police and family confirmed.

Wardle says it will be months before authorities in New Jersey can complete DNA testing that will either establish Boyd as the murder victim or send the McDonald family back to square one.

Until then, the family waits.

"I'm not sleeping at night now," said her brother, Fred. "My wife is telling me to back off. Not this week. I want this for my parents."

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Phillip McDonald and his uncle, Fred McDonald, scan their surroundings as they mull the disappearance of Noreen Boyd. Her car was found at the base of the Twin Sisters formation in the City of Rocks in 1989, three months after she disappeared.

Avalanche victim identified

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The woman who died in an avalanche Friday on the northwest shoulder of Gladiator Peak has been identified as Stella Keane, 54, of Ketchum, according to Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel.

A man who suffered a broken femur in the avalanche was in St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center on Saturday, Ketchum Fire Chief Mike Elle said. More information about the man's identity and condition was unavailable.

The two were in a group of four backcountry skiers who tested for avalanche danger before beginning their descent.

Mikel said that the cause of the woman's death appears to have been from injuries that happened in the avalanche. Keane was buried in the avalanche, and attempts by other skiers to resuscitate her failed.

The Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center estimated the avalanche danger was considerable on Saturday in mid to upper elevations that have seen more than a foot of snow in the last week. In its advisory, the center reported that slides can be triggered from weak underlying snow in steep, rocky terrain.

"Yesterday's accident was a sobering reminder that we are faced with a weak, January-like snowpack that has been recently loaded with new snow," the center said in its Saturday advisory.

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Rock Creek fire district gets \$137,000

Times-News

The Rock Creek Rural Fire Protection District received nearly \$137,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Friday, provided through a grant program for firefighters.

This year's Assistance to Firefighters Grants will provide about \$500 million to fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical groups throughout the country, according to a press release. They have been distributed through the department's Federal Emergency Management Agency since 2001.

Besides Rock Creek, which covers the area around Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh, FEMA also gave about \$124,000 to the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department. The two were the only grant recipients in Idaho.

For more: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>.

Rachel's Challenge held at T.F. school

There will be a community event presentation from Rachel's Challenge at 7 p.m. Monday at Robert Stuart Junior High School, 644 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Rachel's Challenge is a school program aimed at fighting violence in schools. The program is named in honor of Rachel Scott, who was killed at Columbine High School in 1999.

For more information: The school at 208-733-4875.

The organization's Web site is www.rachelschallenge.com.

Wendell City Council sets irrigation rates

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — After Wendell decided to take another look at its irrigation rate structure, it came down to setting the yearly fee.

A unanimous vote by the City Council Thursday increased the rates from \$28 to \$56.65 for irrigation users, and from \$15 to \$21.65 for non-users.

"It just came down to a balanced irrigation budget," said Councilman Jon Irace. "The system has to run in the black, not in the red like it has in the past."

Irace is a non-user and said he understands why residents who can't access irrigation water for their lawns don't want to pay into the system. But, he said, everyone benefits from it.

"If it wasn't for irrigation none of these towns, including Wendell, would even be around," Irace said.

Public Works Director Bob Bailey said the amount

is a base rate, calculated on an "average" size city lot.

"Depending on if the lot is smaller or larger, some people's irrigation bill could be different than the base rate," Bailey said.

According to documents provided by the city, irrigation system operations will cost roughly \$95,000 this year. The costs are broken out between 980 users and 1,820 non-

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Wendell residents interested in volunteering on an irrigation committee to investigate water issues: 536-5161.

users. Expenses are documented under water shares, irrigator wages, miscellaneous, power for pumps, supplies and repairs, and unfore-

seen expenses.

Mayor Rick Cowen said the practice of charging non-users for irrigation was set up by the council years ago. The city is working to make the system equitable for everyone, he said.

A committee is being formed to investigate how to make irrigation as efficient for residents as possible. He said the environment and city

water system benefit from lawns being watered with irrigation water rather than with potable water.

"It remains unclear if the city will go to pumping water so everyone can have access. That is one of the questions to investigate by the committee," Cowen said.

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	10530	SS Peaches in Light Syrup	12	29 Z	\$15.00	4/\$5
	10531	SS Pears in Light Syrup	12	29 Z	\$15.00	4/\$5
	10007	WF Mandarin Oranges	24	11 Z	\$12.00	2/\$1
	10599	WF Applesauce	24	15 Z	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10224	Liberty Gold Pineapple - Chunks only	24	20 Z	\$23.76	\$0.99
	10288	WF Grape Jelly	12	32 Z	\$21.48	\$1.79
	10595	WF Ketchup	16	24 Z	\$15.84	\$0.99
	10596	WF Asst Canned Tomatoes - Whole, Stewed, Sliced, Crushed, Diced, and more	24	14.5 Z	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10097	WF Tomato Sauce	48	8 Z	\$12.96	\$0.27
	10096	WF Tomato or Vegetable Juice	12	46 Z	\$15.96	\$1.33
	10317	WF Mushrooms - Pieces & Stems	24	4 Z	\$18.00	\$0.75
	10503	WF Canned Corn - Whole Kernel, Cream Style	24	15 Z	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10009	WF Canned Green Beans - Cut, French Sliced	24	15 Z	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10411	WF Canned Mixed Vegetables, Hominy, Carrots	24	15 Z	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10019	WF Canned Beans - Chili, Garbanzo, Kidney, Gr Northern, Black, Pinto, Sm Red, Blackeye				
	10267	WF Chili - Hot, Mild, Thick & Chunky, Turkey	24	15 Z	\$21.12	\$0.88
	10223	WF Albacore Tuna	24	5 Z	\$30.00	4/\$5
	10209	Progresso Ready to Serve Soup - Assorted	12	19 Z	\$15.00	4/\$5
	10208	Campbell's Soup - Cream of Chick & Mushroom	24	10.75 Z	\$18.72	\$0.78
	10207	Campbell's Soup - Tomato & Chicken Noodle	24	10.75 Z	\$16.32	\$0.68
	10436	WF Mac & Cheese Dinner	24	7.25 Z	\$8.88	\$0.37
	10579	Pagosa Dry Pasta - Spaghetti, Mac, Shells	12	16 Z	\$11.88	\$0.99
	10326	WF Pasta Sauce - All Varieties	12	26 Z	\$18.00	2/\$3
	10570	WF Foil Packet Seasoning Mixes - Onion, Meatloaf, Fajita, Enchilada, All Gravies, Salad Dressings, etc.	24	1 Z	\$12.00	2/\$1
	10538	WF Refried Beans - Regular, Vegetarian, No Fat	24	16 Z	\$16.56	\$0.69
	10174	WF Evaporated Milk	24	12 Z	\$18.96	\$0.79
	10227	Shasta 12 Pack Soda Pop - Assorted	1	12/12 Z	\$2.50	4/\$10
	10228	WF Coffee - Regular, French Roast, Columbian	6	39 Z	\$35.94	\$5.99
	10089	Dannon Spring Drinking Water - Limit 4 per customer	1	24/.5L	\$2.88	\$2.88
Non-Foods Supervalues						
	11202	WF Chunk Style Dog Food	1	20 LB	\$8.99	\$8.99
	11203	WF Adult Formula Cat Food	1	14 LB	\$9.99	\$9.99
	10156	WF Detergent Buckets - Regular & w/Bleach	1	30 LB	\$6.39	\$6.39
	10255	Soffs Baby Wipes - 80 ct	12	80 ct	\$10.56	\$0.88
	10160	WF Club Pack Diapers - "Big Box"	1	100 ct	\$15.99	\$15.99
	10159	WF Liquid Bleach - Regular Only	6	96 Z	\$9.00	2/\$3
	10150	WF Advantage Pack Paper Towels	1	15 CT	\$7.88	\$7.88
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Order QTY	PLU#	Description	Pack	Size	\$ Case	\$ Unit
Bulk Foods Supervalues						
	10106	WF Granulated Sugar	1	25 LB	\$11.49	\$11.49
	10102	HV Flour - Bleached or Unbleached	1	25 LB	\$7.88	\$7.88
	2028	Wheat - Hard Red or Hard White in poly bag	1	50 LB	\$12.49	\$12.49
	2029	Wheat - Hard Red or Hard White 6-gallon Bucket	1	45 LB	\$18.99	\$18.99
	2037	Food Grade Buckets w/lid - 5-gallon size	1	unit	\$3.99	\$3.99
	2038	Water Storage - Plastic 55 Gallon Barrels	1	unit	\$39.99	\$39.99
	2039	Gamma Lids for storage buckets	1	unit	\$5.99	\$5.99
	2035	Non-Fat Powdered Milk - Buy Idaho	1	50 LB	\$64.99	\$64.99
	2030	Rolled Oats - Regular or Quick	1	25 LB	\$10.99	\$10.99
	2052	WF Iodized Salt	24	26 Z	\$12.00	2/\$1
	2041	White Rice - Long Grain	1	25 LB	\$14.99	\$14.99
	2043	Brown Rice - Long Grain	1	25 LB	\$14.99	\$14.99
	2044	Pinto Beans - Buy Idaho	1	20 LB	\$11.99	\$11.99
	2045	Popcorn	1	25 LB	\$14.99	\$14.99
	2055	WF Liquid Honey	6	80 Z	\$68.94	\$11.49
	2051	Dehydrated Eggs - #10 can equals 96 eggs	6	#10 can	\$119.94	\$19.99
Frozen Foods						
	10395	TJ Farms Orange Juice (Regular) or Apple Juice	24	12 Z	\$24.00	\$1.00
	10205	TJ Farms Crinkle Cut Frozen Fries	12	32 Z	\$18.00	2/\$3
	10190	WF Frozen Vegetables - Corn, Peas, Gr Beans, Mixed Veggies, Peas & Carrots	12	16 Z	\$10.20	\$0.85
	scan	WF Creamery Select Supreme Ice Cream - Assorted	1	56 Z	\$2.99	\$2.99
		Northwest "Individually Quick Frozen" Berries				
	7001	Red Raspberries	1	8 LB	\$24.99	\$24.99
Produce, Meat, & Bakery						
	scan	Yellow Onions (while supplies last) - Buy Idaho	1	25 LB	\$4.99	\$4.99
	scan	Potatoes - 10 lb bag - Buy Idaho	1	10	\$1.50	2/\$3
	scan	Bnls Skinless Chicken Tenders @ 1.69 per lb	4	5 LB	\$33.80	\$8.45
	scan	Idaho Trout Fillets - Buy Idaho	1	5 LB	\$14.95	\$14.95
	scan	Falls Brand Link Sausage - Local Company	1	10 LB	\$23.90	\$23.90
	scan	Falls Brand 1/4 Pound Jumbo Franks - Local Company	1	10 LB	\$17.90	\$1.79
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'Trashy couture for a good cause'

Girl Scouts in Wood River community don outfits to encourage reuse of plastic bags

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Nearly 30 Girl Scouts turned into bag ladies for a day last Sunday to save a penguin — or rather, a bunch of penguins.

The girls walked the runway at the Wood River Community YMCA dolled up in an array of dazzling outfits they and their mothers fashioned out of plastic bags.

But their aim was not to praise the plastic bag but to get people to bag it.

"It's trashy couture for a good cause," quipped Tracey Brightman, of Sun Valley.

Scout Jamie Graninger said the fifth-grade Girl Scouts from Hemingway Elementary and The Community School started their crusade to reduce the number of plastic bags their community discards when they learned that Arctic penguins were dying after eating or becoming trapped in plastic.

Wood River Girl Scout Troop 214 is taking \$4,000 of the money they made on Girl Scout cookie sales this year to purchase 2,000 reusable bags. They designed each bag with a penguin and the words, "Thanks for choosing to reuse in the Wood River Valley."

They'll offer the bags for free at a "nest" site at Atkinsons' Market in Ketchum in hopes that shoppers will use the bags, rather than paper or plastic.

"It's a really good idea," said Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, who attended Sunday's fashion show. "You go to the store and want to do the right thing. But often, you leave your bag behind in the car or at home. This is the perfect way to resolve that problem. If we get a pile of the bags, we can return them to the store."

The world goes through five trillion



Victoria Castellano-Wood and Jamie Graninger were among the Girl Scouts who researched the harmful effects of plastic on wildlife and formulated a plan to do something about it. The scouts displayed a number of outfits last Sunday at the Wood River Community YMCA in an attempt to reduce the number of plastic bags discarded in the community.

KAREN BOSSICK/
For the Times-News

plastic bags a year and less than 1 percent are recycled, said Craig Barry, whose Environmental Resource Center partnered with the Girl Scouts on the project.

"We reuse 70,000 bags a year in the Wood River Valley, based on the number of reusable bags Atkinsons' employees count people using," Barry said. "We need to double that."

To raise awareness about the problem of plastic, the Girl Scouts created a variety of fashions ranging from sundresses to sports uniforms with plastic grocery and garbage bags.

Nine-year-old Isabelle Bourret of Ketchum and her mother Lucy cut out dozens of circles, which they shrunk with an iron to give them a texture of cloth. Then they sewed the circles together into a shift, which they draped over Bourret's black dress.

Brooke Sundholm, 10, of Hailey, wore a garbage bag sundress decorated with a

happy face made of Target bag circles. She toted a purse made from the plastic container her Rubik Cube had come in.

Other girls donned plastic as well. They hope their community will get behind them enough to top two dozen other mountain resort towns, including Aspen and Telluride, in a six-month-long competition to see which community can best reduce their use of plastic bags. The community that does best will win a \$5,000 grant to install a solar panel system at its local school.

Troop 214 Leader Sylvia Thrush said the efforts in Colorado towns have been spearheaded by state senators, rather than youngsters. In contrast, she said, other youth groups in the Wood River Valley have indicated they want to follow the Girls Scouts' lead.

"The Community School, for instance, wants to put bags at another location," she said. "Pretty soon we'll have bags all over the valley."

FOR THE RECORD

Cassia County police reports for March 5

Possession of drug paraphernalia:

A 20-year-old Burley male was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia after police found three pipes in his vehicle and some marijuana seeds, as well as burnt residue. The pipes were taken as evidence, but the man was not taken to jail "because he couldn't walk," according to the report.

Fraud:

In a case of apparent mule fraud, a 66-year-old Albion woman reported that a man in Kentucky named Roy Cavender wanted to buy one of her mules. The checking account belonged to a couple in California who said they never wrote the check for the mule sent from Texas. The man wanted the Albion woman to pay a courier service \$1,555 to deliver the mule to Kentucky. She returned the check to the

account holders and kept the mule.

Driving without privileges:

A 34-year-old Burley man driving with a license suspended in Louisiana but clear in Idaho was arrested for driving without privileges.

Violation of no-contact order, stalking:

A 23-year-old Burley man reported that his ex-wife had called him 10 times in 10 days asking about her children and taxes. Police will interview the woman, who is on probation with a no-contact order, and possibly charge her with felony stalking.

Burglary:

A 36-year-old woman living in Nampa reported that her ex-husband, a 36-year-old man living in Twin Falls, stole several items from their camper, which was parked at a Burley residence while she tried to sell it. The items included her grandmother's wedding ring.

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Fish and Game organizes third round of volunteer sage-grouse counters

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

JEROME — Last year, Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials were lucky to convince a few volunteers to drive around looking for sage grouse.

On Wednesday evening, both newbies and experienced grouse surveyors lined up for the honor.

At least 25 people crowded into a room at Fish and Game's regional headquarters near Jerome for the "Third Annual Citizen Science Lek Count Extravaganza Workshop," as volunteer coordinator Ed Papenberg jokingly called it.

"This year, this is really good," regional wildlife manager Randy Smith said excitedly as the workshop began.

Starting around March 20 and until the end of April, those volunteers will spread throughout the Magic Valley. Partnered with others or by themselves, they'll be required about once a week to creep near sage-grouse breeding grounds — known as leks — during the dawn hours, count the number of



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males at each and then log it with the department.

They'll largely be tasked with visiting sites state biologists haven't been able to check on in years. The information, Smith said, is used by several different agencies in their quests to rescue the species and help it flourish again.

The data is vital. The birds, harmed by disease, fire and other hazards, are being considered for listing as endangered by the federal government, and an announcement is expected within the next few months.

In the Magic Valley, Fish and Game has employed 26 volunteers over the past two years who invested more than 750 hours to count hundreds of leks, Papenberg said.

"This is what you're being a part of when you do this," he said.

He and Smith gave a short presentation, teaching their

audience how to approach and count the grouse and the importance of accurate, quality data. Then, the volunteers broke into groups, poring over maps of the region to select their routes.

A number of BLM employees clustered around a map of the land covered through their Jarbidge field office. Jim Klott, a BLM wildlife biologist, explained later that the group hopes to improve the monitoring of leks in the area hit by 2007's Murphy Complex Fire. It had a devastating effect on the area's population, he said, with wildlife officials tracking a huge decrease in leks at this time last year.

"Last year was kind of a downer," he said.

Volunteer Mark Dease said snow stopped him from getting to some areas last year. He said listening for the birds' distinctive sounds is important: One year, he thought a lek had disappeared only to find it about half a mile away from its previous location.

"Something over the years had disturbed them," he said.

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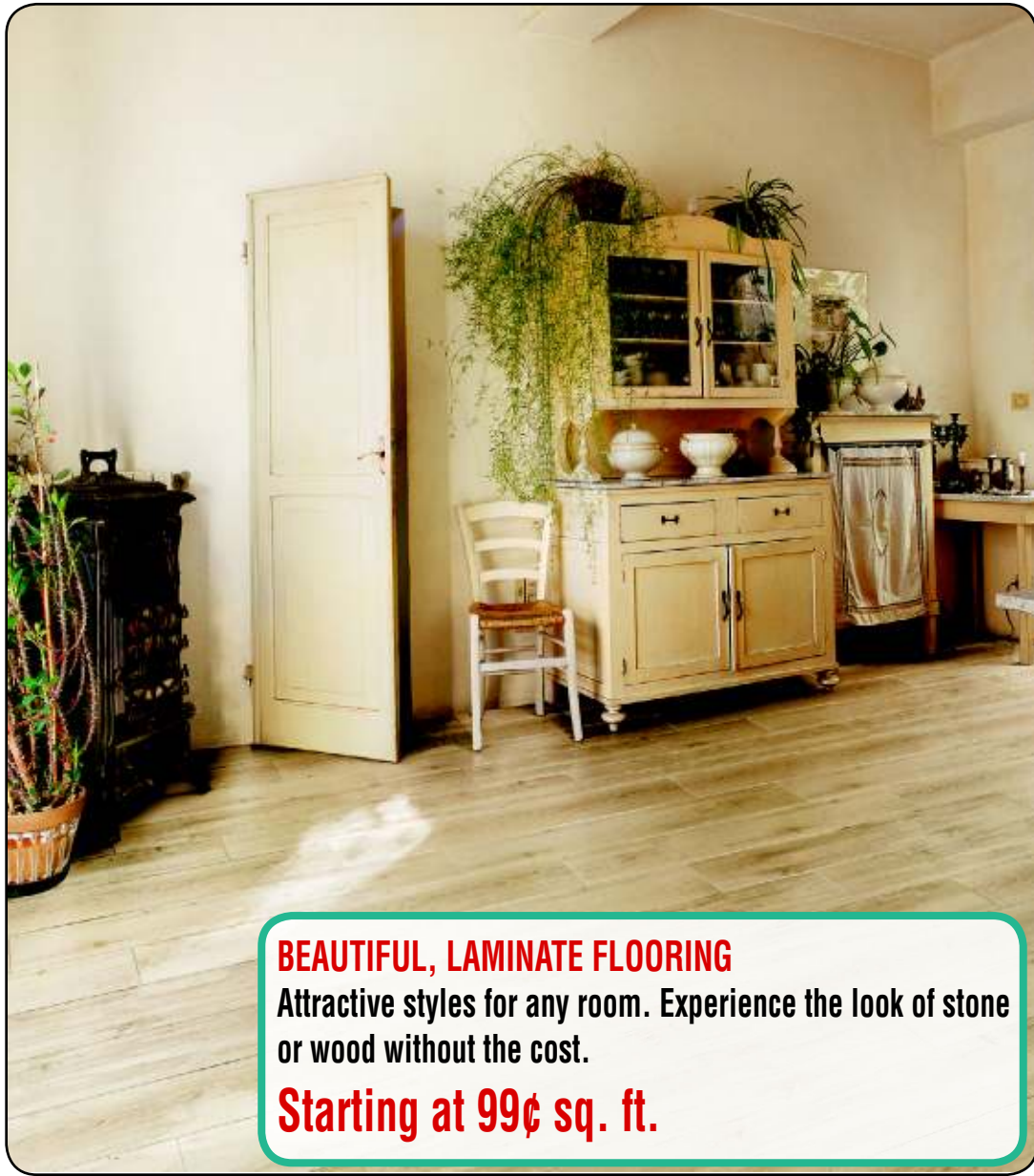
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President Obama wants to create 5 million green-collar jobs over the next decade.

RICARDO DEARATANHA/Los Angeles Times

Set up for life?

The unemployed say it's an illusion

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press writer

If anything will keep workers safe from layoffs, it isn't these: a graduate degree, a government job, a six-figure salary or even a new promotion.

The people who used to be shielded during recessions are feeling unusually vulnerable these days. They are jobless in large numbers and the blow to their confidence is magnified because they aren't bouncing back as quickly as in past downturns, despite solid credentials and connections.

Labor Department data for February, released Friday, show that among the 12.5 million unemployed Americans there were nearly twice as many managers and professionals as a year ago — a category that includes lawyers, doctors and people running hotels. Joblessness is also up sharply from last year among the college-educated, and within the most stable industries, such as education, health care and government.

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GREEN COLLAR ★ ★ ★ ★ 'BOOT CAMP'

Class helps harness wind-energy jobs; educators say they see a surge in green jobs

By Marla Dickerson
Los Angeles Times

CALIFORNIA CITY, Calif. — One man in the classroom earned more than \$100,000 framing tract homes during the building heyday. Another installed pools and piloted a backhoe. Behind him sat a young father who made a good living swinging a hammer in southern Utah.

But that was before construction jobs vanished like a fast-moving dust storm in this blustery high desert. Hard times have brought them to a classroom in Kern County, about 120 miles northeast of Los Angeles, to learn a different trade. Tonight's lesson: How to avoid death and dismemberment.

This is Wind Technology Boot Camp at Cerro Coso Community College, where eight weeks of study and \$1,000 in tuition might lead to a job repairing mammoth wind turbines sprouting up across the nation.

The work requires smarts and stamina. It is potentially dangerous. Candidates need good knees, a cool head — and a stomach for heights.

"I've seen guys just freeze halfway up the tower," said instructor Merritt Mays, a baby-faced former Marine, who at 29 already is a grizzled veteran in this young industry.

For those who can hack it, starting pay ranges from \$15 to \$20 an hour. Crack technicians can make six figures a year. Wind farms are hiring and probably will be for years to come. That's luring hard hats such as 49-year-old Chuck Patterson back to school, despite the inherent risks of working 300 feet in the air.

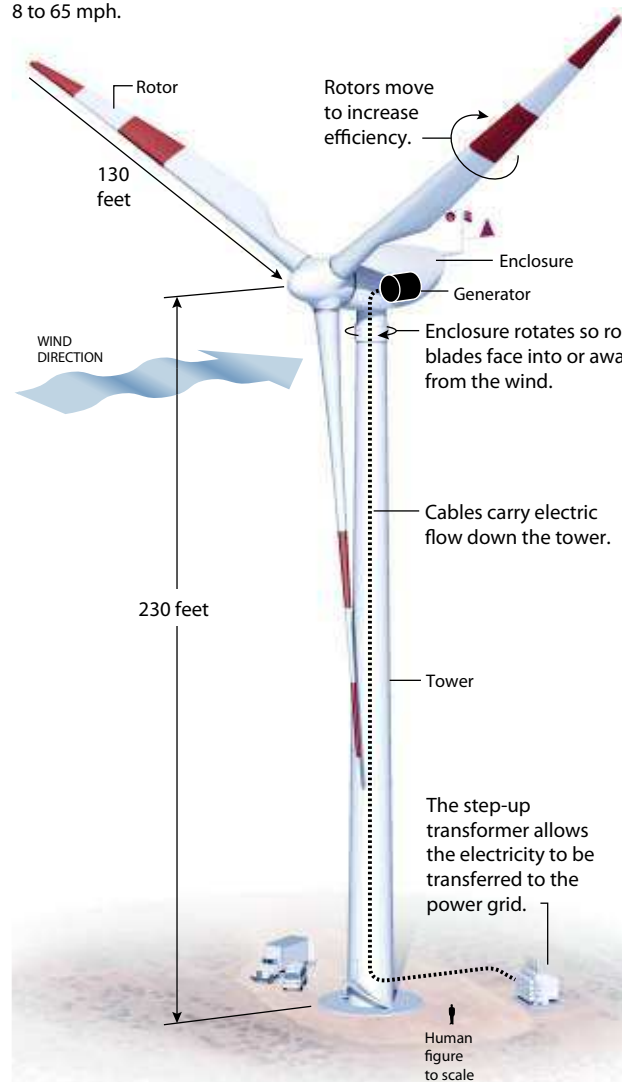
"This is where the money's

Catching the wind

Alternative energy sources are getting a new look as demand for fossil fuels increases worldwide, and as technical innovations help reduce the costs of alternatives. California produces more wind-generated electricity than any state except Texas and Iowa. A look at wind farms:

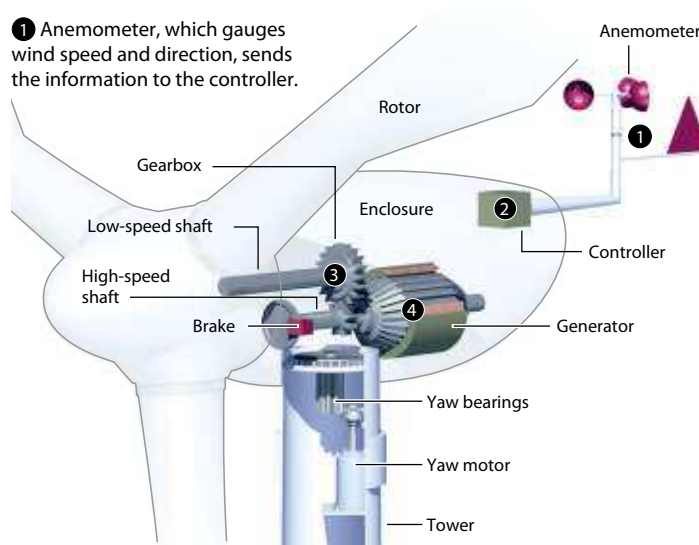
Wind turbine

These modern windmills catch the wind by either turning into or away from air currents that blow from 8 to 65 mph.



How it works

Wind moves a propeller, which turns shafts to work a generator.



- 1 Anemometer, which gauges wind speed and direction, sends the information to the controller.
- 2 The controller directs the yaw motor to turn the rotor to face toward or away from the wind.
- 3 A gearbox converts the slow rotations of one shaft into fast rotations of a second shaft.
- 4 The high-speed shaft drives a generator that converts mechanical energy to electricity.

Upside, downside

Wind power producers get tax credits and state incentives, and don't have to worry about fuel price increases, pollution production or long construction delays. Some drawbacks:

- Sites with consistent high wind are limited.
- Older turbines are less cost-effective.
- Turbines are loud.
- Views are affected.
- Blades are a danger to birds.
- Installation can be costly.

Shrinking bottom line

The Electric Power Research Institute estimates that the cost of producing wind power has dropped fourfold since 1980.

Sources: California Energy Commission, National Wind Technology Center, U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
Doug Stevens/Los Angeles Times

See CAMP, Business 2

IRS dumps private debt collectors, shifts pendulum \$7.6 million program to be discontinued

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — So much for privatizing the federal government.

The Internal Revenue Service's decision this week to quit using debt collectors to dun delinquent taxpayers was celebrated by public employee unions as a pendulum shift after watching the Bush administration often opt for private contractors over federal workers to deliver government services.

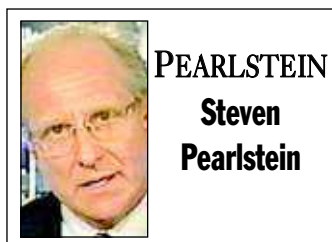
The IRS program was a small one, bringing in a little more than \$80 million since its inception in 2006. But it represented an ideological toehold for conservatives who believe that private companies are more efficient than government agencies.

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Government debt doesn't have to be a burden on future

WASHINGTON — Suddenly there seem to be lots of people who think our biggest economic problem is that President Obama and the Democratic Congress are about to saddle our grandchildren with a mountain of government debt so high that they — and the U.S. economy — will never be able to get out from under it. Before we get to the substance of the complaint,

allow me to bring a bit of old-fashioned journalistic skepticism to the rants of Republican politicians and talk-radio bullies who are trying to pass themselves off as born-again deficit hawks. These are many of the same folks who saw no problem running up record deficits in the middle of an economic boom by pushing through the biggest tax cut in history, increasing entitlement spending, and waging a ter-



PEARLSTEIN
Steven Pearlstein

ribly long and costly war. Their recent moralizing about the evils of government debt has the distinct odor of hypocrisy and politi-

cal opportunism.

That's not to say there isn't good reason for people of good will to worry about the federal debt. Largely because of the profligacy of the Bush years, the debt is already too big and will only get worse unless we begin to slow the growth in spending for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Let's keep our eye on that big problem — the \$66 trillion unfunded liability — not the \$2 trillion or

so in additional borrowing that the government is about to take on to rescue the financial system and stimulate the economy.

What's missing in all this sudden hand-wringing over the deficit is any sense of perspective. Two trillion dollars sounds like a lot of money, but in a pinch we could pay it all back in just one year if we were willing to reduce household and government spending by about

15 percent. It would require temporary sacrifice on everyone's part but would hardly be the death of the American dream.

The more important point, however, is that by having the government borrow this extra \$2 trillion, our grandchildren will be better off financially than if we did nothing and let economic nature take its course.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

D. L. EVANS BANK



Courtesy photo

D.L. Evans Bank's downtown Twin Falls branch supported the recent I Love Downtown Twin Falls event held Feb. 7 in historic downtown Twin Falls. The event was held to raise awareness and shopping interest in the downtown area prior to Valentine's Day. Pictured from left, back row, Dana Stewart, Brandie Thompson, Kinsey Amen; front row, Corie McCarthy and Rhonda Clair.

Tortoise & Hare offers cooking, cleaning

Tortoise & Hare Services, which opened for business on March 1 at 560 Filer Ave. Ste. F in Twin Falls, helps with cooking, light cleaning, laundry, grocery shopping, and other household chores.

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M-C chamber sets Business After Hours

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, at Pro Paint Inc., 1116 Overland Ave., Burley.

Pro Paint will also be celebrating its 20th anniversary with food, drinks and door prizes. Information: 878-0856.

RAD TECH CLUB



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The College of Southern Idaho's Rad Tech Club hosted the 7th Annual ASRT Approved Continuing Education Seminar on Feb. 21. The seminar attracted 80 participants including current students and alumni of the CSI radiologic technology program (pictured) and many area registered technologist. All earned six continuing education credits. From left, front row, (kneeling), Mike Howell RT, Chad Hurd, Matt Jacobsen, Karen Roberts RT, CSI RT Program Clinical Coordinator, and Gary Lauer RT, CSI RT Program Director; front row, (standing), Megan Martindale RT, Laurie Shaw, Jamie Ramsey, Robin Winkle, Ashlee Frahm, Christina Stout, Dennis Buettner RT; back row, Bryan Hall, Megan Buschman, Emily Allen RT, Michelle Chandler RT, Alison Hanners RT, Michele Sleight RT, Kent Wade, Gala Tigue, Zach Reinhardt, Bentley Folkman, Cortney Folkman, Charity Johnston, Aynsley Petersen, Katy Martinez RT, Judy McNally, Jill Eckert, Annie Blass RT, Jen Brown RT, Lisa Reeves RT, Jake Walton RT, Rick Allen, RT.

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Obenchain Insurance announced several new associations throughout their offices.

Felicity Roberts and Toni Marcroft are new to their Hailey office. Roberts and Marcroft have up to 12 years of experience in the insurance industry.

Sandra Sullivan has also joined the Hailey office and has many years of experience as an agent and in running her own local agency.

Joining the Twin Falls office is George E. Miley Jr. Miley has experience as an agent and has owned several local businesses in Twin Falls.

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Bank employees

D.L. Evans Bank announced their Employee Service Awards for 2008.

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15 Years: Chimene Smith, North Burley.

20 Years: Linda Fernau, South Burley.

Matthew Flygare

Matthew Flygare, HR generalist at Cassia Regional Medical Center, recently earned certification as a senior professional in human resources. The certification, awarded by the HR



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The employees of D. L. Evans Bank in the Twin Falls area conducted an employee food drive during the first two weeks of February. After just a few weeks of collecting the employees were able to donate several boxes and bags of food to the Salvation Army food bank. Pictured from left, Major Eddie Patterson and Becky Bonnett of the Salvation Army and Joan Kernin and Dana Stewart of D.L. Evans Bank.

Pearlstein

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Think about it this way: The U.S. economy is in the midst of a painful adjustment from spending the equivalent of 106 percent of what we produce each year — which is what happened for most of the past 20 years — to spending 96 percent of what we produce and putting aside a modest 4 percent for savings.

The only way we were able to consume more than we produced was that the rest of the world was eager to lend us the balance, knowing that we'd use it to buy their sneakers, cars, computers. We also used some of the money to try to outbid each other for real estate and financial assets, driving them to price levels that were ridiculously above their underlying economic value.

All that came to an end beginning in the spring of 2007. The cheap and easy credit went away, the asset bubbles burst and we've had to confront two painful realities. One is that we were never really as rich as we thought we were. The other is that we had significantly overbuilt the economy in response to consumption levels and asset prices that were basically a mirage. Now, every day, we are

forced to watch the painful adjustment process play out as households cut back on their spending and businesses close stores and factories, lay off workers, and reduce their investment in plants and equipment.

Implicit in this process is a massive "deleveraging" of the economy as households and businesses and banks cut back on the staggering amount of debt they had built up during the credit bubble.

By the middle of 2008, for example, American households had built up debt of \$13.9 trillion, more than double what it was a decade before. Businesses had accumulated debt of \$10.9 trillion, also doubling in a decade. And financial institutions had piled up debt of \$16.6 trillion, up from \$6.3 trillion in 1998.

And the federal government? During that same period — drum roll — its debt rose from \$3.8 trillion to \$5.3 trillion.

The thing to remember is

that debt is debt, no matter where it is, and unless it's paid back, all of it will get passed on to our grandchildren in some way. So if we are in the process of cutting back on the much bigger categories of household debt, corporate debt and bank debt, then even if we add an extra \$2 trillion to federal debt, the little tykes are likely to end up with a smaller pile of debt than before.

Don't get me wrong: The fact that households and businesses and banks are deleveraging and beginning to live within their means is a good thing. But it would be even better if everyone weren't doing it all at the same time, because the effect is to badly undermine consumer and investor confidence and raise the risk that markets will spin out of control and overshoot on the way down just as they overshoot on the way up.

And that's where the government comes in. For if the government is increasing its

borrowing, its spending and its lending at the very moment that everyone else is cutting back, it has the salutary effect of slowing down the adjustment process, reducing the risk of a vicious downward spiral that leads to a decade-long depression. Let the private sector adjust first and get itself back into balance.

Then when the economy begins to grow again, it will be the ideal time for the government to deleverage and put its financial house in order.

In the meantime, the federal government is one of the few entities that is still able to borrow in the current environment, and given the perceived safety of buying government bonds, the cost of that borrowing is about as low as it has ever been. From a purely cash-flow point of view, substituting 18 percent credit card debt with 3 percent Treasury bond debt is a positive development for the grandchildren.

"It's like (repairing) a school bus on top of a really long pole.

It's complex. This isn't some Jiffy Lube job."

— Bob Ward, a marketing manager for sensing and inspection technologies for General Electric Co., one of the world's top turbine makers

Camp

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going to be," said the contractor from Ridgecrest, southwest of Death Valley National Park, who likes the idea of a steady paycheck after years of construction boom and bust.

As in previous recessions, this economic downturn is boosting enrollment at community colleges and vocational schools. Classrooms are swelling with workers from hard-hit industries looking to change careers.

Educators say the difference this time is the surging interest in so-called green-collar jobs. President Barack Obama wants to create 5 million such jobs over the next decade. What isn't clear is how the nation is going to prepare this work force.

Technical education for renewable-energy workers is scarce, particularly for the fast-growing wind industry. Only a handful of wind programs operate in community colleges. Cerro Coso filled the 15 slots in its boot camp within hours. The next course is already full.

The United States last year surpassed Germany as the world's No. 1 wind-powered nation, with more than 25,000 megawatts in place. Wind could supply 20 percent of America's electricity needs by 2030, up from less

than 1 percent now, according to a recent Energy Department report.

California is the No. 3 wind state, behind Texas and Iowa. A slew of developments are in the pipeline, including here in Kern County, where hundreds of turbines already dot the wind-swept ridges of the Tehachapi mountain range.

"This is going to be ground zero for alternative energy" in California, said Jim Fay, vice president of academic affairs at Cerro Coso Community College, which

has five campuses in Kern County. "We have to prepare our students."

The economic crisis has dampened growth in the renewable-energy sector. But the U.S. wind industry is clamoring for skilled technicians to maintain the 30,000 wind turbines already in the ground. The best workers combine the knowledge of a top-flight mechanic with the endurance of an alpine mountaineer.

"It's like (repairing) a school bus on top of a really long pole," said Bob Ward, a

marketing manager for sensing and inspection technologies for General Electric Co., one of the world's top turbine makers. "It's complex. This isn't some Jiffy Lube job."

A typical 1.5-megawatt GE unit costs \$2.5 million installed. It sits about 30 stories above the ground at the hub, where its three 100-foot-long blades connect to the tower.

Just behind the hub is the housing for the gearbox, drive train and other com-

ponents. Think of this as the wind technician's office. Except there's no elevator. Reaching it means climbing rung by rung on a narrow steel ladder attached to the inside of the tower. An agile worker can do it in less than 10 minutes, several times a day.

"You earn every dollar you make in this industry. It's plain hard work," said Dan Templeton, program chairman for wind energy at Texas State Technical College West Texas.

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Markets face an 'irrational pessimism'

Stock indexes are almost where they were in 1996 when then-Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan issued warning

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — You've heard of "irrational exuberance," right? That's the expression Alan Greenspan coined more than a decade ago when he warned that investors could be bidding stock prices too high. His worry was that escalating asset values were trumping reality.

These days, the opposite seems to be the case. Call it "irrational pessimism," a fear that stock prices are headed in only one direction — lower and lower — because asset values and profits seem certain to fall.

Caught in the vortex of this new hopelessness are once-pristine blue chip stocks like General Electric Co., whose share price has plunged 45 percent in the last month to below \$7 a share. Investors have become increasingly worried that losses at its financing arm could put a crippling dent in the conglomerate's capital base.

