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## Police deal with aftermath of deadly force

By Heather Wells  
Post Register

IDAHO FALLS — It seemed like a routine traffic stop.

A black Land Rover, its temporary tags obscured by grime, idled on Sunnyside Road after being pulled over by sheriff's deputy who thought the car lacked a license plate.

After approaching the SUV, Bonneville County Sheriff's Deputy Kyle Fielding recognized the driver, Idaho Falls resident Rayce Rindfleisch, from a "be on the look out" bulletin.

Rindfleisch had tangled with cops several times and had at least one warrant out for his arrest.

When the deputy returned to his car to call dispatchers, the Land Rover took off.

About an hour later, after a high-speed chase, Rindfleisch was dead.

Deputy Kip Davies shot the 31-year-old four times.

This incident shows nothing's routine when you're a police officer and the consequences of split-second decisions can alter the lives of many.

"No one is going to walk away untouched from a situation like that," said Gracie Hargraves, a counselor at Creekside Counseling in Idaho Falls.

"Traumatic situations, like having to shoot someone, can impact someone for life."

Kenneth Knoelk, an officer with the Idaho Falls Police Department, knows what Davies went through.

In 1985, he fired four rounds at a man he pulled over. Knoelk opened fire after the man, who survived, shot him in the stomach from less than 3 feet away.

He still has most of the bullets from the incident.

"It took me probably three to four months to

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Smokers say they're being unfairly targeted by a one-two punch of state and federal taxes designed to help struggling families afford health care for children. It's a point of contention in a climate where nobody has ...

## MONEY TO BURN

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

**19.1**  
The percentage of Idahoans who smoke, according to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System's 2007 data, 18th lowest nationally

**16.8**  
That percentage in 2006

Idaho's rank throughout the years

**2005**  
7th: 17.9 percent

**1999**  
14th: 21.5 percent

**1989**  
2nd: 24.1 percent

It's not easy to be a smoker these days.

Cigarette and cigar enthusiasts have faced a number of new restrictions over the years on where they can smoke, aimed at reducing the health hazards to other people. More and more businesses, both public and private, are banning smoking on their premises.

And starting Wednesday, smokers will play a new role in paying for the State Children's Health Insurance Program — created under President Clinton to help families who may not qualify for Medicaid but still can't afford care for their kids.

Local doctors and health advocates have praised the program in the past and argued that it should be expanded. But the way Congress paid for that expansion has left smokers and tobacco retailers arguing they've been unfairly targeted, shouldering 2,000-percent tax increases due to their unhealthy habit.

### Hoping to help kids

Congress had fought for at least a year and a half over how to renew the federal SCHIP program by the time its members reauthorized it with H.R. 2 in late January.

Independent studies have found SCHIP can make a difference in children's health. In Idaho, for example, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation reported a 40 percent decrease in the rate of uninsured kids over the 10 years after the program started in 1997.

Now, backers say the \$33 billion bill will reduce the number of uninsured children in America by about half over the next four-and-a-half years, adding 4 million of them to the program for a total of 11 million covered. That renewal carries a hefty price for smokers.

Federal cigarette taxes will rise from 39 cents per pack to roughly \$1. Large cigars will be taxed at 50 percent of manufacturer prices, up from 20 percent; pipe tobacco

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**\$4.19**  
Price for a pack of Marlboros on Tuesday at Blue Lakes Gas in Twin Falls

**\$1.01**  
Federal tax starting Wednesday

**\$.57**  
Current state tax

**\$33 billion**  
Total cost for the State Children's Health Insurance Program renewal in the U.S.

**\$45 million**  
Cost of Idaho's program; 80 percent comes from the federal government

## Guardian accused of exploiting elderly woman

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

The court trusted Cindy Laws to look after the lives of incapacitated and vulnerable people.

Now she's charged with exploiting one of them.

Laws, 47, is accused of felony "abuse, exploitation or neglect of a vulnerable adult" for allegedly stealing more than \$6,000 from a 93-year-old woman with dementia.

Laws was a member of the Twin Falls County Board of Community Guardians, and court records show the court appointed her guardian of at least three incapacitated people. The court has

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Magicvalley.com also will invite special videos, such as "tell your joke" coming later in April.

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For more information on YourVideo, contact Online Editor Pat Marcantonio, 208-735-3288 or patm@magicvalley.com.

## Those famous twitters could be baloney

By Mike Musgrove  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — "I spoke to a lovely reporter today," wrote cwalken on his (or her) Twitter account this week. "I don't know if she was really who she said she was but that's fine. I secretly used an ironic tone."

Sounds about right. But does anybody know who anybody really is anymore?

The popular cwalken Twitter feed, stocked with oddball observations that

"Nobody knows who's who on these social networking sites. Even the celebrities themselves are coming to us now and saying, 'Is this one real?'"

— Steven Livingstone, Valebrity's founder

seem as if they could've popped out of the mouth of actor Christopher Walken, is read by more than 90,000 users. It is not, reportedly, written by Walken — though his picture is parked atop the page. Late Friday afternoon,

the page appeared with a notice that the account has been "suspended due to strange activity."

Things have gotten a little confusing for fans. Thanks to the democratizing powers of the Web and the rapid rise

in popularity of Twitter, the very famous and the only slightly famous are finding themselves with virtual doppelgangers.

Already, a Web site has been launched to try and resolve such important

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Idaho jurors could face electronic device rules.

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questions of online celebrity identity. The U.K.-based Valebrity.com seeks to verify that the famous folks you're following online really are who they say they are.

"Nobody knows who's who on these social net-

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Dear Abby .....Classifieds 2  
Horoscope .....Classifieds 2

Kids Only .....Family Life 6  
Jumble .....Classifieds 7  
Movies .....Opinion 7

Obituaries .....Business 6-7  
Sudoku .....Classifieds 8  
Your Business ....Business 2

**ECONOMY HAS PUSHED DOWN MEDIAN HOME PRICES IN SOUTH-CENTRAL IDAHO**

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“It’s going to hurt the very people that this so-called new administration desired to help.”

— Denise Jarolimek, store manager of the Oasis Stop 'N Go and Sir Daniel's Smoke Shop in Twin Falls

## Money to burn

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taxes will nearly triple, from \$1 per pound to nearly \$3. Smokers who roll their own cigarettes face a skyrocketing tax for loose-leaf tobacco from \$1.10 per pound to almost \$25. Come April 1, retailers will have to pay the government the difference between the old and new taxes for all old inventory.

Many advocates of health-care reform decided those prices were justifiable. On the national stage, AARP and the insurance industry backed the bill. Locally, groups such as the Idaho Community Action Network rallied in favor of it.

The issue split Idaho's four-man congressional delegation, with House members voting for the bill and Senate members voting against it. Rep. Mike Simpson, who backed some past versions of the bill as well, hasn't heard much in the way of constituent concern about it, said spokeswoman Nikki Watts. Simpson wasn't happy with the new taxes, but the chance to broaden access to health care won out, Watts said.

“I would have much rather seen a more broad-based way to pay for this, but that wasn't an option,” Simpson said in a statement. “In the end, I chose health care for children over cigarettes.”

### Smokers cry foul

Some in the Magic Valley wish Simpson had chosen differently.

The federal government estimates that about 19 percent of Idahoans smoke — up slightly from 2006, when the state technically had the third-lowest smoking rate in the nation. Health officials say the increase isn't statistically significant.

In anticipation of the taxes, cigarette and tobacco manufacturers began raising their prices in February — meaning their customers have had plenty of time to learn about the changes. A handful of states, though not Idaho, plan to raise their state tobacco taxes as well, aggravating the issue and prompting national backlash against what trade journals call the largest single-product tax increase in U.S. history.

Idaho legislators last raised the state tax in 2003, a 29-cent temporary increase they later made permanent in 2005. Currently, the state collects 57 cents for a standard pack of 20 cigarettes and 40 percent of the wholesale sales price of all other tobacco products.

Those upset about the new increases don't mince words.

“I think it's a bunch of (expletive),” said smoker and Twin Falls resident Ken Biggers.

Biggers goes through two and a half packs a day — meaning he'll pay nearly \$2 more in taxes each day. He's disabled and said his doctor doesn't want him to quit cold-turkey for health reasons. But continuing his addiction may require him and others to give up other vital things.

“There's other ways they could go about it,” he said of funding SCHIP.

Patricia Eickley, a smoker and Stinker Station employee in Twin Falls, said smokers view the tax as even more unfair given that a proposal to raise Idaho beer and wine taxes died in the Legislature last month. She said she's cut down on her own smoking in the face of the federal taxes.

“Alcohol taxes haven't been raised ... and we get hit with a hike of a dollar,” she said.

Denise Jarolimek, store manager of the Oasis Stop 'N Go and Sir Daniel's Smoke Shop on 1310 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, said she sees the tax

Federal tobacco taxes before and after April 1:			
	BEFORE	AFTER	PERCENT INCREASE
Cigarettes	\$ .39/pack	\$1.01/pack	159
Moist smokeless tobacco	\$.59/pound	\$1.51/pound	156
Little cigars	\$.04/pack	\$1.01/pack	2,425
Pipe tobacco	\$1.10/pound	\$2.83/pound	157
Chewing tobacco	\$.20/pound	\$.50/pound	150
Loose-leaf tobacco	\$1.10/pound	\$24.78/pound	2,153

**Note:** Large cigars are taxed at 21 percent of wholesale, with a cap of 5 cents per cigar. After Wednesday, they will be taxed at 53 percent of wholesale with a cap of 40 cents per cigar, an increase of 152 percent.

Source: Altria Group

increases as “a feel-good bill” that directly counters the way the country should approach health reform.

She wondered why the government couldn't phase the taxes in, and said they're discriminatory in the first place — hurting the same low-income bracket that SCHIP targets, though not the same age group.

“It's going to hurt the very people that this so-called new administration desired to help,” she said, referring to an Obama pledge not to raise taxes for those making less than \$250,000 yearly.

Bill Phelps is a spokesman for Philip Morris USA. Regardless of the benefits of SCHIP, he said, company officials don't think the taxes on a declining industry are a good way to fund important, long-term programs.

His parent company, Altria, has set up a Web site presenting its take on government issues such as the taxes. In a time when Congress is trying to save jobs, Phelps said, the taxes stand to seriously harm the industry. He said cigarette sales alone can make up one-third of sales for gas-station convenience stores. Jarolimek, who doesn't smoke, said she thinks retail sales will eventually rebound a bit. But she said she's worried about stores that sell only tobacco

products, and noted that industry-wide estimates say 10,000 jobs may be lost immediately.

“(Customers) will find another product they can use,” she said.

### Idaho taxes may not stay in Idaho

Complicating the matter is that the extra taxes from Idaho smokers won't necessarily help more Idaho children. Individual states control the parameters for their SCHIP programs, and Idaho has no plans to expand its eligibility requirements.

The Gem State already has one of the more restrictive SCHIP programs in the nation. Emily Simmitt, spokeswoman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, said state officials analyzed the changes and decided the funding increase wasn't extensive enough for Idaho to add any new patient populations or expand eligibility.

The state will benefit from the reauthorization, Simmitt said, receiving full federal funding once again after a couple of years of smaller allotments. Federal funds cover 80 percent of the \$45 million Idaho spends for SCHIP, and the state covered the missing amount with savings from earlier in the program's history.

said. That's a challenge when the state doesn't run any mass-media advertising campaigns. One tactic, sending letters out to users of the Women, Infant and Children program, hasn't quite worked, she said.

“We do continue to try to find and enroll children who are eligible under our current standards,” she said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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### Rates for the rest of the nation

The five states with the lowest smoking rates in 2007:

State	Percentage smokers
Utah	11.7
California	14.3
Connecticut	15.4
Massachusetts	16.4
Minnesota	16.5

The five with the highest rates:

Kentucky	28.2
West Virginia	26.9
Oklahoma	25.8
Missouri	24.5
Tennessee	24.3

Source: United Health Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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# Transportation, again, setting end date of session

**B**OISE — Many people who work in the Capitol Annex are in pools for the annual NCAA men's college basketball tournament.

But March Madness isn't the only guessing game drawing pool entries. How about when the 2009 Legislature will end?

Budget-setting ended Friday, which means, in most years, adjournment is just two weeks away. But lawmakers said the major issue remains an agreement with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on how to begin closing the gap on the \$240 million annual roads maintenance backlog. So far, there's no solution in sight, despite almost three months of back-and-forth and about a dozen proposed pieces of legislation.

The House passed a bill to lift the ethanol exemption, although it's sitting in the Senate. The House has rejected Otter's proposal to raise the gas tax by 7 cents over three years. Next week,



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the House will take up a one-year, 2-cent increase. Some House members have said Otter's plans to raise registration fees are being held off until a gas tax bill is passed.

"The governor and his staff have given every indication they want a transportation package passed," said Senate Assistant Majority Leader Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston.

"I've been saying for six months transportation is the going-home bill, just like last year."

Last year Otter rejected a one-year \$68 million package from lawmakers on the grounds that it needed to be multi-year. Lawmakers then went home.

The most official

adjournment prediction might've come Thursday when House Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, said during a hearing she's been told — presumably from House leadership — the session will end April 17.

The longest session, 118 days in 2002, ended in May. Taxpayers, meanwhile, shell out about \$30,000 a day for the Legislature to operate.

• With state budget writers on Friday approving the public schools budget — a 3.4 percent cut in general funds — one of the biggest debates was put to rest.

At least for the weekend, anyway.

Sen. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise, who sits on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, said she has concerns about a last-minute decision to shift \$20

million away from education and plug the hole with stimulus. She predicts Republicans next year won't replenish it with general fund money.

"It really is dedicating less to education so we have less to spend on education," she said. "And they're gonna spend it on something else" next year.

But JFAC co-chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said the \$20 million will go toward balancing the budget, and there's no net loss to schools this year. It was negotiated with House leaders, who wanted to cut teacher personnel costs even more than the 2.6 percent JFAC agreed to.

"From my perspective I thought it was a reasonable compromise," he said.

Meanwhile, budget writers still have some major loose ends to tie up: grocery

tax credit, the state's catastrophic health fund, and conforming with federal tax changes that come with stimulus package.

They all cost money — something the Legislature hasn't had much to work with this session.

• The Senate State Affairs Committee will reconsider a measure Monday to make the state responsible if any bighorn sheep adversely affect sheep ranchers' herds.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terreton, was held in committee last week after Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, said he wanted more time to review it.

• On Thursday, JFAC set higher education budgets and used about half of the \$35 million stimulus money eligible. But it bypassed a request from Otter to allo-

cate \$10 million for the \$36 million livestock facility slotted for the Magic Valley.

Cameron and other lawmakers said the money wouldn't even be used by the time the stimulus was finished. With higher education budgets basically complete, Cameron said the matter is now finished for the session.

• Quote of the week: "Nobody wants to cut public education more than me," Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, on Friday, during a press conference after JFAC set the public schools budget lower than the previous year for the first time in Idaho's history. He later clarified his statement, and said he misspoke.

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# Bellevue shifts to 4-day work week

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE — Bellevue's 12 city employees will work only four days a week beginning Monday as the city tries to cut \$66,000 to deal with a revenue shortfall.

"We started out with a projected budget of \$1.4 million. Now we're down to \$1.1 million," said City Administrator Tom Blanchard.

City offices will be closed on Mondays, Blanchard said.

"It's going to affect all of us hugely. You can't cut 20 percent out of government and still have the same level of service," he added.

