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Auditors predict deeper deficits for Obama budget

President insists his agenda still on track

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama's budget would produce \$9.3 trillion in deficits over the next decade, more than four

times the deficits of Republican George W. Bush's presidency, congressional auditors said Friday.

The new Congressional Budget Office figures offered a far more dire outlook for Obama's budget than the new administration predicted just last month — a deficit \$2.3 trillion worse. It's a prospect even the president's own budget director called unsustainable.

In his White House run, Obama

assailed the economic policies of his predecessor, but the eye-popping deficit numbers threaten to swamp his ambitious agenda of overhauling health care, exploring new energy sources and enacting scores of domestic programs.

The dismal deficit figures, if they prove to be accurate, inevitably raise the prospect that Obama and his Democratic allies controlling Congress would have to consider raising taxes after the

recession ends or else pare back his agenda.

By CBO's calculation, Obama's budget would generate deficits averaging almost \$1 trillion a year of red ink over 2010-2019.

Worst of all, CBO says the deficit under Obama's policies would never go below 4 percent of the size of the economy, figures that economists agree are unsustainable. By the end of the decade, the deficit would exceed 5 percent

of gross domestic product, a dangerously high level.

White House budget chief Peter Orszag said that CBO's long-range economic projections are more pessimistic than those of the White House, private economists and the Federal Reserve and that he remained confident that Obama's budget, if enacted, would produce smaller deficits.

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Trial stays in Twin

Prosecutor calls media coverage of Kolestani trial 'accurate;' defense calls it 'intense'

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

The murder trial for a transgendered Iranian refugee accused of killing his housemate last year is staying for now in Twin Falls, since 5th District Court Judge Randy Stoker on Friday declined to change the venue.

Majid Kolestani, 43, is accused of first-degree murder for the August shooting death of fellow Iranian refugee Ehsan Velayati Kababian, 29. Kababian was shot in the head, in a car, near a Twin Falls apartment he shared with Kolestani. After the shooting, police found Kolestani, who authorities and neighbors first identified as a woman, suffering from a gunshot wound in the apartment at 363

Fourth Ave. E.

Public defenders wanted the trial moved, arguing Kolestani wouldn't get a fair trial in Twin Falls due to "intense" pretrial publicity.

Deputy Prosecutor Julie Sturgill disagreed Friday in Twin Falls 5th District Court, saying local media coverage of the shooting — including seven *Times-News* articles, two local television stories, and two radio spots — don't warrant a change of venue.

Facts presented by the media were "as accurate as the record would provide," Sturgill told the court.

"Every one of the articles contained factual information," she said. "The articles are not inflammatory and are factual."

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Majid Kolestani appears in court Friday in Twin Falls for three motions by his public defenders. One of the motions was a change of venue, which was denied. Kolestani faces a first-degree murder charge in the August shooting death of Ehsan Velayati Kababian.

Transportation plan hits bump, but will return

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Think you won't pay more to register your car or fill up at the pump just because the House on Thursday rejected Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proposal to raise the gas tax?

Think again. Legislators and Otter remain committed to finding new revenue to fix Idaho's crumbling roads and bridges, and to chip away at the \$240 million annual shortfall needed to do so. It's been an ongoing debate for more than a year and legislators warn it's enough to be the sole reason to stay in session.

"Yes, but that has to be up to the governor. There are ways or strategies the governor can employ to keep the Legislature in session for a while," said

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, referring to Otter's veto stamp.

House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley — who carried the gas tax bill on the floor and who was red-faced after the House voted 43-27 against the bill — said the gas tax issue isn't finished.

"Nothing is ever dead until we say die," he said Friday. "Maybe we'll do two years, maybe we'll do one year — I don't know." On Thursday, he chalked up the vote to either asking for too much money or too many years.

Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, who supported it, pointed out after the vote that the proposal only raised \$61 million, which makes other ideas seem even less likely to pass.

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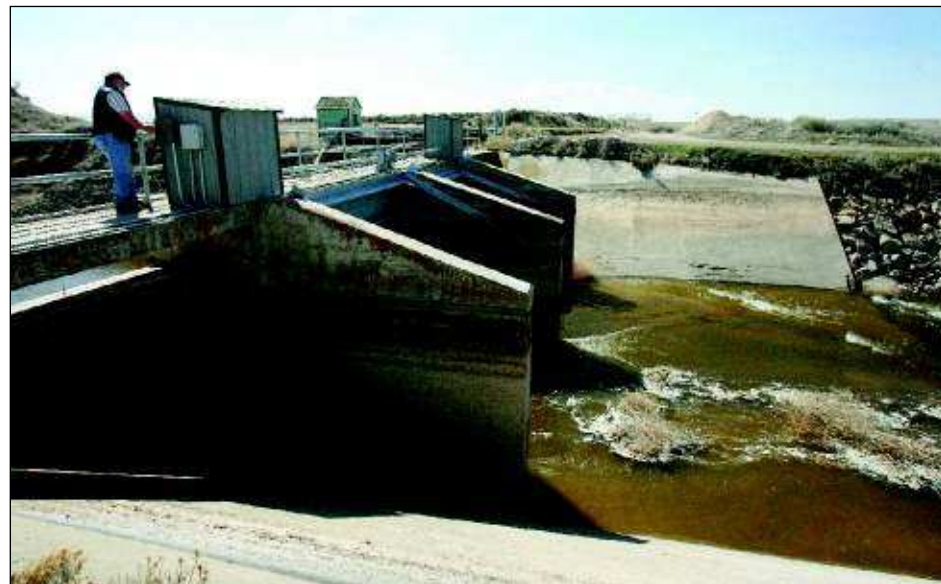
Canal companies kick off effort to recharge E. Snake Plain aquifer

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

An extra 150 cubic-feet-per-second of Snake River water is now trickling into the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer as part of a pilot project run by seven Magic Valley canal companies and irrigation districts.

The Surface Water Coalition, partnered with Idaho Power Co., announced in November that it would spend the winter developing a three- to five-year pilot program to recharge the aquifer. Friday morning, coalition members formally began the program, diverting roughly 97 million gallons daily into the Milner-Gooding Canal and letting it soak into the ground.

Developed in cooperation with state water officials, the project uses water from a recharge right owned by the Idaho Water Resource



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Mark Schwarz of the Big Wood Canal Co. and American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 shows how a control system works, Friday on a bypass southeast of Hazelton. The company started releasing water from Milner Dam at the rate of 150 cubic feet per second Friday to help recharge the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

Board, said Tom Arkoosh, an attorney and spokesman for the coalition.

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Committee approves pay cut for state workers

By Sarah D. Wire
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho Legislature's budget-writing committee voted Friday to require a 3 percent pay cut for most state employees later this year.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee voted 14-5 Friday to add the one-year pay cut for fiscal year 2010 to every budget bill it passes. The decrease would affect all state employees except judges, elected officials and teachers.

Last week, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter recommended that all state agencies reduce personnel costs by 5 percent for 2010 by furloughs, layoffs, salary reductions or leaving open positions unfilled.

A day after that recommendation, the budget committee adopted a 2010 spending target of \$2.51 billion, \$50 million less than previous estimates and 11 percent less than

the already-reduced budget for fiscal year 2009, which ends June 30.

Otter spokesman John Hanian told The Associated Press on Friday that the governor prefers not to have an across-the-board cut and would rather give agency heads the maximum amount of flexibility to reduce personnel costs. Hanian would not speculate if Otter would veto budget bills that includes the 3 percent cut.

The committee's co-chairwoman, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, said the panel "just simply didn't have the trust" that Otter had in agency directors meeting his goal.

"I don't think he'll be happy," Bell said, but added, "We had the responsibility, and frankly we used it."

With the across-the-board pay reduction, agency heads would have to lay off fewer people and could leave fewer jobs unfilled to meet Otter's 5 percent target, Bell said.



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New school taking applications

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

This fall, as many as 60 sixth-graders could be in class at Wings Charter Middle School, a new charter school opening this year in Twin Falls.

Melody Lenkner, the school's founding administrator, gave a presentation about the school Thursday night in Twin Falls. The school is being founded through the Southern Idaho Learning Center, which works with children age 5 to 21 with learning challenges.

The school's goal is to work with children in the crucial stage of middle school and help them avoid failure, Lenkner said.

"What we're after is the student who looks like he should be learning, but isn't," she said.

The school aims to provide direct and small-group instruction that will provide students with remediation

in areas needing improvement and acceleration in their strengths. She stressed that the school will be different from traditional public schools.

The students will also wear uniforms to foster school pride and avoid the problems stemming from mixing children of different income levels, she said.

"It's a big experiment because what we are doing is what charter schools are supposed to do — experiment," Lenkner said.

Only four people attended the Thursday meeting, but Lenkner said she expects the school to have enough applicants to open as planned. The school is taking applications until April 21.

Wings Charter Middle School will be housed in the Magic Valley Realty Building on Filer Avenue in Twin Falls.

For more information: www.wingscharterschool.org or 734-3914.

Legislators, water users amend aquifer plan

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

A plan to fix the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer may have a few new amendments when it surfaces from a House committee.

House Bill 210, which would approve the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan as a component of the state water plan, was introduced March 4 and sent to the House Resources and Conservation Committee.

Since then, water users and lobbyists have picked over the bill's details, while members of the user groups that developed the plan have worked to educate lawmakers about its history.

Commissioned by the Legislature to combat a declining aquifer and increased water-rights litigation, the plan would use \$70 million to \$100 million during its first 10 years to

pay for recharge, ground-to-surface water conversions and other projects.

Many of the funding details still have to be worked out by an implementation committee and an interim legislative committee. The Idaho Water Users Association voted last week to support the plan, but only if legislators approve several amendments dealing with funding. One, for example, would proportionally scale back the money required from water users if the state doesn't put up its full share this year.

Ted Diehl, who manages the North Side Canal Company in Jerome and leads the legislative committee for the water association, said the changes are intended to help irrigators, cities and others to phase in the new costs while keeping the plan afloat.

"A lot of them won't be

prepared to pay this year," Diehl said.

Other groups, mostly from eastern Idaho, have told the House committee that they don't feel the plan provides enough credit for water that seeps into the ground during normal agricultural operations — known as incidental recharge.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, Rupert, is the bill's sponsor and the chairman of the Resources and Conservation Committee. He said Friday that committee members plan to meet next week to discuss the amendments, and expect to move the bill on to the House.

He said he wasn't worried that the changes would harm the carefully negotiated plan or the committee that developed it, and that the funding amendment will simply clarify what water users already assume about how much they'll

pay.

Hal Anderson, administrator of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, said state officials are comfortable with the funding amendments. But he said he's puzzled by the lobbying for the incidental-recharge credit, pointing out that the users calling for it were represented on the plan's committee. The idea was rejected several times by the committee and the water board because it proved too hard to define and track.

"The only fair way of doing it is putting an assessment on everybody equally," Anderson said.

In the end, Anderson said, all the Legislature needs to do is not vote down the plan. Because the water board has already adopted it, it will still be part of the overall state plan if legislators don't take action on it.

Buhl Municipal Airport gets \$1M in stimulus money to repair taxiway

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The Buhl Municipal Airport was recently notified that it qualified for \$1 million in funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Buhl Municipal Airport Board Commissioner Neil Ring said he was shocked when Federal Aviation Administration officials called to tell him the news.

Resurfacing of the 3,900-foot taxiway is already in the planning stages, making it a "shovel ready" project is a suitable match for the ARRA funds. Ring, whose airport operates on a budget of about \$20,000 and about \$150,000 in facility money from the FAA, said the offer sounded too good to be true, and that he asked if there were any strings attached.

"We didn't apply for any stimulus money but they said we qualified because our project to repave the airport's taxiway was ready to go...and we don't have to match funds or repay it," Ring said. "We usually get \$150,000 in funding from the FAA, so this really puts us ahead in our master plan; probably four or five years ahead."

The ARRA money would

likely cover the cost of repaving the entire taxiway, Ring said. Any leftover money would be used for other paving jobs, he said.

Keeping the taxiway maintained keeps airport mechanic Rick Robinette busy. He said a lot of time and money is spent clearing weeds and sealing cracks that are clearly visible every few feet along the strip.

"Something needs done before (the taxiway) goes to pot," Robinette said.

The project is in line with the ARRA's aim to inject money into the economy and to create jobs. According to the FAA's "stakeholder guidance" posted on the Internet, \$1.1 billion will be administered under the requirements of the agency's Airport Improvement Program.

"FAA is to issue grants for high priority projects that can proceed to construction quickly to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery," the guidance memo states.

Half of the \$1.1 billion, or \$550 million, must be awarded to airports across the nation by mid-June. Projects that can be completed within two years get top-priority.

The local economy will likely see positive benefits of

the airport's project, Ring said.

"Contractors in the area will be able to bid on the taxiway, which is in pretty bad shape right now," Ring said. "If we weren't going to receive this money we were originally only going to redo the overlay but now we can completely rebuild it."

According to the Web site AirNav.com, the Buhl airport is home to fewer than three dozen aircraft, and averages just 41 aircraft operations — takeoffs and landings — per day.

While the funding is good news for the airport, the city said the money could have been better used to help pay for the water and sewer projects.

"If the city would have just been given the \$1 million we would have used it to help pay for our current infrastructure projects," said Mayor Charles Sheridan. "But that isn't the way it works. The money was administered through the FAA for airport improvements and so that is where the money will be spent. We certainly aren't complaining."

Under stimulus guidelines the airport must be ready to proceed with taxiway construction within the next four months.

Burley 'Biker Santa' charged with witness intimidation

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

A Burley man charged with two felony counts of child sex abuse will face an additional felony charge for allegedly intimidating a witness.

John Thomas Breeding, 62, who calls himself "Biker Santa", will face a jury in Cassia County 5th District Court at 9 a.m. on April 15.

Breeding is accused of soliciting a 9-year-old girl who is a distant relative for a sex act at his north Burley home between Nov. 15 and 17, 2008, according to court records.

Breeding has pleaded not guilty to both charges.

For several years Breeding has ridden a motorcycle around Mini-Cassia, stopping in busy parking lots to speak with children and

hand out candy canes, while dressed as Santa Claus. The sex abuse charges do not stem from any activity conducted while he was dressed as Santa.

Breeding was charged Dec. 26, 2008 with intimidating a witness in the sex abuse case after he had an alleged phone conversation with the victim's mother in which he told her to drop the charges or he would have his "biker" friends take care of her, according to court records.

A bond of \$250,000 was set for Breeding on the case and he was released on his own recognizance Feb. 13, according to Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center personnel.