But before buying into the notion that all is lost, it's worth remembering that stock indexes today are almost exactly where they were in 1996 when then-Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan issued his warning.

Investors ignored him then, pushing stocks higher for more than three years until the Internet stock bubble burst in 2000. Now, a growing number of markets experts are saying the time may be near when the Cassandras of doom should also be ignored.

"You can get to emotional extremes in both directions of the market," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Illington Advisors. "Savvy investors think in those terms and they know how to get that to work in their favor."

By that, he points to the short-sellers who are playing a big role in what the market is doing today. They make money betting stocks will drop, and have set the tone in this current decline, which began after the market reached record highs in October 2007.

Peter Sorrentino, senior portfolio manager at Huntington Asset Advisors, takes that one step farther. "The shorts are staging raids on our companies," he said. "For the last two years, the best bet you could make on the market was against it."

Sorrentino knows that because his firm owns 6.4 million shares of GE, and he can't understand why the stock is trading where it is given that parts of the Fairfield, Conn.-based company by his count are worth a lot more than where its shares are trading now.

He's convinced the shorts have made it tough for anyone in the market — at GE and beyond — to think positively because they could get burned. Therefore, investors have decided it is easier to follow than fight them, even if a company's finances say something else.

A case study of GE illustrates how this may be playing out. Even though GE is in many different businesses from jet engines to entertainment to lending,

investors seem to be focused entirely on its finance arm, GE Capital. Once a major profit generator for the company, now there are worries that it is short on liquidity and could post big losses.

GE's CFO Keith Sherin went on GE-owned CNBC Thursday to get the message out that there was no "time bomb" brewing at the unit, which he said would be profitable in the current quarter, had ample capital and had set aside money to cover any of its losses.

That followed lots of other efforts in recent days from the executive suite — insider stock purchases, video statements from CEO Jeffrey Immelt and other spin — to shift investors' thinking about such gloom.

"GE put out a press release (Wednesday), citing all the good things it is doing to drive away the demons, but Jeffrey Immelt is no Harry Potter," said Kathleen Shanley, an analyst at the bond research firm Gimme Credit.

Illusion

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The growing number of pink slips across a wide range of demographic groups is prompting people to rethink the notion of what it means to have a secure job, or simply to be employable.

"I'm beginning to realize there's no such thing as a bulletproof lifestyle," said Brian Walker, a 37-year-old Houstonian who felt blindsided in January when he was laid off as a manager at Kawasaki Motors Corp.

A salary of more than \$100,000 a year had enabled Walker to take his family of four on trips to Japan, Singapore and the United Kingdom, and to eat out two to three times a week. Invulnerability would be too strong a word to describe how Walker felt, "but you still get caught up thinking 'geeze Louise, I'll be making \$200,000 in a couple years. I'll be a senior guy, and we'll have it made,'" he said.

Now, like millions of others with far fewer resources and skills, Walker's sense of financial security has been shattered.

It's tough, said Diane Swonk, chief economist at the investment bank Mesrirow Financial in Chicago, because people in every industry, and at every level, are being hit.

In February, the nationwide jobless rate rose to 8.1 percent, with layoffs mounting in construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services, which alone got rid of 180,000 jobs.

If part-time, discouraged workers and others are fac-

tored in, the unemployment rate would have been 14.8 percent in February.

Among people with a bachelor's degree or higher, the unemployment rate rose to 4.1 percent, the highest on records dating to 1992.

To be sure, the notion of job security for white-collar professionals began to disappear in the recession of the early 1990s. But as the concept of lifetime employment withered, it was replaced by the idea that those who lost jobs could always find other work.

But at the moment, at least, that's not the case. "You can't even switch professions and be OK because job losses are so broad-based and widespread," Swonk said.

This new reality is sinking in for Pat McCloskey.

With a Ph.D. in genetics and molecular biology from the University of North Carolina, and strong communication skills, McCloskey had for years found success in the business side of the pharmaceutical industry. He has worked for four different universities and companies over the past decade, moving easily between jobs. He even felt



AP photo
A couple, right, reads through the list of attending employers as they stand near one of the recruiting tables during the New Jersey Diversity Career Day job fair at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. If anything will keep workers safe from layoffs, it isn't these: a graduate degree, a government job, a six-figure salary or even a new promotion.

calm four years ago after his employer shut down.

"I golfed a little bit," McCloskey said, then landed a job six months later with Cytogen, a small pharmaceutical company based in Princeton that paid him more than \$125,000.

But last March — about the same time his wife was divorcing him and his dog died — the company was sold

and McCloskey was laid off immediately. Because of the weak job market, a career change seems certain, as does a cut in pay.

McCloskey tries to stay positive. He's studying Mandarin, networking and has taken a business class at Rutgers University. "I've earned my right to have a job in this economy," he said. "I will find that job."

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When economy bottoms out, how will we know?

By Alan Zibel, Christopher Leonard and Tim Paradis
Associated Press writers

When will this wretched economy bottom out?

The recession is already in its 15th month, making it longer than all but two downturns since World War II. For now, everything seems to be getting worse: The Dow is in free fall, jobs are vanishing every day, and one in eight American homeowners is in foreclosure or behind on payments.

But the economy always recovers. It runs in cycles, and economists are watching an array of statistics, some of them buried deep beneath the headlines, to spot the turning point. The Associated Press examined three markets — housing, jobs and stocks — and asked experts where things stand and how to know when they've hit bottom.

None of them expects it to come anytime soon.

HOW MUCH WORSE COULD IT GET? The darkest days for the job market are almost certainly still ahead. With spending weak and credit markets stalled, experts think the economy will probably shed a total of 2.4 million jobs this year. That would mean an unemployment rate above 9 percent.

That would easily surpass the 2001 and 1990-91 recessions but trail the 10.8 percent rate of December 1982. Those expectations could be optimistic: The government's "stress tests" to check the strength of banks' balance sheets assume a 10.3 percent rate.

The job market will probably be weak for years, even if the economy starts to turn around next year. The unemployment rate may not fall back to its pre-recession level of 5 percent until 2013, according to Moody's Economy.com.

UNEMPLOYMENT

HOW BAD IS IT?: The U.S. unemployment rate hit 8.1 percent in February, a 25-year peak. The nation has lost 4.4 million jobs since the recession began in late 2007.

The job cuts began early last year, as the housing and construction industries slowed down. The collapse of the financial industry in the fall battered white-collar workers. Soon, layoffs spread across industries and income levels.

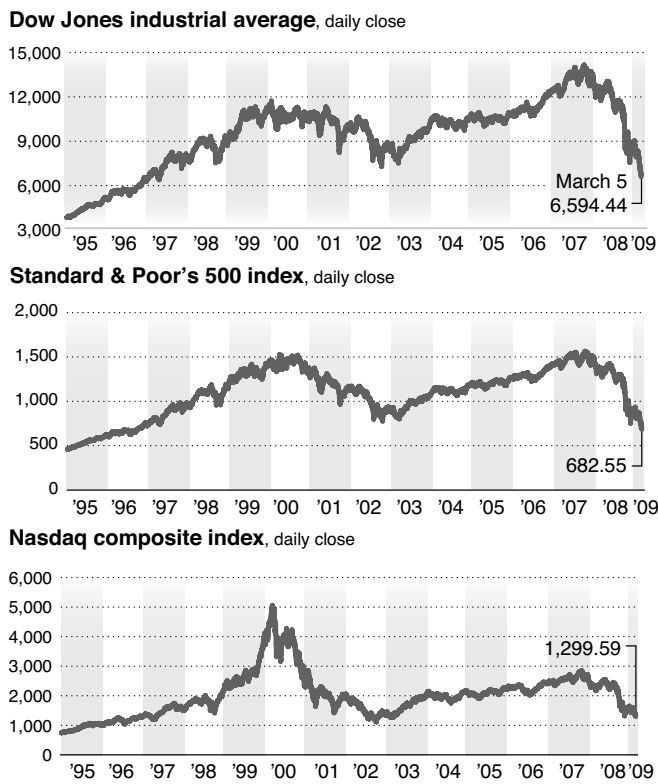
HOUSING

HOW BAD IS IT?: The median price of a home sold in the United States fell to \$170,300 in January, down 26 percent from a year and a half earlier, according to the National Association of Realtors.

But that figure masks the complexity of the market. Price drops have been far steeper around Phoenix and Las Vegas, where new homes sprouted everywhere during the housing boom, than, say, in Detroit, where economic

Market plunges, drops to new low

Stocks closed at their lowest level in 12 years Thursday.



SOURCE: Thomson Reuters

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problems predate the recession.

This housing crash has spread pain more widely than any before it. Home prices fell about 30 percent during the Great Depression, according to calculations by Yale University economist Robert Shiller. But the nation was less concentrated in urban centers then. And a much smaller proportion of adults owned homes.

Other housing downturns in recent decades have been regional.

This one is truly national. Prices in the fourth quarter of 2008 fell in nearly 90 percent of the top 150 metro areas, according to the Realtors group.

And 5.4 million homeowners, about 12 percent, were in foreclosure or behind on mortgage payments at the end of last year.

HOW MUCH WORSE COULD IT GET?: The Federal Reserve estimates home prices could fall 18 to 29 percent more by the end of 2010. Declines will probably be less severe in cities with healthier economies that don't have a glut of unsold homes, like Tulsa, Okla., and Wichita, Kan.

The nation's overall economic health is vital to the health of housing. "History tells us that as long as we're losing jobs, that's not good news for the housing market," said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies.

WHERE'S THE BOTTOM?: Susan Wachter, a professor of real estate at the University of Pennsylvania, is watching the backlog of unsold homes. At January's sales pace, it would take about 9½ months to rid the market of all those properties. A more normal pace would be six months.

Once foreclosures level off and the backlog is cleared, Wachter says, the housing market can begin to recover. But even with the Obama administration directing \$75 billion in bailout money to stave off foreclosures, most economists don't expect home prices to bottom out before the first quarter of 2010.

STOCKS

HOW BAD IS IT?: The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index have lost more than half

their value since the stock market peaked in October 2007. It's the worst bear market since the aftermath of the crash of 1929, when the Dow plunged 89 percent and the S&P 500 index tumbled 86 percent.

HOW MUCH WORSE COULD IT GET?: Analysts generally think Wall Street has endured the worst of the bear market. But many of those same analysts never thought the market would fall this far.

Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago, said the Dow could fall to 6,000 if the economy slows much further and unemployment rises well past the current 8.1 percent. He pegs the likelihood of that at about 30 percent. Others are more pessimistic. Bill Strazzullo, chief market strategist for Bell Curve Trading, contends the Dow might fall to 5,000 and the S&P to 500.

WHEN WILL THE BOTTOM COME?: In downturns over the past 60 years, the S&P 500 has hit bottom an average of four months before a recession ended and about nine months before unemployment hit its peak.

Investors will be looking for turnarounds in housing, lending and employment, plus signs that consumer spending has picked up. Then market players would be more likely to move their money from safe havens, such as gold, back into stocks.

IRS

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It was an ideology embraced by former President George W. Bush, who famously — and unsuccessfully — toyed with the idea of partially privatizing Social Security.

Privatization won't disappear. It's too widespread in a federal government that relies on private contractors for work as diverse as computer programming and providing security in Iraq. But with a new Democratic administration in charge, experts don't expect to hear much about privatizing government functions from President Barack Obama.

"I think we're going to see a reversal of privatization," said Harvey B. Feigenbaum, a political science professor at George Washington University. "When contracts come up for renewal, they will see if it would be better for the public sector to do the work."

IRS contracts with private debt collection agencies to go after delinquent taxpayers expired Friday. In deciding not to renew them, IRS

Commissioner Doug Shulman said he concluded after a monthlong review that tax collection could best be done by government workers.

The agency had been turning over to private debt collectors some delinquency cases, often in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range, that the IRS lacked the manpower to pursue. The program cost about \$7.6 million a year to administer, and private contractors were allowed to keep about a

quarter of the taxes they collected.

The program brought in more money than it cost to operate, but it had become a political headache for the IRS. The union representing IRS workers and the National Taxpayer Advocate, an independent ombudsman within the agency, opposed the program, as did some Democrats in Congress. Other powerful lawmakers from both political parties supported it.

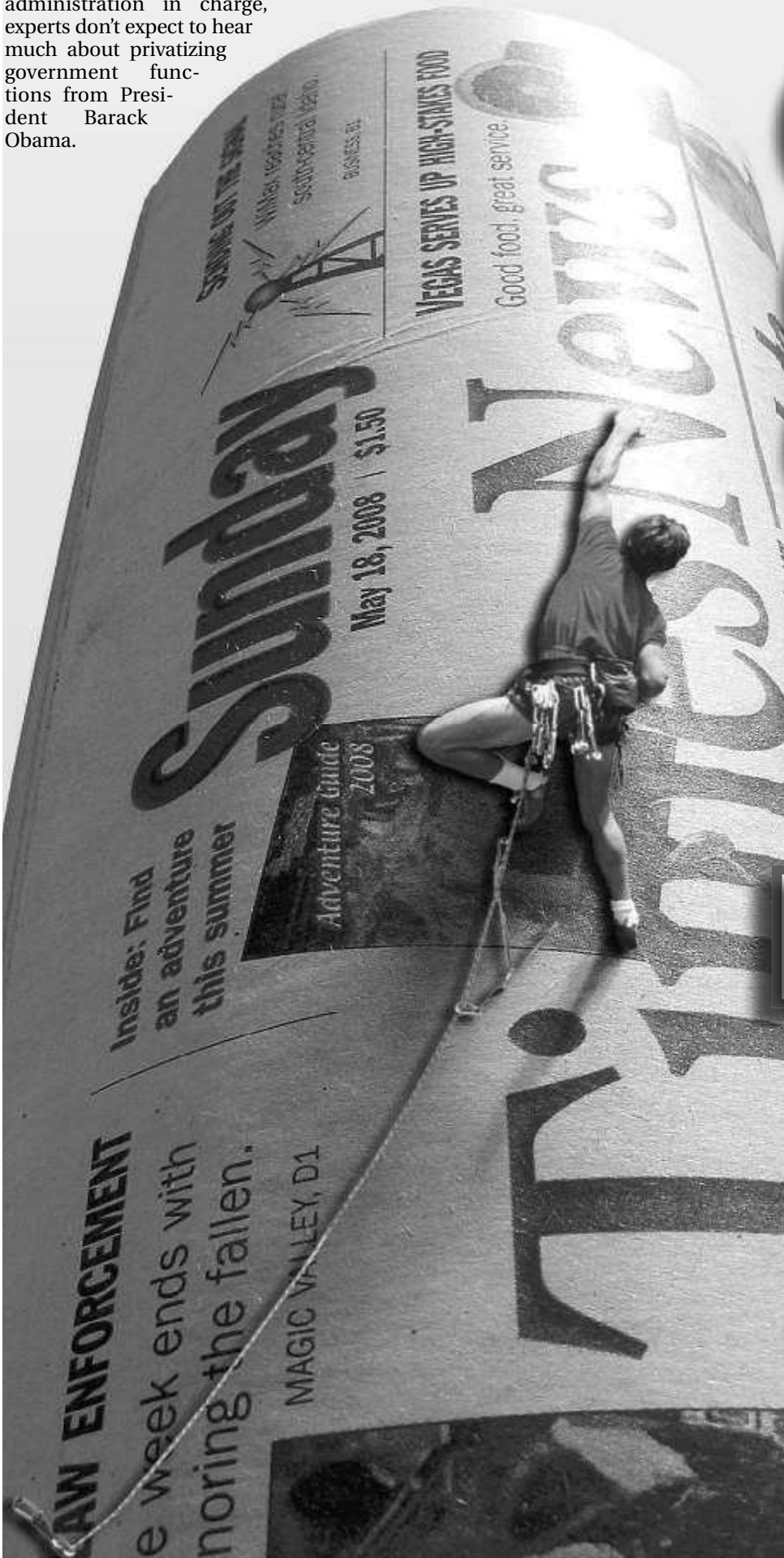
Colleen M. Kelley, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, said the decision to end the program "reaffirms" that "no one can perform the work of the federal government better than federal employees."

Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the senior Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, disagreed.

He said the IRS used flawed methods to review the program and succumbed to public employee unions

and their allies.

"It seems the IRS and Treasury Department went out of their way to knock out an emerging, effective and evenhanded way to collect tax debt that the IRS will otherwise never collect," Grassley said. "It's discouraging when commonsense efforts to make things fair for honest taxpayers in a way that's decent and logical all around get beat down by vested, powerful interests in Washington."



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Health overhaul could derail consensus bid

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The search for agreement on health care may be short lived.

The flashpoint is a proposal that would give Americans the option of buying medical coverage through a government plan. President Barack Obama and many Democrats have endorsed it, as one part of a broader health overhaul. On Saturday, Republicans laid down a challenge.

"I'm concerned that if the government steps in, it will eventually push out the private health care plans millions of Americans enjoy today," Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said in the Republican weekly radio address.

Blunt, who will play a leading role in the debate, warned: "This could cause your employer to simply stop offering coverage, hoping the government will pick up the slack."

The proposal he referred to would, for the first time, offer government-sponsored coverage to middle-class families, as an alternative to private health plans. By some estimates, it could reduce premiums by 20 percent or more — making it much more affordable to cover the estimated 48 million people who don't have health coverage.

It could also be a deal breaker for broad, bipartisan agreement on health care.

Insurers fear competition from a government plan could drive them out of business, and Republicans worry it would lead to a government takeover of health care. Liberals, meanwhile, are equally adamant that Americans deserve the choice of government-sponsored health care.

"The purpose of health care reform is to make sure all Americans have health care, not to promote the insurance industry," said Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., who serves on a House panel that will help write the legislation.

The new government coverage could be similar to what seniors have in Medicare, which is run directly from Washington. Or it might be designed like the federal employee health plan, available to members of Congress, and delivered through private insurers.

Asked at the White House health care summit this week about the brewing controversy, the president promised to address the qualms felt by some. But he did not abandon the notion of a government plan.

"I'm not going to respond definitively," Obama said, answering a question from Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "The thinking on the public option has been that it gives consumers more choices and it helps ... keep the private sector honest, because there's some competition out there."

"I recognize, though, the fear that if a public option is run through Washington, and there are incentives to try to tamp down costs ...



The New York Times/AP photo

President Barack Obama is flanked by Melody Barnes, director of domestic policy, and Travis Ulerick, a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician, as he makes opening remarks Thursday at the White House Forum on Health Reform in Washington.

that private insurance plans might end up feeling overwhelmed."

Obama says he is committed to preserving a health care system in which government, employers and individuals share responsibility. Many Americans may not realize the government already picks up nearly half the nation's \$2.4 trillion health care bill, through programs including Medicare and Medicaid.

A public plan for the middle class could give a final nudge that puts the system firmly in government hands.

Obama's campaign proposal — a foundation for Democrats in Congress — called for setting up a national insurance marketplace through which individuals and small businesses could buy coverage. People could pick private insurance or opt for a government plan that would resemble coverage for federal employees.

A recent analysis by the Commonwealth Fund, a nonprofit group that sponsors health care research, is giving supporters of a public plan some ammunition.

The study estimated costs and coverage under a hypothetical health reform plan similar to what Obama proposed in the campaign. It found that a public plan like Medicare could reduce projected health care costs by about \$2 trillion over an 11-year period. Premiums in

the public plan would be at least 20 percent lower, partly because of reduced administrative costs. Within a decade or so, some 105 million people would be in the public plan, compared with about 107 million with private insurance.

Commonwealth Fund President Karen Davis said the administration has been very interested in the study. "Some of their top economists are on the phone, poring over it," she said in an interview.

Democrats say they will fight to ensure a public plan stays in the final bill.



Jonathan Adler, the designer of Barbie's Real-Life Malibu Dream House, poses in the house in Malibu, Calif., Wednesday.

AP photo

Building for Barbie

Doll's Dream House becomes reality in Malibu

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Barbie's Malibu Dream House is coming true.

On the eve of her 50th birthday, interior decorator Jonathan Adler has decked out a real-life 3,500-square-foot pad overlooking the Pacific Ocean to look like the blond doll's outrageous home.

Adler, who was commissioned by toy maker Mattel Inc. to decorate the house for Monday's party, said outfitting the sleek mansion (a property that's frequently rented for film and photography shoots) took six months of planning and a few weeks to install.

"Barbie was a dream client because she doesn't exist as a person," Adler said. "She exists as fantasy and is the perfect client because she's always happy and fun and loves everything. I thought to myself, 'How would Barbie live?' What I thought was Barbie would have a house that is glamorous, kittenish, chic, colorful and happy — as well as functional."

Adler lined Barbie's bedroom with wall-to-wall pink carpeting emblazoned with her initial. The closet is filled with 50 pairs of pink peep-toe heels while her kitchen is stocked with cupcake-making ingredients. An in-house museum features 25 vintage Barbie dolls on display. In the garage? A pink Volkswagen New Beetle with a motorized pop-up vanity in the trunk.

"I think this really is Barbie's Malibu Dream House because the setting is so incredibly dreamy and ethereal," Adler said. "We're perched on a cliff in Malibu overlooking the ocean. It's a fantasyland for anyone. It was difficult to find the house to celebrate Barbie's 50th birthday because it had to be the ultimate Malibu house, and I think we found it."

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Glen Mitchell Frazier

JEROME — After a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, Glen Mitchell Frazier went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Friday, March 6, 2009. He passed away at his daughter's home in Jerome.

He was born in Monet, Mo., on May 4, 1927, the second of three sons and one daughter to the late Opal M. Davis and J. Marvin Frazier. His older brother, Fred; younger brother, Paul; and younger sister, Ruth, preceded him in death.

He moved to Hansen and graduated from high school in Twin Falls. He joined the Army in 1945. He married Marlys Thompson and adopted her daughter, Karen. They had two more children, Lon and Laura Lynn. Glen farmed in Eden for 30 years. He and Marlys divorced in 1972, and he married Lillian Ann Hicks in 1976. They were married for 32 years until her death on

May 17, 2008.

Glen is survived by his three children, Kareen (Jim) Rowland, Lon (Trish) Frazier and Laura Lynn (Dave) Bowlin; two grandchildren, Zaccari Bowlin and Scott Rowland; two great-grandsons, Gauge and Domy-nik Bowlin; two stepsons, Donald Hicks and William Hicks; and two step-grandchildren, Mark Hicks and Melissa Hicks.

The family would like to thank Alpine Manor for the kind and compassionate care he received during the last two years of his illness. Also, they wish to acknowledge the amazing love and care Glen received from Aspen Grove Hospice.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. All friends and family are welcome. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."



Jeanne Meamber

BURLEY — Regenia "Jeanne" Mae (Smith) Meamber, age, 71, of Burley, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009, at her home.

She was born Jan. 7, 1938, in Munising, Mich., to George A. and Mary Ethel "Peggy" Smith. She was the fourth of five children.

Jeanne graduated from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, High School in 1956. She moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where she worked for Northwestern Insurance Co. in their typing pool. In 1959, she moved to Palo Alto, Calif., and lived with her aunt and uncle. She worked for several banks, where she met Richard "Dick" Meamber. After a short courtship, they were married on Aug. 19, 1961. They began their home in Newark, Calif., where she was a homemaker. Not able to have their own children, they were accepted into the Foster Parent Program, where they were part of many children's lives. They adopted five children and had legal custody of two others.

Jeanne was formerly an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Newark, Calif. When Dick was transferred to Southern California, they settled in Claremont, where they lived and raised their children for 17 years. While in Claremont, Jeanne became a nurse's aid at Doctor's Hospital. She later attended Citrus College to study psychology.

In Claremont, she became a deaconess in the Claremont First Baptist Church. She also worked for RSVP at Citrus College. From Claremont, they moved to Glendale, Calif., where she was active in the Chubby Chase Baptist Church. After Dick retired, they moved to La Verne, Calif., where Jeanne again became active in the Claremont First Baptist Church.

Jeanne was a great loving mother to many children including foreign exchange students. She was a 52-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star presently holding the position of Worthy Matron of the Rupert Chapter No. 39, in Burley. She



was also a member of the Order of the Amaranth Inc., Garnet Court No. 5. Jeanne enjoyed oil painting, crossword puzzles, reading and traveling. She loved animals, especially her two little dogs. Jeanne did various volunteer work at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, Praise Chapel in Rupert and the Burley United Methodist Church after moving to Burley, in 2004, for her health. She was also the treasurer of Burley United Methodist Women.

Jeanne is survived by her husband, Dick, of 47 years; her children, Ellen Meamber of La Verne, Calif., Ramona Raymundo (Poncho) of Riverside, Calif., Walter Meamber of La Verne, Calif., Ray Meamber (Yolanda) of Ontario, Calif., Katie Pasko (Steve) of Flagstaff, Ariz., Vince Meamber (Cristy) of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ingrid Chavarria of Burbank, Calif.; one brother, Bill Smith (Karen) of New Franken, Wis.; her sisters, Bettelee Fill and Muriel Rezash of Antioch, Ill.; and her grandchildren, Megan and Kaytlyn Neilsen of Flagstaff, Ariz., Richard and Jennifer Meamber of Ontario, Calif., and Nehemiah Mendoza of Riverside, Calif. She also has many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Larry Meamber; and a sister, Arline Hudson.

Her gift for life, smile and laughter will be greatly missed all.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318; Order of Eastern Star Rupert Chapter No. 39, 2496 Hansen Ave., Burley, ID 83318; or to the Burley United Methodist Women's Club, P.O. Box 447, Burley, ID 83318; or to a charity of your choice.

Jeanne's zest for life will be celebrated at a memorial service held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Karen G. Puckett officiating.

The family would like to thank everyone for their concerns and prayers.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Woody L. Reed

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Woody L. Reed, 90, of Glendale, Ariz., died Monday March 2, 2009, in Glendale.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Brydan Cox

Brydan Cox, 3, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

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

Ronald Berg

Ronald Berg, 70, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements will be

announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Yoneko Kikuchi

BURLEY — Yoneko Abo Kikuchi, 95, of Burley, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., visitation one hour before the service at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

V. Don Mitchell

JEROME — V. Don Mitchell, 88, of Jerome, died Saturday, March 7, 2009, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

SERVICES

Frank A. Larson of Aurora, Colo., and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 11:15 a.m. Monday at Staging Area C at the Fort Logan National Cemetery in Littleton, Colo. (Gordon Funeral Service in Littleton).

Dean Hadden of Paul, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Paul Congregational Church, 121 N.

Second W.; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the church.

James W. Cobb of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

John H. Darrow of Castleford, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

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Charles Alfred 'Charlie' Niska

Charles Alfred "Charlie" Niska, 63, returned to his Father in Heaven to receive his crown on March 4, 2009.

He was born March 30, 1945, at Elk River, Minn., the son of Melvin A. Niska and Linda Hendrickson Niska. He was raised in Minnesota and attended schools there. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1969. On Dec. 31, 1970, Charlie married Eleanor Erickson in Farmington, Mich. They raised eight children. Charlie worked as an electrical dispatcher for Montana Dakota Utilities while they lived in Minnesota and North Dakota. They settled in Idaho in 1989, where Charlie worked as an auto mechanic.

Charlie was a man of faith, honesty and service whose thanks and praise go to God.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; their children,



Matthew (Amelia), Jonathan (Katie), Martin (DeeAnn), Rachel, Cara, Seth (Meagan), Paul and Daniel. He is also survived by eight sisters and three brothers, 15 grandchildren, and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Ann Rebecca; one son, Roger Alan; one granddaughter, Lillian Marie; two sisters, Marian and Ida; and his parents.

A funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, at Life Church of the Magic Valley, 25 E. 100 S. in Jerome. A visitation will be held Sunday, March 8, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, where family and friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service Monday at Life Church. A private interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to the Charles Niska Memorial Fund established at First Federal Bank. Call (208) 733-4222 for more information.

Charles Wilburn Hollingsworth

BUHL — Charles Wilburn Hollingsworth, 83, of Buhl, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

Charles was born Oct. 3, 1925, in Anniston, Ala., to John Henry and Edith Elwell Hollingsworth. Charles joined the Army in 1941 and completed his basic training in Alabama. He served in World War II in the Special Services in the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper and glider pilot for four years. He flew behind enemy lines and became proficient in hand-to-hand combat, where he earned the nickname "Trooper." He taught many troops in the art of hand to hand combat at a very young age. During his tour of duty, he was in the Battle of the Bulge, one of the most courageous battles in American history. The Battle of the Bulge resulted in casualties soaring past 20,000 dead and 80,000 wounded. This battle would shape the rest of American history and Charles' life until his death. The battle scars would never leave him. He was the only survivor of an 11-man squad. He was found in a coma and remained in that state for three months. He finally awoke to find he was paralyzed from the waist down. He had blood clots in his brain which caused him great pain and a bleak prognosis. The military doctors gave him nine months to live and he probably would not have



any children. Charles defeated all odds, but suffered from his injuries until his passing on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

Charles is truly one of America's heroes and will be remembered for his courage, devotion and ability to beat all odds. He was decorated for his bravery in the service with two Bronze Service Stars and a Purple Heart, which he was very proud of.

He left the military in 1946 and met the love of his life, Emma Lou Maxfield, and married her two weeks later. They were married for 63 years. Together they had five children. He loved his hobbies of hunting, fishing, rock hunting and jewelry making.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert Hollingsworth.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Hollingsworth of Buhl; five children, Rita (John) Wray of Buhl, Mary (Mike) Potter of Sussix, Wis., Charles (Larain) Hollingsworth of Glens Ferry, Sue (Carl) Bridwell of Wendell and Jeffery (Dieta) Hollingsworth of Washington; two brothers, Alan Hollingsworth and Bill Lewis; one sister, Florence (Dick) Erdmann; 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

A viewing will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. before the service at the funeral home. Donations may be made to the Buhl United Methodist Church.

Linda Draper

HANSEN — Linda Draper, 63, of Hansen, passed away Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Idaho Home Health and Hospice Care Center in Twin Falls from cancer.

Linda was born April 16, 1945, in Sioux City, Iowa, the daughter of Harold and Betty Wells. She was a resident of the Mini-Cassia area and was a high school graduate. She worked at MDC, helping those with challenges, and was president of Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers. She excelled in many crafts, including latch hook and ceramics. Linda and Gary enjoyed going dancing.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Draper; a son and two daughters; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Deny and



Barbara Wells, Tim Wells, Michael Wells; and a sister, Becky Wells. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Betty Wells; a son, John Holt; and a great-granddaughter, Faith Prewitt.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Hansen Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley. Burial will follow at the View Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

A memorial fund has been established at the Idaho Central Credit Union. The family would like to thank St. Luke's Cancer Center in both Boise and Twin Falls for the care they gave to Linda. Services are under the direction of Hansen Payne Mortuary. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.hansenpaynemortuary.com.

Martha Harding Harris Jensen

JEROME — Martha Harding Harris Jensen, 100, of Jerome, passed away Friday, March 6, 2009, in Wendell.

She was born July 15, 1908, in Loma, Colo., the daughter of Jake Harding and Mary Ring Harding. She married Ted Harris on Nov. 2, 1930. To this union was born one daughter, Elsie, and two sons, Ray and Dale. Martha and Ted farmed most of their married life on their farm north of Jerome. Ted passed away Dec. 12, 1960.

After Ted's passing, Martha moved to Twin Falls. She worked at Simplot in Burley. In 1970, she married Bert Jensen of Carey. Bert passed away in 1986. Martha stayed



in her home in Twin Falls until 2000, when she moved to Wendell.

Martha is survived by her children, Elsie Weigt of Jerome, Ray (Jean) Harris of Wendell and Dale (Alta) Harris of Gooding. She is also survived by nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Art Harding of Jerome; and two sisters-in-law, Lallah and Roberta Harding. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; her son-in-law, Blackie Weigt; two sisters; six brothers and one great-grandson.

A funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

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Leona P. Carlson

BURLEY — Leona Peterson Carlson passed away on Monday, March 2, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas. She was 93.



Leona was born on July 20, 1915, in Burley, to Charles Otto and Olive Avery Peterson. She was the fifth of 14 children. She attended school in Burley, where she graduated from Burley High School. She then attended Albion State Normal School in Albion, where she received her teaching certificate. Her first teaching job took her to Murtaugh, where she soon met Earl H. Carlson, a fellow teacher. They were married on June 12, 1939, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Leona and Earl settled in Burley, where Earl had taken a teaching job. In 1951, Leona opened up a kindergarten in the basement of their home. Her little school flourished and soon she and Earl had a building constructed behind their home in which to house the school. Leona's Kindergarten and Daycare became a popular place, where hundreds of Burley children attended throughout the years. Leona continued to teach kindergarten until the spring of 1973, when she sold her business and retired. In the spring of 1977, Earl retired, and he and Leona traveled the world. They also spent many days camping and fishing around southern Idaho.

They served as temple workers in the Boise Temple for several years. Leona was a lifelong active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. She served in many capacities throughout her life. Leona also belonged to a quilting group and, over the years, she and her friends made hundreds of quilts. All of her children and grandchildren were the recipients of many of these quilts.

Leona and Earl were blessed with five children whom they loved, nurtured and taught through personal example. These five children consider themselves the luckiest children in the world to have been blessed with such incredible parents.

Leona is survived by her sons, Fred (Peggy) Carlson of Raytown, Mo., Rex (Alice) Carlson of Provo, Utah, and Mike (Vickie) Carlson of St. Anthony; one daughter, Lynn (Jeff) Gossling of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Diane Carlson of Burley; 27 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; her brothers, Don Peterson of Herriman, Utah, and Byron Peterson of Show Low, Ariz.; and her sister, Luella Morgan Haycock of Burley.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Earl; their son, Monte; great-grandson, Blake Richardson; her parents; five brothers; five sisters and a stillborn son.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave., with Bishop S. Matthew Cook officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Joe Anne Lucretia Reed

HAILEY — Joe Anne Lucretia Reed, 74, of Hailey, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.



She was born Sept. 23, 1934, in Hailey, the daughter of Joseph James and Lucretia Tribble Donahue. She attended schools in Hailey, Albion, Lava Hot Springs and Kimberly, graduating from Hailey High School in 1952. She married Gerald R. Lounsbury of Ketchum, and they were later divorced. She married James A. Reed of American Falls, Idaho, in 1955, and was the mother of three children.

During her youth, she was employed by various small companies, and during her working career by Rohr Aircraft in Chula Vista, Calif.; Farmers Insurance Group in Pocatello, Idaho; The Dayton Adult Guidance Center in Dayton, Ohio; Marquardt Aircraft in Ogden, Utah; The Chinchilla Guild of America in Salt Lake City, Utah; the law firms of Holden, Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo in Idaho Falls, and St. Clair, Hiller & Benjamin in Ketchum. The last 20 years of her employment were with the Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Hailey, from which she retired in 1996.

She was a charter member of the Idaho Falls Legal Secretaries, a past member of Business & Professional Women and a past member and past president of the Blaine County American

Legion Auxiliary, having held various offices in each of those organizations.

Her enjoyments were dancing, sewing, reading, remodeling her house, and being a "very poor" bowler. She also enjoyed visiting with several close friends and her many acquaintances. She believed that laughter was the cure for all adversities. She also believed that her greatest accomplishment in life was the raising of her three children.

Her husband, her mother and father, and her two brothers, Jim and Paul Donahue, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her half-sister, Margie Donahue Gilbert of Rosamond, Calif.; by her children, Christine (Merrill) Owens of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Michael (Vanessa) Reed of Boise and Lucretia Donahue-Reed of Coeur d'Alene; and her five grandsons, Blake Owens of Coeur d'Alene, Steven Reed and Bruce Reed of Boise and Derek Verbrugge and Nolan Verbrugge of Coeur d'Alene.

The visitation time will be from 1 until 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Wood River Chapel, followed at 2 p.m. by a graveside committal service at the Hailey Cemetery. Everyone is invited to join the family for an Irish Wake at the Blaine County Senior Center after the graveside service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Blaine County Senior Center, P. O. Box 28, Hailey, ID 83333 or your favorite charity. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel. The obituary and guest book are available at www.woodriverchapel.com.

Wallace M. Brown

KIMBERLY — Wallace M. Brown, 64, of Kimberly, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Friday, March 6, 2009, surrounded by his immediate family following a courageous two-year battle with cancer.



Wallace was born April 1, 1944, the son of Birch Edwin and Lorene Alberta Romans Brown in Twin Falls. Wallace was proud to have grown up in Pleasant Valley and attended school in Kimberly, where he enjoyed playing basketball and football, and being in FFA. He graduated in 1962 and attended a semester at Utah State University. As a child, Wallace enjoyed riding horseback, walking up McMullen to fish, slipping through the field to Birchie and Johanna's to play, and a year or two in Boy Scouts.

In 1953, Wallace had his first 4-H experience when he took his first 4-H heifer to the Twin Falls County Fair. It only took one year to learn that 4-H would be a lifelong devotion for him. Wallace devoted 56 years of his life to the 4-H program and the kids he could help to learn and grow life skills. As a teenager, summers found Wallace busy cutting poles for corrals, riding for Western Stockgrowers Association, with Uncle Hazel, stacking and hauling hay and working for R.H., Dick and David Callen.

On Dec. 29, 1963, he married his only high school sweetheart, Jeanie Morgan Brown. They have shared 45 memorable years together. To this marriage were born three sons, Race, Stormy and Shasta, and later on this brought his two wonderful grandchildren, Dakota and Shalace. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. A friend to all who knew him and will be greatly missed by all.

He worked for Kerr Peter Inc. for three years and for the Shoe Sole Ranch for three

years before going to work for his father-in-law and lifelong friend, Bud Morgan.

Wallace was a member of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, Magic Valley Cattlemen, and past president of Western Stockgrowers Association. He was a member of the Kimberly Christian Church, served as Sunday school teacher, Awana director and a deacon. He was 4-H Beef Committee chairman for 18 years and served on the 4-H and FFA Jr. Market Animal Sale Board of Directors for 30 years. Wallace was president of the Twin Falls County 4-H Leaders Council, served on the 4-H camp board, Food Booth and Trophy Committees, as well as a 4-H leader for the South Hill Sidekicks 4-H Club for 32 years.

Wallace was preceded in death by his parents, Sis and Birch Brown; father-in-law, Bud Morgan; and his grandparents.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanie; his sons, Race and Lori Brown and Stormy Brown, all of Kimberly, and Shasta Brown of Boise; two very special grandchildren, Dakota and Shalace Brown of Kimberly; brother, Ed and Clarissa Brown of Gooding; sisters, Frieda Brown, Sandra and Allen Reiksem of Boise; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Wallace's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, with his longtime friend Rodney Hopwood officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Wallace Brown 4-H Memorial Fund or the charity of your choice. Donations can be made to any branch of Farmers National Bank, Attention: Fred Jaynes, or at White Mortuary.

Claude Ernest Boden

RIPON, Calif. — Claude Ernest Boden of Ripon, Calif., died suddenly at home Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, from complications of emphysema. He was 73.



