

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

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 ...

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

16.8

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

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 \$4.19

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

\$1.01 Federal tax starting Wednesday

\$.57

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 93year-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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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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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

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 2,000percent 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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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

Times-News

Have you shot good video of a major storm passing through the area? How about of your club honoring someone special, or of a game-winning home run?



Starting this week, Magicvalley.com starts a new feature that allows you to post your videos of news and community events on the Times-News Web site, Magicvalley.com.

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

The guidelines include: All videos must be two minutes in length or less.

They must not contain anything obscene.

No commercial messages from businesses are allowed.

The Times-News reserves the right to reject any videos, and all videos will be previewed before they are posted.

Those who want to post a video can click the YourVideo icon on the home page of Magicvalley.com. That will take you to a place to upload videos and watch other submitted videos.

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?"

anybody really is anymore?

The popular cwalken

"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 the page appeared with a in popularity of Twitter, the popped out of the mouth of notice that the account has very famous and the only Sounds about right. But actor Christopher Walken, is been "suspended due to does anybody know who read by more than 90,000 strange activity." users. It is not, reportedly, written by Walken – though

Things have gotten a little confusing for fans. Thanks Twitter feed, stocked with his picture is parked atop the to the democratizing powers been launched to try and oddball observations that page. Late Friday afternoon, of the Web and the rapid rise resolve such important

themselves with virtual doppelgangers.

Already, a Web site has

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

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Pat's Picks Three things to do

Pat Marcantonio

• Sharpen those acting chops. The Liberty Theatre Company of Fools, Sun Valley Co., Saint Thomas Playhouse and nexStage Theatre will hold joint auditions for ages 16 and older from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey. Auditions are by appointment and not for specific shows. Come with a monologue of either classical or contemporary no more than two minutes in length, or read from provided scripts. For musicals, come with a song.

Accompaniment is provided. Information: 788-6520.

• Jazz pianist and Idaho born Paul Tillotson performs to raise money for music programs and schol-

arships at 1 p.m. at the Shoshone School gym, 61 E. Idaho Highway 24. Tickets range from \$5 for students to \$20 for a family of four.

• It's the final day for SolFest, an event of music, dancing and skiing at various sites. For a complete schedule, go to www.visitsunvalley.com. Free allaccess badges are available at the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber Visitor Center, 491 Sun Valley Road, or Clarion Inn, 600 N. Main St., both in Ketchum.

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

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Forever Plaid, 6:30 p.m. doors open and 7:30 p.m. show, Boiler Room, Sun Valley Village, \$12, 622-2135.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Jazz pianist Paul Tillotson in concert, fundraiser for Shoshone School music programs and scholarships, 1 p.m., school gym, Shoshone School, 61 E. Highway 24, \$5 for students and \$20 for family of four, 308-3185 or 886-2338, ext. 3.

EXHIBITS

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

FESTIVALS

SolFest, with music, dancing and ski events at various sites, featuring live local music, 5 to 9:30 p.m., Papa Hemi's Hideaway, free allaccess badges at Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber Visitor Center or Clarion Inn, Ketchum, visitsunvalley.com.

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

Idaho jurors could face electronic device rules

Guardian

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An "indirect effect" of the case against Laws, filed this payments to the week in Twin Falls 5th cell phone service District Court, was that the county's board stopped taking new clients, said Twin Falls County commissioner George Urie, who serves on the board.

Three people who were recently under Laws' guardianship are unable to care for themselves and live on Social Security payments number listed in court from the government.

The criminal case against Laws unfolded after an adult through Jan. 5, protection investigator with Area IV Office on Aging asked Laws to sign a "release of information" on Jan. 7. "The release was obtained in connection with an sparsely decorated room at investigation of possible wrongdoing."

The focus of the investigation is unclear, though. Area IV Office on Aging Director Jim Fields wouldn't address the issue.

when investigators discovered the 93-year-old victim that service not receiving, along with without," Urie said.

other questionable charges.

"(Laws) admitted that all of the provider out of (the victim's) account were to pay (Laws') personal cell phone bill," an adult pro-

court records. "Laws contended that all of the trans- Dennis Voorhees. actions were accidental."

records wasn't returned.

Over about four months, Laws allegedly swiped \$6,156 from the woman she volunteered to protect, according

an assisted living facility in Twin Falls, according to court records. Most of her the records say.

The county's board of The probe turned to Laws guardians has stopped serving new clients. "There probably always will be peogot billed for cell phone ple who fall through the she is cracks, with the board or

Laws

reason, it did have tection worker wrote in an indirect effect," said guardian board member

The guardian board han-A call to Laws' phone dled about 16 wards of the state, Voorhees said.

By February, the court pulled Laws off three wards, which was the same month the board stopped taking on new ones.

Urie and Voorhees agreed there weren't enough vol-The elderly victim has a unteers to be guardians after Laws' cases were added to the mix.

"Had Cindy not come under investigation, wards wouldn't have been transferred and it wouldn't have ing. snowballed," said Voorhees.

Falls Twin County Prosecutor Grant Loebs disagrees, saying the case against Laws is independent of the guardian board.

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Officials from guardians were basically structural and the way it's organized and how it's been run," said Loebs. "That the investigation doesn't have anything to do with the criminal case."

> "I don't think the board through lack of oversight let this woman do what she's accused of," Loebs said.

The board could spring back, though, Urie confirmed.

"If we restructure it and get it set up in a better manner ... then we'll reactivate the board and hopefully recruit more volunteers," said Urie.

Officials said they're still investigating if there could be other victims.

"I am concerned that there may be similar accounting irregularities in other cases where she is acting in the capacity of guardian," an investigator with the Office on Aging wrote in a Jan. 20 court fil-

The elderly woman whom Laws allegedly exploited has no relatives living in Idaho, according to court records.

Andrea Jackson may be "The other problems we reached at ajackson@mag-

Force

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was always cold," Knoelk said.

someone, he said, they perceived - by their peers, their friends and their family.

is going to think you're a killer," Knoelk said.

Although he received ample support from family, friends and colleagues, Knoelk said he still struggled at times.

Once, he thought a shot had been fired when a car backfired.

man he shot were tough to deal with, too.

"The defense made me the bad guy," Knoelk said. "I Leesburg Lane. did everything wrong. I was the big bad cop."

get warm, psychologically; I two incidents as a teaching tool for his fellow officers.

"It's something that per-When an officer shoots manently stays fresh in your mind – something worry about how they'll be that you never really forget and something that you don't want to repeat," he said. "If an officer can go "You wonder if your wife through their career and not pull their gun, that's pretty lucky on their part?"

Davies had never fired his weapon in his three years instantly. with the sheriff's office until that night.

officers summoned to the scene Feb. 27, 2008.

A manhunt was on for Court proceedings for the Rindfleisch and his two passengers. All scattered after Rindfleisch's SUV crashed into a snow drift on

One, a woman, was quickly apprehended, but When he returned to the other two were on the

the back of his patrol car.

changed.

Seconds later, things

Rindfleisch had com-

Today, Knoelk uses the homes by the sirens and lights.

Rindfleisch When refused officers' orders to get out of the truck, Lt. Sam Hulse gave the order to shoot and Davies took action.

He drew his .45 caliber handgun and pulled the trigger four times, hitting Rindfleisch once in the head and three times in the torso. Rindfleisch, 31, died

Bonneville County

Prosecutor Dane Watkins Jr. He was one of dozens of ruled in April that Davies was justified in shooting Rindfleisch because he posed an imminent threat to authorities and the general public.

Davies declined to comment for this article.

Rindfleisch's parents, Randy and Jerilyn, disagree private investigator. with Watkins' decision. Speaking publicly for the

ously a dangerous game, but he didn't want to hurt anyone?"

The last year has been difficult for his parents, especially holidays and family reunions.

Rindfleisch had been an exemplary student at Blackfoot High School, they said. He won a state wrestling title in 1993, as a junior.

His life started to unravel after high school, however. At 19, he got into alcohol; he tried meth for the first time at 23.

His parents have spent hours poring over investigation reports, an audio recording and videos of the chase in an effort to understand how their son died.

They've even viewed autopsy photos and hired a

"We didn't sleep for weeks after seeing every-

to court records.

possessions are secondhand, down to her clothes.

"It wasn't the trigger but it was a

the county and its volunteer guardian board confirmed into Laws affected

the board's declining caseload.

TN Times-News, Twin Falls, Idaho

Idaho Supreme Court's research a case. criminal jury instruction committee is discussing guidelines that would prevent jurors from using electronic devices to post their thoughts or do research on cases that are in progress.

Michael Henderson, counsel for the court at Boise, said the state is aware of the growing popularity of personal electronic devices that can be used by people in the courtroom to relay as Twitter and Facebook.

"We haven't heard with this, in coming to us Idaho cases," from Henderson told the Lewiston Tribune. "But we are aware of the problem?"

Henderson said nothing has been approved so far by state officials. But he said if instructions for jurors are approved they would be recommended for use in courts throughout Idaho.

Some Idaho courts are already moving toward creating guidelines for jurors spelling out restrictions about using mobile electronic devices. Specifically,

LEWISTON (AP) - The going on the Internet to

"I always tell them that they have to make their decision based on only what's in the courtroom," said 2nd District Judge Jeff M. Brudie in Lewiston in northern Idaho. "Things like going on Google Earth and looking at the intersection where it happened, I think we're going to have to tell them not to do that?"

Among the more popular social networking Web sites information to blogs and where people can keep a social networking sites such running commentary of what they're doing or their thoughts about what's hapspecifically of problems pening is Twitter, which allows messages of 140 characters at a time.

Henderson said possible instructions to jurors being considered by the state don't mention Twitter and other social networking sites by name, but they would fall within the new guidelines.

Brudie said local guideboth magistrate and district lines could be added to those already in use by the state or in addition to possible new guidelines from the state.

> The guidelines could help jurors focus on being jurors. "You can't do it for public

judges don't want jurors consumption," Brudie said.

work a couple of days later, lam. another officer rode in his patrol car for a couple of hours.

"They put him in the car ordinary as Davies talked to to ride with me just to make sure I wasn't nuts," Knoelk said.

Twelve weeks later, both going to avoid the Knoelk was involved in news," he told her. another shooting in which a burglar shot roughly 65 rounds at officers. Officers never returned fire because they didn't have a clear shot, Knoelk said; no one was hurt.

Twitters

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working sites," said Valebrity's founder, Steven Livingstone. "Even the celebrities themselves are coming to us now and saying, 'Is this one real?""

Livingstone's site identifies Ashton Kutcher and Ryan Seacrest on its list of real Twitter users, but for many Twitter users, authenticity news after the actress commay be beside the point. A few weeks ago, a Twitter feed supposedly belonging to "30 Rock" star Tina Fey Alexandria, Va., lawyer who was identified as fake. At the sometimes handles copytime, the faux Fey's feed had right issues, said that the

has more than 200,000. Typically, social networking sites pull down fake accounts if there are complaints or if the site suspects fraud. But sometimes that can backfire: Facebook temporarily deleted actress personalities like Lindsay Lohan's page in December, under the impression that it was bogus. The move became plained in a letter posted to

> her MySpace page. Ronald Snider, an

first time, they say their son thing," Jerilyn Rindfleisch Manhunts don't happen was not trying to harm often in eastern Idaho, and police officers that night. nothing seemed out of the They filed a tort claim notice in September that the female suspect sitting in says Bonneville, Bingham and Bannock counties and "If at all possible, we're the cities of Idaho Falls and Blackfoot contributed to his death.

> The notice is a precursor to a lawsuit.

"(Hulse) decided to be mandeered a pickup truck the judge, juror and execuand appeared to be driving tor that night," Randy toward officers and a crowd Rindfleisch said. "It was a of people lured from their game for Rayce, and obvi- Rindfleisch said.

are assured to be judgment-

proof," he said. "They don't

all that famous to attract an

Livingstone said most peo-

ple assume - wrongly -

that people want to imper-

issue," he said.

have any money."

said. "There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of Rayce?

The Rindfleisches are trying to have some good come out of their son's death. They've told their son's life story to a group of high school students and have talked to others about the dangers of methamphetamine.

"It hasn't been fun for us, but I'm sure it hasn't been fun for (Davies)," Jerilyn

tory" from a legal standgenerally posted non-malipoint. "As far as whether it's cious comments that likely legal or not, that's a big seemed plausible to the casual observer. But after But Snider said he would the fake Gopnik posted a be disinclined to pursue a dismissive comment about case against such Internet a museum, the real Gopnik impostors. "People like this received some snarky remarks on an art blog at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The fake Twitter feed has You don't even have to be been removed.

Not surprising, said impersonator, it seems. Livingstone. "When it comes to the more niche markets, you'd think, 'Why would anybody bother?' But sonate globally famous if you have 1,500 people following you and you're in a just as much time trying to niche market, those people verify the online identities are all focused on what you're going to say. The people who are in it are much more likely to do something if you tell them to. They'll act on your every word."

What does Twitter make

"Doesn't happen too often," Twitter co-founder Biz Stone wrote in an e-mail employees, has since been that was short enough to be Twitter post. а Washington Post art crit - "Impersonation is against our terms."

Christopher Walken, the

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celebrities. But he spends of tastemakers who are experts in their field but aren't household names.

> A Twitter feed supposedly run by political consultant Frank Luntz scored 2,000 followers before the joke, or whatever it was, was of this identity confusion? revealed earlier this month. That feed, which was written by one of Luntz's former taken down.

ic Blake Gopnik recently attracted a Twitter impostor of his own. As with the fake real one, could not be Luntz feed, the impostor reached for comment.

"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 looseleaf 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 they're discriminatory in 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 \$250,000 yearly. access to health care won out, Watts said.

"I would have much rather seen a more broadbased 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. smoke, said she thinks spends for SCHIP, and the Health officials say the retail sales will eventually increase isn't statistically significant.

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,

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

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.

Ν (Т The Associated Press contributed to this report. Nate Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237 or npoppino@magicval-

increases as "a feel-good products, and noted that the way the country should approach health reform.

She wondered why the government couldn't phase the taxes in, and said 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 socalled new administration desired to help," she said, referring to an Obama pledge not to raise taxes for Idaho has no plans to those making less than expand its eligibility

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

Altria, has set up a Web site presenting its take on government issues such as the taxes. In a time when gibility. Congress is trying to save jobs, Phelps said, the taxes stand to seriously harm the industry. He said cigarette federal funding once again sales alone can make up one-third of sales for gasstation convenience stores.

rebound a bit. But she said she's worried about stores earlier in the program's In anticipation of the that sell only tobacco history.

Randy

bill" that directly counters 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 requirements.

The Gem State already restrictive SCHIP programs in the nation. Emily Simnitt, spokeswoman for state officials analyzed the changes and decided the His parent company, funding increase wasn't extensive enough for Idaho to add any new patient populations or expand eli-

The state will benefit from the reauthorization, Simnitt said, receiving full after a couple of years of smaller allotments. Federal funds cover 80 percent of Jarolimek, who doesn't the \$45 million Idaho state covered the missing amount with savings from

Changes are

happening. Are

you keeping up?

however, if the price hikes result in fewer tobacco ley.com. sales. Much of the state money is set aside for the permanent building fund. State economist Mike Ferguson

Idaho also stands to lose,

said early estimates show the building fund could lose an eventual \$2 million dollars each year, though it would take several years to get to that point. The losses would be on top of the gradual decline the fund is already in; it received \$45 million this year.

Ferguson said he doesn't think the fund will dry up anytime soon. And given the other pressing budget issues facing the state, it hasn't really gotten much attention, he noted.

"I think since it doesn't directly hit the general fund, that that probably puts it in somewhat of a secondary tier of issues," he said.

Health and Welfare would still like to enroll new kids in its program, Simnitt said. About 25,000 children currently use it, compared to about 118,000 who use Medicaid. Past studies by nonprofit groups hint that as many as 19,000 more could be eligible for SCHIP.

Officials are aware that more children could benefit and are working on ways to reach them, Simnitt



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Rates for the rest of the nation

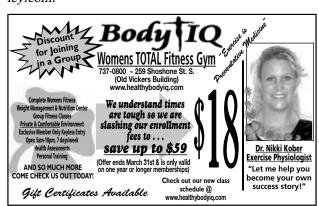
The five states with the lowest smoking rates in 2007:

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California	14.3
Connecticut	15.4
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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, 29-cent temporary а 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



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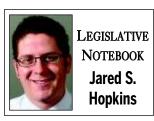
Transportation, again, setting end date of session

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,



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 -a3.4 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 lastminute 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 **Comfort in the quilt** Buhl woman to raffle quilt in honor of late grandson 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 ing and state highway on Mondays to take care of architects and builders from Twin Falls and Boise who might not realize that Bellevue's City Hall is closed on Mondays.

"My department generdon'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

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 Canvon Ranch subdivision on that 99 acres.

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 ates general funds so we liquor taxes and \$63,000 in utilities or franchise taxes.

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 Schlaick. 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 and some of the award was pulled from the endow-



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

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 she'll ever fully "get over it." a healing journey for

The quilt's 11 blocks contain symbols highlighting became a conversation piece the Marines.

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

remained as Schlaick finstitch a grandmother's bro-

though Schlaick doubts

"By raffling the quilt Garrison's memory will live on and the proceeds will benefit area FFA students,"

Shane remembers competitor, student and

"He took first place in ken heart was mended, they are driven to be a Farmers National Bank.

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 ships bigger," Busmann said.

With the quilt complete Schlaick is now selling raffle about the latest block I was forestry three consecutive 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



the adventure of Lewis and she said. "Garrison was very Clark's expedition across active in FFA all through the Rocky Mountains, and high school." Advisor FFA for Schlaick and Herzinger Stockham

before he left to serve with Herzinger as an excellent can only make the scholarchapter president.

years at the district level and fourth at state," he said. "He earned the FFA Degree. Those conversations are which takes four years ... gone, but the connection very few (current) students knew Garrison but are excitcover last year's scholarship ished the quilt. Stitch by ed about the possibility of Fairgrounds in Filer and will getting a scholarship. I hope then be hung at the Buhl

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

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The Southern Idaho sion educator; Rick Haines, quet, April 14 at the Turf Tom

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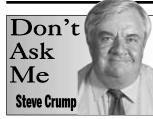
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North Dakota and other social graces

"The worst is not So long as we can say, 'This is the worst.'" – William Shakespeare.

"King Lear"

here 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

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 1,300 on his ranch, up in several rancher's irrigated meadows, Smith said.

the Jarbidge foothills," said Smith. He also indicated that elk have been a for 20 years and the numnuisance to rancher Kevin bers have grown by leaps Chapin of the Diamond A Ranch on the Idaho-Nevada border



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 from 750 last year.

"There are still several hundred more across the minimize conflicts on pri-"They're coming off of Bruneau River and in the Three Creek area," said Chapin. "I've lived here monitoring for elk. and bounds."

Smith said Idaho and fire. near Nevada's wildlife depart-

together to monitor the animals. The Idaho Department

of Fish and Game has been watching the elk closely to vate property. The NDOW will do some vegetation

The problem of elk grazing at lower elevations escalated after the

Chapin said, "We

ments have been working haven't been able to put dation program and can cows on the desert because design hunts to control the we're supposed to let the land rest after a fire, but yet elk are grazing on it."

Chapin estimated one one cow grazing.

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

"We have a good depre-

elk numbers," said Smith. In addition, NDOW will increase hunt numbers.

"Hopefully they'll go and a half elk is equal to back to the high country," Smith said.

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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 alco-

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 Verduzco-Beltran, 47, Buhl; possession of a mutilated, altered, revoked driver's license; costs waive Ricardo Carrillo-Torress, 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

\$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. Brady J. Thompson, 28, Hagerman; hunt without a license; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$83 costs; 12 months probation.

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

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 sportswriter 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."

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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.

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; 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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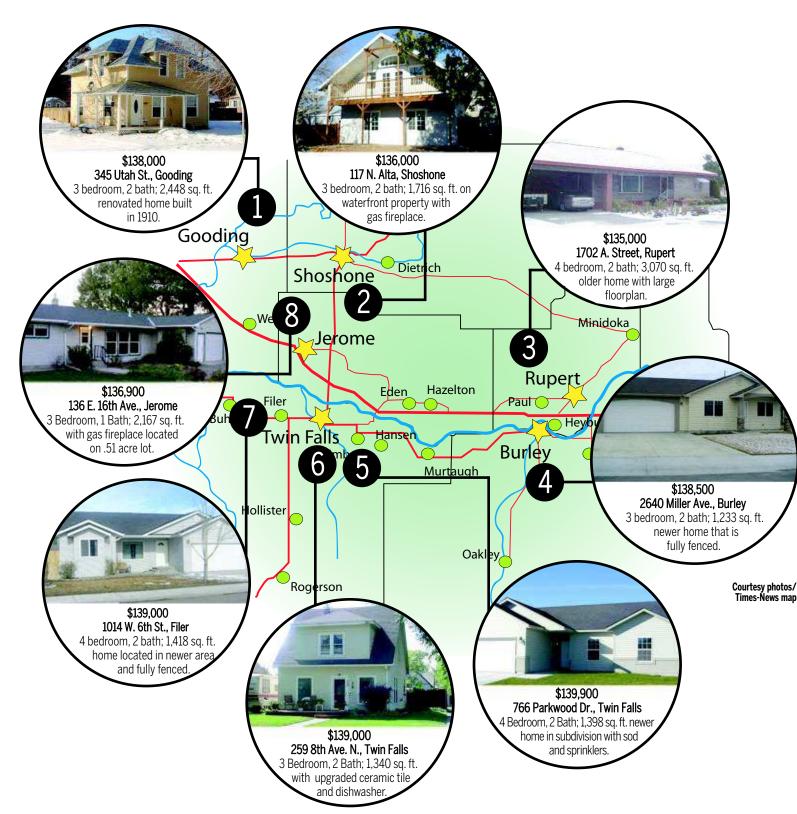
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Business

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

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\$140,000That's the median home price in south-central Idaho. We talked with real etate agents to see what that amount will buy you in neighborhoods from Burley to Gooding.





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 President davs after 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.

It's a different market Tax incentives, housing overhangs have pushed Magic Valley prices down

Bv Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

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

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

very different than it was nearly a year ago.

Twin Falls about two years California. ago and we rarely ever saw a

for-sale sign." sale, people are willing to negotiate prices."

which had trickled down to southwhich enjoyed strong sales as people moved from other parts of Idaho or the nation,

Home sales fell more than 50 percent compared to But even the Kesslers 2006 as out-of-state know the housing market is homeowners found it more difficult to sell homes in devastated markets like "We visited family in western Idaho, Nevada and

Kessler said. "Now it seems forced to sell homes at lower like every other home is for prices because of job losses or foreclosure.

Still, the region was large-By the summer of 2007, ly insulated from problems the nation's housing crisis 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."

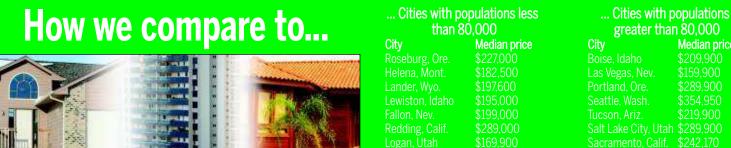
But what has resulted in south-central Idaho is an about 7 percent. uncommonly strong buyers Some homeowners in market, say real estate

Daniel south-central Idaho were 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

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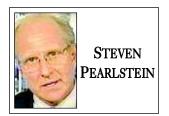


greater than 80,000 Median price \$289,900 \$354.950 \$219,900 Sacramento, Calif. \$242,170

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Optimism over despair on Obama's economic revival plan

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



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

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THE PRESSBOX



Courtesy photo 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



Courtesy photo 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

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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.

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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

families across the Magic Valley. Education on home ownership for

as disaster relief, child education, job training, drug prevention and

sight and hearing screening and many others will be present.

affordable housing, financial management with credit and debt counseling will be the emphasis with many of the providers. Providers such

people about services that are available to low-income individuals and

"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 sixmonth-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 said Rep. country?" 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

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 es to eat with senior question what their intent was on how to use that

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

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Trustee agrees to sell part of Madoff's business

part of Bernard Madoff's company that investigators estly run, and the company ment. buying the operation said it is confident it isn't acquiring a den of thieves.

court-appointed Α trustee overseeing the liquidation of Madoff's assets had been laughed off as announced Friday he has reached a potential \$15 million deal to sell his marketmaking business to the Boston firm Castor Pollux Securities.

The agreement leaves

NEW YORK (AP) – A deal open the possibility that the irrational by some experts. has been reached to sell the operation could go to a higher bidder before the sale is finalized, trustee burse Madoff's victims. are fairly certain was hon- Irving Picard said in a state-

> The sale price is just a fraction of the \$700 million that Madoff himself recently estimated the business was worth - a figure that



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Though Barofsky refusadministration officials in the building's executive money," he said.

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The Multiple Listing Service, which records home sales for most of Idaho, reported that the median home price in the south-central Idaho declined at about the same rate to \$140,000 in February 2009.

What does all this mean listing report. for homebuyers?

Rasmussen, owner and broker of Rasmussen Realty. "Even for \$135,000 you can buy a four-bedroom house right now... even a fivebedroom home if you're looking for something older."

Despair

Continued from Business 1 by their free-market ideology that they refuse to consider the only viable option, which is to nationalize all the big banks.

The columnist also despairs that Barack Obama and Rahm Emanuel and David Axelrod don't really understand the political calculus they now face, which is that the near-certain failure of the Treasury plan will deplete the president's stock of political capital and render him powerless when he finally comes around to proposing nationalization.

Gee, and I was feeling rather encouraged by Monday's developments.

If nothing else, it was certainly a good sign that the conversation has turned from AIG bonuses to the question of how to revive the global financial system. And a nearly 500-point rally on Wall Street led by financial shares certainly suggests some improvement in investor confidence.

More to the point, the plan looks to me like it has a good chance of bringing significant amounts of private capital back into the financial system and relieving banks of some of their worst assets.

On first blush, the Geithner plan looks rather complicated, but its general design is rather simple:

The government will go in as partner with private investors in newly created investment vehicles that will compete to buy up loans and securities backed by loans that banks want to sell in order to strengthen their

Intermountain service, more homes are available within the median price range in Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley.

Surrounding communities such as Wendell had four homes \$100,000 and \$150,000, informing first-time buyers according to the multiple about the incentives that are

Real estate agents say "You can get a bit more many first-time homebuyfor your dollar," said Lynn ers are looking for homes it of 10 percent of a home's near Twin Falls and Jerome because that is where they work

"We have first-time buyis too far away from Twin Falls," said Bonnie Boeker, associate broker with

It's hard to see how both

There's no denying the

fact that the balance of risk

and reward for these invest-

ment vehicles are asymmet-

ric – more of the downside

risk is assumed by the gov-

ernment, while more of the

upside reward will go to the

private investors. But some

inevitable for any plan that

investors at a time when

investors were refusing to

participate with the usual

can quibble that the pro-

risk-and-reward ratios. One

posed deals are too sweet or

not sweet enough, but I can

assure you that the folks at

Treasury, having consulted

investors, have a better feel

for those details than even

the most sagacious newspa-

is that the government has

different goals than private

investors. Investors want to

make as much money as

they can while taking the

least risk. The government

wants to revive the financial

system and an economy in a

way that winds up costing

taxpayers the least amount

The larger point, however,

widely with potential

per columnists.

sort of asymmetry was

tried to lure private

could be true.

According to the listing Canyonside Irwin Realty. seeing is that a lot more "We see a lot of interest in places like Kimberly, Filer and Jerome where prices are a little lower but it's still an easy commute to Twin."

> Boeker said the biggest between challenge she sees is available.

In January, congressional leaders approved a tax credpurchase price - up to \$8,000 – as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. As of ers who think that even Buhl Friday, thirty-year mortgage rates hovered around five percent.

"Something we are also

home buyers are taking longer to decide," Blick said. "That kind of has a negative impact, in terms of homes being on the market longer." He said listing reports

show that it will take about two months to sell off existing homes in Twin Falls. The Kesslers say they

have been "seriously" house shopping for almost a month.

"It's taken this long just to narrow our choices down to three homes," Kessler said. "Probably the biggest thing that's holding us back is that we don't want to find a better deal after we've signed a contract."

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others arguing that it would of money. The asymmetries fail to attract private capital. reflect those different goals.

Several bloggers, including Krugman, have complained that by making financing available to buy bank assets, the government was "artificially" inflating the market value of those assets from current levels. In a narrow sense that's true: The inability of investors to get loans to purchase loans and assetbacked securities is one big for these assets is now depressed. But looked at more broadly, the plan merely restores things to a more normal situation in which the market prices reflect expected cash flow rather than reflecting the unavailability of reasonable financing.

Krugman's assumption, however, is that the current, depressed market prices for loans is the correct price, from which he jumps to the conclusion that all big banks are insolvent and need to be nationalized. But even a casual observer can see that these markets are broken not simply because many loans are bad, but because of a lack of investment financing.

