

Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/ **Times-News** Laura Ansley, 22, perches on a desk in her cell at the Twin Falls County Jail as she reflects on the drug use that landed her in the facility. Ansley is one of many addicts housed at the jail for drug-related crimes. She is looking forward to participating in a rider program that will give her the opportunity to be involved in drug treatment programs and parenting classes. But she wishes there was more programming offered at the jail. 'I lost a lot to meth,' says Ansley. 'I lost myself.

Twin Falls County Jail tries treatment to ease crowding

By Andrea Jackson Times-News writer



about patient safety and pharmacists. But Drs. Brian physician ethics.

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The decision, announced

Sage grouse suit targets grazing, drilling in West

By Scott Sonner Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. - Conservationists say federal rules that allow livestock grazing and oil and gas development across 25 million acres of public land in istration. the West are illegal because they fail to acknowledge the finding a way to do things harm being done to sage differently than in the past grouse.

federal court accuses the future," said Laird Lucas, a Bureau of Management of violating two major environmental laws and its own regulations by allowing commercial activities to continue not just for sage grouse, but on those lands in Nevada, for the whole sagebrush Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and California.

But in a switch in strategy, the environmentalists aren't asking a judge to immediately halt those operations. They want to talk, and they think they may have a willing listener in the new Obama admin-

"What we are after is and better manage these A lawsuit recently filed in public lands into the



Ansley shows the scars left on the insides of her arms from intravenous meth use.

'I was an IV user,' says Ansley before quickly correcting herself. 'I am an IV user.' The tracks on her left arm are covered by a tattoo that she says she did herself. Capt. Doug Hughes, jail administrator, says a new drug treatment program is planned in the Twin Falls jail.

An unfinished tattoo on Laura Ansley's arm conceals the scars of intravenous meth addiction.

Incarcerated, she rose from her cot and ran her finger over the dark, callused remnants of habitual injection.

"It's hard to believe you can change," Ansley told the Times-News last week from the confines of the Twin forever. I think the folks in Falls County Jail. "Since I've my business are ready." been in here, I've lost a lot."

The jail in Twin Falls is kicking off a pilot program this week to treat substance attempt to save bed space at lockup.

This kind of program, offered at no charge to inmates, is rare in Idaho's jails.

Most are struggling just to fund basic operations, said Vaughn Killeen, director Twin Falls County Jail were of the Idaho Sheriff's already welcoming the new Association.

"It's something that is just not very prevalent in our jail system," Killeen told the Times-News. "Other than to serve as much as 20 per-Ada County, I'm not aware of any at this point in time."

change.

road, we will see more and more jails move into inmate County officials said. treatment programs," he



Unlike 20 to 30 years ago, Killeen says, "I think people realize it's an investment."

The new program comes abusers like Ansley in an as Twin Falls County leaders search for ways to reduce the crowded 20-year-old the pressure on the 20-yearold jail, which is often at capacity and cannot be expanded. This fiscal year, Twin Falls County plans to spend \$130,000 to house inmates in other lockups.

Last week, inmates at the program, funded by \$84,000 in county grants to treat drug and alcohol abuse.

The program is designed cent of the jail's roughly 190 inmates, in two-hour-But Killeen says that could per-week, gender-specific groups. Treatment is provid-"As we move down the ed by the Matrix Institute on Addictions, Twin Falls

said. "The downturn in the and sober we should be economy isn't going to last helping them with options,"

Inmates at the Twin Falls County Jail play cards in their cell block. The county hopes to use to reduce inmate numbers and one day build a bigger jail.

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Watch a video on the Twin Falls **County Jail's** treatment plan for inmates as well as a photo gallery of life in the jail.

said Capt. Doug Hughes, the county's jail administrator. "We've never tried this sort of treatment before."

Inmate Ansley, 22, has been locked up since March 8, and says she wants to be in the program. She said she hopes to go back to cosme-"While a person's clean tology school and raise her

"As we move down the road, we will see more and more jails move into inmate treatment programs. The downturn in the economy isn't going to last forever. I think the folks in my business are ready." Vaughn Killeen, director of the Idaho Sheriff's Association Land lawyer for the Western Watersheds Project, which filed the suit.

"The next 20 years are going to be really critical.

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People claiming POW benefits outnumber POWs

By Allen G. Breed Associated Press writer

ways most veterans don't, enduring humiliating forced marches, torture or other trauma that may haunt them long afterward. In partial recompense, the government extends them special benefits, from free parking and tax breaks to priority in medical treatment.

Trouble is, some of the much-admired recipients of

these benefits apparently don't deserve them.

There are only 21 surviv-Prisoners of war suffer in ing POWs from the first Gulf War in 1991, the Department of Defense says. Yet the Department of Veterans Affairs is paying disability benefits to 286 service members it says were taken prisoner during that conflict, according to data released by VA to The Associated Press.

See POWS, Main 2



AP photo

Mary and Chuck Schantag are seen March 16 in their home in Branson, Mo., with some of the files they have assembled on false prisoners of war. The Schantags are the founders of the POW Network, which works to expose those who fraudulently claim to have been held captive in combat.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

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SEASONAL EVENTS

Community Sunrise Service, praise, worship, scripture and prayer honoring Jesus Christ's resurrection, 8 a.m., Twin Falls City Park Band shell, 324-3054 or 733-3222.

TODAY'S DEADLINE

Reservation discount deadline for April 24 The 2009 Women's Spring Advance, featuring Beth

• Shoshone Falls is put-

ting on a show. While there's

Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Moore and her video conference "Loving Well" hosted by First Christian Praise Chapel, 5:45 to 9 p.m. (24) and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (25), First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 8th St., Rupert, \$20 (\$25 after today), includes snack, breakfast and lunch, 208-436-4040 to register.

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In January 1908 the Filer State Bank opened, organized with capital of \$10,000 fully paid. The bank's brick building, built in 1909, became the first of its kind in Filer. It still stands at the northwest corner of Yakima and Main and houses the current city offices.

Inmate charged with drug crime inside T.F. jail

Times-News

A female inmate at the Twin Falls County Adult Detention Center allegedly methamphetamine hid inside of her body and used some of it multiple times inside the lockup, court records show.

sessing a controlled substance.

The jail's administrator, substance." Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Capt. Doug Hughes, asked a deputy on March 31

Buhl was arraigned Friday in issue," according to court up inside her upon entry to Twin Falls 5th District records. "Captain Hughes Court on a charge of pos- stated that a female in 1200 female block possibly had used the meth in the jail a possession of a controlled

Authorities assert Havens admitted to bringing the 2.2 grams of meth to come to the jail "because into the facility. "Brandi liminary hearing is set for Brandi A. Havens, 32, of of a possible narcotics stated that she had placed it Friday.

the jail," court records show. "Brandi stated that she had couple times since her incarceration."

Havens is in jail on \$25,000 bond for the new possession charge. A pre-

Suit

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ecosystem," he said. "Getting an injunction that creates a crisis in the short term doesn't really serve that role?"

Since taking office, President Obama has distanced himself from several Bush administration policies on the environment and suspended some administrative orders Bush signed in the waning days of his term that could lead to the easing of protections for threatened wildlife on federal land.

The change in administrations prompted the new approach from the Idahobased environmental group that has spent much of the past eight years in court battling land use rules adopted by the BLM and Forest Service under the Bush administration.

"The Obama White House has a very strong and altogether," said Ronald public commitment to Opsahl, a lawyer for the applying science-based Mountain States Legal decision-making for natural Foundation, which repreresource issues," Marvel, the group's director.

interested in correcting plans in six states." those," he said.

secretary Secretary Ken Salazar, said restricted their legal argu-Friday "we are in the preand as a result can't comment?'

Ranchers and drillers said the suit is part of an effort to keep livestock, energy development and other commercial activities off an area of the West bigger than the state of Indiana.

Growers Association and the Petroleum Association of Wyoming have joined the government in seeking to dismiss the suit. A hearing on one of those motions is scheduled in Boise on April 16.

"They are trying to tie up 25 million acres and close it down to livestock operators

they will understand and be 18 resource management

So far, Justice Kendra Barkoff, press Department lawyers reprefor Interior senting the BLM, have ments primarily to matters liminary stages of litigation of jurisdiction. Deborah Ferguson, assistant U.S. attorney for Idaho, said each of the 18 plans being challenged should be handled separately in U.S. courts in each of the six states.

The focus of the lawsuit is a chicken-sized game bird mottled brown, black and The Wyoming Stock white - found on sagebrush plains and high desert from Colorado to California and

into southern Canada. The government estimates as many as 16 million sage grouse inhabited the West in the early 1800s when they were first observed by Lewis and Clark. Today their numbers have dwindled as low as 100,000, according to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service census in 2005.

and industry have cut

At issue in the lawsuit is BLM's the National Sage Habitat Grouse Conservation Strategy. The agency adopted it in 2004 as an interim plan to help protect the bird and guide management of federal rangeland while the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considered whether to protect the sage under grouse the Endangered Species Act - a move ex-Interior Secretary Gale Norton predicted would have a more significant economic impact on the West than did the listing of the northern spotted owl in the early 1990s.

The wildlife service determined in 2005 not to list the sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species, but a federal judge overturned the decision.

Responding to a suit filed by the Western Watersheds Project, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill in Boise ruled in December 2007 Wildfires, development that the wildlife service's decision had been tainted by

not the amount of water of Thousand Springs Preserve. recent years, it's still a beau-• While digesting the tiful sight. Be prepared to Easter ham, think of a theme pay \$3 per car to get into the related to "Imagine the Possibilities" for the Cassia

Pat Marcantonio

park. • For a nice Easter drive, head to the Thousand Springs Preserve in Hagerman. Take some food. lawn chairs, maybe a boat and definitely a camera. This place never ceases to awe me with its clear springs, lush plant life and beautiful canyon. At the west end of 3200 South, follow the

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Friday that additional pressures make it easier just to discontinue the practice.

Relying on free samples means patients don't have a steady supply of vital medication, they said. And the represent an important fact that samples largely are provided for more highprofile, expensive medications can leave patients 2008 edition of the paying more in the end than American Journal of Public if they'd chosen a cheaper, Health concluded that generic brand. Even if a most free drug samples go doctor's doing his best to to patients who have insuravoid advocating certain ance and make enough to

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responded with concerns Fortuin and Kurt Seppi said about the quality of generic drugs. It's also disputed some studies on the topic, including whether patients pay more in the end.

Drug companies also argue that the free samples service for low-income patients. But a study released in the February drugs, they worried, the easily pay for expensive

samples still open the door prescriptions. to possible ethical breaches by the person a patient's supposed to trust.

"We physicians are holding ourselves to a higher standard." Fortuin said.

Free samples do have some benefits, Seppi said: nephrology patients, for example, don't have generic options to fall back on. The clinics will keep a few sample medications available for situations like those, Fortuin said, as well as invite drug companies to provide coupons or vouchers instead of the actual drugs.

Closing the doors to free samples cuts off one piece of the work necessary avenue those companies use to market their products. As more clinics make ceutical industry has usual," Seppi said.

Debbie Kytle, St. Luke's executive director of physician services, said the samples had been limited in many clinics already. Medication removed from the clinics was given out to patients or donated, she said. The policy change, she said, also includes a push to prescribe cheaper, generic drugs when possible.

Free samples have been around for years, and Fortuin and Seppi noted that not all of their peers may share their opinions on the policy change. But, they said, the change is one to reform health care in the U.S.

"The solution can't be the change, the pharma- continuing business as

"We want to show the Obama administration the misdeeds of the Bush dented," he said. "I've never administration in the hope seen one lawsuit challenge

POWs

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A similar discrepancy arises with Vietnam POWs. Only 661 officially recognized prisoners returned from that war alive – and about 100 of those have since died, according to Defense figures. But 966 purported Vietnam POWs are getting disability payments, the VA told AP.

Being classified as a POW doesn't directly increase beatings and mock execudisability check. There's

said Jon sents the two Wyoming steadily into their habitat, political pressure from groups.

"As far as the scope of this case, it has to be unprece-

now estimated to be about an half of what it once was Department secretary who when the birds ranged from Kansas to Washington and into the Dakotas.

assistant Interior since has resigned. Winmill will preside over the current lawsuit.

no "POW payment."

But a tale of torture and privation can influence whether a vet receives some money or nothing at all in disability payments – and the VA's numbers raise questions about how often such tales are exaggerated or invented altogether.

For one Korean War veteran, a made-up story helped to ensure more than \$400,000 in benefits before his lies were discovered. A Gulf War vet told a tale of veteran's monthly tions, though he was never even a POW.

> At the root of the problem is a disconnect between two branches of government: The Defense Department determines POW status and awards benefits, but evidently does not always check the DoD list to verify applicants' claims. Result: Numbers of benefit recipients that are higher than the number of recognized POWs.

> "They're either phonies or there's a major administrative error somewhere," retired Navy Cmdr. Paul Galanti, who is on a VA advisory panel for POW issues, said when told of the

the agency has not explained discrepancies between its POW numbers and the DoD's, despite repeated requests for comment.

Galanti, who was shot down over North Vietnam in 1966 and spent nearly seven years in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison, calls the discrepancy "outrageous" and adds: Somebody ought to get fired for that?"

There's incentive to lie. A 100 percent disability rating can be worth more than \$35,000 a year in tax-free VA benefits for a married veteran with at least one dependent child – not to mention also making the veteran eligible for Social Security disability payposts the lists online; the VA ments, and full health coverage and significant educational benefits for himself and his family.

And federal regulations give a POW's own testimony about traumatizing events more weight. So, if a veteran told a VA psychiatrist that he had been a POW, and that story, true or not, formed the basis of the doctor's post-traumatic stress disorder diagnosis, what does that mean?

"They're home free if they're a confirmed POW," Wichita, Kan., who retired

POWs are exempt from copays for VA inpatient and outpatient care and medications. Many states offer POWs free parking at public facilities, property tax exemptions and a waiver of vehicle registration fees, benefits worth hundreds or thousands of dollars a year.

The watchdog group P.O.W. Network says most phonies are just braggarts puffing at the local Kiwanis luncheon or preening for women in bars, but many have received significant benefits while trading off their borrowed valor.

Edward Lee Daily of Clarksville, Tenn., collected more than \$412,000 in disability and medical benefits over 15 years before being exposed.

Daily, who spent most of the Korean war as a mechanic and clerk, far from the front. took advantage of a fire that destroyed documents at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. He forged paperwork not only to show he was a POW, but that he'd been wounded by shrapnel and given a battlefield promotion to first lieutenant.

Daily pleaded guilty in 2002, and was sentenced to 21 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution. After years of garnishing his monthly Social Security check, the government has recouped just \$7,000.

T.F. State of the City to be held Tuesday

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The Twin Falls City Council will host its first Events Center.

overview of new initiatives ation, road construction and council direction when and more. There will also the city's elected represen-State of the City event from tatives and the city managnoon to 1 p.m. Tuesday at er present information tions. Canyon Crest Dining and about issues such as city finances, water, public are invited to attend.

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agency's numbers.

VA spokesman Terry says Richard Allen of Jemison says POW status is confirmed "in conjunction from the VBA in January with Department of Defense after 25 years as a claims authoritative records." But specialist.

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young daughter after her release.

In the meantime, though, she is awaiting sentencing for possessing a controlled substance, and faces new allegations of possession of a forged check and another controlled substance charge.

It remains to be seen how long Ansley will be locked up, but she says prison would be better than jail - at least in one way.

"They (prisons) have more structured programming, for sure" she said.

County officials say they hope the program will help people clean up their bodies and their lives, but they also note that a person needs to want change for it to happen.

"If they start the initial stuff in custody, and they seek treatment upon release, than if they truly want to live a clean and sober life it will have a huge effect on recidivism," said Hughes.

But there's no guarantee programming for substance abuse will work for life, inmates and jail officials said. Nationally, about two inmates had already been through treatment before committing crimes under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to a 2001 report by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

want to use again, and wants to be in the jail's new pilot program. "Now I'm ready to make a change. Now it's recidivism and provide for real."

There are some inmates, though, who participate in in the Magic Valley agree jail programs only to escape the monotony of incarceration, she said. "People go, vism but they're not but not all are serious."



MEAGHAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Naomi Angel Wilson, 27, stands in her cell at the end of the women's block in the Twin Falls County Jail. She is in jail for felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Capt. Doug Hughes, jail administrator, says a new treatment program coming to the Twin Falls County Jail will benefit those serving time for drug-related crimes.

Correction, which pays local jails to hold some inmates, encourages the jails to offer programs like Twin Falls County's pilot treatment effort.

"When we have a need to inmates thirds of convicted jail use county jail bed space we Narcotics Anonymous and do take into (consideration) what programs they offer for our population," said Pam munity recovery groups, Sonnen, chief of IDOC's Prison Division. "We applaud any county who is becoming partners in our risk reduction practices. I Ansley says she doesn't think it shows that we are one system where everyone must play a part in establishing programs that reduce public safety."

Other jail administrators programs for drug and alcohol abuse can lower recidiexpanding substance abuse The Idaho Department of programs right now.

and maybe more of us will look into it," said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough.

Most area jails offer once-a-week Alcoholics Anonymous, along with volunteer comsheriffs said.

Jail officials in Burley, who handle prisoners for Minidoka and Cassia counties, unsuccessfully tried to get funding for more substance abuse programs from the state. They may try again, though, said Minidoka County Lt. Rob Neiwert, director of the jail.

"I think that if you have the right programs, it has a valid use in reducing recidivism," said Neiwert. "I don't think just any program is effective. I think you also have to have an individual ajackson@magicvalley.com.

"We'll watch Twin Falls who is ripe, and able to pursue that program."

Twin Falls County's new program will use staff from the Twin Falls County Treatment and Recovery Clinic on Gooding Street, and is designed to continue treatment after an inmate's released, said Twin Falls Commissioner County George Urie.

"We thought we'd have better control of the program by running it ourselves," said Urie. "It's an experiment, a new program, if we need to make adjustments, this would be easier."

Twin Falls County officials said the space-limited programs will be free and voluntary for inmates in jail, and for as long as a year after release.

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Me **Steve Crump** The truth about dentists and jelly beans

Don't Ask

f you want to send a dentist into low, geosynchronous orbit, mention the jelly bean. These hard-shelled Easter favorites coat the teeth with a layer of sticky sugar, which serves as a neon sign to passing bacteria.

Jelly beans are responsible for most high blood pressure among dentists. Back when Ronald Reagan was president – The Gipper was a jelly bean addict, and kept a large jar of the candy on his desk members of the American Dental Association voted Democratic.

So I wonder if dentists are behind the unsavory reputation that "jelly bean" has acquired when applied to people.

During the Jazz Age, a "jelly bean" was a pimp. If his 1922 short story of the same name, F. Scott Fitzgerald described a jelly bean as "the name throughout the undissolved Confederacy for one who spends his life conjugating the verb to idle in the first person - I am idling, I have idled, I will idle."

Nasty stuff. But truth be told, when it comes to jelly beans nobody's listening to his or her dentist anyway.

The California-based Jelly Belly Candy Company is producing 300,000 pounds a day, even in a recession. Jelly Belly's market share continues to grow, with sales up 25 percent since 2006.

Jelly Belly even has a market for its flawed candy. In the production process, some of the beans stick together, or are too large or too small. Rather than throwing them out, the company repackages them as "Belly Flops" and sells them online, in factory out lets or in dollar stores. It gets \$9 for a two-pound bag.

Not surprising, really. Everybody has a jelly bean story. Here's mine:

When I was 6 or 7, we went to my Aunt Hazel's for Easter. While everybody was outside hunting Easter eggs, Hazel's cocker spaniel, Taffy, got into a bowl of jelly beans that was sitting on the coffee table in the living room. All that candy didn't make the dog sick, exactly, but left her constipated.

I mean, real constipated. So Hazel did the logical

thing and gave Taffy a spoonful of castor oil. At the time, my aunt had

a tan-colored carpeting throughout her house, except for the kitchen and bathroom. To make a long story short, she had to get all new carpet the very next week.

Taffy, however, lived to be 18. But after that incident, she lived outside.

Where every Easter, like clockwork, us kids would feed her jelly beans.

And she never once went to the dentist.

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

Grant allows Glenns Ferry District to start after-school program

Bv Ben Botkin Times-News writer

Glenns Ferry School District is starting a new

"A lot of our kids, they go home often ... times to an



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after-school program this fall with money coming from a federal grant.

The district has received a grant worth \$160,506 annually, which comes through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, a federal program. The grant can be renewed for up to five years.

The Idaho State Department of Education awards the grants and Ferry School Glenns District's award was part of \$1.4 million given for nine programs in the state.

be called the Glenns Ferry Youth Enrichment Center and have activities for students from kindergarten reached at bbotkin@magicthrough 12th grade. The program will be available four 3238. days a week and include 20 to 40 minutes of academic enrichment activities, a snack and two to three hours of other activities like art, music, and sports.

"A lot of our kids, they go home often ... times to an empty house or to a house that doesn't have anything to do," Superintendent Wayne Rush said. "It really gives them an opportunity to have something to do."

There will also be programs in areas such as selfdefense, English as a Second Language and family nights covering a variety of topics from drug awareness to cooking.

Rush said that children in Glenns Ferry are in a rural location without places to go after school lets out.

"Really there is nothing in Glenns Ferry for kids," Rush said, adding that there's no bowling alley or movie theater. "We're trying to find a place for them to go."

Rush said that community support and interest in the program has been key in helping it get started.

empty house or to a house that doesn't have anything to do. It really gives them an opportunity to have something to do."

- Glenns Ferry **Superintendent Wayne Rush**

The after-school program will also be open during The district's program will summer school starting in the summer of 2010.

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Will 2009 session set the record?

OISE - Weeks ago, as legislators wrangled among themselves and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter over how to set a bare bones budget, many conceded the 2009 session would be the second-longest ever.

Now the question is will this year take the title?

"Perhaps," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "But nobody wants that?

The longest session ever, in 2003, ran 118 days. Monday will mark the 92nd day of the session, ranking it the fourth-longest ever.

Lawmakers are pointing to Friday for adjournment it would surpass the second-longest session, 95 days in 1983 – but even that target remains in doubt.

"It would be foolish for anyone to think we're getting out of here anytime soon," said Cameron. The shortest session, in 1943, was 56 days, but that was when the Legislature met biannually.

Like 2003, this year's session met under the shadow of a national recession, and a number of issues remain unresolved. Payroll cuts for state workers, how to allocate federal stimulus money and approval of most agency budgets still loom. Some disagreements are between the House and Senate, while others pit Otter and legislators in opposing corners.

Our calendars are gonna look pretty sick by next Friday," said Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs. "We don't' have much left up there."

Finally, Otter and lawmakers continue to debate over how - and if - new revenue can be raised to fix Idaho's deteriorating roads and bridges. Legislators made progress by passing another round of bonding

LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK Jared S. Hopkins

for road projects, while state budget writers allocated more stimulus money toward local road districts.

But the Legislature on Thursday rejected another bill to raise the state's gas tax. Otter released a statement calling lawmakers against the bill "irresponsible" but promised to continue to work with them.

Clete Edmunson, Otter's transportation aide, said "They need to understand we're not leaving without passing something."

• On Thursday, the joint budgeting committee voted 11-9 to send \$17.4 of the \$45 million in discretionary stimulus to local highway districts. Otter wanted \$29 million to funnel to both local and state projects.

But his spokesman, Jon Hanian, notes several problems: urban areas would receive more money; funding to rural areas won't be enough to maintian infrastructure; and Otter's original \$29 million proposal would've been easier to report.

"As the governor has pointed out on numerous occasions, there are lots of strings attached to spending (stimulus)," Hanian said. "In some cases they might not receive enough money just to post the federal government mandated signage advertising the fact it is a (stimulus) project. That's a problem?

Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, who seconded the motion in committee, conceded Friday that he spoke

with Otter's office about the difficulties of money going to rural areas.

"I don't know if it's going to work," he said.

• The House has yet to vote on a bill to tighten regulations at small day cares, which cleared the House Health and Welfare Committee more than a week ago. It's sitting in the House amending order, where about a dozen changes are attached.

House leaders said it's unclear whether they'll enter the amending order, which happens irregularly. The bill requires licensure requirements to facilities with at least seven children. Current law sits at more than 12 children.

• Weeks ago, the House passed a measure to require companies - such as insurers and warranty providers offering contracts to owners of vehicles to clearly disclose they are not the owner's vehicle manufacturer or dealer. It's now sitting in the Senate's amending order, and only made it out of a Senate committee after weeks of inaction.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, is intended to protect consumers from deceptive advertising. It cleared the House unanimously March 10 but didn't get a hearing for several weeks in the Senate Transportation Committee. "That's politics at its

worst," Patrick said. • The Senate Education

Committee voted 5-3 Wednesday to kill a bill sponsored by Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, to permit children who attend private in-state kindergarten to enter public schools in the first grade, even if they do not reach the minimum age required but pass a special

test.

Republicans who opposed the measure said it would be unfair to kids who couldn't afford private school and could lead to children advancing through the school system too quickly. "I look back at all the

dumb juniors when I was in school and I think I could've been the top dog in that bunch," Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth, who said there's an advantage to being among the younger students in a grade.

• As of Friday morning, Otter had signed 160 bills into law. Three bills, however, went into law without his signature. One which drew a handful of opponents in both chambers increases fines and strengthens penalties to violators of commercial driver license laws. Otter said the bill will improve safety but opposed it due to the federal mandates associated with it, Otter said in a statement to the Legislature.

• Quote of the Week: "Apparently politics is not the art of compromise, and I'm feeling very, very guilty costing the taxpayers \$30,000 a day to stay here and be stubborn. It's troubling to me, and I will be supporting (Otter's) full flexibility, not because I think he's right. I hope he's right." - Rep. Maxine Bell, co-chairwoman of the joint budgeting committee, making it clear she was reluctantly supporting a proposal to cut state employee personnel cuts by 5 percent. The committee instead agreed to a 3 percent reduction with all eight House GOP members opposing.

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SIRCOMM makes progress on mandated upgrades

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

IEROME The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center is closer to meeting a federal mandate to change its radio system by late 2012, after its governing board discussed possible equipment purchases on Thursday.

Jerry Gonterman, SIRCOMM's communications technician, presented the dispatch center's Joint Powers Board with quotes from two companies that manufacture narrow-band communications systems. A combination unit with both new and older frequencies from White Cloud Communications would cost SIRCOMM \$28,000 per site, he said. A fancier package hooking two radios together pitched by Teton Communications would cost about \$48,000 per site, he said.

The dispatch center has six tower sites throughout the Magic Valley, all of which must eventually be upgraded to the narrowband broadcasts as part of the federal mandate. At the same time, the center will shift its broadcasts to frequencies in the 700-megahertz range and adopt interoperable radio-communications standards known as Project 25.

Board members chose the cheaper proposal, and Gonterman said he plans to try out the equipment at a couple of sample sites before making any largescale installations. The inipurchased through

Bureau of Homeland Security grant that Jerome County has to use by the end of the month, said board member and Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell.

Board Chairman and Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikesell said both companies would allow SIR-COMM to specify in the contract that they would remove and replace the new equipment if it doesn't work. He said he envisions the system being P25compliant within the next vear.

Dispatch centers across the state, as well as fire, police and emergency medical agencies, all face the same deadline to switch to narrow-band. Blaine County officials have worked on plans to upgrade their system to P25 for some time now. The city of Twin Falls plans to get by with just narrow-banding its current equipment for the near future, said Police Lt. Craig Stotts. And in Minidoka County, Sheriff Kevin Halverson said his dispatch center is P25 compatible now and is putting together a five-year plan for the 700-MHz switch.

SIRCOMM handles more than 40 police, fire and EMS agencies in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties everything in the four counties except for the city of Twin Falls' police and fire departments. The governing board is made up of one county commissioner tial equipment will likely be from each of the four couna ties.

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Volunteers plant bitterbrush in South Hills

By Ben Botkin Times-News writer

Scores of volunteers entered the South Hills on a grav, misty Saturday morning to plant bitterbrush.

Their work started bitterbrush growing in an area where fires from years past have destroyed the plant. Bitterbrush is a desert shrub eaten by elk, mule deer and



"There will be no whips cracking out there. So don't feel like you've got to stay put." - Ed Papenberg, volunteer coordinator for the Idaho **Department of Fish and Game**

Mini-Cassia Chamber of

bighorn sheep.

"We're trying to restore shrub cover before noxious weeds get in there," said Ed Papenberg, volunteer coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The state agency and Bureau of Land Management work together for the volunteer planting program, which lasts several weeks and involves children, adults, schools and community organizations such as signed up to volunteer Saturday, the entire program will bring about 600 to 700 volunteers, Papenberg said.

After signing in, the volunteers formed a caravan of vehicles and traveled down a South Hills. Papenberg told the volunteers that they could leave if rain dropped from the cloudy skies.

"There will be no whips cracking out there," he said. "So don't feel like you've got to stay put."

into groups, with a supervi-

JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Joe Mabey, right, and his son Joe Mabey Jr. plant bitterbrush in the South Hills Saturday morning. Volunteers gathered to plant the bitterbrush in an area where fires from years past have destroyed the desert shrub.

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WATCH: A video of the planting.

4-H clubs and Boy Scout sor demonstrating how to from Montana and wanted troops. While about 60 had dig a hole in the soil and to find out more about the plant the seedlings.

"Just make sure they're in tight," said Dean Grissom, a provide free labor, their recreational site maintenance foreman with Fish and Game.

Joe Mabey Sr. and his son, winding dirt road into the 13-year-old Joe Mabey Jr., of Twin Falls, worked together to plant bitterbrush seedlings. For the younger Mabey, it was a first-time experience. His father has volunteered in the past because of his involvement with the Rocky Mountain The volunteers broke out Elk Foundation, an organization aimed at preserving

elk habitat.

"It's pretty cool," the boy said. "It's kind of hard with the ones that have a bunch of roots."

Ike Isaacson of Buhl said he volunteered because he recently moved to the region area.

While the volunteers do work also brings a sense of community involvement into the bitterbrush planting effort, Papenberg said.

"Everybody learns a little something," he said.

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The increasing cost of camping

BLM officials OK Forest Service fee increases

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN – The cost to camp this summer has increased in several Boise and Sawtooth National Forest sites.

At Thursday's joint meeting between the Twin Falls District and Boise District Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Councils in Hagerman, the councils \$4 nightly per vehicle per two teenage sons are freapproved fee increases and site. new fee site implementations based on recommendations from the BLM Recreation Resource Advisory Council Subcommittee.

Terry Clark, Sawtooth 100 people. National Forest recreation slight fee increases will help cover annual operation and maintenance costs.

The fees are "considerably less than anything Boise and Payette National Forests.

The Abbott, Bird Creek, Willow Creek, Chaparral, in the South Hills previous-Bowns and Canyon campgrounds in the Fairfield Ranger District will see fee from \$2 per vehicle per site, with the exception of Bowns, which was charging



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News Boise District BLM Recreation Resource Advisory Council Subcommittee Chairman Grant Simonds and Twin Falls Resource Advisory Council member Debbie Dane listen to comments during a meeting Thursday in Hagerman. The council approved the Forest

Service's request to increase campground fees in certain Idaho sites.

Fees approved include the implementation of a new \$100 per night reservation people to set up their tent in fee for the Baumgartner non-developed, primitive Campground group site, which accommodates up to

The \$100 fee wouldn't program manager, said the apply for campers who find the site vacant and without reservation.

Minidoka Ranger District Schipper and Steer Basin campgrounds will see a new around us," Clark said, in fee of \$5 per night per site comparison with sites in the and the Diamondfield Jack campgrounds will charge \$8 per site nightly.

The three popular spots ly offered no-fee camping. Samantha Anderson, vicechairwoman for the Twin increases to \$6 per night, up Falls RRAC Subcommittee, said she felt the sites should remain free.

award," said Fleshman.

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Kimberly

quent summer campers, added the move to charge campers could encourage areas. Starting a camp fire without a developed pit could increase the risk for forest fires, she said.

"I hate to discourage them more ... and have them go into an area so they can stay the night for free," she said.

Anderson said the move to charge Diamondfield Jack campers was unfair, especially since the site is extremely popular in the wintertime and those users aren't charged.

"It's not right to impose fees on people using it during fair weather to pay for mer recreation season. upkeep all year," she said.

Other council members said charging users nightly reached at 208-316-2607 or Anderson, who said her could help curb abuse of the blairkoch@gmail.com.

sites, especially by residents of nearby towns who park their camper trailers in a spot all summer for weekend use.

In addition to raising fees increased revenue for options, the council approved a plan to rent out the Redfish Lake cabin and Sawtooth Valley Work Center cabins during the winter, when the facilities are not being used to house Forest Service personnel.

The Redfish Lake Cabin will be rented for \$50 nightly and the Sawtooth cabin will cost \$65 nightly.

Elmore County commissioners wrote a letter of support in renting the cabins but were concerned with the possibility of the Forest Service competing with private accommodation rentals.

Sawtooth Forest Deputy Ranger Kelley Jardine said the concern was addressed, and the cabins lack wintertime water, power and other amenities available at a hotel or inn.

"It doesn't interfere with local lodging like they thought it would," Jardine said.

Now that the advisory council has given its approval for the rate recommendations the Forest Service will implement the increase during Memorial Day weekend, which marks the beginning of the sum-

Blair Koch may be

Times-News A police stop in Jerome County on Saturday led to who is wanted in connection with an attempted

murder case in Washington state, according to the Jerome Police Department. A maroon Hyundai vehicle was stopped on Friday at milepost 168 along Interstate 84 for speeding 101 mph in a 75 mph zone,

police said. That stop led to the arrest of a passenger, Antoine E. Davis, 21, of Seattle, who is wanted in connection with an took place on Tuesday in

police said.

Police nab man wanted

on out-of-state warrant

Davis was arrested without incident.

Davis is currently being the arrest of a Seattle man held in Jerome County Jail on a \$2 million bond for first degree assault and attempted murder charges.

Jerome police were assisted by officers from Jerome County the Sheriff's Department and Idaho State Police.

Despite the vehicle's high speed, no vehicles were damaged in the case, police said.

Detectives from the King County Sheriff's Department in Washington have traveled to Jerome to attempted murder that interview other people who were in the vehicle with Davis.



Jackpot board approves sewer facilities plan

By Kimberly Williams-Brackett Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - The Brackett may be reached at sewer facilities improvement plan was presented before the Jackpot (Nev.) Advisory Board and on Thursday approved evening.

Stantec engineers Neil Kunz and Mike Kobe said they are pursuing the least costly alternative - modifying the current sewer system into compliance with Nevada Division of

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Currently, Stantec is doing bench scale testing to make sure the modifications will work properly.

It will cost \$2.4 million to upgrade the system, which will reflect a 3 percent rate increase of \$4 monthly to Jackpot residents.

It will take another year to modify the existing lagoons, which includes relining the ponds.

Resident Sam Feltman said she has lived in Jackpot for 40 years and has been attending board meetings for 25 years. She noted several prior modifications and asked "Why didn't we get it right the first time? We should spend the money to get it right instead of applying Band-Aid after Band-Aid. It's the next generation's drinking water."

The sewer system simply reached the end of its 20year lifespan, board members said.

"We don't think we did it wrong," said Chairwoman Beth Winans.

In other business, Jackpot Golf Club manager Brent Fleshman said lightning struck near hole 14 on Wednesday.

"The sprinklers were turned on but it fried the circuits."

He also reported the course was named one of the top 30 golf courses in Idaho since it is a member of the Idaho Golf Association. Coeur D'Alene has 13 golf courses, several award-winning, so "It was really a nice

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A friend of dad's convinced him to try his doctor. This new doctor did an exam, took some films, used some therapies, and then 'adjusted' the spine. The therapies and adjustments didn't hurt, and it actually felt good. He got relief, and could use his right arm again. Oh, did I mention that this doctor was a chiropractor? It worked so well for dad and he was so impressed with the other 'miracles' he saw in his office, our family began care. I eventually went to chiropractic school myself. And that's how it happened!