Claude was born in Twin Falls on June 18, 1935, the oldest of seven children born to Bess Church and James Howard Boden. He attended Burley High School, where he excelled at art. Like many young men in Idaho, he worked sorting potatoes and later in road construction. He eventually joined the U.S. Air Force, where he worked and traveled for 23 years of active service before retiring in 1982 in Abilene, Texas. Claude enjoyed electronic gadgets and equipment of all types, particularly audio equipment and cameras. He had an eye for color and detail, often taking beautiful photographs, particularly of flowers. At one time or another, he held a private pilot's license, raced cars on the ice in Alaska, built and rode bicycles, and built computers.

Claude is survived by his wife of 47 years, Eunice (Martindale) Boden. He also is survived by his children, daughter, Kim (Keith) Anderson of Ripon, Calif.; and sons, Domonic Boden of Hico, Texas, and Daniel Boden of Davis, Calif. Claude leaves behind two grandchildren, who were the light of

his life. "Poppy" is fondly remembered by granddaughter, Cory Paige Anderson; and grandson, Cole Ryder Anderson, both of Ripon, Calif. While Claude was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Richard Boden; and a sister, Jeanene Nelson, he is survived by two brothers, Shane Boden and Jimmy Boden, both of Twin Falls; and two sisters, Janice Valdez of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jonnie Potts of Price, Utah.

Claude's ashes will be interred at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 13, at the National Cemetery in Santa Nella, Calif. A remembrance of his life will take place later that day, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Chesapeake Landing clubhouse on Red Sky Way in Ripon, Calif. Arrangements were handled very professionally and compassionately by Eaton Family Funeral Home of Modesto, Calif.

The family wishes to thank both the Ripon Police and Fire departments, and the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department for their responsiveness, professionalism and compassion. A special thanks to Bishop Bryan Williamson of the Ripon LDS Ward for his visit with the family the night Claude died. We also recognize the women of the Chesapeake Chicks Red Hat group for their support and friendship. Remembrances may be made to the Ripon Garden Club, Disabled American Veterans Service Trust, American Cancer Society or your charity of choice.

Beverly Jean Heitz

BOISE — Beverly Jean Heitz of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls slipped away quietly, Wednesday, March 4, 2009.



She was born on Aug. 5, 1927, in Anaconda, Mont., the daughter of Robert and Helen Seymour Welsh.

Beverly married Frank C. Heitz on Feb. 9, 1946. In 1949, they moved to Twin Falls and, in 1978, they made their last home together on their acreage southwest of Filer.

She was active in the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church as a member of the choir since 1959, as a participant and leader in the Women's Association and as an elder and deacon. Bev also enjoyed playing the organ and was a longtime member of the Magic Valley Chorale.

She completed training as a licensed practical nurse, graduating from the College of Southern Idaho in 1971, and was part of the nursing staff at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for 22 years. She was active in the leadership of the South Central Idaho LPN Association and served in various offices including state president.

Her parents and her siblings, Beatrice and William Welsh, Lucille Siebenaler and Florence Eriksen, preceded her in death. Her husband and three children, Bonnie, David and Kenneth, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, BMCM James Heitz,

USN (Ret.) and wife Norma of California, Susan Metzger, Rita Robertson and Edward

Heitz, all of Boise, along with seven grandchildren including Christine Robertson and partner Lee Ronald of

England, Jennifer and husband Matt Rhees, Karen Metzger and Kim Metzger, all of Boise, Brad and wife Jenifer Robertson of Washington, SSgt. James N. Heitz, USAF of Kansas, and AIC Frank N. Heitz, USAF of California; and four great-grandchildren, Kori Metzger and James, Jacob and Julia Rhees, all of Boise. In addition, she is survived by Bernetta Bybee of Meridian and Barbara Heitz of Montana, sisters-in-law; and her brother-in-law, Alfred and wife Imogene Heitz of Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the College of Southern Idaho LPN Program, P O Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or to the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel. A private burial will be held on Wednesday. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Mourners pay tribute to radio legend Paul Harvey

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The son of radio legend Paul Harvey used his father's words for the eulogy Saturday at a public funeral service in Chicago, the city from which he launched his national news and commentary show.

"A great tree has fallen," said Paul Harvey Jr., quoting his father's send-off for President Franklin Roosevelt. "An empty place has opened up against the sky."

The broadcaster died Feb. 28 in Phoenix, where he had a winter home, less than year after the death of his wife of nearly 68 years, Lynne Harvey. He was 90.

Their son recalled the cou-

ple's long romance and his father's start on radio for the 200 mourners at the Fourth Presbyterian Church on the city's Magnificent Mile. When his father first applied for a job on radio, he was given a broom and told to sweep up, Harvey Jr. said.

The elder Harvey would have wanted to help mold reaction to the country's current difficulties, his son said.

Harvey's newsroom colleagues, ABC Radio Networks executives and Doug Limerick, one of two broadcasters chosen to fill Harvey's time slots, attended the service.

"You can hear his father in his words," Chicago Tribune media columnist Phil

Rosenthal said of Harvey's son. "I think people are starting to realize what we've lost."

"It was a dignified eulogy delivered in a 'rest of the story'-type style," said Bruce DuMont, founder and president of the Museum of Broadcast Communications. "It exemplified the dignity of Paul Harvey."

Standing outside the church in overcast weather, Chicago resident and businessman Gregory Fischer said he felt compelled to attend the service because he could remember listening to Harvey as a child.

Fischer said that as an adult, he's realized that he was listening to a broadcast-

ing trailblazer.

"He was a part of Americana," he said. "It was like he was talking directly to you."

Harvey had been heard nationally since 1951, when he began his "News and Comment" for ABC Radio Networks. He was credited with inventing or popularizing terms such as "skyjacker," "Reaganomics" and "guesstimate."

Staccato delivery, long pauses and phrases like "Stand by for news!" were Harvey's hallmarks.

In 2005, Harvey received the presidential Medal of Freedom. He also was an inductee in the Radio Hall of Fame, as was his wife.

Ex-California bookkeeper accused of embezzling \$10M

VISTA, Calif. (AP) — A former bookkeeper embezzled \$9.9 million, forcing her company to make layoffs as she bought 400 pairs of shoes that she kept in a room-sized closet decorated with a crystal chandelier and a plasma television, authorities claim.

Annette Yeomans, 51, surrendered at the Vista jail on Friday and was booked for investigation of grand theft and embezzlement. She was being held Saturday at the San Diego County jail in lieu of \$10 million bail.

It was not immediately clear whether she had an attorney.

Authorities allege that Yeomans embezzled the

money from 2001 to 2007 while she was chief financial officer for Quality Woodworks, Inc., a cabinetry business in San Marcos.

She spent at least \$240,000 on 400 pairs of shoes, \$300,000 on designer clothing and 160 purses valued at \$2,000 each, investigators allege. She also remodeled a bedroom into a closet with the chandelier and a 32-inch TV, they said.

"On a weekly basis Yeomans would spend \$25,000 on her credit card and then pay off the balance the following Monday with company funds," said Sgt. Mark Varnau of the sheriff's Financial Crimes Unit.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies, cold temperatures and light snow showers. Highs middle 30s.
Tonight: Lingering snow showers and mostly cloudy skies. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Continued cold temperatures, brisk winds and possible snow showers. Highs middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies and scattered snow showers. Highs lower to middle 30s.
Tonight: Scattered snow showers and light winds. Lows in the upper teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and scattered snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s, lows low to mid 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Light to moderate mountain snows are likely today, tonight and Monday. A few to several inches of new snow is possible each day. Snow showers will decrease on Tuesday.

BOISE
 Today Highs 27 to 29 Tonight's Lows -2 to 11
 Colder than average temperatures and scattered rain and snow showers today and Monday. Small accumulations of snow are likely, especially in the foothills.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Chilly temperatures, brisk winds and areas of light snow today and Monday. Small accumulations of snow are likely.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 45 at Lewiston Low: -9 at Stanley
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, fg-fog, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-winter mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sh-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cold and breezy with snow showers	Mostly cloudy skies, scattered snow showers	Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers	Mostly cloudy and mostly dry	Chilly and partly cloudy	Partly to mostly sunny
High 35	Low 21	36 / 24	39 / 25	43 / 26	45 / 27

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 41 Yesterday's Low 20 Normal High/Low 47 / 28 Record High 67 in 1968 Record Low 10 in 1976	Yesterday 0.00" Month to Date 0.07" Normal Month to Date 0.22" Year to Date 4.40" Normal Year to Date 5.56"	Yesterday's Maximum 74% Yesterday's Minimum 30% Today's Maximum 82% Today's Minimum 56% A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	6 pm barometer Yesterday 29.97 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM Monday Sunrise: 8:01 AM Sunset: 7:36 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 8:00 AM Sunset: 7:38 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:58 AM Sunset: 7:39 PM Thursday Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 7:40 PM

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Moonrise: 2:51 PM Moonset: 5:04 AM	Moonrise: 5:09 PM Moonset: 6:38 AM	Moonrise: 6:25 PM Moonset: 7:06 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	39 22 mx 39 23 ls	42 23 mc	42 23 mc
Bonners Ferry	27 13 ls 24 7 ls	25 8 mc	25 8 mc
Burley	34 19 ls 33 22 ls	39 22 mc	39 22 mc
Challis	32 16 ls 30 14 ls	29 7 ls	29 7 ls
Coeur d'Alene	28 15 ls 25 9 ls	26 10 mc	26 10 mc
Elko, NV	35 14 ls 30 11 ls	36 14 pc	36 14 pc
Eugene, OR	44 32 ls 44 26 mx	48 34 sh	48 34 sh
Gooding	37 22 ls 38 25 ls	41 26 mc	41 26 mc
Grace	34 15 ls 27 15 ls	32 12 mc	32 12 mc
Hagerman	38 20 ls 39 23 ls	42 24 mc	42 24 mc
Halley	31 15 ls 28 15 ls	33 16 ls	33 16 ls
Idaho Falls	34 17 ls 30 15 ls	31 12 mc	31 12 mc
Kalispell, MT	31 11 ls 26 8 ls	23 2 ls	23 2 ls
Jackpot	40 25 mc 32 14 mc	36 15 su	36 15 su
Jerome	34 16 ls 31 16 ls	36 17 ls	36 17 ls
Lewiston	39 24 ls 35 21 ls	36 22 mc	36 22 mc
Malad City	38 16 ls 31 16 ls	36 13 mc	36 13 mc
Malta	31 16 ls 30 19 ls	36 17 mc	36 17 mc
McCall	26 5 ls 24 5 ls	25 7 ls	25 7 ls
Missoula, MT	37 14 ls 32 14 ls	30 9 ls	30 9 ls
Pocatello	37 20 ls 30 20 ls	35 17 mc	35 17 mc
Portland, OR	42 34 ls 42 30 ls	46 35 sh	46 35 sh
Rupert	34 21 ls 33 24 ls	39 24 mc	39 24 mc
Rexburg	32 15 ls 28 12 ls	28 10 mc	28 10 mc
Richland, WA	34 21 ls 33 20 ls	31 20 pc	31 20 pc
Rogerson	35 22 ls 36 25 ls	39 26 mc	39 26 mc
Salmon	34 17 ls 32 15 ls	31 8 ls	31 8 ls
Salt Lake City, UT	47 29 mx 36 24 ls	42 26 pc	42 26 pc
Spokane, WA	36 17 mc 32 14 ls	33 16 pc	33 16 pc
St. Louis	32 1 ls 27 0 ls	32 -1 ls	32 -1 ls
Yellowstone	36 3 ls 31 2 ls	36 1 ls	36 1 ls
Yellowstone, MT	24 -2 sn 12 -4 ls	16 4 ls	16 4 ls

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	41	20	0.00"
Burley	40	16	Trace
Challis	34	10	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	34	23	0.00"
Idaho Falls	31	15	0.00"
Jerome	38	20	0.00"
Lewiston	45	22	0.00"
Lowell	36	23	0.00"
Malad	not available		
Malta	43	12	0.00"
Pocatello	37	20	0.00"
Rexburg	27	17	Trace
Salmon	37	16	0.00"
Stanley	30	-9	0.00"

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	86 73 pc	86 70 pc	Moscow	32 30 ls	31 27 sn
Athens	63 48 pc	62 47 su	Nairobi	80 49 pc	83 51 pc
Auckland	69 55 sh	67 52 sh	Oslo	33 16 sn	33 12 ls
Bangkok	94 73 th	95 73 sh	Paris	51 35 r	47 38 sh
Beijing	61 34 pc	48 32 pc	Prague	43 32 r	38 32 ls
Berlin	43 34 r	41 36 sh	Rio de Janeiro	80 69 th	81 70 r
Buenos Aires	85 65 sh	80 65 pc	Rome	58 46 pc	59 40 pc
Cairo	81 49 pc	72 47 pc	Santiago	88 58 pc	89 56 pc
Dhahran	83 61 pc	85 66 pc	Seoul	46 35 pc	55 28 pc
Geneva	38 26 ls	36 24 ls	Sydney	73 63 sh	69 62 sh
Hong Kong	67 66 r	71 70 pc	Tel Aviv	75 60 pc	64 61 pc
Jerusalem	80 51 pc	68 49 pc	Tokyo	44 37 r	53 42 ls
Johannesburg	75 53 th	76 58 sh	Vienna	44 35 pc	43 33 ls
Kuwait City	86 66 pc	86 65 pc	Warsaw	42 35 pc	40 32 ls
London	50 34 sh	46 35 sh	Winnipeg	30 3 pc	28 -7 pc
Mexico City	75 43 pc	75 45 sh	Zurich	33 22 r	33 19 ls

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today
 Yesterday's National Extremes:
 High: 92 at Laredo, Texas
 Low: -15 at Wisdom, Mont.

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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "Trust your hunches. They're usually based on facts filed away just below the conscious level."
 Dr. Joyce Brothers, Psychologist and Television Personality

A human sign of hard days

By Todd C. Frankel
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — His wife didn't want him to take the job. "She thought it was beneath me," Kurt Wilson says.

But here he is, standing on a thin strip of sidewalk in the bitter cold at 8 a.m., the start of a four-hour shift along a commercial strip of Brentwood Boulevard.

Tall, with blue eyes and a brown beard, Wilson wears a silvery green gown over several layers of winter clothing. His head is covered by a knit hat, covered by a sweatshirt hood, covered finally by a green foam crown. He looks something like the Statue of Liberty. He is waving at traffic.

something you can get rather than wasting all your time," Wilson says.

Mary Wittry was happy to have him back. She owns the Liberty Tax Service office near the intersection of Brentwood Boulevard and Manchester Road. Liberty Tax Service is probably one of the nation's largest employers of costumed wavers. The competitor of H&R Block and Jackson Hewitt encourages its 3,000 offices to hire Lady Libertys and Uncle Sams. The company provides instruction on how to recruit wavers (contact colleges, schools, halfway houses, parole officers) and how to rate waver performance.

Wittry hired eight part-time wavers to work from January until Tax Day, April 15. She had twice as many applicants as usual. And they were older, not just college kids, but men in their 30s and 40s who needed a job or a second income. One drives in from St. Charles.

"It's been surprising who applies for the job," Wittry said.

Wilson and his wife are in better shape financially than many. No children. They are debt-free. They rent. They keep their expenses to a minimum.

But Wilson still needed a job. He has developed a technique to waving.

"I try to see every person —

not just wave — but actually see them, instead of just waving at the sky like you're crazy," he says.

He does see plenty of people as they drive by reading or eating or putting on mascara or talking on the phone. He worries about getting hit. He recognizes some commuters, like the lady in a yellow VW Bug who just drove by. She recently gave Wilson coffee and a breakfast sandwich. A bread delivery guy gave him a loaf of bread.

He gets the best response from the blue-collar types, "the construction guys, the laborers who, because they're out in the cold, they can relate," he says. Occasionally a driver curses and yells at him.

But it is a job that gets better as the hours and days pass. On this day, the sun surmounts the building behind him about 10 a.m. The temperature climbs out of the teens. Each passing day brings the promise of warmer weather, making it



Kurt Wilson of Fenton, Mo., who works four hours a day in a Statue of Liberty costume trying to attract customers to Liberty Tax, takes a break Feb. 3 at the Brentwood, Mo., office. His wife didn't want him to take the job. "She thought it was beneath me," Wilson says.

He is a human sign, a walking billboard, a modern update on the Depression-era's sandwich boards. Wilson is advertising a tax-prep shop located in the building behind him. Being a human sign — for a store, a sale, a new subdivision — is not challenging work. Wilson knows this. But this is his job.

"I can't be prideful about it," he says. "Especially now."

Now being a time when the economy is in deep recession, when layoffs are common, when part-time job paying \$7.50 an hour to wave at cars seems like a good find.

The number of people in the U.S. working part time due to various economic reasons jumped 75 percent to 16.1 million in December compared with December 2007, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. These are people who are working, just not as much as they would like.

Wilson is 30 years old, college-educated. He lives in Fenton. He has traveled the world. He spent two years in China doing Christian missionary work. He is a pastor at a small church. Last summer and fall, he worked for a landscaper. Winter came. He needed a job, especially since his wife, Brooke, had her hours cut at Starbucks.

He knew he could try hunting for a good-paying, full-time job. It seemed daunting. He has a friend with a master's degree stocking shelves at Target. He has been unemployed before, spent months sending out resumes with few responses. And that was before the current downturn.

He decided to return to the part-time job that got him through last winter.

"It's just easier getting

easier to stand out on his patch of sidewalk and wave. But the passing days mean something else, too. Soon he will need a new job.

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EDITORIAL

Once more to the brink over Magic Valley water rights

The last time it was high noon over water rights in the Magic Valley, the Dow Jones Industrial Average stood at 13,611.

That was 21 months ago. When Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill announced

Thursday his plans to curtail 430 Magic Valley water users in order to provide water for fish farms, the market stood at 6,594.

Different times, different crises. This one is more serious.

Groundwater pumpers have until Thursday to come up with an acceptable plan to provide more water to Clear Springs Foods. If not, 865 wells belonging to farmers, private companies, cities and others will go dry, starting March 16.

And with them, 41,000 acres of irrigated farmland. (Most dairies would not be affected).

The last time we got this close to water Armageddon in south-central Idaho, 16,000 acres were at stake.

Tuthill's order is a shotgun approach to solving the problem. The idled wells are calculated to provide about 15 gallons of water every second to Clear Springs, though that's only a portion of the actual amount of water provided and it wouldn't appear right away.

In fact, much of the curtailed water would probably end up in Idaho Power's hands since providing water to one spot is so imprecise.

Tuthill's rejected plan to mix financial recharge with fish seemed like a reasonable solution. Conjunctive management was instituted to solve such problems, but the holes in the plan weren't anticipated because fish farmers must receive steady flow of cool water.

Let's hope the pumpers have a credible Plan B. If not, an already suffering Magic Valley economy is headed for bigger problems. The Idaho Ground Water Appropriators calculate that idling 41,000 acres means a \$100 million loss to the south-central Idaho economy. Fish farmers and surface-water users hotly dispute that estimate, but there's no question the impact would be serious.

A more reasonable solution would involve making small cuts to the amount of water the pumpers can use and then determining if they can make a difference coupled with financial contributions. Groundwater irrigators would have to let some ground go fallow, or plant less water-intensive crops.

Nobody — Clear Springs included — stands to benefit from a Magic Valley economy further in crisis than it already is. As we said editorially 21 months ago, water-rights brinkmanship is the fast lane to ruin.

Our view:

Even if Clear Springs Foods gets every drop of water it says it's entitled to, it's hard to see anyone in the Magic Valley benefitting from widespread idling of irrigated cropland.

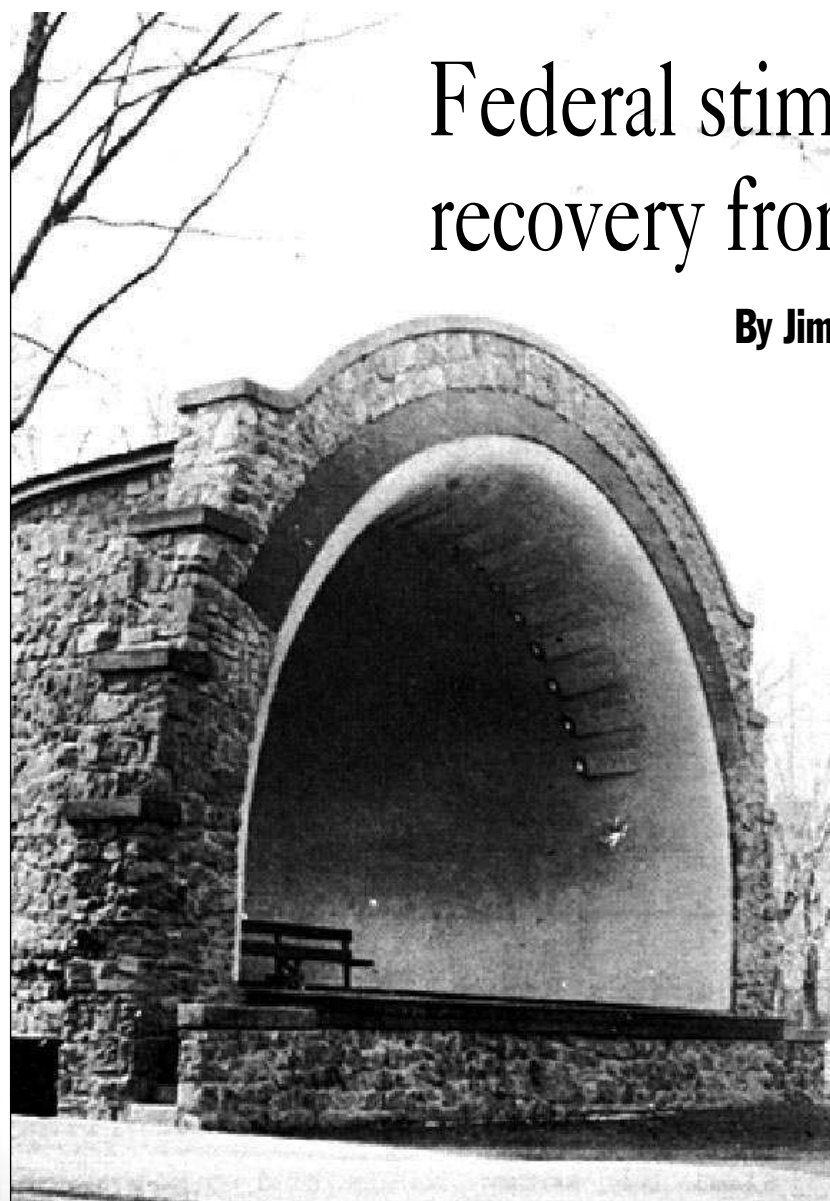
What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

How Twin Falls came back

Federal stimulus critical to city's recovery from Great Depression

By Jim Gentry



The bandshell in Twin Falls City Park, a Works Progress Administration project, shortly after its completion in 1938.

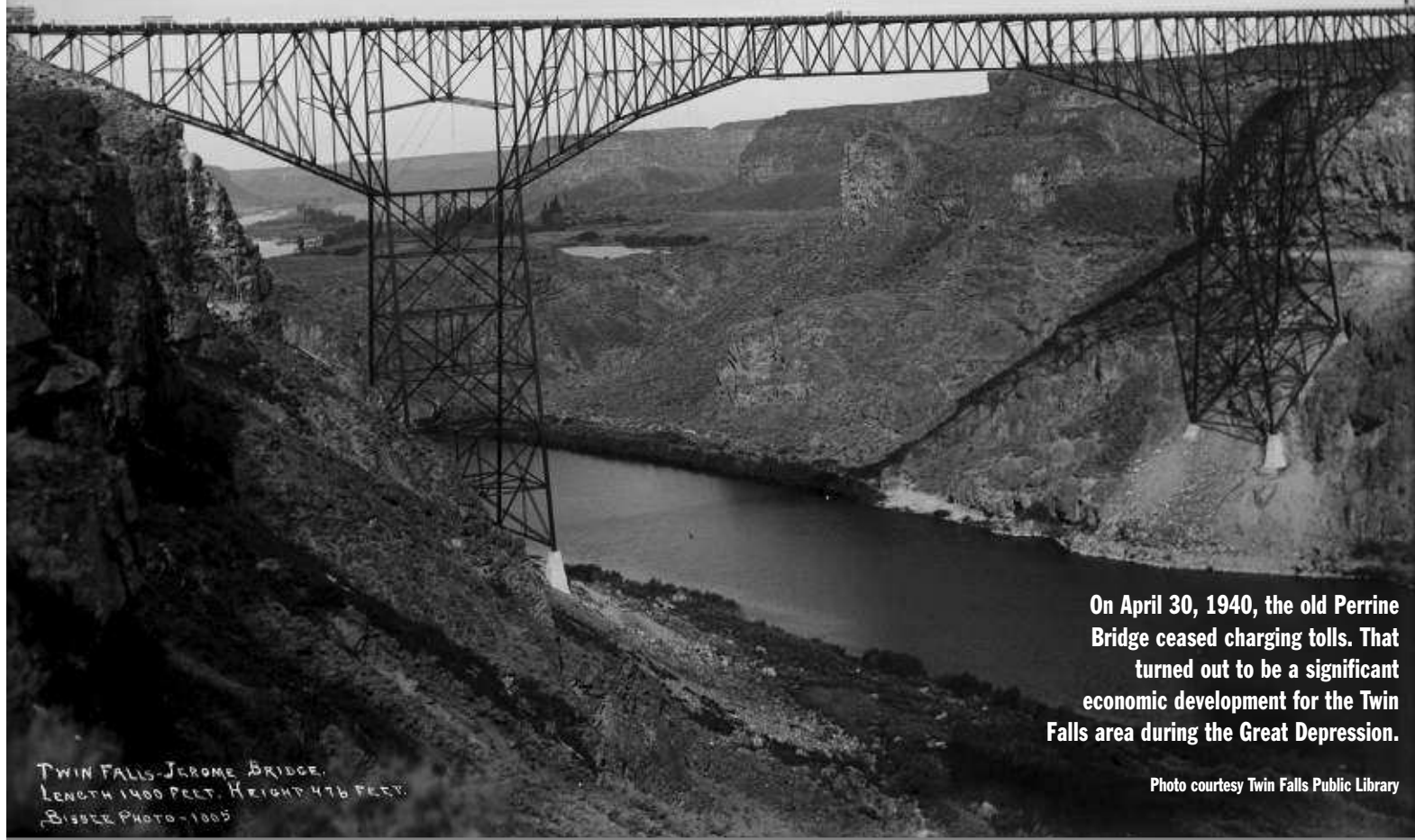
The recent economic downturn stimulates our interest in how Twin Falls survived the early 1930s. After a tumultuous five years, the area expanded after 1935. In 1936 the sugar factory opened after having been closed for three years. In 1935 the Works Projects Administration provided direct jobs without the need for state matching funds. By later that year workers were building and repairing roads, installing sewer pipe, and making improvements to the fairgrounds and courthouse.

Federal programs aided in building a new library, constructing the county poor farm, building baseball stands, constructing the water storage tank, improving facilities at Shoshone Falls Park, and building more than 1,500 outdoor toilets in Twin Falls County.

Jobs were needed for the 3,000 individuals who came to the area as they fled the Kansas-Nebraska drought. The WPA and National Youth Administration provided free and open-enrollment classes

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TWIN FALLS-JEROME BRIDGE. LENGTH 1400 FEET. HEIGHT 476 FEET. BIGLER PHOTO-1909

On April 30, 1940, the old Perrine Bridge ceased charging tolls. That turned out to be a significant economic development for the Twin Falls area during the Great Depression.

Photo courtesy Twin Falls Public Library

The skinny on the changing size of the newspaper

There's nothing wrong with your depth perception. Some sections of today's edition aren't as wide as others.

Today's Family Life and color comics are about an inch skinnier than the rest of the paper. The tabloid-size TV Weekly is also printed on narrower paper.

Most other Idaho dailies have already gone to the 11-inch page — the *Idaho Statesman* in Boise converted just last week — and most other papers nationwide are headed in the same direction. The idea is that if all papers are the same width, big regional and national advertisers can save time and money by producing standard-size ads for placement everywhere. Now they have to be re-sized to fit each paper.

Also, by trimming an inch from the page we'll save a forest of trees over the years — better for the environment and a small assist for our paper budget.

Editors of other papers that have already made the switch say their readers actually like it, if they notice the difference at all. A slightly narrower page is easier to read at the breakfast table.

So why aren't all sections of



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James G. Wright

the paper the same width today? We print some early because of the way our press is configured. Those are on narrower paper today, in part because we ran them as a test rather than waiting to discover any problems when we're on deadline with the full paper.

Tomorrow, all sections should be a uniform width.

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Last Thursday we ran an article about a homosexual group from Meridian that is upset with state Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. The group, Lion's Pride Idaho, accused Stevenson of making unpleasant comments about gays during an interview with Cassia County talk radio maven Zeb Bell shortly after a state Senate committee rejected a bill that would have extended

anti-discrimination laws to cover sexual preference.

Neither Bell nor Stevenson are big fans of gay folks or of legislation to protect them, to be sure, but Lion's Pride managed to make some of the legislator's comments seem more pointed than they were. For example, he observed that if the world were populated only by homosexuals, there wouldn't be any procreation and thus no continuation of the human race — a biological fact as long as you discount those little details like the overwhelming popularity of heterosexuality, which doesn't seem to be going out fashion any time soon.

Lion's Pride, among other things in their news release, made it sound like Stevenson had accused gays of plotting to cause the extinction of mankind. That's a big difference.

Our article was a just-the-facts effort to clarify exactly what Stevenson said and didn't say. But at least one man from Rupert called to cancel his paper, saying we were promoting a pro-gay agenda just by acknowledging that homosexuals exist.

The *Times-News* has indeed editorialized that the Idaho

Legislature should pass that bill that Stevenson and Bell don't like, but to suggest that any mention of a homosexual in any context somehow promotes the gay rights cause is quite a stretch.

Nor are we going to selectively exclude some groups from any mention in the paper just because someone else thinks they shouldn't be heard.

A newspaper ought to be open to anyone who has a reasonable grievance with government or an issue of public policy they feel society should address. The fact that we allow someone to state their case, within the bounds of good taste and civil dialogue, is not an endorsement of their viewpoint.

Now, should we strive to protect everyone in this diverse region of 100,000 or more people from seeing anything that anyone might possibly find objectionable no matter how it is presented?

I cannot imagine why we would want to, even if that were possible.

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Recovery

Continued from Opinion 1

for adults, helping locals ultimately see the advantage of a community college. In 1939 Arthur Swim, member of the State Board of Education, encouraged the Chamber of Commerce to seek a community college for Twin Falls.

Other conditions brought economic development. The Social Security Act of 1935 placed money in the hands of retirees.

Farmers obtained money from the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936. Within two years farm income increased significantly.

Since Twin Falls County was in 1936 the largest cheese-producing county in the state, cattle were important.

In 1937 Twin Falls Livestock Commission opened for business along Rock Creek Canyon. Urban dwellers were aided in 1940 as the federally financed Twin Falls Housing Authority began to improve and construct new housing, ultimately affecting 86 dwellings.

In 1936 Union Pacific's development of the Sun Valley ski resort helped the local economy. Bus, train and airplane service to Twin Falls improved as famous movie stars visited the area on their way to the resort. Movies such as "Sun Valley Serenade" made the area known to national audiences. Overflow tourism from the resort required better roads and a toll free cross-canyon bridge; it was free to cross the bridge starting on April 30, 1940.

The *Times-News* developed the concept of "Magic

Valley" in 1937; in the same year the WPA published "Idaho: A Guide in Words and Picture," a project directed by Vardis Fisher. This work recommended the Blue Lakes Ranch, Twin Falls and Shoshone Falls as areas to visit. Full-page pictures helped tourists visualize the Snake River Canyon and Perrine Coulee Falls.

In 1935 deaths by automobile accidents increased dramatically with Twin Falls County leading the state. In this carnage, Idaho required a driver's license starting on July 1, 1935. In the following year Twin Falls County automobile sales exceeded all other counties in the state, including Ada County. Between 1937 and 1941, car and truck sales continued to accelerate. Likewise between 1930 and 1940 the Twin Falls city population increased 34.9 percent, from 8,787 to 11,851.

The beginning of World War II in Europe in 1939 certainly stimulated the local economy. Potato processing and sales increased along with prices. A farm labor camp, constructed in 1939, provided more workers.

The economic growth without concerns for fighting the war ended with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Twin Falls now faced a different set of problems.

For further background, consult "In the Middle and on the Edge. The Twin Falls Region of Idaho," chapters 11 & 12.

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ABOUT THE ROOSEVELT RECESSION

The Recession of 1937, sometimes called the Roosevelt Recession, was a temporary reversal of recovery from the Great Depression.

By 1936, all the main economic indicators had regained the levels of the late 1920s, except for unemployment, which remained high, although it was considerably lower than the 25 percent jobless rate seen in 1933. In 1937, the American economy took an unexpected downturn, lasting through most of 1938.

Production declined sharply, as did profits and employment. Unemployment jumped from 14.3 percent in 1937 to 19 percent in 1938. In two months, unemployment rose from 5 million to over 9 million, reaching almost 12 million in early 1938. Manufacturing output fell off by 40 percent from the 1937 peak; it was back to 1934 levels. Producers reduced their expenditures on durable goods, and inventories declined, but personal income was only 15 percent lower than it had been at the peak in 1937.

In most sectors hourly earnings continued to rise throughout the recession, which partly compensated for the reduction in the number of hours worked. As unemployment rose, consumers' expenditures declined, leading to further cutbacks in production.

The Roosevelt Administration reacted by launching a rhetorical campaign against monopoly power, which was cast as the cause of the depression. It embarked on a \$5 billion spending program in the spring of 1938, an effort to increase demand and mass purchasing power. Business-oriented observers argued that the New Deal had been hostile to business expansion in 1935-37 and had encouraged massive strikes.

Economic conditions began to improve in mid-1938, and every month it was better. However, employment did not regain the 1937 level until the war boom began in late 1940. Productivity steadily increased, and output in 1940 was well above the levels of both 1929 and 1937. Personal income in 1939 was almost at 1919 levels in aggregate, but not per capita. The farm population had fallen 5 percent, but farm output was up 19 percent, so the remaining farmers were better off than the average farmer in 1939.

Employment in private sector factories recovered to the level of the late 1920s by 1937 but did not grow much bigger until the war came and manufacturing employment leaped from 11 million in 1940 to 18 million in 1943.

— Source: Wikipedia

Why pre-approved ratemaking for utilities would benefit Idaho

On March 4, the *Times-News* published an editorial addressing Senate Bill 1123, a ratemaking proposal for electric and gas utilities sponsored by the Idaho Office of Energy Resources. The bill authorizes the Public Utilities Commission, upon application by a utility, to order binding ratemaking treatments that specify conditions under which the utility will recover from customers the costs associated with generation and transmission capital investments.

Pre-approved ratemaking treatments developed in formal Public Utilities Commission hearings could, in the event of circumstances beyond the control of the utility, shift some investment cost risk to ratepayers if a construction project had to be terminated before it became "used and useful".

Admittedly, it seems counterintuitive to suggest that reducing utility capital risk by shifting some risk to ratepayers is a good thing for ratepayers. However, shareholder and ratepayer inter-



READER COMMENT
Jim Kempton

ests are inextricably linked to capital investment risks assumed by a utility because the costs of those risks are passed on to ratepayers through a defined rate structure.

In the past, utilities were expected to assume necessary debt to design, site and construct a power plant or associated transmission project and collect on the investment(s) after the project(s) became "used and useful". The cost of utility debt was recovered in rates.

In today's economy, the old metrics are becoming increasingly shaky.

Preference bond ratings have shifted from utilities to other market sectors. Since 2000, ratings for approximately 75 percent of electrical utilities nationwide have dropped to BBB status, just

several notches above "junk bonds." This includes both Idaho Power and Avista, the latter being a Washington utility serving northern Idaho customers. Not surprisingly, the current economic crisis is only compounding the reluctance of investors to release money for utility construction projects.

When credit ratings fall, stock prices suffer, debt ratios increase and debt interest expenses rise. This causes significant increases in ratepayer costs for new construction. On the other hand, if some of the investment risk is shifted to ratepayers through regulatory actions that ensure a utility can reasonably recover invested money, better borrowing rates should be available in advance of construction. Over a longer term, utility credit ratings can be reasonably expected to improve, stock prices should increase, interest rates on debt should adjust downward and new construction interest costs to ratepayers should decrease further.

The *Times-News* suggests

that market mechanisms exist to help a regulated utility like Idaho Power raise capital and those ratepayers should not be asked to indemnify risk for a regulated utility.

The statement is made without benefit of presenting all relevant facts. Debt market mechanisms do currently exist that will allow a regulated utility like Idaho Power to acquire construction capital. But the high cost of that financing can impact ratepayer costs beyond the level of ratepayer financial risk anticipated in the application of pre-approved ratemaking treatments established in Senate Bill 1123.

Jim Kempton of Albion is a member of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. He represented Cassia, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties from 1991-2000 in the Idaho House of Representatives, where he chaired the Transportation and Defense Committee. Kempton served on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council from 2001-2007.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Family newspaper doesn't need the dirty details

For many years I've enjoyed reading the *Times-News* each day. Through your editorials, it seems like I almost know you personally. Maybe you've been on vacation lately, as many of the stories have departed from what I thought a hometown newspaper in a rural family-friendly community was supposed to be.

On Feb. 21, the first five pages of the paper had four extensive stories relating to sex-this or sex-that. Four articles in five pages!

Front-page news for two days dealt with Andrea Jackson's fixation with her verbal voyeurism of the school teacher's involvement with a student (with a photo of the teacher both days). The second day's article was almost a verbatim regurgitation of the first.

As illegal, immoral and foolish this teacher-student incident was for those involved, your reporter (and you, Mr. Wright, if you approved these articles for print), showed extremely poor judgment and an utter lack of professional journalism, to publish the intimate, distasteful details of the event in a family newspaper.

We do not need to know where they did it or how many times; the same applies to the classmates of that student.

It's appalling to see the TN reporting this — or any other tragic event — in such a manner. Just because you can get the awful details of a story, doesn't mean you must abandon any sense of decorum, and senselessly spew those details out on all of us, and our children.

I suggest more Steve Crump, and much less Andrea Jackson.

DAN PRICE
Burley

Voters have the power to keep lobbyists out

Hooray for the *Times-News* for a first-class piece of newspaper work.

The paper cogently showed that of the 13 Legislative committee members who voted against raising taxes on beer and wine, nine of those took between \$250 and \$500 from the folks that peddle those beverages. This lobby is so powerful that the tax on beer and wine hasn't been raised for 48 years, when beer cost 50 cents and Cadillacs had fins. The nine legislators chose to do what they were told by the lobbyists rather than bump up a pitifully small levy, even though the added tax would have gone to fund alcohol and drug addiction and abuse programs.

This shameful payola scheme probably goes on every day in Boise, and surely in Washington, given the account of the disgraced former Sen. Daschle.