As for the nationalization

depositors and creditors they will be repaid in full which is what you need to do to avoid a collapse of the financial system – then there is little effective difference from a plan designed to rid banks of their bad assets. Nationalization doesn't make the bad loans go away - it simply moves them from the banks to the government, with the government on the hook for any additional losses. For the worst banks, that may turn out to be necessary, as it was in the case of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, AIG and Citigroup, all of

which have been effectively taken over by the government. But wholesale nationalization would likely require a bigger outlay of taxpayer funds, at least initially, while putting the government in the uncomfortable position of managing large and complex businesses with 535 members of Congress suddenly sitting on their boards of directors.

Now that would be something to fill any columnist with a sense of despair.

reason why the market value

balance sheets. As with most investment funds, this public and private equity or risk capital will be supplemented with additional funds that will be borrowed from Treasury, the Federal Reserve or from private investors who will receive a government guarantee that their loan will be repaid.

If the investments wind up making money, the profits will be split with the government in the same pro-portion as the equity that was put in. If the funds lose money, the initial losses – roughly the first 15 cents on the dollar – will be borne in the same proportion by the government and the private investors. Any losses beyond that will be borne by the government.

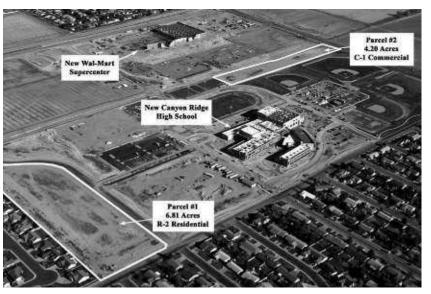
In the meantime, the banks will be able to strengthen their balance sheets in ways that will allow them to attract new private capital from investors who no longer will worry about the bad loans on the banks' books. They will also have the cash from the asset sales with which to make new loans.

Most importantly, by reviving the secondary market for the loans and securities backed by packages of loans – the so-called "shadow banking system" - the plan could revive the mechanism that in recent years has been the source of capital for half the loans to American businesses and households. (That's one reason why bank nationalization might work in a country such as Sweden, but wouldn't work as well here.)

The blogosphere was full of Krugman-like criticism of the Geithner plan Monday, with some complaining that it would be a windfall for hedge funds and other private investors and

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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 economy," said Bonifer, 54.

Still, a "Cowboy up!" attitude seems to pervade Pendleton, the home of the Houk said. annual Pendleton Round-Up rodeo. A Keystone Travel Trailer plant continues to go strong and may absorb some Within days of the compa-Fleetwood employees, as ny's March 9 closure nesses that see these particmay a Cayuse Technologies announcement, City Hall ular economic downturns as computer call center on the got at least 10 calls from dis- opportunities to relocate,"



AP photo

money that's leaving our 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.

another manufacturer will move to the Fleetwood site. for Pendleton.

Reservation, Mayor Phil in Fleetwood's two manu- cheap, people are hungry for facturing buildings and 10 And there's a chance acres, said Tracy Bosen, economic development director

nearby Umatilla Indian tant corporations interested Bosen said. "Real estate is ufacturer,

jobs, and cities and communities are willing to negotiate."

The companies interested "There are a lot of busi- in Fleetwood's buildings, which are just under 100,000 square feet each, include a wind turbine man-Bosen said,

it. Eastern Oregon is fast weeklong becoming "wind turbine extravaganza of Western alley," 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 busy and ultimately pernational 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 times," Houk said. "Everyattitude. The 99-year-old body pulled together."

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though he declined to name Pendleton Round-Up, a September and the huge 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 suaded 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

Dairymen cut back as dairy prices drop 44 percent

Bv 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 dairy production, and with it humming 24 hours a day. Now, Anderson, 51, devotes just three hours a day to milking the 60 milk produc- the University of Idaho ing cows that remain on his Extension service. farm here in the heart of Idaho dairy country.

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 November and December and brother, said he hasn't that we were facing some yet decided whether to leave tough times," Idaho Dairythe dairy industry altogether men's Association President or slowly rebuild the herd in Bob Naerebout said. "We are dairyman Jack Davis, 62, Gray said. "Right now no

"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 two options. an agricultural economy rooted in crops like potatoes and grains to livestock and made the Magic Valley the epicenter of the state's new farm economy, according to

profits reached record highs Amid falling milk prices and dairy farms expanded. that have pinched dairymen 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

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

past 6 months has fewer people buying milk and dairy products, leaving Idaho's dairy farmers with

"It's between getting rid of more animals or throwing awav 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 In the last two years, state 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 recognized in \$17.50 the same month a year before. Nationally milk prices have hovered at \$13.80.

Case no. 09-987.

GRAYBEAL, Marian G.; Jan. 4,

"We never just made money hand over fist, but since June I don't think any-But the downturn in the body'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 Second-generation Idaho have only come down a bit," anticipation of a turnaround very dependent on having a called the drop in milk prices one's really covering their

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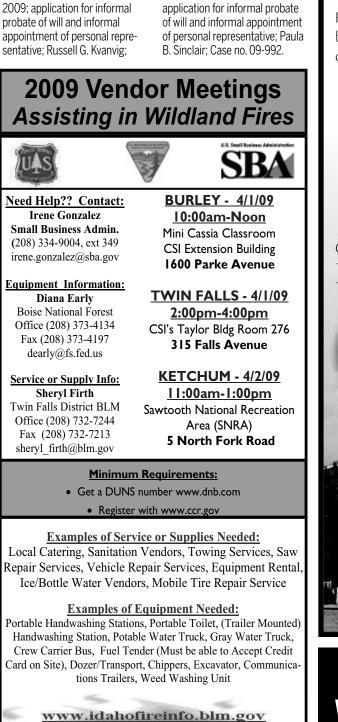
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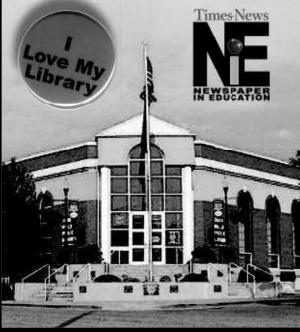
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Democrats, GOP duel over small business taxes

By Stephen Ohlemacher Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON – Few small businesses would see a 2011. tax increase under President Barack Obama's budget plan. But those companies in line for higher taxes above \$373,000 a year employ the most workers and could be hit hard.

A debate that started with last fall's campaign on whether those taxes might hurt an important engine of economic growth continues to rage, partly because arguments on both sides have merit.

Republicans have accused Obama of trying to raise Administration taxes on small-business owners since he proposed a tax increase on the wealthiest Americans during the millions of business owners, campaign. Not true, Obama replies. Only a few of the most successful small-business owners would pay more, he says.

Back and forth they go. Now that Obama has more then \$200,000 a year included the tax increases in and couples making more his spending blueprint, the debate is unlikely to end soon. Both the House and Senate budget outlines that were debated this past week Obama's assume tax increase will pass.

It is true that relatively few small-business owners would face tax increases. But those businesses – the ones that make the most money - are the most likely to employ 20 or more workers, according to data from the National Federation of Independent Business.

"They are trying to say we're only raising taxes on the few," said Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the senior Republican on the taxwriting House Ways and money to help reduce the Means Committee. "But the cost of providing health taxes on those few have huge ramifications on everyone else."

is Obama's plan to raise the strong, "but not right now."

top two income tax brackets by allowing tax cuts enacted under former President George W. Bush to expire in

The top income tax rate which for a couple filing jointly kicks in on income would increase from 35 percent to 39.6 percent, the rate in place when Bill Clinton was president.

The second highest rate marginal income on between \$209,000 and \$373,000 – would increase from 33 percent to 36 percent.

Small The Business defines small businesses for many industries as those having 500 or fewer employees. But including many one-person operations, report business income on their individual tax returns. Obama says his plan would limit tax increases to individuals making than \$250,000.

Those taxpayers would face new limits on itemized deductions, including those for home mortgage interest and charitable donations.

Obama's proposal calls for eliminating capital gains taxes on certain small business stock held for at least five years. He would, however, increase the top capital gains rate paid on other securities from 15 percent to 20 percent.

Eileen Kessler, president of OmniStudio, a small communications and marketing firm in Washington, said she would gladly pay a little more in taxes if the government would use the benefits to her 22 workers.

Kessler said the tax increase could have affected At the heart of the debate her when the economy was

Rising savings could slow recovery

Martin Crutsinger Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - The personal savings rate, which was hovering near zero just a year ago, is now at the highest level in more than a decade as a severe recession Americans to tighten their belts.

What does this rate sav about the recession? And consumers save more and spend less?

The Commerce Department reported Friday that minuscule 1.8 percent so the personal savings rate far this decade. In 2005, stood at 4.2 percent in 2006 and 2007, the rate February, down just a bit from the January level of levels not seen since the 4.4 percent. That marked Great Depression. the first time in more than a decade that the savings rate has been above 4 percent low? for two consecutive months.

The rate is up from readings boom in the early part of at or near zero just a year ago.

Here are some questions and answers explaining the their stock investments savings rate and exploring and their homes were soarhow it has changed in recent years.

savings rate?

A: The savings rate is the percentage of consumers' total after-tax income that is left after subtracting the nation's consumer spending. It is reported by the government on a monthly basis.

Q: Is that the same as net worth?

calculation of a person's assets – bank deposits, stock values, home values minus his liabilities – home mortgages and other saving more. That trend debt.

Q: Are the two related in recession any way?

A: The amount that peo- losses started mounting ple don't spend in any people decided they needgiven month can add to their total savings over time, but the savings rate just measures the difference between what people earn and what they spend. has been climbing since it The government sees what stood at zero last April.

Economists call it the "paradox of thrift." While saving money is a good thing for individuals, it can be bad for the overall economy if everyone does it.

causes people are saving. Q: How has the rate changed over time?

A: For four decades from 1950 until 1990, the rate can the economy recover if averaged around 9 percent. But then, starting in the 1990s, it started dropping sharply, and it's averaged a slipped below 1 percent to

> Q: What happened to push the savings rate so

A: A big factor was the stock market boom in the Even more remarkable: 1990s and the housing this decade. People did not feel they needed to save as much because the value of ing. In fact, the surge in home values prompted Q: What is the personal many people to use their homes as piggy banks; they took out home equity loans against the rising value of their houses to finance spending sprees.

Q: What happened to turn that situation around?

A: The bursting of the technology stock market bubble in 2000 and the bursting of the housing A: No. The net worth is a bubble beginning in 2006 caused people to lose trillions of dollars in net worth. Many people realized they needed to start was accelerated after the began in December 2007 and job ed bigger nest eggs in case they got laid off.

Q: So are they saving more?

A: Yes. The savings rate is left over as the rate that Even as rising layoffs

reduced incomes, people have cut their spending even more. From July through December, spending fell every month - a record six straight declines.

Q: Isn't it a good sign that people are building up their savings during an economic downturn?

A: Yes and no. It is good that individuals are saving more, especially with 78 million baby boomers nearing retirement age. However, it can be bad for the overall economy given that consumer spending accounts for roughly 70 percent of total economic activity.

Economists call it the paradox of thrift." While saving money is a good thing for individuals, it can be bad for the overall economy if evervone does it.

Q: Will this make it hard for the country to emerge from the recession?

A: Economists believe the rising savings rate will make the rebound more subdued than it would otherwise be, but won't prevent it altogether. They believe the savings rate will only rise a bit more from where it is now, perhaps averaging six per- closer to the historic norm of cent this year. That is a big 8 percent to 9 percent.

change from going from zero to 4 percent in a little over six months.

If the savings rate only edges up a bit more, consumers will still have enough firepower to support increased spending, which will get a further boost once the wave of layoffs begins to ease and incomes start growing again.

All of that spending should collectively improve that nation's economic health.

Q: How soon do economists expect things to get better?

A: Many analysts are forecasting that, as the savings rate rises gradually, consumer spending should follow suit. After dropping at an annual rate of 4.3 percent in the fourth quarter, experts expect a modest 1 percent rise in spending this quarter and a continued, moderate climb as the year goes on. They predict the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product. should turn positive again in either the third or fourth quarter of this year.

Q: Will the savings rate start falling again once Americans see the economy recovering?

A: Probably not. Analysts believe that with baby boomers needing to replenish their retirement savings, the savings rate should slowly rise in coming years

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Justin Ray Mallory

Justin Ray Mallory, 16, of Twin Falls, died suddenly on Friday, March 20, 2009, in Winnemucca, Nev.

Justin was born on Jan. 2, 1993, in Soda Springs, Idaho, the

son of Wade Mallory and Susanne (Mallory) Boden. He lived in Soda Springs until the age of 3, when he and his family moved to Crescent Valley. Nev., where he attended Carlin Elementary years old, he moved to Twin Falls, where he attended Sawtooth Elementary School, O'Leary Junior High School and presently was in the 10th grade at Twin Falls High School.

four-wheeling, fishing, camping, playing football, shooting guns, snowboarding and just hanging out with his friends. His love was his family and spending time with them. He enjoyed the times with his dad and grandpa working on the cars the direction of Reynolds and doing things with his sister. Justin lived life to the fullest; he was polite and ily suggests memorials be always had a smile on his given in Justin's name to the face. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Justin is survived by his Nev., Susanne and Scott sisters, Kamilin Mallory of Falls, ID 83303.



of Twin Falls and Maren Mallory of Estates. Winnemucca, Nev.; as well as a brother, Chase Boden of Twin Falls; and his

grandparents, Wendell and Suk Anderson of Burkburnett, Texas, Cleve and Dee Mallory of Crescent Valley, Nev., and Carl and Patricia Boden of Palmyra, N.Y. He is also survived by School. When Justin was 10 several aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends including "the group," Brady Barton, Tyler Black, Josh Settlemoir, Trevor Lutz, Brady Adams, Zaki Abdul and many other friends.

Justin enjoyed wrestling, life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Roper Auditorium at the Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls. with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Inurnment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Services are under Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the fam-

Justin Mallory, Trevor Hine and Justin Hernandez Wrestling Scholarship Fund. parents, Wade and Sheila Contributions may be given Mallory of Winnemucca, to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Boden of Twin Falls; and his Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Burley, died Wed-

Alberta (Sally) Turner

Alberta (Sally) Turner, 79, Twin Falls, of died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at her home.

Sally was a twin, child number 12, born to Benjamin Chess and Clora Davis on June 7, 1929, in Priest, Idaho (now Picabo.) She attended schools in Blaine and Lincoln Hailey High School in 1947.

Sally married Archie Turner in Twin Falls on Dec. 4, 1949. To this union they had three children, Carol, Pete and Tom, as well as helping to raise their nephew, Wayne.

Sally learned to work hard on the family ranch on Silver Creek. She held several positions through her life in Twin Falls including car hop, waitress, painter, housekeeper, bookkeeper and secretary.



work, making many quilts totally by hand during her counties, graduating from lifetime. She even made quilts for her "grand dogs!" She spent many hours playing cards and games with her grandchildren over the years. She became active with Ida Foods in 1990. He was a friends as leaders in 4-H, eventually taking on the challenge as the leaders of their children's 4-H Club.

Sally is survived by daughter, Carol (Kelly) Carpenter; son, Pete (Jackie) Turner; and nephew, Wayne (Connie) Courtney, all of Twin Falls. She has eight However, her most enjoyable grandchildren, Mike, Rick Christensen of Paul and at the church. was the volunteer position of and Randy Carpenter, Casey, right-hand assistant to her Libby and Kendall Turner, husband, Archie, in their and Andrea and Jeremy many years of service to the Courtney; and 10 greatgrandchildren; as well as two was active in PTA during her brothers, Lester (Irene) Chess of Jerome and David (Jackie) Chess of Paso McReynolds, passed away

Keith D. Schoenauer

Keith D. Schoen-Boden of Rochester, auer, 60, passed away March 22, 2009, at Bridgeview

Keith was born July 15, 1948, in Salem, Ore. Later the family moved to

and his brother, Kent, worked for their father at the Vallejo Rifle Range. Keith loved the outdoors and fishing. He moved to Twin Falls 12 years ago and worked for his brother-in-law in custom farming. He always looked forward to going hunting and fishing with his friends and would start preparing the menu and getting all the camp gear ready months in advance. A celebration of Justin's Keith was always making sure things were in order and so he made a decision to be baptized and give his heart to the Lord, which was a very exciting day for him because three pastors showed up to take part in the celebration. Thank you to the Rev. Don Mason, Pastor James Finn and Pastor Chris Jones.

He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. The family wishes to thank and beloved son.

Howard Don Christensen

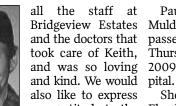
BURLEY Howard Don Christensen, age 79, of nesday, March 25, 2009, at the Parke Care and View Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

1929, in Rupert, the son of Olaf Edgar and Laura Nellie Moncur Christensen. He graduated from Burley High School, served an LDS Mission to Denmark, and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the U.S. Army being stationed in Germany. He married Barbara Jean Craythorn on

Howard retired from Oremember of the LDS Church and served in various callings. He enjoyed gardening, and old TV shows. He was known for waving at his neighbors.

Ariz., Don

Hannah McReynolds



our gratitude to the Floyd and Dorothy staff at Parke's Magic Vallejo, Calif., where Keith Valley Funeral Home.

> hunting buddies, Bill friend, Pete, are now resting.

mother, Jo Montelli; brother, Kent (Enza) Schoenauer of Argentina; sisters, Kathy Schoenauer of Fairfield, they raised their family. Calif., Karen (David) Tribulla Pauline volunteered at the of Twin Falls and Kimberly Schoenauer of Twin Falls; and three nephews, Corey served as Custer County Schoenauer of Twin Falls, coroner for one term. Their Alex Schoenauer of Las Vegas next journey took them to and Eric Schoenauer of Argentina. He was preceded made many lifelong friends in death by his father, Lloyd and worked until they H. Schoenauer.

We love you brother, friend

grandchildren, Michael Beagle, Marilyn Keel and

Melissa Engstrom; his great-grandchildren (soon-to-be three); and his sib-Doral (Barbara)

Christensen, Eugene (Nola) Christensen, Carol (Dean) enjoyed her monthly lunch-Manning, Robert (Renee) Christensen, Earl (Kathryn) Christensen, Lois (Glen) Loveland and Sue Ann (Michael) Streeter.

by his parents and wife, Barbara.

Nov. 20, 1958, in the Logan 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, Falls. at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Guy Redder Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. officiating. Burial will be in Monday at White Mortuary; the Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites provided today at White Mortuary. by the Mini-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 (Janet) until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday

Pauline Iune Bridgeview Estates Mulder, 86, of Boise and the doctors that passed away on Thursday, March 19, and was so loving 2009, at a local hos-

She was born to Pollard on May 23.

1922, in Twin Falls. She was Keith's final wishes were to raised in Kimberly, graduatbe cremated and have his ing from Kimberly High School in 1941. She attended McCarty and the boys at Denver General Hospital Granzella's Restaurant in Nursing Program in 1942 and Williams, Calif., and Dave returned to Kimberly to be Austin of Twin Falls, take him married to her high school to the mountain, where his sweetheart, John H. Mulder, father, dog (Spicey) and on June 30, 1943. They were blessed with a daughter, Keith is survived by his Christine, and a son, John.

In 1956, they bought Challis Radio and Electric and moved to Challis, where Challis Public Library, the HUB (secondhand store) and Pocatello in 1978, where they retired.

In 1992, they took a 12-day road trip on the Alcan Highway to Anchorage, Alaska, where they could be closer to John and his family. Pauline loved Alaska and had Sandra Christensen intended to remain there the of Burley; three rest of her life, but destiny had a way of returning her back to Idaho.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. She served as past worthy matron of Florence chapter No. 79 in Challis, and a member of the Daughter of the Nile No. 40 in Boise. Pauline

SERVICES

George Donald Jesser of He was preceded in death Sun City, Calif., memorial service from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the American Legion Hall, The funeral will be held at 447 Seastrom St. in Twin E. Grant Road in Tucson,

> Shirley Ann Nelson of visitation from 4 to 8 p.m.

> > For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until

4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online,

or to place a message in an online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."



Pauline June Mulder

eons in Twin Falls with her Kimberly High School classmates, reading, corresponding with family and friends through her newsy letters and watching Lawrence Welk.

The family would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers and kindness, with special thanks to Dr. Gertjan Mulder and to Kathy and the Valley View Health Care staff.

She is survived by her brother, Robert (Shirley) Pollard and niece, Pam Anderson of Burley; her son, John (Linda) Mulder and their daughters, Takara and Kayleigh of Boise; son-inlaw, Thomas Sandoval of Boise; grandson, Robert Geier and his daughter, Madeline of Boise; grandson, Mark Geier of San Diego, Calif.; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Henry Mulder; daughter, Christine Sue Sandoval; brother, Marion; sister, Phyllis; and parents, Floyd and Dorothy Pollard.

At her request, no public service will be held. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Summers Funeral Home.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution may send donations to the Shelda Hammond Farr Cancer Fund. in care of Wells Fargo, P.O. Box 364, Challis, ID 83226.

She was a beautiful lady who loved Jesus, her family and large circle of friends with all her heart, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Virginia Adell Scott of Filer, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the East Lawn Palms Cemetery, 5801 Ariz. (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Judith Marie Lueders of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. April 21 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.



He was born Sept. 16, lings,

LDS Temple.

watching Western movies

He is survived by his children, Cindy Beagle of Mesa,

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. She children's years in elementary school.

She became involved in Robles, Calif. Camp Fire Girls when her children were young, and remained active in the organization for 43 years. ers and seven sisters. Once partially retired, she and Archie and a few fiddling friends would take a trip to the Camp Fire Camp in the South Hills each summer to teach the campers how to the participating children.

Sally enjoyed family, chilhandy crafts and needle- valleyfuneralhome.com.

by her husband, Archie; son, Tom: her parents: five broth-

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at Parke's Magic brothers, Caleb and Philip; Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Donations can be made in and Peggy Soulsby, Mike square dance. These trips lieu of flowers to Idaho Youth and Annette McReynolds, can be left at www.hansenwere as enjoyable to them as Ranch, in care of Parke's and her grandmother, paynemortuary.com. Magic Valley Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to dren, and animals. She loved the family at www.magic-

Leah Lorraine Craner

MURTAUGH Lorraine Leah Craner passed away Thursday, March 26, 2009, at her home in Murtaugh.

Leah was born on Aug. 8, 1924, in Murtaugh, to John

Leah was raised and went to school in Murtaugh.

Leah met Arleth (Pete) Craner and they married on Sept. 15, 1941. In 1942, she was blessed with twin boys, Ronald and Donald. Then, in 1948, she was blessed again with her girl, Bonnie.

Leah worked for Henry's and Ida Pride, sorting potatoes. She enjoyed spending time with her family and especially having Christmas tuary. Burial will take place Eve at her home in at the Pleasant View Murtaugh. She loved to crochet, garden, admire her Condolences may be left for birds, fishing, and playing the family at www.hansenwith her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Donald Craner, and daughter, Bonnie (Bob) many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-

great-grandchil-Newall and Mildred Severe. dren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Pete Craner; her son, Ronald Craner; two grandsons; two greatgrandsons; and one brother, Mortuary in Twin Falls. Keith Perkins.

> The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Hansen Payne Mortuary. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 30, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the mor-Cemetery in Burley. paynemortuary.com.

Find more news at www.magicvalley.com

BURLEY - Hannah Margit McReynolds. She is

McReynolds, infant daugh- also survived by numerous ter of Matthew and Carmen aunts and uncles.

The funeral will be held at Friday, March 27, 2009, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, She was preceded in death the Cassia Regional Medical at the First Baptist Church Center in Burley. She was of Burley, with Pastor born March 3, 2009, in Dennis Stoneman officiating. A viewing will be held for one hour prior to the service at the church. Carmen McReynolds; her Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Payne Mortuarv in Burley. Condolences for the family

DEATH NOTICES

She is survived by her

parents, Matthew and

her grandparents, Eugene

Burley.

Charlotte McClain

BUHL _ McClain, 54, of Buhl, died Methodist Church; visita-Saturday, March 28, 2009, at her home.

announced by White Brackenbury; and Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Rueben Jones Jr.

Rueben Moses Jones Jr., 96, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at his home.

announced by White Chapel.

Beth Harper

BURLEY – Beth Hinson Harper, 78, of Burley, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Hillcrest Assisted Living in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Owen Colter

– Owen GOODING Colter, 87, of Gooding, died Friday, March 27, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April Charlotte 1. at the Gooding United tion from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Arrangements will be Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Albert W. Coxen

DIETRICH - Albert Wesley Coxen, 60, of Dietrich, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Arrangements will be Funeral Service, Shoshone

M. Russel Huffer

JEROME – M. Russel "Russ" Huffer, 82, of Jerome, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

James Bohn

BOISE – James "Jim" Bohn, 94, of Boise, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

Nadine joined the Parke's Funeral Home Family in August of 2006, shortly after moving to the Magic Valley From Denver. She became active in Funeral Service in 1999. Her duties are multi-fold at the funeral home from assisting with removals, general office and service assistant. For the last year she has enjoyed her new position as the firms After Care Coordinator. This

we have served in adjusting to the loss of their loved ones. Nadine is committed to meeting with each family on an individual basis and to assist them in re-organizing their life. She is instrumental in guiding those we have served in finding support groups, organizing grief seminars and being a true friend. Nadine is the proud mother of three children and loves calling Twin Falls home. She enjoys bowling, reading and meeting new people.

Nadine is proud to be a part of the Parke's Funeral Home Family.



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Clyde C. Wardle

BURLEY – Clyde Clinton Wardle Jr., age 87, of Burley, passed away from congestive heart failure at home on Thursday, March 26, 2009, surrounded by his loving family.

Clyde was born Nov. 27, 1921, in Pocatello, to Nettybell (Williams) and games and just being with Clyde Clinton Wardle Sr. Clyde was very athletic excelling in many sports particularly basketball, where he was selected to the 5th district All Star Team. He graduated Blackfoot High School in 1942.

While a junior in high school, he met his sweetheart, Edna Clegg, in orchestra. They were married July 22, 1942, in Hollywood, Calif. Their children. marriage was solemnized in the Mesa Arizona Temple on Dec. 27, 1944.

He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II, and served from September of 1942 until December 1945. He worked on bomber airplanes. After his honorable discharge, Clyde attended Brigham Young University Utah State University in City, Utah, Susan (Greg) vocational ag. His first teaching job was at Declo Nancy (Deloy) Cox of High School, where he American Fork, Utah, Laura taught ag for 12 years. He then taught another 13 years at Burley High School. He served as president of the Alvin (Beth) Wardle of Teacher's Association twice.

After 35 years of marriage, his sweet wife, Edna, passed sweet lady, Janice Fay Parks, in 1978, and helped raise her children.

member of the LDS Church. children. He was the first bishop of the Springdale 2nd Ward and served faithfully in various other callings. Clyde 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, and Janice served two missions. On the first mission, he taught vocational ag at Burley, with Bishop Randy BYU-Hawaii, and on the L. Spaulding officiating. second mission they served in Nauvoo, Ill.

playing his violin and bass Friends may call from 6 until fiddle at many dances, funerals and church functions. His hobbies were 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, fishing, boating, snowmo- and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. biling, cars, watching ball Tuesday at the church.



his family which he dearly loved. He was a big tease and He was a wonderful husband and father.

He was preceded in death from by his spouses, Zenna Edna cation activities, Arlyne Clegg Wardle and Janice Fay Fortier Parks Wardle; a son, Idaho Parent Teachers Robert James Wardle; a Association. She also served stepson, David Lynn Parks; on the Board of Directors of his parents; his sisters, June the National PTA. Arlyne Lila, Grace Viola and Bonnie Lee; and two great-grand-

He is survived by his children, Larry (Sandra) Wardle of Bountiful, Utah, Russell (Carolyn) Wardle of Sandy, Utah, Jay (Millie) Wardle of Burley, Diane (Toby) Harding of Pocatello, Darla (Alan) Nielsen of Burley and Paula (Darin) Johnson of Logan, Utah; his stepchildren, Steven (Annette) Parks of Albuquerque, N.M., prior to graduating from Leanna Parks of Salt Lake home in Eden. Robbins of Lehi, Utah, (Rod) Jones of Almo and Brian (Cindi) Parks of Des Moines, Iowa; his brothers, Logan, Utah, Bud (Bonnie) Wardle of Kingman, Ariz., and Bob (Karen) Wardle of away. He married another Pocatello; his sisters, Shirley Carver of Soda Springs and Jeannie (Bill) Isham of Alpine, Utah; 57 grandchil-Clyde was an active dren and 46 great-grand-

He will be dearly missed by all.

The funeral will be held at at the Springdale LDS Church, 475 E. 200 S. of The burial will follow at 4 p.m. at the Grove City Clyde was very musical Cemetery in Blackfoot. 8 p.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home,

Arlyne B. Kisling

DIETRICH - Arlyne B. Kisling, 90, formerly of Dietrich, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

Arlyne B. Kisling was born Oct. 11, 1918, in Irwin, Iowa. She married Floyd O. Kisling in 1934 and in 1936 moved to Dietrich, where they lived for 66 years. In 2002, they moved to Twin Falls and then in 2004 to Beaverton, had a fun sense-of-humor. Ore. Floyd passed away Dec 31, 2004. They were married more than 70 years.