Breeding was arraigned in 5th District Court on March 10, and pleaded not

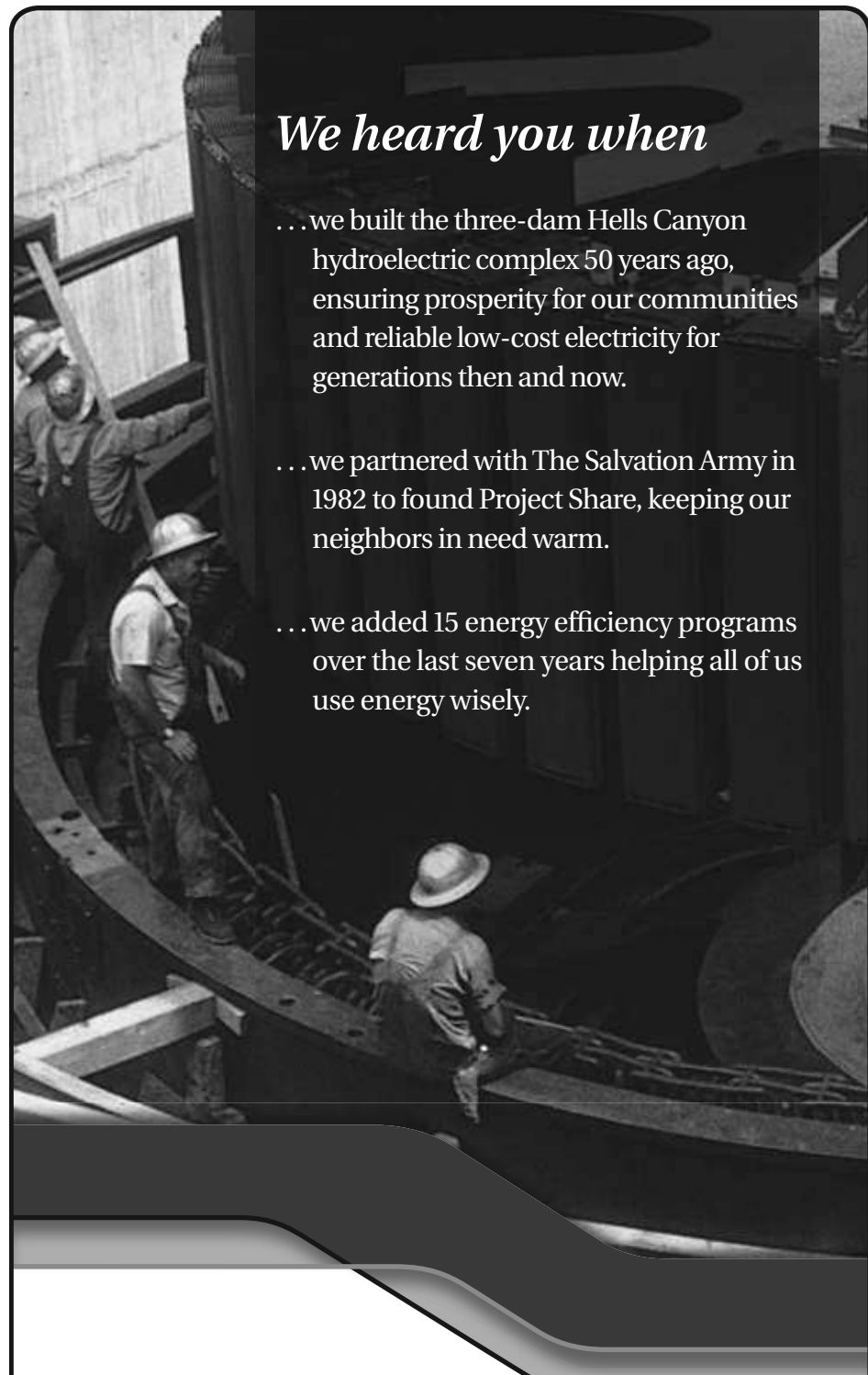
guilty to the charge. The case is slated to be heard before a jury at 9 a.m., June 29.

The child's mother said Breeding also told her to go to the newspaper to have an earlier story about the sex abuse charges retracted and indicated she had ruined his life because he could not be "Biker Santa" anymore, according to court records.

The child's mother said Breeding threatened to have her jailed because she had failed to protect her daughter from him because she knew he was a registered sex offender.

Breeding was convicted of rape in 1986.

The court affidavit also said Breeding threatened to hit the detective questioning him about the alleged threat with his cane if he tried to take him to jail.



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House Committee passes plan to change teacher pay

BOISE (AP) — School districts would be able to declare financial emergencies and modify teacher contracts under a bill approved Friday by a House committee.

Last month, House Education Committee Chairman Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, proposed legislation to allow teacher contracts to expire at the end of each fiscal year and let districts modify the contracts any time the state declared a fiscal emergency. Democratic lawmakers and the state teachers union balked at the measure.

He came back with a new

measure that has gained support from many education groups, including school boards and the Idaho Education Association.

Nonini told the committee Friday that the bill would give individual districts flexibility to make budget decisions that are best for both students and teachers.

The bill was approved unanimously and now goes to the full House for a vote.

Idaho Education Association President Sherri Wood said it supports the bill because it gives them a voice in the process.

"Teachers in Idaho under-

stand we are facing an economic crisis," Wood said.

The bill specifies when a district can declare an emergency. For instance, it would allow contracts to be modified if the district's tax revenue is 5 percent less than the year before or if the district has less than 5.5 percent of general funds left in its budget for the school year. Before contracts could be changed, school boards would have to follow an extensive process, including holding a public hearing and getting comments from the local teachers union.

Several of the state's 115 districts may already qualify

to declare an emergency.

The Council School District, which has an elementary school and combination middle and high school in the western Idaho town of Council, has cut its art and shop programs, summer school classes, athletics, and librarian because of the economy.

"The 5 percent will not be a problem for our district," Wayne Freedman, a Council School Board trustee, told the committee.

He said the area's nearly 25 percent unemployment rate has kept the district from passing a supplemental bond levy.

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AROUND THE STATE

Woman to serve 10 years for husband's 1980 murder

BOISE — A woman who admitted to killing her husband in 1980 with a deer rifle and burying his body in the backyard of her Boise home will spend 10 years in prison. Judy Gough, a 63-year-old who now lives in Nampa, was sentenced Friday in Ada County.

Gough pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Lloyd Ford as part of an agreement with prosecutors. The slaying was a family secret for decades until Gough's 39-year-old daughter, Kimberly Wright, came forward in 2007.

Wright told investigators she watched her mother shoot Ford and bury the body.

Had the case gone to trial, defense lawyers say they intended to depict Gough as the victim of an abusive relationship and a woman who acted in self-defense.

House kills fetal death certificate bill

BOISE — The Idaho House has rejected a bill to create a voluntary death certificate for women who miscarry or abort before their pregnancies reach 20 weeks. The bill was killed with a 32-31 vote. The state's Bureau of Health Policy and Vital Statistics had spoken out against the bill over worries the certificate could be used for fraud.

Midvale Republican Rep. Judy Boyle had asked lawmakers Friday to look into their hearts and create a death certificate that would comfort grieving women.

The state currently distributes certificates for birth, death, marriage, divorce and stillborn babies born after 20 weeks gestation. Such events must be verified before certificates are issued by the bureau, which was not done through Boyle's bill.

Former Idaho prison guard charged

BOISE — Ada County authorities have accused a former prison guard for the Idaho Department of

Correction of having sexual contact with a female inmate last year.

The Ada County Prosecutor's Office says Timothy Ryan Gilligan has been charged in 4th District Court with two felony counts of having sexual contact with an inmate.

Gilligan, a 28-year-old who was a wide receiver for the Boise State University football team between 2000 and 2003, was arrested on Thursday and released after he posted bond.

He is scheduled to appear at an arraignment hearing on Monday.

Police reports show the charges stem from April 2007 and the woman went to authorities in December.

the trip and say he will not be breaking any laws.

"We have turned every stone over," Fuhrman told the Post Register.

He leaves Saturday on the trip paid for by Areva Inc. as a chaperone for 20 members of his Youth Advisory Council, whose members also are traveling on the company's dime.

Areva late last year applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build a \$2 billion uranium enrichment plant near Idaho Falls. The federal regulator has said approval could take more than two years.

The company in 2008 won tax breaks from the Idaho Legislature before decid-

ing to build the plant in eastern Idaho. Fuhrman was one of many who lobbied Idaho lawmakers to cap Areva's property taxes to entice the company to build the plant.

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Treasure Valley quadruplets are first in 15 years

BOISE — Boise doctors say quadruplets born at a local hospital are likely the first they have delivered in the Treasure Valley region in about 15 years.

Tracy Finken, 28, gave birth to three boys and a girl at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center on Tuesday.

Finken and her husband, Richard, say they tried to have a baby for two years before seeking fertility treatment. She became pregnant after taking a low dose of Clomid, a common fertility drug.

The babies weighed between 2 pounds to 3 pounds and all four needed help breathing after they were born. Doctors say two of the boys should be able to go home in about two months.

Emilee, the smallest of the babies, is expected to stay in the hospital longer.

Mayor defends free trip to Paris

IDAHO FALLS — The mayor of this eastern Idaho city says he's doing nothing wrong by accepting a week-long trip to Paris paid for by a French-owned nuclear services company that has proposed building a uranium enrichment plant near here.

Mayor Jared Fuhrman said attorneys have looked at

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Idaho spud growers stand up to agribusiness giant

CHEERS: Their livelihoods are at stake, so we can't blame southern Idaho potato growers for deciding not to sue ConAgra Foods over allegations that the food-processor is in breach of contract.

But at least spud farmers made a stand for principle that might make big agribusiness think twice about their negotiating practices.

Omaha-based ConAgra backed out of contracts this year with the Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative and individual growers

Producers say ConAgra is trying to undermine the cooperative by forcing growers into individual joint-venture agreements — and in the process reducing the cooperative's collective bargaining power.

ConAgra officials say they're negotiating based on economic conditions. This is the same

company that refused three requests by potato producers between 2007 and 2008 to be compensated for rising fuel and fertilizer costs, arguing “a deal is a deal.”

Evidently, a deal is only a deal when it benefits ConAgra.

Bill Loughmiller, a Twin Falls County potato grower, said spud farmers in Burley Tuesday voted in favor of contract modifications with ConAgra.

“The growers will be offering a compromise that will provide parity between processors and an adjustment in price that reflects current economic conditions,” he said.

Point made. Let's also hope it's point taken.

JEERS: To the Idaho Legislature, for considering cutting a small state program to help victims of cystic fibrosis — an action that could



actually shorten the lives of some Idahoans.

Sixty-three adults in Idaho, both insured and uninsured, rely on the state's help to pay for expensive drugs. Caldwell Republican Sen. John McGee says those folks can get the same assistance from drug companies and other sources, and his bill to eliminate state support passed the Senate 21-14 last week and is headed for the House of Representatives.

But Dr. Perry Brown of Boise says that if patients are forced to choose between medications or food, their health will suffer.

The amount the state spends

on CF patients has grown from a general fund budget appropriation of \$24,000 to \$211,500 in 2005. Repeal would save the state an estimated \$205,000 annually.

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, about 30,000 children and adults in the United States have the disease, which clogs the lungs, leads to life-threatening lung infections, and inhibits ability to absorb food.

There are better places in a \$2.5 billion budget to save \$205,000.

CHEERS: To state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, for brokering a deal on the state's catastrophic fund that might prevent property taxes from being raised or stave off a reduction of county services.

The “CAT” fund, which picks up costs for medically indigent patients after counties

have paid the first \$10,000, is running a big budget deficit, and Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter wants to raise the deductible for counties to \$15,000.

Idaho projects its costs for treatment of the medically indigent will exceed \$23 million in the year through June 30.

Cameron, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, has been working for weeks with counties, CAT fund officials, providers and others to develop an alternative proposal, which would raise the deductible to \$11,000 and institute a series of program reforms and cost-savings.

His bill foresees the state Department of Health and Welfare and private contractors helping ensure recipients will get services they need — without taxpayers paying too much.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fellowship youth clean up during spring break

Anyone who was in downtown Jerome on Wednesday, March 18, saw groups of kids sweeping the sidewalks. I stopped to speak with some of them and found out that they were from Northridge Fellowship. They were using part of their spring break to clean up the town.

In a time when we hear very little about the good things that kids do, I think it is important to acknowledge these types of generous activities.

I would like to thank all of these kids, as well as Northridge Fellowship, for their citizenship and caring for our town. You are all to be thanked for your generosity and hard work.

CRYSTAL GREENE
Jerome
(Editor's note: Crystal Greene is the manager at the Jerome branch of Wells Fargo Bank.)

Fiscal irresponsibility shouldn't be rewarded

I just read about AIG's executive bonuses (tens of millions) in spite of receiving huge bailout money. This is criminal. Heads should roll for this, or they should be getting pay cuts not bonuses for their lack of fiscal responsibility.

There is no reasoning good enough to explain this away. The American people are no longer going to roll over and play dead while being raped by corporate America.

Please stop them now, and any others who even think about it.

JUDI THETTEN
Twin Falls

Federal stimulus package a 'scary lady'

Our family enjoyed the letter sent to our home from Sen. Cameron about the state of Idaho and the federal stimulus package.

I recall election night, at the Burley Convention

Center, Sen. Darrington asking if a certain lady running for public office had been voted in? You replied that you did not notice what had happened. He said “I hope she was not elected for she was a scary lady.” Another scary lady has been elected by the name of Federal Stimulus Package.

The last big depression left my father buying a case of beans instead of one can when he went to the market. My father-in-law kept \$40,000 in cash in his deep freeze because of money lost in banks by friends and relatives. My parents moved to Idaho so my mother could get a job as a registered nurse. She worked at the Pocatello General Hospital for \$2.50 a 12-hour shift.

In Korea, after the war, little was left of their schools, roads and people. They had widows and children and the will to get an education for those who were left. We don't have to start at the bottom but we will need roads, bridges and new schools to educate our children. Our nation will then be in their capable and educated hands. This is as it should be. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

GENE GOODWIN
Heyburn

On the lookout for parasites in Burley

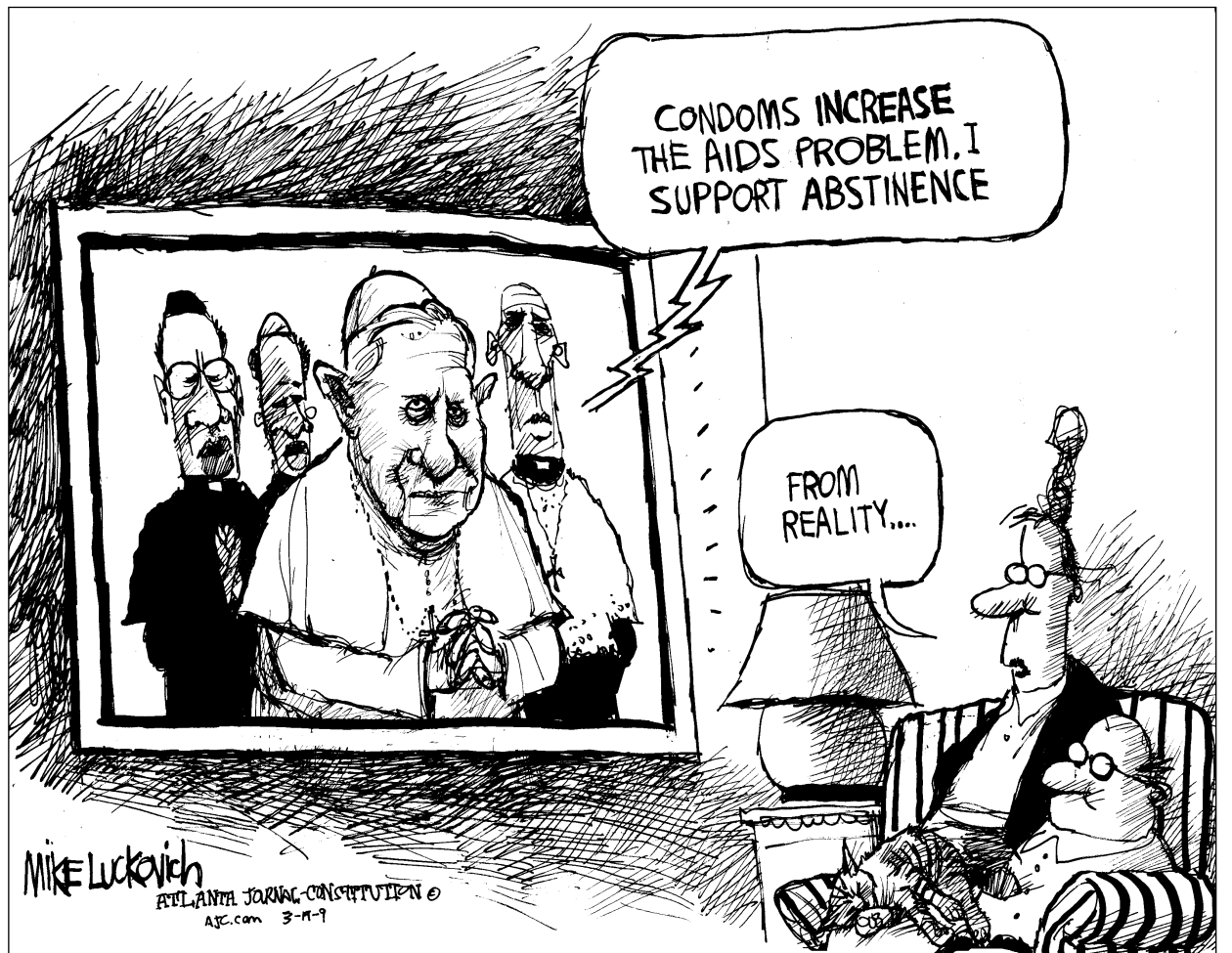
Thank you, Mr. Vaughn Egan.

My business at Nelson's is on the upswing. I'm getting new customers every day. They want to see a parasite in person — not only local but out-of-town customers as well.

