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Darion Page, 8, stands at a window in her family's home, where she retreats while dogs are in the area. Page was attacked by a dog when she lived in Paul, which prompted a Minidoka County ordinance to be enacted in her name regarding vicious animals. She has had numerous surgeries following the incident.

Scarred and scared

Attack on Paul girl reveals gaps in local dog-bite laws

 By Laurie Welch
 Times-News writer

The day dawned bright, just like every other for 7-year-old Darion Page. But there was the added excitement of moving from her home on quiet Clark Street in Paul, where she lived with her family, to a new house a few miles away.

Her parents, Chris and Christin Page, were busy preparing for the move on May 10, 2008, and had no idea the day would be marked by a series of events five houses away that would change their view of the world and leave Darion bearing the physical and emotional scars caused by a neighbor's dog.

Darion and her 5-year-old sister were sent out by their parents to fetch their brother, who was playing down the street. Near that house was the home of Mike Catmull, where a one-year-old Great Dane named Duramax was tethered at the front of the house.

"I don't know exactly what happened," said Christin Page. "Ten minutes after they had left there was a neighbor banging on the door. She asked me what my daughter was wearing and said she'd been attacked."

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 To watch a video interview with the family, go to Magicvalley.com


Darion Page, 8, and her step-brother Kameron Edgar, 9, work on homework at their home. Edgar helps keep dogs away from Page now, almost a year after she was attacked by a dog in front of her family home in Paul.

They're baaack

Mysterious 'skyquakes' return to valley, reported across U.S.

 By Nate Poppino
 Times-News writer

Roughly a year after a series of bizarre rumbling was reported across the Magic Valley, similar incidents are being reported again in south-central Idaho and northern Nevada.

On March 3, the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center heard from people from Buhl to Kimberly and Jerome who reported a loud boom and rumbling that evening. One off-duty dispatcher felt it in Twin Falls, and supervisor Taylor Hunsaker said he felt it at his own home in Kimberly.

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Report: Cuba, Venezuela could host Russian bombers

 By David Nowak
 Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — A Russian air force chief said Saturday that the country could base some strategic bombers in Cuba or on an island offered by Venezuela, the Interfax news agency reported, but a Kremlin official quickly said the military had been speaking only hypothetically.

The U.S. and Russia have been trying to reset their relationship, severely strained over U.S. plans to position missile defense elements in Poland and the Czech Republic and by Russia's invasion of U.S. ally Georgia last year.

Russia has nothing to

See **RUSSIA**, Main 2

Immigrants face lengthy detention with few rights

 By Michelle Roberts
 Associated Press writer

America's detention system for immigrants has mushroomed in the last decade, a costly building boom that was supposed to sweep up criminals and ensure that undocumented immigrants were quickly shown the door.

Instead, an Associated Press computer analysis of every person being held on a recent Sunday night shows that most did not have a criminal record and many were not about to leave the country — voluntarily or via deportation.

An official Immigration and Customs Enforcement database, obtained under the Freedom of

Information Act, showed a U.S. detainee population of exactly 32,000 on the evening of Jan. 25.

The data show that 18,690 immigrants had no criminal conviction, not even for illegal entry or low-level crimes like trespassing. More than 400 of those with no

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Ahmad Al-Shrmany at the Immigration & Customs Enforcement processing center, Jan. 30 in Houston. Al-Shrmany, who fled Saddam Hussein's regime as a teenager, spent 16 months jailed in the United States for overstaying a valid visitor's visa.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• Dust off those golf clubs for the 2009 Twin Falls Men's Association Opener at 10 a.m. at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Entry fee of \$20 includes golf, cart and lunch. You don't have to be a member to play.

• See why Idaho is called the Gem State at the Magic Valley Rock and Gem Show, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road, Twin Falls. Admission is \$2 with kids 12 and under free with adult.

• The Sun Valley Family of Woman Film Festival features the final two films of the series, "My Home Your War" at 3:30 p.m. and "A Walk to Beautiful" at 7:30 p.m. at the nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum. Tickets are \$15 for each film. Proceeds benefit the United Nations Population Fund.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



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A view of the gates to the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in 1920. The Twin Falls County Fair began operations in 1916, when a large grandstand with a roof was constructed.



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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"My Fair Lady," Dilettante Group of Magic Valley 2009 production, 2 p.m. matinee, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$10, 734-5511 or 731-0242.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Magic Valley Rock & Gem Club Show, with dealers, displays, demonstrations, grab bags, door prizes, silent auction, mineral table, wheel of fortune and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road, Twin Falls, admission: \$2 general; no cost for child under age 12 with adult, 423-2827.

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day corned-beef-and-cabbage dinner, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 1631 Poplar St., Buhl, \$8 for ages 13 and over and \$4 for ages 6 to 12 (no cost for younger children), 543-4533.

FESTIVAL

Final two films of Sun Valley Family of Woman Film Festival, "My Home Your War" at 3:30 p.m. and "A Walk to Beautiful" at 7:30 p.m. with "A Walk" filmmaker Mary Olive Smith to field questions following viewing, nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$15 per film, proceeds benefit United Nations Population Fund, 726-4857.

MARKETS AND FAIRS

Magic Valley Flea Market, variety of vendors including antique dealers, bird houses, knives, crafts, jewelry, sand art, Indian flutes, antique radios and furniture, candles and snack bar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Merchant building No.1, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, free admission, 410-1738.

Free Antique Appraisal fair certified appraisers and antiques dealers on hand to evaluate unlimited items sponsored by 2nd Time Around Antique Mall of Twin Falls and Shoshone, Magic Valley Flea Market, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, 734-6008 or 410-1738.

Twin Falls Flea Market, variety of booths from books to antiques, cosmetics, tools, crafts, toys, food, handmade pottery, linens and custom knives and sabers; Girl Scout Cookies booth, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., 312-4900.

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.

Benefit motorcycle ride today

The annual Idaho Motorcycle Club Shamrock ride will be held today.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of Action Cycle and Sleds, 2540 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. Kickstands will go up and the ride will start at noon.

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Activities will include raffles and lunch at the Filer Fire Department, 228 Main St.

"This is the season's first event to raise money and help us support the work of organizations like Camp Rainbow Gold and the Filer Quick Response Unit," said Idaho Motorcycle Club President Red Barber.

Quakes

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"I thought (at first) it was my neighbors moving heavy equipment," Hunsaker said.

Farther south, residents of Spring Creek, Lamoille and Elko, Nev., last week reported periodic rumbling and occasional shaking over several days, all at varying times of day. Mining companies in the area told the Elko Daily Free Press that they haven't done anything unusual that would cause the rumbles and suggested that they may be sonic booms from military aircraft. But Elko County Commissioner Warren Russell said the rumbling he's heard on and off for the past few years lasts just a few seconds too long and is too continuous to be sonic booms.

Master Sgt. Brian Orban with Mountain Home Air Force Base said after the Magic Valley incident that base officials don't believe they're the cause. The closest jet at the time was 23 or 24 miles away from Twin

"What it actually is, is anyone's guess."

— Shawn Willsey, a College of Southern Idaho geology professor

Falls, he said, and another base doesn't report any training at the time.

"Was it a Mountain Home jet? Very likely, no," he said.

But geologists reached by the Times-News still said that sonic booms may be the best explanation. Shawn Willsey, a College of Southern Idaho geology professor, noted that no earthquakes were recorded anywhere close enough to southern Idaho to have caused the noise at the time.

William Phillips with the Idaho Geological Survey wondered about extremely tiny earthquakes, noting that scientists aren't able to record so called "micro-earthquakes." But he said he still doesn't believe an earthquake was the culprit, and noted the reports were too widespread to be something local, such as

large quarry blasts.

"What it actually is, is anyone's guess," Willsey said.

Scientists gave similar responses last March, when odd rumblings happened regularly at 11:23 p.m. for several days. But the military then also denied any involvement.

Often called "skyquakes," the unexplained booms have become a regular occurrence worldwide in recent years, often coming in waves over the same area, according to reports on Web sites such as www.above-topsecret.com that track the phenomenon.

Southern California news outlets reported a strong skyquake that rattled windows across the Los Angeles-Orange County area at 9:20 p.m. on March 3 — just hours after the one felt in the Magic Valley.

The following day, March

4, another skyquake was felt over California's Central Coast region.

Seismic stations around Monterey Bay, Calif., recorded a compression wave at 9:15 a.m., but the wave lacked the up-and-down shear that usually characterizes an earthquake, officials there told the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

And on March 7 residents of Westchester County, N.Y., reported being shaken from their sleep by a pre-dawn skyquake that rattled the Hudson River Valley area just north of New York City.

While widely scattered, the latest string of skyquakes all resulted in the same round of denials from U.S. Geological Survey officials (no earthquakes), civil officials (no construction blasting or other known explosions) and military and civilian air traffic controllers (no exercises or high-speed flights).

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Russia

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gain strategically from basing long-range craft within relatively short range of U.S. shores, independent military analyst Alexander Golts said, calling the military statement a retaliatory gesture aimed at hitting back after U.S. ships patrolled Black Sea waters near Georgia.

The chief of staff of Russia's long range aviation, Maj. Gen. Anatoly Zhikharev, was quoted by Interfax as saying Saturday that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez had offered "a whole island with an airdrome, which we can use as a temporary base for strategic bombers."

"If there is a corresponding political decision, then the use of the island ... by the Russian Air Force is possible," Zhikharev was quoted as saying.

Interfax reported he said earlier that Cuba has air bases with four or five runways long enough for the huge bombers and could be used to host the long-range planes.

But Alexei Pavlov, a Kremlin official, told The Associated Press that "the military is speaking about technical possibilities, that's all. If there will be a development of the situation, then we can comment," he said.

Mike Hammer, spokesman for President Barack Obama's National



AP photo

In this photo released by the U.S. Navy, one of two Russian Tupolev 95 Bear long-range bombers seen near the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Nimitz on Feb. 9 south of Japan.

Security Council, said, "We do not comment on hypotheticals."

Officials at both Venezuela's presidential administration and Defense Ministry refused immediate comment and Cuban officials could not be reached for comment.

Venezuela and Cuba, traditionally fierce U.S. foes, have close political and energy relations with Russia, which has been working to reassert itself as a military force. Russia resumed long-range bomber patrols in 2007 after a 15-year hiatus.

Venezuela hosted two Russian Tu-160 bombers in September for training flights and later joined Russian warships for exercises in the Caribbean.

Cuba has never permanently hosted Russian or Soviet aircraft, though Soviet short-range

bombers often made stopovers there during the Cold War.

In the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, Soviet nuclear missiles stationed in Cuba pushed the world to the brink of nuclear conflict after U.S. President John F. Kennedy announced their presence to the world. After a tense week of diplomacy, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev removed the missiles.

The military analyst Golts said basing Russian bombers in Venezuela or Cuba "has no military sense. The bombers don't need any base."

He said the bombers are considered strategic because they are capable of reaching an attacking range of the United States from Russia without the need for stopovers.

"This is just a retaliatory gesture," he said, adding

that Russia wanted to hit back after U.S. ships patrolled Black Sea waters.

Moscow and the new Obama administration have appeared to want to mend their relations,

U.S. plans initiated under former President George W. Bush to put elements of a missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic had particularly irked Russia, although the United States insists they are intended to counter potential future threats from Iran.

Russia has welcomed Obama's apparently more cautious approach to the divisive issue.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva earlier this month to push a symbolic red "reset" button, another sign of the desire for a clean slate.

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Lawmakers try to adjourn ... before Christmas?

BOISE — Is there an end in sight to the 2009 Legislature? It depends on how your local lawmakers want to stimulate Idaho.

On Friday, state budget writers — clearly aware it was the session's 61st day — tried to set an overall budget target, but not before debating if they need to discuss how stimulus money would be injected.

After nearly two hours, Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, was ready to set the new budget number at \$2.5 billion and to schedule budget-drafting for Monday.

"The first thing we have to do is we have to figure out we do have to move on and get things done, or we'll be here until Christmas," he told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

It usually takes two weeks to finalize the budget, and the Legislature traditionally ends a month later.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter Thursday gave lawmakers his plans for the stimulus, but lawmakers from both parties immediately questioned his proposal to cut education and personnel costs while spending on roads.

Speaking to reporters, Otter put to rest a report that House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley asked him to use the \$45 million of discretionary stimulus money for a business tax break.

Otter favors job-creating road and water projects.

"I didn't see it putting jobs on the street. I didn't see it putting a lot of people to work," Otter said. "We did talk it over with the business community, and the business community said they thought it was interesting, but probably not at this time."

And he said he's not willing to compromise just to win support for some of his transportation ideas, one of which is already down for the count.

"I'm not in the trading business and I never have been," he said.

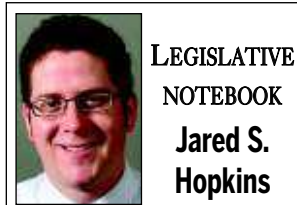
Last week the Senate voted 30-5 to strengthen safety regulation for small day care providers. Currently, licenses are only required if facilities take in 13 or more children.

Under the bill, provisions would apply to day cares with at least four children and will require criminal history background checks and safety and fire inspections.

Such measures have historically stalled in the Legislature, particularly in the conservative House Health and Welfare Committee.

Committee Chairwoman Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, Friday declined to say if she supports the bill, or will even allow it a hearing.

The latest pitch from Gov. Otter to raise new revenue to fix Idaho's roads and bridges? Raise the fuel tax by 3 cents the first year, followed by 2-cent bumps in the subse-



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK
Jared S. Hopkins

quent two years.

"That was thrown out there as a possibility," confirmed Clete Edmunson, Otter's aide who works the legislative transportation circles. But there aren't plans so far to formally introduce a new bill.

Otter's official proposal was to increase the 25-cent-per gallon gas tax by 2 cents annually for five years.

But House Transportation Committee Chairwoman JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, and Committee member Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, both said they haven't heard much support for it because it's multi-year. They've each proposed one-year gas tax increases.

Expect controversial proposals to change state law in ways that would make it easier to cut public schools to resurface this week, though without the brouhaha.

After a fiery pushback from Democrats and educators over two bills that included changes like mandating all teachers sign one-year contracts, Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, assigned a bipartisan committee to negotiate something more palatable to the education community.

"We've got something with broad-based support," he said Friday.

Quote of the week: "I applaud the governor in his effort to focus on the infrastructure of the state, but infrastructure of the state isn't just roads; it's corrections, it's state police, it's education. We have a duty to protect the health and safety of our citizens, and we only have one chance to teach a first-grader how to read; one chance to teach a third-grader math. And if we fail on those infrastructure needs, then that could be far more costly than failing on infrastructure of roads."

— Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, on Gov. Otter's plans for federal stimulus money.

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Sun Valley rejects dispatch funding model

Next step could be mediation before state board

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — The Sun Valley City Council voted 2-1 Thursday to reject a model for funding a regional dispatch center that was previously agreed upon by all the other jurisdictions involved.

The latest model based payment on dwelling units per jurisdiction. City Councilmen Nils Ribbi and Dave Chase rejected it partly because another quantifiable method, based on calls for service, exists. However, in regional discussions over the past six months, models developed based on the calls-for-service method were discarded because they required the cities of Bellevue and Hailey to pay more than those cities said they possibly could.

"There are a lot of things in government that are very hard to pinpoint," Chase said, favoring calls-for-service. "I'm a believer in the KISS principle, and this is pretty simple in my book."

Councilwoman Joan Lamb said she liked the dwelling-units model partly because it wouldn't cost the city any more than calls-for-service. She argued that the proposed model was not flawed enough to warrant rejection, and that emergency service personnel need immediate support. The dispatch center is funded through 2009. "We owe them a conclusion to this process," Lamb said. "It's not perfect, it's never going to be perfect, but let's accept it and move on." City Councilman Dewayne Briscoe was not present.

Sun Valley Mayor Wayne Willich recently presented a model to the county that, while based on calls for service, has Ketchum and Sun Valley providing decreasing subsidies to Hailey and Bellevue to phase up to their share of participation. Willich said he has been disappointed in what he sees as Hailey's attempts to "cost-shift" toward the north county.

"I don't trust them as far as I can throw this building, and I'm going to be very wary that they're going to cost-shift on me," Willich said. "You're in the West, cowboy up."

Blaine County Commissioner Angenie McCleary, who answered questions from the council on the plan, was disappointed that Sun Valley was the only jurisdiction not to accept it.

"I guess we start over," she said. "It's a sad testimony that we weren't able to solve it as a community."

The next step is likely to be multijurisdictional participation in mediation sponsored by the state emergency communications commission. No timeline is yet set for that process.

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Twin Falls man, friend of Danny Marona, to be memorialized at the Turf Club

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News writer

By all accounts, Sam O. Holtan was a fun guy.

Holtan, 67, a Twin Falls entrepreneur, U.S. Army veteran, and close friend of musician and comedian Danny Marona, died unexpectedly on March 4. A memorial celebration of his life will be held this afternoon at the Turf Club.

He apparently suffered a heart attack and died in a hotel room while in Ely, Nev., on a business trip.

"Irony of ironies," Marona said Saturday, "he died in Ely, and my wife and I stayed there that night and didn't know he was there."

Marona, of Twin Falls, recently retired from the stage, or at least from touring. In recent years Holtan was his manager.

"We met in 1968," Marona said. "At that time, Sam was an Oakland (Calif.) cop. I performed in Jack London Square. There were 25-30 bars with rock 'n' roll, singing bartenders, swing music, everything. It was Sam's beat, and he was affectionately called the Mayor

of the Square."

Their friendship began inauspiciously.

"He would stand in the back while I was playing and make smart-aleck remarks," Marona said. "After one show, he asked me, 'Did you throw up on yourself?' I said, 'Why?' He said, 'Oh, I guess that's your tie?'"

Marona got tired of the remarks and glared at Holtan after one of his performances.

"He asked, 'What are you looking at,' and I said, 'I'm looking at you, jerk-o,'" Marona said.

Holtan responded with a slow smile and asked Marona if he wanted to have breakfast. They were friends from then on.

In 1992, Marona began recruiting his friend to join him here.

"I told him about this heaven on earth that I'd found called Twin Falls, Idaho. I said, 'Man, you've got to come up and check Twin Falls out ... This place is so much better than California,'" Marona said.

Holtan eventually agreed, and moved to Twin Falls five years ago. He was

LIFE SKETCH

A "Life Sketch" for Sam Holtan will be held on at 4 p.m. today at the Turf Club. It is open to all. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Sam Holtan Memorial Fund at 451 Woodland Ct., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

later recruited into the management position, despite insisting that he knew nothing about show business.

"I told him, 'You're smart, you love me, and you're trustworthy — that's all that matters,'" Marona said.

After Marona retired, Holtan started the popular Big Boy's BBQ Shack in Twin Falls.

Holtan was an avid supporter of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Sam was an all-around nice guy," Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the chamber, said, adding that some of Holtan's suggestions for attracting a more musically diverse crowd to Jazz in the Canyon will be implemented this year.

Marona, in addition to friends and family, are scheduled to speak at today's celebration, which will begin with a color-guard presentation of the American flag to Holtan's wife, Suzanne.

Holtan once asked Marona, referring to one of his gospel recordings, "If something should ever happen to me, I want that cut off your album of 'Amazing Grace' to be played."

Marona said he could just sing it.

"He didn't think I could ever sing it that well again," Marona said. "On this day, Sam knows best."

Lisa Collins, one of Holtan's friends from Twin Falls, said he would rather have those who knew him celebrating instead of mourning.

"I think, with Sam's sense of humor and as delightful as he was and as happy as he was, he'd want us all to have some Grey Goose vodka and a cigar," she said.

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Buhl elementary math-a-thon sets record by raising \$37,000

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — What recession? Students at Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl turned a blind eye to a sour economy and raised more than \$37,000, setting a new record and shattering this year's goal of \$25,000 for the annual Parent Teacher Network math-a-thon fundraiser.

"I think with the economy we're in with people out of work and pinching their pennies, for the community to step in like this it's awesome," said PTN Event Chairwoman Michelle Pato.

Over the past month, the elementary student body collected pledges for 100-question math tests they would take.

Many local businesses and residents donated special items as prizes as well.

As excited as students were over the winning prizes depending on how much money they raised, they were also thrilled with how their principal, Ron Anthony, arrived to Friday's awards assembly: as a red-headed woman.

"It's awesome," said fifth-grader William Clifford.

With budgets shrinking, teachers will likely have even



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Popplewell Elementary School Principal Ron Anthony, left, gets the student body excited with Parent Teacher Network member April Jaynes Friday.

fewer funds for classroom needs. The math-a-thon proceeds will help offset that, said PTN member April Jaynes.

"Teachers get funds for classroom usage, plus we buy bigger things," Jaynes said.

This year's special purchase is new curtains for the school's only stage. School officials are hoping the drapery will be up before the annual fifth-grade musical in May.

"These are our kids and once again the community gave above and beyond," Jaynes said.

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Steve Crump



When the long knives come out at the Pinewood Derby

Part from that time in Navy ROTC when I almost fell off a warship while throwing up over the side, I've only actually feared for my life twice.

One was umpiring a Little League girls' softball game, and the other was officiating at a Pinewood Derby competition.

For those of you who are childless, the Pinewood Derby is a racing event for Cub Scouts who, with the help of their parents, build small race cars from kits that contain a block of pine, plastic wheels and metal axles. Competitions are held every spring in Cub Scout troops across the country.

The finished cars can't be heavier than 5 ounces, and that's a source of controversy. Plenty of Cub Scouts — and let's be honest here, their dads — add weights, which are perfectly legal.

Coins and melted lead are common, but most cars flirt with being too heavy.

Now we're talking about a weight equivalent to a skinny squirrel here, so 5 ounces on the scale at home might work out to be 5.1 ounces at the track. That, of course, means trouble.

The other big issue is lubricants for the wheels. Graphite is the only substance allowed, although cheating is widely suspected and frequently alleged. The only fistfight I ever broke up ensued between two Cub Scout dads who accused one another of greasing the wheels.

Context is always valuable in these matters: We're talking about a \$4 block of wood and some nails here.

Since my day, eBay has aggravated the situation by making available an extensive aftermarket in juiced-up Pinewood Derby parts — technically illegal since they're not sanctioned or supplied by the Boy Scouts of America. You can purportedly even buy complete cars designed by folks with Ph.Ds in physics through the online bazaar.

Cheating on that scale is rare, though. The real problem with the Pinewood Derby is that parents are allowed on the premises during races.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but dads at these events sometimes make jackasses of themselves — and mortify their sons in the process. It would advance the cause of civilization considerably if parents were compelled to wait outside until the races were over.

At one of the Pinewood Derbies I officiated, a

father came unglued because his son's car was disqualified for being overweight. The man went nose-to-nose with his son's scout leader to the point that one of them was on the brink of either a stroke or a broken nose.

But the boy, who had put a lot of time into the car, stepped forward, tears streaming down his cheeks. He grabbed his father's hand and shouted, "Dad! Listen to me!" His father broke off his tirade and looked at the lad.

"Our car was too heavy, Dad," he said. "Can't you understand? We lost fair and square."

That was 25 years ago. In my heart of hearts, I hope that boy is in Congress now.

Not likely, though. His father probably got elected instead.

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Council: Hailey safety ignored in airport talks

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Several members of the Hailey City Council expressed frustration with recent regional discussions about the relocation of Friedman Memorial Airport, bookending Monday's council meeting with complaints that the safety of Hailey's citizens has been lost in favor of economic considerations.

"We as city leaders need to defend the people who live here," said Councilman Fritz Haemerle, who said he is constantly nervous about planes flying over schools and homes in mountainous Hailey. "It frustrates me, absolutely and completely. Quite frankly, it angers me."

City Councilwoman Martha Burke, who also

sits on the current airport's board, said the Federal Aviation Administration cited safety as the most important reason it recommended the airport be moved.

She suggested that those north-county representatives who have been emphasizing the airport's service to visitors and wealthy locals should take a tour of Friedman with airport manager Rick Baird to better understand the safety issues.

"If they want an airport for economic purposes, let them find a place in the north valley," Haemerle said. "Let them accept the safety risk."

The council members did acknowledge the economic impact that an airport has on the region, but said they wanted to make sure safety considerations weren't

lost in the discussion.

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Dog bite

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When Christin and Chris ran outside they found Darion lying on her back, surrounded by people, with a cloth covering her face.

According to a court affidavit, Jeff Klamm, who was mowing his lawn next to the Catmulls' house, saw 19-year-old Brock Catmull, who owned Duramax, unloading a 4-wheeler from a pickup with the help of a friend when the incident occurred. Klamm said he saw the dog jumping and barking and then it broke loose from its chain and lunged across the street after Darion.

Brock and the friend ran to the child and pulled the dog off her and restrained the animal in the house. Darion, who sustained a large L-shaped wound on her cheek as well as injuries to her hand and knee in the attack, started to run back toward her home when bystanders stopped her and offered their help, Klamm said in the affidavit.

As she lay on the ground, the cloth was briefly pulled away from the child's face and Chris saw the extent of his daughter's injuries. A neighbor pulled him away in a bear hug.

"I was out of my mind, really," Chris said. "I only saw it for a second but her cheek was gone. Dads are supposed to be strong and protect their kids and I hadn't done that."

Dog bite laws

Dog bite laws in the U.S. are governed by state statute, civil and criminal law, county and city ordinances and court decisions — and the laws can vary widely among jurisdictions.

"Idaho does not have a 'one-free bite' rule and any-

one who has a dog that injures anyone is liable," said Mark Wasden, a Twin Falls attorney who is representing the Pages in a civil case in district court against the Catmulls. The case also names the manufacturers of the snap hook that broke on the dog's tie-out cable. It is scheduled to go to jury trial in January 2010.

The Catmull family did not return phone messages made by the *Times-News* requesting an interview.

A misdemeanor criminal case filed by the state is also pending, as well as a case filed by Minidoka County. The first is asking the court to declare the Great Dane a public nuisance. The second is based on the criminal citation for owning a vicious dog in Paul.

The court will ultimately decide the fate of Duramax. The Catmulls received a court order to keep him confined in a secure location on their property. Trial dates have not been set in either case.

Twin Falls' city ordinance on dog bites states that if a person has been charged with owning a vicious dog, the city attorney may request the animal be euthanized prior to settlement of the criminal charges. The animal would typically remain confined at the shelter until a final decision is made.

Cassia County Under-sheriff George Warrell said although Burley has a city code on vicious dogs, it usually relies on the state law. State code says a dog is vicious if it bites without provocation, as long as the person was not trespassing.

"This is more than just a scar on her face, it is emotional as well."

Christin Page, mother of dog-bite victim Darion Page

It is also unlawful to harbor a vicious dog outside a secure enclosure or have it insufficiently restrained.

Brock Catmull told police Darion and her sister were teasing the dog before the incident occurred. If true, that detail under state code, as well as the Paul city ordinance in effect on that date, would negate liability. He also said the dog was not known to ever bite anyone and the 20-foot-long tie-out cable purchased two months earlier should have been strong enough to restrain the 100-pound dog.

Idaho has rejected the one-bite rule, still in effect in one-third of the country where states have no laws regarding dog bites. The one-bite rule essentially shields owners from liability, civilly and criminally, until the owner has certain knowledge that the dog is dangerous or vicious. Few states have enacted laws preventing people from harboring one vicious dog after another or from moving a known vicious dog from one state to another.

In honor of Darion Page

Officials in Minidoka County, which did not have a vicious animal law at the time of the attack, drafted an ordinance in January in honor of Darion Page.

The law states when a person is cited for having a vicious animal, the sheriff's office can seize and impound it until a court decides its fate. The animal's actions may be deemed not vicious if the person attacked was committing a wrongful or illegal act against

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the animal's owner, was trespassing or if the bite was provoked.

The law also applies to an animal that bites other animals or livestock. People are prohibited from owning animals with a known tendency to bite or that are used for fighting. The owner of the animal, or their parents if the owner is a minor child, can be held liable for any damages. If convicted of owning a vicious animal, they are required to spay or neuter the animal and have it microchipped so it can be tracked — if the animal is not euthanized. The failure to surrender an animal is considered a second offense.

"If nothing else, I hope the law keeps this from happening again," Chris Page said.

Costs exceed \$356M

According to the Insurance Information Institute, dog bites cost insurers more than \$356 million in 2007, with the average cost of a dog bite claim at \$24,511 during the same period.

After Darion was bitten, she was taken to a hospital in Pocatello where she underwent the first of two surgeries to repair the torn muscles

and damaged salivary gland. Because a piece of skin was missing they had to stretch the remaining tissue across the hole. The Pages worry about nerve damage and Darion has to complete healing before any remaining reconstruction can be attempted.

So far the cost of Darion's medical care for the bite has exceeded \$50,000, with more corrective surgeries looming.

Taking responsibility

"When I found out it was that dog I was just glad she was alive because of the dog's size," Chris said.

Chris wanted the dog destroyed, something the Catmulls fought.

"That was kind of a blow," Chris said, "that their dog had more value than our daughter."

The Pages were not the only ones who wanted the dog euthanized — 23 of Catmull's neighbors signed a petition, which was submitted to the court, that read "We would like the court to know we are not impressed with the decision of this family to keep a dog who has exhibited such dangerous behavior."

Minidoka County Animal

Control Officer Steve Mani said it all comes down to prevention, and owners have to take responsibility for their animals.

He said although some breeds may have more of a propensity to bite, any dog will bite given the right conditions.

Merritt Clifton, editor of *Animal People*, conducted a detailed study of dog bites taken from press accounts from 1982 to 2006, which showed the number of reported serious canine-inflicted injuries by breed.

It showed pit bulls, Rottweilers and Presa Canarios and their mixes to be responsible for 74 percent of the 2,209 attacks that were studied, with Great Danes responsible for 24 bites.

"We see Chihuahuas that bite," Mani said. "A lot of people think their dogs won't bite, but any dog will bite."

Long-lasting effects

The physical blow of the bite for Darion was just the beginning — the emotional brunt of the attack has probably exacted an equal toll.

"Our whole family has gone through this, not just Darion," Christin said. "I see moments of doubt in our other children as well."

But it's Darion who still feels that fear the most, retreating inside when a loose dog wanders near the family's property; unable to close her eyes to the sound of a dog howling across the night.

"This is more than just a scar on her face, it is emotional as well," said Christin.

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Immigrants

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criminal record had been incarcerated for at least a year. A dozen had been held for three years or more; one man from China had been locked up for more than five years.

Nearly 10,000 had been in custody longer than 31 days — the average detention stay that ICE cites as evidence of its effective detention management.

Especially tough bail conditions are exacerbated by disregard or bending of the rules regarding how long immigrants can be detained.

Based on a 2001 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, ICE has about six months to deport or release immigrants after their case is decided. But immigration lawyers say that deadline is routinely missed. In the system snapshot provided to the AP, 950 people were in that category.

The detainee buildup began in the mid 1990s, long before the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Since 2003, though, Congress has doubled to \$1.7 billion the amount dedicated to imprisoning immigrants, as furor over "criminal aliens" intertwined with post-9/11 fears and anti-immigrant political rhetoric.

But the dragnet has come to include not only terrorism suspects and cop killers, but an honors student who was raised in Orlando, Fla.; a convenience store clerk who

begged to go back to Canada; and a Pentecostal minister who was forcibly drugged by ICE agents after he asked to contact his wife, according to court records.

Immigration lawyers note that substantial numbers of detainees, from 177 countries in the data provided, are not illegal immigrants at all. Many of the longest-term non-criminal detainees are asylum seekers fighting to stay here because they fear being killed in their home country.

Others are longtime residents who may be eligible to stay under other criteria, or whose applications for permanent residency were lost or mishandled, the lawyers say.

Still other long-term detainees include people who can't be deported because their home country won't accept them or people who seemingly have been forgotten in the behemoth system, where 58 percent have no lawyers or anyone else advocating on their behalf.

ICE says detention is the best way to guarantee that immigrants attend court hearings and leave the country when ordered.

"It's ensuring compliance, and if you look at the stats, for folks who are in detention, the stats are pretty darn high," said ICE spokeswoman Cori Bassett.

By comparison though, most criminal suspects, even

sometimes those accused of heinous offenses, are entitled to bail.

"We're immigrants, and it makes it seem like it's worse than a criminal," said Sarjina Emy, a 20-year-old former honors student who spent nearly two years in a Florida lockup because her parents' asylum claim was denied when she was a child. "I always thought America does so much for justice. I really thought you get a fair trial. You actually go to court. (U.S. authorities) know what they are doing. Now, I figured out that it only works for criminal citizens!"

The use of detention to ensure immigrants show up for immigration court comes at a high cost compared to alternatives like electronic ankle monitoring, which can track people for considerably less money per day.

Based on the amount budgeted for this fiscal year, U.S. taxpayers will pay about \$141 a night — the equivalent of a decent hotel room — for each immigrant detained, even though paroling them on ankle monitors — at a budgeted average daily cost of \$13 — has an almost perfect compliance rate, according to ICE's own stats.

For years, ICE and its predecessor, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, had the power to detain immigrants. With little bed space or public clamor to lock people up, though,

millions of foreigners quietly went about life in the United States.

In 1996, Congress passed a pair of laws requiring that immigrants who committed

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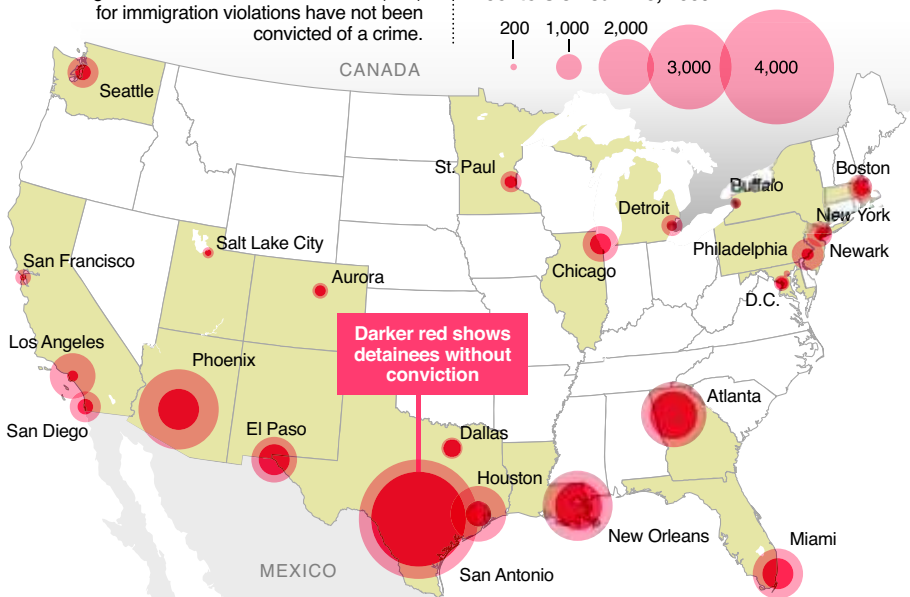
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Nearly 19,000 immigrants held without a conviction

More than half of all immigrants imprisoned by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration violations have not been convicted of a crime.

Immigrants being held at ICE detention centers on Jan. 25, 2009



Minidoka irrigation to start April 6

The Minidoka Irrigation District announced Friday its tentative date for turning water into its irrigation delivery system. Water is expected to flow April 6. The district asks water users to remove private property located along

district rights-of-way as maintenance crews prepare them for water delivery. Information: 436-3188.

Nursing board has three vacancies

Idaho's Board of Nursing will have three vacancies effective April 1, Chairwoman Susan Odom

announced Friday. The board is seeking: one layperson to health care occupations; one registered nurse educated at the associate degree level; one registered nurse educated at the baccalaureate, masters or doctorate level. Groups or individuals should submit nominations to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter,

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St. Paddy's parade Tuesday in Twin Falls

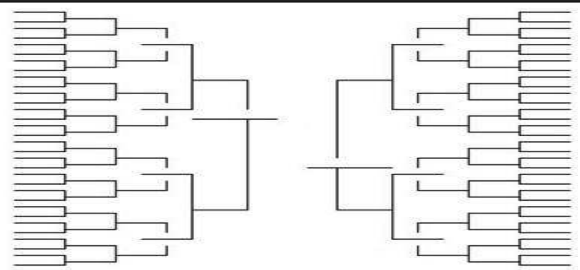
Twin Falls' annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held at noon Tuesday from the 500-600 block of Main Avenue East to the intersection of Main Avenue North

and Dierkes Street North. The parade route will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Twin Falls Police Department asks parents to watch children closely at the parade and keep them from running into the road, as children have been injured in the past. Throwing candy from floats is illegal, and

parade participants caught doing so will be escorted from the parade. Parade goers are also asked to park two to four blocks away from the parade route to avoid congestion. People requiring special access to the area are invited to contact officers or volunteers posted at intersections. **- Staff reports**

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POPCORN
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BREAD
2 for \$3

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CEREAL
4 for \$10

Western Family Assorted 19 oz
CHUNKY SOUP
3 for \$5

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SPICES
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Western Family Assorted 22 oz
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Western Family Assorted 18 oz
PEANUT BUTTER
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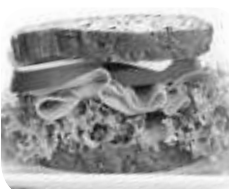
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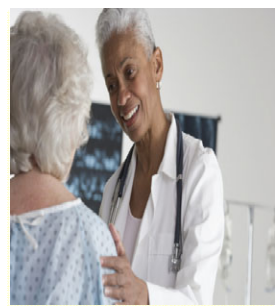
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Important Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and



other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/.

Where Does My Water Come From?

Our water source is groundwater from 10 wells out of the Snake River Plain aquifer. Water supplies for 2008 were drawn from the Blue Lakes Well Field, the South Wells and reservoir system and the Southeast Wells and reservoir system. The Blue Lakes Well Field consists of four wells that supply the Harrison Station's five million gallon storage reservoir; the South Wells and reservoir system consists of four wells that supply two storage reservoirs, which are also five million gallons each; and the Southeast Wells and reservoir system consists of two wells that supply a two million gallon storage reservoir.

At these storage points our water is disinfected and tested before distribution into our system.



ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Water testing performed in 2008



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Continuing Our Commitment

We respectfully present our annual water quality report. We hope this edition helps inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you everyday. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. To that end, we remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all of our water users. We currently have a City of Twin Falls Wellhead Protection Plan, Drinking Water Protection Plan and Source Water Assessment Plans for our South, Southeast and Blue Lakes Wells; and we have received the Twin Falls County Groundwater Quality Management Plan. These are available at the City of Twin Falls Water Department by calling (208) 736-2275.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. To maintain a safe and dependable water supply that will benefit all of our customers, we need to make continual improvements to your water system. These improvements may affect your water bill. Your understanding is appreciated.



Community Participation

We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water, and we want you to be informed about your water utility.

If you have any questions about this report or the City of Twin Falls water utility, please contact Mike Schroeder, Water Superintendent, at (208) 736-1540.

City council meetings are opportunities for public participation and input. City of Twin Falls Council meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Building Council Chambers at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. You are invited to participate.

Sampling Results

The City of Twin Falls municipal water system takes hundreds of water samples in order to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic or synthetic organic contaminants. Actually, our water system consistently tests more samples than required by state and federal laws. We have found through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. We believe it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in the water. With the exception of arsenic, the contaminants are under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The IDEQ has determined that your water is safe at these levels. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water everyday at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The state requires us to monitor for certain substances less than once per year because the concentrations of these substances do not change frequently. In these cases, the most recent sample data are included, along with the year in which the sample was taken.