Active in politics and eduserved as president of the was a longtime member of Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron of the Baptist Church in Shoshone. Shoshone, Idaho Chapter, as In lieu of flowers, please well as an associate guardian make donations to the to the Job's Daughters Bethel American Heart Association in Shoshone. Well known in or to a charity of your choice.

Angela Foltz

EDEN - Angela Foltz, 41, of Eden, died Sunday, March 22, 2009, at her Angela was born

on June 17, 1967, in Dixon, Ill., the daughter of Joyce

Diane DuBois and Frederick Schumacher. She grew up in Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Virginia and England. Angela entered into the U.S. Navy, where she served her country proudly overseas. She married Mike Foltz on Sept. 18, 1987, and together they had one son, Alan. They were later divorced. Angela moved to Idaho, where she furthered her education at the Idaho State University in Pocatello, where she obtained her LPN license. She worked at the hospital in American Falls for a few years and then in 2000 moved to Twin Falls, where she worked for Bridgeview Estates for four years, and most recently she was employed at River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls.

Angela is survived by her son, Alan (Jesse) Foltz of friends from 4 until 8:00 Clarksville, Tenn.; her mother, Diane Cramer of Funeral Chapel.



her farming community, she was Floyd's helpmate, hired hand cook, truck driver and best friend.

Arlyne is survived by her three children, sons, Gene (Shirley) and Gary (Jackie), and daughter, Genene Grimes (Steven); and 11 grandchildren and 19 greatgrandchildren.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the

Twin Falls; her father, Frederick Schumacher of Port

Hope. Ontario, Canada; her grandmother, Freda DuBois of Bettendorf, Iowa, as

well as her only

grandson, Jasper Foltz of Clarksville, Tenn. She is also survived by her fiance. Tim Friesen of Eden; her uncle, Steven DuBois of Bettendorf, Iowa; many cousins; and dozens of close friends and co-workers. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, George DuBois. Angela enjoyed reading books, cross-stitching, sports cars, and eating at nice restaurants. She loved her family and was looking forward to seeing her grandson.

A celebration of Angel's life will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans Association and the Idaho National Guard. A viewing will be held for family and p.m. on Monday at Reynolds



Los Angeles Times photo

Laurie Green, who learned that Patrick Chawki was in a nursing home in Canoga Park, Calif., has planned a fundraiser for therapy she hopes will help him. Chawki has a rare disorder that renders him fully cognitive, but unable to move or speak.

Friends rediscover man who was given up for dead

By Bob Pool Los Angeles Times

Chawki's thought he was dead they'd even memorialized him two years ago at their 20th high school reunion.

But when one Grant High School alum wrote to Chawki's sister to express former baseball star lav paralyzed and nearly forgotten in a local nursing home.

Laurie Green discovered that for the last nine years Chawki has suffered from a rare disorder that renders him fully cognitive, but unable to move or speak. Because he cannot talk or write, he was unable to tell his family how to reach his friends.

Green, 38, immediately went to the nursing home. She snapped pictures of the 41-year-old Chawki Facebook, explaining to friends that their buddy was still very much alive and very lonely.

Soon, a parade of former classmates was making regular trips to visit him. On one visit, Green noticed that Chawki could move his thumb up and down.

Butterfly," about a man called "locked-in syncharter fishing boat owner who lives in San Diego.

"When I saw the pic-LOS ANGELES – Pat tures Laurie had posted on classmates the computer, I sat there for an hour in tears. I called my mother to tell her that Pat Chawki is still alive. I called up all the other team members – these are friends you have for life."

Berk played first base on her condolences, she the Grant team. Chawki, learned that the popular described then by the Los Angeles Times as "a defensive specialist with a good arm and good speed in the outfield," played left field. The team was propelled to the city championship in 1986 by pitching standout Rod Beck.

Classmate Stacey Beck, 40, said she almost fell out of her chair when she read Green's Internet posting.

Her husband, who had gone on from high school to pitch for the San Francisco Giants, Chicago Cubs, Boston Red Sox and San Diego Padres, died in and posted them on 2007 of an accidental drug overdose.

"I was amazed someone could kind of fall off the planet," said Beck, of Scottsdale, Ariz. "If Rod were alive he'd be doing everything he could to help Pat. If we don't have help, we don't have anything."

Friend Stuart Schneiderman, a 43-year-old Taking a cue from the Manhattan trade associabook and movie "The tion research director who Diving Bell and the had previously tried without success to track down with a similar disorder Chawki, was also surprised to learn of the paralysis, drome" who wrote a book apparently the result of by blinking, Green devised brain damage brought on

'High School Musical 3' wins at Kids Choice Awards

By Derrik J. Lang Associated Press writer



announcements before and after the commercials.

Among those winners

were "Wizards of Waverly

Place" star Selena Gomez

for TV actress, "The Suite

Life of Zack and Cody" star

Dylan Sprouse for TV actor,

"SpongeBob SquarePants"

McCartney for male singer,

Beyonce's "Single Ladies"

for song, Will Smith for

movie actor, "Guitar Hero World Tour" for video

game, Candace Parker for

female athlete and Peyton

Earlier this year, contro-

versy found its way into the

show when pop star Chris

Brown withdrew his name

from Kids Choice con-

tention. The nominations

were announced shortly

before his arrest for alleged-

ly attacking girlfriend and

fellow Kids Choice nominee

Rihanna. Neither was in

attendance Saturday, and

Manning for male athlete.

Jesse

cartoon.

for

LOS ANGELES - "High School Music 3: Senior Year" graduated with honors Saturday at the Kids Choice Awards.

The Disney musical was selected as the favorite movie by audience votes at the 22nd annual slimefilled Nickelodeon spectacle held inside UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. "High School Musical" star Vanessa Hudgens was also selected as the favorite movie actress.

"Lately, a lot of people have been taking credit for bringing back the musical," Zac Efron said while accepting the movie's trophy. "The truth is we've known who's been responsible for bringing back the musical all along. It was you guys!"

The show's hijinks kicked off with host and "Race to Witch Mountain'' star Awards on Saturday in Los Angeles. Dwayne Johnson zip-lining over the audience of screaming teens and tweens into a "slime temple." Johnson proceeded to spray the first row with gooey green slime. Other shenanisinger Jesse McCartney with a fake microphone and Will Farrell slipping and sliding down a hill.

Winners "iCarly" for TV show, "American Idol" for reality show, Jonas Brothers for with green slime. group music and "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa'' for motorcycle sidecar to pick for "Kung Fu Panda."

announced as favorite female singer.

gonna lose, so thank you, issues.

Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens arrive at the 22nd Annual Kids Choice

guys," said Cyrus.

Johnson said over 90 million viewer votes were cast mothers, Mother Earth is at Nick's Web site. Instead of envelopes, blimp recipients were revealed from of thoughtful, caring and gans included squirting inside spy-like steel briefcases. Some held surprises throughout the show. Before presenters Sandra tle to clean up our air, our Bullock and Hugh Jackman included announced the "Twilight" series as favorite book, a briefcase doused the pair

The green theme took on an entirely different meananimated ing when Cameron Diaz movie. Jack Black arrived in presented her "Gangs of New York'' co-star up his award for favorite Leonardo DiCaprio with the voice from an animated film first-ever Big Green Help Award. The "Titanic" and Miley Cyrus was brought "Revolutionary Road" actor to tears when she was was selected to receive the green blimp trophy because of his contribution and pro-"I really thought I was motion of environmental

"Right now, our mother - our mother - all of our hurting," said DiCaprio. "And she needs a generation active kids like all of you to protect her for the future. You can help us win the batwater, our land, to protect our forests, our oceans and our wildlife."

Most of the blimp recipients were relegated to brief

We would like to thank everyone

who took time to call us, send flowers, send cards, bring food and just be there for us at our time of sadness. We know that he is in a better place. 潇

Love.

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Shirley, Sheri, Deb and Frank, Brother Jim and Virginia, Brother Clair and Jeri, Sister Donnette and Ron.

The family of David Lee Bell.

friends could use to help him communicate.

His old buddies were but was alert and mentally slowly used the poster to spell out: "I love you all?"

"At the 20th reunion, people said he had a brain tumor and had passed away. That's all we knew that he'd passed away," said former Grant High baseball player Harlan Schneiderman's letter was Berk, now a 40-year-old read aloud.

an alphabet poster that by hyper-acute multiple sclerosis.

"I wondered first whether I'd been better off stunned to find that if I hadn't learned this. But Chawki was not only alive I'd rather know. I wrote a letter to him on his birthactive. With his thumb, he day and sent him some old Yankees baseball cards. I'm going out to California and visit him? Schneiderman said.

Friends who gathered at Chawki's room at Topanga Terrace for his birthday last month were in tears as



733-4441 or 678-4992 Serving Cities of: Twin Falls, Jerome, Wendell, Heyburn, Hazelton, Hagerman, Eden, Castleford. Counties of: Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Minidoka, Mini-Cassia, Lincoln

Rihanna, twice nominated, lost in both categories. The show concluded with Johnson and a troop of Polynesian dancers summoning the "slime temple" to spew the sticky stuff all

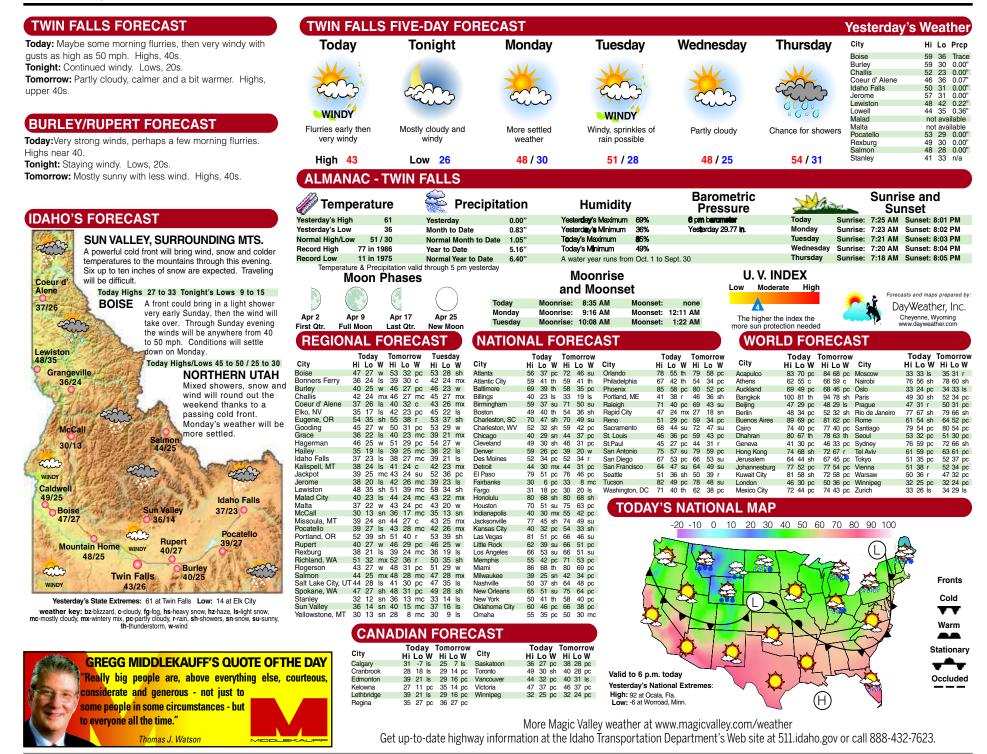
AP photo

over the audience. Instead, the Ionas Brothers emerged and sang a cappella, causing slime to cascade over the boy band, Johnson, the dancers and much of the audience.

"What you guys don't know is that's real boogers," comedian Marlon Wayans said earlier in the show.

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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 con- Discovery, after a great misstruction mission that left the international space station with all its solar wings

and extra electrical power. Discovery swooped through a cloudy sky and Archambault. landed at NASA's spaceport in midafternoon, a little later than initially planned. "Welcome home,

sion," Mission Control radioed.

home," commander, Lee

Discovery's homecoming by about 90 minutes, or one tion - was highlighted by orbit, because of windy, cloudy weather. But the ing of the space station's last wind shifted and conditions pair of solar wings. The \$300 improved enough for the million addition brought the "It's good to be back second and final landing orbiting outpost up to full nauts were still a little It's a blast."

said Discovery's opportunity of the day.

Discovery's 13-day flight settling into the space stathe installation and unfurl-

plan to double the space sta- the nearly completed space - which ended just as a new tion population and boost station, and already missed Mission Control delayed Russian-launched crew was the amount of science being up there. research in a few months.

> operations chief, Bill Gerstenmaier.

power, a vital part of NASA's awestruck at having shaped

"This whole living in one-"This is really an amazing G thing is for the birds," said time," said NASA's space pilot Dominic "Tony" Antonelli, referring to Earth's gravity. "The zero-Late Saturday, the astro- G, I think, is the way to go.

Storm floods parts of Mississippi, Alabama

spring storm dumped Some residents had to be tor. And all roads in the ogist Kirk Caceras. heavy rains, baseball-sized rescued from their stalled county were closed because across the Southeast on ers were helped from flood-Saturday, flooding homes ed homes, Lacy said. and cars in parts of Mississippi and Alabama.

warnings were issued springtime storm." More than 200 homes in across the region, which

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) - A Director Rupert Lacy said. gency management direc- Weather Service meteorol-

"We have springtime hail and whipped up winds and stranded cars, and oth- of the flooding, Mixon said. storms," Lacy said. "But Tornado watches and this is a very unusual

To the west, blizzard the Biloxi area sustained was still reeling from warnings were in effect

Alaska's Mount Redoubt continues to erupt

ANCHORAGE, Alaska ing 20 minutes or more fol-(AP) - Alaska's Mount lowed by an hours-long Redoubt continued to erupt low-level tremor. Saturday, sending one ash

"The vent has kind of plume 50,000 feet into the opened up and there are

central part of the country roads sustained major days. On Thursday, nearly for parts of the Texas with snow, prompting blizzard warnings and a disaster declaration in Kansas and was blamed for two inches of rain in a 24-hour across traffic deaths in Oklahoma.

About 100 roads in southern Mississippi were county emergency agency. impassable at the height of the flooding, including the in Geneva County in south-Harrison

pavement washouts, Lacy said.

period, said Bobby Weaver, Mississippi. On Friday, toroperations chief for the nadoes struck Louisiana,

the bad weather because of from about a dozen homes main route into Biloxi, east Alabama because of over three days in isolated declaration of disaster County flooding, said Margaret areas in Alabama and emergency that covered 62 Emergency Management Mixon, the county's emer- Mississippi, said National counties.

The system also hit the flood damage and two twisters over the past two until Saturday afternoon 30 people were hurt when a Panhandle as snow strandtornado destroyed dozens ed people indoors and left The Biloxi area had 5 to 10 of homes and businesses highways closed. south-central Alabama and and toppling trees.

Up to 17 inches had fallen

The storm also buried parts of Kansas in more than two feet of snow and North knocked out power to People were evacuated Carolina, damaging homes thousands of homes and businesses. Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed a 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.

in Nikiski, a community there is still a lot of ash in across Cook Inlet about 50 miles from the volcano.

After the first eruption, the observatory detected but since then operations strong seismic activity last- had been fairly normal.

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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 Ash was reported falling this whitish appearance but there," he said.

> Alaska Airlines canceled eight flights early Saturday,

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Flood threat eases:

Fargo gets good news with new forecast

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EDITORIAL

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

he 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 go generate electricity, its lawyers argued.

Last April. 5th District Judge John Melanson upheld the 1984 agreement's

Our view: Idaho Power's willingness to settle its 2007 challenge to Falls Agreement signals that the utility is committed to helping find a solution to problems with the Easern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

the 1984 Swan comprehensive What do you think?

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 devel-opment 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,

"... 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 ... there are some challenges associated with incorporating wind in our resource portfolio."

Powerful potential

Installed wind energy capacity ranked					
by state, March 2008:					
(All figures are in megawatts)					
	ation 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				
	1.39				
32. New Hampshire 33. Utah	0.89				
33. Otan 34. Rhode Island					
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35. Arkansas	0.10				
Total	18,302.68				
Sources: Americ					
Association, Nebras	ka Eriergy Office				

terms, telling Idaho Power that it couldn't nullify them because of a decline in water after the deal was set tled. Yet several items, including the use of

viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

We welcome

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.

TIMES-NEWS

Brad Hurd publisher Steve Crump Opinion editor

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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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Why we don't sanitize news photographs

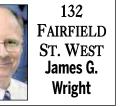
he photographs you see in the Times-News are an accurate depiction of real people and real events.

That's an important thing in the news business, and we take it very seriously, though sometimes it can complicate things.

Not long ago a man was arrested and booked into jail wearing a T-shirt showing the name of a local business where he had been employed in the past. After the booking photo went up on our Web site, the owner of the business called to say he would sue us if we didn't alter the photo to erase his business name.

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.

Our photographers are members of the National



Press Photographers Association, and they fervently adhere to the group's Code of Ethics and its stricture that, "Editing should maintain the integrity of the photographic images' content and context. Do not manipulate images or add or alter sound in any way that can mislead viewers or misrepresent subjects."

With digital photography and modern software it's easy to make photos "better" or just plain manipulate them in ways that change the truth.

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 standing, with rifle at the ready, as tographic image in ways that 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-

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 holidaydecorated 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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OPINION

SOUTH-CENTRAL IDAHO WIND PROJECTS

Wind

Continued from Opinion 1 operate them in a manner that allows us to serve our customers' loads when the wind isn't blowing, or when it suddenly dies down. Conversely, a similar challenge exists when there is an abrupt increase in wind generation - generation from another power plant needs to be simultaneously reduced so our system stays in balance. At present, Idaho Power has approximately 350 megawatts of wind generation under contract. Approximately 190 MW of this is on line or in startup, and another 150 MW could be on line by the end of 2009.

Indications are that new federal legislation is on the horizon. Under several proposals, electric utilities will be required to obtain a specific portion of their electricity from qualified renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biomass. landfill gas and incremental hydropower (new efficiency improvements or capacity). The impacts of these proposals and future carbon regulations are currently being evaluated in Idaho Power's 2009 Integrated Resource Planning process. Our 2009 Integrated Resource Plan – our road map for meeting anticipated cus-

tomer energy needs for the next 20 years – details how we expect to meet these challenges. Idaho Power is currently evaluating a number of resource alternatives, including adding more wind, geothermal and solar generation. This plan will be filed with the Idaho and Oregon public utility commissions this summer. Additional details on our

2009 IRP are available at http://www.idahopower. com/AboutUs/PlanningFor Future/irp/2009/default. cfm

For nearly a century, Idaho Power has prepared effectively for what may come. We are continuing to acquire renewable generation resources to help serve our growing loads, reduce our carbon footprint, and to position our resource portfolio to meet future climate change legislation requirements – all while working to keep our costs down. In the next 100 years, we'll continue this diligence to fulfill our commitment to providing long-term, financially responsible solutions that support sustainability, community and you.

Karl Bokenkamp of Meridian is the general manager of power supply operations and planning for Idaho Power.

Existing					
Name	Location	MW			
Fossil Gulch	West of Hagerman	10.5			
Jarolimek Farms	South of Burley	.02			
Myers Turbine	Jerome	.02			
Mathews Turbine	Gooding	.02			
Rolfe Turbine	Hagerman	.0018			
	ced planning				
China Mountain	West of Rogerson	300			
Cotterel	East of Malta	225			
Alkali	West of Glenns Ferry	18			
Planned projects	with sales agreements				
Salmon Falls	Northwest of Hagerman	21			
Magic Wind	Hagerman	20			
Cassia Gulch	Northwest of Hagerman	19.8			
Milner Dam	North of Murtaugh	18			
Notch Butte	North of Jerome	18			
Oregon Trail	Northwest of Hagerman	10			
Cassia	Northwest of Hagerman	10.5			
Pilgrim Stage Station	Northwest of Hagerman	10.5			
Thousand Springs	Northwest of Hagerman	10.5			
Tuana Gulch	Northwest of Hagerman	10.5			
Burley Butte	West of Burley	10.5			
Golden Valley	West of Burley	10.5			
	ctive projects	10.0			
Pioneer Butte	North of Bliss	320			
Smokey Dome	Northwest of Fairfield	305			
Mount Harrison/Connor Ridge	Southeast of Burley	217.5			
Arkoosh	North of Glenns Ferry	152.5			
Sheep Point	Northwest of Fairfield	152.5			
King Hill	King Hill	150			
Hailey	South of Hailey	112.5			
Twin Oaks	Southeast of Fairfield	80			
Simpot Jackpot	East of Rogerson	80			
King's Crown	King Hill	50			
Site 301	East of Malta	50			
Strevell	Southeast of Malta	50			
Bald Mountain	West of Ketchum	42.5			
Magic City	East of Fairfeld	30			
Project 2	Northeast of Rogerson	20			
Simplot Purpa 1	Northeast of Malta	20			
Tuana Springs Energy	Northwest of Hagerman	16.5			
Cotterel Rest Area	Northeast of Malta	10.0			
Bliss Rest Area	West of Bliss	10			
Biggs	East of Malta	1.8			
2,992		1.0			

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wolf advocates should deal with them alone

Well, I see the San Francisco migrants are getting their way again.

First, they wanted the wolves reintroduced (over the objection of most native Idahoans) and, now that the wolves are at their back door, they expect someone else to take care of their problem. You see them whining on the evening news that Fish and Game should come and scare them away. My question is why should Fish and Game do anything?

If Fish and Game can't manage the wolves, then why should the sportsmen of Idaho be footing the bill for a helicopter (at what. about \$3,500 dollars per day) to chase the big bad wolves away. I think the citizens of Sun Valley should have to put up their new revenue allocation own money to rescue themselves. Fish and Game is acting like AIG; it is getting its bailout money, so let's spend it on something other than the sportsmen's wishes. This leads me back to wondering what happened to the original wolf reintroduction to establish 10 breeding pairs. That was accomplished in 1999. I take this was just a lie to get the reintroduction started. By 2004, there were 450 wolves. Now there are 846 wolves in 88 packs according to the Fish and Game Web site. I also keep reading Fish and Game burps about how bad snowmobiles are for wintering game and how it stresses the animals in the winter when they are at there most vulnerable. But I guess a pack of wolves following them around every day doesn't stress the elk as much, huh? The beautiful people up there in Vuarnet Valley are also hoping the wolves will follow the elk back in to the mountains as the snow melts. I guess they sleep better at night knowing that the wolves are dragging away elk calves as they are being born but at least Fifi and Fluffy will be safe in the backyard. DELOY BAKER Jerome

and Jerome have almost 20 percent of their city's total tax base in tax increment. Coeur d'Alene is 12 percent, Burley more than 25 percent and Dover's tops all with 40 percent of its assessed value in tax increment. The associated impact is felt by every taxpayer in these areas. State Rep. Phil Hart, R-

Athol, is bringing forward this year's only effort to tighten the law. He is offering House Bill 244 for consideration by the whole House later this week. Rep. Hart's bill offers three basic changes:

1. It clarifies the time line for the revenue allocation area to 24 and bans any extensions.

2. The bill requires a yearly report of the base and total assessed value of property within the district.

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their ideals that allow for groups like the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian **Bisexual and Transgenders** and Lion's Pride to petition their government for a redress of grievances? I say kudos to these two groups for exercising their rights.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of

the people peaceably to

homosexuals.

Why did God give me a larger hypothalamus? Why did God create me as a gay male? Why does man continue to persecute a minority gender class God created?

As a taxpaying American citizen, I deserve the right to choose who I marry just like you. The standard deduction for married couples is twice the standard deduction for unmarried individuals. How is that "fair"? Dona, I bet that you enjoy all of your special rights! I want the same access to the special rights you already enjoy! **BRIAN McMANUS**

The good old days were pretty good

his fall marks the 20th anniversary of my parents deciding to wade into the

American dream. In 1989, they decided to stop living as renters in a bad Anaheim, Calif., neighborhood, scrape together their tomato-canner and truck-driver salaries, and buy a three-bedroom. two-bath, one-pool house in a slightly better Anaheim neighborhood. Soon, other Hispanic immigrants moved onto the same street, displacing members of the Greatest Generation who retired elsewhere or who just didn't appreciate our fondness for brightening their stucco paradise with wrought-iron fences, palm trees, rose bushes and chickens.

My parents and siblings still live there, but now the Arellanos are one of three families that remain from when we moved in. In the last five years alone, we've seen the next generation of renters and buyers try vainly to keep up with escalating mortgages, only to fail and either lose their homes or bring in family members to help carry the burden.

My parents' generation of Mexicans came to this country with nothing many of them illegally and they still live as if they were back on the rancho. Yet all of my uncles, aunts and their middle-aged Mexican immigrant friends own their homes. And they are in many ways better positioned to weather this recession than the sons and daughters they encouraged to educate themselves and aspire to better lives.

Many of the kids of my generation still live at home or room with friends, and will for the foreseeable future. We don't even have the option anymore, as we used to laughingly threaten, to move back to our ancestral villages and live in our family homes. Mexico's hellish narco-war has killed that idea. So we're left with this fact: The immigrants of my parents' generation are better off than their educated

GUSTAVO ARELLANO

worked for 30 years, shut down. Now she works odd jobs. My father was laid off recently by the trucking company he worked for. (Anyone looking for a troquero with 20-plus years of experience? Call me!)

But my parents bought a house in a time when real estate was a lot cheaper, and their mortgage is affordable. The house will be paid off within the decade, free of refinancing or any stupid-human mortgage tricks.

My parents are also more nimble, better positioned than many people to find work in bad times. My father, with his fourthgrade education, has worked as a carpet cutter, a pool cleaner, a janitor, a gardener and even a pro bono Alcoholics Anonymous counselor. Even now, he's willing to learn another trade – anything that will keep him out of the welfare or unemployment line. That, he has always told me, would be a supreme insult, not only to his pride but to his adopted country.

I have a white-collar career, a master's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and no debt or children, but I can barely pay the rent on my humble, onebedroom apartment, let alone imagine owning a place of my own. My mom and dad have long encouraged me to buy, but I see too much volatility, despise the mortgage racket and · frankly – will not pay three times what my parents did for a similar-quality abode.

My parents came from a generation of nothing, an existence in which the sword of poverty dangled above families daily, teaching them to always prepare for the worst. My peers and I, spoiled on the Reagan-era notion of faith in money, stand at the edge of economic despair with few tools for coping other than constant Internet access. Mom, Dad and my tios y tias will survive. Me? That bunk bed I shared

URA bill a responsible change to our laws

There's \$3.6 billion in tax -increment value controlled by Idaho's Urban Renewal Agencies. It's a statewide problem, affecting every region. Of the 44 counties in our state, more than half have URAs within their borders. Caldwell

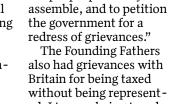
3. Before establishing a area, it requires approval by a majority of the taxing districts in the impact area.

Please ask your legislators for responsible changes to the Urban Renewal Law! http://www.legislature.ida ho.gov/house/house, or call the Capitol (208) 332-1933.

MARY SOUZA Coeur d'Alene

Congrats to groups for petitioning government

Get back to basics and observe the original writings of our Founding Fathers? Absolutely! But wait, didn't our Founding Fathers come to America to escape religious persecution? And doesn't the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution clearly spell out their beliefs for religious freedoms and



without being represented. I too am being taxed unequally to my heterosexual counterparts. You might come back and say "Well, then marry a girl."

I counter with the following: It has been scientifically proven that the brain and the hypothalamus is gendered within the first trimester of a pregnancy and that the gendered brain may not match the body's gender due to androstendione, a stress hormone similar to testosterone that binds to receptors that testosterone should have bound to creating a female hypothalamus in a male body, creating a third gender class - males, females and

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Twin Falls

American kids.

It's not that my parents' generation is unaffected by the recession. My mother was on its leading edge. In 1997, she lost her job when the iconic Hunt-Wesson tomato cannery where she

with my brother for 15 years is sure looking good.

Gustavo Arellano is the author of "Orange County: A Personal History." He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.



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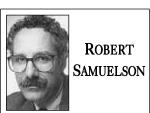
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Tim Geithner's taxpayer-owned hedge fund

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



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.

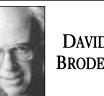
How to pay it back? Washington hasn't a clue

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.

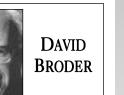
The Congressional Budget Office sketched the dimensions of the problem



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



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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 eve 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

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 futureblighting mountain of debt.

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NATION & WORLI 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 initiato rein in Wall Street and broaden government's reach.

watershed than the bustle and scope where it could wilt. of the past few days.

Obama's treasury secretary, paid plan to help rid banks of their toxic assets. Geithner rolled out a comanother meltdown. Congressional Democrats worked to put their own

imprint on a budget full of ambition partly motivated by Obama's first world looks like now - it's a big 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 everexpanding financial markets, and tives that capitalize on the recession promising greater influence over health care, energy and education.