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CITY OF TWIN FALLS MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Brandon M. McGinnis. 24. Twin Falls: driving without privileges, second offense; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 160 suspended; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation.

Trevor H. Fullerton, 19, Twin Falls: failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$275 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; four months probation Aaron Z. Donabedian, 20, Jerome; driv ing without privileges; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended: \$90.50 costs: \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 65 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

James J. Johnson, 28, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; costs waived; 60 days jail. credit for 58 days served: driving privileges suspended 180 days Tyler S. Christiansen, 26, Caldwell; driving without privileges, second offense; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 160 suspended, credit for nine days served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation

Tasha M. Virgil, 20, Twin Falls; theft by possessing/receiving stolen property; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two days work detail; 12 months probation; restitution to victim

Nu T. Bowers, 58, Twin Falls: petit theft: amended to wilful concealment; withheld judgment granted; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail. 88 suspended, two days work detail; 12 months probation; restitution to victim.

Paul R. Afeaki, 40, Rupert; violation of protection order; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; 12 months probation; two days work detail; no contact with victim

Gerald J. Garcia Jr., 31, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$300 fine; \$75.50 costs; 10 days

Raudel M. Arteaga, 21, Jerome; maintaining a disorderly house; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended: \$75.50 costs: 10 days jail, 10 suspended; four months probation; one day work detail. David Nunn III. 19. Twin Falls: petit theft; amended to wilful concealment; costs waived; 30 days jail, credit for three days served.

Katie L. Presgraves, 32, Twin Falls: fraudulent use of a financial transac tion card; amended to petit theft: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 87 suspended, credit for one day served, two days work detail; \$102.50 restitution to First Federal; 12 months probation.

. Jason F. Muegerl, 33, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 70 suspended, 20 days house arrest; 12 months probation; restitution to victim.

Skyler L. Hills, 20, Kimberly; petit theft; amended to wilful concealment: \$700 fine. \$400 suspended: \$75.50 costs: \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; six months probation; restitution to victim.

Boise dog trainer survives sepsis after dog bite

By Bethann Stewart Idaho Statesman

out over toys.

Rene Cawley was exercising six dogs in her Boise of the rain. She brought a emergency room because handful of toys with her. The dogs followed her, but insurance. now in close quarters, they suddenly were at each others' throats. Cawley responded instinctively she reached down to pull emergency room at St. them apart.

A petite woman in her 40s. Cawley had been bitten screaming in pain. She so many times during her doesn't remember it, but work with aggressive dogs that she didn't think any-Dec. 3. But two days after Dr. Tom Ahlquist recogbeing bitten, Cawley felt disoriented. At the time, her fiancé, David Currie, had the flu.

the flu," Currie said.

His mom, Loralee Gray, took Cawley to the doctor, but the blood and urine cultures showed nothing wrong. As Cawley was leaving her doctor's office, she doctor knew: The cause of fainted.

things got worse. By the dog and cat saliva. time she got home, a rash

white.

"It's the scariest thing BOISE – The fight broke I've ever seen," Currie said.

temperature skyrocketed. she doesn't have health

"She just figured it was an could kill them. unnecessarv expense," Currie said.

Luke's Boise Medical Cawley Center. was she told them to kill her.

From the purplish, dusky, nized that Cawley was septic.

"Her color was so bad," Ahlquist said. "The problem should do," Rochelle said. "We thought we both had was not that she had sepsis. but where was it from and how do we treat it?"

The dog bite was a clue, but when Currie's mom told Ahlquist that Cawley no longer had a spleen, the the sepsis was capnocy-She was rehydrated and tophaga canimorsus, a told to go to the hospital if common bacteria found in bite and that she had gone

had moved up her legs, does a pretty good job of sepsis was at the time."

marbling her skin red and taking care of it, but without one ... they're easily overwhelmed," Ahlquist said.

Cawley's spleen was Cawley felt like her flesh removed when she was 19 as was being eaten, and her a treatment for hereditary spherocytosis, an abnorbackyard when she ducked She argued briefly with mality of her blood cells. nose. When Rochelle neys were gone. You don't under an overhang to get out Currie about going to the Neither her mom nor her younger sister have spleens. None of them had ever

been told that a dog bite

In the emergency room, Cawley went into cardiac Gray took Cawley to the arrest and her kidneys failed.

Doctors induced a coma to give Cawley's body the best shot at survival, Ahlquist said.

Cawley's mom, Rochelle, who lives in Las Vegas, got thing of the bites she got on mottled color of her skin, the phone call no parent ever wants to get: Rene was dying, and Rochelle had to get to Boise immediately.

> "One of the things he told me was that I was going to see a healing, so I grabbed my camera."

Rochelle and her husband called prayer groups before she left, asking to keep Rene alive until Rochelle could get to Boise.

"We were told it was a dog septic," Rochelle said. "I "The spleen normally didn't comprehend what nose.

There was no way for brought her out of the Rochelle to be prepared for coma, just her ears and two what she saw when she got to St. Luke's.

Cawley's hands and feet were solid black as if frostbitten, as were her ears and arrived, doctors were talking about amputating the black parts.

"You always think the worst phone call you can get is that your child has died," Rochelle said. "But what if your child has to live without her hands and feet? They had to do it for me to How is a mother to make those decisions?"

Rochelle called the prayer trees, and they prayed that Renee wouldn't lose her limbs. Then she set about documenting what was happening to her daughter.

"One of the things I was really adamant about was I "I asked God what I was going to take pictures of where she was at and where she was going," Rochelle said. "I just pulled back the covers and started taking pictures."

Every couple of days, she would take pictures of the same places.

Then the unexpected happened. During the three days Rene was in a coma, the color began to return to her black feet, hands and

By the time doctors

fingers on the hand that had been bitten were black.

"It's a true miracle," Rochelle said. "She was in total cardiac arrest. Her kidcome back from that?"

The doctors waited several more days to see if Rene's fingers would come back. but they didn't. Her right index and ring finger had to be amputated.

"It didn't bother me. survive," Rene said. "It's amazing what I've learned to do already."

Ironically, Rochelle Cawley had lost two fingers on her right hand in a lawn mower accident.

"My youngest daughter was joking with Rene that you start looking like your mother when you get older," Rochelle said.

Cawley was released from the hospital only 18 days later. Then came the start of the long, arduous task of rebuilding her life.

Among the challenges she faces are short-term memory loss and night terrors. She still has open wounds that take her two hours to clean and bandage. She's exhausted all the time and doesn't know how she'll pay all the medical bills.



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malicious injury to property; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 89 suspended, one day work detail; six months probation; no contact with victim: restitution as ordered. Joseph W Brown 25 Twin Falls: no insurance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended: \$75.50 costs: \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; one day work detail; six months probation. Yvonne L. Cheeney, 24, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 160 suspended, credit for one day served, 19 days house arrest; 12 months probation; no alcohol; possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Cherilynn S. Ulrich, 27, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$100 fine: \$75.50 costs. Richard J. Folk, 18, Kimberly; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine: \$75.50 costs.

Raquel L. Roberts, 22, Hazelton; open container; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs. Rick A. Scherbinske, 51, Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to wilful concealment; \$500 fine. \$300 suspended: \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 90 suspended; two days work detail; 12 months probation. Carl G. Knape, 47, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$275 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; two months probation. Enrique Rios-Gutierrez, 23, Gooding; petit theft; costs waived; 30 days jail, 20 suspended, credit for four days served; 12 months probation; provide false information to an officer; 30 days jail, 18 suspended, credit for four days served; 12 months probation. Ethan N. Lewis, 19, Twin Falls; battery; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no contact with victim.

Robert J. Berry, 31, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, unlawful possession of prescription drugs; costs waived; 90 days jail, 26 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation; no alcohol

Emil B. Melkumov, 21, Twin Falls; inattentive/careless driving; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee. Dakota A. Collins, 16, Twin Falls; hunting without a license; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$83 costs; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; one day work detail; four months probation.

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A 'public' fix for health care need not abandon the market

lthough the national debate over healthcare reform has only just begun, the first battle lines are being drawn over whether there should be a Medicare-like "public" insurance plan to compete with private insurers in a restructured market.



The public plan has already become a political litmus test for the Democratic left, which sees it as the only antidote to a private market that can't be trusted to deliver quality, affordable health care, and for the Republican right, which sees it as the Trojan horse for a government-run health-care system that will

raise taxes and ration care. The first thing to note is that this is hardly the most important issue in healthcare reform. It is possible to design a system that could control costs, improve quality and increase access to care without giving everyone the chance to sign up for a government-run health-insurance plan modeled after Medicare. It's also possible to design a system that includes a public option.

The other thing to note is that if by "public option" you mean the current Medicare fee-for-service plan – a plan that makes no attempt to manage and coordinate care and pay for

Taxpayers more frugal with refunds Congress waits to see if refunds will help jumpstart economy WHERE THE MONEY GOES

By Ann Sanner

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON – Most people say they plan to use this year's this sour economy to be more percent a year ago. frugal with their annual windfall.

Fifty-four percent of those receiving refunds said they intend to pay off credit card, utility, housing and other bills, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll released Monday. That compares same thing a year ago.

Only 5 percent, about the same go on a shopping spree.

The survey found that 38 per-

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on record.

said they plan to spend at least last year, Shulman said. part of it. But the spending needs: 17 percent said they would use the money for everyday needs tax refund to pay bills, deciding in such as food and clothing. It was 7

The deadline for individuals to file their 2008 tax returns is Wednesday. As of last week, the Internal Revenue Service had sent out about \$200 billion in tax refunds. Commissioner Doug Shulman said the agency expects shed more than 5 million jobs with 35 percent who said the to send out about \$330 billion by the end of tax season.

The AP-GfK poll found that 57 to receive a tax refund. The average refund this year is about cent of those receiving a refund \$2,700, compared with \$2,500

For last-minute filers. Shulman appears to be mostly on basic said the quickest way to get a refund is to file electronically and have the refund deposited directly into a bank account. Those process, he said. Refund checks from paper returns take four to six weeks to process, he said.

The Obama administration is hoping this year's refunds will help boost an economy that has since December 2007. Congress passed a \$787 billion economic recovery bill in February. The as a year ago, said they planned to percent of adults said they expect package was a mixture of government spending and tax cuts

See **REFUNDS**, Business 2 ago.

Among the other findings in the poll: • **31 PERCENT** of those receiving refunds said they will use at least part of the money to pay credit card bills, compared with 17 percent a year ago. • 19 PERCENT said they will use their refunds to pay utility bills, compared with 10 percent a year ago

refunds take about 10 days to • 17 PERCENT said they will use their refunds for rent or mortgage payments, compared with 7 percent a year ago.

• 11 PERCENT of those receiving refunds said they would use them to go on a vacation, a slight increase from a year ago.

• 8 PERCENT of those who owe taxes said they were very likely or somewhat likely to use a credit card to pay their tax bill.

 5 PERCENT said they planned to use their refund for a down payment on a car, also a slight increase.

• 4 PERCENT said they would use their refunds to buy stocks or bonds, about the same as a year

Has the U.S. economy hit Sales of new **STOCKS** houses rose **BOTTOM?** The S&P 500 closed up percent in 3.8 percent ecent month yesterday. lt's up 27 Signs that say "yes" percent These key indicators FACTORY since its suggested a recovery was ORDERS EXPORTS in the works even before March 9. Are up Wells Fargo reported record Have risen earnings and pushed stocks higher yesterday. percent JOBS

At last, economy leveling off – but bumps not over **By Jeannine Aversa** Associated Press writer

Signs that say "no"

There's plenty of bad news to go around, including

RETAIL SALES reported by

The Employment

that care on the basis of the quality of the outcome then a public option would be an awful idea and move the system in exactly the wrong direction.

This is not to say that a well-designed public insurance option couldn't become the model that private competitors would be forced to emulate. It could.

One thing we know about private health plans is that they spend anywhere from 12 to 30 percent of what they take in on non-medical costs: marketing, taxes, reserves, underwriting and profit. In Medicare, these "administrative expenses" run about 5 percent.

That doesn't mean that a public plan for the non-elderly would have the same cost advantage. Unlike Medicare, a new public plan hoping to attract paying customers would have to spend some amount on marketing. And like any insurer, it would probably want to invest in systems and medical staff to discourage doctors and hospitals from ordering up unnecessary tests and procedures. At the same time, under most reform scenarios, private insurers would be able to reduce administrative costs by eliminating their considerable underwriting expenses.

Bottom line: The administrative-cost advantage of a public insurance plan wouldn't be as big as Medicare's, but it could still be large enough to help drive down premiums in a competitive insurance market.

The better argument for a public option is that it could provide some serious pricing discipline for a market that suffers from runaway medical costs.

See PEARLSTEIN, Business 2

WASHINGTON - At last, after a nerve-racking six-month descent, the economy appears to be leveling off.

But don't assume the bumps are over.

Stock investors, shoppers and home buyers are less jittery. Once-frozen credit markets are slowly thawing. And economic indicators that had been going from bad to worse are showing signs of stabilizing – though still at distressed levels.

There were fresh signs Thursday that the full force of the recession may be petering out: a strong profit forecast from Wells Fargo, a drop in unemployment benefit filings and several retailers predicting solid April sales. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials rose nearly 250 points.

Still, with unemployment rising, it will be at least several months before the country's economic engine pops into a growth gear. Job losses - and the fear of them - act as a headwind against consumer confidence and spending, which account for more than two-thirds of the U.S. economy.

"The sense of a ball falling off a table, which is what the economy has felt like since the middle of last fall, I think we can be reasonably confident that that is going to end within the next few months, and we will no longer have that sense of a free-fall," President Barack Obama's top economic adviser, Lawrence Summers, said Thursday.

But Summers, who spoke at the Economic Club of Washington, said it was too soon to forecast how strong the rebound would be and when it would take hold.

The economy shrank at a 6.3 percent rate in the final three months of 2008, the worst showing in a quarter-century. Some economists say it fared about as poorly in the first three months of this year, while others expect a 4 to 5 percent rate of decline. The government releases its initial estimate at the end of April.

And the economy is still shrinking in the April-June quarter - perhaps at a rate of 2 to 2.5 percent, some analysts say.

When will it grow again? Maybe the final quarter of the year.

For now, said Brian Bethune, economist at IHS Global Insight, "I think we can say we've gone through the most terrible part of the recession."

The scenarios charted by economists are con-

a pessimistic-and vague-GDP forecast from the Fed.

"I think we can say we've gone through the most terrible part of the recession." - Brian Bethune, economist at IHS Global Insight

sistent with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben SOURCES: U.S. government, Thomson Bernanke's hope that the recession, now in its second year, will end this year.

Bernanke, however, has been quick to caution that this will happen only if the government succeeds in stabilizing financial markets and getting banks to lend money more freely again to both consumers and businesses.

Even in the best-case scenario, the unemployment rate – now at a quarter-century high of 8.5 percent - is anticipated to climb to 10 percent by the end of this year.

higher well after a recession has ended. That's because companies won't want to ramp up hiring - often their single-biggest expense – until they feel confident any recovery will be lasting.

Consumers, whose sharp cutbacks in spending plunged the country into a steep economic tailspin at the end of last year, seem to be gradually spending more freely.

On Thursday, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said sales at stores open at least a year increased 1.4 percent in March. However, discount retailer Target Stores Inc.'s sales fell.

The government reported last month that consumer spending rose in February for the second month in a row – after a half-year of declines.

Shoppers' appetites to spend should get a lift later this year from tax cuts contained in Obama's \$787 billion economic stimulus package. Tax credits of \$400 per worker and \$800 per couple translate into about \$13 a week less withheld from paychecks starting around June.

The hope is that the added consumer spending will prompt retailers to replenish inventories, which have been cut nearly to the bone during the recession. That would require factories to boost



Shaila Dani, John Sparks • AP

Reuters, Institute for Supply Management

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The American mood: is the angst bottoming out?

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production, creating a ripple of positive economic activity.

Thursday's \$3 billion first-quarter profit fore-History shows that the jobless rate moves cast from Wells Fargo was in part a reflection of the very low interest rates at which banks can borrow money from the government and then lend it out at higher rates to consumers and businesses.

Another positive flicker came Thursday from the Labor Department, which reported that the number of newly laid off Americans filing for unemployment benefits dropped by 20,000 last week to 654,000.

Although credit and financial conditions have shown some signs of improvement since the worst of the crisis last fall, they are operating far from normally, Fed officials say.

"In view of the state of the credit markets, it seems a fair bet that it will take time for momentum to build," Gary Stern, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis said in a speech Thursday. "But with the passage of time - as we get into the middle of 2010 and beyond - I would expect to see a resumption of healthy growth."

To be sure, the economy is not out of the woods yet. Another bailout of a troubled bank or other company could easily shatter already fragile confidence and send the economy reeling again. The collapse of General Motors would send many more to the unemployment lines and could jolt the economy into a major backslide.

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Kelly Durrant, owner of Durrant Business Solutions, cuts the red ribbon with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors at a ribbon cutting held at the Twin Falls Area Chamber's office. Durrant Business Solutions is a new business to the Magic Valley as well as a new member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. They supply products and services to help small businesses find solutions for their business problems. Information: 543-4262 or ksdurrant@hotmail.com.

Healthcare awards go to area hospitals

Qualis Health presented its annual Awards of tions by implementing the Excellence in Healthcare Quality, recognizing seven outstanding healthcare providers in Idaho. Idaho healthcare providers submitted nominations for the awards in January. The tion. nominations were evaluated by a group of seven judges Firm gets 'best and each nomination was independently scored on a place to work' award 100-point scale.

Quality awarded two Magic Valley hospitals for the following healthcare improvement projects completed in 2008:

Medical Center, Ketchum: St. Luke's developed a Rapid Response Flow Chart and the United Kingdom. Algorithm to identify and changes in patients' condition events that may lead to a Code Blue, thus keeping patients safe and reducing the number of inpatient Code Blue events.

Twin Falls: St. Luke's Methicillin reduced Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus surgical site infecuse of Chlorhexidine preoperative showers and developing patient education on the showering process and how patients themselves can reduce the risk of infec-

The financial-services The Idaho Awards of firm Edward Jones was Excellence in Healthcare named the No. 1 large company on the "Best Places to Work in Idaho" ranking, according to the Idaho Business Review.

Edward Jones provides St. Luke's Wood River financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through Response Record and Rapid its affiliates, in Canada and

Edward Jones, which respond to potential critical ranked No. 2 on FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For 2009," is headquartered in St. Louis.

The Edward Jones interactive Web site is located at St. Luke's Magic Valley, www.edwardjones.com.

Derryl Futrell

Derryl Futrell, formerly Mattress with Aardvark Bail Bonds, has started his own agency, iture Gall-AAnd D Bail Bonds.

has years experience will be serving all of the Magic Futrell Valley. His

office will be located in Filer. The office will offer loan signing and traveling notary 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Twayne Buhler

Twavne Buhler of Twin Falls has achieved membership in the prestigious associate, sales trainer, and nurse. Million Dollar Round Table the Premier Association of Financial Professionals.

MDRT member. Attaining Tracy, and membership in MDRT is a Brianna and Heather. distinguishing career milestone achieved by less than one percent of the world's life insurance and financial services professionals. It requires Buhler to adhere to a strict Code of Ethics, focus on providing top-notch client service, and continue to grow professionally through involvement in at least one other industry association.

MDRT provides continuing education and skills improvement designed to help members provide the best in client service. It also helps members serve their community and maintain strong personal values.

Derrick Hanson

The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce has awarded Derrick Hanson, store man-

of Everton and Furnthe Futrell Extra Mile five Award. The

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its recent graduates.

uated March 12.

Janie Knopp

Joseph Cottonoir gradu-

ated Feb. 26, Randy Beltz

graduated March 4, James

Fewkes graduated March 5,

and Jeremiah Schnidt grad-

received a Class A commer-

The four men each

Extra Mile Hanson in Award is to

writing recognize an individual in cial driver's license with bonds and the community that has endorsements. gone the Extra Mile to make the consumers experience of shopping, dining or doing any form of business in Twin Falls a great experience. delighted to announce new Hanson was nominated by Catherine Novotny for providing excellent customer Knopp, service, keeping the cus- LPN, tomer first and going above their and beyond expectations.

During Hanson's 10 years ager assisof employment he has held a tant variety of posts from sales crisis manufacturers representative and to the current post



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care Knopp

Кпорр began her nursing career in of store manager. He resides 1987, and has several years of Buhler is an eight-year in Twin Falls with wife nursing experience in the daughters Magic Valley. Some of her positions have been in ICU, physician's offices, hospice care, and as a donor specialist for the American Red Cross.

In the future, she hopes to go overseas and assist surgical teams in the correction of **Brown** has joined the comcleft lip and palate defects.

Frank Eckrote and Rose Ann Eckrote

Frank Eckrote and Rose Hagerman, Ann Eckrote, the Eckrote Team of

the presti-



Driving School announced Estate and Relocation Services, Inc., a Prudential Financial, Inc. company. The award recognizes the Eckrote Team for their GCI (Gross Commission Income) production level for residential and commercial sales in 2008.

They were recognized during special awards ceremonies at Prudential Real Estate's



Sales Con-**Rose Ann** vention **Eckrote** held in Las

Vegas, Nev., March 29-31. which was attended by real estate professionals from the United States, Mexico and Canada.

They entered the real estate field and joined Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties in 2004. Prior to winning this award, they have also won Leading Edge Society for 2005 and 2006 and the President's Circle for 2007.

Cathy Reed Brown

Silver Sage Realty Inc. announces that Cathy Reed

pany's Hagerman office at 100 North



Hagerman with her husband and three children. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Clarkson College, with a recent focus on personal income taxes.

Yelp Web site unmuzzles business owners

By Andrea Chang Los Angeles Times

Undercooked chicken.

unable to address what restaurant to offer advice Angeles television coordiand unchecked posts.

they perceived as unfair to disgruntled customers, nator who has written such as suggesting that more than 200 reviews on For small businesses, they sit inside next time or Yelp. "I think it would be





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

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

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

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Poor customer service. A which rely on good word of recommending a different bug in the guacamole.

popular review Web site Yelp have had the final reviewing their mostloved or most-hated local restaurants, clothing shops and beauty salons.

are getting their chance. And talking back is sweet.

open up its site to public responses from businesses, a first for the 5-year-old received some complaints San Francisco company. on the site from reviewers It's a significant victory for who were bothered by business owners, who have other patrons smoking on long griped that they were the restaurant's patio or being shut out of the Yelp who simply didn't like community which boasts more than 5 million Opening up the site to

mouth, a negative review For years, users on the could be especially damaging.

"A lot of times you read and only – word when the reviews and you read something bad and it's out of your control," said Pablo Brea, general manager at Lala's Argentine Grill in Now business owners Hollywood. "If someone comes in and says, 'I don't like the food,' there's noth-This month, Yelp will ing I can do about it?"

Despite having a 4-star rating on Yelp, Lala's has what they ordered.

dish, Brea said.

chance," he said.

Other review-based Web sites, such as TripAdvisor, ance between consumer welcome public responses from business owners. Yelp, which is supported by advertisements from businesses, has been more reluctant to open its site, although a year ago it began letting owners privately message users and gave them the ability to update their businesses' profiles.

Some long-time Yelpers said having business owners comment publicly on big adjustment.

reviews to date – and were businesses will allow the Kevin Pong, 27, a Los thoughtful way?"

good to have an open forum, but it would lose its "It gives you a second uniqueness of being for people by people."

Striking the right baland business owner is a concern that Yelp has "approached very cautiously," said co-founder and Chief Executive Jeremy Stoppelman.

"We are very cognizant about making sure that Yelp remains a place for users to talk about businesses candidly and openly with each other," he said. "Although we recognize the need for business owners to provide some additheir reviews would be a tional context in certain situations, we also need to "I'm kind of torn," said make sure we do that in a

Pearlstein

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Rapid consolidation has given big hospital chains so much market power that they can effectively dictate prices even to the largest insurers, which know that they cannot compete for subscribers if they don't have the major hospitals in their networks. And in a similar fashion, pharmaceutical companies can virtually dictate prices to insurers for patented drugs if they are the most effective means of treating a particular ailment.

But while hospitals and drug companies often have more negotiating leverage than insurers, it is also true that insurers don't go out of their way to compete on the basis of price. The market in most regions is dominated by two or three big players that have learned they are better off raising prices in tandem than getting into

price wars from which only the customers emerge as winners. Rather than compete on price, insurers compete to attract the healthiest patients.

That's why advocates of a public option believe a government insurance plan is needed to bring more robust price competition to the market, using its size to extract lower prices from providers and passing those savings on to consumers. Medicare already effectively dictates the prices it is willing to pay to doctors and hospitals, and there are very few providers who choose to opt out of the system. A public insurance plan for the non-elderly could simply piggyback on those lower Medicare prices.

The problem with this arrangement is that Medicare is so powerful that it can get away with paying only 80 to 85 percent of

actual costs, forcing doctors and hospitals to overcharge private insurers to make up the difference. Private insurers fear that if they were forced to compete against a public plan with that kind of cost disadvantage, they would be driven out of the market. And doctors and hospitals warn that, without private insurers to overcharge, they'll wind up out of business, as well.

Uwe Reinhardt, a Princeton University economist, has a simple fix for this screwy pricing system. Reinhardt suggests that, once a year, each hospital or physicians group come up with a list of prices for individual procedures, or bundles of services, that it is willing to offer to any and all insurers, regardless of size. After reviewing the offers, Medicare and private insurers can then announce what price they are willing to pay

and give providers one last chance to adjust their offers accordingly. After that, everyone would be free to do business with whomever they choose on the basis of the posted bids.

There is, of course, a name for such an arrangement. It's called a free market – in this case a market open to multiple buyers and sellers with regular bidding and transparent pricing. More to the point, it is a market that would work whether there was a public insurance option or not.

Like it or not, fixing our overpriced, under-performing health system will require substantial new government involvement in the markets for health insurance and medical care. Beyond that, however, there remains plenty of room for healthy debate on what form that government involvement should take.

Refunds

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more.

The poll found that 35 percent of those receiving across the country. refunds plan to save or invest at least part of the money, a slight increase from a year ago. About 37 percent said they planned to use their refunds to pay down debt, including credit cards, student loans and making personal loans. A year ago, 24 percent said they would use at least part of their refunds to pay down debt.

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Only 3 percent of those designed to get people to receiving refunds said they spend at a time when most planned to invest at least are cutting back and saving part of the money in real estate, which has been depressed in markets

The poll found that those making less than \$50,000 a year were much more likely to use their tax refunds to pay bills or buy everyday items than those making more. People more than \$100,000 a year were more likely to use their refunds to go on a vacation than those making less.

Homes that use natural gas for heat could save big

Gas supplies continue to outpace demand

By Mark Williams Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The 60 million American homes that rely on natural gas for heat can expect substantially lower bills next winter thanks to a glut in supply and the weak economy.

Just as distributors start to lock in contracts for the coming winter, natural gas prices have fallen almost 75 percent. Not all of that will after the well is tapped in show up as savings on the heating bill, but it should still mean noticeable savings.

Utilities also generate about a fifth of the nation's electricity with gas, and many of their customers should notice price breaks as well.

Electric utilities burn natural gas at power turbines. so homes that use electric heat 148,000 new wells, accordcould see big price breaks, too. And barring a scorching summer or a brutal hurricane season, analysts say prices could fall even further.

The reason: New technolthis decade has ogv unlocked massive reserves of natural gas in North America, and the sudden jump in supply has collided with a recession, the worst since World War II, that has sapped demand.

The result has been a colthan the drop in oil prices.

Households have yet to see those huge drops reflected in their heating bills because the companies that buy and distribute natural gas in bulk are still passing Economic Research Inc. on the premium prices they paid last summer.

But lower rates are almost certainly coming. Distributors are already signing contracts for next winter that lock in today's low rates.

In addition to the 60 million homes that use natural gas for heat, about 32 million kets, the stage is set for use electric heat, according prices to snap back in a big to That's more than 80 percent prerecession levels. Most



AP photo

The drilling rig for a natural gas well into the Marcellus Shale is seen behind a foundation for equipment that remains on site Houston, Pa. After months of paying \$2 or less for a gallon of gasoline - half the cost of what it was last summer - anyone using natural gas to heat their home may see huge savings next winter as a glut of natural gas drives prices down about 75 percent from last summer's high.

ing to the American Gas Association.

Then came the recession, and the drilling rush came crashing to a halt. Rigs are still being pulled from the ground at a record rate. Active rig use in North America is at the lowest level in five years.

The government's Energy Information Association says the volume of gas in storage around the country, a staggering 1.67 trillion cubic lapse even more dramatic feet, is 35 percent more than it was last year.

> "Storage is full. There is no place for gas to go," said Ron Denhardt, vice president of natural gas services for Strategic Energy and

> And even as companies scale back their drilling, production is still running ahead of consumption. Businesses are cutting back on their natural gas use even more than homes. That means prices could go even lower.

But just as in the oil margovernment figures. way if demand returns to of U.S. homes. Most of the energy analysts predict seri-

How Bernanke staged a revolution

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By Neil Irwin The Washington Post

_ WASHINGTON Every six weeks or so, around a giant mahogany table in an ornate room overlooking the National Mall, 16 people, one after another, give their take on how the U.S. economy is doing and what they, the leaders of the Federal Reserve, want to do about it.

Then there's a coffee break.

When the Federal Open Market Committee reconvenes, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke speaks from the notes he printed moments earlier. "Here's what I think I heard," he'll say, before running through the range of views.

"Did I get it right?" he says.

The answer, in recent months, has been a resounding yes. And Bernanke's ability to understand and synthesize the views of his colleagues goes a long way toward explaining how he has revolutionized the Federal Reserve, which under his leadership has deployed trillions of dollars to try to contain the worst economic downturn in 80 years.

Famously soft-spoken, Bernanke is an unlikely revolutionary. He is, after all, a career economics professor who lacks the charisma of a skilled politician. He also happens to run an organization designed for inertia: Decision-making authority is shared with four other governors in Washington appointed by the president; the heads of regional Fed banks in 12 cities who answer to their own boards of directors; and a staff of 2,000 that is led by economists who spent decades working their way through a rigid hierarchy.

Yet in the past 18 months, Bernanke has transformed that stodgy organization, invoking rarely used emergency authorities. His decision to do so has drawn criticism - he has transcended traditional limits on the role of a central bank, stretched the Fed's legal authority and to some, usurped the responsibility

of political authorities in

committing vast sums of

A Patchwork of Authority

Since late 2007, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has engineered a series of changes that have remade the central bank in response to the financial crisis, despite operating in a complicated organization that is used to moving slowly and carefully. Here are the institutions he has had to work with to do it.

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BANK REGULATORS The Fed has had to coordinate with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and other bank regulators to try to stabilize the banking system.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

Presidents of regional Fed banks rotate sitting on the Federal Open Market Committee, which sets monetary policy. Bernanke has included these officials, who answer to their own boards of directors, in discussions over various credit facilities even where they have no formal legal role. The New York Fed in particular has vast responsibility over the financi system, and other regional banks supervise institutions based in their areas

SOURCE: Staff reports

"Everyone is encouraged to come up with ideas that are a little bit out of the ordinary, to try to encourage creative approaches and to think outside of the box, which is not the usual central bank approach. But in the current climate I think it is necessary."

- Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke

What strikes many who have worked he has pulled it all off with-Fed officials and others familiar with the workings has remade the Federal of the central bank, he has enacted bold policy moves low-key style and proclivity through measured debates for consensus-building. He and by making even those who are resistant to some of the new actions feel that their concerns are understood.

To many Fed veterans, his leadership style is a stark his disagreement.

"It's not Ben's personaliwith ty to pound the table and to agree with me or else," colleague of at Princeton

> In other words, Bernanke Reserve not in spite of his has been able to remake the Fed because of it.

This is an institution that the better part of a two-day policymaking meeting deciding whether its target contrast with that of for short-term interest predecessor, Alan rates should be 5.25 percent Greenspan, whose tenure or 5 percent. But in this criwas characterized by tight - sis, rate cuts, the most Bernanke said in an interly controlled decision- common tool for helping making with only rare open the economy, have lacked their usual punch. The Fed

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Bernanke has collaborated closely with the Bush and Obama administrations, especially Treasury Secretaries Henry Paulson and Tim Geithner. The Fed traditionally maintains independence from politics and tends to collaborate more in times of financial crisis,

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Fed governors, appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate, work closely with Bernanke in Washington and have helped develop and approved — use of emergency lending powers to bail out AIG and Bear Stearns and to aid money market mutual funds and consumer lending.

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already has dropped the rate it controls essentially to zero, meaning there is no room left to cut.

That's why Bernanke's Fed has been trying to dream up ideas out of the clear blue sky. The result has been 15 Fed lending programs, many with fourletter acronyms, most of them unthinkable before the current crisis.

Many of the programs have required legal and financial gymnastics to enact, with the central bank being forced to invoke an emergency authority that allows it to lend to most any institution in "unusual and exigent circumstances."

Bernanke has said his academic research. especially about the Great Depression, convinced him that the Fed has no choice but to move forcefully during a financial crisis, even if doing so means it crosses conventional boundaries.

"Everyone is encouraged not long ago could spend to come up with ideas that are a little bit out of the ordinary, to try to encourage creative approaches and to think outside of the box, which is not the usual cenapproach," tral bank view. "But in the current climate I think it is necessary."



Bernanke, though, is that scream and say you're going out grand speeches, arm- said Alan Blinder, a former twisting or Machiavellian Fed vice chairman and games. Rather, according to longtime interviews with more than a Bernanke's dozen current and former University.

rest use fuel oil or liquefied ous shortages when the petroleum gases.

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Christina R. Willard, also known as Christina R. Whitlow, 240 Trailwood Ave., twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-40229.

Alicia Martinez Castro, 377 S. 200 W., No. 14, Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-40234.

Shawn D. Florke, 174 Maurice St. N., No. 415, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-40246.

Petra G. Maddox, 350 Grandview Drive, No. 62, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-40252.

Jose Carmen Baeza, also known as Carmen Baeza, and Ernestina Baeza, 131 W. 25 S., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-40253.

Terry Ernest-Otto Duren, 2179 Macs Ave., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 09-40267.

CHAPTER 7, NONBUSINESS, \$50,000 TO \$100,000

Jason Kyle Applewhite and Helen Amy Applewhite, 701 Birch St., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-40189.

Derrick W. Phillips and Kathryn L. Phillips, also known as Kathryn Heck, Kathryn Crank, 638 Monroe, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-40197.

Jeremy R. Worden and Valinda K. Worden, also known as Valinda Fitch, 146 Addison Ave. W., No. 54, Twin Falls individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-40199.

Calvin Lee Scott and Misty Kay Scott, also known as Misty Kay Johnson, 2069 Rivercrest Drive, No. 105, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-40213

Michael P. Mitchell, also known as Mike Mitchell, and LaRue Mitchell, 469 Park Terrace Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 09-

business, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-40210

Gerardo Perez, also known as Gerardo P. Perez-Cano, Gerardo P. Cano, Gerardo Perez Cano, 1320 Aspen Valley Drive, Hailey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-40212.

Gary Van Ness Painter, 857 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., No. 4, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-40216.

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Robin Faulkner, 302 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-40250.

James William Schipper, 3606 Shady Acres, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusi ness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-40262

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Curtis L. Teeple and Ernabon B. Teeple also known as Ernabon B. Matias, 1448 Elba Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 09-40266

Damon Clinton Skeen, also known as Damon C. Skeen, and Kimberly Nora Skeen, also known as Kimberly N. Skeen, 293 Robbins Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to

The American mood: Is the angst bottoming out?

By Ted Anthony Associated Press writer

CLIFTON, N.J. - Friday night in northern New Jersey, circa April 2009, offers clues to prove any theory about the American economic meltdown, depending on what you want to believe. Just like so many places these days.