That said, there will be a few exceptions.

Planning and Zoning Director Craig Eckles said his department's building inspector will be on call and the department will try to run as normally as possible on Mondays to take care of architects and builders who might not realize that Bellevue's City Hall is closed on Mondays.

"My department generates general funds so we don't want to impinge on that too much," he said.

The city library will also remain open on Monday, even as its director grapples with how to cut costs.

Librarian Patty Gilman said Monday is the busiest day of the week for the library, which receives up to 500 visitors a day in the town of 2,450 people. Gilman said she is toying with the idea of closing on Saturday instead.

"Saturday can be really busy, too," she said. "But it tends to be quieter in summer when people go camping so I thought that since summer is approaching maybe we could drop Saturday for now and reassess it later."

Gilman said she will have to cut her assistant's hours to all but perhaps one day a week. The library's new book budget has also been eliminated.

"When I first took over, the library was open just 20 hours a week and now we're up to 45. I worked so hard to get it open six days a week," she said. "It's painful to see it go backward, especially at a time when people are turning off their computers and using ours to save on the monthly bills. People tell me they aren't buying books right now and are coming here, instead, and they're checking out more movies, as well."

Bellevue had already instituted a number of other cost-cutting measures. City Council members cut their salaries from \$200 a month to \$50 monthly, and the city staff cut their 401(k) retirement plans by 7 percent.

The city will also table some street repairs this summer and forgo putting in a new software program, Blanchard said.

The drop in revenue is primarily due to a \$24,000 shortfall in building permits, Blanchard said. State and county revenue shar-

# Comfort in the quilt

Buhl woman to raffle quilt in honor of late grandson

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Interwoven in a quilt sewn together by Berdena Schlaick are several unforgettable stories of travelers' tales, a grandson's interest in history and a grandmother's love.

Schlaick, a retired elementary educator from Buhl, intended on giving the handcrafted quilt to her grandson, Garrison Herzinger. She never got the chance.

Herzinger, a 2005 graduate of Buhl High School, was killed in an Aug. 31, 2006, automobile accident while in Marine Corps training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"When he left for the Marines he told me he wouldn't need it for a while so not to worry about it," she said of the quilt. "And then he was killed and I buried it. I couldn't bear to even look at it."

She was inspired to finish the quilt last year and raffle it in Herzinger's memory to raise money for an endowment created through the Buhl Public School Foundation for scholarships for graduating seniors.

Due to market factors the endowment hadn't accumulated enough interest to cover last year's scholarship and some of the award was pulled from the endow-



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Berdena Schlaick of Buhl poses with a picture of her late grandson, Garrison Herzinger, who was killed in an August 2006 automobile accident while he was in Marine Corps training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

ment's principal amount.

Completing the quilt was a healing journey for Schlaick.

The quilt's 11 blocks contain symbols highlighting the adventure of Lewis and Clark's expedition across the Rocky Mountains, and became a conversation piece for Schlaick and Herzinger before he left to serve with the Marines.

"He was really interested in history and we would talk about the latest block I was working on and all the stories that went along with it," she said.

Those conversations are gone, but the connection remained as Schlaick finished the quilt. Stitch by stitch a grandmother's broken heart was mended,

though Schlaick doubts she'll ever fully "get over it."

"By raffling the quilt Garrison's memory will live on and the proceeds will benefit area FFA students," she said. "Garrison was very active in FFA all through high school."

FFA Advisor Shane Stockham remembers Herzinger as an excellent competitor, student and chapter president.

"He took first place in forestry three consecutive years at the district level and fourth at state," he said. "He earned the FFA Degree, which takes four years ... very few (current) students knew Garrison but are excited about the possibility of getting a scholarship. I hope they are driven to be a

## BUY A TICKET

Raffle tickets for the Garrison Herzinger memorial quilt, to benefit the Buhl High School FFA Scholarship Fund, are available from any BHS FFA member, Cosmic Jolt, Valley Country Store, Jackson's Kountry Korner in Buhl, and Farmers National Bank branches in Buhl and Twin Falls.

Tickets are \$5 each, three for \$10 or seven for \$20. Information: Schlaick, 543-5827.

stand-up leader like Garrison was."

Currently there is \$6,000 in the endowment, said Buhl Public School Foundation Treasurer Lynn Busmann. In order for it to be self-sustaining and large enough for scholarships to be awarded from interest gained, the fund needs at least \$7,500.

"Going over that amount can only make the scholarships bigger," Busmann said.

With the quilt complete Schlaick is now selling raffle tickets, optimistic in raising \$5,000 before the raffle is held in September.

The quilt will be on display at the Quilted from the Heart quilt show, April 4-5, at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer and will then be hung at the Buhl Farmers National Bank.

## OTHER ITEMS

The Bellevue City Council on Thursday night voted to fine pet owners \$300 if they allow their pooch to defecate on public or private property without immediately removing it. The council also voted to annex 61 acres in Slaughterhouse Canyon east of the city. The city has no definite plans for the property at this point, said Planning and Zoning Administrator Craig Eckles. The land was owned by Ketchum developer Jeff Pfaeffle and given to Bellevue as part of an agreement two months ago when the city annexed 99 acres of his land adjacent to the 61 acres. Pfaeffle plans to build up to 205 homes as part of the Strahorn Canyon Ranch subdivision on that 99 acres.

ing and state highway funds, which would have brought in \$150,000 and \$75,000 respectively, are also down.

An estimated \$484,000 in property taxes is holding steady, as are \$63,000 in liquor taxes and \$63,000 in utilities or franchise taxes.

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## Livestock Hall of Fame chooses inductees

The Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame will celebrate its 50th year with six inductees: John Basabe (posthumous), Gooding, Simplot Land & Livestock; Tom Basabe, Gooding, Simplot Land & Livestock; Bill Hazen, Jerome, extension educator; Rick Haines, Filer, agricultural radio broadcaster; John Remmer, Gooding, cattle rancher; and Tom Williams, Hollister, cattle rancher.

The inductees will be honored at the Hall of Fame's 50th annual banquet, April 14 at the Turf Club, Twin Falls. Tickets are \$25 and available by calling Carol Ryan Dumas at 735-2414 or Lance Zollinger at 732-1057 or at the Farm Credit Services office, 815 N. College Road, Twin Falls.

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## Downtown Boise property goes to auction

BOISE (AP) — A downtown Boise property that for a decade has been an unsightly hole in the ground goes up for auction next month. Phil Kushlan, executive director of Boise's urban-renewal agency, says a federal

bankruptcy judge has ordered the Boise Tower site at 8th and Main streets to be auctioned off April 7. A plan to build a 31-story, \$126 million condominium and hotel collapsed last summer with a federal judge's order to liquidate the

company that proposed the project. Charterhouse Boise Downtown Properties obtained the property in 2006 and planned to build the skyscraper, but then defaulted on a \$2.57 million loan.

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## North Dakota and other social graces

*"The worst is not so long as we can say, This is the worst."*  
— William Shakespeare, "King Lear"

There are photographs all over the Associated Press wire this weekend of the intrepid residents of Fargo, N.D., stacking sandbags against the rising waters of the Red River.

They're wearing parkas, knit caps and ski masks because there's about 2 feet of snow on the ground.

That's right: North Dakotans are enduring flooding of biblical proportions and blizzards at the same time.

Let's concede that Nodaks are exceptionally good sports, but why on Earth would anyone stay in such a place?

I put that question to a former editor of mine who used to work in Bismarck. He'd just described heading for work one bitter January morning and having the car door come off in his hand.

"The weather keeps the riff-raff out," he replied.

Guess that explains why there is one North Dakotan for every 9.3 square miles. That's equivalent to an area twice the size of Burley.

The issue is pertinent to Idaho because vast precincts of our state are North Dakota with bad roads. Arco leaps to mind. Or maybe Rexburg, Fairfield, Soda Springs or selected portions of Lincoln County. McCall, the snowiest city in Idaho, has Nodak-caliber cold, but the drifts mostly stay in one place instead of being distributed by wind over nine counties.

There was a *Times-News* columnist years ago who dreamed of sending Idahoans he didn't like — legislators, if I recall — into exile in North Dakota. Some weeks later he received a terse note from a resident of Minot.

"We have more nuclear missiles than you do," he explained. "So shut the hell up."

Setting aside the question of whether it was prudent to give grumpy people who live in Arctic conditions access to weapons of mass destruction, my heart goes out to Nodaks whether they're being snowed upon or flooded — or both. If perseverance were gold, they'd all be Midas.

For it's not just the cold — an average day in Minot during January is 8 below — but the fact that winter never really goes away that's soul-killing.

Years ago, as a sports-writer in Great Falls, I was dispatched to northeastern Montana — just across the state line from Minot — to cover a high school football game on the Friday before Labor Day. It snowed 8 inches in Plentywood that evening, and the game had to be called off in the third quarter because visibility was zero.

Several years later in the nearby town of Opheim, the county was still plowing the town's streets in May.

I had a co-worker in Great Falls who grew up in rural western North Dakota. One summer he was telling me how his mother back home was just getting ready to plant her garden.

"What does she grow?" I wondered. "Tomatoes? Corn? Peppers? Peas?"

"Just potatoes," he explained. "Last year it froze before the end of July."

Steve Crump may be reached at 735-3223. Hear him live on KLIX-1310 AM at 8:30 a.m. Fridays or on the Web at [Magicvalley.com/opinion](http://Magicvalley.com/opinion).

# Increasing numbers of elk moving to Idaho

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett  
Times-News correspondent

ROGERSON — The grass is always greener on the other side, even to elk. Increasing numbers of the animals from Nevada are crossing the border into Idaho.

Kari Huebner with the Nevada Division of Wildlife said recent helicopter elk surveys indicate numbers are up, and there are different distributions indicating elk are moving from Nevada to Idaho.

"There have been increasing numbers of elk for a few years," said Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Wildlife Manager Randy Smith.

Herds of elk are moving to lower elevations and finding forage plentiful where the 2007 Murphy Complex Fire burned, and in several rancher's irrigated meadows, Smith said.

"They're coming off of the Jarbidge foothills," said Smith. He also indicated that elk have been a nuisance to rancher Kevin Chapin of the Diamond A Ranch on the Idaho-Nevada border near



KIMBERLY WILLIAMS-BRACKETT/For the Times-News

A herd of 12 elk are seen recently on Mud Flat Hill along the Three Creek Highway near the Twin Falls County-Owyhee County border.

Jarbidge, Nev.

Chapin said the department reported a herd of 1,300 on his ranch, up from 750 last year.

"There are still several hundred more across the Bruneau River and in the Three Creek area," said Chapin. "I've lived here for 20 years and the numbers have grown by leaps and bounds."

Smith said Idaho and Nevada's wildlife depart-

ments have been working together to monitor the animals.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has been watching the elk closely to minimize conflicts on private property. The NDOW will do some vegetation monitoring for elk.

The problem of elk grazing at lower elevations escalated after the fire.

Chapin said, "We

haven't been able to put cows on the desert because we're supposed to let the land rest after a fire, but yet elk are grazing on it."

Chapin estimated one and a half elk is equal to one cow grazing.

"It's frustrating because elk are using the country when we can't."

"We have a good depre-

dation program and can design hunts to control the elk numbers," said Smith. In addition, NDOW will increase hunt numbers.

"Hopefully they'll go back to the high country," Smith said.

Kimberly Williams-Brackett may be reached at [gusandkim@rtci.net](mailto:gusandkim@rtci.net).

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

### TWIN FALLS COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Eleise M. Anderson, 19, Chubbuck; driving under the influence, under age 21; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Chance A. Easterday, 24, Buhl; driving under the influence, second offense; \$1,000 fine, \$750 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 170 suspended, credit for one day served, four days work detail; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol; ignition interlock device on vehicle for one year.

Mathew R. Jones, 18, Filer; driving under the influence, under age 21; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Alvaro H. Gomez, 37, Hailey; driving under the influence; \$800 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 174 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

### MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Rodolfo Verdusco-Beltran, 47, Buhl; possession of a mutilated, altered, revoked driver's license; costs waived; 90 days jail, 47 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Natasa Strbac, 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation.

Javier D. Licea III, 19, Hollister; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 28 suspended; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation.

Gary E. Anton Jr., 28, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended 120 days; 12 months probation; one count flee or attempt to elude a police officer dismissed.

Patricia A. Lopez, 47, Parker, Ariz.; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; 12 months probation.

Daniel A. Duenas, 26, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; 12 months probation.

Ricardo Carrillo-Torres, 26, Buhl; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine; \$75.50 costs; five days jail, credit for time served; one count provide false information to an officer; \$75.50 costs; 30 days jail, 25 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Philip H. Dobbs, 63, Rogerson; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs; two days community service; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; 12 months probation.

Christopher D. Ogden, 23, Twin Falls; one count trespass on cultivated lands; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$83 costs; 12 months probation; hunting privileges suspended one year; one count hunter waterfowl after hours; \$100 fine, \$100 suspended; 12 months probation.

Fernando Limon, 27, Twin Falls; violation of no contact order; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, credit for one day served; 12 months probation.

Jeremy L. Hurd, 28, Jerome; hunt without a license; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended; \$83 costs; hunting privileges suspended for one year; 12 months probation.

Levi M. Harris, 22, Twin Falls; one count hunt waterfowl after hours; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$83 costs; hunting privileges suspended for one year; 12 months probation; one count trespass on cultivated lands; \$100 fine, \$100 suspended; 12 months probation.

John L. Otero, 25, Twin Falls; aggravated battery; amended to battery; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; no contact with victim; 12 months probation.

James F. Hall, 35, Jerome; one count possession of a controlled substance;

\$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; two days community service; 30 days jail, 28 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; 12 months probation; one count possession of a concealed weapon dismissed.

### MISDEMEANOR ACQUITTALS

Bryan J. Close, 27, Murtaugh; battery; found innocent.

### MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Darrell L. Combs, 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; dismissed by prosecutor.

Mark B. Elgan, 46, Twin Falls; inattentive/careless driving; dismissed by prosecutor.

Clinton Child, 36, Filer; domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

Kendra Child, 37, Filer; domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

Melissa A. Billman, 29, Greenleaf; driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor; evidence has been suppressed.

### FELONY SENTENCINGS

Michael F. Burt, 56, San Dimas, Calif.; forcible sexual penetration with a foreign object; amended to aggravated battery; ten years penitentiary; five years determinate; five years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$2,500 civil penalty; \$110.50 costs.

Dezi L. Hernandez, 21, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, marijuana; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$1,000 fine; \$110.50 costs; \$758.63 restitution.