REGULATED SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	MCL (MRDL)	MCLG (MRDLG)	AMOUNT DETECTED RANGE LOW-HIGH	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	2008	15	0	3-21-9.26	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb)	2008	10	0	5-16	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Beta/Photon Emitters (pCi/L) 1	2002	50	0	6.2-11.6	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	2008	4.0	4.0	0.05-0.33	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride (ppm)	2008	4	4	0.52-0.88	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	2008	10	10	1.15-5.28	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliforms (# of positive samples)	2008	1 sample positive per month/ 5% of samples	0	ND-5	No	Naturally present in the environment
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	2008	80	NA	0.00151-46.73	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

38 Tap water samples were collected from sample sites throughout the community

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	ACTION LEVEL	MCLG	AMOUNT DETECTED (90th % tile)	SITE ABOVE ACTION LEVEL	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Copper (ppm) 2	2007	1.3	1.3	0.31	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb)	2007	0.015	0.015	< 0.005	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

1 The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/year. The EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

2 The 90th percentile lead and copper levels shall be computed by placing the results of all the lead and copper samples during a monitoring period in ascending order from the sample with lowest concentration to the sample with the highest concentration, then each sample result shall be assigned an ascending number starting with number 1 for the sample with the lowest contaminant level. The number assigned to the sample with the highest contaminant level will be equal to the total number of samples taken. The number of samples taken during the monitoring period shall be multiplied by 0.9. The 90th percentile contaminant level is the contaminant concentration of the numbered sample yielded by the calculation.

New Drinking Water Standards for Arsenic

The City of Twin Falls has case levels of arsenic above new drinking water standards. In January 2001, the U.S. EPA lowered the arsenic Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) from 50 ppb to 10 ppb. All water utilities were required to implement the MCL starting January 23, 2006. Our water system is in violation of this drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know. This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. (Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and they may have an increased risk of getting cancer).

The U.S. EPA recognizes that promising arsenic treatment technologies are in development and that premature decisions by systems may result in unnecessary cost being incurred and passed onto the public. Therefore, the U.S. EPA allowed states additional time beyond January 23, 2006, to give water departments that needed more time to select and implement appropriate technology, or to implement reasonable measures to bring the water system into compliance with the revised arsenic MCL. IDEQ has granted us a Compliance Agreement Schedule, which allows our public water system additional time to comply. We are currently working with state and local IDEQ representatives and engineering firms to address a corrective course of action and a compliance schedule.

We are continuing to comply with monitoring, reporting and public notification of arsenic levels in our water system. For a more complete discussion, visit IDEQ's arsenic website at www.deq.idaho.gov/water/assist_business/pws/arsenic.cfm or the U.S. EPA's arsenic website at www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic/.

What are Cross-Connections?

Cross-connections that contaminate drinking water distribution lines are a major concern. A cross-connection is formed at any point where a drinking water line connects to equipment (boilers), systems containing chemicals (air conditioning systems, fire sprinkler systems, irrigation systems) or water sources of questionable quality. Cross-connection contamination can occur when the pressure in the equipment or system is greater than the pressure inside the drinking water line (backpressure). Contamination can also occur when the pressure in the drinking water line drops due to fairly routine occurrences (fire hydrant use, main breaks, heavy water demand), causing contaminants to be sucked out from the equipment and into the drinking water line (backsiphonage).

Community water supplies are continuously jeopardized by cross-connections unless appropriate valves, known as backflow prevention devices, are installed and maintained.

For more information, review the Cross-Connection Control Manual from the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/safewater/crossconnection.html. You can also call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



Nitrate in Drinking Water

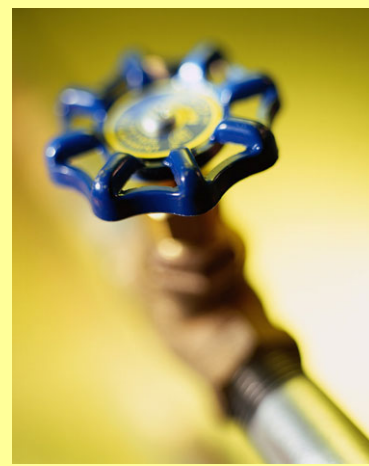
Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Lead In Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Twin Falls Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.



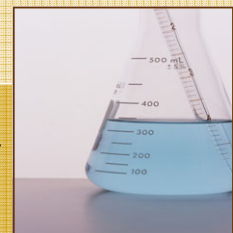
Substances That Might Be in Drinking Water

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, in some cases, radioactive material, and substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Substances that may be present in source water before we treat it include:

- **Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, or wildlife;
- **Inorganic Contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban storm water runoff; industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming;
- **Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic Chemical Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems;
- **Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.



More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/.

Source Water Assessment

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments of 1996, all states are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the SDWA. These assessments are completed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) and are based on a land use inventory of the designated assessment areas and the sensitivity factors associated with the wells and aquifer characteristics. The assessments provided our community data to guide our continuing efforts to develop protection strategies for our drinking water supply systems. Pollution prevention activities are generally more time and cost effective to implement than treatment of a public water supply system once it has been contaminated. IDEQ encourages communities to balance resource protection with economic growth and development. The City of Twin Falls has developed and continues implementing a Wellhead Protection Plan and a Drinking Water Protection Plan. We are addressing the primary goal of the source water assessment process by pursuing drinking water protection. Source Water Assessment Reports for the South, Southeast and Blue Lakes Wells are available by calling the City of Twin Falls Water Department at (208) 736-2275.

Crapo plans to extend tax credit to railroads

Bill to give short line freight trains tax incentives for 3 more years

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Senator Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, was one of two congressmen to introduce legislation that would increase an existing tax credit to short line railroads operating throughout the United States.

Crapo, who worked with Blanche Lincoln, D-Arkansas, to introduce the bill, said the increase is a necessary investment in rehabilitation and upgrades for short line railroads.

“Short line railroads are a lifeline for our small businesses...”

— Sen. Mike Crapo

The announcement came as Crapo met with representatives of Watco Companies, which operates short line rail service in southern Idaho, and other short line railroad companies in Washington, DC.

Both Crapo and Lincoln are members of the Senate Finance Committee with jurisdiction over tax law.

The legislation proposes to grant short line railroads a tax credit of 50 cents for every dollar the railroad spends on track improvements.

“Short line railroads are a lifeline for our small businesses by moving the product from the farm and factory to the distribution centers, and on to the stores and consumers,” Crapo said.

“The increase is the necessary investment in track rehabilitation and upgrades to allow this freight to move safely, faster, and in heavier rail cars.”

He said the rail improvements would create jobs and help save rail lines that might otherwise be abandoned by rail companies.

The Short Line Rehabilitation Tax Credit would extend the tax credit program for three years.

Watco Companies, based in Kansas, owns Watco Transportation Services which operates short line transportation services such as the Eastern Idaho Railroad in the Magic Valley and Palouse areas, including rail repair facilities in Rupert.

Crapo supported the tax credits, which helped spur improvements along the Eastern Idaho Regional Railroad lines near Burley, when Crapo toured south-central Idaho in the summer of 2006.

“Every dollar invested in rail equals three dollars in economic output,” said Rick Webb, CEO of Watco Companies. “Tax credits are value-added when you consider that everyone in the transportation cycle benefits.”

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“We live in a place where we have an immense source of renewable energy.”

— Jan Rogers, executive director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization

WORKING WITH WIND

Despite early challenges, economic development officials seek to make region wind power leader

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

If everything goes as planned, south-central Idaho will soon be a leader in wind turbine technology.

Officials with the region's leading economic development group, the College of Southern Idaho and local municipalities have initiated an ambitious campaign to add wind energy production and technology to the region's economic base.

The campaign was planned more than a year ago, as college officials met with members of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, or SIEDO, to develop a strategy.

“Last year we began working on the promotional campaign to market wind energy opportunities in our region,” said Jan Rogers, executive director of SIEDO. “But we decided that we didn't want to just attract wind farm developers. We also want to bring in the manufacturers of the parts used in wind turbines.”

She said SIEDO and the Workforce Development Alliance worked with the College of Southern Idaho to develop a strategy that would create, among other things, a technical program to train workers in maintaining and operating wind turbines.

CSI Instructional Dean Todd Schwarz said the college received approval in August 2008 by the Idaho State Board of Education to create the wind energy program — the first in Idaho.

INSIDE

Wind turbines are forgoing the scrap heap in favor of second lives — powering farms, schools and businesses. See B2

See WIND, Business 2

An unidentified man walks past a tower that measures wind. The tower is about the height of the proposed 185 wind turbines that might be built on China Mountain.

Cash for trash: Reuse stores make use of refuse

By Anne Wallace Allen
For the Associated Press

BOISE — Artist Cathy Mansell wants your old thread spools, your empty yogurt containers, your unwanted vinyl LPs.

She knows that even if she has no use for the yarn remnants, wallpaper samples, button collections or irrigation pipe unearthed during closet cleanings, someone will need them for an art project. So she's turned her office full of odds and ends into one of hundreds of reuse centers around the country.

“It's common sense to get something for free,” said Mansell, the art consultant for the Boise School District. “Part of it is budget, and part of it is it's just the right thing to do.”

Some reuse centers operate as businesses that sell discards for a few dollars, but most are nonprofits that get by with grants, government support or income from sales. All are based on the idea that for almost every item, however humble, there is a need.

It's an idea that's catching on, in part because the environmental movement emphasizes reuse and recycling, and in part because of budget concerns.

“Dance companies love it when we get in fabric for their costumes, teachers get really excited when we get copy paper in,” said Susan Springer Anderson, the education administrator at Materials for the Arts, a city-run reuse center in New York City.

Anderson's group, one of the largest reuse centers in the country, gets donations from fashion houses, television production companies and big-name corporations like Estee Lauder.

“Every single group finds something here that they are in desperate need of,” Anderson said. “Sometimes they knew it and sometimes they didn't when they came in.”

The reuse stores are See REUSE, Business 3

It'll take more than money to fix economic crisis

WASHINGTON — Browsing through the Style section of Tuesday's Post, I happened upon an article about new Washington “power couples” that made reference to one Jeremy Bernard, a Los Angeles fund-raiser for President Obama who recently landed the plum job as White House liaison to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

White House liaison to the National Endowment for the Humanities?

Let's get this straight: We're up to our necks in the worst global economic crisis since the 1930s, the government is putting trillions of dollars of borrowed money on the line to rescue the financial system and stimulate the economy, tens of trillions of dollars in paper



STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

wealth has vaporized, millions of Americans are losing their homes and their jobs, nearly all the top jobs at the Treasury Department are vacant, yet somehow the White House has found the time and the money to hire a liaison to the National Endowment for the Humanities!

It's a small point, I realize, and I mean no disrespect either to Mr. Bernard or the humanities. But it highlights what seems to be a glaring

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Not so on Main Street. All indications are that in response to the crisis, consumers have embraced a new frugality, paring debt and cutting consumption they know had become excessive. Businesses are moving to cut back on dividends and stock buybacks they can no longer afford, trim frills and reduce

prices and capacity to post-bubble realities.

Contrast that with the approach to the crisis taken by members of Congress, who as far as I can tell, have changed nothing about how they go about their duties. Same leisurely three-day work week. Same bloated budgets for staff and security. Same unwieldy committees holding the same meaningless

See PEARLSTEIN, Business 3

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Business features customized services

Tortoise and Hare Senior Care Services, a new business featuring customized services for seniors has opened in the Magic Valley at 560 Filer Ave., Ste. F in Twin Falls.

They offer in-home care of elderly family members including help with cooking, light cleaning, laundry services, grocery shopping, and other household chores.

It also offers personal care assistance with a variety of daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming and eating, companionship, and transportation to and from appointments.

The business is owned by Ramona Seitzinger. For

more information: 736-4923.

Grazing board announces recent election results

The Shoshone District Grazing Advisory Board announced recent election results and their upcoming meeting date.

Recently elected to the board were Lou Anderson, James Ritchie, Mike Henslee, Stanley Lehmann, Pete VanDerMeulen and John Barton.

Their next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on March 24 at the BLM Shoshone District office in Shoshone.

The public is invited to attend.

Information: Stanley Lehmann at 539-6878.

CAREER MOVES

Brian E. Elkins

Ketchum attorney, **Brian E. Elkins** was awarded the 2008 Nevin Professionalism Award at the annual Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Conference held at Sun Valley Resort March 6-7.

The Nevin Professionalism award is selected by a committee of attorneys in recognition of the recipients unwavering dedication and commitment to his clients, colleagues and the rule of the law.

The Award is named after Boise attorney David Z. Nevin.

Dr. John Roberts

Dr. John Roberts spoke at the annual Academy of Osseointegration in San Diego, Calif., on the new dental topic of 3D CAT scan virtual dental surgery and how this new technology benefits patients. His topic focused on the placement of implants in the patients bone with the aid of guided techniques.

This technology means the surgery can be completed without having to lay a flap of tissue, and allows the



Roberts

dentist to give the patient a fixed bridge the day of surgery.

Roberts and his partner, Dr. Kevin Hall, of Roberts and Hall Dental in Twin Falls have been developing this technique and offering it to their patients for the last three years and were honored to be asked to share this knowledge with the Academy of Osseointegration.

The new techniques were so well received, Roberts has been asked to return to speak at future Academy meetings.

Penny O'Keefe

Penny O'Keefe, manager of Sunglass Hut in the Magic Valley Mall, recently attended the One Sight Clinic in Los Angeles, Calif.



O'Keefe

In conjunction with the Los Angeles Unified School District and hundreds of other Sunglass Hut volunteers, the gift of sight was given to 3,700 students over a nine-day event.

Each child received a complete eye exam and glasses that were fabricated from prescription glasses donated at all Sunglass Hut locations.

CONTRIBUTION

Seventh-grader wins Zion's Bank drawing

Wood River Middle School seventh grader Angelica Black has won the Wood River Valley-area drawing for a \$100 scholarship savings account from Zions Bank's Pays for A's program.

Open to all Idaho students ages 13 through 18, Zions Pays for A's offers cash incentives for good grades.

To participate in the program, teen students take their most recent report cards from the current academic year into any Zions Bank location.

They'll receive \$1 per "A" deposited into their Teengreen savings accounts, or 50 cents per "A" if they opt for cash. For each "A" on their report cards, students receive automatic entries into one of 182 drawings for scholarship money worth up to \$1,000.

We want YOUR BUSINESS news

We welcome announcements about new businesses as well as employee changes or advancements.

To submit contributions to YourBusiness, send announcements and photographs to Times-News business Editor Joshua Palmer at jpalm@magicvalley.com.

The deadline to submit an announcement for the following Sunday is Wednesday at noon. Announcements must be 150 words or less. The Times-News reserves the right to edit content.

A second life for wind turbines



AP photo

Curt Eliason, director of remanufacturing for Energy Maintenance Service LLC, looks over the innards of a Vestas V-15 wind turbine brought in for refurbishing at the company's plant in Howard, S.D.

Companies find profit in rebuilding turbines for farms, schools and small businesses

By Dirk Lammers
Associated Press writer

HOWARD, S.D. — Retirement seems more than reasonable after decades of work in the fields of California, but hundreds of Danish workhorses bearing the names Nordtank, Micon, Vestas and Bonus aren't quite ready to slow down.

These wind turbines — stripped down to the steel and completely rebuilt — are forgoing the scrap heap in favor of second lives powering farms, schools and businesses.

Within the capital-intensive wind industry, there are a growing number of companies that specialize in bringing old turbines back to life, helping smaller customers save a little cash while going green.

Most of these windmills, once state-of-the-art, debuted on large California wind farms in the 1980s.

The Danish companies that built them took a

"heavier is better" design philosophy, said Brian Kuhn of Aeronautica Windpower, based in Plymouth, Mass.

"They built themselves little battle tanks on top of the towers," said Kuhn, the company's vice president of marketing.

New 65- to 100-kilowatt wind turbines wind turbines, large enough to power a farm or help defray a school's electric bills, can cost between \$3,000 and \$6,000 per kilowatt, meaning the entry prices would be close to \$200,000, according to American Wind Energy Association.

Buying secondhand can cut those costs by about half or even more, said Curt Eliason of Energy Maintenance Systems, another company refurbishing old turbines in Howard, S.D.

Many wind turbines are being decommissioned from some of California's oldest wind farms, having reached the end of their design lives, said Bent

Kjellberg, the company's head of parts and logistics.

Some are being replaced with more powerful models, increasing the number of secondhand models on the market.

Wind farm operators are also replacing turbines more prone to kill birds along the Altamont Pass, about an hour east of San Francisco.

The turbines were sited at close intervals along the migratory path of many endangered raptors. The blades of earlier models spin faster than later generation turbines, making them more lethal to golden eagles, hawks and owls.

Some of those are winding up on the secondhand market.

Michigan's Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School District wanted to connect a few wind turbines to its elementary building to save on energy and integrate alternative energy into its curriculum.

"We weren't looking to

be an energy producer or seller," said Kathy Dickens, the junior high school's student services director. "We were really just looking to minimize our bills."

After failing to find newer models that suited the district's needs, she entered a few search terms into Google and found three Nordtank turbines from Tehachapi, Calif., that were being refurbished by enXco Inc.

The on-campus wind farm, which was fully funded through a \$265,000 Michigan Public Service Commission grant and installed with volunteer labor, saves the district a little cash.

But it has provided a gold mine of educational value, as students get to study physics and electricity by building small mock-up wind turbines and competing for the top design.

"That's been the golden nugget right there," Dickens said. "We're not saving tons of money, that's for sure."

Wind

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"We visited institutions that already offer the programs in places like Wyoming and Oregon to see how the programs were run," Schwarz said. "Then we worked closely with SIEDO to see what our region needed and to develop industry partners."

He said CSI plans to launch the wind energy program in Fall of 2009, but the college is still looking for an instructor.

"CSI is really one of the greatest assets we have in this campaign," Rogers said. "Because of the training program, we can now offer to train a workforce for (wind energy) businesses that might want to come here."

But the region also has challenges it must overcome before it can add more wind farms to the power grid.

In September 2006, the Idaho Power Co. and Jared Grover, one of the first wind farmers in south-central Idaho, fell into disagreement over connectivity costs.

The disagreement began when Grover wanted to sell Idaho Power energy produced on his wind farm in Hagerman, but the power company wanted Grover to pay \$60 million for transmission system upgrades it said was necessary to incorporate the wind energy.

An agreement was reached nine months later, which required Grover to pay about \$200,000 to connect his wind farm to the grid.

But wind farmers in Idaho say there are still hard feelings over the dispute.

A spokeswoman with the Idaho Power Co. said

nobody was immediately available to comment on concerns about connectivity issues.

Regardless of past problems, college officials say the region is ripe with opportunities.

Schwarz said Idaho's capacity for wind energy production ranks seventh in the nation — a separate report by the U.S. Department of Energy ranks Idaho fourth in the nation.

"We are nowhere near that potential," Schwarz said.

Much of the campaign to attract the wind power industry to south-central Idaho was revealed over a period of four months.

In September 2008, Rogers announced during a SIEDO annual meeting that renewable energy — with a "focus on wind energy" — was added to the organizations list of development priorities.

"Because we have limited resources we have to be somewhat specific in what (industries) we are targeting," Rogers told the *Times-News* in 2008. "We want to find industries that fit well in the region and are growing and stable — we think wind power fits that mold."

She said the campaign is expected to intensify following the Obama administration's call for increased renewable energy.

Something that development officials say is in abundant supply in Idaho.

"We live in a place where we have an immense source of renewable energy," Rogers said. "But just because we have it, doesn't mean projects are going to pop up. We need to market our region as the place to be for wind energy."

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Reuse

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popular for schools, too, particularly since many teachers supplement their classroom materials with items they purchase themselves, said Patrick Riccards, a spokesman for the National Association of Art Educators in Washington, D.C.

"When I go out to the schools, I'm seeing a lot more recycled art projects out there," Mansell said. "People are trying to highlight it with kids and help them understand that reused stuff can be beautiful and fun."

The former real estate boom and popularity of the environmental movement have been good for reuse centers, said Leslie Kirkland, who runs the Baltimore nonprofit Loading Dock and also operates the Reuse Development Organization, a trade association of sorts for reuse centers.

"In the past 10 years, more and more building reuse centers have been popping up," she said.

Reuse centers come in all shapes and sizes.

Large ones like the Loading Dock specialize in lumber, cabinets, windows, and other construction salvage.

The group takes almost anything, though it won't accept broken appliances.

Kirkland sold a set of cabinets without doors for \$1 each; the buyer planned

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— Artist Cathy Mansell

to use them as shelves. A 5-gallon bucket of paint is just \$7. Loading Dock does a brisk business in conventional building materials and in unlikely finds like pastel-colored toilets from the 1970s.

"You find people who actually do want that lavender toilet because they're doing some kind of weird project, or they're using it as something other than a toilet, like a planter," said Kirkland. "We often wind up with truckloads of broken tile and people come in and use that for mosaics."

At the other end of the scale are smaller places like the Scrap Box, a reuse store in Ann Arbor, Mich., that sells automobile-related materials such as scraps of the rubber used to make gaskets and pieces of leather from car seat makers.

A hot air balloon manufacturer regularly donates scraps of colorful ripstop nylon, said employee Sally Warn.

With the downtown in the car industry, those supplies are becoming

more scarce, said Warn. But "in terms of customers, a lot of people are still coming in," she said. "We might even be up a little in business."

Reuse centers can be found online or through local municipal recycling offices, and usually list what materials they want on their Web sites.

Mansell will take almost anything.

She uses irrigation pipe as rolling pins for young students working with clay. Old plastic containers serve as paint dishes; empty thread spools can be glued to foam and used as stamps.

And "our electricians all know when they have extra wire to just bring a box of it out here and we'll distribute it," said Mansell.

Those old LPs are highly prized as well, and not just by DJs.

"People ask for record albums all the time," said Mansell. "You can melt those with a very low heat; even a hairdryer makes them warp a little bit. We make bowls with them, and giant flowers."



AP photo

Fabian Boyd looks through decking materials at the Loading Dock in Baltimore. Reuse centers come in all shapes and sizes. Large ones like the Loading Dock specialize in lumber, cabinets, windows, and other construction salvage. The group takes almost anything, though it won't accept broken appliances.

Pearlstein

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hearings. Same partisan posturing and gamesmanship. Same willingness to put narrow special or parochial interests over the national interest.

Can you imagine a better way to undercut public support for fiscal stimulus and deficit spending than to report out an omnibus spending bill with nearly 9,000 earmarks totaling \$8 billion?

But, of course, that is just what the Democratic Congress has done. Americans don't need to be lectured by the House speaker and the Senate majority leader on the spending prerogatives of Congress. What they need are leaders who can demonstrate, in ways symbolic as well as substantive, that they know the difference between spending that is crucial to the country in times of crisis and spending that is not.

As for Republicans, their stubborn opposition to any increase in government spending in the face of a severe downturn is the economic equivalent of blood-letting.

And their determination to paint every initiative of the Obama administration with the broad brush of socialism is the kind of old-fashioned red-baiting that would make Joe McCarthy proud.

It's not just Congress, however. Key regulators have also been slow to respond to the unfolding crisis with the kind of urgency the situation demands.

At a time when the Treasury and the Federal Reserve are going to extraordinary lengths to stabilize the banking system, it's hard to see how any useful purpose is served by allowing speculators to undermine market confidence in those efforts by massive short-selling of bank stocks and manipulative trading of associated credit-default swaps.

At a minimum, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission should be holding public hearings

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to expose these trading strategies and listing on their Web sites the names of those patriotic Americans who are engaged in them. Better still, they should be using their regulatory powers to outlaw them completely until the crisis has passed.

It's also hard to understand why the SEC continues to drag its feet on suspending accounting rules that effectively require banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions to value the assets on their books at ridiculous discounts because of a breakdown in the markets in which those assets traditionally trade.

A year ago, it was possible to make the case that suspending "mark-to-market" rules might undermine investor confidence in stocks and bonds of financial institutions.

But now that those securities are trading at a fraction of their economic value, it makes no sense to cling to accounting rules that only served to confirm investors' worst fears and needlessly increase the scope and cost of government rescue efforts.

The media also deserve some criticism for the way they have recently covered the crisis.

The personalizing of policy debates may be great sport during a political campaign, but it can be downright destructive in the middle of a crisis when public and market confidence are so crucial. You'd never know it from the coverage that Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson last year almost surely prevented a meltdown of the global financial system.

Nor would you imagine from all the negative coverage and commentary that Tim Geithner's now-disqualifying sin is that he took an extra couple of weeks to

flush out the details of an innovative scheme to buy up unwanted bank assets and reduce home foreclosures.

Too often, the media have accepted uncritically all manner of hyperbole and misinformation peddled by people talking about their trading books, wielding partisan axes or pursuing ideological agendas.

While there are plenty of reasons for populist outrage at the behavior of major financial institutions, the titillating focus on bonuses and boondoggles has been way out of proportion.

And thanks to the media, much of what now passes for conventional wisdom about the government's response to the crisis amounts to little more than

a childish disappointment that officials have been unable to wave a magic wand, throw a couple of hundred billion dollars worth of fairy dust in the air and make the whole thing disappear.

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It's a war we can win, but only if we have leaders and opinion makers who commit to difficult sacrifices, a sustained effort and serious changes in the way things are done.

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Putting a price on carbon

Climate legislation may raise cost of everything from plastics to electricity

By Steven Murfson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Obama's endorsement of climate legislation to clamp down on greenhouse gases has set off a lobbying rush in Congress and made the air thick with rival proposals.

Coal companies, utilities, economists and environmentalists are vying to shape legislation that could rechannel hundreds of billions of dollars from one part of the economy to others. The sense of urgency has been heightened by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman's push to have a bill ready by the end of May; the California Democrat plans to circulate a draft in about two weeks.

Because of regional differences in energy sources, the political lines are blurred, potentially uniting Democrats and Republicans from states heavily dependent on coal plants against other parts of the nation looking for alternatives.

Most lawmakers and climate activists embrace an approach to limiting greenhouse gas emissions known as cap-and-trade, which

would set and gradually lower a limit on nationwide emissions while letting companies buy and sell rationing allowances. But some economists have lined up with big oil companies such as Exxon Mobil, which has endorsed a carbon tax instead. Seven House Democrats, including House Democratic Caucus Chairman John Larson, Conn., introduced a carbon tax measure this week.

Either way, climate legislation will aim to reduce emissions by putting a price on carbon, raising the cost of everything from gasoline to plastics to electricity.

Opposing sides are striving to either frighten or woo voters with talk of whether climate legislation should be viewed as a big ill-timed tax or whether it will unlock new industries and technologies to make the economy more efficient and less dependent on foreign oil. This week, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs called it "a market-based solution that will drive us to energy independence and create ... an even more robust market for alternative fuels."

Earlier, House Minority Leader John Boehner, Ohio, said "cap-

and-trade' is code for increasing taxes, killing American jobs and raising energy costs for consumers."

Even companies are divided. The owners of nuclear power generators, which don't emit carbon dioxide, are at odds with utilities that rely on coal. And the emerging wind and solar industries are gaining a powerful voice as well.

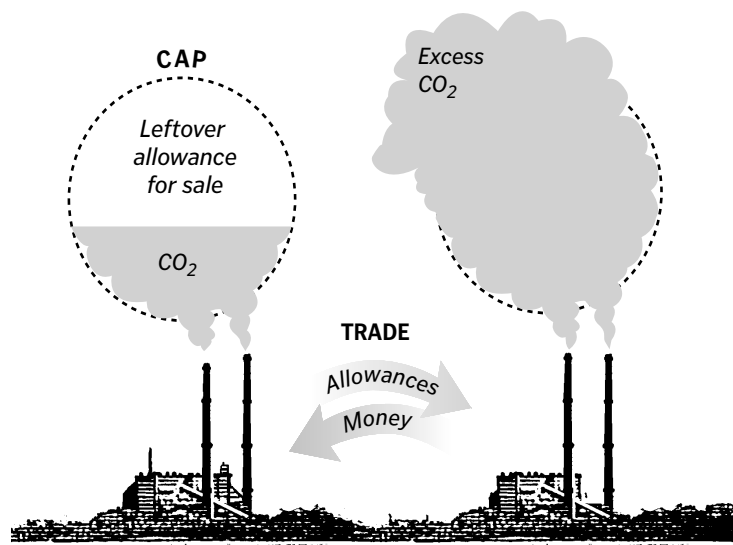
"There's no end of the political fault lines and there's going to be a heavy burden for the White House," said Philip Sharp, president of Resources for the Future and a former House member.

The Obama administration's budget includes an outline of a relatively simple plan that, starting in 2011, would establish a cap on the quantity of emissions and auction off the right to emit pollutants. It would give the bulk of the money back to lower- and middle-income Americans through a means-tested tax credit. It would set aside a portion of auction revenue for aiding households and industries in regions hurt most by higher costs.

It would also reserve a modest portion for research and development.

Cap and Trade: How It Would Work

- Industries would be allowed to emit a certain amount of CO₂ annually.
- Plants that emitted less than the cap would be able to sell their leftover allowances to companies that exceed caps.
- The government would gain revenue by auctioning allowances permitting companies to discharge a set amount of greenhouse gases.



Companies that develop ways to reduce emissions earn income by selling unneeded allowances.

Economic pressure encourages companies that exceed caps to find ways to cut emissions.

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G-20 leaders pledge sustained action on financial crisis

By Jane Wardell
Associated Press writer

HORSHAM, England — Finance officials from rich and developing countries pledged to boost the role of the International Monetary Fund and make a "sustained effort" to restore global growth after a key conference that sought to bridge deep divisions on how to tackle the financial crisis.

The key priority must be restoring frozen bank lending through cash infusions and dealing with the shaky assets souring bank's balance sheets, the gathered finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of 20 countries said in a statement at the end of talks in southern England.

The statement did not back a U.S. push for concrete, coordinated efforts for governments to spend more money to boost their economies. It acknowledged the importance of the stimulus efforts already in place, and called for stronger financial regulation.

But it left details on that and other topics undefined ahead of a much-anticipated summit of their heads of state and governments in London on April 2.

Downplaying signs of division between Europe and the United States, the group agreed that there was an "urgent need to increase IMF resources very substantially," although they did not commit to a figure, leaving that task to the upcoming summit.

They also agreed on the need for regulatory oversight and registration of credit-rating agencies, widely blamed for fomenting the crisis by giving strong ratings to risky securities.

"We're prepared to take whatever action is necessary



AP photo

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner speaks at a news conference Saturday at the G-20 Finance Ministers meeting in Horsham, England. Geithner said he was pleased with progress made at the talks on Friday.

to ensure growth is restored and we're committed to do that for however long it takes to do that," said British Treasury chief Alistair Darling, who played broker between Europe and the United States, said.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who had pushed for Europe to match Washington's \$787 billion package of spending and tax cuts, said there was "broad consensus globally on the need to act aggressively to restore growth to the global economy."

Geithner said he was pleased with progress made at the talks on Friday and Saturday, but noted that the crisis was still playing out.

"This is a very challenging period and this is still evolving," he told reporters.

Darling also said that the G-20 had agreed to a clamp-down on the supervision and regulation of hedge funds.

"We agreed that stronger regulation ... was necessary

to prevent the build-up of systemic risk," he said.

The group also committed to fighting protectionism and pledged to help emerging and developing economies to cope with the loss of international capital flows, an issue that they have raised repeatedly.

The four major emerging economies at the meeting — Brazil, Russia, India and China — had earlier released their own joint communique, calling for a bigger role in the International Monetary Fund.

The final summit statement agreed that IMF governance needs to reflect the changed global economy and the growing role of developing countries.

In a move likely to be interpreted as a criticism of the United States and Europe, the quartet also called on the United States and Europe to improve information sharing and policy coordination to

"ensure that macroeconomic policy is more balanced, proactive, coordinated and countercyclical."

The wider G-20, representing countries that account for more than 80 percent of the world economy, have been in conflict over whether to use fiscal stimulus — big spending packages and tax cuts — or better regulation to drag the world economy out of its slump.

The run-up to the gathering in a luxury hotel south of the British capital was marked by a trans-Atlantic dispute, with pointed comments from Washington that Europe was not doing enough fiscal stimulus.

The International Monetary Fund estimates

that only Saudi Arabia, Australia, China, Spain and the United States will introduce budget boosts worth 2 percent of gross domestic product this year, the level that Geithner considers "reasonable."

European nations claim that increased spending on social welfare and unem-

ployment is a form of stimulus that will support the economy — and makes the total European Union rescue package higher than the U.S. program.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel kept the battle lines drawn on Saturday after meeting separately with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, rejecting those calls and saying that action in Berlin, London and other European capitals had barely had time to produce results.

The debate had led many to fear that the gathering of finance chiefs will fail in its task to set a common agenda on key issues for a full summit of G-20 heads of state and government on April 2, a major concern as black economic clouds continue to roll in.

The World Bank warned this week that the global economy will shrink this year for the first time since World War II and the United States reported Friday that its trade deficit plunged in January to the lowest level in six years as the economic downturn cut America's demand for imported goods, dashing hopes of a U.S.-led recovery.

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Online records: Survey finds many states lagging

By David Crary
Associated Press writer

Americans can easily learn about their state songs and state flowers with a quick search on the Internet, but most will have a harder time checking whether their children's school buses are safe or a local gas station is charging too much.

A 50-state survey of government information accessible online, conducted as part of the annual Sunshine Week campaign, found that while official records are increasingly available on the Internet, some important information is missing.

To conduct the survey, teams of journalists and journalism students scanned government Web sites in every state to look for 20 kinds of public records. The results were released Sunday at the start of Sunshine Week, a national initiative by journalism organizations to focus on open government and access to information.

Surveyors assessed such factors as whether the infor-

mation was up-to-date and clearly linked, if full reports or only summaries were available, and whether viewing and downloading were free.

"Digital technologies can be a great catalyst for democracy, but the state of access today is quite uneven," said Charles Davis, executive director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, one of the groups overseeing the survey.

"The future of freedom of information is online access, and states have a long way to go to fulfill the promise of electronic self-governance," he said.

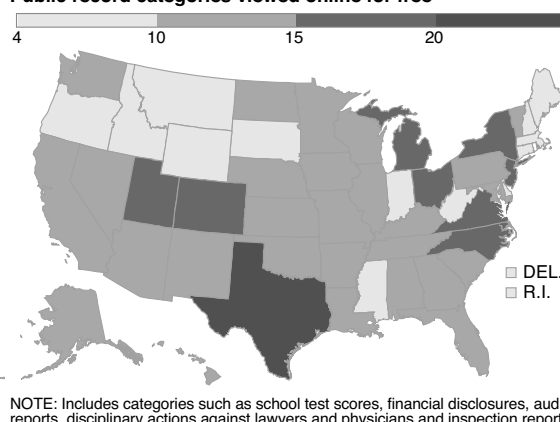
Also involved in the project were Sunshine Week, the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Freedom of Information Committee, and the Society of Professional Journalists' FOI Committee.

The surveyed categories included school test scores, financial disclosures, audit reports, transportation projects, fraudulent registration of business names, discipli-

Limiting access to information

A survey of government information available online found that while more official records are being posted on the Internet, some important information is missing.

Public record categories viewed online for free



NOTE: Includes categories such as school test scores, financial disclosures, audit reports, disciplinary actions against lawyers and physicians and inspection reports
SOURCE: Sunshine Week AP

nary actions against lawyers and physicians, and inspection reports for hospitals, nursing homes, child care centers, bridges, school buildings and school buses.

The information least likely to be found online were death certificates, found on the Web sites of only five states, and gas pump overcharge records, available online in eight.

Also infrequently posted online were schools building inspections and safety ratings, which are posted by only nine states, and school bus inspection reports, which 13 states posted.

"People should be able to find inspection records for their schools online," said David Cuillier, FOI Committee chairman for the Society of Professional

Journalists. "And the government shouldn't be charging people for death certificates and other records."

Information found most often online were statewide school test scores, available in all states, and Department of Transportation projects, posted in 48 states. Campaign finance data and disciplinary actions against physicians were available in 47 states.

The only state found to provide information online in all 20 categories was Texas. New Jersey was second with 18, North Carolina third with 17.

The state with the sparsest information online was Mississippi. It posted only DOT projects, fictitious business registrations, school test scores and campaign finance data. Though it did post some information about hospitals and nursing homes, surveyors said these were perfunctory lists, not inspection reports.

Mississippi's low ranking is linked both to tight budgets in many state agencies

and to the state's relative lack of home computers. It ranks near the bottom in percentage of households with Internet access, providing some agencies with a rationale for not investing more funds in online initiatives.

Marty Wiseman, director of Mississippi State University's John C. Stennis Institute of Government, said any progress that state officials did make toward online access might be limited as long as many Mississippi homes lacked high-speed Internet service.

"It's starting to be assumed that people will have some form of Internet access — and there are rural areas in Mississippi and other states that don't," he said. "There's going to be a rural-urban gulf as far as access to government is concerned."

North Carolina was rated one of the best states at posting records online, but the survey said they are often hard to find, infrequently updated and available only piecemeal.

Texas pastor has advice for Illinois church hit by shooting

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press writer

MARYVILLE, Ill. — The Rev. Al Meredith was more than 700 miles away when a gunman walked into a Maryville church and gunned down its preacher in front of his horrified congregation. But the tragedy hit the Texas preacher hard, and he's coming to help.

A decade ago, another gunman fired a hail of bullets and tossed a pipe bomb down the aisle at Meredith's church in Fort Worth, killing seven people and wounding seven others, then calmly sat in a back pew and shot himself in the head.

On Sunday, services are scheduled to resume at First Baptist Church in this St. Louis suburb, one week after the intruder killed senior pastor Fred Winters with a bullet through the heart. Meredith was invited to be the guest preacher in hopes he can draw on his experience to ease the misery at First Baptist.

"I don't have three points and a poem on how to deal with tragedy. I don't have any magic formula on how to emerge triumphantly," he told The Associated Press by telephone from Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, two days before leaving for Illinois.

"If out of our tragedy God can use (that) that give hope and help to others, then it's not worthless. It's redemptive."

Meredith said Sunday's sermon would be heavy with hope — the same kind he says his congregants, called "Wedgies" — needed



Al Meredith, pastor of the Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, poses in the church sanctuary on Wednesday.

after Larry Gene Ashbrook's eight-minute massacre.

On Sept. 15, 1999, just five months after the Columbine High School killings in Colorado, Wedgwood was holding a community youth rally for "See You at the Pole" day, a national event in which teens pray around their school flagpoles.

The music was thumping when 47-year-old Ashbrook walked in with two guns, 200 rounds of ammunition and a pipe bomb in his pockets. He seemed angry, witnesses said, as he asked about the service and then opened fire at a group sitting in the lobby.

He kept shooting as he walked down a hall and into the sanctuary filled with several hundred people, cursing and yelling as he emptied clip after clip of bullets. He rolled his bomb down the aisle before killing himself.

Four of the dead were teenagers and the others ranged in age from 23 to 36.

Within days, Wedgwood was on the mend. The bloodstained pews were replaced, and bullet holes that riddled the hallways were patched. Four days after the gunfire, the church held its regular Sunday service in the sanctuary.

"The prince of darkness wanted to stop this church, but I didn't want to give him an inch," Meredith said then. "We were not going to let this stop us."