It is no coincidence that the United States has the world's highest drug prices and that the drug industry is the largest contributor to congressional campaign chests. Nor is it odd that Fannie Mae bought millions of dollars of bad mortgages while also retaining the most powerful lobbying firm in the capitol. This vote-for-sale practice is ruining not just Idaho but our country.

Miraculously the power to stop it is in your hands. Yes, you can drive these money changers from the temple. They have to run for office next year and all you have to do is vote for someone else. Think of it, you could do the right thing and stop the special interests from governing. Call your representative tomorrow and gripe about the rejection of

the beer and wine tax, and next year show some real muscle by voting them all out of office. This is America and you have rights. Don't let the lobbies ruin our country.

DAVID G. SUTLIFF
Burley

Public has different meaning in Elmore Co.

The word "public" has sacred meaning in American history. I felt good last June when I attended the nuclear company's "public meeting" in Glenns Ferry.

I did not know State Rep. Rich Wills was also an Elmore County policeman who owns the Opera Theater where the meeting was held. Indeed, I scoffed at Wills and the nuclear company's Doug McConnaughey when they told me I had to leave their "public meeting." I simply asked what law allows them to ban me. Will's fellow officer came 20 minutes later, and arrested me while sitting quietly at the meeting.

The issue of my "criminal leafleting" was dropped when I showed them the trespassing statute regarding leafleting actually allows me to carry and share leaflets. The Elmore court then simply concluded that

at any public meeting in Idaho, on private or public property, the head of the meeting "can ask anyone to leave for any reason!"

The Supreme Court says a law is unconstitutional "if it fails to give adequate notice to people of ordinary intelligence concerning the conduct it proscribes."

The judge ducked this issue.

The prosecutor demanded jail time "because Rickards shows no remorse and is bound to endanger policemen again!" I admitted I had no remorse for believing I was a member of the public. I asked for a new trial since the Elmore police ducked their subpoenas, refusing to reveal their pocket tape recordings. The judge refused but at least withheld judgment, giving me probation.

The judge admitted on the lame battery charges the only witness was McConnaughey's daughter, "who said you did not shove him."

The judge said "I think McConnaughey exaggerated and dramatized the incident, but the jury believed him, so I will not overrule them." Hmmm, that's why I asked for a trial outside Elmore County.

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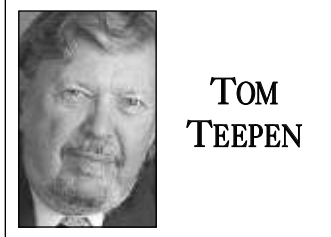
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Time for a 'truth' commission on Bush's abuses

Movement toward establishing a politically independent commission with subpoena power to get to the bottom of George W. Bush's sundry dodges into torture and tyranny should get a boost from the recent revelations of still more such trespasses.



**TOM
TEEPEN**

OK, "tyranny" is a strong, even a shocking word, but what else is to be made of the nine Bush Justice Department memos and legal opinions just released by the new attorney general, Eric Holder?

The documents advised the White House that Bush, as commander in chief in the "war on terrorism" he had pronounced, could override

the Bill of Rights provisions for free press and free speech, ignore law and custom and use the military domestically against U.S. citizens, and send prisoners to nations notorious for torture as long as — wink and nudge — it made no formal agreement for their torture.

Oh, and raid homes and offices without warrants, eavesdrop without warrants

and ignore any laws enacted by Congress forbidding the mistreatment of prisoners.

And as the Bush crew was turning out the lights and closing the doors, the Justice Department, to cover its rear end, issued late-days memos retracting the earlier ones and declaring that the retractions weren't meant to suggest that the attorneys involved in preparing them violated any "applicable standards of professional responsibility."

As Holder was releasing those secreted memos, the CIA, which under Bush reluctantly admitted it had destroyed maybe two or three videotapes of the interrogations of terrorism sus-

pects, reported that in fact the agency had incinerated 92.

So the Bush administration, which insisted no prisoners had been tortured, suddenly in late 2005 when accusations of torture were becoming an issue, destroyed the evidence that could have proved its claim? It doesn't compute.

President Obama has said that he has no interest in seeing potential criminal charges pursued against officials of the Bush administration for what look to many legal experts to have been clear violations of law and the constitution. The nation, he has said, has more urgent business.

That's a fair point, especially at a time when the nation's to-do basket is, Lord knows, loaded and the president is trying to ease at least the worst of the political rips of recent years in order to better deal with that load.

Still, the Bush excesses were too many and too dangerous to leave public understanding of them to nothing more definitive than the inevitable clash and clamor of contesting memoirs. Or only to congressional hearings that, however rigorous, are bound to be discounted by some only as partisan.

The recently released Justice Department memos show how frightening close we had been maneuvered to

a negation of constitutional checks and balances and to the dismissal of our civil liberties at executive whim.

The electorate, which operates this country, deserves an authoritative, fully credible record of the often secret policies and practices that were undertaken in the name of fighting the very real threat of terrorism. It is clear that many were put instead into the service of distorting the presidency into a pre-emptive office unanswerable to courts or Congress.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canyon rim development causing traffic problems

As one who opposed the building of the Magic Valley Mall and the failed planned unit development at the northwest corner of Washington and Pole Line back in the '80s, I had to chuckle at the editorial in the March 2 *Times-News* regarding the potential traffic problems in the area. The malignant mall, the cancer on the canyon, made no sense from a traffic perspective among other things. Idahoans have a psychotic aversion to land-use planning, which simply means thinking things through. Throw up a couple of dollar signs and, like Pavlov's dogs, we begin to salivate and our brains shut down.

By allowing so much development along the Snake River Canyon rim, you already cut your traffic options in half. Throw in Rock Creek Canyon and you can take off another chunk of options. Now build more houses, more businesses, public facilities and church-

es in the area and then scratch your head when you suddenly realize you've created a mess. In this case, we end up with a traffic scenario that wastes time, wastes money and resources, pollutes the air and creates stress, which impacts our health.

Sadly, similar scenarios are constantly playing themselves out here in the Magic Valley and throughout Idaho. The confined animal feeding operation issue is a perfect example, the ethanol plant in Burley is another example. It doesn't take much to think these things through. This is not rocket science.

We constantly violate the laws of cause and effect and cumulative impact and then wonder at the results. These messes don't just happen; they are caused by our thinking, which is presumably influenced by our education. If we can't do a better job of educating people than this, perhaps we should shut down the College of Southern Idaho and not open Canyon Ridge.

Just kidding, of course, but we should take a look at why, given what we spend on education, we so often come up short in the critical thinking department.

**BILL CHISHOLM
Buhl**

Alcohol needs to be taxed, not gasoline

I read an article in the *Times-News* about selling alcohol on Sunday (Sabbath) in the city of Burley.

I don't know who wrote the article, but they need to get out the Webster's and look up the definition of Sabbath; it is not Sunday as many think. It is Saturday, the seventh day of the week.

I, too, am against this sale, but we do need to get our days straight.

We do need to raise the taxes on alcohol also since we, the general public, usually have to pay the medical bills for those who don't care enough about themselves that drink and hurt someone else or need treatment for the many illnesses asso-

ciated with this problem.

They don't think anything about raising the gas tax, and that affects more people than those that are causing so much destruction. Why is it that we cater to the few and the rest of the population can suffer the cost for those few?

**JERRY LANKFORD
Burley**

Legislation would strip workers of rights

As a small-business owner, I write to you with the hope of raising awareness about the undemocratic and politically driven legislation known as "Card Check" or "The Employee Free Choice Act."

If passed, this legislation would radically alter the landscape of the American workplace by stripping employees of their right to vote privately in union elections and intentionally keeping employers uninformed about organizing drives.

Rather, a union could be organized simply if a majori-

ty of employees sign cards.

I am strongly against this legislation because it eliminates a worker's right to the private ballot. The right to a private ballot is inherent and fundamental to the American democratic system. Under existing law, a private ballot election is guaranteed and administered by the National Labor Relations Board. This proven method prevents workers from being vulnerable to misinformation, intimidation and coercion by union advocates.

Perhaps the most frightening, and often less obvious, consequences of the proposed card check system is that workers could face binding contracts if negotiations between labor and management stall binding contracts which workers are never even allowed to vote for. And furthermore, these contracts would be imposed by an arbitration board put in place by the federal government.

As it stands now, small businesses are already near the breaking point trying to

cope with the crippling credit crunch, skyrocketing health care costs and often paralyzing uncertainty of this economic recession. All the while, organized labor is spending hundreds of millions of dollars in political campaigns. Small-business owners certainly do not need the additional challenges that would be brought upon them by card check. With all the massive challenges facing this nation today, including a rising unemployment rate, are members of Congress so out of touch with the interests of workers that bringing dramatic and unwanted conflict to the American workplace would constitute their top legislative priority?

Unions are to blame for the current auto industry problems, I believe that if we allow unions or government to dictate what we will pay or what benefits we will provide, we will be turning small business into the same traffic jam that the current auto industry is stalled in.

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Obama: Time of crisis can be 'great opportunity'

By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Trying to buck up a dispirited nation, President Barack Obama on Saturday promised that prosperous days will return and cast these bleak times as nothing less than a "great opportunity." Packing some heft with his hope, he defended his fast-moving and expensive agenda.

"We will get through this," Obama said in his weekly radio and video address, taped Friday after another week of downbeat news.

The unemployment rate climbed to 8.1 percent, the highest in more than 25 years. Stock values kept tumbling, down to their lowest levels since 1997. The latest Gallup polling finds that an anemic 20 percent of people in the United States are satisfied with the state of the nation. At least that's an improvement from the 14 percent a month earlier.

Rather than pitch ahead to his next message, Obama devoted his address to recapping what his team did this past week to help get people working and spending.

The goal was to demonstrate that the administration is on the case and, more broadly, that history shows American resilience will win.

"We've experienced great trials before," Obama said. "And with every test, each generation has found the capacity to not only endure, but to prosper — to discover great opportunity in the midst of great crisis. That is what we can and must do today. And I



AP photo
President Barack Obama smiles during the Columbus Police Graduation Exercises in Columbus, Ohio, Friday.

am absolutely confident that is what we will do."

The echoes of history emerge often as Obama seeks a balance between the practical language of governing and the oratory meant to keep people inspired. Just a few days earlier, he promoted new transportation plans by saying the nation built itself up before, during the Civil War and the Great Depression.

Recent efforts include a more detailed plan to help struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure; another plan to spur lending for people and businesses; an overhaul of the way the government hands out private contracts to reduce waste; and a summit on how to overhaul health care.

He defended his budget proposal, whacked Wall Street "accounting tricks" and sent a message to Congress that it must make some tough choices.

Separately, the president offered advice to people struggling to pay their bills. He told The New York Times that people should be prudent and get back to fundamentals, with an eye on steady savings, reasonable returns and long-term investing.

"What I don't think people should do is suddenly stuff money in their mattresses and pull back completely from spending," Obama told the newspaper in an interview posted on its Web site Saturday. "I don't think that people should be fearful about our future. I don't think that people should suddenly mistrust all of our financial institutions because the overwhelming majority of them actually have managed things reasonably well."

The president would not say whether the economy will be growing again by year's end. He said that timing depends on several factors.

"We've experienced great trials before. And with every test, each generation has found the capacity to not only endure, but to prosper — to discover great opportunity in the midst of great crisis. That is what we can and must do today."

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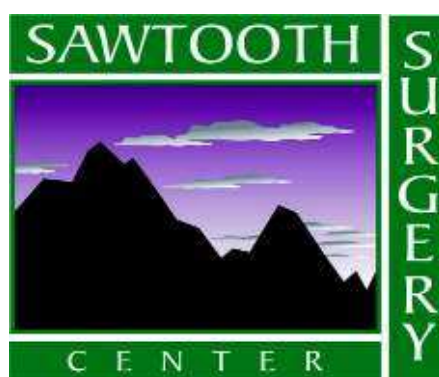
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Obama recovery plans raising questions

By Tom Raum
Associated Press writer

Analysis

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama offered his domestic-policy proposals as a “break from a troubled past.” But the economic outlook now is more troubled than it was even in January, despite Obama’s bold rhetoric and commitment of more trillions of dollars.

And while his personal popularity remains high, some economists and lawmakers are beginning to question whether Obama’s agenda of increased government activism is helping, or hurting, by sowing uncertainty among businesses, investors and consumers that could prolong the recession.

Although the administration likes to say it “inherited” the recession and trillion-dollar deficits, the economic wreckage has worsened on Obama’s still-young watch.

Every day, the economy is becoming more and more an Obama economy.

More than 4 million jobs have been lost since the recession began in December 2007 — roughly half in the past three months.

Stocks have tumbled to levels not seen since 1997. They are down more than 50 percent from their 2007 highs and 20 percent since Obama’s inauguration.

The president’s suggestion that it was a good time for investors with “a long-term perspective” to buy stocks may have been intended to help lift battered markets. But a big sell-off followed.

Presidents usually don’t talk about the stock market. But the dynamics are different now.

A higher percentage of people have more direct exposure to stocks — including through 401(k) and other retirement plans — than ever.

So a tumbling stock market is adding to the national angst as households see the value of their investments and homes plunge as job losses keep rising.

Some once mighty companies such as General Motors and Citigroup are little more than penny stocks.

Many health care stocks are down because of fears of new government restrictions and mandates as part a health care overhaul. Private student loan providers were pounded

because of the increased government lending role proposed by Obama. Industries that use oil and other carbon-based fuels are being shunned, apparently in part because of Obama’s proposal for fees on greenhouse-gas polluters.

Makers of heavy road-building and other construction equipment have taken a hit, partly because of expectations of fewer public works jobs here and globally than first anticipated.

“We’ve got a lot of scared investors and business people. I think the uncertainty is a real killer here,” said Chris Edwards, director of fiscal policy for the libertarian Cato Institute.

Some Democrats, worried over where Obama is headed, are suggesting he has yet to match his call for “bold action and big ideas” with deeds.

In particular, they point to bumpy efforts to fix the financial system under Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

Obama may have contributed to the national anxiety by first warning of “catastrophe” if his stimulus plan was not passed and in setting high expectations for Geithner. Instead, Geithner’s public performance has been halting and he’s been challenged by lawmakers of both parties.

Republicans and even some top Democrats, including Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, have questioned the wisdom of Obama’s proposal to limit tax deductions for higher-income people on mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

Charities have strongly protested, saying times already are tough enough for them. The administration suggests it might back off that one.

Even White House claims that its policies will “create” or “save” 3.5 million jobs have been questioned by Democratic supporters.

“You created a situation where you cannot be wrong,” the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Montana Democrat Max Baucus, told Geithner last week.

“If the economy loses 2 million jobs over the next few

years, you can say yes, but it would’ve lost 5.5 million jobs. If we create a million jobs, you can say, well, it would have lost 2.5 million jobs,” Baucus said. “You’ve given yourself complete leverage where you cannot be wrong, because you can take any scenario and make yourself look correct.”

Republicans assert that Obama’s proposals, including the “cap and trade” fees on polluters to combat global warming, would raise taxes during a recession that could touch everyone. “Herbert Hoover tried it, and we all know where that led,” says House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio.

The administration argues its tax increases for the households earning over \$250,000 a year and fees on carbon polluters contained in its budget won’t kick in until 2011-2012, when it forecasts the economy will have fully recovered.

But even those assumptions are challenged as too rosy by many private forecasters and some Democratic lawmakers.

Many deficit hawks also worry that the trillions of fed-

eral dollars being doled out by the administration, Congress and the Federal Reserve could sow the seeds of inflation down the road, whether the measures succeed in taming the recession or not. The money includes Obama’s \$3.6 trillion budget and the \$837 billion stimulus package he signed last month.

To the notion that he favors a government-operated approach toward fixing problems, Obama says none of it started on his watch — the collapsing economy or the taxpayer-funded bailouts designed to keep matters from getting even worse.

“By the time we got here, there already had been an enormous infusion of taxpayer money into the financial system,” he said in an interview posted Saturday on The New York Times’ Web site.

“And the thing I constantly try to emphasize to people if that coming in, the market was doing fine, nobody would be happier than me to stay out of it. I have more than enough to do without having to worry the financial system.”



AP photo
Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., top, listens to then Treasury Secretary-designate Timothy Geithner, foreground, Jan. 21 on Capitol Hill in Washington during Geithner’s nomination hearing. ‘You created a situation where you cannot be wrong,’ Baucus told Geithner last week, questioning White House claims that its policies will ‘create’ or ‘save’ 3.5 million jobs.

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Palestinian PM resigns, paves way for unity talks

By Maher Abukhater and Richard Boudreaux
Los Angeles Times

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, a U.S.-trained economist who gained international respect and hefty aid donations for the Palestinian cause, said Saturday he will step down in a move aimed at reviving a power-sharing deal with the militant group Hamas.

The shake-up is part of evolving leadership changes on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that could complicate U.S. President Barack Obama and his administration's search for peace in the region.

In Israel, Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu is working to form a coalition government of right-wing parties that gained a majority in the parliament elected last month. He has said he will reorient Israel's talks with the Palestinians toward economic issues, away from the U.S.-supported goal of an independent

Palestinian state.

With little hope for a statehood accord, the Palestinian Authority, led by the secular Fatah faction, is trying to end its bitter split with Hamas, an Islamic group that refuses to recognize the Jewish state. A reconciliation on terms favorable to Hamas would risk alienating Israel even further.

In a recent interview with the Los Angeles Times, Fayyad voiced some of the frustration that led up to his decision to resign.

He lamented the futility of a year of peace talks with Israel and the internal feud that has divided Palestinians between Fatah rule in the West Bank and Hamas rule in the Gaza Strip for nearly three years.

Reconciling with Hamas, he added, is well worth the risks. "From the point of view of our national aspirations, there is nothing more cata-



Fayyad

strophic than separation," he said.

In his resignation letter, Fayyad said that by stepping aside, he hoped to ease negotiations between Hamas and Fatah on the makeup of an interim power-sharing arrangement.

Those talks, held in Cairo, Egypt, began last month and resume Tuesday.

The proposed new government would govern Gaza and the West Bank for less than a year. It would administer international aid pledged to Gaza following Israel's devastating military assault against Hamas this winter and arrange for new elections of a president and Parliament early next year.

Fayyad said he would leave office when an interim government is formed but no later than the end of this month. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, who will keep his position, said Saturday he expects a deal with Hamas by then.

Fayyad's resignation "comes to enhance and support the national dialogue to

reach a national unity government," Abbas said.

An aide to Abbas said Fayyad could be reappointed at the end of March if a new government has not emerged. Diplomats from

Western donor nations, his strongest supporters, reportedly were urging Fayyad to stay at least that long and seek a role in the new government.

But the 57-year-old prime

minister, a former World Bank official and political independent, lacks a powerful constituency among Palestinians. Fatah politicians have been maneuvering for months to push him aside.

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'Color Purple' author traveling to Gaza

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Pulitzer-prize winning author Alice Walker, who wrote "The Color Purple," is traveling to Gaza along with other female activists to highlight the devastation of the Israeli offensive on Gaza's residents.

"I feel that what is happening in the Middle East is very important because the situation is so volatile," said Walker, speaking by telephone Saturday from the Rafah border crossing as her group waited to travel into Gaza. "I love people, and I love children and I feel that the Palestinian child is just as precious as the African-American child, as the Jewish child."

Walker is part of a group of about 60 women going to Gaza to deliver aid and meet with NGOs and residents. The trip, organized by the U.S. anti-war group Code Pink, is intended to push both Israel and Egypt to open the borders into Gaza, said Medea Benjamin, co-founder of Code Pink who helped organize the trip.

The trip comes as efforts to



AP file photo

Alice Walker is shown at Emory University in Atlanta in March 2008. The Pulitzer-prize winning author, who wrote 'The Color Purple,' is traveling to Gaza with other female activists to highlight the devastation of the Israeli offensive on Gaza's residents.

reach a long-term cease-fire between Israel and the militant group Hamas have hit a roadblock. An Israeli offensive on Gaza, intended to stop rocket fire into southern Israel, ended Jan. 18 with separate cease-fires declared by both Israel and Hamas.

Members of the group intend to stay in Gaza until March 11, Benjamin said. During their trip, timed to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8,

they will also deliver baskets filled with personal items such as shampoo for women in Gaza.

Walker, who was making her first trip to Gaza, said it was important for Americans who give so much military aid to Israel to understand how their money was being used.

"It's very important that they understand what is happening, and that we hold our own administration accountable," she said.

U.S. envoy cautious after talks with Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A senior U.S. envoy visiting Syria said Saturday that there is common ground between Washington and Damascus but cautioned not to expect an immediate breakthrough after years of tense relations.

There were few tangible results from Saturday's meeting, part of the Obama administration's effort to engage with America's foes. But both sides clearly showed they wanted better relations, despite differences such as Syria's backing for militants and its alliance with Iran.

Jeffrey Feltman, top diplomat on the Mideast, said he had a "very constructive" discussion with Syria's foreign minister and a presidential adviser.

"We found a lot of common ground today," he told reporters. "But in terms of we expect this result or that result out of this particular meeting? I think that's simply unrealistic at this point."

The U.S. withdrew its ambassador to Syria in 2005 following the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. The killing in Beirut was widely blamed on Syria.

Differences between the two countries "will require more work," Feltman said. "I would expect that the Syrians will be thinking about what we had to say, just as we'll be thinking about what the Syrians had to say, and each of us can look to see if there are ways to address the differences."



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Traumatized child soldiers return home in Congo

By Michelle Faul
Associated Press writer

KIWANJA, Congo — Some beat their heads against the wall until doctors inject them with tranquilizers. Others remain mute for days, their eyes darting around like frightened animals.

In recent weeks, hundreds of child soldiers in eastern Congo's catastrophic war have returned home, sometimes to the same villages where they killed and pillaged. Some have been forced back out with threats of vengeance, and even ostracized by their own families.

These children were kidnapped by rebels and used as fighters, laborers, porters and sex slaves in a war that has torn the mineral-rich region apart for years. Children helped slaughter some 150 civilians in a two-day massacre in Kiwanja in November, one of the latest atrocities in a relentless cycle of ethnic warfare.

But in January, President Joseph Kabila invited troops in from neighboring Rwanda to help end the conflict. Rebel leader Laurent Nkunda was arrested and his fighters integrated into the army — and child advocates are seizing upon the relative stability to persuade militias and rebels to let go of those under 18. At least 478 children, including 15 girls, were demobilized in eastern Congo in January and February, according to UNICEF.

Stripped of their camouflage uniforms, guns and machetes, many of the youngsters still have raw aggression programmed into them through years of being pumped up with drugs and thrown into battle. Some have scars on their arms from knife cuts where herbs and other concoctions were rubbed under the skin to convince them that bullets would ricochet off their bodies.

Aid workers took an Associated Press reporter to speak to some demobilized child soldiers on condition



Former soldiers of the Mai Mai militia stand around a village near Kiwanja, eastern Congo.

that no questions be asked that might upset them. Their names are being withheld to protect their identities and to avoid reprisals.

Aid workers say child soldiers have been programmed to lie by the militias and rebels — about their ages, names, where they are from and how they were recruited.

Four of them described how they willingly joined the Mai-Mai Patriotic Resistance a month before the Kiwanja massacre. The former child fighters say they were between 15 and 17 and were in their fourth year of school.

"Our land was invaded, so we were obliged to fight. We decided to go and fight together," said one, a teenager wearing new white tracksuit pants who taps one knee up and down nervously.

His friend said he was encouraged by his parents to fight.

Joseph N. Giza, who works with the Congolese group Heal Africa, said that was not unusual: "Can you imagine? Sending your children to a war you are busy running away from? The children were used as cannon fodder. We have found some as young as 10

years old."

Aid workers, though, say they have a lot of hope the former child soldiers can be rehabilitated, noting that many are able to recover relatively quickly — returning to normal family life and going back to school.

Since 2004, more than 30,000 children across the country have been demobilized and reintegrated with assistance from UNICEF. But it is estimated that around 3,500 children are still with armed groups in Congo.

In the final months of 2008, rebels loyal to renegade general Nkunda seized large swaths of eastern Congo, driving out defeated army troops and militias. Nkunda, a Tutsi, initially was fighting perpetrators of Rwanda's 1994 genocide of mainly Tutsis by Hutus who escaped into eastern Congo.

Congolese civilians also formed militias and took up arms against the rebels. Politicians who funded these militias encouraged child recruitment.

"The army was looting and raping instead of defending people, as were the rebels. The people felt absolutely abandoned," Giza said.

A child protection officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals, is helping set up community groups and persuading them to accept back the child fighters.

"Before we reunite the children, we go to the parents and communities," she said. "We explain that these are just children who have been manipulated by adults, that they did not understand what they were doing. What they need is a lot of love and attention."

But dozens of youngsters returned home to face death threats. They've fled to a transit home for child soldiers in Goma, run by Concerted Action for Disadvantaged Youth and Children with money and expertise provided by the U.N. Children's Fund.

Fidele Rutabagisha, director of the Congolese group, said that since Jan. 20 they have reunited 360 youngsters with their families but 35 have returned, fearing for their lives.

Both windows of his office have been shattered, smashed in a hail of stones when some of the children rioted. Rutabagisha said they did not understand why some were



AP photo

A former Mai Mai soldier holds his infant niece Feb. 18 outside their home near Kiwanja, eastern Congo. A Congolese soldier stands nearby, waiting to buy homemade beer that is brewed by the former soldier's mother.

being loaded into a truck to go home, and others, whose families have not yet been found or prepared for their return, felt left behind.

A rambunctious crowd of 229 was in the stony yard one recent day, some playing soccer, others chatting, when a van pulled up with 29 new arrivals. Among them was a 16-year-old who says he fought with Nkunda's rebels for six years.

There are only nine girls at the home, three of them pregnant. Save the Children says few girls enslaved by the rebels have been demobilized, which adds to their chances of being rejected by their communities and forced into prostitution.

The crowd at the home broke into hoots of laughter and some angry comments when the new arrivals were handed secondhand clothing, including some pants that ballooned around the boys' narrow hips.

Here, those interested are given school lessons. Others are trained in brick-making, handicrafts and carpentry. They have group therapy and individual meetings with counselors, though Giza noted there is a lack of psychologists in eastern Congo. In the evenings, there's dancing, singing and, when there is electricity, movies.

Rutabagisha said they have

had to deal with aggressive bullies who try to hurt the other kids and themselves. Some suffer withdrawal symptoms from drugs they were given to overcome their inhibitions about killing.

"We've had them beating their heads and fists against the walls and doctors have to tranquilize them," he said. "And yesterday, we had a child who has been with us five days speak for the first time."

Rutabagisha said the biggest concern expressed by children at the home is that they could go home, only to find themselves again forced into combat.

Back in Kiwanja, the former child soldiers also worry about their futures. One, who says he has always loved tinkering with engines, has been lucky. Congo's Scouts Federation found him a job apprenticing to a mechanic.

Another says he wants to go back to school, but his mother shakes her head, saying they don't have the money. She points to their mud hut with its badly thatched, leaking roof and a bed of cabbages that she sells to survive.

Aid worker Faustin Lyabahinduka is especially concerned: "We have to worry what's going to happen when these children get to be 20, because what's been committed against them so far is an intellectual genocide."

Obama will visit Turkey next month to discuss future of Iraq, Afghanistan

By Suzan Fraser and Robert Burns
Associated Press writers

ANKARA, Turkey — For one of his first foreign visits, President Barack Obama will call on NATO ally Turkey, an overwhelmingly Muslim country viewed as critical to aiding the U.S. pullout from Iraq, turning around the Afghanistan war and blocking Iran's nuclear ambitions.

The invasion of Iraq has strained the long friendship between the U.S. and Turkey, a Western-style democracy that straddles Europe and the Middle East and has an Islamic-oriented government. Obama's visit, expected at the end of a European trip in early April, would mark an improvement in ties.

"We share a commitment to democracy, a secular constitution, respect for religious freedom and belief and in free market and a sense of global responsibility," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Saturday in announcing Obama's plans after meeting with Turkish leaders in the capital.

The visit is "a reflection of the value we place on our friendship with Turkey," the chief American diplomat said on the last stop of her week-long trip to five countries. The president asked her to make the announcement, she added.

Turkey had advised against the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 and refused to permit U.S. ground forces to launch elements of the attack from Turkish soil.

In a more cordial atmosphere now, Washington and Ankara are consulting on ways Turkey can help facilitate the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. Turkey has said it is ready to serve as an exit route for the Americans. The U.S. air base at Incirlik, Turkey, has been used for transfer of U.S. troops and equipment to Iraq and Afghanistan.



AP photo

U. S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks to the media after talks with her Turkish counterpart Ali Babacan in Ankara, Turkey, Saturday. President Barack Obama will visit Turkey next month, Clinton said Saturday, in a sign of improving ties between two NATO allies.

"We have to discuss what will pass, what kind of equipment," Foreign Minister Ali Babacan said at a news conference with Clinton. "We are ready to cooperate."

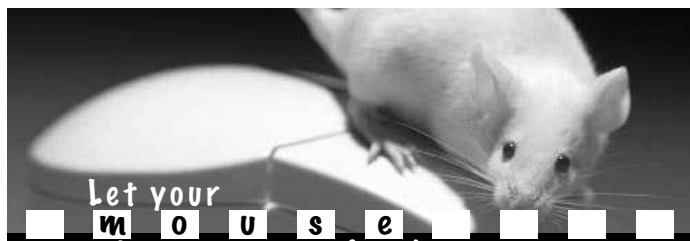
Neither Clinton nor the White House would confirm a date for Obama's visit. But it probably will follow his trip to Europe from March 31 to April 5 that includes a NATO summit and meetings with European Union leaders; Turkey is seeking EU membership. Obama's only trip since taking office Jan. 20 has been a day visit to Canada.

The announcement drew an immediate question about whether Obama, who has pledged to work to repair America's reputation worldwide, had settled on Turkey as the site for a promised major

speech in a Muslim capital. The answer was no — that will come during a later trip. Speculation has run high that Obama might give it in Indonesia, the world's most populous Islamic nation and his home for four years as a child.

"We've got a unique opportunity to reboot America's image around the world and also in the Muslim world in particular. So we need to take advantage of that," Obama said in a December newspaper interview.

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Bruin boys take third

Twin Falls leaves Class 5A a winner

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

NAMPA — Refusing to be that team that shuts down the day after losing in the championship semifinal round, the Bruins challenged themselves to do as they've done so many times this season: rebound from the loss and win the next one.

That next one was the Class 5A state third-place trophy, obtained in a 51-45 victory over the Post Falls Trojans at Columbia High School in Nampa on Saturday.

The Twin Falls boys claimed another 20-victory season (20-9), and they can boast of never losing two games in a row this season.

"We didn't, did we?" said Bruins coach Matt Harr

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Twin Falls senior guard Russell Crane drives around a Post Falls defender during their Class 5A state third-place game at Columbia High School in Nampa on Saturday.

BRIAN LOSNESS/
For the Times-News



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Jerome guard Kameron Pearce (20) shoots over Sandpoint defender Bryce Olin (5) during the first quarter of their game at Borah High School in Boise on Saturday.

CSI shocked



JEROME POLLOS/For the Times-News

College of Southern Idaho players Nicole Harper, left, and McChel Hunt react after CSI's 66-61 loss to North Idaho College in the championship game of the Region 18 women's basketball tournament in Coeur d'Alene on Saturday night.

NIC rallies from 17 down to upset Golden Eagles

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

COEUR D'ALENE — Even those who pulled it off couldn't fathom what had just happened.

"Unbelievable," said North Idaho College guard Bianca Cheever after the Cardinals overcame a 17-point deficit in the final 10 minutes to shock the top-seeded College of Southern Idaho 66-61 Saturday in the championship game of

"Unbelievable."

— Bianca Cheever, North Idaho College guard

the Region 18 women's basketball tournament.

The Golden Eagles had all but sewn up a trip to the NJCAA tournament in Salina, Kan., holding a 56-39 lead midway through the second half. But it was NIC that was cutting down the nets when the final horn sounded.

"We just went away from

what was working," said CSI sophomore guard Martina Holloway. "And when a team has momentum like that you can't really expect too much."

NIC's Natalie Nichols started the comeback with a 3-pointer and then stole the ball from Holloway and raced in for an uncontested layup. Nichols fouled out moments later, but

Lindsey Stark picked up the baton, nailing a 3-pointer.

Suddenly stagnant on offense, CSI scored just five points in the game's final 10 minutes.

"We made poor decisions," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers, who was trying to win his first Region 18 tourney title away from CSI Gymnasium. "We stopped sharing the ball, stopped playing team ball."

See **CSI**, Sports 4

Jerome finishes strong, earns 3rd-place trophy

By John Derr
Times-News writer

BOISE — It was neither the game in which they wanted to play nor the trophy they sought to hoist, but the Tigers came to play just the same.

Finding the range from outside and dishing the ball with style inside, Jerome claimed the third place trophy with an 83-67 victory over Sandpoint at the Class 4A boys state basketball tournament Saturday morning at Borah High School.

Senior guard Logan Parker was in a zone, connecting on seven three-pointers in his final game as a Tiger.

"We wanted to bring home some hardware and show people what Jerome basketball is all about," said Parker, who tallied a game-high 31 points and five assists. "This was our curtain call and we were going to do whatever it took to win."

The Bulldogs were successful at getting Kameron Pearce and Gus Callen in foul trouble by taking charges, forcing other players to step up.

Senior post Zach Ingraham, not known for his

See **JEROME**, Sports 4

Filer boys fall in consolation game

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

MERIDIAN — The Wildcats kept up for a half but were ultimately unable to match up against the larger Lumberjacks, who defeated Filer 60-52 Saturday for the Class 3A consolation title at Meridian High School.

"I think it was good," junior Andrew Wright said of the state run. "We had a fun time, playing together as a team. I wish it could have been different, but it was fun all in all."

It was not the finale the Wildcats envisioned, but neither was this entire season. Under first-year

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More comments from Filer coach Alex Wells and player Andrew Wright on Magic Valley Overtime at magicvalley.com/blogs/sports

The College of Southern Idaho's Ashley Chappel takes a swing at the ball during the Golden Eagles game against Western Nevada College Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.



JUSTIN JACKSON/
Times-News

Golden Eagles too much for Wildcats

CSI takes pair of easy wins

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

In just its third season of existence, the College of Southern Idaho softball program knows a thing or two about taking its lumps. The Golden Eagles did their part Saturday to ensure that Western Nevada continues to take its own, in its maiden season.

CSI clubbed three home runs, one triple and nine doubles in a pair of

five-inning victories over the Western Nevada, 25-1 and 20-0 in Scenic West Athletic Conference action on Saturday.

In the opener, McKensy Hillstead took the win, giving up a run on three hits with six strikeouts and no walks.

CSI scored the only runs needed in the home half of the first inning. Ashley Chappel hit a two-out double to center and scored on a Brittany Gonzales single. Hillstead crushed a 2-1 pitch over the fence to put the Golden Eagles on top 3-0.

The Golden Eagles continued its

offensive barrage over the Wildcats after conceding a run in the top of the second, tacking on eight runs in the second, two in the third and 12 in the fourth. The CSI lineup was 17-for-33 for a hefty .515 average. Gonzales was a perfect 3-for-3 at the dish and drove in three runs. Chappel was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs and Erin Olander was 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. Kyla Bryant pinch hit for Gonzales in the fourth inning and added two singles and two RBIs.

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2009 Boys Real Dairy Shootout

Class 5A

At the Idaho Center, Nampa
Thursday, March 5

Game 1: Lewiston 63, Vallivue 58

Game 2: Twin Falls 68, Eagle 58

Game 3: Post Falls 63, Borah 59

Game 4: Madison 56, Capital 48

Friday, March 6

Game 5: Eagle 77, Vallivue 74, OT

Game 6: Borah 75, Capital 65

Game 7: Lewiston 60, Twin Falls 51

Game 8: Madison 53, Post Falls 47, OT

Saturday, March 7

At Columbia HS, Nampa

Consolation: Eagle 74, Borah 52

Third-place: Twin Falls 51, Lewiston 45

At the Idaho Center

Championship: Lewiston 56, Madison 48

Class 4A

At Borah HS, Boise

Thursday, March 5

Game 1: Pocatello 61, Hillcrest 58

Game 2: Sandpoint 60, Bishop Kelly 53

Game 3: Jerome 64, Mountain Home 42

Game 4: Skyview 66, Blackfoot 62, 2 OT

Friday, March 6

Game 5: Hillcrest 64, Bishop Kelly 50

Game 6: Blackfoot 52, Mountain Home 45

Game 7: Pocatello 53, Sandpoint 45

Game 8: Skyview 64, Jerome 55, OT

Saturday, March 7

Consolation: Blackfoot 75, Hillcrest 60

Third-place: Jerome 83, Sandpoint 67

At the Idaho Center

Championship: Skyview 59, Pocatello 58, OT

Class 3A

At Meridian HS

Thursday, March 5

Game 1: Fruitland 72, Snake River 66, 3 OT

Game 2: Sugar-Salem 52, St. Maries 46, OT

Game 3: Shelley 54, Kimberly 43

Game 4: Priest River 50, Filer 49

Friday, March 6

Game 5: St. Maries 57, Snake River 55

Game 6: Filer 55, Kimberly 45

Game 7: Fruitland 49, Sugar-Salem 39

Game 8: Shelley 56, Priest River 41

Saturday, March 7

Consolation: St. Maries 60, Filer 52

Third-place: Sugar-Salem 61, Priest River 55

At the Idaho Center

Championship: Shelley 57, Fruitland 48

Class 2A

At Capital HS, Boise

Thursday, March 5

Game 1: West Side 46, Melba 43

Game 2: Aberdeen 62, Grangeville 49

Game 3: Glenns Ferry 79, Cole Valley Christian 58

Game 4: Firth 67, Kamiah 33

Friday, March 6

Game 5: Melba 61, Grangeville 51

Game 6: Kamiah 60, Cole Valley Christian 49

Game 7: Aberdeen 51, West Side 46

Game 8: Firth 55, Glenns Ferry 31

Saturday, March 7

Consolation: Melba 59, Kamiah 47

Third-place: Glenns Ferry 62, West Side 45

At the Idaho Center

Championship: Firth 49, Aberdeen 42

Class 1A Division I

At Vallivue HS, Caldwell

Thursday, March 5

Game 1: Hagerman 66, Wallace 45

Game 2: Prairie 60, Cascade 38

Game 3: Genesee 52, Castleford 38

Game 4: Sho-Ban 60, Wilder 47

Friday, March 6

Game 5: Wallace 70, Cascade 50

Game 6: Wilder 65, Castleford 41

Game 7: Prairie 44, Hagerman 36

Game 8: Genesee 82, Sho-Ban 58

Saturday, March 7

Consolation: Wilder 47, Wallace 40

Third-place: Hagerman 61, Sho-Ban 52

At the Idaho Center

Championship: Genesee 54, Prairie 41

Class 1A Division II

At Caldwell HS

Thursday, March 5

Game 1: Mackay 42, Summit Academy 41

Game 2: Richfield 53, Clark County 32

Game 3: Garden Valley 55, Dietrich 50

Game 4: Nezperce 64, Carey 44

Friday, March 6

Game 5: Mackay 61, Richfield 60, OT

Game 6: Garden Valley 56, Nezperce 46

Game 7: Summit Academy 69, Clark County 61

Game 8: Carey 72, Dietrich 66

Saturday, March 7

Consolation: Carey 56, Summit Academy 52

Third-place: Nezperce 65, Richfield 51

At the Idaho Center

Championship: Mackay 54, Garden Valley 50

Smith scores 38 but Hagerman takes trophy

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

CALDWELL — Magic can be spectacular, even awe-inspiring, but nothing beats old-fashioned teamwork.