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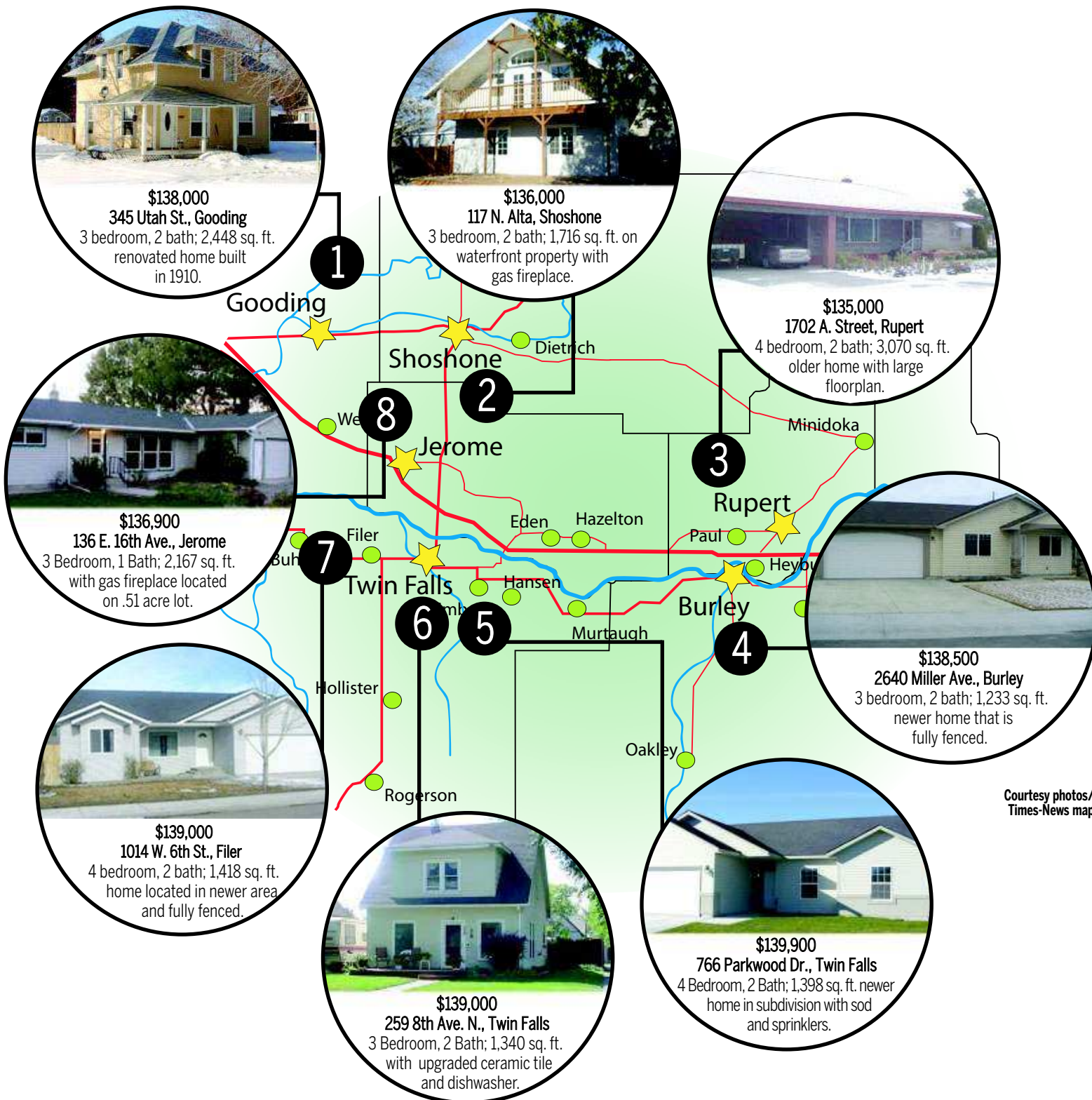
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That's the median home price in south-central Idaho. We talked with real estate agents to see what that amount will buy you in neighborhoods from Burley to Gooding.



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**KEVIN CLARK/Washington Post**  
Neil Barofsky's message is simple: The government should require any bank receiving taxpayer dollars to explain how it is spending the money. He is the chief watchdog overseeing the \$700 billion federal bailout of the financial system.

## Shining light on bailout effort

Bailout oversight rubs some Treasury officials wrong way

By Amit R. Paley  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the days after President Obama's inauguration, Neil Barofsky, the chief watchdog overseeing the \$700 billion federal bailout of the financial system, walked up from his office in the basement of the Treasury building to the ornate suite of the official running the rescue program.

Barofsky had a simple message: The government should require any bank receiving taxpayer dollars to explain how it is spending the money.

The senior official at the Treasury Department, Neel Kashkari, disagreed. So Barofsky, the special inspector general for the program, said his office would do it instead.

See **BAROFSKY**, Business 2

## It's a different market

### Tax incentives, housing overhangs have pushed Magic Valley prices down

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Daniel and Kaylee Kessler searched for the perfect home on a windy weekend afternoon in Twin Falls.

The couple, which recently moved from Alturas, Calif., hopes to buy their first home at a time when interest rates are low and the federal government is encouraging first-time homebuyers with unprecedented tax credits.

But even the Kesslers know the housing market is very different than it was nearly a year ago.

"We visited family in Twin Falls about two years ago and we rarely ever saw a

for-sale sign," Daniel Kessler said. "Now it seems like every other home is for sale, people are willing to negotiate prices."

By the summer of 2007, the nation's housing crisis had trickled down to south-central Idaho. The region, which enjoyed strong sales as people moved from other parts of Idaho or the nation, suddenly saw a massive slowdown.

Home sales fell more than 50 percent compared to 2006 as out-of-state homeowners found it more difficult to sell homes in devastated markets like western Idaho, Nevada and California.

Some homeowners in

south-central Idaho were forced to sell homes at lower prices because of job losses or foreclosure.

Still, the region was largely insulated from problems in the national housing market because of more conservative lending and construction practices. The median price of a home that was sold in south-central Idaho declined about 3 percent in 2008, while the national average fell more than 18 percent.

"It's not bad here," Kessler said. "You want to see 'bad'? Go to California."

But what has resulted in south-central Idaho is an uncommonly strong buyers market, say real estate

agents, builders and lenders in the region.

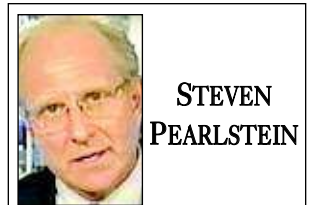
"Interest rates are low, there is a federal tax credit, and Idaho Housing and Finance just announced that they will loan against the tax credit," said Jeff Blick, real estate agent with Westerra Real Estate Group in Twin Falls. "But probably the biggest thing going for buyers is the lower prices."

He said that the average home price of a home sold in Twin Falls declined from about \$173,000 during the first quarter of 2008 to about \$161,000 during the first two months of 2009, or about 7 percent.

See **MARKET**, Business 3

## Optimism over despair on Obama's economic revival plan

It fills me with a sense of despair that Paul Krugman is now "filled with a sense of despair."



**STEVEN PEARLSTEIN**

Even before the Treasury Department released details of its plan to buy up unwanted bank assets, the Nobel Prize-winning economist was writing in his New York Times column that the plan was certain to fail — and that this failure would inevitably drag the entire world into a long and painful depression.

Krugman despairs that Tim Geithner, Larry Summers and Ben Bernanke are really nothing more than warmed-over Hank Paulson, so blinded

See **DESPAIR**, Business 3

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Lander, Wyo.	\$197,600
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# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES

### THE PRESSBOX



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The Pressbox Sports Bar and Grill located at 1749 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors as a new member of the Chamber. They are a local bar and eatery with a fun atmosphere. Patrons can enjoy a game of pool with friends, a round of darts, DIRECTV and special events programming. Pictured cutting the ribbon is Toma Bartlett.

### RIGHT NOW



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Right Now Heating and Air Conditioning, 5421 U.S. Highway 93, Ste. 3, in Jerome held a ribbon cutting recently along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They are a new member of the Chamber. Right Now Heating and Air Conditioning is a full-service air conditioning and heating contractor. They understand the dynamics of their business and they are dedicated in providing service at competitive prices. Pictured, Kelly Cox, owner; Stewart Dearden, technician; Jeff Cox, owner.

## CAREER MOVES

### Terry R. Downs

Terry R. Downs of Twin Falls, a representative of Modern Woodmen of America, has been named to Modern Woodmen's 2009 President's Club. This distinction recognizes Downs' high achievement in life insurance sales among the organization's representatives nationwide.

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### Rory Yekel

Con Paulos Volkswagen-Mazda of Twin Falls welcomed Rory Yekel to the sales team as a Selection Specialist.

Yekel has over 15 years experience in the customer service business with a background in shipping and receiving. Prior to his position with Con Paulos Volkswagen-Mazda, he was employed by Schwann's in Colorado. Yekel also enjoys golfing, fishing and most outdoor activities.



Downs



Yekel

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### EVERTON MATTRESS



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Everton Mattress donated a King Latex/Magnetic Sleep Set to the Twin Falls Optimist Club to be used for their Lost Wages Grand Prize give-a-way. The latex core supplier Latex International (La Miranda, Calif.) generously provided the latex components. The Twin Falls Optimist is a service club devoted to improve the lives of children. The annual Lost Wages Night is an event to raise money to support club operations and provide resources for grants that are used to support youth functions and needs. Everton Mattress has been manufacturing bedding since the early 1920s. In addition to supplying its own factory stores it builds and distributes Restonic Mattresses to furniture stores and sleep shops throughout the Intermountain and Pacific Northwest. Pictured from left, Chris Sanders, Partner EMF; Derrick Hanson, store manager of Everton Mattress and Furniture in Twin Falls; Marlena and Wes Price, grand prize winners from Hansen.

## U.S. BANK



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South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) thanks U.S. Bank for their generous donation of \$1,000 to support SCCAP's 3rd Annual Community Partnerships In Action event that will take place Sept. 19 at the Twin Falls City Park. The contribution will assist them in bringing in 60 to 80 booths from non-profit organizations and financial intuitions that will provide information to more than 3,500 people about services that are available to low-income individuals and families across the Magic Valley. Education on home ownership for affordable housing, financial management with credit and debt counseling will be the emphasis with many of the providers. Providers such as disaster relief, child education, job training, drug prevention and sight and hearing screening and many others will be present.

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### YOUR BUSINESS news

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To submit contributions to YourBusiness, send announcements and photographs to Times-News business Editor Joshua Palmer at [jpalmer@magicvalley.com](mailto:jpalmer@magicvalley.com).

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

"I don't think Treasury's done enough. Frankly, I'm not terribly concerned if anyone in Treasury actually thinks we're being too aggressive. That's our job."

— Neil Barofsky

## Barofsky

Continued from Business 1

"I don't think Treasury's done enough," he said. "Frankly, I'm not terribly concerned if anyone in Treasury actually thinks we're being too aggressive. That's our job."

The episode illustrates why lawmakers and watchdog groups say Barofsky is emerging as the primary check on waste and fraud in the six-month-old financial rescue effort. But Wall Street executives and Treasury officials criticize him as an overreaching zealot scaring banks from joining the financial rescue, and even his supporters wonder whether his office has sufficient resources to adequately oversee such a gigantic program.

The special inspector general now has 30 employees to monitor the mind-bogglingly complex bailout programs. Congress has not yet passed a law giving Barofsky's office the same hiring flexibility as other special inspectors general. The problem is exacerbated because of the staffing issues at the Treasury, where the compliance office for the bailout program has only seven employees.

"Twenty people for, what, 8,000 banks in this country?" said Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., a member of the House oversight committee. "That's where concerns come in. Because before we're going to be able to pass another nickel in this Congress, we're going to have to get the due diligence on these things."

Barofsky, a 38-year-old former federal prosecutor who survived an assassination attempt during a case against Colombian drug dealers, has been working 14-hour days. He said he considers himself responsible for any of the government initiatives that use funds from the bailout program, whether or not they're run by Treasury.

Though Barofsky refuses to eat with senior administration officials in the building's executive

dining room to maintain his independence, he says he has a cooperative working relationship with Kashkari. But the difference in their approaches and priorities is highlighted by their disagreement over monitoring how banks are spending the bailout money.

Barofsky first recommended to department officials in December that they require banks to detail their use of the funds. But Kashkari made clear that he thought such a requirement would be too time-consuming and that it would be impossible to determine exactly what the banks did with the money.

"It's been very hard for us to say, well this dollar went for this purpose, the tax dollars went for another purpose," Kashkari said recently. "We've taken great care to not try to micromanage institutions."

Kashkari instead made a much narrower request of the banks, asking the top 20 recipients to report on how the funds affected their lending. They are expanding that request to all the banks. Barofsky's office took a more ambitious approach, demanding in a letter last month that every firm then in the program describe in detail how it was using the money.

Government officials said Barofsky's letter caused several banks to withdraw their applications for the program, and that his overall approach — along with public outrage over executives' multimillion-dollar bonuses — was part of the reason firms are afraid to participate in the bailout.

Barofsky doubts that any bank has withdrawn from the program because of his letter but said it doesn't matter even if they have.

"Any institution that is so concerned about having to report on its use of funds of taxpayer money," he said, "really calls into question what their intent was on how to use that money," he said.

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## Trustee agrees to sell part of Madoff's business

NEW YORK (AP) — A deal has been reached to sell the part of Bernard Madoff's company that investigators are fairly certain was honestly run, and the company buying the operation said it is confident it isn't acquiring a den of thieves.

A court-appointed trustee overseeing the liquidation of Madoff's assets announced Friday he has reached a potential \$15 million deal to sell his market-making business to the Boston firm Castor Pollux Securities.

open the possibility that the operation could go to a higher bidder before the sale is finalized, trustee Irving Picard said in a statement.

The sale price is just a fraction of the \$700 million that Madoff himself recently estimated the business was worth — a figure that had been laughed off as

irrational by some experts.

Revenue generated by the sale will be used to reimburse Madoff's victims.

The market-making divi-

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# Plucky Pendleton optimistic despite job cuts

By Richard Cockle  
The Oregonian

PENDLETON, Ore. — The loss of a Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Oregon plant and its 253 jobs is bringing both pain and optimism to this eastern Oregon rodeo and wheat town.

Sales clerk Mary Bonifer ran her fingers over a tooled leather belt in the Hamley & Co. store downtown while fretting about the idled workers and their families. She's also worried about the impact of so many lost jobs on the rest of her town, population 16,830.

"If there's 250 employees and they each make \$20,000, that's a lot of money that's leaving our economy," said Bonifer, 54.

Still, a "Cowboy up!" attitude seems to pervade Pendleton, the home of the annual Pendleton Round-Up rodeo. A Keystone Travel Trailer plant continues to go strong and may absorb some Fleetwood employees, as may a Cayuse Technologies computer call center on the nearby Umatilla Indian



Mayor Phil Houk stands on construction equipment on the hills just east of Pendleton, Ore. where dignitaries gathered to break ground for a 459-acre industrial park.

Reservation, Mayor Phil Houk said.

And there's a chance another manufacturer will move to the Fleetwood site. Within days of the company's March 9 closure announcement, City Hall got at least 10 calls from distant corporations interested

in Fleetwood's two manufacturing buildings and 10 acres, said Tracy Bosen, economic development director for Pendleton.

"There are a lot of businesses that see these particular economic downturns as opportunities to relocate," Bosen said. "Real estate is

cheap, people are hungry for jobs, and cities and communities are willing to negotiate."

The companies interested in Fleetwood's buildings, which are just under 100,000 square feet each, include a wind turbine manufacturer, Bosen said,

though he declined to name it. Eastern Oregon is fast becoming "wind turbine alley" and the huge machines — many manufactured overseas — are going up by the hundreds around Pendleton, he said. "If there is a silver lining in this, a great facility has come open and it is available," Bosen said.

Houk agreed, saying Pendleton is short on industrial space to attract outside companies. The Fleetwood site, he noted, is on flat ground that adjoins Interstate 84 and Union Pacific Railroad lines.

Fleetwood posted losses of \$65.3 million in 2007 and \$16.8 million last year. Even so, the closure announcement, in the midst of a national economic meltdown, was a shocker.