If you wish to have a fine dinner, cheaper than you spend on gas and food in Nevada, nonsmoking is on the west side of the building; cold milk or other beverages are available.

Bring a friend. Thank you again.

SHIRLEY MIDDLETON
Burley
(Editor's note: Shirley Middleton works at Nelson's Cafe in downtown Burley.)



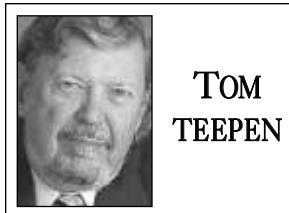
Brazilian doctors chose their faith over their church

Situation ethics is the cultural right's designated root of much evil ranging from unruly classrooms to dirty movies and, worst of all, Democrats, who, to hear the political right tell it, are its authors and acolytes.

Situation ethics' yield, it is said, is a permissiveness that compounds with every new iteration. Cut a little slack and the next thing you know, Inferno!

But look what happens when situation ethics are disallowed. What happens is the Roman Catholic Church excommunicates the doctors, other health workers and even the mother of a 9-year-old rape victim who were parties to the girl's abortion in Brazil.

The ruling has dismayed even many Catholic prelates and communicants. The slim, 80-pound child was pregnant with twins. Doctors concluded that the pregnancy menaced her life. The girl's stepfather is in jail, charged



TOM
TEEPEN

with her rape.

The church's thinking holds that she should have been further victimized — that is, obliged to carry the fetuses as near to term as possible and then have a cesarean section, maybe saving the two, maybe not. The stepfather, by the way, has not been excommunicated. His sin is accounted a lesser one and potentially repairable.

Choosing between right and wrong is easy when the wrong in question virtually hisses its malevolence and the good all but glows angelically. But most calls are far closer, often agonizingly so, and few of us — not even, in real life, those who rant against situation ethics — give no allowance for circumstances.

Pope Benedict XVI started his current African tour by declaring condoms ineffective against the AIDS calamity there. The prescription of birth control is the long-time and apparently eternal position of the Vatican, which allows for no exceptions even when the use of one method is less to prevent life than to save it.

Condoms in fact are effective against the spread of sexually transmitted diseases — once a largely sly rationale for them, but no longer. Surveys and studies by the ton confirm that.

Catholicism is booming in Africa, and so is AIDS. That's not cause and effect, but the church's prohibition on condoms, to whatever degree it is followed, is certainly no help against the disease and its panoramic misery in Africa.

One and a half million Africans died of AIDS in the last year. Twenty-two million have HIV. There are 11 million AIDS orphans on

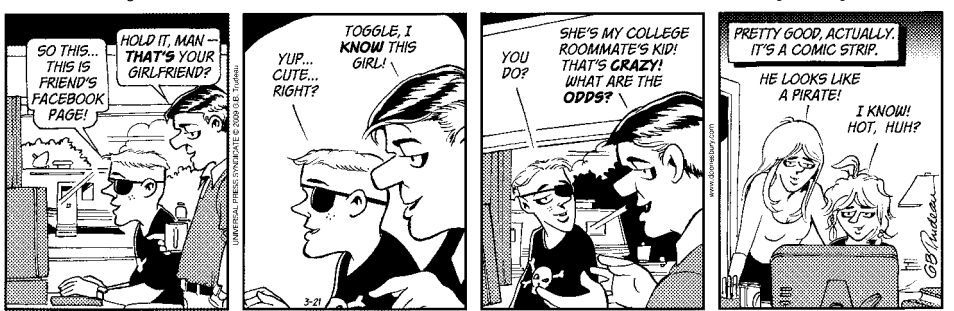
the continent. Numerous priests and nuns are working to help the stricken and their families. It is admirable work but, in the big picture, finally futile, mop-up care in a human wreckage that is being constantly replenished in part by withholding its prophylaxis.

We're hearing these days, too, from free-market absolutists insisting that the only proper answer to the current economic catastrophe is ... more of the same. Anything else is socialism. So don't raise a finger to prevent bank failures by the hundreds, home foreclosures by the millions and industry-wide failures in scores.

Principle can be guiding and inspirational, but the results are not always so pretty when principle becomes policy.

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Child care reform: Idaho's time is now

A bright star has appeared on what has been a rather dark horizon in the world of child care in Idaho. The Idaho Senate has passed, by a 30-5 vote, S1112, a proposal to change Idaho's outdated and inadequate child care statute.

Supporters of child care reform have tried for a number of years to amend the current statute which leaves thousands of Idaho's children in child care facilities vulnerable to safety and health threats. Last week's vote was a major breakthrough in the effort to change that. But the bill now must clear the House of Representatives, where similar legislation has previously been held up.

S1112 would provide a

READER COMMENT



Sen. Tim Corder

Rep. George Saylor

consistent, minimum statewide system of safety requirements for children in child care facilities where four or more children, unrelated to the provider, are being cared for on a regular basis, for compensation. It would require criminal history background checks, health and safety inspections,

firearms and water safety measures are included, there must be a working phone on the premises, and maximum group size and child staff ratios are included.

This proposal, if enacted, would end the many loopholes that now exist which create safety issues for many children and create opportunities for those, including sexual predators, to harm children. The current law allows anyone to care for six or fewer children without any regulation of oversight, and has minimal requirements for group care facilities caring for seven to 12 children.

In the past several years we have accumulated a mountain of evidence

"This proposal, if enacted, would end the many loopholes that now exist which create safety issues for many children ..."

— Sen. Tim Corder and Rep. George Saylor

showing the need for change. Problems with the current system range from children being sexually abused, to providers being intoxicated, to a variety of health and safety violations. Current statute makes it virtually impossible for the state to do any enforcement actions in most cases.

Opponents have generally argued that more licensing is taking away family responsibilities or may be too burdensome on small providers. Nothing

could be further from the truth.

The current policy of leaving primary responsibility for child care to the parents remains in place. What changes is the state assumes a larger role in ensuring that all child-care facilities are meeting a set of minimum health and safety standard. We believe the state has that responsibility. We also believe it is the parent's responsibility to choose the type of child care most suitable for their family. With the state of

Idaho and the parents both involved, our moral responsibility to provide safe child care for our children is fulfilled.

This year the Legislature has required veterinarians, mortgage brokers and others to be licensed and have criminal history background checks. Passage of S1112 will send the message that our children are at least as important as animals and money.

Tim Corder, a Republican from Mountain Home, has represented Elmore and Boise counties in the Idaho Senate since 2005. George Saylor, a Democrat from Coeur d'Alene, has represented Kootenai County in the House of Representatives since 2003.

Lessons in journalism from the fake-news guy

"The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart's attack on the nation's business media and his blistering showdown last week with CNBC anchor Jim Cramer could be another nail in the coffin of the mainstream media.

Or it could be a sign of how desperately people are yearning for the kind of probing, agenda-free coverage that the mainstream media promise, though don't always deliver.

Stewart's accusation that the media failed to play watchdog over the nation's financial systems clearly struck a chord. And journalists should pay attention, because it suggests a failure to do the kind of digging that mainstream journalists say is the difference between them and the alternative media — blogs, talk radio, and comedy shows among them.

It's the second time this decade that the mainstream



PETER CANELLOS

media have been accused of sleeping on the job. The first was the alleged failure to closely scrutinize the case for war in Iraq.

It was a quiet failure. There were thoughtful explorations of what the media did wrong, but no agreed-upon fix. There were vows to do better, but no structural change. Lacking a person or practice to cite, blame attached to the entire enterprise. Many young people now read or watch the news with a skepticism of their own. Some have turned to the alternative media.

Stewart's clips of CNBC anchors touting soon-to-be defunct stocks and reporters lobbing softball questions at soon-to-be-

bust CEOs may well send readers and viewers in the same direction. Which is why mainstream journalists should take the criticism seriously.

There are similarities between the business coverage of recent years and the Iraq coverage of 2002. First, the lapses weren't by everyone. There were reporters and columnists who raised serious questions about former President Bush's case for war in Iraq, but they had trouble penetrating the dominant narrative.

Recently, National Public Radio reporter David Folkenflik looked at the pre-crisis business reporting and found the same thing. "Dissonant views about the vulnerabilities of the system were heard on CNBC and in print, but they were largely swept aside as part of a greater conversation about how to keep investing," Folkenflik declared.

That suggests another similarity: Cable TV estab-

lished the "conversation," and the format served to exaggerate tendencies that were also present, but less pronounced, on broadcast TV news or in newspapers.

These included an over-reliance on government or industry sources who, having an agenda to push, make themselves only too available for comment. The dissenting voices also carried an agenda, so their views, no matter how forcefully rendered, failed to register as anything but ritual disclaimers. The most credible sources may actually be people who weren't motivated to appear on TV. They might talk to journalists with the time to prepare a layered report, but they have to be sought out.

In fact, many mainstream news organizations have strived to maintain or enhance their investigative units in the face of overall budget cuts. But even in the flush years, there aren't enough resources to provide

in-depth reporting for 24 hours of programming. So round-the-clock networks tend to repeat the dominant "conversation" over and over, while the more diligent reporting comes and goes quietly.

Commentary fills some of the gaps. Thus, the dominant face of CNBC is Cramer, the former hedge-fund operator who advises viewers on which stocks to buy. His goofy, arm-flailing personality makes him weirdly watchable, but he's not a journalist in most senses of the word.

"I try really hard to make as many good calls as I can," he promised Stewart last week.

But there was a consolation for the mainstream media in the same toxic clip. Stewart's complaint, like most critics, wasn't that the mainstream media

should be more like the alternatives — it was that it should live up to its own ideals.

That yearning for integrity may be driving the young people who turn to the ideological media — the blog that is frankly liberal, the radio host who is reliably conservative, the comedy show that openly dedicates itself to exposing right-wing hypocrisy.

Younger people want a news outlet that delivers what it promises.

"We do label the show as snake oil here," Stewart conceded at one point. "((But)) isn't there a problem with selling snake oil and labeling it as vitamin tonic? Isn't that the difficulty here?"

Peter Canellos is Washington bureau chief of the Boston Globe.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Citizens, it's time to take back our country

Discussions on the news are about trying to figure out if we are in a depression. Well, some say yes and others say not yet. The numbers say that in other years dating back to the '30s that unemployment being so high was the reason.

I think the problem with our economy now vs. then is that today our whole political, financial and moral systems are so corrupt that how in the world can things

not be worse today than in other years.

Look at where we are today — crooked politicians on both sides, crooked bankers and investment chief executive officers, crooked housing market officials, ill-run companies such as General Motors and Chrysler, and lack of personal fiscal responsibility and so on.

Additional comment: How about health care? If our health care system is so bad, then why do people from all over the world,

countries with socialized medicine, run to this country to be taken care of.

To me, it proves one thing. Capitalism has to thrive in the United States if we want to survive and maintain our way of life. People and companies have to be allowed to succeed and to fail on their own.

Government should not be meddling in our business. They work for us, not us for them. We elected them, and we can also kick them out. We need term limits so the political crooks are not in

office long enough to set up their dynasties. We, the people, need to take back our country and live again by the laws of the Constitution.

God help us.
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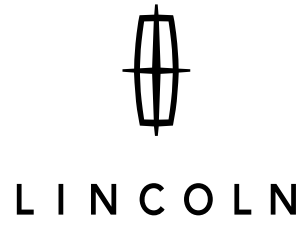
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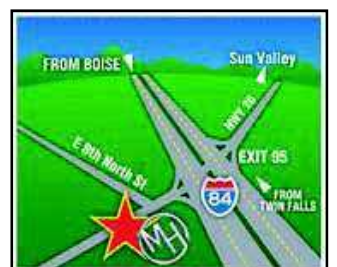
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Bernanke: Exec compensation must be monitored

Fed chief says bonuses could threaten 'capital cushion'

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Friday called for banking supervisors to pay "close attention" to compensation practices as they examine the sound-

ness of financial institutions. Banking regulators have observed that "poorly designed compensation policies can create perverse incentives that can ultimately jeopardize the health of the banking organiza-

tion," Bernanke told a meeting of smaller "community" banks in Phoenix, Ariz. The Fed chief's remarks come amid public and congressional outrage over millions of dollars in bonuses paid to employees of American International

Group Inc., which has been bailed out by the government four times. The situation has created a public relations headache for President Barack Obama and unleashed fresh congressional furor over the handling of AIG's bailout by the Treasury Department and the Fed. Bernanke, who will appear

before Congress on the AIG flap next week, didn't mention any companies by name in his speech. He made a fresh pitch for an overhaul of banking regulations to prevent another financial crisis like the one gripping the U.S. and other countries worldwide. Regulatory gaps need to be closed, he said. Regulators

must make sure financial companies have a sufficient capital cushion against potential losses. And Congress must enact legislation so that the failure of a huge financial institution can be handled in such a way to minimize fallout to the national economy — See **BONUSES**, Business 2

RETHINKING USED CAR MATH



AP photo

Jerry Mulvihill, right, of Alsip, Ill., talks with car salesman Gerardo Rangel at the Apple Chevrolet dealership in Orland Park, Ill. While new vehicle sales have fallen to 27-year lows, used cars are in greater demand, so their values are rising. Meanwhile, automakers and dealers desperate to sell new models have been piling on rebates and incentives that have sent prices plummeting.

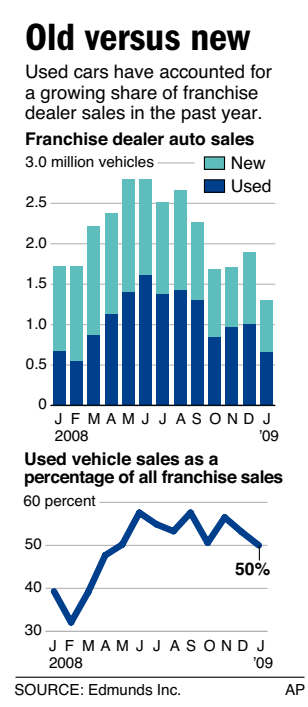
Incentives and rates may reach equilibrium on some used cars

By Kimberly S. Johnson
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — For cash-strapped consumers shopping for a car, used would seem like the place to start. Not necessarily. A new one might actually be cheaper. Consider this: The average cost of a used 2008 Honda Accord EX sedan, certified by the dealership, was \$21,544 earlier this month, according to Edmunds.com, a car-buying Web site. A new 2009 model cost \$80 less. It's simple supply and demand. With new car sales at a 27-year low and desperate dealers piling on rebates and incentives, prices are plummeting. At the same time, demand is up for used

cars and their values are rising. "The intuitive logic has been that a used car buy is a better buy," said Edmunds CEO Jeremy Anwyl. "But consumers need to check reality. It's very contradictory." Used cars still generally cost less than new ones, but a mix of drastic price cuts, rebates and financing incentives is narrowing the gap. Automakers are subsidizing zero-percent or low-interest loans on new cars, while the average rate on a three-year used car loan is about 7.5 percent, according to Bankrate.com. Factor in the lower cost of financing and the total cost of the new car can be less.

For example, a \$30,000 car with an annual percentage rate of 2.9 percent would cost \$662.70 a month over four years. By comparison, a used car with an APR of 7 percent would cost \$718.38, a total of \$2,673 more over the same period. Automakers like Ford Motor Co. are banking on the phenomenon to drive consumers back to new car showrooms. "There is an equilibrium level which we believe we are getting back to between the value of used vehicles and the transactional price of new," said Ken Czuby, Ford's sales and marketing vice president, when the company announced its See **USED CARS**, Business 2



Citigroup CEO protests efforts to tax bonuses

Pandit says efforts would lead to loss of 'talented people'

By Sara Lepro
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc.'s CEO Vikram Pandit pushed back Friday against efforts in Washington to tax bonuses at financial companies that received federal bailout funds, saying it could result in the loss of valuable employees right when they're most needed. Pandit, in a memo to employees Friday, said Citigroup has already removed the executives responsible for Citi's troubles, and that any effort to spread blame "to each and every employee" in the financial industry is unwarranted.

Pandit's remarks came as lawmakers tried to impose punitive taxes on bonuses at financial institutions following outrage over millions paid to employees at the failed insurance company American International Group Inc., which has received \$182 billion in federal aid. Efforts to stabilize the financial system "would be significantly set back if we lose our talented people because Congress imposes a special tax," Pandit said, adding that many people will likely "find it difficult, if not impossible, to pay back the bonuses." Pandit said the company is working with lawmakers to come to an agreement on a "constructive industry compensation system" and to ensure his employees are See **PROTEST**, Business 2

Why is growth slowing in south-central Idaho?