Sho-Ban's dynamic swingman Magic Smith scored 38 and pulled down 12 rebounds, but Hagerman held the rest of his teammates in check and took home the Class 1A Division I state tournament third-place trophy with a 61-52 win over the Chiefs at Vallivue High School on Saturday.

The body of work compiled by the 2009 Hagerman senior class ranks among the most successful set of seasons the school has seen. The Pirates placed second in the state tournament last year and though this year's third-place finish doesn't compare to the elusive state championship, it still brings hardware home.

"We'll take it," Hagerman senior Morgan Knight said. "We were expecting to get first place; it's what we've been shooting for all season ... since fourth, fifth or sixth grade. Winning on Saturday, that's always something. State is a tough tournament, there's a lot of good teams."

Knight again filled the stat sheet (7 points, 4 rebounds, 5

assists) and also drew the duty of defending Smith, with some help from Jake Lagle. Even though Smith went nuts, the Pirates were pleased with the way it went.

"I felt like we did a great job all game long, then I look up at the scoreboard and (Smith had) 38 points," Hagerman head coach Kevin Cato said. "I think that's the key to beat them, you make (Smith) work hard to score and hope no one else gets many points."

Smith scored 17 of Sho-Ban's 20 first-half points. Jake Emerson hit a jumper at the buzzer to put Hagerman up 21-20 at the half. Eschiefs hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer at the end of the first. Smith showed his athleticism to end the third. He stole an errant pass, drove the court, leapt, swept the ball around his back and finished with a finger-roll at the buzzer.

There was no buzzer-beater in the fourth quarter, in which both teams scored more points than either did in the first half (26-21 Hagerman). Smith scored 12 in the fourth and got a little help from his teammates.

"Teams double- and triple-team me," Smith said. "As a team we try to work ways for me to get the ball and when I drive it we get guys open on

the sideline."

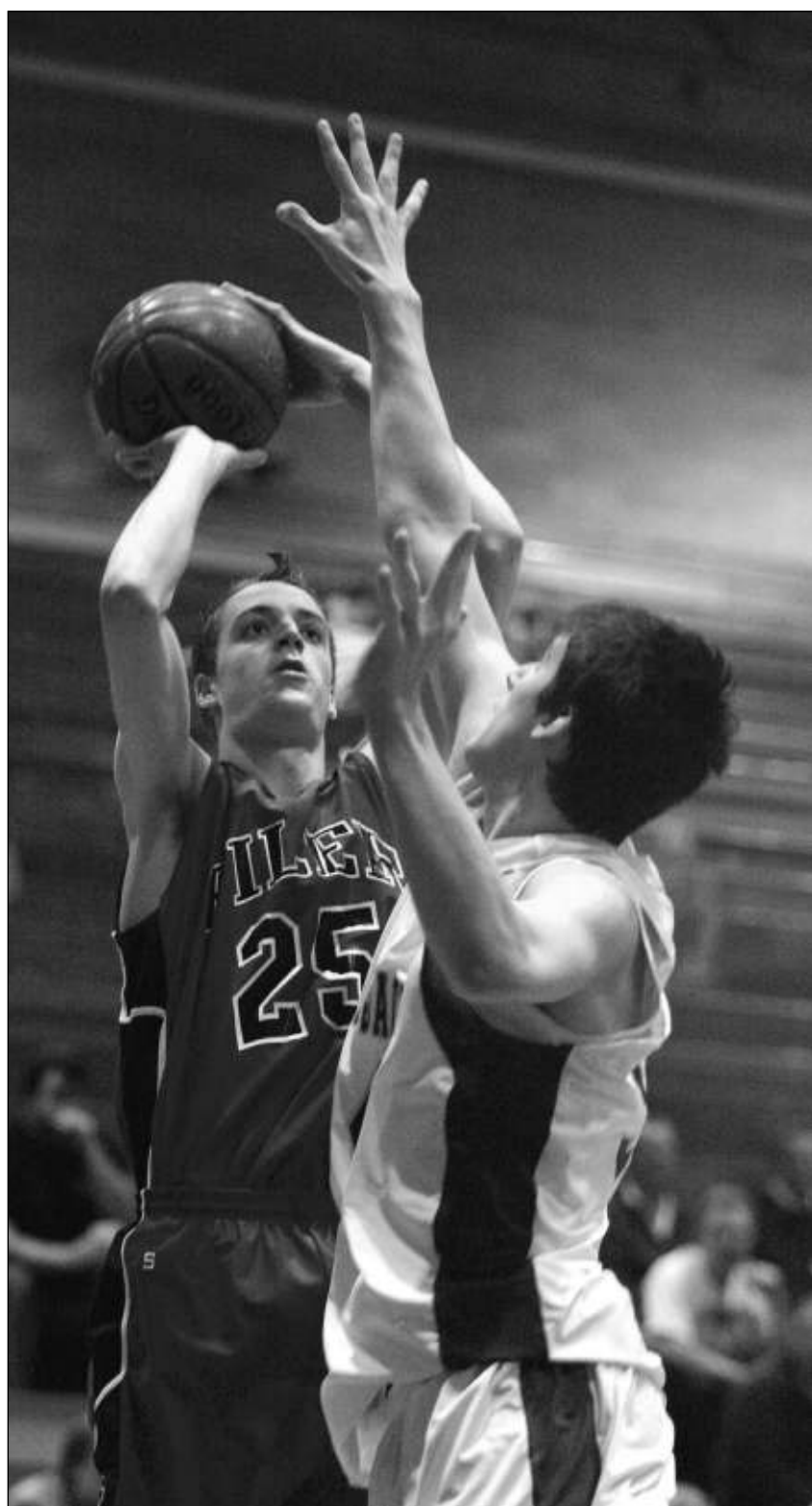
The Pirates spread the ball around, but were again led by seniors Tanner Owen (20 points, 9 rebounds) and Emerson (18 points, 2 steals). Owen held a huge height advantage over opposing posts and Emerson found himself open on the wing.

Both teams lost Friday (Smith called it a "bummer") and began slowly Saturday. Smith said he felt compelled to motivate his teammates. Hagerman overcame 19 turnovers, won the second half and the game.

While Smith, a possible NCAA Division I prospect, signed post-game autographs on everything from T-shirts (reading "The Magic Show") to cell phones and fore-arms, the Pirates celebrated subdued, but gratified.

"That's a pretty good legacy they've left," Cato said. "That's about as good a group of kids that's come through Hagerman High School."

Hagerman 61, Sho-Ban 52
Sho-Ban 11 9 14 21 - 52
Hagerman 10 14 20 - 61
SHO-BAN (52)
Gavin Eldridge 2, Magic Smith 38, Joey Runninghorse 2, Taylor Eschiefs 10, Totals 19 12-17 52.
HAGERMAN (61)
Dylan Brooks 3, Ryan Luttmier 2, Morgan Knight 7, Jake Lagle 3, Jake Emerson 18, Thomas Owsley 2, Logan Daily 6, Tanner Owen 20, Totals 20 18-14 61.
3-point goals: Sho-Ban 2 (Eschiefs 2); Hagerman 3 (Emerson 2, Brooks). Total fouls: Sho-Ban 22, Hagerman 16. Fouled out: Sho-Ban, Lonzo Coby, Michael Galloway. Technical fouls: none.



Filer forward Andrew Wright (25) shoots past a St. Maries defender during their game Saturday at Meridian High School.

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Times-News

Filer

Continued from Sports 1

head coach Alex Wells, Filer went from 3-17 to a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference contender and a state qualifier.

"It was pretty sweet," senior Nathan Hughes said of the campaign. "We have a great team and a coach who's fired up and didn't take crap from anybody. I honestly didn't think we'd make it this year. I thought it would be next year."

The Lumberjacks began the second half on an 8-3 run on the strength of a pair of 3-point field goals from Jake Mercer and a layup from Zach Lehman. St. Maries stifled Filer on defense, holding the Wildcats to seven points during the third quarter. Lumberjack post Aaron Corsi scored numerous times while inside the paint and blocked four Filer shots.

"They just flat-out kicked our butts down the middle," Filer coach Alex Wells said. "Our kids were playing hard, but we couldn't seem to do anything right down there."

Added Hughes: "They're physical. They locked down our shooters."

Lumberjacks fourth-quarter points came from the stripe. Filer lined up 10 times for free throws to score nine of the teams' 21 fourth-quarter points with Bryce Beard making 4 of 6.

Beard led Filer with 19 points, 15 of which came from behind the arc. He was most effective during the first half when he hit four treys.

"Bryce got hot at first, then they did a really good job at defending him," Wells said. "A St. Maries try during the first quarter put the Lumberjacks ahead 9-8. Filer was forced to play catch-up throughout the game, often tying but never overtaking the Lumberjacks."

Filer finishes the season with a 17-9 record.

St. Maries 60, Filer 52
Filer 13 11 7 21 - 52
St. Maries 16 13 15 16 - 60
FILER (52)
Bryce Beard 19, Nathan Hughes 6, Matt Ramseser 2, Andrew Wright 7, Terrell Bailey 6, Nathan Karel 4, Ryan Karel 6, Heston Jenkins 2, Totals 7 14-25 52.
ST. MARIES (60)
Tanner Sampson 3, Zach Lehman 15, Jake Mercer 14, Matt Corsi 8, Aaron Corsi 20, Totals 9 24-35 60.
3-point goals: Filer 8 (Beard 5, Bailey 2, R. Karel); St. Maries 6 (Lehman 2, Mercer 2, Sampson, N. Corsi). Total fouls: Filer 23; St. Maries 23. Fouled out: Filer, Hughes, N. Karel. Technical fouls: Filer, N. Karel.

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Glenns Ferry bests West Side for third place

By Jason Chatraw
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Glenns Ferry junior guard Ross Arellano is a quick study when it comes to history — and he made sure history didn't repeat itself.

Less than 24 hours removed from falling in the semifinals to Firth in the Class 2A boys state tournament after being tied at halftime, Arellano sparked a 12-0 run to start the third quarter and lead the Pilots to a 62-45 victory Saturday over the West Side Pirates in the third-place game at Capital High.

"We were in the same position against Firth, but they came out with more intensity in the second half than we did," Arellano said. "I wanted to make sure that didn't happen again."

Arellano's initial spark almost ended abruptly when, less than a minute into the third quarter after knocking down a 3-pointer, he was fouled hard under the basket on a breakaway. However, Arellano took a moment to shake off the cobwebs and knocked down both free throws.

"I was a little scared about putting too much weight on my foot after that play," said Arellano, who suffered a torn ligament in his right knee in the semifinals and was sporting a pair of black leggings to cover up his knee brace. "But once I got my legs under me a little bit, I realized I was going to be all right."

Arellano was more than all right, lighting up West Side for 26 points and four 3-pointers. He also led the Pilots (21-7) with three steals, pulling down five rebounds as well.

West Side led for most of the first half but could build nothing larger than a four-point lead. After halftime, Glenns Ferry dominated in all aspects of the game, shooting a blistering 77 percent from the floor in the

third quarter (63 percent for the second half) and holding an 18-9 edge in rebounding.

"At halftime, we talked about the zone and how we needed to start getting some shots that weren't so forced," Glenns Ferry coach Jeremiah Johnston said. "Once we were able to get a better shot selection, we were able to get our offense on track."

It also helped that Johnston pulled the team's leading scorer Michael Crane out from underneath the basket to the small forward position at the top of the key. Crane dished out six assists to lead the team and complement his double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds.

"Michael is so good off the dribble and at creating open shots with his passing skills," Johnston said. "We just wanted to get him more involved in the second half."

While Glenns Ferry may spend the offseason dreaming about what might have been, the Pilots have the pieces in place to make another serious run at next year's title, returning four of five starters, a foursome that accounted for all but one of the Pilots' points Saturday.

"It's always good to make it to the tournament and we're proud of what we were able to do this year," Johnston said. "Our seniors did a great job of contributing this year and playing certain roles on this team. But we've also got a group of guys coming back that have been playing together for a long time and play well together."

Glenns Ferry 62, West Side 45
Glenns Ferry 12 28 14 - 62
West Side 12 8 8 17 - 45
GLENN'S FERRY (62)
Ross Arellano 26, Michael Crane 16, Gabe Arevalo 11, Justin Solosabal 8, Ricardo Ceballos 1, Totals: 22-43, 11-16 62.

WESTSIDE (48)
Drew Povey 13, Josh Roberts 12, Jordan Beutler 7, Dallas Turnbow 5, Justin Hardy 5, Korby Beckstead 2, Lea Williams 1, Totals: 16-48, 9-18 45.
3-point goals: Glenns Ferry 7 (Arellano 4, Arevalo 3); West Side 4 (Roberts 2, Turnbow 1, Beutler 1).
Rebounds: Glenns Ferry 35 (Crane 11); West Side 26 (Hardy 6). Total fouls: Glenns Ferry 13, West Side 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Carey takes home consolation trophy

Richfield falls to Nezperce

Times-News

Carey's boys basketball team came from behind to defeat the Summit Academy 56-52 Saturday morning at Caldwell High School to claim the Class 1A Division II consolation trophy.

The Panthers (21-6) trailed 36-35 after three periods of play but scored 21 in the final stanza to take the victory, and with it District IV's only trophy in the 1A Div. II tournament.

Trevor Peck hit four 3-pointers and scored a team-best 20 points for Carey, which also got 12 points from Brett Adamson and 10 from senior Heith Adamson.

Dylan Prigge led all scorers with 26 for the Patriots, but no other Summit Academy player got into double figures.

The victory sent Carey's two seniors, Heith Adamson and Jared Cenarrusa, out with a win in their final game.

NEZPERCE 65, RICHFIELD 51

Damon Leitch scored 17 and Isaac Fuchs added 15 as Nezperce took home third place in the Class 1A Division II boys basketball state tournament with a 65-51 win over Richfield on Saturday in Caldwell.

The Indians (15-11) used a massive rebounding edge (58-32) to build the margin of victory. They led 36-23 at halftime and Richfield (20-5) couldn't get much closer the rest of the way.

Tel Clark, a senior, scored 12 points in his final game for Richfield, which was led by 19 from junior Michael Lezamiz.

Carey 56, Summit Academy 52
Carey 13 11 11 21 - 56
Summit Academy 12 28 14 - 52
CAREY (56)
Dillon Sampson 7, Brett Adamson 12, Trevor Peck 20, Wacey Barg 6, Tyler Chavez 1, Heith Adamson 10, Totals 18 15-24 56.

SUMMIT ACADEMY (52)
Joseph Lustig 1, Dustin Lustig 9, David Johnson 6, Dylan Prigge 26, Chase Nuxoll 3, Josh Frei 7, Totals 17 15 52.
3-point goals: Carey 5 (Peck 4, Sampson); Summit Academy 3 (Prigge 3). Total fouls: Carey 16, Summit Academy 20. Fouled out: Summit Academy, Johnson, Nuxoll. Technical fouls: none.

Nezperce 65, Richfield 51
Nezperce 12 22 16 15 - 65
Richfield 9 14 11 17 - 51
NEZPERCE (65)
Christopher Rigggers 2, Caleb Carpenter 4, Damon Leitch 17, Jordan Killmar 2, Mitchell Scott 10, Gavin Zenger 9, Isaac Fuchs 15, Sawyer Wahl 5, Mitchell Wernhoff 11, Totals 22 19-30 65.

Tel Clark 12, Michael Lezamiz 19, Tucker Smith 6, Brody Norman 8, Levi Kent 2, Jose Rivas 2, Luke Wood 2, Totals 20 5-8 51.
3-point goals: Nezperce 2 (Leitch 2); Richfield 6 (Lezamiz 4, Clark 2). Total fouls: Nezperce 11, Richfield 20. Fouled out: Richfield, Norman. Technical fouls: none.

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NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Friday's Games
 N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 4
 Tampa Bay 8, Pittsburgh 5
 Minnesota 3, Cincinnati 0
 Baltimore 6, Washington 2
 Mexico 4, Arizona 2
 Oakland 12, Seattle 1
 Colorado 13, San Diego 11
 Kansas City 8, Texas 7
 Chicago White Sox 10, Australia 3
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Chicago Cubs 4
 Milwaukee 17, Cleveland 7
 L.A. Angels 5, San Francisco 4
 Atlanta 13, Houston 10
 Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Detroit 3

Saturday's Games
 Florida 3, Baltimore 2, 10 innings
 Tampa Bay 15, Boston 7
 Toronto 7, Cincinnati 2
 St. Louis 5, Houston 1
 Philadelphia 8, Detroit 2
 Pittsburgh 10, Minnesota 1
 Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 5
 Atlanta 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Seattle 8, L.A. Dodgers 7
 Oakland 15, San Diego 6
 Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 0
 L.A. Angels 9, Arizona 5
 Texas 2, Chicago White Sox 1
 Colorado 9, San Francisco 7
 Kansas City 9, Cleveland 4

Sunday's Games
 Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Toronto vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 St. Louis vs. Houston 1
 Philadelphia vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Houston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Texas vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. Kansas City at Turpin, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 1:10 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Boston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 10:05 a.m.
 Baltimore vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 10:10 a.m.
 Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 10:15 a.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.

SOUTHWEST				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	41	20	.672	—
New Orleans	39	22	.639	—
Houston	40	23	.635	2
Dallas	38	25	.603	4
Memphis	16	45	.262	25

NORTHWEST				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	40	23	.635	—
Utah	38	23	.623	1/2
Portland	38	23	.623	1
Minnesota	18	43	.295	21
Oklahoma City	16	46	.258	23 1/2

PACIFIC				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	50	12	.806	—
Phoenix	34	28	.548	16
Golden State	21	42	.333	29 1/2
L.A. Clippers	15	47	.242	35
Sacramento	13	49	.210	37

Friday's Games
 Charlotte 98, Atlanta 91
 Orlando 105, New Jersey 102
 Miami 108, Toronto 102
 Boston 105, Cleveland 94
 Detroit 108, Golden State 91
 Houston 116, Phoenix 112
 Chicago 117, Milwaukee 102
 San Antonio 100, Washington 78
 L.A. Lakers 110, Minnesota 70
 Utah 97, Denver 91

Saturday's Games
 Atlanta 87, Detroit 81
 Cleveland 99, Miami 89
 Charlotte 114, New York 105
 Philadelphia 110, Memphis 105
 New Orleans 108, Oklahoma City 90
 Dallas 119, Washington 103
 Milwaukee 127, Golden State 120
 Minnesota at Portland, late
 Indiana at L.A. Clippers, late

Sunday's Games
 Utah at Toronto, 10:30 a.m.
 Orlando at Boston, 11 a.m.
 Phoenix at San Antonio, 1:30 p.m.
 New York at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
 Memphis at Houston, 5 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
 Denver at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games
 New Orleans at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
 Chicago at Miami, 5:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
 Washington at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Portland, 8 p.m.

NBA Boxes

Bobcats 114, Knicks 105
CHARLOTTE (114)
 Diaw 9-15 0-1 22, Wall 7-13 7-8 23, Okafor 6-12 0-0 22, Bell 7-12 1-2 17, Felton 8-13 2-2 19, Augustin 11-11 11-13, Radmanovic 3-7 0-0 8, Diop 0-1 0-0 0, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 41-74 21-24 114.

NEW YORK (105)
 Chandler 5-9 4-5 16, Harrington 8-14 4-6 24, Lee 5-10 0-10, Hughes 3-8 7-8 13, Duhot 2-4 0-0 5, Robinson 5-15 9-20, Richardson 3-12 0-0 7, Wilson 1-1 2-4, Gallinari 2-4 0-0 6, Totals 47-72 22 105.

Charlotte 32 27 33 — 114
NEW YORK 31 26 33 — 105
 3-Point Goals—Charlotte 11, New York 11
 2-3, Radmanovic 2-5, Wallace 2-6, Felton 1-3
 New York 11-13, Harrington 4-8, Gallinari 4-4
 2-4, Chandler 2-6, Duhot 2-2, Robinson 1-4
 Richardson 1-4, Hughes 0-4, Fouled Out—Charlotte 24 (Felton 10), New York 17 (Robinson, Hughes 4), Total Fouls—Charlotte 22, New York 19, Technical—Robinson—A—19, 76(3) (18,763).

Hawks 87, Pistons 83
DETROIT (83)
 Prince 4-14 1-2 9, McDyess 2-7 2-2 6, Wallace 4-13 4-6 14, Hamilton 9-19 0-20, Stuckey 7-14 5-6 19, Afrilio 1-2 0-0 3, Maxwell 2-4 0-0 4, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Herrmann 1-3 0-0 2, Bynum 2-3 2-2 6, Totals 32-79 14-18 83.

ATLANTA (87)
 Williams 2-8 0-4, Smith 6-17 7-9 19, Horford 8-13 2-2 18, Johnson 4-12 3-4 12, Bibby 7-12 1-1 17, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Murray 4-11 4-6 12, Lan 0-0 0-0 0, Pachulia 2-3 1-2 5, West 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 33-77 18-24 87.

Detroit 26 17 23 — 83
Atlanta 19 22 24 — 87
 3-Point Goals—Detroit 5-18 (Hamilton 2-4, Wallace 2-7, Stuckey 1-1, Stuckey 0-1, Herrmann 0-2, Prince 0-3), Atlanta 3-13 (Bibby 2-5, Johnson 1-5, Murray 0-1, Williams 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Detroit 51 (Horford), Atlanta 50 (Horford, Smith 12), Assists—Detroit 17 (Stuckey 6), Atlanta 16 (Johnson 6), Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Atlanta 16, A—19, 101 (18,729).

Hornets 100, Thunder 90
OKLAHOMA CITY (90)
 Wilkins 8-17 0-18, Collison 1-2 2-4 4, Krstic 3-12 2-2 8, Weaver 4-7 3-13, Westbrook 8-18 8-8 24, Rose 2-9 0-4, Watson 5-10 2-2 12, Atkins 2-8 2-7 3, Totals 33-83 19-21 90.

NEW ORLEANS (100)
 Wright 8-10 3-4 20, West 6-14 2-2 14, Chandler 4-8 4-6 12, Butler 8-14 3-3 20, Paul 10-16 1-1 21, Posey 4-7 0-11, Marks 0-1 0-0 0, Daniels 0-3 4-6 4, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Armstrong 1-2 1-2 3, Bowen 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 42-73 18-24 108.

Oklahoma City 18 31 23 18 — 90
New Orleans 31 23 32 — 108
 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 5-22 (Weaver 2-4, Wilkins 2-6, Atkins 1-5, Rose 0-1, Westbrook 0-1, Watson 0-4), New Orleans 6-17 (Posey 2-5, Wright 1-2, Brown 1-3, Butler 1-4, Daniels 0-1, Paul 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Oklahoma City 41 (Collison 8), New Orleans 53 (West 12), Assists—Oklahoma City 15 (Rose 5), New Orleans 26 (Paul 13), Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 19, New Orleans 15, Technicals—Chandler, New Orleans delay of game, New Orleans defensive three second 2, A—18, 114 (17,188).

76ers 110, Grizzlies 105
PHILADELPHIA (110)
 Igouda 9-18 4-6 24, Young 5-14 4-4 14, Dambert 3-6 0-0 6, Green 4-9 2-3 10, Miller 8-17 4-8 20, Speights 3-5 1-3 7, Ivey 0-1 0-0 0

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST				
EASTERN				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	49	14	.778	—
Philadelphia	30	30	.500	17 1/2
New Jersey	27	35	.435	21 1/2
New York	25	36	.410	23
Toronto	23	40	.365	26

SOUTHWEST				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	45	16	.738	—
Atlanta	35	28	.556	11
Miami	33	29	.532	12 1/2
Charlotte	28	35	.444	18
Washington	14	49	.222	32

CENTRAL				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	49	13	.790	—

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

NOON
 CBS — National coverage, Missouri Valley Conference, championship game, teams TBA, at St. Louis

2 p.m.
 CBS — National coverage, Duke at North Carolina

4 p.m.
 FSN — Clemson at Wake Forest

7:30 p.m.
 ESPN — World Baseball Classic, round 1, teams TBA, at San Juan, Puerto Rico

6 p.m.
 ESPN — World Baseball Classic, round 1, teams TBA, at Toronto

BOWLING
11 a.m.
 ESPN — PBA, Don Johnson Buckeye State Eliminator, at Columbus, Ohio

CYCLING
3 p.m.
 VERSUS — Paris-Nice, stage 1, at Amily, France (same-day tape)

GOLF
8:30 a.m.
 TGC — PGA Tour Australasia/Nationwide Tour, New Zealand PGA Championship, final round, at Christchurch, New Zealand (same-day tape)

1 p.m.
 NBC — PGA Tour, The Honda Classic, final round, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

5 p.m.
 TGC — Champions Tour, Toshiba Classic, final round, at Newport Beach, Calif. (same-day tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
10 a.m.
 CBS — Regional coverage, Purdue at Michigan St. or Alabama at Tennessee

Houston 89, SMU 77
 Nebraska 66, Baylor 62
 Nicholls St. 50, Lamar 36
 Oklahoma 82, Oklahoma St. 78
 Prairie View 76, Southern U. 60
 Sam Houston St. 92, Texas St. 82
 Stephen F. Austin 66, Texas San Antonio 62
 Texas A&M 96, Missouri 86
 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 79, Texas-Arlington 66
 Texas Southern 90, Alcorn St. 77
 Tulsa 60, Rice 50

South
 Alabama St. 65, Grambling St. 58
 Auburn 69, LSU 53
 Florida 60, Kentucky 53
 Jackson St. 77, Alabama A&M 63
 Memphis 74, Tulane 47
 Miami 72, N.C. State 64
 Mississippi St. 82, Mississippi 80
 Richmond 80, Xavier 75
 SE Louisiana 79, Northwestern St. 69
 South Carolina 68, Georgia 51
 UAB 70, Marshall 52
 UCF 74, East Carolina 71
 UTEP 81, Southern Miss. 70
 Virginia 68, Maryland 63

East
 Boston College 67, Georgia Tech 66
 Brown 69, Dartmouth 59
 Cornell 60, Princeton 54
 Georgetown 48, DePaul 40
 Harvard 69, Yale 69
 Louisville 62, West Virginia 59
 Massachusetts 72, Rhode Island 71
 Penn St. 51, Columbia 50
 Pittsburgh 70, Connecticut 60
 Rutgers 45, South Florida 42
 Saint Joseph's 71, Fordham 54
 St. Bonaventure 74, Charlotte 68
 Temple 63, George Washington 53

America East Conference Quarterfinals
 Albany, N.Y. 56, Vermont 52, OT
 New Hampshire 76, Stony Brook 73
 UMB 79, Boston U. 75, OT

Atlantic Conference Championship
 ETSU 85, Jacksonville 68

Big Sky Conference First Round
 Idaho St. 67, N. Colorado 60
 Montana St. 60

Big South Conference Championship
 Radford 108, VMI 94

Colonial Athletic Association Quarterfinals
 George Mason 61, James Madison 53
 Old Dominion 52, Hofstra 51
 Towson 58, Northeastern 54
 Va. Commonwealth 61, Georgia St. 51

Horizon League Semifinals
 Butler 62, Wright St. 57
 Cleveland St. 73, Wis.-Green Bay 67

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Quarterfinals
 Fairfield 68, Manhattan 61
 Niagara 79, Marist 50
 Siena 77, Canisius 52

Minot State Tournament Semifinals
 N. Iowa 76, Bradley 62

Missouri Valley Conference Semifinals
 Illinois St. 73, Creighton 69
 Ohio Valley Conference Championship
 Morehead St. 67, Austin Peay 65, 2OT

Southern Conference Quarterfinals
 Chattanooga 79, Elon 66
 Coll. of Charleston 67, W. Carolina 48
 Davidson 84, Appalachian St. 68
 Samford 76, The Citadel 67

Summit League Quarterfinals
 N. Dakota St. 83, Centenary 77
 S. Dakota St. 72, Oral Roberts 69, OT

West Coast Conference Second Round
 Santa Clara 80, San Diego 69

Casey Wittenberg 71-72-67-210
 Woody Austin 70-73-67-210
 Robert Garrigus 72-70-68-210
 Chris Stroud 69-72-69-210
 Spencer Levin 72-68-70-210
 Brandt Jobe 70-70-70-210
 David Berganio, Jr. 71-69-70-210
 Sergio Garcia 67-72-71-210
 Steve Marino 69-70-71-210
 Stewart Cink 67-71-72-210
 Davis Love III 73-69-69-211
 Nick O'Heirn 71-69-70-211
 Erik Compton 69-69-73-211
 Scott Piercy 72-66-73-211
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 Leif Olson 73-70-69-212
 Greg Owen 72-69-71-212
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 Brian Sand 72-69-70-213
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 Shaun Michael 70-71-73-214
 Carl Pettersson 72-69-73-214
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 Bart Bryant 70-73-73-216
 Johnson Wagner 71-69-73-216
 Michael Letzig 70-71-75-216

Made Cut, But Did Not Qualify For Weekend Play
 Gary Woodland 72-70-75-217
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 Brian Bateman 69-73-75-217
 Rocco Mediate 73-67-77-217
 Nathan Green 69-71-77-217
 Steve Lowery 72-71-75-218
 J.J. Henry 71-70-78-219

NHL All Times EST						
EASTERN						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	42	20	3	87	202	162
Philadelphia	35	19	10	80	207	186
Pittsburgh	34	26	6	74	202	198
N.Y. Rangers	33	24	4	74	163	177
Carolina	23	37	7	49	169	213

NHL All Times EST						
WESTERN						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	43	14	9	95	223	151
Montreal	34	24	7	79	195	186
Buffalo	33	26	7	73	195	183
Toronto	26	37	13	65	196	235
Ottawa	25	29	10	60	165	187

CENTRAL						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	43	15	8	94	244	197
Chicago	36	18	9	81	211	162
Columbus	33	27	6	72	183	186
Nashville	33	29	4	70	170	183
St. Louis	29	28	8	66	180	194

NORTHWEST						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	39	20	6	84	213	193
Vancouver	37	22	8	74	190	177
Edmonton	32	27	7	70	184	199
Minnesota	31	28	5	67	164	155
Colorado	28	36	1	57	173	207

PACIFIC						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	42	11	10	94	209	156
Dallas	31	26	8	69	184	194
Anaheim	35	27	5	75	189	192

Golden Eagles baseball squad splits again in Salt Lake City

Times-News

For the second straight day, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team blew a seventh-inning lead in the opening game of a doubleheader at Salt Lake Community College and was forced to rally for a nightcap victory to earn a split.

Leading 3-1, the Golden Eagles came unglued in the first game of Saturday's action as Colby Robison

walked in a run when his grooved 3-2 fastball was called a ball, according to CSI coach Boomer Walker, and then proceeded to hit the next two batters to force the tying and winning runs in.

Walker was less than pleased with the umpiring in Game 1 but conceded that his club should still have won the game.

"It's part of the deal, I guess. We still have to win that game," said Walker. "We should have won four games (over the weekend), and that's frustrating. We just didn't do it."

CSI (9-12, 3-5 Scenic West

Athletic Conference) responded by blowing out Salt Lake 11-4 in the second game, plating 10 runs on eight hits in the first inning alone.

That made the job all too easy for starter Sam Armstrong, who cruised through all seven innings while fanning nine and walking none.

While it was a weekend of missed opportunities for the Golden Eagles, Walker said that some things were starting to get better — namely the quick starts in both games on Saturday.

"That's getting better. We had a lot of opportunities in

the first game because we got the leadoff guy on," Walker said. "We're starting to get good starts, now we just need to put together a whole game."

CSI will host Western Nevada this weekend to continue SWAC play.

Game 1
Salt Lake 4, CSI 3
200 040 0 - 3 7 1
CSI 001 000 3 - 4 7 1
Preston Olson, Colby Robison (7) and Victor Spencer; Phil Lowe, Colby Berg (4) and Felix Segovia. W. Berg, L. Robison.
Extra-base hits - 2B: CSI, Trent Johnson.

Game 2
CSI 11, Salt Lake 4
(10)00 040 0 - 11 4 1
CSI 200 100 1 - 4 6 1
Sam Armstrong and Victor Spencer; Brett Nathan, Tim Moore (2), C.J. Crowther (7) and Felix Segovia. W. Armstrong, L. Nathan.
Extra-base hits - 2B: SLCC, Segovia. 3B: SLCC, David Johnson.

District IV All-Star game coming Thursday

Times-News

The District IV All-Star boys and girls basketball games will be held on Thursday at Twin Falls High School's Baun Gymnasium. The girls game will start at 6 p.m., with the boys game to follow.

Admission costs are \$5 for adults and junior high school students without activity cards, and \$3 for senior citizens, elementary-school students and junior high school students with their activity cards.

Below are the scheduled rosters for each of the teams.

West girls roster: Rikki Wiggins, Castleford; Jori Fleming, Wendell; Lacie Heimkes, Filer; Laurie Andrus, Wendell; Autumn Yurbe, Buhl; Jordann Hollifield, Jerome; Sara Federico, Twin Falls; Jaci Lancaster, Wendell; Haley Arriaga, Hagerman; Allison Bruckner, Jerome. Head coach: Delon Huse, Wendell.

East girls roster: Sally

Hansen, Raft River; Katie Hall, Valley; Kassi Kerbs, Burley; Sydney Christensen, Declo; Jesse Dill, Dietrich; Camelle Sizemore, Valley; Laci Garner, Minico; Lea Piper, Richfield; Michelle Kent, Richfield; Megan Crist, Kimberly. Head coach: Gordon Kerbs, Burley.

West boys roster: Logan Parker, Jerome; Jordan Hamblin, Twin Falls; Morgan Knight, Hagerman; Jake Hanchey, Twin Falls; Nathan Hughes, Filer; Jordan Lancaster, Wendell; Russell Crane, Twin Falls; Jake Emerson, Hagerman; Kevin Williams, Jerome; Tanner Owen, Hagerman. Head coach: Joe Messick, Jerome.

East boys roster: Tel Clark, Richfield; Connor Garner, Declo; Jaren Stoddard, Dietrich; A.J. Schroeder, Kimberly; Kyle Hepworth, Burley; Shaylon Fenstermaker, Declo; Bryan Tidwell, Wood River; Heath Adamson, Carey; Cody Wadsworth, Kimberly; Jared Mumm, Kimberly. Head coach: Jack Bagley, Burley.

Softball

Continued from Sports 1

In addition to her work on the mound, Hillstead was also one of the top CSI hitters in the opener going 2-for-2 with a homer and three RBIs, and scoring three runs.

"I love hitting even more than pitching," said the sophomore from Lehi, Utah. "Our offense was good. We jumped on good pitches early which we haven't been doing too well in the past."

Genera Nielson and Brie Dimond combined for a two-hit shutout in Game 2.

Nielson worked the first two innings giving up a single in the second inning to Arciniega who was cut down attempting to steal second by CSI catcher Chelsea Nix. Nielson registered one strikeout. Dimond came in to the game in the third inning and gave up a single to Lisa Senko in the fourth. Dimond had four strikeouts in her three innings of work.

CSI was a combined 15-for-29 in Game 2, including five doubles and two home runs. Megan Zimmerman drove in five runs with a double and a round-tripper.

Chappel finished the day with two more hits in three at bats and had two RBIs and two runs scored. Gonzales



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho's McKensy Hillstead pitches the ball during the Golden Eagles game against Western Nevada College Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

had two runs scored and two hits and Hillstead was 2-for-2 with three runs scored.

Olander had a double in three trips to the plate and three RBIs, and Nix hit a

three-run homer.

Despite that, CSI is still in "tinker mode" on the batting order.

"We are still working on our line-up," said CSI coach Nick Baumert. "Everybody got some good at bats and we got to see some kids in some good situations. Our pitching goal is only one base-on-balls per game and I think we were close."

Game 1
No. 27 CSI 25, Western Nevada 1, five Innings
WNC 010 00 - 1 3 5
CSI 382 (12) x - 25 17 0
Alyson Herman, Alexandria Arciniega (3) and Devin Steelman; McKensy Hillstead and Megan Zimmerman.
Pitching - WNC: Herman (L) 2.0 IP, 9 H, 11 R, 9 ER, 2 BB, 2 Arciniega 2 IP, 8 H, 14 R, 5 ER, 5 BB, 0 SO, WP 5. CSI: Hillstead (W, 5-3) 5.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 6 SO, WP 1. E - WNC: Kelsie Fahr 2, Lisa Senko 2, Ambar Huish. PB - WNC: Steelman. LOB - WNC 1; CSI 4. 2B - CSI: Ashley Chappel 2, Erin Olander. Hillstead. 3B - CSI: Cassi Merrill. HR - CSI: Hillstead. SF - CSI: Chappel. SB - CSI: Zimmerman, Grant, Olander. RBI - WNC: Arciniega. CSI: Brittany Gonzales 3, Chappel 3, Hillstead 3, Kyla Bryant 2, Allie Thain 2, Olander 2, Merrill 2, Zimmerman 2.

Game 2
CSI 20, Western Nevada 0, five Innings
WNC 000 00 - 0 2 4
CSI 110 90 0 - 20 15 2
Alyson Herman, Alissa Rampa (2), Amber Huish (2) and Devin Steelman; Genera Nielson, Brie Dimond (3) and Chelsea Nix.
Pitching - WNC: Herman (L) 1.1 IP, 8 H, 11 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO; Rampa 0 IP, 0 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO; WP 1; Huish 2.2 IP, 7 H, 7 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO. CSI: Nielson (W) 2.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 SO, WP 1; Dimond 3.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 SO. E - WNC: Lisa Senko 2, Brittany Naastad, Steelman. CSI: Kayla Powell, Brittany Gonzales. PB - WNC: Anastacia Kreider; CSI: Nix. DP - CSI 1. LOB - WNC 2, CSI 3. 2B - CSI: Megan Zimmerman, Erin Olander, Madison Allen, Jaelle Judkins, Powell. HR - CSI: Chelsea Nix, Zimmerman. SF - CSI: Cassi Merrill. SB - CSI: Merrill. CS - WNC: Arciniega. RBI - CSI: Zimmerman 5, Nix 4, Erin Olander 3, Ashley Chappel 2, Judkins 2, Allen 2.

Jerome

Continued from Sports 1

offense, scored six points along with his typical solid defensive play.

"I usually don't take the ball to the basket, but I move to get open. It feels good to end with a win," said Ingraham, who plans to walk-on and play football at Boise State.

A two-point lead after one was stretched to double digits late in the first half. Kris Bos made the reverse lay up off the Kevin Williams dish then Pearce and Parker hooked up on the lob before

Parker tallied his third trey of the half putting the Tigers up 31-21.