It also left 162 workers jobless at a Fleetwood RV plant in La Grande, 50 miles to the east.

But Pendleton has assets besides the site: an internationally known rodeo and a get-back-on-your-horse attitude. The 99-year-old

Pendleton Round-Up, a weeklong September extravaganza of Western color and pageantry, brings 50,000 people to town and injects \$20 million into the local economy.

Houk rides his horse in a dozen parades around the state each year to publicize the Round-Up.

His mount tried to buck him off during one parade, but Houk is no stranger to being tossed. "So far, each time I've crashed I've been able to get back on the horse," he said.

The same goes for the town. When the state decided to close a 73-year-old mental hospital in the early 1980s, eliminating a major employer, Pendleton got busy and ultimately persuaded the state to put a prison in the building.

The Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution opened in 1985 and houses 1,600 inmates overseen by 425 employees, said Doug Carter, prison spokesman.

"Those were also tough times," Houk said. "Everybody pulled together."

## Dairymen cut back as dairy prices drop 44 percent

By Sarah D. Wire  
Associated Press writer

JEROME — These days there are fewer black and white heads poking out of the steel fence along the deeply rutted dirt road through Ralph Anderson's Magic Valley Farm.

A few months ago, Anderson managed a herd of 600 Holstein cows, enough to keep his milking barn humming 24 hours a day. Now, Anderson, 51, devotes just three hours a day to milking the 60 milk producing cows that remain on his farm here in the heart of Idaho dairy country.

Amid falling milk prices that have pinched dairymen all across the state and nation, Anderson agreed in December to reduce his herd as part of a national buyout program paid for by the dairy industry.

Anderson, who started his dairy in 1987 with his father and brother, said he hasn't yet decided whether to leave the dairy industry altogether or slowly rebuild the herd in anticipation of a turnaround in milk prices.

"Right now, the less cows you have the less money you're losing," said Anderson, one of the many struggling dairymen in Idaho, third-leading milk producing state in the U.S.

In Idaho, the industry's meteoric rise over the last ten years helped transform an agricultural economy rooted in crops like potatoes and grains to livestock and dairy production, and with it made the Magic Valley the epicenter of the state's new farm economy, according to the University of Idaho Extension service.

In the last two years, state profits reached record highs and dairy farms expanded. Now, with the waning national and international economy dairy prices have dropped 44 percent. At the same time, high feed prices have some farmers opting to thin herds and cut losses.

"We recognized in November and December that we were facing some tough times," Idaho Dairymen's Association President Bob Naerebout said. "We are very dependent on having a strong national economy?"

When the economy is doing well, people can afford to purchase meat and milk, Naerebout said.

But the downturn in the past 6 months has fewer people buying milk and dairy products, leaving Idaho's dairy farmers with two options.

"It's between getting rid of more animals or throwing away the product," Naerebout said.

Falling dairy prices also pose a problem for Idaho's economy because in 2008 dairy made up 34 percent of the state's total farm cash receipts, or \$2.153 billion.

Roughly \$200 million has come out of Idaho's economy through taxes and lost revenue since the beginning of the year because of the drop, Naerebout said.

In February the price of a hundred pounds of Idaho milk was \$9.80, down from \$17.50 the same month a year before. Nationally milk prices have hovered at \$13.80.

Second-generation Idaho dairyman Jack Davis, 62, called the drop in milk prices the worst downturn he has

ever seen.

"We never just made money hand over fist, but since June I don't think anybody's made a lot of money at all," said Davis, whose father started milking cows in 1940 at the family farm in Kuna, about 20 miles southwest of Boise.

Davis says he is losing about \$80,000 a month on his herd of 700 cows.

"We've written letters to all the people we do business with and told them what we're going through and we try to pay them a little bit each month," he said. "Could you pay all of your bills if your paycheck got cut in half?"

After years of profits, University of Idaho Extension Agricultural Economist Wilson Gray says dairy farmers are losing \$100-\$150 per month per cow.

"Basically we've gone from extremely high milk prices and extremely high prices on feed to low prices on milk and feed prices that have only come down a bit," Gray said. "Right now no one's really covering their costs?"

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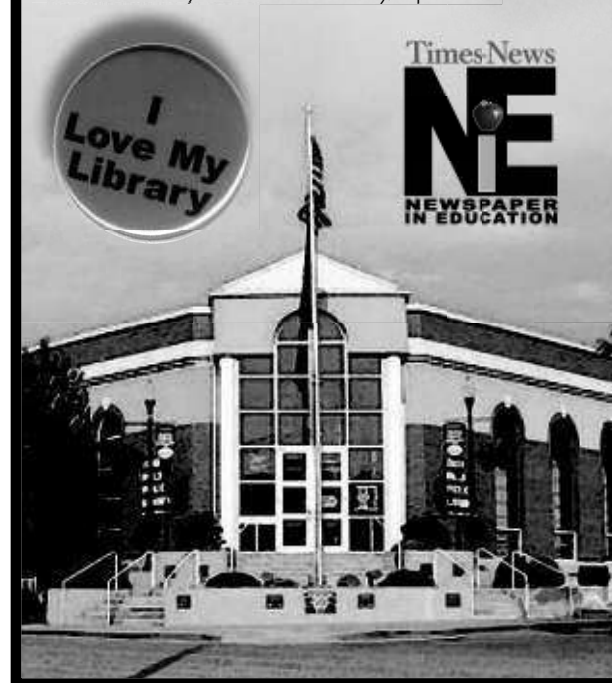


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Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: "Really big people are, above everything else, courteous, considerate and generous - not just to some people in some circumstances - but to everyone all the time." - Thomas J. Watson

Shuttle lands safely after space station mission

By Marcia Dunn, Associated Press writer. CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven returned to Earth on Saturday and successfully wrapped up a construction mission that left the international space station with all its solar wings and extra electrical power.

Discovery swooped through a cloudy sky and landed at NASA's spaceport in midafternoon, a little later than initially planned. "Welcome home, Discovery, after a great mission," Mission Control radioed. "It's good to be back

home," said Discovery's commander, Lee Archambault. Mission Control delayed Discovery's homecoming by about 90 minutes, or one orbit, because of windy, cloudy weather. But the wind shifted and conditions improved enough for the second and final landing opportunity of the day.

Discovery's 13-day flight - which ended just as a new Russian-launched crew was settling into the space station - was highlighted by the installation and unfurling of the space station's last pair of solar wings. The \$300 million addition brought the orbiting outpost up to full

power, a vital part of NASA's plan to double the space station population and boost the amount of science research in a few months. "This is really an amazing time," said NASA's space operations chief, Bill Gerstenmaier. Late Saturday, the astronauts were still a little

awestruck at having shaped the nearly completed space station, and already missed being up there. "This whole living in one-G thing is for the birds," said pilot Dominic "Tony" Antonelli, referring to Earth's gravity. "The zero-G, I think, is the way to go. It's a blast!"

Storm floods parts of Mississippi, Alabama

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) - A spring storm dumped heavy rains, baseball-sized hail and whipped up winds across the Southeast on Saturday, flooding homes and cars in parts of Mississippi and Alabama. The system also hit the central part of the country with snow, prompting blizzard warnings and a disaster declaration in Kansas and was blamed for two traffic deaths in Oklahoma. About 100 roads in southern Mississippi were impassable at the height of the bad weather because of the flooding, including the main route into Biloxi, Harrison County Emergency Management

Director Rupert Lacy said. Some residents had to be rescued from their stalled and stranded cars, and others were helped from flooded homes, Lacy said. More than 200 homes in the Biloxi area sustained flood damage and two roads sustained major pavement washouts, Lacy said. The Biloxi area had 5 to 10 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, said Bobby Weaver, operations chief for the county emergency agency. People were evacuated from about a dozen homes in Geneva County in southeast Alabama because of flooding, said Margaret Mixon, the county's emer-

gency management director. And all roads in the county were closed because of the flooding, Mixon said. Tornado watches and warnings were issued across the region, which was still reeling from twisters over the past two days. On Thursday, nearly 30 people were hurt when a tornado destroyed dozens of homes and businesses across south-central Mississippi. On Friday, tornadoes struck Louisiana, Alabama and North Carolina, damaging homes and toppling trees. Up to 17 inches had fallen over three days in isolated areas in Alabama and Mississippi, said National

Weather Service meteorologist Kirk Caceras. "We have springtime storms," Lacy said. "But this is a very unusual springtime storm." To the west, blizzard warnings were in effect until Saturday afternoon for parts of the Texas Panhandle as snow stranded people indoors and left highways closed. The storm also buried parts of Kansas in more than two feet of snow and knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses. Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed a declaration of disaster emergency that covered 62 counties.

Alaska's Mount Redoubt continues to erupt

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Alaska's Mount Redoubt continued to erupt Saturday, sending one ash plume 50,000 feet into the air. The Alaska Volcano Observatory in Anchorage said the volcano had a significant eruption at 1:20 a.m. Saturday and two less powerful eruptions in the afternoon. Ash was reported falling in Nikiski, a community across Cook Inlet about 50 miles from the volcano. After the first eruption, the observatory detected strong seismic activity last-

ing 20 minutes or more followed by an hours-long low-level tremor. "The vent has kind of opened up and there are gasses and venting occurring. That is likely producing the tremor," said Chris Waythomas, a geologist at the observatory. "There is likely a lot of water vapor, which turns to ice which gives the plumes this whitish appearance but there is still a lot of ash in there," he said. Alaska Airlines canceled eight flights early Saturday, but since then operations had been fairly normal.

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## EDITORIAL

### Idaho Power's 'Swan Falls 2' is deal critical to the valley

The 1984 Swan Falls Agreement is to the economy of southern Idaho what the Magna Carta is to democratic government.

So although it was couched in dry, lawyerly language, last week's decision by Idaho Power Co. to give up its objections to how the state manages Snake River water rights was huge.

The rights, held in trust for Idaho Power's Swan Falls Dam, have been the focus of an ongoing court case. But a settlement negotiated over the past couple of months will wrap up most remaining issues and pave the way for talks to resolve those that remain.

In a landmark agreement 25 years ago, Idaho Power surrendered water rights in exchange for guarantees that it would receive average daily water flows of 3,900 cubic feet per second from April 1 to Oct. 31, and 5,600 cfs in the fall and winter at Swan Falls gauge near Murphy. Any water it owned above those amounts was held in trust by the state.

But the utility challenged the Swan Falls pact in 5th District Court in May 2007. Idaho Power claimed it was being shorted on the amount of water the agreement promised because of drought and a significant drawdown of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer from groundwater pumping. The shortfall impaired the utility's ability to generate electricity, its lawyers argued.

Last April, 5th District Judge John Melanson upheld the 1984 agreement's terms, telling Idaho Power that it couldn't nullify them because of a decline in water after the deal was settled. Yet several items, including the use of the trust water, remained unaddressed.

But the company's involvement in a comprehensive plan to repair the aquifer, combined with recharge work in the Milner-Gooding Canal and the specter of protracted litigation, proved to be the dealmakers.

"Each of us, I think, agree that regardless of how that issue came out, we would continue to be in litigation for years to come," Idaho Power lawyer Jim Tucker said Thursday.

So now the utility and the state can hash out their differences outside the courtroom. That means there's more potential for real progress.

Under the terms of last week's agreement, the two parties will discuss a number of issues, including ways to better measure spring and surface flows along the stretch of the Snake near Murphy and resolve state objections to Idaho Power water claims for its American Falls facility. Legislation is in the works that would adjust state law for the settlement — deleting wording making recharge secondary to all water uses and clarifying wording that allows the Idaho Department of Water Resources director to regulate recharge rights to keep them from harming senior rights.

A water rights lawsuit, especially one of the magnitude of the Swan Falls challenge, is always a ticking bomb for southern Idaho's economy, potentially threatening the livelihood of everyone who relies on water or electricity in the Magic Valley. Now, perhaps, Idaho Power, the state and water users can really get something done about the chronic shortage of water across the Eastern Snake River Plain.

#### Our view:

Idaho Power's willingness to settle its 2007 challenge to the 1984 Swan Falls Agreement signals that the utility is committed to helping find a comprehensive solution to problems with the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

#### What do you think?

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

# Idaho Power and wind

## Utility says it's committed to more wind energy

By Karl Bokenkamp

Idaho Power's strategy to ensure adequate energy supplies can be broken down into three elements: responsible planning, responsible energy use and responsible development and protection of Idaho's resources. Through our diligence and planning for the future we are able to fulfill our commitments to the 487,000 customers in our service area, keeping their rates low and ensuring they have the electricity they need today on-demand in an environmentally responsible way.

Our commitment to future generations and stewardship of resources is rooted in our history. Idaho Power has relied on renewable energy sources for almost 100 years. In 1901, the first long-distance, high-voltage transmission line was brought on line in Idaho. The 22,000-volt line brought power from our Swan Falls hydroelectric plant to nearby mines, stimulating growth and prosperity in the region. This commitment continues today, as we look to add more renewables to complement our low emission hydroelectric generating resources that currently provide more than 50 percent of our power under normal water conditions.

As a utility committed to clean, renewable energy, shown by the predominance of hydroelectric generation on our system, Idaho Power genuinely supports the continued development of renewables and the implementation of all cost-effective energy efficiency programs. As part of this vision, Idaho Power supports the development of wind generation — it has an important place in our resource portfolio. However, because of the unique characteristics of wind generation — the fact that wind resources are site specific and intermittent by nature — there are some challenges associated with incorporating wind in our resource portfolio.

One of these challenges is commonly referred to as wind integration, which means making sure that we have enough dispatchable resources available and that we

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#### Powerful potential

Installed wind energy capacity ranked by state, March 2008:

(All figures are in megawatts)

State	Wind generation capacity
1. Texas	5,316.65
2. California	2,483.83
3. Minnesota	1,299.75
4. Iowa	1,294.78
5. Washington	1,195.38
6. Colorado	1,066.75
7. Oregon	887.79
8. Illinois	735.66
9. Oklahoma	689.00
10. New Mexico	495.98
11. Kansas	465.00
12. New York	424.80
13. Wyoming	349.35
14. North Dakota	344.47
15. Pennsylvania	293.53
16. Montana	165.03
17. Missouri	162.50
18. Wisconsin	152.05
19. South Dakota	98.26
20. Idaho	75.32
21. Nebraska	73.38
22. West Virginia	66.00
23. Hawaii	63.12
24. Maine	42.10
25. Tennessee	28.98
26. New Jersey	7.50
27. Ohio	7.42
28. Vermont	6.05
29. Massachusetts	4.72
30. Michigan	2.59
31. Alaska	1.59
32. New Hampshire	1.40
33. Utah	0.89
34. Rhode Island	0.66
35. Arkansas	0.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,302.68</b>

Sources: American Wind Energy Association, Nebraska Energy Office

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Requests like that put us between a rock and another rock. We want to be sensitive to the concerns of people who, through no fault of their own, are thrust into the limelight in ways that might not reflect well on them. But at the same time, we cannot avoid showing newsworthy events as we find them, and we cannot alter photographs that way.

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Take, for example, a 2003 photo by former *Los Angeles Times* shooter Brian Walski.

While working in Iraq, Walski took a series of photos of a British soldier gesturing to Iraqi civilians who were under hostile fire near Basra. Walski took a photo showing the soldier stand-

ing, with rifle at the ready, as a man comes toward him carrying a small child. The other shows the soldier motioning to the man to take cover — though in this photo the man is looking away from the soldier and the camera.