Just as government proved it Nothing better illustrated this could flex its muscle, it also showed says former Rep. Mickey Edwards,

After days of fuming over bonuses by insurer American Timothy Geithner, touched off a International Group Inc., Obama are to have the U.S. government Wall Street rally with a long-awaited and members of Congress checked their tantrums and moved on. The House and Senate budgets prehensive overhaul of financial embraced Obama's policy priorities. regulations in hopes of avoiding but lawmakers delayed difficult the rest of the world of our leaderdecisions on how to pay for them.

The flurry coincided with and was

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," an Oklahoma Republican and Princeton University lecturer.

"Proposals that are being made 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 ship, or how do we have a regulatory system that works with what the

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.'

New name

for WTC

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



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.

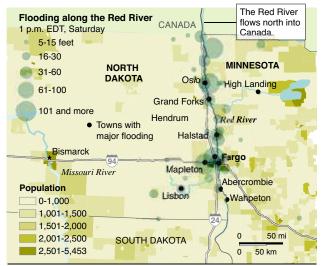
Fargo gets good news with new forecast

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-thanexpected 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 SOURCES: National Weather Service; ESRI 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 p.m., it had dropped to 40.53, and hopefully things will a significant shift from earlicontinue to drop." Forecasters say the river is retreating because cold temperatures have been freezing the dikes protecting Fargo. 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



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 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

years. GM is seeking another \$16.6 billion, while Chrvsler 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.

time that water thaws, the down in their efforts to fend mile-long stretch of sandbag 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 er forecasts that predicted the river would crest as high as 43 feet – the same level as

Despite the revised fore-

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.

AP

off the floodwaters, deploy-

ing high-tech Predator drone

aircraft, calling up more

look for any breaches in lev-

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Bruce Boelter walked the flowing into the river. By the cast, officials did not back entire length of a roughly dike to eyeball the manmade wall separating his subdivision and the Red River. National Guard troops and Neighbor Tony Guck joined asking residents to form him halfway. Each felt a speneighborhood dike patrols to cial stake in the dike they helped build.

"If we don't protect this, Walaker and other officials it's gonna get us. It's basically have made it clear that they for our own security," said welcomed the extra help Guck, 42. "I'm just planning from residents to monitor the on coming out every six hours and walking it."

2013 - no longer has thesame 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 Iersev. 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 102story 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.

Study: Triathlons can pose deadly heart risks

"They might prepare for a triathlon by swimming laps in their pool.

That's a lot different than swimming in a lake or a river."

- Dr. Kevin Harris, a cardiologist at the Minneapolis Heart Institute

at Abbott Northwestern Hospital

By Marilynn Marchione Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. Warning to weekend war-Swim-bike-run riors: triathlons pose at least twice marathons do, the first study of these competitions has found.

The risk is mostly from canstry one. heart problems during the swimming part. And while that risk is low – about 15 out of a million participants study's author says.

the risk of sudden death as demanding exercise. Each ferent than swimming in a men's marathon Olympic year, about 1,000 of these lake or a river." events are held and several hundred thousand Ameri-

just signs up to do," often Florida. The Minneapolis without a medical checkup institute's foundation sponto rule out heart problems, sored the work and tracks it's not inconsequential, the said Dr. Kevin Harris, a cardiologist at the Minneapolis Triathlons are soaring in Heart Institute at Abbott popularity, especially as Northwestern Hospital. made headlines in November charity fundraisers. They are "They might prepare for a 2007 when 28-year-old freezing cold water knows thrashing around. You have drawing many people who triathlon by swimming laps Ryan Shay died while com-

sented results Saturday at an these 26.2-mile running American "It's something someone Cardiology conference in athlete-related sudden deaths in a national registry.

Marathon-related deaths

He led the study and pre- every million participants in tion. College of races, there will be four to eight deaths.

> The rate for triathletes is far higher -15 out of a million, the new study shows. the swim portion, usually the is the stress of competition. first event.

not used to such in their pool. That's a lot dif- peting in New York in the Dr. Lori Mosca, preventive to drown," Mosca said.

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 trials. Statistics show that for Hawaii's Ironman competi-

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

"It's quite frightening – "Anyone that jumps into there are hundreds of people the stress on the heart," said to keep going or you're going







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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.

involved in advertising a CIA recruiting event at their school next month. part of a five-year-old pro-After all, a well-paid, secure government job, even one touched by controversy, may appeal to soon-to-be sities throughout the councollege graduates who try. might never have considered a spy career in better selling itself to bright young economic times."All we candidates, especially those hear today is about the bad who speak key languages economy and how this is such as Mandarin and Farsi basically the worst time to or who studied economics graduate. But the CIA is or computer engineering. very interested in hiring The schools - USC, graduating seniors and is Michigan State and the targeting USC students," University of New Mexico said Allison Kosty, a politi- for the current semester -

"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 ... so that's a huge bonus for us." - Allison Kosty, a political science major at USC who is working on the CIA campaign

agency as an attractive working on the CIA cam- marketing employer, say USC students paign. "So that's a huge bonus for us."

She and 26 classmates are gram that has joined the CIA with students in marketing courses at 30 univer-

The agency wants help

The timing during such a cal science major who is in a say they want their studeep recession helps sell the class of USC students dents to gain real-world 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 suggestion for a slogan 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 suggested that such a

international brands for search might turn up infor- she said. "And your life 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 make a difference globally," 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 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

toy-maker Mattel Inc. mation 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 College, according to CIA

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 spokesman George Little.



SW Idaho parent pleads guilty in death of son

old southwest Idaho woman tion with the two surviving has pleaded guilty to two children being removed counts of felony injury to a from the home. A judge suschild following the death of pended a six-year prison her 11-month-old son.

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

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 pro- District Judge Timothy bation after previously Hansen asked her to explain

BOISE (AP) – A 25-year- injury to a child in connecsentence to place him on

Authorities say Loos and Azary relied on their 6year-old daughter to care for her two brothers, one 2 Her son died in October 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 being found guilty of felony the conditions in the home.

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fghan, Pakistani leaders praise new U.S. plan

By Sebastian Abbot Associated Press writer

and Pakistan on Saturday also holed up in Pakistan praised the new U.S. strategy for dealing with growing violence in the two countries. The overarching countries, with the Afghan goal of the new strategy is president saying the plan to "disrupt, dismantle and to reconcile with moderate defeat" al-Qaida in the Taliban militants was better than expected and his ian and military assistance Pakistani focusing on using development to fight extremism.

announced the new stratewhere violence has been been launching cross-border attacks from sanctuar-

cover for al-Qaida opera-KABUL – Afghanistan tives who Obama said are and planning attacks against the U.S. and other region by increasing civilcounterpart on both sides of the

The violence provides

ies in Pakistan.

Afghan-Pakistani border. But serious questions President Barack Obama remain, including whether the new effort will congy Friday with the hope of vince Pakistan to crack reversing the deteriorating down on militants operatsituation in Afghanistan, ing in its territory and whether the U.S. and increasing from Taliban Afghanistan can agree on militants who fled the 2001 which Taliban fighters on reconciliation Saturday, dinated assistance to his U.S.-led invasion and have should be approached for reconciliation.



AP photo 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.

Afghan President Hamid country under the new Karzai praised pledges of U.S. plan and Obama's In addition to focusing increased and better-coor- focus on countering mili-

tant sanctuaries Pakistan.

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

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said billions of extreme poverty that has dollars in additional civilian aid will help his government fight extremism without reconciliation and promised he would not among former enemies," allow Pakistani territory to be used for terrorism though offered no new measures.

"The U.S. presidency's Parliament.

ation with the Taliban as a help Afghanistan rebuild key way to tamp down the and \$1.5 billion in annual growing insurgency in civilian aid to Pakistan for Afghanistan. The Bush the next five years.

in administration generally opposed the idea, but Obama stressed reconcilielements of the Taliban on Friday.

"In a country with been at war for decades, there will also be no peace Obama said.

The reconciliation proposal is arguably the most novel part of the new plan, which is focused mostly on new approach represents a increasing the scale of positive change," Zardari ongoing initiatives said in a speech to promising 4,000 additional troops to train the Karzai has long champi- Afghan army, hundreds oned the idea of reconcili- more civilian specialists to



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

"We've got a long week ahead. The streets are our streets." - Christian Evans, 40, an anarchist supporter in London

with banners reading "Capitalism is a mistake" and chants of "Revolution." More protests are planned in London on Wednesday and Thursday,

Clashes follow arrest of influential U.S. ally

Los Angeles Times

forces arrested a Sunni paramilitary leader in Baghdad on Saturday, security officials said, in ginalizing of the movement of former insurgents arrest. who helped turn the tide against al-Qaida in Iraq.

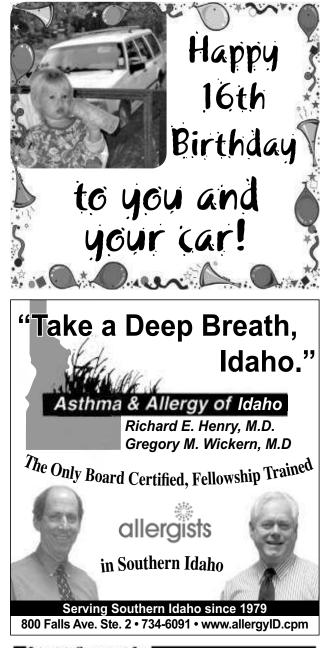
head of the Sons of Iraq eastern Baghdad neighforces on suspicion of involvement in sectarian killings, police said.

Soon after his arrest, policeman and three civilsaid. Mashaadani's sup-

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

The U.S. military did the latest sign of the mar- not respond to requests for a comment about the

Mashaadani is a controversial figure who often Adel Mashaadani, the has made inflammatory remarks about the Shiiteparamilitary group in the led Iraqi government, accusing its officials of borhood of Fadhil, was links to Iran. But his arrest detained by Iraqi military marked the potential silencing of another significant Sunni fighter and could poison his supporters' relations with the Mashaadani's supporters Americans, who had clashed with the Iraqi relied on them to control security forces, and one the poverty-stricken area of narrow streets and ians were killed, police alleys where extremists once held sway.



justice and environmental fairly. If we can unleash a toward the end of the ins, lectures, and other accountability, kicking off technological revolution demonstration, and the demonstrations are schedsix days of protest and action planned in the run- that everyone on this planet cars were broken. up to the G20 summit next gets the food, the shelter week in London.

In London, more than 150 they need," he said. groups threw their backing behind the "Put People focused on the economic that read "We won't pay for First" march. Police said main message. around 35,000 attended the demonstration, snaking Palestine." One their way across the city toward Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park. Protest organizers said they wanted leaders transparent and democratic economic recovery plan.

heads an umbrella group for Britain's unions, told assembled protesters in 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

then surely we can ensure windows of some police and the health care that

Some chanted "Free, free. dressed in a banana suit waved a sign reading: "Bananas for Justice?"

Big protests were also parliament. from the world's top 20 held in Germany. Around economies to adopt a more 15,000 people gathered in focused group of around Berlin, and a demonstration also was held in Frankfurt, Brendan Barber, who Germany's banking capital, under the slogan: "We won't pay for your crisis."

London's Hyde Park that sported headbands reading ing around colored bills "pay for it yourselves" and some carried a black coffin written on them. topped with red roses symbolizing what they said was wing groups in Geneva the death of capitalism.

demand jobs, economic distribute that wealth more skirmished with police while left-leaning teach-

In Vienna, around 6,500 people gathered in the citv center, with paper piggy Not all demonstrators banks, balloons or signs crisis" vour and "Capitalism can't be man reformed." Others blew whistles, chanted or danced to music blasting from trucks or a stage in front of

In Paris, a small but 400 protesters dumped a pile of sand outside the city's stock market to mock supposed island tax havens. Protesters sat atop the sand Demonstrators in Berlin pile in beach chairs – tosswith "5,000 euros, tax free"

Trade unions and leftne death of capitalism. mobilized some 250 people "The streets are our Some protesters in Berlin who marched through town streets."

uled 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 law firm of PEDERSEN AND WHITEHEAD is pleased to announce that Brian J. Hilverda has joined the firm as a new associate.

Brian attended Brigham Young University and the University of Idaho College of Law. Brian is a member of the Idaho State Bar, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association and American Bar Association. Prior to working for the firm he worked as an intern in the Idaho's Fifth Judicial District and as a law clerk to the U.S. Senate. He also has several years experience working in the insurance industry. Brian specializes in areas of Personal Injury Wrongful Death, and Insurance Bad Faith/Fraud Cases. He is also fluent in Spanish. He is a native to Twin Falls graduating from Twin Falls High school, and Brian and his family are excited to return to the place he calls home here in the Magic Valley.

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From Antarctica to the pyramids, lights dim for Earth Hour

By Vanessa Gera Associated Press writer

an Antarctic research base to and monuments. Among palace in Granada against the Great Pyramids of Egypt and beyond, the world Wall, where floodlights norswitched off the lights on mally illuminate 10-foot Cup qualifier against Serbia Saturday for Earth Hour, statues of John Calvin and posed a dilemma for dimming skyscrapers, city other streets and some of the Protestantism. The city's world's most recognizable motto engraved on either lights?," the 7plus daily monuments for 60 minutes side of the statues is: "After asked in its main front-page to highlight the threat of climate change.

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 reached be in to 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 ambitions 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 Day for the first time. Meanwhile, the Swiss city

of Geneva switched off the them were the Reformation leaders darkness, light?"

All of Spain's 52 provincial

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such as the royal palace and support for a new climate parliament in Madrid, the Guggenheim museum in BONN, Germany – From lights on theaters, churches Bilbao, and the Alhambra moon called Earth Hour "a darkening dusk skies.

A key 2010 football World of Romanians. "Shall we watch the match or turn off the headline.

Time zone by time zone, capitals turned off some New York and other facilities nearly 4,000 cities and lights an hour after sunset, were dimming their lights to towns in 88 countries joined silhouetting unlit landmarks signal the need for global

of Us.

treaty.

U.N. Secretary Ban Kiworld to send a clear message: They want action on climate change."

at Beijing's Bird's Nest packed with bars and out-Stadium and Water Cube, door cafes. way for the citizens of the the most prominent 2008 Olympic venues.

minister switched off the saved worldwide.

China participated for the lights on Khao San Road, a first time, cutting the lights haven for budget travelers

Earth Hour organizers say there's no uniform way to In Bangkok, the prime measure how much energy is





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 speeddating 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 runwavs.

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



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'PULSE' 2008-09 MAGIC VALLEY PREP BOYS BASKETBALL MVP OF **BRUINS**



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

Pulsifer helped turn TFHS hoops around

MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

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.

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.

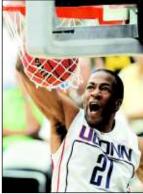
Enter 6-foot-1 freshman Kemba Walker, who matched a career high with 23 points as the top-seeded Huskies held off Missouri 82-75 in the West Regional final on Saturday. UConn earned a trip to Detroit and extended the Big East's dominance of the NCAA tournament.

UConn is headed to its 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 11point 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 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.

third Final Four, where it Hasheem Thabeet, who will meet either Big East 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," I'm just elated," UConn Price said. "He played like a man among boys today."

See UCONN, Sports 5



By Bradley Guire • Times-News writer

here's always 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 thirdplace 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 we 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 unbe-

lievable thing I've ever seen," Marcus Jardine said. "When he's getting 20 boards

See **PULSIFER**, Sports 4

Honorable mention: Trevor Peck. Carev: Ross Arellano. Glenns Ferry; Jake Hanchey, Twin Falls; Michael Lezamiz, Richfield; Jared Mumm,

The best around

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

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 lastsecond 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 thirdseeded 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.

SPORTS

CSI polishes off E. Utah

Times-News

They weren't nearly as ry, a streak which has shot lopsided as Friday's victo- the team from tied for ries at the College of second-to-last in Eastern Utah, but they all the Scenic West count the same to the Athletic College of Southern Idaho Conference to baseball team.

9-7 win in eight innings in ond-place a couple of times before next weekend. taking the lead for good in four-game sweep.



within touching After scratching out a distance of sec-Southern Saturday's opener, CSI Nevada ahead of the had to battle from behind Coyotes' trip to Twin Falls ing from Tyler Curtis in

> "This is typically the guys had great mentalities the sixth. Trent Johnson

The Game 2 win gave at the plate. We didn't ended up picking up the current streak makes for a waste an at-bat all week-

> experience of winning some close games will help us down the road." CSI (19-15, SWAC) 12-8 wasted a solid out -

Game 1, after he threw 52-

3 innings of shutout ball the top of the seventh of a time of year that we get and helped hold a 7-0 more respectable record at we got off to is pretty 10-7 victory in the second hot," said CSI coach lead, only to see it slip the midway point of the good. But I hope we're game, which polished off a Boomer Walker. "All day, entirely in the bottom of SWAC season.

win, tossing 1 1-3 innings end, I don't think. of relief as CSI scored Hopefully this twice in the top of the eighth.

In Game 2, the teams went back and forth until Nate Carlson and Andy Fox hit back-to-back solo home runs in the top of the ride this (streak) as long as seventh inning to settle matters.

Walker hopes that the next 20 (games)."

better second half, one which could yet see the Golden Eagles challenging for the regular-season title if they can build on the platform they've erected for themselves.

"We know we have to we can, because there's going to be another rough CSI, 9-15 and 3-8 in the spot somewhere along the SWAC before the recent road," Walker said. "To be tear, finds itself at a much 12-8 with as bad a start as better than 12-8 in the

CSI softball falls twice to SLCC

Times-News

Another pair of losses has pushed the Golden Eagles further from their attempt to overtake the Bruins as the Scenic West Athletic Conference leader.

The No. 7-ranked Salt Lake Community College softball team finished a four-game sweep of No. 10 College of Southern Idaho Saturday, winning 8-1 and 10-3 in Salt Lake City. CSI (28-14-2, 21-9) is now seven games back of Salt Lake (32-5, 29-3) in the SWAC.

The Eagles took their first lead of the series during Game 1 when they went up 1-0, but a disaster of an inning quickly put the Bruins back on top as Salt Lake was able to score four runs off pitcher Generra Nielson. She was relieved with the bases loaded, but Brie Dimond walked the next two batters for two more Salt Lake runs.

"The umpires were tight on us," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "I thought we were throwing fairly decent pitches. We didn't adjust."

Stranded base runners were another familiar sight as CSI left seven on.

"It was indicative of the whole weekend," Baumert said. "We didn't get a hit when we needed it."

Another big Salt Lake inning in Game 2 paved the way for the Bruin sweep. CSI took an early lead once more, but eight unearned runs in the bottom of the second gave Salt Lake a decided advantage.

The series could be viewed as a complete meltdown, but Baumert is choosing to see the positive side of a weekend like this.

"You play a team like Salt Lake, obviously a quality team, and they show where your holes are," Baumert said. "They were pretty glaring this week. It was tough, but it's exciting on the other hand. We'll get to work on starting to fill those holes."

The Golden Eagles will have two more weekends at home before embarking on back-to-back trips to Nevada and a likely trip to Salt Lake City for the Region 18 tournament. CSI will host Snow College for doubleheaders this Friday and Saturday at Eagle Field. Thirdplace North Idaho College, which is one game back of CSI following a four-game sweep of Snow College, comes to Twin Falls on April 10-11.

Buhl baseball drops doubleheader Game 1

Times-News

The Buhl baseball team fell to 5-5 Saturday after dropping a home doubleheader to District III team Payette. The Indians lost 9-3 and 6-4 to a team they faced last year at the Class 3A state tournament.

"It gives us a perspective of where we stand statewise," Buhl coach Troy Ruhter said. The Indians were able to position runners on base but couldn't come up with enough timely hits to score more runs. Payette also played error-free ball.

(2-0 Indians The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) will travel to Wendell Monday for a single conference game.





Extra-base hits – 2B: Payette, Pollock, Travis Blackwell: Buhl. Cader Owen, Matt Hamitlon, James

BURLEY DROPS TWO

The Burley baseball team suffered a pair of losses on the final day of the Buck's Bags Spring Classic in Boise. The Bobcats fell 9-7 to Hood River Valley (Ore.) and 1-0 to Highland High.



Buhl High School's Dylan Brooks (3) pitches the ball during the Indians' doubleheader against Payette Saturday afternoon in Buhl.

Glenns Ferry's 18 hits in the it rolling." game.

"That second game our bats really came alive," said Glenns Ferry coach Dennis Uhl. "Our pitching was very good, very pleased with that, and our defense was very good. One error in two games, that's the best defense we've played all in the fifth inning to ease year."

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MINICO 11, VALLIVUE 2

final game of the Buck's Bags Spring Classic.

Landon Barnes went 5 2-3 innings for the win, while Dylan Winmill led

Tournament in Boise, falling 6-1 to Caldwell High and 4-0 to Meridian.

"It was tough to watch," said Twin Falls coach Ken Johnson. "We just totally came out flat and just didn't get it done."

The Bruins had 10 hits, Minico scored five runs including three doubles, against Caldwell, but past Vallivue 11-2 in the scored only one run. Caldwell belted 15 hits and benefitted from three Twin Falls errors.

Katelyn Fjeld scattered five hits against Meridian,

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Tennis MADISON 8, TWIN FALLS 4

Twin Falls got two wins each in boys and girls singles, but couldn't consolidate that advantage in the doubles department and ended up falling 8-4 to Madison in Rexburg on Saturday.

Trent Petty and Daniel Olson won their boys singles matches for the Bruins, while Camille Flournoy and Elizabeth Middleton won for the Twin Falls girls. All six doubles teams were defeated, however.

hosts Twin Falls Century on Tuesday.

Madison 8, Twin Falls 4

Boys singles: Trent Petty, Trini Falls, def. Cole Barton 6-3, 6-3; Daniel Olson, Twin Falls, def. Desmond Miles 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3); Alex George, Madison, def. Aaron Cutler, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Girls singles: Camille Flournoy, Twin Falls, def. Courtney Hazzard, Madison, 6-0, 2-6, 7-5; Becky George, Madison, def. Brooke Johnson 6-1, 6-1; Elizabeth Middleton, Twin Falls, def. Tracy Walz 6-1, 6-2.

6-2. Boys doubles: Kendell Kaizer and Shane Peterson, Madison, def. Andrew Harmon and Andrew Bortz 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-2; Alex Ereffler and Steve Hallom, Madison, def. Jeff Ward and Casey Petty, 6-4, 4-6,

6-4. Girls doubles: Becca Mills and Sarah Erickson, uns ouuples: Becca MIIIs and Sarah ErcKson, Madison, def. Emily LaPatra and Emina Mesic 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Liz Hanson and Hannah Pieper, Madison, def. McKenzie Baggett and Carly Athay 6-3, 6-4, **Mixed doubles**: Jake Drexter and Lexi Londin, Madison, def. Scott Tikalsky and Sydney Storms 6-4, 6-0; Jared Wygren and Brianne Erickson, Madison, def. Mike Zitterkopf and Rachel Webster 6-1 6-3. 6-1.6-3

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 Clark, Reilee O'Brien (5) and Kim Weese. W: Clark. L: Nielson.

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Twin Falls 3, Mountain View 2

Four first-innings errors left Burley down 4-0 to Hood River Valley. The Bobcats battled to within 9-7 in the bottom of the final inning and had the bases loaded with no outs and their Nos. 2-4 hitters coming to bat. But consecutive strikeouts and a groundout ended the game.

"Don't be afraid to be successful. To be successful you've got to put yourself out there and be vulnerable," Burley coach Devin in Boise on Saturday. Kunz told his players after the loss.

dandy for Burley, but got no classed "a pitcher's duel" fell to 5-8 overall and finished 2-2 at the tournament.

Burley travels to Preston for a Tuesday doubleheader.

GLENNS FERRY DOMINATES IN SWEEP OF MELBA

Adrian Martinez, Cody Crawshaw and John Acord combined to shut out Melba over 12 innings, allowing just four hits as Glenns Ferry earned an Saturday.

Martinez fanned 12 batopener. The Pilot freshman got ahead of batters regularly and was around the strike zone all day, finding the zone with 72 of his 96 pitches.

Pilots (3-4).

Crawshaw, with Marsing in mind, threw just four innings but struck out seven, and Acord mopped up the fifth of the 10-0 run-rule win in Game 2. The duo plus Gabe Arevalo things this weekend.

-base hit enns Ferry, Michael Crane. Erik Gutierrez, Rory Hance.

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Glenns Ferry 010100 - 261 Melba 000000 - 020 Adrian Martinez and Cody Crawshaw; Josh Silver and Ike Greenfield. W: Martinez (2-2). L: Silver.

Game 2 ■enns Ferry 10, Metha 0, five innings Glenns Ferry 360 10 - 10 18 0 Metha 000 00 - 0 2 0 Melba 000 - 0 20 Cody Crawshaw, John Acord (5) and Rory Hance; Jay Bangerter and Josh Silver. W: Crawshaw (1-1). L: Bangerter. Extra-base hits - 2B: Crawshaw, Acord.

TWIN FALLS 3, MOUNTAIN VIEW 2

T.J. Ellis scored on a passed ball in the top of the seventh inning to give Twin Falls a 3-2 win over Mountain View in the Bruins' final game of the Buck's Bags Spring Classic

Jacob Coats picked up the win in what Twin Falls Edgar Perez pitched a coach Tim Stadelmeir run support as the Bobcats that was settled by an alert baserunning move that stood out from a mistakeladen day on the basepaths.

"We had some opportunities to break it open ... we didn't run the bases well today. But that gives us something to work on this week," said Stadelmeir. and current Mountain Adam Reynolds. View coach Matt Rasmussen) does a good job with his kids, they play hard. We came up with the emphatic road sweep on timely hitting we needed."

The Bruins (11-2) have won seven games in a row, ters, including six straight, heading into the first game in a 2-0 victory in the of a two-day home-andhome with Minico, set for Bill Ingram Field on Tuesday.

"I'm pleased with the way we're playing right Bonneville on Thursday. now. We started swinging Mike Crane doubled and our bats, but our pitching scored both runs for the was outstanding all weekend," said Stadelmeir. "We got four quality starts, and Monday's game with if you can have four pitchers that can keep you in games you're going to be pretty successful in high school baseball.

"We did a lot of good

the charge at the plate with striking out five with only two doubles.

Falls on Tuesday.

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Extra-base hits – 2B: Minico, Barak Frank, Dylan Winmill (2); Vallivue, Wood.

Softball

JEROME PLAYS EXTRA IN BOISE

The Jerome softball team went to extra innings twice on the final day of the ISG Tournament in Boise. The Tigers beat Bishop Kelly 3-2 in eight innings as Whitney Jones' RBI single brought home T.J. Surrage for the deciding run. Ashley Morrell gave up just two hits and kept Bishop Kelly scoreless for six innings.

Jerome dropped an 11-4 game to Columbia, suffering seven errors in the process.

"(Former Twin Falls coach us," said Jerome coach

The Tigers appeared on their way to a win over Idaho Falls, leading 10-7 in the top of the eighth when innings. the game was called. The teams were tied 7-7 after seven regulation innings.

"I'm pretty pleased with how the weekend went," was 3-1 in Boise before the Idaho Falls game.

The 6-2 Tigers travel to

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TWIN FALLS LOSES TWO Twin Falls suffered two combined for nine of Hopefully we can keep losses to close the ISG

one walk. But Twin Falls Minico (3-7) is at Twin mustered only one hit and committed four errors.

> The Bruins (5-6) look to bounce back Wednesday as they visit Burley for a single game.

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FILER SWEPT AT MARSH VALLEY

Marsh Valley scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to knock off Filer 5-3 in the opener of a doubleheader Saturdav in Arimo, before finishing off the sweep with a 10-0, six-inning victory in the nightcap.

The Wildcats (1-2) took the early lead in "That pretty much killed Game 1 but were made to pay for leaving runners stranded. The second game got out of hand early, with the Wildcats trailing 5-0 after just two

"The first game we played really good, came out and did a great job. We hit really good and played real tough defense, it just said Reynolds, whose team came down to having runners on base to tie it up and just couldn't get it done," said Filer coach Todd Mansfield. "The second game, we had an injury right off the bat before we even got started and it kind of rolled downhill from there. The first-inning home run really took the wind out of our sails. Other than that I thought we played really well. Marsh Valley is a really good tough team."

> Filer is at Wendell on Tuesday.

Amateur golf

SCHANIEL. WRIGHT LEAD BEST BALL

Chase Schaniel and Isaac Wright combined for a best-ball 65 round at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, good enough for a one-shot lead in the gross standings of the men's championship flight of the 2009 Cove-Pepsi Best Ball tournament.

Schaniel and Wright are one shot ahead of two teams, including Mike Rawls and Gary Duncan, and Todd Ostrom and James Ray.

Doug Mackay and Bob Moody, in fourth place and two shots back in the gross standings, lead the net standings.

The final round is today.

2009 Cove-Pepsi Best Ball At Twin Falls Municipal GC Saturday's first round results Mer's championship flight Gross: 1. Chase Schaniel and Isaac Wright, 65; 2.