"We wanted to bring home some hardware and end on a good note," said Williams, a senior who scored 14 points, grabbed 11 boards and blocked three shots. He also credited his brothers for helping him with his post moves. "We played inside out. When they came down on me I passed it out, when they didn't I went to the basket."

The lead wouldn't last as the Bulldogs came charging

back, cutting the deficit to three at the half. But the Tigers answered with a decisive third-quarter burst that put the game out of reach heading into the final period.

"We thought we had it in the bag, but we talked at halftime and came out and executed," said Parker.

Down the stretch the Tigers shut the door on any comeback efforts by the Bulldogs, who got 25 points from Stefan Buratto.

"I am really excited for the kids. After halftime we made

some adjustments and the kids were determined to walk away with a trophy," said Jerome coach Joe Messick. "The seniors did a good job of refusing to lose. We are going to miss them."

Jerome 83, Sandpoint 67
Jerome 14 22 28 24 - 83
Sandpoint 12 21 11 23 - 67
JEROME (80)

Jake Lammers 4, Gus Callen 9, Logan Parker 31, Kris Bos 2, Kameron Pearce 16, Zach Ingraham 6, Bryan Harper 1, Kevin Williams 14. Totals 30 16-22 83.
SANDPOINT (67)
Tanner French 11, Bryce Olin 5, Brandon Lawrence 9, Spencer Swerin 10, Stefan Buratto 25, Syler Tucker 7. Totals 27 7-12 67.
3-point goals: Jerome 7 (Parker 7), Sandpoint 6 (Buratto 2, Tucker, French 2, Olin). Total fouls: Jerome 16, Sandpoint 22. Fouled out: Sandpoint, Lawrence, Swerin. Technical fouls: none.

SCENIC WEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL REGION 18 TEAM

MVP: Shauneice Samms, CSI.

First team

Soana Lucet, CSI; Nicole Brady, SLCC; Bianca Cheever, NIC; Torle Nenbee, Snow; Martina Holloway, CSI.

Second team

Kaylie Robison, CEU; Lindsay Wimett, NIC; LaCale Pringle-Buchanan, CSI; Abbie Beutler, Snow; Kia Gibson, NIC; Dayna Burgess, SLCC; Livnat Alon, CEU.

Honorable mention

Kelsey Sparkman, SLCC; Markie Workman, CNCC; Shaylee Nielsen, Snow; Natalie Nichols, NIC; Amber Strong, CEU; Adrianna Cordova, CEU; Cami Hymas, Snow; Marquina Gilliam-Hicks, SLCC.

All Region 18 Tournament Team

MVP: Lindsay Wimett, NIC.

Martina Holloway, CSI; Kia Gibson, NIC; Shauneice Samms, CSI; Nicole Brady, SLCC; Soana Lucet, CSI.

team," said Cheever, who had 17 points and nine rebounds. "It came down to defense and we did that and we came through on offense."

Lucet led CSI with 20 points and 14 rebounds, but was just 8 of 24 from the field. Holloway had 14 points and six assists, but committed seven turnovers. Region 18 MVP Shauneice Samms had 12 points, six boards and five blocks while Pringle-Buchanan scored 11.

"It's too bad that this is our last game," said Holloway. "It's like the North Idaho men's team last night — you have a great season, but you have one bad night..."

Notes: Trailing early against a fired up NIC squad, big

plays on both ends of the floor spurred a 14-0 CSI run that turned an 11-8 deficit into a 22-11 lead. Defensively, Cassie Wood sprinted back to block what would have been a breakaway layup by Cheever. Kiara Tate took a charge and the Eagles forced a shot clock violation in holding the Cardinals scoreless for nearly six minutes. Meanwhile, Holloway nailed two treys sandwiched around five points from Lucet. ... CSI's lead reached as much as 18 in the second half. ... CSI boasted the conference's individual leaders in points (Lucet 21.3), assists (Holloway 9.7), blocks (Samms 3.5) and steals (Pringle-Buchanan 3.9). ...

Lucet and Holloway made the all-region first team, while Pringle-Buchanan was a second-team selection. Holloway, Samms and Lucet also made the all-tournament team, while Wimett was named MVP.

No. 18 North Idaho 66,

No. 11 CSI 61

(26-5)

Martina Holloway 4-11 3-4 14, Nicole Harper 0-1 0-0 0, LaCale Pringle-Buchanan 4-7 2-4 11, Shauneice Samms 5-12 2-4 12, Soana Lucet 8-24 4-6 20, Kiara Tate 1-4 0-2 2, Kalika Tullock 0-1 0-0 0, Cassie Wood 1-4 0-2 2. Totals 23-64 11-20 61.
NIC (26-7)
Natalie Nichols 2-6 2-2 7, Bianca Cheever 5-12 5-6 17, Marilee McKean 1-8 0-0 2, Lindsay Wimett 7-16 3-4 20, Kia Gibson 4-8 3-4 14, Shaneya Valdez 0-3 2-3 2, Lindsey Stark 1-3 2-4 5, Katie Sanders 0-1 0-0 0, Lauren Boyd-Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Brigitte Boucher 1-4 0-2 2. Totals 21-61 17-23 66.
Halftime: CSI 33, NIC 23. 3-point goals: CSI 4-20 (Holloway 3-9, Pringle-Buchanan 1-3, Samms 0-1, Lucet 0-3, Tate 0-3, Wood 0-1); NIC 1-18 (Nichols 1-2, Cheever 2-6, Wimett 3-7, Stark 1-2). Rebounds: CSI (Lucet 4); NIC 42 (Cheever 9). Assists: CSI 12 (Holloway 6), NIC 5 (Stark 2). Totals fouls: CSI 17; NIC 12. Total fouls: CSI 19; NIC 19. Fouled out: CSI, Pringle-Buchanan; NIC, Nichols.



BRIAN LOSNESS/For the Times-News

Twin Falls forward Marcus Jardine puts up a shot over a Post Falls defender during the Bruins' 51-45 win over the Trojans in the Class 5A boys basketball state tournament's third-place game at Columbia High School in Nampa on Saturday.

Bruins

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as he realized the feat. "That just — when you've got a lot of character on your team, that's the bottom line. These kids, they never got too down or never got too up. They just played solid and gave 100 percent. When you do that, good things happen."

Twin Falls led for most of the game, but even when Post Falls threatened late in the game the Bruins refused to buckle. The Trojans overtook the Bruins during the fourth as physical play led to three consecutive trips to the free-throw line for Post Falls. The Trojans connected on 6 of 6, which resulted in a 41-40 lead. Seconds later, free throws from senior Russell Crane and junior Brett Kohring put the Bruins ahead for the last time, 42-41. It was the start of an eight-point swing would help put the game away.

"They're a tough team," senior Jake Hanchey said. "They're pretty physical and like to run also, so it's like our style of basketball. It was a fun game to play. They have a lot of intensity. We had to match that intensity."

Hanchey recorded 14 points and four rebounds in his final game as a Bruin.

The game was tied after one quarter of play, and an 11-5 effort during the second put the Bruins up heading into halftime. Twin Falls went on small dashes to start the third, but the Trojans kept chipping away through

the second half.

"The key was to take it to them," Pulsifer said. "We didn't want to settle."

Pulsifer led Twin Falls with 20 points and 14 rebounds, his second double-double of the tournament. Crane also finished his final game in double figures with 10 points.

While that green trophy doesn't match the Bruins' color scheme as nicely as that blue championship trophy, it's still one more to put in the case when that new lobby at Baun Gymnasium is completed. This season's hardware — Twin Falls' fourth state trophy since 2004 — could be the Bruins' last as they drop to 4A. They don't know when or if they'll get back to 5A. They do know that they'll take a 4A trophy all the same.

"It's just another year of basketball," the returning Pulsifer said. "We're going to go out and win a state championship next year, no matter what division we're in."

Twin Falls 51, Post Falls 45

Post Falls 12 5 18 10 - 45
Twin Falls 12 11 45 19 - 51
POST FALLS (45)
Totals 13 22-36 51.
Conner Hill 7, Malcolm Colbert 6, Shawn Reid 16, Marcus Colbert 6, Justin Carter 10. Totals 12 17-29 45.

TWIN FALLS (51)

Braden Box 2, Jake Hanchey 14, Jon Pulsifer 20, Marcus Jardine 4, Russell Crane 10, Brett Kohring 11. Totals 13 22-36 51.
3-point goals: Post Falls 4 (Hill, Malcolm Colbert, Reid, Carter); Twin Falls 3 (Hanchey 2, Pulsifer). Total fouls: Post Falls 25; Twin Falls 24. Fouled out: Post Falls, Malcolm Colbert; Twin Falls, Brennan Lancaster. Technical fouls: none.

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Utah, BYU clinch shares of title

SALT LAKE CITY — Shaun Green scored 20 points, including six 3-pointers, as Utah claimed a share of the Mountain West Conference regular season championship with a 68-49 victory over TCU on Saturday.

The Utes (21-9, 12-4 Mountain West) never trailed and built a first-half lead of as large as 14 points against the Horned Frogs (14-16, 5-11).

Luke Nevill added 14 points and matched a career-high with 16 rebounds for Utah. Lawrence Borha and Carlon Brown finished with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Ronnie Moss scored 14 to lead TCU, which enters next week's MWC tournament in Las Vegas with four consecutive losses and setbacks in 10 of its past 11 outings.

It was the 11th straight win in the Huntsman Center for Utah, which could have won the title outright if not for back-to-back losses at BYU and New Mexico over the past week.

BYU 54, AIR FORCE 49

PROVO, Utah — Lee Cumard scored 17 points, including eight in the final two minutes, to lead BYU to a 54-49 comeback victory over Air Force and a share of the Mountain West Conference championship.

Cumard made six free throws in the final 1:04 to give the Cougars (24-6, 12-4 Mountain West) the lead and send the Falcons to a school-record 17th straight loss.

Andrew Henke led Air Force (9-20, 0-16) with 14 points and freshman Trevor Noonan scored a career-high 11. The Falcons forced the Cougars into their worst scoring and shooting night of the season. BYU shot 34 percent from the field, including 3-for-22 behind the 3-point line.

A season-high 22 turnovers ruined the Falcons' bid for an upset.

BYU has now won three straight conference championships, the first time that's happened in 75 years. The Cougars won three consecutive Rocky Mountain Conference titles from 1932-34.

UTAH ST. 89, SAN JOSE ST. 77

LOGAN, Utah — Jared Quayle scored 21 points to lead five Aggies in double fig-



TCU guard Kevin Butler (24) competes with Utah forward Kim Tillie (14) and center Luke Nevill (50) for a rebound during the first half of Saturday's game in Salt Lake City.

ures as Utah State topped San Jose State 89-77 Saturday night.

Pooh Williams scored a career-high 17 for the Aggies (27-4, 14-2 Western Athletic). Tai Wesley, Gary Wilkinson and Tyler Newbold each added 13.

The Spartans (13-16, 6-10) were led by Adrian Oliver with 20, Robert Owens 18, Chris Oakes 13 and DaShawn Wright 10.

San Jose shot 61 percent from the field in the second half. After trailing by double digits most of the game, the Spartans got the game within striking distance, 75-71 with 4:36 to play, after Oliver dropped in three free throws.

Quayle then scored eight consecutive points for USU to stop the San Jose rally. Quayle scored 18 in the second half, hitting six of seven attempts.

The Aggies led by as many as 20 points in the first half, taking a 43-27 halftime lead.

IDAHO ST. 67, N. COLORADO 60

POCATELLO — Matt Stucki scored 20 points as Idaho State overcame a 6-point halftime deficit and beat Northern Colorado 67-60 in a Big Sky Conference Tournament quarterfinal game on Saturday night.

Idaho State (13-18, 10-7 Big Sky) goes on to play Portland State in the tournament semifinals on Tuesday at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

With the game tied at 55 with 2:20 remaining, the Bengals outscored Northern Colorado 12-5, getting all of their points at the foul line. The game featured 10 tie scores and 10 lead changes.

Donnie Carson added 12 points and six rebounds for the Bengals and forward

Austin Kilpatrick had 10 points and seven boards.

Will Figures and John Pena led Northern Colorado (14-18, 8-9) with 14 points apiece.

Northern Colorado led 36-30 at halftime.

ISU outrebounded Northern Colorado just 36-35, but NCU had 17 turnovers to Idaho State's 12.

IDAHO 59, FRESNO STATE 56

MOSCOW — Mac Hopson scored a game-high 20 points to improve the Vandals' record to 16-14 with a 59-56 senior night win over Fresno State.

NEVADA 69, BOISE STATE 60

BOISE — Boise State missed out on an opportunity to tie Nevada in the Western Athletic Conference standings, falling 69-60 on senior night.

— The Associated Press

Déjà vu: Pitt knocks off No. 1 UConn for the second time

PITTSBURGH — Sam Young scored 31 points and No. 3 Pittsburgh likely secured one of the top seeds in the NCAA tournament, opening up a 14-point lead early in the second half before holding off top-ranked Connecticut 70-60 on Saturday.

Pitt (28-3, 15-3 Big East) had never beaten a No. 1-ranked team in school history, only to accomplish it twice in less than a month — both times against Connecticut (27-3, 15-3).

NO. 4 OKLAHOMA 82, OKLAHOMA ST. 78

NORMAN, Okla. — Blake Griffin scored 33 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to set a Big 12 season record and Oklahoma claimed the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament.

Griffin moved past Kansas' Drew Gooden for the season record with 425 rebounds. He notched his 25th double-double for the Sooners (27-4, 13-3), who had lost three of four.

NO. 5 MEMPHIS 74, TULANE 47

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Robert Dozier had 16 points and 12 rebounds as three Memphis players recorded double-doubles, and the Tigers extended the nation's longest winning streak to 22 games.

Tyreke Evans had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Shawn Taggart added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Tigers (28-3, 16-0 Conference USA).

Memphis, which won its 58th straight C-USA game including the postseason, finished its third consecutive unbeaten regular season in conference play.

NO. 6 LOUISVILLE 62, WEST VIRGINIA 59

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Terrence Williams scored 20 points and No. 6 Louisville clinched the Big East regular-season title Saturday night, beating West Virginia 62-59.

Louisville (25-5, 16-2) held on to earn the top seed in the conference tournament, taking advantage of third-ranked Pittsburgh's 70-60 win over No. 1 Connecticut earlier Saturday.

Freshman Kevin Jones scored a season-high 19 points for West Virginia (21-10, 10-8).

NO. 9 KANSAS 83, TEXAS 73

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Sherron Collins had 21 points and seven assists, and Kansas claimed its fifth straight Big 12 title.

The Jayhawks (25-6, 14-2) left no doubt against Texas (20-10, 9-7), pulling away down the stretch to extend the nation's longest home winning streak to 41 games.

Cole Aldrich overcame a dismal first half — 1-of-6 from the field — to finish with 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Jayhawks, who won their 26th straight home finale and their ninth title in the 13-year history of the Big 12.

AUBURN 69, NO. 12 LSU 53

AUBURN, Ala. — Korvotney Barber had 16 points and 17 rebounds as Auburn won for the seventh time in eight games.

Auburn (21-10, 10-6 Southeastern Conference) scored 42 points in the paint and outrebounded the regular-season champions 45-37.

NO. 25 SYRACUSE 86, NO. 13 MARQUETTE 79, OT

MILWAUKEE — Jonny Flynn scored 20 of his 24 points after halftime and Syracuse won in overtime, handing the Golden Eagles their fourth straight loss without injured guard Dominic James.

Andy Rautins added 20 points for the Orange (23-8, 11-7 Big East), who took control in overtime after allowing Marquette to rally from a seven-point deficit



Pittsburgh forward Sam Young, left, goes up for a 3-pointer over Connecticut guard Scottie Haralson during the first half of Saturday's game in Pittsburgh.

in the final 5 minutes of regulation.

Jerel McNeal scored 25 points for the Golden Eagles (23-8, 12-6) in the final home appearance for Marquette's highly regarded trio of senior guards: McNeal, James and Wesley Matthews.

TEXAS A&M 96, NO. 15 MISSOURI 86

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Donald Sloan scored 16 points and Texas A&M fought off a late rally for its sixth straight victory.

The Aggies (23-8, 9-7 Big 12) were up by 26 points with about 16 minutes remaining. But Missouri (25-6, 12-4) went on two separate runs to whittle the lead. The second one was an 11-4 stretch that made it 81-71 with about 5 minutes left.

NO. 16 WASHINGTON 67, WASHINGTON ST. 60

SEATTLE — Quincy Pondexter scored 16 points and Jon Brockman tied his career high with 18 rebounds in his final home game to lead Washington to its first outright conference championship since 1953.

The Huskies (24-7, 14-4) won their first Pac-10 outright title, and first outright championship in any league since winning the Pacific Coast Conference 56 years ago.

RICHMOND 80, NO. 17 XAVIER 75

RICHMOND, Va. — Kevin Anderson scored a career-high 29 points and Justin Harper had 20 points for the Spiders (17-14, 9-7 Atlantic 10), who shot 50.9 percent and were 19-of-23 from the line. Jarhon Giddings added 12 points.

NO. 20 UCLA 94, OREGON 68

LOS ANGELES — Josh Shipp scored a career-high 28 points and Darren Collison added 19 for UCLA.

The Bruins (24-7, 13-5) finished as the No. 2 seed for next week's Pac-10 tournament.

NO. 21 ARIZONA ST. 83, CALIFORNIA 66

TEMPE, Ariz. — Jeff Pendergraph had 27 points and 10 rebounds in his final home game and Arizona State snapped a three-game losing streak.

James Harden, the Pac-10's leading scorer, had 20 points for the Sun Devils (22-8, 11-7).

NO. 22 BUTLER 62, WRIGHT STATE 57

INDIANAPOLIS — Horizon League player of the year Matt Howard had 24 points in the conference tournament semifinals.

The Bulldogs (26-4) tied Detroit's league record with 26 tournament wins and will try to match the league record of ex-member Xavier by winning a sixth title Tuesday night against either Wisconsin-Green Bay or Cleveland State.

— The Associated Press

LeBron, Williams lead Cavs over Heat

CLEVELAND — LeBron James recorded a triple-double, Mo Williams scored 29 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers quickly shook off any hangover from a disappointing loss at Boston by beating Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat 99-89 on Saturday night.

Wade was ejected — for the first time in his career — in the final minute after being assessed a second technical foul. He finished with 25 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds before being sent to the showers.

While running its home record to 28-1, Cleveland improved to a league-best 13-2 in back-to-back games and 12-1 following a loss.

James had 14 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds for his fourth triple-double this season and 21st of his career. He went over 3,000 assists, becoming the second-youngest player at 24 years, 67 days to eclipse the plateau. Only Isiah Thomas (23 years, 322 days) was younger.

HAWKS 87, PISTONS 83

ATLANTA — Josh Smith scored 19 points, Al Horford added 18 and they each grabbed 12 rebounds to help the Atlanta Hawks beat Detroit and end the Pistons' four-game winning streak.

The Hawks entered with 1½-game lead over Miami for the No. 4 spot in the Eastern Conference playoff race. Their defense held the Pistons without a field goal for a 7:59 span of the third and fourth quarters.

Detroit's Richard Hamilton, who had 20



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) breaks away from Cleveland Cavaliers guards Delonte West (13) and LeBron James (23) during the third quarter of Saturday's game in Cleveland.

points, tied it at 78 with a 3-pointer from the right corner with 4:23 remaining. But the Pistons never regained the lead after Flip Murray's 14-foot jumper put Atlanta ahead for the first time with 2:45 left in the third quarter.

The Hawks snapped a two-game losing streak, sweeping the three-game series.

BOBCATS 114, KNICKS 105

NEW YORK — Gerald Wallace had 23 points and 13 rebounds, and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the New York Knicks for their franchise-record sixth straight victory.

Boris Diaw added 22 points for the Bobcats, who have the longest winning streak in the Eastern Conference and have won nine of their last 13. Raymond Felton had 19 points and 10 assists, and Raja Bell scored 17 points as

Charlotte ended a four-game skid against New York.

The Bobcats, who have never made the playoffs since joining the NBA for the 2004-05 season, also equaled their franchise best with a fourth straight road victory.

76ERS 110, GRIZZLIES 105

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Andre Iguodala scored 24 points, and Andre Miller added 20 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Memphis Grizzlies.

Louis Williams added with 18 points off the bench, and Thaddeus Young had 14 points for the 76ers, who had lost two in a row. Willie Green and Theo Ratliff scored 10 apiece for the Sixers, with Ratliff hitting all five of his shots.

The Sixers overcame 31

points from Mike Conley and 30 points from Marc Gasol, who both set career highs. Gasol added 13 rebounds, while Conley had nine assists for the Grizzlies, who have lost nine of their last 10.

HORNETS 108, THUNDER 90

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 21 points and 13 assists, and the New Orleans Hornets won their seventh straight game.

Julian Wright tied a career high with 20 points and Rasual Butler also scored 20 for the Hornets, while David West had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

BUCKS 127, WARRIORS 120

MILWAUKEE — Richard Jefferson scored a season-high 35 points and the Milwaukee Bucks held off a big rally by Jamal Crawford and beat the Golden State Warriors to snap a three-game losing streak.

Crawford scored 15 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter as Milwaukee squandered a 13-point lead, but the Bucks never let Golden State take a lead late.

MAVERICKS 119, WIZARDS 103

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 34 points, Jason Terry equaled a season-high with 33 and the Dallas Mavericks handed the Washington Wizards their fifth straight loss.

The Wizards, the Eastern Conference's worst team at 14-49, led by as much as 10 in the first half before the Mavericks rallied to tie it at halftime.

— The Associated Press



AP photo

United States outfielder Adam Dunn (17) celebrates as he crosses home plate after hitting a two-run home run as Canada catcher Russell Martin looks away during sixth inning action at the World Baseball Classic in Toronto on Saturday. The U.S. won 6-5.

Homers by Dunn, McCann help U.S. edge Canada at WBC

TORONTO — With big league stars on both sides and national pride at stake, the United States and Canada gave their World Baseball Classic opener an October feel.

Adam Dunn and Brian McCann each hit a two-run homer, and Team USA held off feisty Canada 6-5 on Saturday to avenge a surprising loss three years ago.

"This is a playoff atmosphere," U.S. pitcher Jake Peavy said. "Everything is on the line, you're doing everything you can to win and advance in this tournament, and playing for your country just takes that through the roof. It's as good an atmosphere as it gets, I believe."

Kevin Youkilis added a solo shot and J.J. Putz closed it out in a nervous ninth inning for Team USA, which was upset by Canada in the inaugural WBC.

Despite a roster loaded with

major league All-Stars, that U.S. squad stumbled to a disappointing eighth-place finish — a big reason this club has talked about taking back America's game.

The intensity was evident. A fired-up McCann yelled and embraced Putz near the mound after the New York Mets reliever stranded the potential tying run at second base when Jason Bay flied out.

VENEZUELA 7, ITALY 0

TORONTO — Carlos Guillen and Melvin Mora hit solo home runs, Bobby Abreu singled in two runs in a four-run fifth inning and Venezuela defeated Italy 7-0 at the World Baseball Classic on Saturday night.

Mora went 2-for-4 with three RBIs and Jose Lopez went 3-for-3 with a walk and scored twice for Venezuela.

Right-hander Felix Hernandez allowed a single in four scoreless

innings to earn the victory. He walked two and struck out four.

NETHERLANDS 3, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Missing an injured Alex Rodriguez and several other stars, the Dominican Republic was punchless at the plate.

Sidney Ponson helped to hold the Dominican lineup in check, and the Netherlands pulled off a huge upset in their World Baseball Classic opener with a 3-2 victory Saturday.

It was a startling loss for the heavily favored Dominicans, considered contenders to win the 16-team tournament. Now, they are one defeat from elimination in Group D pool play.

JAPAN 14, SOUTH KOREA 2, SEVEN INNINGS

TOKYO — Ichiro Suzuki broke out of a slump Saturday as

defending champion Japan routed South Korea 14-2 in seven innings to advance to the second round of the World Baseball Classic.

Suzuki, who went hitless in five at-bats in Japan's 4-0 win over China on Thursday, went 3-for-5 with three runs scored.

Japan improved to 2-0 in Pool A of the 16-nation tournament and booked a spot in the second round which starts March 15 in San Diego.

PUERTO RICO 7, PANAMA 0

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Ivan Rodriguez homered twice, Carlos Delgado also connected and Puerto Rico got off to a rousing start in the World Baseball Classic.

Javier Vazquez combined with three relievers for a six-hitter in front of a boisterous home crowd of 17,348 at Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

— The Associated Press

Zambrano, Santana hoping to start on opening day

The Associated Press

Carlos Zambrano is trying to win the Chicago Cubs' opening-day start. Johan Santana just needs to convince the Mets he's healthy enough to take the ball for New York's first game.

Zambrano acknowledged Saturday that he wants to start Chicago's opener at Houston on April 6.

"I care," he said during a 2-0 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers in Phoenix. "When you're retired and you go home and your grandkids ask you what you did, for your own records it's good."

Cubs manager Lou Piniella said earlier in the day the first start will go to Zambrano or Ryan Dempster.

Zambrano was 14-6 with a 3.91 ERA last year, and Dempster finished 17-6 with a 2.96 ERA. Piniella said he would talk to both pitchers before making his decision.

"My answer would be me," Zambrano said. "And I guarantee you that (Dempster's) answer would be him."

Jeff Suppan yielded three hits in three innings against the Cubs. He struck out three and walked none.

Zambrano allowed two runs and four hits over three innings. Both runs came when he overthrew first base on Mike Lamb's comeback to the mound.

"I think I made a rookie mistake," Zambrano said. "I should have taken it nice and easy and not rushed. Obviously, I was too rushed and it happened."

Santana doesn't have any competition for the Mets' opening-day start. It's just a question of whether the ace will be healthy enough to go.

Spring Training Games

MARLINS 3, ORIOLES 2, 10 INNINGS

At Jupiter, Fla., Robert Andino homered in the 10th to give Florida its second victory of the spring.

CARDINALS 5, ASTROS 1

At Kissimmee, Fla., Khalil Greene and Colby Rasmus drove in two runs apiece. Joel Pineiro, the Cardinals' likely No. 5 starter, struck out three in four shutout innings.

PHILLIES 8, TIGERS 2

At Clearwater, Fla., Ryan Howard and John Mayberry Jr. each hit a three-run homer to power Philadelphia.

BLUE JAYS 7, REDS 2

At Dunedin, Fla., Homer Bailey worked four effective innings without his best stuff, allowing one run and six hits for Cincinnati.

RAYS 15, RED SOX 7

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Tampa Bay's James Shields threw 22 pitches in his spring debut. He struck out two while allowing one run and two hits in two innings.

NATIONALS 7, METS 5

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Washington pitcher Scott Olsen, facing a New York lineup that included only one projected starter, gave up two runs and six hits with two walks in three innings.

Mets right-hander Mike Pelfrey will be out indefinitely with a muscle strain in his lower left leg.

BRAVES 3, YANKEES 1

At Tampa, Fla., Chien-Ming Wang passed another test in his comeback from a foot injury, allowing one run and three hits over three innings for New York.

ANGELS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 5

At Tucson, Ariz., John Lackey, hoping to have a long-term deal in place before he gets the ball for a likely opening-day start for Los Angeles, gave up two runs and four hits over three innings.

ROCKIES 9, GIANTS 7

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Franklin Morales pitched as though he belongs in Colorado's rotation. One of several candidates for the team's final starting spot, Morales threw four shutout innings. Clint Barmes had four hits and four RBIs.

ROYALS 9, INDIANS 4

At Goodyear, Ariz., David DeJesus homered and had four RBIs for Kansas City, which also got home runs from Mike Jacobs and Ryan Shealy.

MARINERS 8, DODGERS 7

At Phoenix, Mike Sweeney, who signed a minor league contract with Seattle after undergoing surgery on both knees last year, went 0-for-2 with a walk as the designated hitter in his spring debut.

Dodgers manager Joe Torre said Manny Ramirez "is on track" to play his first game Thursday in a WBC tuneup against Japan or South Korea.

ATHLETICS 15, PADRES 6

At Peoria, Ariz., Mark Ellis hit a three-run double and Oakland won its fifth straight.

RANGERS 2, WHITE SOX 1

At Surprise, Ariz., Vicente Padilla rebounded from a poor start, getting some help from Texas' defense to face the minimum 12 batters. Chicago lefty Clayton Richard also pitched four shutout innings.

With 18 to play, Honda is still up for grabs

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Y.E. Yang heard the question in English, then listened to his translator say it to him again.

Which would be more important, he was asked: A two-year PGA Tour exemption, or the \$1,008,000 that goes to the winner of the Honda Classic?

Yang tilted his eyes toward the ceiling, thought for a moment, then gave his reply.

"Both would be nice," he said.

He's 18 holes away from each.

Yang shot even-par 70 and finished 7 under on Saturday, good enough for a one-shot lead over Jeff Klauk (67) and Jeff Overton (70, with a triple bogey on No. 11, going twice in the water, followed by two birdies in his last three holes) entering the Honda's final round.

"I kept fighting," Overton said. "And now I've got a chance to win."

Best known for beating Tiger Woods at the 2006 HSBC Champions in Shanghai, Yang bogeyed the third hole, birdied the 15th and made nothing but pars the rest of the way, a slow-and-steady approach that worked. A victory Sunday would accomplish his primary goal for this season, getting out of a return trip to Q-School.

"I felt good," Yang said. "I just didn't make the putts I needed to."

On a topsy-turvy day at the Honda, six different players had at least a share of the lead at some point, but the guy who started the third round in front found a way to finish there, too.

Charlie Wi (65), Brett Quigley (67) and John Rollins (68) all finished two shots off Yang's pace, at 5 under.

"If you would have said, take 65 on the first tee, I would have said, 'See ya later,'" Wi said. "So, you know, I gave myself a chance."

Ben Crane briefly got into the lead with an ace on the 162-yard fifth hole, then chipped in on the next hole for birdie to get to 7 under. He then made two double bogeys in the next five holes, finishing three shots back.

And there's Mark Calcavecchia, who will start Sunday tied for seventh and in position to pull off something statistically bizarre.



AP photo

Robert Allenby, from Australia, reacts after missing a putt on the eighth green during the third round at the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Saturday.

He won the Honda in 1987, prevailed again 11 years later — and now, 11 years after that, is in contention again, at 4 under for the week.

HULL LEADS WOMEN'S HSBC

SINGAPORE — Australia's Katherine Hull had seven birdies en route to a 6-under 66 to take a two-stroke lead over Angela Stanford after the third round of the HSBC Women's Champions.

Hull, who won the Australian Ladies Masters last month, had an 11-under 205 total on the Tanah Merah Country Club, where play was suspended for 2 hours, 19 minutes because of lighting and heavy rain.

Sun Young Yoo (68) was a stroke back of Stanford and a shot ahead of Korean compatriot Mi Hyun Kim (70), with second round

co-leader American Paula Creamer (72) five strokes off the lead.

O'MEARA, LANGER SHARE TOSHIBA LEAD

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Mark O'Meara shot a 5-under 66 to grab a share of the lead with Bernhard Langer at the Toshiba Classic.

Eduardo Romero (68) of Argentina is one stroke behind at 8-under 134 and Denis Watson (68) from Zimbabwe is at 7 under.

O'Meara, who won 16 PGA Tour events — including two majors — is winless on the Champions Tour in 33 starts.

O'Meara replaced all of his woods this week and is ninth in driving distance and 12th in total driving. He hit 13 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in the second round.

— The Associated Press

District VI queen competition begins

Parts of event take place Saturday at T.F. mall

Times-News

Two elements of the District VI rodeo queen competition will be held Saturday at Magic Valley Mall. Contestants will compete in modeling and speeches. Contestants will model clothes from Vickers Western Stores.

The horsemanship competition will take place April 11 in Filer, with the queen coronation slated for June 6 in Rupert.

Here is a look at this year's current queen and her court.



Queen

Shelby Schlund is the daughter of Cindy Schlund and attends Minico High School. Her hobbies include snowboarding, 4-H, snowmobiling, camping and training foals.



First attendant

Brook Bishop is the daughter of John and Merlaine Bishop and attends Castleford High School. Her hobbies include motorcycle riding, showing steers and riding horses.



Second attendant

Britny Andrea Adams is the daughter of Walt and Shelley Reinke and attends Oakley High School. Her hobbies include basketball, reading and being outdoors.



Third attendant

Bradlie Ann Adams is the daughter of Walt and Shelley Reinke and attends Oakley High School. Her hobbies include riding horses, dancing and hanging out with friends.



Fourth attendant

Chelsie Nelson is the daughter of Chris and Les Hedges and attends Declo High School. Her hobbies include creating and designing Web pages, dancing and volleyball.

Your Scores

BOWLING

BOWLDRONE, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Dennis Seckel 725, Cobey Magee 715, Bob Leazer 609, John Harral 548, David Leon 548.

MEN'S GAMES: Cobey Magee 258, Dennis Seckel 245, John Harral 232, Bob Leazer 223.

LADIES SERIES: Leanna Magee 527, Kim Leazer 479, Suzi Leon 437, Tina Jacobsen 414.

LADIES GAMES: Leanna Magee 193, Kim Leazer 181, Suzi Leon 165, Tina Jacobsen 159.

MON. FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Bill Boren 634, Rick Morrow 624, Jim Brawley 585, Herb Melody 581.

MEN'S GAMES: Rick Morrow 266, Jim Brawley 241, Bill Boren 235, Herb Melody 205.

LADIES SERIES: Teya Moses 592, Tonia Collins 523, Michele Seckel 519, Margaret Watson 510.

LADIES GAMES: Teya Moses 223, Michele Seckel 214, Lorenia Rodriguez 203, Margaret Watson 189.

SH-BOOM

MEN'S SERIES: Ryan Shull 640, Blake Kondracki 616, Kelly Jeroue 607, Mitch Barnes 594.

MEN'S GAMES: Ryan Shull 246, Craig Pitman 238, Kelly Jeroue 236, Phil Lutz 222.

LADIES SERIES: Shannon Kondracki 540, Julie Shull 512, Kathi Jeroue 505, Barbara Reynolds 505.

LADIES GAMES: Shannon Kondracki 212, Michelle Baughman 201, Julie Shull 188, Krislyn Canary 180.

MID MORN. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 769, Blaine Ross 639, Victor Hagood 577, Ed Dutry 563.

MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 269, Tom Glass 234, Blaine Ross 225, Eddie Chappell 222.

LADIES SERIES: Pat Glass 524, Char DeRoche 501, Vicki Kiesig 491, Bernie Smith 488.

LADIES GAMES: Pat Glass 202, Char DeRoche 184, Bonnie Draper 182, Bernie Smith 181.

TUES. AM TRIOS

SERIES: Jessie Biggerstaff 499, Gail McAllister 498, Charm Petersen 493, Jackie Bressette 487.

GAMES: Jackie Bressette 181, Jessie Biggerstaff 181, Charm Petersen 174, Ann Brewer 170, Gail McAllister 170.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Charm Petersen 539, Kristy Rodriguez 507, Susan Kepner 506, Gail McAllister 499.

GAMES: Charm Petersen 194, Gail McAllister 193, Susan Kepner 185, Sherry Blass 184.

C.S.I. TUESDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Mason 552, Dale McCord 524, Tyler Race 478, Dillin Hulise 458, Wayne Lybrand 458.

MEN'S GAMES: Kyle Mason 223, Dale McCord 190, Tyler Race 189, Timothy Meuer 177.

LADIES SERIES: Sherry Leavitt 450, Allison Ramsey 390, Kaylon Lord 344, Kortney Stevens 338.

TUES. MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Tyler Black 540, Anthony Vest 517, Cody Worden 506.

BOYS' GAMES: Cody Worden 204, Anthony Vest 187, Tyler Black 180, Joe Campbell 162.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kati Jo Moses 414, Miranda Curtis 391, Erica Reeves 347, Paige Maher 321.

GIRLS' GAMES: Kati Jo Moses 165, Miranda Curtis 150, Erica Reeves 136, Megan McAllister 131.

CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Cobey Magee 712, Tony Everts 710, Neil Welsh 698, Larry Dezorzi 688.

GAMES: Tony Everts 289, Dan Wilson 258, Cobey Magee 256, Larry Dezorzi 248.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 707, Darryl Cameron 535, Eddie Chappell 523, Ed Dutry 521.

MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 256, Darryl Cameron 201, Jack Clifford 199, Eddie Chappell 189.

LADIES SERIES: Charm Petersen 535, Dee

Hall 498, Dottie Hagood 473, LaVona Young 468.

LADIES GAMES: Charm Petersen 203, LaVona Young 193, Dee Hall 189, Dottie Hagood 186.

LADIES CLASSIC

SERIES: Kay Puschel 574, Shannon Kondracki 527, Michele Seckel 525, Carol Quaintance 519.

GAMES: Kay Puschel 222, Michele Seckel 207, Shannon Kondracki 200, Dani Bruns 198.

C.S.I. THURSDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Vanbiezen 555, Eric Maughan 508, Wayne Lybrand 505, Jake Carnahan 437.

MEN'S GAMES: Eric Maughan 214, Kyle Vanbiezen 205, Jake Carnahan 182, Wayne Lybrand 174.

LADIES SERIES: Tiffany McKelvey 391, Lorna Nicholson 335, Lacey Colson 320, Keisha Uhl 302.

LADIES GAMES: Tiffany McKelvey 156, Lorna Nicholson 116, Keisha Uhl 116, Lacey Colson 115.

SUNSET

SERIES: Julie Shull 581, Mary Doerr 535, Leanna Magee 522, Ann Shepherd 514.

GAMES: Mary Doerr 237, Leanna Magee 204, Misty Welsh 203, Julie Shull 202.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 691, Blaine McAllister 638, Myron Schroeder 618, Blaine Ross 575.

MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 246, Myron Schroeder 240, Blaine McAllister 234, Rich Farnsworth 233.

LADIES SERIES: Charm Petersen 461, Jean McGuire 500, Barbara Short 497, Bonnie Draper 495.

LADIES GAMES: Charm Petersen 196, Bernie Smith 192, Bonnie Draper 188, Janet Browning 188.

MOOSE

SERIES: Rob Maxfield 644, Tom Smith 636, Jim Bails 636, Nathan Ybarra 633.

GAMES: Nathan Ybarra 237, Mike Schliebe 235, Doug DeRuiter 234, Cory Moore 230.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Tana Beehler 459, Deanna Heil 489, Jackie Boyd 458, Joelle Moses 458.

GAMES: Jackie Boyd 189, Deanna Heil 173, Tana Beehler 263, Diann Roberts 160.

SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS

SERIES: Derry Smith 608, Diane Stroberg 506, Lori Parish 497.

GAMES: Derry Smith 251, Kristie Johnston 214, Diane Stroberg 200.

ODDBALL

SERIES: Kellie Davis 621, Theresa Knowlton 550, Louise Somsen 522.

GAMES: Sharon Hyden 255, Theresas Knowlton 246, Glenda Mecham 234.