Craving optimism? Watch the tour bus emptying into the La Quinta lobby off Route 3, its occupants abuzz about their weekend sightseeing jaunt into Manhattan. Or see the hungry diners spilling out the door of Carino's Italian Grill in the Clifton Commons shopping center -a line of customers waiting to put their money into the consumer economy.

Want some economic angst? That's easy, too. Drive straight up Bloomfield Avenue into Glen Ridge, Montclair and Verona. Gaze at the empty Volvo and Jaguar dealerships and the deserted bank. Contemplate the thinned-out blocks of storefronts, defunct restaurants, abandoned shops and "For Lease" signs in one of the region's more affluent areas.

More doom on the horizon? Or will happy days soon be here again? Take your pick. The confusion is enough to play havoc on a person's mood - or an entire nation's. "Everybody is looking at it through their own personal lens," says Liza Dawson, a selfemployed literary agent from Glen Ridge.

In hard economic times, Americans turn to numbers to see whether things are getting better. Gauging the mood of the republic is not as quantifiable. It is not measured but sampled. Yet the human factor can be crucial. An improving outlook can increase confidence and nudge prosperity along.

In recent days, just as we've seen tantalizing, ohso-subtle hints the ecogest the national bad mood saying that it's time to roll

SCENES FROM A STRESSED NATION

Walt Coffman, a 55-year-old retired teacher, works part time at an art supply store in Phoenix. On his day off, he was having a coffee, not a latte one of several little adjustments he's made to save money.

"I think everybody's just a little more aware. I'm a retired teacher as well so I have a weekly pension. I have a parttime job that seems secure. But I'm still aware of making major purchases just because of the economy the way it is," Coffman said.

To avoid credit-card debt, Coffman is trying to pay for things in lump cash sums. He has put off getting new fans in his home in anticipation of summer in the desert. He's also scaling back a planned vacation to Montreal and going to San Francisco instead. He does plan to get new windows and a roof for his house. But he said those remodeling plans will hinge on whether the city of Phoenix gives him a grant – money that people who live in historical neighborhoods are eligible to receive. Coffman said he can't remember the last conversation he had where the economy did not come up.

'Either somebody knows somebody who's having difficulties or they're having some difficulties themselves," Coffman said

He said he and friends are a bit on edge, but not pessimistic. He thinks six months ago, even nine months ago, the climate was much more uncertain. Coffman wonders if the plethora of recession-related stories in various media is what's fueling any down-andout sentiments.

Coffman thinks his age is one reason he believes things will turn around.

"Life as a whole, you have these roller coaster times. As you get older, when you're down in the

mism gene with new TV commercials that emphasize the positive talk. For every downturn, one ad

bottom, you always come up," he said. "I look at the economy or the bigger picture the same way. Yeah, we're down here now, but I can't imagine things just staying there." -By AP Writer Terry Tang

If we're still in a recession, don't tell 25-year-old Wayne Martin of Atlanta. Six weeks ago, he got a new job paying him \$20,000 more than his old one. Things are looking up in his household. Martin's outlook on the eco-

nomic downturn is more cautionary. He says he's taking away lessons on what he can do to be prepared for the next time the country is in financial trouble. He and his wife of four years already were living modestly on his income while she finished college.

She's graduating this spring. The Martins, who have two children, ages 4 and 1, are taking a vacation to celebrate. Martin found a cruise for \$800 and was in the ideal position of being able to take advantage of a deal now that there's extra money around.

He's thinking the same thing about buying a bigger house. And he's putting a handyman to work to make repairs around the one he owns now before putting it on the market.

"My situation personally is very positive," he said. "But I do see situations daily that don't reflect my own. So I look at this with mixed emotions.' Many of his friends are in graduate school and aren't so positive about their futures. A friend getting his law degree is headed to a major Atlanta firm that just laid off dozens of people.

"It's a little dim in my circle," he said.

Still, Martin said he believes things are getting better, and he has faith that the Obama

high-school teacher from Red Bank, N.J., visiting his daughter at West Virginia University. Everyone he nomic distress might be says, there is an upturn. The knows is, he says, in "waitleveling off, a smattering of other taps into the longtime and-see mode" for now. "It doesn't have friends who signs has emerged to sug- American can-do spirit by seems like recently there's been some uptick, at least in

administration will turn things around soon.

"Jobless claims are down, the Dow is up," he said. "We can only go up from here."

-By AP Writer Errin Haines

Gabe Westheimer became a registered nurse in January. Despite his experience in the field - he worked as an EMT before making the switch he's been unable to find a job in his preferred area, as an emergency room nurse. His wife, Kate, is a doctoral student with a National Institutes of Health fellowship but a limited income, and two more years of schooling left. They had budgeted for him to be without a job until April, but he's up against his deadline. "We budgeted for us to get that income now, but I'm still looking," he said. "We sure would love not to draw on savings." The economic downturn has hurt the field he's invested in, with hospitals cutting new nurse programs and imposing hiring freezes. More experienced nurses who might have chosen to retire are staying, and those who worked part time have moved to full time, squeezing out new graduates. He remains optimistic he eventually will land a position in the nursing field he loves most – on the fast-paced front lines of health care. But he's starting to realize he might have to compromise. Westheimer feels that like the country, he and his wife are building their foundation now, and although their finances, and the national economy,

improve soon. "I have no worries about our long term prospects," he said. "I trust that sooner rather than later I will land a job in the field I want to work in.

might be gloomy, things will

-By AP Writer Juliana Barbassa.

Or ask Wayne Martin, 25, of Atlanta, who is bucking the trend: His new job pays \$20,000 more than the previous one. Not that he are suffering. Says Martin: "We can only go up from

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CHAPTER 7, NONBUSINESS, \$100,000 TO \$500,000

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CHAPTER 7, NONBUSINESS, \$1 MILLION TO \$10 MILLION

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Numbers from Gallup's Consumer Mood Index were up 6 points for the week ending April 5, the fourth consecutive week they rose. The index is now as high as it's been in over a year – buoyed, perhaps, by the upward-creeping stock market. And an AP-GfK poll showed the number of Americans who think the country is heading in the right direction more than doubled between October and February – to 40 percent.

Not that it's all good, mind you. Just, well, less worse.

Both AT&T and the increasingly beleaguered General Motors are trying to tap into – or is it regenerate? - the American optiup our sleeves and get to work.

Then there's the guy in the White House who is trying to fix all this. "We're starting," President Barack Obama said Friday, "to see a glimmer of hope?"

But do regular Americans see it the same way? Across geography and political lines, the clarion response was this: Who really knows?

Ask Kristin Smith, 34, a Dayton, Ohio, middleschool teacher watching the hometown Cincinnati Reds play the New York Mets one afternoon late last week. "It doesn't seem like it's getting better," she says. "You see it on the news, it sounds a little better, but I don't see it. ... I don't think we've reached bottom."

Ask Scott Jacobson, 57, a Phoenix management consultant who is involved in myriad projects to help others get through the meltdown. He says this: "You can either let it depress you or say 'OK, I cannot get depressed. I have to keep going."' But he also says this: "I'm an optimist and I feel fairly gloomy."

Ask Randy Thomas, 55, a



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the stock market," he says, "but that can be so crazy it's

hard to tell if that's the evidence that we're maybe starting on a recovery path?'

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BSU puts profs in dorms in bid to keep more students

By Jessie L. Bonner Associated Press writer

BOISE - On the west end of the Boise State University campus, professor Michael Humphrey lives on the third floor of a residence hall with his wife, 2-year-old daughter, the family dog - andnearly 30 college students.

Humphrey, a 35-year-old with a doctorate in special education, has lived at the state university for the past year as part of a campus housing program created four years ago to help retain students and enhance their college experience.

The basic premise: If students feel like they belong, they'll be more likely to stick around.

On a the school's riverside campus, Humphrey is one of five faculty members who live in dorms and oversee the academic and personal wellbeing of about 125 students between them.

"When I went to school, there was no such thing," said Humphrey, who was an undergraduate at the University of Iowa. "I'm getting to know students on a level I wouldn't normally."

The professors organize movie nights and camping trips, they give advice on classes and resumes, and ice. they get used to knocks on their doors at all hours from students, some of whom are living away from home for the first time.

Humphrey has lent his neighbors cups of sugar condiments are a typical request – and introduced them to his parents. He was home when a student stopped by room 302 and needed help with his tie for a the same residence hall. formal event. He knows Michael Roberts, a 25-yearold sociology major who lives down the hall on the third integrate faculty into the livfloor, hasn't been feeling well.

"On the other floors, people are just complete strangers," said Roberts, a senior who moved into the residence hall last year. "I think last year, there's maybe a handful of professors who I can remember their first halls, even in a living-learnname."

college earn a credit per a professor at the University founded the 16th century



AP photo

Michael Humphrey, professor of special education, works in his office at Boise State University on Wednesday. Humphrey is one of five faculty members who live in residence halls to oversee the personal and academic well being of students.

"The basic concept goes to roots of Oxford and Cambridge; when they were founded the 16th century they had faculty

that lived with the students."

- W. Robert Midden, a Bowling Green State University chemistry professor who helped found the first residential learning community in 1997

plete assignments, such as hall for two years. The uniessays and community serv-

Nationwide, about 200 colleges have developed more than 600 living-learning residential programs, such as Michigan State University, in an attempt to further engage students outside the classroom and allow them to live on campus with others who have similar interests. In some cases, faculty and academic advisers have offices in

But an analysis of these programs in 2007 found only 7 percent in the United States ing arrangements, said Karen Kurotsuchi Inkelas, principal investigator for the National Study of Living-Learning Programs at the Center for Student Studies in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"Faculty living alongside students in the residence ing context, is not very preva-roots Students in the residential lent," said Inkelas, who is also Cambridge; when they were

versity pays for rent, a meal plan and parking pass. The couple lives in a university suite designed to hold four students, with 10-feet by 12feet bedrooms, a small kitchen and a 13-feet by 24feet kitchen and living room area.

A video game poster hangs in the hallway, next to their front door.

"I did worry about feeling out of place, with a baby, and said Marcy dog," а Humphrey, a 34-year-old therapist. "It's been much less isolating than I thought it would be?"

On campus, the family has access to art openings, lectures, a recreation center and a playground for their daughter, Annelise. The Humphreys have gone crosscountry skiing, snow shoeing and painted pottery with students on the third floor.

"The basic concept goes to of Oxford and chemistry professor who helped found the first residential learning community on the Ohio campus in 1997.

"Harvard and Yale still have residential colleges," Midden said.

Most such communities have been created in the past decade and the small number that have incorporated faculty usually include older professors rather than young families, Midden said.

Boise State, with an enrollment of more than 19.000. is now studying whether the residential college program has been successful in keeping more students compared to other housing programs.

The residential college opened in 2004 with a professor from the College of Business and Economics. The program has since grown to include faculty from arts and humanities, health professions, civic leadership and engineering.

Idaho man wants to display his toys

RATHDRUM (AP) -Mark Lehan wants to share tage automobiles. his toys - an estimated 20,000 of them.

The Rathdrum man has spent years collecting toys from secondhand stores, antique shops and store he likes it, he buys it. bins across the region. Now, he's looking for help in setting up a public display.

"I'm probably the oldest kid in the world," Lehan said.

There's Bart Simpson on a skateboard, the Incredible Hulk, Shrek, Goofy, the "Got Milk" cow with wings, Rescue Heroes. trolls, plastic fish and rubber ducks galore. That's just the start.

Lehan, 58, runs his own landscape business. But collecting toys makes him happy.

it takes on a life of its own," he told The Spokesman-Review. "You find one, you get another. Yeah, it got a little bit out of hand?"

He also has several vin-

He can't say how much his toys are worth, or how much he's spent. He doesn't care. He can't even identify many of them. If

"They have to have a look. They have to have a feel to them. They have to appear in motion," he said. "I don't sell anything. I collect?'

Our disposable society helps. People buy lots of toys for kids, and when the kids get tired of them, the toys get thrown out or sold. For years, Lehan has housed the collection

inside a rented storage facility in Rathdrum. But lately he's felt the toys have been lonesome, he said.

"People don't think toys "You start collecting and have feelings. I think they do," he said.

He's looking for a business or organization that would work with him to put the toys on display.





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Larry Kempton

CLEAR CREEK. Utah – Larry Vern Kempton, age 69, of Clear Creek, Utah, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in Malta.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1939, in

Brigham City, Utah, to Vern and Idaho school children to and Reta (Miller) Kempton. the schools in Malta for He was an only child and his mother's "Little Man." He recently received a recognigraduated from Raft River tion award for 25 years with-High School in Malta in 1957. He married Patricia Gail Ward on Dec. 17, 1960. stepdaughter, Cheryle Ann Bates Ward. They later divorced. Larry later married Coralee Teeter on June 7, 1967. This union was blessed with five children, Loralee, Vern, Jesse, Clair and Kandice. This marriage also ended in divorce. He then married Carla Stewart Sydnor on Oct. 13, 2000. This marriage brought two additional stepdaughters, Becky and Carin.

Rodeo was Larry's passion, along with kids and horses. During high school, he won a buckle in Bronc riding at the third Idaho State High School Rodeo in Grace. Beginning at the age of 15 (from 1953 until 1957), he spent his summer months participating in various rodeos. From 1957 until 1967, Larry was on the road full time with Earl Hutchison with Crescent H Rodeo working as a pickup man. He competed in saddle bronc and hauled and took care of the stock. He later went to the first two National Finals in Dallas, Texas, and worked stock for Swany Kirby and Harley Tucker from Oregon. He was a member of the Rodeo Cowboys Association (now known as the PRCA). He Bishop Jeff Johnson officiwas a lifetime member of the AQHA, raising and training Quarter Horses for ranch and rodeo work. Larry was a director for the Raft River High School in the 6th District High School Rodeo Burley, and from 10 until Association for 19 years. He 10:45 a.m. Monday at the also served four years as an church.

"Terry" James Chapman Angels, and the St Louis fully Sunday, March passed away at his home in Rams, whom he followed 22,2009. Jerome on Friday afternoon, with fervor. April 3, 2009, of an apparent heart attack at age 59. the U.S. Army and was sta- band, Ed; and three sisters. He leaves his son, Brian tioned in Seoul, Korea. She is survived by her chil-James Chapman, his Upon returning to civilian dren, Janet Entzel and Nancy

Idaho State Rodeo Association director. at

> addition to In ranching in Clear in Twin Falls on Creek, Utah, Larry Tuesday, April 7, drove school bus for 2009. Box Elder County, Utah, taking Utah

more than 26 years. He out an accident.

Larry was the secretarytreasurer of the West Box From this marriage, he had a Elder Soil District and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having served as secretary of the Sunday school, ward clerk, High Priest group assistant and, for 5-1/2 years, served in the bishopric with Bishop Alan Harper. He was also a home teacher.

He is survived is by his wife, Carla Kempton; his children, Loralee (Carl) Boden of Elba, Vern (Rachel) Kempton of Clear Creek, Utah, Jesse (Ben) Cardon of Pocatello, Clair (Christine) Kempton of Rogerson and Kandice Kempton (Larry's pride and joy who he spent lots of quality time with) of Malta; his stepdaughters, Cheryle Ann Bates Ward, Becky (Rob) Jenne of Reno, Nev., and Carin (Michael) Pluto of Star; and his grandchildren, Brodee, Bradley, Emmet, Max, Bonnie and Adam Boden; Keely, Kristy, Paden, Colby, Duke and Reta Kempton; Kilah and Adessa Cardon; Gracelynn, Jardee and Journey Jo Kempton; and Nathaniel and Alyssa death by his parents.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 13, at the Malta LDS Church with ating. Burial will be in the Clear Creek Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in

Terrence 'Terry' James Chapman

JEROME - Terrence LA Dodgers, California passed away peace-

Terry was a sergeant in in death by her husdaughter-in law, Tiffany, life, he married Cynthia Schafer; five grandchildren;

Carlene Bridger

Carlene Bridger, age 70, passed away Bridgeview Estates Care Center

families. Her sisterin-law, Florence "Toots" Fiscus,

Since Carlene had

became very close to

Seth

"Ed"

He was raised and edu-

Army, Ed came back to the

Ed was married to Ange

Barbara O. (Jones) Hep-Carlene is survived by her three daughters, Gene worth. Montgomery Redd (LeRoy), Judy Montgomery Eisencated in Jerome, graduating hauer Loughmiller (Larry) from Jerome High School in 1984. He went on to serve in and Corrie Bridger Baker; three grandsons, Daniel Ray the U.S. Army from 1986-Redd (Holly), Michael Bert 1993. Redd and Makenzi William Baker; six granddaughters, Jeannie Marie Redd Derby Magic Valley and worked as (Travis), Katie Belle a service writer for Con Eisenhauer Tatton (Josh), Paulos, Gary Westland Kari Lynn Eisenhauer Motors and Larry H. Miller Griffee (Adam), Libbie Lisa (Boise, Idaho) until he was Loughmiller Oram (T.J.), diagnosed with brain cancer Tara Jean Bogart Loughin 2004. miller Lammers (Travis) and Kulhanek-Miller in 1988 Dacia Ann Baker; and 14 great-grandchildren, Maria, and they later divorced. To Katie, Allison, Jennifer and this union their beautiful daughter Mercedes "Cede" Danielle Redd; Dennis, Becky and Charlie Derby; Allison, Isaac and Jacob Marcella Mink in 2003, and Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Tatton; Jayci Griffee; Genevieve Oram; and Brock Lammers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Wayne Montgomery; her former husbands; her husband, Horace; grandson, Wayne LeRoy Redd; and Calif., died suddenly son-in-law, Jerry D. Eisenhauer.

held Saturday, April 11, at the born on Dec. 13, Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center on Harrison Street. Interment will occur at the old Metropolis Cemetery near Wells, Nev., at a later date.

complications due to 45 years of smoking. She tried to quit but was unable to do husband, Zachery; four chilso until it was too late. Smoking steals your money, your time, your beauty, your health and finally your life. Her (and our) message to you is this: Don't do it!

Jean Kathryn (Blomquist) Hoff

ANOKA, Minn. -Jean Kathryn (Blomquist) Hoff, age 93, of Anoka, Minn.,

She was preceded



A private memorial service was held. Memorials are preferred to the charity of your choice.

Seth 'Ed' E. Hepworth II

they were later divorced.

Ed is survived by his parents; daughter, Mercedes; siblings, Noah Mullins of Colorado Springs, Col.; John Mullins of Reno, Nev.; Polly

Beeville, Tex., to Seth E. and Harmon of Renton, Wash.; and Darryl (Joyce) Mullins of Las Vegas, Nev.

Many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Merritt E. and Lillith (Eriksen) Following his tour in the Hepworth; and Elmer F. and Clara O. (Brown) Jones.

Services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2009, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Twin Falls Third Ward Building, with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends and family may call Sunday, April 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley was born. He then married Funeral Home, 2551

Julie Marie Sloan Quintana

YORBA LINDA, Calif. - Julie Marie Sloan Quintana, age 34, of Yorba Linda, on March 29, 2009, due to complications A memorial service was of surgery. Julie was

> 1974, in Seattle, Wash., to aunts, Jim and Gail Sloan (Anderson). She graduated from Declo High School in 1991

On Feb. 14, 1998, she mar-Carlene died as a result of ried Zachery Quintana in Las Vegas.

> Julie is survived by her dren, Joshua Hunter (5), Lauren Elizabeth (3), Noah friend, who loved Jesus and Zachery (1), and Julie her family. She will be deeply Gabriella Sophia (2 weeks); missed by all who knew her.



nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jim Sloan; grandfather, Todd Sloan; grandmothers, Elise Hughes and "Gram" LaVerne Allen; and "Grandpa Hap' Anderson.

Julie was a beautiful wife, mother, sister, daughter and

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We would like to thank Dr. Morgan, Dr. Strobel, Dr. Becker and the girls at Green 🔸 -12 Acres Pet Center for their medical expertise, -



Carlene was born June 5, 1938, in La Grande, Ore., to Carlos Paul became her best friend. Bell and Melda Hyde Bell. She attended schools in Mount Eden, Calif., a little one-room schoolhouse near Wallowa, Ore., and seventh through November of her

senior year in high school at Wells, Nev. Carlene married Terry A. Montgomery on Nov. 26, 1955. in Elko. Nev. Three children were born to them, a son, Wayne Ray who died in infancy; a daughter, Melda Gene, and a second daughter, Judy Lynn. The couple divorced Aug. 23, 1960, were remarried Sept. 26, 1960, and divorced again May 22, 1964.

Carlene then married Harrell L. Sanders on Aug. 5, 1964, and moved to Kimberly. Harrell was killed in a construction accident on March 24, 1966. Carlene married Michael W. Milner on July 23, 1966. They divorced on Oct. 30, 1967. She then married Horace (Hoss) W. Bridger on Nov. 4, 1967, in Twin Falls. They lived in Wells, Nev.; Everett, Marysville, and Arlington, Wash.; and Kimberly before moving back to Twin Falls. A daughter, Corrie Denise, was born to them there. The family moved to Kimberly for a while, then back to Twin Falls.

Carlene worked at Idaho Jenne. He was preceded in Frozen Foods, Universal Frozen Foods and Lamb-Weston from April 9, 1973, until her retirement from there on Feb. 28, 2001. Carlene was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed doing genealogy work, painting, and crocheting.

and grandson, Jacob James Mossler of Whittier in Las Chapman of Murrieta, Calif. He also leaves his lovely daughter, Brooke Christine Chapman of Temecula, Calif. Terry is they raised their two chilpreceded in death by both dren. Terry worked as a his parents, Ernest and Montee Chapman; his oldtwo sisters, Roberta Galindo and Ellyn Chapman.

Chapman of Eagle; Charles (Otilia) Chapman of Twin Falls; Hal (Janeal) Chapman required him to stop work-Lee Dultz (Ron) of Canoga Park, Calif. He also leaves eleven nephews, two nieces, great-nieces, greatnephews and friends.

Terry was born June 2, 1949, in Los Angeles, Calif. child, in a family of eight children. He grew up in the southern California city of Whittier. He was always a it was a good time. handsome, energetic younglar with his classmates, teachers and coaches. He was a devoted sports fan, especially of the LA Lakers,

Vegas, Nev., in August 1977. They settled in Whittier, but later moved to Temecula, Calif., where journeyman carpenter for Duke Timber Company, est brother, Michael; and building panelized roofing Arrangements are pending, systems throughout California and Hawaii. Mourning his loss are his During this time, he was

brothers, Patrick (Patricia) injured when a steel beam fell from a height and crushed his leg. This injury of Jerome; and sister, Judi ing. With time off, he visited his brothers in Idaho. He found the beauty of the state and the pace of living to be a healthier lifestyle.

Terry moved to Jerome and worked at Pizza Hut in Jerome. He enjoyed the cus-He was the fifth son, seventh tomers and his fellow employees. The bond of his five brothers grew much stronger than ever before -

A graveside service will ster who excelled in his be conducted at 1 p.m., studies throughout his Monday, April 20, 2009, at school career. He was popu- the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 N. Bend Road, Horseshoe played basketball on the Boise, Idaho. Arrangements Lowell High School team. He are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

SERVICES

Leonard Ridley of Boise, Monday at the church. celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. today at Designs West Interiors, 5710 W. State St. in Idaho in Boise).

Larry Vern Kempton of

Clear Creek, Utah, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Malta LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, Magic Valley Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Falls.

Frederick Arthur "Art" Thompson of Gooding, Boise (Cremation Society of funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

> Jane Wolfe of Spokane, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's

DEATH NOTICES

Mercedes Alcala

FILER – Mercedes Alcala, 69, of Filer, died Saturday, April 11, 2009, at home. Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Robert W. Stutzenstein

Robert W. Stutzenstein, 50. of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at home. No services will be held at this time. Cremation was under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Daniel J. Pagoaga

Daniel J. Pagoaga, 61, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 10, 2009, at his home. A announced by rosary will be held at 7 p.m., Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Algerian resistance fighter, diplomat Guellal dies at 76

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – Cherif Guellal, an Algerian resistance fighter, businessman and diplomat who cut a glamorous figure Washington society, died of toppled the government in a leukemia April 7 at a hospital in Algiers. He was 76.

the bloody independence would improve between the movement that in 1962 two countries. It was a secured freedom for his union born of oil money, north African country from from Johnson's native Texas French rule. Guellal was and the petrol-rich states of sent to Washington as post- the Arab world, wrote socicolonial Algeria's first ety host-turned-writer ambassador to the United Barbara Howar in her 1973 States. His dark good looks memoir "Laughing All the enhanced his popularity at Way."

Tuesday, April 14, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Shoshone. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. Inurnment will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery.

Grace Monasmith

PAUL - Grace Monasmith, 91, of Paul, died Friday, April 10, 2009, at Countryside Care in Rupert. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Brenda L. Hayes

Brenda L. Hayes, 39, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 10, 2009. Arrangements are pending and will be White



soirees and made him a compelling presence at academic gatherings.

Guellal remained his country's chief envoy in Washington after military in leader Houari Boumedienne 1965 coup. Guellal told President Lyndon Johnson Guellal was a veteran of that he hoped relations

aily words of encouragement, radiant smiles, compassion, friendship, patience and their 🔺 4 undeniable devotion to each and every one of their furry (and not so furry) patients. 4 The last four months have been a precious -14 gift that would not have been possible with--* out Dr. Morgan, Dr. Strobel, Dr. Becker and 🐥 * the girls. We cannot begin to express our gratitude and love that will forever be in -1 our hearts. 4 As we bow our heads this Easter Sunday to give thanks for Our Savior, The Atonement 4 and The Resurrection, please know that we 养 will also be thanking our Heavenly Father for 💠 4 providing us with His special angels at Green * Acres Pet Center. May this Easter Season also 4 be the beginning of an abundance of blessings for you and your families. 4 Thank you again from Rick & Letty Sherman and on behalf of our beloved furry children, 4 Peterlee and Taylor. ** * * * * * * * * * 24



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Texas wildfire conditions ease, but weather still a concern

By Danny Robbins Associated Press writer

DALLAS - Firefighters in Texas faced calmer weather conditions Saturday while attacking deadly winddriven wildfires, but worried that approaching thunderstorms could create new problems.

Bill Beebe, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said conditions were "pretty quiet," though firefighters had yet to contain more than 122,000 burning acres, including two new fires in East Texas.

The major concern was that lightning from thunderstorms predicted for Sunday could spark additional fires, he said.

"We're bracing possibly for some difficult times," he said.

Ken Schneider, a meteorologist with the National unaffected by a massive Service Weather in Amarillo, said the threat of Sunday thunderstorms encompasses all of North Texas.

In neighboring Oklahoma, grass fires that have plagued the state in recent days flared up again Saturday in two counties, prompting temporary evacuations.

battled a blaze that threatened two housing subdivisions. Authorities evacuated residents from parts of Midwest City and neighboring Choctaw until the fire makes FEMA funding availwas brought under control,

hard times,

Shriners

may close

6 hospitals

By Katrina A. Goggins

Associated Press writer

Facing



Micah Raper-Ostrow, 14, pulls one of his bikes out of the burnt rubble of his home in Sunset, Texas, Friday.

said Fire Chief Randy Olsen. gible firefighting costs.

The fire was in an area wildfire Thursday and resulted in the The fire has burned 700 loss of about 70 homes in acres, destroyed 14 homes Midwest City and Choctaw, said Fire Marshal Jerry Lojka.

threatened the small town of Tatums, and some homes west of Dallas, Beebe said. were evacuated.

Midwest City firefighters Emergency Management Agency said Saturday it has northeast Texas. authorized the use of federal funds to help fight the fire in more than 100 homes were Palo Pinto County, west of Dallas. The authorization raged through western and

Firefighters haven't been able to contain any of the that started Palo Pinto fire, Beebe said. and threatened 198 homes, he said.

In Carter County in little success containing a southern Oklahoma, a fire fire covering 25,000 acres in Montague County, north-

The two fires that devel-Meantime, the Federal oped Saturday were in Red River and Camp counties in

Three people died and destroyed by the fires as they central Oklahoma and North hospitalized with burns in able to pay 75 percent of eli- Texas on Thursday. Officials Dallas.

suspect that at least one of the fires was intentionally set. The blazes eased Friday as wind diminished from the peak of up to 70 mph.

AP photo

All three deaths were in Montague County. A couple died when fire overtook Firefighters also have had their home, and another woman died after calling for an ambulance, Sheriff Paul Cunningham said. The woman's cause of death was unclear.

The couple was identified as former television reporter Matt Quinn and his wife, Cathy. Matt Quinn joined WFAA-TV in Dallas in 1980 and retired in the early 1990s. Their son, Chris, was

Obama has hundreds of important positions remaining to be filled

By Nancy Benac

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - President Obama doesn't have more than bragging rights Department, where Kathtime for a victory lap now that his Cabinet is finally largely in place.

One level down, he faces gaping holes in the ranks he needs to fill if there is to be any hope of turning his ple Obama needs to carry employees and the 20th is ambitious agenda into out all sorts of promised empty. This at a time when action on health care, the initiatives and policy environment and much shifts, and to assure that

is a pretty fast turtle, but retire the space shuttle it's no hare?"

fill in an organizational chart with names for deputy assistant secretary of that. These are the peo-

The Obama administration deadline about when to fleet. At the Health What's at stake is much and Human Services for how quickly Obama can leen Sebelius will be the last member of Obama's Cabinet to win confirmaundersecretary of this and tion by the Senate, 19 of the top 20 slots are being filled by acting career Obama is calling for sweeping changes in the



AP photo

A man uses computer at an internet cafe Feb. 1 in Fuyang, central China's Anhui province. China dismissed a recent research report outlining an extensive China-based computer spy ring as lies intended to stoke anxiety over Beijing's growing influence in world affairs.

Electric utilities may be vulnerable to cyberattack

By Ellen Nakashima and R. Jeffrey Smith The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The nation's electric utilities have failed to fully survey the vulnerability of their equipment to computer-based attacks from foreign countries and hackers, a government-authorized regulatory group concluded this week. That assessment came as senior U.S. officials renewed warnings that experts from Russia, China and other nations have been trying for years to probe and exploit those vulnerabilities.

The alert by the North Electric American Reliability Corp. on Tuesday came on the same day that a senior military official reported that the Pentagon has spent more than \$100 million in the past six months responding to cyberattacks or other network problems. Government officials have long complained that private industry, which controls almost all of the U.S. electrical supply, has taken few measures to defend itself against debilitating attacks.

The Obama administration is nearing completion of a two-month review of cybersecurity policy, which experts said is likely to urge a more robust federal role in setting security standards for utilities and other industries considered vital to the American economy. Democratic lawmakers have also introduced legislation this year supporting the creation of such standards.

So far, the federal government has tread lightly in setting computer security regulations for the power grid.

industry-run until recently; it says its current trustees, elected by industry members, are independent. The group's principal initiative to date has been to require that companies identify their vulnerabilities to cyberwarfare attack.

But in this week's letter to industry and government officials, Michael J. Assante, the group's chief security officer, complained that the most recent self-scrutiny did not go far enough. He warned in particular that "system planners and operators" need to pay more attention to the danger of "simultaneous manipulation" of computers within power substations and the consequences of such attacks on the larger grid.

The fact that "an intelligent cyberattacker" can compromise "multiple assets at once, and from a distance" requires more protection than utilities have considered, Assante said in his letter. He said they need to take a new look at "the potential consequences

... of not only the loss of assets that they own or control, but also the potential misuse of those assets by intelligent threat actors?

Assante did not specify where the threats might originate, but several independent experts said federal authorities have detected penetrations of computer controls for the power grid emanating from Russia and China, whose war colleges and militaries have been teaching cyberwarfare techniques. Those efforts to penetrate the controls were aimed at finding computer vulnerabilities and, once detected, sometimes

are considering closing a quarter of their facilities as donations stagnate, costs increase and the charity's endowment shrivels.

GREENVILLE, S.C.

Shriners hospitals, which

have provided free care since

before the Great Depression,

The group's director says it's the only viable option.

Officials at the Floridabased organization say it is siphoning \$1 million a day from its endowment to balance the budget for 22 hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Meanwhile, they say, that fund has fallen to \$5 billion from \$8 billion in less than a year because of the sputtering stock market and a charitable giving slump that has hurt philanthropies nationwide. The fund has been declining since 2001. The group will vote this summer on the closures.

"Unless we do something, the clock is ticking and within five to seven years we'll probably be out of the hospital business and not have any hospitals," Ralph Semb, chief executive officer of Shriners Hospitals for Children, told The Associated Press.

In cities where hospitals may close, supporters and hospital staff are scheduling fundraisers and posting online messages of support on social networking Web sites.

Greenville, S.C., In Bridget Myers and her daughter are turning to churches and friends, collecting money in a bucket tagged with pictures of Xrays and Shriners patients.

"I've collected \$92 dollars in two days," said Brooklynn Myers, 14, who received scoliosis treatment at the Shriners' Greenville hospital. "Me and my mom feel like it's heartbreaking we'd have to drive all the way to Lexington (Kentucky) and we've made special bonds here?

more.

After a spurt of recent the way. activity that followed a problem-plagued start, Obama is outpacing Rep. Sue Myrick, R-N.C., George W. Bush and Bill Clinton on appointments. But Obama, like his two immediate predecessors, is have time to manage the Management Service, cenbogged down in a system extra responsibilities he's tral in plans to expand that has grown increasingly cumbersome over the vears. And he's added tougher-than-ever background checks and ethics rules.

than Clinton and Bush going inspector general. when all is said and done. but it's still a slow process," said New York There are similar stories all University professor Paul across government. Light, an expert on the federal government. "A

the nation stays safe along

At a recent congressional hearing, for example, lamented that Dennis Department, Obama has Blair, the national intelligence director, doesn't been given on economics and climate change.

"The ideal person for that is the principal deputy director of national intelligence," suggested Edward "Obama will be faster Maguire, the agency's out-

But that's one of hundreds of seats still empty.

NASA is awaiting a new administrator as the space turtle is a turtle is a turtle. agency approaches a big

way people get health care coverage. Four planned HHS nominations have been announced.

the Interior At yet to name a replacement to lead the Minerals renewable energy production off the nation's coasts. Obama also has not picked someone to head Pension Benefit the Guaranty Corp., a quasigovernment outfit that insures the pensions of 44 million workers and retirees - critical when bankruptcies are mounting. The corporation is being run by an acting director from the civil service.

reliability of the electrical could be circumvented in power supply, has been the future.

The corporation, which has involved planting software the authority to ensure the so that security patches



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• Heights	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Sugden, M.D What do the numbers mean? A discussion on understanding your lab results.
• Free Health	9:30 AM	Alice Trabert, C.N.P 10 Things to ask your health care provider during a Physical. A discussion about questions to ask your provider and symptoms to be aware of.
Education	10:30 AM	Joshua Kern, M.D What do the numbers mean? A discussion on understanding your lab results.
• Vendors	11:30 AM	Lorraine Tangen, M.D 10 Things you should have checked annually after age 40. This is tailored to both men and women.
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Tornado survivor describes twister that 'sounded like 7 freight trains'

By Juanita Cousins Associated Press writer

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The worst sound Eric Funkhouser said he has ever heard was a 10-second "voom" followed by a man's screams.

А tornado hit Funkhouser's home in Murfreesboro, about 30 miles southeast of Nashville, on Friday, part of severe storms that spawned tornadoes across the Southeast blamed for three deaths and dozens of injuries.

"It sounded like seven freight trains and 22 vacuum cleaners all going at the same time," Funkhouser said Saturday as he returned to what is left of his home and tornado rolled through. neighborhood.

Funkhouser ran outside officials say a preliminary

Tornados sweep the South

Reports of destruction from tornados were widespread across the South Friday. In Murfreesboro, Tenn., a young mother and her infant daughter were killed and 41 others injured when hit by the line of



National Weather Service

neighbors' yards.

During a tour of the damaged areas on Saturday,

He then walked through the neighborhood that was hardest hit, listening to survivors share stories of how they hid in bathrooms and pantries.