Some 20,000 cards and letters poured in to Wedgwood. So did 13,000 e-mails that "wallpapered" church hallways for weeks "so that when you walked through the church you could just feel the support and prayers from people around the world," he recalled.

Few reminders of that dark time remain other than a granite memorial outside Wedgwood's main entrance. Tests found no evidence of alcohol or drugs in Ashbrook's system. Investigators said they could only guess why he targeted a church several miles from his house.

In Maryville, no obvious motive has emerged in the attack at the First Baptist Church. Investigators say Terry Sedlacek arrived at the church March 8 packing a .45-caliber handgun and enough bullets to perhaps kill 30 people. He also carried a knife.

Authorities say Sedlacek calmly walked down the aisle and fired once in

Winters' direction, the bullet clipping the preacher's Bible and sending pieces of its pages spraying like confetti in what some of the 150 witnesses thought at first was a skit.

Police say Sedlacek fired three more times, hitting Winters once. After his gun jammed, police say, he pulled out the knife and wrestled with two congregants who subdued him. All three suffered knife wounds.

Investigators say they found in Sedlacek's bedroom two 12-gauge shotguns, a rifle and a box of 550 .22-caliber bullets, along with an index card marked "Last Day Will" and a plan-

ner that singled out that

Sunday as "death day." Prosecutors have charged Sedlacek, 27, with first-degree murder and aggravated battery. He is jailed without bail.

It remains unclear whether Sedlacek even knew Winters, a married 45-year-old father of two who led First Baptist for 22 years — one more year than the 62-year-old Meredith's tenure at Wedgwood.

"We have no idea what this guy's motives were," Mark Jones, an associate pastor at First Baptist, said of Sedlacek. "We don't know if we'll ever know that."

Since Winters' death, his congregation has closed ranks and opted to grieve

privately. Journalists were allowed to cover Winters' funeral Friday but were barred from talking to anyone at the scene.

"Some people say 'Don't cry, he's in a better place.' That's horse manure," Meredith said. "It's like telling a man with a broken leg not to walk with a limp. Nor does God command us to do that."

He says members of both churches should take solace in that outsiders have been blamed in both attacks.

"People say 'Are you over it yet?' No, we'll never get over this. And neither will Maryville," he said. "But you get through it. That's the good news. You'll get through it!"

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Don E. Wallis

Don E. Wallis, 77, formerly of Twin Falls, passed away March 5, 2009, at St. Francis Care Center in Bellingham, Wash.



He was born May 26, 1931, in Filer, to John and Hulda Wallis. He attended Union School and graduated from Twin Falls High School. In 1954, he married Peggy McIntyre in Twin Falls and moved to Washington in the mid-1960s.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; four daughters, Patricia, Pamela,

Poletta and Penni; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Doris Moore and Jack Wallis, both of Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Delbert and Joe.

A private memorial was held March 8 in Bellingham, with burial at a later date in Twin Falls. Cards may be sent in care of St. Francis Operations, 3121 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Gary Wambolt

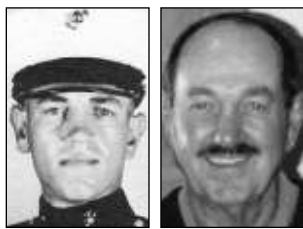
Gary Wambolt, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 12, 2009, at the age of 71.

Gary, the son of German immigrants, was born May 27, 1937, to Henry and Lydia (Meisner) Wambolt in Wendell. He was the youngest of 13 children. His father passed away when he was just 3 years old, so he had to work in the fields when he was just a young child in order to help his mother make ends meet. He learned at a very young age the value of hard work and has instilled that old-fashioned shoulder-to-the-wheel work ethic in each of his children.

Gary attended school in Jerome. He loved all sports and was an amazing athlete; at 6-foot-6, he was the tallest man on the Jerome Tigers basketball team. When he was just a sophomore, he was recognized as one of the best high school basketball players in the United States. In 1954, he used his talent to help the Jerome Tigers win the district basketball title. After high school, Gary was offered several basketball scholarships, but decided instead to marry his high school sweetheart, Darlene Newman of Twin Falls, and enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. They were married Nov. 26, 1955, in Elko, Nev.

While in the Marine Corps., Gary served in a machine gun platoon with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines. He served in Okinawa, Japan, and was later stationed in Oakland, Calif., where he served as a prison guard at Treasure Island, Calif. After three years of serving his country, Gary gained employment as an operating engineer. He was a union man and a member of The International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

Gary and Darlene settled in Half Moon Bay, Calif., and had three daughters, Debra, Diane and Carol. He loved each of his girls deeply and was involved in their lives. He was an avid fisherman and taught his girls his fish-



ing techniques and strategies. Gary enjoyed the time spent in California, but Idaho was always his home. In the '80s, he bought some property, built a home and returned to the state that he loved. During his retirement years, he enjoyed spending time fishing at Magic Reservoir and could always catch his limit, even when others couldn't get a bite. He loved to garden and work in his yard during the summer months. He took great pride in his yard and it always looked like something out of "Better Homes and Gardens." With his wife, he would travel in his fifth-wheel RV all over the state, spending the winters in southern Nevada and Arizona, visiting his grandchildren. He also enjoyed keeping in touch with his Marine Corps. buddies and attending their yearly reunions.

Gary is survived by his wife of 53 years, Darlene; and daughters, Debra (Dennis) Magill, Diane (Ray) Kostuk and Carol Wambolt. He was blessed with three granddaughters, Leslie, Michelle and Marla; one grandson, Dennis Jr.; and one great-grandson, Joseph. Surviving him is one sister, Rachel Womack, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Gary most surely had a large welcoming committee, with lots of hugs and kisses, as he arrived at the gates of Heaven.

Semper fi, big guy; we will forever love and miss you.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 16, at Reformed Church of Twin Falls, 1631 Grandview Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

Gretchen Louise Zea

KIMBERLY — Gretchen Louise Zea, 64, of Kimberly, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls;



her long, tough battle with cancer is finally over.

She was born Nov. 25, 1944, in Sioux Falls, S.D., to Ernest and Edith (Severson) Hall. She graduated from high school in Brandon, S.D.

She married Rick Zea on Nov. 2, 1962, in Brandon, S.D. To this union, Chrystal and Chad were born. Gretchen and Rick were later divorced. Gretchen worked as a secretary for several years in Hansen for Reed Grain & Bean and several years for Moore's Incorporated in Hansen.

Her children and grandchildren were her world. She enjoyed a good drink and playing cherries. She was also active with and busy supporting the Riding Club, 4-H, FFA, high school rodeo

and wrestling. She kept up with all that was going on in the valley. She will be greatly missed by all.

She is survived by her children,

Chrystal Steinmetz of Kimberly and Chad Zea of Kimberly; three grandchildren and four sisters, Jerilyn Clauson, Ginger Hall and Debbie Hall, all of South Dakota, and Marlys Hall of Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family would like to thank Buck and Diane Moore, Judy Pepperdine and Colleen Skinner for their dear friendship and support.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com and www.steinmetzemmiley@yahoo.com.

Bertilia Lyn Redfern

HAILEY — Bertilia Lyn Redfern, 53, died Tuesday, March 10, 2009, as a result of injuries sustained in a tragic motor vehicle collision. She was not at fault.



Bert was born April 13, 1955, to Frances G. and J. I. (Irv) Baldwin in Puyallup, Wash. In 1958, she moved with her parents and older brother to Boise, where she grew up and attended Sacred Heart and St. Mary's grade schools, as well as Bishop Kelly and Boise High Schools. Three days after graduation in 1973, she eloped with the love of her life, Bob Redfern, and they embarked on a 36-year adventure. They have fallen even more in love as the years have gone by. Few people are as blessed as Bob and Bert to have fallen in love again, several times, with the same person.

They have lived all over the Magic Valley; for a while near Seattle, Wash.; and for the last few years in Hailey. Bert's working career was wide and varied. She worked for a dentist, Idaho Power Company, Clear Springs Trout Farm, the Buhl Herald newspaper, banks, hospitals, doctors, and lawyers. She had recently taken a position with The Roark Law Office in Hailey that she hoped would carry her into retirement.

Bert was well known in south-central Idaho and in many other areas of the country for her environmental activism. She was a past chairman of the Sierra Club Northern Rockies Chapter Confined Animal Feeding Operation Accountability Project and a member of The Sierra Club

National Clean Water Committee. Bert received an award for Grassroots Leader of the Year for 2003 from United Vision for Idaho.

Bert had a passion for snow, sunshine, good wine, music, animals, friends and, of course, Bob. She was an avid skier and skied Mt. Baldy with her husband and friends as often as she could, usually twice a weekend. That is why they lived in Hailey. Ski season weekends were always busy at the Redfern house. She also enjoyed camping and vacations and visiting with her many friends. Bert had a knack for keeping lifelong friendships and several go back to early grade school. She got the most out of life.

Bert is survived by her husband, Bob; her mother, Frances Baldwin of Boise; her brother, Irv Baldwin, and his wife, Betsy Hill; her father-in-law, Clifford Redfern; and scores of friends and relatives who will miss her deeply. She was preceded in death by her father and by her mother-in-law, Evelyn Redfern.

At Bert's request, no services will be held. A gathering of friends and family to celebrate her life will be held later this spring. For those who wish to make a contribution in Bert's memory, please consider the Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault or the Animal Shelter of The Wood River Valley, both in Hailey, Idaho. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

The obituary and guest book are available at www.woodriverchapel.com.

Zola Imagene Hobdey

Zola Imagene Hobdey, 82, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday March 13, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates.



Zola was born March 15, 1926, in Jerome, to Alvah Earl and Mattie Jane (Burgoyne) Perry. She attended and graduated from Jerome High School.

In 1970, she married Walter Hobdey in Bliss. She worked as a beautician in Twin Falls for many years.

Zola had been a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since February 1991. She is survived by one

son, Steven Fischer of Jacksonville, Fla.; one sister, Carolyn (Richard) Gober of Bridgeport, Texas; one cousin, Jerry (Harold) Milton of Jerome; and a close friend and caretaker, Gene Slaven of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Ardell Wyland of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Thursday at Eastside Memorial Park in Minden, Nev; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Ardell Wyland of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Thursday at Eastside Memorial Park in Minden, Nev; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Christopher Joseph Jancik of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1:07 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho campus (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Penney Brons of Idaho Falls and formerly of Ketchum, celebration of life at 6 p.m. March 26 at the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Alta, Wyo. (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

Eurmel Evelyn Johnson, of Buhl, graveside service at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at

DEATH NOTICES

Christina L. Medley

Christina L. Medley, 93, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 13, 2009, at a local care facility. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the funeral home.

Miguel Larios Jimenez

BURLEY — Miguel Larios Jimenez, 37, of Burley, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at his home.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at S. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; rosary service with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 16, and visitation also one hour before the service Tuesday, both at the church

(Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Gerald F. Wellman

SHOSHONE — Gerald F. Wellman, 81, of Shoshone, died Friday, March 13, 2009, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Harold L. Porter

JEROME — Harold L. Porter, 72, of Jerome, died Friday, March 13, 2009, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Kate Howard

IDAHO FALLS — Kate "Candy" Andrus Howard, 51, of Idaho Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, March 13, 2009, in Idaho Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

SERVICES

Sam O. Holtan of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 4 p.m. today at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

Jan Gruwell of Lehi, Utah, and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the View Cemetery in Burley (Serenicare Funeral Home in Draper, Utah).

Charles "Charley" Francis Homan of Hansen, memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward's Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; rosary at 6 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Eurmel Evelyn Johnson, of Buhl, graveside service at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at

Bozo the Clown creator Alan Livingston dies at age 91

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alan W. Livingston, the music executive who created Bozo the Clown and signed the Beatles during his tenure as president of Capitol Records, has died. He was 91. Livingston died Friday of age-related causes in his Beverly Hills home, said his stepdaughter, Jennifer Lerner. Livingston began his mul-

tifaceted career in show business as a writer and producer of children's read-along record albums for Capitol Records. He came up with the Bozo the Clown character for the 1946 album "Bozo at the Circus," which became a hit and spawned a cottage industry of merchandise and the television series featuring the wing-haired clown.

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1926 - 1935	5.86%	8.42%	12.48%
1928 - 1937	0.02%	9.62%	12.98%
1929 - 1938	-0.89%	7.26%	13.48%
1930 - 1939	-0.05%	9.17%	14.15%
1931 - 1940	1.8%	13.38%	14.76%
1937 - 1946	4.41%	18.43%	13.72%
1965 - 1974	1.24%	14.76%	14.76%
1966 - 1975	3.27%	14.33%	14.59%
1968 - 1977	3.59%	15.26%	16.65%
1969 - 1978	3.16%	16.33%	17.75%
1970 - 1979	5.86%	17.55%	17.87%
1998 - 2007	5.91%	?	?
1999 - 2008	-1.38%	?	?
Average		13.14%	14.82%

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Murkowski a new 'powerhouse' in Senate

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Not even a skiing accident could slow Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski's political ascent.

She returned to Capitol Hill the day after she fell and tumbled wildly down Alaska's Mount Alyeska. Despite tearing two ligaments and cartilage in her left knee, the 51-year-old Republican made it back to the Senate, with the help of a wheelchair and crutches, in time to vote for a \$410 billion spending package that included nearly \$200 million for her state.

Only in her first full term, Murkowski is Alaska's senior senator and the top Republican on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, a crucial role for her oil-producing state. She serves on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and is the only woman among eight men on the Senate GOP's leadership team.

"I can't think of anybody in recent years in the Senate who has gone further faster than Lisa Murkowski," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "Alaska has a new powerhouse already."

Murkowski is seeking to fill the role once played by Ted Stevens, the longest serving Republican senator ever and a legendary figure in Alaska, where he wielded political influence for than half a century. Stevens, who



AP photo

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, laughs during an interview in her Capitol Hill office, March 5 in Washington. Only in her first full term, Murkowski is Alaska's senior senator, serves on two key committees and is a member of the GOP's leadership team — the only woman among six men.

served 40 years in the Senate, was known for steering billions of dollars in federal money to his home state, drawing praise from constituents and consternation from watchdog groups and reformers.

Stevens was convicted in October of lying on Senate disclosure documents about hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts and home renovations. He was defeated in November.

Even with her climb to power, Murkowski is dogged by an unspoken rivalry with Gov. Sarah Palin, the GOP's vice presidential nominee in 2008 who defeated Murkowski's father in a hard-fought primary in 2006.

Murkowski is up for re-election in 2010, and pun-dits from Washington to

Alaska have focused on a possible primary challenge by Palin, a possible presidential contender in 2012. Palin, whose term as governor ends next year, has not announced her plans.

The two women joined in an opinion column in December under the headline, "We're not rivals; we're in partnership for Alaska," but reports of a rivalry persist.

Murkowski dismisses a potential matchup against Palin as media hype and adds that Alaska is big enough for both of them. Voters "like me and they like the job I'm doing. And they like the governor and the job she is doing. I don't think they want to see us battling," she said.

Despite Frank Murkowski's loss to Palin in 2006,

Sen. Murkowski denies any family rivalry with the governor.

One of the main issues used against the elder Murkowski was his 2002 appointment of his daughter to replace him in the Senate after he was elected governor.

"In terms of hard feelings, there are none," said Lisa Murkowski, who campaigned for GOP presidential nominee John McCain and Palin last year.

Added a Palin spokesman, Bill McAllister: "We continue to point out that there's nothing that the governor has said or done to justify this speculation."

Senate leader McConnell said he is not aware of Palin's plans, but said, "I do know that we'll be support-

DIGGING IN THE MURKOWSKI FILE

NAME: Lisa Murkowski
AGE-BIRTH DATE: 51; May 22, 1957, Ketchikan, Alaska.
EDUCATION: B.A., Georgetown University, 1980; J.D., Willamette (Ore.) University, 1985.
EXPERIENCE: Legislative aide, Alaska state Capitol, 1980-82; Anchorage District Court attorney, 1987-89; Attorney, 1989-98; Alaska House of Representatives, 1998-2002; U.S. Senate, 2002-present.
FAMILY: Married to Verne Martell; sons Nicolas and Matthew.
QUOTE: Voters "like me and they like the job I'm doing. And they like the governor and the job she is doing. I don't think they want to see us battling." — Murkowski on speculation about a rivalry with Gov. Sarah Palin, R-Alaska, and a possible Senate challenge in 2010.

ing Lisa 100 percent" in her re-election bid.

Democratic Sen. Mark Begich, who defeated Stevens last fall and is 46, said he and Murkowski represent a new generation of leadership in Alaska.

While she supports increased oil and gas drilling, Murkowski is more moderate than many other GOP senators, Begich said. Murkowski supported a fair-pay act for women and an expansion of children's health insurance, both Democratic priorities.

N. Idaho man sentenced in child abuse case

ST. MARIES, Idaho (AP) — A northern Idaho man who abused a 3-year-old girl so severely her feet had to be amputated and a kidney removed has been sentenced to 10 years in prison without chance for parole.

Charles Smith, 29, of St. Maries was sentenced Friday by 1st District Court Judge Frank Gibler to the maximum penalty allowed under the law.

"As far as injury to a child, this is as bad as it gets," Gibler said during Smith's sentencing at the Benewah County Courthouse. "I can't imagine a worse injury to child case that did not become a homicide."

Smith in January pleaded guilty to one count of felony injury to a child for beating his girlfriend's daughter, Kyra Wine.

Wine also had to have part of one finger amputated and can no longer grow hair on top of her head due to the injuries she sustained.

"All I can do is hope and pray Kyra will forgive me in time," Smith told the court, the Coeur d'Alene Press reported.

Authorities said Wine was near death when an anonymous tip caused police to visit Smith's home in June. Wine was flown by helicopter to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash., on June 17. Prosecutors said Wine had deep bruises, dried blood over her body and was slipping in and out of consciousness.

"I still remember the analogy the doctor used," said Benewah County Prosecuting Attorney Doug Payne. "He said, 'It was like when you are driving a car and the fuel gauge is past empty, the yellow light is on, and you're still driving and not knowing when you're going to stop.'"

The girl and an older sister are now being cared for by their paternal grandmother, Deanna Wine, an emergency medical technician who saw Kyra in the emergency room.

"Kyra used to have really blond, curly hair," Deanna Wine said. "It was really long — and in the emergency room, all her hair had been cut off, it was jagged, and on top of her head, it looked like a very large black scab."

She said that when she pulled back the blanket she saw that both her granddaughter's feet were black and crusted with dead tissue, as was one finger.

Interior chief's wolf decision upsets Obama allies

By Juliet Eilperin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's decision to stick with a controversial Bush administration move that took gray wolves off the endangered species list in most of the northern Rockies reflects the independent streak that has defined his career. But it has alienated key Obama administration allies, including environmentalists and some lawmakers in Capitol Hill.

Salazar's March 6 decision surprised environmental leaders as well as some of the administration's traditional opponents, and it provoked a protest letter from 10 senior House Democrats as well as a literal howl of delight from Idaho Republican Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

While the White House declined to comment on Salazar's move, it has clearly caused a headache for the administration. Lawmakers have called senior Obama aides to question the decision, environmental groups have filed a Freedom of Information Act request to probe the decision-making process, and experts inside and outside the administration predict that the issue will end up in court.

If the episode highlighted the delicate path that Salazar, a former senator, is navigating in his new job, it also underscored the learning curve that Cabinet members — especially those who came from politics — face when joining another politician's administration.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, a former House member from Illinois, veered off message last month when he suggested that the administration might tax motorists for every mile they drive. The White House made clear that the idea was not under consideration.

And Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, a former senator from New York, clarified the administration's commitment to human rights this week after stating earlier that such concerns "can't interfere" with issues on which the United States needs Chinese cooperation.



Interior Secretary Ken Salazar gestures during an interview with The Associated Press in Washington, Monday.

AP photo

dent scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, said Cabinet members often show flashes of independence during the early days of an administration, especially if they have served in the House or the Senate, "where they're used to making their own decisions and going ahead with them."

"It takes a while to get your sea legs on that front, especially if you're a member of Congress," Ornstein said.

The wolf proposal was published just weeks before Bush left office, then suspended under a broad directive by White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel.

Interior spokeswoman Kendra Barkoff said Salazar had followed the unanimous recommendation of Fish and Wildlife Service scientists in setting the new policy, rather than letting political factors influence him. "This was a decision based on science," she said.

Some environmentalists and congressional Democrats are unhappy that Salazar cleared the way for hunting of the once-imperiled wolves just days after President Obama declared his support for federally protecting vulnerable species.

"Making the decision to adopt the Bush administration's flawed delisting proposal the same week that the president pledged his commitment to the Endangered Species Act certainly calls into question whether the Interior Department was coordinating as closely as one would expect to have done with the White House," said Bob Irvin, senior vice president for conservation programs at the advocacy group Defenders of Wildlife. "This was a controversy that did not

need to happen."

One House Democrat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, framed it in even more blunt political terms. "I just don't see what this does for us," the lawmaker said. "Here we are alienating people who did the most — who did a lot to help us in the last election."

The move pleased many elected officials in Idaho and Montana, whose states have the largest numbers of gray wolves and who had pressed the Interior Department to turn management of the animals over to them. Interior kept wolves on the endangered list in Wyoming, saying that state's management plan failed to pass muster, while also taking them off the list in parts of Washington, Oregon and Utah.

"It was a good sign for

WOLVES SPARK POLICY DEBATE

Gray wolves had almost disappeared from the continental United States when they were listed as endangered in 1974, but they now number 1,650 in the northern Rockies. That population growth has sparked a long-running feud over whether the animals have recovered enough to be subject to hunting again. President George W. Bush first proposed delisting all gray wolves in the northern Rockies in January 2007, but a federal court in Montana suspended the rule last summer, ruling that the states had failed to demonstrate that they would maintain a sufficient number of wolves once the federal protections were lifted. Bush issued a second delisting rule on Jan. 14, and the Obama administration suspended it upon taking office.

— The Washington Post

folks out here who were a little worried about having a Democratic administration hit the restart button on the conservation and environmental wars of the 1990s," said John Foster, spokesman for Rep. Walt Minnick, D-Idaho. "I can't emphasize how important it is to have a Western rancher as secretary of the interior."

Otter, the Idaho governor, had hailed a similar Bush delisting proposal in 2007 by telling a crowd of hunters that, as soon as federal protections were lifted, "I'm prepared to bid for that first ticket to shoot a wolf myself." He reiterated this goal to a group of local reporters March 6, after howling like a wolf and smiling.

Rep. Norm Dicks, D-

Wash., who chairs the House Appropriations interior and environment subcommittee, led nine other House members in asking Salazar on Thursday to postpone finalizing the delisting rule for at least 60 days. "I don't think they took enough time to evaluate the science," Dicks said. But Barkoff indicated that Salazar plans to let Idaho and Montana take control of the wolves' welfare, adding, "Secretary Salazar will carefully monitor the management of gray wolves in those states where they were delisted."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and a chance of showers. Highs 50 to 55.
Tonight: Rain showers, possibly mixed with snow. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: A few showers possible. Highs near 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and a chance of showers. Highs near 50.
Tonight: Rain showers, possibly mixed with snow. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: A few showers possible. Highs near 55.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Cloudy with a chance of snow through Monday. Scattered snow showers Tuesday, decreasing Wednesday.

BOISE Today Highs 34 to 38 Tonight's Lows 22 to 30
 A chance of rain and snow showers today. More numerous showers Monday. A few showers linger Tuesday.

NORTHERN UTAH Today Highs/Lows 53 to 58 / 37 to 42
 Mostly cloudy through Monday. A chance of rain and snow showers, mainly along the Idaho border.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 66 at Grangeville Low: -3 at Stanley
 weather key: bz-blizzard, c-cloudy, lg-log, hs-heavy snow, hz-haze, ls-light snow, mc-mostly cloudy, mx-winterly mix, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, sb-showers, sn-snow, su-sunny, th-thunderstorm, w-wind

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 52	Low 40	52 / 37	49 / 36	56 / 34	58 / 36

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	57	28	0.00"
Burley	59	21	0.00"
Challis	49	17	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	39	21	0.00"
Idaho Falls	38	13	0.00"
Jerome	49	23	0.00"
Lewiston	48	31	0.00"
Lowell	47	26	0.00"
Malad	not available		
Malta	59	25	n/a
Pocatello	52	20	0.00"
Rexburg	39	12	0.00"
Salmon	52	19	0.00"
Stanley	43	-3	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 61 Yesterday's Low 29 Normal High/Low 51 / 29 Record High 75 in 2003 Record Low 16 in 1977	Yesterday 0.00" Month to Date 0.07" Normal Month to Date 0.53" Year to Date 4.40" Normal Year to Date 5.87"	Yesterday's Maximum 81% Yesterday's Minimum 20% Today's Maximum 57% Today's Minimum 33% A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	6 pm barometer Yesterday 29.72 in.	Today Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:45 PM Monday Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:46 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:47 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM Thursday Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 7:49 PM

Moon Phases
 Mar 18 Last Qtr. Mar 26 New Moon. Apr 2 First Qtr. Apr 9 Full Moon

Moonrise and Moonset
 Today Moonrise: 12:19 AM Moonset: 9:40 AM
 Monday Moonrise: 1:24 AM Moonset: 10:18 AM
 Tuesday Moonrise: 2:25 AM Moonset: 11:02 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	55 39 sh 51 35 sh	53 36 sh 53 36 sh	53 36 sh 53 36 sh
Bonniers Ferry	36 26 sn 36 28 ls	39 28 mx 39 28 mx	39 28 mx 39 28 mx
Burley	50 39 sh 55 37 sh	52 32 pc 52 32 pc	52 32 pc 52 32 pc
Challis	40 30 sn 42 33 ls	49 31 mx 49 31 mx	49 31 mx 49 31 mx
Coeur d'Alene	37 28 sn 37 30 ls	41 31 mx 41 31 mx	41 31 mx 41 31 mx
Elko, NV	52 33 r 50 31 mx	50 30 pc 50 30 pc	50 30 pc 50 30 pc
Eugene, OR	52 39 r 52 39 sh	52 40 sh 52 40 sh	52 40 sh 52 40 sh
Gooding	54 41 sh 54 38 sh	51 37 sh 51 37 sh	51 37 sh 51 37 sh
Grace	43 32 mx 48 31 mx	47 26 mx 47 26 mx	47 26 mx 47 26 mx
Hagerman	55 39 sh 55 36 sh	52 35 sh 52 35 sh	52 35 sh 52 35 sh
Hailey	40 34 mx 40 29 ls	41 31 mx 41 31 mx	41 31 mx 41 31 mx
Idaho Falls	44 32 mx 45 28 mx	45 30 mx 45 30 mx	45 30 mx 45 30 mx
Kalspell, MT	40 28 mx 41 31 mx	42 30 mx 42 30 mx	42 30 mx 42 30 mx
Jackpot	52 34 pc 55 34 pc	53 31 mc 53 31 mc	53 31 mc 53 31 mc
Jerome	43 35 mx 43 30 ls	44 32 mx 44 32 mx	44 32 mx 44 32 mx
Lewiston	51 35 r 49 37 mx	51 37 sh 51 37 sh	51 37 sh 51 37 sh
Malad City	47 33 mx 52 32 mx	51 27 mx 51 27 mx	51 27 mx 51 27 mx
Malta	47 36 sh 52 34 sh	49 29 pc 49 29 pc	49 29 pc 49 29 pc
McCall	35 30 sn 32 22 ls	33 23 ls 33 23 ls	33 23 ls 33 23 ls
Missoula, MT	44 29 mx 44 34 mx	47 34 mx 47 34 mx	47 34 mx 47 34 mx
Pocatello	46 37 mx 51 36 mx	50 31 pc 50 31 pc	50 31 pc 50 31 pc
Rupert, OR	48 40 r 49 39 sh	49 40 sh 49 40 sh	49 40 sh 49 40 sh
Rupert	50 41 sh 55 39 sh	52 34 pc 52 34 pc	52 34 pc 52 34 pc
Rexburg	42 30 mx 43 25 mx	42 28 mx 42 28 mx	42 28 mx 42 28 mx
Richland, WA	49 32 r 49 33 r	53 35 r 53 35 r	53 35 r 53 35 r
Rogerson	52 41 sh 52 38 sh	49 37 sh 49 37 sh	49 37 sh 49 37 sh
Salmon	42 31 sn 44 34 ls	51 32 mx 51 32 mx	51 32 mx 51 32 mx
Salt Lake City, UT	55 41 r 60 42 pc	61 40 pc 61 40 pc	61 40 pc 61 40 pc
Spokane, WA	43 28 ls 44 29 mc	45 29 sh 45 29 sh	45 29 sh 45 29 sh
Stanley	39 25 sn 41 21 ls	43 20 mx 43 20 mx	43 20 mx 43 20 mx
Sun Valley	43 27 sn 45 23 ls	47 22 mx 47 22 mx	47 22 mx 47 22 mx
Yellowstone, MT	32 19 sn 33 16 sn	33 15 sn 33 15 sn	33 15 sn 33 15 sn

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	57 49 r 62 46 r	62 46 r 62 46 r	Orlando	87 61 pc 85 63 pc	85 63 pc 85 63 pc
Atlantic City	43 36 r 43 36 r	43 36 r 43 36 r	Philadelphia	49 35 sh 50 33 sh	50 33 sh 50 33 sh
Baltimore	48 36 sh 51 36 sh	51 36 sh 51 36 sh	Phoenix	78 53 pc 80 56 su	80 56 su 80 56 su
Billings	53 31 sh 60 30 r	60 30 r 60 30 r	Portland, ME	51 25 pc 36 31 su	36 31 su 36 31 su
Birmingham	63 51 sh 67 46 sh	67 46 sh 67 46 sh	Raleigh	48 43 r 53 42 r	53 42 r 53 42 r
Boston	53 32 pc 41 31 su	41 31 su 41 31 su	Rapid City	60 29 w 65 31 w	65 31 w 65 31 w
Charleston, SC	63 57 r 62 50 r	62 50 r 62 50 r	Reno	55 42 mc 61 39 sh	61 39 sh 61 39 sh
Chicago	56 41 r 56 38 r	56 38 r 56 38 r	Sacramento	64 45 r 66 46 r	66 46 r 66 46 r
Cleveland	47 33 pc 50 35 pc	50 35 pc 50 35 pc	St. Louis	59 43 mc 67 48 pc	67 48 pc 67 48 pc
Cleveland	47 33 pc 50 35 pc	50 35 pc 50 35 pc	St. Paul	51 37 pc 58 32 pc	58 32 pc 58 32 pc
Denver	64 38 w 69 38 su	69 38 su 69 38 su	San Antonio	63 49 th 80 54 su	80 54 su 80 54 su
Des Moines	59 40 pc 69 46 pc	69 46 pc 69 46 pc	San Diego	61 54 mc 68 53 su	68 53 su 68 53 su
Detroit	49 35 pc 49 39 pc	49 39 pc 49 39 pc	San Francisco	60 51 r 59 49 r	59 49 r 59 49 r
El Paso	71 45 pc 76 46 su	76 46 su 76 46 su	Seattle	46 38 r 45 39 sh	45 39 sh 45 39 sh
Fairbanks	0 19 pc 7 14 pc	7 14 pc 7 14 pc	Tucson	75 46 pc 82 49 su	82 49 su 82 49 su
Fargo	42 26 pc 46 30 pc	46 30 pc 46 30 pc	Washington, DC	48 37 sh 52 37 sh	52 37 sh 52 37 sh
Hankoulu	79 66 sh 80 66 sh	80 66 sh 80 66 sh			
Houston	59 49 sh 75 51 pc	75 51 pc 75 51 pc			
Indianapolis	57 40 pc 60 42 pc	60 42 pc 60 42 pc			
Jacksonville	81 60 sh 78 54 sh	78 54 sh 78 54 sh			
Kansas City	62 43 sh 72 46 pc	72 46 pc 72 46 pc			
Las Vegas	72 52 pc 76 53 pc	76 53 pc 76 53 pc			
Little Rock	61 42 mc 69 46 pc	69 46 pc 69 46 pc			
Los Angeles	61 52 pc 65 53 su	65 53 su 65 53 su			
Memphis	60 46 mc 69 49 pc	69 49 pc 69 49 pc			
Miami	83 70 sh 83 69 sh	83 69 sh 83 69 sh			
Milwaukee	48 35 pc 54 38 pc	54 38 pc 54 38 pc			
Nashville	55 43 r 61 43 pc	61 43 pc 61 43 pc			
New Orleans	66 60 sh 69 56 sh	69 56 sh 69 56 sh			
New York	49 35 sh 47 38 sh	47 38 sh 47 38 sh			
Oklahoma City	67 49 su 76 53 su	76 53 su 76 53 su			
Omaha	61 40 su 73 44 su	73 44 su 73 44 su			

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	84 72 pc 85 73 pc	85 73 pc 85 73 pc	Moscow	25 21 pc 27 18 ls	27 18 ls 27 18 ls
Athens	55 42 su 59 44 pc	59 44 pc 59 44 pc	Nairobi	79 55 sh 79 57 sh	79 57 sh 79 57 sh
Auckland	66 55 pc 69 59 su	69 59 su 69 59 su	Oslo	32 30 mx 35 31 r	35 31 r 35 31 r
Bangkok	91 75 pc 99 77 pc	99 77 pc 99 77 pc	Paris	56 37 pc 57 39 pc	57 39 pc 57 39 pc
Beijing	61 31 pc 63 37 pc	63 37 pc 63 37 pc	Priague	46 38 r 47 39 pc	47 39 pc 47 39 pc
Berlin	49 41 r 52 41 pc	52 41 pc 52 41 pc	Rio de Janeiro	83 64 sh 80 65 sh	80 65 sh 80 65 sh
Buenos Aires	69 53 pc 76 56 pc	76 56 pc 76 56 pc	Rome	60 48 pc 61 47 sh	61 47 sh 61 47 sh
Cairo	69 42 pc 69 41 pc	69 41 pc 69 41 pc	Santiago	88 55 pc 83 53 pc	83 53 pc 83 53 pc
Dhahran	89 67 pc 91 68 pc	91 68 pc 91 68 pc	Seoul	50 34 pc 54 32 pc	54 32 pc 54 32 pc
Geneva	45 31 pc 51 32 pc	51 32 pc 51 32 pc	Sydney	80 57 sh 79 58 pc	79 58 pc 79 58 pc
Hong Kong	68 67 pc 68 67 pc	68 67 pc 68 67 pc	Tel Aviv	61 57 sh 60 55 pc	60 55 pc 60 55 pc
Jerusalem	59 43 sh 62 40 pc	62 40 pc 62 40 pc	Tokyo	52 39 pc 59 39 pc	59 39 pc 59 39 pc
Johannesburg	67 51 sh 75 56 sh	75 56 sh 75 56 sh	Vienna	50 37 sh 47 37 pc	47 37 pc 47 37 pc
Kuwait City	83 63 pc 82 60 pc	82 60 pc 82 60 pc	Warsaw	46 34 r 39 34 pc	39 34 pc 39 34 pc
London	57 37 pc 59 39 pc	59 39 pc 59 39 pc	Winnipeg	34 31 pc 45 27 pc	45 27 pc 45 27 pc
Mexico City	72 47 sh 64 46 sh	64 46 sh 64 46 sh	Zurich	34 22 ls 34 27 pc	34 27 pc 34 27 pc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today
 Yesterday's National Extremes:
 High: 96 at Orlando, Fla.
 Low: -16 at Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	40 24 pc 35 21 ls	35 21 ls 35 21 ls	Saskatoon	34 17 ls 29 11 pc	29 11 pc 29 11 pc
Crabbrook	27 14 sn 24 18 ls	24 18 ls 24 18 ls	Toronto	47 29 pc 41 29 pc	41 29 pc 41 29 pc
Edmonton	43 28 pc 32 11 ls	32 11 ls 32 11 ls	Vancouver	34 32 sn 36 33 ls	36 33 ls 36 33 ls
Kelowna	28 18 ls 28 20 ls	28 20 ls 28 20 ls	Victoria	38 37 ls 42 37 sh	42 37 sh 42 37 sh
Lethbridge	43 28 pc 32 11 ls	32 11 ls 32 11 ls	Winnipeg	34 31 pc 45 27 pc	45 27 pc 45 27 pc
Regina	37 29 pc 40 25 ls	40 25 ls 40 25 ls			

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "The price of hating other human beings is loving one's own self less."
 Eldridge Cleaver
 1935-1998, Writer and Activist

Insurance giant paying out millions in bonuses despite bailout

By Martin Crutsinger
 Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — American International Group is giving its executives tens of millions of dollars in new bonuses even though it received a taxpayer bailout of more than \$170 billion dollars.

AIG is paying out the executive bonuses to meet a Sunday deadline, but the

troubled insurance giant has agreed to administration requests to restrain future payments.

The Treasury Department determined that the government did not have the legal authority to block the current payments by the company. AIG declared earlier this month that it had suffered a loss of \$61.7 billion for the fourth quarter of last year, the largest corpo-

rate loss in history.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has asked that the company scale back future bonus payments where legally possible, an administration official said Saturday.

This official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said that Geithner had called AIG Chairman Edward Liddy on

Wednesday to demand that Liddy renegotiate AIG's current bonus structure.

Geithner termed the current bonus structure unacceptable in view of the billions of dollars of taxpayer support the company is receiving, this official said.

In a letter to Geithner dated Saturday, Liddy informed Treasury that outside lawyers had informed the company that AIG had

contractual obligations to make the bonus payments and could face lawsuits if it did not do so.

Liddy said in his letter that "quite frankly, AIG's hands are tied" although he said that in light of the company's current situation he found it "distasteful and difficult" to recommend going forward with the payments.

Liddy said the company

had entered into the bonus agreements in early 2008 before AIG got into severe financial straits and was forced to obtain a government bailout last fall.

The large bulk of the payments at issue cover AIG Financial Products, the unit of the company that sold credit default swaps, the risky contracts that caused massive losses for the insurer.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Gov. Otter can't add jobs by subtracting them

Those are mighty big numbers the folks in state government are throwing around in Boise these days, what with \$1.24 billion in federal stimulus money coming to Idaho.

But however you slice it, 1-minus-1 doesn't equal 2.

Gov. Otter wants to reduce state personnel costs by 5 percent and cut about \$100 million in education funding next year while putting about \$80 million in education reserves in case the economy doesn't recover.

We don't think that's a good idea, and we're far from alone.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, worries about funding roads at the expense of other programs receiving stimulus money.

"I applaud the governor in his effort to focus on the infrastructure of the state but infrastructure of the state isn't just roads — it's corrections, it's state police, it's education," Cameron said Thursday. "We have a duty to protect the health and safety of our citizens, and we only have one chance to teach a first-grader how to read; one chance to teach a third-grader math. And if we fail on those infrastructure needs, then that could be far more costly than failing on infrastructure of roads."

JFAC Co-chairwoman Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, is troubled that personnel

cuts could hurt struggling families and agencies that will be forced to cut back on services.

"Why would you take all of it to form new jobs and put the jobs you do have in jeopardy?" she said.

Actually, the governor's ax could cut deeper than 5 percent. Combined with Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's proposed cuts in public schools, educators could face reductions of 6.5 percent.

"Our first priority should be education," said Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, a JFAC member and former House minority leader. "He said he is waiting for a rainy day. It's raining, so to be stingy — is really unacceptable."