(tie) Mike Rawls and Gary Duncan. Todd Ostrom and James Ray, 66; 4. Doug Mackay and Bob Moody, 67; 5. (tie) Carl Sklavos and Gary Burkett, Chad Urie and Doug Reeves, 68; 7. John Sfingi and David Clark, 69; 8. Gary Phillips and Salvador Acevedo, 70: 9. Earl Clyde Molyneux and Rod Reeves, 72; 10. Dirk Reitsma and Jeff Wood, 74. Net: 1. Doug Mackay and Bob Moody, 62; 2. (tie) Gary Phillips and Salvador Acevedo, Mike Rawls and Gary Duncan, Todd Ostrom and James Ray, Chase Schaniel and Isaac Wright, 63; 6. John Sfingi and David Clark, 64; 7. Chad Urie and Doug Reeves, 65; 8. Earl Clyde Molyneux and Rod Reeves, 66; 9. (tie) Carl Sklavos and Gary Burkett Dirk Reitsma and Jeff Wood, 67.

Men's first flight Net: 1. Shawn Florke and Jake Wanhaa, 67; 2. Tom Standley and Duane Schneberger, 68; 3. (tie) Dan Schnoebelen and Brad Smith, Wes Startin and Shay Lawley, Alan Mulkey and Brad Richards, Jeff Malina and Danny Hite, 69; 7. Steve Root and Cory Ochsner, 70; 8. (tie) Chris Schmahl and Steve Hofland, Jim Astorquia and Henri Lemoyne, Donn Overacker and Stright Sandmark, Larry Amen and Rich Birrell, Jack M. Shetler and Pat Elkin, 73.

Men's second flight Net: 1. Dave Slotten and Tim Andresen, 64; 2. Rob Sellers and Dwavne Wall, 67: 3. Harold Stroud and Blaine Mcallister, 69; 4. Art Rather and C. Skaggs, 73; 5. (tie) Larry Covey and Mike Berg, Bill Schmahl and Brent Powlus, Charlie Cutler and Mike Walker, 74; 8. Brett Semple and Jose Salinas, 76; 9. (tie) Blain Mai and Dave Smith, Steve Birkby and Gerald White, 77.

Ladies flight Net: Javnie Chase and Nancy Elliott, 72: 2. (tie) Chris Sterling and Marguerite Astorquia, Patty Lee and Jean Hanson, 78; 4. Rexann Wheeler and Larie Hash, 80; 5. Nancy Bastida and Joanne Odiaga, 81; 6. Shanna Call and Penny Gentry, 83; 7. (tie) Val Wardle and Heidi Fleshman, Lauralee oloaga and Penny Cash, 85.

Hayley Atiyeh, Shayne Phillips. HR: SLCC, Lisa Riches, Weese.

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Burley

Continued from Sports 1

Campbell and Molly Mills with two outs in the third inning scored five runs and put Burley on top, 9-7.

"We're grouping hits when we need to," Campbell said. "It's not the just top of the order, it's through it. We're getting hits in key situations when we need it."

Burley junior Kailey Jorgensen. pitching just her second varsity game, shook off a rocky start and got into a groove in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

"She pitched with more confidence and pitched stronger when we got back into the game with our bats," Campbell said. "I'm glad the team had confidence behind her to get some things done."

Mills relieved Jorgensen in the sixth with the score tied 9-9, and allowed zero hits the rest of the way while walking one and striking out two.

Shari Hoskins reached on a single to lead off the sixth and she scored the winning run on Koch's hit.

Mills was 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and four RBIs. Courtney Scheer batted 3-for-4 and Koch was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Parish and Campbell each had two RBIs.

Burley hosts Twin Falls on Wednesday.

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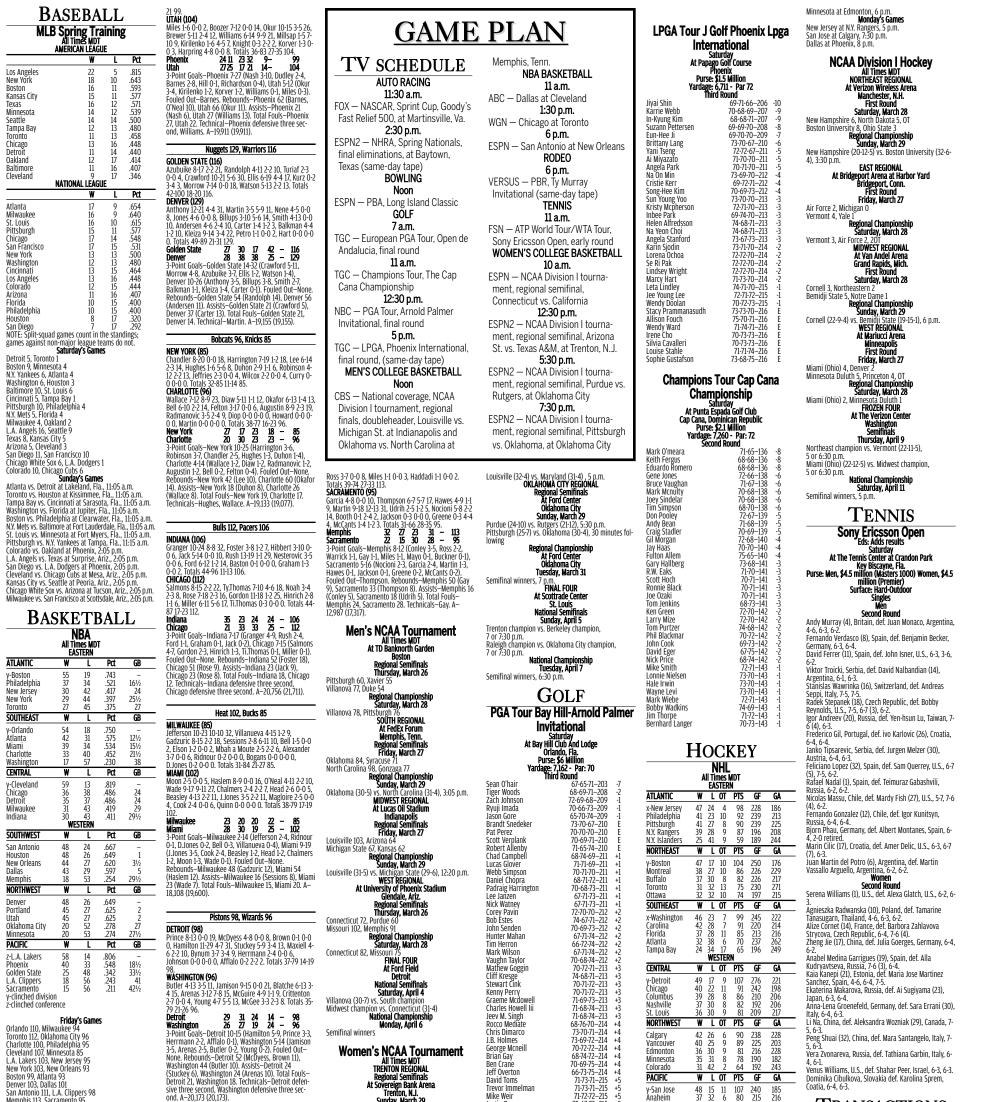
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 Heather and Cierra; Molly Mills and Courtney Scheer. W: Mills. L:
 Extra-base hits – 2B: Burley, Carli Parish, Stacy Campbell. 3B:

Preston, Cierra, Tori

Game 2 Burley 10, Preston 9 Preston 15, 1100 - 990 Burley 045 001 x - 10111 Kai, Shelby (3) and Cierra; Kailey Jorgensen, Molly Mills (6) and Mills, Courtney Scheer (6). W: Mills. L: Kai. Extra-base hits - 28: Burley, Mills (2), Carli Parish, Stacy Campbell, Sydnie Koch. 38: Preston, Holly (2). Texas

SCOREBOARD



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Chicago 112, Indiana 106 Charlotte 96, New York 85		Arizona State (25-8) vs. Texas A&M (27-7), 30 minutes following	James Nitties	70-71-74-215 +5	Los Angeles 31 33 11 73 191 219 Phoenix 31 36 7 69 184 227
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Miami 102, Milwaukee 85	Thornton 6-12 0-2 12, Randolph 5-11 2-4 12, Kaman 4-9	At Sovereign Bank Arena	Kevin Na	69-70-76-215 +5	shootout loss.
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Utah 104, Phoenix 99, OT	HOUSTON (110)	Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.	Skip Kendall	68-73-75-216 +6	Washington 5, Tampa Bay 3
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Sunday's Games	Artest 5-16 0-0 13, Brooks 9-17 0-0 21, Wafer 5-8 0-0	Regional Semifinals	Bill Lunde	72-73-72-217 +7	N.Y. Islanders 2, Detroit 0
Dallas at Cleveland, 11 a.m. Chicago at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.	11, Hayes 2-4 0-1 4, Lowry 3-4 2-2 8, Barry 1-5 0-0 2,	At Haas Pavilion	Tom Lehman	72-73-72-217 +7	Chicago 3, New Jersey 2, OT
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 1:30 p.m.	Cook 1-3 0-0 2, White 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-82 15-18 110.	Berkeley, Ćalif. Saturday, March 28	Retief Goosen	74-71-72-217 +7	Vancouver 4, Colorado 1
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Philadelphia at Detroit, 4 p.m.	Houston 30 27 28 25 - 110	Ohio State (29-5) vs. Stanford (31-4), 30 minutes fol-	Steve Lowery	69-71-77-217 +7	Saturday's Games
Washington at Indiana, 5 p.m.	3-Point Goals–L.A. Clippers 4-12 (Novak 2-4, Taylor 1- 2, Gordon 1-4, Jones 0-2), Houston 9-22 (Artest 3-6,	lowing	Paul Goydos	74-70-74-218 +8 69-73-76-218 +8	Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Oklahoma City at Boston, 5 p.m.	Brooks 3-7, Battier 2-2, Wafer 1-2, Lowry 0-1, Barry 0-	Regional Championship	Jerry Kelly J.J. Henry	68-71-79-218 +8	Nashville 4, Los Angeles 3, OT
San Antonio at New Orleans, 6 p.m.	4). Fouled Out–Hayes. Rebounds–L.A. Clippers 46	At Haas Pavilion	Marc Turnesa	72-73-74-219 +9	Atlanta 6, Ottawa 3 Boston 7, Toronto 5
Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m.	(Randolph 8), Houston 49 (Yao 15). Assists–L.A.	Berkeley, Calif.	Aaron Baddeley	75-68-76-219 +9	Buffalo 4, Montreal 3, SO
Monday's Games	Clippers 16 (Taylor 6), Houston 22 (Lowry, Battier 4).	Monday, March 30	Louis Oosthuizén	72-71-76-219 +9	Carolina 2, New Jersey 1
Orlando at Miami, 5:30 p.m. Milwaukee at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.	Total Fouls–L.A. Clippers 17, Houston 19. Technical–	Iowa State (27-8) vs. Ohio State-Stanford winner,	Kevin Streelman	71-72-76-219 +9	Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
New York at Utah, 7 p.m.	L.A. Clippers defensive three second. A–18,267	7 p.m. Ráleigh regionál	Stuart Appleby	67-72-80-219 +9	Florida 6, Dallas 3
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wempins at dolden state, 0.50 p.m.		At RBC Center	Jeff Klauk	74-70-76-220 +10	Minnesota at Calgary, late
NBA Boxes	Friday's Late NBA Box	Raleigh, N.C.	Richard S. Johnson Woody Austin	70-74-76-220 +10 72-72-76-220 +10	Phoenix at San Jose, late
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Jazz 104, Suns 99, OT	Grizzlies 113, Kings 95	Louisville 56, Baylor 39	Brian Davis	71-73-76-220 +10	St. Louis at Columbus, 3 p.m.
PHOENIX (99)	MEMPHIS (113)	Maryland 78, Vanderbilt 74	Oliver Wilson	72-70-78-220 +10	Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Barnes 5-16 2-2 14, Hill 8-18 3-4 19, O'Neal 6-13 4-5 16,	Gay 8-15 6-10 23, Arthur 2-3 0-0 4, Gasol 8-12 11-11 27,	Regional Championship At RBC Center	Bill Haas	70-75-76-221 +11	Vancouver at Chicago, 5 p.m.
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0-3 2, Dudley 6-12 1-2 15, Dragic 1-4 1-2 3, Swift 2-4 0-0	Warrick 5-10 2-2 13, Jaric 1-2 0-0 2, Buckner 0-3 0-0 0,	Monday, March 30	Peter Lonard	72-72-77-221 +11	Colorado at Anaheim, 6 p.m.
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TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL American League

American League BOSTON RED SOX-Optioned C Dusty Brown and RHP Devern Hansack to Pawtucket (IL). CLEVELAND INDIANS-Optioned OF Trevor Crowe and INF-OF Chris Gimenez to Columbus (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES-Acquired RHP Charles Nolte from Minnesota for RHP Jason Jones. National League ATLANTA BRAVES-Released LHP Jeff Ridgeway. FLORIDA MARLINS-Acquired C Ronny Paulino from San Francisco for RHP Hector Correa. Optioned C Mike Dahelo and C Brett Haves to New Orelance (PCI)

San Francisco for RHP Hector Correa, Optione o Emile Rabelo and C Serti Hayes to New Orelans (PCL). PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned C Robinzon Diaz and OF-IB Steve Pearce to Indianapolis (IL). Assigned INF Anderson Machado to their minor league camp. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed 3B Troy Glaus and LHP Jaime Garcia on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 27

27. WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Optioned RHP Collin Balester to Syracuse (IL). Placed LHP Matt Chico on the 60-day DL. Purchased the contract of 1B Dmitri Young from Syracuse. Assigned INF Jose Castillo, OF Corey Patterson and C Javier Valentin to their minor league camp.

HOCKEY National Hockey League WASHINGTON CAPITALS-Assigned F Keith Aucoin, F Oskar Osala and G Simeon Varlamov to Hershey (AHL).

U.S. rallies for 2-2 tie at El Salvador in World Cup qualifier

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador – Jozy Altidore started the comeback in the 77th minute and Frankie Hejduk scored the tying goal in the 88th as the United States rallied for a 2-2 draw at El Salvador in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday night.

Tiny El Salvador, ranked just 106th in the world, built a 2-0 lead against the No. 17 Americans before a boisterous crowd of 30,500 at Estadio Cuscatlan on goals by Eliseo Quintanilla in the 15th minute and Crisian Castillo in the 72nd.

Brian Ching had a chance to win it seven minutes into injury time but was stopped on an open bicyle kick by defender Mardoqueo Henriquez.

The United States still leads the North and Central American and Caribbean (CONCA-CAF) qualifying group for the World Cup after two games with four points. The Americans host Trinidad and Tobago on Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn.

COLLEGE HOOPS **Findlay wins Division II title**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Tyler Evans made his only basket count - and it gave Findlay a perfect season and a national championship.

Evans' long 3-pointer at the overtime buzzer lifted Findlay (Ohio) to a 56-53 victory over Cal Poly Pomona in the men's Division II title game Saturday, giving the Oilers a 36-0 record.

"I had the mind-set that I was going to take the shot," said Evans of his 26-footer from the right wing after taking an inbounds pass. "I pictured it as catch-andshoot, but a guy was right on me, so I stepped back and let it fly."

Evans, a senior reserve guard, had scored one point and was 0-for-3 on 3-pointers before his game-winner.

The Oilers became the fourth team to finish unbeaten since the Division II men's tournament began in 1957.

MAGIC VALLEY Jerome CC men open season

JEROME - The Jerome Country Club men's association will open the 2009 season on Saturday. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:30 a.m., with the annual meeting following. A team scramble will be played at 9 a.m. with teams being given the option of forming their own groups or using a blind draw by the pro shop. Team captains are asked to call the pro shop at 324-5281 with their teams. Individual players may register prior until Friday, April 3.

Castleford holding sign-ups

CASTLEFORD - Castleford Recreation District is offering registration for the 2009 youth baseball and softball programs.

Sports Shorts

Send Magic Valley briefs to sports@magicvalley.com

Money and forms are due by Friday. Information: Laurie Howard at 537-0907.

Mini-Cassia all-star tryouts set

RUPERT - Mini-Cassia all-star baseball tryouts will be held Thursday and Friday at Big Valley Park in Rupert. Tryouts are for the Express team (ages 9-10) and the Braves (ages 11-12). Registration will begin at 5 p.m., April 2. Information: Eric at 431-8811.

North Side holds baseball sign-ups

JEROME - North Side Baseball will hold registration for the 2009 Babe Ruth and Legion baseball seasons from 5-7 p.m., Monday. Players ages 13-15 (as of April 30, 2009) from Jerome, Lincoln, and Gooding counties are invited to register for Babe Ruth Baseball. Players interested in playing Legion baseball in Jerome are also encouraged to pre-register on these two nights for tryouts later in April.

Registration will be held at the Jerome High School baseball field on Tiger Drive in Jerome. Babe Ruth players should bring a birth certificate (if new to the league) and baseball glove along with a parent or legal

guardian. The cost for Babe Ruth is \$65, plus \$10 for new pants.

Information: Chris Bragg at 324-3585, Darcie Bobrowski at 539-2346 or http://www.leaguelineup.com/northsidebaseball.

CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo set

TWIN FALLS - Cowboys and cowgirls from a dozen Idaho and Utah colleges will compete at the 33rd Annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo April 3-4 at the College of Southern Idaho's Eldon Evans Expo Center. Rodeo action begins at 8 p.m. each night with doors opening at 6.

The event will conclude the current rodeo season for the Rocky Mountain Region. Regional team and individual titles will be decided and contestants will compete for a chance to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo June 14 - 20 in Casper, Wyo.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 2, with the Bish's RV Mini Rodeo featuring several fun events for kids. Entries will be taken that night at 5 p.m. at the Expo Center.

Tickets are available in advance from Beacon Burger and Brew and Vickers Western Store in Twin Falls, EZ Money Pawn and Auto in Burley and at Eldon Evans Expo Center. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults. Tickets at the door will be \$9, with kids ages 4-12 admitted for \$5.

- staff and wire reports

Jazz rally past Suns in OT

SALT LAKE CITY -Deron Williams scored seven of his 21 points in overtime, and the Utah Jazz rallied for a 104-99 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Saturday, blowing a 21point, third-quarter lead before tying it with a frenzied comeback at the end of regulation.

Williams also had 13 assists and scored Utah's last four points during a 9-2 run to close the fourth quarter and force overtime with the game tied at 90. Williams only had one field goal in the OT, but was 5-for-5 from the foul line as he made all nine of his free throws for the night.

Mehmet Okur finished with 26 points and 11 rebounds for the Jazz, who won their 14th straight at home.

Steve Nash scored 20 points and Grant Hill added 19 points for the Suns.

PISTONS 98, WIZARDS 96

WASHINGTON - Gilbert Arenas nearly had a heroic finish to his first game in five of six without Hamilton, almost a year. Instead, it was Kwame Brown – of all people – who blocked Agent Zero's shot in the final seconds to help preserve the Detroit Pistons' 98-96 victory Saturday over the Washington Wizards.

Arenas finished with 15 points and 10 assists in 30 minutes in his first game since April 27, 2008. The three-time All-Star had missed 156 of his team's previous 173 games, including playoffs, thanks to a knee injury that spawned two overeager comeback attempts and three surgeries over an 18-month span.

Richard Hamilton, back after missing six games with a left groin injury, scored 16 of his 31 points in the third points quarter as the Pistons broke a three-game losing streak. Detroit had lost six of its straight and five of their last previous seven, including six.



AP photo Phoenix Sun's Grant Hill, left, shoots past Utah Jazz's Carlos Boozer in the first half in Salt Lake City, Saturday.

victory.

ROCKETS 110, CLIPPERS 93

rebounds, and Houston led

Aaron Brooks added 21

points, Shane Battier scored

Eric Gordon scored 17 and

Chris Kaman had 16 points

without Baron Davis (calf

strain/ulcers) and leading

BULLS 112, PACERS 106

Salmons scored 22 points

and hit two late 3-pointers,

and Chicago pulled out a

the last 24 meetings.

12 road games.

HOUSTON – Yao Ming

and is teetering precariously in eighth place in the Eastern Conference. The win moved had 21 points and 15 the Pistons within percentage points of Chicago for from start to finish in an easy seventh place.

NUGGETS 129, WARRIORS 116

DENVER – Carmelo 15 and the Rockets stayed in Anthony scored 31 points, third place in the Western Linas Kleiza had 22 and Denver won their its straight Clippers for the 20th time in with a victory over bangedup Golden State.

Chauncey Billups had 14 for the Clippers, who played and Chris Andersen added 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Nuggets, who increased their Northwest Division rebounder Marcus Camby lead to two games over idle (sprained left ankle). Los Portland with their eighth Angeles has lost 11 of its last win in nine games.

Jamal Crawford had 30 and Kelenna Azubuike scored 21 for the Warriors, who have lost four

wild victory over Indiana for its fourth straight win.

Ben Gordon added 25 points as the Bulls matched their longest win streak in two years.

Danny Granger scored 32 and Brandon Rush added a career-high 29, but the Pacers lost for the sixth time in eight games.

HEAT 102, BUCKS 85

MIAMI - Dwyane Wade scored 27 points, Udonis Haslem had 16 points and 12 rebounds for his 100th career double-double, and Miami improved its stance in the Eastern Conference playoff chase by beating reeling Milwaukee.

James Jones and Michael Beasley each scored 11 and Jermaine O'Neal added 10 for the Heat, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Richard Jefferson scored 32 and Dan Gadzuric had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Milwaukee, which lost its fifth straight.

BOBCATS 96, KNICKS 85

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -Gerald Wallace had 23 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and Charlotte matched a modest franchise record for victories by beating New York.

Larry Brown earned a split in the season series with his former team, coaching the fifth-year Bobcats to their Conference by beating the 33rd win in his first season to stay in the hunt for their first playoff berth.

D.J. Augustin added 19 points and Emeka Okafor had 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Bobcats, who won their second straight game after an ugly loss to Washington.

Wilson Chandler and Al Harrington scored 18 points apiece for the Knicks, who struggled defensively and CHICAGO – John lost for the seventh time in eight games.

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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Terps rally to stun Vanderbilt, 78-74

RALEIGH, N.C. Marissa Coleman wanted more, so she did more.



Tournament's round of 16, leading fourth-seeded Iowa sending them to the first State to a 69-68 victory over

Baylor 56-39 in the NCAA capped a furious comeback,

BATTLE OF BIG MEN

Tar Heels, Sooners ready their low post stars

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - One big man was last year's national player of the year. The other appears poised to take his place.

Now, Tyler Hansbrough and Blake Griffin will go head-to-head with a lot more at stake than any individual honor.

Hansbrough has led topwithin a victory of a second straight Final Four. But to get there the Tar

Heels will have to go through Griffin and Oklahoma on Sunday in a clash of low post stars. "You have

everything that's right about college basketball with these two kids," Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel said. "Tyler staying in his games and his highschool for four years and breaking every record at North Carolina and in the sive rebounder." ACC. And then Blake, you know, turning down the Hansbrough can score money last year and coming back. Both of them improved his outside have been great ambassadors for college basketball."

Hansbrough was The Associated Press player of the year in 2008, and when he and three key teammates decided to stay in college another year, the Tar Heels became immediate favorites to win this season's national title. contenders joined them -Sooners, seeded No. 2 in the South Regional.

On TV Oklahoma vs. North Carolina 3:05 p.m., CBS

Griffin, a 6-foot-10 sophomore, is averaging 22.7 points a game and 14.4 rebounds after passing on seeded North Carolina to last year's NBA draft. In Friday night's win over Syracuse, he was Boomer Sooner personified.

plowing over Jonny Flynn en route to one layup, then rising so high for a dunk he hit his head on the bottom of the backboard.

"He's really explosive. You know, that's pretty obvious," Hansbrough said. "You watch some of lights – he's pretty explosive, and he's a good offen-

6-foot-9 The inside as well, and he's shooting. The result: He's now the Atlantic Coast Conference's career leader in scoring.

Hansbrough said he doesn't watch much college basketball when his team isn't playing, so he hasn't seen Griffin play much. Griffin, on the other hand, has seen plenty of Along the way, some other Hansbrough, who has been hard to miss while playing including Griffin and his four years at one of college basketball's most prominent programs.

Cardinals seek redemption in **___**• 1 1

The Maryland senior scored a career-high 42 points, including the goahead basket with 27.9 seconds left, as the Terrapins rallied from 18 down to beat 78-74 Vanderbilt on Saturday.

The No. 1 seed in the Raleigh Regional used a late 15-3 run to erase an 11-point deficit and didn't lead until Demauria Liles hit a layup with 2:07 left.

Coleman – who surpassed her previous best of 32 points set a month ago against Boston College nearly had to beat the Commodores by herself. She finished 15-for-27 from the field, made 10-of-11 free throws, had 15 rebounds and jumper over Jence Rhoads. had the ball in her hands on possession.

Christina Wirth scored a Four. career-high 28 points to lead No. 4 seed Vanderbilt (26-9). Her free throws with 42.4 seconds left made it Louisville are one step from IOWA STATE 69, MICHIGAN STATE 68 74-all. Coleman then put the Final Four. Maryland (31-4) ahead to downcourt with a fallaway help the Cardinals beat 23

Maryland's Marissa Coleman (25) reacts following a play during the first half of a women's NCAA Tournament regional semifinal game against Vanderbilt in Raleigh, N.C., Saturday.

Maryland will play No. 3 virtually every important seed Louisville on Monday night for a spot in the Final

LOUISVILLE 56, BAYLOR 39

Angel McCoughtry and

regional championship game in school history.

Candyce Bingham added 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Cardinals (32-4), the No. 3 seed in the Raleigh trailed 68-61 after Aisha Regional. That included a pair of critical 3-pointers during Louisville's decisive 12-0 spurt in the final eight minutes that finally blunted a gritty performance by the second-seeded Bears (29-6).

Louisville, which closed the game on an 18-2 run, advanced to Monday night's pointer to cut the lead to two regional final against Maryland.

Melissa Jones scored 13 points to lead the Bears, who a 29-point night. had to fight their way through their first two games and never found their shooting range against the Cardinals. Baylor shot just 25 percent, including 2-for-23 from 3-point range.

BERKELEY REGION

BERKELEY, Calif. McCoughtry had 22 Alison Lacey's 3-pointer stay on their next trip points and 12 rebounds to from the top of the key with seconds remaining

ninth-seeded Michigan State on Saturday night and a trip to the Berkeley Regional finals.

The Cyclones (27-8) Iefferson's basket with 1:26 to play and looked poised to become the Spartans' next upset victim before scoring the final eight points.

Nicky Wieben scored her only basket on a putback and the Cyclones turned up the pressure on defense. Heather Ezell banked in a 3and after a turnover by Michigan State (22-11), Lacey hit her biggest shot on

Michigan State had one last trip, but Kalisha Keane missed a 3-pointer and Jefferson and Lykendra Johnson missed shots from in close to give the Cyclones the win.

The other game in Berkeley, featuring Ohio State and Stanford, was in progress at press time Saturday evening.

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Pulsifer

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a game – more than he's even scoring – it's pretty crazy. His aggression toward the basket - if the ball touched his hands, he's got a hold of it and no one's touching it."

The three-sport throwback has cut back this year, choosing to forgo baseball and keep playing basketball. Instead of swinging the aluminum for the Bruins, he's part of the Boise FLITE squad.

"I love baseball, but I knew I wasn't going anywhere with it," he said. "So I decided to take this route and see if I can get out there and get noticed by schools."

The Main Event in Las Vegas and the Nike Showcase in Oregon are just a few of the higher-profile events where he hopes to get a look.

Then it's back to school for his senior year, which should be a time of continued growth. There's not a team on the Bruin schedule that won't know about Pulsifer, which means he'll have to grow beyond being the double-double guy. He'll have to learn to be a

leader on offense by knowing when to get the ball out of his hands in the face of greater defensive pressure. He'll also have to step up his defensive game.

"There are going to be times when we won't need the double-double every game," Harr said. "He will have to be a leader and use his teammates because he'll be the focus. It'll open his game up, and he'll become a complete player."

The Bruins will face new challenges next season as they adjust to crafting a

cross-town rivalry with Canyon Ridge and joining the district's 4A ranks. Regardless of all this, their ultimate goal is to make that Saturday championship game at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

"We're not expecting to win every game or beat teams by a lot, but we're expecting to go for a state title," Pulsifer said. "We want to get one step closer than we did this year."

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Final Four quest

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -Terrence Williams spent part of Saturday restating the lessons Louisville learned from its last regional final.

Play harder. Be yourdevoted to winning the national title, and accept nothing less.

finally get a chance to exorcise those demons from last year and deliver themselves by claiming the school's first Final Four bid since 2005.

"Losing last year, we to lose. Meaning that, last year we didn't play 40 "This year, we know that coming out, to get to the Final Four, you have to play all 40 minutes. You have to play your game."

Clearly, these aren't the tions are just as high. same Cardinals that ran Charlotte.

regular-season and tournament titles, earned the chance to go to nearby school's first No. 1 ranking, the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament and just delivered the most crushing rout in the regional semifinals since the expansion of the NCAA field in the 1970s, 103-64 over Arizona on there all my life, to have that Friday night. Louisville has won 13 straight and 23 of 25. Now the season really

kicks into gear.