Both were good photos, but when the motion of the soldier in one was married to the clear image of the distraught father in the other, the results were spectacular.

Walski was fired and effectively banned from ever again working as a news photographer after it was discovered that he had combined the two photos to "improve the composition."

The photographer blamed his lapse in judgment on fatigue after days in battle, but that was no excuse. Altering a photo like that does serious damage to the credibility of a news organization, even if your intent is benign. Photographers, like reporters, always must show and tell the truth as they find it, even when it's not perfect or easy for people to see or hear.

There are times when we will properly change a pho-

tographic image in ways that are not intended to deceive the reader.

Last Christmas, for example, we wanted to illustrate an article about holiday burglaries and didn't really have the right contacts to schedule an actual break-in.

Instead, we drafted a local model who acted like he was coming out of a holiday-decorated house with a big bag of purloined presents. Later we added a ski mask to make him look even more sinister.

It was indeed a bit corny. But more importantly, it was clearly labeled a "photo illustration" and not presented as a depiction of actual events.

I had to tell the businessman that we couldn't ethically alter the image of his former employee's T-shirt, which didn't make him happy but on the other hand, I couldn't make him happy and still retain the trust of readers that what they see is what really did happen.

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# Tim Geithner's taxpayer-owned hedge fund

**W**ASHINGTON — Call it Uncle Sam's hedge fund. The rescue of the American financial system proposed by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is, in all but name, a gigantic hedge fund. The government would lend vast sums to private investors to enable them to buy loss-ridden assets at discounts from banks with the prospect of making sizable profits. If that's not a hedge fund, what would be? The hope is that the \$14 trillion U.S. banking system would expand lending if it could get rid of many of the lousy securities and loans already on its books.

Almost everyone thinks a healthier banking system is necessary for a sustained economic recovery. Can the Geithner plan work? Maybe, though obstacles abound. One is political. Private investors may balk at participating because they fear populist wrath. If the plan succeeds, many



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wealthy people will become even wealthier. Congress could subject them (or their firms) to humiliating hearings or punitive taxes. Why bother?

Another problem: Investors and banks may be unable to agree on prices at which assets would be bought.

But succeed or fail, Geithner's plan illuminates a fascinating irony.

"Leverage" — borrowing — helped create this mess. Now it's expected to get us out. How can this be? It's not as crazy as it sounds. Start with the basics on how leverage affects investment returns.

Suppose you bought a stock or bond for \$100 in cash. If the price rises to \$110, you make 10 percent.

Not bad. Now, assume that you borrowed \$90 of the purchase price at a 5 percent interest rate. Over a year, the stock or bond still increases to \$110, but now you've made more than 50 percent. You pay \$4.50 in interest and pocket a \$5.50 gain on your \$10 investment. Note, however, that if the price fell to \$95, you'd be virtually wiped out (\$4.50 in interest paid plus \$5 lost on the security).

Economist John Geanakoplos of Yale University argues that the economy regularly experiences "leverage cycles." When credit is easy, down payment terms are loose. Investors or homeowners can borrow much of the purchase prices of houses and securities. Prices of assets (stocks, bonds, real estate) rise, often to artificial levels because investment returns are so attractive. But when credit tightens — government policy shifts or lenders get nervous — the process reverses.

Prices crash. Leveraged investors sell to repay loans. New borrowers face stiff down payment terms.

To Geanakoplos, we're suffering the harshest leverage cycle since World War II. Three years ago, he says, homebuyers could put down 5 percent or less. Now they've got to advance 20 percent or more. Hedge funds, private equity funds and investment banks could often borrow 90 percent of security purchases; now borrowing can be 10 percent or less. "Deleveraging" has caused prices to plunge to lows that may be as unrealistic as previous highs.

Grasping this, you can understand the idea behind Geithner's hedge fund. It is to inject more leverage into the economy — not to previous giddy levels but enough to reverse the panic-driven price collapse. Details remain unsettled, but the plan would allow 6-1 leverage ratios in some cases. Here's an example.

Private investors put up \$5; the Treasury matches that with another \$5. This equity investment could then be expanded by \$60 of government-guaranteed loans. The entire \$70 could be used to buy assets from banks.

Sounds simple. In practice, it won't be. Given all the deleveraging — a record 15 percent of hedge funds closed last year — the market prices of many securities have been driven well below prices that seem justified by long-term cash flows.

Geanakoplos mentions one mortgage bond whose market value has dropped by roughly 40 percent even though all promised payments have been made and, based on the performance of the underlying mortgage borrowers, seem likely to continue.

If banks sold this and similar credits at today's market prices, they would have to record huge losses. Their capital would be

depleted and they'd have to raise more or request more from government.

Presumably, the government-supplied leverage would enable investors to pay higher prices. After all, that's the purpose. Still, whether sellers and buyers ultimately agree on prices is unclear.

If they can't, Geithner's hedge fund will remain puny. Cautious banks will continue to constrict credit. But success also poses problems. Money managers talk about making huge annual returns of 20 percent or more from a scheme in which government puts up most of the funds and takes most of the risk. A political backlash might squash the project before it starts.

Geithner treads a narrow line between financial paralysis and populist resentment.

*Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.*

## How to pay it back? Washington hasn't a clue

**W**ASHINGTON — With a bit of bookkeeping legerdemain borrowed from the Bush administration, the Democratic Congress is about to perform a cover-up on the most serious threat to America's economic future.

That threat is not the severe recession, tough as that is for the families and businesses struggling to make ends meet. In time, the recession will end, and last week's stock market performance hinted that we may not have to wait years for the recovery to begin.

The real threat is the monstrous debt resulting from the slump in revenues and the staggering sums being committed by Washington to rescuing embattled banks and homeowners — and the absence of any serious strategy for paying it all back.

The Congressional Budget Office sketched the dimensions of the problem on March 20, and Congress reacted with shock. The CBO said that over the next 10 years, current policies would add a staggering \$9.3 trillion to the national debt — one-third more than President Obama had estimated by using much more optimistic assumptions about future economic growth.

As far as the eye could see, the CBO said, the debt would continue to grow about \$1 trillion a year because of a structural deficit between the spending rate, averaging 23 percent of the gross domestic product, and the federal revenues at 19 percent.

The ever-growing national debt will require ever-larger annual interest payments, with much of that money going overseas to China, Japan and other countries that have been buying our bonds.

Reacting to this scary prospect, the House and Senate budget committees last week took the paring knife to some of Obama's spending proposals and tax cuts. But many of the proposed savings look more like bookkeeping gimmicks than realistic cutbacks. The budget resolutions assume, for example, that no more money will be needed this year to bail out foundering businesses or pump up consumer demand, even though estimates of those needs start at \$250 billion and go up by giant steps.

Republicans on the budget committees offered cuts that were larger and, in some but not all instances, more realistic.

But the main device the Democratic budgeteers employed was simply to shrink the budget "window" from 10 years to five. Instantly, 5 trillion dollars



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of debt disappeared from view, along with the worry that long after the recession is past, the structural deficit would continue to blight the future of young working families.

The Democrats did not invent this gimmick. They borrowed it from George W. Bush, who turned to it as soon as his inherited budget surpluses withered with the tax cuts and recession of 2001-02. But Obama had promised a more honest budget and said this meant looking at the long-term consequences of today's tax and spending decisions.

There are plenty of people in Congress for whom the CBO report was no surprise, and some of them have proposed a solution that would confront this reality. Kent Conrad, the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and Judd Gregg, its ranking Republican, have offered a bill to create a bipartisan commission to examine every aspect of the budget — taxes, defense and domestic spending, and, especially, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Congress would be required to vote promptly, up or down, on its recommendations, or come up with an alternative that would achieve at least as much in savings.

In the House, Democrat Jim Cooper of Tennessee and Republican Frank Wolf of Virginia have been pressing a similar proposal, but have been regularly thwarted.

The roadblock in chief is Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the House. She has made it clear that her main goal is to protect Social Security and Medicare from any significant reforms. Pelosi has not forgotten how Democrats benefited from the 2005-06 fight against Bush's effort to change Social Security. Her party, which had lost elections in 2000, 2002 and 2004, found its voice and its rallying cry to "Save Social Security," and Pelosi is not about to allow any bipartisan commission take that issue away from her control.

The price for her obduracy is being paid now in the rigging of the budget process. The larger price will be paid by your children and grandchildren, who will inherit a future-blighting mountain of debt.

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# NATION & WORLD

## In busy week, Obama tries to rein in Wall St.

By Jim Kuhnhenn  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats are stepping through an economic minefield and sowing the ground with unprecedented initiatives that capitalize on the recession to rein in Wall Street and broaden government's reach.

Nothing better illustrated this watershed than the bustle and scope of the past few days.

Obama's treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, touched off a Wall Street rally with a long-awaited plan to help rid banks of their toxic assets. Geithner rolled out a comprehensive overhaul of financial regulations in hopes of avoiding another meltdown. Congressional Democrats worked to put their own

imprint on a budget full of ambition but saddled with deficits.

In each case, the policies showed a pumped up role for government: leveraging money from the private sector, taking over troubled institutions, better governing ever-expanding financial markets, and promising greater influence over health care, energy and education.

Just as government proved it could flex its muscle, it also showed where it could wilt.

After days of fuming over bonuses paid by insurer American International Group Inc., Obama and members of Congress checked their tantrums and moved on. The House and Senate budgets embraced Obama's policy priorities, but lawmakers delayed difficult decisions on how to pay for them.

The flurry coincided with and was

partly motivated by Obama's first overseas trip, which starts with a stop in London for an economic summit Thursday of 20 major and developing nations. There are wide differences between the U.S. and Europe over how to prime economies. Also, China has suggested replacing the dollar with a new global currency.

"We're kind of at a critical point," says former Rep. Mickey Edwards, an Oklahoma Republican and Princeton University lecturer.

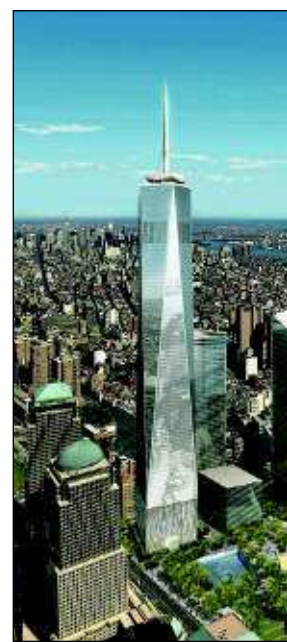
"Proposals that are being made are to have the U.S. government much more involved in financial and business decision making," Edwards said. "Whether it's leading up to the G-20 and saying how do we reassure the rest of the world of our leadership, or how do we have a regulatory system that works with what the

world looks like now — it's a big moment."

Obama's heaviest lifting came last week as he worked to save his domestic priorities and accommodate deficit-conscious Democrats while also standing squarely behind Geithner's bank rescue and financial regulation plans.

In the face of withering criticism from Republicans, who say his budget borrows, spends and taxes too much, Obama has used the economic crisis to justify his long-term fiscal blueprint, even though his own forecasts envision the country out of the recession by 2011.

"This budget is inseparable from this recovery, because it is what lays the foundation for a secure and lasting prosperity," he said during his prime-time press conference Tuesday.



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Artist's rendering shows the latest design of the 1,776-foot building originally called the 'Freedom Tower.'

## White House planning more aid for Detroit

By Ken Thomas  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration was finishing work on a plan to give more financial aid to two Detroit automakers in return for tough cost-cutting measures that will ensure the companies' survival.

President Barack Obama's auto industry task force was expected to offer additional aid to General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC while setting firm deadlines for the companies to get concessions from their stakeholders.

GM and Chrysler, which employ about 140,000 workers in the U.S., have already received \$17.4 billion in government loans to survive the economic downturn and the worst decline in auto sales in 27 years. GM is seeking another \$16.6 billion, while Chrysler wants \$5 billion more.

With the companies running out of money heading into April, any short-term aid would help the auto manufacturers maintain their operations while they seek concessions. Administration officials declined to comment on the plan Saturday.

Task force members have said bankruptcy could still be an option for GM and Chrysler if their management, workers, creditors and shareholders failed to make sacrifices. The conditions could be more stringent than the loan terms set by the outgoing Bush administration in December, officials have said.

Obama is scheduled to announce his decision on Monday at the White House.

## Flood threat eases



AP photo

Mike Wieser wades through waist-high water with empty gas cans he needed to fill to keep his pumps running Saturday at his home, just south of Fargo, North Dakota. Water from the Red River and Wild Rice River has surrounded his home but dikes have held thus far.

## Fargo gets good news with new forecast

By Dave Kolpack and Jim Suhr  
Associated Press writers

FARGO, N.D. — Fargo's fears of a catastrophic flood eased Saturday with word that the Red River apparently crested at lower-than-expected levels, and weary residents turned their attention to ensuring their hastily built levees hold up against an onslaught of ice-laden water expected to stay high for at least a week.

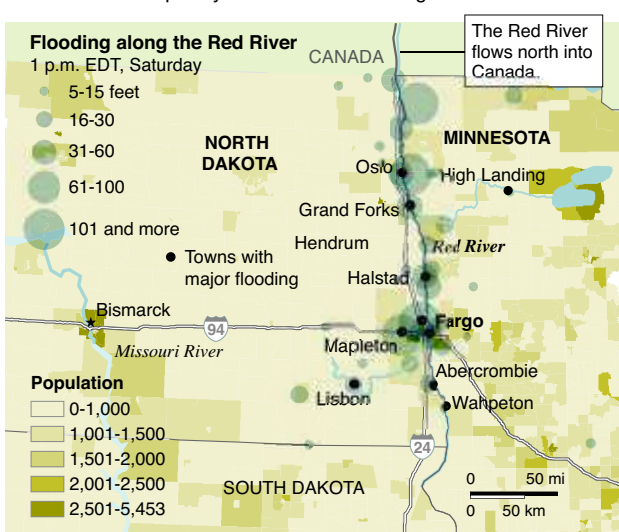
National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Hudson said the Red River began receding Saturday morning, surprising residents who were bracing for a crest on Sunday. But the river can still fluctuate up to a foot and may remain at dangerous levels for a week, meaning people will still have to wait several days before they are completely safe.

"The best news we can take from this is the river has crested," Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker said. "But diligence is going to have to be required for at least eight more days and hopefully things will continue to drop."

Forecasters say the river is retreating because cold temperatures have been freezing water that normally would be

### A ray of hope behind the levees

The National Weather Service said the Red River may have crested around midnight Friday at 40.82 feet. Readings on Saturday show lower levels. Temporary levees are still holding back



flowing into the river. By the time that water thaws, the biggest flooding threat should have passed, Hudson said.

The weather service said the river crested around midnight at 40.82 feet. As of 5:15 p.m., it had dropped to 40.53, a significant shift from earlier forecasts that predicted the river would crest as high as 43 feet — the same level as the dikes protecting Fargo.

Despite the revised fore-

cast, officials did not back down in their efforts to fend off the floodwaters, deploying high-tech Predator drone aircraft, calling up more National Guard troops and asking residents to form neighborhood dike patrols to look for any breaches in levees.

Walaker and other officials have made it clear that they welcomed the extra help from residents to monitor the sandbag dikes hastily assem-

bled to protect his city of 92,000 — while remaining confident that residents could make it out of town at the last minute if they had to.

"It's critically important that we're vigilant in inspecting those levees to ensure they're stable," said city engineer Mark Bittner. "We encourage neighborhoods to get together and have their own dike patrols and assist us."