Bredesen said he may request a presidential declaration of emergency after Tennessee Emergency Management Agency officials completely survey the area.

Church members and neighbors joined survivors in cleaning up debris, patching up roofs with blue tarps and sawing tree branches from cars and houses.

Community response has been overwhelming. Lyons said, with volunteers offering to remove debris and give donations.

"One of the things that makes Murfreesboro a great Phil city is that we come together said.



Bryant laying covered with blood and screaming.

"He kept saying that his with him and he had to find them," Funkhouser said.

Funkhouser and other survivors found Bryant's wife, Kori, dead in the gravel 9-week-old Olivia Bryant in her car seat, beneath carpet and a tree.

Family Lawrence said Bryant, a selfemployed worker, had just gotten back, home on his lunch break. He. seeking shelter when the pictures

and found his neighbor John report shows the EF3 torna- Tennessee in do tore a 15-mile path Bredesen walked past a pile and help each other," he Funkhouser's front yard, through the university town of pink baby clothes topped of about 100,000 with with the Bryants' wedding winds as high as 165 mph.

wife and baby were out there Lyons said 42 homes were where the mother and destroyed, 140 were damaged and 71 were affected Twenty minutes later, but habitable. Several thousand customers were still are with them. It's very sad," without power Saturday.

More than 40 people were driveway under debris and injured. Seven people were critical condition was found dead buckled into Saturday afternoon, said Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services friend Laura director Randy White.

John Bryant is in critical construction condition with a broken Lawrence said Saturday, as she gathered his wife and daughter were the family's clothes and from their

Gov. album, paused before yellow Deputy City Manager Rob and gray tarps marking daughter were found and bowed his head.

Bredesen said.

But he said others should try and stay out of the area so they don't obstruct rescue and cleanup workers trying to do their jobs.

City officials have set up a "My thoughts and prayers hot line for people who want to volunteer and victims seeking help.

AP photo

People in Mena, Ark., look over tornado damage Friday in Mena, Ark.

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EDITORIAL

Legislature should split the difference, and go home

eave it to Maxine Bell, the plain-talking chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, to get to the point about the dwindling days of the first session of the

60th Idaho Legislature. "Apparently politics is not

the art of compromise, and I'm feeling very, very guilty costing the taxpayers \$30,000 a day to stay here and be stubborn," the Jerome Republican said Wednesday after the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee voted to revise cuts in state personnel spending.

Just so. Now that the House has made clear it won't support an increase in the gasoline tax, it's time for the House and the Senate to cut a deal on state employee pay and adjourn.

Monday will be the 92nd day of a session marked by a lot of waiting around. JFAC couldn't set the 2010 budget until it knew how many federal stimulus dollars it had.

But it knows now, and state personnel cuts are the only obstacle to adjournment.

Last week, JFAC voted to eliminate a previously approved across-the-board salary cut for state workers. Instead, agency directors would decide how to trim 3 percent from their payroll. An additional 2 percent budget reduction – about \$6 million - would be covered by federal stimulus funding.

The revision came in response to a compromise offered by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who was unhappy that JFAC's earlier bill took away his department chiefs' flexibility on personnel cuts.

But the House Republican leadership is adamant about a 5 percent payroll cut, setting up a standoff that could send the session into its 15th week if an agreement is not reached by Friday.

Idaho can't afford that, and it's a disservice to state employees to leave them in doubt about the size of their paychecks - or the security of their jobs – after July 1.

A snapshot of poverty in south-central Idaho

Did you know?

In the Magic and Wood River valleys ...

• The average real median household income is \$1,855 less than the state's real median household income.

• The average wage per job is \$4,774 less than Idaho's average wage per iob.

• Twenty-one percent of the residents of southcentral Idaho are uninsured. That's 4.4 percentage points higher than the rest of the state.

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Blaine County

• South-central Idaho

Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho
Unemployment rate	6.5%	5.4%	7.1%
Self-sufficiency wage	\$25.29/hour	\$22.83/hour	\$22.94/hour
Average real wage per job	\$35,457/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/year
Poverty rate	6.5%	12.8%	12.1%
% of uninsured	13.6%	21%	16.6%
Child poverty rate	8.6%	17%	15.9%
% of renters who pay at le	ast		
35% of income in ren	t 26%	21%	28%
Median rent	\$740/month	\$491/month	\$515/month
% of food stamp househo	lds 1.4%	7.9%	8.2%
% of low-income children	29%	53%	45%

Camas County

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Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho
Unemployment rate	6.6%	5.4%	7.1%
Self-sufficiency wage		\$22.83/hour	
Average real wage per job 3	\$26,673/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/yea
Poverty rate	8%	12.8%	12.1%
% of uninsured	18.4%	21%	16.6%
Child poverty rate	9.1%	17%	15.9%
% of renters who pay at lea	ast		



People pick up supplies at the food pantry at the First Church of God in Jerome in 2005.

ents in Idaho: 56.7 percent. children, 18 percent of Wood River valleys.

• Although south-cen- Idaho's children particidren who are low income is has the highest percentage tral Idaho has 14 percent of pating in free-lunch pro-8 percentage points higher of child food stamp recipi- the state's school-aged grams live in the Magic and

Gooding County

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Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho
Unemployment rate	4.3%	5.4%	7.1%
Self-sufficiency wage		\$22.83/hour	
Average real wage per job	\$27,770/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/year
Poverty rate	13.2%	12.8%	12.1%
% of uninsured	22.8%	21%	16.6%
Child poverty rate	19.7%	17%	15.9%
% of renters who pay at le	ast		
35% of income on rent	21%	21%	28%
Median rent	\$480/month	\$491/month	\$515/month
% of food stamp househo	lds 6.9%	7.9%	7.8%
% of low-income children	59%	53%	45%

Jerome County

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Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.4%	7.1%
Self-sufficiency wage		\$22.83/hour	
Average real wage per job	\$27,770/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/year
Poverty rate	12.7%	12.8%	12.1%
% of uninsured	23.3%	21%	16.6%
Child poverty rate	17.9%	17%	15.9%
% of renters who pay at le	ast		

Our view: There's nothing to be gained by extending the legislative session arguing over the size of the state person-

nel cutbacks. What do you think? We welcome

viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

So lawmakers should split the difference – perhaps a 4 percent cutback – and go home.

If the economy improves before January, Otter always has the option of calling a one- or two-day special session to restore the personnel cuts – or take another run at a highway funding bill.

But for now, there's no more money to spend at the Capitol Annex. It's time to call it day.

TIMES-NEWS

Brad Hurd publisher Steve Crump Opinion editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, James G. Wright, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Ruth S. Pierce.

35% of income on rent	20%	21%	28%	35% if income for rent	21%	21%	28%
Median rent	\$447/month	\$491/month	\$515/month	Median rent	\$480/month	\$491/month	\$515/month
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% of low-income children	38%	53%	45%	% of low-income children	62%	53%	45%

Cassia County

Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho
Unemployment rate	4.1%	5.4%	7.1%
Self-sufficiency wage	\$22.57/hour	\$22.83/hour	\$22.94/hour
Average real wage per job	\$27,130/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/year
Poverty rate	17.8%	12.8%	12.1%
% if uninsured	24.2%	21%	16.6%
Child poverty rate	24.2%	17%	15.9%
% of renters who pay at lea	ast		
35% of income on rent	21%	21%	28%
Median rent	\$403/month	\$491/month	\$515/month
% of food stamp househol	ds 9%	7.9%	7.8%
% of low-income children	57%	53%	45%

Lincoln County

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Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho
Unemployment rate	8.3%	5.4%	7.1%
Self-sufficiency wage		\$22.83/hour	
Average real wage per job	\$27,141/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/year
Poverty rate	15.1%	12.8%	12.1%
% of uninsured	23.8%	21%	16.6%
Child poverty rate	15.8%	17%	15.9%
% of renters who pay at le	ast		
35% of income for rent	16%	21%	28%
Median rent	\$464/month	\$491/month	\$515/month
% of food stamp househol	ds 4.4%	7.9%	7.8%
% of low-income children	57%	53%	45%

Find the averages for Minidoka and Twin Falls counties on Opinion 2

Times-News doesn't play favorites in reporting police news

oy was I guilty. Friday before last, I B appeared in 5th District Court in Burley and was convicted of speeding.

There wasn't much chance I was going to beat the rap, but even an earnest young state trooper with a radar gun should have to work for a conviction. So I put up a weak defense and paid the nice lady at the desk downstairs.

We normally don't report speeding tickets in the paper, but I wanted to tell you about my recent foray into lawlessness to make a point.

Sometimes people call here and ask that we not report on far more serious crimes that they or a loved one has committed. Usually, they say that the person's boss will fire them, their elderly grandmother will die from the shock or that it's not fair to put their name in the paper because they were really innocent no matter what the judge said.



One well-appointed elderly woman recently dropped by to ask us not to report that she had been arrested for shoplifting. The whole thing was a mistake, she said, and she had been assured that the case would be dismissed. Could we do an old lady a favor and help her avoid embarrassment at church next Sunday?

Trouble was, she had already been convicted. Out of curiosity we checked her criminal history - and found a long string of similar petty theft convictions over many years.

Some of those people, in disappointment that we won't suppress their DUI or assault charge, suggest that we'd do it differently if a *Times-News* staffer was the

HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

Want to give me a piece of it? I'll be at the Bent Bean, 2101 Overland Ave. in Burley at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 14. Join me for a cup and a chat.

defendant. They're wrong about that.

During my time as editor here I know of only two of our 100-plus employees who have faced anything more serious than a speeding ticket. Those cases involved a repeat DUI and a lewd conduct charge. Both were rank-and-file workers in departments other than the newsroom. Their transgressions were reported just as we report those charges against anyone in the community who isn't otherwise famous or infamous.

But I'm held to a different standard because my job puts me out front. So while we don't normally report on speeding tickets, mine gets special treatment. It's all a matter of transparency. It also gives me a good topic

for a column, so my \$140 fine has been put to good use. I wonder if I can claim it on my taxes as a business expense.

. . .

Three months ago today we launched the Times-News Webcast, an experiment extending our news franchise into the broadcast realm via a nightly twominute video news report on our Web site, www.magicvalley.com.

At the time, I described it as "something of an experiment. We don't really know how well it will work, or how it will be received. But as the economics of the news business and Internet-based delivery systems continue to evolve, we're willing to try nontraditional ways to augment

and maintain our position as the region's dominant news organization."

The experiment ends next Friday, when lead anchor Andrea Jackson and producer Pat Marcantonio sign off for the weekend. Andrea and Pat, with able assists from other reporters and editors when they were busy elsewhere, delivered everything we asked - and more.

Trouble is, not enough people watched. The record viewership for the nightly report was 903 people on the day we reported the police-involving shooting death of R.J. Holler at the Dunes Motel. Even that record number wasn't enough to call TNW a success.

In pulling the plug, we had to consider the size of our staff, the amount of resources needed to mount even a short nightly Web cast and our need to concentrate our efforts elsewhere.

We're not totally abandoning the idea, however. We now have a studio and all of the equipment needed to crank up the TNW if there's a big breaking story that needs broadcast-style treatment. And we'll continue to post video reports to go with individual articles, just as we did before the Web cast.

Many thanks to Stevens Pierce & Associates, CPAs, for its sponsorship of the Web cast. Kudos as well to Pat, Andrea, Joshua Palmer, David Cooper, Nate Poppino and Ashley Smith for taking turns in front of and behind the camera.

And to that small, loyal audience of regular TNW viewers, I'll sign off with the words of the late, great broadcaster Edward R. Murrow: Good night, and good luck.

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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are say about ...

... gay marriage

Lewiston Tribune

State by state, the nationwide freeze denying gays and lesbians the same marriages to which other Americans are entitled is melting. And there is now little doubt the thaw will spread across the entire nation.

... the Iowa Supreme Court unanimously rejected the state's prohibition ... the Vermont House overwhelmingly passed a Senate-approved bill legalizing gay marriage. Gov. Jim Douglas vetoed it, but the Legislature overrode the veto ... making Vermont the fourth state where homosexuals may marry.

Despite what opponents of gay marriage say, these jurists and legislators are not activist ideologues who are ignoring the will of the American people. In truth, votes like the one this year to reinstate California's gay marriage ban are anachronisms. The bans are doomed.

Why? Conservative columnist George Will, whose work appears frequently on this page, put it succinctly on ABC's "This Week" recently.

"For the rising generation of Americans, being gay is like being left-handed," Will



said. "It's boring." He's right. ... young Americans ... are far more tolerant of sexual minorities than their parents They don't care whether homosexuals get married ... And they certainly don't understand why government should get in the way.

What we are seeing in courthouses and legislatures across the nation today is similar to a spring breakup on a frozen river ... it doesn't melt all at once, in every place. In some corners, cool breezes and nights will even force some already thawed ice to turn solid again ...

... in Idaho. (the) electorate stands with its Legislature, governor and judiciary against full equality for homosexuals. All that means ... is that Idaho will be one of the last states to drop its prohibition, just as states in the deep South were last to drop legal segregation of the races.

The time will come when Idaho, which foolishly solidified its ban by writing it into the state Constitution, will find itself shunned by residents of other states with more enlightened policies ... Hewlett-Packard told

Gem State legislators years ago their anti-gay policies costs. made it harder to persuade HP employees to move to Boise. Legislators ignored

that warning, but when they start hearing it from more employers, they will eventually change their ways ...

... kids, teachers suffer

Post Register, Idaho Falls

Idaho's legislators are creating this mess. They're about to cut school funding while leaving millions of dollars in the state reserves. Somebody has to clean it up. Will it be the property

taxpayer? Nope.

Bonneville School District 93 and Idaho Falls School



District 91 have supplemen- compromise that allows for tal levy elections (this) week. Bonneville wants \$2.5 million ... But the levy would have to provide \$4.8 million to fill in Bonneville's budget hole. Asking for that much in this economy is seen as politically suicidal.

Idaho Falls also is playing it safe. Its supplemental request is unchanged at \$6.8 million – even though that leaves the district \$3.5 million short of covering its

So these budgets will be balanced on the backs of kids and teachers.

Kids can absorb some of these program cuts. Nobody has a right to drivers education, which is costing Bonneville School District \$64,000 annually ...

But kids need counselors, music classes, new textbooks and P.E. If they don't get them, students suffer ...

Budget reserves come in handy when a district has a cash flow problem or emergency crops up. But how much money should schools maintain in the bank when student programs are getting cut?...

Kids can't emerge unscathed. To avoid cutting any program, schools would have to slash payrolls for administrators, teachers and classified workers by 9 percent across the board next vear.

But in an era that is seeing state employees ... suffer through pay cuts, how can teachers expect to be held exempt? If teachers aren't willing to accept some general reductions, specific cuts will be far deeper.

Pending in the Senate is a

good faith negotiations between schools and employees in the event of a financial crisis. When it's implemented, you will hear that hurting teachers by cutting their salaries hurts students.

That's undeniable. But ask any child who forfeits a counselor or gets lost in a crowded class if she sees it that way.

... desperate times, desperate measures

Idaho Press Tribune, Nampa

The Alpha Omega Services gun store (in Nampa) has found a very successful way to entice people to donate food for the Lighthouse Rescue Mission – by giving food donors raffle tickets to win an AR-15 rifle and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. It's such a successful idea that, after the AR-15 has been awarded on Wednesday, another raffle promotion to win a 1927 A1 Deluxe Tommy Gun will begin. Meanwhile in Pocatello,

Jeb Harrison, a high school



In both cases, Idaho ingenuity is boldly on display.

The gun store is raffling off a legal product. As long as the winner meets the legal requirements to own the weapon and follows the process designated by law for gun owners, there shouldn't be a problem ...

And give credit to the teacher in Pocatello for killing two birds with one stone. First of all he's helping a school district looking at a potential shortfall of \$10 million to cover some badly needed expenses, and secondly, the economics teacher is giving his students some real-world lessons ...

These are tough times, but not so tough that charities can't get donations and schools can't get needed supplies. Sometimes all it takes is a little creative thinking ...



Poverty

Continued from Opinion 1

Minidoka County

Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.4%	7.1%
Self-sufficiency wage	\$21.84/hour	\$22.83/hour	\$22.94/hour
Average real wage per job	\$26,970/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/year
Poverty rate	16.1%	12.8%	12.1%
% of uninsured	22.8%	21%	16.6%
Child poverty rate	25.2%	17%	15.9%
% of renters who pay at le	east		
35% of income on rent	19%	21%	28%
Median rent	\$394/month	\$491/month	\$515/month
% of food stamp househo	lds 8.9%	7.9%	7.8%
% of low-income children	66%	53%	45%

Twin Falls County

Category	County	S-c Idaho	Idaho	
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.4%	7.1%	
Self-sufficiency wage	\$22.67/hour	\$22.83/hour	\$22.94/hour	
Average real wage per job	\$27,259/year	\$28,369/year	\$33,143/year	
Poverty rate	12.8%	12.8%	12.1%	
% of uninsured	17.6%	21%	16.6%	
Child poverty rate	16.5%	17%	15.9%	
% of renters who pay at le	ast			
35% if income for rent	26%	21%	28%	
Median rent	\$489/month	\$491/month	\$515/month	
% of food stamp househo	lds 8.6%	7.5%	7.8%	
% of low-income children	55%	53%	45%	
- Sources: Idaho Hu	nger Atlas Ida	ho Hunger Reli	of Task Force	

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

School going overboard on food fight

My stepson is a 13-yearold black boy who recently was involved in a food fight at school. Apparently, he was the one the school says started the food fight, although a number of other children were involved.

The school is apparently making an example of him. He has been suspended from school and charges are being pressed against him for disorderly conduct. As a 13-year-old guilty of nothing more than a food fight, he is going to have to go in front of a judge. The other children involved in the food fight were all given warnings. But none of them were either suspended nor were charges brought against any of them. The school has informed the other children, apparently as a warning, that our son has been arrested, which is not true. His mother picked him up from

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school, but he was not arrested at that time.

Today, another black boy was in the lunchroom and stood up too long before sitting at the tables. He was made to do lunch duty because he stood up too

long. As a parent. I always thought that discipline within the school, was up to

the principal, the teachers and the parents. Since when have judges become involved in a school food fight? Since when have police officers become involved in a school food fight?

How can we stop this? Is this what our children have to look forward to? Being arrested for being children instead of helped to under-

stand what they are doing is not the thing to do?

Is this how our justice system is being put to work? How our tax dollars are being spent? I always thought the justice system was for true criminals to be tried, not children in food fights!

DEBBIE BURKE **Twin Falls**



Sources: Idaho Hunger Atlas, Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force, Boise State University Public Policy Center; Census Bureau

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In southern Idaho, we're lucky things are a little more stable here than other places, but that's because we keep pumping when others don't. We never stop looking for new business opportunities, we push each other to make sure everyone keeps swinging and we constantly prepare for the up-turn. Because, if you're not prepared when the swing changes direction, you're likely to fall out. And that's the best way we know of to miss out on the ride.

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Animal rights seriously impacting agriculture

ne of the historic election landmarks last year had nothing to do with race or the presidency. Rather, it had to do with pigs and chickens - and with overarching ideas about the limits of human dominion over other species.

I'm referring to the stunning passage in California, by nearly a 2-1 majority, of an animal rights ballot initiative that will ban factory farms from keeping calves, pregnant hogs or egg-laying hens in tiny pens or cages in which they can't stretch out or turn around. It was an element of a broad push in Europe and America alike to grant increasing legal protections to animals.

Spain is moving to grant basic legal rights to apes. In the United States, law schools are offering courses on animal rights, fastfood restaurants including Burger King are working with animal rights groups to ease the plight of hogs and chickens in factory farms and the Humane Society of the United States is preparing to push new legislation to extend the California protections to other states.

At one level, this movement on behalf of oppressed farm animals is emotional, driven by sympathy at photos of forlorn pigs or veal calves kept in tiny pens. Yet the movement is also the product of a deep intellectual ferment pioneered by the Princeton scholar Peter Singer.

Singer wrote a landmark article in 1973 for The New York Review of Books and later expanded it into a 1975 book, "Animal Liberation." That book helped yank academic philosophy back from a dreary foray into linguistics and pushed it to confront such fascinating questions of applied ethics has entered the mainas: What are our moral obligations to pigs?

John Maynard Keynes wrote that ideas, "both when they are right and when they are wrong, are



numbers of vegetarians, but the bigger thing is a broad acceptance of the idea that animals count," Singer reflected the other day.

What we're seeing now is an interesting moral moment: a grass-roots effort by members of one species to promote the welfare of others. Legislation is playing a role, with Europe scheduled to phase out bare wire cages for egg production by 2012, but consumer consciences are paramount. It's because of consumers that companies like Burger King and Hardee's are beginning to buy pork and eggs from producers that give space to their animals.

For most of history, all of this would have been unimaginable even to people of the most refined ethical sensibility (granted, for many centuries those refined ethicists were also untroubled by slavery). A distinguished philosopher, Thomas Taylor, reacted to Mary Wollstonecraft's 1792 call for "the rights of woman" by writing a mocking call for "the rights of brutes." To him, it seemed as absurd that women should have rights as that animals should have rights.

One of the few exceptions was Jeremy Bentham, the philosopher who 200 years ago also advocated for women's rights, gay rights and prison reform. He responded to Kant's lack of interest in animals by saying: "The question is not, Can they reason? nor, Can they talk? but, Can they suffer?"

In recent years, the issue stream, but even for those who accept that we should trv to reduce the suffering of animals, the question remains where to draw

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lines. I eagerly pushed Singer to find his boundaries. "Do you have any compunctions about swatting a cockroach?" I asked him.

"Not much," he replied, citing reasons to doubt that insects are capable of much suffering. Singer is somewhat unsure about shellfish, although he mostly gives them the benefit of the doubt and tends to avoid eating them.

Free-range eggs don't seem offensive to him, but there is the awkwardness that even wholesome egglaying operations depend on the slaughtering of males, since a male chick is executed for every female allowed to survive and lay eggs.

I asked Singer how he would weigh human lives against animal lives, and he said that he wouldn't favor executing a human to save any number of animals. But he added that he would be troubled by the idea of keeping one human alive by torturing 10,000 hogs to death.

These are vexing questions, and different people will answer them differently. For my part, I eat meat, but I would prefer that this practice not inflict gratuitous suffering.

Yet however we may answer these questions, there is one profound difference from past centuries: Animal rights are now firmly on the mainstream ethical agenda.

Nicholas Kristof is a columnist for The New York Times.

Why I said 'no' to earmarks

S everal people in the media and in Idaho's political elite have taken me to task for my decision to refuse participation in the earmark process for 2009. They view this as a symbolic gesture, one not worth the money Idaho might receive if I had decided to utilize a system the vast majority of Idahoans and of Americans agree is flawed.

My response is that I am not a career politician who measures success by the dollars of pork I bring home to my district. I am a businessman who is working in Congress to make this country a better place for my children and my grandchildren, and for the state I love. That means doing what is right, and that's why I am standing firm against earmarks.

Our country is in trouble. Unemployment is climbing, the economy is stagnant, and our financial system is still not functioning properly. The recovery will be painful, and the choices we have made over the last six months to spend trillions of dollars we have to borrow from the Chinese and other foreigners on bailouts and stimulus have assured that the pain will be felt by future generations long after this recession is over. We are borrowing astonishing amounts of money for projects and programs which will do very little to create jobs in the short term. And there is no plan to pay it back. Adding onto this year's record deficit another \$50 billion or \$60 billion of special interest earmarks just makes the problem that much worse. Neither party has a real path to bring down the deficit and ultimately lead us to the balanced budgets Americans demand. We can only do that if government makes the same kinds of sacrifices Americans now make every day. If ever there was a time to

take a stand and demand changes to a system that is broken, that time is now. For us to truly and permanently cut the amount that government spends, we must reform the way the spending happens. It's not unlike someone whose credit cards are maxed out, while carrying a large car payment and living in a



home he cannot afford. That first step – cutting up the credit cards - is crucial. So it is with ending earmarks. We must reduce spending, but we must also

reform the system so all government spending is subject to public scrutiny and debate instead of decisions being made by powerful politician in hidden back rooms.

Walt Minnick, a Democrat from Boise, is serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 1st Congressional District.

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more powerful than is commonly understood. Indeed the world is ruled by little else." This idea popularized by Singer that we have ethical obligations that transcend our species - is one whose time appears to have come.



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Calif. Sunday school teacher booked in child death

By Terry Collins Associated Press writer

TRACY, Calif. - Police said Saturday they do not know what motivated the Sunday school teacher they arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and killing an 8-yearold girl whose body was found in a station Friday and started a conversuitcase dumped in an irrigation pond.

Melissa Huckaby, 28, a local minlate Friday about five hours after she drove herself to the local police station at the request of officers, said police Sgt. Tony Sheneman.

She was being held without bail in connection with the death of Sandra Cantu, the San Joaquin County

sheriff's office said.

Sandra disappeared on March 27 and hundreds of volunteers and law enforcement officials turned out to search for her. On April 6, farmworkers draining an irrigation pond found the suitcase.

Huckaby walked into the police sation with officers. Sheneman said at a news conference.

"She was calm, cool and collect-.... She went back and forth from investigators. being calm to emotional."

Eventually, she "resigned," Sheneman said.

"I couldn't begin to even theorize what her motive was," he said.

to play together," Sheneman said.

Investigators know where the girl was killed but can't disclose the location, he said. Autopsy results are not yet available. He wouldn't say whether police believe the slaving was accidental or deliberate.

Associated Press that interviews with Huckaby in The Tracy Press had revealed inconsistencies that ister's granddaughter, was arrested ed, then she became very emotional prompted further inquiries from

He had confirmed early Saturday became that the suitcase in which the body was found belonged to Huckaby.

Huckaby is on suicide watch in an observation cell, said sheriff's "Sandra was very close friends Deputy Les Garcia. She is refusing to

with Melissa's daughter. They used see visitors, he said. Jail records did not indicate whether she had an attorney.

Sandra's aunt, Angie Chavez, said the girl's mother, Maria Chavez, was devastated.

"It's not over. This is just the beginning of a horrible nightmare," Sheneman had earlier told The Angie Chavez said of the arrest as she stood at the entrance to the mobile home park where Sandra lived with her mother.

> Angie Chavez' husband, Joe Chavez, said Huckaby should face the death penalty.

> "You eye everybody with a great deal of suspicion. We're shellshocked here," Joe Chavez said.



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AP photo

This image provided by the San Joaquin County Seriff's department shows the booking photo of Melissa Huckaby taken Saturday.

Obama

family

settles on

Portuguese

water dog

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - It's

decided: the Obamas have chosen a 6-month-old

Portuguese water dog to

tightly kept secrets, President Barack Obama's daughters, 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, have settled on a

black and white pup, a White House official speaking on the condition of anonymity told The

In what was one of the White House's most

By Philip Elliott

be the first pet.



In this undated photo released Saturday, armed pirates and their hostages are seen aboard the French yacht Tanit off the coast of Somalia. The French navy freed a sailboat seized by pirates off Somalia Friday, but one of the hostages was killed. French Defense Ministry/AP photo

U.S. ship arrives in Kenya minus hostage captain

By Elizabeth A. Kennedy and Katherine Houreld Associated Press writers

MOMBASA, Kenya – Nineteen American sailors Bradenton, Florida, dewho escaped a pirate hijacking off the Horn of Africa reached safe harbor on Saturday, exhilarated by freedom but mourning the absence of the captain they freedom to save them.

With a throng of standoff. A Pentagon spokesman said negotiations were ongoing.

"He saved our lives!" second mate Ken Quinn, of clared from the ship as it docked in the resort and port city of Mombasa. 'He's a hero.''

Reza, a father of one from Hartford, Conn., said hailed for sacrificing his that he had led one of the pirates to the engine room, where he stabbed him in the hand with an ice pick and tied him up. Other story. The crew did not elabofamily members by phone that they took one pirate hostage before giving him "They came from the up in the unfulfilled hope their captain would be released. Instead, the Somalis fled with Phillips to the lifeboat. Some of the Alabama's crew cheered and cracked jokes as they arrived in Mombasa, others peered warily over the edge of their 17,000-ton cargo With Navy Seals standing guard, one sailor told off the mass of journalists, saying: "Don't disrespect bers said. Phillips was still these men like that. They've got a man out on a lifeboat Saturday by four lifeboat dying so we can

HEADACHE FOR HOMEOWNERS



Mary Ann Schultheis tears up while talking about the problems that she is having with her Parkland, Fla., home Wednesday. Chinese drywall that was used in the house is causing problems, such as the corrosion of copper pipes and wiring, and an odor.

Chinese drywall poses potential risks

By Brian Skoloff and Cain Burdeau

Associated Press Saturday night.

The dog, a gift from Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts who owns several Portuguese water dogs himself, will make his big debut Tuesday afternoon.

The Washington Post reported in its online editions Saturday night that Obama's daughters chose the name Bo for the pup because first lady Michelle Obama's father was nicknamed Diddley. The name for the dog was an apparent reference to the singer "Bo" Diddley. White House aides told the AP that the office of the first lady arranged an exclusive deal on the dog story with the Post. The officials, who demanded anonymity because of the deal with the Post on exclusive details, said the dog was not in the White House as of Saturday evening. Throughout the day Saturday, celebrity Web sites and bloggers had been abuzz with rumors of the first family's selection of a Portuguese water dog; one site even claimed it had pictures of the future first pet. The president, for his part, earlier had embraced the frenzy: "Oh, man, now, that's top secret," Obama joked Friday to reporters. Obama promised his daughters a puppy during the campaign. "This is Washington. That was a campaign promise," Obama said when he appeared on Jay Leno's talk show last month, as the audience roared with laughter. "No, I'm teasing. The dog will be there shortly." The president and first lady had said their choice was down to either a Portuguese Water Dog or a Labradoodle because they were considered good pets for children who have allergies, as Malia does. **Find more** news at magicvalley.com

reporters shouting questions from shore, the crew of the Maersk Alabama sailors corroborated that described an ordeal that began with Somali pirates hauling themselves onto rate Saturday but have told the deck from a small boat bobbing on the surface of the Indian Ocean far below.

stern of the ship and came on with hooks and ropes and were firing in the air when they got on board," said ATM Reza, a crew member who said he was the first to see the pirates board Wednesday.

As the pirates shot in the air, Capt. Richard Phillips, 53. of Underhill, Vermont, ship. told his crew to lock themselves in a cabin and surrendered himself to safeguard his men. crew memheld hostage in an enclosed pirates being closely live." watched by U.S. warships in an increasingly tense

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Associated Press writers

PARKLAND, Fla. – At the height of the U.S. housing boom, when building materials were in short supply, construction American companies used millions of pounds of Chinese-made drywall because it was abundant and cheap.

Now that decision is haunting hundreds of homeowners and apartment dwellers who are concerned that the wallboard gives off fumes that can corrode copper pipes, blacken jewelry and silverware, and possibly sicken people.

The Associated Press indicate that imports of potentially tainted Chinese building materials exceeded 500 lem of extraordinary promillion pounds during a four-year period of soaring home prices. The drywall may have been used in more than 100,000 homes, according to some esti-



Schultheis shows the black dust that is covering the copper tubes in the air conditioner in her Parkland, Fla., home Wednesday. She had been trying to sell the house, but is taking it off the market until she finds a way to correct the problems.

Katrina.

"This is a traumatic probportions," said U.S. Rep. causes a chemical reaction Robert Wexler, a Florida that gives off a rotten-egg Democrat who introduced a stench, which grows worse bill in the House calling for a with heat and humidity. temporary ban on the Chinese-made imports until

Shipping records seen by mates, including houses more is known about their rebuilt after Hurricane chemical makeup. Similar legislation has been proposed in the Senate.

The drywall apparently

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U.S. uninsured have yet to flex collective muscle

By Ricardo Alonso-Zalvidar Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - If the uninsured were a political lobbying group, they'd have more members than AARP. The National Mall couldn't hold them if they decided to march on Washington.

But going without health insurance is still seen as a personal issue, a misfortune for many and a choice for some. People who lose coverage often struggle alone sources of turning their frus- in the United States: 2007; Urban Institute tration into political action.

in Washington during past immigration debates, but the that seems to have the best uninsured linger in the back- odds in years of passing.

Living without health coverage

There are some estimates that nearly 52 million will be without medical coverage if the unemployment rate reaches 10 percent.



Illegal immigrants rallied ground as Congress struggles with a health care overhaul profound repercussions.

That isolation could have

Lawmakers already face tough choices to come up

with the hundreds of billions it would cost to guarantee has grown to an estimated 50 coverage for all. The lack of a million people because of the vocal constituency won't recession. But advocates in help. Congress might decide Congress are rarely the uninto cover the uninsured slowly, in stages.

provide political benefit for the aid you give them," said Robert Blendon, a professor of health policy and political sured. analysis at the Harvard School of Public Health. Health Care for America "That's one of the dilemmas Now plans to bring as many in getting all this money. If as I'm in Congress, and I help out farmers, they'll help me out politically. But if I help teed coverage. Campaign out the uninsured, they are director Richard Kirsch not likely to help members of expects most to have health Congress get re-elected."

The number of uninsured sured themselves. The most visible are groups that repre-The uninsured "do not sent people who have insurance. In the last election, only 10 percent of registered voters said they were unin-

The grass-roots group 15,000 people to Washington this year to lobby Congress for guaraninsurance.

"Who can you trust at this point? Who do you know?"

Susan Levy of nearby Modesto, mother of slain Levy, appeared arm-in-arm with Angie and Joe Chavez as they spoke with reporters.

support the family as they, too, dealt with the tragic loss of a child. Authorities murder of a child." recently issued an arrest warrant in the 2001 Levv killing.

Sheneman said investigators hadn't expected that the loski, whose home is behind Huckaby also said she had suspect would turn out to be a woman.

according to the FBI," he said somebody to play with." at the news conference.

Discovering it was a who knew the family was "a 69. double blow," he said.

"Today's going to be a very Levy said she was there to difficult day for everyone to digest that," Sheneman said. "This was an anomaly in the

Sheneman said no other arrests in the case are anticipated.

Neighbor Barbara Soko-Sandra's, described Sandra left her suitcase in the driveon Saturday as "a friendly "It's unusual for it to be a sweet little girl who always missing.

woman statistically and went around trying to find

"It's too bad that kids these days can't go out and woman and a member of the play like we did when I was a Washington intern Chandra tight knit Tracy community little girl," said Sokoloski,

> Huckaby had told The Tracy Press that Sandra visited her home on the day of her disappearance to play with her 5-year-old daughter. But Huckaby said she'd turned Sandra away because her daughter needed to pick up her toys and Sandra went to another friend's home. way that day, and that it was

Crewman William Rios described the whole experience as a "nightmare" and said the first thing he will do back home in New York is pray. "I'm going to church," he said.

Quinn told reporters the experience was "terrifying and exciting at the same time?' Asked what he thought of the pirates who seized the boat, Quinn said: "They're just hungry."

Maersk President John Reinhart said from Norfolk, Va. that the ship was still a crime scene and the crewmen could not leave until

attack. He said crew members have been provided phones so they can stay in touch with family members. "When I spoke to the crew, they ... won't consider it done until the captain is back, nor will we," Reinhart said.

Negotiations with the pirates were continuing on Saturday, Pentagon spokesman Maj. Stewart Upton said. But the Pentagon will not comment on any aspect of the negotiations, including who is leading them.

The U.S. Navy has assumed that the pirates in the lifeboat would try to get the FBI investigates the it to shore, even though the

vessel apparently has no fuel and is drifting.

Other bandits, among the hundreds who have made the Gulf of Aden the world's most dangerous waterway, seized an Italian tugboat off Somalia's north coast Saturday as it was pulling barges, said Shona Lowe, a spokeswoman at NATO's Northwood maritime command center near London.

The Foreign Ministry in Rome confirmed 10 of the 16 crew members are Italian. The others are five Romanians and a Croatian, according to Micoperi, the Italian company that owns the ship.