Why growth is slowing in south-central Idaho remained unanswered in a story published in Friday's Business section. The story cited U.S. Census figures, which reported that the growth rate in Twin Falls County fell seven spots to be the twelfth-fastest growing county in Idaho. Jan Roeser, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor, listed the following as reasons for a slower rate of growth:

- Lack of good paying jobs — most jobs are not paying enough to justify moving.
- Inability to sell home — supply and demand is out of kilter.
- Delaying retirement plans due to drop in investments and staying in the workforce longer.



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engaging in business abroad. The four-hour event will feature seminars on a variety of export topics including minimizing the risks of exporting to countries where bribery is prevalent, export documentation, distribution agreements and protecting your intellectual property. The event will be held at The Grove Hotel, located at 245 S. Capitol Blvd. in Boise, on May 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, go to www.exportidaho.com or contact Amy Benson at amy.benson@NO-

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Commerce to explore business opportunities in Vietnam, Taiwan

BOISE — In order to help companies in Idaho, the U.S. Commercial Service and The Idaho Export Council are offering a day of seminars to educate Idaho companies engaging in business in Vietnam and Taiwan. The two-hour event offers unique opportunities to hear directly from the U.S.

Commercial Service's senior business representatives based in Vietnam and Taiwan on emerging business opportunities available to Idaho businesses. The event will be held at The Grove Hotel, located at 245 S. Capitol Blvd. in Boise, on April 2 from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. To register, go to www.exportidaho.com or contact Amy Benson at amy.benson@NO-SPAM.mail.doc.gov or 208-364-7791.

— staff reports

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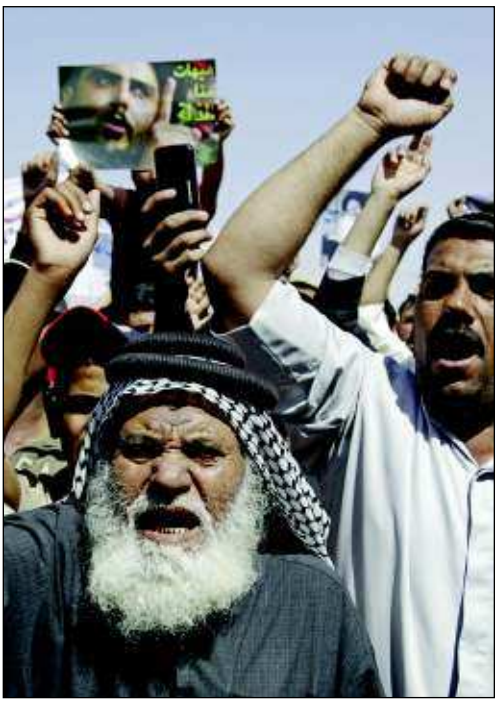
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Live cattle	85.20	▲ .45	April Oil	51.06	▼ .55
March Gold	955.8	▼ 2.5	March Silver	13.82	▲ .32

Coming Monday

WASHINGTON — National Association of Realtors releases existing home sales for February.

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Walgreen Co. reports second-quarter financial results.



AP photo

Followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr hold an anti-U.S. demonstration marking the 6th anniversary of the invasion in Basra, Iraq, Friday.

Flag-burning marks war anniversary

BAGHDAD (AP) — American flags were set on fire Friday to chants of “no, no for occupation” as followers of an anti-U.S. Shiite cleric marked the sixth anniversary of the Iraq war.

In five other Iraqi cities, supporters of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr also either marched or stood in protest after prayers to demand the release of their allies detained at Iraqi and U.S.-run prisons.

The protests came as a suicide bomber in Fallujah killed an Iraqi police officer and five other people, including civilians, in an attempted attack on the home of the local leader of Sunni security volunteers who turned against al-Qaida.

Also, a pair of roadside bombs exploded within 10 minutes of one another after

sundown Friday, wounding four policemen and three civilians in Baghdad's Karradah district, police said. A police colonel and his aide were wounded in a bombing Friday in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, police said.

In the capital, al-Sadr aide Sheik Haidar al-Jabiri urged supporters to join an April 9 march to protest the six-year anniversary of Americans taking over the city.

“Today, a remembrance of the cruel occupation of Iraq, and on April 9, there will be a chant for liberation,” al-Sadr aide Sheik Haidar al-Jabiri told worshippers gathered in Baghdad's Shiite district of Sadr City for Friday sermons.

He added: “Sayed Muqtada invites you to march by the

millions on April 9, the anniversary of the cruel occupation.”

Baghdad fell to U.S. forces on April 9, 2003. The war began with a missile and bombing attack on south Baghdad before dawn on March 20, 2003 — March 19 in Washington.

A similar planned march last year was canceled. Al-Sadr's previous demonstrations have attracted thousands of supporters, but have not reached 1 million.

Demonstrators responded by lifting a banner reading: “To the Iraqi government, when you will be trustful and release our detainee sons?”

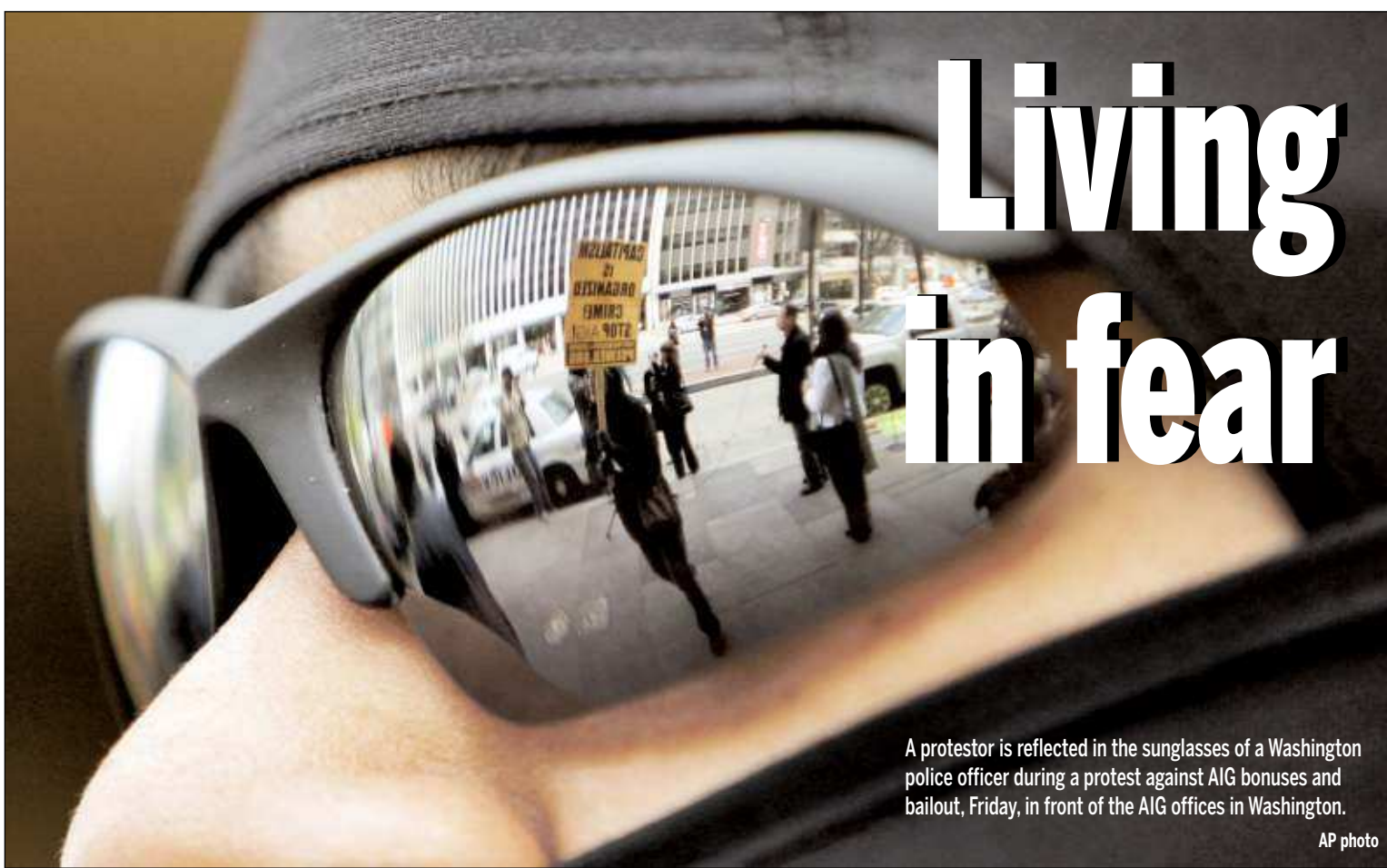
“No, no for occupation. Yes, yes for liberation. Yes, yes for Iraq,” the demonstrators chanted.

Two American flags were set on fire.

Thousands of Sadrist followers in five other cities — Basra, Kut, Diwaniyah, Amarah and Nasiriyah — also took to the streets Friday in an apparent planned series of protests.

In Kut, up to 1,000 worshippers marched from the grand mosque in center of the city to Sadrist offices a short distance away, denouncing the U.S. occupation and calling for detainees to be released.

Outside Fallujah, an Iraqi police officer and a small group of civilians died Friday while trying to stop a suicide bomber from reaching the home of Saadoun al-Eifan, who runs the local branch of the Sunni volunteers, the Sons of Iraq.



Living in fear

A protestor is reflected in the sunglasses of a Washington police officer during a protest against AIG bonuses and bailout, Friday, in front of the AIG offices in Washington.

AP photo

Dodd on thin ice?

By Andrew Miga
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Democrats may want to start thinking about a bailout for Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, whose political stock has slipped amid the financial meltdown.

As a five-term Democrat who blew out his last two opponents by 2-1 margins in a blue state that President Barack Obama won handily, Dodd, D-Conn., should be cruising to re-election in 2010. Instead, he's feeling heat from a Republican challenger eager to make him a poster boy for the tumult in the housing and financial markets.

A recent poll showed former Rep. Rob Simmons running about even with Dodd, a former national Democratic Party chairman.

As head of the banking panel, Dodd, 64, has become a convenient target for voter anger over the economic crisis.

“The fact that we have been beaten up, beaten around the head for the last eight or nine months on a regular basis has contributed to it as well,” Dodd said.

Some of the worst blows came amid the furor over \$165 million in bonuses American International Group Inc. paid some of its employees while receiving billions of dollars in federal bailout money. After first denying it, Dodd admitted he agreed to a request by Treasury Department officials to dilute an executive bonus restriction in the big economic stimulus bill that Congress passed last month. The change to Dodd's amendment allowed AIG to hand out the bonuses and sparked a blame game between Dodd and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.

Dodd was guarded Thursday when asked about Geithner.

“This is obviously a matter that obviously should have been dealt with differently, but we are where we are,” he said.

Republicans branded Dodd's reversal “astonishing and alarming” and fingered Dodd as the top recipient of campaign cash from AIG employees over the years.

The GOP is slamming Dodd, claiming he is cozying up to Wall Street insiders, raking in bundles of their campaign cash, shirking his banking panel duties and running for president as the economic crisis erupted in 2007.

He's also under investigation by a Senate ethics panel for mortgages he got from Countrywide Financial Corp., the big lending company at the center of the mortgage crisis.

AIG bonus outrage has employees worried about safety

By John Christoffersen
Associated Press writer

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Pillars of the community are now pariahs fearing for their safety in a ritzy area of Connecticut home to many executives at American International Group Inc., hit with a backlash over bonuses it paid to top brass even as it accepted federal bailout money.

The payouts to executives appear to have helped put a face on the economic struggles the country faces, and the anger targeting AIG is palpable. Death threats have been pouring in since the brouhaha broke, the company said, and its workers are taking no chances.

“It's scary,” one executive said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he feared retribution. “People are very, very nervous for their security.”

The financial products division is in Wilton in Fairfield County, and many of the company's leaders live in large homes on the “Gold Coast,” an area known more for golf courses and sweeping views of Long Island Sound than for the police cars that now regularly patrol the well-kept streets.

Corporate officials advised

“People are very, very nervous for their security.”

— AIG executive, speaking on condition of anonymity

employees in a memo posted on Gawker.com to avoid wearing the company logo, in an effort to keep from drawing attention. Workers were also urged to travel in pairs at night and park in well-lit areas.

And typifying the preoccupation with the AIG payouts, a busload of activists plans to drive by executives' houses Saturday in an attempt to deliver letters highlighting the strife of ordinary families in the recession and seeking solutions for economic recovery.

AIG said Friday that at least three executives who received bonuses planned to return the money, including James Haas and Doug Poling, both residents of Fairfield County.

“However someone may feel about the appropriateness of the retention payments, there is nothing appropriate about the threats that people have made to and about employees,” company spokesman Mark Herr said in a statement. Haas and Poling have not responded to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

The Polings help out charities including a homeless shelter, theaters and a school, according to The Connecticut Post. At the house, a large white Colonial on a cul-de-sac with all the trappings of suburban prosperity — green shutters, a wood-shingled roof and an invisible fence for dogs — a police car pulled up Friday afternoon and talked to a security guard.

Officer Joe Kalson said that he drives by two or three times a day as of late and that other officers patrol the area, as well.

Organizers of the bus protest noted that there are no plans to trespass and that only a small group planned to get off the bus at each stop.

The protest is an attempt to let people suffering from loss of jobs or homes tell their stories directly to AIG executives, said organizer Jon Green, director of Connecticut Working Families, a coalition of labor unions and other groups.

“There is a human cost to the economic meltdown that we're experiencing,” Green said.

Senate Republicans brake rush to tax AIG bonuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans are drawing out a flap that has made the Obama administration squirm, applying the brakes to Democratic attempts to quickly tax away most of the bonuses at troubled insurance giant AIG and other bailed-out companies.

Sen. Jon Kyl, the Republicans' vote counter, blocked Democratic efforts Thursday evening to bring up a Senate version of the tax bill to recoup most of the \$165 million paid out by AIG last weekend and other bonuses in 2009. The House had swiftly approved its version of the bill earlier in the day.

By rushing, Kyl said, Democrats were letting populist outrage trump informed decision making in the Senate, which is supposed to be insulated from the pressures of public passion.

“I don't believe that Congress should rush to pass yet another piece of

hastily crafted legislation in this very toxic atmosphere, at least without understanding the facts and the potential unintended consequences,” Kyl said on the Senate floor.

“Frankly, I think that's how we got into the current mess.”

Senate Democrats said they will try again next week to take up the tax bill and hope to complete it before April 4, when Congress leaves for a two-week spring break. Combining the disparate House and Senate versions of the bill might have to wait until after the recess.

The Senate voted last month to block the AIG and other bonuses as part of the \$787 billion stimulus bill, but Democrats then watered down the measure allowing them after Treasury Department officials warned that the move could trigger lawsuits against the government.

U.S. Navy vessels collide in Strait of Hormuz

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Two U.S. Navy vessels — a nuclear-powered submarine and an amphibious ship — collided before dawn Friday in the mouth of the Persian Gulf, one of the world's most important sea passages for oil supplies.

There was no damage to the sub's nuclear propulsion system and no disruption to shipping in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world's oil passes, said Navy spokesman Lt. Nate Christensen, with the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet.

Still, the unusual collision between members of the same navy sparked a sudden rise in oil prices —



AP photo

The Los Angeles class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine USS Hartford (SSN 768), seen here in an undated photo, collided with an amphibious ship Friday in the Strait of Hormuz.

which had been declining on the day — even though the strait remained open.

Benchmark crude for

April delivery had traded lower for most of the morning, but then erased those losses and rose 39 cents to

\$52 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent prices rose 50 cents to \$51.17 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Still, with pressure pulling prices down in the financial crisis, the rise was nowhere near what would have been expected months ago, when such a collision would likely have sent prices skyrocketing.

The incident occurred around 1 a.m. local time Friday (3 p.m. MDT, Thursday), when the USS Hartford, a submarine, and the USS New Orleans, an amphibious ship, collided into each other in the narrow Strait of Hormuz, the 5th Fleet said in a state-

ment. The New Orleans suffered a ruptured fuel tank, resulting in an oil spill of approximately 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel, Christensen said.