Such efforts were playing out across Fargo after a week in which residents tirelessly worked to fill sandbags and build up the miles of levees protecting the city. Residents were asked to look for signs that dikes may be taking on water and call authorities if they see a problem.

Bruce Boelter walked the entire length of a roughly mile-long stretch of sandbag dike to eyeball the manmade wall separating his subdivision and the Red River. Neighbor Tony Guck joined him halfway. Each felt a special stake in the dike they helped build.

"If we don't protect this, it's gonna get us. It's basically for our own security," said Guck, 42. "I'm just planning on coming out every six hours and walking it."

## Study: Triathlons can pose deadly heart risks

By Marilynn Marchione  
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Warning to weekend warriors: Swim-bike-run triathlons pose at least twice the risk of sudden death as marathons do, the first study of these competitions has found.

The risk is mostly from heart problems during the swimming part. And while that risk is low — about 15 out of a million participants — it's not inconsequential, the study's author says.

Triathlons are soaring in popularity, especially as charity fundraisers. They are drawing many people who are not used to such

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— Dr. Kevin Harris, a cardiologist at the Minneapolis Heart Institute at Abbott Northwestern Hospital

demanding exercise. Each year, about 1,000 of these events are held and several hundred thousand Americans try one.

"It's something someone just signs up to do," often without a medical checkup to rule out heart problems, said Dr. Kevin Harris, a cardiologist at the Minneapolis Heart Institute at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. "They might prepare for a triathlon by swimming laps in their pool. That's a lot dif-

ferent than swimming in a lake or a river."

He led the study and presented results Saturday at an American College of Cardiology conference in Florida. The Minneapolis institute's foundation sponsored the work and tracks athlete-related sudden deaths in a national registry.

Marathon-related deaths made headlines in November 2007 when 28-year-old Ryan Shay died while competing in New York in the

men's marathon Olympic trials. Statistics show that for every million participants in these 26.2-mile running races, there will be four to eight deaths.

The rate for triathletes is far higher — 15 out of a million, the new study shows. Almost all occurred during the swim portion, usually the first event.

"Anyone that jumps into freezing cold water knows the stress on the heart," said Dr. Lori Mosca, preventive

cardiology chief at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and an American Heart Association spokeswoman. She had no role in the study but has competed in more than 100 triathlons, including the granddaddy — Hawaii's Ironman competition.

Cold water constricts blood vessels, making the heart work harder and aggravating any pre-existing problems. It also can trigger an irregular heartbeat. On top of this temperature shock is the stress of competition.

"It's quite frightening — there are hundreds of people thrashing around. You have to keep going or you're going to drown," Mosca said.

## New name for WTC tower riles critics

By Amy Westfeldt  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Even without the name, the symbolism of the Freedom Tower as an American response to the Sept. 11 terror attacks was hard to miss.

The original architect designed a twisting form he wanted to imitate the Statue of Liberty, with a spire that rose to the deliberate height of 1,776 feet to recognize the year of American independence. Politicians called the tower proof of the country's triumph over terrorism.

Former Gov. George Pataki said visitors to the iconic skyscraper "will know our determination to overcome evil" in a 2003 speech that first gave the Freedom Tower its name.

The tower — still under construction with a projected completion date of 2013 — no longer has the same architect, design or footprint on the 16-acre site. And this week, the owners of ground zero publicly parted ways with the Freedom Tower name, saying it would be more practical to market the tallest building in New York as the former north tower's name, One World Trade Center.

Critics called the name drop an unpatriotic shedding of symbolism by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Some newspaper editorials blasted the agency for years of missed deadlines and changing plans for the site.

"When you've broken your promises on everything else to do with redeveloping ground zero, it's no big deal to discard the name by which the public has come to know the iconic skyscraper at the heart of the plan," the New York Daily News wrote on Friday.

But others privately repeated fears that have plagued the building as negotiations with major corporations to take up space in the tower came and went: that the 102-story Freedom Tower's name could make it more susceptible to future attacks than a symbol of defiance against it.

"The fact is, more than 3 billion dollars of public money is invested in that building and, as a public agency, we have the responsibility to make sure it is completed and that we utilize the best strategy to make certain it is fully occupied," the agency said in a statement Friday.



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# CIA turns to college campuses to remake image

By Larry Gordon  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — It's not all cloak-and-dagger any more. These days, the Central Intelligence Agency is using marketing classes at the University of Southern California and elsewhere to create public recruitment campaigns on college campuses.

The timing during such a deep recession helps sell the agency as an attractive employer, say USC students involved in advertising a CIA recruiting event at their school next month. After all, a well-paid, secure government job, even one touched by controversy, may appeal to soon-to-be college graduates who might never have considered a spy career in better economic times. "All we hear today is about the bad economy and how this is basically the worst time to graduate. But the CIA is very interested in hiring graduating seniors and is targeting USC students," said Allison Kosty, a politi-

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cal science major who is in a class of USC students working on the CIA campaign. "So that's a huge bonus for us."

She and 26 classmates are part of a five-year-old program that has joined the CIA with students in marketing courses at 30 universities throughout the country.

The agency wants help selling itself to bright young candidates, especially those who speak key languages such as Mandarin and Farsi or who studied economics or computer engineering. The schools — USC, Michigan State and the University of New Mexico for the current semester —

say they want their students to gain real-world marketing experience, whether for soft drinks or clandestine operations.

Therese Wilbur, an assistant professor of marketing who teaches the USC course and ran a similar project for the FBI last year, said CIA officers visited her class twice this semester and asked for a campaign that taps into USC's ethnic diversity and does not wrap itself too tightly in the U.S. flag.

Wilbur, who managed

international brands for toy-maker Mattel Inc. before she began teaching in 2006, said the campaign tries to appeal to students' interest in an intriguing, well-rewarded career and to their altruism.

The student marketers say they know they may face criticism that the CIA failed in intelligence gathering missions before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the U.S. invasion of Iraq and that its practices have been much-debated. Still, Wilbur said, no student objected to assisting the CIA in finding high-quality recruits to help keep the country safe.

In the class, a preliminary suggestion for a slogan urged potential recruits to "Discover the Truth" about the CIA. That was jettisoned after some students in a test survey didn't understand it and others suggested that such a

search might turn up information discouraging to applicants.

Instead, the class settled on a slogan that invites people to "Discover the CIA. Be Part of Something Bigger," which is imposed over a colorful world map in the campaign's graphics.

Class member Sunny Nguyen, a fine arts major, said she was struck by the assignment's significance. "By joining the CIA, you can make a difference globally,"

she said. "And your life holds a different sort of meaning."

USC is the first Southern California campus to participate in the CIA's collegiate marketing program. Other schools involved in the program are the University of California, Berkeley; California State University, San Jose; Georgia State University; the University of Pittsburgh; and Morehouse College, according to CIA spokesman George Little.

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## SW Idaho parent pleads guilty in death of son

BOISE (AP) — A 25-year-old southwest Idaho woman has pleaded guilty to two counts of felony injury to a child following the death of her 11-month-old son.

Denyel Loos pleaded guilty Friday in 4th District Court and faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine for each count.

Her son died in October due to what authorities said was an overdose of methadone.

Also on Friday her husband, 31-year-old Christopher Azary, was sentenced to 10 years probation after previously being found guilty of felony

injury to a child in connection with the two surviving children being removed from the home. A judge suspended a six-year prison sentence to place him on probation.

Authorities say Loos and Azary relied on their 6-year-old daughter to care for her two brothers, one 2 years old and one 11 months, and that they lived in a home filled with animal feces, dirty diapers and trash.

"I don't know what to say," said Loos when 4th District Judge Timothy Hansen asked her to explain the conditions in the home.

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# Afghan, Pakistani leaders praise new U.S. plan

By Sebastian Abbot  
Associated Press writer

KABUL — Afghanistan and Pakistan on Saturday praised the new U.S. strategy for dealing with growing violence in the two countries, with the Afghan president saying the plan to reconcile with moderate Taliban militants was better than expected and his Pakistani counterpart focusing on using development to fight extremism.

President Barack Obama announced the new strategy Friday with the hope of reversing the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, where violence has been increasing from Taliban militants who fled the 2001 U.S.-led invasion and have been launching cross-border attacks from sanctuar-

ies in Pakistan.

The violence provides cover for al-Qaida operatives who Obama said are also holed up in Pakistan and planning attacks against the U.S. and other countries. The overarching goal of the new strategy is to "disrupt, dismantle and defeat" al-Qaida in the region by increasing civilian and military assistance on both sides of the Afghan-Pakistani border.

But serious questions remain, including whether the new effort will convince Pakistan to crack down on militants operating in its territory and whether the U.S. and Afghanistan can agree on which Taliban fighters should be approached for reconciliation.

In addition to focusing



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton listens to President Obama announce a new comprehensive strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Friday at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington.

AP photo

on reconciliation Saturday, Afghan President Hamid Karzai praised pledges of increased and better-coor-

dated assistance to his country under the new U.S. plan and Obama's focus on countering mili-

tant sanctuaries in Pakistan.

"This is better than we were expecting as a matter of fact," Karzai told a news conference.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said billions of dollars in additional civilian aid will help his government fight extremism and promised he would not allow Pakistani territory to be used for terrorism — though offered no new measures.

"The U.S. presidency's new approach represents a positive change," Zardari said in a speech to Parliament.

Karzai has long championed the idea of reconciliation with the Taliban as a key way to tamp down the growing insurgency in Afghanistan. The Bush

administration generally opposed the idea, but Obama stressed reconciliation with more moderate elements of the Taliban on Friday.

"In a country with extreme poverty that has been at war for decades, there will also be no peace without reconciliation among former enemies," Obama said.

The reconciliation proposal is arguably the most novel part of the new plan, which is focused mostly on increasing the scale of ongoing initiatives — promising 4,000 additional troops to train the Afghan army, hundreds more civilian specialists to help Afghanistan rebuild and \$1.5 billion in annual civilian aid to Pakistan for the next five years.



AP photo

German protesters dressed as clowns play with U.S. currency Saturday in Berlin, Germany, during a protest against the G20 summit that begins Thursday in London.

## European protesters march as rallies begin against G20 summit

By Dean Carson  
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Thousands of people marched through European cities Saturday to demand jobs, economic justice and environmental accountability, kicking off six days of protest and action planned in the run-up to the G20 summit next week in London.

In London, more than 150 groups threw their backing behind the "Put People First" march. Police said around 35,000 attended the demonstration, snaking their way across the city toward Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park. Protest organizers said they wanted leaders from the world's top 20 economies to adopt a more transparent and democratic economic recovery plan.

Brendan Barber, who heads an umbrella group for Britain's unions, told assembled protesters in London's Hyde Park that the G20 needed to "take actions to lay the foundation for a better world."

"If we can generate fabulous wealth, as we can, then surely we can learn how to

"We've got a long week ahead. The streets are our streets."

— Christian Evans, 40, an anarchist supporter in London

distribute that wealth more fairly. If we can unleash a technological revolution then surely we can ensure that everyone on this planet gets the food, the shelter and the health care that they need," he said.

Not all demonstrators focused on the economic main message. Some chanted "Free, free, Palestine." One man dressed in a banana suit waved a sign reading: "Bananas for Justice."

Big protests were also held in Germany. Around 15,000 people gathered in Berlin, and a demonstration also was held in Frankfurt, Germany's banking capital, under the slogan: "We won't pay for your crisis."

Demonstrators in Berlin sported headbands reading "pay for it yourselves" and some carried a black coffin topped with red roses symbolizing what they said was the death of capitalism.

Some protesters in Berlin

skirmished with police toward the end of the demonstration, and the windows of some police cars were broken.

In Vienna, around 6,500 people gathered in the city center, with paper piggy banks, balloons or signs that read "We won't pay for your crisis" and "Capitalism can't be reformed." Others blew whistles, chanted or danced to music blasting from trucks or a stage in front of parliament.

In Paris, a small but focused group of around 400 protesters dumped a pile of sand outside the city's stock market to mock supposed island tax havens. Protesters sat atop the sand pile in beach chairs — tossing around colored bills with "5,000 euros, tax free" written on them.

Trade unions and left-wing groups in Geneva mobilized some 250 people who marched through town

with banners reading "Capitalism is a mistake" and chants of "Revolution."

More protests are planned in London on Wednesday and Thursday, while left-leaning teachers, lectures, and other demonstrations are scheduled throughout the week. Protesters said the crisis could energize those hoping to challenge the economic and political status quo.

"The whole economic meltdown ... There's a really good opportunity for governments to get together and invest in a sustainable future," said unemployed Steve Burson, 49.

Security was tight around a small group of people waving anarchist flags Saturday. They and others have promised violence before the G20 meeting Thursday, and the British capital is bracing for a massive police operation as delegates fly in to London.

"We've got a long week ahead," said Christian Evans, 40, an anarchist supporter flanked by black and red flags in London. "The streets are our streets."

## Clashes follow arrest of influential U.S. ally

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD — Iraqi forces arrested a Sunni paramilitary leader in Baghdad on Saturday, security officials said, in the latest sign of the marginalizing of the movement of former insurgents who helped turn the tide against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Adel Mashaadani, the head of the Sons of Iraq paramilitary group in the eastern Baghdad neighborhood of Fadhil, was detained by Iraqi military forces on suspicion of involvement in sectarian killings, police said.

Soon after his arrest, Mashaadani's supporters clashed with the Iraqi security forces, and one policeman and three civilians were killed, police said. Mashaadani's sup-

porters also abducted an Iraqi lieutenant colonel and five Iraqi soldiers and promised to release them in exchange for their leader, the police said.

The U.S. military did not respond to requests for a comment about the arrest.

Mashaadani is a controversial figure who often has made inflammatory remarks about the Shiite-led Iraqi government, accusing its officials of links to Iran. But his arrest marked the potential silencing of another significant Sunni fighter and could poison his supporters' relations with the Americans, who had relied on them to control the poverty-stricken area of narrow streets and alleys where extremists once held sway.

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# From Antarctica to the pyramids, lights dim for Earth Hour

By Vanessa Gera  
Associated Press writer

BONN, Germany — From an Antarctic research base to the Great Pyramids of Egypt and beyond, the world switched off the lights on Saturday for Earth Hour, dimming skyscrapers, city streets and some of the world's most recognizable monuments for 60 minutes to highlight the threat of climate change.

Time zone by time zone, nearly 4,000 cities and towns in 88 countries joined the event sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund to dim nonessential lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

An agreement to replace the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012, is supposed to be reached in Copenhagen, Denmark, this December, and environmentalists' sense of urgency has spurred interest in this year's Earth Hour. Last year, only 400 cities participated; Sydney held a solo event in 2007.

In Bonn, WWF activists held a candlelit cocktail party on the eve of a U.N. climate change meeting, the first in a series of talks leading up to Copenhagen. The goal is to get an ambitious deal to curb emissions of heat-trapping gases that scientists say are dangerously warming the planet.

"People want politicians to take action and solve the problem," said Kim Carstensen, director of the global climate initiative for WWF, speaking in a piano bar bathed by candlelight and lounge music.

Organizers initially worried enthusiasm this year would wane with the world focused on the global economic crisis, Earth Hour executive director Andy Ridley told The Associated Press. But he said it apparently had the opposite effect.

"Earth Hour has always been a positive campaign; it's always around street parties, not street protests, it's the idea of hope, not despair. And I think that's something that's been incredibly important this year because there is so much despair around," he said.