Especially because officials have a good idea how many pink slips they'll be handing out if the governor's proposal becomes law but Otter has no idea how many new jobs might be created if the Legislature accepts his plan.

"I can't answer that question in terms of numbers," he said. "We looked at infrastructure, we looked at clean water and drinking water and highways as probably the quickest way to stimulate the job needs in Idaho."

That, Governor, is buying a pig in a poke. The idea of creating unemployment as a means of creating more jobs is a non-starter.

Our view:

Cutting jobs to create jobs? Come on Governor, we can do better than that with federal stimulus money.

What do you think?

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

Stimulus for wildlife



Photo courtesy Idaho Department of Fish and Game

What Idaho Fish & Game wants

Licenses	Current resident fee	Proposed resident fee
Combination licenses	\$31.75	\$31.75
Hunting licenses	\$11	\$12.75
Fishing licenses	\$24	\$27.75
Sportsman's package	\$108.50	\$130
Jr. combination license	\$15.75	\$11
Jr. hunting license	\$5.50	\$6.50
Youth small game license	\$5.50	\$6.50
Jr. fishing license	\$12	\$11
Disabled combination license	\$3.25	\$3.75
Disabled fishing license	\$3.25	\$3.75
1-day fishing license	\$9.75	\$11
2-day fishing license	\$5	\$6
Sport tags	Current resident fee	Proposed resident fee
Deer tag	\$18	\$20
Controlled-hunt deer tag	\$18	\$24.50
Jr./Sr./DAV deer tag	\$9	\$10
Elk A tag	\$29	\$32
Elk B tag	\$29	\$35
Controlled elk tag	\$29	\$36.50
Jr./Sr./DAV deer tag	\$14.75	\$16.25
Bear tag	\$9.75	\$18

— Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Why Fish and Game needs a license fee increase

By Dr. Wayne Wright

Sustainable populations of mule deer, elk, fishing, and Wildlife Management Areas don't "just happen." If not for about 20 percent of Idaho citizens (people who purchase hunting and fishing licenses), there would be little money to pay for the management of Idaho's wildlife.

In the 1800s, settlers and market hunters nearly wiped out the great herds of elk, bison, and deer to feed a growing nation. But great men like Teddy Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold, and with the help of many other dedicated sportsmen, developed the modern form of wildlife conservation that has sustained Idaho's wildlife populations.

Today, Idaho benefits from the foresight of these hunters and conservationists, and hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching activities bring more than \$800 million a year into Idaho's economy.

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Read a timeline of Fish & Game's history in Idaho.

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The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is once again calling on these hunters and anglers to shoulder the burden with a 15 percent fee increase.

The management of Idaho's wildlife is solely funded by hunting and fishing licenses, the sale of wildlife license plates, federal taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and donations on the state income tax check off. No money comes from the state general fund and Fish and Game is Idaho's only state agency that is self-sustaining.

So if you like seeing and viewing wildlife, thank a hunter.

I understand that some of this sounds preachy, or even overdramatized, but these are the facts. Even though everyone doesn't agree 100 percent, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is on the right track and is trying to prepare Idaho and its wildlife for the future.

Programs like Access Yes!, the Mule Deer Initiative, and the Sage Grouse

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Math is a harsh mistress in the newspaper game

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We home-deliver more than 15,000 newspapers on an average weekday, and sell another 5,000 or so over the counter, through Newspapers in Education and out of coin racks. On Sunday we sell about 21,500 papers. That may seem small, compared to our total population base, but when you factor four people per household, we actually reach a respectable — and growing — share of the market with our old "treeware" edition alone.

Still, there are places where treeware just can't make it anymore.



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James G. Wright

It's expensive to deliver bundles of paper over such a large area with such a small population — it costs the same to deliver 100 papers on a 10 mile motor route as it does to deliver just one paper in 10 miles.

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It's heartbreaking to tell people who have been loyal subscribers and who really, really enjoy getting the paper every day that it's no longer cost-effective to get it to them.

But mathematics is a harsh mistress. In Camas County, for example, we spent almost \$23,000 a year to deliver just 73 papers. Even if every household in that county took the paper, we would still lose money driving it to them.

Throughout the newspaper industry we're starting to think of what we do in a different

way. As more people go to the Internet for news, we've come to realize that we don't sell papers. What we sell is news. Sometimes it's news printed on paper and dropped on a doorstep, but it's the news — not the form — that matters most.

So in language that would warm the afterburners of any fighter pilot, we now employ a number of payload delivery platforms.

First, there's the mail subscription. People have been getting newspapers by mail ever since there were newspapers and, well, mail. Some papers even have that delivery form built into their name — the *Medford (Ore.) Mail-Tribune*, for example.

In some areas this old-fashioned approach still works. In Camas County, 40 of our former home delivery subscribers chose to convert to it after we had to stop home delivery. All told, about 200 people, many of them former Idahoans living out of state, get their paper in the mail.

Then there are ways to split the difference: One of our 96 motor route paper carriers drops bundles at the local Kwik-E-Mart or piles them in a coin rack. The customer contributes their time by going to the point of sale and dropping a few quarters.

Within the past decade

we've started delivering news on the Internet in the form of our Web site, www.magicvalley.com. Most of what you see in the paper is available at no cost for admission, and about 9,500 people read 75,000 or more pages there each day.

News on the Web is free, but it won't be that way forever. Advertising revenue from newspaper Web sites is growing, but it represents only about 10 percent of total ad income. Conventional wisdom is that newspapers will eventually start requiring Web subscriptions to help stay in the black.

For those who prefer the traditional look — if not feel — of a newspaper, we offer a subscription-based electronic edition that replicates every page as it would look on paper. The only difference is that you get it over your computer at about half the cost of a regular subscription. We started the e-edition around the first of the year, and it already has 1,600 paid subscribers.

So even though we've had to tell a few readers we can't get a paper *on paper* to them anymore, our readership is still growing, and the news is still making it to your house every day.

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Fees

Continued from Opinion 1

Working Groups are bringing hunters, anglers and landowners together to do great things for wildlife. The Access Yes! Program in the Magic Valley has opened 167,574 acres of private land to hunting and fishing. It has also opened more than 288,000 acres of public lands which was locked up behind private land.

Granted, without the fee increase these programs will hopefully not dis-

appear. However, the programs will have to be reduced as Fish and Game scales back to stay under budget. But for just a little few dollars on the purchase of hunting and fishing license, sportsmen can increase the success of all these programs and many others.

If you want a stimulus package that will help Idaho's wildlife and help secure programs to help hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching, contact your local legislator and tell them

you want to see the fish and wildlife of Idaho in the best ways possible.

For details on the revenue increase go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/about/history> and Game's fee enhancement passed to preserve and protect the [_funding/RevEnhance/08revEnhance.cfm](http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/about/history)

Wayne Wright, a retired Twin Falls cardiologist, is chairman of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

About the Idaho Fish and Game Department

Idaho's first game laws were established by the First Idaho Territorial Legislature in 1864. They called for closed seasons on big game animals from February to July, but did not provide for enforcement.

In 1890 Idaho was admitted to the Union as the 43rd state, and in 1899 the Legislature established the Fish and Game Department. The state game warden was in charge, with deputy wardens being hired in every county except Ada, Custer and Shoshone, "where it had been impossible to secure persons to act," according to Charles Arbuckle, the first warden. The department budget was \$1,500, of which \$1,200 was salary. The deputies were to be paid half of each fine for which they could get a conviction.

1903 — License fees established at \$1 for resident males (women didn't have to have licenses); nonresidents paid \$5.

1907 — First fish hatchery built at Hayspur. First ring-necked pheasant rearing facilities built in Ada County.

1915 — Elk transplanted to Idaho from Yellowstone Park.

1917 — First open season on ring-necked pheasants.

1921 — Women required to buy hunting and fishing license. Bear listed as a game animal in north Idaho.

1932 — First check station set up for enforcement. Jerome game bird farm built at a cost of \$700.

1933 — Chukar partridge released. First release of 100 birds was from the Lapwai bird farm near Lewiston.

1938 — Idaho's first successful voter initiative creates the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and establishes commission districts. Merit system for hiring competent professional employees inaugurated. Hagerman Wildlife Management Area bought. Warmwater fish stocked on a regular basis. Policies governing all phases of operation are compiled and published for the first time. Airplanes first used to do big game surveys.

1947 — Controlled hunts first used to limit the number of sportsmen hunting a given area. Game preserves opened to hunting. The Idaho Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit established at the University of Idaho.

1950 — State divided into game management units.

1953 — First season opens on chukar partridge. Statewide limit on trout drops from 20 to 15.

1963 — Bighorn sheep reestablished on historic range in Owyhee County.

1965 — Salmon fishing season closed statewide.

1970 — First catch-and-release trout season on Kelly Creek.

1971 — Legislation

allows department to limit number of nonresident hunters.

1974 — Legislature authorizes earmarking part of each license for acquisition and enhancement of wildlife habitat.

1976 — First general bucks-only deer and bulls-only elk hunting season.

1980 — Department reorganized into seven bureaus. Hunter education for hunters born after Jan. 1, 1975, becomes mandatory.

1986 — Jerome bird farm closed. Steelhead tag fee increase earmarked for access purchase. Fish and Game Trust Account established to accept donations. Lifetime license program begins.

1987 — Legislature approves sale of upland game stamp with proceeds to benefit pheasants, quail, and partridge; and waterfowl stamp with proceeds to develop wetlands. Legislature authorizes commission to allow sale of one bighorn sheep tag per year by a nonprofit group to raise funds for sheep habitat and transplant. Steelhead fishing access purchased on Clearwater River near Greer. Magic Valley hatchery comes on line.

1989 — Legislature approves minimum stream flows for Box Canyon Creek. More than 3,000 white sturgeon released into the Bliss and Wiley reaches of the Snake River after the first successful spawning of a wild sturgeon in an Idaho hatchery. Legislature appropriates \$500,000 from the Fish and Game budget to pay 111 landowners for damage by wildlife during the past two winters. Habitat Improvement Program funds used to develop food plots, nesting, escape and winter cover for waterfowl and upland game birds. Three young female peregrine falcons successfully launched from the roof of the Key Bank building in Boise.

1990 — Idaho Fish and Game Commission

expanded by the Legislature to six commissioners; the sixth commissioner represents the Magic Valley.

1991 — Poor migration conditions for juvenile salmon and steelhead through the federal hydro-electric system on the Snake and Columbia rivers continued to cause significant survival problems.

1992 — Legislature authorizes the department to make "payments-in-lieu-of-taxes" to counties for unimproved land it buys.

1993 — Advances made in the effort to save sockeye and chinook in the Salmon River Basin from entering dangerous water diversions through the Idaho screen project. The first comprehensive database on wetlands, the Idaho Wetlands Inventory System, completed.

1996 — Legislature enlarges the commission to seven members. Director Jerry Conley leaves after 14 years to become Missouri Department Of Conservation director. Stephen P. Mealey is selected to replace Conley, beginning a controversial three-year tenure.

1997 — New law provides for stiffer penalties for "flagrant violations" of wildlife laws.

1998 — A system of 28 elk hunting zones established, requiring hunters to choose a single hunting area and decide between an "A" and "B" tag defining season dates and weapons. Mandatory hunter harvest reports required from all deer, elk, and antelope hunters.

1999 — Fish and Game Commission fires Mealey.

The department operates under a 10 percent budget holdback after a fee increase effort died in the Legislature.

2000 — Rodney Sando, previously director of the Minnesota department, named Fish and Game director after a nationwide search. Fee increases for most licenses and tags approved by the Legislature to add about \$4.4 million to the department budget.

2001 — Spring chinook salmon run strong enough to allow fishing in most traditional salmon water, including Panther Creek where there had not been a season since 1986. Two turkey tags allowed in spring hunts as wild turkey numbers continued to expand dramatically. Requests to list Yellowstone cutthroat trout under the Endangered Species Act denied by federal authorities, partly because of conservation and research work by department fisheries staff.

2002 — Long-time program leader Steve Huffaker named director to replace Rod Sando.

2003 — Access Yes!, a major initiative to provide access for hunting and fishing on private lands, launched.

2007 — Huffaker retires, replaced by Region 2 Fish and Game Director Cal Groin.

2008 — Region 5 Director David Parrish demoted after writing a letter to the editor of the *Times-News* expressing concerns about the impact on wildlife of a proposed wind farm near Rogerson. Fish and Game announces management plan for wolves once they are removed from the federal endangered species list, treating them as big game animals similar to black bears and mountain lions. Hunting seasons would be set by commission. Large steelhead, chinook, sockeye and coho runs in Idaho.

2009 — U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar removes wolves from the endangered species list.

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Stripping layers of nonsense with 'Our Town'

“Wherever you come near the human race, there’s layers and layers of nonsense,” says the Stage Manager in Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town.” Those words were first heard by New York audiences in February 1938, as America continued to reel from hard times. The *New York Times*’ front page told of 100,000 auto workers protesting layoffs in Detroit and of a Republican official attacking the New Deal as “fascist.” Though no one was buying cars, FDR had the gall to endorse a mammoth transcontinental highway construction program to put men back to work.

In the 71 years since, Wilder’s drama has become a permanent yet often dormant fixture in our culture, like the breakfast that’s been in the dining room so long you stopped noticing its contents. Requiring no scenery and many players, “Our Town” is the perennial go-to “High School Play.” But according to A. Tappan Wilder, the playwright’s nephew and literary executor, professional productions have doubled since

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2005, including two separate revivals newly opened in Chicago and New York.

You can see why there’s a spike in the “Our Town” market. Once again its astringent distillation of life and death in the fictional early-20th-century town of Grover’s Corners, N.H., is desperately needed to help strip away “layers and layers of nonsense” so Americans can remember who we are — and how lost we got in the boom before our bust.

At the director David Cromer’s shattering rendition of the play now running in Greenwich Village, it’s impossible not to be moved by that Act III passage where the Stage Manager comes upon the graves of Civil War veterans in the town cemetery. “New Hampshire boys,” he says, “had a notion that the Union ought to be kept together, though they’d never seen more than 50 miles of it themselves. All they knew was the name, friends — the United States of America. The United States of America. And they

went and died about it.” Wilder was not a nostalgic, sentimental or jingoistic writer. Grover’s Corners isn’t populated by saints but by regular people, some frivolous and some ignorant and at least one suicidal. But when the narrator evokes a common national good and purpose — unfurling our country’s full name in the rhetorical manner also favored by our current president — you feel the graveyard’s chill wind. It’s a trace memory of an American faith we soiled and buried with all our own nonsense in the first decade of our new century.

Retrieving that faith now requires extraordinary patience and optimism. We’re still working our way through the aftershocks of the orgy of irresponsibility and greed that brought America to this nadir. In his recent letter to shareholders, a chastened Warren Buffett likened our financial institutions’ recklessness to venereal disease. Even the innocent were infected

because “it’s not just whom you sleep with” but also “whom they” — unnamed huge financial institutions — “are sleeping with,” he wrote. Indeed, our government is in the morally untenable position of rewarding the most promiscuous carrier of them all, AIG, with as much as \$180 billion in taxpayers’ cash transfusions (so far) precisely because it can’t be disentangled from all the careless (and unidentified) trading partners sharing its infection.

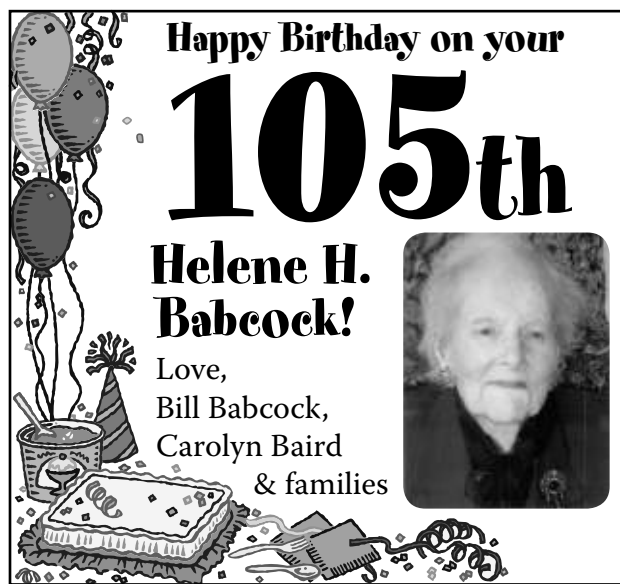
Buffett’s sermon coincided with the public soul searching of another national sage, Elie Wiesel, who joined a Portfolio magazine panel discussion on Bernie Madoff. Some \$37 million of Wiesel’s charitable foundation and personal wealth vanished in Madoff’s Ponzi scheme. “We gave him everything,” Wiesel told the audience. “We thought he was God.”

In one way, the remaining vestiges of the past decade’s excesses are useful. Seen in

the cold light of our long hangover, they remind us that it was the America of the bubble that was aberrant and perverse, creating a new normal that wasn’t normal at all.

The true American faith endures in “Our Town.” The key word in its title is the collective “our,” just as “united” is the resonant note hit by the new presi-

dent when saying the full name of the country. The notion that Americans must all rise and fall together is the ideal we still yearn to reclaim, and that a majority voted for in November. But how we get there from this economic graveyard is a challenge rapidly rivaling the one that faced Wilder’s audience in that dark late winter of 1938.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bartenders are just working people too

In regard to a recent article that ran in the *Times-News*, bartenders were referred to as parasites. We bartenders found that statement offensive and grossly unfair.

Bartenders work to support their families. This is a job just like any other. A person can buy drinks in most stores and restaurants. The only difference is buying from a store is in bulk, not by the drink.

It is not as if bartenders go out on the street and drag people in by their hair and force them to buy drinks. The choice an individual makes is called free will — just as people are not forced to order pie after having dinner.

For someone who says they are the voice of Burley residents to resort to name calling makes me think that maybe we, as residents, need to rethink our choices. This is unacceptable behavior.

TAWNIA HALE
Burley

Mr. Asher, the right to organize a labor union has already been indirectly stripped from employees, especially in Idaho, a Right to Work state, and the National Labor Relations Board was gutted by the Bush administration.

This “act” does not obscure the union process but opens it up so hopeful members can openly talk and freely discuss, pro or con, avenues to unionize without intimidation from supervisors, owners and other greedy tyrants.

Mr. Asher, you state it would lead to binding contracts?

A contract by definition is binding. Would you have it some other way?

And, you say, the “act” would lead to imposition of contracts by government? Mr. Asher, it’s clear you don’t know anything about the process. Contracts are mutually agreed upon by those parties involved. There’s no enforcement unless someone breaks the collective bargaining agreement.

Small businesses may fail? If you, as a businessman, can’t sense the changing times, maybe you should fail; then you can go to work like millions of others, receive slave wages, no health care, fired without just cause and see what it’s like.

Unions are the blame, you say. Bunk! In the 1950s and ’60s, unions were the strongest ever and we had a strong middle class and a vibrant economy; now what do we have?

Mr. Asher, stop being a mouthpiece for the greedy goons raping America.

MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

Employee choice act a good deal for workers

Kendel Asher (March 8) has bought the lie that the Employee Free Choice Act is a bad deal.

It is a bad deal for the rich, powerful and well-connected but good for the working class. Second, it will, without doubt, “radically alter the political landscape” in this country but not like he says. Conversely, it guarantees the employees’ right of secret ballot and or majority sign-up, whichever the organizing employees prefer.

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AROUND THE WORLD

ALABAMA First funeral held for mass shooting victims

SAMSON — The first funeral has been held for one of 10 people killed in the mass shootings in south Alabama, as the rural communities mourn following the worst massacre in state history.

Several hundred people gathered to remember Sonya Smith on Saturday at the funeral service at Shady Grove Assembly of God Church in Coffee Springs.

The 42-year-old Smith was killed Tuesday afternoon as she walked out of a gas station in Samson. Michael McLendon killed nine other people, including five relatives, before committing suicide.

IDAHO Three sentenced in bank fraud case

BOISE — A home builder, a bank loan officer and a mortgage broker have been sentenced to federal prison for their parts in a scheme to illegally obtain construction loans worth \$20 million from Zions First National Bank in southwestern Idaho.

Christopher A. Upchurch, a building contractor, was sentenced earlier this week in U.S. District Court in Boise to two years, nine months in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge William F. Downes also sentenced Upchurch to serve five years of supervised release after he completes his prison term and pay \$633,634 in restitution to the bank.

In December he pleaded guilty to illegally helping obtain 49 construction loans worth \$20 million from the bank.

The scheme unraveled in 2006 when the bank discovered projects weren't being finished because money was being siphoned off.

Barbara L. Cobos, 37, formerly with Zions First National Bank in Eagle, was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison. Prosecutors say she received about \$125,000 in kickbacks from Upchurch to find fraudulent loan applications.

NEW YORK 'Top Model' audition erupts in chaos

NEW YORK — Three people were arrested and six others hurt Saturday after bedlam broke out while they waited to audition for "America's Next Top Model," police said.

Police didn't know what prompted the chaos involving hundreds of people outside the Park Central New York hotel in Manhattan. The panic left the street outside the hotel littered with shoes and clothing, according to news reports.

"It was pretty scary," Jessica Paravati told WNYW-TV. She said she was caught up in a stampede after waiting in line overnight.

BRITAIN 700 years later, girl gets church burial

LONDON — More than 200 people have attended the funeral of a teenage girl decapitated 700 years ago in a gruesome medieval ritual.

Archaeologists discovered the girl's body two years ago in unconsecrated ground beside an English church. Her head had been placed beside the body.

Experts believe she may have been executed or committed suicide and then decapitated. The ritual was sometimes done during medieval times to deny Christians eternal life.

— The Associated Press

Obama fills FDA post, slams food safety system

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's food safety system is a "hazard to public health" and overdue for an overhaul, President Barack Obama said Saturday as he filled the top job at the Food and Drug Administration.

Obama used his weekly radio and video address to announce the nomination of former New York City Health Commissioner Margaret Hamburg as agency commissioner and

the selection of Baltimore's health commissioner, Joshua Sharfstein as her deputy. Consumer groups applauded the picks.

The president also is creating a special advisory group to coordinate food safety laws and recommend how to update them. Many of these laws have not changed since they were written early in the last century, he said.

Obama said too many

agencies are responsible for food safety, making it difficult to share information and fix problems.

The FDA does not have enough money or workers to conduct annual inspections at more than a fraction of the 150,000 food processing plants and warehouses in the country, Obama said.

"That is a hazard to public health. It is unacceptable. And it will change under the

leadership of Dr. Margaret Hamburg," he pledged.

Hamburg, 53, is a bioterrorism expert. She was an assistant health secretary under President Bill Clinton and helped lay the groundwork for the government's bioterrorism and flu pandemic preparations.

As New York City's top health official in the early 1990s, she created a program that cut high rates of drug-resistant tuberculosis. She is the daughter of two doctors. Her mother was the first black woman to earn a

medical degree from Yale University, and she credits her father for instilling in her a passion for public health.

Sharfstein, 39, is a pediatrician who has challenged the FDA on the safety of over-the-counter cold medicines for children. He also served as a health policy aide to Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who plays a leading role in overseeing the pharmaceutical industry.

Both are doctors and outsiders to the troubled agency and will face the challenge of trying to turn it around.



A sign announcing the 'Future Home of Metropolitan Baptist Church' remains on the site despite the halt in construction of the church's complex, Feb. 20 in Largo, Md.

AP photo

Churches join list of casualties of mortgage crisis

By Rachel Zoll
Associated Press writer

Metropolitan Baptist Church was bursting out of its home.

From a group of freed slaves in Civil War-era Washington, Metropolitan Baptist had grown into a modern-day megachurch and community service powerhouse. In 2006, construction began on the congregation's dream complex in Largo, Md. — a \$30 million campus with a 3,000-seat church, an education center and an 1,100-car parking lot.

Last year, the congregation sold its church in Washington. Preparations began for the move to what leaders had taken to calling "God's land in Largo."

But on Oct. 20, their plans were abruptly put on hold.

The Rev. H. Beecher Hicks learned that financing for the project had dried up. Construction stopped. And the congregation found that it was homeless — reduced to renting space and struggling to find new financing.

Add houses of worship to the list of casualties of the mortgage crisis.

Foreclosures and delinquencies for congregations are rising, according to companies that specialize in church mortgages. With credit scarce, church construction sites have gone quiet, holding shells of sanctuaries that were meant to be completed months ago.

Congregants have less money to give, and pastors who stretched to

buy property in the boom are struggling to hold onto their churches.

"The economy has dramatically changed over the last year to 18 months in a way that very few, if any, had expected," said John Stoffel, administrative pastor at Seabreeze Church in Huntington, Calif.

Seabreeze spent about \$12 million on a new complex that was completed in 2007. But a drop in donations, partly due to a rift between the pastor and some church members, forced the church to renegotiate for an interest-only mortgage. Stoffel said Seabreeze hasn't missed a payment, yet the mortgage is far from the church's only debt. The church also owes \$1.2 million — due this year — on bonds that helped finance the project, and must repay a \$200,000 loan that a couple took out on their house to help Seabreeze cover its costs.

It's hard to quantify just how many churches are at risk. Foreclosure records are scattered throughout county offices nationwide. Completing a foreclosure takes months or longer, so it's too soon for many failures to show up on a company's books. In financially stressed churches, clergy are often reluctant to discuss their plight. They don't want to alarm their congregants, and they fear that any complaints about their dealings with banks will backfire.

"Right now, when you're at the mercy of the lenders, you don't want to look like you're coming out against

them," said Bishop Eugene Reeves of New Life Anointed Ministries International in Woodbridge, Va.

The 3,500-member Pentecostal church near Washington needs a couple of million dollars to finish its new \$19 million complex. Construction stopped last spring when New Life's lender said it would make no new loans to the church, Reeves said.

"We now have children who don't have classrooms to get into, adults who have to go to an overflow room," Reeves said. "We have parking issues. We don't have enough spaces for cars."

These problems may seem minor compared to the epidemic of foreclosures on private homes. But church mortgages have always been considered one of the more solid investments, with lenders often boasting of only one or two foreclosures over a billion dollars in loans.

Even in bad economic times, people still go to church, which helps shield congregations from downturns, lenders say. Churches also have more flexibility than some other borrowers in cutting expenses. They can end charitable programs or trim staff and still stay open for business.

"You can certainly make a bad church loan if you try hard enough," said Dan Mikes, who leads the church banking group of Bank of the West, a major lender. "But if you're careful and you don't overlend, and you're cautious in the way you underwrite, you're fine."

Madoff's new home is size of a large closet

By Tom Hays
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Bernard Madoff's new Manhattan home is the size of a walk-in closet, with cinderblock walls, linoleum floors and a bunk bed.

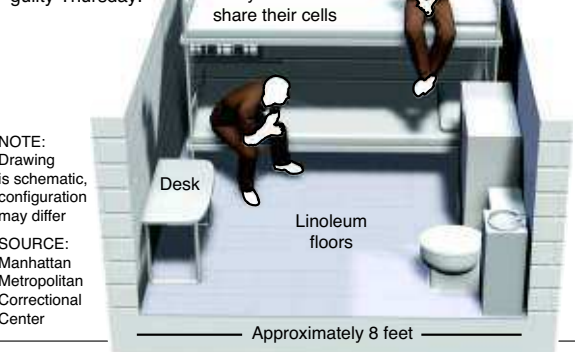
Breakfast will be served before sunrise, and the disgraced financier can stretch his legs outside, but only every other day — in a cage.

The Metropolitan Correctional Center, which has housed accused terrorists and reputed mobsters, welcomed the 70-year-old Madoff on Thursday after he pleaded guilty in one of Wall Street's biggest investment swindles and a judge revoked his bail.

The federal jail in lower Manhattan stands between a courthouse and a church and holds inmates awaiting trial or serving short sen-

Madoff's new Manhattan studio

Bernard Madoff will be in a jail cell at Manhattan's Metropolitan Correctional Center until his sentencing hearing in June. He pleaded guilty Thursday.



tences. Currently, about 750 men and women are behind bars there.

Since his arrest in December, Madoff has been confined to his \$7 million penthouse apartment.

When inmates first

arrive at the jail, they are given physical and psychological exams and instructed on the rules. If cleared to enter the general population, they are issued a baggy brown uniform and assigned to cells measuring 7½-by-8 feet, each fitted

with a sink and toilet.

Many inmates must share their cells with another prisoner, but it was not immediately clear whether Madoff would have a cellmate.

There's a strict schedule: Lights on at 6 a.m., breakfast at 6:30 a.m., lunch at 11 a.m., dinner at 5 p.m., lights out at 11 p.m. During the day, inmates can watch television, play ping pong, work on their cases in a legal library or volunteer for janitorial duty.

On alternate days, they are allowed up on the caged roof, where from courthouse windows they can be seen playing basketball.

The facility allots three hours a week for visits by family or lawyers. Inmates can also spend up to 300 minutes per month making phone calls, which can be monitored.

Obama says economy is sound, reassures investors

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama on Saturday downplayed divisions between the U.S. and Europe over how to tackle the world's financial crisis and said China should have "absolute confidence" that its sizable investments in the United States are safe.

In a conversation focused heavily on the economy, Obama met in the Oval Office with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. It was the latest in a series of talks the president has had with his counterparts around the world before a pair of international meetings where the economic crisis will dominate.

Both leaders will attend the Group of 20 countries summit in London on April 2, and the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad in mid-April.

Obama said the notion that the U.S. and Europe are already taking sides, with America pushing for more stimulus spending and European nations favoring tighter regulation of the financial industry, is a "phony debate."

"I can't be clearer in saying that there are no sides," Obama told reporters after the meeting. He said a full range of approaches, including stimulus spending such as his own recently enacted \$787 billion package, and financial regulation, are needed to help revive the global economy.

Financial regulation "is front and center" among the issues he wants to deal with, he said.

"In my mind, at least, there is no conflict or contradiction between the positions of the G-20 countries and how we're going to be moving forward," Obama said, adding that differences in details were being worked out. "I expect to have a productive meeting."



AP photo

President Obama is seen Saturday during his meeting with Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in the Oval Office of the White House.

Obama, Brazilian leader focus on economy, energy

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva discussed the economy, energy and the environment Saturday during their first White House meeting.

Both leaders said the Oval Office sit-down was productive and they looked forward to seeing each other at the Group of 20 nations meeting in London

on April 2, followed by the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad in mid-April.

"I have been a great admirer of Brazil and a great admirer of the progressive, forward-looking leadership that President Lula has shown throughout Latin America and throughout the world," Obama said after the meeting.

Silva, who spoke through



Silva

a translator, said one of the points he raised was "the importance of President Obama's election, what it represents to the world and especially to Latin America."

He said he and Obama "are truly convinced" that decisions coming out of the G-20 can resolve the economic crisis.

In a lighter moment, Silva said he tells people at

rallies in his country that he prays more for Obama than he does for himself. With so many problems facing Obama in his short time in office, "I don't want to be in his position," Silva said.

To which Obama added: "I'll tell you what. You sound like you've been talking to my wife."

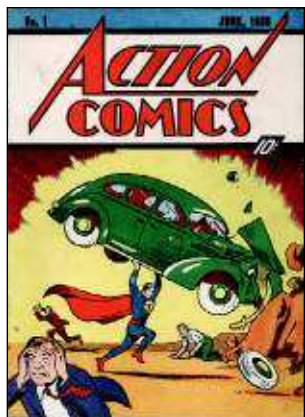
Brazil has become a major U.S. trading partner, and its cautious economic policies have helped it weather the global financial crisis better

than almost all other major economic powers. Brazil also has huge new sources of offshore oil and is the world's largest exporter of ethanol, which could give it an important role in helping the U.S. wean itself from Venezuelan crude and shift to cleaner sources of energy.

Brazil, however, has seen little progress on its demand that the U.S. lift a 53-cent-per-gallon import tariff on ethanol, a gasoline alternative. Its discoveries in the

past two years of some 80 billion barrels of oil could help turn the country into a major crude exporter and put it in better position to bargain with the U.S.

Obama said he has admired Silva's efforts to develop biofuels and wants to follow a similar path developing cleaner sources of energy for the U.S. He acknowledged tensions between the two countries over ethanol, and suggested they can be resolved over time.



AP file photo

A copy of the June 1938 issue of Action Comics, which first featured Superman.

Rare Superman comic sells for \$317K

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A rare copy of the first comic book featuring Superman has sold for \$317,200 in an Internet auction. The previous owner had bought it for less than a buck.

It's one of the highest prices ever paid for a comic book, a likely testament to the volume's rarity and its excellent condition, said Stephen Fishler, co-owner of the auction site ComicConnect.com and its sister dealership, Metropolis Collectibles.

The winning bid for the 1938 edition of Action Comics No. 1, which features Superman lifting a car on its cover, was submitted Friday evening by John Dolmayan, drummer for the rock band System of a Down, according to managers at ComicConnect.com.

Dolmayan, who is also a dealer of rare comic books, said he acquired the Superman comic on behalf of a client he declined to identify.

"This is one of the premier books you could collect," he said in a telephone interview. "It's considered the Holy Grail of comic books. I talked to my client, and we made the move."

Dolmayan said the client has "a small collection, but everything he has is incredible."

Only about 100 copies of Action Comics No. 1 are known to exist and they seldom come up for sale.

Sites will send notices when death silences online friend

By Peter Svensson
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — When Jerald Spangenberg collapsed and died in the middle of a quest in an online game, his daughter embarked on a quest of her own: to let her father's gaming friends know that he hadn't just decided to desert them.

It wasn't easy, because she didn't have her father's "World of Warcraft" password and the game's publisher couldn't help her. Eventually, Melissa Allen Spangenberg reached her father's friends by asking around online for the "guild" he belonged to.

One of them, Chuck Pagoria in Morgantown, Ky., heard about Spangenberg's death three weeks later. Pagoria had put his absence down to an argument among the gamers that night.

"I figured he probably just needed some time to cool off," Pagoria said. "I was kind of extremely shocked and blown away when I heard the reason that he hadn't been back. Nobody had any way of finding this out!"

With online social networks becoming ever more important in our lives, they're also becoming an important element in our deaths.

Spangenberg, who died suddenly from an abdominal aneurysm at 57, was unprepared, but others are leaving detailed instructions. There's even a tiny industry that has sprung up to help people wrap up their online contacts after their deaths.

When Robert Bryant's father died last year, he left his son a little black USB flash drive in a drawer in his home office in Lawton, Okla. It was underneath a cup his son had once given him for his birthday. The drive contained a list of contacts for his son to notify, including the administrator of an online group he had been in.

"It was kind of creepy because I was telling all these people that my dad was dead," Bryant said. "It did help me out quite a bit, though, because it allowed me to clear up a lot of that stuff and I had time to help my mom with whatever she needed."

David Eagleman, a neuroscientist at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, has had plenty of time to think about the issue.

"I work in the world's largest medical center, and what you see here every day is people showing up in ambulances who didn't expect that just five minutes earlier," he said. "If you sud-



Melissa Spangenberg

denly die or go into a coma, there can be a lot of things that are only in your head in terms of where things are stored, where your passwords are."

He set up a site called Deathswitch, where people can set up e-mails that will be sent out automatically if they don't check in at intervals they specify, like once a week. For \$20 per year, members can create up to 30 e-mails with attachments like video files.

It's not really a profit-making venture, and Eagleman isn't sure about how many members it has — "probably close to a thousand." Nor does he know what's in the e-mails that have been created. Until they're sent out, they're encrypted so that only their creators can read them.

If Deathswitch sounds morbid, there's an alternative site: Slightly Morbid. It also sends an e-mail when a member dies, but doesn't rely on them logging in periodically while they're alive. Instead, members have to give trusted friends or family the information needed to log in to the site and start the notification process if something should happen.

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Australian oil spill worse than thought; miles of beaches declared disaster zone

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Ten times more oil than originally thought leaked from a ship to blacken miles of white sand beaches along Australia's northeast coast, a government official said Saturday.

Authorities declared a disaster zone along 37 miles of some of Australia's most popular beaches in Queensland state after they were covered in a blanket of heavy fuel oil that spilled from a ship hit by rough seas on Wednesday.

Queensland state Deputy Premier Paul Lucas told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio Saturday that officials originally thought between 5,300 and 7,900 gallons of oil had leaked from the ship. Lucas said it is "now apparent" that the amount of oil spilled was around 60,700 gallons. He did not explain how he arrived at that estimate or offer any further details.

Anthony Tregoning, spokesman for Britain's Swire Shipping Ltd., the Hong Kong-registered ship's owner, said the company would not be releasing any further figures on how much oil had spilled.

Queensland officials accused the company of initially misleading the government about the size of the spill. Premier Anna Bligh said the company told the government the spill was much smaller, leading officials to predict there would be little environmental damage.

Swire said containers of fertilizer had slipped from the ship's deck as it rocked in rough seas, ripping a hole in a fuel tank and spilling more than 11,000 gallons of oil into the sea. On Friday, the company said an inspection of the hull led it to conclude the amount of spilled oil was "significantly more" than that, but did not give a figure.

National parks at Moreton and Bribie islands just north of the state capital of Brisbane were hardest



A nature conservation officer carries a pelican, covered in oil, from the beach on Moreton Island near Brisbane, Australia, Friday. Nearly 40 miles of Australian beaches have been blackened by oil spilled from a cargo ship caught in stormy seas this week, leading the state premier to declare the area a disaster zone.

hit by the oil, and fuel also washed ashore in pockets along the Sunshine Coast.

Hundreds of government workers trudged along beaches Saturday, scooping up black, sludgy sand and throwing it into bags. Bligh said most of the cleanup on the Sunshine Coast and Bribie Island was completed Saturday, though the

cleanup of Moreton Island was expected to take longer.

The Environmental Protection Agency said no dead wildlife had been discovered so far.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority said the ship, brought to port still leaking oil, would not be allowed to leave until officials were satisfied the spill

had been explained. Queensland officials threatened the shipping company with a multimillion-dollar lawsuit.

Under Australian law, the ship's owners face fines of up to \$1.3 million and could be liable for up to \$160 million more in penalties for causing environmental damage.

Aid groups in Darfur weigh future after kidnapping

By Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press writer

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Three foreign aid workers abducted in Sudan's lawless Darfur region were released unharmed on Saturday, three days after their capture at gunpoint led international aid groups to question how they can continue to work in the area.

Sudanese television showed the Doctors Without Borders workers — a Canadian nurse, an Italian doctor and a French project coordinator — stepping off a military helicopter at El Fasher airport in North Darfur with the local governor.

"I would like to say to everybody we are safe, we are here, we are in good health," said Raphael Meunier, the French coordinator, speaking on Sudanese television. "We will be more talkative a bit later on, now our first thoughts are for our families."

The governor, Osman Kebir, said Wednesday's kidnapping was carried out by a group seeking to retaliate for the International Criminal Court arrest warrant issued against President Omar al-Bashir on charges of war crimes in Darfur.

Kebir said no ransom was paid to the group, which he said called itself the Eagles of al-Bashir.

"They said they released them for the country's sake and they kidnapped them for the sake of the country," he added.

Sudan's government threw 13 international aid agencies out of the country after the March 4 warrant, accusing them of being the court's spies. The government says it had nothing to do with the abduction and condemned it.

The Netherlands-based court accuses al-Bashir of orchestrating atrocities against civilians in Darfur, where his Arab-led government has been battling ethnic African rebels since 2003. Up to 300,000 people have been killed and 2.7 million have been driven from their homes.