According to the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, 15 sailors aboard the Hartford were slightly injured but able to return to duty. No injuries were reported aboard the New Orleans and both ships are currently operating under their own power.

“The spill is closely monitored,” Christensen said. “The lightweight diesel, although obviously a fairly substantial amount of gasoline, likely dissipated in the ocean.”

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Increasing shower opportunities. Highs middle 60s. Tonight: Chance of showers. Lows upper 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with showers in the area. Highs upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Shower chances on the rise. Highs low to middle 60s. Tonight: Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorm activity. Lows upper 30s. Tomorrow: Cooler and raining at times. Highs low 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for various regions including Boise, Sun Valley, and Idaho Falls. Includes a weather key and state extremes.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls with icons for weather conditions and high/low temperature ranges for each day.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing yesterday's weather for various cities including Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, and Lewiston.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section for Twin Falls including temperature, precipitation, humidity, barometric pressure, sunrise and sunset, and moon phases.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, Challis, and Sun Valley.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for major U.S. cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for cities in South America, Europe, and Asia.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for cities in Canada including Calgary, Toronto, and Vancouver.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

National weather map of the United States showing fronts, cold/warm systems, and today's national extremes.

Quote of the Day by Gregg Middlekauff: "Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."



Chris Mason, right, tearfully apologizes before Geauga County Common Pleas Judge Forrest Burt, Friday, in Chardon, Ohio, for the June death of her husband, who had heart problems.

Transgender wife receives 4 years for husband's death

CHARDON, Ohio (AP) — A transgender woman was sentenced Friday to four years in prison for killing her frail husband by forcing him to exercise. Chris Mason, 41, was sentenced in Geauga County Common Pleas Court for reckless homicide in the death of 73-year-old James Mason.

name she took after her 1993 sex change. "I want to apologize to my former husband's half-sister for her loss as well as to my family and for my loss," she said in court in an emotional tone. "It's been very upsetting and devastating for our entire family."

Space station's new solar wings open easily

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts successfully unfurled the newly installed solar wings at the international space station Friday, a nerve-racking procedure that went exceedingly well and brought the orbiting outpost to full power.

To NASA's relief, both wings went out smoothly, one at a time. Nothing hung up, and none of the panels stuck together like they had on previous panels. The wings stretched more than 240 feet, a glistening golden hue in the sunlight and a dazzling sight for the astronauts and everyone else involved.

Teens held in BB gun shooting near French school

LYON, France (AP) — Several teenagers were taken into custody Friday night after 11 adults were injured in a pellet gun shooting near a nursery school in the French city of Lyon.



Police officers from the French GIPN special forces walk near a nursery school in Lyon, central France, Friday, after a gunman armed with a BB gun shot at people Friday near the school.

were taken to a hospital and immediately released, Richaud said. He said some mothers were lightly injured on their arms and legs and a police officer who was one of the first on the scene was also hit in the leg.

It was not immediately clear how many shots were fired, he said. Anne Le Scanniff, spokeswoman for the Lyon school district, said the shooter was not aiming at the school.

Toddler found on street, meth and snakes in home

JASPER, Texas (AP) — Deputies say they found a toddler wandering alone on a Texas street and methamphetamine and more than a dozen snakes in his mother's home.

Tuesday afternoon, and a deputy tracked down Jones. In her Buna home, Newman says the deputy found a small amount of methamphetamine and as many as 16 snakes, one dead.

Jasper County Sheriff Mitchell Newman told KFDI-TV that Tamara Jones has been charged with endangerment of a child by criminal neglect and possession of a controlled substance. Neighbors reported the wandering toddler

A jail official said the 28-year-old Jones was released Thursday. The official had no attorney information and a phone listing for Jones could not be found.



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho pitcher Sam Armstrong makes a toss for an out at first base during the Golden Eagles' doubleheader against Colorado Northwestern Community College Friday afternoon at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

CSI coasts to sweep of CNCC

Eagles inconsistent offensively in wins

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

There is perhaps no tougher task in sports than to strike the perfect balance between easing past a historically inferior opponent and taking it a little too easy. Despite coasting past Colorado Northwestern Community College 7-1 and 8-2 in a doubleheader at Skip Walker Field on Friday, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team might

have veered toward the latter rather than the former.

The Golden Eagles (13-15, 6-8 Scenic West Athletic Conference) got two wins they desperately needed against the last-place Spartans — wins which upped their win streak to a season-high four — but there was a sense that more runs, more well-oiled execution was left out on the field.

“We need to be more consistent with our offense,” said CSI skipper Boomer Walker. “I don’t want to start nit-picking guys, but we got ourselves

out a lot today.”

Impatient plate appearances — and three outs on the basepaths in Game 2 alone — supported Walker’s statement.

But, in keeping with his desire not to nit-pick, there were positives in the head coach’s eyes as well.

For starters, Lionel Morrill continued his maturity as a hitter, picking up another hit in the opener before crushing a home run and driving in three runs in the nightcap.

“I knew I hit it pretty hard, but I thought it’d be a double,” Morrill said. “I guess it just carried out, and when I

got to second, the second baseman told me it was over (the fence).”

Said Walker: “That was one of those that, off the bat, it had no chance to get out but it just kept carrying and had another gear in it. We kept waiting for the ‘thud’ of the ball hitting the outfield wall and it never came.”

Trent Johnson also went a long way to upping his batting average with a 4-for-6 effort in the doubleheader, after coming in hitting just .203.

Barring one inning during

See **BASEBALL**, Sports 2

DOUBLE-DIGIT DANDY

No. 13 seed Cleveland St. upsets No. 4 seed Wake Forest

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Some 23 years later, Cleveland State still has a knack for first-round shockers in the NCAA tournament.

The Vikings raced to an early 17-point lead Friday night and stunned one-time top-ranked Wake Forest 84-69. The win was reminiscent of Cleveland State’s only other appearance in the tournament in 1986, when it upset Indiana and Bob Knight in the opening round.

The Vikings (26-10) were seeded 14th then; they’re 13th in the Midwest region this year.

“We understand what the ‘86 team did was important for our school,” said Norris Cole, who led Cleveland State with 22 points. “But now it’s time for a new chapter.”

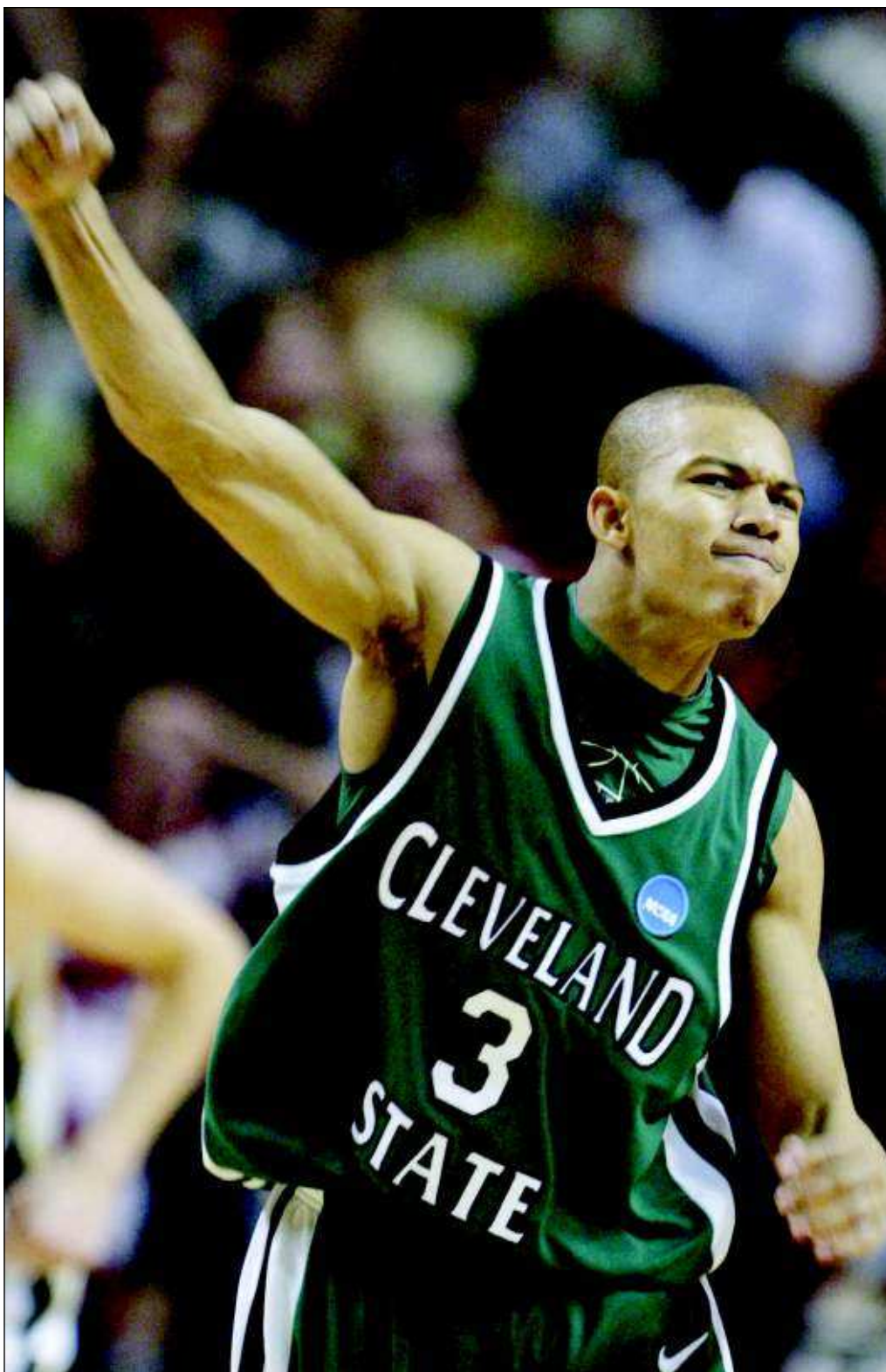
On Sunday, the Vikings will play No. 12 Arizona (20-13), which beat Utah 84-71.

No. 4-seeded Wake Forest (24-7) lost in its first tournament game since 2005. The Demon Deacons won their first 16 games and were No. 1 for a week in January, but they lost their final two games of the season.

Sputtering offense again plagued the Demon Deacons, as it did when they were beaten by Maryland last week in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. They committed 18 turnovers to six by Cleveland State, which held Wake Forest well below its scoring average of 81 points per game.

Demon Deacons season scoring leader Jeff

See **UPSET**, Sports 4



Cleveland State's Trevon Harmon (3) pumps his fists during the first half against Wake Forest in a first-round men's NCAA Tournament game in Miami, Fla., Friday.

AP photo

Marquette holds off Utah State

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Lazar Hayward scored Marquette’s first and last points.

He had plenty of big plays in between, too, scoring 26 to lead the Golden Eagles to a 58-57 win over Utah State in the first round of the West Regional.

Hayward, who was averaging 16 points, scored Marquette’s first 10 points and was almost perfect from the foul line as the Golden Eagles held off the Aggies.

“He’s a big-time player and I still don’t think he gets enough credit,” said Wesley Matthews, who had 11 points for Marquette. “If you want to

See **USU**, Sports 4



AP photo

Marquette guard Wesley Matthews (23) gets a hand in front of the face of Utah State forward Tai Wesley (42) during the first half of a first-round men's NCAA Tournament game in Boise Friday.

Friday's NCAA scores

East Region

No. 1 Pittsburgh 72, No. 16 East Tennessee State 62
No. 4 Xavier 77, No. 13 Portland State 59
No. 8 Oklahoma State 77, No. 9 Tennessee 75
No. 12 Wisconsin 61, 5 Florida State 59, OT

Midwest Region

No. 1 Louisville 74, No. 16 Morehead State 54
No. 2 Michigan State 77, No. 15 Robert Morris 62
No. 3 Kansas 84, No. 14 North Dakota State 74
No. 9 Siena 74, No. 8 Ohio State 72, 2 OT
No. 10 Southern California 72, No. 7 Boston College 55
No. 11 Dayton 68, No. 6 West Virginia 60
No. 12 Arizona 84, No. 5 Utah 71
No. 13 Cleveland State 84, No. 4 Wake Forest 69

South Region

No. 3 Syracuse 59, No. 14 Stephen F. Austin 44
No. 6 Arizona State 66, No. 11 Temple 57

West Region

No. 3 Missouri 78, No. 14 Cornell 59
No. 6 Marquette 58, No. 11 Utah State 57

MORE Roundup, scores from Friday's games >> **Sports 4** | OSU, Siena go 2OT >> **Sports 4**
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CSI softball shuts down CNCC

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Generra Nielson didn't put her teammates through much of a workout Friday.

The College of Southern Idaho freshman pitcher recorded her sixth shutout of 2009 as she picked apart Colorado Northwestern Community College during the first game of a Scenic West Athletic Conference doubleheader at Eagle Field

in Twin Falls.

The No. 10 Golden Eagles defeated the Spartans 15-0 in Game 1 and 17-0 in Game 2, both of which were five-inning, run rule games. CSI is now 19-5 in conference play (26-10-2 overall) as the team tries to overtake No. 7 Salt Lake Community College in the standings.

Nielson threw a no-hitter through five innings, facing 16 batters, striking out 11 and walking one. The ball was

only put in play four times, and the fielders were there to make plays to help her meet her goal.

“I wanted to play this game like every other game,” Nielson said. “Go out hard and get a no-hitter. I wish I hadn’t walked that one girl. It happens, I guess. You can’t be perfect.”

Brie Dimond picked up her second victory in Game 2, allowing only two hits, walking one and striking out

three for her first shutout of the season.

“I was really pleased with both of them,” CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. “It was fun to watch ‘G’ throw. She had good command of every pitch she wanted to throw. She would have been tough against anyone we could have faced. Brie was a change of pace to get their hitters a little off balance.”

See **SOFTBALL**, Sports 2



College of Southern Idaho pitcher Generra Nielson throws the ball during the fourth inning of Game 1 Friday against Colorado Northwestern Community College at Eagle Field in Twin Falls.

JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

TAKE IT EASY GUYS



AP photo

Dale Earnhardt Jr. talks to his crew during practice for the Food City 500 NASCAR race in Bristol, Tennessee on Friday.

Earnhardt asks for criticism of cousin to stop

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

BRISTOL, Tenn. — A month into the season, Dale Earnhardt Jr. is already feeling the heat.

He can handle it. Just lay off his cousin, please.

Earnhardt on Friday reiterated his fierce loyalty to Tony Eury Jr., his oft-criticized crew chief. Eury has occasionally drawn fire for Earnhardt's failure to win a Cup championship, and fan disapproval has increased with Earnhardt's slow start this season.

He came to Bristol Motor Speedway on Friday ranked 24th in the Sprint Cup Series standings with just one top-10 finish through the first four races.

Earnhardt said if anyone is to blame, it's him.

"The guy that I feel bad for is Tony Jr. He gets criticized so badly," he said. "Everybody in this room, and some of you have criticized him, know how smart a guy he is and that he's a good mechanic and a solid crew chief. He just wants to do this for a living, just like I do. I'll take the fall. I'd rather be crucified than him."

"Every time I read in the paper that people are on his case I feel like I'm sending my brother to jail for a crime I committed."

In some respects, he's right.

Eury had nothing to do with the two pit road mistakes Earnhardt made during the season-opening Daytona 500, and he wasn't inside the car when Earnhardt's contact with Brian Vickers triggered a nine-car accident that led to

Martin makes it 2 poles in a row

BRISTOL, Tenn. — A week away from the racetrack gave Mark Martin the break he needed from his disastrous start to the season.

It certainly didn't slow him down.

Martin won his second straight pole Friday with a lap of 125.773 mph around Bristol Motor Speedway, giving him the top starting spot in consecutive races for the first time in 20 years.

Two weeks ago in Atlanta, the 50-year-old Martin became the second oldest driver in NASCAR history to win the pole. That pole had been Martin's first since May 5, 2001, at Richmond.

"It's the (No.) 5 car," Martin said in giving all the credit to his Hendrick Motorsports crew. "We have learned so much through each individual event that man, I feel good. We unloaded here rolling."