The Chatham Islands, a small chain about 500 miles east of New Zealand, switched off its diesel generators to officially begin Earth Hour. Soon after, the lights of Auckland's Sky Tower, the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand, blinked off.

At Scott Base in Antarctica, New Zealand's 26-member winter team resorted to minimum safety lighting and switched off appliances and computers.

In Australia, people attended candlelit speed-dating events and gathered at outdoor concerts as the hour of darkness rolled through. Sydney's glittering harbor was bathed in shadows as lights dimmed on the steel arch of the city's iconic Harbour Bridge and the nearby Opera House.

And in Egypt, the Great Pyramids darkened, as did the Sphinx.

To the West, floodlights at the Acropolis in Athens were switched off and an outdoor concert was staged on an adjacent hill, which many Athenians approached in a candlelight procession. The Athens International Airport switched off the lights on one of its two runways.

In that other great ancient city, Rome, the Colosseum and St. Peter's Basilica were plunged into darkness.

In Paris, the Eiffel Tower, Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral were among 200 monuments and buildings that went dark. The Eiffel Tower, however, only extinguished its lights for five minutes for security reasons because visitors were on the tower, said WWF France spokesman Pierre Chasseray.

"Above all in the current economic crisis, we should send a signal for climate protection," said Klaus Wowereit, the mayor of Berlin, one in a handful of German cities switching off lights at city halls and television towers for Earth

Day for the first time.

Meanwhile, the Swiss city of Geneva switched off the lights on theaters, churches and monuments. Among them were the Reformation Wall, where floodlights normally illuminate 10-foot statues of John Calvin and other leaders of Protestantism. The city's motto engraved on either side of the statues is: "After darkness, light."

All of Spain's 52 provincial capitals turned off some lights an hour after sunset, silhouetting unlit landmarks

such as the royal palace and parliament in Madrid, the Guggenheim museum in Bilbao, and the Alhambra palace in Granada against darkening dusk skies.

A key 2010 football World Cup qualifier against Serbia posed a dilemma for Romanians. "Shall we watch the match or turn off the lights?," the 7plus daily asked in its main front-page headline.

The U.N. headquarters in New York and other facilities were dimming their lights to signal the need for global

support for a new climate treaty.

U.N. Secretary Ban Ki-moon called Earth Hour "a way for the citizens of the world to send a clear message: They want action on climate change."

China participated for the first time, cutting the lights at Beijing's Bird's Nest Stadium and Water Cube, the most prominent 2008 Olympic venues.

In Bangkok, the prime minister switched off the

lights on Khao San Road, a haven for budget travelers packed with bars and outdoor cafes.

Earth Hour organizers say there's no uniform way to measure how much energy is saved worldwide.

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# 'PULSE' OF THE BRUINS

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MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Twin Falls junior forward Jon Pulsifer is the 2008-09 *Times-News* boys basketball player of the year.

## Pulsifer helped turn TFHS hoops around

By Bradley Guire • Times-News writer

There's always a player called the "heart" of a team, but this guy was figuratively and literally the "Pulse." Twin Falls post Jon Pulsifer — "Pulse" as teammates are known to say — brought to this program elements that were lacking in previous seasons when the Bruins finished below .500. He brought back a strong inside presence and a double-figure performance not seen with any regularity since the championship run of 2005-06. He averaged a double-double through the regular season and finished the postseason with 16.1 points and 8.7 rebounds as he led the Bruins to the Region Four-Five-Six tournament title, the Class 5A state third-place trophy and another 20-win season. Pulsifer's accomplishments earned him Region Four-Five-Six Player of the Year honors. Now he's the *Times-News* 2008-09 boys basketball player of the year.

"It would have been tough without him," head coach Matt Harr said. "We would have concentrated more on the outside

game. He's such a force in the paint." Pulsifer knows how well he performed and why, but he's just as quick to put the spotlight on the teammates that dished the ball or made the shots when he was covered.

"I thought I played good, personally," he said. "But there were a lot of elements in there that wasn't just me. My team — when they play good, I play good. If I play bad, they still play good. I think that's why we did so good at state. Third to some people isn't good, but to us it was a fun time, and we did what we wanted to do."

His teammates, guys he's played with for years, saw his aggressive play and saw that they too could be fearless whether driving inside or shooting from the arc. Sometimes, they were just in awe.

"On the boards, it was the most unbelievable thing I've ever seen," Marcus Jardine said. "When he's getting 20 boards

See **PULSIFER**, Sports 4

### Times-News All-Area boys basketball selections

**MVP:** Jon Pulsifer, Twin Falls.  
**Coach of the year:** Alex Wells, Filer.  
**First team:** Michael Crane, Glenns Ferry; Logan Parker, Jerome; Bryce Beard, Filer; Kyle Hepworth, Burley; Kameron Pearce, Jerome.  
**Second team:** Connor Garner, Declo; Morgan Knight, Hagerman; Nathan Hughes, Filer; Tanner Owen, Hagerman; A.J. Schroeder, Kimberly.  
**Honorable mention:** Trevor Peck, Carey; Ross Arellano, Glenns Ferry; Jake Hanchey, Twin Falls; Michael Lezamin, Richfield; Jared Mumm,

### The best around

The *Times-News* continues its all-area honors with wrestling on Monday

## Top-seeded UConn outlasts Missouri, 82-75

By Andrew Bagnato  
Associated Press writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Connecticut often overwhelms opponents with its size and strength.

Harried by the fighting Missouri Tigers, UConn needed something else: speed.

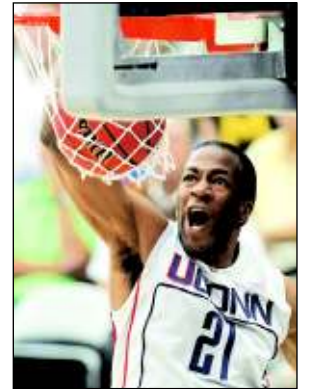
Enter 6-foot-1 freshman Kemba Walker, who matched a career high with 23 points as the top-seeded Huskies held off Missouri 82-75 in the West Regional final on Saturday. UConn earned a trip to Detroit and extended the Big East's dominance of the NCAA tournament.

UConn is headed to its third Final Four, where it will meet either Big East rival Louisville or Big Ten powerhouse Michigan State. This trip may have seemed harder than the others, because the Huskies were rocked this week by a report alleging that they violated NCAA recruiting rules.

Then came a duel with Mizzou. But the Huskies kept their poise even as the Tigers erased an early 11-point lead to surge ahead in the second half.

"We took some bumps, we took some bruises, but here we are once again going to the Final Four, and I'm just elated," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said.

Among those banged up was 7-foot-3 center



AP photo

Connecticut's Stanley Robinson (21) dunks against Missouri during the first half of a men's NCAA Tournament regional final in Glendale, Ariz., Saturday.

Hasheem Thabeet, who bloodied a finger on his right hand scrapping for a loose ball on the floor in the second half. The Big East co-player of the year finished with 13 rebounds but only five points and no blocks, and held a bandage to his hand after the game.

"I'm getting it checked out, but I should be good," Thabeet said.

A.J. Price added 18 points and was named most outstanding player of the West region. But the difference was Walker, who deftly handled the Tigers' pressure defense.

"I told him he grew up," Price said. "He played like a man among boys today."

See **UConn**, Sports 5

## 'Nova edges Pitt in East Region

By Jimmy Golen  
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — It was physical. It was defensive. It was just the way they like it in the Big East.

With bodies clogging the lane and 3-pointers clanging off the rim, Scottie Reynolds made a half-court dash for a last-second basket to give Villanova 78-76 victory over Pittsburgh and send the Wildcats to their first Final Four since the 1985 team made its stunning run to the NCAA championship.

"That was kind of the greatest year in the Big East history, and we've had

discussions whether that year was better than this year," said Villanova coach Jay Wright, whose third-seeded Wildcats are the lowest remaining seed — just like they were in '85. "It's all kind of happening the same. ... If history repeats itself, I'll take it."

Reynolds scored with 0.5 seconds left to help the Wildcats (30-7) beat one conference rival and join another on its way to Detroit. Connecticut advanced to the national semifinals earlier; Louisville could make it three from the Big East with a victory over

See **VILLANOVA**, Sports 5



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Burley's Stacy Campbell runs the bases during the Bobcats' two-game sweep of Preston Saturday.

## Burley softball sweeps Preston

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Sydnie Koch's RBI double in the top of the sixth inning lifted Burley to a dramatic 10-9 nonconference softball win over Preston in Game 2 of their doubleheader Saturday.

The win capped Burley's two-game sweep of the Indians as the Bobcats also took Game 1, 10-2.

"The girls are working hard and when they work hard and feel good about what they're doing, good things happen," said Burley head coach Tim Campbell.

Burley improved to 7-1 on the season. "We're not at the top of our game yet," Campbell said. "We need to work on being consistent defensively, especially in the second game of a doubleheader. It makes for a long day and we need to keep our heads up and in the ballgame."

Burley had to battle back from a 6-0 deficit in Game 2. Three consecutive doubles by Carli Parish, Stacy

See **BURLEY**, Sports 2

### BOXING NIGHT



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

Wyle Tibbets, left, throws a left jab during his bout with Reyes Romayor Saturday night at the Burley Best Western Inn. The Gonzales Boxing Club Invitational, a USA Amateur Boxing event, was held Saturday night at the Burley Best Western Inn, featuring 15 bouts. Twelve clubs were represented, with fighters coming from the Magic Valley, Nampa, Boise, Fort Hall, St. Anthony, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Nyssa, Ore. Local fighters included Dakota Pawson, Wyle Tibbets, Santos Tena, Jose Miramontes, Joel Gomez and Salvador Perez from Gonzales Boxing Club of Heyburn; Corby Carnell and Roy Meyer from Headhunters Boxing Club of Twin Falls; and Levi Smith from Southern Idaho Boxing Club of Twin Falls.













Courtesy photo

Brothers Wyatt, left, and Will Brown of Twin Falls will compete at the National Junior Olympic Shooting Competition April 9-20 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

# Brown brothers prep for Jr. Olympic event

For the Times-News

Siblings Will Brown and Wyatt Brown of Twin Falls are training for the National Junior Olympic Shooting Competition April 9-20 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The brothers are two of only 45 pistol shooters from across the nation that had qualifying scores. Competitors are housed in the Olympic Training Center and given the opportunity to attend training, compete and network with other coaches and athletes.

Will, age 17, is a junior at Twin Falls High School. He won four gold medals at the Idaho State Qualifier match, taking top honors in Precision Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Small-bore Rifle and Free Pistol. His scores earned him an invitation to

the National Junior Olympics competition in all four events. This will be Will's third trip to this competition.

Wyatt, age 14, is an eighth grader at Kimberly Middle School. He brought home a silver medal in Air Pistol. This is Wyatt's first year shooting in the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club and his first trip to nationals.

The Blackfoot club also had two shooters receive invitations to nationals in rifle and in pistol: Randi Nelson and Marina Rossi.

The Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Junior Club is seeking new members. For more information on the junior club, contact John Pitts at 733-5234. For information on the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club, contact Dan Brown at 734-8217.

# Marlins take first at Y Regionals

For the Times-News

The Magic Valley Marlin swim team brought home first place in the small-team division at the Pacific North YMCA Regional Meet in Gresham, Ore. Overall, in a 21-team field, the Marlins finished sixth.

Of the 14 swimmers that made the trek to Oregon, three placed third overall. Maddie Johnson, placed second in three events, qualifying for sectionals in two events to help her to a third-place overall finish in the girls 9-10 division.

Matt Twiss (10) and his brother Parker Twiss (12) also took third overall. Matt won the 200-yard IM and placed second in the 50 free and 200 free. Parker won the 50 breaststroke and the 100 breaststroke. He also took second in the 100 IM and the 50 free.

The only other Marlin to win an individual event was Jessica Aguirre. The 12-year-old won the 100 butterfly. She also placed second in the 200 IM and third in the 100 Free. Overall, Aguirre was fifth.

Marlin swimmers posted 38 personal best times at the meet.

Six Magic Valley Marlin swimmers — Aguirre, Johnson, Zach Malina, Wes Walton, Matt Twiss and Parker Twiss — are in Seattle, Wash., for sectionals this weekend.



Courtesy photo

The Magic Valley Marlin swim team took first place in the small team division at the Pacific North YMCA Regional Meet in Oregon. Pictured, from left, front row: Maddie Johnson, Cameron Kendrick and Amanda Crist; second row: Caitlin Crist, Zach Malina, Estell Malina and Erik Steinke; back row: Mason Johnson, head coach Beth Malina and Matt Twiss. Not pictured: Katherine Reed, Josh Wirtz, Ashley Twiss, Parker Twiss and Jessica Aguirre.

The Marlins are a competitive swim team that competes all year. To be on the team, swimmers need to be able to swim a 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard backstroke. For information, call Noella Biedenbach at 208-539-5592.

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Magic Valley Marlins results

Table with 2 columns: Name (age) and Time. Includes Jessica Aguirre (12) F, Mason Johnson (8) M, Cameron Kendrick (10) F, Caitlin Crist (9) F, and others.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Time. Includes Ashlee Twiss (16) F, Matt Twiss (10) M, Parker Twiss (12) M, and others.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL



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### Tournament champs

The Twin Falls seventh grade girls PUMA AAU basketball team defeated Nyssa (Ore.) 71-68 to take first place in the Idaho Prep Basketball Tournament held in Twin Falls March 20-21. PUMA team members, pictured, from left, front row: Macy Urruttia and Maddie Watkins; second row: Jordyn Gudeneau, Makenzie Swafford, Courtney Wright and Delaney Bergen; back row: Assistant coach Chris Wright, Morgan Harshbarger, Kelsey King, Taryn Skahill, assistant coach Tom Skahill, Rainey Dyerson and head coach Kody Ketterling.

## Magic Valley gymnasts compete at BSU invite

The Magic Valley Gymnastics Club competed at the Boise State University Gymnastics Invitational Feb. 6-7 in Boise. Teams from Montana, Oregon, Washington and Idaho competed in the two-day event.

Below are results for Magic Valley gymnasts that placed in the top 10.

Table with 7 columns: Name, Age, Vault, Bars, Beam, Floor, AA. Lists gymnasts like Grace Parker, Billie McCarthy, and others with their scores.

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# Basketball's seamy underbelly surfaces

The president was so interested he took time out from saving the country from economic ruin to fill out his bracket. Television ratings have been up even though Billy Packer is working this NCAA Tournament from a Las Vegas sports book and, thanks to Villanova, we don't have to see Mike Krzyzewski's smiling face for another year.



**TIM DAHLBERG**

Overlook the thousands of empty seats that are a natural byproduct of a rotten economy, and it's hard to find much wrong with this year's tournament. The games have been decent, if not historic, and enough favorites have won to keep the interest of the millions across the country who have a few bucks riding on the outcome.

Unfortunately, the madness this March isn't confined to the court. As usual, the seamy underbelly of college basketball lurks close by.

It surfaced this week not once, but twice, reminding us of the hypocrisy of the NCAA at the very moment the organization's crown jewel plays out on television screens everywhere.