LADIES TRIOS

SERIES: Tiffiny Hager 621, Annette Hirsch 550, Louise Somsen 522.

GAMES: Tiffiny Hager 255, Annette Hirsch 246, Louise Somsen 234.

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO

SERIES: Justin Studer 852, Bob Bywater 830, Tyson Hirsch 816.

GAMES: Jordan Parish 245, Bob Bywater 236, Justin Studer 234.

TUESDAY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Shon Bywater 612, Bob Bywater 584, Byron Hager 571.

MEN'S GAMES: Byron Hager 237, Bob Bywater 233, Bill Murphy 236.

LADIES SERIES: Christine Rowley 600, Tiffiny Hager 584, Stacy Hieb 543.

LADIES GAMES: Christine Rowley 215, Judy Dennis 205, Tiffiny Hager 202.

WED. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 710, Galen Rogers 635, Delbert Bennett 514.

MEN'S GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 269, Galen Rogers 232, Donald Baumgartner 205.

LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 586, Donna Boehler 403, Vivian Poulten 393.

LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 222, Vivian Poulten 176, Marianne Boumgartner 254.

RAILROADERS

SERIES: Theresa Knowlton 561, Kym Son 484, Becky Martindale 461.

GAMES: Theresa Knowlton 203, Alicia Ward 173, Tammy Peters 170.

THURS. AM DBLS.

SERIES: Jamie Stewart 558, Derry Smith 531, Kym Son 507.

GAMES: Carol Macafee 202, Jamie Stewart

193, Derry Smith 183.

HOUSEWIVES

SERIES: Kristie Johnston 572, Sharon Rathke 540, Bonnie Murphy 461.

GAMES: Kristie Johnston 213, Sharon Rathke 194, Bonnie McClellan 184.

MA & PA

MEN'S SERIES: Sheldon Wilkinson 525, Brent Olsen 501, Randy Rose 495.

MEN'S GAMES: Sheldon Wilkinson 191, Brent Olsen 188, Randy Rose 182.

LADIES SERIES: Jackie Garcia 448, Kay Poole 358, Lisa Wilkinson 344.

LADIES GAMES: Jackie Garcia 161, Liosa Wildonson 160, Kay Poole 134.

MAJOR

SERIES: Shon Bywater 693, Rick Hieb 686, Steve Schab 684.

GAMES: Dee Maier 257, Jack Jones 255, Steve Schab 248.

EARLY BIRDS

MEN'S SERIES: Duane Smith 615, Matt Blauer 529, Duane Blauer 515.

MEN'S GAMES: Duane Smith 223, Dusty Penrod 255, Steve Schab 248.

LADIES SERIES: Bobbi Crow 478, Georgia Schultz 462, Becky Smith 424.

LADIES GAMES: Bobbi Crow 171, Megan Martinez 169, Georgia Schultz 158.

PIN HEADS

MEN'S SERIES: Andrew Morgan 628, Jared Studer 457, Brody Albertson 408.

MEN'S GAMES: Andrew Morgan 236, Jared Studer 189, Brody Albertson 157.

LADIES SERIES: Amanda Rowley 467, Bridget Albertson 440, Courtney Yoshida 376.

LADIES GAMES: Amanda Rowley 171, Bridget Albertson 170, Cheryenne Powers 144.

TUESDAY TEENS

BOYS' SERIES: Jared Studer 476, Cameron Curtis 188.

BOYS' GAMES: Jared Studer 168, Cameron Black 73.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 476, Marriah Bareia 109.

GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 170, Marriah Bareia 45.

MINICO HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS' SERIES: Jared Studer 615, Brody Albertson 455, Kule Schab 406.

BOYS' GAMES: Jared Studer 223, Brody Albertson 192, Kyle Schab 156.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 476.

GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 205.

BURLEY HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS' SERIES: Daniel Posada 481, Anthony Meyer 479, Edgar Perez 477.

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Meyer 185, Edgar Perez 180, Daniel Posada 165.

GIRLS' SERIES: Molly Mills 494, Amanda Rowley 487, Taylor Galow 440.

GIRLS' GAMES: Kiara Hieb 189, Amanda Rowley 179, Molly Mills 169.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS

MEN'S SERIES: Vance Mason 666, Rick Frederiksen 631, Dave Wilson 625, Stan Visser 618.

MEN'S GAMES: Dan Shepherd 255, Vance Mason 245, Dave Wilson 245, Stan Visser 237.

LADIES SERIES: Ashlee Rackham 580, Margie Adema 538, Brenda Staley 525, Michele Seckel 522.

LADIES GAMES: Ashlee Rackham 230, Ida Countryman 224, Nicole Trump 212, Branda Staley 208.

COMMERCIAL

SERIES: Tony Brass 757, Tad Capurro 660, Jan DeVries 615, Dirk McCallister 601.

GAMES: Tony Brass 277, Bill Detamore 248, Ian DeVries 238, Zach Black 225.

MASON

SERIES: Glenda Barrutia 581, Dot Van Hook 541, Vi Croshaw 534, Kathy McClure 514.

GAMES: Glenda Barrutia 213, Kathy McClure 202, Vi Croshaw 201, Dot Van Hook 193.

PIONEER

SERIES: Barb Reynolds 590, Cindy Morrison 579, Erin Dayley 559, Georgia Randall 554.

GAMES: Vicki McCafferty 234, Julie Shaffer 222, Erin Dayley 214, Georgia Randall 212.

VALLEY

SERIES: Bob Leazer 742, Matt Olson 700, Jeff Thuren 652, Ron Dawson 646.

GAMES: Bob Leazer 287, Matt Olson 258, Ron Dawson 256, Jeff Thuren 253.

FIFTY PLUS

MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 603, Roy Couch 582, Eddie Chappell 581, Jack

Boyd 579.

MEN'S GAMES: Russ Bartlett 235, Kenneth Cameron 213, Charles Lewis 212, Blaine Ross 210.

LADIES SERIES: Gloria Harder 511, Sharon Knudson 498, Dot Van Hook 490, Anna Moore 484.

LADIES GAMES: Gloria Rudolph 194, Dee Hall 187, Sharon Knudson 187, Jean Stokesberry 183.

THURS. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Charles Lewis 658, Bill Kimmel 596, Joe McClure 566, Doug Anderson 565.

MEN'S GAMES: Charles Lewis 246, Joe McClure 227, Bill Kimmel 218, Jeff Whittemore 215.

LADIES SERIES: Joyce Parks 523, Kim Daigh 503, Kathy McClure 476, Cheryl Kerr 442.

LADIES GAMES: Joyce Parks 181, Edie Barkley 179, Kim Daigh 176, Kathy McClure 175.

EARLY FRI. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Joe McClure 658, Clint Koyle 627, Trevor Wakeley 617, Robbie Watkins 609.

MEN'S GAMES: Joe McClure 235, Trevor Wakley 233, Clint Koyle 226, Buddy Bryant 216.

LADIES SERIES: Glenda Barrutia 599, Tawnis Bryant 596, Sherry Amerson 541, Paula Wakley 520.

LADIES GAMES: Tawnis Bryant 233, Glenda Barrutia 223, Sherry Amerson 199, Crisa Chariton 190.

SAT. YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Kyle Mason 673, Rhett Bryant 503, Dominic Curtis 458, Steven Erling 440.

BOYS' GAMES: Kyle Mason 278, Rhett Bryant 190, Steven Erling 177, Dominic

KOBALT TOOLS 500

Hang on, guys, it's time to go racin'

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Grab hold of that steering wheel and hang on, guys.

It's time to go racin' in Atlanta.

The best stock car drivers in the world are preparing for another treacherous day on the high-banked oval that resembles an old country road from up close, but feels more like a sheet of ice when you're pushing the pedal toward speeds of 190 mph.

It's a throwback to old-style tracks like Darlington and Rockingham, the winner usually determined by which driver is most adept at straddling that fine line between going as fast as possible without ending up in the wall.

"As confined as Darlington is, it's still easier to drive than this place," said Mark Martin, who'll start from the pole in today's Sprint Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. "This thing is so big, so sweeping. When you're sliding for your life from turn 1 to turn 4, you're sliding for your life for a long time."

Sounds like this should be known as "The Track Too Tough To Tame."

While the quality of tires provided by Goodyear is often the focus of handling issues — few will ever forget Tony Stewart's memorable tirade against the company after last year's spring race in Atlanta — it's really a perfect storm of various factors that forces cars to slip-slide their way around the 1.54-mile oval.

Start with the Car of Tomorrow, which is a lot harder to control than the cars of yesterday. Then go racing on a track that hasn't been paved in 12 years, leaving a rough, gritty surface. Throw in long, sweeping turns that generate some of the fastest speeds on the Cup circuit. And try to keep it all together on four tires that are designed for reliability first, speed second.

"It's a handful, man," said Dale Earnhardt Jr., whose daddy won nine Cup races in Atlanta, all but one of them on the track's old configuration.

In 1997, the facility was redesigned from a pure oval into a quad-oval. The main straightaway became the backstretch. A slight bend was inserted into the new front stretch. The entire surface was repaved, transforming Atlanta into the fastest of the non-restrictor plate races.

Now, a dozen years later, the place is showing plenty of wear and tear.

"The track just developed these bumps and swells that continue to grow," said three-time defending Cup champion Jimmie Johnson. "When you walk out there, there's nothing but jagged rocks and stones sticking out."

So they need to repave, right?

Nope. Most drivers despise a new surface because it takes years to reform the grooves that naturally work their way into a track, allowing for more passing.

"As soon as you repave a track, it kills the racing," Stewart said. "You're down to one lane, and it's three or four years before you can do anything. That puts us in an even worse position. I like it when they leave it the same."

Stewart went off on Goodyear after last year's Kobalt Tools 500, saying the company "can't build a tire that is worth a crap." Now, he seems more inclined to spread the blame around for the less-than-ideal driving conditions.

"The track is getting to the point where it's falling off worse than the tires are," Stewart said. "It seems like every year the track changes more than what they can anticipate. I don't know if anybody can do it right now."

Smoke has been one the early surprises in this Cup season, holding down the eighth spot in points after the first three races. Most expected him to go through a bit of a transition period after he left powerful Joe Gibbs Racing to take control of his own team, especially since he's always been a notoriously slow

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starter anyway. But he's been strong in qualifying (11th this week) and showed that he's likely to be a Chase contender in his red No. 14 Chevrolet.

Also standing out through the first three events: teammates David Reutimann and Michael Waltrip, both inside the top 12 in the points after struggling mightily the last couple of seasons, and former Cup champion Bobby Labonte, ninth in the standings after moving to a new, merged team.

As for the winner of the last three Cup championships, well, it's a much different story.

Johnson is 19th in the standings after getting caught up in a wreck at the season-opening Daytona 500, where he finished 31st, and making a series of uncharacteristic mistakes at Las Vegas last weekend. He nearly wrecked on pit road, overshot his stall, and finally drifted too high on the track, which sent him crashing into the wall for a 24th-place finish on a day when he led more laps than anyone.

"We just need to hit our stride," Johnson said. "One thing we didn't have last year was fast race cars. We hit our stops. Our strategy was good. I didn't make any mistakes.



NASCAR Ryan Newman prepares to practice Saturday for the Kobalt 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.

AP photo

This year, the car is ready but we're making mistakes. Last week, I was looking for the walk-off home run but I swung and missed and stuck it in the fence. We'll certainly race for wins. But we don't need to be in a big hole. We just need to come out and have a strong race."

Martin became the second-oldest pole winner in Cup history when he turned a white-

knuckle lap of more than 187 mph in qualifying. He said the setup of the car will be vital on Sunday.

"Under the best conditions, it's very treacherous out there," said the 50-year-old Martin, also off to a sluggish start in his return to full-time racing with Hendrick Motorsports. "The thing you've got to do is have the best race car on the track.

Then you don't have to drive it as hard and it feels like it's handling pretty good. If you have to drive it as hard as you can, you're going to be all over the racetrack. It's going to feel horrible."

Martin, a part-time driver the last two seasons, joined Hendricks to take another crack at the first Cup championship of his illustrious career. But blown engines the

last two weeks have already left him with plenty of catching-up to do; he comes into Atlanta 34th in the standings.

"You can always find a silver lining if you look hard enough," he said. "We know we had a fast car at Daytona, a top 10 car at California and a top five car in Vegas (before the engine problems). All the guys kept their chins up because of that."

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'Octomom' spawns bills limiting embryo implants

By Kimi Yoshino and Jessica Garrison
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Octuplet mom Nadya Suleman already had six children after five successful in vitro fertilization treatments, but one big dilemma kept gnawing at her: What was she supposed to do with her six frozen embryos?

"Those were my children," Suleman told NBC. "I couldn't live with the fact that if I had never used them ... that I didn't allow these little embryos to live or give them an opportunity to grow."



Suleman

Now, anti-abortion groups in Georgia are using Suleman's story as a rallying call to enact stricter rules to govern the \$3 billion fertility industry, which has some doctors worrying that the octuplets may be used as a pretense to pass laws restricting abortion rights.

Two other states, California and Missouri, are offering laws that critics say might create a confusing patchwork of regulations.

The Missouri bill seeks to adopt industry standards as law. The California law gives the state Medical Board oversight of fertility clinics.

But the Georgia bill, called "The Ethical Treatment of Human Embryos Act," defines an embryo as a "biological human being" and prohibits the destruction of frozen embryos — wading into a loaded debate over abortion rights and embryonic stem cells.

It is backed by the Georgia Right to Life organization and drafted by lawyers from the Bioethics Defense Fund, an anti-abortion, anti-stem-cell group.

The bill would set limits on the number of embryos that can be transferred to a woman to two or three. In Suleman's case, she said six embryos were transferred, far above the number recommended for a 33-year-old woman using younger eggs. With fewer embryos, the chances of multiple births decreases, along with the need for selective reduction.

"I want to make sure what happened in California doesn't happen in Georgia," said state Sen. Ralph Hudgens, a Republican from Hull, Ga. "There is nothing in this law to limit abortions. I can't believe that people are reading that into it."

The additional provisions, though, particularly the section that prohibits the destruction of embryos, has alarmed doctors and fertility industry groups. Louisiana is the only state with a similar law that prohibits discarding human embryos. The president of Georgia Right to Life issued a statement saying the bill would protect embryos as "living human beings and not property."

"The Georgia bill uses the octuplets as an excuse to pass an extreme anti-abortion measure introduced and promoted by and for Georgia Right to Life," said Sean Tipton, a spokesman for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

Dr. Arthur Wisot, a Redondo Beach-based fertility specialist, agreed, saying it could "set fertility treatment back to the Dark Ages."

Murder without warning

Pa. boy's bumpy ride from birth to homicide charge

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press writer

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — Good student. Starting quarterback. Aspiring hunter. By most accounts, 11-year-old Jordan Brown was a typical boy in his rural Pennsylvania community, albeit raised mostly by his father after his mother gave him up.

So it baffles Jordan's friends and neighbors that he is accused of taking a 20-gauge youth shotgun he got from his father for Christmas and fatally shooting his father's pregnant fiancée, the woman who tried hardest to be a mother to him.

"There were no red lights, there were no indications that we should have done something differently," said Timothy McNamee, superintendent of the Mohawk Area School District, noting there were no reports Jordan was bullied or was having problems in school or at home.

Authorities say the Feb. 20 killing of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houk in Wampum, a small community about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh where nearly everyone knows everyone, was premeditated. Police say Jordan threw the spent shell casing in the woods, got on the bus and went to school.

Jordan has been charged as an adult with double homicide. If he is convicted as an adult, he faces life in prison. If his case gets moved to a juvenile court, he would probably spend the next 10 years in a secure juvenile facility.

Jordan's mother, Mildred Krause, was just four months pregnant with him when she first entered a courtroom to battle his father, Christopher Brown.

At that time, in March 1997, Krause filed a protection of abuse order against Brown, claiming he drank, did drugs and had threatened to harm her. Apparently unaware Krause was pregnant with his son, Brown was ordered to stay away from her, an order later expunged, according to court records and Brown's attorney, Dennis Elisco.

But on Feb. 5, 1999, with the consent of both parents, Christopher Brown was



Jack and Deborah Houk, the parents of Kenzie Houk, react during a news conference about their daughter's death, at their home in Shenango Township, Pa. on Feb. 23. Their daughter Jennifer Kraner, at right, tries to console her mother.



Brown



Salesperson David Jarasiewicz explains the single bolt action on a .22 caliber youth model rifle in the gun department of Sportsman's Warehouse in Ben Avon, Pa., Tuesday.

Immediately after Jordan was born on Aug. 30, 1997, Krause contacted Lawrence County Children and Youth Services requesting that they take custody of the child so her mother could adopt him, according to court documents. Not having the father's consent, the agency declined her request.

Brown, meanwhile, tipped off by Krause's grandmother and brother that she was having his baby in secret, filed an emergency petition with the court, opposing the move to have the child put up for adoption and demanding full custody of his son.

In a back-and-forth battle resolved when Jordan was about 2 months old, a court ruled Krause and Brown would share custody, with the mother getting him four days a week and the father three.

But on Feb. 5, 1999, with the consent of both parents, Christopher Brown was

awarded full custody of his 18-month-old son. Court records don't indicate why.

Friends and family say that from February 1999 on, Krause had little contact with her son, entering and exiting his life at will. They say Brown was a good father and spent a lot of quality time with his son.

The instability that characterized Jordan's formative years, including the fact he might have felt rejected by his biological mother, could have influenced his later behavior, said Daniel Shaw, chairman of the psychology department at the University of Pittsburgh.

"You can easily say it's a risk factor, a very important one, in early childhood that has been linked to ... antisocial behaviors," Shaw said. However, "it's not usually going to result in the child killing someone at age 11."

Christopher Brown,



This undated photo shows Kenzie Houk with her daughters Jenessa, left, and Adalynn in Wampum, Pa.

Jordan's father, refused to be interviewed for this story but answered a few questions through his attorney. A phone call to a phone number for the boy's mother's family rang unanswered. A person answering a phone at an address listed for the Krause family said she no longer lived there.

In May 2008, Jordan's father began dating Houk. By Christmas, they were engaged and had moved into a farmhouse together, along with Jordan and Houk's two daughters, ages 7 and 4. Houk was already about six months pregnant.

Houk's family said their daughter tried to include Jordan in everything, in part to compensate for the missing mother figure in his life.

Willard Houk, Kenzie's uncle, said he stopped at the farmhouse a short time after Kenzie and Christopher moved in.

He took Kenzie's girls for

spins on his motorcycle. Then, Kenzie's 7-year-old reminded him that Jordan needed to get a ride too, "because he's a part of our family now," he said.

Jordan got his ride, but Houk said it seemed strange to him that unlike the girls, who were "bubbly and jumpy," Jordan was barely excited. It made Houk think Jordan needed more men in his life, and he was determined to help.

So at Christmas, Willard Houk bought Jordan a present, like he did for the girls. And Jordan got a 20-gauge youth model shotgun from his father, the one police said he used to shoot Houk in the back of the head.

Like many other kids in the area, Jordan began target shooting with his dad in preparation for the 2009 hunting season, when, at age 12, he would be old enough under Pennsylvania law to get a hunting license.

Tightening the belts

London store introduces man girdle

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press writer

LONDON — It's for the man who has a little too much of everything — the man girdle, or "mirdle."

A London department store is hoping to cash in on the lucrative men's underwear market by launching a throwback to the Victorian era Thursday, a gut-cinching garment that designers say will help men make it through these belt-tightening times.

The stretchy contraptions

resemble normal sleeveless tank tops or long-sleeved T-shirts — only shrunk down two or three sizes in a special blend of Spandex, nylon and polyester. Control underwear will be launched later this year.

"It makes waists look trimmer, improves posture and helps men get into the latest slimmer-fitting suits," said Gavin Jones, head of the Australian company Equemen, which launched its male shapewear line in Selfridges on Thursday. "Men are under a lot of pressure

right now to perform financially, socially and romantically. Why shouldn't we have the same products that women have had for years to make us feel better?"

Europe has been at the forefront of the metrosexual revolution, illustrated by images of a svelte Daniel Craig in tight bathing trunks or a fitted tuxedo as 007, and a near hairless David Beckham in white Armani bikini briefs — larger-than-life ads that stretch out across London's double-decker buses. Even Clive Owen, the British actor



A model wears underwear made from a special blend of Spandex, nylon and polyester at a central London department store, Thursday.

known for his rugged good looks and reticent characters, is the face of Lancome's new anti-aging skin-care line.

As male vanity has increased in the past decade, so have retail sales.

In the United Kingdom,

sales of men's grooming products — moisturizers, home waxing kits, manicure kits — totaled some 840 million pounds (\$1.18 billion) last year, according to a report from market research firm Mintel.

Laid off workers: So hard to write e-mail goodbye

By Kelly Dinardo
For The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Jim Neill got laid off, he sent around a farewell e-mail to get people's attention: "Free food in the employee lounge."

Then Neill, who had been with the National Association of Manufacturers for years, left 'em laughing.

"These are tough times and with a young family I'm hunting for employment," he wrote, "but you'll be pleased to know I've also begun work on my long-delayed book and instructional DVD 'Rhymes with Truck: How to Use Profanity in Every Sentence.'"

There's an art to the goodbye e-mails flooding inboxes as a result of massive layoffs. A few, like Neill's, are laugh-out-loud funny. Some are bitter flameouts. Some read like brief memos or mysteries with no explanation of the move; others are like lengthy

Oscar speeches thanking co-workers.

Whatever the tone, they are everywhere; more than 45 million Americans were either laid off last year or left their jobs for greener pastures.

In the days before company e-mail distribution lists, the task of letting friends and colleagues know about your departure was primarily done by phone or through an interoffice memo written by Human Resources.

With the wider reach of e-mail and more casual messages comes some danger: An e-mail will last longer and may pop up into the inbox of unintended recipient.

Lawyer Shinyung Oh's angry goodbye quickly made rounds of legal blogs. Oh was let go from the Paul Hastings law firm's San Francisco branch six days after having a miscarriage. She wrote a blistering e-mail accusing the firm of heartlessness, and sent it to all her colleagues.

"If this response seems

particularly emotional, perhaps an associate's emotional vulnerability after a recent miscarriage is a factor you should consider the next time you fire or lay someone off," she wrote.

Oh has since started her own blog but declined to comment on the incident.

Truly angry flameouts are a rarity for that reason — most people understand they will whip through the ether at breakneck speed. One scathingly funny goodbye that has been posted on blogs around the world with the subject line "So long, suckers! I'm out!" turns out to be a hoax, written by comedy writer Chris Kula.

"For nearly as long as I've worked here, I've hoped that I might one day leave this company," the mock kiss-off reads. "And now that this dream has become a reality, please know that I could not have reached this goal without your support."

Experts warn against real displays of such anger over concerns that it could hurt a future job search. Many caution against even a hint negativity.

"Don't show any bitterness. Don't complain. Just be positive," says Donna Flagg, a workplace expert and the President of The Krysalis Group, a business and management consulting firm in New York.

At its simplest, the e-mail only needs to let friends and colleagues know you're leaving and how to reach you. A goodbye handled properly can even help with the job search.

When Kristin Brown lost her job at a mid-size PR firm due to downsizing, she spoke highly of her former employer, attached her resume and asked her contacts to keep her in mind for any openings, "because, let's face it, I've become quite attached to having a roof over my head!"

The letter seems to have helped; she's landed several leads and interviews through



AP Photo/M. Spencer Green

Pete Seat, a deputy press secretary under President George W. Bush, poses with a photo of himself and his former boss, White House press secretary Tony Snow, Feb. 26 at his home in Schererville, Ind.

her former co-workers.

Neill, who joked about free food in the office lounge, sent a separate, more formal e-mail to outside business contacts, but wanted to lighten the mood inside the office.

"There was a lot of tension in the air," says Neill, who has since landed a job as Vice President of Product Safety for the Retail Industry Leaders Association. "I wanted people to feel comfortable saying goodbye. I didn't want anyone walking on eggshells around me. Humor seemed the best way to do that."

Staying professional doesn't mean checking your personality at the inbox. Before Pete Seat, a deputy press secretary under President George W. Bush, left the White House, he sent a goodbye e-mail to friends, White House colleagues and journalists.

"With most of us embarking on a new personal or professional adventure over the next few weeks and months, remember the words of Macaulay Culkin in Home Alone when he said, 'This is it, don't get scared now.' That

always helps me," he wrote.

Seat also included a quote from former press secretary Tony Snow, reminding those who have worked in the White House how special it is. "Leave no room for regrets, for someday, in the not-so-

distant future, you will be back where you started: On the sidewalk with the folks, gawking at that grand, glorious, mysterious place — where Lincoln walks at night, and our highest hopes and dreams reside."

NOT-SO-FOND FAREWELLS

Leaving a job? Here are tips for writing a farewell e-mail from workplace and business etiquette experts Donna Flagg and Colleen Rickenbacher:

- **Be graceful, positive and appreciative.** Thank everyone for the experience. "I realize a lot of people aren't happy to be writing these e-mails," Flagg says. "Suck it up and find something positive to thank people for. These things follow you. You want to remain the consummate professional."
- **One size does not fit all.** Think strategically about who you're sending it out to and what's appropriate for that audience.
- **Avoid sharing too much information.** Don't feel like you need to explain what happened or what went wrong. But it's OK to explain why the position was eliminated if it is not performance-based.
- **Write the e-mail when you're in a good frame of mind** — then think about it overnight. "If you read it five years from now, you don't want to wonder what you were thinking," says Rickenbacher, author of "Be On Your Best Business Behavior."
- **Keep it brief.** If you have someone particular to thank, send them an individual note or e-mail. Don't include a long list of thank yous in the group message.
- **Use humor only if it's appropriate** to your personality and the organization.
- **Avoid emoticons or pictures.**
- **Avoid clichés** like "The time has come" or "It is with a heavy heart."
- **Looking for a new job** is inappropriate for a mass departure e-mail. Network separately.

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Researchers in Tucson mourn loss of rare wild jaguar

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — About four dozen environmentalists held a memorial service Thursday in Tucson to honor a dead jaguar.

Center for Biological Diversity supporters gathered outside the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office to lament jaguar Macho B's euthanization because of kidney failure.

Macho B was the first wild jaguar in the United States to be radio-collared after it was inadvertently caught in a snare trap last month. It was believed to be the oldest known jaguar in the wild at 15 or 16 years old.

An Arizona Game and Fish Department team recaptured the animal southwest of Tucson on Monday because it appeared ill; it was euthanized later that day.

A Phoenix Zoo veterinarian who treated the euthanized jaguar said the animal had kidney disease, likely aggravated by the stress of being captured and tranquilized.

Zoo executive vice president Dean Rice says initial necropsy results show that the big cat's kidneys weren't working properly.

Rice says the stress of being caught inadvertently in the snare trap on Feb. 18 and then being tranquilized on two occasions would have aggravated the kidney problems.



A collared jaguar nicknamed Macho B is seen in February.

Arizona Game and Fish Department/AP photo

An Arizona Game and Fish Department team recaptured the animal southwest of Tucson on Monday because it appeared ill; they killed it later that day.

"It was definitely a roller-coaster ride yesterday," said Bill Van Pelt, the department's nongame bird and mammal

program manager.

Long a ghostlike presence in Arizona, Macho B had been captured only on environmentalists' tracking cameras over the past dozen years.

Then, on Feb. 18, it became the first wild jaguar in the United States to be radio-

collared after it was inadvertently caught in a snare trap set to capture bears and mountain lions for study.

Transmissions from its GPS-equipped collar Feb. 27 indicated it was only moving a few hundred yards — far less than when it had been foraging, Fish and Wildlife

spokesman Jeff Humphrey said.

A three-member team tried to get a visual sighting the next day, and another tried to dart the jaguar on March 1 but missed. On Monday, wildlife biologists and a veterinarian were more successful, shooting the jaguar with

an anesthetic dart from a helicopter about five miles from where it had been trapped.

Team members determined from tests at the Phoenix Zoo that the jaguar was in severe, unrecoverable kidney failure, Van Pelt said Tuesday.

In consultations with veterinarians, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the head of Arizona Game and Fish, "we felt it was in the best interest of the animal to put it down," he said.

Little is known of the endangered jaguar's habitat or ecology in this country. It once ranged from the Appalachians to San Francisco Bay, but New Mexico and Arizona are now thought to be the northernmost reaches of a range extending into South America.

Scientists had hoped to learn more about the jaguar's use of the borderland habitats to aid in conserving the species.

"Was this male moving across the border? Did it rendezvous with other cats? How was it utilizing the habitat?" Humphrey said. "Would it seasonally use one group or one mountain or canyon versus another? Was it requiring a large territory? ... Unfortunately, 10 days and about five miles worth of data is about all we will have at this point."

Biologists put radio collars on fishers in northern Idaho

LEWISTON (AP) — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is trapping fishers in northern Idaho's Clearwater Basin and fitting them with radio collars to learn more about their habits.

Joel Sauder, a non-game biologist with the agency, is in the midst of a multiyear study of the small predators and how they select and use habitat. The animals are most

closely associated with old-growth forests.

"That is without a doubt a critical component of their habitat requirements, but I wouldn't say it's an end all and be all," Sauder told the Lewiston Tribune.

Fishers are members of the weasel family, and have long bodies and pointy heads. They prey on snowshoe hares and other small mammals

and birds.

Sauder's study includes timberland owned by Potlatch Corp.

"Working on projects like the fisher is consistent with our commitments to stewardship of all forest resources," said Mark Benson, a spokesman for Potlatch.

Last winter Sauder trapped and put collars on 11 fishers, and this winter has trapped

nine with about a month left in the trapping season.

Environmental groups late last month asked that fishers in the region be given protection under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Sauder said he is trying to learn why fishers select particular habitat. With that information he would then like to find out if forest management practices can be used to help

fishers or at least not harm them.

Gary Macfarlane, with the Moscow-based Friends of the Clearwater, said fishers face threats from trapping and habitat destruction that comes with logging and road building.

"We don't know a whole lot about them," he said. "They tend to be pretty rare. They are not doing so well and proba-

bly the best fisher population is in our part of the world. We think the (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service needs to take a hard look at fishers."

Sauder said he hopes to answer some questions concerning fishers.

"You can't just say fishers need old growth," he said. "You have to look at all the different resources they get from different habitats."




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MANAGEMENT

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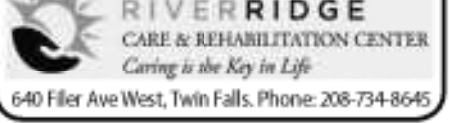
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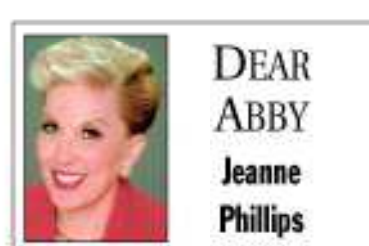
Romance that began online is no cause for embarrassment

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Sean," and I met online six months ago. We are now at the stage where we are meeting and going out with each other's friends...

Sean prefers his friends and family not know we met on an online dating site, while I have been up-front with my circle of friends...

DEAR DATING: Doesn't your boyfriend know that many people meet online these days? Would he prefer his friends and family thought he picked you up in a bar?

DEAR ABBY: A year and a half ago, right before I turned 16, I made the decision to start dating. Before I had my first boyfriend, I set some guidelines for what I wanted in a relationship...



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

something just because someone else may be doing it.

DEAR ABBY: Knowing how much you care about animals, I hope you will make your readers aware of how dangerous lighted candles can be where there are pets in a home.

Many of us love to brighten our home with candles. They have become popular accessories due to home decorating shows and magazines...

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— ESTHER MECHLER DIRECTOR, SPAY/USA

DEAR ESTHER: Thank you for the timely reminder that candles present a real danger if left unattended in a household with pets — or small children.



cal or haven't attained your ambitions. Start listening to other people in the week to come, and appreciate their wise counsel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might think you are holding a grudge — but the truth is, that grudge is holding you. Later this week you will be able to break away from a misconception that has held you back mentally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Meet resentment and criticism with stoicism. Be fair about a self-appraisal, and if there is something you can change this week so that you can get along with others better, then go ahead and make the changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There seems to be a silent conspiracy to avoid discussing faults or making accusations. Secretly, you may feel you are to blame. Make a valiant effort in the week ahead to break a stalemate and revive a relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A small indiscretion might place a barrier between you and a friend. Later this week, you may have a chance to repair the damage. Make sure plans include asking for help with a work related project.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

with rioting and strikes in Petrograd. The U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington at age 72, five weeks after he retired as Chief Justice of the United States.

In 1948, the Supreme Court, in McCollum v. Board of Education, struck down voluntary religious education classes in Champaign, Ill., public schools, saying the program violated separation of church and state.

In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines were brought in to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

In 1988, 17 soldiers were killed when two Army helicopters from Fort Campbell, Ky., collided in mid-flight.

Ten years ago: New York Yankees baseball star Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Fla., at age 84. President Bill Clinton began a tour of Central America with a visit to hurricane-battered Nicaragua. The Energy Department fired scientist Wen Ho Lee from his job at the Los

Today is Sunday, March 8, the 67th day of 2009. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 8, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclad CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) rammed and sank the USS Cumberland and heavily damaged the USS Congress, both frigates, off Newport News, Va.

On this date: In 1702, England's Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1782, the Gnadenhutten (jib-NAY'-duhn-huh-tuhn) massacre took place as more than 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1859, British writer Kenneth Grahame, author of "The Wind in the Willows," was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y., at age 74.

In 1917, Russia's February Revolution (so called because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began

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Sue Weller shows her middle son, 8-year-old Liam, how to write a cursive capital E to list a daily special, shrimp enchiladas, on the blackboard at Bandidas' Bar & Grill in Hailey.

Expect big things in my baby's future

“You'll never believe what the doctor said today,” my wife said as I walked into the house. She didn't bother to greet me, scold me, embrace me or warn me of another appliance breaking down.

In other words, this was major news.

“He's big. He's real big. The doctor says he's in the 95th percentile for weight, and 90th percentile for height.”

The “he” in question is our now 4-month-old son, and the “percentile” is his physical growth in comparison with other 4-month-olds. Doctors usually figure this by measuring the baby's weight and height, then the diameter of his or her head (the baby's, not the doctor's).

Using the example of a weight in the 95th percentile, that means 95 percent of other 4-month-old babies weigh less than or equal to him.

From the sounds of it, a high percentile ranking also means your child will be among People magazine's Most Beautiful People list or a top-five lottery position for the NBA draft. Your child may also qualify for lifetime membership in Mensa International.

Or maybe, it just means he's very fat and long.

Fact is, these charts really determine nothing about a baby's physical outcome, other than to show over the course of a child's first year whether he is making healthy progress.

Still, we can't help but be amazed. The kid is the fastest growing child we've ever had in a litter of runts.

My wife is mostly elated about the baby's growth, because his older siblings seem to have Lilliputian genes, and in their own early years, they were somewhere in the lower quarter of all percentile charts. Even today, most of our brood comes in much smaller than their classmates.

As for myself, I'll admit to a healthy dose of paternal pride when a baby is bursting out of his new pajamas. But it becomes quite obvious each day that to keep this bouncing bundle of boy laughing, growing and sleeping, he needs nutritional calories — and lots of them. At this point, he's starting to eat us out of house and home — and he hasn't even started solid foods yet.

One reason is baby formula. Unlike with the other children, we started using the formula given to us in the hospital the first days after his delivery. These companies provide mothers with bags, bottles, blankets, bottle warmers and, of course, a few complimentary cans of formula.

Again, we didn't do this with our other kids. But by the time we brought Barrett home, he was already a raging Similacoholic.

Now he inhales the stuff, and let me tell you it is not cheap. Twelve years ago with our first child, a can of formula cost \$8. Today it's around \$14. And judging by the way our baby drinks the stuff down, it must be made by Willy Wonka himself, thus explaining the higher cost and the addictive taste.

We made ill-advised switches to cheaper formulas, something doctors don't recommend doing because it upsets babies' stomachs. But we reverted back to high-priced formula. Now he's growing stronger and faster at a rate that would make Alex Rodriguez jealous.

As for the cost, I stopped worrying about it, especially after hearing about my sister-in-law's family. Her dad was one of 13 children raised in Glens Ferry — all of them born over 13 pounds.

Someone gets that poor mother some high-carb Similac. Not for the kids, for her.



SPILT MILK
David Cooper

A new sign of the times

In this economy, survival is a family effort

Story and photos by Ariel Hansen • Times-News writer

HAILEY — At Bandidas' Bar & Grill in Hailey, the maitre d' wears a button-down shirt and long black apron. Long, because he's 8 years old and only about 3 feet tall.

Liam Weller is one of Sue Weller's three sons, all of whom help out at the restaurant she co-owns with Karen Rossi. Karen's 14-year-old daughter, McKenna Chase, works there, and her older son has too. Sue's boyfriend, Michael Black, and his three kids have also lent a hand. It's a veritable Brady Bunch at the Mexican-themed eatery.

Though most of the kids have to work for tips because they're too young to be on the payroll, their help is indispensable in a declining economy, Sue said.

“All summer, we had the kids work as much as possible to keep costs down for us,” she said. In the last six months, the restaurant has gone from a dozen employees on the payroll to just three. “We're penny-pinching, we really are.”

And they're still struggling, enough that last week they reduced the weekly lunch-and-dinner schedule to Tuesday through Saturday. When they're not at the restaurant, Karen is a hairdresser and Sue teaches gymnastics. Which wouldn't leave a lot of time for family, except that their families end up at Bandidas.

“This becomes their alternative day care,” Karen said. “They sit and play, watch cartoons.”

From young to teen, the kids have also learned some important things at the restaurant, the moms said.

“It's good and bad. It makes it harder for my take it separate from me,” Sue said. “I think it makes us closer as a family, (and) it teaches them a little responsibility.”

Karen added, “We put in long, hard hours, and there's not

much money.”

Weller said she hopes her kids will someday want to own their own businesses, or at least have great respect for those who do.

“It's beyond the value of the dollar. It's the value of the hour, what needs to get done,” Sue said. As they get older, she wants them to take on more responsibility at Bandidas, but she's still reluctant to let even her 11-year-old anywhere near knives or the fryer.

Sue and Karen look out for each other's kids, sometimes running them on errands or baby-sitting. At the restaurant they also have to give those kids orders, being bosses as much as mothers. But the mom side always comes through.

Karen sometimes has to lay into McKenna, who is saving up to help pay for a trip to China, for sneaking off to the bathroom to send text messages. Shy 5-year-old Aidan often wants to cling to Sue's legs when she's trying to get an order up.

“That's the one drawback to having your kids at work, is the ‘mom’ factor ... they're ‘Mom, Mom, Mom,’” Sue said. But when Aidan goes to school next year, it'll be odd not to have at least one child with her at the restaurant much of the day. “I



After having his black apron tied on, Liam darts away from his mom, Sue Weller, to take care of a few tasks at the Hailey restaurant the family co-owns.

don't know if I'm excited or it's bittersweet.”