Researchers do not know yet what causes the reaction, but possible culprits include fumigants sprayed on the drywall and material inside it. The Chinese drywall is also made with a coal byproduct called fly ash that is less refined than the form used by U.S. drywall makers.

Dozens of homeowners in the Southeast have sued builders, suppliers and manufacturers, claiming the very walls around them are emitting smelly sulfur compounds that are poisoning their families and rendering their homes uninhabitable.

"It's like your hopes and dreams are just gone," said Mary Ann Schultheis, who has suffered burning eyes, sinus headaches, and a general heaviness in her chest since moving into her brand-new, 4,000-square foot house in this tidy South much higher. Florida suburb a few years ago

builder is in bankruptcy, the government is not helping and her lender will not give her a break.

"I'm just going to cry," she said. "We don't know what we're going to do."

Builders have filed their own lawsuits against suppliers and manufacturers, claiming they unknowingly used the bad building materials.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is investigating, as are health homeowners rebuilt after departments in Virginia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Florida and Washington down their houses and state.

Companies that produced some of the wallboard said

Most of it came into the "sleeping beast" in the country in 2006, following a series of Gulf Coast hurricanes and a domestic shortage brought on by the them to complain. national housing boom.

The Chinese board was also cheaper. One homeowner told AP he saved \$1,000 by building his house with it instead of a domestic product.

In 2006, enough wallboard was imported from China to build some 34,000 homes of roughly 2,000 latest in a series of scares square feet each, according to AP's analysis of the shipping records and estimates supplied by the nationwide ratcheted up inspections drywall supplier United States Gypsum.

Experts and advocates say many homes may have been built with a mixture of Chinese and domestic drywall, potentially raising the number of affected homes

far, the problem So appears to be concentrated She has few options. Her in the Southeast, which blossomed with new construction during the housing boom and where the damp climate appears to cause the gypsum in the building material to degrade more quickly. In Florida alone, more than 35,000 homes may contain the product, experts said.

In Louisiana, the state health department has received complaints from at least 350 people in just a few weeks. Many of the affected Hurricane Katrina only to face the prospect of tearing rebuilding again.

some of the very communi-

thousands of bank-owned condos and houses across the country, with no one in Outside the South, it's

harder to pinpoint the number of affected homes. And in drier climates such as California and Nevada, it may be years before homeowners begin to see - and smell – what may be lurking inside their walls.

The drywall furor is the over potentially toxic imports from China. In 2007, Chinese authorities and tightened restrictions on exports after manufacturers were found to have exported tainted cough syrup, toxic pet food and toys decorated with lead paint.

Scientists hope to understand the problem by studying the chemicals in the board. Drywall consists of wide, flat boards used to cover walls. It is often made from gypsum, a common mineral that can be mined or manufactured from the byproducts of coal-fired health hazard at this time." power plants.

But Michael Gardner, executive director of the U.S. Gypsum Association, said American manufacturers gather the gypsum from the smokestacks after the scrubbing, which produces a cleaner product.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has dispatched teams of toxicologists, electrical engineers and other experts to Florida to study the phenomenon. The commission is also working with the **Environmental Protection** Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to determine whether there is a health hazard.

A Florida Department of Health analysis found the Chinese drywall emits "volatile sulfur compounds." and contains traces of strontium sulfide, which can produce the rotten-egg odor and reacts with air to corrode metals and wires.

But the agency says on its Web site that it "has not identified data suggesting an imminent or chronic





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they are looking into the ties that have been hit hardcomplaints, but down- est by the collapse of the experts say. played the possibility of housing market and skyhealth risks.

is get to the bottom of what the drywall problem. is precisely going on," said Ken Haldin, a spokesman for Knauf Plasterboard Tianjin, a Chinese company named in many of the lawsuits.

The Chinese ministries of commerce, construction and industry and the Administration of Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine did not respond to repeated requests for comment. Chinese news reports have said AQSIQ, which enforces product quality standards, was investigating the complaints but people in the agency's press office said they could not confirm that.

Meanwhile, governors in Louisiana and Florida are asking for federal assistance, and experts say the problem is only now beginning to surface.

"Based on the amount of material that came in, it's possible that just in one year, 100,000 residences could be involved," said Michael Foreman, who owns a construction consulting firm. The company has performed tests on some 200 homes in the Sarasota area and has been tracking shipments of the drywall.

Federal authorities say they are investigating just how much of the wallboard was imported. Shipping records analyzed by the AP show that more than 540 million pounds of plasterboard – which includes both drywall and ceiling tile panels – was imported from China between 2004 and 2008, although it's unclear whether all of that material was problematic or only certain batches.

Foreman warns of a refined fly ash.

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Protesters force Thailand to cancel Asia summit

By Ambika Ahuja Associated Press writer

PATTAYA, Thailand Thailand evacuated Asian leaders by helicopter after hundreds of anti-government protesters stormed into their summit site Saturday, forcing the country's embattled prime minister to cancel the meeting.

The latest fiasco in Thailand's political crisis increased the threat of violence and a possible military crackdown.

More than 1,000 demonstrators broke through a wall of unarmed soldiers, smashed through the convention center's glass doors and ran through the building, blowing horns, waving Thai flags and shouting demands for Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to resign.

They declared victory after Abhisit was forced to cancel the 16-country summit, where leaders of regional powers China, Japan and removed by a military coup in India, and the U.N. secretary-general and president of discuss the global financial even shutting down the crisis.

the protesters on national tel- November. After a court Thailand."



AP photo

Anti-government demonstrators storm through the convention hall hosting the 14th ASEAN summit, Saturday in Pattaya, Thailand. The protest by more than 1,000 anti-government demonstrators forced Thai government officials to cancel the summit of Asian leaders.

tension has simmered since Parliament in December former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was 2006. Thaksin opponents 100,000 in the capital, marched last year to remove the World Bank, planned to Thaksin's allies from power, some in Pattaya smashed the country's main international Abhisit later denounced airport for about a week in previous

The country's political Abhisit was appointed by testers converged on the seasparking Thaksin supporters to take to the streets.

Their numbers grew to Bangkok, last week, and window of a vehicle carrying the prime minister, who was unharmed.

evision as the "enemies of ordered the removal of the spotlight of the East Asia Bangkok government, Summit this weekend, pro- resigns."

side city of Pattaya to push for Abhisit's resignation – seeking to embarrass him in front of other Asian leaders.

"We have won. We have stopped them from holding a summit," Jakrapob Penkair, a protest leader, said in Bangkok. "But we have not achieved our goal yet. We will Seizing the international continue to protest in until Abhisit



Abhisit

regional leaders were safely airlifted to a nearby military airport.

prompt the military to intervene - a high possibility in a country that has experienced 1930s.

"The situation has gotten very much possible" if dissolve Parliament, said Charnvit Kasetsiri, a histori- Chulalongkorn University.

Abhisit an and former rector of imposed a Bangkok's Thammasat of University. "If the governemergency ment cannot control the situation, military intervention is not out of the question."

The incident raises quesrun, but tions about the government's ability to enforce law and order. Despite the presence of later after hundreds of soldiers in riot gear, the protesters met little resistance as they approached the summit The ongoing protests could venue. Government supporters believe elements within the police are sympathetic to the protesters, partly 18 military coups since the because Thaksin was himself an officer.

"Deep down, some governcompletely out of hand. ment and military leaders also Violence and bloodshed is suspect some police have sympathy for Thaksin," said Abhisit does not resign or Thitinan Pongsidhirak, a political scientist at Bangkok's



Pope celebrates Easter Mass, urges Christians to 'shine'

By Frances D'Emilio Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY – Pope Benedict XVI carried a tall, lit candle symbolizing hope into a darkened St. Peter's Basilica packed with faithful Saturday night in the traditional start of the Vatican's vigil Mass on the eve of Easter.

A chant of "Lumen Christi" (Latin for "Light of Christ") echoed in the cavernous basilica.

Then the vast space began twinkling with light as cardinals and other prelates lit the Vatican, Saturday. their candles from the flame on the pope's Easter candle Benedict's Good Friday homand, one by one, members of



AP photo Pope Benedict XVI holds up a gospel during the Easter vigil mass in St. Peter's Basilica, at

ily, as he sought to encourage



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the congregation lit their survivors of Italy's devastatneighbor's candle in a quick ing quake to cling to hope and succession of lights.

A light switch was thrown, and the Mass began, led by Benedict, dressed in goldand-white colored vestments.

Easter Sunday is Christianity's most important feast day, when faithful mark their belief in the resurrection of Christ after Jesus' death by crucifixion. For Christians worldwide, Easter represents God's promise of eternal life after death, of love's triumph over death.

Benedict said Jesus, like a he leads. shepherd, gave guidance to his flock.

he must feel in our time, too, on account of all the endless talk that people hide behind. totally confused," the pope said.

lights in the world" amid "the confusions of this age" and amid the search for values to put "order" in our lives.

"The gravitational pull of love is stronger than that of hatred; the force of gravity of life is stronger than that of death," Benedict said in his homily reflecting on the mystery of Christian belief in the resurrection.

A motif of life overcoming difficult trials figured in

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take solace in Easter's jov. The temblor in the central Apennine mountain region of Abruzzo claimed at least 293 lives and left 40,000 people homeless.

The endurance of the Catholic church itself through the ages was praised by Benedict in his vigil Mass homily, saying "it always seems as if she ought to be sinking, and yet she is already always saved."

The pope did not specify challenges facing the church

But recent months have seen Benedict criticized, "What great compassion including by prelates in his own church, over his efforts to reach out to excommuniultraconservative cated while in reality they are Catholic bishops who rejected modernizing reforms of the 1960s, including the Benedict prayed that move away from Latin to Christians would "shine as modern languages during Masses.

> Keeping with Easter vigil traditions, Benedict baptized five adults during the Mass: two Italian men, and one woman each from Italy, China and the United States.

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51st state? American trends challenge British traditions

By Gregory Katz Associated Press writer

LONDON searching for a sepia-tinted tion rugby photo, antique cuff links or a precious piece of English style." art deco jewelry at the Antiquarius Center had better come fast.

Blink and it will be gone. The dozens of diverse, very British shops on the chic tricity are being snipped as King's Road in Chelsea face American customs catch on. eviction to make way for Anthropologie, an American-based chain planning an American fashion emporium, much like the stores it operates in St. Louis and Miami Beach.

antique centers in Chelsea, soon there will be none,"

sold hand-painted 19th-Century china here since 1972. "I think it's very sad. It Anyone seems the younger generamuch prefers American-style things to

The pending loss of the Antiquarius Center is part of wider, inexorable the Americanization of Britain, where rich veins of eccen-

Remember the dapper English gentleman? Shoes polished and dressed to the nines? He's often found in blue jeans, an open shirt, and sneakers these days.

And those bad English 'There used to be three teeth, neglected for years? Tooth-whitening is catching



Sue Norman, who has sold hand-painted 19th-Century China since 1972, poses at her stand in Antiquarius shopping complex in Chelsea, central London, March 24. The dozens of diverse, very British shops in Antiquarius are being shut down to make way for an American fashion emporium.

on, a l'americaine. There has surgeries as more women - the Hollywood ideal and said Sue Norman, who has been a surge of cosmetic and teenagers – embrace have their breasts enhanced therapy under the govern- American influence in that."

Pillbox psychiatry is catchbers gobbling antidepresreaching epidemic proportions.

A Prozac-popping, surgioverweight slobs? Sometimes it seems dear olde England could almost be the 51st state.

The cultural mood is changing along with the physical landscape. Harried British physicians are more

and wrinkles Botoxed. ment-run National Health Service is so long. The mening on too, with record num- tal health charity MIND reports that roughly 34 milsants, and Britons are turn- lion prescriptions were ing to fast food at such an written in Britain in 2007, alarming pace that obesity more than a 20 percent among young people is increase over the 27 million prescribed just two years earlier.

Alison Cobb, senior policy cally enhanced nation of director at MIND, said publicity from America is an important reason why growing numbers of British doctors turn to antidepressants as a first resort.

"Part of it is the literature and endorsement message we were getting from the likely than ever to prescribe USA," she said. "In terms of antidepressants, in part the profile, and the brand because the waiting list for recognition, with Prozac in individual psychological particular, there was an



Reza Saberi, the father of American-Iranian journalist Roxana Saberi who has been in jail for two months in Iran, is shown holding her picture Feb. 28 in his Fargo, N.D., home. Reza and his wife, Akiko, arrived in Iran on March 5 to seek her release, and visited their daughter in prison Monday, their lawyer said.

Journalist imprisoned in Iran was classic overachiever

By Dave Kolpack and Patrick Condon Associated Press writers

FARGO, N.D. - Roxana Saberi grew up as a classic lot of attention from people overachiever, an introverted but determined young woman who excelled at piano and overcame her way," Rendahl said. "She stories on everyday life in shyness to become Miss was the classic overachiever, North Dakota and succeed in driven." journalism.

American reporter is the experience in the pageant no sense.

friend thrived in whatever she did despite a natural introversion.

"She didn't command a personality-wise, but just by way of excelling in everything, she got attention that

focus of international atten- world, Saberi decided to

sulting business, said her work on some stories.

Cathy McMullen, Concordia journalism instructor, said Saberi's interests as a reporter ran less to Iran's political situation and more to the lives of everyday Iranians.

"She said she liked to do Iran, so people could underculture?" stand the In 1997, at the urging of a McMullen said. "That's why Now the 31-year-old college instructor with this espionage thing makes

She was not doing hot

Billy Bob Thornton's band cancels Canadian tour

TORONTO (AP) - Billy Bob Thornton's band has canceled the rest of its Canadian tour after the actor compared the country's fans to mashed potatoes with no gravy in a testy interview that caused a sensation online.

The Boxmasters opened for Willie Nelson on Thursday in Toronto, where they reportedly were booed and met with catcalls of "Here comes the gravy."

A note posted on Nelson's Web site Friday said the Boxmasters were canceling the rest of their Canadian dates "due to one band member and several of the crew having the flu."

The cancellation came two days after Thornton made world headlines with a belligerent appearance on CBC radio's "Q?

didn't like that host Jian Ghomeshi started the interview with references to Thornton's Hollywood career.

Thornton refused answer manv



AP photo Singer and actor Billy Bob Thornton performs at Massey Hall in Toronto on Wednesday. Billy Bob Thornton's band has scrapped the rest of its Canadian tour dates after the

actor caused a stir by likening local audiences to mashed potatoes with no gravy.

questions directly, mumbling: "I don't know what you're talking about." He later said Ghomeshi's producers had been told ahead of time not to talk about his film career. Thornton also had some

unkind words for Canadian crowds.

"Canadian audiences seem to be very reserved," he told Ghomeshi. "We tend to play places where people throw things at each other. Here, they just sort of sit there. And it doesn't matter what you say to 'em. ... It's mashed potatoes but no gravy."

Before his Thursday night gig, Thornton tried to clarify those remarks, saying he loved Canada and his "mashed potatoes" comment had been aimed at Ghomeshi.

Media around the world delighted in the story. Entertainment Weekly's Web site ran the headline, "Billy Bob Thornton: What's his problem?"

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The actor apparently Ghomeshi's

to of

charged her with espionage.

A dual citizen of the U.S. the capital Tehran.

Saberi has lived in Iran for the last six years. She was one could remember that initially accused of working North Dakota made it nearly without press credentials, but a judge on Wednesday leveled the much more serious allegation: Spying for had landed a job as a reporter the United States.

Saberi will stand trial next week. The Obama adminisorganizations have been pushing for her release.

The case has shocked and alarmed Saberi's friends, teachers and former colleagues in Fargo, where she grew up, attended college and started her journalism career.

"She's just a sweet, genuine person," said Cindy Larson-Casselton, whose late husband was a media studies professor at babysitter for us, and we saw in her a wonderful role model for our own daughters."

Saberi's father is Iranian and her mother Japanese, but she was born in the United States and attended grade school in Fargo. Her ninth-grade history teacher, Vic Youngs, called her "one of the brightest people I've ever had in class?

School, she plowed through advanced placement courses and was active in to her." extracurricular activities including soccer and piano lance reporter for organiza-- both of which she contin- tions including National ued at Concordia College in Public Radio and the British nearby Moorhead, Minn.

Kristi Rendahl, a college government classmate who stayed in revoked her press credentouch with Saberi and now tials more than a year ago, runs a St. Paul, Minn., con-

tion after Iranian authorities compete in the Miss North political stories." Dakota contest.

She won, and made it to and Iran, she was arrested in the Top 10 in that year's Miss January and has been America pageant. She detained in a prison north of played piano for the talent portion.

> "It was the first time anythat far," said the instructor. Merrie Sue Holtan.

By the late 1990s, Saberi for KVLY, Fargo's NBC affiliate. Charley Johnson, the general manager who hired tration and national news her after teaching her in a class at Concordia, called her bright, inquisitive and dedicated. Though it was hard to get her to talk about herself, she said she wanted to be a foreign correspondent.

> "No one ever doubted she achieve would that," Johnson said.

Mel Stone, a photojournalist who worked with Saberi at KVLY, recalled how for a time she traveled 250 Concordia College and a miles to the Twin Cities mentor to Saberi. "She was a every weekend to see a voice coach. She also studied Farsi and later attained master's degrees in broadcast journalism and international relations. She had been working on another master's in Iranian studies.

> Friends said it was Saberi's curiosity about her heritage that took her to Iran in the first place.

"I think at least in part, it was an identity search," At Fargo North High Holtan said. "She wanted that part of her history and her family to be more known

> Saberi has been a free-Broadcasting Corp. The apparently but continued to let her





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The College of Southern Idaho's Victor Spencer prepares to round first base during the Golden Eagles' doubleheader against Salt Lake Community College Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls. JUSTIN

JACKSON/ **Times-News**



CSI slumps, ends with split Eagles fall in second game vs. SLCC

By David Bashore Times-News writer

In the world of clichés, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team got the bang before the whimper on Saturday.

After erupting against visiting Salt Lake Community College for a 10-0, five-inning victory in Game 1 of the teams' doubleheader at Skip Walker Field, the Golden Eagles couldn't find a way to string togeth10-4 to settle for a split on the day and a 3-1 win in the weekend series.

Despite getting 10 hits in the game, CSI (23-19, 16-12 Scenic West Athletic Conference) stranded 13 runners in Game 2, including twice leaving the bases loaded. Salt Lake (19-21, 12-16), on the other hand, scored in each of the first five innings, including plating four in the third inning to break the game open.

"That was really the difference in er the hits in the nightcap, falling the game," said CSI sophomore

Trent Johnson. "You try not to make it more than it is, but when you get into a big deficit the entire group probably tries to do a little too much."

The Golden Eagles also struggled on the mound, after using just four pitchers to get through the first three games. Starting pitcher Trey Mohammed lasted just two innings, and only right fielder Tyler Chism got more than three batters out the rest of the way.

The loss put a damper on what looked like a potential banner day

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OUT OF THE WOODS

Cabrera, Perry tied for lead; no sign of Tiger

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. – Angel Cabrera and Kenny Perry have proven they can handle the pressure on golf's biggest stage. Next up is at Sunday Augusta National, a test unlike any other they have faced.

Cabrera, who won the U.S. Open two years ago at Oakmont, made three birdies on the back nine and scratched out an important par on the final hole Saturday at the Masters for a 3-under 69.

Perry, who thrived under



CSI softball sweeps No. Idaho

Wins keep Eagles in second place

By Bradley Guire Times-News writer

It was almost déjà vu. Almost.

The No. 11 College of Southern Idaho softball team battled No. 19 North Idaho College at Eagle Field in Twin Falls, but instead of splitting, the Golden Eagles wrapped up the series with a Saturday sweep of the Cardinals.

The Eagles took it to the limit during Game 1, squeaking out a 1-0 shutout on last-minute heroics just as they did in Friday's opener. As for the almost déià vu? Instead of dropping the nightcap, CSI finished strong with a 5-2 victory to win three of this four-game series. "I told my kids I was very proud of them," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "It would be very easy for them to fold their tents after the way we got beat. They came in and did an amazing job." The Game 1 scoreboard read zeros all the way across until the bottom of the seventh, when freshman second baseman Ashley Chappel belted one hard to center field, scoring Cassi Merrill. The sophomore left fielder reached base by singling to shallow right and advancing to second on a fielder's choice. The lone run, just like the Friday contest, was all the Eagles needed. "I knew that all (NIC pitcher Karri Johnson) did was pitch me outside," Chappel said. "I kind of saw it coming. I knew I had to sit back and wait for my pitch. Once I found it, I knew I had to score Cass from second, so I took a big hack at it. Good things happen when you make the ball travel." Once again, CSI had to wait for that key hit all game as nine runners were left stranded. From the circle, pitcher McKensy Hillstead earned a shutout one-hitter, recording five strikeouts and one walk through seven innings, matching her Game 1 performance from Friday. Game 2 pitcher Kyla Bryant fared better in her start against the Cardinals, striking out five and walking three in the complete game. She gave up six hits, which left her facing multiple situations with runners on base, but she was able to find her way out with minimal damage. Bryant fanned batters in

the spotlight of a Ryder Cup in his native Kentucky last September, overcame two mistakes with his putter around Amen Corner and finished with five straight pars for a 70 to join the Argentine in the lead.

It will be the first time they've played in the final group at a major.

And not just any major.

They were at 11-under 205, the lowest 54-hole score at the Masters since the course was supersized nine at Augusta National is among the most intense in golf, and officials are expected to set up the course to allow for birdies like I was on vacation," and eagles.

"I'm lucky enough to be job." in a very good position," been in this position before so I'll try to make the most of it."

Perry lost in a playoff at the PGA Championship at Valhalla in 1996, when he was criticized for being in of keeping loose on the practice range. He never would have imagined that

Tiger Woods reacts to a missed birdie putt on the No. 12 hole during the third round of the Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Saturday.

seven years ago. The back all these years later, he would have a chance to become golf's oldest major champion at 48.

"The first two days felt Perry said. "Today felt like a

They had a two-shot lead Cabrera said. "I haven't over Chad Campbell, who led briefly on the back nine until a blunder on the 16th hole when he took two shots to get out of the bunker, made double bogey and wound up with a 72.

Jim Furyk, another forthe broadcast booth instead mer U.S. Open champion, shot 68 and was three shots behind at 8-under 208.

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the anticipation of Tiger and still trying to convince Woods and Phil Mickelson themselves that they still 212. going head-to-head in the had a chance. final round, and that's what Woods

happened. Trouble is, both Saturday charge by hooking The Masters began with were seven shots behind his tee shot into the trees

Today's final

round cover-

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and making double bogey. His tee shot on the par-3 sixth hit the base of the pin and tumbled off the green. He rallied with three birdies over the last six holes for a 70.

Mickelson's rally was slowed by three poor chips, and he escaped with a 71 only after hitting a big slice from the trees on the 18th hole that started down the 10th fairway and wound up on the green.

They were at 4-under

"A lot of things happen on Sunday at Augusta, and I

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Idaho defense wins the day in spring scrimmage

Lavarias leads way with nine tackles, three sacks

For the Times-News

MOSCOW - Chalk this one up to the defense.

The statistics from

backer Brad Marboe leading the way with three each. Lavarias was the team tackle leader with nine in an effort demonstrating he's at home after relocating to end from tackle.

"That spot out there at end fits him

better," said Idaho coach Akey said, "the defense per-Saturday's Idaho Vandal Robb Akey in noting football scrimmage show an Lavarias' menacing presimpressive 21 tackles for ence on the cold, wet loss, with defensive end Saturday morning. "He Aaron Lavarias and line- played well - both making



ing yards and 192 passing yards.

formed better. I am happy they handled it well today." On the flip side, Akey

plays and pro- wasn't too happy with his real game in Saturday's consome offense. Early on, the ditions, he would have leadership out Vandals struggled to move stayed more with the run the ball. While things Lavarias and improved as the scrimmage

his mates led an progressed, the offense dideffort that yield - n't reach Akey's expecta-

> "I don't like the lack of consistency I saw in our offense today. We protected the quarterback poorly," said Akey, after Lavarias had our throwing game."

Akey said had it been a

game, but there were things he and his staff wanted to see in the passing game.

"There weren't the perfect conditions for it, but you never know," he said. "I wanted to see if we could get some receivers to make some things happen and (see) how the two quarterabout that. I put them in three of the defense's 10 backs were going to perform some tough situations and sacks. "I wasn't happy with and how our offensive line is

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ed only 116 rush - tions.

Lavarias "As a whole,"

RIDING, ROPING AND WRESTLING Rainy weather makes for unusual night of District VI rodeo

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer

FILER - Rodeos are like the mail: No matter the weather, the rodeo goes on.

Despite occasional downpours, the cowboys and cowgirls of the District VI were able to "cowboy up" and continued to compete at Filer on Friday night. There was not much noticeable playing it safe, and no lack of effort by any of the contestants despite the conditions.

The use of strength and technique necessary in steer wrestling was one of the most tested of the night in the slippery arena mud.

With both the horse and steer moving at full speed, and as the cowboys Hurtado. "I thought he tice a couple of times a week attempted to tackle the would be good but when I steers that

weighed more than twice as much as the cowboy, sever-al contestants were able to get to their steer from the horse and hook their arms around the steer's right horn. But many steers than the norm. Wyatt Holtman of Raft fixer was the only cowboy that managed to make a rel-atively "clean" run, winning with a time of 5.67 second at 24.140 and was one of coakley was a distant second at 24.140 and was one of to coak y was a contain the second win of this second rules in bareback is my around the steer's right horn. But many steers than the norm. Wyatt Holtman of Raft first bareback horse. Why horse was alright, said Papp, who also core at 24.140 and was one of to coak y was a distant second at 24.140 and was one of the second win of this second win of this steer with bis steer erally had a wrestling match with his steer.

generally got down he kept running

was growing up but I have been around rodeo all my "It was a wreck," said life. I've been trying to pracwhen the weather is good." Tanisha Adams of Declo

(Unofficial timely/scores provided by district secretary) Bareback riding: 1. Travis Cielland, Filer, 57 points; 2. Donald Papp, Oakley, 48. Goat tying: 1. Kelli Kindig, Minico, 8.43 seconds; 2. Katie Vierstra, Filer, 8.52; 3. Kindee Wilson, Filer, 8.66; 4. Megan Cirk, Kimberly, 8.67; 5. McKenzie Zollinger, Oakley, 8.72; 6. Sara Goodwin, Filer, 8.76; 7. Amanda Coats, Kimberly, 9.29; 8. Dakotah Hoogland, Castleford, 10.39; 9. Alyssa Koch, Filer, 10.97; 10. Randi Robinson, Filer, 12.13. Calif roping: 1. Chisum Hughes, Filer, 11.32 seconds;

Hyter Hailsseit, Minico, and Mickelize Zohninger, Oakley, 2928.
Pole bending: 1. Tianna Stimpson, Minico, 22.032
seconds; 2. Megan Crist, Kimberly, 22.111; 3.Katie
Vierstra, Flier, 22.364; 4. Celeste Judd, Burley,
22.967; 5. Randi Robinson, Filer, 32.027; 6. Amanda
stagg, Castleford, 23.191; 7. Alyssa Koch, Filer,
32.229; 8. Stephanie Ochoa, Burley, 23.842; 9. Alle
Southern Raft River, 23.840; 10. Jacce Bedke,
Oakley 24 318. Oakley, 24.318. Bull riding: 1. Jace Hutchison, Raft River, 60 points.

Vauxhall ends T.F. win streak

CSI signee Bilodeau homers twice

Times-News

The win streak is over.

After winning 14 consecutive games, the Twin Falls baseball team ran into the mighty Vauxhall Academy of Baseball on Saturday and came away with two losses to the Canadian club, 8-6 and 18-8.

Jets catcher Jean-Guy Bilodeau, who along with Vauxhall pitcher Tyler Vavra recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at the College of Southern Idaho next season, had a big day for the visitors

On his 18th birthday, Bildeau hit home runs in both halves of the doubleheader, including a two-run shot in the nightcap.

Zeb Sneed pitched five solid innings in Game 1 for Twin Falls and totaled eight

inability to break the game open by stranding numerous runners.

Vauxhall left no doubt in Tuesday. Game 2, tallying 16 hits, including five doubles and three home runs in themercy-rule win.

"They swung it pretty well in that second game," Stadelmeir said of Vauxhall. The Bruins had some

highlights as well, with brothers Zeb and Cy Sneed homering, including a three-run shot by Zeb.

Twin Falls (17-4, 4-0 Region Four-Five-Six) hosts Skyview for a 3p.m., doubleheader on Tuesday.

Game 1

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 Steven Inch, Tyler Vavra (3), Brandon Petite (5) and Josh Stephenson; Speer, Kassidy Gaines (3), Sam Pence (3), Heath Stewart (4) and Braden Box (5) and Stewart and Welker (4).

 Extra-base hits – 2B: Vauxhall: Tyson Denham, Daniel Worb, Jean-Guy Bilodeau, Michael Washburn, Josh Stephenson; 2B: twin Fails, Zeb Sneed, Jacob Coats. HR: Vauxhall, Tyler Haynes, Bilodeau, Matt Clark; Twin Fails: Zeb Sneed, Cy Sneed.

JEROME SPLITS WITH **MOUNTAIN HOME**

The Jerome baseball team split a Saturday doubleheader with the visiting Mountain Home Tigers, losing 5-4 in eight innings and winning 4-0.

close to tying Game 1 up, but Mountain Home was sweep of the Knights, 12-2 able to add a few late runs for the victory. Sophomore second baseman D.J. Worthington hit 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

In Game 2, pitcher Logan Parker earned the shutout by striking out six and walking just two. He also caught a Mountain Home base runner in a pickoff at into trouble. third base, the closest those Tigers got to scoring all game.

Basin Conference West) will begin a conference homeand-away series with Wood the hitting, and it's not just River on Tuesday at Hailey.

Game 1

The Bobcats (6-12, 1-1Wountain Home 000 000 0-051
Jerome 301 000 x - 471Great Basin ConferenceBaker and Hennessey: Logan Parker and Cameron
Staffer. W. Parker (1-1). I: Baker.West) will play at MinicoExtra-base hits - none.

Softball

BURLEY SWEEPS BISHOP KELLY

The Burley softball team traveled to Boise to face Bishop Kelly, and the Bobcats definitely remembered their bats.

Two games, 30 runs and The Jerome Tigers were 39 hits later, Burley came home with an emphatic and 18-5.

Molly Mills doubled twice, homered twice and drove in six runs on the day, in addition to getting both wins in the circle - as well as the save in Game 2 when she relieved Kailey Jorgensen, who had relieved Mills to begin with but ran

Stacy Campbell doubled four times in a 5-for-6 effort in Game 2 and drove Jerome (7-5, 1-1 Great in four runs, an RBI total matched by Sydnie Koch.

"I'm really pleased with a few kids carrying the team. When you get 24 hits ... we're spreading them out a little bit," said Burley Preston coach Tim Campbell. "We were able to steal some Extra-base hits - 2B: Wood River, Angela Coleman. bases today and get people moving, makings things happen that I was really pleased with."

on Tuesday.

Game 1 Burley 12, Bishop Kelly 2 012 025 2 - 12 15 0 elly 110 000 0 - 2 4 1 Burley Bishop Kelly Molly Mills and Sydnie Koch; Warburton and Beck. W:

Mills. L: Beck. Extra-base hits - 2B: Burley, Stacy Campbell, Shari Hoskins, Koch, Mills. HR: Burley, Mills.

Game 2 Burley 18, Bishop Kelly 5 210 104 (10) - 18 24 0 celly 000 005 0 - 5 7 3 Burley Bishop Kelly

Molly Mills, Kailey Jorgensen (5), Mills (6) and Courtney Scheer; Middleton and Beck. W: Mills. L: Middleton, SV: Mills. Extra-base hits - 2B: Burley, Stacy Campbell 4, Sydnie Koch, Mills. 3B: Burley, Carli Parish. HR: Burley, Mills.

WOOD RIVER SPLITS AT PRESTON

The Wood River softball team won the first game of a doubleheader at Preston 6-1 before falling 4-3 in the nightcap.

Sam Engel picked up the win in the first game before getting hit with the loss in Game 2 when Preston scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to win it. Engel picked up 20 strikeouts over the doubleheader. Wood River (5-4) is at

Jerome on Tuesday.

Game 1 Wood River 310 002 0 - 6 5

Indians struggle on final day of tourney

Times-News

The final day of the 14th Annual Buhl Midseason Classic is one the host Indians would soon like to forget.

After two wins on Friday, the tables turned for the Tribe on Saturday with a 9-6 loss to Bear Lake and an error-filled 10-0, run-rule blanking at the hands of South Fremont.

Buhl led Bear Lake much of the game, getting RBI doubles from both Nick Hamilton and J.D Leckenby, who each finished 2-for-4. But the Indians couldn't close the deal.

"(Bear Lake) came on late and we just didn't respond," said Buhl coach Troy Ruhter, whose team fell to 8-8 overall.

The Tribe struck out 11 times against South Fremont and committed six errors.

"You just don't do that against a quality team like South Fremont," said Ruhter.

While Buhl finished 2-2, Spring Creek, Nev., capped off a 4-0 stay in the Gem State with wins over South Fremont and Teton to win the tournament title.

KIMBERLY SPLITS WITH EAST IDAHO TEAMS

The Kimberly baseball team split the final day of the Classic by falling to Shelley 15-4 in five innings and beating Bear Lake 12-1.

The Bulldogs struggled against the Russets, putting 11 runners on base via eight walks and three hit batters.

"It was a disappointing start," Bulldogs coach Darin Gonzales said. "We dug a hole and played poor defense. The second game was a nice turnaround."

A.J. Schroeder doubled three times for the Bulldogs, who scored in six of seven innings.

Kimberly (9-6) will host Wendell Wednesday for a doubleheader.

strikeouts. But he gave up scored five sixth-inning runs to rally the victory.

Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeir praised Sneed's effort through five innings and lamented his team's

The Buhl softball team

After scoring twice to

had to scratch for wins early

and late, with just a bit of a

record a 9-7 win in a sus-

pended game against Teton

early Saturday morning,

Buhl blew out Bear Lake 22-

1 and held off Spring Creek,

Nev., 4-2 to finish unde-

feated at Kimberly's Lady

Katherine Hunter picked

up the wins in both full

games that were played

Saturday – the Teton game

was picked up when the

game was tied in the sixth

inning Friday night and sus-

pended. Hunter allowed just

two sixth-inning runs to

Spring Creek and one in the

Lake early and often, but

didn't think that the early

game with Teton had much

"We had a few kids who

could have had doubles and

to do with it.

Buhl (11-3) jumped on Bear

second inning to Bear Lake.

Dawg Spring Classic.

blowout in the middle.

Times-News

The Burley baseball team five walks and Vauxhall dropped a home doubleheader Saturday to defending Class 4A state champion Bishop Kelly, losing 9-3 and 11-3.

BISHOP KELLY SWEEPS BURLEY

Box scores were not available.

Nountain Home 5, Jerome 4 eight innings 002 001 11 - 55 3 010 012 00 - 4 8 2 Hennessev and Baker: Nolan McDonald, Devon Molitor (7) and Cameron Stauffer. W: Hennessev, L: Molitor (-2). Extra-base hits - 2B: Mountain Home, Christiansen, Castille, Jerome, McDonald, Kris Bos, D.J. Worthington. Mountain Home

Game 2 Jerome 4, Mountain Home 0

Buhl squad finishes unbeaten at Kimberly tournament

000 001 0 - 121 Sam Engel and Alex Lindbloom; Kai and Cierro. W: Engel. L: Kai.

Game 2 000 003 0 - 372 010 001 2 - 431 Wood River

Preston Sam Engel and Alex Lindbloom; Heather and Cierro. W: Heather. L: Engel. Burley (11-3) is at Minico "": realist. Linger. Extra-base hits - 2B: Wood River, Lindbloom.

the plate and we just

weren't very aggressive.