AP photo

Doctors Without Borders nurse Laura Archer of Canada, center, is seen shortly after arriving at Khartoum airport, after her release from captivity Saturday. Three foreign aid workers abducted in Sudan's lawless Darfur region were released unharmed Saturday, three days after they were kidnapped.

Sudan denies the charges and says the figures are exaggerated.

The government warned that issuing the warrant could lead to spontaneous revenge attacks by enraged Sudanese, though it pledged to defend aid workers and diplomats in the country.

The freed aid workers were from the Belgian branch of Doctors Without Borders, also known as Medecins Sans Frontieres. The branch was not among the agencies Sudan ordered out of the country, though two other MSF operations were. The director of the group's Belgian section said the workers' release was a relief, but he called the kidnapping a "gross violation."

"Our independent medical work must be respected if we are to continue working in conflict areas to save the lives of those who suffer most," Christopher Stokes said.

Erwin Van't Land, also of MSF in Brussels, said Wednesday's kidnapping was a "major last blow" to the Darfur aid community. "It is a very serious issue," he said, anticipating that "every aid agency is reviewing whether they can continue to work."

Stars flock to Australian wildfire benefit concert

SYDNEY (AP) — Grammy-winning British rockers Coldplay and the recently reunited Midnight Oil rallied huge crowds Saturday for benefit concerts to raise funds for victims of Australia's deadly wildfires.

Tens of thousands turned out in Sydney and Melbourne, with organizers hoping to raise \$3.3 million. Fires ripped across southern Victoria state last month, killing at least 210 people and destroying thousands of homes.

Some of the money was also set aside for victims of recent devastating floods in Queensland state that left hundreds homeless.

As images of the fire devastation flashed across giant screens at both venues, the raucous crowds fell quiet to observe a minute's silence. Australian pop icon Kylie Minogue then took the stage in Melbourne to address the audience before performing Peter Allen's hit, "I Still Call Australia Home."

"I think that the minute's silence probably says more than any of us could say," Minogue said. "There's a thing we talk about a lot, which is the Australian spirit, and I believe that it's in evidence tonight all around the country."

The Melbourne concert was headlined by Midnight Oil, which broke up in 2002 when frontman Peter Garrett — now Australia's environment minister — left to pursue a career in politics. They reunited earlier this week for two warm-up gigs and took the stage Saturday to deafening cheers.

In Sydney, Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin hopped off stage and ran through the crowd embracing fans after the band's set, which included their hits "Yellow" and



AP photo

Peter Garrett, Australia's minister for the environment, performs Thursday with his band Midnight Oil in Canberra, Australia. Midnight Oil headlined two concerts this week to raise funds for the victims of Australia's wildfires, which killed more than 210 people and destroyed thousands of homes in southern Victoria state last month.

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"Today's the only day in the world where we can claim to be honorary Australians," Martin said. "Thank you for letting us be

part of this very special event."

Messages of support from Prince William and Prince Harry were also telecast at both venues.

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N. Ireland riots after police arrest 3 over killings

By Shawn Pogatchnik
Associated Press writer

LURGAN, Northern Ireland — Irish nationalist gangs hurled gasoline bombs at police Saturday after three alleged IRA dissidents were arrested on suspicion of killing two British soldiers in an attack designed to trigger wider violence in Northern Ireland.

Police operating in armored cars and flame-retardant suits said none of their officers was injured during the rising mob violence in the Irish Catholic end of Lurgan, a religiously divided town southwest of Belfast. Rioters also blocked the main Belfast-to-Dublin railway line that runs alongside the hardline Kilwilkie neighborhood of the town.

Later, police said they arrested a 37-year-old man and 30-year-old woman, and seized a gun and

ammunition in the neighboring town of Craigavon, where Irish Republican Army dissidents shot to death a policeman Monday.

Police would not say whether those arrests and the arms find were connected to the March 7 shooting of the soldiers or the subsequent killing of the policeman. Police said the couple were being questioned about unspecified "serious terrorist crime."

The unrest came in direct response to Saturday's arrest of Colin Duffy, 41, the best-known Irish republican in Lurgan. Police arrested two other suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents aged 32 and 21 in the overwhelmingly Catholic village of Bellaghy — all on suspicion of shooting to death two soldiers last weekend.

Police arrested two teenage rioters and advised motorists to stay away from the Catholic north side of Lurgan to avoid having their

cars seized and burned as road barricades. An Associated Press reporter driving through the area at dusk Saturday night had to make a rapid escape to avoid youths — some wearing masks or with scarf-covered faces — hurling rocks and bricks in an apparent attempt to stop his vehicle.

Police long considered Duffy the IRA godfather of Lurgan and twice charged him with murders in the town in the run-up to the IRA's 1997 cease-fire — which breakaway factions are now trying to destroy.

Duffy was convicted of killing a former soldier in Lurgan in 1993, but was freed on appeal three years later after the key witness against him was identified as a member of an outlawed Protestant gang.

He was back behind bars within a year after police identified him as the gunman who committed the IRA's last two killings before

its cease-fire: two Protestant policemen shot point-blank through the backs of their heads while on foot patrol in Lurgan in June 1997.

The prosecutors' case against Duffy collapsed after their key witness suffered a nervous breakdown and withdrew her testimony. Two years later, Protestant extremists assassinated Duffy's lawyer, Rosemary Nelson, with an under-car booby trap bomb in a case still being investigated today because of allegations that police were involved.

Saturday's arrest of Duffy appeared likely to pose a political challenge for Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party that is the leading Irish nationalist voice in Northern Ireland's power-sharing administration — and is trying to convince Protestants of its newfound support for British law and order.



AP photo

A masked youth throws a bomb at police officers Saturday in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, near where a leading Irish Republican was arrested in connection with the recent murders of two British soldiers.

Hood not so good? Ancient Brits questioned outlaw

By David Stringer
Associated Press writer

LONDON — An academic says he's found evidence that Britain's legendary outlaw Robin Hood wasn't as popular as folklore suggests.

Julian Luxford says a note discovered in the margins of an ancient history book contains rare criticism of the supposedly benevolent bandit.

According to legend, Robin Hood roamed 13th-century Britain from a base in central England's Sherwood Forest, plundering from the rich to give to the poor.

But Luxford, an art history lecturer at Scotland's University of St. Andrews, says a 23-word inscription in the margins of a history book, written in Latin by a medieval

monk around 1460, casts the outlaw as a persistent thief.

"Around this time, according to popular opinion, a certain outlaw named Robin Hood, with his accomplices, infested Sherwood and other law-abiding areas of England with continuous robberies," the note read when translated into English, Luxford said.

Luxford said he found the reference while searching through the library of England's prestigious Eton College, which was founded in 1440 by King Henry VI.

Luxford, an expert in medieval manuscripts, said the find "contains a uniquely negative assessment of the outlaw, and provides rare evidence for monastic attitudes towards him."

Canada says it has found wreckage of chopper that crashed in Atlantic, killed 17

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (AP) — Canadian investigators found what they think is the wreckage of a helicopter that crashed in the freezing Atlantic with 18 aboard, saying Saturday their main goal is to recover any of the 16 missing bodies that may still be inside.

Rescue efforts turned to recovery as officials said there was almost no chance of survival so long after Thursday's crash.

The Sikorsky S-92 was carrying workers to oil platforms off Newfoundland when it reported mechanical problems and ditched into the sea about 30 miles from shore, officials said.

One survivor and one body were recovered from the water shortly after the crash. Survivor Robert Decker is listed in critical but stable condition.

The Transportation Safety Board said an underwater remote-controlled



Canadian Press/AP photo

A S-92 Sikorsky helicopter takes off from the Cougar Company's headquarters at St. John's International Airport in Nova Scotia, Canada, on Thursday, following the crash of a similar helicopter operated by the company off the coast of Newfoundland.

camera confirmed Saturday what they thought was the chopper fuselage, largely intact and lying on its side 393 feet below the ocean's surface. Lead investigator Mike Cunningham said investigators hope to use such cameras to determine whether the bodies are inside.

Officials hope to begin

lifting the wreckage Monday or Tuesday, Cunningham said. "We want to ideally bring everything up in one piece," he said.

The safety board launched an investigation into what led to the crash.

Rescuers ended their search Friday night for possible survivors after about

34 hours. Officials believe those aboard were wearing survival suits, which serve as life preservers and retain body warmth in frigid waters. However, life expectancy in the suits is 24 hours.

Recovery efforts began Saturday, with the TSB launching an investigation into what went wrong.

An aunt identified the only body recovered so far as that of her niece, Allison Maher.

Ada Kenny said Saturday that the family is distraught.

"They are quite comforted, but then they're quite saddened by the ones who haven't found anyone," Kenny said through tears.

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Police and forensic officers work at the site where bodies were found on the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Saturday. Police acting on a tip found seven bodies partially buried in the desert near the Mexican border city, an official said Saturday.

Police find 7 bodies in Mexican border city

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Police acting on a tip found seven bodies partially buried in the desert on the outskirts of the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez, an official said Saturday.

Investigators are searching the desert site south of the city to see whether

there are any more bodies.

An official with the state prosecutor's office who declined to be named in line with department policy says a police officer's badge was found at the site. Authorities were working to identify the bodies.

Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas,

has been hit by a wave of drug-fueled violence that led federal authorities to dispatch thousands of soldiers to patrol the city.

State security official Enrique Torres Valadez said that 1,500 more troops are expected to arrive Saturday, and 2,150 arrived Friday.

Also Saturday, a suspect

threw a hand grenade at police officers in the western city of Guadalajara. The officers were not seriously injured.

State prosecutors said in a statement that police searched the man's home and found 14 more grenades and 10 assault rifles.

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UPSET SATURDAY

Top-seeded teams North

Carolina (ACC) and Michigan State (Big 10) were upset in tournament semifinals on Saturday, while ranked teams LSU and Arizona State also fell in conference tourney action.

TODAY'S TOURNEY FINALS

- SEC championship, Mississippi State vs. Tennessee, 11 a.m., CBS
- CC championship, Florida

State vs. Duke, 11 a.m., ESPN
• Southland Conference championship, Texas-San Antonio vs. Stephen F. Austin, 11 a.m., ESPN2

• Big 10 championship, Ohio State vs. Purdue, 1:30 p.m., CBS

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Twelve more teams earned automatic bids to the Big Dance on Saturday. The list includes Utah

State, Utah, Memphis, USC, Missouri, Temple, Louisville, Akron, Morgan State, Binghamton, Alabama State.

NO DANCING FOR GEM STATE

The state of Idaho won't likely be represented in the Big Dance. While Boise State finished 19-12, the Broncos aren't among those expected to receive at-large bids to the NCAA tournament. BSU

should get an invitation tonight to one of the other three postseason tournaments, including the NIT, the College Basketball Invitational and the CollegeInsider.com tournament.

Idaho (16-15) finished with a winning record under first-year coach Don Verlin, but is likely done for the season. With a sub-.500 record, Idaho State (13-19) is also finished for the

Walk-off winner

CSI earns key split against W. Nevada

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

The baseball shot off of Tyler Chism's bat and into the early evening sky. As it left the yard, so too did 24 games of frustration and doubt: The College of Southern Idaho baseball team finally had one go its way.

After losing six of its last eight games by a total of nine runs, including a 4-1 loss in 11 innings to open Saturday's doubleheader against Western Nevada College, CSI caught a break when WNC's Jake Waardenburg hung a curveball and Chism deposited it over the left field wall for a walk-off grand slam to give the Golden Eagles an improbable 6-5 win in the nightcap.

"We needed that hit so badly. That's probably the biggest hit in my five years because the guys were so down, so defeated, and they'd started to doubt themselves a little," said an emotional CSI head coach Boomer Walker. "Going into that inning, we had no shot. It was just a crazy, crazy game."

Even more impressive than Chism's blast was the way in which CSI loaded the bases. The Golden Eagles got hard-hit singles from three struggling batters — Lionel Morrill (entered Game 2 hitting .075, 2-for-26, with 20 strikeouts), Dale Anderson (.167, 4-for-24) and Nate Carlson (.163, 8-for-49).

Anderson was sitting on a 2-for-3 performance before stroking his third hit of the afternoon, but Morrill and Carlson were Walker's pinch-hit selections. It turned out that



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho's Andy Fox sprints to first base during the Golden Eagles' first game against Western Nevada Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.



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the skipper's hunches played out to perfection as Morrill lashed the first pitch he saw into right field, and Anderson and Carlson followed with sin-

gles to set the stage for Chism's heroics.

"When (Walker) told me I was leading off, I just told myself to forget about the past,

about all the strikeouts, and find a pitch," Morrill said.

"(CSI shortstop) Tanner Craswell played with me last year (at Vauxhall Academy in Canada), and I asked him about how many first-pitch hits we got and he said, 'a lot!' So I looked for the first pitch and got

See CSI, Sports 2

Bruins take 2 from Knights

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

After hammering out 13 hits en route to a 15-3 run-rule victory over Hillcrest in Game 1, the Twin Falls High baseball team rallied from a late four-run deficit by scoring four runs in the sixth and pushing across the winning run in the seventh to pick up a 5-4 win in Game 2.

"This team is scappy and we are solid one through nine. It's fun to see what we are made of," said Twin Falls senior Michael Williams

After being routed in the opening game, Hillcrest got off to 1-0 lead in the first inning of Game 2.

Twin Falls pitcher Zeb Sneed walked Hillcrest's lead-off batter Tyler Harris, and Kevin Birch followed with a sacrifice bunt moving Harris to second. After a strikeout, Sneed issued his second walk to Jordan Lewis. Lewis attempted a steal of second and the throw from Bruin catcher Jayson Welker was over the head of shortstop Williams, scoring Harris. The Knights tacked on single run in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Hillcrest southpaw Brookx Andrus shut out the Bruins through six innings, giving up only three hits while striking out five and walking two.

"We just did not do a good job of adjusting to their left hander (Andrus)," said Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeir. "It took us six innings to finally get the bat on the ball. I tip my hat to him."

Twin Falls tied the game in the sixth despite going hitless in the inning.

Zac Slotten struck out to open the inning and Andrus issued walks to Williams and Braden Box and struck out Brodie Hall for the second out. An infield error by Hillcrest on a groundball by Jacob Coats loaded the bases.

Jared Jordan then launched a drive to deep center field that Knight center fielder Devin Hess appeared to have a beat on. But the ball hit Hess' glove and was dropped, scoring Williams, Box and Coats with Jordan stopping at second.

Andrus walked T.J. Ellis and was relieved by Kade Olson. Jordan and Ellis advanced one base on a wild pitch by Olson. Then Jordan scored the tying run on another error by the Hillcrest infield.

Combining a throwing error by the Bruins on an infield grounder with a walk, the Knights put two runners on base and threatened to score in the seventh inning. But Williams struck out two Hillcrest batters and got the third out on a fly to center to retire the side.

"I enjoy pitching because you have the game in your hands and you dictate the game," said Williams.

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JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho's Dani Grant gets a piece of the ball during the Golden Eagles' game against the College of Southern Nevada Coyotes Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

CSI completes dismantling of S. Nevada

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho softball team recorded its second straight home sweep Saturday, putting away the College of Southern Nevada 3-2 and 8-5 at Eagle Field in Twin Falls.

The Golden Eagles improved to 16-5 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play (23-12-2 overall) and are now in possession of an eight-game winning streak. They may also be poised to jump in the first NJCAA Division I poll, which is scheduled to be released this week. CSI was the preseason No. 27, while

See SOFTBALL, Sports 2

Minico swept in home opener

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Not even the excitement of playing their season opener could light a fire under the Minico Spartans Saturday afternoon.

But for Madison, which still has a foot of snow covering its baseball field back home in Rexburg, the chance to play on sun-drenched Warburton Field was a welcomed opportunity as the Bobcats swept the doubleheader, 7-2 and 6-5.

Minico coach Ben Frank was surprised that his team came out so flat.

"We didn't play with any type of intensity level whatsoever," Frank said. "We just kind of showed up and coasted, which is unfortunate when it's your first two



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Minico's Casey Christiansen pitches during Game 1 of the Spartans' doubleheader with Madison Saturday at Minico High School.

games of the year?"

In the Spartans' 7-2 Game 1 loss, Barak Frank was 2-for-3 with an RBI, but

Minico left 13 runners stranded.

See MINICO, Sports 2

Twin Falls softball team picks up wins in St. George

Times-News

The Twin Falls High softball team opened up the 2009 with a solid showing in St. George, Utah. During two days of tournament play, the Bruins picked up some impressive wins.

Twin Falls dropped a heartbreaker to Foothill (Nev.) High on Saturday, losing 5-4 after surrendering two runs in the seventh inning. But the Bruins won their final game Saturday and went 2-1 on Friday to post a 3-2 record at the tournament.

Friday's wins included a 5-2 victory over Bishop Manogue (Nev.). Katelyn Fjeld struck out five and gave up just two hits while walking six. Kim Dolecheck went 2-for-3 with a triple.

Twin Falls also earned a 10-8 win over Elko (Nev.) as Kelsey Bryant hit a two-run home run in the first inning and added a grand slam in the fourth to tally six RBIs in the win. Sunshine Martinez went 2-for-3 to spur the offense and Fjeld picked up the win.

The Bruins' lone loss Friday was an 11-1 defeat at the hands of Riverton (Utah).

Details from Saturday's games were unavailable at press time.

Friday's boxes

Twin Falls 5, Bishop Manogue (Nev.) 2

Bishop Manogue 000 02 - 2 21
Twin Falls 130 1x - 5 41
Katelyn Fjeld and Erica Coats.
Extra-base hits - 3B: Twin Falls, Kim Dolecheck.

Riverton (Utah) 11, Twin Falls 1

Riverton 303 05 - 11 10
Twin Falls 100 00 - 1 3 4
Brianna Bishop and Kalli McBride.
Extra-base hits - none.

Twin Falls 10, Elko (Nev.) 8

Elko 302 02 - 8 11 0
Twin Falls 240 40x - 10 6 0
Katelyn Fjeld and Erica Coats.
Extra-base hits - HR: Twin Falls, Kelsey Bryant 2

BURLEY SPLITS AT CENTURY

Burley picked up a non-conference road split on Saturday, blanking host Century 5-0 in Game 1 before falling 9-1 in the nightcap.

Molly Mills pitched the

shutout win. She added a double in Game 2, but the Bobcats fell behind 6-1 after two innings and committed four errors in the loss.

Game 1
Burley 5, Century 0
103 010 0 - 5 4 0
Century 000 000 0 - 0 5 4
Mills and Scher; Cutler and Miller.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Century, Wyatt.

Game 2
Century 9, Burley 1
010 000 0 - 1 6 4
Century 420 102 x - 9 7 0
Jorgensen, Mills (2) and Mills, Scher (2); Ihler and Ferro.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Burley, Mills; Century, Ferro.

Baseball

BUHL SWEEPS WOOD RIVER

J.D. Leckenby homered and fanned 11 batters in the opener of Buhl's doubleheader against visiting Wood River on Saturday, helping the Indians to a sweep of the Wolverines. Buhl won the opener 6-4 and rallied for a 9-8 win in the nightcap.

Leckenby struck out eight of the first nine batters he faced before running into trouble in the fourth inning, during which Wood River pitcher Greg Wakefield hit a grand slam to account for all of his team's runs.

In the second game, the teams combined for 17 runs and 17 hits - including 15 singles. Buhl (3-1) scored five times in the bottom of the fifth, highlighted by a key Marco Avelar double.

"It was just stringing hits together, and the bottom of the order got our rally started in the fifth," said Buhl head coach Troy Ruhter.

Buhl will head to Jerome for a doubleheader on March 24.

Game 1
Wood River 000 400 0 - 4 3 1
Buhl 102 201 x - 6 10 3
Greg Wakefield and Sean Bunce; J.D. Leckenby and Jack Hamilton; W. Leckenby, L. Wakefield.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Buhl, Cader Owen (2); 3B: Buhl, Owen, Marco Avelar. HR: Wood River, Wakefield; Buhl, Leckenby.

Game 2
Wood River 007 010 0 - 8 7 2
Buhl 130 005 x - 9 10 2
Sean Bunce, Nathan Farrow (5) and Farrow, Bunce (5); Marco Avelar, Dylan Brooks (3) and Jack Hamilton. W: Brooks. L: F.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Owen, Avelar.

GLENN'S FERRY SWEEP BY PAYETTE

There was simply too much hitting as quality Class 3A club Payette strolled past visiting 2A outfit Glens Ferry on Saturday afternoon.

The Pirates beat the Pilots 11-1 and 11-5 on the day, to drop Glens Ferry to 0-4 on the year.

Cody Crawshaw picked up the loss in Game 1, but went 2-for-3 with a double to go with his 3-for-3 day in Game 2.

Glens Ferry is at Parma on Tuesday.

Game 1
Payette 11, Glens Ferry 1, six innings
Glens Ferry 000 010 - 15 4
Payette 202 034 - 11 7 2
Cody Crawshaw, Erik Gutierrez (6) and Rory Hance, Crawshaw (6); Brad Pollock and Mackay. W: Pollock. L: Crawshaw.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Glens Ferry, Crawshaw; Payette, B. Pollock, Schultz, Spencer Pollock. 3B: Payette, S. Pollock.

Game 2
Payette 11, Glens Ferry 5
Glens Ferry 211 000 1 - 5 8 2
Payette 301 070 x - 11 14 3
John Acord, Adrian Martinez (5) and Cody Crawshaw; Cody Patterson, Spencer Pollock (6) and Matt Allison. W: Patterson. L: Martinez.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Glens Ferry, Gabe Arevalo, Erik Gutierrez; Dentry Royce; Payette: Brad Huddleston, Toby White. 3B: Payette, Travis Blackwell. HR: Payette, Brad Pollock.

Basketball

AREA PLAYERS COMPETE IN ALL-STAR GAMES

Burley High senior Kyle Hepworth scored seven points, but the South team came up short against the North, falling 114-109 in the Idaho State High School All-Star Basketball Game Saturday at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

Dennis Mikelonis of Borah High scored a game-high 20 points for the South, while St. Maries post Aaron Corsi netted 17 for the winning North squad.

In the girls game, Richfield's Michelle Kent scored three points and Burley's Kassi Kerbs saw action as well, but their South team lost 92-81 to the North.

Katie Baker of Lake City led the North with 30 points, while Kama Griffiths of Coeur d'Alene added 18. Lauren Lenhardt

of Eagle High scored 26 to pace the South.

Boys

North 114, South 109

Reeves 5, Tucker 10, Yorgason 7, Van Lath 14, Peterson 6, Smith 0, Stanger 4, Tower 8, Hepworth 7, Mikelonis 20, Shelly 8, Bjornberg 20.

Girls

North 92, South 81

Smith 4, Dranginis 2, Christensen 14, Van Every 5, Adams 8, Kerbs 0, McNorton 9, Kent 3, Kearley 9, Jones 1, Lenhardt 26.

Boys

North 92, South 81

Reynolds 14, Stewart 0, Thomas 2, Griffiths 18, Simon 4, Wolfe 2, Miller 2, Warbrick 16, Schoening 2, Edwards-Teasley 2, Winkleseth 1, Baker 30. Halftime: North 47, South 41.

Tennis

JEROME, WOOD RIVER FALL TO CENTURY

Both Jerome and Wood River had tough going against host Century on Saturday. The Tigers lost 11-1 while the Wolverines fell 10-2.

Jerome's lone winner was Breanna Gilbert, who topped Micaela Dungey 6-3, 6-2 in girls singles action.

Wood River got wins from Lauren Reutter in girls singles and the girls doubles duo of Jessica Hamilton and Ellen Davis.

Century 11, Jerome 1

Boys singles: Shayan Zoghi, Century, def. Eric Novis 6-3, 6-2; Shervin Zoghi, Century, def. Michael Pittman 7-6, 6-2; Chris Olsen, Century, def. Matt Groshans 6-2, 6-3.

Girls singles: Liz Anderson, Century, def. Samantha Sobotka 6-0, 6-0; Breanna Gilbert, Jerome, def. Micaela Dungey 6-3, 6-2; Monica Roberts, Century, def. Krystal Reid 6-1, 6-0.

Boys doubles: Jordan Green and Kyle Kener, Century, def. Michael Gilbert and Joshiah Higley 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; Alex Siciliano and Taylor Gordon, Century, def. Tyler Elwell and Dallas Hammen 6-1, 6-0.

Girls doubles: Micaela Dungey and Makenna Nolte, Century, def. Cassandra Novis and Crystal Valdez 6-1, 6-0; Mattie Kleist and Madalyn Kener, Century, forfeit. Mixed doubles: Ty Ravsten and Aubry Burton, Century, def. Oscar Ochoa and Stephanie Yurivika 6-1, 6-1; Mason Hallinan and Hillary Payne, Century, def. Michael Smith and Hannah Hull 6-3, 6-1.

Century 10, Wood River 2

Boys singles: Shayan Zoghi, Century, def. Will Eagan 6-0, 6-2; Shervin Zoghi, Century, def. Jordan Niedrich 6-0, 6-2; Chris Olsen, Century, def. Nicol Wheeler 6-0, 6-0.

Girls singles: Liz Anderson, Century, def. Tanya Greenwood 6-0, 6-0; Lauren Reutter, Wood River, def. Micaela Dungey 3-6, 7-5, 10-7; Monica Roberts, Century, def. Kalli Toussaint 6-0, 6-2.

Boys doubles: Jordan Green and Kyle Kener, Century, def. William DeBree and Brian Deniso 6-1, 6-3; Alex Siciliano and Taylor Gordon, Century, def. Gardner Cord and Kory Lyneth 6-2, 6-1.

Girls doubles: Jessica Hamilton and Ellen Davis, Wood River, def. Micaela Dungey and Makenna Nolte 6-2, 6-4; Mattie Kleist and Madalyn Kener, Century, def. Morgan Jones and Erin Murphy 7-5, 6-2. Mixed doubles: Ty Ravsten and Aubry Burton, Century, def. Aaron Chin and Kelsey Brennah 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; Mason Hallinan and Hillary Payne, Century, forfeit.

to be played due to over-scheduling issues for TVCC.

Game 1

Western Nevada College 4, CSI 1, 11.

Innings
WNC 000 010 000 03 - 4 6 2
CSI 100 100 000 00 - 1 6 0
Javy Perez, Logan Odom (6), Rusty Devitt (7), Jake Waardenburg (9) and Cory Raymond; Sam Armstrong, Tyler Chism (9), Kasey Jeroue (11), Colby Robison (11) and Victor Spencer.

Pitching - WNC: Perez 5.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 2 SO; Odom 1.2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 SO; Devitt 1.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO; Waardenburg (W, 4-0) 3.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO; CSI: Armstrong 8.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 SO; Chism (L, 0-1) 2.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 SO; Jeroue 0.0 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO; Robison 1.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO. Balk - WNC: Odom. WP - CSI: Chism. E - WNC: Feiner, Maupin. PB - CSI: Spencer. LOB - WNC 6, CSI 8. 2B - WNC: Barnett 3, CSI: Chism. Jensen. 3B - CSI: Forb. HRB - WNC: Stiles, Feiner. CSI: Pullin. SAC - WNC: Raymond. SB - WNC: Barnett. Feiner. Kennebrew. CS - WNC: Stiles; CSI: Lay. RBI - WNC: Barnett 2, Kennebrew; CSI: Jensen.

Game 2

CSI 6, Western Nevada College 5

WNC 201 001 - 5 6 1
CSI 200 000 4 - 6 10 1
Eric Maupin, Andrew Garcia (5), Jake Waardenburg (7) and Cory Raymond; Preston Olson, Andy Fox (6), Trey Mohammed (7) and Cameron Cushing.

Pitching - WNC: Maupin 2.2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 3 SO; Garcia 3.1 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO; Waardenburg (L, 4-1) 0.0 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO. CSI: Olson 5.0 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 4 SO; Fox 1.0 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO; Mohammed (W, 1-1) 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 0 SO. WP - WNC: Maupin; CSI: Olson. E - CSI: Cushing. PB - WNC: Raymond; CSI: Cushing. DP - CSI 2, LOB - WNC 10, CSI 6. 2B - WNC: Ray; CSI: Chism. Jensen. HR - CSI: Chism. HRB - WNC: Kennebrew, Ray, Stiles; CSI: Wolff. SAC - WNC: Garcia. SB - WNC: Ray, Kennebrew. RBI - WNC: Garcia 2, Feiner, Ray; CSI: Chism 4, Spencer.

Game 1

Madison 7, Minico 2

Madison 030 010 3 - 7 7 0
CSI 100 100 0 - 2 7 0
Chad Snell and Rhett Sutton; Casey Christiansen, Landon Barnes (5) and Roy Benevidez. W: Snell. L: Christiansen.
Extra-base hits - 2B: Madison, Trent Ricks, Snell, Jaden Cook.

Game 2

Madison 6, Minico 5

Madison 000 400 2 - 6 9 1
Minico 011 002 1 - 5 9 1
Jordan Wilcox and Rhett Sutton; Chris Joyce, Alex Moon (2), Barak Frank (7) and Moon, Roy Benevidez (2), Moon (7). W: Wilcox. L: Moon.

Extra-base hits - 2B: Minico, Casey Christiansen. 3B: Madison, Kyle Evans, Chad Snell.



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho pitcher Generra Nielson throws the ball during the Golden Eagles opening game against the College of Southern Nevada Coyotes Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Softball

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Southern Nevada (19-10, 16-8 SWAC) is ranked 13th.

"I think it's really sweet that we could sweep a team that's that good," said Game 2 winning pitcher McKensy Hillstead.

The Coyotes almost forced a split on the day midway through Game 2 as they scored five runs through the third and fourth innings to take a 5-2 lead. CSI allowed four earned runs, six hits and committed one error during this time.

"She kept her cool," Zimmerman said of Hillstead. "They got a hit and so what? She knew her defense would back her up on the next hit. She knew her team would come back with the bats as well. She had complete trust in her team."

Hillstead's trust was not misplaced. The Eagles answered in the fourth when Cassi Merrill and Ashley Chappel drove in a pair of runs. Five more were tacked on during the fifth as Dani Grant hit a two-bagger to score a pair and catcher Megan Zimmerman batted in two runs on a single for an 8-5 lead.

"Same thing that happened yesterday," Southern Nevada coach Ysidro Jimenez said. "Costly errors and costly mental mistakes. CSI's a team that if you put a couple of mistakes together, they're going to take advantage of it."

Zimmerman went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, Chappel hit 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs and Dani Grant went 2-for-2 and knocked in two runs.

Hillstead, who picked up her sixth victory, held Southern Nevada hitless in the sixth and seventh innings to close out her complete game. She struck out five and walked only one batter.

"Kens did a nice job," Eagles head coach Nick Baumert said. "She was

fairly good early, kind of struggled in the middle and - aside from an error - didn't let anybody on in the sixth and seventh. She bounced back and ended up having a good outing."

Zimmerman got Game 1 going with a two-run homer in the bottom of the second, and she singled to score Merrill an inning later for all of CSI's Game 1 runs. Zimmerman tallied two home runs and six RBIs for the doubleheader to lead her team in offense.

Twice the Coyotes had a chance to claim a lead, and twice the Golden Eagles shut them down. With one out and runners on first and second during the top of the fifth, shortstop Chappel made a key double play as she caught a drive from Stacey Burgos and caught Katelyn Bley, who tried to scamper back to the bag, for the third out. In the top of the seventh, the Coyotes rallied again to score a run to trail 3-2. With two outs and the tying run on base, Generra Nielson was able to pitch her way out of trouble by striking out Tiffany Parker to end the game.

The Golden Eagles are back at home next week for a four-game series against winless Colorado Northwestern Community College.

Game 1

No. 27 CSI 3, No. 13 College of Southern Nevada 2

CSI 010 001 - 2 8 0
Mandy Tapia, Amerissa Villamar (6) and Tiffany Parker; Generra Nielson and Megan Zimmerman.

Pitching - CSI: Tapia (L, 6-5) 3.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO; Villamar 3.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO. CSI: Nielson (W, 11-2) 7.0 IP, 8 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 7 SO. E - CSI: Nielson. DP - CSI: L. LOB - CSI: 6, CSI: 6. 2B - CSI: Katelyn Bley 2; CSI: Cassi Merrill. HR - CSI: Zimmerman. RBI - CSI: Brandy Yakima, K. Bley; CSI: Zimmerman 3. SH - CSI: Victoria Poma, Jessilyn Bley. SB - CSI: Zimmerman, Dani Grant.

Game 2

CSI 8, College of Southern Nevada 5

CSI 003 001 - 2 8 0
Christina Jones, Amerissa Villamar (5) and Stacey Burgos; McKensy Hillstead and Megan Zimmerman.

Pitching - CSI: Jones (L, 6-2) 4.1 IP, 9 H, 7 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO; Villamar 1.2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO. CSI: Hillstead (W, 6-3) 7.0 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 5 SO. E - CSI: Nielson. DP - CSI: L. LOB - CSI: 6, CSI: 6. 2B - CSI: Brandy Yakima, Katelyn Bley, Amy Aicher; CSI: Madison Allen 2; LOB - CSI: 5; CSI: 8. 2B - CSI: K. Bley; CSI: Dani Grant. HR - CSI: Zimmerman. RBI - CSI: K. Bley 2, Yakima, Burgos; CSI: Zimmerman 3, Ashley Chappel 2; Grant 2, Cassi Merrill. SH - CSI: Allison Barr, Jessilyn Bley; CSI: Erin Olander, Jaelle Judkins. SF - CSI: Chappel. SB - CSI: Hillstead, Olander, Judkins. CS - CSI: Zimmerman.

CSI

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one to hit."

Trey Mohammed picked up the win in relief, working his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the seventh to preserve the three-run lead. His ability to wriggle off the hook proved to be the turning point in the game, and perhaps in the Golden Eagles' season.

The team has a nonconference date at 2 p.m., Tuesday with Dawson (Colo.) Community College, with the opportunity to generate a little momentum and confidence before returning to SWAC action to close the week.

"This is a really big thing for us, and to have guys stepping up... we need every guy in the dugout to play a part in this," said Chism. "Hopefully things are going to start going our way and we can build some momentum from this."

Notes: Chism's home run



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

CSI's Sam Armstrong prepares to throw the ball against Western Nevada Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

was his second of the season, and the third to come at Skip Walker Field this season. Only one ball left the Skip during the 2008 season. ... WNC won the opener when Brian Barnett's two-run double in the top of the 11th broke a 1-1 tie. ...

CSI's scheduled home game Monday with Treasure Valley Community College was dropped by the Chukars and will not be played. Walker said the game would not be rescheduled, and the return game scheduled for March 24 was also unlikely

and third to take a 2-0 lead.

Starting pitcher Chris Joyce's stint on the mound was cut short due to minor hip discomfort. Alex Moon took over in the second and pitched well, except for a rocky fourth inning.

With two outs in the top of the game-changing fourth, the Bobcats' Trent Ricks reached base on an error, then came around to score on a fielder's choice. Kyle Evans then hit a run-scoring triple off of Moon to tie the score 2-2. The next two batters, Cory Hernandez and Rhett Sutton, each hit RBI singles and the Bobcats suddenly led 4-2.

For seemingly the first

time all day, Minico showed signs of life by scrapping for two runs in the sixth. Barnes' sacrifice bunt scored Dylan Winnmill and Kris Copeland's single scored Pete Coats.

Minico closer Barak Frank took the mound in the seventh and was one strike away from sending it to the bottom of the inning with the scored tied. But Madison's Chad Snell took the 3-2 pitch deep to right field for an RBI triple. Snell later scored on a single by Evans.

Minico's final at-bats began with a Christiansen double, but Madison's Jordan Wilcox, who pitched

Minico

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Starting pitcher Casey Christiansen struck out three and gave up three runs on three hits and five walks in four innings of work. Reliever Landon Barnes allowed four runs on four hits, including Madison's three-run seventh inning that essentially put the game away.

"We honestly didn't do anything really well," Frank said. "We didn't pitch real well. The guys who threw today didn't have their best outings. They will, but they didn't today."

Game 2 looked promising for Minico early on as it scored runs in the second

Bruins

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In the home half of the seventh, Olson walked Slotten and Williams laid down a bunt to move Slotten to second. Olson struck out pinch hitter Sam Pence and Hall followed with a game-winning hit up the middle to score Slotten.

"Right now we are better lucky than good," said Hall. "Michael threw great and kept us in the game. He really stepped up and showed his senior leadership. And we had some sophomores that stepped up in some tough situations."

One downside of the double header was the 20 walks issued by the Twin Falls pitchers in the two games.

"We need to eliminate the walks," said Stadelmeir. "We just had too many. But we are working on shoring up the pitching. We also need to be a little more consistent after a win. We came out

in the second game a little sluggish."

This was the opening action for the Knights. Hillcrest coach Scott Barr had nothing but praise for the Bruins, but was also pleased with his teams play.

"We did some good things and also found some things we need to work on," said. "Twin Falls is an excellent team and we felt good about competing with them."

Twin Falls (3-0) travels Orem, Utah next Friday to play Timpanogos High.

Game 1

Twin Falls 15, Hillcrest 3

Hillcrest 000 30 - 3 3 3
Twin Falls 154 5x - 15 13 3
Jordan Lewis, Kevin Birch (4) and Justin Fitch. Cy Sneed, Sam Pence (4) and Zac Slotten. W: Sneed. L: Lewis.

Extra-base hits - 2B: Twin Falls, Brodie Hall, Heath Stewart, Zac Slotten. 3B: Twin Falls, Michael Williams.

Game 2

Twin Falls 5, Hillcrest 4

Hillcrest 100 012 0 - 4 2 5
Twin Falls 000 004 1 - 5 4 3
Brooks Andrus, Kade Olson (6) and Tyler Harris.

Zeb Sneed, Kassidy Gaines (5), Michael Williams (5) and Jayson Welker. W: Williams (1-0). L: Olson (0-1). Extra-base hits - 2B: Hillcrest, Brooks Andrus, C.J. Holverson. 2B: Twin Falls, Welker.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

MLB Spring Training

	All Times MDT		
	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	12	3	.800
Kansas City	9	6	.600
Minnesota	8	6	.571
Oakland	9	7	.562
Tampa Bay	7	6	.539
Chicago	9	8	.529
Baltimore	8	8	.500
Seattle	7	7	.500
Texas	8	9	.471
New York	7	8	.467
Boston	6	9	.400
Cleveland	6	9	.400
Detroit	5	9	.357

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	11	3	.786
St. Louis	11	4	.733
Pittsburgh	10	5	.667
Los Angeles	9	6	.600
Cincinnati	9	7	.562
Washington	7	6	.539
Florida	6	7	.461
Milwaukee	6	7	.461
Chicago	8	10	.444
San Francisco	8	10	.444
Arizona	6	8	.429
New York	6	8	.429
Colorado	6	9	.400
Philadelphia	5	9	.357
San Diego	4	8	.333
Houston	1	13	.071

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Games

Detroit 10, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay 3, Cincinnati 1
St. Louis 2, Atlanta 1
Florida 9, Minnesota 5
Baltimore 9, Boston 8
Philadelphia 5, Houston (ss) 2
New York Yankees (ss) 13, Pittsburgh 10
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 2
New York Yankees (ss) 3, Houston (ss) 1
Chicago White Sox 8, Texas 4
L.A. Angels 6, Chicago Cubs 4
L.A. Dodgers 7, Milwaukee 3
Oakland 8, San Francisco (ss) 3
Arizona 11, Kansas City 3
Cleveland 8, San Diego (ss) 6
San Diego (ss) 8, San Francisco (ss) 4
Seattle 10, Colorado 5

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Houston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Detroit vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Cincinnati vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
St. Louis vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 11:15 a.m.
San Diego vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

World Baseball Classic

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	W	L	Pct
Cuba	0	0	.000
Japan	0	0	.000
Mexico	0	0	.000
South Korea	0	0	.000

At San Diego

Sunday, March 15
Cuba vs. Japan, 2 p.m.
South Korea vs. Mexico, 9 p.m.