After going 31-5 and will be intriguing, too. earning all those accolades, and go to Detroit, lose and go home again.

On TV Louisville vs. Michigan State 12:20 p.m., CBS

"We don't want to be in selves. Play like a team the locker room feeling the same way," Williams said. "Especially myself, because I'll be done. What you take On Sunday, Williams from that (loss) is do everyand his teammates will thing in your power in 40 minutes to not feel that way again."

But in Sunday's Midwest on a pact they made to final, they face Michigan State, one of the most successful tournament teams over the last decade.

Coach Tom Izzo has led kind of know what it takes the Spartans (29-6) to four Final Fours in 10 years, the most of any team in the minutes," Williams said. nation, and he won the national championship in 2000 across the street from Lucas Oil Stadium.

> For second-seeded Michigan State, the emo-

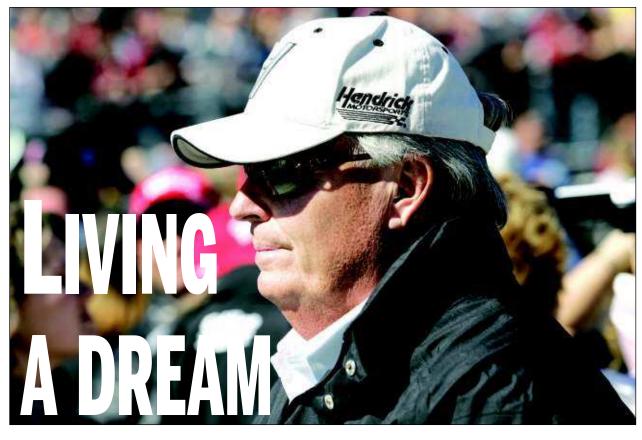
After winning the Big Ten out of steam against top- regular-season title, the seeded North Carolina in Spartans lost in the Big Ten tournament semifinals two They won the Big East weeks ago in Indy and now they're back playing for a Detroit.

> "It will be the biggest game I've probably ever played in because of what you just said," Izzo said. "For a guy like me, who just loves the state, I've lived opportunity to play there is just special. You know, I'm no different than a player."

The contrasts Sunday

Izzo and Louisville's Rick the Cardinals' season Pitino both have tournacomes down to this: Win ment winning percentages that rank among the top four of active coaches.

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NASCAR car owner Rick Hendrick was a car owner with a fading dream when he went to church with his wife 25 years ago as his team prepared to race at Martinsville Speedway. Today, Hendrick is one of the dominant figures in a sport he almost abandoned.

Hendrick looks back at first win 25 years ago

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) - Rick Hendrick was a car owner with a fading dream when he went to church with his wife 25 years ago as his team prepared to race at Martinsville Speedway.

he knew it would never be this week. the same.

who ached for an opportu- have to shut the team down nity to race, and Harry Hyde, the mechanical whiz who Hendrick said. "I told Harry convinced Hendrick he we absolutely were going to could build a winning race quit two races before that. car, had proven it at the track And we went on and won in southwest Virginia, giving Martinsville and picked up the car dealer his first enough help to make it NASCAR victory as an through the year." owner.

victories since, as well as son was finished, and eight Sprint Cup Series Hendrick was on his way. championships, making Hendrick one of the domi- like it was yesterday," he the checkered flag today for nant figures in a sport he said, "and then you look Hendrick. almost abandoned.

race 25 years ago, Hendrick involved, and it feels like it dominated the 0.526-mile there with them."



Motorsports would not be When he emerged, life as here today," Hendrick said biggest names in the racing

"A couple of weeks Geoff Bodine, the driver before, we were going to because we had no sponsor,"

It helped that Bodine won There have been 174 more twice more before the sea-

"In some ways, it feels back at all the drivers and

was a long time ago."

Those early years included some of the biggest including four of the last names in racing: Benny Parsons, Darrell Waltrip, Tim Richmond and Ricky Rudd.

Now, he boasts four of the – Jeff Gordon, a four-time series champion; Jimmie Johnson, the winner of the last three championships; Dale Earnhardt Jr., the most popular driver in the series; and Mark Martin, who came on board for this season.

"I think that everyone that works for him wants to succeed for him," Martin said.

He drives the No. 5 Chevrolet for Hendrick, the same number car that Bodine drove into Victory Lane back in 1984, and would like to take

"Had we not won that the people that have been his teammates who have you know you should be

oval. Gordon has seven wins here and Johnson has five, five races.

For all the good memories at Martinsville, the track is also a reminder of perhaps Hendrick's darkest day. In October 2004, son Ricky, brother John and eight others were killed when a Hendrick plane crashed on fog-shrouded Bull Mountain nearby.

Hendrick, a native of Palmer Springs who grew up coming to races at the track, said he can't fly over Bull Mountain on a clear day without looking for the 14foot cross placed at the crash site. And he always asks himself if he wants to be at the track on race day.

"And then," he said, "when I start thinking about it, it's tougher being at home than it is being there, too. But he'll have to get past because it's just then that

O'Hair, Woods in final group at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. – Sean O'Hair survived a windy, rugged test Saturday at Bay Hill and wound up in the final group with Tiger Woods for the second straight year - with one big difference.

This time, the tournament is in his hands.

Despite three bogeys in the last four holes, O'Hair had a 1-over 71 and a fiveshot lead over Woods going into the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

"Sometimes, you have to hang on for dear life," O'Hair said. "Those three bogeys didn't reflect how I played."

Woods, the defending champion and a five-time winner at Bay Hill, was fortunate to be only five behind. He made bogey putts of 10 feet and 25 feet on the last three holes, the Woods never found a shot that plugged into the bank of the lake.

O'Hair and Woods were part of a five-way tie after 54 holes last year, and Woods won with a 25-foot birdie on the last hole.

Woods, who had a 71, has never won at Bay Hill when trailing going into the last round. His largest comeback on the PGA Tour was five shots at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in 2000.

It was a wild finish that matched the day at Bay Hill.

O'Hair had a six-shot lead with four holes to play when just like everyone else, he had to hang on for dear life. But at least he wound up in the best spot, at 7-under 203 and the largest 54-hole lead at Bay Hill since Woods led by five in 2003.

Woods had a flyer from the rough on the 16th hole that hit a cart path and went 50 yards right of the 16th green. His chip went over the green and nearly into the water, and he knocked in a 10-footer to escape with bogev.

From deep rough on the



AP photo Tiger Woods walks off the No. 18 green after the third round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at the Bay Hill country club in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday.

second LPGA Tour victory of the year and fifth in eight months, shooting a 6-under 66 to take a onestroke lead after the third round of the J Golf Phoenix LPGA International

The 20-year-old Shin last one on No. 18 after had a 10-under 206 total on the Papago Golf Course.

Im-Kyung Kim, the leader after the first two rounds, was in front by two strokes after 10 holes in the third round, but a bogey at 11 and a double bogey at 12 led to a 71 and dropped her into a tie with Karrie Webb (69) at 9 under. Suzann Pettersen (70) was 8 under. Two-time defending champion Lorena Ochoa was 2 under after a 70.

O'MEARA IN FRONT AT CAP CANA

CAP CANA, Dominican Republic – Two-time major winner Mark O'Meara moved into position for his first Champions Tour victory, shooting a 7-under 65 for a share of the second-round lead in the Cap Cana Championship.

Eduardo Romero and Keith Fergus shot 68s to join O'Meara at 8-under 136 on the Punta Espada Golf Club course. Mark McNulty (68), Ioev Sindelar (68), Gene Jones (66), Bruce Vaughan (67) and Tim Simpson (70) were 6 under.

MONTGOMERIE FADES AT ANDALUCIA OPEN

Gillispie regrets not winning more

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - during his final days Billy Gillispie doesn't know with the program. about chemistry problems or And he said he had whether he was the right fit no ill at Kentucky. What he does toward know is that he simply didn't director win enough games.

"I wish we would have won philosophical difmore," Gillispie said Saturday, ferences as the realess than 24 hours after the son Gillispie was let university fired him following go. two turbulent seasons.

sounded like the coach whose prickly act had quickbasketball's winningest pro- Kentucky." gram.

feelings athletic Mitch Barnhart, who cited

Gillispie

During an amiable 30- kind of person," Gillispie more than wins or losses, minute meeting with said. "I've always said this. reporters, Gillispie hardly show up every day, try to work hard, try to do your best with the right attitude and ly worn thin during his brief everything works out right. est-paid and most visible time at the home of college I've had a great time here at

since 1991. Not exactly the makeover the prowhen he was hired to replace Tubby Smith in April 2007.

While Barnhart "I'm not a woe-is-me said the decision was about Gillispie argued he never shied away from the public responsibilities that come with being the state's highemployee.

Ultimately, however, he One that was cut short knew his main job was to He cracked jokes, asking if after Gillispie went just 40- restore some of the luster at a but they say tough people do, someone wanted to buy his 27 in two seasons. Kentucky school that hasn't been to a and I'm pretty tough," he mansion. He smiled, a rarity stumbled down the stretch Final Four in more than a said.

this year to miss the decade. On that front, he NCAA tournament knows he didn't live up to the for the first time expectations he embraced during the rowdy pep rally that greeted him two years ago.

"We didn't win the right gram anticipated kind of games," he said. "We just had a couple of bad stretches and an inexperienced team did that. But they kept getting better, they kept on fighting and they finished up really strong and I think it's going to really help them in the future."

A future that will go on without him. He refused to feel sorry for himself and doesn't believe he was forced out by an impatient fan base. "Tough times don't last

Carolina and Oklahoma.

The teams pushed and shoved their way through the first 35 minutes before they started making baskets and making plays. The lead changed 15 times - six of them in the last six minutes, before Pittsburgh's Levance Fields hit a pair of free throws with 5.5 seconds left to make it 76-all.

threw the ball away trying a full-court pass on the previous inbounds play, got it to Dante Cunningham this time, and he dished it to Reynolds. The Villanova guard worked his way into the lane for a falling-down floater in traffic.

"In that situation, you have four dribbles and a shot. That's five seconds. All that goes in your head. That's why we practice that every day in practice so we can make an instinct play. We did that," Reynolds said. "It

18th, he again went at the green, and the ball disap- Denmark's Soren Kjeldsen peared into the shaggy bank framing the lake. After a search lasting five minutes, Woods returned to the fairway, then made his longest putt of the week to at least secure a spot in 202 total on the Real Club the final group.

That was the least of his worries.

"To be honest, I didn't want to end up with a double bogey," he said. "I finished over par, but I thought I played better than that."

SHIN LEADS AT J GOLF PHOENIX

PHOENIX - Jivai Shin moved into position for her

UConn

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When it ended, Calhoun made an exaggerated fist pump and the emotional each other at center court.

"I can't lie to you, after the game I actually did cry," said Walker, who went 7of-9 from the floor and 9of-10 from the free throw line.

UConn kept their emothe victory by making all 10 of their free throws in the final 1:02.

The Huskies are still in the hunt for their third national title – the first two went through regionals in Phoenix in 1999 and answered with the shot of 2004.

"We do love coming out here," Calhoun said with a chuckle. "I'm buying a house. I'll come out years."

SEVILLE, Spain shot a course-record 10under 62 to take a oneshot lead after the third round of the Andalucia Open.

Kjeldsen had a 14-under de Golf de Sevilla course.

David Drysdale (66) kept Kjeldsen from pulling away, making six birdies in his final eight holes. Carlos del Moral (69) and Alastair Forsyth (68) were 10 under. Colin Montgomerie, playing his 500th European tour event, had a 75 to fall 12 shots back.

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Villanova

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Michigan State on Sunday. The only other time a sin-

gle league sent three teams to the Final Four: 1985, when Patrick Ewing's Georgetown beat St. John's in the semis before losing to Villanova in an epic championship game. Rollie Massimino's Wildcats were a No. 8 seed - the lowest ever to win it all.

"I'm really happy – for Villanova, for the players. It's just tremendous," the old coach said after the new one, Jay Wright, came to his courtside seat for a congratso proud of him. He's be on another level for a long time. left, and 69-68 with just I knew him when he was a over 2 minutes to play, but baby. Now he's a superstar."

Pittsburgh (31-5) is the first No. 1 seed to leave the 23 free throws, including 5brackets this year despite 28 of-6 in the last 46 seconds. points from Sam Young and



Villanova's Scottie Reynolds (1), Shane Clark, rear, and Reggie Redding (15) celebrate Reynold's game-winning basket against Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Panthers led 67-63 with 3:24 Villanova responded to the physical play by sinking 22 of East

AP photo

ulatory hug. "I told him I'm from DeJuan Blair. The said. "And then it was anybody's ball game."

Dwayne Anderson had 17 points and four steals, and Reynolds had 15 to earn the Regional's Most Outstanding Player honors. Villanova will play the winner "A moment where it felt of the South Regional cham-20 points and 10 rebounds like we had it done," Blair pionship between North worked tonight."

Reggie Redding, who

goes on for Missouri, which er."

remains one of the top programs never to reach a Final Four. Leo Lyons and Matt

Huskies (31-4) mobbed Lawrence each had 13 points for Missouri (31-7), which was long on heart but short on rebounds. UConn dominated the boards 47-32.

"Obviously, I hurt for our guys," Mizzou coach Mike Anderson said. "I thought I tions in check when it could get them to that counted, though, clinching magical place. Maybe we just ran out of time, a couple minutes."

Indeed, the Tigers edged within 68-65 on Justin Stafford's tip-in with 2:42 to go.

That's when Walker the game - an improbable off-balance bank shot as the shot clock clicked toward:00.

"I was turning and turnhere once every five ing and turning, and I just kind of threw it up," Walker While the Huskies are said. "It was definitely a big headed for Detroit, the wait basket. It was a heartbreak-

Boston Red Sox Seeking their third World Series title in six seasons, the Red Sox boast a deep pitching staff that includes

emerging star Jon Lester and two-time World Baseball Classic MVP Daisuke Matsuzaka. Slowed by injuries last year, ace Josh Beckett is look

ing to rebound. John Smoltz bolted for Boston after two decades in Atlanta and should be ready by June. He is rehabbing from shoulder surgery. Hard-throwing closer Jonathan Papelbon anchors the dependable bullpen

David Ortiz was hampered by a wrist injury last year. Can he be as dangerous and productive at the plate without Ramirez around?

New York Yankees

Led by CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett, the rotation goes five-deep and looks terrific. Andy Pettitte and Joba Chamberlain, however, aren't necessarily sure things. Chien-Ming Wang returns after missing the final 31/2 months last season with a foot injury.

The offense slipped dramatically last year, due in large part to injuries to Jorge Posada (shoulder) and Hideki Matsui (knee). Both are back following surgery. Still, age and health are definitely concerns for this lineup loaded with past-their-prime stars, and the defense isn't strong at all. Mark Teixeira should be a big boost at first base - as long as he can handle the pressure.

Tampa Bay Rays

This struggling club was stockpiling high draft picks and young talent for years, but few realized it would all come together at once the way it did.

Playing an exciting brand of team baseball, the Rays won 97 regular-season games and didn't stop until the World Series. They even overcame key injuries to Evan Longoria, Carl Crawford and Troy Percival. There's no reason to think the Rays won't be winners again this year, but an October encore could be difficult to achieve.

Toronto Blue Jays

Roy Halladay paced the best pitching staff in baseball last year, but he probably won't have as much help this time. Burnett opted out of the final two years of his contract and signed with the Yankees. Shaun Marcum and Dustin McGowan are hurt, depleting a now-inexperienced rotation.

Baltimore Orioles

Under president of baseball operations Andy MacPhail, the once-proud Orioles are trying to build with talented youngsters such as outfielder Adam Jones and big-time catching prospect Matt Wieters, who could reach the big leagues this year. Still, major improvement is probably a long way off. CENTRAL

Minnesota Twins

A legitimate argument can be made for — or against - any team in the AL Central winning this division. Ron Gardenhire is an outstanding, underrated manager, and every year his hustling Twins play the most consistent and fundamentally sound baseball of any club in the division

So they're the pick this year, partly by default. Kansas City Royals

A doormat for decades, the Royals appear ready for a breakthrough within the next few seasons. Even a 10win improvement over last year's 75-87 record could make them contenders in this division.

Kansas City hasn't been to the playoffs since winning the 1985 World Series — the longest drought in the American League. But GM Dayton Moore and no-nonsense manager Trey Hillman have this club headed in the right direction with patience and young arms.

Cleveland Indians

Injuries took a major toll on the Indians last season. They stumbled out of the gate, then traded CC Sabathia and Casey Blake during the summer. But they played better in the second half and finished with a .500 record.

Now, Cleveland wants to get back in contention. Remember, this team came within one victory of the 2007 World Series. But the rotation is largely unproven behind Cliff Lee, and the offense needs a healthy Travis Hafner and Victor Martinez to rediscover their power strokes

Chicago White Sox

General manager Ken Williams has been trying to make the White Sox younger while still fielding a contender, and he's done a solid job.

Yankees spend big to chase the AL crown

SPORTS

By Mike Fitzpatrick Associated Press writer

While everyone else was saving their pennies, the New York Yankees were spending big.

Defying the economic crisis, they forked over \$423.5 million to put Mark Teixeira, CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett in pinstripes for the team's first season in a new \$1.5 billion Yankee Stadium.

But all that cash couldn't keep Alex Rodriguez out of the steroids scandal or the operating room.

It won't guarantee New York a return to the playoffs, either. Not in a rugged division that also includes rival Boston and American League champion Tampa Bay.

So after missing the postseason last year, ending their run of 13 straight appearances, the big-budget Yankees could be in for a demanding pennant chase that piles of money just can't though the Yankees' payroll buv.

"I think you'd probably have to have your head in the sand if you didn't know what ers including the retiring the expectations were," manager Joe Girardi said.

Even Rodriguez's injury hasn't tempered those expectations. The threetime MVP is expected to be out until May following arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right hip.

That was only part of his tumultuous offseason. Often fodder for the New York tabloids, A-Rod made it worse when he admitted that 2007 to an improbable penhe used steroids from 2001-03 while playing for Texas.

Now, his injury leaves inexperienced backup Cody Ransom as the Yankees' starting third baseman when the season opens. Not exactly what the Bronx Bombers had in mind when they busted open the piggy bank for Teixeira, Sabathia and Burnett.

"He's a vital part of the team. But just like when anyone else gets hurt, you can't sit around and wait for them like we have unfinished busito come back," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. "You've got to play without them, that's the bottom line. People get hurt, other guys have to step up and fill in for him."

No one is going to feel

By Jay Cohen

locked slugger.

champion

Ramirez couldn't resist.

So are the World Series

Phillies, the ever-hopeful

Chicago Cubs and several

other contenders looking for

a big year in a wide-open

National League. Only 12¹/₂

winners from the runners-

up in the NL last year, and

the Milwaukee Brewers

nailed down the wild card on

the final day of the season.

on the field, it's hard to pre-

"You don't take things for

granted," Cubs manager Lou

Piniella said. "There are

have the same aspirations we

do. No cockiness. No false

bravados, go out and play

and earn it on the field and

Chicago has won consec-

fiery Piniella and flamed out

in the first round of the post-

season each year. The

Arizona Diamondbacks in

2007 and Manny's Dodgers

in 2008.

that's how you do it."

dict what comes next.

Philadelphia

Associated Press writer

A look at the NL in predicted order of finish: EAST Philadelphia Phillies

The Phillies made one major addition after beating Tampa Bay in five games to win the World Series. Raul Ibanez agreed to a \$31.5 million, three-year contract in December and will replace Pat Burrell in left field, making Philadelphia's already dangerous lineup even deeper. Ibanez is one of five major league outfielders to drive in at least 100 runs in each of the past three seasons, joining Bobby Abreu, Carlos Beltran, Magglio Ordonez and Carlos Lee.

Cole Hamels and Brett Myers, who lost about 35 pounds in the offseason and is heading into the final year of his contract, are the top two starters in one of the league's best rotations and closer Brad Lidge is back to anchor one of the majors' best bullpens.

New York Mets

New York looked good in the first 145 games of each of the last two seasons: The final 17 were brutal in both years. The Mets led the East by seven games with 17 to play in 2007 before they went 5-12 down the stretch and missed the postseason. They blew a 3½-game lead last year when they lost 10 of their last 17 games. The pressure is on to avoid a trilogy.

The biggest culprit in last year's collapse was the bullpen, which had 29 blown saves in 72 chances. New York responded by signing record-setting closer Francisco Rodriguez and trading for J.J. Putz. Atlanta Braves

The Braves overhauled their rotation after finishing with a 72-90 record last year, their worst since 1990. John Smoltz and Mike Hampton are gone. Derek Lowe signed a \$60 million, four-year deal after going 14-11 with a 3.24 ERA for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Righthander Javier Vazquez was acquired in a trade with the Chicago White Sox and Kenshin Kawakami came over

Florida Marlins

from Japan.

The Marlins, after another offseason of cost-cutting measures, once again will pin their hopes on a talented group of youngsters. Starting pitchers Ricky Nolasco, Josh Johnson and Chris Volstad all showed potential last year and All-Stars Hanley Ramirez and Dan Uggla will supply plenty of pop in the infield. Cameron Maybin also looks ready to take over the everyday job in center field.

Washington Nationals

General manager Jim Bowden resigned and special assistant Jose Rijo was fired during a tumultuous spring training for the Nationals, and the regular season doesn't look much better. Adam Dunn agreed to a \$20 million, two-year deal in February but Washington has a glut of corner outfielders and first basemen.

CENTRAL Chicago Cubs

For a team that won an NL-best 97 games last year, the Cubs were active in the offseason. New right fielder Milton Bradley gives them a potent switch hitter for the middle of their lineup. He batted .321 with 22 homers and 77 RBIs with Texas in 2008. Utility infielder Aaron Miles and backup center fielder Joey Gathright will provide speed and versatility off the bench. One of the league's best rotations also remains largely the same from the end of last year.

Milwaukee Brewers

CC Sabathia led the Brewers to the wild card last year for their first playoff berth since 1982, pitching a fourhitter on the final day of the season in Milwaukee's 3-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs. The Brewers then lost to the Phillies in the division series, and Sabathia left for a big-money free-agent deal with the New York Yankees. Ben Sheets, Milwaukee's second-best starter, also is gone.

St. Louis Cardinals

The key to the Cardinals' hopes for a big season may be 2005 NL Cy Young Award winner Chris Carpenter, who looked healthy this spring after battling shoulder and elbow injuries the past two years. The right-hander is 51-20 with a 3.11 ERA over the last five seasons, and his .718 winning percentage is the best in baseball during that time.

Cincinnati Reds

The Reds have the makings of a good young core with right-handers Edinson Volguez and Johnny Cueto, second baseman Brandon Phillips, first baseman Joey Votto and outfielder Jay Bruce. If Aaron Harang can bounce back from a down year, the rotation could be

AP photo New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia is among the offseason acquisitions that could have the Yankees back in the playoffs.

With the national economy crumbling, New York's costly moves irritated other teams and prompted calls for a baseball salary cap – even actually declined by \$7 million in the end, as they parted ways with a handful of play-Mike Mussina.

"If you try to compete through monetary means, you're not going to do it," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said at the winter meetings in Las Vegas. "You've got to figure out another way to get it done and for us that's through execution."

Maddon and his surprising Rays went on a wild ride that took them from last place in nant one year later. Budding young stars such as Evan Longoria, B.J. Upton and Iames Shields led the charge to the World Series, where Tampa Bay lost to the Philadelphia Phillies in five games.

whether the Rays can win big again, this time with a projected opening-day payroll of about \$64 million – an increase of nearly 50 percent.

"I think a lot of guys feel ness from last year," said Andrew Friedman, executive vice president of baseball operations. "I think also the fact that some of the pundits around the country are pick- Hamilton in Texas: big bats, ing us to finish third re-

point, it's really motivating these guys to prove everyone wrong again."

The Red Sox, beaten by Tampa Bay in Game 7 of the AL championship series, tweaked their pitching staff with relatively inexpensive moves for John Smoltz, Brad Penny and Takashi Saito.

The grind-it-out offense is still led by David Ortiz, Kevin Youkilis and reigning AL MVP Dustin Pedroia. There should be less drama in the clubhouse, as Boston plays its first full season since trading Manny Ramirez. Even opinionated pitcher Curt Schilling retired, following shoulder surgery that sidelined him last season.

"It's our responsibility to be as good a team as we can be, whether it's quiet or loud or in between," manager Terry Francona said. "Our division is really difficult, but I do think there are some advantages. ... If you're good enough to get through it I think it bodes well in the postseason, (but) when you're playing teams that are that good that often, it takes a toll on you."

The AL Central appears to be wide open after the Chicago White Sox beat Minnesota 1-0 in a onegame tiebreaker for the division title last year. The Twins are worried about All-Star catcher and batting champ Joe Mauer, sidelined all spring by lower back pain.

Cleveland might be a contender again, with Cy Young Award winner Cliff Lee and Grady potential MVP Sizemore leading the way. The high-priced Detroit Tigers, a huge disappointment last season, are looking to rebound. Even up-andcoming Kansas City could make some noise.

In the soft AL West, Now, the question is Vladimir Guerrero and the Los Angeles Angels are still the favorites despite losing Teixeira and record-setting closer Francisco Rodriguez in free agency. Counting on a new batch of young arms, Oakland could present a challenge after acquiring Matt Holliday, Jason Giambi and Orlando Cabrera to boost the lineup.

> Same old story for Josh no pitching. The Seattle

National League

Josh Fields gets another shot at third base, and Chris Getz won the second base job. Alexei Ramirez, runnerup to Evan Longoria for AL Rookie of the Year last season, shifts from second base to shortstop.

Detroit Tigers

There certainly is talent on this roster, with a projected opening-day payroll of about \$128 million. But manager Jim Leyland's group just didn't seem to fit last year after entering the season as a popular choice to win the pennant.

The Tigers can score, with Curtis Granderson, Placido Polanco, Magglio Ordonez and Miguel Cabrera at the top of the lineup. But their pitching and defense were often abysmal last season. Detroit dropped all the way to last place, one game worse than Kansas City.

WEST Los Angeles Angels

Even after losing Mark Teixeira, Francisco Rodriguez, pitcher Jon Garland and longtime outfielder Garret Anderson, the Angels appear to be the class of this division thanks to their signature depth and balance. Two of the team's top starting pitchers were hurting in spring training: John Lackey and Ervin Santana. The latter is expected to miss at least the first month because of a sore elbow. Kelvim Escobar is still working his way back from surgery. Nick Adenhart is among the potential fill-ins.

Texas Rangers

If you like offense, Texas is fun to watch in its hitterfriendly ballpark. Ian Kinsler, Michael Young and the Rangers led the majors with a .283 batting average and 901 runs.

But there doesn't seem to be much immediate hope for a pitching staff that had a major league-worst 5.37 ERA and baseball's most overworked bullpen. If Brandon McCarthy finally stays healthy, maybe he can help a bit. Kevin Millwood and Vicente Padilla are the top two starters. Team president Nolan Ryan emphasized tougher workouts in the offseason and spring training.

Oakland Athletics

The next crop of promising young pitchers is on its way in Oakland, and general manager Billy Beane upgraded a punchless offense in an effort to help. Acquired in a trade with Colorado, Matt Holliday probably won't stay with the A's for long. He can become a free agent after the season and is likely to draw significant interest from much richer teams. In the meantime, maybe he can help Oakland make a run at the Angels this year.

Seattle Mariners

Expected to challenge for the 2008 division crown, Seattle flopped instead and slogged through a horrendous season. Afterward, departed players and coaches commented about the jealousy and bickering that went on, insinuating that Ichiro Suzuki was a reason for the team's divided clubhouse.

The Mariners fired their manager, coaching staff, general manager and most of the scouting department as first-time GM Jack Zduriencik and rookie manager Don Wakamatsu set about rebuilding the team and changing the clubhouse culture.

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away from that, we're going

to be good." manager Charlie

Manuel said, "we're going to

Manuel got All-Star sec-

ond baseman Chase Utley

back from offseason right

hip surgery sooner than

expected, but his health

could be key to Philly's

repeat hopes. Ace left-han-

der Cole Hamels also was

bothered by elbow tightness

during spring training,

another situation worth

year behind us, learn from it

and I feel like we have a lot of

room for improvement,"

Utley said. "Obviously, we

were the best team in base-

ball but I still feel like we can

Utley's team has chased

down the New York Mets in

September in each of the last

two seasons to win the East.

addressed their most press-

ing need in the offseason,

signing closer Francisco

Rodriguez to a \$37 million,

three-year contract and

acquiring J.J. Putz from

Seattle to shore up their

two years in a row is very dif-

ficult. There's no team in

baseball that has done what

we have done," center fielder

Carlos Beltran said. "It's

hard to let it go, but you have

to. You have to do the best

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"We kinda have to put last

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be very good."