Today we were able to get

some runners on and got

some hits at time, and we

got good pitching and good defense," said Kimberly

The Bulldogs will return

Conference action on

Wednesday when they play

Lady Dawg Spring Classic boxes Kumberty 9, Teton 0 Teton 000 000 0-024 Kumberty 002 043 x - 970 Tharp, Mangum (5) and Robinson; Nellie Makings and Averie Schroeder. W. Makings. L: Tharp. Extra-base hits - 28: Teton, Jorgensen; Kimberly, Whitney Carlton, Bailee Allsop. 38: Kimberly, Makings

Kimberly 9, Bear Lake 1 e 0001000-113 202203x-9121

xtra-base hits – 2B: Kimberly, Mikki Corder, Makings

Schwab, and Hardcastle: Bailee Allsop, Nellie

Extra-base hits - 2B: Buhl, Mercedes Pearson, Courtney Azevedo, Montgomery.

Buhl 4, Spring Creek, Nev. 2 100 021 0 - 4 9 1

ery; Eleson

Makings (5) and Averie Schroeder. W: Allsop. L:

Makings.

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coach Rich Bishop.

FILER SPLITS ON DAY 2

The Filer Wildcats scratched out a 10-8 win over Teton for their lone victory at the Classic.

Filer dropped two games on Friday and fell 10-4 to Shelley in its final game on Saturday. No other details were available.

Buhl Midseason Classic boxes Bear Lake 9, Buhl 6 Bear Lake 9, Buhl 6 Bear Lake 210 204 - 98 0 Buhl 400 020 - 68 2 Josh Bandere and Justyn Saxton; Dylan Brooks and Nick Hamilton.

Nick Hamilton. Extra-base hits — 2B: Bear Lake, Bailey Thomas, Spencer Smedley, Jordan Rasmussen; Buhl, Nick Hamilton, James Leckenby.

South Fremment 10, Buhl 0, five Innings South Fremont 042 40 – 10 4 0 Buhl 000 00 – 02 6 Mackert and Singleton; Markus Lively, Cader Owen (4) and Jack Hamilton. Extra-base hits – 2B: South Fremont, Bauer; Buhl, Owen

Shelley 15, Kimberty 4, five Innings Shelley 143 61 - 15 82 Kimberty 001 12 - 4 7 5 Anderson, Foster (5) and Dalton; Trevor Soderquist, Clay Matthews (2), Seth Champlin (4) and Cody Casperson. W: Anderson. L: Soderquist (0-1). Extra-base hits - 28: Shelley: Anderson 2: Kimberly, Champlin, Nic Jayo, A.J. Schroeder. HR: Shelley, Bono; Kimberly, Skylar O'Donnell.

Kimberty 12, Beer Lake 1 Kimberty 132 104 - 12 14 1 Bear Lake 100 000 0 - 1 3 5 Jace Thacker, Skylar O'Donnell (4), Kyler Hartley (5), A.J. Schroeder (7) and Nick Dame; Matthews, Michel (4) and Saxton. W: Thacker (2-1). L: Matthews. Extra-base hits - 2b: Kimberty, Schroeder 3, Seth Champlin, Nic Jayo, Thacker.

14TH ANNUAL BUHL MIDSEASON CLASSIC

Friday's results Buhl 12, Shelley 6

South Fremont 7, Bear Lake 6 Shelley 8, Bear Lake 6 Buhl 16, Teton 1 Spring Creek 15, Filer 0 Kimberly, 17, Teton 1 Spring Creek 7, Kimberly 6 South Fremont 14, Filer 2

Saturday's results

Spring Creek 7, South Fremont 6 Spring Creek 22, Teton 6 Filer 10, Teton 8 Shelley 10, Kimberly 4 Kimberly 12, Bear Lake 1 Shelley 10, Filer 4 Bear Lake 9, Buhl 6 South Fremont 10, Buhl 0, five innings

LADY DAWG **SPRING CLASSIC**

Friday's results

Spring Creek, Nev. 6, Kimberly 0 Homedale 11, Bear Lake 5 Kimberly 2, Homedale 0 Buhl 4, Shelley 3 Spring Creek 16, Teton 2 Shelley 6, Bear Lake 3 Teton 7, Buhl 7, game suspended

Saturday's results Buhl 9, Teton 7, comp. of susp. game Kimberly 9, Teton 0 Spring Creek 12, Shelley 0 Teton 11, Homedale 5 Buhl 22, Bear Lake 1 Buhl 4, Spring Creek 2 Homedale 14, Shelley 7 Kimberly 9, Bear Lake 1

Indians coach Shelly Hart trying to be nice to them. Bless their hearts, they just weren't on that game. They're much better than what they showed," Hart said of Bear Lake. "I'm not triples, and we were really sure that (the early game) at the Lady Dawg Spring

"I'm extremely happy, especially coming from Friday where we couldn't hit the broad side of the barn to save our lives. Today they came out and got a little bit better."

- Buhl coach Shelly Hart

helped us for Bear Lake, but Classic on Friday, the to Sawtooth Central Idaho we needed that because they've got to learn ... I don't know why but our girls seem to be late-comers when it comes to scoring. I think that part will benefit us in the future."

the games against Bear Lake before knocking off Bear and Spring Creek, including Lake 9-1 later in the day. nine in the latter victory.

"I'm extremely happy, especially coming from Friday where we couldn't hit the broad side of the barn to save our lives. Today they came out and got a little bit better," Hart said.

Buhl hosts Kimberly on Thursday.

KIMBERLY WINS BOTH SATURDAY GAMES

After a disappointing split

Kimberly softball team atoned with a pair of convincing victories to close out host to Wendell. its home tournament on Saturday.

The Bulldogs beat up on Teton 9-0 behind Nellie The Indians got 23 hits in Makings' two-hit shutout

Bailee Allsop started the Bear Lake Kimberly second game for Kimberly (10-2) before Makings came in to slam the door in the fifth inning. The two com-2. 3B: Kimberly, Schroeder Bubl 22, Bear Lake 1, three Innings Bear Lake 010-121 Buhl 6(16)x - 22141 Schwab and Hardcastle: Katherine Hunter, Morgan Pearson (3) and Bailee Mongtomery. W: Hunter, L: Schwab. bined for 11 strikeouts in the Bear Lake game, to go with Makings' eight against

Teton. Kimberly also got 19 hits over the two games, something that was a turnaround Built was a turnatound om the inability to string gether hits on Friday. "(Friday) we struggled at from the inability to string together hits on Friday.

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SECOND ANNUAL

lls' Whitner zapped, arrested in Cleveland melee

SCOREBOARD

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Buffalo Bills defensive back Donte Whitner was shocked with a stun gun and arrested by officers trying to control a rowdy crowd outside a Cleveland nightclub early Saturday, police said.

Whitner was jailed for aggravated disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, Lt. Thomas Stacho said. The former Ohio State star was released later Saturday and hadn't been charged, police said. A prosecutor was to decide whether to file charges.

Police shocked and handcuffed Whitner, 23, outside the House of Blues after he forced his way past them and then broke free from officers trying to restrain him, Stacho said.

Officers heard reports that Miami Dolphins wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. was having a birthday party at the downtown venue but couldn't confirm whether Whitner was attending, Stacho said. Whitner and Ginn were high school teammates and played for the Buckeyes.

It was unclear why Whitner tried to leave

the club and head for the melee, though he told officers, "My cousin's out there, and they've got guns," according to a police report, Stacho said.

Whitner said he regrets the incident.

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"It's not how I wish to conduct myself, and I apologize to all those involved," he said in a statement released through his agent.

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Jackson 1-8 T-23, McCants 3-7 2-2 10, Diogu 4-8 4-6 13. Totals 31-95 12-20 78. LA CLIPPER (109) Jones 3-6 0-0 7, Skinner 8-11 5-6 21, Camby 0-5 0-0 0, Gordon 8-11-2 20, B. Davis 7-14 2-2 16, Kaman 7-12 0-2 14, Taylor 5-10 0-0 11, Novak 1-4 0-0 2, Acker 5-8 0-0 11, Jordan 3-3 1-4 7, Totals 47-84 10-16 109. Sacramento B 19 20 26 - 78 LA Clippers 35 23 25 26 - 109 3-Point Goals-Sacramento 4-20 (McCants 25, Diogu 1-1, Nocioni 1-3, Jackson 0-1, Garcia 0-2, Udrih 0-2, Hawes 0-2, Greene 0-4), L.A. Clippers 5-15 (Gordon 2-3, Jones 1-2, Acker 1-2, Taylor 1-4, B. Davis 5-2, Fouged -0.2, Fouled Out-None, Rebounds-Sacramento 59 (Hawes 13), L.A. Clippers 56 (Kaman 13), Assista-Sacramento 14 (Udrih, Hawes 4), L.A. Clippers 26 (B.Davis 5). Total Fouls-Sacramento 15, L.A. Clippers 15. Technical-Kaman, A-18,232 (19,060). Trail Blazers 106, Lakers 98 LA. LAKEPS (98) Ariza 2-40-14, Gasol 6-9 0-0 12, Bynum 6-13 1-3 13, Bryant 9-24 11-12 32, Fisher 1-7 0-0 2, Odom 7-13 2-2 17, Brown 4-4 0-0 10, Walton 1-6 1-2 3, Vujačić 2-3 0-0 5, Farmar 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-85 15-20 98. Farmar 0-2 0-0 0. totals 38-85 15-20 98. **PORTLAND (060)** Batum 1-5 2-2 5, Aldridge 6-18, 4-4 16, Przybilla 3-4 2-2 8, Roy 8-18 6-6 24, Blake 6-13 13 16, Fernandez 5-8 3-4 15, Oden 3-5 4-8 10, Outlaw 2-8 5-8 10, Rodriguez 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 35-82 27-37 106. **14** Jakers 73 30 24 21 - 98

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Friday's Late NBA Boxes Rockets 113, Warriors 109

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NCAA Division I Hockey

National Championship Saturday, April 11 Boston University 4, Miami (Ohio) 3, OT

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Optioned RHP Matt Albers to

BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Optioned RHP Matt Albers to Norfolk (IL). CLEVELAND INDIANS-Placed LHP Scott Lewis on the IS-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Vinnie Chulk from Columbus (IL). LOS ANGELES ANGELS-Recalled OF Reggie Willits from Salt Lake (PCL). Mational League FLORIDA MARLINS-Activated INF-OF Alfredo Amezaga from the IS-day DL. Optioned INF-Andy Gonzalez to New Orleans (PCL). LOS ANGELES DODGERS-Placed RHP Hiroki Kuroda on the IS-day DL, retroactive to April 7. Recalled LHP Eric Stults from Buffalo (IL) Designated OF Marlon Anderson for assignment.

Anderson for assignment. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES–Placed C Carlos Ruiz on the 15-

Rockford (AHL). DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed F Johan Franzen to an 11-

year contract. MINNESOTA WILD–Coach Jacques Lemaire will not return next season

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SPORTS



Lee, Indians still winless

CLEVELAND - Not even Cliff Lee could stop Cleveland's slide.

The reigning Cy Young Award winner lost his second consecutive start and the Indians, expected to contend this season, remained the AL's only winless team, losing 5-4 to Roy Halladay and the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday to fall to 0-5 for the first time in 24 years.

Halladay (2-0), a 20-game winner last season who finished second to Lee in Cy Young balloting, held Cleveland to one run and five hits in seven innings. The right-hander struck out seven, including two in a sticky sec-

ond, and was rarely in real trouble.

Desperate for a clutch hit, the Indians finally got one in the ninth on Mark DeRosa's two-out,

three-run double off closer B.J. Ryan to make it 5-4. But with the potential tying run at second, Jason Frasor struck out Victor Martinez for his first save.

Lee (0-2) gave up four runs and seven hits over five innings, and now has a 9.90 ERA.

RED SOX 5, ANGELS 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Jason Bay homered twice and drove in three runs for Boston, helping Brad Penny win his American League debut.

Mike Lowell added a two-run shot for the Red Sox, who ended a ninegame regular-season losing streak against Los Angeles. It's been a different story in the postseason, however, with Boston eliminating the Angels in the first round of the playoffs three times since 2004.

YANKEES 6, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - CC Sabathia rebounded smartly from his disappointing Yankees debut, and Jorge Posada and Nick Swisher drove in three runs apiece Saturday night in New York's victory.

Sabathia, signed to a \$161 million, seven-year contract in the offseason, gave up only six singles in 7 2-3 score-



Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Jason Frasor (54) celebrates with catcher Rod Barajas after the Blue Jays beat the Cleveland Indians 5-4 Saturday in Cleveland.

less innings. He struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Baltimore when the 6-foot-7 lefty pions to clinch their first series win lasted just 41-3 innings. He allowed six runs, eight hits and five walks against the Orioles, throwing two wild pitches in a 10-5 loss.

WHITE SOX 8, TWINS 0

CHICAGO – Bartolo Colon pitched six strong innings and Carlos Quentin homered, leading the White Sox to the victory.

After a rough spring training, Colon (1-0) handled the Twins' lineup with relative ease. He allowed just three hits with two walks and two strikeouts, helping Chicago end a three-game skid.

ORIOLES 6, RAYS 0

BALTIMORE – Melvin Mora's third career grand slam capped a five-run first inning against Tampa Bay rookie Jeff Niemann, and the Baltimore Orioles got six shutout innings from who won their third straight. Jeremy Guthrie in a 6-0 victory Saturday night.

Nick Markakis had two hits and an RBI for the Orioles, who have won two It was a far cry from opening day in straight over the defending AL chamagainst Tampa Bay since Aug. 3-5, 2007.

TIGERS 4, RANGERS 3

DETROIT - Placido Polanco hit a tiebreaking double and five Detroit pitchers combined on a two-hitter.

Nate Robertson (1-0) earned the win with two shutout innings, and Fernando Rodney struck out the side in the ninth for his first save. Detroit's bullpen didn't allow a baserunner in four innings of work.

MARINERS 8, ATHLETICS 5

OAKLAND, Calif. – Kenji Johjima had a two-run single in a four-run eighth inning and Seattle rallied twice to earn the win.

Russell Branyan homered and Franklin Gutierrez and Jose Lopez each drove in two runs for the Mariners,

The Associated Press

Major League Baseball

American League



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Saturday's Games Detroit 4, Texas 3 Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 0 Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 0 Toronto 5, Cleveland 4 Seattle 8, Oakland 5 Boston 5, L.A. Angels 4 N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 1

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Pujols' grand slam lifts Cardinals over Astros

ST. LOUIS – Albert Puiols hit a grand slam and a three-run homer to match a career high with seven RBIs, leading the St. Louis





celebration with an 11-2 victory over

PIRATES 10, REDS 2

CINCINNATI – Paul Maholm the allowed only three hits in seven Diamondbacks on innings and Ryan Doumit hit his

singles for Atlanta.

CUBS 6, BREWERS 5 MILWAUKEE Alfonso

Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3 Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 4 Atlanta 6, Washington 5, 10 innings Arizona 9, L.A. Dodgers 4

Cardinals to an 11-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday.

It was Pujols' 24th multihomer game and first since Aug. 16, 2008, against Cincinnati. He matched his career best for RBIs set Aug. 22, 2006, against the New York Mets.

The All-Star first baseman went 2-for-4 and is batting .429 with three homers and nine RBIs in the team's first six games.

Rick Ankiel and Joe Thurston had three hits apiece for the Cardinals, who finished with 19 hits overall. Adam Wainright (1-0) pitched five shutout innings.

Roy Oswalt (0-2) had a rare bad outing at Busch Stadium, allowing six runs and nine hits in six innings for the Astros.

DODGERS 11, DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX - Orlando Hudson

AP photo St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols points to the sky as he crosses home plate after hitting a three-run home run in the seventh inning against the Houston Astros Saturday in St. Louis. Pujols had 7 RBIs as the Cardinals beat the Astros 11-2.

homered, doubled and drove in and the Los Angeles Dodgers three runs against his former team, spoiled Arizona's All-Star selecSaturday night.

first home run of the season to break a scoreless tie in a three-run fourth inning, just hours after commissioner Bud Selig awarded Arizona the 2011 All-Star Game at an afternoon press conference at Chase Field.

METS 8. MARLINS 4

used his offspeed stuff to take a shutout into the seventh inning and help the Mets hand the Marlins their first loss.

Florida had been the last undefeated team in the majors, but Hernandez tamed an offense that batted .309 and scored 31 runs as the Marlins won their first four games. Meanwhile, Ricky Nolasco (1-1) endured the poorest outing so far by a Florida starter, allowing four runs in five innings.

Hudson hit his three Pittsburgh homers against performance by the Cubs' bullpen, Cincinnati.

> Maholm (1-0) got his first road homer in the ninth inning. win since July 22, a stretch of futility that was more a reflection of Pittsburgh's offense than his pitching.

BRAVES 5, NATIONALS 3

ATLANTA - The Braves' MIAMI - Livan Hernandez Kenshin Kawakami pitched six effective innings to win his major league debut.

> Kawakami allowed three runs and four hits, walked four and struck out eight. The 33-year-old right-hander is the first Japaneseborn player in franchise history.

Kelly Johnson went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs one night after improving to 5-0 at Coors Field he had the game-winning hit in the and 7-0 in eight career appear-10th inning of a 6-5 win over the ances against the Rockies. Nationals. Chipper Jones and Yunel Escobar had run-scoring

first career grand slam – one of Soriano made up for another poor smacking a go-ahead two-run

> The Cubs entered the ninth trailing by a run, and Carlos Villanueva (1-1) – who is serving as the Brewers' closer while Trevor Hoffman recovers from a strained oblique muscle – opened the inning by getting Koyie Hill to fly out.

PHILLIES 8. ROCKIES 4

DENVER - Brett Myers remained perfect at Coors Field with an imperfect outing Saturday night.

Myers allowed three home runs in the Philadelphia Phillies' 8-4 win over the Colorado Rockies,

The Associated Press

He's legally blind and a successful hitting coach

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Mark Wetzel can't tell you exactly what his wife or children look like.

He can, however, tell you how to hit a 95 mph fastball.

Even one of baseball's greatest hitters, Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn, has taken the advice of the man known simply as the "blind guy."

Left legally blind 45 years ago by macular degeneration, the 59year-old Wetzel has immersed himself in the study of the swing for the last two decades.

His "laboratory," as he calls his training facility, is just a few paces from the front door of the home he shares with wife, Judy, on some land on the north edge of Omaha.

Three nights a week and Sunday afternoons, he breaks down the swings of some 50 students, little leaguers to pros who travel a winding road through the woods and ting cages. turn off on a gravel driveway leading past a fishing pond to the red swings, but not their faces. steel building that houses two bat-



AP photo Blind baseball hitting coach Mark Wetzel discusses his philosophy, in Omaha, Neb.

Wetzel knows his students'

He prods, encourages, tweaks.

He usually gets results.

Some have compared his logicdefying talent to that of a horse whisperer.

"Guys ask me all the time how he does it. I tell them I have no idea," said Matt Macri, who became Wetzel's first pupil to reach the majors when he appeared in 18 games for the Minnesota Twins last year.

Macular degeneration blurs the center of the field of vision, but Wetzel is able to use his peripheral vision to see shapes and outlines. "That's where I live," he said.

Wetzel said when he looks straight ahead, he can see two fingers held 2 feet from his face, but the view is cloudy.

Instead of looking directly at the batter he's instructing, he turns his head and watches him out of the corner of his eye.

"I can tell where the knob of the bat is, and I know exactly what your elbow is doing and where your head is going to go next,"

Wetzel said. "I see that outline, and the last 15 years. And don't ask I connect all the dots.

"You take your great running backs and point guards, and they have great peripheral vision. I'm not so sure they don't see the body move in a different way than the average person does. You can almost see the body move before the body goes there."

Of course, there are those who condescend or doubt that a blind man could really teach hitting.

The folksy, self-deprecating Wetzel brushes it off.

Asked why he teaches hitting, he says, "Well, do you think I should teach catching? I'm only good for of his players drafted the past six two or three knocks to the head a dav."

Wetzel said he took to heart his grandfather's lectures about not allowing blindness to stop him because of his vision problems," from doing what he wants.

he drove a truck for the portabletoilet business he once owned. right in there, and he totally gets That's right. He drove, but not for it."

whether he had a license.

"I would go to great lengths to never turn left. That meant you had to turn against traffic," he said, letting out a big laugh.

He also used to be a hunting guide, but he had to quit that when he couldn't see birds' silhouettes against the sky anymore.

Baseball was his boyhood passion, and it remains so. He makes a living charging \$90 for a one-hour lesson.

He is, to be sure, doing what he wants.

He points out that he's had eight years, and some 30 have gone on to Division I college baseball since he started teaching 22 years ago.

"It's a little bit unorthodox said Gwynn, who became coach So he yuks it up about the days at San Diego State after retiring from the Padres in 2001. "He gets

BULLS 113, BOBCATS 106

Chicago hit the .500 mark

Derrick Rose added 22 as

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SUNS 110, TIMBERWOLVES 97

MINNEAPOLIS - Two

Hill was 7-for-8 from the

even though the Suns will

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BUCKS 115, THUNDER 98

Jefferson tied a season high

Milwaukee snapped a four-

game losing streak by beat-

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Villanueva added 14 for the

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son race but will finish with a

winning record at home (21-

19) with one final game at the

Bradley Center on Monday

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Kevin Durant scored 19

against Orlando.

Luke Ridnour scored 18

MILWAUKEE - Richard

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first time in five years.

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ing Oklahoma City.

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CHICAGO - Ben Gordon

Short-handed Warriors beat Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY – C.J. Watson scored a career-high 38 points, Robert Kurz also had a career best, and the Golden State Warriors used only seven players while beating the Utah Jazz 118-108 on Saturday night.

Watson made all 16 foul shots and had nine assists



and seven rebounds. Kurz finished with 21 points for Golden State, which led by as much as 17 and never let the playoff-bound Jazz get closer

than five despite being at a disadvantage with only seven healthy players.

Still, Warriors' the reserves - both of them nearly outscored Utah's.

Deron Williams had 26 points and 14 assists before leaving in the final minute, holding his ribs. Carlos Boozer added 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, in danger of drawing the Lakers in the first round.

The Jazz (47-33) have only two games remaining and will need to win both and get help from either New Orleans or Dallas if they are N.J. - Vince Carter had 27 were eliminated from playoff going to move up from the No. 8 seed.

Utah had a great opportunity Saturday, trailing Dallas and New Orleans by a game a day before the Magic 103-93 on Saturday Mavericks and Hornets night. meet in New Orleans. But anything.

Kelenna Azubuike scored 18, Anthony Morrow added 13 points and Anthony Randolph 11 for Golden State. Ronny Turiaf added nine points and combined with Kurz to give the Warriors' reserves 30 points, only one fewer than the five Jazz backups managed to score.



Golden State Warriors forward Kelenna Azubuike, left, shoots over Utah Jazz center Mehmet Okur during the first half Saturday in Salt Lake City.

NETS 103, MAGIC 93

points and nine assists, and contention earlier this week. the New Jersey Nets ended Orlando's bid for the No. 2 in the Eastern seed Conference by beating the

The Magic (58-22) may the Warriors didn't concede have lost more than the No. 2 seed. Star forward Hedo Turkoglu hurt his left ankle with 6:51 left in the game and he had to be helped to the locker room. There was no immediate word on his condition.

points and 10 assists for the Nets, who played without All-Star guard Devin Harris (shoulder). Rookie Brook 23 points.

Lopez added 13 points and 11 EAST RUTHERFORD, rebounds for the Nets, who

PACERS 106, PISTONS 102

INDIANAPOLIS - Danny Granger scored 24 points and Indiana stalled Detroit's bid for a higher playoff seed.

Indiana led by 12 early in the final quarter, but Detroit rallied and took a 102-101 lead on a basket by Richard Hamilton with 56 seconds to go. The Pacers went back in front on a spinning layup by Jarrett Jack and iced the game with one free throw by Troy Keyon Dooling added 12 Murphy with 16 seconds left and two foul shots by Granger with 5 seconds to go.

Hamilton led Detroit with

Westbrook had 13 for the Thunder.

- The Associated Press

Sickly racehorses recover after rescue

COXSACKIE, N.Y. (AP) – There's a 5-year-old unreg-On March 3, 2004, a 3-year- istered filly with a festering old chestnut filly named leg wound and a torn vulva, Theonlyword won the first and a dark bay mare named race at Aqueduct and her Finely Decorated who suffers steel-gray Coconut Martini won the tagious throat infection. She ment after Paragallo's arrest. Greene Humane Society. second.

Today, the two horses bred "They're doing pretty diately terminated his privi- grain and mineral blocks, by Ernie Paragallo are barely well, considering," said lege to be involved with thor- straw bedding for the brood

stablemate from strangles, a highly conmay be carrying a foal.

Coxsackie Town Court in not shying away from it. But I handcuffs.

New York State Racing and Wagering Board chairman the farm under the supervi-John Sabini released a state- sion of the Columbia saying the board had "imme- which has brought in hay, said lege to be involved with thor- straw bedding for the brood

animal cruelty and led out of agement? Absolutely, I'm didn't abuse them."

The 177 horses remain on

Tiger vs. Phil for none of the marbles

UGUSTA, Ga. -What it could have been: golf's "Rumble in the Jungle." What it's going to be: "Disgusta at Augusta."

The clash of the titans that everybody in the sport was dying to see - Tiger Woods vs. Phil Mickelson in the final round of the Masters - has already been relegated to the undercard.

"If Kenny and Chad go off and shoot two, three, four more under par ... it almost puts it out of reach for us," Woods said Saturday, after shooting a 70 that left him at 4-under, tied with Mickelson and trailing co-leaders Kenny Perry and Angel Cabrera by seven shots and runner-up Chad Campbell by five.

funny things can happen and if you get momentum on your side and you're making some birdies," Mickelson said, pumping himself up, "you can make a lot of them."

And thanks to the warm weather and suddenly user-friendly layout, plenty of people not named Tiger or Phil have been doing just that. Campbell went out in the opening round Thursday and birdied his first five holes to set one Masters record. Anthony Kim went out in round two Friday and made 11, another Masters record, en route to a 65 that was the lowest round recorded this week.

Woods has a dozen over 36 holes; Mickelson just 10, plus an eagle. The best hole either has played during the tournament was probably Lefty's daunting par on 18 just to secure a place alongside Woods. He threaded his second shot out from under a stand of trees and over the huge scoreboard on the right a wedge to 6 feet and nervelessly rolled it home.

It's almost a shame such spectacular shotmaking won't mean much when



like the three-time major champion.

The strange thing is that based on their form so far, you have to like Mickelson's chances of getting in the next punch when the two commence their tournament within a tournament during the final round.

He's hitting the ball better, and after an erratic performance off the tee for most of the first two rounds, Mickelson righted himself. He made three birdies and the eagle to pull himself back from the brink of missing the cut and back into contention, driving it even better

"Much better," Mickelson said, "and it gave me an opportunity to be aggressive.

"The driver is going to be key," he added a moment later, "because I'm going to have to attack a lot of pins."

The odds tilt even further in Mickelson's direction when you compare his upbeat demeanor and willingness to take risks with Woods' cautious, nearrobotic performance here. Despite a win at Bay Hill two weeks ago, there's also the question of how much rust Woods has managed to scrape off his game after a nine-month layoff recovering from knee surgery.

"It's not that at all," Woods said about his readiness. "I just didn't hit the ball as precise as I needed to today and just fought my (butt) off to get it back, just to shoot a number. As I said, I'm very proud of that."

In a way, the pairing is reminiscent of 1980, when rivals Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer wound up paired on the final day at Augusta and carried along the lion's share of the gallery – even though they started the day a combined 31 strokes behind. Though Nicklaus and Palmer already owned 10 green jackets between them. Seve Ballesteros wound up having the blazer draped over his shoulders that day, "I don't care if they were in leg braces with seeing eye dogs, if Arnold and Jack showed up on the first tee it was going to be five thick the entire hole," Bob Jones IV, grandson of the club founder, recounted in "Arnie & Jack: Palmer, Nicklaus, and Golf's Greatest Rivalry."

"At this golf course

No doubt.

names in the game? Not so much.

Saturday.

But the two biggest

side of the fairway, then hit

the red and black colors of Paraneck Stable.

Rescued from a kill pen where they awaited transport to a Canadian slaughat a Pennsvlvania farm – crawling with lice, infested with worms, ribs showing them." through patches of scabby sparse, dull hair.

skinny,

Masters

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would never put it past happening again," Mickelson said. "I think that at this golf course, funny things can happen, and if you get momentum on your side and you're making some birdies, you can make a lot of them."

And then he offered another scenario that he and Woods desperately need.

"When it starts coming apart, it's hard to get it back," Mickelson said. "And it's easy to tumble."

There was little sign of that happening with Perry and Cabrera on a breezy afternoon, on a course where the greens remained relatively soft from an overnight downpour.

Perry became the first player to reach 12-under par par-312th. After hitting over remote at any point in the tournament since 2002 when he rolled in an 8-foot birdie on too hard, the ball bouncing helped slightly but not runthe 10th hole, and it allowed over the cup 15 feet away for ning away, with Campbell him to wonder if this might another bogey. really be his week.

green of his first bogev, then

recognizable as the gleam- Christy Sheidy, co-founder oughbred racing in New ing, galloping thoroughbreds of Another Chance 4 Horses shown in photos carrying in Bernville, Pa. "We've had jockey Richard Migliore in them for two weeks, and you 1996 Derby favorite and can already see them gaining fifth-place weight. It's been a real struggle with their skin; they had such horrible sores we couldn't even groom them at terhouse, the two mares are first. We couldn't even comfort them with a stroke. They'd flinch if you touched

On Friday, two days after skin between clumps of authorities seized 177 malnourished horses at his The farm has two other Center Brook Farm in the and harm any of those hors-Paragallo horses rescued Albany, Paragallo was of them come up skinny?

York."

Paragallo, the owner of finisher Unbridled's Song, was arrested after driving from his Long Island home to be questioned by investigators about the conditions on his breeding farm. He said he hadn't visited the farm for at least nine months.

"It wasn't knowing neglect," Paragallo told The Associated Press. "Did I try parasite-loaded rolling hills 20 miles south of es? Absolutely not. Did some from the same kill pen. charged with 22 counts of Absolutely. Was it misman-

mares, and veterinarians to tend to wounds. Paragallo agreed to transfer ownership of 67 of the horses to the humane society for future adoption.

Two other horses were removed from the farm a week ago by Colleen Segarra of Equine Rescue Resource in Pine Bush, 65 miles northwest of New York City.

"I don't know how such a high-ranking stable in three years could just plummet like this," said Jennifer Pedersen, who worked as Paragallo's trainer and oversaw the breeding operation until he fired her in March 2006.

the hardware is handed out Sunday.

"I think it would be fun," Mickelson said about play ing with Woods. "But it doesn't really matter who I'm playing with."

Please.

Let's not get carried away.

Saying these two don't like each other is like saying the lords of Augusta National are proud of the little lawn out behind their clubhouse.

Woods and Mickelson have had a low-level feud simmering about everything from the Ryder Cup to equipment since Woods' emergence, but just four months ago, Woods' caddie turned up the heat. At a charity dinner in his native New Zealand, Steve Williams hit Mickelson below the belt. He was quoted calling the lefthander an obscenity and then confirming to another newspaper that he doesn't

Vandals

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going to protect. I wasn't happy with that today."

The quarterback dual remains between junior the running game with 81 Nathan Enderle and sophomore transfer Brian Reader. But the competition changed late this week with Justin Morales' deci-Logan Bushnell and sophomore Andrew Dresback.

Enderle completed 6 of 9 Reader hit 8 of 13 for 89 yards. Two of Enderle's 25-yarder to Preston Davis Western and a 10-yarder to Daniel Conference Hardy. Bushnell had the Mexico State.

So it will go again Sunday.

What happens between them won't likely determine the outcome, perhaps not even whether this turns out to be a memorable Masters. But something the then 50-year-old Palmer said about his then 40-year-old rival, will probably be true about these two as well.

other passing touchdown with a 29-yarder to Daniel Micheletti.

Princeton McCarty led yards on 10 carries, one of which was a 20-yard scoring scamper.

Grayshirt freshman kicker Trey Farquhar wassion to leave the team. That n't as on-target Saturday provided addition snaps as he was a week ago, but for redshirt freshman dealt with issues with the snap and hold that contributed to his troubles.

The Vandals will cap passes for 74 yards, while spring practice with the Silver and Gold game on April 26. Idaho opens the throws went for TDs - a regular season Sept. 5 at Athletic foe New



Angel Cabrera waves to the gallery after finishing his third round at the Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Saturday. Cabrera finished at 11-under par to co-lead the tournament with Kenny Perry after three days of competition.

the green, Perry tried putting up the slope and hit it

He recovered with a 4-But he three-putted from iron to about 25 feet for a 36. just off the front of the 11th two-putt birdie on the 13th.

fell out of the lead on the knowing that even having a trailing after 54 holes, and

chance would depend on how the leaders played the back nine. They shooting a 38 on the back and Perry getting around in

The world's No. 1 player Woods left the course has never won a major when

only once has he won when trailing by more than seven shots going into the final round of any tournament.

"That was a hell of a fight," Woods said. "I'm pretty proud of the fact I got myself back in the tournament, considering that I didn't hit it as well as I want ed to and had two threeputts."

The forecast was for sunshine and fireworks, perhaps a back-nine charge not seen this decade at Augusta National.

Steve Stricker played bogey-free for a 68 that put him four shots behind at 7under 209, with former British Open champion Todd Hamilton (72), Shingo Katayama (70) and Rory Sabbatini (70) another shot behind.

One player too far out of contention is Padraig Harrington, who saw his hopes of a third straight major end on the second hole when he twice hit a tree and took a quadruple-bogey 9. He shot a 73 and was 10 shots back.

YOUR SPORTS

recently capped its 2008-09

Below are league and

YOUTH CHEERLEADING MV Eagles score high at big competitions

For the Times-News

The Tiny, Mini, and Youth teams from Magic Valley Eagles Cheer competed March 13-15 at PacWest's National Cheer competition in Portland, Ore. The Tiny team placed first, the Mini team second, and the Youth team third. The Senior team competed March 20-22 at the Championship's American National Cheer competition in Anaheim, Calif., placing second.

Cheerleaders Lexxi Richardson, Hunter Slagel, Katie Higley, Jordan Rogers, Emily Walker and Michelle Coleman were selected for an all-star team that will perform at halftime of the 2010 Pro Bowl in Miami, Fla.

All four teams received a bid to the International All-Levels Championship this month in Los Angeles.



Senior team

Members of the Senior team are Lexxi Richardson, Emily Walker, Hunter Slagel, Jordan Rogers, Michelle Coleman, Katie Higley, Jessica Holstine, Brianna Starley, Jaycee Martinez, Jordan Henley, Austin Moon, Ansley Meeks, Kelly Madden, Catherine Harris, Shelaine Moreno, Bailey Barton, Ali Lenardi, Victoria Jones, Sadie Potter, Amber Janatsch and Angela Hernandez.



Mini team

Members of the Mini team are Emily Black, Angellina Bolt, Beth Kepner, Alise Fiscus, Kaia Walker, Halle Knight, Caitlin Knight, Mikayle Meyer, Kaylee Livingston, Hannah Burgess, Morgan Adams and Charity Easley.

Tiny team

Members of the Tiny team are **Brinnley McDonald, Chloe** Burgess, Jehryn Oates and Lacy Maas.



Youth team

Members of the Youth team are Angela Hernandez, Ale' Hernandez, Kelsey Jo Wolfe, Bayley Shirley, Bailey Henley, Taylor Trappen, Jessica Figueroa, Jordan Pfeifer, Kylie Fiscus, Samantha Easley, Brinley Hollstrom, Averee Amador-Burgess and Morgan Bosen.