It's the lift Martin and his team need after falling far short of their early season goals. His motor blew up at California and Las Vegas, leading to consecutive 40th-place finishes, and then he cut a tire at Atlanta while running fourth. That caused him to finish 31st and he heads into Sunday's race 34th in the Sprint Cup Series standings.

"As soon as we have one good run, one good finish, we're going to start feeling better," he said. "We've been a little bit nauseous."

Ryan Newman, who qualified second, can relate to that feeling. He's also had a rough start to

a 27th-place finish.

The engine failure the next week in California cer-

tainly wasn't Eury's fault, either. But after two races, Earnhardt was 36th in the

standings, and his rabid fan base was starting to panic.

A 10th-place finish in Las Vegas and an 11th in Atlanta helped him climb from the back of the standings, but it's done little to quell the critics. Those who are against Eury want him gone, regardless of Earnhardt's steadfast insistence that he's the right man for the job.

"There's risks between every driver and every crew chief, and either you work it out or you don't," Earnhardt said. "I think me and Tony Jr. do a pretty good job of working it out. Obviously, through everything we've been through, we still love each other to death, and we'd do anything for each other."

"I don't dread seeing him when I get to the race track. I can't wait to see him when I get to the race track. We really do enjoy working together?"

The two have been together in some capacity since Earnhardt first entered NASCAR in 1996. Their only time apart was when Earnhardt's step-mother, Teresa, insisted they be split during the 2005 season because of the way they'd bickered to close out the year before.

The split was an unmitigated disaster.

Although Eury was happy working with Michael Waltrip, Earnhardt was in a freefall that derailed the entire year. When Earnhardt failed to earn a spot in the Chase for the championship, Eury was sent back to run the team with 10 races to go in the season.

Earnhardt still finished a career-worst 19th in the standings.

Nick Watney drives from the No. 11 tee during the second round of the Transitions Championship golf tournament Friday at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor, Fla.

AP photo

Watney, Stricker tied for lead in Tampa

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Nick Watney is playing so well that he doesn't even realize it.

Coming off a wrenching one-shot loss to Phil Mickelson at Doral, Watney kept right on rolling Friday with a 4-under 67 at the Transitions Championship to share the 36-hole lead with Steve Stricker.

"I guess I'm playing very well, but it really seems like this is just what I'm supposed to be doing," Watney said.

It will be the third straight weekend round that Watney will be in the final group. He played with Mickelson the last two rounds at the CA Championship, and it might not get any easier at Innisbrook.

Stricker, who also had a bogey-free 67, is playing quite well this year, too.

Take away one bad patch — a 77 in the last round to lose the Bob Hope Classic, followed by a missed cut in Phoenix — and Stricker has shot par or better in every

round this year. This was his 10th straight sub-par round.

"I know that I've been playing well," Stricker said. "I know I've been shooting some good scores. But no, I haven't paid attention to that. I look at my stats and I realize I was up there in the stroke average. Obviously, I must have been shooting some decent scores."

They were at 6-under 136 on a Copperhead Course that is among the strongest tests on tour. It has become even tougher with sunshine that is baking out the greens and strong wind in the afternoon that makes it field

more like June than the Florida swing.

"You don't play this course thinking you're going to make a bunch of birdies," Charles Howell III said after a 66 put him in the large group at 5-under 137. "At least I don't. Maybe that's my problem."

The bigger problem is finding separation at a tournament that doesn't seem to allow it. Some two dozen players were within four shots of the lead going into the weekend.

Jonathan Byrd reached 8 under through 11 holes until he kept finding the bunker and making bogeys. He had

Oswalt to lead U.S. against Japan in WBC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After opening in Toronto and then feeling like the visiting team in Miami, the United States hopes its first appearance in the World Baseball Classic's final four gets the attention of Americans.

"In Miami, there were more U.S. fans than there were in Canada," Derek Jeter said Friday. "The Latin fans were louder; they brought their drums, singing songs, jumping up and down, so you probably heard them a little bit more."

The WBC concludes with the semifinals and final at Dodger Stadium at the same time much of the country is caught up in the early rounds of the NCAA men's and women's college basketball tournaments.

"We expect to have more fan support come this round," infielder David Wright said, "because I think just the general baseball fan is seeing the kind of intensity and focus and desire that we have to win and hopefully that catches on."

U.S. manager Davey Johnson said Roy Oswalt will start for the Americans in their semifinal against Japan on Sunday night. Oswalt pitched four scoreless innings when the United States avoided elimination by beating the Netherlands 9-3 last Sunday.

Japan manager Tatsunori Hara declined to announce his starter, although it will be Daisuke Matsuzaka's turn in the rotation Sunday.

"No comment," Hara said in English before resuming Japanese. "I guess the media and the fans are probably most interested in that, but what's most important to us right now is to win. So I would like to just keep within the rules and fight on."

Matsuzaka hasn't pitched since throwing six brilliant innings in a 6-0 win against Cuba on Sunday. The Boston Red Sox ace is 5-0 in five appearances during two WBCs. He's 2-0 this year after going 3-0 in leading Japan to the inaugural WBC championship in 2006, when he was named tournament MVP.

Jeter is familiar with Matsuzaka through the intense rivalry between their major league teams, the New York Yankees and Red Sox.

But Wright, who plays for the New York Mets in the National League, has never faced the Boston ace.

"We will be leaning on the AL East guys a lot," Wright said. "Having some AL East guys is going to help, go over scouting reports and some tendencies."

South Korea and Venezuela will meet in the first semifinal on Saturday night. Carlos Silva will start for Venezuela, which used its roster loaded with major leaguers to win Group Two. The Japan-U.S. semifinal

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David Wright

is a rematch of the bronze-medal game at last summer's Beijing Olympics, which the U.S. won 8-4 under Johnson's coaching. Japan hasn't defeated the United States since the 2005 World Cup in the Netherlands.

Hara singled out Johnson and U.S. hitting coach Reggie Smith as two people he respects. Johnson played for Japan's Yomiuri Giants in the mid-1970s.

"I would like to be able to fight against them, and Japan to be proud of us," Hara said.

Japan is trying to win its second WBC title, having beaten Cuba 10-6 in the inaugural championship game three years ago. The Japanese won the second-round group, defeating South Korea 6-2 Thursday night in San Diego.

But the victory proved costly, with Shuichi Murata injuring his right hamstring. He was replaced on the roster Friday by Kenta Kurihara, who was due to leave for Los Angeles on Saturday. Murata was batting .320 with two homers and seven RBIs.

In 2006, the U.S. was eliminated with a 2-1 loss to Mexico in the second round after the Americans beat Japan 4-3 during pool play in Anaheim.

"I don't think you try to win more just because you lost three years ago," Jeter said. "I never try to look at things as revenge."

The Americans come into the weekend hobbled by injuries. During the second round in Miami, they lost second baseman Dustin Pedroia (left side), first baseman Kevin Youkilis (sprained left ankle, left Achilles tendonitis) and reliever Matt Lindstrom (strained right rotator cuff).

Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria was added to the U.S. roster Friday, replacing Chipper Jones, who had been bothered by a strain in his right side while going 0-for-10 with six strikeouts in the tournament.

"I'm not expecting to use him, he's an insurance policy," Johnson said. "I could have used somebody that could play first base because we've had injuries over there, a little more critical to the team. But we're going to be in good shape on Sunday."

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— The Associated Press

Iran brushes aside Obama video message

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The Iranian government brushed aside a Persian New Year's message Friday from President Barack Obama offering to resolve years of hostility, saying it wants concrete change from Washington before it's ready to enter a dialogue.

Obama released the video to coincide with the major Iranian festival of Nowruz, a 12-day holiday that marks the arrival of spring and the beginning of the new

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year on the Persian calendar. In the video, which has Farsi subtitles, Obama said the U.S. is prepared to end the strained relations if Tehran tones down its combative rhetoric.

Israeli President Shimon Peres issued a rare Nowruz greeting of his own to Iranians, praising what he called "the noble Iranian people" in a message on

Israel's Farsi-language radio station, which broadcasts in Iran.

But Peres took a tougher tone in an interview to be aired to Iranians on the station on Monday, strongly criticizing Iran's hard-line leaders as "religious fanatics" and predicting that Iranians will overthrow them.

"I think that the Iranian people will top-

ple these leaders," Peres said in the interview, according to a transcript released Friday. "These leaders who don't serve the people, in the end the people will realize that."

Obama has repeatedly signaled a willingness to engage with Iran about its nuclear program and hostility toward Israel. At his inauguration, the president told rival states

that his administration "will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

But Iranian leaders have been not been as eager. Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has criticized Obama, saying he would continue the policies of former President George W. Bush.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also has said Iran would welcome talks with the U.S. — but only if there was mutual respect.

A gutter ball from Obama?

Remark about Special Olympics could haunt president

By Scott Wilson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The subject has vexed him before, though the offense then was more political sin than personal affront to millions of Americans.

A president who this week spoke fluently about the changing nature of America's middle class, plug-in hybrid cars, mortgage-backed securities and public-school reform stumbled — and stumbled badly — when it came to a topic he just can't seem to get right.

Bowling. Saying his improving yet still admittedly lousy bowling game is "like Special Olympics or something," President Obama offended many disabled Americans, their champions and others who puzzled over how a man who rarely misspeaks could make such a joke. Some of those most upset are among his staunchest supporters.

The president made the remarks Thursday on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" at the end of a day spent in Southern California campaigning for his budget proposal.

During a town hall forum in Los Angeles earlier in the day, a disabled man told Obama "about the true renaissance that's happening" among people with physical disabilities, asking the president how "your disability agenda will release this emerging potential that's currently wasted and untapped?"

"Well, you are exactly right



President Obama appears on 'The Tonight Show with Jay Leno' in Burbank, Calif., Thursday.

that we need everybody," Obama responded. "And every program that we have has to be thinking on the front end how do we make sure that it is inclusive and building into it our ability to draw on the capacities of persons with disabilities."

Then on to Leno, where he said that after practicing in the White House lanes, he recently bowled a 129, saying "it's like — it was like Special Olympics or something." The crowd laughed.

Soon after the show, Obama phoned Tim Shriver, chairman of the Special Olympics, to apologize. The organization serves some 200 million developmentally disabled people around the world and stages regular international sporting events.

Shriver, the nephew of Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., whose early endorsement helped propel Obama to the Democratic nomination, told ABC's "Good Morning America" Friday that the president expressed regret

"in a way that I think was very moving."

Obama, Shriver said, told him "he did not intend to humiliate the population, didn't want to embarrass or give anybody any more reason for pain or any kind of suffering."

The question remains: Will Obama ever be able to safely discuss bowling?

During the campaign, Obama bowled a 37 in Altoona, Pa. (granted, over seven of 10 frames, but still ...). Many of the blue-collar Democrats he was trying to win over at the time scratched their heads, wondering how one would go about scoring that low (300 is a perfect score) if he had ever actually set foot in the ultimate everyman hangout before.

Past presidents have been defined by things they have said, done, or had happen to them — fairly or unfairly. George W. Bush choked on a pretzel and never lived it down. Bill Clinton had junk food (as well as more glaring flaws). Gerald Ford's alleged

clutziness made Chevy Chase's career as the First Stumbler on "Saturday Night Live." Dwight Eisenhower golfed ... and golfed ... and golfed.

Jimmy Carter bemused environmentalists after claiming that he fended off a charging rabbit while canoeing on a family vacation. Soon after, the Defenders of Wildlife jokingly unveiled a "seven-point program to improve the government's sensitivity to wildlife and set the pace for enlightened, non-lethal policies on predators, including rabbits."

Obama's remark, however, was not funny, and administration officials made that point again Friday.

"I know that the president believes that the Special Olympics are a triumph of the human spirit, and I think he understands that they deserve a lot better than — than the thoughtless joke that he made last night," press secretary Robert Gibbs said during the White House briefing.

AROUND THE NATION

Post Office seeks early retirements

WASHINGTON — Battered by the economy, the post office is offering early retirement to 150,000 workers, cutting management and closing offices, the agency said Friday.

The Postal Service lost \$2.8 billion last year and is facing even larger losses this year, despite a rate increase — to 44 cents for first-class mail — scheduled to take effect May 11. The agency said it will reduce management staff nationwide by 15 percent, with more than 1,400 processing, supervisor and management posts at 400 facilities being eliminated.

And another 150,000 postal workers will be offered early retirement.

The agency also made early retirement offers last year but unions discouraged their members from accepting the offers and they were not widely used. The post office did not say if the new proposal would include financial incentives.

The American Postal Workers Union issued a statement Friday saying: "Retirement is a personal matter, and the union defers to the decisions of employees who meet the qualifications."

However, the union said it continues to challenge the Postal Service's authority to offer voluntary early retirement without including severance pay.

Vermont Senate panel OKs gay marriage bill

MONTPELIER, Vt. — A state Senate committee unanimously approved a gay marriage bill on Friday, moving Vermont one step closer to allowing same-sex couples to legally wed.

"It provides ... gay and lesbian couples the same rights that I have as a married heterosexual," said Sen. John Campbell, vice chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and chief sponsor of the bill.

The measure would replace Vermont's first-in-the-nation civil unions law with one that allows marriage of same-sex partners beginning Sept. 1.

The committee's vote ended an intense week highlighted by a public hearing Wednesday night in which more than 500 people swarmed the Statehouse to speak for and against allowing same-sex marriages.

If approved, Vermont would join Massachusetts and Connecticut as the only U.S. states that allow gays and lesbians to marry.

Civil unions, which confer some rights similar to marriage, would still be recognized but no longer granted after Sept. 1.

Whistleblower warned FDA about syringes

RALEIGH, N.C. — Newly released records show an employee at a North Carolina syringe manufacturing plant warned regulators about poor

conditions months before products were linked to hundreds of illnesses and five deaths.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration records released Friday through a Freedom of Information Act request show inspectors did not try to address the concerns of the AM2PAT Inc. employee.

The whistleblower told the agency in a 2007 e-mail the company was not operating appropriate temperatures in a room vital to producing a sterile product.

The FDA did not respond to interview requests Friday.

Two former workers were sentenced to prison for their role in allowing tainted syringes in the marketplace. Prosecutors are still searching for the company's chief executive.

NRA appeals ruling blocking guns in parks

WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association has appealed a federal court ruling that blocked a Bush administration policy allowing people to carry concealed, loaded guns in national parks.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, which was issued Thursday, halted a regulation from the waning days of the Bush administration. Previously, guns in parks had been severely restricted. NRA chief lobbyist Chris W. Cox says the appeal was filed on Friday. He says the NRA will pursue all legal and legislative options.

Mom says girl found dead not kidnap victim

PALMDALE, Calif. — A woman who reported her 18-month-old daughter missing now says the child died accidentally and that she dumped the body near a freeway, authorities said Friday.

The 23-year-old mother of Emma Leigh Barker told detectives that when her daughter died, she panicked and believed she would be blamed, Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Diane Hecht said.

A body found Thursday in Sylmar, a few blocks from Interstate 5, was identified by coroner's officials as Emma. The cause of death was not immediately determined.

The mother, whose name has not been released, initially told investigators that she was knocked unconscious by someone while putting Emma into her car in Lancaster on Wednesday.

She said Emma was gone when she awoke partially clad hours later in another city.

Hecht said the mother has told investigators where she dumped Emma's body.

Officials said the mother was not being detained, but the case would be presented to the district attorney's office.

Sheriff's Lt. Pat Nelson said the woman was not a suspect, but added: "That may change as circumstances develop."

— The Associated Press

Former U.S. officials seek improved Russia ties

MOSCOW (AP) — Some of the biggest names in U.S. diplomacy of the past decades met with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and other Kremlin leaders Friday, in an effort to improve frosty relations that experts say could threaten many U.S. foreign policy goals.

In some of his most upbeat comments about U.S. relations since President Barack Obama took office, Medvedev said his meetings with current and former U.S. officials in recent weeks "reflect the goal of our nations to significantly improve ties."

After greeting a delegation led by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Medvedev praised the American initiative, first announced by Vice President Joe Biden, to "press the reset button" on U.S.-Russia relations.

"The surprising term 'reset' ... really reflects the essence of the changes we would like to see," Medvedev said. "We are counting on a reset. I hope it will take place."

Kissinger, an architect of U.S. Cold War strategy toward the Soviet Union, said he and a group including former Secretary of State George Shultz and former Sen. Sam Nunn had discussed energy and other "strategic issues" with the Russian president.