Houston Astros Houston got a boost in spring training when 13-time Gold Glove catcher Ivan Rodriguez agreed to a oneyear, \$1.5 million contract. The Astros needed a catcher after Brad Ausmus signed a free-agent deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Before Pudge signed, the biggest offseason acquisition was the return of Mike Hampton, who was 22-4 with a 2.90 ERA for the Astros in 1999

one of the league's best.

but has struggled to stay healthy of late. Sluggers Lance Berkman and Carlos Lee are back but the rotation is shaky behind ace Roy Oswalt.

Pittsburgh Pirates

Not a lot of reasons for optimism here, save for one of the majors' best ballparks in PNC Park. Pittsburgh appears to be headed for its record-breaking 17th consecutive losing season. Tom Gorzelanny, one of the Pirates' top two starters at the beginning of last season, will start the season at Triple-A Indianapolis after a disappointing spring.

WEST

Los Angeles Dodgers

Expect more chants of "Manny! Manny!" at Chavez Ravine this summer after Manny Ramirez ended his stalemate with Los Angeles by agreeing to a \$45 million, two-year contract on March 4. The gifted slugger made all the Dodgers better when he joined the team last summer, and his return should mean better numbers for Rafael Furcal, Matt Kemp and the rest of the lineup.

Arizona Diamondbacks

Brandon Webb and Dan Haren give the Diamondbacks one of the best 1-2 punches in a starting rotation in the majors. Jon Garland, who agreed to a one-year, \$7.25 million contract in January, is hoping to make it a Big Three.

San Francisco Giants

The Giants bolstered their bullpen by signing Jeremy Affeldt and Bob Howry in the offseason, and are counting on their strong rotation to make up for the lack of power in the lineup. NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum showed no signs of slowing down during an impressive spring and disappointing left-hander Barry Zito worked out hard over the winter. Randy Johnson, the No. 2 starter, needs just five wins to reach 300 for his career.

Colorado Rockies

The Rockies traded slugger Matt Holliday to Oakland and lost closer Brian Fuentes in free agency over the winter, leaving major holes in their lineup and bullpen. Two players they acquired from Oakland could help. Promising prospect Carlos Gonzalez was in the mix for a spot in the outfield and former A's closer Huston Street was competing with Manuel Corpas for the same role in Colorado

San Diego Padres

There were two major changes with the Padres in the offseason: a new ownership group and a changing of the guard at closer. Former agent Jeff Moorad heads a group that includes former NFL star Troy Aikman and is in the process of purchasing the team from John Moores, who was in charge when the Padres won four NL West titles and reached the 1998 World Series. Moorad's group is expected to be in place by opening day.



AP photo

Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez is ready for his first full season in Los Angeles. Dodger fans who adopted him games separated the division upon his arrival last summer are eager to see if Ramirez's big bat can propel the team deeper into the playoffs.

Just like when Ramirez is since the Cubs' last World Series winner in 1908.

"You keep going to the postseason, sooner or later you break the door down," Piniella said, "and hopefully

Philadelphia broke through last year, winning its first championship since 1980 and second in the franchise's 126-year history. The core of that team is back for utive Central titles under the another run and the Phillies seem even more confident than they were in 2008.

"If we keep the same atti-

It's 101 years and counting

teams in our division that this is the year."

Cubbies were swept by the tude and play the same way you can to let it go and be we have in the last couple able to learn, of course. years, if we keep that same Learn to maybe not take philosophy and don't get anything for granted."



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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 shooting in the Twin Falls qualifying scores. Competitors are housed in Olympic Training the 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 Pistol Junior Club is seeking won four gold medals at the Idaho State Qualifier information on the junior match, taking top honors club, contact John Pitts at Precision Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Small-bore Rifle and Free Pistol. His scores Pistol Club, contact Dan earned him an invitation to Brown at 734-8217.

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 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 new members. For more 733-5234. For information on the Twin Falls Rifle and

Courtesy photo

Marlins take first at Y Regionals

For the Times-News

The Magic Valley Marlin swim team brought home first place in the smallteam 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 thirdplace 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 12year-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.

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Pacific North VMCA

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11-12 100 Free	3rd	8 & Under 100
11-12 200 IM	2nd	8 & Under 25 F
11-12 50 Fly	4th	8 & Under 50 E
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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 Aquirre.

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

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Your Scores



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.

Name Level 4	Age	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Grace Parker	8	4	4	3	8	5
Billiei McCarthy	8	9	_	_	_	_
Hallie Thompson	9	_	6	9	_	_
Amy Gossi	11	_	6	9	_	_
Level 5						
Abigal Huettig	8	_	4	6	_	7
Kylie Baumert	8	8	_	_	_	_
Brookelyn Herman	10	2	3	4	6	2
Danika Barela	10	_	8	9	_	_
Lindsay Fustos	10	_	10	_	_	_
Level 6						
Madison Miller	10	3	2	9	6	4
Brinley Reed	10	10	5	2	8	7
Gabby Borrayo	12	10	_	_	_	_
Level 8						
Ceria Hawkins	17	6	_	_	7	_
Level 10						
McKenzie Martinez	15	2	4	5	-	-

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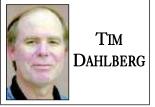
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SPORTS

Basketball's seamy underbelly surfaces

he 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.



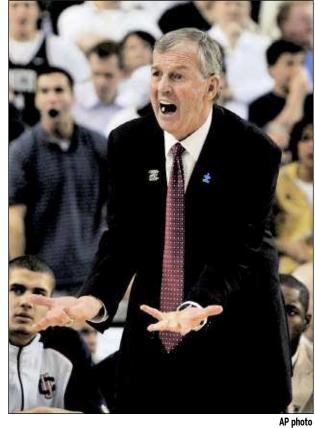
Overlook the thousands of empty seats that are a natural byproduct of a rotten economy, and it's hard to find much wrong with this year's tournament. The games have been decent. if not historic, and enough favorites have won to keep the interest of the millions across the country who have a few bucks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



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

dents 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

Fla. (AP) – The first six furlongs were mere posturing. Once Quality Road and Dunkirk were side by

That's also when Quality Road announced Kentucky Derby contender.

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 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 racing's most famed race made a sweeping move and for the first time. "But you got to the front.

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

Sure beats the alternative.

Quality Road paid side, that's when the \$4.40, \$2.40 and \$2.10, Florida Derby really began. and finished in a trackrecord 1:47.72 over nine furlongs. Dunkirk, who himself as a serious needed a win to cinch a spot in the Kentucky Derby field, was second by Pulling away in the 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 Roses, where Quality Road 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 horse from his barn into response, as his horse





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 basket ball.

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-

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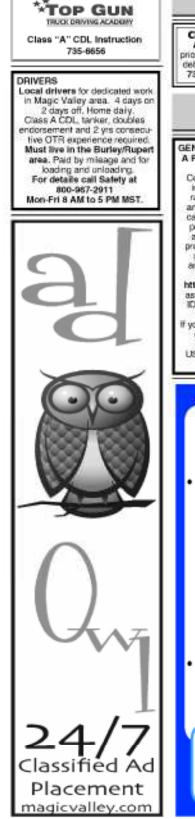
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Academic over-achiever feels he's socially behind the curve

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20year-old male living what appears to be "the dream." I have completed my bachelor's degree, and I'm starting what will more than likely be a prosperous career. Still, something important is missing.

All my life I have always felt very isolated. Although I have been able to develop "friendships," the more I progress in life the more these friendships slip away.

I have been unsuccessful in finding a mate, and I am embarrassed to still be a virgin. Is there something horribly wrong with me that drives people away?

- LONELY GUY MONTREAL, CANADA DEAR LONELY GUY: I doubt it. You have accomplished a lot for someone your age, and the way you did it was by focusing your

energies on your studies rather than your social skills. Now that you are starting your career, begin joining business-affiliated groups so you can widen your circle of acquaintances. This will help both your business and social lives - which will eventually blend together.

Give yourself some time and please do not obsess about the virginity issue. I am sure you will meet someone who will accept and value you for the person you are, and the condition will resolve itself.

IF MARCH 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Following a dream and being inspired by the most mundane occurrences may be the keynotes of your year ahead. You will be at your best for business projects and career success during July, but in August and September you need to maintain a low profile and work diligently to avoid criticism. Next November you may get more attention and publicity than usual and that is a good time to make key changes and alterations in your lifestyle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): All work and no play makes a dull co-worker. It's fine to stay on top of your your mind and prepare for the week ahead.



motorcycle, which is my only means of transportation. The other day I had a conversation with a stranger who "needed" to tell me about someone she knew who was paralyzed in a motorcycle crash. This isn't the first time I have had this conversation. It seems that almost everyone knows someone who was killed or maimed in a bike crash.

Abby, I know there is an increased risk of personal injury where motorcycles are concerned, and the thought of it happening to me isn't a pleasant one. But why do people insist on telling me these horror stories? How should I respond to such insensitive statements?

- LOW RIDER IN NEW YORK

DEAR LOW RIDER: Some of them may be trying to warn you, while others may simply enjoy telling horror stories. The way to handle it is to say, "Thank you for your concern."

Now I have a question for you: Why are you engaging in lengthy conversations with complete strangers?

DEAR ABBY: My husband DEAR ABBY: I own a and I were married a few

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where they may. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Rome wasn't built in a day. You may find yourself feeling behind in your duties and duties, but make conces- overwhelmed, but don't let

weeks ago, and I hope you'll let me share with your readers what we did. Because we have both been married before, we didn't need any gifts from family and friends nor did we want a money tree.

Instead, we asked our guests to please bring nonperishable food items or a cash donation that would be given to our local food bank. A representative from the food bank was present to receive the food and donations.

Abby, the response was overwhelming! We had tables filled with food items. More than \$600 in cash donations was given, and we are still receiving food and money to be forwarded to the food bank.

My husband and I feel truly blessed. God has been good to us, and we have been able to pass along those blessings to people who need help. I hope my letter will inspire others to assist their local community food banks in this unique way.

- BLESSED IN SOUTHERN OREGON

DEAR BLESSED: So do I because the need has never been greater. Here in Los Angeles, the people who run the food banks are reporting that requests for food assistance have increased by as much as 41 percent in the past year. What you and your husband did was caring and generous, and I, too, hope it will be replicated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Fools and their money are soon parted. Don't be a fool; keep the purse strings tightly drawn and leave the spending for another day. An unexpected source could add some adventure to your week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing. Dreaming big could cause you to ignore the obvious or make a bad investment. Study all the angles thoroughly before choosing a course of action this week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sail the seas of whimsy. Throw caution to the wind and explore your adventurous side this week. sions; try to be sociable. Find it get to you. Take some time Vision and imagination can physical activities to clear to sit back and reflect on lead to great ideas that could yield vast benefits for the future. Don't be so practical. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If it feels right, do it. Your instincts are highly attuned to your surroundings this week and it is very wise follow them. Your intuitions are sound and your imagination is boundless. Prayers may be answered. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A great deal is not that great if it involves something you don't really need. Use common sense with purchases this week and don't be drawn in by an attractive pitch. Find your own Fortress of Solitude today.



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20): If you play with the bull, you get the horn. Avoid being overly sensitive and short-tempered with others, as an unwanted confrontation could develop. Be magnanimous; try to see matters from the other party's view

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check your shoes carefully, for the toes you are stepping on may not be your own. You'll feel like the life of the party today and will be ready to let it all hang out this week. Be mindful of the

Today is Sunday, March 29, the 88th day of 2009. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1847, during the War, Mexican-American victorious forces led by Gen. Winfield Scott occupied the city of Veracruz after Mexican defenders capitulated.

Britain's In 1867, Parliament passed the British North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada.

Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began.

what is really important this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today the pen is truly mightier than the sword. You'll find the words that will help you get your way with ease. You can talk your way through any situation. Friends may add fuel to your fire this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep business and pleasure at opposite ends of the spectrum. Attempts to gain the upper hand in business through social maneuvering could backfire. Focus your energy on creative outlets in the week ahead.

> singer Joe Williams died in Las Vegas at age 80.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush welcomed seven former Soviet-bloc nations (Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Latvia and Estonia) into NATO during a White House ceremony. In a stinging rebuke, Secretary-General Kofi Annan fired one top U.N. official and demoted another for security failures leading to the August bombing of the U.N.'s Baghdad headquarters that killed 22 people. At least 19 people were killed in a wave of terrorist violence in Uzbekistan.

One year ago: Anti-American Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his followers to defy orders from the Iraqi government to surrender their Zimbabweans weapons. voted in an election seen as the biggest test of Robert Mugabe's 28-year rule. (Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai claimed victory, but the Election Commission ordered a runoff; Mugabe claimed victory in that contest, which was widely denounced as a sham.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.) In 1959, the Billy Wilder

farce "Some Like It Hot," starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, opened in New York

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.)

Ten years ago: NATO air strikes against Yugoslavia continued for a sixth night. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 10,000 In 1882, the Knights of for the first time, ending the day at 10,006.78. Connecticut beat topranked Duke, 77-74, for its first NCAA basketball championship. Legendary jazz



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A Petition to change the name of Angelica Caretina Magallanes born February 3, 1995 in Twin Falls, ID residing at 288 Morningside Dr. #2 has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Angelica Caretina Sena. The child's father is living. The child's mother is living. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:15 o'clock AM on March 30, 2009, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change. Date: 1/22/09

By Deputy Clerk

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DATED this 26th day of March, 2009. BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT By: /s/David F. Shirley

Attorney for the Burley Highway District

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LOST Cat in the area of 7th Ave E. Petite tabby cat, female. Call 208-735-5161,

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LOST Golden Retriever, male Last seen 3/24 on South Locust. Reward. Call 208-316-0797.

LOST Ring, size 7, silver heart with pink and red stones, at the Jerome Walmart 3/22/09. "REWARD" Call Emily 208-420-4932.

LOST tackle box and water cooler between Twin Falls and Roseworth on 3/20, 208-734-5754

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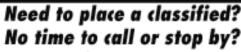
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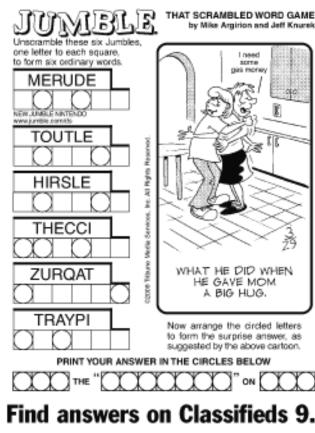
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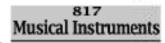
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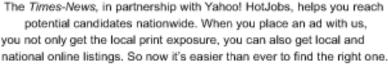
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

As a fairly disciplined player, I wonder how the experts treat preempts these days. Do they require decent suits, or will position and vulnerability influence their decisions to bid or pass?

Leaps and Bounds, Dover, Del.

ANSWER: At all forms of scoring, you can expect nonvulnerable players in first or third seat to be very aggressive, and also in second seat at favorable vulnerability. Conversely, when vulnerable, many experts in first or second seat have close to perfect hands for their pre-empts. Those playing strong club systems may be lighter (their opening thresholds are generally weaker).

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In second seat, with A-J-10-2, ¥ A-K-7, 🔶 4, 🐥 Q-10-6-3-2, I opened one club and heard one heart from my partner and two spades on my right from the passed hand. I doubled and my partner told me that this just showed a good hand. If I can't double for penalties here, how do I show my hand?

Forced Out, Riverside, Calif.

ANSWER: Your partner might have a point. First, I'm not sure you want to defend with such good hearts. Second, whenever you have a good hand without four hearts, you have to bid something, and double may be your only choice to show a good hand with no clear action.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Is your method of discarding standard or nonstandard?

Perfect Pitch, Mobile, Ala.

ANSWER: There may be some minor technical superiority to a method like Odd-Even, where odd cards encourage and even are suit preference; but in reality any expert pair playing standard signals also can show suit preference by pitching high or low cards

in suits where their holdings are already defined. Standard has worked fine for me for 50 years, and I have never really seen a reason to change.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Say you pick up 🛦 A-Q-2, ♥ K-7-4-2, ♦ Q-J-7-4, ♣ 10-5 and open one diamond. Partner jumps to three clubs, strong, and you bid three no-trump. If partner now bids four diamonds, what would you do?

Heads Up, Huntington, W. Va.

ANSWER: I can sign off (and if so, how?), or cue-bid (and if so, what?). Since slam may be laydown opposite your hand and you have already shown a minimum, I would not sign off in either four no-trump or five diamonds. I would cue-bid my spade ace, not my heart king; partner is more likely to want to hear about firstround controls.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

You mentioned that Standard American uses five-card majors and short minors for opening bids. However, our bridge group uses these criteria to bid in second or fourth position after an opponent has opened. Is this wise? Coming In, Eau Claire, Wis.

ANSWER: Overcalls in any suit, be it a major or a minor, show at least five cards, and strongly suggest six at the two-level. If you have enough to want to act but can't overcall or bid one no-trump showing 15-18 with a stop you double with support for the other three suits; otherwise, pass. (By the way, responses to partner's opening only guarantee a four-card suit.)

For details of Bobby WollI's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072 scaol com. If you would like contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com. Copyright 2009, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.







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SEE FAMILY LIFE 3



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.



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.



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.

Story continues on Family Life 3

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.



Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

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.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50. seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daily lunches are available for take-out from 11 a.m. to noon; seniors 59 and under, \$5.50; seniors 60 and older, \$4.50.734-5084. MENUS: Monday: Sausage and corn

chowder with biscuits Tuesday: Hash brown casserole Wednesday: Baked chicken Thursday: Kielbasa with sauerkraut Friday: Country-fried steak ACTIVITIES: Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Stained glass class, 1 to 4 p.m., \$25 Pet Poetry, Reading and Writing, 1 to 2 p.m. Oil painting by appointment, Don Oman at 734-0509 Let's Dance, 6 to 11 p.m. Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; \$1.50 each; coffee and roll, \$2 Quilting, 8 a.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1 Felting by Sandy Melbloom, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., \$55 Pinochle, 7:30 p.m.

Handwriting Analysis, 1 to 3 p.m., \$75 for four-week class or \$20 per class Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Oil painting by appointment Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Lunch bingo, 11:45 a.m. Texas Hold'em, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$5, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$4, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday

MENUS: Monday: Beef stew Tuesday: Quiche Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Beef stroganoff

Five seniors take a ski outing at Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort in March, from left: Glen Larson, 73, of Burley; Gary Mitchell, 73, of Burley; Glade Whiting, 73, of Twin Falls; Alan Hale, 75, of Rupert; and K.C. McBride, 74, of Shoshone. 'The day at Pomerelle was beautiful with great snow and lots of sunshine, Mitchell says. 'We all had a fabulous time and plan to keep the group together next year if possible.'

SEND US YOUR BEST SHOTS OF ACTIVE SENIORS

On this page, the Times-News showcases some of our readers' photographs of south-central Idaho's senior citizens leading active lives.

So round up your great shot of Grandpa feeding the calves, or that picture of your buddies from the senior center laughing it up over a game of pool. We aren't offering payment, but we'll share our favorite photos here each week.

The guidelines:

• Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.

• Stick to recent photos, please. Nothing older than approximately one year.

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- Include your address, phone number and e-mail address.
- Mail prints to: Virginia Hutchins, Features Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet. MENUS:

Monday: Tamale pie Wednesday: Spaghetti Friday: Fajita salad

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center at 324-5642.

MENUS: **Monday:** Barbecue riblets Tuesday: Chef salad Wednesday: Polish sausage Thursday: Meatloaf Friday: Chicken salad casserole

ACTIVITIES: Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45

p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

Photo courtesy of GARY MITCHELL

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Liver and onions Wednesday: Reuben sandwich Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Taxes Bingo

Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday: Trip to Liberty Theatre in Hailey for Company of Fools production Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games,

11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Win on Wednesday Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. MENU:

Thursday: Oven-fried chicken or fish

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS: Monday: Chicken a la king Tuesday: Roast beef Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Cook's choice Friday: Cook's choice ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Walking, 9 a.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children under 12; \$6, nonseniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Biscuits and gravy Tuesday: McRib sandwich Wednesday: April Fool's lunch Thursday: Macho nachos Friday: Fish and chips

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Thursday: Pool Exercise Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m. Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Kielbasa sausage and sauerkraut Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Waffles, eggs, bacon

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; takeout; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked turkey Wednesday: April Fool's Day surprise lunch Friday: Roast pork ACTIVITIES: Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; every-

one over 18 welcome Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. 140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Scalloped potato and ham casserole Thursday: Meatloaf ACTIVITIES:

Gooding County Senior

Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding.

Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3

Monday: Cook's choice

Tuesday: Cook's choice

Lunch at noon. Suggested

donation: \$3.50 for seniors.

MENUS:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 5 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 5 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12.

Silver and Gold **Senior Center**

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Ham Thursday: Hamburger steak ACTIVITIES: Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS: Monday: Pork roast Thursday: Tuna sandwich and soup

puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MENUS: Tuesday: Beef casserole Wednesday: Cook's choice Friday: Cook's choice

ACTIVITIES: Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County **Senior Center**

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. MENUS:

Tuesday: Swiss steak Wednesday: Sauteed mush-

rooms and onions Friday: Oven-fried chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Craft day, \$1 Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure,

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf Tuesday: Crispy fish fillet Thursday: Cook's choice ACTIVITIES: Tuesday: Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday: Foot clinic

A musical, electronic scrapbook on the Web

By Robin Stansbury

The Hartford Courant

After the birth of our son, I bought my husband a camcorder for his first Father's Day, hoping to take what inevitably would be boring video clips and - using the Internet turn them into short movies set to music.

never found the right Web site for help.

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shows to shame. The bonus: It's dirt cheap - 30-second videos are free; single, full-length productions are \$3; or try a year's pass with unlimited videos for \$30.

It's not surprising to learn that the folks behind the site are techies and film and TV producers, because the end product is that good. The site isn't only for parents. Think wedding photographs, vacations, graduations, birthdays - any event, big or small.

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Toys to be wary of

The Washington Post

Toys are meant to be fun, but the Consumer Product Safety Commission warns that some can pose hazards. Here are the commission's top five items to be wary of:

Scooters and riding toys: Don't forget the helmet, pads and other safety gear that go along with these toys. They can prevent injuries or even save lives.

Toys with small parts: Kids will be kids, poking small pieces where they don't belong - mouths, noses, ears. This presents choking or similar hazards.

Balloons: Popped, they leave behind shreds of latex that kids may try to eat. A child who tries to blow up a balloon himself can accidentally inhale it.

Magnets: Another ingestion problem. They can become trapped in the body and twist or pinch the intestine.

Chargers and adapters: These can pose thermal burn hazards to children, so adult supervision is a must.

FAMILY LIFE

Overridden with laundry? Try outsourcing

ver have one of those home projects where you realize you're woefully inadequate for the job?

You know, the ones where you don't have the tools, or the time, or the money, to get it done on time. Home economists say when you hit that realization, it's time to call an expert or choose to outsource the enormous task.



My wife and I reached this point - on the laundry.

You see, now with five kids and two adults in the house, our family has laundry piles that are more geographic landmark than individual chore. Simply overwhelmed with the task of washing, then drying, three loads a day, we've outsourced our laundry labor, to a traditional outlet.

A few weeks ago a friend suggested to my wife that she take all the dirties to the laundromat. When time is your most valuable resource, why use just one washer and dryer when you can use a whole row of them?

My wife found the idea brilliant since we're usually about 10 loads behind schedule. And because it's winter, when clothes are larger and bulkier, it adds even more to the family's burden of getting clothes clean.

Some parents may wince at the idea of spending time at the laundry. For me it was a trip down memory lane.

When I was a sophomore in high school, living alone with my mother, we ran into a string of bad luck and a number of appliances went out. Among the wares that went on the fritz was the

Jimmy's friends

Continued from Family Life 1

For two of those years, he slept in an abandoned freezer, the only thing he could find to shield him from the elements. Many of Lee's friends live in the Snake River and Rock Creek canyons or under bridges. Some seek shelter in the doorways of public buildings. Others stay at friends' houses.

"I know everybody," Lee said.

They're homeless for different reasons, said Phyllis Berg, director of Safe Harbor in Twin Falls. Lately, some have been smacked senseless by the economy. Unable to pay the rent, they stay with friends or family members, or sleep in their cars.

"People find themselves in these situations for one reason or another," said Leanne Trappen, community services director for South Central Community Action in Twin Falls. "Sometimes it's poor choices and sometimes it's lack of resources." Many, like Lee, have medical issues that keep them from working.

Lee has also noticed a steady increase in hungry mouths showing up at soup kitchens.

"Every time I turn around, a new face shows up," Lee said. "I meet more new friends every day."

Others choose to live on the streets, opting to live off the grid and out of the government's sight.

Addiction is another problem among Twin Falls' homeless. Alcohol and meth are especially crippling, Lee said.

Lee is no exception. "I could lie to you, but I'm not gonna," Lee said, motioning to the beer in his lap. Whatever money isn't spent on food goes straight to beer and cigarettes, he said.

He acknowledged that many homeless people spend money on drugs and



Jimmy Lee, 48, visits with friends who pass his table as they stand in a lunch line at The Salvation Army on Monday in Twin Falls. Lee says he suffers from neuropathy, alcoholism, Parkinson's disease and epilepsy -'that's what's tough,' he says. 'It's almost always a grand mal seizure,' he says. ' I could handle the little ones. I kinda like the little ones,' he jokes.

cars, then sit across from

work the system and give

people who legitimately

need help a bad name, he

You'll never see Lee

panhandling, either. For

him – and most homeless

people - it's a pride issue,

So Lee gets by without

although he accepts what

people offer him. After

being homeless for eight

years, Lee has figured out

how to get the most from

He knows that if there is a

party at Radio Rondevoo

on Saturday night, he has

to get there on Sunday to

waits too long, the city will

During weekdays, he

walks around downtown

Twin Falls with a grocery

cart - partly to carry his

possessions, and partly for

support - to collect recy-

clables to sell. Some deliv-

nab the soda cans. If he

collect the garbage on

Monday morning.

Twin Falls rubbish bins.

asking for money,

him at the table. They

said.

he said.

had a job in pest control.

"I knew what they were going to do with it, but still, I didn't care," he said.

Now Lee is on the receiving end. He knows where to get meals – The Salvation Army soup kitchen, Safe Harbor's Saturday lunches and food boxes, the Mustard Seed Food Pantry – and can go to friends' houses to heat canned soups and chilis. Lee doesn't have a can opener, so if he can't find his friends, the charity soup is useless to him.

During the week, Lee showers at The Salvation Army. Although illequipped for people with physical disabilities, it's the only place he can bathe, he said. Because of the lack of handicapped rails or stools in the shower, his friends have to help him stand while he showers. He uses the bathroom at Maverik Country Store.

At one Safe Harbor lunch in early March, Lee sat with friends as he munched on chili dogs and sipped coffee out of a foam cup. He knew almost everyone in the room, and most stopped by his table

has fallen on hard times, too. At other tables, some people chatted easily with their peers, while others hunched over their plates and ignored the rest. A handful of children ran around the room while their parents slipped outside for cigarette breaks. Seeing homeless moth-

ers and children breaks Lee's heart.

"I don't care about me. I care about the ones that I see every day," he said. "I want to make sure that they're all right."

Several of the families, especially those new to poverty, have no idea where to turn for food or financial assistance, he said. He often directs young mothers to the soup kitchens.

"I am so sick and tired of seeing all these people around here who need help and can't (find) it," he said.

To make matters worse, some people who do find the free lunches don't need the help, Lee said. He spoke bitterly of people who use state assistance or other income to buy new cars and boats, then take

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Watch a video story about bus dweller James Lee.

er cans to his bus, behind the Twin Falls senior center, or wait for Lee to walk by with his cart to hand over their discarded aluminum. He gets about \$2 a day for the recyclables, if he's lucky.

Even after four divorces, Lee has no family to rely on here. The last time he spoke to his 24-year-old son, "all he wanted to do was tell me what a piece of crap I was," Lee said.

Instead, Lee depends on his friends and the woman he calls his adopted grandmother. He does odd jobs for people to get a little cash. And when he comes across someone who needs a place to stay, he offers up his bus.

Three other men live in the buses with him, and several friends stop by throughout the day, helping to break up the monotony of sorting aluminum cans and sitting in the smoky bus.

When people aren't around, he bonds with the pigeons and a stray cat who frequent the lot. He has even named his animal companions: Harold the pigeon has a brighter green head than his counterparts, and Kiki the cat eats kibble that a friend brings to Lee.

The small joys in his routine help him enjoy his humble existence.

"I refuse to be ashamed," Lee said. "That will not happen. I get depressed, especially with the way things are now, but I'm happy inside."

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 208-735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

THE BUDGET PROJECT See what progress a Filer family made

dryer. My mom insisted we didn't need to repair or replace it.

This led to my introduction to the warm, fragrant and welcoming surroundings of the neighborhood laundromat.

Compared with our dark and dingy basement, the laundromat was the closest thing I had resembling Martha Stewart's house in the Hamptons. It smelled fresh. It looked fresh. My clothes came out light and clean. I even think my acne went away for good.

Twenty years later, my wife and I returned to the laundromat armed with a stack of dollar bills. We filled about 10 heavyload washers taking about 40 minutes per load. Dryers took a little less time, and slightly fewer quarters.