BOWLING

SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY MON. MARAUDERS SERIES: Derry Smith 538, Lori Parish 515, Kristie Johnston 458. GAMES: Diane Strolberg 184, Lori Parish 193, Kristie Johnston 165 ODD BALL SERIES: Sharon Hayden 520, Glenda Mecham 491, Debe Ingram 481. GAMES: Deve Ingram 199, Sharon Hayden 188, Glenda Mecham 184. LADIES TRIOS

Your Scores

Amanda Rowley 128, Thiannon Rowley 126

TUESDAY TEENS BOYS' SERIES: Jared Studer 589, Andrew Morgan 516, Brody Albertson 453

Campbell 515. BOYS' GAMES: Nicholas Parsons 254, Anthony Vest 222, Joe Campbell 200, BOYS' GAMES: Andrew Morgan 204, Tyler Black 191.

Ybarra 681, Tom Smith 678, Mike Schliebe 670. GAMES: Tom Smith 262, Jim Brawley 257, Mike Schliebe 257, Nathan Ybarra 248.

PEEWEE & BUMPER SERIES: April Roberts 172, Ravyn Barela 160, Riley Magee 142. GAMES: April Roberts 92, Ravyn Barela

83, Riley Magee 76. GIANTS BOYS' SERIES: Joe Campbell 600, Matt Thrall 427, Jayson Makay 425, Jaden Tuma 417.



POOL

Valley

season.

League tournament winners.

For the Times-News

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Women's

Pictured are participants in the Magic Valley Women's Pool Top Shooters tournament for the 2008-09 season.



The top three placers in the Top Shooters tournament, pictured, from left, are Holly Ross (first place), Kristine Petersen (third place) and Lorie Whitney (second place).



Northside No. 1 was the first-place team in the Magic Valley Women's Pool League. Pictured, from left, are Cindy Kahnk, Holly Ross, Jana Wartluft and Darla Rarick. Not pictured: Jenelle McKean.



Town Tavern was the second-place team in the Magic Valley Women's Pool League. Pictured, from left, are Linda Bracken, Mary Ellen Zapata, Joyce Treat and Tammy McEntarfer.



Pocket 1 was the third-place team in the Magic Valley Women's Pool League. Pictured, from left, are Shelly Wormsbaker. Coleer Tilson, Lorie Whitney and JoAnn Acklin.

SERIES: Annette Hirsch 649, Tiffinay Hager 647, Amy Schenk 512. GAMES: Annette Hirsch 241, Tiffinay Hager 235, LJulie Coleman 205.

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIO SERIES: Bob Bywater 887, Justin Studer 862, Gene Smith 789. GAMES: Bob Bywater 254, Brad Holm 237, Justin Studer 233

TUESDAY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Rick Hib 784, Byron Hager 680, Bob Bywater 634. MEN'S GAMES: Rick Hieb 278, Bob Bywater 256, Wally Studer 241. LADIES SERIES: Tiffinay Hager 683, Stacy HAieb 519, Alicia Bywater 453. LADIES GAMES: Tiffinay Hager 258, Tina Herring 191, Theresa Knowlton 186. WEDNESDAY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 706, Jordan Parish 633, Glan Rogers 629.

MEN'S GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 269, Davon Rucker 219, Galan Rogers 217. LADIES SERIES: Annette Hirsch 645, Gayle Erekson 437, Marianne Baumgartner 394. LADIES GAMES: Annette Hirsch 232, Gayle Erekson 194, Marianne Baumgartner 141.

RAILROADERS SERIES: Theresa Knowlton 499, Janet Grant 496, Anna Rose 489. GAMES: Theresa Knowlton 192, Anna Rose 183, Deon Fassett 179. THURS. A.M. DBLS.

SERIES: Derry Smith 574, Jamie Stewart 567, Deon Fassett 545. GAMES: Jamie Stewart 223, Bonnie McClellan 176, Sharon Rathe 174. MA & PA

MEN'S SERIES: Randy Rose 533, David Garcia 531, Brent Olsen 485. MEN'S GAMES: Brent Olsen 216, David Garcia 198, Randy Rose 193. LADIES SERIES: Jackie Garcia 464, Lisa Wilkonson 371, Jane Baters 352. LADIES GAMES: Jackie Garcia 196, Kay Poole 148, Lisa Wilkonson 140.

MAJOR

SERIES: Shon Bywater 763, Bob Bywater 693, Rick Hieb 671. GAMES: Shon Bywater 290, Kory Knopp 268, Chris Warr 258.

EARLY BIRDS

MEN'S SERIES: Duane Smith 610, Dusty Penrod 551, Matt Blauer 521. MEN'S GAMES: Duane Smith 232, Dusty Penrod 225, Matt Blauer 208. LADIES SERIES: Georgia Schultz 506, Cheyann Blauer 480, Bobbi Crow 391. LADIES GAMES: Georgia Schultz 183, Cheyann Blauer 166, Becky Smith 157. PIN HEADS BOYS' SERIES: Jared Studer 610, Brody Albertson 467, Mhason Stimpson 451. BOYS' GAMES: Jared Studer 220, Mhason Stimpson 1298, Brody Albertson 160.

GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 421, Amanda Rowley 380, Rhiannon Rowley 331 GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 1246,

Jared Studer 202, Brody Albertson 156. GIRLS' SERIES: Bridget Albertson 578, Kiara Hieb 532, Dakotah Hieb 289. GIRLS' GAMES: Bridget Albertson 223, Kiara Hieb 216. Dakotah Hieb 123

BOWLADROME, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Cobey Magee 636, Bob Leazer 580, John Harral 563, Lavern Jorgenson 518. MEN'S GAMES: Cobey Magee 221, Bob Leazer 214, John Harral 201, Lavern Jorgenson 198. LADIES SERIES: Suzi Leon 565, Ella Mae Jorgenson 526, Leanna Magee 518, Kim Leazer 492 LADIES GAMES: Suzi Leon 209, Leanna

Magee 194, Ella Mae Jorgenson 181, Kim Leazer 175. MONDAY FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Jim Brawley 661, Dan Shepherd 632, Rocky Reece 618, Rick Morrow 603. MEN'S GAMES: Jim Brawley 241, Glenn Bessire 235, Rocky Reece 234, Rocky Bennett 234. LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 631, Kay Puschel 586, Ann Shepherd 558, Michele Seckel 545. LADIES GAMES: Georgia Randall 235,

Michele Seckel 234, Kay Puschel 203, Ann Shepherd 203. SH-BOOM

MEN'S SERIES: Blake Kondracki 685, Kelly Jeroue 643, Brad Greene 612, Tim Jones 577

MEN'S GAMES: Blake Kondracki 255, Kelly Jeroue 239, Brad Greene 222, Ryan Shull 215.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 550, Angel Olson 521, Shannon Kondracki 501, Dixie Siegel 475, Erin Dayley 475. LADIES GAMES: Barbara Reynolds 203, Erin Dayley 199, Diana Barnes 192, Angel Olson 191. TUES. A.M. TRIOS

SERIES: Ella Mae Jorgenson 561, Charm Petersen 550, Jessie Biggerstaff 546, Billie Mason 512. GAMES: Billie Mason 230, Charm Petersen 212, Jessie Biggerstaff 209, Gail McAllister 191.

LATECOMERS SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 584, Susan Kepner 580, Mona Neill 537, Donna

Kruger 519. GAMES: Susan Kepner 244, Kristy Rodriguez 211, Mona Neill 209, Donna Kruger 193.

C.S.I. TUESDAY MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Mason 734, Aaron Freter 581, Brandon Berheim 538, Tyler Race 514 MEN'S GAMES: Kyle Mason 257, Aaron Freter 224, Tyler Race 192, Brandon Berheim 190 LADIES SERIES: Kathy Romero 466, Sherry Leavitt 381, Marcia Butler 372, Brianna Loftus 369. LADIES GAMES: Kathy Romero 164, Sherry Leavitt 152, Marcia Butler 138, Brianna Loftus 132

GIRLS' SERIES: Koti Jo Moses 505, Erica Reeves 457, Megan McAllister 370, Miranda Curtis 365

TUESDAY MAJORS

Anthony Vest 593, Tyler Black 546, Joe

BOYS' SERIES: Nicholas Parsons678,

GIRLS' GAMES: Koti Jo Moses 199, Paige Maher 160, Erica Reeves 154, Tami Craig 154.

CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Jon Powlus 724, Ian DeVries 699, Tony Everts 668, Neil Welsh 655. GAMES: Neil Welsh 256, Jon Powlus 256, Larry Dezorzi 248, Rick Ruhter 243.

M.V. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Eddie Chappell 617,

Myron Schroeder 606, Ed Dutry 592, Tom Draper 533. MENS' GAMES: Myron Schroeder 230,

Wayne King 214, Eddie Chappell 212, Ed Dutry 212 LADIÉS SERIES: Billie Mason 480, Linda

Vining 479, Susan McCann 479, Jean McGuire 470 LADIES GAMES: Ann Brewer 181, Billie

Mason 179, Sandy Schroeder 179, Dee Hall 178.

LADIES CLASSIC SERIES: Diana Brady 575, Ann Shepherd 546, Georgia Randall 508, Michele Seckel 506, Maida Wirsching 506. GAMES: Diana Brady 224, Mary Beams 197, Ann Shepherd 196, Vicki Collins 184

C.S.I. THURSDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Vanbiezen 545, Wayne Lybrand 521, Buck Rogers 442, Eric Samples 441. MEN'S GAMES: Wayne Lybrand 217, Kyle Vanbiezen 198, Jake Carnahan 168, Tyler Barton 161, Jared Dahl 161. LADIES SERIES: Tiffany McKelvey 418, Susan Rodriguez 352, Lacey Colson 330, Keisha Ühl 332. LADIES GAMES: Tiffany McKelvey 166, Susan Rodriguez 136, Keisha Uhl 2328, Karli Irwin 121 SUNSET

SERIES: Julie Shull 620, Kim Leazer 618, Lorraine Rasmussen 579, Ann Shepherd GAMES: Bernie Smith 248, Julie Shull 236, Lorraine Rasmussen 232, Misty

Welsh 232. FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 641, Myron Schroeder 581, Chelcie Eager 560, Bill Boren 552 MEN'S GAMES: Blaine Ross 268, Myron

Schroeder 236, Bill Boren 234, Del McGuire 213. LADIES SERIES: Joann Burket 508,

Carolyn Hanson 498, Linda Vining 495, Dawn Kulm 490. LADIES GAMES: Carolyn Hanson 201, Linda Vining 200, Joann Burket 192,

Dawn Kulm 179, Bernie Smith 179. MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Diann Roberts 466, Teya Moses 465, Flame Klundt 459, Deanna Heil 445

GAMES: Teya Moses 185, Diann Roberts 172, Flame Klundt 170, Deanna Heil 164. MOOSE

SERIES: Rob Maxfield 689, Nathan

BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 210, Matt Thrall 161, Jayson Makay 149, Tom Upchurch 148.

GIRLS' SERIES: Brooke Newlan 457, Brooke Waters 450, Miranda Curtis 440, Koti Jo Moses 410. GIRLS' GAMES: Brooke Waters 176,

Brooke Newlan 169, Miranda Curtis 155, Koti Jo Moses 141 SUNSET BOWL, BUHL

SUNSET SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Al Kooiman 591, John Kodesh 553, Wiley Bothum 537, Ed Hanna 534.

MEN'S GAMES: Charlie Hill 213, Al Kooiman 210, John Kodesh 205, Wiley Bothum 201 LADIES SERIES: Verna Kodesh 504, Lois

Tomlinson 596, Phyllis Callen 422, Dixie Schroeder 398 LADIES GAMES: Verna Kodesh 198, Dixie

Schroeder 176, Lois Tomlinson 171, Elda Huff 147.

MONDAY YABA BOYS' SERIES: Rick Stoltenburg 303, Chaz Hicks 263, Joe Stoltenburg 258, Adam Mings 127. BOYS' GAMES: Rick Stoltenburg 129, Joe

Stoltenburg 116, Chaz Hicks 110, Adam Mings 56 GIRLS' SERIES: Julie Anne Nejezchleba

238, Sarah Thompson 216, Alexis Breck 168

GIRLS' GAMES: Julie Anne Nejezchleba 88, Sarah Thompson 85, Alexis Breck 62. LUCKY STRIKERS

SERIES: Mandi Olson 605, Debbie Graham 508, Lois Tomlinson 453, Phyllis Callen 431. GAMES: Mandi Olson 213, Debbie Graham 181, Julie McLeroy 173, Lois Tomlinson 171.

MASON TROPHY SERIES: Carol Ruhter461, Lois Tomlinson 456, Verna Kodesh 502, Brenda Wengreen 475. GAMES: Carol Ruhter 207, Verna Kodesh 201, Phyllis Callen 181, Dixie Schroeder 170.

PINBUSTERS

SERIES: David Hanna 671, Keith Simmons 456, Pat Russel 631, Josh Benedictus 629. GAMES: Josh Benedictus 256, Lee Taylor

237, David Hanna 230, Al Kooiman 226. SPARE PAIRS MEN'S SERIES: Bob Fields 642, Tom

Wiggs 634, Lee Taylor 624, Harvey McCoy 579. MEN'S GAMES: Bob Fields 240, Lee Taylor 237, Josh Kennedy 235, Tom

Wiggs 235 LADIES SERIES: Kay Miller 541, Lois Tomlinson 531, Cheryl Russell 515, Dorothy Moon 480.

LADIES GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 211, Cheryl Russell 196, Kay Miller 189, Claudene Stricklan 184.

STARLITE MEN'S SERIES: Dustin McCallister 677, Drew Foster 618, Jordan Hicks 597, Mitch Olsen 529.



Sun Lounge was the fourth-place team in the Magic Valley Women's Pool League. Pictured, from left, are Niki Kestler, Karen Emery, Carilyn Easterday, Linda Hevel and Mary Kestler.

MEN'S GAMES: Dustin McCallister 241. Jordan Hicks 226, Drew Foster 221, Paul Povalawski 214. LADIES SERIES: Mandi Olson 571, Teresa Boehm 552, Darla McCallister 549, Dixie Schroeder 395. LADIES GAMES: Mandi Olson 221, Darla McCallister 216, Teresa Boehm 197, Dixie Schroeder 158 MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS MEN'S SERIES: Dave Wilson 598, Ed Chappell 596, Sonny Miller 592, Jerry Seabolt 571 MEN'S GAMES: Sonny Miller 246, Dave Wilson 235, Tim Craig 235, Jerry Seabolt 220. LADIES SERIES: Nicole Trump 565, Ashlee Rackham 535, Ida Countryman 528, Amanda Crider 526. LADIES GAMES: Sylvia Inman 223, Nicole Trump 214, Amanda Crider 210, Ashlee Rackham 205. COMMERCIAL

SERIES: Tony Brass 719, Ian DeVries 696, Rick Fredricksen 682, Trevor Wakley 673. GAMES: Leon Klimes 257, Rick Frederiksen 257, Tony Brass 248, Ian DeVries 247.

MASON

SERIES: Kathy McClure 544, Edie Barkley 487, Jean Stokesberry 486, Gloria Harder 479. GAMES: Skeet Donaldson 193, Rosie Pope 192, Jean Stokesberry 190, Kathy McClure 186. VALLEY

SERIES: Mike Tackett 811, Cobey Magee 718, Ron Dawson 665, Kent Stowe 652. GAMES: Mike Tackett 300, Cobey Magee 266, Leon Klimes 239, Ramon Guzman 239.

FIFTY PLUS MEN'S SERIES: Gerald Leis 607, Russ

Bartlett 606, Rich Farnsworth 566, Fred Ott 558. MEN'S GAMES: Russ Bartlett 246,

Gerald Leis 224, Charles Lewis 211, Rich Farnsworth 208.

LADIES SERIES: Dixie Eager 544, Barbara Smth 520, LaVona Young 519, Charm Petersen 518.

LADIES GAMES: Dixie Eager 220, Barbara Smith 206, Gloria Rudolph 204, LaVona Young 202. THURS. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Steve Ramirez 577, Robert Watkins 574, Justin Sharp 553, Bill Kimmel 549.

MEN'S GAMES: Kevin Parks 223, Robert Watkins 215, Charles Lewis 213, Bill Kimmel 212.

LADIES SERIES: Edie Barkley 569, Kathy McClure 456, Kim Daigh 446, Lori Williamson 440.

LADIES GAMES: Edie Barkley 257, Lori Williamson 172, Kim Daigh 166, Kathy McClure 165

EARLY FRI. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Clint Koyle 671, Tad Capurro 626, Robbie Watkins 611, RD Adema 611 MEN'S GAMES: Joe Lamana 289, Robbie

Watkins 258, Clint Koyle 256, Abe Straub 241. LADIES SERIES: Tawnia Bryant 529, Julie

Shaffer 520, Julie Capurro 519, Bobbie Thompson 516. LADIES GAMES: Julie Shaffer 205,

Connie Davis 194, Bobbie Thompson 191, Tawnia Bryant 190, Michelle Bryant 190. SAT. YABA

BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Brady 517, Kyle Mason 516, Kevin Wakley 506, Rhett Brvant 483

BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Brady 200, Kyle Mason 195, Kevin Wakley 193, Rhett Brvant 186.

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Baseball/softball

KIMBERLY HOLDS BASEBALL MEETING

KIMBERLY – Kimberly American Legion Baseball will hold a meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday for parents and players interested in the High School.

Mike Information: Osborne at 280-0327 or Launa Jayo at 539-7243.

T.F. COED SOFTBALL MEETINGS SET

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Coed Softball 3389. League will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 13 at the parks and recreation office to rosters. Another meeting will be held at 6 p.m., May 4, to collect team fees.

T.F. OFFERS CHALLENGER BASEBALL

Falls Parks and Recreation is a coed league designed for mentally and physically challenged youth ages 6-18. Rules are flexible to meet the the city limits and \$25 for needs of players. The league will play at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday from May 12 to June at http://www.tfid.org. 2. The cost is \$15 for those within the city limits and \$25 for those outside the city. Volunteers are needed. Information: 736-2265.

TWIN FALLS CO-ED

SOFTBALL TOURNEY SET TWIN FALLS – The Magic Valley Sooners will host a Twin Falls Co-ed Softball One Pitch Tournament on Saturday, May 9. The tournament is

Registration deadline is May 6. Information: Heather Bennett at 733-6899 or 731-

BUHL OFFERS YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

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baseball will hold a two-day form must be turned in along

announcements submitted April 24 and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 25. Registration will for those outside the district. be from 6-7 p.m., April 15 at the Legion Field concession stand. The cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt.

Information: Coach Troy Ruhter at 948-5430.

JRD OFFERS FAST PITCH SIGN-UPS

JEROME – Jerome upcoming 2009 season. The Recreation District will meeting will be held in the offering registration for girls commons area at Kimberly fast pitch softball through April 30. The league is for girls ages 15-16 and the cost is \$30 (\$35 for those outside the district). Registration may be done by phone (324-3389) or at the JRD office. Information: JRD at 324-

T.F. OFFERS YOUTH SIGN-UPS

TWIN FALLS - Twin discuss rules and hand out Falls Parks and Recreation will offer sign-ups for youth baseball and softball through April 17. Baseball is for boys in Gooding Amateur golf tourgrades K-6, while softball is nament will be held April 18for grades K-9. Teams will TWIN FALLS – Twin usually play twice per week for eight weeks, beginning offering Challenger Baseball, June 1. Practices start the player. Championship Flight week of May 11. Volunteer coaches are needed.

The cost is \$15 for those in those outside. Register at the parks and recreation office or

Information: 736-2265.

JRD OFFERS YOUTH SIGN-UPS

JEROME Jerome Recreation District is offering sign-ups for Co-ed Tball and Coach Pitch through Monday. The cost is \$17 for within the district and \$27 for those outside the district. Registration may be done by phone (324-3389) or at the IRD office.

Information: 324-3389 or open to ages 16 and older. http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com.

JRD OFFERS ADULT SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

IEROME – The Jerome Recreation District will offer registration for adult softball through 5 p.m., Friday. A BUHL – Buhl High School completed roster/waiver

camp for youth ages 4-14 on with all team and player fees. Cure 5K at a Time' event will April 24-25. The camp will The team fee is \$225 and The following are sports run from 5:30-7 p.m. on player fees are \$25 for those within the district and \$30

> The 12-week season will be played on Thursdays, beginning May 7. Upper and lower divisions will be offered. A preseason meeting for captains will be held at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, in the JRD conference room.

Information: 324-3389 or http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com.

NW BBB SEEKS PLAYERS, UMPIRES

TWIN FALLS - The Northwest BBB Baseball League is seeking umpires and players for the upcoming season.

Information: Carlos at 212-4044.

Golf **GOODING AMATEUR**

GOLF TOURNEY SET GOODING

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19 at Gooding Country Club. The entry fee for the 36-hole stroke play event is \$60 per players may earn points to qualify for the carter Cup team competition. Contact the course to sign up.

Information: 934-9977.

BILLS PLACE BENEFIT TOURNEY NEARS

TWIN FALLS – The 6th Benefit Annual Golf Tournament for BILLS Place will be held Saturday, April 18, at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The four-person scramble is \$45 per player or \$180 per team and the sponsor fee is \$100. A free barbecue will be held after the tournament. BILLS Place is a safe and drug free home for young women 18 years and older who need temporary assistance to transition into responsible, independent living.

Information: 423-4315.

Miscellaneous RELAY FOR LIFE 5K PLANNED

Relay for Life's 'Finding a

be held Saturday, April 25, at the College of Southern Physical Education Club will Idaho. The cost is \$25 for host an outdoor challenge those who register before event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 18 and \$35 thereafter. Participants will receive goodie bags and a T-shirt. include tug-of-war, football Registration forms are available at Costco or the Twin the flag, a skip rope race, a Falls Parks and Recreation office.

Information: Wunderlich at acwunder@aol.com or Gayle Brown at macgayle55@yahoo.com.

SAWTOOTH RELAY **REGISTRATION OPEN**

STANLEY - Sawtooth Relay teams are now forming. The June 13 event is open to runners and walkers. Six-person teams will travel to Twin Falls on Saturday, 62 miles from Stanley to May 9, at Twin Falls High Ketchum with each athlete completing two legs with an ages 9-14 (as of Dec. 31, average of 5 miles each. Information: 853-1221.

M.V. EAGLES HOLD TRYOUTS

Magic Valley Eagles All-Star cheer team will hold tryouts for the 2009-10 season April Monday through Thursday at Radio Rondevoo in Twin Falls. Participants will learn cheer, dance and jumps. Practice times include 4-5 p.m. for ages 6-8, 5-6 p.m. for ages 9-11 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 12-18. Ages 3-5 may Players of all abilities and contact coach Andrea Pierce experience levels are welto sign up. All participants should bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Tryouts will begin at 4 p.m., April 16. Information: Andrea

Pierce at 420-3361.

T.F. OFFERS SKATEBOARD CLINIC

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will offer a skateboard clinic April 18 and 25 and May 2 and 9. The clinic will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. at the inter-mountain west. The twin Falls Skate Park. The associationis settling raffle cost is \$25 for all four dates tickets to win a four-wheeler and ages 6 and older may attend.

Preregistration is required and may be done at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office.

Information: 736-2265.

CSI HOSTS OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

TWIN FALLS - The CSI Saturday, April 18, beginning at the CSI Tower. Events toss, 3-legged race, capture water relay, a home run derby, an obstacle course and The cost is \$30 per threeperson team. Entry deadline is April 16, with a \$5 late fee thereafter.

Information: Jason Coon at 421-2776 or jasoncoon0315@students.csi.edu.

T.F. OFFERS HERSHEY'S TRACK MEET

TWIN FALLS - The Hershey's track meet comes School. The free event is for 2009).

Birth certificates are required for proof of age. Participants may preregister TWIN FALLS – The at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office or sign-up from 8-9 a.m. on the day of the event.

Information: 736-2265.

ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE OFFERED

TWIN FALLS – USTA League Tennis is offered in the Magic Valley for men and Women ages 19 and older. come. Teams are forming now and play begins the week of May 4.

Info: Carrie Reed at 280-0935 or creed@reedgrain.com.

T.F. TO HOST SOCCER TOURNEY

TWIN FALLS – The Twin Falls Soccer Association will host the Canyon Rim Soccer Tournament April 25-26 in Twin Falls. This tournament will feature more than 1,500 young athletes from the or a scooter and will hold a drawing at 7 p.m., April 25, to announce the winner.

CSI VOLLEYBALL CAMP SIGN-UPS OPEN

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TWIN FALLS Registration is open for the College of Southern Idaho's Summer Volleyball Camp. Visit http://www.csi.edu for information. sign-up Enrollment is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

FUNDRAISER PLANNED FOR PULSIFER

TWIN FALLS А Carlee an ultimate Frisbee game. fundraiser to help Twin Falls senior Ion Pulsifer play AAU basketball for the Boise Elite will be held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, April 17, in the parking lot of Amazing Grace Church (1061 Eastland Dr.). Barry's Prime Cut Chicken Fried Steak Dinner will be served for \$10 a plate.

> Information: Mike at 316-0025.

M.V. EXPLOSION SEEKS PLAYERS

TWIN FALLS – The Magic Vallev Explosion Volleyball Club is looking for two more 16-and-under volleyball players, born on or after Sept. 1, 1992. Both sophomores and freshmen welcome.

Magic The Valley Explosion helps players work on and improve their volleyball skills by competing in tournaments in Idaho. There will be an estimated five tournaments that will involve Saturday travel and there is a financial commitment for each player on the team.

Estimated practice times will be 7-9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Information: Clovce Corder at 948-0157 or mikbug1242@live.net.

DECLO TO HOLD BASKETBALL CAMP

DECLO – Declo boys basketball coach Dee Lewis will host the third annual "Future Hornet" basketball camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Iune 1-4.

The camp is open to boys and girls who have finished grades 3 through 8. Cost is \$40 and includes a basketball and a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at all Declo school and Li'l Ones Day School in Burley.

Information: 654-2030.

Baseball

The College of Southern Idaho's Trey Mohammed pitches the ball during the Golden Eagles' doubleheader against Salt Lake Saturday in Twin Falls.



JUSTIN JACKSON/ **Times-News**

Softball

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the second and fifth innings to strand three Cardinals, while her fielders put innings three, four and six away to strand another seven.

"My pitches were moving," Bryant said. "We focused on that this week. That was the big concentration. Chelsea (Nix) called a great four games."

The Eagles scored on big hits from shortstop Megan Zimmerman in the third inning and first baseman insurance run in the seventh Brittany Gonzales in the as she finished 2-for-3.

fourth. Zimmerman, who batted 3-for-4, scored two on a one-pitch homer, while Conference play (35-15-2 bye. Gonzales roped a double to drive in a pair to make it 4-0. The freshman had struggled Friday against NIC pitching, hitting only 1-for-6.

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West

If CSI can maintain sec-

round bye in the six-team

Salt Lake

tournament.

"I was trying to get on time all day," Gonzales said. "We knew what she was throwing, but it was a matter of adjusting. Personally, I was late, so I had to make Cardinals. sure to be early."

Chappel drove in an ond place, it can earn a first-

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for the Golden Eagles, after Casey Lish threw together a gem in his first collegiate start in the opener.

The freshman right-hander from Pocatello yielded just one hit in a five-inning keep Tyler Curtis in the shutout. The Golden Eagle bullpen as a closer sticks. scoring output was anchored by Johnson's four-RBI effort.

That offensive outburst Friday. helped Lish settle in after a rigid start to piece together a but the thing with that is dream debut start.

beginning, but I settled down. Just had some nerves and was thinking about bring in there," Walker said. things a little too much," said Lish. "When I got the runs, I just told myself not to let it 1 right now." get to my head. It's my first start, and I'm still trying to impress the coaching staff satiak and let them know that I'm ready to shut the other team down no matter what the score is.

"The only thing I could talk down about myself was that I walked too many batters, which frustrated me. Normally pounding the

strike zone is my strong point."

CSI head coach Boomer Walker said Lish had done enough to potentially earn another start at the weekend, especially if the plan to But at this point CSI is really only worried about the first game at Western Nevada on

"I think he's done enough, that if (one of the Day 1 "It was pretty rocky in the starters) struggles in the second or third inning, Casey's the guy we would "But we're only worried about getting through Game

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 Game 1

 CSI 10, Soit Lake 0, five innings

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 Adam Wilson, Zane Gray (1), Brett Nathan (2) and Kyle

 Harris; Casey Lish and Cameron Cushing.

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 BB, 0 50; Gray L0 IP; 3 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 0 50;

 Nathan 2.1 P, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 50. CSI: Lish (W, I-0) 5.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 5 50.

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 Chism. RBI - CSI: Johnson 4, Cushing 2, Fox, Spencer,

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 Morrill, Craswell.

> Game 2 Salt Lake 10, CSI 4

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 Derek Christensen, Phil Lowe (5) and Felix Segovia; Trey Mohammed, Kris Gokey (3), Colby Robison (3), Logan Clewes (4), Tyler Chism (5), Dale Anderson (7) vad Victor Senerger

Logan Clewes (4), Tyler Chism (5), Dale Anderson (7) and Victor Spencer. Pitching - SLCC. Christensen (W, 4-3) 5.0 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 3 SO: Lowe 2.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO. CSI: Mohammed (L, 1-2) 2.0 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 1 SO: Gokey 0.1 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO: Robison 10 IP, 3 H, 1 E, 1 EB, 2 SO: Clewes 1.0 IP 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO: Chism 1.2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO: Anderson 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO. C - CSI: Pitching Crassell, Clewes DP - SLC1; (S1 L, LOB - SLC2 9; CSI 13. WP - SLCC: Christensen, CSI: Gokey, Chism, IBP - SLC2: Ohnson, CSI: Spencer, Wolft, Chism, 2B - SLC2: Ohnson, CSI: Spencer, Wolft, Chism, 2B - SLC2: Spencer, RBI - SLC2: Steele 2, Keller 2, McClure 2, Johnson 2, Segovia, CSI: Fox 2, Spencer, Johnson.



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overall) with just eight conference games left in the season. NIC dropped to 24-14 (28-19 overall) and will with Treasure find it difficult to overtake the Eagles for second place before the start of the Region 18 tournament in May as the Eagles are now Arizona road trips. four games up on the

No. 11 CS 1 No. 19 North Idaho Cellege 0 NIC 000 000 0 - 0 12 CSI 000 000 1 - 18 1 Karri Johnson and Renae Kimbell; McKensy Hillstead and Chelsea Nix.

CSI is now 28-10 in Community College, firmly Athletic in first, will also receive a

> The Golden Eagles will travel to Ontario, Ore., Tuesday for a doubleheader Valley Community College and then take a weekend off. They resume SWAC play on April 24 with a pair of



Pitching - NIC: Johnson (L,) 6.2 IP, 8 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 5 SO. CSI: Hillstead (W, 11-5) 7.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 5 SO. BB, 5 SU. E - NIC: Jessica Fagan, Brandi Christopher; CSI: Brittany Gonzales. DP - NIC 1. LOB - NIC 2; CSI 9. RBI - CSI: Ashley Chappel. CS - CSI: Megan

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NIC 000 010 1 - 2 6 0 CSI 002 201 X - 5 9 0 Nina Gonzalez and Renae Kimbell; Kyla Bryant and Chelsea Nix. Pitching - NIC: Gonzalez (L,) 6.0 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 6 S0, 1 HB. CSI: Bryant (W, 8-4) 7.0 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 E, 3 BB, 5 S0, 1 HB. E - none. LOB - NIC 9; CSI 7. 2B - NIC: Lauren Maloney, Brianna Harbour; CSI: Megan Zimmerman, Brittany Gonzales, McKensy Hillstead. HR - CSI: Zimmerman, RBI - NIC: Harbour 2; CSI: Zimmerman 2, Gonzales 2, Ashley Chappel. HBP - NIC: Harbour; CSI: Gonzales, SH - NIC: Danyelle Hutchinson, SF - NIC: Harbour.

Bradley Guire may be reached at 208-735-3229 or bguire@magicvalley.com.

SPORTS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS University of Kentucky, Calipari follow in 'Bama's footsteps

By John Zenor Associated Press writer

As much as John Calipari understands the huge expectations that come with being Kentucky's new basketball coach, it's probably not possible to completely imagine all that awaits him.

If anyone could tell him how to navigate the challenge that's in store, it would be Alabama football coach Nick Saban.

His advice?

Keep it simple. Focus on "the process" and leave the national title talk to the fans and the rumors to the Internet and talk radio. Recruit and develop talented players and you have a chance to succeed whether at a powerhouse program or a smaller school.

All the rest? It's just noise. Saban says the potential distractions are just a little louder and more pronounced at the traditional powers - like Alabama football and Kentucky basketball.

"People that have these kinds of jobs that can do that and not be affected by external factors probably have a better chance to succeed, because it can be very distracting," said Saban, who frequently refers to the process for building and maintaining a program.

Saban was handed a record-setting eight-year, \$4 million-a-year contract three years ago to restore a proud program to greatness - and put a few more championship trophies on the heavily laden shelves. The Tide went 12-2 and rose to a No. 1 ranking in his second year last season.

Now, it's Calipari's turn.

The Wildcats made the same kind of splashy, seemingly can't-miss hire when they turned to the former Memphis coach who has a gaudy won-loss record and. like Saban, a reputation as a formidable recruiter. Even the dollars added up nearly the same.

Calipari is scheduled to



John Calipari arrives for a news conference April 1, his first as the new Kentucky basketball coach in Lexington, Ky. Calipari faces lofty expectations.

NCAA tournament for the first time since 1991. The program hasn't been to the Final Four in 11 years, the longest drought between to Alabama's six football national semifinals in national titles and the seven school history, and the most Kentucky boasts in hoops. recent title came in 1998.

That's why you want to coach here."

And it's why Saban and Calipari were hired. To add

"As we were doing the hir-Calipari gleefully noted at ing of coach Saban, I wanted his introductory news con- a coach who had won a ference on April 1 that the national championship, that 'Cats "don't put banners up could hopefully take this here for anything else program back to that level or They have national reputa-

last season, missing the except national champions. position this program to be one of the better programs in the country," Alabama athletic director Mal Moore said. "I think that's the approach that Kentucky has taken."

> the hirings and the recordsetting salaries.

Both programs have icons: Adolph Rupp at Kentucky, Bear Bryant at Alabama.

John Calipari gleefully noted at his introductory news conference on April 1 that the 'Cats "don't put banners up here for anything else except national champions. That's why you want to coach here."

tions and fan bases that cherish them. Their fortunes before the high-profile hirings had been up and down.

"In the case of Alabama, they are the state university," said C.M. Newton, a former Southeastern Conference basketball coach and Kentucky athletic director who now lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala. "Auburn is in the same state, but Alabama kind of rules it. The same is true with and Kentucky the Commonwealth. Louisville has a good program but Kentucky is the state university.

"There are many, many The similarities go beyond similarities. The expectations of the fans in Alabama football is that they compete on an annual basis for a national championship. That's the same ful, here but we'll never say expectation of a basketball that."

fan at Kentucky."

Saban said he doesn't know Calipari, though their coaching careers seem to have parallels.

Both have led multiple programs into national title contention - and had lessthan-stellar success in the pros. Calipari, who was 137-14 over the past four years with Memphis, lasted 20 games into his third season with the New Jersey Nets. Saban spent two seasons with the Miami Dolphins.

Now, the challenge is not to buy into the hoopla or pay attention to rumors. (As an example, Saban cited a recent story on talk radio and the Internet that had him retiring.)

"I think John Calipari's probably proven he's been able to do that at several dif-ferent places," Saban said. "My suspicion is that he'll do a very good job there. People who get affected by all those things probably have a more difficult time staying focused on the task and let those things affect them. At the end of the day when it doesn't work out, they end up saying, 'I really didn't do it the way I wanted to do it because I was influenced to do it some other kind of way?

"We may not be success-



make \$31.65 million over eight years, a skinny 1.1 percent less than Saban's \$32 million over the same period.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart feels the two hires are good for winning and for business.