Monday, March 16

Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 winner, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17
Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.

Group Two

	W	L	Pct	GB
Puerto Rico	1	0	1.000	-
Venezuela	1	0	1.000	-
Netherlands	0	1	.000	1
United States	0	1	.000	1

At Miami

Saturday, March 14
Venezuela 3, Netherlands 1
Puerto Rico 11, United States 7, 11 innings, 10-run rule

Sunday, March 15

Netherlands vs. United States, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16

Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.

At Long Beach

Saturday, March 21
Group Two winner vs. Group One second place, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

Group One winner vs. Group Two second place, 6 p.m.

Playoff for Seeding

At Los Angeles
Monday, March 23
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MDT EASTERN

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	50	16	.758	-
Philadelphia	32	31	.508	16½
New Jersey	28	37	.431	21½
New York	28	37	.431	21½
Toronto	23	43	.348	27

SOUTHEAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	48	17	.738	-
Atlanta	38	28	.576	10½
Miami	36	29	.554	12
Charlotte	28	38	.424	20½
Washington	15	51	.227	33½

CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	52	13	.800	-
Detroit	33	31	.516	18½
Chicago	30	37	.448	23
Milwaukee	30	38	.441	23½
Indiana	28	49	.418	25

WESTERN

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	44	21	.677	-
Houston	43	25	.632	2½
New Orleans	41	24	.631	3

Dallas	40	26	.606	4½
Memphis	16	48	.250	27½

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	41	24	.631	-
Denver	42	25	.627	-
Utah	41	25	.621	½
Minnesota	20	46	.303	21½
Oklahoma City	18	47	.277	23

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	52	13	.800	-
Phoenix	34	31	.523	18
Golden State	23	42	.354	29
L.A. Clippers	19	46	.291	37
Sacramento	14	51	.215	38

x-clinched division
y-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Games

Detroit 99, Toronto 95, O
Orlando 112, Washington 103
Philadelphia 104, Chicago 101
Houston 91, Charlotte 86
Atlanta 101, Indiana 87
Boston 102, Memphis 92
New York 102, Minnesota 94
New Orleans 95, Milwaukee 86
Cleveland 126, Sacramento 123, OT
Portland 109, New Jersey 100
Golden State 119, Dallas 110

Saturday's Games

Miami 140, Utah 129, 3OT
Minnesota 108, Charlotte 100
Chicago 97, New Orleans 79
San Antonio 88, Houston 85
Portland 107, Clippers 94
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, late

Sunday's Games

Indiana at Toronto, 10:30 a.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 11 a.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 11 a.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 1:30 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Washington, 4 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Toronto at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Denver, 7 p.m.

NBA Boxes

Timberwolves 108, Bobcats 100

CHARLOTTE (100)
Wallace 8-11 10-12 26, Diaw 5-12 1-2 12, Okafor 4-8 1-2 9, Bell 8-19 1-2 21, Felton 2-7 2-2 6, Radmanovic 4-9 0-0 8, Diop 0-0 0-0 4, Augustin 7-10 3-4 18. Totals 38-76 10-20 21.

MINNESOTA (108)

Gomes 19-44 2-14, Smith 7-8 1-2 15, Love 9-17 4-4 22, Miller 3-5 0-0 7, Telfair 2-6 0-0 5, Foye 3-8 2-2 9, Carney 8-13 1-21, Cardinal 3-5 0-0 8. Totals 43-81 12-13 108.

Charlotte 25, 26 28 21 - 100

Minnesota 25 26 28 21 - 108
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 6-21 (Bell 4-9, Augustin 1-2, Diaw 1-6, Radmanovic 0-2, Felton 0-2), Minnesota 10-22 (Carney 4-7, Cardinal 2-2, Telfair 1-2, Foye 1-2, Miller 1-3, Gomes 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 45 (Wallace 10), Minnesota 38 (Love, Smith 7). Assists—Charlotte 15 (Felton 5), Minnesota 28 (Telfair 9). Total Fouls—Charlotte 17, Minnesota 19. A—15,276 (19,356).

Bulls 97, Hornets 79

NEW ORLEANS (79)
Wright 5-12 1-2 26, 4-14 2-2 10, Chandler 2-6 0-0 4, Butler 5-12 0-0 10, Paul 13-20 3-2 29, Posey 2-7 0-0 4, Bowen 1-5 0-0 2, Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Armstrong 2-3 2-4 6, Daniels 2-4 0-0 4, Peterson 1-4 0-0 2, Ely 0-1 0-2 1. Totals 35-81 9-13 79.

CHICAGO (97)

Salmons 9-12 2-4, TyThomas 4-11 0-0 8, Noah 3-9 0-0 6, Gordon 11-17 2-2 27, Rose 2-9 0-0 4, Miller 6-10 3-3 15, Hinrich 1-3 1-2 3, T. Thomas 3-6 0-2 8, Gray 11 0-0 2, Robertson 0-3 0-0 0, Hunter 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-85 7-11 97.

New Orleans 22, 17 18 22 - 79

Chicago 22 17 18 22 - 79
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 9-11 (Posey 0-2, Peterson 0-3, Butler 0-3), Chicago 10-25 (Salmons 5-8, Gordon 3-7, T. Thomas 2-3, Miller 0-1, Hunter 0-1, Hinrich 0-1, Robertson 0-2, Rose 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 52 (Chandler 9), Chicago 47 (Noah, Miller 9). Assists—New Orleans 10 (Paul 6), Chicago 25 (Rose 7). Total Fouls—New Orleans 13, Chicago 17. Technical—New Orleans defensive three second. A—22,155 (21,711).

Nuggets 107, Clippers 94

L.A. CLIPPERS (94)
Thorton 5-14 1-13 19, Camby 3-10 5-7 11, Kaman 3-7 2-8, Gordon 6-12 3-17, B.Davis 4-14 3-12, Miller 6-9 0-2, Aker 0-1 0-0 2, Totals 30-77 25-36 94.

Denver 107, 109, 105, 100

Trail Blazers 109, Nets 100
NEW JERSEY (100)
Hassell 2-2 0-0 4, J. O'Neil 5-12, Lopez 9-12 4-4 22, Carter 8-20 0-0 19, Harris 7-16 12-12 27, Williams 3-5 1-2, Hayes 3-5 0-0 0, Simmons 4-5 2-2 14, Dooling 0-8 0-0 0, Boone 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-78 20-23 100.

Portland 109

Batum 7-8 4-2 20, Aldridge 4-12 11-12 19, Przybylla 0-1 3-4 3, Roy 8-21 15-17 31, Blake 5-8 2-2 15, Bayless 0-2 0-0 0, Outlaw 4-10 4-6 13, Frye 3-8 0-0 6, Rodriguez 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-71 39-45 109.

New Jersey 26, 25 26 23 - 100

Portland 26 25 26 23 - 100
3-Point Goals—New Jersey 8-14 (Simmons 4-4, Carter 3-4, Harris 1-2, Hayes 0-1, Dooling 0-3), Portland 6-12 (Blake 3-5, Batum 2-2, Outlaw 1-2, Frye 0-1, Roy 0-2). Fouled Out—Lopez, Carter. Rebounds—New Jersey 44 (Harris 7), Portland 46 (Outlaw, Aldridge 10). Assists—New Jersey 18 (Harris 8), Portland 18 (Blake 5). Total Fouls—New Jersey 29, Portland 12. Technical—Portland defensive three second. Flagrant Foul—Simmons. A—20,634 (19,980).

Warriors 119, Mavericks 110

DALLAS (110)
A.Wright 4-11 2-3 11, Nowitzki 12-23 1-1 27, Dampier 2-2 2-5 2-6, Barea 3-12 2-2 8, Kidd 8-16 0-0 21, Terry 9-22 1-1 20, Singleton 4-6 3-11, Bass 2-8 2-2 6, Hollins 0-0 0-0 0, Carroll 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-103 13-16 110.

Golden State (119)

Jackson 11-23 6-6 31, B.Wright 5-7 2-12, Biedrins 0-1 0-0 0, Crawford 3-13 2-2 9, Ellis 11-25 7-9 29, Randolph 5-10 4-6 14, Turiaf 2-5 0-0 4, Morrow 3-7 0-0 6, Azubuike 5-7 3-14, Totals 45-98 24-31 119.

Dallas 31, 23 24 32 - 110

Golden State 31 23 24 32 - 119
3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-27 (Kidd 3-8, Nowitzki 2-3, A.Wright 1-4, Terry 1-9, Barea 0-1), Golden State 5-16 (Jackson 3-7, Azubuike 1-1, Crawford 1-4, Ellis 0-1, Morrow 0-3). Fouled Out—Randolph, Rebounds—Dallas 56 (Singleton 11), Golden State 66 (Turiaf 12). Assists—Dallas 27 (Kidd 11), Golden State 23 (Jackson 10). Total Fouls—Dallas 25, Golden State 16. A—18,751 (19,596).

Men's College Soccer

Tournament

America East Conference

Championship
Binghamton 61, UMBG 51

Atlantic 10 Conference

Championship
Temple 69, Duquesne 64

Atlantic Coast Conference

Semifinals

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING

1 p.m.
ESPN — NHRA, Gatornationals, final eliminations (same-day tape)

BASEBALL

2 p.m.
ESPN2 — World Baseball Classic, Round 2, Japan vs. Cuba, at San Diego

5:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — World Baseball Classic, Round 2, Venezuela-Netherlands loser vs. Puerto Rico-United States loser, at Miami

9 p.m.
ESPN2 — World Baseball Classic, round 2, Mexico vs. South Korea, at San Diego

CYCLING

3 p.m.
VERSUS — Paris-Nice, final stage (same-day tape)

GOLF

8:30 a.m.
TGC — Nationwide Tour, New Zealand Open, final round, at Queenstown, New Zealand (same-day tape)

1 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour/WGC, CA Championship, final round

5:30 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Puerto Rico Open, final round (same-day tape)

8:30 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, AT&T Champions Classic, final round, at

Duke 67, Maryland 61
Florida St. 73, North Carolina 70

Big 12 Conference

Championship
Missouri 73, Baylor 60

Big East Conference

Championship
Louisville 76, Syracuse 66

Big Ten Conference

Semifinals
Ohio St. 82, Michigan 56
Purdue 66, Illinois 56

Conference USA

Championship
Memphis 64, Tulsa 39

Mid-American Conference

Championship
Akron 65, Buffalo 53

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

No. 5 Louisville wins first Big East title

Florida St. upsets No. 1 N. Carolina

NEW YORK — Louisville's sweep of its first Big East titles ended Syracuse's overtime run in regulation.

Earl Clark had 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead the fifth-ranked Cardinals to a 76-66 victory over No. 18 Syracuse on Saturday night, giving the regular-season champs their first Big East title.

The conference's first five-day tournament will be remembered as well for the Orange and their run to the final game that included the epic six-overtime win over Connecticut in the quarterfinals and a more mundane one-overtime victory over West Virginia in the semis.

Louisville's pressure defense is tough on a team with plenty of rest. It was really troubling for a team that had played nearly an extra game of overtime in a four-day span.

The conference title in their fourth season in the Big East will probably translate into a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament for the Cardinals (28-5).

NO. 22 FLORIDA ST. 73, NO. 1 NORTH CAROLINA 70

ATLANTA — North Carolina can start focusing on a national championship. The nation's top-ranked team was denied a shot at its third straight Atlantic Coast Conference title.



AP photo

The Louisville Cardinals celebrate after beating Syracuse 76-66 in the championship game of the Big East men's basketball tournament Saturday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Toney Douglas scored 27 points, including the go-ahead free throws, and No. 22 Florida State held on for a 73-70 victory over the Tar Heels, who were without Ty Lawson, in the ACC semifinals Saturday.

Tyler Hansbrough had 22 points and 12 rebounds, but the reigning national player of the year lost control of the ball trying to get inside for a shot with about 20 seconds remaining and North Carolina trailing 71-70. Florida State's Derwin Kitchen scooped it up, was fouled and hit two clutch free throws.

Wayne Ellington, who led North Carolina (28-4) with 24 points, missed from beyond the arc. Danny Green chased down the rebound, stepped outside the line and fired up another 3 at the buzzer that came up short, and the Seminoles

erupted in a raucous celebration.

NO. 4 MEMPHIS 64, TULSA 39

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tyreke Evans scored 18 points and Robert Dozier added 18 points and 14 rebounds as the Tigers (31-3) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 25 and won their 61st straight league game.

Memphis, last year's national runner-up, hasn't lost since Dec. 20 to Syracuse.

Fans started chanting "No. 1 seed, No. 1 seed" in the final minutes.

OHIO STATE 82, NO. 7 MICHIGAN STATE 70

INDIANAPOLIS — Ohio State used every bit of its depth and versatility, not to mention some nifty 3-point shooting, in overpowering Michigan State in the semi-

finals of the Big Ten tournament Saturday.

It was the second-most points the Spartans (26-6) had allowed this season.

Evan Turner had all 18 of his points in the second half, along with 10 rebounds and five assists. Jon Diebler had 17 on 5-of-10 shooting from 3-point range, William Buford had 14 and B.J. Mullens added 12 for the Buckeyes (22-9).

NO. 9 DUKE 67, MARYLAND 61

ATLANTA — Jon Scheyer scored 22 points and Duke rode a 12-2 second-half run to the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship game.

Kyle Singler added 14 points for No. 9 Duke, which will face Florida State Sunday. Florida State beat top-ranked North Carolina 73-70 in Saturday's first semifinal.

Duke (27-6) led only 44-41 before Gerald Henderson's 3-pointer with 8:53 started the 12-2 run. Scheyer and David McClure each had back-to-back baskets in the run, which ended with Duke leading 56-43 with 5:35 remaining.

Eric Hayes answered with four straight points for Maryland (20-13), but he missed a 3-point attempt with 2 minutes left after the Terrapins cut the lead to seven points at 57-50.

NO. 14 MISSOURI 73, BAYLOR 60

OKLAHOMA CITY — DeMarre Carroll scored 20 points and No. 14 Missouri

ended Baylor's surprising run through the Big 12 tournament, grinding down the Bears to win their first post-season conference title in 16 years.

Matt Lawrence added 13 points and his hot shooting helped the third-seeded Tigers (28-6) pull away early in the second half to spoil what would have been an unprecedented run to the title for Baylor.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 67, NO. 20 LSU 57

TAMPA, Fla. — Jarvis Varnado scored 19 points and Barry Stewart added 17 to lead surging Mississippi State into the championship game of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

The Bulldogs (22-12) began the week needing to win two or three times to improve their chances of getting a spot in the NCAA tournament. Now, they just have to beat Tennessee to claim the SEC's automatic berth with their first conference tourney title since 2002.

LSU (26-7) beat Mississippi State twice during the regular season, but were not match this time with SEC Player of the Year Marcus Thornton scoring 14 on 5-for-19 shooting and the Tigers shooting 31 percent overall.

USC 66, NO. 23 ARIZONA STATE 63

LOS ANGELES — Daniel Hackett hit the tying and go-ahead free throws with 42 seconds remaining and

Southern California held on to win the Pac-10 tournament championship for the first time.

Freshman DeMar DeRozan scored 25 points, Hackett added 19 and Dwight Lewis 13 for the sixth-seeded Trojans (21-12), who overcame a 15-point halftime deficit to become the lowest seed to win the tourney.

James Harden, the Pac-10 player of the year, missed a free throw, a layup and a 3-pointer in the final 50 seconds for the fourth-seeded Sun Devils (24-9). They were led by Jeff Pendergraph with 20 points and Derek Glasser with 16 in the school's first appearance in the title game.

NO. 24 PURDUE 66, ILLINOIS 56

INDIANAPOLIS — Robbie Hummel finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds Saturday, and JaJuan Johnson had 20 points and three blocks to lead the Boilermakers into the Big Ten tournament championship game.

The victory ends third-seeded Purdue's three-game losing streak to the Illini (24-9) and sets up a rematch with fifth-seeded Ohio State, an 82-70 upset winner over No. 7 Michigan State. The Boilermakers and Buckeyes split the first two games this season, each winning at home.

— The Associated Press

Utah St. beats Nevada for WAC title

RENO, Nev. — Gary Wilkinson scored 21 points and Jared Quayle and Tai Wesley had double-doubles as Utah State raced out to an early 21-4 lead then withstood several Nevada rallies to win the Western Athletic Conference tournament championship 72-62 Saturday night.

Quayle had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Wesley 14 points and 11 rebounds for the top-seeded Aggies (30-4), who held Nevada scoreless the first 6 1/2 minutes and denied Wolf Pack leading scorer Luke Babbitt a field goal until 16:24 was left in the game. The tourney title assures the WAC's regular season champs their sixth trip to the NCAA tournament in 10 years, but the first since 2006.

Armon Johnson scored 17 of his 20 points in the second half while the freshman Babbitt finished with only eight points — nine below his average — on 3-of-12 shooting from the field for second-seeded Nevada (21-12), which made only two of its first 21 attempts from the field and shot only 30 percent on the game.

MWC CHAMPIONSHIP UTAH 52, SAN DIEGO STATE 50

LAS VEGAS — Luke Nevill scored 10 of his 18 points in the second half of a defense-dominated game, and Shaun Green's steal right before the buzzer clinched Utah's 52-50 victory over San Diego State on Saturday for the Mountain West Conference tournament title.

Lawrence Borha scored 12 points and hit three free throws in the final 12.8 seconds for the second-seeded Utes (24-9), the regular-season co-champs. They won their second Mountain West tournament title not with scoring, but by limiting San Diego State star Lorenzo Wade to 12 points on 5-of-16 shooting.

Richie Williams hit back-to-back 3-pointers in the final 14 seconds for San Diego State to make it 51-50. After Borha missed his last free throw with 7.6 seconds left, Williams drove down-court for a final shot — but Green swiped cleanly from his hands on the perimeter for probably the biggest play of the senior's career.

Carlton Brown added 10 points for the Utes, who managed just one field goal in the final 8 minutes, but stayed just ahead of the



AP photo

Utah State's Tai Wesley, left, drives to the basket past Nevada's Ahyaro Phillips during the first half the Western Athletic Conference men's tournament final in Reno, Nev., Saturday.

Aztecs (23-9) with free throws until Green's big defensive play.

The 7-foot-2 Nevill, the Mountain West's player of the year, had 15 rebounds while collecting the tournament MVP award. He paused for a long moment on the barely-needed ladder while cutting down the net, soaking in the cheers from Utah fans who flooded the court at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Utah is headed to its first NCAA tournament since 2005, while fourth-seeded San Diego State also is likely to get in despite this unappealing finale.

ATLANTIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIP TEMPLE 69, DUQUESNE 64

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Temple is back on the map in college basketball, on the road to the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Dionte Christmas scored 29 points and the fourth-seeded Owls (22-11) became the first team to win consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference tournaments in eight years with a 69-64 victory over Duquesne on Saturday night.

"That was a goal, to get Temple back to where it was

used to being, and that's the tournament, and winning the Atlantic 10 championship," Christmas said after tying a tournament finals record with seven 3-pointers. "That was definitely one of my goals. To win two back to back, that's crazy."

AMERICA EAST CHAMPIONSHIP BINGHAMTON 61, UMBC 51

VESTAL, N.Y. — Senior forward Reggie Fuller had 19 points and 10 rebounds, D.J. Rivera added 16 points, and Binghamton beat defending America East champion UMBC 61-51 on Saturday for the conference title and the school's first NCAA tournament berth.

It was the 11th straight win for the top-seeded Bearcats (23-8) and their first America East title since moving to Division I in 2001.

UMBC (15-17), the sixth seed and the last team to beat Binghamton, made its first NCAA tournament appearance a year ago but saw its chances of a second vanish when the Retrievers failed to score in the game's final 4:49.

MAC CHAMPIONSHIP MORGAN STATE 83, NORFOLK STATE 69

WINSTON-SALEM,

N.C. — Reggie Holmes scored 20 points and Morgan State claimed its first NCAA tournament berth by beating Norfolk State 83-69 on Saturday night in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship game.

Jermaine Bolden added 18 points and Kevin Thompson had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the top-seeded Bears (23-11).

They reeled off 18 consecutive points in the first half and 11 straight in the second, shot 49 percent and figured out the Spartans' energetic full-court press in plenty of time to send two-time MEAC coach of the year Todd Bozeman to his first NCAA tournament since he guided California there in the mid-1990s.

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP ALABAMA ST. 65, JACKSON ST. 58

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Andrew Hayles scored 17 points and made three 3-pointers during a pivotal stretch to lift Alabama State to a 65-58 victory over Jackson State on Saturday night in the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament championship game.

The top-seeded Hornets (22-9) make the NCAA field for the third time, and first since 2004.

Hayles hit three 3-pointers during a 15-3 spurt that put Alabama State ahead 47-36 midway through the second half. He had 14 points after halftime.

MAC CHAMPIONSHIP AKRON 65, BUFFALO 53

CLEVELAND — Akron got it right the third time.

Sparked by freshman guard Anthony "Humpty" Hitchens, the Zips, who watched as other teams cut down the nets the past two years after the championship, won their first Mid-American Conference tournament title and the NCAA berth that goes with it by beating Buffalo 65-53 on Saturday night.

Akron is back in the NCAA tourney for the first time since 1986, and they'll be there for the first time as a MAC member. The Zips were in the Ohio Valley Conference 23 years ago, when then-coach Bob Huggins stalked the sideline.

— The Associated Press

Wade gets 50 as Heat beat Jazz in 3OT

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade's day was record setting. And he was only one part of an unforgettable afternoon for the Miami Heat.

Wade finished with 50 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists in another dazzling show, Jermaine O'Neal added 28 points and the Heat pulled off two huge last-ditch rallies before beating the Utah Jazz in a triple-overtime epic, 140-129 on Saturday.

"Just another day at the office," Wade said.

It was the first time either team played three overtimes since 1992. The Heat were one point shy of matching the franchise's all-time best, and Miami's Erik Spoelstra became just the 11th coach to win the first five overtime games of his career.

But in the end, that all paled besides Wade's ever-growing list of accomplishments.

Wade tied his career high in scoring, set new bests in minutes (52 1/2), field goals made (19) and attempted (39), plus passed Alonzo Mourning to become Miami's all-time points leader.

It's the first time in NBA history that a player had 50 points, 10 rebounds, nine assists, four steals and two blocks in a game.

"We made them work for everything," Wade said. "It was a total team effort."

TIMBERWOLVES 108, BOBCATS 100

MINNEAPOLIS — Rookie Kevin Love scored 22 points, Rodney Carney and Ryan Gomes added 21 each as Minnesota snapped a four-game skid against Charlotte and handed the Bobcats their third straight loss.

Gerald Wallace had 26 points to lead Charlotte, whose skid follows a team-record, six-game winning streak.

BULLS 97, HORNETS 79

CHICAGO — Ben



AP photo

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade gives a thumbs up to the cheering crowd seconds before the end of triple overtime against the Utah Jazz Saturday in Miami.

Gordon scored 27 points, John Salmons added 24, and Chicago pounded surging New Orleans despite another strong effort by Chris Paul.

SPURS 88, ROCKETS 85

HOUSTON — Tony Parker scored 28 points, Tim Duncan added 15 points and 12 rebounds and San Antonio beat Houston.

Parker also had eight assists and Michael Finley added 17 points for the Spurs, who came up with two defensive stops in the final 15 seconds to beat the Rockets for the 12th time in the last 17 meetings.

NUGGETS 107, CLIPPERS 94

DENVER — Marcus Camby was treated great by the fans in his return to Denver. Not by his former teammates.

After getting a rousing ovation and a hug from a little girl sitting courtside who was wearing one of his old Nuggets jerseys, Camby watched Nene and Renaldo Balkman each post a double-double in Denver's win over the Los Angeles Clippers.

— The Associated Press

Mickelson, Watney tied for the lead at Doral

DORAL, Fla. — Phil Mickelson learned a little about Nick Watney during his trips to Las Vegas in the offseason while working with Butch Harmon, the swing coach for both of them.

He got to know Watney a lot better Saturday in the CA Championship and was even more impressed.

Watney overcame a two-shot deficit with three straight birdies early in the third round and had three strong par saves on the back nine for a 5-under 67. Mickelson answered with three straight birdies late in the afternoon during a splendid display of driving and irons and shot 69. They wound up tied for the lead at Doral.

Even though Mickelson longed for another duel with Tiger Woods, he realizes he still has his hands full with Watney.

"There's really not any weaknesses in his game," Mickelson said. "He's already won this year and played tough down the stretch in that win, and he's a tough competitor."

They were at 16-under 200, four shots clear of anyone else.

Watney, who birdied two his last three holes to win at Torrey Pines last month, ended his streak of bogey-free golf on the Blue Monster after 46 holes and still has made only one in the tournament.

"I just wanted to go out there today and really get into my round and not worry too much about the scoreboard or playing against Phil directly," Watney said. "So I'm



Phil Mickelson walks off after finishing the No. 18 hole during the third round at the CA Championship golf tournament Saturday in Doral, Fla.

AP photo

pleased with the way I handled it."

Watney has not played in a final group before so many fans, but he has seen what it is like. He was a rookie in 2005 when Doral resembled a rock concert with Woods and Mickelson in the last group, and Woods rallying to win.

"I would love to have that opportunity," Watney said. "Maybe I'll get that shot tomorrow."

Woods won't be part of the equation.

In his first stroke-play event since winning the U.S. Open in June a week before knee surgery, Woods was thrilled with how he hit the ball, disgusted with how he putted. He managed only a 68 and was nine shots behind.

"The best I've hit it in a long time," Woods said. "Granted, I haven't played in a long time, but still."

Mickelson, the best player to have never won a World Golf Championship, is not ready to consider

Sunday another duel at Doral. Jeev Milkha Singh (68) and Camilo Villegas (69) were at 12-under 204, while the group another shot behind included former Doral winner Jim Furyk (69), Kenny Perry (71) and Alvaro Quiros (69), a big hitter from Spain.

"Nick and I need to play well to separate ourselves from the rest of the field," Mickelson said.

Lefty worried he might fall behind when he made the turn in only 35 on

another good day for scoring. But he hit his stride, going eight consecutive holes with birdie putts inside 12 feet. He converted only three of them.

The easiest came at the par-3 13th, when Mickelson hit 5-iron to the green and watched it roll toward the cup. The glare kept him from seeing the ball bounce lightly off the middle of the pin and stop a foot away, but the wild cheer filled him in.

"I thought after the first bounce it was going to be pretty good," he said.

Watney made a terrific par save from an awkward stance in the bunker on the 13th, and he made another solid bunker save on the par-3 15th when Mickelson hit his tee shot to 6 feet. It looked as though Lefty would go three shots ahead until he missed the putt, and Watney caught him two holes later — his birdie on the 16th, Mickelson's one wild drive on the 17th leading to bogey.

Watney finished with another solid par save after an approach flirted with the water on the 18th. From deep rough, he popped it out to 3 feet and stayed tied for the lead when Mickelson missed a 15-foot birdie.

Rory McIlroy, the 19-year-old from Northern Ireland who is down to his last week with a chance at becoming the youngest winner in PGA Tour history, was in the mix until struggling from the rough and making three bogeys over his last five holes.

He was at 10-under 206,

six shots behind.

"It looks like it's going to be a bit of a two-horse race," McIlroy said. "But if I can go out and shoot in the mid-60s and get myself as high up the leaderboard as possible, then it will have been another good week."

Woods feels he's making progress, too.

It was his best round since his return to competition, at least until he got on the green. He missed three putts inside 10 feet, and his final birdie came on the 16th when he holed out from a back bunker.

AT&T CHAMPIONS CLASSIC

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Joey Sindelar moved a step closer to his first Champions Tour victory, shooting a 2-under 70 to take a one-stroke lead over Don Pooley in the AT&T Champions Classic.

The 50-year-old Sindelar, winless in 22 starts on the Champions Tour after winning seven times on the PGA Tour, had a 10-under 134 total on the Valencia Country Club course. After shooting a 63 on Sunday to tie for second in the Toshiba Classic at Newport Beach, he opened with a 64 on Friday.

Sindelard stretched his bogey-free streak to 42 holes before dropping a stroke on the par-4 fifth. He also bogeyed Nos. 8 and 10, but played the final seven holes in 4 under to top the leaderboard for the second straight day.

Pooley shot a bogey-free 65, the best round of the day.

— The Associated Press

Next time, Phelps might have something to say

Mistakes, we all make them. Regrets, well, we all have a few.

Alex Rodriguez surely had some about shooting up with steroids, though, curiously enough, he didn't mention them until he was outed for testing positive. His biggest one now seems to be that he got caught for what he wants you to believe was a youthful indiscretion.

Michael Phelps has some to, and who can blame him. One picture of him smoking a bong figures to long trump the Sports Illustrated cover of him with eight gold medals around his neck.

Like A-Rod, he has an explanation. Does the phrase "immature and stupid" ring a bell?

Don't be confused if you get a serious case of déjà vu Sunday night watching Phelps answering questions posed by Matt Lauer on NBC's "Dateline" in what the network advertises as an "exclusive" first television interview by Phelps since the infamous picture of him with the bong surfaced in a British tabloid.

Never mind that Phelps has already told print journalists basically the same things he tells Lauer and that he is so uninteresting he is painful to watch. Exclusive in this case means a chance to make



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even more prime-time money off Phelps than NBC managed to squeeze out of his golden run in Beijing.

Judging from the segment that was used as a teaser on the "Today" show, you could have replaced Phelps with A-Rod, Lauer with Peter Gammons, and marijuana with steroids and the interview would have been eerily the same as the one Rodriguez offered up last month.

By now the formula should be familiar. Jason Giambi pioneered it when he apologized for doing something bad, then refused to say just what bad thing he was apologizing for.

Worked well for him, too. Giambi was able to pocket the \$82 million he had remaining on his Yankee contract, no further questions asked.

Rodriguez did much the same thing, admitting that he used something but wasn't quite sure what it was. He blamed a cousin and the magazine reporter who busted him for his problems, which he said

were really caused by him being "young and stupid" and doing an "immature" thing.

Seems to be working for him, too. The Yankees rallied around A-Rod, and he's still got some \$250 million left on his contract. He may even play the remaining nine years he signed up for, though the history with steroid users is that they tend to break down when they stop using the stuff, assuming, of course, that Rodriguez has.

And now we have Phelps, who has contracts of a different kind. His are with advertisers and sponsors, who need to be reassured that they aren't throwing their money away on someone a lot of people are going to think of as a stoner first and a swimmer second.

That's the reason Phelps did the taping with Lauer, who could be counted on to help in the damage control process and eventual rehabilitation to superstar by the time of the 2012 Olympics, which his network just happens to be broadcasting. To his credit, Lauer asked the requisite questions, but he didn't seem to hear any of the answers.

Maybe that's because he, like all of us, has heard them before.

Phelps, it turns out, made some mistakes,

though he declined to say just what they were. He was young and stupid, of course, but now that he's seen the error of his ways his advice to children who see him or other athletes as role models is to take responsibility for your mistakes.

So, kids, next time you do something bad, go to your parents and tell them you did something bad. Just don't tell them what it was.

We all know what this was, of course. Not too many people attach their lips to a bong without having some kind of underlying reason for it.

But wouldn't it be nice for Phelps to just come clean and cut out the charade? Is there any point of wasting our time in prime time on national TV in what is really nothing more than an effort to appease sponsors and NBC?

There isn't, of course, just like there was no reason to watch A-Rod or Giambi, either. It's all manufactured damage control, scripted by someone in a PR office somewhere.

And by now the script has grown stale.

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Steadman Hawkins Clinic helps mend prominent athletes

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — The Shark has been through here. So have Picabo and Kobe.

Now, A-Rod has taken a turn.

The Steadman Hawkins Clinic is where high-profile athletes go when their bodies need fixing and their careers are in the balance. Alex Rodriguez is the latest superstar to come to this ritzy ski resort town.



Rodriguez

The surgeon for the New York Yankees third baseman is Dr. Marc Philippon. He is part of a crew of nine physicians, each a leader in an orthopedic field. Having an all-star group on hand has been the idea since the clinic's founder, Dr. Richard Steadman, began courting surgeons nearly two decades ago, among them Dr. Richard Hawkins.

The clinic has saved the careers of hundreds of professional athletes since it opened in 1990 and has more memorabilia hanging on the office walls than a hall of fame.

Often, this is a place of last resort for athletes. Either the procedure works or it's retirement.

"I probably wouldn't be in the Hall" without the clinic, recently elected Hall of Fame defensive back Rod Woodson said. "I'm indebted."

A-Rod may turn out to be as well. The slugger was in the clinic's care this week after arthroscopic surgery for torn cartilage in his right hip.

He was in experienced hands.

Philippon also has operated on the likes of Greg Norman, Priest Holmes and Mario Lemieux. There's a framed jersey from Marian Gaborik waiting to be placed on a wall, a show of gratitude from the Minnesota Wild forward.

Only problem, his walls

are already covered.

"If we can make a little impact on their life to help them chase their dream, that's great satisfaction," Philippon said.

The list of clinic patients is dazzling. There are Hall of Fame quarterbacks (Dan Marino, Joe Montana, John Elway), international soccer stars (Alessandro Del Piero, Ronaldo), Olympic medal winners in skiing (Bode Miller, Phil and Steve Mahre, Julia Mancuso, Picabo Street) and tennis stars (Martina Navratilova, Lindsay Davenport).

Monica Seles went there soon after being stabbed by an obsessed fan during a match in 1993. Bryant was in the area for an operation when was accused of raping a local woman, a case that was eventually dismissed.

Even an occasional pop star has come in, like U2 drummer Larry Mullen and singer Rod Stewart.

Their cases all fit with the clinic's goal — keeping active people active.

"People don't need to travel all the way to Vail to be told, 'If you sit on a couch, your knee won't hurt,'" said Dr. William Sterett, a shoulder and knee specialist at the clinic as well as a physician for the U.S. women's ski team. "It's about getting people back to what they love."

This is an ideal location to mend, the hospital rooms offering spectacular views of the slopes. Though not quite Club Med, the clinic does come with amenities, such as cutting-edge equipment, a supreme rehab center and, of course, the surgeons.

As A-Rod has probably learned, these doctors are relentless in rehab. They don't pamper patients as much as push — hard.

"They're wonderful in your hour of need," said Norman, who's had work done on his shoulder, knee and hip. "That word has gotten around quickly."

Has it ever. That's due in part to the surgeon they call "Steady."

Norway's Svindal clinches World Cup overall

Miller may retire

ARE, Sweden (AP) — Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway clinched his second overall World Cup title by a record-low two-point margin on Saturday, winning when Benjamin Raich of Austria straddled a gate in the opening run of the final slalom of the season.

"I could have clinched it in the giant slalom yesterday, but now it was up to Raich and he skied out," Svindal said. "Today I was lucky. It's not luck to get over 1,000 points in the World Cup. But to win by two points after he skis out is luck."

Bode Miller, the defending men's overall champion, sat out the last three weekends in Europe and skipped the World Cup finals. The American did not win a race this season and has yet to decide on retirement.

Svindal competed in the first three races — the downhill, super-G and the giant slalom — at these finals despite a cold and high fever at night.

"Waking up today I was feeling much better than yesterday," he said. "Also, yesterday I was really disappointed. I had the 'match point' — I had the chance to take the overall. I wasn't anywhere close.

"But after a couple of hours, it was like 'You know, this has been a great week, the season has been great. If I'm ending up second in the overall, I'm very happy with that. Benjamin deserves to win.'"

Mario Matt of Austria, who captured the slalom gold medal on the same hill at the 2007 world championships, won the race in a two-run total of 1 minute, 45.71 seconds for his 12th World Cup victory.

Jean-Baptiste of France won the slalom championship with 541 points after finishing third behind Julien Lizeroux of France.

Ivica Kostelic of Croatia,

who finished well back, took second in the final slalom standings with 454 points.

Raich, the only skier who could catch Svindal, trailed the Norwegian 1,009-1,007 going into the final race of the season. That proved to be the final standings as both were disqualified Saturday.

The winning margin was the smallest in World Cup history, and the winning total for Svindal — who also missed a gate — was the lowest ever.

Frenchman Luc Alphand set the previous lowest total for overall points when he had 1,130 in 1997.

Mercy!



United States players Chipper Jones, left, and Derek Jeter, right, sit in the dugout in the fifth inning as the U.S. was down 6-0 to Puerto Rico during the second round of the World Baseball Classic game in Miami, Saturday. AP Photo

U.S. squad embarrassed by 11-1 loss to Puerto Rico

MIAMI — Jake Peavy lasted only two innings, and in the wake of a Classic blowout, Team USA could soon be gone, too.

Thanks to an embarrassing 11-1 loss to Puerto Rico on Saturday night that was stopped early because of the mercy rule, the Americans are once again on the ropes in round two of the World Baseball Classic.

Carlos Beltran and Felipe Lopez homered, and Puerto Rico rocked Peavy for six runs to send the U.S. team into the loser's bracket. The Americans face the Netherlands in an elimination game Sunday night.

Javier Vazquez (2-0) allowed one run in five innings for Puerto Rico, which remained unbeaten through four games. Ivan Rodriguez, playing in Miami for the first time since he helped the Marlins win the 2003 World Series, went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI to hike his WBC batting average to .600 (9-for-15).

Adding embarrassment to an ugly U.S. performance, the game ended in the seventh inning because of the tournament's 10-run rule.

The Americans were

eager to make amends for a humiliating eighth-place finish in the inaugural WBC three years ago, and they came into the tournament considered a strong contender for the title. But now they're in danger of repeating their second-round exit in 2006.

Puerto Rico advances to a winner's bracket game Monday against Venezuela, which beat the Dutch 3-1 in the first game Saturday.

Manager Davey Johnson unexpectedly rejoined Team USA and watched with a grimace as the Americans quickly fell behind. He had been scheduled to miss the game for the wedding of his stepson in St. Petersburg, with bench coach Barry Larkin filling in as interim manager.

The crowd of 30,595 was evenly divided in its support, but Puerto Rico fans had a lot more to cheer about. Derek Jeter, Chipper Jones and Kevin Youklis went a combined 0-for-9 batting 2-3-4 for Team USA, and Mark DeRosa went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts while stranding five runners.

DeRosa was a late fill-in for reigning AL MVP

Dustin Pedroia, placed on the disabled list for the second round Saturday because of a strained muscle on his left side.

With the score 7-1, Beltran homered off Matt Thornton to start the seventh. Lopez doubled home a run and Mike Aviles hit a two-out, two-run single to end the game. Puerto Rico poured out of the dugout as fans armed with thundersticks and flags let out one final roar.

VENEZUELA 3, NETHERLANDS 1

MIAMI — Three hits were all Venezuela could muster against the Netherlands.

It was a good thing it made them count.

Miguel Cabrera and Jose Lopez each had solo home runs, powering Venezuela to a 3-1 win over the Netherlands in the second round of the World Baseball Classic on Saturday.