Eventually our labors were completed. Total time: two hours. Total cost: \$19.

Was this a smart way to blow almost 20 bucks when I have fully operational appliances at home? Arguably not.

But while some husbands take their wives to dinner, to a movie, or on a romantic cruise, our marriage is based on more mundane and yet satisfying pleasures. For my wife, \$19 and two hours saved her at least 12 hours for later in the week, and a healthy dose of sanity.

And the mountain of laundry is gone, at least for a week or two.

David Cooper is a father of five. Reach him at dcooper@magicvalley.com.

alcohol, but that didn't stop him from giving money to them when he

Several products are avail-

child remains in a car seat

One of the more popular is

upon sensing a child's

weight and sounds a lullaby

when the car has stopped; it

KidsAndCars.org,

after the car is turned off. cles:

able to remind a parent if a the tragedy of children being

Cars-N-Kids Car Seat you'll need for work – cell-

Monitor, which turns on phone, handbag, employee

retails for about \$40 and is the child's car seat when it's

The Washington Post

to greet him as they left.

"Jimmy's a great friend," said Richard Haines, who

vehicle safety, urges some

basic measures to prevent

inadvertently left in vehi-

Always put something

badge, etc. - on the floor of

the back seat, near the child.

not occupied. When the

food from soup kitchens. He has seen people drive up to the charities in new

in the passenger seat. It's a

visual reminder that any-

time the teddy bear is in the

passenger seat, the child is in

provider or babysitter that

you will always call them if

your child will not be there

uled. Ask them to always

phone you if your child does

Make arrangements with

day-care

advocacy group for child put the teddy bear up front

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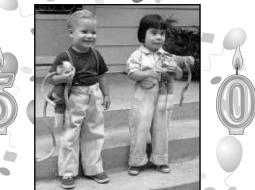
an child is placed in the seat, not show up when expected.

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in controlling its finances. NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

Happy Birthday, Clint & Janice! Ways to help prevent a tragedy



Hey, Cousins: Look who's 50 on 3/28 & 4/6/09 LOVE YOU BOTH! Mom (Aunt Vi) and Dad (Uncle George)

Keep your kids safe from chemicals

By Lindsay Minnema The Washington Post

available online.

When it comes to curious children and household chemicals, poisoning is a very real and serious risk. The most common cases of poisoning, however, aren't caused by the cleaners under your kitchen sink but by the prescription and over-the-counter drugs found in your medicine cabinet. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers these tips for keeping your kids safe:

• Keep drugs in childproof, out-of-reach cabinets.

• Avoid taking medicine in front of kids because they often like to imitate you.

• Never call medicine "candy," even to get your child to take it.

• Don't leave your next

dose on the counter or table place near your phone: 1within reach of little ones.

medicines sitting out when you are done using them. Put them away immediately. breathing, call 911.

• **Post** the poison control number in a quickly found Web site, www.cdc.gov.

800-222-1222. This line is • To that end, don't leave useful if the victim is awake and alert. But, if he or she has collapsed or is not

For more, visit the CDC





Ernest Van Every is turning 80 on April 3rd. He has lived in Rupert his whole life.

He married Roberta Rasmussen on April 24th, 1954. They have 8 children.

Ernest's family is honoring him with an open house on Saturday, April 4th, from 4-6 pm.

It will be held at 185 North Meridian, Rupert. Friends and Family are invited to share in this special occasion. No gifts please.

face-out water dispenser on the front door. Through the years it has accumulated hard water scale and scum on the bottom tray and all around the dispenser. I didn't realize how bad it was until we had some friends over Cleaning Center owner for dinner. They looked at it with disgust and suggested I write to you for help! "Feeling Glum From Scum!"



Lori Chandler 734-2404

nswer:

Your friends are right, there is the perfect product for such a visible problem, (those dispensers sit up high at eye level so everyone can see the mess!) Showers-N-Stuff is an amazing nonphosphoric product that works on hard water scale and scum buildup. It is formulated with a detergent to cut through grime, while the acid goes after mineral deposits.

Try it out, then invite your guests back to see the shiny improvement.

Frustrated with a stubborn cleaning problem? Write or e-mail your questions to: lchandler@cleaningcenters.com



483 Washington St. N. Twin Falls, ID (Corner of Washington St. N. and Filer Ave.) 014

uestion: My refrigerator has a

Felted wool eggs: fuzzy, festive Easter decor

By Holly Ramer Associated Press writer

Who can forget the Cadbury commercials of the 1980s, with that adorable bunny hopping off a nest to reveal foil-wrapped creme eggs?

Here's what you might get if a sheep instead of a rabbit were doing the clucking: fuzzy, felted eggs that can be used as Easter decorations or cut open to insert tiny treats.

Making them is easy, if a bit messy. But unlike dyeing real eggs, there's no chance of staining your hands or clothing purple or green. Small bits of colorful wool roving are wrapped around inexpensive plastic eggs, dunked in water and agitated until the fibers shrink around the shape, producing a soft covering of felt.

A washing machine can be used to make a dozen at once, or tactile types can make them one-by-one by hand. And unlike chocolate eggs, these will still be around after Easter.

MATERIALS:

 plastic eggs • duct tape or masking batch of eggs. tape

• wool roving in assorted colors, a handful is plenty for one egg

- a large bowl of hot water two of soap.
- liquid soap
- Optional:

wrap or metal cooling rack

- washing machine
- old pantyhose

INSTRUCTIONS:

the most basic. The alternative uses pantyhose to hold imately 5 by 7 inches. the wool roving together for



Making your own fuzzy, festive felted wool Easter eggs is easy, fun and just a bit messy. Once formed they can be cut open and displayed with a baby chick popping out.

may be easier for children to handle. The third method uses a washing machine and is a good way to felt a larger

HANDS-ON METHOD:

1) Fill the bowl with hot water and add a squirt or 2) Cover an egg with tape

to seal the opening and give • a bamboo mat, bubble the wool a slightly textured surface to grab onto.

3) Unwind a bit of wool roving and pull off a tuft. Lay it flat in front of you, teasing the fibers apart to layer that measures approx-

4) Add another layer on



wrap the wool around it, as if

Try felted wool as an alternative to dying eggs this year.

the direction of the fibers. 5) **Repeat** until you have you were rolling a burrito: The hands-on method is make a thin, rectangular four layers. Using different fold the top and bottom colors for each layer will cre-

inward over the narrow ends ate a marbled effect.

the initial felting stage, and top of the first, alternating the rectangle of wool and the egg.

7) With your hands cupped around the egg, dip it in the bowl of hot water. 8) Very gently, and keep-

ing your hands cupped around the egg, move it back and forth between your hands. Resist the urge to squeeze. Continue lightly patting and rolling the egg in your hands for 2-3 minutes until you start to feel the wool shrinking to the shape of the egg. Initially, it will feel like a soggy mass of fibers, then a wrinkled mess, but eventually it will shrink.

9) Once the wool has shrunk, apply more pressure and roll the egg between of the egg, then wrap the your palms, as if you were 6) Place the egg on top of roving around the middle of rolling a ball of clay or eggs from the hose and dough. If the surface gets allow to dry.

too soapy, rinse the egg in cool water. You can rub the egg on a bamboo mat, sheet of bubble wrap or metal cooling rack to add more friction. Continue until the egg feels firm, approximately 5 minutes.

10) Rinse egg under cold water to remove soap.

11) Allow eggs to dry for 1-2 days.

12) If desired, use small, sharp scissors to cut through the felt and remove the plastic eggs.

ALTERNATIVE HANDS-ON METHOD:

1) Follow steps 1-6 above. 2) Cut a 6-inch tube from

a pantyhose leg and tie a knot in one end.

3) Carefully insert the wool-wrapped egg into the tube and tie another knot at the open end.

4) Continue with step 7 above. After a few minutes, when you see some of the fibers poking through the mesh pantyhose, remove the egg and continue felting by hand, following steps 9-12.

MACHINE METHOD:

1) Follow steps 1-6 above. 2) Cut one leg off a pair of pantyhose.

3) Carefully insert one wool-wrapped egg into the toe of the pantyhose and tie a knot.

4) Continue adding woolwrapped eggs, tying a knot between each one.

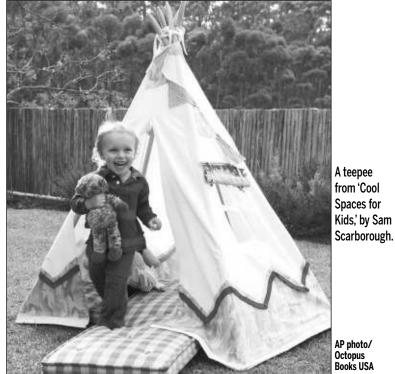
5) Throw the bundle of eggs in the washing machine with a little bit of laundry detergent. A lingerie bag or pillowcase is helpful for containing lint. Run through a hot-water cycle.

6) Carefully remove the

Get kids outside by creating fun, natural spaces for play

By Melissa Kossler Dutton For The Associated Press

Siblings Erin and Christopher Rogoff share their backyard with chipmunks, squirrels, bats and rabbits.



Depends on your definition of 'friendly'

By John Kelly The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - "Is your their eyes. dog friendly?" you ask as we draw closer to each other on the path, our respective dogs' leashes in hand.

answer that? Yes, Charlie is about 20 feet away, the terrier friendly - really, he's a very starts emitting a low growl, sweet dog – but how can I like an outboard engine at idle. know your interpretation of As we get closer, the growl the word "friendly"? Some rises in pitch and intensity. people might construe energetic humping as *extremely* hind legs, straining against his friendly. Others might be horrified. Charlie is a dog who his compact little body, rigid likes pushing his butt into your with an unspeakable rage, Toto knees in the hopes that you'll scratch it. Is that unfriendly? What you really want to that dog. know is: Is my dog going to rip your dog's throat out? No. of course not. At least. I don't think so. I mean, can we ever really predict what an animal - even a domesticated like Steve McQueen in "The one - will do? And, you know, when we get right down to it, what if *your* dog does something that ticks my dog off? I don't speak canine, but Charlie is fluent, and your dog might be one of those dogs that just rubs other dogs the wrong way. How about we do this: Why don't we just take a chance? How about we let the two dogs Handsome. No wonder he work it out between themselves, like toddlers in a sandbox? in favor of that. To paraphrase I was skittish. How exactly "Animal Farm": Four legs good, eight legs bad. You're When would he bolt, leaving one of those people who fear me to impotently shout that two or more dogs together spells disaster. these people every day. There's the owner who pulls her shepherd tightly toward her whenever we walk by. There's the woman who recently, upon seeing us standing with two other leashed pooches and their owners, made a big detour with her pet, shrieking, "Too many dogs! Too many dogs!" as if the dogs were just waiting for a quorum, at which point they would launch their nefarious plan to unseat the humans and take over. ("To the battlements! Sausages for everyone!")

and be sniffed, but they're owned by scaredy-cats. They shuffle by with a longing in

A few years of that and they lose their ability to get along with other dogs and end up like this Scottish terrier Charlie How am I supposed to and I see regularly. When we're The little dog rises up on his leash with every corpuscle of on crystal meth.

They help their parents fill bird feeders, hang bat boxes, and plant fruits and vegetables to attract wildlife.

"The squirrels chase the birds, and Erin and me chase the squirrels," said 7-vear-old Christopher. who loves playing out in his yard in Ocean, N.J.

His parents, Marc and Bernadette Rogoff, wanted to create a fun backyard that would encourage their kids to appreciate the outdoors, entertain themselves and have unstructured down time.

"It's really important to have a connection with the outside," Bernadette Rogoff said. "Kids really need time to figure out who they are. Goofing around outside gives them time to do that?"

Landscapers and designers say that creating fun outdoor spaces is simple and inexpensive.

Nancy Striniste, owner of the company EarlySpace in Arlington, Va., recommends designating spots for exploration, imaginative play and observing animals. Also be sure to include grassy areas for games, running and play sets, she said.

Plants, water and stepping stones can all play a role in creating a kidfriendly yard.

Striniste often uses stone pavers or border plants to make meandering paths for children. She plants herbs between the stones because their distinctive scents will make the adventure more fun and create longlasting memories.

"The scent of lilacs just takes me back to my childhood," she said.

Fountains or small ponds also are fun because children love to play in water. Striniste's son spent hours last summer using a net to catch and release the goldfish that live in the family's backyard pond.

"We bought them for 25 cents at the pet store," she said. "They got big and had babies. It's very exciting."

A water element also will bring animals into the yard, Striniste said. Families interested in attracting animals should consult the National Wildlife Federation's guidelines for creating a backyard habitat. The federation awards certificates to

CREATING FUN OUTDOOR PLAY SPACES

Some ideas for creating fun outdoor spaces for kids:

1. Create a wildlife observation area by hanging birdhouses and feeders in a quiet spot in the yard.

2. Gather twigs and branches into a brush pile to attract snakes, moles or other critters.

3. Choose plants native to the area because they will attract animals and insects.

4. Designate a flower or vegetable bed for the children to tend.

5. Find spots where low branches, shrubbery or groupings of trees have created secluded alcoves for children to play.

6. Create a science center with a thermometer and water gauge where children can track changing weather conditions.

7. If you don't have a water element in your yard, allow your child to play with the hose or watering can.

8. Plant herbs and other scented plants in the ground or in pots and let children use them to make mud pies.

households that meet the agency's requirements for providing food, water and shelter for animals. Information is available on the federation's Web site, NWF.org.

Another idea is to use plants to

create cozy places that encourage make-believe, Striniste said. The space under an evergreen, for example, can be an inviting place for little ones. So can a playhouse made from flowers and vines.

It's possible to make a living playhouse by planting sunflowers in a large square and training vines to grow between them, she said.

Planting vines on a trellis or chain link fence also can create a natural play area.

"It is very important to give kids a sense of place and space," said Sam Scarborough, author of "Cool Spaces for Kids'' (Octopus Publishing, 2009). "They love being contained in an area that they feel belongs to them. Children like to have boundaries - it makes them feel safe?"

Scarborough's book offers ideas on how to create tents and tepees from bamboo poles, fabric and hula hoops.

"Pitching a tent in the garden and adding a few comfy cushions and blankets is a very easy way of getting kids to go outside and play," she wrote in an e-mail from her home in Cape Town, South Africa.

Planting a garden is another way to encourage children to spend time outside.

"Watching a plant grow is a lovely experience for a child," Scarborough said. "It is even more fun if you can enjoy the crop as a meal?"

I feel sorry for these owners' dogs. All they want is to sniff ideally, a duet.

Even Charlie wants to avoid

I could have ended up that way (like the owner, not the dog). I had a lot of "bad" dogs when I was growing up. Not biters but bolters, dogs who, Great Escape," studied the perimeter fencing, noting when the laundry truck made its pickups and deliveries.

Our dogs were always on the lookout for a poorly latched gate. Many's the afternoon I spent walking through the shouting neighborhood "Handsome! Handsome!" (Yes, that was one dog's name: tried to escape.)

So when we first got Charlie – a handsome black Lab with

Ah, I can tell that you're not a shiny, fashion model's coat would he embarrass me? "Come!" while other dog owners shook their heads in Charlie and I encounter disgust? I would speed up or slow down to avoid other dogs, vank Charlie's leash in midpee.

> But you can teach an old man new tricks, as My Lovely Wife did. The dogs of her youth were allowed to be dogs, to establish their pecking order in the household, to shed, to sniff, to hump, perchance to dream.

> So now I allow Charlie to stop and smell the roses – and the buttocks. It's really his only hobby, you see.

> His nose is his instrument, the world is a symphony and your dog is a violin solo - or,

Julie Endresen and

Eric Hettinga

for the United States Army

and is serving in the JAG

honor was her sister, Jaclyn

Endresen. Bridesmaids

were Alisha Shilling, Lind-

sey Endresen, Jodi Hettinga,

Stacie Sawyer and Jennifer Sliter. Flower girls were

Tory Swartzenberger and

Matt Gomlak, Jon Endresen,

Brent Sawyer, Joe Cenni and

Travis Dixon. Ring bearers

were Jackson Endresen and

The couple is residing in

Best man was Jason

Ashlyn Sliter.

Gage Sliter.

The bride's maid of

corps.

Wedding **Interview: Secrets of wedding planners Endresen-Hettinga**

By Holly E. Thomas The Washington Post

of Washington wedding interesting design elements: out a doubt." She adds that planning company Engaging Affairs, dishes associates with Muchnick and Guthridge about tying the decor, not create it." knot in style.

to a tight budget without wedding? sacrificing style?

ding, or pick an off-season to make choices – you can night in June and look for for all your family and your deals."

hors d'oeuvres selection for 50 people."

instead of a traditional sitdown dinner." She adds that important detail not to brides should look for ven-Laura Weatherly, founder ues with historic details or "The more character your venue has, the less decorat-Sara ing you have to do. All you album, which helps spread things, like choosing a band Amy have to do is highlight the out the expense.

Q: What's the No. 1 secret Q: How can a couple stick to planning a successful 53 years ago, and I still look not to get lost in the plan-

LW: "Have a Friday wed- issue, realize that you have 70 friends, or you can have **SM:** "Try a dessert and the wedding you *really* want

Q: What's the most done, you'll be able to calm overlook?

LW: "Photography, withsome photographers let brides defer ordering an

AG: "I have my grandparents' wedding album from bands,' etc.'' And remember at it. So not only will you LW: "If budget is an have it, but also your kids and grandkids."

date. Don't pick a Saturday have a very simple wedding stressed-out bride, what's your best advice?

> **SM:** "Get on a timeline. If you know what you're doing miss the point of getting and when it needs to be married."

yourself when you wake up in a cold sweat. You have things you need to accomplish each day, each week, just like a work schedule."

LW: "Break down the big break it into smaller tasks, such as 'get proposals from ning. I had clients that did 'No-Wedding Wednesdays,' where they had to go out Q: For the ultimate and do something fun and *not* talk about the wedding, not even once. It's easy to get lost in the planning and

Social dating sites take over for friends

By Ellen McCarthy The Washington Post

Get ready. The free-marworld have figured out the next big way to make money off your dating life.

industry term.

And if that sounds like a movies – well, you wish.

you're probably doing already: connecting with people on social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional

Medical Center

A son was born to Chad

and Jaclyn Steube of Burley,

Home birth

Hannah Kelly McReyn-

olds, daughter of Carmen

Kelly and Matthew Wayne

McReynolds of Jerome, was

St. Benedicts Family

Medical Center

daughter of Dora Lopez

Salas and Efran Salas

Pricila Salas Lopez,

born March 6, 2009.

March 14, 2009.

March 13, 2009.

gumption to strike up communication with someone interesting if a mutual friend program, the service matchket entrepreneurs of the hadn't greased the wheels with an introduction. Also, people don't have access to all the interesting folks out-"Social dating" is the side their network of ing access to the full pool of friends.

But voila. Software coders month. return to the junior-high- have come to the rescue with style group dates to the applications that work Interested, is powered by a within these social network-Instead, it is a natural ing sites to enable people to extension of something meet potential dates. And the apps' growth thus far has enue topped \$1 million in the been pretty phenomenal.

according to co-founder express interest in each your digital date generator.

Once you sign up for the es you with a handful of candidates in your area. That much is free, but refining your preferences and gain-Zoosk users costs \$25 a

publicly traded company called Snap Interactive that said its ad-generated revfourth quarter of last year. One company, Zoosk, is Snap says it has more than adding 100,000 users a day, 16 million users, who procrastination agent and

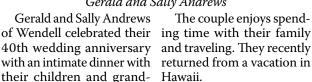
We all know it would take Shayan Zadeh, and recently other after seeing profile hit the 20 million user mark. pictures and - if the interest is mutual – proceed on their own from there. The service is free.

> So far, a majority of "social dating" users have been in their 20s. but Dave Evans, a consultant in the the services into serious rivals to traditional online dating sites.

Perfect, right? Facebook can now be your constant

> Gerald and Sally Andrews 40th wedding anniversary their children and grandchildren.

and Sally Kay Stockham were married April 29, 1969 at the Presbyterian Church in Wendell, ID. They have spent of Pocatello. The couple has their married years farming three grandchildren: Andie together in Wendell and raising their three children.



Their children are: Jen-Gerald Carleton Andrews nifer Andrews-Kelley (Victor Kelley) of Boise, Clint Andrews (Marian) of Wendell, and Katie Andrews Andrews, Bridget Kelley and Gregory Kelley.

The Hosmans



Charles and Barbara Hosman

Emma Rose daughter of Linda Jane and was born March 19, 2009. Derek Jon Koehn of Buhl, was born March 16, 2009. Charm Spring Kruger, daughter of Elizabeth Victoria and Steven Charles Kruger of Twin Falls, was

born March 16, 2009. Nathanael Henry **Thomas,** son of Amber Lynn Lidell-Thomas and James Christopher Thomas of Declo, was born March 16, Michelle Novack, daughter 2009.

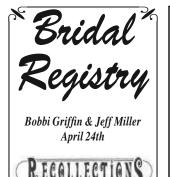
Kailin Cruz, Bailey daughter of Thelma and Artemio Cruz Jr. of Kimberly, was born March 17, 2009.

Angelo Maximilio Victorio of Jerome, was born Guevara, son of Lela Esperanza Yaranga and Augustine Victor Guevara IV

Alyssa Natalia Estrada, daughter of Teresa D.J. and Enrique L. Estrada of Jerome, was born March 20, 2009.

Samantha Faith Hardy, daughter of Amanda Levea and Gregory Adams Hardy of Hansen, was born March 20,2009.

Kavdence Cheriseof Jordyn Marie Keekhof and Michael Scott-David Novack of Hagerman, was



Koehn, Allen Dearden Jr. of Jerome, born March 20, 2009. Hayden Peggy Ross,

daughter of Cameo Camron Madrid of Twin Falls, was born March 20, 2009.

Nevyah Jean Sartain, daughter of Ashley Jean Sartain of Hansen, was born March 20, 2009.

Marcus Knight Bench, son of Amber Drew and Daniel Arthur Bench of Jerome, was born March 22, 2009.

Rafayel Antonio Damian, son of Dora Gladilet Damian of Murtaugh, was born March 22, 2009.

To submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements, contact Janet Cranney at 735-3253, or e-mail

Julie Beth Endresen and Eric Alex Hettinga were married on January 17, 2009, at the Christian Center in Kalispell, Montana. Officiating was the Reverend Kent McLellan.

Julie is the daughter of Jack and Lorie Endresen of Kalispell, Montana. Eric is the son of Kurt and Anna Standley of Jerome.

The bride graduated from Stillwater Christian School in Kalispell, and Northwest University in Kirkland, Washington. She earned a bachelor's degree in science and nursing and is now working as a travel nurse.

The groom graduated from Jerome High School and West Point Military Academy with a systems Lantrip. Groomsmen were engineering degree. Eric went on to receive a masters in public administration from the University of Oklahoma, and a jurisdoctor law degree from Arizona State University. He is a major Tacoma, Washington.

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The Andrews



Gerald and Sally Andrews

online dating industry, expects that to change as A rival service, Are You older people continue to sign on to social networks. All of that, he says, will turn

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Emmalynn Constance Eastman, daughter of Shauna Jane and Jeffrey Craig Eastman of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 4, 2009.

daughter of Amber Deana and Richardo Javier Ibarra of Dean of Twin Falls, was born March 7, 2009.

Marcus Alexander De-Weissmuller of Twin Falls. was born March 10, 2009.

Konner Keith Jackson, son 2009. of Angela Marie and Thomas Craig Jackson of Kimberly, was born March 15, 2009.

Dustin Rex Heward, son of Leigh and Jeremy Vaughn 18, 2009. Heward of Twin Falls, was born March 16, 2009.

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of Twin Falls, was born March 17, 2009. Shelby Reagan Harden-

daughter brook, of Stephanie Erin and Troy D. Hardenbrook of Burley, was born March 17, 2009.

N'kai Nayan Ibarra, Alicia Marie Ramirez, daughter of Yasmin Nayan Filer, was born March 17. 2009.

Gemma LeAnne Freedle, **Paoli**, son of Julia Anne daughter of Melissa LeAnne and Claude James Freedle III of Buhl, was born March 18,

> Jonas Raymon Jespersen, son of Audrianna Bella and James Aaron Jespersen of Twin Falls, was born March

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The Zollingers

Sixty-five years ago, on March 31, Bud Zollinger and Francis Abbott were married. They met at a soldiers' dance in Houston, where Francis was born and raised, and married a few months later at Bud's parents' home in Wendell.

After World War II ended and Bud came home from Guam, they settled in Wendell where Bud managed a car dealership for many years.

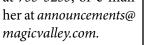
In 1960, they moved to

celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on April 2nd, 2009.

Robert and Dolores Brehm were married April 2, 1949 in Elko, NV. Robert has been a business and residential contractor, land proprietor, and developer in Twin Falls since 1961.

Bob and Dolores have been active members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Twin Falls for the past 48 years and Bob built the existing Immanuel Lutheran School. Dolores is a loving wife and mother who has assisted Bob in their family business.

Their children are Sandy sion at a family dinner.



Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday for the follow-

ing Sunday.

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Hosman of Jerome will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Jerome, Idaho, and Barbara Wagner of Buhl, Idaho, were married at the Immac- children, and plan for an ulate Conception Catholic extended family celebration Church in Buhl on April 4, in late summer.

have been active members Road, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles of Jerome's community, including St. Jerome's parish for 50 years.

They have 4 daughters, 2 sons, 7 grandchildren, Charles Hosman of and 5 step-grandchildren. The couple will celebrate their anniversary with their

Congratulations may be Chuck and Barbara sent to them at 385 West



We can make no predictions their future. But one thing is certain...

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Francis and Bud Zollinger 25 years. They have had a wonderful life together, for, as Bud often says, "We've

Bud and Francis have two



Kevan, Jenna Brehm, Cody and (Mandy) Brehm and Britni Brehm. They also have one great-grandchild, Parker Mogensen.

will be celebrating the occa-

Robert and Dolores Brehm (Brehm) Kevan and Steve and (Christy) Brehm of Twin Falls. They have 7 grandchildren: Angie and (Billy) Mogensen, Lindsay

The immediate family

in Twin Falls for the last great-grandchildren. **The Brehms** Robert and Dolores

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never had an argument." Rupert and lived there for children, Susan and Robert, 21 years. They have lived ten grandchildren, and 28

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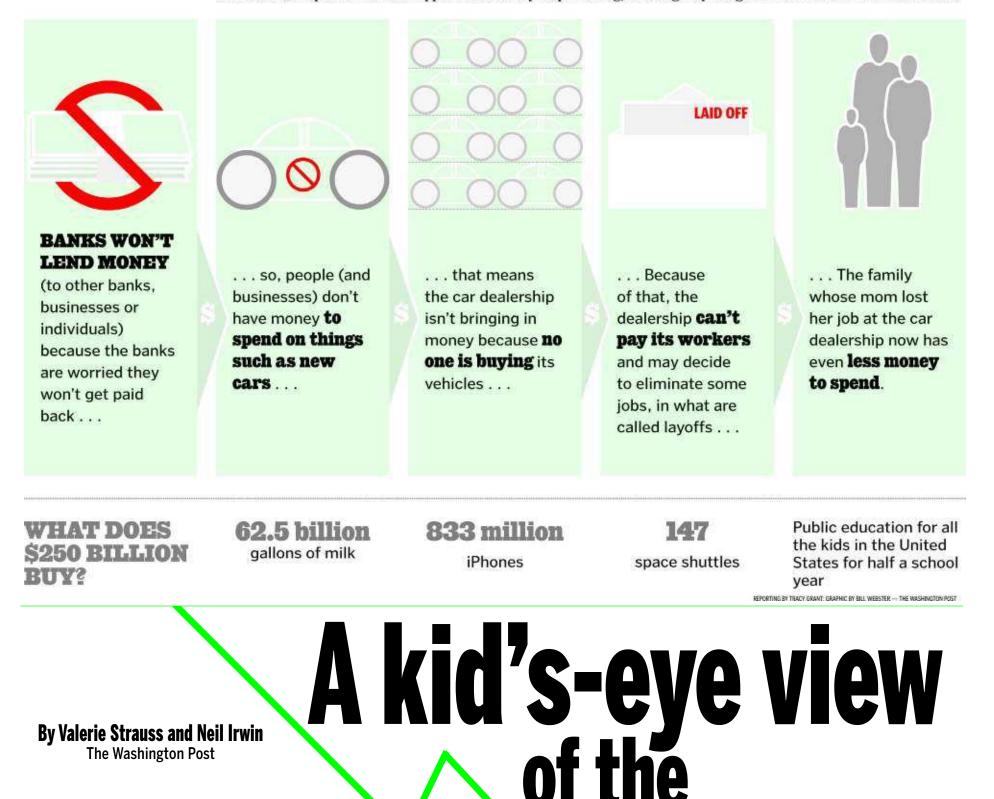
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The Money

Kids

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.



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 **How bad is it?** haircut, that means the barber has money to, for example, buy a TV. Money is the gas 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.

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 again. 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

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

economy

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.