That's assuming, of course, that Bandidas stays in business. It's not a sure thing in a declining economy, even with the helping hands of the kids. That's a lesson Karen and Sue hope their kids won't have to learn anytime soon: Even with what seems like endless hard work by

Bandidas' Bar & Grill

411 N. Main St., Hailey
(208) 578-9030
Open for lunch and dinner
Tuesday through Saturday

families who work so well together, failure is still an option.



On a slow Tuesday evening, Sue Weller's youngest sons, 8-year-old Liam and 5-year-old Aidan, create a game together on the lobby benches at Bandidas. Later at night, the boys sometimes nap on those benches, Weller said.



Full of aimless energy, 5-year-old Aidan Weller, left, mucks about in the snow. His older brothers, 8-year-old Liam and 11-year-old Kyle, wait near the doorway as their mother's boyfriend, Michael Black, top right, prepares to gather the boys to head home for the night.



Karen Rossi, left, and Sue Weller, right, get their restaurant ready to open Tuesday. McKenna Chase, Rossi's daughter, thumbs a text message into her phone near the kitchen, something Rossi said the 14-year-old tends to do too much while on duty.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50. 734-5084.

MENUS:

Monday: Ham and spring pea alfredo
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Turkey pot pie
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: Corned beef and cabbage

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Magic Valley Bridge
Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon Exercise class, 1 p.m. Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m. Oil painting by appointment
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2 Quilting, 8 a.m. Discuss current events, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1 Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1 p.m. Oil painting by appointment
Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1
Saturday: Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Twin Falls Flea Market

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:

Monday: Potato soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Pork chops
Wednesday: Yankee frank and noodles
Thursday: Liver and onions or meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Turkey roast dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap
Wednesday: Barbecue beef on a bun
Friday: Oven-fried chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Foot clinic Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Roast beef
Wednesday: Chicken salad sandwich
Thursday: Pit ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 5 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Pinochle in Gooding with Shoshone, 1:30 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle in Gooding with Shoshone, 1:30 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Music with June Koonce Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Tuna casserole
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Friday: Trout

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:

Monday: Biscuits and gravy
Tuesday: Chicken a la king
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Ham
Friday: Chicken salad



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ABOVE: Clockwise from top left: Betty Thorpe, 79, Loys K. Weigle, 96, Carrie Jones, 65, and Dorothy Emerson, 79, play bridge at Jerome's senior center in mid-February.

RIGHT: Betty Thorpe is the only Twin Falls resident among the Jerome bridge foursome. 'These are the ones that really taught me how — and can stand me,' Thorpe says with a laugh. So now that she can play 'without making a mess,' she still comes to Jerome for games.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Free massages
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Secure Horizon, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m. Square dancing
Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m. Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Taxes, noon to 4 p.m. Kids Club, 4 to 6 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Beef stroganoff
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Chicken-fried steak
Thursday: Egg salad sandwiches sandwich and soup

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup and sandwich
Friday: Spaghetti
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle with Gooding, 1 p.m. Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Trip to Wendover, Nev.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo Trip to Wendover

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Chili dogs
Wednesday: Manicotti
Friday: Enchiladas
ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken
Friday: Fish or pizza
ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Tea at Blaine Manor, 3 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Cari's Hair Care and Spa Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Prime rib dinner, 6 p.m., \$12

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Beef enchiladas
Thursday: Cheese sandwich and soup



Friday: Smorgasbord

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich and soup
Wednesday: Birthday dinner
Thursday: Sauerkraut and wieners
Friday: Pollock

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise

Thursday: Pool Exercise Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Baked chicken breast
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m. Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m. Potluck, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday Bingo, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 10 a.m. Cardio, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Taxes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Thursday: Lasagna

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Times-News

Rhea Lanting, a family and consumer sciences Extension educator, is offering a five-session class, "Married and Loving It," from 6 to

8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 1-29, at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Instructor Shelly Nash will discuss communication skills, establishing guidelines for finances, identifying

anger sources, working on conflict resolutions and the influence of daily decisions. Cost is \$35 per couple. Organizers encourage pre-registration. Register: 734-9590 or rhlanting@uidaho.edu.

Girl Scouts is rebranding, but cookies will stay

By Megan Greenwell
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Long associated with images of dorky vests and singalongs around the campfire, the 97-year-old Girl Scouts of the USA is trying to become cool. Or at least cooler.

With enrollment dropping sharply, the organization is experimenting with a total makeover of the Girl Scout experience.

What's in: books and blogs written in girls' voices on topics such as environmental awareness and engineering; troops led by college students; videoconferencing with scouts in other countries.

What's out: textbook-style lessons on the value of helping others; shunning the Internet; moms as troop leaders for teenagers.

Thin Mints are not in jeopardy, but — OMG! — badges will be de-emphasized.

"We took a step back and asked, 'What do girls need from us right now?'" said Eileen Doyle, the Girl Scouts' senior vice president of program development. "There is consistency in our goals throughout our history, but we can maintain that while being fun, edgy and challenging for modern-day girls."

Last year, the Girl Scouts hired its first-ever brand manager, Laurel Richie, a former senior partner at advertising powerhouse Ogilvy & Mather who oversaw campaigns for Campbell's soup and American Express. Richie said the group's image was

stuck in an earlier era, the main reason for a more than 8 percent decline in membership, to 2.5 million, during the past 10 years. The organization has faced a particular struggle attempting to attract urban and minority girls.

"It's no different from preparing an ad campaign for a classic brand that needs a bit of a facelift to show that it's still relevant," Richie said.

The Girl Scouts is not alone among social groups with its declining membership trend. The Boy Scouts, which has lost members since its peak in the 1980s, has worked to balance traditional camping and knotting with robotics and other 21st-century pursuits. Adult organizations such as Rotary clubs and Elks lodges also have lost members.

But few have gone as far as the Girl Scouts in attempting to keep up with the times.

"The rise of a vibrant coed youth culture after World War II meant single-sex organizations felt a little old-fashioned even back then," said Susan Miller, a University of Pennsylvania historian who has written a book about the rise of girls' organizations. "It would be silly for them to try to run counter to the dominant culture that girls are embedded in."

The biggest change is last year's debut of Journeys, a pilot curriculum that will mostly replace the system of earning badges on specific topics.

Girls still will be able to



Photos by RICHARD A. LIPSKI/Washington Post

Rhema Jones, left, and Yaqseana Cotton work on art projects as part of a Girl Scouts young-leaders program at Drew Elementary School in Washington, D.C. With enrollment dropping sharply, the organization is experimenting with a makeover of the Girl Scout experience.

earn badges if they want, but Journeys rarely mentions them, focusing instead on broader themes, including teamwork and healthy living. Rather than scouts earning a badge for cooking a single nutritious meal, for example, the books emphasize fruits and vegetables whenever food is mentioned.

Many lessons focus on changing the world in measurable, modern ways. Recycling is still an important part of lessons on helping the environment, but some troops also install solar panels and test water quality in rivers.

In Boston last year, fourth- and fifth-grade scouts conducted an energy audit of the city's convention center using sophisticated engineering equipment and then offered recommendations

on how to make the building more efficient.

Once reluctant to direct scouts to chat rooms, the Girl Scouts now encourages girls to use the Web as a resource.

The Girl Scouts and Microsoft have just unveiled a student-driven Web site dedicated to blogs, videos and discussions on topics such as social networking and Internet safety. Called LMK, text-speak for "let me know," the Web site aims to capitalize on girls' love of all things Internet.

Camping and singing will remain part of the scouting experience, and because the Girl Scouts organization has always given wide autonomy to individual troops, leaders and girls will be able to choose which of the new programs to embrace.



Zionnah Garnett raises her hand to answer a question at an after-school Girl Scouts program in Washington, D.C.

Parents beware: Fireplace dangers

By Stacey Garfinkle
washingtonpost.com

Jennifer Gore's son Tommy is one of the lucky ones.

That's her view of the hand burn the then 11 1/2-month-old suffered while playing at a friend's house. Tommy's is one of many incidents of serious fireplace burns to hands and arms that doctors at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., have seen this winter. And Tommy, unlike many of the other children, did not need a skin graft.

Children's typically sees about 60 patients each week at the burn clinic, says Ananth Murthy, a pediatric plastic surgeon and associate burn director at the hospital. Of those, usually two or three will have to be admitted. This winter, those numbers have jumped significantly, Murthy reports.

Between Jan. 1 and Feb. 24, the hospital had nine cases of serious fireplace-related burns.

Murthy says these burns are caused by gas fireplaces with glass fronts. The one that Tommy touched was a Majestic gas fireplace that vented out the back to the side of the house.

"As any parent does, when you first walk in, you scan the room," Gore said. "The fire was turned on low. I saw the fire, and thought, oh, great, I don't have to worry about the fire, it's behind the glass." She noted that the friend's house was the most child-proofed house of anyone she knows. And neither the home's owner, mom of three Tracy McLaughlin, nor Gore, realized how hot the glass could get. "We thought the glass was

more like an oven door," Gore said.

In fact, the glass front of a gas artificial fireplace can heat up to 500 degrees Fahrenheit 10 to 15 minutes after turning the fireplace on, Murthy says. And it stays hot long after the fireplace is turned off. "Even after one half-hour, it's still close to 150 to 200 degrees Fahrenheit," he says.

At 150 degrees, a person would have to be exposed to hot water at five to six seconds to suffer a third-degree burn. At higher temperatures, less than one second of exposure can cause this most serious burn, the type that Children's has been seeing this winter.

That's the type of burn that Kesha Robinson's daughter Jasmine suffered around Christmastime. Jasmine was a toddling 11-month-old that day when she was visiting her grandmother in Southern Maryland along with her father, Damian Key. Key had gone into the kitchen to get something when he heard Jasmine screaming. "She was at that stage when they fall forward, their reflex is to hold on," Robinson said.

From there, it was a frenetic race to get to the hospital, where doctors diagnosed third-degree burns on both of Jasmine's hands. Nearly five weeks after a skin graft to her left hand — doctors decided the right one didn't need that — Jasmine was back to picking up items and feeding herself, skills she needed to relearn, Robinson said.

Her right hand had skin back on it and looked like it was headed for a full recovery. The family was still unsure of how much use Jasmine would have in

her left hand.

"Initially the pain was so bad. She would moan, she couldn't do anything with her hands. It was traumatic for her. She holds her hands now as if to protect them. When she falls she checks her hands. She has an awareness of her hands. Right now her left hand, she holds it to her side or up in the air," Robinson said.

That trauma extends to the families as well, who have watched their children suffer serious burns and who help change bandages and give the children's hands sometimes painful physical therapy to keep mobility. Gore describes the trauma as worse for her than for Tommy. And Robinson said, "It was more emotional trauma for her grandmother and father. This was definitely a lesson for adults, parents, grandparents to make sure their home is child-proofed."

To child-proof a fireplace, put a screen or gate in front of it and be vigilant about watching children who are near a fireplace. Don't let children touch any parts of a fireplace, says a Consumer Product Safety Commission spokeswoman, Patty Davis. Also, make sure that children can't inadvertently turn on an artificial or gas fireplace in your absence, Murthy advises.

Diagnosing special-needs kids

Times-News

College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center is offering the seminar "Diagnostics: Children with Special Needs," starting later this month.

Students will learn about conducting differential diagnoses for children with special needs and other disorders.

You will learn the DSM-IV codes, the best instruments for assessment and evaluation methods in securing the most appropriate diagnosis for a child's needs, class organizers said. You'll become

familiar with phenotypic and genotypic assessments as they relate to diagnosing children with special needs, and you'll be able to apply diagnostic rule-out criteria to determine the most appropriate diagnosis.

Instructor Kevin William has a doctorate in psychology and behavior

health care administration with secondary interests in school psychology.

Class will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays, March 25 to May 13, in Shields 108. Cost is \$100, plus \$75 paid to the instructor for a DSM-IV book.

Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.



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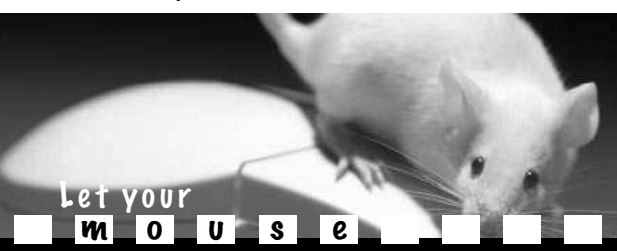
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Kelly Blatz as Charlie Landers, left, and David Lambert as Jason Landers on Disney's 'Aaron Stone.' Teen and tween boys are just as fashion-conscious as the girls their age, and retailers are tapping into that market by creating a studied casual look.

Girls aren't the only ones keeping up with fashion trends

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It takes a lot more effort to get that "I-don't-care" look than teen and tween boys let on.

Disney Channel Worldwide noticed it when courting teen boys with its just-launched network Disney HD — the boys they studied noticed whether pants were slim-leg or boot-cut, and if T-shirts tout the right extreme sport.

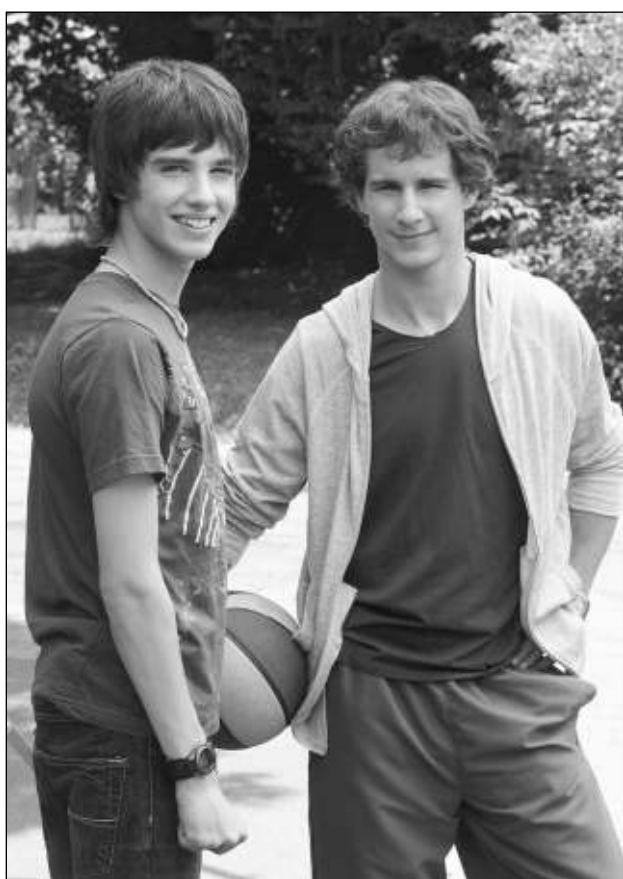
"As much as kids like to be 'individual,' there's a conformity among the group they're in," says the show's costume designer Shelley Mansell of Disney HD's "Aaron Stone." "For boys, there's an eternal search for the best jeans, coolest T-shirt and best pair of sneakers they can find."

That attention to detail makes teen and tween boys just as fashion-conscious as the girls their age, and retailers are tapping into that market by creating a studied casual look.

Moise Emquies, founder of Mo Industries which includes the labels Ella Moss and Splendid, recently launched a boys collection called Splendid Mills JR based on the success of its hipster menswear collection.

Meanwhile, mass retailer The Children's Place has put an increased emphasis on "fashion" for boys, even adding pink to its upcoming offerings, because boys — just like everyone else — seem to have an appetite for what's trendy, says A.K. LaMonica, senior director of apparel.

"Boys are more complex than entertainment companies have given them credit for," says Kelly Pena, vice president of Disney



AP Photo/Disney XD, Peter Stranks

Kelly Blatz as Charlie Landers, right, and David Lambert as Jason Landers on 'Aaron Stone.'

Channel Worldwide brand research, who interviewed, watched and tracked preferences of boys around the globe for 18 months. "They are highly influenced by what their friends like, what their older brothers like, athletes and role models."

And don't forget girls. "You're around your peers every day and always trying to impress the girls," says Kelly Blatz, the emerging heartthrob who plays younger than his 21 years as high schooler Charlie Landers and his super-spy alter ego Aaron Stone. "It's easier now that I'm by myself a lot, but I remember me and my younger brother ... we'd sit there for half an hour trying to figure out what looks cool."

David Lambert, on-

screen little brother Jason, is in the midst of that struggle now.

A mere year ago, he says, he couldn't have cared less about his look. That's changed now that he's a high school sophomore, sporting a little bit of a Euro look he picked up while filming in Toronto.

"I think almost every guy would say they dress for the girls, but when I'm with my buddies, I still try to look good," says 15-year-old David.

On this day Blatz is wearing white boot-cut cords, a red-black-and-white flannel shirt and clunky leather shoes.

It takes longer than you'd expect for him to get ready in the morning, he acknowledges. "You have to think about not thinking

"I think there's a huge opportunity for boys, especially in personal grooming. I don't know if companies have tapped into that yet."

— Kelly Pena, vice president of Disney Channel Worldwide brand research

about it. You'll say 'just threw it on' but you always threw it on for a reason."

Boys will roundly reject anything considered girly, but they'll go far to make sure the stickers on their skateboards live up to the standards set by their friends, Disney's Pena says. They just don't want you to know how much attention they've given to the details.

Mansell says the wardrobe department researches a variety of sources to find out what's "cool," from Teen Vogue to NBA games — and anything relating to surfers and skateboarders carries the most weight.

Surf polos with a well-washed vintage look are a key part of The Children's Place spring and summer collections, says LaMonica. "We had been more conservative in what we were offering to them, but we're finding they are more open to fashion risks."

Pena thinks boys are a demographic with growth potential.

"I think there's a huge opportunity for boys, especially in personal grooming," she says. "I don't know if companies have tapped into that yet."

The online male takes a licking and keeps on clicking

By Delphine Schrank
The Washington Post

Say you're halfway through a turkey sub when you have a sudden urge to Wikipedia the word "crush," because your nephew was bashfully asking what it meant, which reminded you of when you, too, were 13 and tripped on a chair on your way to the blackboard right in front of the girl with the pig-tails, whom you suddenly feel like searching for on Facebook — after all these years — so you log on to your homepage, which is blitzed with photos from Nick's musing trip in Alaska, including one with a comment about you that just landed in your inbox, where you have five urgent messages from Bob about a football blog that you click to and really mean to finish reading, but only after you're done smack-ing the ball on that pop-up Orbitz ad, the one with the baseball bat, once, twice, six times and ...

Why did you leave your sandwich for the computer again?

Is this your brain, the male brain that is, on Google?

Recent research suggests that men and women use the Internet differently. The results strengthen stereotypes about men being more visual-spatial and focused on destinations while women inhabit verbal universes and are more inclined toward emotional connections and community-building.

The jury is still out on whether all this online activity is rewiring the circuitry of our brains. But as scientists and sociologists begin to probe the Internet's impact, some wonder if it is reinforcing sex differences or doing exactly the reverse, leading us instead toward a brave new wired world of gender neutrality. Then there are some who suggest the real concern is whether the Internet is dumbing us down. Hogwash, say others. What if, instead, Google were making us smarter?

A 2005 survey by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that men typically were quicker to use the Internet as a tool for online transactions, for experiences such as video games, or to find content. Women tended to use the Internet to join online communities and were more prolific in their use of e-mail.

According to Susan Pinker, a psychologist at McGill University and

author of "The Sexual Paradox," male and female behavior on the Internet basically mirrors their differences in other parts of life.

"My expectations are that the Internet ... will increase the skills that you already have," Pinker said.

Preliminary evidence suggests as much, she said. Violent computer games didn't encourage violence in boys, but violently inclined boys were naturally more attracted to violent computer games. And, she pointed out, women latched onto emoticons, those colorful smiley faces and such, as bonding devices for use in Internet chat rooms. Such use, Pinker said, was an organic outgrowth of women's natural tendency to use language socially.

Gordon Hotchkiss, founder of an online research firm, has been studying the way men and women interact with the Internet since 2003. Eye-tracking studies largely confirm the Pew data, he said. Men almost always get the lay of the land by scanning the navigation bar.

In one of his studies, a flash screen took a few minutes to load. Women stayed put on the page, waiting to watch the result once it appeared. But almost every man surfed away. "They all bailed out," said Hotchkiss.

But Hotchkiss ultimately believes there is an equalizing effect to Internet browsing. He stressed that across all his studies, men and women used different visual processes but eventually ended up in the same place, on the page or scanning the same material.

Another proponent of the gender-neutralizing hypothesis is Gary Small, a psychiatrist from the University of California at Los Angeles, who co-authored a study that mapped people's brains while they were browsing the Internet.

The study looked at 24 volunteers aged 55 to 76 who were asked to either search online or read while their brains were scanned using magnetic resonance imaging.

However one uses it, Small said, the Internet requires all users, men and women alike, to sharpen both their visual-spatial skills and verbal skills. And as both male and female brains adapt, "it's possible that you might not be able to tell a difference between the male and female brain at all."

Darnit! How to keep your kids from cursing

By Angie Wagner
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — The other day my 3-year-old couldn't get a lid off a marker, so she made her frustration known in the form of a curse word.

After the initial shock, I told her that word was inappropriate and never to use it again. But she has.

My 5-year-old was rhyming words in her car seat one day and came to a curse word that rhymes with bit.

She immediately knew it was wrong, and smiled because of it. I just hope it doesn't come out at her Christian kindergarten. She might be expelled.

She also brought home a nice, truncated phrase from school — "What the ...?" I outlawed it, but she

didn't understand why since there was no bad word in it. It was intent, I explained.

I admit to letting a swear word fly when I stub my toe or lose a file on my computer. But, gee, I thought I was saying them under my breath. And I certainly didn't think I said them that often.

My husband is a different story. He drops a certain curse word a lot. He says he doesn't, but I think he doesn't know that he does.

Now apparently my 3-year-old could be making her swear words of choice part of her vocabulary. I am embarrassed. If she pops it out in public?

I struggle with what is the best way to handle these little potty mouths. Do I ignore it? Do I make a big deal out of it, and then

they know how bad the words are and they will say them more?

Psychologist Sal Severe, author of "How to Behave So Your Children Will, Too!," said first parents have to make sure they are not using the curse words. Eliminate the exposure.

That's hard for many parents, especially when a football game is on in some houses.

But children learn that when people are frustrated, they cuss.

Severe said to let the child know the word is not appropriate and to give a warning or two not to use it. If it is used again, he suggested a time-out or another mild consequence to let the child know you are disappointed in them.

"You don't want to over-react. Most kids learn that

these cuss words have power," he said.

Young children also realize that using curse words get a quick reaction from a parent.

What parents want to teach their children is that they can be frustrated, but to use another word to show it.

Parents can tell older children that they are going to hear cuss words — at school, in the grocery store, at the park — but it doesn't mean it is OK for them to use the words.

Karla Renfrow, a mother of two in Flower Mound, Texas, said her 3-year-old daughter uses several different cuss words, but admits that it comes from her and her husband.

Renfrow said she has ignored the behavior a few times, but mostly tries to explain that those words

aren't nice and shouldn't be used.

In our house, I'm trying to give my 5-year-old substitute words to use when she is frustrated. She prefers "fiddlesticks," and the "What the ...?" phrase

has disappeared for now. The 3-year-old seems to have forgotten about the naughty words and hasn't popped out any in at least a week.

I just hope no one cuts me off in traffic.

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Sydney Marie Jarvis, daughter of Suzanne Marie and Jonathan Andrew Jarvis of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 27, 2009.

William Henrie Whalen, son of Brittany Ann and Kirk Chester Whalen of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 27, 2009.

Jace Asher Bailey, son of Reva Marie and Burke Ryan Bailey of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 28, 2009.

Emma Nicole German, daughter of Nicole Maria and Jess James German of Jerome, was born Feb. 28, 2009.

Hunter James Halverson, son of Mary Dawn and Gary Don Halverson of Jerome, was born Feb. 28, 2009.

Georgetta Rose Hanes, daughter of Brandy Lee Cochran and Edward Nathaniel Hanes of Twin Falls, was born March 1, 2009.

Maximas Valentino Maestas, son of Jo Anna Lea and Valentino Ca Maestas of Twin Falls, was born March 1, 2009.

Linessa Dawn Jarvie, daughter of Stephanie Lynn and Jacob Verl Jarvie of Twin Falls, was born March 2, 2009.

Brayden James Scott, son of Jessica Marie Madrid and Brian Floyd Scott of Filer, was born March 2, 2009.

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When stay-at-home mom is sick, who can she call?

By Angie Wagner
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — First came the scratchy throat, then the runny nose and cough. I tried to make it stop, but after an outside field trip in 37-degree weather, the very thing moms fear the most had overtaken me. I was sick.

"You're going to have to help me today," I mumble to my husband. But he has an early meeting and will be gone before I am out of bed.

Think quick. Whom do I call? What is the protocol when a stay-at-home mom is sick? I have no family that lives in town. I don't dare burden a friend with extra kids. How can I call in sick?

I know the answer before I snuggle back down into the covers and await the arrival of my 3- and 5-year-old girls into the bedroom. There will be no sick day today. Moms are not allowed.

After my 5-year-old goes to kindergarten, I drag my 3-year-old with me to the doctor. I figure if I can get an antibiotic now, the sickness won't be so bad. The 3-year-old drops Cheerios onto the dirty floor and picks them up. Oops. A few went in her mouth. I barely have the energy to tell her to stop.

Doctor announces that what I have is viral and not much can be done. A bunch of over-the-counter drugs and plenty of rest and I should be better. Rest? Ha. I tell the girls they have to watch a movie. It is required because Mommy needs to rest. But young children don't understand sick days. My 5-year-old is requesting that I find a picture of me smiling at the camera so she can cut it out and glue it onto a piece of construction paper she made into a butterfly. She won't leave me alone about this.

I trudge into my guest room and pull out a drawer of pictures. I offer several, but she tells me I am not smiling enough.

This is crazy. Lisa Doyle, a Plano, Texas, stay-at-home-mom of two, said it's just not possible for moms to be sick. Dads, yes. Moms, no. She said she listened to her husband go on and on about his ear infection, but as soon as she got sick she had too much to do to complain.

"I was sitting there thinking, I do not have time to be sick. There's no laying in bed," she said.

What about those nanny services we hear about? Would they come to a mom's rescue?

Nannie & Housekeepers USA in Las Vegas can be at your house in 45 minutes.

Owner Lexy Capp said the service does get a lot of calls from moms who are sick or moms who need a nanny to stay home with their sick kids. The service requires a four-hour minimum. Members of the

company's baby-sitting registry pay a booking fee plus \$12 an hour for a nanny. Nonmembers would have to pay \$45 an hour.

It's good to know for next time. My husband did bring me home some soup, so at least I didn't have to cook. But there are no breaks from preparing meals for the kids, wiping bottoms, giving baths, taking kids to school and making sure they aren't killing each

other while playing.

A few days later, I am no better and I am sure I have taken enough Nyquil to be legally drunk all the time. I return to the doctor and say I have to be well, that it is not a possibility for me to be sick.

I get drugs, which I don't think have much effect, and on my patient information sheet it tells me to get lots of rest and "supportive care." Is that a joke?

ANNIVERSARY

The Bullocks

Richard Sr. and Edna celebrated their 50th. They were married in Long Beach, CA on February 26, 1959. They have four sons, Jim and (Marilyn) of Star, Allen and (Christian) of Twin Falls, Richard Jr. of Idaho Falls and Ernest deceased. They have seven grandsons and one granddaughter and three great grandsons and three great granddaughters.



Richard C. & Edna L. Bullock

WEDDING

Romans-Earl

Destiny Shey Romans and Justin Kyle Earl were married on October 16, 2008, at Harry Berry Park in Twin Falls. Officiating was Billy Bradford.

Romans, the daughter of Sherry Romans of Twin Falls and Todd and Janie Romans of Twin Falls, is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She works at Big Smoke.

Earl is the son of Jay and Paula Earl and Mary Benedetti of Virginia.

Earl is employed at Conagra in Twin Falls.

Dakotah Romans, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Jay Earl, father of the



Destiny Romans and Justin Earl

groom, was best man.

Derrick Romans, brother of the bride, and Cortni Griffith, friend of the bride, were assistants.

A family bar-b-que followed the ceremony at the park.

The couple resides in Filer.

Teach kids where they live while they're young

By Lisa A. Flam
Associated Press writer

The story was chilling: An intruder fatally shot an Ohio woman in her home and fled with her 4-year-old son, abandoning him at a highway rest stop where he was found wandering.

But aided by a pair of good Samaritans recently, the boy was able to tell what happened and provide his address and parents' names. That led to the discovery of his slain mother and his return to his father.

His mother was credited with making sure he knew his facts. Experts say it should be a lesson for all parents.

"Every parent should aspire to make sure their 3-, 4- and 5-year olds can do the same thing," said Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

"The Ohio story demonstrates far better than words the potential and capabilities of these little people, who are aware and who can respond in times of crisis," Allen said. "They just have to be taught what to do."

What to teach

Parents should help kids learn their full name, address (including street, town and state) and their parents' names and phone num-

bers, Allen said.

When to teach

Children develop differently, so the age when they'll be able to memorize the basics varies, but learning can start during the preschool years, experts say.

"Some time around 4 or 5, maybe 6, they're going to get it," said Fred Rothbaum, a child development professor at Tufts.

For Heather Corradi, 4 1/2 was the right age for her daughter. Corradi began practicing with her daughter during car rides, and they talked about their street and town, and where friends and relatives live, too. "It took her about two weeks to remember and not really get it wrong," said Corradi, of Glen Ridge, N.J.

How to teach

Experts suggest parents matter-of-factly tell children it's important for them to understand their basic information, and help build their confidence. Kids don't need to be told about dangerous scenarios in which the information may help, just that they should know it. They learn gradually through repetition, role playing and even games.

"You can make a riddle out of it. Whatever your child finds funny," said Rothbaum. "We all learn and respond well to fun."

Once they learn the facts, parents can check every so

On the Net

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children:
<http://www.missingkids.com/>

often to make sure they remember.

Repeating their phone number to a tune helped Shoshanna Malett's daughter, now 5, learn it a few years ago.

"We would sing it with her almost every night," says Malett, of the Queens borough of New York City. "She happens to be very musical, so she picked it up almost immediately."

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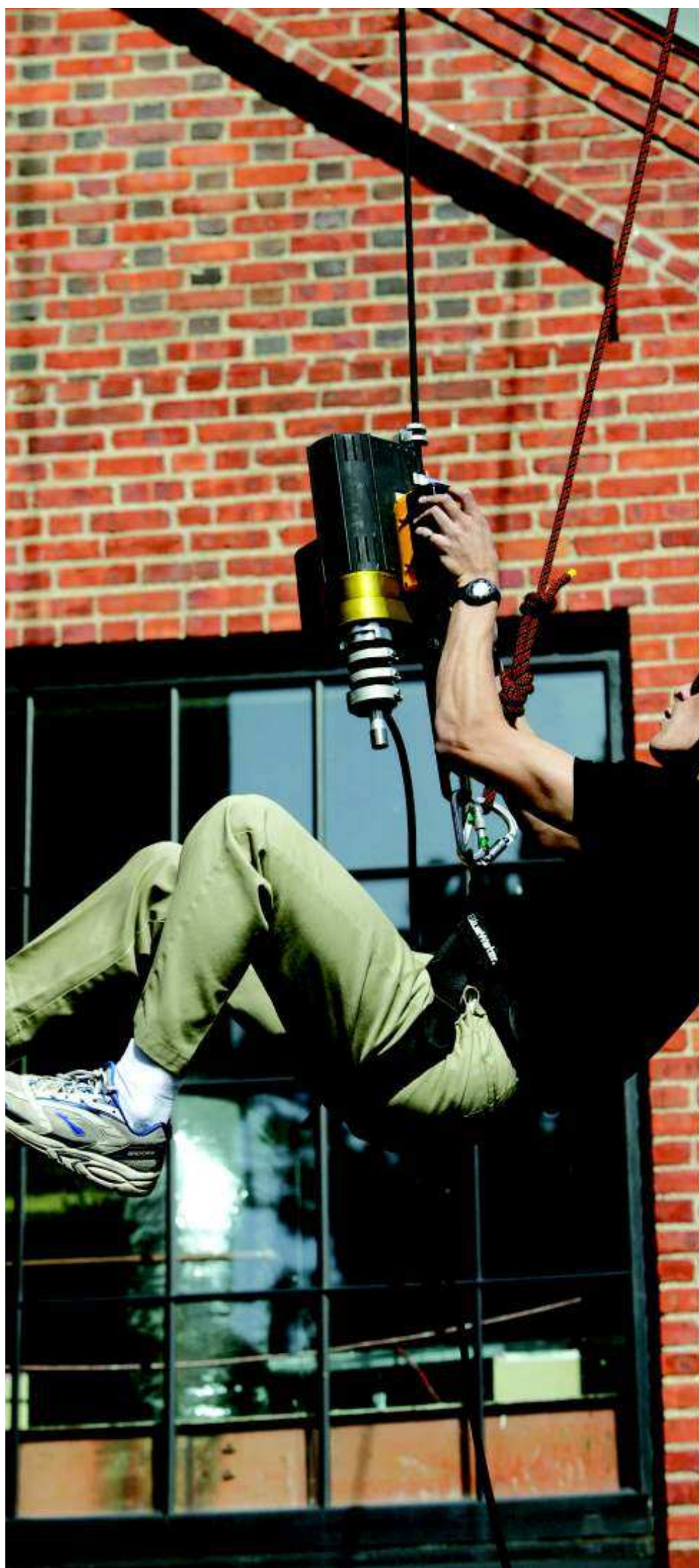
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Kids Only



Atlas Devices

A reporter talked with Nate Ball, of the PBS TV show 'Design Squad,' to find out why he loves being an engineer. Ball co-founded a company that makes this device, which lets users climb buildings quickly.

An inventive mind

Engineer loves finding new solutions to problems

By Stephen Lowman
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Nate Ball liked to build things when he was kid. He made mud dams, launched bottle rockets and once nearly burned down the house trying to make rocket fuel. Now he is 25 and an engineer. If he looks familiar, it's probably because you've seen him on the PBS TV show "Design Squad."

We talked with Nate to find out why he loves being an engineer.

Q. Did you always want to be an engineer?

A. I didn't know I wanted to be an engineer at all. I did grow up building stuff and had a lot of fun creating things and solving problems. When I figured out that was connected with what engineers do for a living, I thought, engineering is exactly what I want to do.

Q. What kinds of problems are engineers interested in solving?

A. Improving people's lives is one of the most rewarding things engineers can work on. Engineering spans this huge breadth of activities and problems. You might be solving manufacturing problems on an assembly line or helping to design some new kind of food or fashion.

Q. What were some of the things you built as a kid?

A. In about fourth grade I made a pop-bottle rocket launcher that would shoot two-liter bottles really high in the air using air and water pressure. I took it into school, and it was a big hit with all my friends. I also built traps to drop laundry on my sister's head when she walked into my

room when I didn't want her to. I did all kinds of fun projects when I was a kid that required me to solve real engineering problems. I just didn't know it at the time.

Q. Did your projects ever fail?

A. During a chemistry experiment in high school, I tried making my own rocket fuel. During the process, I ended up substantially burning the kitchen when some of it managed to catch on fire. There was quite a bit of damage. Fortunately, my dad had been really adamant about getting the fire extinguisher ready just in case something happened. I had to go back and look at what I could have done better for the next time.

Q. Is it true you invented a hovercraft in the sixth grade?

A. Yeah, it was powered by a vacuum cleaner running backwards to create air pressure. I admit it was a bit of disappointment for me as a sixth-grader. I imagined myself floating all over the neighborhood on my new hovercraft. It was mostly good for sliding smoothly across the kitchen floor. But it was still a lot of fun!

Q. What should kids be doing if they are interested in engineering?

A. The cool thing is that engineering can connect with everything. Start wondering about how things work. How are they made? Where do they come from? Imagine ways to invent new solutions to your own problems around the house. If you don't want to make a peanut butter sandwich for yourself in the morning, wouldn't it be cool if you figure out how to design a machine that could help you make it at a touch of the button? That's a good introduction to the type of stuff we do.

Talking with TV and movie actress Raven-Symone

By Dustin Diaz,
Joanna Sayed-Ahmed
and Matthew Lucas
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We met recently in New York with actress Raven-Symone in Manhattan. She starred in the movie "College Road Trip" with actor Martin Lawrence. We saw the movie, and as Matthew put it, "It was filled with so much comedy. I almost fell off my chair from laughing so hard!"

Raven-Symone plays Melanie. She and her dad take a trip to visit Georgetown University, but wind up at Northwestern first. Her dad hired people to convince her that Northwestern was the best place to go and that Georgetown was a dangerous place.

When they finally arrive at Georgetown, Melanie gets scared and her dad comforts her. In the end, Melanie does go to Georgetown, and her father realizes his little girl has grown up, but they still need each other.

It made us sad to see Melanie going off to college. The movie was also realistic because many dads do not want their daughters to grow up and leave home, but as the movie showed, they do.

We rate it a 5 (out of 5) because it



AP photo

had a little bit of everything, several adventures, funny and serious parts.

We asked Raven-Symone several questions about the movie. She first described it in her own words. "It is about a girl named Melanie Porter who wants to be a lawyer and go to Georgetown, which is a long way away from home. Her dad, James Porter, played by Martin Lawrence, wants her to go to a college a little bit closer.

"They go on a road trip, and on this

road trip to see the colleges there is a lot of stuff that happens. We mess with a sorority, we sky-dive, there is a pig and we ruin a wedding."

We asked her what was her favorite part of "College Road Trip."

Raven-Symone said, "It would have to be the sky-diving part. I didn't get to really sky-dive but I was on a rig a few feet up in the air and that was interesting."

We asked her about her experience with Martin Lawrence on the set of the movie. She said, "Martin Lawrence was a dream. He brought his family to the set every day. He was just cool. When the cameras were off, he was very mellow, calm and collected, but funny. But when the cameras were on, he was the Martin Lawrence that we all know."

Finally, we asked her what she liked more: singing or acting.

Raven-Symone answered: "I don't have a favorite between singing and acting. But something that I am going to love even more than singing and acting is producing. I executive-produced 'College Road Trip,' I produced 'That's So Raven,' and 'The Cheetah Girls 2,' and I really enjoy it. I love putting out fires; I love creating things. I love working with the actors and seeing what they want and seeing if I can make it happen."

Jokes for kids

Newsday

What do you get when you cross a cheetah with a hamburger?
Fast food.

Why was the clock sent to the principal's office?
Because it was tocking too much.

Two televisions got married.
The wedding didn't go well, but the reception was great.

What do you call a funny technology?
A gigglebyte.

What do you call two banana peels?
A pair of slippers.

Why did the man throw vegetables on the ground?
He wanted peas on Earth.

It's the first day of school, and a mom is trying to wake up her son.
"I'm not going to school," the son said. "Why not?" mom asked.
"The kids make fun of me, and the teachers yell at me. I'm not going!" the son replied.
"You have to go," mom said. "You're the principal!"

What kind of dog always gets into fights?
Boxer.

What do you do when there's a kidnapping?
You wake him up.

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