"I'm happy to report that the differences were not so remarkable and the agreements were considerable," Kissinger said.

Kissinger also told Medvedev the U.S. group hoped the Russian leader's April meeting with Obama on the sidelines of the G-20 meeting in London would help improve ties.

"We believe in the generally optimistic attitude, and we hope ... that the meeting between you and our president will begin a new period in our relationship and will lead to concrete results," Kissinger said.



Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, left, greets former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during a meeting with a group of U.S. foreign policy veterans at the Kremlin in Moscow, Friday.

Conn. biologist voiced concerns about chimp

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut biologist warned state officials nearly five months ago that a 200-pound chimpanzee who mauled a woman last month could seriously hurt someone if he felt threatened, according to a memo released to state lawmakers Friday.

The biologist also said the chimp's owner violated state law, and ended her note with the prophetic warning: "I would like to express the urgency of addressing this issue. It is an accident waiting to happen."

The two-page document was written on Oct. 28, 2008 by an unnamed Department of Environmental Protection biologist and given to senior staff at the agency's Bureau of Natural Resources.

It was discovered in an ongoing internal agency review prompted by the mauling incident.

"The animal has reached adult maturity, is very large, and tremendously strong," the memo says. "I am concerned that if he feels threatened or if someone enters his territory, he could seriously hurt someone."

The biologist said it was unclear whether the chimp's enclosure was strong enough to secure the animal named Travis, owned by Sandra Herold of Stamford and kept at her home.

Neither Herold nor her attorney immediately returned telephone messages seeking comment Friday evening.

Charla Nash was critically injured Feb. 16 when she was attacked by the 200-pound chimp. Nash's attorneys say the 55-year-old woman lost her hands, nose, lips and eyelids and may be blind and suffering brain damage after the attack. She is being treated at the Cleveland Clinic.

Earlier this week, Nash's family filed a lawsuit against Herold accusing her of negligence. The suit seeks \$50 million in damages.

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A high-desert survivor

Tiny Albion still thrives 130 years after becoming Cassia County's first seat

By Brian W. Clayton
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — There's life on the Albion Normal School campus again.

The site stood near-dormant from 1969 to 2007, known as little more than the home of a two-story museum, the occasional high school cross country meet and the fading memories of aging generations of teachers who studied on the grounds.

Today, tourists take the short trek down the slope from Miller Hall to dine at the Sage Mountain Grill or withdraw money from the ATM at D.L. Evans Bank. They wind up Howell Canyon Road to Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort to slide down the slopes in the winter and mountain bike down when the weather warms.

More than 130 years have passed since Albion became

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The U.S. Post Office in downtown Albion stands at 151 W. Market St. The town, which 130 years ago became Cassia County's first seat, has persevered through the years. Known as a high-desert outpost, the gateway to Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort and the home of the historic Albion Normal School campus.

Getting the VA to go green

A bipartisan bill requiring the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to come up with a long-term energy conservation policy was introduced Sept. 18, 2008 in the House.

The bill would involve reducing energy use at hospitals, clinics, vet centers and regional offices by using solar power and alternative fuels and improving insulation. It would include adaptive housing grants of up to \$10,000 to severely disabled veterans to install high-efficiency energy systems.

Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., the bill's chief sponsor and senior Republican on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, believes getting the agency to reduce energy use would save money that could be used for veterans programs. The bill was referred to the House Veterans Affairs and Science Committees, where it is likely to come to a vote this year.

VETERANS CORNER
George Schwindeman

Big bucks for psych research

The Department of Defense has awarded the University of California San Diego School of Medicine \$60 million to lead a consortium to conduct psychological health and traumatic brain injury research.

The project, which ultimately will include five research organizations, is part of a \$300 million Pentagon pledge to look at treating and preventing such neuropsychiatric problems as post-traumatic stress disorder.

This program "Will bring neurologists, neurosurgeons and psychologists together, pooling their best tools and information to consider the whole spectrum of clinical care needed for recovery of our servicemen and women," said Melissa Kaime, director of congressionally directed medical research programs.

The study sites will test new therapies to prevent illness and help recovery for psychological, emotional and cognitive damages resulting from traumatic injury. They'll also look at long- and short-term symptoms of traumatic brain injuries.

George Schwindeman is a veteran who lives in Rupert.

Why do they call police officers cops?

Q: Where did the term "cop" come from?

A: There's a couple beliefs on this one. One is that it came from New York where the sergeants wore copper badges and the patrolmen had brass badges. The higher-ups supposedly had silver badges.

It is also possible the term came about in 1820s London, where officers had copper buttons on their uniform. The term "constable on patrol" from that era is another possibility.

Another possible explanation — the most likely one — is that the slang term "cop" means "to seize" in a dialect from northern England. This can be traced originally from the French who



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had the term "caper," which meant to seize or catch. The term "copper" was first used in 1846 in Britain to explain that police captured criminals.

I guess I'm saying the answer would be "all of the above" and then some. I like to think of cop as slang for "coolest officer on patrol!"

Q: My daughter has decided

to change her name. She is older than 18 and apparently angry with me. I thought she could only change her name if she got married or I died? Can I legally fight to keep her from changing her name?

A: If your daughter is older than 18, she can legally change her name to whatever she wants to. You could try to contest the name change but only if you could prove that she was a sex offender or a felon who was trying to avoid the criminal charges.

I'm sure it hurts that she wants to change her name but the truth of the matter is that it will cost her a lot of money and will not change her relationship

to you. She will still be your legacy and entitled to your inheritance if you choose so. Your daughter may be trying to escape her name but she can't escape her birthright.

A police joke

An officer came upon a wreck where both the driver and passenger had been killed.

As he looked upon the wreckage, a monkey came out of the brush and hopped around the scene. The officer said to the monkey, "I wish you could talk."

The monkey nodded.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Minidoka Co. Fair dates released

The Minidoka County Fair will be held July 27 through Aug. 1.

County residents are encouraged to enter something in the open class exhibits this year. The theme is "We've Got a Good Thing Growing."

The fair will use a pre-registration program again this year. Information: 436-9748.

Kelsey on Gonzaga dean's list

Michael W. Kelsey, a senior from Burley, was among the 672 undergraduate students named to the Gonzaga University dean's list for fall semester 2008.

Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.69 grade-point average to be listed.

BJ Bridge announces winners

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has

announced the results of Tuesday play.

1. Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris, 2. Nanette Woodland and Nancy Gibson, 3. Leo Moore and Dee Keicher, 4. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie.

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

DeMary Memorial Library book notes

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

Fiction: "Breath of God" by Harry Turtledove

Once the great glacier enclosed the Raumsdalian Empire. Now it's broken open, and Count Hamnet Thyssen faces a new world.

With the wisecracking Ulric Skakki and the neighboring clan leader Trasamund, Hamnet leads an exploration of the new territory in hopes of finding

the legendary Golden Shrine.

Fiction: "Promises in Death" by J. D. Robb

Amaryllis Coltraine has been a cop long enough to know how to defend herself but when she's taken down just steps away from her apartment, killed with her own weapon, for Eve the victim isn't just "one of us."

Fiction: "Blood Orange" by Drusilla Campbell

Dana Cabot cannot remember the kind of person she was before May 29, the day her 7-year-old daughter disappeared.

Youth fiction: "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead.

Hospital volunteers donate drapes

Members of the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Guild purchased new draperies for the Fireplace Room at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center.

"We continue to be impressed with the generosity of our volunteers at Minidoka Memorial Hospital and Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center," said hospital Chief Operating Officer Joel Rogers. "They not only volunteer hundreds of hours of direct service but provide funding to specific projects throughout our organization."

Through raffles, book and bake sales, and the sale of baby quilts and bunnings the MMH Guild collects approximately \$10,000 per year. It then distributes the funds through scholarships, direct purchases throughout the hospital and mini-grants to hospital departments.



Courtesy photo

Pictured with the new drapes purchased by the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Guild for Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center is past president Betty Stepp.

World War II vet fights peripheral neuropathy

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 90-year-old veteran of World War II and have had peripheral neuropathy for several years. My feet burn all night. I have been taking Neurontin for many years, but it doesn't seem to help any. Can you please help with my situation?

DEAR READER: Peripheral neuropathy causes pain, numbness,



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

tingling or burning of the extremities. It can result from infection, exposure to

heavy metals or other toxins, metabolic disorders and more. Symptoms vary from person to person, depending on the types of nerves affected. Those with alcoholism, vitamin deficiencies, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, thyroid, kidney, liver or specific autoimmune disorders are at high risk for the condition. I cannot determine

from your letter what caused your problem; nevertheless, the point now is to improve your quality of life.

There are a number of treatments available. For mild cases, over-the-counter pain relievers or the application of medicated chest rub to the affected areas may be all that is needed. For more severe

cases, prescription anti-seizure medications, such as Neurontin, may be used. If these steps fail to provide improvement, seek out a pain specialist or visit a pain clinic.

I don't expect you to be pain-free at the age of 90, but your neurologist should be able to keep you more comfortable than you are. Pursue the issue, and

don't stop until you are satisfied with your progress. Good luck.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to

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Albion

Continued from Sports 7

Cassia County's first seat on Feb. 20, 1879. While some of the trappings of the pioneering spirit that brought bank founder D.L. Evans to Albion in 1904 remain, much else has changed in the high-desert hamlet home to fewer than 300 residents.

Central to Albion's efforts to reinvent itself in the early 21st century have been Troy and Heather Mortensen who, along with Troy Affleck of Boise, bought the Albion Normal School from the city for \$810,000 in June of 2007. The Mortensens moved from Boise to renovate the grounds and establish the Albion Campus Grove — now a 15-room lodge occupying Miller Hall with plans to further revitalize the eight-building, 35-acre campus.

It's an effort long in the making, as the city and prior suitors have planned to renovate the campus.

"We sold the campus in an effort to get the campus restored," Albion Mayor Don Bowden said.

For school alumnus Keith Amende, president of the Albion Alumni Association, the site's return to prominence has unearthed both memories and some long-forgotten relics, including a school bell thought to be lost to fire.

"The bell was found in pieces," Amende said. "We welded it together but I wanted a replica made of the original to hang here on campus."

The revitalized campus has combined to form a one-two punch to draw tourists and outdoorsmen to Albion with Pomerelle, which has drawn visitors up Mount Harrison since opening in 1963.

"We provide recreation up here and then in Howell Canyon in the summertime we operate on weekends with our lift for mountain biking, sightseeing," owner Woody Anderson said. "... and that helps Albion because it puts heads in beds in the motel in Albion and in Burley."

And while the nation is

going through what Bowden calls a "huge contraction with the economy," Anderson remains optimistic that the recreation industry will remain strong as people look for an escape from their daily lives.

"People are going to recreate no matter what," he said. "You know the guy who says, 'I've worked hard all year long and I'm going deer hunting.' I think people feel that way about skiing and snowboarding — and particularly young people."

The banking sector may have been hit particularly hard by the economic downturn but it's nothing D.L. Evans hasn't already weathered. The longstanding bank in Albion has steered its way through the Great Depression and past recessions, and remains on solid footing, said branch Manager Dell Mitchell.

"We're doing quite well actually," he said. "We have a lot of agricultural business."

Mitchell said the company's plan for its first site is to "stay in the market and take care of our local customers." The service will remain vital, especially if the area experiences growth in the form of planned and ongoing developments in the Howell Canyon area or other locations.

City officials aren't resting on their laurels either, as Bowden said restoration of the city's civic center is ongoing.

While Bowden is concerned about the current state of the economy, he said Albion has been able to avoid some of the blow and survive, just as it has for the last 130 years.

"My firm hope is that people are prudent with their spending and they try to avoid debt as much as possible but at the same time continue to spend reasonably," he said. "... In the end, I think we'll all be in perfect shape."

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FIVE GENERATIONS



Courtesy photo

The Seamons family recently gathered for a five generations picture. Pictured from left are Kent Seamons of Cedar Hills, Utah, grandfather; Zesta Ziemer of Ogden, Utah, great-great-grandmother; Kamryn Seamons of Provo, Utah; Afton Seamons, Burley, great-grandmother; and Ryan Seamons, Provo, father of Kamryn.

A COLORFUL TREAT



Lorraine Barnes, left, and Maquel Wrigley, manager of Rosetta Assisted Living in Burley, enjoy a bowl of pink popcorn they made for snacks. Wrigley has shared her grandmother's recipe for the popcorn with the residents at Rosetta, and it is now a favorite snack. They say it reminds them of when they were younger. "They didn't have all the fancy treats that the kids have now," Wrigley said. "It is fun to share a special memory of mine with the residents." Courtesy photo

Dr. Gott

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Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am concerned about our citizens. Diabetes is on the rise, as is obesity. Why can't physicians contact these food and drink companies and make them reduce their sugar and fat contents?

DEAR READER: It is not the fault of food and drink manufacturers that Americans are obese and in poor health. Each teenager and adult is responsible for the types of foods and drinks consumed. No one is forced to eat high-fat, high-sugar foods. The only exception to this is babies, toddlers and young children who do not know any better (unless taught by their parents).

So, before blaming food manufacturers, look around. Healthful alternatives are available. If we as a whole started purchasing and consuming more fruits, vegetables and low-fat, low-sugar foods, we would all become healthier. "Bad" foods would become more expensive, "good" foods would become cheaper, and our nation would more readily accept apples and carrots rather than chocolate and potato chips as snacks.

The rest of the world seems to know this. Americans who travel abroad often complain about it, but perhaps we need to take a page from that book. However, it is still people's rights to eat what they please, even if a poor diet carries serious consequences.

Peter Gott is a retired physician.

Cops

Continued from Sports 7

"You can understand what I'm saying?" Again, the monkey nodded.

"Well, did you see this?" The monkey nodded.

"What happened?" The monkey pretended to hold a can to its mouth.

"They were drinking?" The monkey nodded again.

"What else?" The monkey pinched his fingers together and held them to

his mouth.

"They were smoking marijuana?" The monkey nodded.

"What else?" The monkey puckered its lips.

"They were kissing, too?" The monkey nodded one more time.

"Now wait — you're saying your owners were drinking, smoking and kissing before they wrecked!" The monkey

nodded again.

"What were you doing during all this?" Driving — motioned the monkey.

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Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless them all.

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Jerry Lawson, lead pastor at Daystar Church in Good Hope, Ala., discusses his 'Great Sex: God's Way' sermon series in this photograph taken March 4. Some people in the rural community are offended by the church's discussion of sex and the billboards it used to promote the sermons.

Pastor causes stir in rural Alabama

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press writer

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — It's one thing for a church in a big city like Dallas or Atlanta to tackle the ticklish topic of sex. It blends in with the urban scene.

It's another thing when a small-town congregation puts up billboards with the phrase "Great sex: God's way" on rural highways to promote a sermon series. You can't even legally buy beer in Cullman County, and

a preacher is talking about S-E-X on Sunday morning?

Daystar Church, whose congregation has grown dramatically under pastor Jerry Lawson, has run up against the sensibilities of a conservative north Alabama community with a monthlong focus on sex.

Sex just isn't an appropriate topic for church, some say, and others are upset over the church's signs, which advertise the sermon series and accompanying Web site.

"It's really stirred up the people here," said Good Hope town clerk Joann Jones.

Evangelist Roland Belew, a self-described fundamentalist and former trucker who now preaches at a truck stop, said the whole idea goes against the teaching of New Testament apostles.

"Paul said preach the Gospel," said Belew. "Talking about sex ain't gonna get nobody to heaven."

The controversy is a bit ironic considering the

church's overall point is about as straight-laced as they come: That God intends for sex to be enjoyed solely within a heterosexual marriage, and that anything else — adultery, pornography, homosexuality, even "sexual arousal" outside of marriage — is sin.

Churches have been talking about sex and sexual purity more often. In November, the Rev. Ed Young of the Fellowship

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TF Reformed Church serves community with outreach classes

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

There's more to a church than Sunday services.

If you don't believe it, try visiting the Twin Falls Reformed Church and one of its handful of programs.

The classes — with topics that include parents of special needs children, divorce care, grief share, women's co-dependency, financial peace, and a 12-step program on overcoming substance abuse — serve as support and education groups but with biblical insight.