In his first game back at Dolphin Stadium, Cabrera reached back to his Florida Marlins' days with a line drive over the left-center field wall in the fourth that gave Venezuela the lead for good and sent fans of the red, yellow and blue into a flag-waving frenzy.

Cabrera took his familiar slow walk down the first-base line, watching his ball sail over the scoreboard.

"It was very special to come back to Miami, my old home," Cabrera said. "I'm glad I got a home run and helped our team win the game."

Carlos Silva allowed one run and four hits in seven innings, and Lopez's homer in the eighth gave Venezuela all the cushion it needed.

Venezuela will play Puerto Rico on Monday for a chance to clinch a spot in the finals in Los Angeles. The Netherlands will play the United States in an elimination game today.

The Netherlands were fueled again by strong pitching and defense and forced its opponent to make plays. It was the same formula that helped the Netherlands advance to the second round of the WBC by ousting the star-studded Dominican Republic with a pair of stunning upsets, including a 3-2, 11-inning elimination game win.

But the Dutch wasted plenty of opportunities against Venezuela.

— The Associated Press

Injuries hamper Duchschere, MVP Pedroia

The Associated Press

The Oakland Athletics will start the season without their top pitcher, and the Boston Red Sox plan to take a close look at Dustin Pedroia's injury.

Justin Duchschere had another setback Saturday in his rehabilitation from a sore elbow, and the two-time All-Star won't be ready for opening day with the A's.

Duchschere had to stop playing long toss in Phoenix because of persistent pain in his right elbow. He was given a cortisone injection and he won't be able to touch a baseball until at least Tuesday.

"When I got to 75-80 percent, it started hurting," he said. "The more I threw, the worse it got. Instead of taking a few more days off, we're going to hit it hard with cortisone and take it from there."

Duchschere said the extra rest would prevent him from building up his pitch count.

"If I don't feel better soon, I'd probably start the season on the DL," he said. "I've got a lot of pitches to throw to get ready to start a regular-season game."

The A's have considered putting Duchschere in the bullpen to start the year while he builds his arm strength toward starting. Duchschere said he wouldn't object to a temporary bullpen assignment, but at the moment it's a moot point because he's still in pain.

"To say the least, it's frustrating," he said.

When Duchschere resumes throwing, he'll have to start with light catch. He missed the end of the 2008 season with a hip problem that was surgically repaired last fall.

Pedroia was headed back to Boston Red Sox camp

after leaving the World Baseball Classic because of a strained muscle on his left side.

The reigning AL MVP was placed on the disabled list for the second round of the WBC, but he said the injury isn't serious enough to keep him from being ready for opening day.

The second baseman was replaced on the United States roster by Baltimore's Brian Roberts.

Pedroia was scratched from the lineup before Saturday night's 11-1 loss to Puerto Rico in Miami, a game that was stopped in the seventh inning because of the tournament's mercy rule. He said he first noticed the injury while hitting during a workout Friday, and it worsened when he hit in the batting cage Saturday.

"Obviously, I'm upset," Pedroia said. "Today I felt shooting pain, so that was a sign to stop. Hopefully, it's nothing serious. I'm not concerned about the season. I'll definitely be ready for the season."

Pedroia said he'll be examined by Red Sox doctors Sunday in Fort Myers, Fla., where the team trains. He thinks playing meaningful games so early in March might have contributed to the injury.

"I've never had anything like this," Pedroia said. "Maybe I pushed it a little bit too hard too fast."

In other Red Sox news, shortstop Julio Lugo had an MRI on his balky right knee.

Lugo left Friday's 8-4 victory over the New York Yankees in the first inning.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona said the results would be sent to team doctors this weekend, but didn't sound hopeful.

"The concern is a meniscus tear," Francona said. "We'll hope for the best."



Oakland Athletics' Nomar Garciaparra, right, and Justin Duchschere sit in the dugout against the Cleveland Indians in the second inning of their spring training baseball game in Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday. Duchschere had a setback in his rehabilitation on Saturday and won't be ready for opening day. AP photo

Slugger Josh Hamilton wants focus off him and on Rangers

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — During a hunting trip in Nebraska this winter, far from the spotlight of last season's Midsummer Classic, Josh Hamilton finally had a chance to contemplate all that had happened.

The awe-inspiring display in the Home Run Derby at Yankee Stadium, where the former No. 1 draft pick was an All-Star starter less than three years after he emerged from the black hole of cocaine and alcohol addiction. His American League-leading 130 RBIs while hitting .304 with 32 homers in 156 games in his first full season.

"I enjoyed sitting there with it quiet and did a lot of reflecting," Hamilton said. "It was a great year, an unbelievable year."

During that reflection, the Texas slugger also started feeling something else.

"Excitement," he said. "Kind of the urge to want to get started again and see if you can do better."

Hamilton is now ready for his next chapter, one in



Texas Rangers player Josh Hamilton watches his two-run home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the first inning of a spring training game in Phoenix, March 13. AP photo

which he hopes to be part of the supporting cast on a winning team and not the center of media attention for his inspirational story.

Hamilton has repeatedly and openly told of the addictions that could have kept him from ever playing again. In countless interviews, sharing his testimony with church groups and a book released during the offseason, he has spared none of the ugly details of when his life had spiraled out of control.

The triumphant part of

Hamilton's story is also well-known, including his debut in the majors with Cincinnati in 2007, eight years after he was drafted, and those 28 home runs in the first round of the Home Run Derby.

"The first couple of years were about getting back and getting settled in," Hamilton said. "Now that I'm settled in, it's about winning baseball games, doing what I can for the team."

While continuing to do what he has to do for himself to avoid any mistakes that

"Now that I'm settled in, it's about winning baseball games, doing what I can for the team."

— Josh Hamilton

could lead him astray. God and his family remain his main focus, and baseball is something he does.

"Our whole focus with Josh is his faith, his family and being the father and the husband he wants to be, the man he wants to be," said Johnny Narron, a Rangers coach and longtime friend who is his almost-constant companion. "His baseball talent will take care of itself. As long as he's on the field playing, he's going to perform. His tools will play."

The 27-year-old Hamilton knows that even after nearly 3½ years of sobriety and his on-field accomplishments, he is still a recovering addict.

"There's still those days," Hamilton said. "It only takes one, it only takes thinking that I can one time to end up right back where I was."

Just like the past two seasons, Hamilton carries little if any money and Narron

holds on to his \$89 per diem players get on the road. Narron, hired by the Rangers from Cincinnati after they acquired Hamilton, will be in an adjoining hotel room on road trips, and the two will continue to have meals and Bible study together.

"Josh is a unique talent with unique needs," Narron said. "Everything's the same," Hamilton said. "I just don't need to try to take any unnecessary chances."

Hamilton tried cocaine and alcohol for the first time on the same night in 2002, when he was on the disabled list in the minor leagues. What followed were multiple failed drug tests, suspensions from baseball, eight trips to drug rehabilitation or treatment centers, and estrangement from his family.

It was an unimaginably dark journey for the clean-cut 18-year-old kid from North Carolina that Tampa

Bay took as the top pick out of high school in 1999.

He was strung out with nowhere else to turn when he showed up at his grandmother's door in the middle of the night — and has now been sober since October 2005.

When Hamilton first joined Texas last spring, traded from Cincinnati after he hit .292 with 19 homers in 298 at-bats during his rookie season, he shared his story in a news conference after the first full-squad workout. Several teammates and Rangers officials listened.

They then got a close-up look at his incredible breakthrough season, from the daily batting practice shows to finally fulfilling the lofty expectations that came with being a top prospect.

"He's a once-in-a-generation baseball player," teammate Hank Blalock said this week.

"You see his power, his arm, everything. Those are the type of things that make fans kind of jump out of their seats and say 'Wow!'" David Murphy said.

Your Scores

BOWLING

SUNSET BOWL, BUHL SUNSET SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: John Haxby 559, Ron Fugate 531, Al Kooiman 524, Ed Hanna 521.
MEN'S GAMES: Don Huff 213, Charlie Hill 201, Al Kooiman 201, Ron Fugate 199.
LADIES SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 436, Bonnie Sligar 395, Camille Zach 394, Carol Ruhter 390.
LADIES GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 168, Bonnie Sligar 152, Camille Zach 150, Carol Ruhter.
MONDAY YABA
BOYS' SERIES: Rick Stoltenburg 349, Joe Stroltenburg 324, Chaz Hicks 213, Adam Mings 127.
BOYS' GAMES: Rick Stoltenburg 137, Joe Stroltenburg 123, Chaz Hicks 79, Adam Mings 61.
GIRLS' SERIES: Sarah Thompson 215, Alexis Breck 211, Julie Anne Nejechleba 197.
GIRLS' GAMES: Sarah Thompson 84, Julie Anne Nejechleba 81, Alexis Breck
LUCKY STRIKERS
SERIES: Mandi Olson 562, Lois Tomlinson 537, Beverly Rodig 496, Claudene Stricklan 483.
GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 214, Mandi Olson 194, Brenda Wengreen 190, Beverly Rodig 185.
MASON TROPHY
SERIES: Nancy Bright 469, Verna Kodesh 468, Dixie Schroeder 446, Carol Ruhter 407.
GAMES: Verna Kodesh 180, Nancy Bright 171, Dixie Schroeder 167, Katie Owsley 166.
PINBUSTERS
SERIES: Dirk McCallister 668, Dee Maier 664, Josh Kennedy 661, Marty Bright 618.
GAMES: Dee Maier 256, Josh Allred 255, Dirk McCallister 243, Lance Pragnell 234.
SPARE PAIRS
MEN'S SERIES: Dirk McCallister 650, Josh Kennedy 632, Tom Wiggs 630, Ron Romero 628.
MEN'S GAMES: Ron Romero 237, Pat Russell 236, Dirk McCallister 233, Tom Wiggs 233.
LADIES SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 532, Kay Miller 510, Dorothy Moon 489, Cheryl Russell 461.
LADIES GAMES: Kay Miller 194, Darla McCallister 194, Lois Tomlinson 184, Dorothy Moon 177.
STARLITE
MEN'S SERIES: Matt Olson 629, Dustin McCallister 617, Josh Kennedy 569, Jerry Foster 556.
MEN'S GAMES: Ray Griffin 246, Drew Foster 236, Matt Olson 232, Gene Schroeder 226.
LADIES SERIES: Teresa Boehm 570, Jeanne Hicks 552, Mandi Olson 520, Diana Griffin 488.
LADIES GAMES: Debbie Graham 200, Teresa Boehm 200, Mandi Olson 192, Jeanne Hicks 192.
MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: RD Adema 663, Steve Hart 630, Robbie Watkins 625, Ed Chappell 611.
MEN'S GAMES: Steve Hart 252, RD Adema 235, Jerry Seabolt 235, Rick Frederiksen 232.
LADIES SERIES: Margie Adema 567, Sylvia Inman 557, Dixie Craig 542, Vicki Kiesig 538.
LADIES GAMES: Stephanie Evans 245, Margie Adema 224, Dixie Craig 220, Vicki Kiesig 208.
COMMERCIAL
SERIES: Joe Lamanna 696, Matt Olson 677, Sonny Miller 674, Ian DeVries 635.
GAMES: Joe Lamanna 267, Sonny Miller 265, Ian DeVries 258, Matt Olson 246.
MASON
SERIES: Kathy Gray 592, Gloria Harder 553, Glenda Barrutia 544, Jean Stokesberry 534.
GAMES: Jean Stokesberry 230, Kathy Gray 213, Gloria Harder 202, Kathy Gray 200.
PIONEER
SERIES: Sunny McKelvey 617, Julie Shaffer 615, Cindy Morrison 599, Cheri Freeman 580.
GAMES: Amber Blackwell 233, Cindy Morrison 219, Sunny McKelvey 213, Julie Shaffer 211.
VALLEY
SERIES: Zach Black 697, Cobey Magee 688, Todd Fiscus 687, Ron Dawson 662.
GAMES: RD Adema 269, Zach Black 259, Ron Dawson 256, Jeff Thuren 253.

THURS. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Steve Ramirez 626, Jim Shirley 581, Kevin Parks 562, Jeff Whittemore 554.
MEN'S GAMES: Jim Shirley 236, Steve Ramirez 235, Charles Lewis 221, Jim Howard 212.
LADIES SERIES: Edie Barkley 542, Kim Daigh 502, Kathy McClure 497, Danita Johnson 450.
LADIES GAMES: Kathy McClure 204, Kim Daigh 198, Edie Barkley 189, Elara Smith 161.
EARLY FRI. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Joe Lamana 637, Tad Capurro 635, Mike Goodson 635, Terry Rogers 598.
MEN'S GAMES: Clint Koyle 247, Darwin Dudley 241, Mike Goodson 235, Tad Capurro 234.
LADIES SERIES: Tawnia Bryant 640, Krista Wakley 604, Crisa Charlton 543, Melissa Straub 542.
LADIES GAMES: Tawnia Bryant 233, Krista Wakley 223, Crisa Charlton 204, Melissa Straub 202.
SAT. YABA 2/21
BOYS' SERIES: Kyle Mason 542, Anthony Brady 507, Michael Jenkins 473, Rhett Bryant 459.
BOYS' GAMES: Kyle Mason 213, Anthony Brady 199, Rhett Bryant 176, Michael Jenkins 162.
GIRLS' SERIES: Ali Churchman 499, Chelsey Brady 404, Rio Leazer 395, Marissa Eggleston 305.
GIRLS' GAMES: Ali Churchman 207, Marissa Eggleston 177, Chelsey Brady 140, Rio Leazer 136.
SAT. YABA 2/28
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Brady 509, Kyle Mason 489, Dominic Curtis 481, Michael Jenkins 468.
BOYS' GAMES: Dominic Curtis 207, Kyle Mason 205, Michael Jenkins 184, Rhett Bryant 177.
GIRLS' SERIES: Chelsey Brady 468, Ali Churchman 428, Rio Leazer 396, Ryanne Schroeder 227.
GIRLS' GAMES: Ali Churchman 206, Chelsey Brady 179, Rio Leazer 147, Tiffany Bryant 109.
SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MONDAY MARAUDERS
SERIES: Derry Smith 578, Kristie Johnston 530, Diane Stroberg 481.
GAMES: Derry Smith 219, Kristie Johnston 189, Diane Stroberg 178.
ODD BALL
SERIES: Gypsy Martinez 496, Debe Ingram 493, Jan Studer 467.
GAMES: Jachelle Lowe 199, Gypsy Martinez 189, Debe Ingram 181.
LADIES TRIOS
SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 600, Annette Hirsch 536, Amy Schenk 524.
GAMES: Tiffinay Hager 214, Annette Hirsch 213, Karla Bott 202.
MEN'S CLASSIC TRIOS
SERIES: Bob Bywater 919, Steve Schab 860, Justin Studer 851.
GAMES: Bob Bywater 289, Justin Studer 266, Steve Schab 257.
TUESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Rick Hieb 732, Bob Bywater 654, Randy Rose 635.
MEN'S GAMES: Rick Hieb 257, Bob Bywater 244, Jordan Parish 238.
LADIES SERIES: Stacy Hieb 632, Kristie Johnston 531, Lori Fletcher 509.
LADIES GAMES: Stacy Hieb 225, Theresa Knowlton 215, Kristie Johnston 192.
WEDNESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Jordan Parish 630, Tyson Hirsch 628, Delbert Bennet 608.
MEN'S GAMES: Jordan Parish 255, Tyson Hirsch 236, Loren Holyoad 220.
LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 509, Terri Harris 474, Susan Fowler 464.
LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 247, Susan Fowler 171, Terri Harris 169.
RAILROADERS
SERIES: Anna Rose 653, Jamie Stewart 585, Kristine Jones 577.
GAMES: Jamie Stewart 228, Anna Rose 225, Diane Adamson 213.
THURSDAY AM DOUBLES
SERIES: Derry Smith 526, Kym Son 521, Jamie Stewart 499.
GAMES: Derry Smith 182, Jamie Stewart 177, Karen Dansie 172.
HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Bonnie Murphy 542,

Kristie Johnston 503, Bonnie McClellan 479.
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ELKS HOOPS SHOOT Hoggarth, Harr win region titles

Times-News

Twin Falls residents Casey Hoggarth and Regan Harr won their respective divisions at the Elks Hoop Shoot Northwest Regional Championship in Portland, Ore., on March 7.

Both represented Snake River Lodge No. 2807 at the regional event. Hoggarth, a student at Immanuel Lutheran School, made 18 of 25 free throws to win the boys 10- and 11-year-old division. Harr, a student at Morningside Elementary,

made 19 of 25 to take top honors in the girls 10- and 11-year old division.

Both Hoggarth and Harr will travel with their parents, courtesy of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to Springfield, Mass., for Elks Hoop Shoot National Free Throw Contest, April 23-26. They will be among 72 finalists competing for one of six national trophies.

The Elks Hoop Shoot is in its 37th year and has had more than 104 million participants.

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Pil Sung Martial Arts' newest Little Tiger black belt, Kody Leonard, front, poses with Little Tiger head instructor Lisa Farnsworth, Master Bill Fulcher and Chief Master Jay Hartwell. Little Tigers are 4-6 years old.



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Times-News

Idaho natives Andrew Wallace and Braxton Tomlinson earned spots on the Hyperlite Legion Team over the course of last summer.

Hyperlite's Legion Team is comprised of athletes that possess the requisite skills on a board, but who also represent the brand in a positive light. Wallace and Tomlinson will be working in the region to help educate wakeboarders about the sport and will represent Hyperlite and Idaho Water Sports at regional tournaments, boats shows and sales.

Wallace and Tomlinson have been members of Team Idaho Water Sports



Andrew Wallace



Braxton Tomlinson

for the past four years. Their profiles are available at <http://www.hyperlite.com>

under the Teams then Legion Team section.

Did Olympics improve human rights in China?

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — One political issue overshadowed the rest when International Olympic Committee members voted in 2001 to award the Summer Games to Beijing — human rights.

Tibetan activists demonstrated against the bid near the Moscow convention center where the secret ballot was held, and Russian police broke up small protests by free-speech advocates.

Inside the hall, however, there was a consensus that awarding the games to China for 2008 would moderate the country's authoritarian government. Francois Carrard, the IOC's director general at the time, was quoted widely as saying there was "one issue on the table ... and that is human rights."

"We are taking the bet that seven years from now, we sincerely and dearly hope we will see many changes," Carrard said.

Now with the games fading in the rearview mirror, human rights and free-speech advocates — along with academics and others — are skeptical that China is embracing human rights and civil liberties.

"The IOC, when it gave the Olympics to China, thought they could change China," said Luo Qing, who researches China's national image at Communication University of China in Beijing. "I think the Chinese government wanted only to change the world's image of China."

Luo is compiling a lengthy report this month for the IOC at its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, detailing media coverage of the games in 13 countries.

Inside China, the Olympics were a huge hit, with 98.6 percent of Beijing residents saying the games were a "success;" in a poll published by the Beijing Evening News. Chinese state TV still runs highlights of the 51 gold-medal triumphs, a reminder that under Communist rule China has arrived as a sports and political superpower.

Yet a BBC poll published last month, surveying 13,500 people in 21 countries, showed China's positive rating fell by 6 percentage points in 2008 to 39 percent from the year before. In explaining the results, the chairman of the polling company suggested "China has much to learn about winning hearts and minds in the world."

Take the "special zones" set up at the IOC's urging in three parks around the city for protests. None of the 77 applications filed to hold a protest was granted, and two elderly grandmothers — aged 77 and 79 — were given a year of re-education through labor for applying.

Their sentences were eventually revoked, but not before Chinese Olympic officials were badgered about it during combative news conferences at the games. Most applicants wanted to protest about labor, health care issues or social services.

"The Chinese government's handling of the political issues (during the games) such as human rights proved to some foreigners that the People's Republic of China was the same non-democratic and suppressive regime," said Xu Guoqi, a historian at Kalamazoo College in Michigan and author of "Olympic Dreams: China and Sports 1895-2008." He replied to questions by e-mail.

Human rights campaigners say the situation in China has worsened since the Beijing Games. They charge Chinese authorities with repression of minorities in Tibet and elsewhere, harassment of dissi-

dents and extrajudicial torture and killing.

The prime example is Liu Xiaobo, the co-author of a statement calling for political and human rights and an end to one-party rule. The statement was released in December, and he's been detained by police ever since at an undisclosed location.

Some have faulted IOC president Jacques Rogge for the lack of overall progress, saying he seemed reluctant to press Chinese leaders on rights issues.

Sophie Richardson, a spokeswoman for the advocacy group Human Rights Watch, said the group repeatedly expressed its concerns to the IOC, but officials were unresponsive and hypocritical.

"Jacques Rogge loved to stand up and say that the Olympics are about sports and not politics," Richardson said. "But when it suits him to do so, he wants to try and take credit for claiming the Olympics have opened China to the world."

"If anything, I think the games effectively set the clock back on human rights."

In a statement to The Associated Press, the IOC

"The decision in 2001 to give the games to China was made in the hope of improvement in human rights and, indeed, the Chinese themselves said that having the games would accelerate progress in such matters."

— IOC member Dick Pound in his book 'Inside the Olympics'

declined to evaluate China's rights records since the games.

"We will leave those judgments to others," the IOC said. It predicted the games would help "drive positive social change in the years ahead" and prompt "progress going beyond the sporting arena."

It may be naive to believe that a sporting event — even the Olympics — would change China or its image. It's noteworthy that China declined to bid for soccer's 2018 or 2022 World Cups, perhaps a more complex logistical undertak-



AP photo

Pro-Tibet activists unfurl a 'Free Tibet' banner and Tibetan flags on top of a Beijing Olympics billboard Aug. 15, 2008, next to China Central Television headquarters in Beijing, China.

ing with games played at a dozen venues. The World Cup also lasts six weeks — not two — and could present a security nightmare — even for an authoritarian state.

It's also a bad time for extravagance.

The economic downturn has called into question spending \$42 billion to prepare the Olympics in a country that now has at least 20 million unemployed migrant workers — they earn about \$150-200 monthly — prompting government fears of widespread unrest.

"China is changing, and I think the Olympics were a milestone," said Luo, the image specialist. "But we no longer believe that the image of China can be changed because of one Olympic Games."

Stung by foreign criticism, state-run broadcaster CCTV and the state-run Xinhua news agency are reported to be spending billions of dollars to beef up worldwide news operations to get out

China's message.

"When I showed international criticism to Chinese people, they were surprised," Luo said. "They think the international community is demonizing China."

The games did lift some reporting restrictions on foreign journalists, though press watchdogs say domestic reporters have been hemmed in by an array of controls including government plans to create a blacklist of journalists with a bad records.

"The Olympics brought a lot of development to Beijing, but I don't see that there have been any changes to human rights as a result of the Olympics," said Rebecca MacKinnon, a professor at the University of Hong Kong who studies censorship in the Chinese media and on Chinese Internet sites.

During the Olympics, the Chinese government lifted blocks on some English-language Web sites. Meanwhile, government control of the Chinese-language media

tightened before, during and, now, since the games.

Some blogs that pushed the envelope on political issues have been closed, and the government is becoming more sophisticated in trying to control public opinion. There are reports some bloggers — nicknamed "50 Centers" — are paid by the government to pose as ordinary citizens, posting comments that support government views. The same bloggers also monitor content.

Shen Dingli, director of the Center for American Studies at Shanghai's Fudan University, said the games might make China's communist leadership more tolerant of criticism, allowing for more robust reporting on social issues — like last year's Sichuan earthquake. However, a scandal over tainted milk — which killed at least six babies — was widely reported to have been covered up by government officials and not reported until the Olympics ended.

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TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage, big fenced yard, sprinkler system, no smoking, pets negotiable, near Sawtooth Elementary School. \$975/month + deposit. 420-1804

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Homes**

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BUHL Available now 2-3 bedroom apartments. Rent based on income. Call 543-8833 Equal Housing Opportunity.

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The Mgmt. 733-0739

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Monday-Friday
Call 208-678-7438

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Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
CARDS FOR TWO By Willy A. Wiseman, New York, New York

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TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, kitchen appl no smoking/pets. \$365-\$395. http://steelmgt.com Call 208-735-0473

TWIN FALLS 132 Borah, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, lg. TV rm, no pets/smoking. \$695/mo. + \$695 dep. 420-9339

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, no pets, AC, \$525/mo. + \$900 dep. 208-212-1678

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, new paint, carport, storage, patio, landscaped no pet, immaculate, \$695. 208-732-5408

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, spotless brick apt, new carpet & paint, gas heat, no pets. \$475 + dep. 732-5408

TWIN FALLS Clean & quiet 2 bdrm, 2 bath with all appls, fireplace. No smoking or pets. \$575. 208-539-6913 or 208-539-0900

TWIN FALLS clean 2 bdrm duplex, with finished bmt, D/W, W/D hookups, central air, some utlis. Garage, no pets/smoking, \$595 + deposit. 612 Idaho St. 734-6230.

TWIN FALLS duplex, clean, quiet, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, walk in closets, fireplace, den, bdrm in egress bmt, 2300 sq ft, loads of storage, no smoking/pets, \$685 + \$600 dep. References. Call 208-734-6830.

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Woman starts to question boyfriend's overprotectiveness in relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Josh," won't leave me alone. We have been living together for almost a year, and he is the ultimate overprotector. When I start to leave the house to run errands or anything, he stops me and asks, "Where do you think you're going?" When I tell him, he will then follow me to the location.

I love Josh and would never want to hurt his feelings, but I think he's a little too worried about me. I'm an adult, and I can take care of myself. Is Josh being too overprotective, or am I just crazy?

— OVERPROTECTED IN OREGON

DEAR OVERPROTECTED: You're not crazy. Josh's behavior is over the top and is less about your safety than his own insecurity and lack of trust. Every year or so, I print the warning signs of an abuser. Please review them carefully. If any of the signs in addition to No. 3 apply to you, you should end the relationship immediately.

Read on:

1. PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUS: Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS AND MISTAKES: It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

7. MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry," instead of, "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming

hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you up with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID GENDER ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweet to violent in a matter of minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person made him (or her) do it.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Says things like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

IF MARCH 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Unpredictable outcomes are likely with anything important you attempt between now and your next birthday. With freedom loving Uranus sending energy your way the only thing certain is that you will change in some way, and that what is most important to your happiness will undergo a shift. You may be compelled to experiment with different lifestyles as well as relationships, but in September and October you need to pay attention to rules, regulations, and avoid locking in any long term commitments such as a loan or job. From December throughout February you have the best possible assistance from the stars to land the job of your dreams, find the special someone you have always wanted to meet, or to make a crucial commitment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need to act like those chocolates with the hard candy shell. Loved ones might not be as warm and attentive as you'd like early in the week. Don't take it personally as eventually the situation will thaw.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Safety first. You yearn for security and have a tendency to concentrate on caution in the week ahead. Because you may put duty before pleasure, you can do well with any subject that requires dedication.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be able to turn someone's disapproval into praise. Past mistakes might come back to haunt you this week, but you will possess the good judgment to make corrections and set things right.

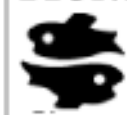
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Practice economy and thrift. You might imagine that new clothes will change your image. You could be enthralled by the latest styles or fashions but will be better served by waiting for a sale.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your pennies back in your pocket. You might be attracted by the unattainable or glamorous or might need a few extra pennies later in the week. There is no good reason to squander them all today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's getting better all the time. You may feel as though you are wearing a strait jacket and unable to express yourself fully, but by practicing constraint you will eventually earn your just rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): All that glitters isn't gold. It is possible that you think something or someone is quite desirable. Your heart is

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Jeraldine Saunders

in the right place, but someone else's might not be keeping pace in the week to come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bide your time, as good things always come to those who wait. Loved ones may seem to be more concerned with a sense of duty than with unbridled spontaneity early in the week. Adjust your expectations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your brain, not your brawn. Develop a mental attitude that sees every mistake as an opportunity to learn. You will be able to improve your reputation or public standing in the week to come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything is as it should be. You are focused on the fulfillment of certain contractual obligations this week and that might put a damper on exciting financial dreams and romantic escapades.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You ooze sex appeal and charm, but that doesn't mean that you should push for a firm commitment or a promise. Use your attractiveness to make a favorable impression on the job this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Know your limits. You can't break new ground when held back by relentless pressure from others to conform. Learn a lesson by paying attention to the areas that cause disapproval and censure.

filled truck at a crossing in Bourbonnais, Ill., killing 11 people. The Kosovar Albanian delegation to peace talks in Paris said it was ready to sign an international accord for Kosovo. Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, Billy Joel and Dusty Springfield were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: Ten days after being convicted in a stock scandal, Martha Stewart resigned from the board of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned to the Caribbean from African exile after winning temporary asylum in Jamaica. A drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq, killed four American missionaries.

One year ago: A construction crane toppled in New York City, killing seven people. China's legislature reappointed Hu Jintao as president.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 15, 1919, members of the American Expeditionary Force from World War I convened in Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American Legion.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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NOTICE OF BID

Jerome County is soliciting for bids to build an Agri - building on the Jerome County Fairgrounds. Contractors are required to have a public works license through the State of Idaho. Contractor's bids will be accepted until the close of business on Monday, March 30, 2009 at 5pm. The scope of work is available upon request at 200 N. Fir Street, Jerome, Idaho, Fair Office or by calling 208-324-7209.

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NOTICE OF SALE

South Locust Mini Storage, 197 South Locust, Twin Falls, ID 83301 will sell entire contents of 3 storage units to the highest bidder on site 3/19/2009 at 9:00 AM, cash only at time of sale. To be removed by 5:00 PM 3/19/2009.

Scott Dodson, Unit 97, 136 Lincoln, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Mark Phillips, Unit 110, 340 Elm St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Edward Amerson, Unit 189, 148 Addison Ave. West, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

PUBLISH: March 8 and 15, 2009

LEGAL NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Living Independence Network Corporation, a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization, intends to seek funding from the Federal Transit Administration assistance for purchase of service funds through the Idaho Transportation Department's funding application to meet locally developed strategies identified and prioritized in Local Mobility Management Network plans. Notice is hereby given that public comment regarding the accessibility, routes, and any other pertinent information is solicited from the general public, persons with disabilities, elderly individuals and their respective organizations, and private or competing transportation providers. A district meeting will be held to provide a final opportunity for comment, at which time a public hearing may be held if requested, March 30, 2009 Idaho Transportation Department, 4:00p.m.-6:00 p.m., Emergency Operations Center, EOC Conference Room, 216 South Date Street, Shoshone Idaho 83352-0820.

For information about the proposed grant application prior to the District meeting direct them to LINC, Melva Heinrich, @ mheinrich@lincidaho.org, or 1182 Eastland Drive N., Suite C, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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For information or comments about the proposed grant application direct them to Kathy Pope, 1-800-356-9796 and Kathy@saltlakeexpress.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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Twin Falls, Idaho

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1. Spaniel, white/brown, female, red collar. Madrona Street.
2. Akita cross, brindle/white, female puppy. Lawrence Street.
3. Chow cross, black, male. Meadows Lane.
4. Hound/Pit adult & 6 puppies. Stadium Blvd.
5. Spaniel cross, gray/tan, male. 3031 E 3200 N.
6. Hound/Shepherd, red, male. 3031 E 3200 N.
7. Rottweiler/Shepherd, black/tan, female, pup. Magic Valley Mall. (Pink rhinestone collar)
8. Hound cross, white/red, male. Salmon Dam.
9. Husky, gray/white, neutered male. Blue Lakes Blvd (green collar)
10. Bernese Mountain Dog cross, tri, male. Flying J, Jerome (red collar).
11. Labrador/Chesapeake, black, female, 7th Ave E
12. Pit Bull, brindle, male. Polk Street.
13. Springer Spaniel, liver/white, male. Witt Street (black collar)

ADOPTIONS

1. Collie/Heeler, yellow/white, neutered male adult.
2. Shepherd cross, black, neutered male, adult.
3. Spaniel/Shepherd, brown/black, spayed female, adult.
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Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

	1			4				3
			3					
7	8		4					6
				1				
6	4		2		7			5
			9					
4				5		8		2
					2			
5	1						9	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	6	5	2	8	9	1	4
4	2	1	9	7	6	5	3	8
8	9	5	4	1	3	7	6	2
5	4	7	8	6	9	3	2	1
6	1	2	3	5	7	8	4	9
3	8	9	2	4	1	6	7	5
2	5	3	7	8	4	1	9	6
9	6	8	1	3	2	4	5	7
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Dear Mr. Wolff:
 If you were dealt ♠ A-J, ♥ K-9-6, ♦ K-10-6-4-2, ♣ 6-3-2, would you open in fourth seat, and would the vulnerability affect the decision?
 Lightweight, Wausau, Wis.

ANSWER: Playing pairs, I tend to open my 11-12 point hands when vulnerable (even when relatively short in spades, a criterion others take seriously). My logic is that my partner is likely to be close to an opener since he passed in second seat. As for my RHO, anyone who passes in third seat nonvulnerable is surely weak, so it rates to be our hand.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
 Can you explain what is supposed to happen in a tournament if a pair cannot play a board, either because of an accident in the movement or because of a late play.
 Lost in Space, Janesville, Wis.

ANSWER: I'm not an experienced director, but I think if you cannot play a deal because of something to which you contributed (e.g., by playing the deal at the wrong table), you get an average or average minus. Your real opponents — who did nothing wrong — get an average plus.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
 If you open a major suit and your partner responds one no-trump, are you allowed to invite by bidding two no-trump with a good 16-count, or do you have to pass? What is the minimum you need to rebid two no-trump or even three no-trump?
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Dear Mr. Wolff:
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 Bouncing Bob, Mason City, Iowa

ANSWER: My philosophy here is simple. I've no idea who can make what, so I want to give my opponents the hardest problem I can. I suspect they can make a game, so let's see them work out what to do over my jump to five clubs. Yes, we might go for 800, but maybe I can give my partner a spade ruff, or he can set up the hearts and get out cheaply — or the opponents might overbid. I would do this at pairs, teams, or rubber.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact bry13072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.
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MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Newlyweds Destiny and Justin Earl are preparing for a new addition to their family, but with medical expenses and a cut in work hours for Destiny, it seems like a rough road ahead. 'The bills are just racking up,' Justin says. An illness that occurred in December will send Destiny into surgery later this spring, and she faced a lapse of insurance coverage as she shifted from her parent's plan to her husband's. The Earls' dream is to buy a house, but health must come first — so they are living in a cramped apartment in Filer until they can afford to buy.

Economic worries affect newlyweds, new mothers

By **Melissa Davlin**
Times-News writer

When Destiny Earl got married last autumn, things were looking up.

She wed her husband, Justin, in Harry Barry Park in Twin Falls on one of the warmest, sunniest days in October. They moved to an apartment in Filer and thought optimistically about their future.

But now Earl is worried about losing her job, and with it the newlywed couple's financial security.

See **CHANGES**, Family Life 3

The pain of tooth fairy economics

For most parents, myth and reality collide when telling children about the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus.

But facts are facts. Most of us would agree Santa has some cultural relevance internationally. The Easter Bunny, on the other hand, is just a creepy mammal who supposedly leaves eggs around the house, making him neither natural nor believable.



SPILT MILK
David Cooper

My real disgust, however, is reserved for the tooth fairy, an imaginary con artist who makes Bernie Madoff look like a two-bit piker.

Why am I in a barking rage? Because with three kids between ages 12 and 7, there are baby teeth scattered throughout my house. My first-grader is working on his teeth like a roofer who pulls shingles. In the past two weeks, he's yanked four and I don't think he's done for the month.

Obviously, what the boy wants is more money for his teeth. His first loss came while at my sister's house in Boise. My wife, not thinking about the precedent she was about to set, shoved \$2 under his pillow.

Maybe I'm not keeping up on the Consumer Price Index, but that's an absurd price for a baby tooth.

Three teeth later, my son's self-inflicted dental work has taken a bite into my wallet. Recently he pulled the second of his two front teeth and set it in a bowl to be clean "for the fairy!" But someone threw it out, causing him to erupt into a tantrum.

So eventually, good old Dad threw his arm into the sink, just to retrieve the tooth. Mark that down as yet another episode of what they don't cover in parenting books.

When you're digging teeth out of the sink, it's probably time to set new priorities. And the tooth fairy is in the doghouse. Remember, we're talking about a make-believe phantom who enters kids' rooms late at night, and takes a body part in exchange for money. Not even Stephen King has created something that crazy.

According to the Dictionary of American Folklore, the ritual of exchange associated with the tooth fairy has some ancient origin.

Commonly seen as a passage from infancy to childhood, the loss of baby teeth has also been celebrated by throwing them to the sun, to an animal or over the roof, or placing them in a tree. Some cultures have even encouraged another person to swallow the baby tooth, hide it or burn it. By contrast, throwing it in the sink is harmless.

I would guess it's the element of sacrifice that makes kids believe in the tooth fairy. Shedding a tooth requires some blood, tears and pain, leading children to believe there's somehow got to be a reward for their suffering.

So if my kids really want to shed parts of their bodies for cash, maybe I'd be in favor of a "toenail fairy" or a "hair fairy" — something that adds an element of cleanliness to their appearance.

Just make sure I don't have to retrieve anything from the sink.

David Cooper is a father of five. Reach him at dcooper@magicvalley.com.

Bugs, botany and butterfly nets

Garden's free activities help children explore natural world

By **Karen Bossick**
Times-News correspondent

FINDING THE FLOWERS

The Sawtooth Botanical Garden is a couple of miles south of Ketchum on the northeast corner of Idaho Highway 75 and Gimlet Road. The garden and educational center are open from dawn to dusk daily. Admission is free. Information: 726-9358 or www.sbgarden.org

KETCHUM — The brightly colored nook in one corner of the Sawtooth Botanical Garden education center is called The Discovery Corner.

With good reason. Cubbyholes are filled with baskets full of books, tools and other treasures waiting to be cradled in children's hands as they embark on a quest to learn about plants, insects, fish and the ecology of the world around them.

Backpacks full of butterfly nets, small garden gloves, spades and giant magnifying glasses wait for

a child to take them outside along the spring-fed creek that meanders through the garden.

There's a counter with cockroaches, walking sticks, butterflies and other bugs for children to view through a microscope, as well as hornet's, robin's and other nests they can pick up and examine.

There are enchanting books like "Diary of a

Worm!" And there's even a box of garden-related games, such as Bug-opoly — the creepy crawler version of Monopoly — the perfect antidote for a rainy afternoon or snowy morning. (Just be careful that you don't have to pay \$150 for termite inspection on your dwelling on Butterfly Bluff or Ladybug Landing.)

"The Discovery Corner is something kids can utilize



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Heather Lyons is armed with a bug net and a backpack equipped with garden gloves, magnifying gloves and other tools to explore the plants and critters outside in the Sawtooth Botanical Garden near Ketchum. Behind her are 16 baskets containing age-specific activities that children can do by themselves or with their parents.

year-round," said Allison Kennedy, the garden's education specialist. "They can do the outside activities on nice days and spend time

with inside activities on a rainy or snowy day. And, along the way, they'll learn

See **EXPLORE**, FL 3

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

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Today: Rib dinner, 1 p.m.
 Haak's Band
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.
 Jackpot, Nev., trip, 3 to 11 p.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.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas



Photo courtesy of SPENCER LUNDGREN

Wayne Skeem, 85, enjoys the skiing at Pomerelle in early February with his twin granddaughters, Kathryn and Annika Lundgren, all of Twin Falls.