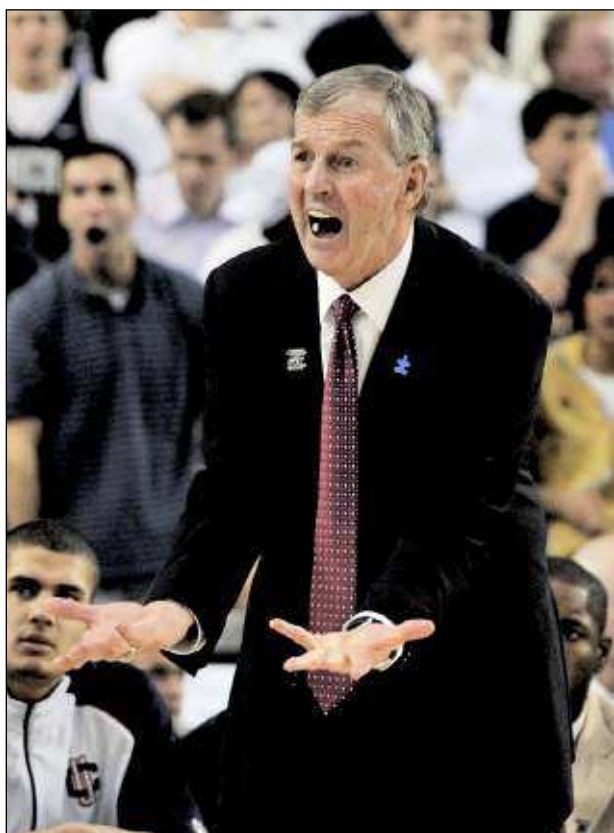
First there was Jim Calhoun, the Connecticut coach who seems to get upset whenever people question his huge salary or how he runs his powerhouse program. Basketball coaches are notorious control freaks to begin with, but Calhoun did himself no favors this week when he tried to disparage the source of concerns about his recruiting practices instead of dealing with the allegations themselves.

Perhaps Calhoun thought the allegations by Yahoo! Sports about the recruiting of Nate Miles would go away when he dismissed them as coming from a blog. But bloggers don't do the kind of digging Yahoo's journalists did in using interviews and documents obtained under Freedom of Information laws to show how Miles was allegedly given lodging, transportation, meals and representation by a sports agent, all in violation of NCAA regulations.

Calhoun was questioned about it again Friday, and finally seemed to understand that these were serious allegations. The fact they came out when his team was trying to gain a spot in the Final Four may have been unfortunate for UConn fans, but that's life when you're in the big leagues of college basketball.

Never mind that the NCAA is filled with arcane rules like the one that makes it a violation for schools to furnish certain types of the tournament's official drink, Vitaminwater, to players. Other types are OK, though, which hopefully includes the coolers of Vitaminwater that are displayed prominently on all tournament courts, lest the NCAA be caught in a violation itself. It's an open secret that many rules are ignored by many coaches, especially when it comes to recruiting. Coaches cheated long before college basketball became such a big business, and the temptation to do whatever is necessary to grab star players rises exponentially with the huge money colleges now pay their coaches.

Besides, the NCAA long ago let big-time college sports get out of control, and trying to pretend that the athletes in the tournament are pure amateur stu-



AP photo

Jim Calhoun shouts at officials during the second half of a men's NCAA Tournament regional semifinal against Purdue in Glendale, Ariz., Thursday.

dent is ridiculous when their coach might make \$2 million a year and the assistants all pull down six figures themselves.

Which brings us, of course, to Billy Gillispie, the carpetbagging coach who went through three teams in seven years and now suddenly finds himself without

a team. Gillispie's expertise at persuading 18-year-old stars to play on his teams got him \$2.3 million a year from Kentucky, plus an obscene \$6 million buyout clause that his lawyers will surely seek to enforce.

If they're successful, Gillispie will pocket more than \$10 million for two

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years at Kentucky, or about \$250,000 for each Wildcat win during his brief term. Think about that the next time you're watching an NCAA infomercial about how pristine they want you to believe college sports really are.

Shady recruiting and millionaire coaches seem to go together, largely because if you can recruit in college basketball you can win and if you win you get paid huge money. You don't need to be a great coach on the floor if your players are better than the other team's players, even if you graduate only one in three of them like Connecticut does.

As we were reminded this week, there's a method to their madness.

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## Quality Road beats Dunkirk to claim Florida Derby

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The first six furlongs were mere posturing. Once Quality Road and Dunkirk were side by side, that's when the Florida Derby really began.

That's also when Quality Road announced himself as a serious Kentucky Derby contender.

Pulling away in the stretch, Quality Road held off previously unbeaten Dunkirk on Saturday to win the Grade 1 race at Gulfstream Park, giving the colt his second graded stakes win in as many starts.

Next up: The Run for the Roses, where Quality Road will surely be one of the top choices at Churchill Downs on May 2.

"It's a lot of pressure," said trainer Jimmy Jerkens, who's taking a horse from his barn into racing's most famed race for the first time. "But you

know, it's good to be in that position."

Sure beats the alternative.

Quality Road paid \$4.40, \$2.40 and \$2.10, and finished in a track-record 1:47.72 over nine furlongs. Dunkirk, who needed a win to cinch a spot in the Kentucky Derby field, was second by nearly two lengths and paid \$2.40 and \$2.10. Theregoesjojo was third, paying \$2.10.

Due respect to Theregoesjojo, it was expected to be a two-horse race — and lived up to that billing.

Quality Road settled in near the lead, as Dunkirk loomed about seven lengths back. With about three furlongs remaining, jockey Garrett Gomez gave Dunkirk the signal to go — and got an immediate response, as his horse made a sweeping move and got to the front.

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# Jimmy's friends

## Sharing soup and cigarettes

**By Melissa Davlin**  
Times-News writer

At noon on a sunny Saturday, James Lee sat in the passenger seat of his friend's parked car with a beer can in his lap. He faced two broken-down buses, one of which he has lived in for five years.

Most of the bus windows were broken out, and beer cans and cigarette butts littered the ground. Lee gazed at the bus and commented that the days were getting warmer. A welcome change. This winter, he regularly woke up to a layer of snow on his sleeping bag. He was hospitalized for five days with frostbite and can no longer feel his toes or fingertips.

So the Twin Falls man was ready for spring.

"But the nights are still cold," he added.

Lee, 48, is one of the more than 500 homeless people in Twin Falls, according to South Central Community Action Partnership. His Twin Falls experience is defined by stinging wind, penetrating cold, soup kitchens and the kindness of strangers.

Lee has been homeless for eight years after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and neuropathy.

"It hit me all at the same time," he said. Unable to work, he ended up on the streets.

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Above, Jimmy Lee, 48, calls two banged-up old buses home. Lee shares the buses with several other homeless men. 'What's the last dinosaur I killed, Cameron?' Lee asks Cameron Wollcott on Tuesday. Wollcott answers: 'A Tyrannosaurus rex.' Then they talk about the 300-pound rock chuck named Murray. 'We always tell stories to each other. Some of 'em are true,' says Lee. The only sound that competes with his tall tales is the rustling of plastic lining the bus windows. He says it's easier to spin stories than to think about howling wind or constant pain.

At top, Jimmy Lee in his bus. You can't miss him in his hunter orange winter jacket. He says that after he was backed over by a truck behind Depot Grill, a friend who witnessed the incident went to Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls and purchased the warm jacket.

Jimmy Lee uses his cane to stand up from a bench in The Salvation Army before the free lunch Monday. Lee hopes a county assistance program will help get him into an apartment soon. 'He needs to get off the streets,' says Richard Haines, a friend who lives on the streets with him.



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James 'Jimmy' Lee, left, and Richard Haines, a friend who lives in a pair of buses with Lee, walk along Gooding Street West in Twin Falls on their way to The Salvation Army for free lunch. 'The only reason I carry this cart is No. 1, I keep my cans in it, and No. 2, it keeps me upright,' says Lee. He walks with a cane — or the shopping cart — to keep his balance.









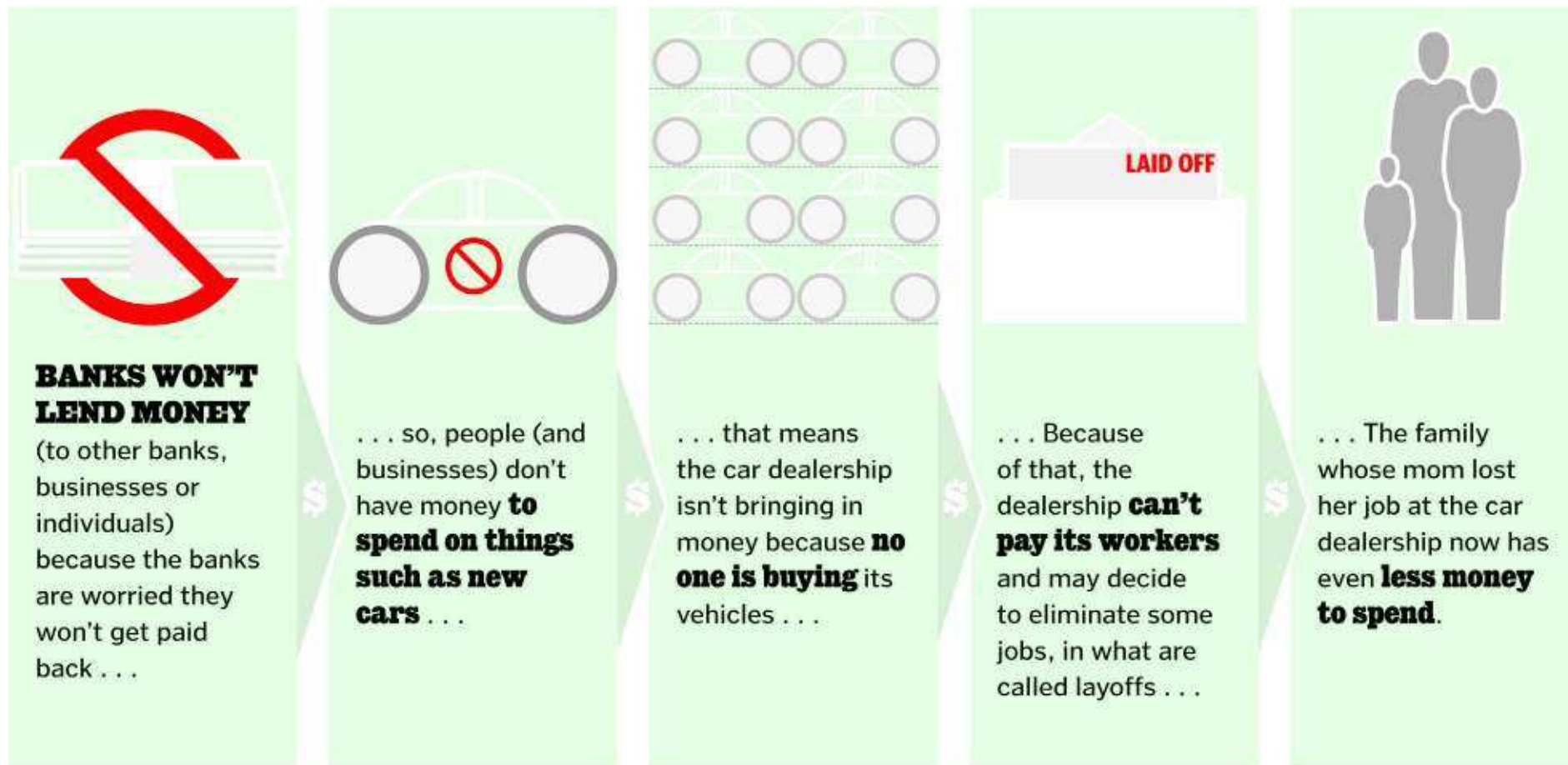
# Kids Only

## The Money Mess

### Why an Economy Without Money Is Like a Car Without Gas

You've probably been hearing a lot about the economic crisis. The government announced that it would invest \$250 billion in private banks to make sure they stay in business and continue to lend money to people and companies.

Why? Because we need money to move through the pipeline that is our economy. But in the current situation, everyone — from those huge banks to individuals like your parents — is holding on to money the way Linus holds on to his blanket. Here is an example of what can happen when money stops moving, showing why the government decided it needed to act.



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**62.5 billion** gallons of milk

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# A kid's-eye view of the economy

The economy is not something kids ordinarily think much about, and many adults don't think about it, either.

But these aren't ordinary times. The U.S. economy and others around the world have run into serious trouble, so the economy is the biggest news of the year.

You might know firsthand about the economy's troubles because one of your parents lost a job. Or maybe you didn't take a trip for spring break because your parents wanted to save money. Or you might have heard adults tossing around words such as "bailout" and "stimulus."

This may help you understand what is happening:

## What is an economy?

It is a system in which people buy and sell goods (such as televisions) and services (such as haircuts). When your parents pay for a haircut, that means the barber has money to, for example, buy a TV. Money is the engine in an economy's engine.

When our economy works well, banks lend money to companies so those companies can operate and grow. Individuals go to banks to borrow money to buy houses, cars and other things.

## What went wrong?

A lot of people made a lot of bad decisions. Banks

loaned money to people who couldn't afford to pay it back. Government officials didn't watch the banks closely enough to make sure they were making good loans.

So suddenly, banks had loaned out a lot of money and weren't getting much of it back. And people who couldn't afford to pay back the money started losing their homes. (If you can't make the monthly payments, called a mortgage, the bank has the right to take the house back and not let you live there anymore).

If banks don't have money, they can't make new loans: to your family to buy a new car or to the car company to build a new plant. So businesses started to fail. People lost their jobs, and without the money from a job, they couldn't pay their bills.

## How bad is it?

Today, 8.1 percent of people who want to work can't find a job. Just a year ago, it was 4.9 percent, though there have been times in the past when it was worse. Unemployment was at almost 11 percent in 1982. And it was at about 25 percent in what is known as the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Also, people have lost a lot of the money they were saving in stock markets. That's

where people buy parts, or shares, of companies in the hope that the value of those companies will rise. But shares in the country's largest stock market have lost almost half their value in less than a year — and *trillions* of dollars have been lost.

## How can it be fixed?

When the economy started to seriously slow down last year, George W. Bush was president, and the government gave money to — or "bailed out" — huge banks that were in danger of going out of business.

That bailout saved some banks but did not cure all of the problems.

Many companies let some of their workers go (in what are known as layoffs) or went out of business. Now President Obama is taking further action.

Recently he announced a program to help people stay in homes that they bought but can no longer afford to pay for. It will allow as many as 4 million people to avoid losing their homes and to pay less than they owe.

Also, Congress approved a plan that would put nearly \$800 billion into the economy to help get it moving again.

The money will go to many different kinds of

projects, including building new roads, helping schools and providing aid to people who were hurt by the bad economy.

It takes workers to build roads and schools, so that means some of the 3.6 million people who have lost jobs in the past 13 months could go back to work. When people have jobs, they can use their salaries to buy goods and services. If people started buying lots of goods and services again, that would get the economy moving again, or stimulate it. That's why the plan is called a stimulus package.

## Does everyone agree with the government actions?

The president says the government must play a big role in helping people get back to work. So the government is borrowing

## Stock market fact

The London Stock Exchange is believed to be one of the world's oldest markets. It can trace its history to 1698 when its founder, John Castaing, organized the market in a coffeehouse!

money from investors around the world to pay for the stimulus.

Some people oppose the stimulus package. They say that even if it helps boost the economy now, future generations of taxpayers — that means you — will have to pay back the money.

## When will things be OK?

Nobody is sure. Some economists say we'll start seeing things improve late this year. Others say it will take longer. President Obama is urging Americans not to panic, saying he is sure that we will see better days.