"For instance, we tie the 12 steps with a little more of a biblical approach. It's what I call a Christian 12-step program," Mike Smit, director of church ministries, said. "The divorce class is really about recovery for those going through the pain of a divorce."

Classes are held at the church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N., at 7 p.m. Mondays. A dinner, with a suggested donation, is held an hour before.

Though all of the classes are popular, it is the women's co-dependency group and 12-step program that receives the most visitors, Smit said. They are held year-round,

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whereas the other classes are 13-week events. All classes but the financial lecture series are free to visitors.

The church started hosting classes to serve a larger Twin Falls audience about seven years ago, Smit said. The church has added to the number of classes offered since then. Participants need not be members of the church to attend.

"They (the classes) tend to be more of a ministry or outreach to the community as a whole," Smit said.

For more information about the Twin Falls Reformed Church outreach classes: 733-6128.

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Tens of thousands of Angolans welcome pope

By Michelle Faul
Associated Press writer

LUANDA, Angola — Pope Benedict XVI urged Angolans on Friday to continue on the path of reconciliation after nearly three decades of civil war, saying dialogue could overcome all conflict and tension.

Benedict made the appeal as he arrived to an exuberant welcome in the Angolan capital of Luanda on the second leg of his African tour. Tens of thousands of Angolans lined his motorcade route to welcome him, honking car horns and slowing traffic to a crawl.

"I have come to see our papa because he is good for the church and the church is good to us," said Fatima de Castro, a 52-year-old housekeeper who traveled for 14 hours through the night to welcome the pope outside Luanda's airport.

Angolan President Eduardo dos Santos greeted the 81-year-old Benedict as he descended from his chartered plane onto a red carpet in sweltering heat that red-



AP photo

A group of Pygmies from Cameroon's Baka tribe perform for Pope Benedict XVI as he leaves the Vatican embassy on his way to the Angola, in Yaounde, Cameroon, Friday. Pope Benedict XVI is in Africa for a seven-day visit to Cameroon and Angola.

dened his face. In his remarks at the airport, Benedict referred to his

own childhood growing up in Nazi Germany, saying he had known war and national

divisions "as a result of inhuman and destructive ideologies, which, under the

false appearance of dreams and illusions, caused the yoke of oppression to weigh

down upon the people." "You can therefore understand how keenly aware I am of dialogue as a way of overcoming every form of conflict and tension and making every nation, including your own, into a house of peace and fraternity," he said.

Angola was lacerated by a civil war that started with its 1975 independence and ended in 2002. Its history as a former Portuguese colony has given the country Christian roots and today about 8.6 million people, or more than 60 percent of the population, are Catholic.

Many of the faithful were out in force Friday to welcome the pope. The throngs blocked roads leading away from Luanda's airport and jogged alongside the papal motorcade; many people wore white T-shirts emblazoned with the pope's picture with "Welcome to our land" written in Portuguese.

"Christianity is not only a religion but a composite part of the Angolan identity," said Nelson Pestana, a political

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Disgraced pastor, wife to appear on TV show

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Former evangelical pastor Ted Haggard and his wife are planning another TV appearance, this time to talk about their marriage.

The two are in Los Angeles taping an appearance on the syndicated Twentieth Television show "Divorce Court," to be broadcast nationally April 1.

The show's presiding judge, Lynn Toler, is interviewing the couple about how their marriage survived after a male prostitute from Denver alleged a cash-for-

sex relationship with Ted Haggard in November 2006, executive producer Mark Koberg said.

The scandal prompted Haggard to resign as president of the National Association of Evangelicals and New Life Church in Colorado Springs.

The Haggards say their marriage and Christian faith are stronger than ever, and they want people to know that divorce is not the answer.

"This is part of Ted's journey," Gayle Haggard said. "It's made him a better man. I see what has

happened as a divine rescue."

She said she was helped through her darkest hours by the biblical principles of forgiveness, compassion and steadfastness, along with her husband's genuine repentance.

The couple will be paid an undisclosed amount for the interview, the latest in a series of public appearances that started in January when Ted Haggard began promoting an HBO documentary about his time in exile. He also has appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Larry King Live."



Ted Haggard was shunned in 2006 after a male prostitute announced he had been sleeping with the president of the National Association of Evangelicals. Now Haggard and his wife will appear on the show 'Divorce Court,' to be broadcast nationally April 1.

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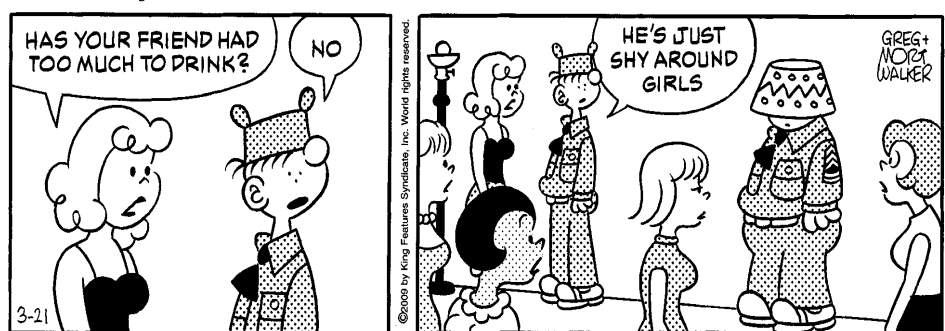
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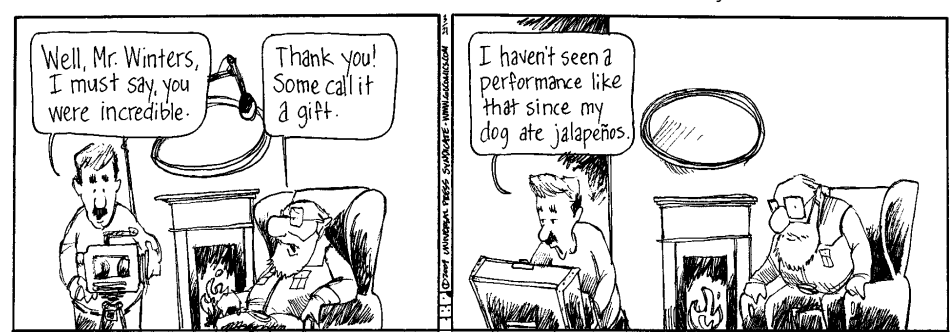
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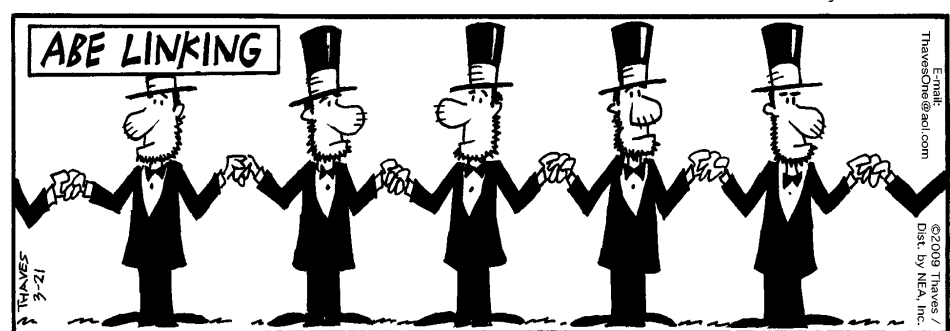
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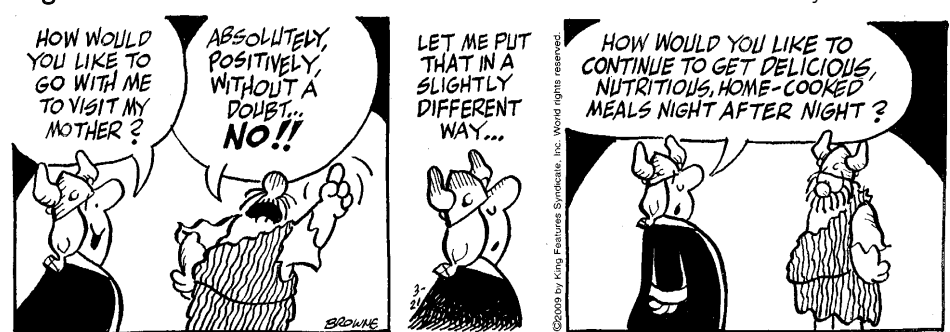
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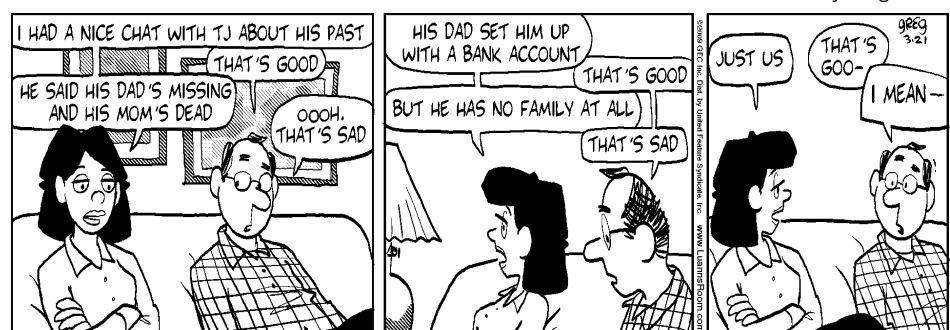
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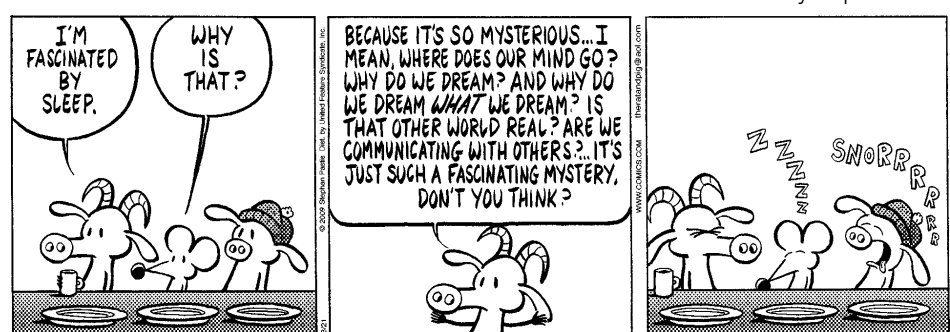
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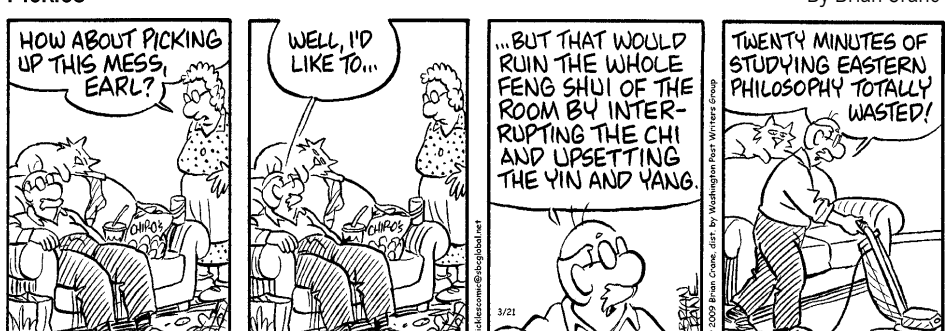
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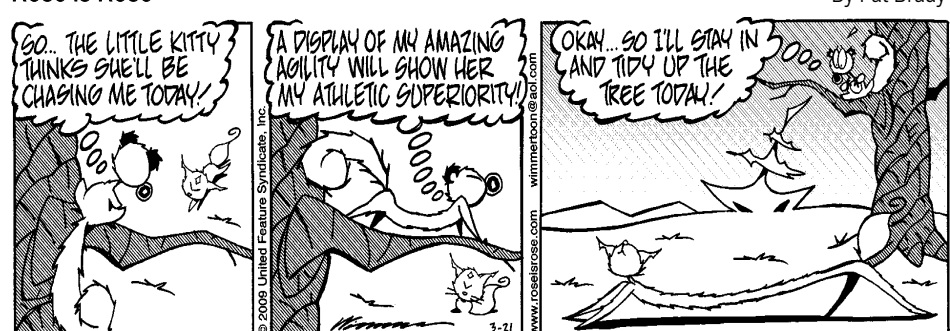
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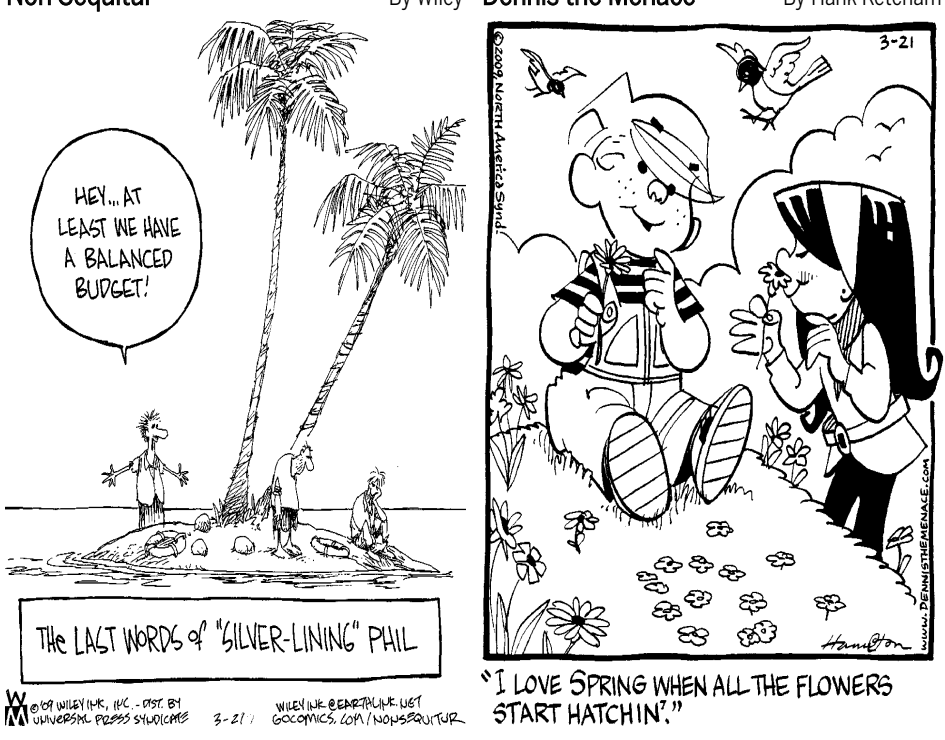
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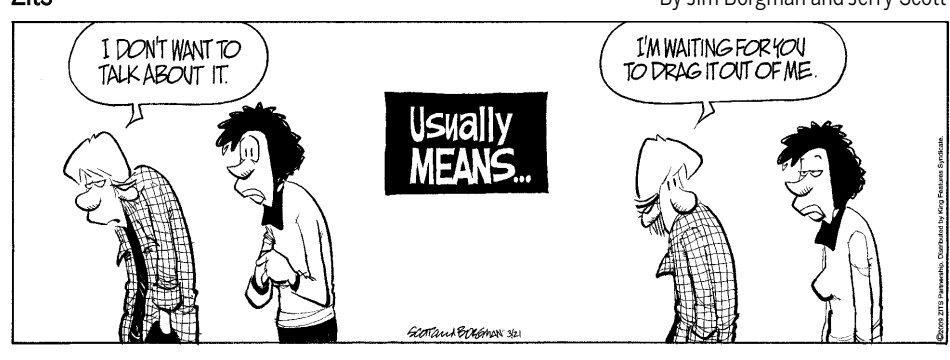
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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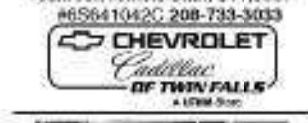
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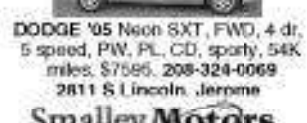
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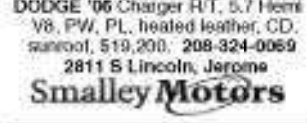
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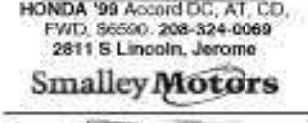
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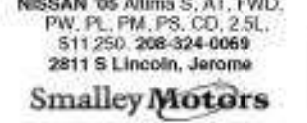


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