SHARE YOUR BEST SHOTS OF ACTIVE SENIORS

On this page, the *Times-News* showcases some of our readers' best photographs of south-central Idaho's senior citizens leading active lives.

So round up your great shot of Grandpa feeding the calves, or that picture of your buddies from the senior center laughing it up over a game of pool. We aren't offering payment, but we'll share our favorite photos here each week.

The guidelines:

- **Photos must be** taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.
- **Stick to recent** photos, please. Nothing older than approximately one year.
- **Submit prints** (they can be plain-paper printouts or standard photo prints) for our ease of handling. Then *after* we choose photos for publication, we'll ask the photographers to e-mail high-resolution digital versions.
- **Identify** the people in your photograph, their ages and where and when the picture was taken. And, of course, tell us who shot the photo. (If you aren't the photographer, you must include the photographer's written permission for publication in the *Times-News*.) If you like, include a few extra comments.
- **Include** your address, phone number and e-mail address.
- **Mail prints to:** Virginia Hutchins, Features Editor, *Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Thursday: Roast beef
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
 Cards, 1 to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Tax prep, 9 to 11 a.m., by appointment, 326-4608
 Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 7 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: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Sausage gravy and biscuits
Friday: Meatloaf
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.; every-one over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 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.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m., \$1

Monday: Hot roast beef sandwich
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Grilled ham and cheese
Thursday: Roast turkey dinner
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.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon
 Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Music with the Fiddlers Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Potluck and program, 6 p.m.

Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Grilled ham and cheese
Thursday: Roast turkey dinner
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.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon
 Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Music with the Fiddlers Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Potluck and program, 6 p.m.

Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Grilled ham and cheese
Thursday: Roast turkey dinner
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.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon
 Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Music with the Fiddlers Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Potluck and program, 6 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: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Soup and salad bar
Friday: Roast beef
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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: Tater Tot casserole
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Salisbury loaf
Thursday: Polish sausage
Friday: Baked chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Last Resort Band Commission for the Blind
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Gem State Fiddlers
 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.
 Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Dick and John Square dancing
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Free Will Baptist Church
 Potluck, 6 p.m., Creek Side
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Taxes, noon to 4 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Kids Club, 4 to 6 p.m.

Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Grilled ham and cheese
Thursday: Roast turkey dinner
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.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon
 Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Music with the Fiddlers Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Potluck and program, 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: Pork roast
Thursday: Tacos
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:

Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Pizza

Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Thursday: Hamburgers

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: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich and soup
Friday: Potato bar

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
 Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
 Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Taxes
 Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo
Saturday: Pancake breakfast

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: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Roast pork
Friday: Pizza

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: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Chicken breast or cod
Friday: Birthday lunch, fish or roast turkey

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.
 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m.
 Craft day, \$2
Tuesday: Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.
 Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Jerome and Twin Falls shopping trip, 8:30 a.m., \$10
Friday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:

Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage

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: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Potato bar
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.
 St. Patrick's Day lunch
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: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Birthday choice
Friday: Fish burgers

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.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 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:

Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Thursday: Hot roast beef sandwich

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m.
 Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Food Bank luncheon, noon
Thursday: Fit and Fall-proof, 10:30 a.m.
 Business meeting
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Saturday: Taxes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On dating: Suffering from high expectations?

By Ellen McCarthy
 The Washington Post

Things not going so good on the dating front?

Blame Hugh Grant. And Meg Ryan. And all the rom-com conspirators who've been insidiously poisoning your love life with one sickly sweet happy ending after another.

Their toxin of choice? Preposterously high expectations.

A team of researchers from Heriot-Watt University in Scotland found that consumers of romantic comedies are more likely than others to expect Hollywood's Happily-Ever-After ideals to exist in their own relationships.

In one study, the researchers showed 100 students the John Cusack movie "Serendipity" while another 100 watched a less-syrupy flick. The "Serendipity" viewers were much more likely to say they believed in fate and predestined love than the others.

"That really creates high expectations for some people, and I think it sets a lot of people up for disappointment," says Bjarne Holmes, a social psychologist who worked on the study. "There's a lot of research out there that shows that if you hold this idea that there is such a thing as predestined love ... then you actually have a tendency to be less happy in your own relationships. "When things start getting to a

point where you actually start having to work at your own relationships, then you start thinking, 'Well, we're either meant to be together or we're not meant to be together, so what's the point?'"

His team found that fans of the genre are more inclined to think that a partner should be able to meet their emotional and physical needs instinctively, without them ever articulating those needs.

The team also studied the content of the 40 most-watched recent rom-coms and found common themes.

From the start, big-screen couples have trust and attachment bonds that take us mere humans years to develop. They

quickly gloss over such transgressions as lying and cheating. They are deeply, quickly enthralled with each other, while married couples in the same films are usually portrayed as bickering and loveless.

"That's a very interesting contrast to reality," Holmes says. "My argument would be that it is these couples that have been together 20, 30, 40 years and that are also still happy — those are the couples that we probably need to be emulating in popular culture."

The "Ever After" part is kind of a mystery, no?

Holmes has just one post-study bottom line for rom-com lovers: "You don't find a soul mate ... You get like that over time because you work at it."

Book of cartoons and home

The Washington Post

"Cartoon Marriage: Adventures in Love and Matrimony" (Random House, \$24) by New Yorker magazine cartoonists Michael Maslin and his wife, Liza Donnelly, covers dating, sex, marriage and children, as well as their own relationship — all in cartoons.

The design-obsessed reader will particularly enjoy the final chapter, "Hearth Happenings," a collection of 22 cartoons about home.

CHANGES

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Earl's fear is shared by other people who have made major life changes recently, including newlyweds and new mothers. American employers shed 651,000 jobs in February alone.

When Earl first got hired at Big Smoke in Twin Falls, she worked up to five days a week. Now, she works only two.

"We plan on buying a house, but it's just the whole money (issue) right now," Earl said. For now, the couple rents an apartment in Filer.

Her money woes are shared by new mothers across Magic Valley. After all, raising a child is expensive — the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that it costs more than \$8,000 annually to raise each child.

How do you make that cheaper? Buy used.

Mary Montalbo, retail processing manager at Deseret Industries' thrift store in Twin Falls, said more people are inquiring about children's clothing.

"The children's clothing (sales are) definitely up," Montalbo said. "We've had an increase in that."

The economy isn't the only factor in new mothers' financial woes. Leticia Lua, whose son Randy Small III was born Feb. 26, said she is especially worried about paying hospital bills.

"He was kind of sick when he was born," the Twin Falls mother said. While the baby is feeling better now, Lua has to worry about paying for the medical care he received on top of diapers and other expenses, as well as caring for her 3-year-old daughter, Estrella Small.

"I don't know if I'll take it all 'cause we don't get paid, you know?"

— Leticia Lua, a Twin Falls mother, on cutting short her unpaid maternity leave from Spears Manufacturing

Because of those financial concerns, she is considering cutting short her unpaid maternity leave at Spears Manufacturing. The company has given her until May 14.

"I don't know if I'll take it all 'cause we don't get paid, you know?" Lua said.

One new Burley mother isn't losing sleep about the economy.

Adele Aston, whose son Beckett was born Dec. 10, said her husband Joshua's teaching job is secure. They own their house, and any financial concerns they have are because Aston works only part time instead of full time now that she has a baby at home.

"I don't feel like we've been affected that much by the economy," Aston said. "I feel very blessed at least that we have the jobs that we have."

And even Earl is counting her blessings, despite fears of losing her job. She considers her husband's employment secure, and the two are enjoying being newlyweds.

"He's been pretty good for me," Earl said.

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Training for foster parents

Times-News

Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services will facilitate a seven-class "Love & Logic" training for currently licensed foster parents in south-central Idaho.

Jeremy SasserCollins, director of the Foster Care Recruiting and Training program for south-central Idaho, said "Love & Logic" is a practical and entertaining parent training.

Foster parents with the right training can help maintain children in their home — preventing multiple placements, which are detrimental to the youth and the goals of the foster program, training organizers said. Parents with more advanced parenting skills foster youth from residential facilities with more

confidence, success and enjoyment by setting limits in loving ways without anger, threats or lecturing while allowing the child's choices and their consequences to do the teaching. Parents are taught to "lock in" the lesson using genuine empathetic statements and to prevent arguing by going "brain dead."

Certified "Love & Logic" teachers, SasserCollins and Susan Baca, will train foster parents for the cost of materials, \$12. The normal admission fee is waived for this series.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 19 through April 30, at Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services, 1869 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Information: 734-4435.

Cutting wedding costs without reducing the occasion

By Monica Corcoran
Los Angeles Times

Does anyone hear just one wedding bell? That's right, even brides-to-be are reevaluating their budgets in this recession. About 25 percent of couples plan to slice their wedding budgets in half, and 1 in 10 intend to cut back costs by 75 percent, according to a nationwide survey recently released by retailer David's Bridal. Does that mean open bar for just 20 minutes?

The "What's on Brides' Minds" poll also revealed that 53 percent do not plan to spend more than \$25,000. The Association for Wedding Professionals

estimates that in 2008 the average wedding cost \$21,000 to \$24,000, although the Association of Bridal Consultants puts the figure closer to \$35,000. A significant 34 percent of brides-to-be have a much lower figure in mind, telling pollsters that they do not plan to spend more than \$10,000 on a wedding.

The wedding industry always has had the brides by the veils when it comes to costs, but maybe the cake tables are turning? Clearly, the planners, DJs, caterers and florists also will have to make adjustments to meet the needs of couples on a budget.

"They're offering more value instead of modifying

their prices. For instance, a photographer recently added another album to a lower-priced package," says Harmony Walton, founder of the Bridal Bar, a Los Angeles boutique. "I'm also seeing more invitation designers offering promo codes for 10 percent off."

Over at SellMyWedding-Dress.com, a used — once, presumably — Vera Wang size 8 gown of tulle and satin that sold originally for \$4,800 is priced at \$1,500. And there are alternate routes to outfitting. I spent a mere \$175 on my vintage 1970s Mexican wedding dress. (My splurge was on Valentino platform peacock sandals instead.)

At the end of the big day, experts agree that cutting the head count is the best way to save money. Fewer fourth cousins means fewer tables, which means fewer peony centerpieces. Even the wedding planner becomes less expensive.

"Most consultants base their fee on how much a wedding costs," says Jean Picard, California state coordinator for the Association of Wedding Consultants. "For some, it may not be the time to have dinner and dancing for 300 of your father's business associates."

And if a scaled-down wedding just doesn't appeal, here's a recession-proof proposal: "Honey, will you elope with me?"

Explore

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about plants and critters in the garden."

Heather Lyons, the garden's new youth educator, wants to get out the word about the self-guided activity corner. To that end she's organizing a series of hands-on activities designed to engage youngsters' curiosity.

She'll hold the first — Lava Rocks! — at 10 a.m. Monday as many schoolchildren in south-central Idaho kick off Spring Break week. The free activity will offer children an introduction to the volcanic activity that has created the cinder cones, lava tubes and ice caves at Craters of the Moon National Monument and other places in southern Idaho.

There'll be a chance to handle lava rocks, study a volcano model and check out some of the plants and animals associated with the lava in Idaho. The fun, educational activities will be topped off with coloring and lava rock brownies and magma juice.

"We hope to have a couple activities a month," said Lyons, an AmeriCorps volunteer who just started



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

The Discovery Corner lab boasts microscopes, magnifying glasses and other tools with which to study bugs, nests and other aspects of nature.

with the garden. "We also plan to take some programs to the YMCA."

The Discovery Corner was created with financial assistance from the Salt Lake City-based Richard K. and Shirley S. Hemingway Foundation, which specializes in funding community programs for kids and the environment.

"My parents vacation here, and we think the botanical garden is such an asset for the community," said Jane Mason, the Hemingways' daughter.

Baskets are labeled according to age: 2-3, 4-6 and 7 plus. Each has an instructional piece outlining an activity.

Some local Girl Scouts, including Alagna Ashurst, designed an activity book for one on how to use a compass. Youngsters can follow the fun prose on a navigational treasure hunt through the garden, discovering a fishtail palm as well as a comfrey symphytum which, they're told, "heals your bones," and a purple cornflower or

Echinacea, which can "cure a cold, a fever and even flu."

Another basket features the children's book "Brother Eagle, Sister Sky" with a variety of colorful seeds with which children can construct a picture of Chief Joseph in the garden's tepee. The basket also outlines activities for children to become more cognizant of the things around them as they wander through the garden picking up stones and twigs.

The garden does not keep tabs on how many people visit each year. But it draws a great number of people from outlying areas like Carey, Fairfield, Shoshone and the Magic Valley, as well as out-of-state visitors, said executive director Jennifer Colson.

"We're the only public garden in south-central Idaho and one of only three in Idaho, if you count the gardens in Boise and the arboretum in Moscow," she said. "By contrast, Florida has 90 public gardens."

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Budgeting secrets that can fatten your wallet, and put your mind at ease

By Chris Bain and Shaila Dani
Associated Press writers

It's time to polish up your penny-pinching skills. We're stuck in the worst recession in a generation, and managing your money will be more critical than ever. "Americans are mad about money right now, and we should direct that in positive ways," says Jeff Yeager, personal-finance expert.

Here, we explore some lesser-known tactics from personal finance pros to help you on your way.

HALT

Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired. When you're any of these four things, you

should avoid shopping because it leads to bad spending decisions, says Mary Ellen McCarthy, adviser with Responsible Investing. Deal directly with whatever is making you unhappy directly instead of shopping to feel better, she says. Substance abuse programs teach people to be vigilant when they are in a HALT state, and it's good advice for overspenders as well.

Don't over-budget

Figuring out your costs and sticking to a spending plan works just fine for many people. But for others "budgets are painful and ineffective," says Ken Robinson of Practical

Financial Planning. Instead, pay a set sum into a savings or other account whenever you get your paycheck. Make it the first thing you do — you'll find it's possible to live off the rest when you don't see extra money.

Fiscal fasting

Go a week, a few days or even one day without spending a dime. "It made me realize how much money I'm really ripping through," says Yeager, author of "The

Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches." You'd be surprised how much you can save, and it opens your eyes to things you can live without on a regular basis, and how much money we waste. \$1.99 for a Dasani? Don't think so. Besides a push toward a tighter budget, it's a reminder that we can still have fun without spending any money.

Audit the guilt

That three-speed juicer mocking you? How about

the air purifier that's now stashed in the garage? Most of us deal with the occasional case of buyers' remorse. Yeager suggests sitting down as a family to conduct a "What the heck was I thinking" audit. Take out receipts, go over bank statements and

credit card bills and see how many purchases you wish you could wipe out. You'll notice some patterns and learn from your mistakes. At the very least it could trigger an alert the next time you start to fork out for the latest tech gadget.

Happy 9th Birthday!

Heather and Debbie
Love, Mom & Dad

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Lyle Adams!

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Frustrated with a stubborn cleaning problem? Write or e-mail your questions to: lchandler@cleaningcenters.com

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Lori Chandler
Cleaning Center owner
734-2404

"Pondering Matters of the MAT"

Don Aslett's
CLEANING CENTER

When mom's mad at dad:

A touch of rage on homefront

By Melissa Kossler Dutton
For The Associated Press

It used to drive Shannon Johnson nuts when her husband would put their children in the car without packing snacks and diapers.

For Kristen Chase, it was her husband's choice to stop at the gym after putting in long hours at work.

Looking back they seem like small things — but the women still remember how the acts made their blood boil. And it's become clear they're not the only moms harboring a touch of rage at their husbands.

"The truth is if you prick any one of us with a little pin, anger comes out," said Lisa Bain, executive editor of Parenting magazine, which recently published an article titled "Mad at Dad," which described the site's readers' irritations with their husbands.

The article quickly became the site's most popular and took on a life of its own on the Internet, where it was picked up by bloggers and provoked an avalanche of comments by moms venting their frustrations with men who don't do enough around the house, can't multitask and don't do their share of parenting duties.

And, perhaps because many of these sites allow anonymous comments, many moms didn't hold back. "I have been mad at my husband from day one of the birth of our daughter," wrote one poster on the Parenting site. "It's about the fathers who don't even bother to try ... who assume all is taken care of and the mom is OK with it all on her plate," wrote another.

New York Times blogger Lisa Belkin alone received 265 responses to her take on the story.

"It resonated with people," Bain said. "I'm not saying everyone agreed, but it resonated with people in some way."

Studies confirm there's ample reason for frustration: American men still don't pull their weight when it comes to housework and child care, according to a report last year from the Council on Contemporary Families



AP photos

Tom Johnson finishes dressing Avery in her church attire as wife Shannon does Lucy's hair as they get ready for church. Callie, left, watches.

summarizing several studies on family dynamics.

Men aren't quite the slackers they used to be — one report found that men's contribution to housework had doubled over the past four decades; another found they tripled the time spent on child care over that span.

But the flood of anger released by the Parenting.com article reassured Heather Starr Fiedler that she wasn't alone in wishing her husband would be more proactive in tackling household chores.

"It made me feel like I'm not the only one getting mad at my husband — maybe too much or maybe not enough," said the mother of two, who blogs at PittsburghMom.com.

The anonymity of the Web often prompts women to share what's really bothering them, said Fiedler, a professor of digital media at Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

"Any time we write about our husbands — especially if we're venting — we get so much response," she said.

Of course, some did come to dads' defense, saying they couldn't do what they do without the support of their husbands. "After reading that article, I had no idea what whiners women could be," wrote one stay-at-home dad. "I feel blessed to have this role in my children's lives, and I'm doubly lucky to be married to a woman who can pay the bills."

It's not uncommon for emotions to flare over par-

enting and housework, and the emotions can become extreme, said psychologist Willard F. Harley of White Bear Lake, Minn.

"The thing that infuriates most women isn't what he doesn't do, it's what he does do," said Harley, whose written books on relationships. "Women see their husbands at home at night drinking a beer or resting comfortably — seeing him there resting makes her really frustrated."

Chase remembers getting upset over the amount of time her husband was out of the house. "Everything seemed unfair," the Atlanta resident said. "It was breeding a lot of resentment."

Johnson said she can "identify with the rage" in the article, but attributes a lot of the issues to the different communication styles of men and women.

The 31-year-old mother of three used to fume when her husband left the house empty handed even though she knew he thought he was helping by loading the kids in the car. But she also knew, once everyone was buckled in, he would be checking messages and surfing the Web on his BlackBerry.

She initially tried to solve their problems by yelling. When her husband asked her to stop, she told him: "I have to yell because I have to get your attention."

Eventually, she realized telling him what was bothering her yielded better results.

"I don't expect my hus-



Tom Johnson serves breakfast to his children, from left, Avery, 8, Callie, 4, and Lucy, 2, before church Feb. 15 in Eagle Mountain, Utah.

HOW TO DEAL WITH UNEQUAL FOOTING AT HOME

Frustrated by the division of labor at home? Don't get mad, get talking.

Anger can be lessened when couples communicate their expectations and offer ideas on how they can accomplish them, said marriage counselor Thomas Haller.

Drop the yelling and arguing, said psychologist Willard Harley. Leave the room, think happy thoughts, pray or find some other way to release anger before starting a discussion.

"Get the adrenaline out of your system," he said. "When you deal with (an issue) without adrenaline in your system, you're more likely to solve the problem."

Haller, Harley and Cari L. Sans, director of Counseling Corner for Marriage and Family Therapy in New York, offered the following list of tips:

- **Choose** the timing of discussions carefully. Make sure the children won't be interrupting and that both partners are able to focus on the conversation.
- **Commit** to considering your partner's feelings before making decisions.
- **Identify** what's at issue. For instance, what happened before the coffee pot broke and you lost your cool? Perhaps there were a couple of events leading up to the "straw that broke the camel's back."
- **Manage** your expectations. Think about what you want to achieve in the upcoming confrontation and be realistic about how it may be received from your partner. Also, consider outcomes that

may be acceptable to you.

• **Use "I"** statements to express your feelings and your needs. This approach allows you to take responsibility for your feelings. Say things like: "I noticed that you've been on the golf course four times this week." "I feel like I'm alone in this process." "I expect you to get off the couch and help me."

• **Don't assign** blame. Blaming your partner will put him or her on the defensive.

• **Choose** to be a listener. If you decide to air your grievances be prepared to hear your partner's opinions and feelings. Acknowledge your partner's message by saying something like, "I hear that you feel -----," or "I heard you say -----."

• **Validate** one another's points of views. Remember that validating is not agreeing. Each partner's points of view are valid even if you don't agree.

• **Create** a compromise about the issue. Both partners have to be willing to give up something so that the relationship wins. You can do this by making a fair request to your partner, inviting him or her to make other suggestions and working until you both feel satisfied.

• **Check in** with one another about the solutions. Is it working? If not, then discuss further and create another compromise.

If you are feeling overwhelmed in the relationship, it may be helpful to try couples counseling. Visit www.aamft.org and use its search engine, www.therapistlocator.net to find a licensed counselor.

band to be perfect," she said. "I expect him to try harder."

It's a role Tom Johnson, 33, is comfortable with. He likes when they sit down and come up with ways to address their concerns. "The whole solution thing is great," he said.

That's really what many

men want, added Thomas Haller, a couples therapist and author in Bay City, Mich.

"Women want to talk around and around an issue," said the Bay City, Mich., counselor. "Men just want to know what the problem is and what to do about it!"

Chase, who also got tired of waiting for her husband, Doug, to figure out what was bothering her, agreed.

"You feel like he should know," said the 32-year-old mother of three.

"By the way, 'How could he not know?' Get over the fact that they can't figure out!"

What does the doctor talk to your teenager about?

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — If you're the parent of a tween or teen, chances are you've been asked to leave the room during your child's visit to the doctor so they can have a private chat.

Now of course I believe that teenagers should have a trusting relationship with their doctors. But while I'm sitting there alone in the waiting room, watching the younger mommies bounce babies on their knees, I can't help but wonder what my kids are telling the doctor behind that closed door.

See, I'm a nosy mom, and if something's going on with my children's health, I want to hear about it. I mean, if your kid was suicidal, or a heroin addict, and somehow you didn't know it, would the doctor tell you?

Turns out the answer is yes. "If we are concerned that someone is in danger, we are compelled to share that information," said Dr. Joseph Hagan, who is part of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Bright Futures initiative to improve children's health.

But Hagan emphasized that giving kids a chance to speak privately with doctors "is not about secrecy. It's about autonomy."

A 16-year-old should begin to ask his own ques-



Dr. Donald Brown holds the human papillomavirus vaccine Gardasil at his Chicago office. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that girls get the vaccine, which protects against cervical cancer. AP file photo

tions about his health?"

In fact, if your pediatrician doesn't ask you to leave the room during teen visits, maybe he or she should. "The pediatrician should spend most of the office visit alone with the adolescent," according to Dr. David Tayloe, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "It's very important for teenagers to have confidential conversations with their pediatricians."

Tayloe said "the emphasis on confidential appoint-

ments for adolescents has become more the norm over the last 10 years."

Tayloe added that 75 percent of teenagers are sexually active by their senior year of high school, and Hagan said he starts talking to kids about sexuality around age 12, to let them know that sexual feelings are normal and to answer questions.

But he also tries to get patients and parents communicating. "If a girl is concerned about pregnancy, I might say, 'what do you

think your parents would say if you talked to them about this? Shall we tell them together?'"

Some of the other things that keep me up at night — oh, the usual nightmares about teen smoking, car accidents and too much pepperoni and soda — are also on doctors' lists for teenage checkups.

According to Tayloe, at least two-thirds of teen traffic fatalities involve teens who are not wearing seat restraints. Thirty percent of teens are overweight and need to be enrolled in fitness and nutrition programs. And the vast majority of adult smokers began smoking by age 18.

Tayloe added that most teenagers have experimented with alcohol by the time they are high school seniors. "Pediatricians need to level with teens about alcohol," he said, including the fact that underage drinking contributes to car accidents and unplanned pregnancies.

He also said that 20 percent of children have mental health problems, but only 20 percent of those kids are getting help. Pediatricians should screen adolescents for depression, anxiety, attention deficit disorder and suicidal thoughts.

Kids who are teenagers now may also have missed some of the newer vaccines that became available after

their early childhood inoculations against diseases like polio, mumps and measles. The AAP recommends that kids 11-12 and older be vaccinated against meningitis, a disease that can spread in settings like sleepaway camps and college dormitories, according to Dr. Meg Fisher, a member of the AAP committee on infectious diseases.

Fisher says AAP also recommends that girls get the human papillomavirus vaccine, which protects against cervical cancer. And kids who were not inoculated against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis when they were little need a one-dose combination vaccine against those diseases.

Optional vaccines to con-

sider for teens include flu shots; a second dose of the varicella vaccine against chicken pox, because the single dose many teens received when they were little may not be effective; and the hepatitis A vaccine.

By the way, some doctors are interested in parents' behavior too. If you do meet the doctor with your teen, you might just get asked whether you smoke, or whether you wear your bike helmet.

So while you're out there in the waiting room thumbing through a copy of Babies magazine that no longer holds any meaning for you, don't just worry about what's going on with your kids. Take a look at yourself as well.

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The American Girl dolls inspire handmade clothes

By Anne Wallace Allen
For the Associated Press

When Sandy Taylor was a girl, her whole family made doll clothes: her sister, her mother, even her father, who worked shifts at a factory. The Taylor sisters had Barbies, and those Barbies had dozens of outfits.

Now Taylor's a grandmother. After a long career as a nurse educator, she's back to making doll clothes — this time for 18-inch dolls, the size of the American Girl line.

"It's just so fun; there's no end to what you can do," said Taylor, of Boise, as she and her friend Judy Banducci spread several dozen handmade outfits on a bed in her spare bedroom one recent evening.

"We really did kind of go nuts," said Banducci, holding up dozens of tiny Capri pants. "I had forgotten how much we'd made."

They're not alone. A recent surge of interest in knitting and sewing has coincided with the rise of the American Girl line, a Mattel brand that markets its dolls as wholesome characters who relish learning, adventure, music and sports. Many of the dolls come with a personal history, complete with a book and history-themed accessories.

According to the company's Web site, 14 million American Girl dolls have been sold since 1986; "American Girl" magazine is delivered to 620,000 girls every other month.

But American Girl clothes don't come cheap. A set of doll-size pajamas, a coat or another outfit will set you back about \$24. So more and more enterprising craftspersons make their own.

"I have grandmothers in here all the time," said Eva Tillott, who owns Eva's Yarn Shop in Fairhaven, Mass., and provides her own patterns for 18-inch dolls.

"It's a stressful time in the world," said Tillott. "My business is doing well



A doll outfit made by Sandy Taylor in Boise.

ANNE WALLACE ALLEN/AP photo

because people are spending more time at home. They're knitting because it's relaxing and it takes away the stress."

Craft sites like <http://kathleen-dakotadreams.blogspot.com/> have helped the hobby spread by offering patterns, advice and photos of completed projects. Other Web sites with patterns include Ravelry.com.

Jennifer Jackson, who runs a site called Majorknitter.com said blog traffic soared on her site after she added an American Girl poncho pattern. Most hits on the site "are looking for free patterns, and mostly American Girl patterns," said Jackson, of Westport, Conn.

Crafters who make 18-inch doll clothes by hand generally don't sell them, saying they cost too much in materials and time to be marketable. There are businesses, however, that sell 18-inch doll clothes made overseas.

One is Necessary Extras, which offers dozens of items including confirmation outfits. Co-owner Barbara

Robinson said her Pittsburgh-based company doesn't compete with American Girl.

"We try to buy what they don't have," Robinson said.

It's fine with American Girl if people make homemade doll clothes — to a point, said the company's spokeswoman Stephanie Spanos in Middleton, Wis.

"We really appreciate the enthusiasm that our customers have for their dolls," said Spanos, but noted that, "if they are treating it like a business, American Girl is a trademarked name, and they need to be careful about not causing any type of customer confusion."

Banducci and Taylor never sell their creations.

"It's an obsession," said Taylor, who has one young grandson and hopes for a granddaughter. She and Banducci — who has a 3-year-old granddaughter — took a yarn-store roadtrip last spring in Oregon, and sometimes hole up in Banducci's rural cabin for multi-day knitting fests.

"I've really learned some new techniques by knitting

little doll sweaters," said Taylor.

The two women have crafted tiny sweaters, dresses with details like smocking or rickrack, felted hats, playsuits, pants, kilts, even Halloween costumes to fit their American Girl dolls. Taylor has dozens of pairs of tiny shoes.

The doll clothes remind her of a happy childhood in rural Virginia.

"A lot of times my mom would pack tomato sandwiches or whatever, we'd take a hike up into the woods to big patches of moss, and we'd just spread out our things and have a picnic and play dolls all afternoon with my sister and my mom," Taylor said.

Both women see the doll clothes not only as a tie to their past, but as a gift they can leave behind.

"When I was growing up, we didn't have much; things got worn out and used up," said Banducci. "I don't have many things from my mother and grandmother. That's why I enjoy this, maybe — I'm hoping I'll have things to pass down."

TEENS TALK

How recession changes their outlook.

Next week in Family Life

ENGAGEMENT

Dunlap-Barnes

Steve and Penny Dunlap, Boise, Idaho, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kate, to Christopher Barnes, son of Tim and Carrie Barnes of Jerome, Idaho.



Kate Dunlap and Christopher Barnes

Kate, a graduate of Timberline High School, Linfield College, and Idaho State University, is employed as an Emergency Room Nurse at St. Luke's, Boise.

Chris, a graduate of Jerome High School and DeVry University, Phoenix,

is employed as a biomedical engineer for Turn-Key Medical.

The wedding is planned for October 10, 2009, at St. Michael's Cathedral in Boise.

Darrington-Worthington

Nick and Kayleen Darrington of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicolena, to Courtney Worthington, son of Robert and Tamara Worthington of Burley.



Nicolena Darrington and Courtney Worthington

Darrington is a graduate of Minico High School and has attended Idaho State University. She is currently enrolled at CSI.

Worthington is a graduate of Burley High School. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Jacksonville, Florida.

He is employed in Twin Falls and attending CSI.

The wedding is planned for March 20, 2009, in the Salt Lake City Temple.

A reception will be held at Acequia Church on March 21.

Hyatt-Vasquez

Brent and Jan Hyatt of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Michael, son of Mike and Sheila Vasquez of Idaho Falls.



Julie Hyatt and Michael Vasquez

Julie is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She served an LDS mission in Nashville, Tennessee. She is employed as a graphic artist at Idaho State University, where she is currently a student.

Michael is a 2002 graduate of Firth High School and a 2008 graduate of Idaho State University. He served an LDS mission in Atlanta, Georgia. He is employed

as an Assistant Manager of Walmart.

The couple plans to reside in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for March 20 in the Twin Falls Idaho Temple.

A reception will be held in their honor at the Eastland Chapel from 6 - 8 p.m. that evening.

Money doesn't make us happy, but experiences do

By Shari Roan
Los Angeles Times

Money is an emotional issue, especially during economic hard times. Social scientists have always warned that once a person's basic needs are met, money doesn't buy happiness. But if you're wondering, or maybe even arguing over, what to do with any precious discretionary income these days, a new study suggests how to get the biggest emotional bang for your buck.

Ryan Howell, an assis-

tant professor of psychology at San Francisco State University, found that buying experiences — such as vacations, going to the theater or renting a sailboat — gave people more happiness than buying material things. The study, of 154 people ages 19 to 50, showed that experiences increase happiness because they are often social in nature. In addition, however, experiences tend to make people feel more alive. "People report a sense of feeling invigorated or inspired," Howell

said in an interview. Experiences may also yield more happiness because people are left with positive memories, a sort of return on their investment.

"It's not that material things don't bring any happiness. It's just that they don't bring as much," Howell said. "You're happy with a new television set. But you're thrilled with a vacation."

The study may yield some lessons for Americans in despair over the recession. "For what-

ever you can afford, you'll maximize your happiness, and the happiness of others around you, if you spend it on a life experience," he said. It doesn't matter how much money you spend, either. "Whether you spent a little or a lot on the life experience, you still have the same level of happiness," he said.

The study was presented at an annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology and will be published in the Journal of Positive Psychology.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Sherlyn Stefany Saldana Bojorquez, daughter of Marcela Bojorquez Garcia of Buhl, was born March 3, 2009.

Adam Joseph Johnson, son of Elvedina Somic and James Joseph Johnson of Twin Falls, was born March 3, 2009.

Arianna Krystal Sclafani, daughter of Carina Kaye and Nicholas James Sclafani of Twin Falls, was born March 3, 2009.

Lidia Zavala-Carmona, daughter of M. Abigail and

Fortino Leon of Jerome, was born March 3, 2009.

Adrian Emiliano Aguilar, son of Janine Lizeth Rivas and Emiliano Aguilar of Buhl, was born March 4, 2009.

McKinley Sage Boehler, daughter of Lana Kay and Jayte Lynn Boehler of Twin Falls, was born March 4, 2009.

Teegan James Goff, son of Tyrell Jamie Goff of Kimberly, was born March 4, 2009.

Maxwell Leon Kiser, son of Laura Spring and Gunnar J. Kiser of Jerome, was born March 4, 2009.

Luis Angel Dominguez, son of Amalia Martinez Cadenas and Elisandro Dominguez of Jerome, was born March 4, 2009.

Ellie Shae Jones, daughter of Danelle and Gary Junior Jones of Albion, was born March 5, 2009.

Gloria Grace Valdivia, daughter of Donna Tracy and John Robert Valdivia III of Twin Falls, was born March 5, 2009.

Madeline Aullman, daughter of Abbie Louise and Adam Cecil Aullman of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2009.

Hadley Nicholle

Pehrson, daughter of Nicholle Marie and Jordan Aaron Pehrson of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2009.

Libby Eliza Bautista, daughter of Noell Ann and Sean Michael Bautista of Twin Falls, was born March 7, 2009.

Payson Zayne Suchan, son of Cheyenne Brooke and Russell Frank Suchan of Paul, was born March 7, 2009.

Orion Lee Peterson, son of Nicole Marie Aragon and Joshua Lee Peterson of Twin Falls, was born March 8, 2009.

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ANNIVERSARY

The Spencers

Everett and Judy Spencer of Rupert will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary March 17. Congratulations may be sent to them at 380 N. Meridian Road, Rupert, ID 83350.

Everett Spencer and Judy Richardson were married March 17, 1959, in Twin Falls.

Everett worked for the City of Rupert as a policeman and is currently a landscape artist. Judy is a teacher at Acequia Elementary School. They are active in the First Baptist Church in Burley.



Everett and Judy Spencer

Their children are Shawn and (Laura) Spencer of Montana, and Scott and (Gina) Spencer of Rupert. They have five grandchildren: Anthony, Ashley, Jenna, Jadrian and Tyrel.

The family will celebrate the occasion at a family dinner.

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How animals grow back body parts

By Valerie Strauss
The Washington Post

It sounds like science fiction: Lose an arm and grow one back. But it isn't as crazy as it sounds.

That's what crabs, lobsters and crayfish do.

What's more, some flatworms can grow a new head and tail from any one of their segments. And salamanders can grow new tails as well as upper and lower jaws, eyes and hearts!

The process is called regeneration: Living things regrow parts that have the same function. It happens at some level in all living things, including humans.

If you get a cut, your skin grows back. So does bone tissue. Liver cells, too, can regenerate from a piece of human liver, a vital organ that helps keep your body running.

Generally, though, the most dramatic regeneration occurs in the less-complex animals. (Remember that humans are animals, biologically speaking.)

Scientists are still learning

all the secrets to regeneration in animals. Cell tissue regenerates in different ways depending on the kind of animal. What seem to be common in nearly all kinds of regeneration are stem cells. They are a kind of cell that can renew themselves by cell division; they can also turn into different specialized cell types. Researchers are trying to unlock the mysteries of animal regeneration so they can duplicate the process in humans.

For years, a team of researchers at Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Children's Hospital in Boston has been researching zebrafish hearts to find out how human heart

muscle regenerates. It turns out that zebrafish can regenerate heart muscle within two months of being injured.

There are lots of amazing stories about regeneration in the animal world.

Take the hydra, a freshwater animal with a tubelike body that has several tentacles at one end. An entirely new hydra can be regrown from just a tiny piece of the animal.

Bony fish, a group that includes salmon, tuna and most other creatures we think of as fish, can regrow a fin. (Sharks can't, though.)

Birds cannot grow new limbs. But they can replace old feathers and some-

times beaks.

Remember what Mark Twain said: "Truth is stranger than fiction" — even science fiction!

Sources: "The Handy Answer Book for Kids (and Parents)," by Judy Galens and Nancy Pear, Visible Ink Press; www.medicalnewstoday.com, www.animals.howstuffworks.com, <http://odelberglab.genetics.utah.edu/regen-mech.htm>



Show-no-mercy team didn't really win

By Fred Bowen
Special to The Washington Post

Two girls' high school basketball teams played a game in January that was not as close and exciting as the Super Bowl.

The Covenant School, a private school in Dallas, defeated Dallas Academy, 100-0. That's right, 100-0.

The newspaper accounts indicated Covenant led 59-0 at half-time. At least one fan who attended the game said the Covenant team kept pressuring their opponents and shooting three-pointers until just a few minutes remained in the game. The Covenant fans and even their coaches cheered until their team

reached the 100-point mark.

To their credit, the girls from Dallas Academy did not give up. They kept playing hard but could only manage a few shots at the basket. Dallas Academy is a small school that specializes in helping kids with learning disabilities. Their girls' basketball team has not won a game in four seasons.

The score was so lopsided that the headmaster of the Covenant School, Kyle Queal, apologized later, saying, "It is shameful and an embarrassment that this happened." Covenant even tried to forfeit the game, saying, "A victory without honor is a great loss."

But the Covenant coach, Micah Grimes, would not apologize. Grimes said, "We played the game as it was meant to be played." So the Covenant School fired Grimes.

It seems to me that the Covenant coach and some of the team's fans forgot that the real test of an athlete or a team is not how they perform against the weakest opponents, but how they perform against the

best.

John Wooden, whose UCLA teams won a record 10 NCAA championships, said that the true indication of competitive greatness was to "be at your best when your best is needed."

Every year there are games in kids' recreational or school sports where the teams are so unevenly matched that one team crushes the other. As a longtime coach, I never felt right telling my team not to score. After all, a blowout game may give a kid who never scores the chance to put one in the basket. And everyone likes to score.

But in lopsided kids' games, there always should be a "mercy rule." For

SPORTS FACT

One of the biggest blowouts in professional sports history was on Dec. 8, 1940, when the Chicago Bears whipped the Washington Redskins, 73-0.

example, in high school basketball, if one team is ahead by 40 points, the game should be over and the leading team should be declared the winner.

A mercy rule would encourage the coach of the better team to put in the bench warmers earlier in the game and to order the team to pass more or to stop pressing.

Kids' sports should be competitive and fun. And I'll admit winning is part of the fun. But beating a badly overmatched team by 100 points is not a real win.

Fred Bowen is an author of sports novels for kids.

Jokes for kids

Newsday

Why did the ice cream become a reporter?
He wanted to get the latest scoop.

What did the farmer tell his cows late at night?
"Go to sleep, it's pasture bedtime!"

What did one angry puppet say to the other?
Talk to the hand.

What do you get when you cross a skunk and a showoff?
Someone who's always the scenter of attention.

What illness did everyone on the Enterprise catch?
Chicken Spocks!