"I know they've had obviously some really strong success on the football field, and off the field it has helped solidify the brand of Alabama football," Barnhart said. "From a revenue perspective, from a brand perspective, from recognition, it has certainly had an impact in those areas of bringing them back to the forefront of where they want to be.

"That's what we want to do with Kentucky basketball. We want to get back to the tradition and what people know us for, and that's greatness in college basketball and being a great brand name for the league and college basketball."

The impact was immediate at 'Bama. Saban's first spring game drew 92,000plus fans - for a glorified scrimmage.

Kentucky season tickets have been sold out for years, so Calipari's immediate impact is harder to gauge. That said, highly touted recruit DeMarcus Cousins of Alabama recently pledged to join him and fans snapped up 700 Calipari T-shirts from UK's online store in the first two hours they were on sale.

All 'Bama fans needed to know was that Saban had won a share of the national title at LSU before heading to the NFL's Miami Dolphins. Wildcats fans are hoping the success Calipari had at Memphis and Massachusetts, guiding both programs to the Final Four, will transfer to Kentucky.

The Wildcats went 22-14

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DEAR ABBY: My fatherin-law passed away in 2002 and had a friend I'll call "Roy," who was his skiing buddy. This "friend" now comes to Canada every winter for a 10-day vacation. He expects us to drive him to his destination two and at times blizzard-like conditions, leave him there for a week, return the following weekend at night, stay the weekend and then host him for two to three davs

Abby, this is a busy time of year for me. It is not our vacation time. My husband thinks it's no big deal, but I feel differently. I have tried to get my husband to stop this "chauffeur" duty back and forth each year, to no avail. This year, Roy will be spending an extra two nights at our home. I am too busy to entertain, cook meals, etc. Please advise!

 TRAPPED IN CALGARY

DEAR TRAPPED: Look at it this way. To your husband, Roy is a living link to his deceased father. That may be the reason he does not regard Roy's annual visits as an imposition.

Because you do, and you need to concentrate on your business, encourage your husband to take Roy to the slopes, spend the weekend with him and bring him home. Playing hostess for a night or two shouldn't be too

IF APRIL 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You feel like you are in the good graces of the zodiac this year. People appreciate your hard work and dedication to duty, and respect your wisdom. You continue to enjoy favorable reviews and good fortune through June, so use this time to interview for jobs, make crucial changes or make a love relationship permanent. Relationships resonate with trust and sincerity. This is a good time to bind an old love just a bit tighter or make a firm commitment to a new one. Benefit from someone's generosity, ask for favors or an unexpected receive chance to make huge improvements in your life in August. Anything worth having will go easily that month – but if it is wrong



hours away, over icy roads much to ask - and the bulk of the load will be off your shoulders.

> DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their 70s. Both are generous and loving. Over the years Mom has refused to accept any act of generosity or gift, large or small, from any of her children. This includes birthdays, their anniversary and all major holidays. In the past, she would return our gifts to the mall.

resorted to giving her and Dad gift cards or food because they can't be returned. Each time we do we get a lecture from her in a reprimanding tone, telling us we "spent too much." (We're a practical clan; we do not spend a lot of money or buy anything lavish.) Following the reprimand, Mother then passes out large checks to each of us and our children.

Mom will not accept a dinner invitation at my home. When one of us hosts a family party, she insists on writing a check to cover the cost of the food. When happy Easter to all of you!

we're out for an occasional lunch or dinner, she grabs the check and becomes upset if one of us tries to pay for it.

We're all mature adults with good incomes. This quirk of hers has become frustrating and embarrassing. Does Mom have low self-esteem and can't accept an act of generosity, or is she a control freak? If we eliminated the gift-giving, she would still continue doling out the checks. What can we do?

> - OVER IT IN RACINE, WIS. DEAR OVER IT: Your

mother is obviously wellfixed. She sees her role as matriarch of your family, and part of that role is being a provider. On some level, she In recent years we have may feel that anything you spend on her would be better spent on yourselves and your children.

The IRS allows a certain amount of money to be given as a gift every year, tax-free. The checks your mother is handing out may be her way of trying to transfer wealth within the family.

My advice is to graciously accept her generosity. At this point you're not going to change your mother. You Aside from the holidays, can, however, change the way you are reacting to her and love her, quirk and all.

> CONFIDENTIAL TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: A

ahead, steer clear of intrigues and people who might have hidden agendas. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can't play rap music during the church choir's hallelujah chorus and expect applause. Wait for an appropriate time and place to show off. You can't "do your own thing" in group settings this week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your holiday might unfold in Beach Boys harmony, especially if you are on spring break. This week, watch out for excess spending and self-indulgence. Don't overdo the chocolate Easter candy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22faith is restored. Depend on Jan. 19): You are fine unless intuition, not experience, you try to make a quick profit with investments. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is Then you freeze up like a ever wise to keep all your deer caught in the head-





20): You are on a roll and it

may entail more than an

Easter egg in the grass. Use

your imagination in the

week to come and you will

be able to put your most

creative and innovative

CANCER (June 21-July

22): Spring, like hope,

returns in a dependable way.

There are fleeting doubts or

temporary misgivings but

eventually you will find your

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for you, the way will be blocked.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You prefer purple Easter eggs with pink stripes. You may harbor a secret desire to rebel against conventions or do something outrageous. People are easily fooled by your pleasant manners during the week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was white as snow and everywhere Mary went the lamb was sure to go. You might find in the week ahead that a lovable lamb has become smitten with you as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June

Today is Easter Sunday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2009. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1861, the President Harry S. Truman. American Civil War began as Confederate forces bombarded Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

On this date:

In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

In 1877, the catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game, by James Tyng of Harvard in a game against the Lynn Live Oaks.

In 1908, fire devastated the city of Chelsea, Mass.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald was first published in book form by Charles Scribner's Sons after being serialized in Scribner's Magazine.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice

eggs in one basket, even the Easter basket. Make sure you are financially diversified, as this isn't the time to consolahead. idate. This is a great week to enhance romantic understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Business and pleasure are like oil and water and won't mix in the week ahead. Rather than trying to play the part of the consummate professional, offer sympathy and keep the door open like a confessional.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be sure to wear your new Easter bonnet. At the very least, find something new to show off or enjoy this or direction. They seem weekend. During the week

> president had lied about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky in a deposition in the Paula Jones case.

streetwise and cynical.

week.

Five years ago: A federal judge allowed a nationwide ban on dietary supplements containing ephedra to take effect, turning aside a plea from two manufacturers. Abelardo Flores and Fatima Holloway pleaded guilty in Houston to taking part in a smuggling scheme that resulted in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants abandoned in a sweltering truck trailer. Barry Bonds hit his 660th home run to tie godfather Willie Mays for third on baseball's career list.

to the polls to elect Harold One year ago: Democrat Barack Obarna conceded that comments he'd made privately during a fundraiser about bitter working class voters who "cling to guns or religion" were ill chosen. Boston College won the NCAA hockey championship, 4-1, over Notre Dame. The United States won its second women's world hockey championship, court, concluding that the upsetting Canada 4-3.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1955, the Salk vaccine

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut

Yuri Gagarin became the first

man to fly in space, orbiting

the earth once before making

In 1981, the space shuttle

In 1983, Chicagoans went

In 1989, former boxing

Sugar

Rav

Columbia blasted off from

Cape Canaveral, Fla., on its

Washington the city's first

Robinson died in Culver City,

Calif., at age 67; radical

activist Abbie Hoffman was

found dead at his home in

Ten years ago: U.S.

District Judge Susan Webber

Wright cited President Bill

Clinton for contempt of

New Hope, Pa., at age 52.

against polio was declared

safe and effective.

a safe landing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Jerome has Amended its Agency Plan in compliance with the 2009 American Recovery Reinvestment Act & Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at 200 Elm St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho. The Authority's hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Friday. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the Housing Authority of the City of Jerome (Heritage Homes Community Center) located at 100 N Fillmore, Jerome, Idaho at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited.

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of Idaho will accept public comment on its American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding plan for the U.S. Department of Energy's Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The ARRA State Plan is available for review at Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho, located at 5400 W. Franklin Rd., Suite G in Boise, Idaho. A public hearing on the plan will be held from 9:00 12:00 pm on Wednesday April 22, 2009 in Boise at El Ada Community Action Partnership, 2250 Vista, Boise, Idaho.

The Weatherization Assistance Program assists low-income families through the installation of weatherization measures in their homes. The measures include insulation, air sealing, and heating systems improvements that enhance the energy efficiency of the homes. Program services help eligible families reduce their heating costs, promoting the health and safety of the family and conserving energy resources. Summary of changes to the 2009 State Plan:

- Increase in the average allowable weatherization expenditure per unit as directed by DOE
- Development of Ramp Up plan to increase weatherization production statewide
- Development of standardized processes for program delivery and training
- Utilization of ARRA funds over a two year period

Public comments for written testimony on the State Plan will be accepted from April 12, 2009 April 22, 2009. Send or deliver comments to:

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Dear Mr. Wolff:

Is it correct that only declarer can claim honors? I thought any player at the table could claim honors but I've been told that you have to play the hand to take them. Shut Out, North Bay, Ontario

ANSWER: You are right Anyone, be it dummy or defender, gets them if entitled. At a trump contract anyone with at least four of the five trump honors can claim them. As I think I mentioned before, I have had the embarrassment of having an opponent claim honors when I was in four hearts doubled!

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I held ♠ Q-3, ♥ K-9-7-3-2, ♦ A-J-7-4, ♣ K-3 and opened one heart in third seat. My LHO made a two-diamond overcall, and my partner doubled, negative. What would you do now? I passed and caught my partner with three hearts, five spades and six points, so two diamonds came home.

Trapper John, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

ANSWER: Your action was reasonable, since it sounds as if your partner actually had an entirely normal raise to two hearts, not a double. Though spades might have been the best strain for your side, a simple raise to two hearts by him gets you into a playable fit and limits the hand - two things that one should try to do as quickly as possible on any deal!

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In your Bid with the Aces problems, which do you assume IMPs or matchpoints? Sometimes it doesn't seem clear to me - or are you deliberately not telling us?

Apples or Oranges? Panama City, Fla.

ANSWER: You can assume that you are playing teams or rubber bridge. Having said that, I firmly believe that the idea of not letting the opponents have too easy a time springs from pairs, but should be carried over to teams as well. The occasional disaster is more than outweighed by the moderate but frequent gains by this approach.

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In rubber bridge on the last deal of a Chicago, my hand was A-K-3, ♥ Q-J-10-4, ♦ J-7-3-2, ♣ A-4. My LHO opened one club and was raised to two clubs, which would have been game for the opponents. I doubled, and when my partner bid two hearts. I heard three clubs on my right. Was I supposed to bid three hearts? Suffice it to say I got it wrong!

Rueful Roland, Springfield, Mass.

ANSWER: Playing with a competent partner, especially an aggressive one, you are supposed to pass. If three hearts is a sensible action, he will bid it himself. Playing with a weak partner, you may have to bid his cards for him and apologize if wrong.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

You recently discussed an auction where you open one club, LHO bids one heart, partner bids one spade, RHO raises to two hearts, and you double. You say your double shows "extras." Really? Or does it just confirm short hearts and an unwillingness to sell out to two hearts when the opponents have at least an eight-card fit?

Marking Time, Trenton, N.J.

ANSWER: You are correct in a sense that the extras you have shown may just be shape, not significant high cards. But assuming that the double does not specifically guarantee three-card spade support (the ever-popular support double), I'd take your double to suggest 3-1 or 2-2 in the majors and 15-plus points.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072 @aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolffie mindspring com

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FEATURES EDITOR VIRGINIA HUTCHINS: (208) 735-3242 VIRGINIA.HUTCHINS@LEE.NET



Kyndal Hults was born after just 27 weeks' gestation, weighing 1 pound, 6 ounces. After 80 days in a Boise hospital, Kyndal came home to mom and dad, Nicole and David Hults of Wendell. The family spent a night in a room-inn at the Boise hospital before Kyndal was released, where Nicole and David learned more about how to care for their daughter at home.

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Group advocates for transitional rooms in new T.F. hospital

By Ariel Hansen Times-News writer

Imagine: Your baby has been sick, in the hospital for weeks or even months on medications and machines, with nurses and doctors hovering day and night. Tomorrow you get to take your baby home, but tonight you're terrified.

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A group of Magic Valley moms and dads who have experienced room-inns elsewhere want these transitional spaces to be available in Twin Falls, and they success-



fully campaigned to have two room-inns designed into the plans of the new St. Luke's medical center, scheduled to open in 2011. Now they're looking to the community to help them fund the in Twin Falls. room and its furnishings.

have it is something that needs to be fixed," said Dr. Jane Scott, neonatologist and pediatrician at St. Luke's Magic Valley. "With the new hospital coming, it's a great time for us to have a little leadtime to get funds together."

the group, which calls itself A Child's Whisper, to ask for her support in getting room-inns

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News Chad Davis, 4, talks with his mother, Stephanie, on Wednesday as she shows him a photo of the first time he smiled. Davis was born three months early, and weighed a little over two pounds.

"It was powerful to listen to "It's a great idea, and to not these women, and this is what they wanted, because they thought this is probably one of the most important things that can be made available to stressed-out parents," Scott said. "A lot of these mothers have had no medical training whatsoever, and it's pret-She was recently approached by ty scary for them to go home with an infant like this."

See ROOM-INNS, FL 3

WANT TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN?

The group advocating the "room-inn" rooms at the new St. Luke's medical center in Twin Falls will hold what they are calling "A Kid Again FUNdraiser," at which they encourage adults to behave like kids - inflatable bouncy house, giant Twister board, Monster Boxing and mechanical bull. There will also be karaoke, a costume corner with photo booth, putting greens, palm reader, balloon artist and Wii challenges, and recreational items up for silent auction. The event will begin at 6 p.m. May 8 at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. The 21-and-over event will also feature junk food and specialty beverages. Tickets are \$35, available at 737-2480. Monetary donations in the name of the group, A Child's Whisper, are also welcome.



Chad Davis, 4, plays with his mother, Stephanie, at their Filer home. She is a cofounder of a group called A Child's Whisper which is working with the Twin Falls hospital as it develops rooms, like a hotel, for parents to spend a couple of nights with their premature babies while they're still in the hospital with an assigned nurse.

|Four babies three room-inns

Chad: The boy was born have the monitors at home," after just six months of pregnancy, Stephanie said. So they spent a and his mom, Stephanie Davis of night in a room-inn at the Boise Filer, had to be taken by air ambu-hospital before traveling back to lance to a hospital in Boise. Chad Filer. "It's really simple when I stayed there until he was 3 months look back on it now, but getting old - near his original due date - through one night with him, placbut he continued to use sensors for ing these monitors, successful sleep apnea and have asthmatic feeding with no problems, were spells by the time the doctors told proof to me that I've got the his parents they could take him knowledge, I've learned a lot from home.

"I kept telling the doctor, I don't

See BABIES, FL 3

Introduce us to a special Magic Valley mother

Perhaps you know a particularly inspiring mother. Or one who overcame tremendous obstacles as she nurtured her arms, opened her heart and mothered families other than her own

If so, please tell us about her. we want to devote the Family Life Twin Falls county. Tell us why each of you live. section front to an extraordinary her story would be inspiring to children. Or one who spread her southern Idaho mother. But we our readers. need you to introduce us to her.

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Camas, Cassia, Gooding, tact information for both you with "Mother" in the subject On Mother's Day next month, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka or and her; and the towns where line.

> information is correct, including April 26. name spellings.

E-mail your nomination: Send may quote from any nomination it to virginia.hutchins@lee.net we receive.

The deadline: We must receive Please make sure all your your nomination by Sunday,

In our Mother's Day story, we

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: Roast beef Tuesday: Lasagna Wednesday: Potato bar Thursday: Ham and beans Friday: Seafood alfredo ACTIVITIES: Monday: Quilting, 8 a.m. Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Tai chi, 1 p.m., \$1 **Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon Oil painting by appointment, Don 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 Board meeting Gem State Fiddlers Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Oil painting by appointment, Don at 734-0509 Friday: Quilting, 8 a.m. 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: Bean soup and sandwich Tuesday: Cheeseburger Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Birthday dinner, chicken-fried steak ACTIVITIES: Today: Center closed Monday: SilverSneakers exer-

cise program, 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday:** Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Jackpot, Nev., trip, 3 p.m. Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

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: Hot turkey sandwich

Wednesday: Taco salad Friday: Roast beef ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise. 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS: Monday: Lemon pepper cod Tuesday: Chili verde burrito Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese Thursday: Swiss steak ACTIVITIES: Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild one, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Taxes, 9 a.m. to noon Pool. 9:30 a.m. Music with the Fiddlers 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 140 E. Lake, Hagerman.

Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Ribs and sauerkraut Wednesday: Sloppy Joe Friday: Ham ACTIVITIES: Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free transportation to and from center Wednesdays through Fridays, call center for information at 324-5642.

MENUS:

Monday: Sloppy Joe **Tuesday:** Barbecue riblets Wednesday: Chicken a la king Thursday: Tater Tot casserole Friday: Country-fried steak ACTIVITIES: Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Free massages 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 Threads of Time, 1 to 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Square dancing

Potluck, 6 p.m., Creek Side Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Kids Club, 4 to 6 p.m.

Silver and Gold **Senior Center**

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:

Tuesday: Sauerkraut burger Thursday: Beef stew 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: Sausage gravy and

biscuits Thursday: Reuben sandwich **Golden Years Senior** Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. MENUS:

Tuesday: Tuna noodle casserole

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich Friday: Meatballs and gravy

ACTIVITIES: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo Taxes done in Shoshone Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo Saturday: Pancake breakfast

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10.

Ouilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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. MÉNUS:

Tuesday: Beef stroganoff Wednesday: Vegetarian lasagna Friday: Birthday lunch, roast beef

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Salad and soup bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Tea at Blaine Manor, 3 p.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Foot clinic, 10 a.m. Knitting, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m. Win on Wednesday Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Linda from Congressman Simpson's office Yoga, 5:30 p.m. **Thursday:** Jerome and Twin Falls shopping trip, 8:30 a.m. Foot clinic, 10 a.m. to noon Volunteer training, 10:30 a.m. Friday: Fit and Fall-proof, 1 p.m. Open house, 4:30 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. MENU: Thursday: Birthday lunch, roast beef

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: Barbecue beef on a bun

Tuesday: Meatloaf Wednesday: Enchiladas Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

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.

Friday: Chicken or fish

ACTIVITIES:

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: Tater Tot casserole Tuesday: Chicken burger Wednesday: Ham Thursday: Birthday choice Friday: Salisbury steak

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.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES: Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Surprise(.com)! Online parties a real celebration

Thursday: Free Will Baptist

Church

By Rose Hanson For The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The guest of honor won't have cake to eat, presents to unwrap or guests to shout "surprise?"

At a virtual party, people post pictures of cupcakes (calorie free!), offer silly imaginary presents (a troop of gnomes!) and include music videos (Antonio Banderas plays guitar!).

Online parties are popping up as a way to let farflung loved ones or people who don't care for big gettogethers celebrate.

Thad Gifford-Smith, 46, of Putnam Valley, N.Y., set up an online party for his wife Mary's 41st birthday in November after he failed to plan a surprise when she turned 40. He invited friends to join a group on Facebook that he labeled "Mary's Super Secret Virtual Surprise Birthday Party."

be this small little joke," he said.

Then the party grew.

He was thrilled when a friend provided a college photo of his wife with a About 80 people signed up for the party page. Throughout her birthday, Mary got text messages, emails, phone calls and videos on Facebook. "She just got barraged that day," Gifford-Smith said.

The parties are hard to track, but several hundred birthday-related domains are registered each month Rogers hopes people use his funny stories about cats at GoDaddy.com, which free site to post greetings and dogs. The responses, sells Web site domains for for occasions beyond birth-



AP photo Deb Boyken sits at her computer with her dog Chappy at her home in Denville, N.J. Dogs and cats are getting online parties too, complete with gifts of bones or kitty treats sent as photos by e-mail. It's a lot easier to get a bunch of dogs together virtually,' said Boyken, who organized a party for Chappy last summer on her blog.

"I thought it was going to usurprise.com kicked off a such as graduations, a welvear ago with daily requests come for a new neighbor from people wanting to post parties, said creator Steve Rogers, of Delray Beach, Fla.

Online party hosts are dated haircut and sweater. quick to say their electronic celebrations are not a sad substitute for a regular party – they simply allow distant loved ones to participate. Some turn to an bunch of dogs together vironline party because the person being feted doesn't like surprises or big gettogethers.

Others see the parties as a \$1.99 and up. The new site days and anniversaries, by the pet, included stories

and other "random acts of kindness."

"Think of it more as a giant card," he said.

Dogs and cats are getting online parties too, complete with gifts of bones or kitty treats sent as photos by email.

"It's a lot easier to get a tually," said Deb Boyken, who organized a party for her spaniel last summer on her blog "Chappy's Mom."

Boyken, 42, of Denville, quick, inexpensive gift. N.J., asked guests to post usually worded as if written

about a cat falling while chasing its tail and a dog eating crayons.

"It was fun. The cleanup was really easy. No fur balls floating around the house, no muddy paw prints," she said.

For her dog Bailey's birthday after a bout of cancer, Bev Van Zant posted photos of the bichon frise wearing a party hat, video Honolulu, created the virof Bailey celebrating with a real cake, and a picture of Bailey sleeping off all the birthday excitement.

"Understand, my dog means everything to me," said Van Zant, of Dayton, Ohio.

Some of the most entertaining features of online party, it's still going on."

party Web sites would be difficult to replicate at a traditional party. At an online baby shower, the public was invited to suggest names, and another party page included a game to allow people to draw mustaches on a photo of the birthday girl.

Some people add videos of their children singing "Happy Birthday," background dance music, fun facts about the honored person and detailed family histories for couples celebrating anniversaries.

Debbie Ridpath Ohi, 47, of Toronto, has thrown about a dozen online parties, including the ones with the gifts of gnomes and the Antonio Banderas video.

Chuck Williams created his own virtual birthday party a few years ago and used photos of family and friends from various parties to make it appear everyone was attending a bash for him. He said he threw in "the cheesiest" dancing music he could find, including a version of the party song "Dancing Queen."

His wife had collected the photos of people dancing or holding drinks and hung them around their kitchen as his 41st birthday present.

Williams, 44. of tual version of the makebelieve party to share the photos with others. Three years later, he continues to add pictures to the Web site sometimes.

"To people who know me, it's just really funny," he said. They'll say, "Oh, the

Children's Day Out activities cater to preschoolers

Times-News

The Early Childhood Education Program at the College of Southern Idaho will hold a free Children's Day Out event for youngsters and their parents or care providers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 20 at the Boys and Girls Club on Frontier Field Road in Twin Falls.

The event is for children ages 0-8, featuring a "fish" pond for prizes, face painting, a jump house, hands-on demonstrations by several CSI departments and free refreshments.

The event celebrates the Week of the Young Child. Information: early childhood education professor Evin Fox at 732-6872 or efox@csi.edu.

Check out what's new online at magicvalley.com

Wise paths still lead to the library

he complaint rings like a broken record. Whether friends who are married with children, or colleagues who are still riding single on the social scene, people harp on how southern Idaho can be a high desert of boredom. Some of them say Twin



Falls' nightlife is as enlightening as a night at the library.

I find that a bit insulting, especially to the Twin Falls Public Library.

Of all the landmarks, attractions, tourist traps, gin-joints and daredevil stunts this town has to offer, I'd place the public library near the top of the list. For a town of 40,000 inhabitants, it's as impressive a facility as you'll find.

I'm kind of a library nut myself. And you can climb Balanced Rock and fish Dierkes Lake only so many times in a year before you need a new creative outlet. Regardless of the season, my entire family can spend an hour in the library and discover a trove of educational resources to last weeks.

This week the Twin Falls library celebrates 100 years of existence. If you think about it, a library's centennial celebration is quite the achievement for a settlement of pioneers, irrigators and ranchers.

A short time after the town was founded, folks began gathering donated material for a reading room on Main Avenue. Susan Ash. director of the library, says a woman known today only as Mrs. Joseph Seaver rallied the collection effort by hauling a book cart around town to pick up donated volumes. The task of collecting books lasted almost five years before the new library could make its first formal pur-



Little Leaguers David Spinelli, left, and Sean Tait waiting their turn for batting practice before the start of the 2005 state tournament for 9- and 10-year olds in Bellefonte, Pa. Two million kids ages 5-12 play Little League, but only 240,000 kids ages 13-18 play.

Little League loses kids in teen years

By Beth J. Harpaz Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Nothing beats the start of baseball season, and I don't mean the big leagues. I'm talking about Little League kids picking up mitts and bats for the first time in months, getting to know new teammates and coaches, and looking sharp in clean uniforms, before the inevitable grass stains sully those white pants and their cleats get caked with mud.

Parents love the fresh start, too. There's nothing I'd rather do on a sunny spring day than watch my son play baseball. That first game in April always fills me with hope that this might be the best team ever, with the best coach ever, playing the best season ever.

There's just one problem. My son is 11, and before he even met his team this year, he announced that this would be his last season.

away from youth baseball as he nears adolescence. Two million kids ages 5-12 play Little League, but only

League Baseball spokesman top level, they start to get Christopher Downs. Downs says the organization is working on retaining older players and on involving teenagers in other ways, as volunteer coaches and umpires. Little League has also worked with ESPN to televise teenage divisions' World Series.

But maybe it's inevitable that kids' priorities change as they mature. They have more homework and new social lives and don't always love baseball enough to put in long hours of practice and play. If they also play basketball, soccer or football, they often start specializing in one sport by middle school, rather than alternating with the seasons. My son plays basketball too, and prefers the quicker pace to baseball.

Sid Fernando, a coach in my neighborhood whose two sons play, says the game also gets more competitive as kids age. For one thing, He's not alone in veering the diamond gets bigger, with more ground to cover between bases and between the pitcher and batter.

240,000 kids ages 13-18 transition, but "you get a lot play, according to Little of kids, if they're not in the

pushed out," Fernando said. Even good players face hard choices if they want to play on a high school team. don't follow professional "Colleges start to scout you very early on," Fernando said. Juggling practices and games with homework and friends outside the team to play. They learn to value requires strong time-management skills. "If they're not that great at the sport, why pursue it? Even for the kids who have a shot at mak-

ing it, it's a very difficult adjustment," he said. I asked users of

Kiwibox.com, a social networking site for teens and 20-somethings, why kids drop sports when they hit high school, and got this comment among others: "I played a lot of sports in lower he'd tell the kids. "Don't just and middle school, but they were just too competitive in high school," wrote Chelsea Doyle, 24. "I wanted to have fun, but there was all the drama over who would get picked for varsity or JV, and then this whole new hierarchy of who was 'better' because they got on the better team. Plus winning n't win, they had fun any-Some kids can make the became the entire point of playing the game, and it just stopped being fun."

Still, I was surprised by TheLittleLeagueCoach.com how sad I felt about my son's announcement that this would be his last season. I sports, and I was never on a team growing up. But I see how much more kids get out of baseball than just learning fitness. They see that practice and hard work pay off with improved performance. And if they have a good coach, they can learn as much about life as they do about the game.

A few years ago, my son had a coach named Mike Colt who was especially good at giving advice that resonated beyond the field. "Cheer for your teammates, but don't dis the other guy," stand there, be a hitter! And when you strike out, don't blame yourself. Tip your hat to the other team's pitcher for a job well done."

I loved Mike's emphasis on honor, effort and grace. surprisingly, Not his approach inspired a lot of wins, and when the kids didway.

coaching about

, says the best thing adults can do to keep teenagers playing "is to keep the game fun and simple. Notice I didn't say 'noncompetitive,' just inviting and friendly. Kids want to be part of something, they need to belong and be accepted. It is up to us as adults to create welcoming environments where they are not chastised or ridiculed. If they are not superstars, they can be encouraged, and positive reinforcement will build character and self-confidence."

My son's new coach does all that and more. At the first game, he gave constructive advice when the kids messed up, and cheered them on, without gloating, when they succeeded. They won, 11-6, and every kid went home feeling that he'd contributed.

And guess what? My son changed his mind about quitting baseball. I think he'd forgotten, over the long winter, just how good it feels to hit the ball, steal a base or pitch a strike. This may or may not be his best season Rick McBride, who blogs ever, but at least, he tells me, at it won't be his last.

chase.

Why spend five years bartering for books? Because, like some of us, they probably found the sage-covered desert a somewhat dreary place to call home. But they did something about it. I imagine a reading roomturned-library was a powerful connection to the outside world that offered horizons of learning beyond their homestead walls.

The same message would certainly apply today. It may be hard to believe, but in our days filled with school, baseball, gymnastics, Boy Scouts, piano lessons and Guitar Hero, my kids still love to go to the library. They literally can't leave the place without their arms full of books, and they don't spend any time on the library computers.

Over the years, I've paid more for lost books and overdue fines than I care to, but it's part of a worthwhile investment. The payoffs are bright minds, good study habits and a reliance upon the written word for valuable information.

You see, while economists may be predicting the end of newspapers, printed publications and, yes, even libraries, I tend to ignore them as silly canards. Especially when I watch my kids race into a library for something they can't get on the TV or Internet.

Sometimes, even the information superhighway can't keep up with Mrs. Seaver and her book cart.

David Cooper is a father of five. Reach him at dcooper@magicvalley.com.

Room-inns

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Scott anticipates the rooms will be used primarily as overnight learning spaces as families prepare to bring their babies home. But they can also be used as temporary housing for parents who have come from many miles away to be near sick infants, as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit cannot itself accommodate parents staying at their child's cribside for more than short visits. Between these two uses, Scott anticipates there will the room-inns aren't used. room-inns. The event is up.

Babies

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these nurses and doctors, they have prepared me. It was so comforting and gratifying, I went from fear to total excitement."

Today, Chad is 4, and his mom says he amazes her every day. He's also her inspiration to advocate in Magic Valley for the services she got in Boise. "It's the kids who are the heroes of our stories; they're the ones who inspired us," she said.

Kyndal: Born at 27 weeks, the little Porath of Twin Falls were preparing to bring girl lost her twin brother within 12 hours of her home to her brother that they used a his birth, and she weighed just 1 pound, 6 ounces. In some of the first photos of her, she's covered in tape and tubes, her tiny ribs poking through her chest. Over the next 80 days, Kyndal gained 3 pounds and was finally ready to go home. Mom and dad Nicole and David Hults of Wendell spent a that situation or not, you come up with night in a room-inn to help them prepare.

"There were so many setbacks at the hospital, you're afraid those same things will happen at home," Nicole said. "It's more than the first-time mom jitters. It's just a transitional place, it's basically your first night alone with your baby, and ences, from the sterile and stiff to almost like knowing the nurses are there if you need home - was the comfort she felt in the them."

Nicole said she wants every local parent

WHO IS IN THE GROUP?

The group advocating for the room-inns is called A Child's Whisper - an acronym for Actively Caring, Helping, Inspiring, Devoting, Sharing, While Healing, Involving & Supporting Each other & our Region.

The group and its supporters include parents and relatives, doctors and other medical practitioners, and members of the hospital board and foundation.

For information about the group, or to join, call Stephanie Davis at 948-0799.

inns are a great place to start.

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the middle of the night."

– Ariel Hansen

To help parents feel it's billed as a time for adults to more like home and less act like kids, complete with like the sleek, sterile NICU, all the fun activities usual-A Child's Whisper is hold-ly found at children's the infants' and children's ing a fundraiser in May to birthday parties - plus a wards, and they plan to reached at 208-788-3475 or scarcely be a night when both build and furnish the few drinks to loosen things involve everyone they can.

"Kids always have a special place in evervone's heart." - Stephanie Davis, co-founder of A Child's Whisper

room-inns are complete, the group will continue have a special place in advocating and fundraising for other needed items in

"Some people say this is a moms' group, but it isn't, it's a community group for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. The dads are just as important in this whole picture," said Stephanie Davis, one of the group's founders. "Once we are known to the com-And A Child's Whisper munity, it will even surwon't stop there. Once the prise me, the response we'll get. ... Kids always everyone's heart."

> Ariel Hansen may be ahansen@magicvalley.com.



New crop of Earth Day books inspire, empower kids

By Leanne Italie

Associated Press writer

Endangered species, energy hogs and mountains of garbage may sound like insurmountable grown-up problems to little people looking to make a difference on Earth Day, April 22.

Fear not. With save-the-planet buzz filling up their worlds, kids have a fresh crop of books that break down eco-issues into bite-size vocabulary lessons, simple reuse and recycle projects and easy ways to get inspired.

"The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle" (Simon & Schuster, \$3.99, ages 4-6) by Alison Inches and illustrated by Pete Whitehead.

A very, very happy glob of crude oil keeps a diary of his journey through the manufacturing chain. He becomes a bottle of water then gets shredded, heated and extruded at a recycling plant to be reborn as synthetic fleece fit for an astronaut. An age-appropriate glossary is included.





Red Shoe?" (Henry Holt, \$16.95, ages 4-7) by Anna Alter.

With sweet rhymes about everynail-pounding, sewing and cutting help save it. required.



"S is for Save the Planet" "What Can You Do with an Old (Sleeping Bear Press, \$17.95, ages illustrated by Paul Meisel. 6-10) written by Brad Herzog and illustrated by Linda Holt Ayriss.

day discards, children learn from book that offers up C for carpool- crystal clear to kids who may need animal kids how to turn a worn-out ing, V for vermicomposting and X a climate change primer: gasoline shoe into a planter, an orphaned for xeriscaping - all adequately is made from petroleum. flip-flop into an art stamp and a explained. Each letter is also Petroleum is a fossil fuel. Once it's torn T-shirt into a pillow. The craft, accompanied by chunkier text for gone, it'll take millions of years storage and decorative projects older kids on how the planet came before even the promise of more have numbered steps. Some adult to be in shambles and how they can can surface.



So Bad "What's About Gasoline?" (HarperCollins, \$5.99, ages 5-9) by Anne Rockwell and

A stage two reader, the story of petroleum is told from a scientific A how-to-be-green alphabet standpoint. One point is made



"Earth Day, Ready-to-Read" (Simon & Schuster, \$3.99, ages 4-6) by Margaret McNamara and illustrated by Mike Gordon.

the water.



"Earth in the Hot Seat, Bulletins from a Warming World" (National Geographic, \$19.95, ages 9-12) by Marfe Ferguson Delano.

You can't go wrong with a cover This level one reader focuses on clinging to a tiny chunk of ice in a a first-grader up against some big vast and lonely sea. Ravaged rain ideas on how to save the earth. forest in Borneo. A once-flat bike mally throw away. A lively, nicely drawn into the subject. Eigen says he'll rescue polar bears, path left buckled and bumpy by illustrated how-to on making a dif-Katie vows to plant a forest and melting permafrost near Fairbanks, Michael declares he'll save the dol- Alaska. Huge white blankets spread phins, but little Emma chooses to over a depleted glacier in Austria. pick up trash, ride her bike and This is a sweeping look at climate brush her teeth without running change for kids, yet not too technical.

You Carl Help Save the Planet Before 'ou're

"101 Ways You Can Help Save the Planet Before You're 12!" (Sterling, \$14.95, ages 6-up) by Joanne O'Sullivan.

Save dryer lint to stuff a pillow, or ference.



"Insiders: Rain Forests" (Simon & Schuster, \$16.99, ages 8-12) by Richard C. Vogt.

picture encyclopedia series, no rain Aldridge. forest plant or animal life form is put it out for the birds to use for left uninvestigated. It's stunningly inspired. Throw a swap meet with (big-eyed frog cover art to the con-



Last year's green-caped crusader is readalouds.

"Earth in the Hot Seat, Bulletins from



Latest in the popular Insiders Plomer and illustrated by Alan nests. Find an eco-warrior hero, illustrated and exhaustively poem from William Roscoe,



A richly colored reissue of a 1973 British classic. Inspired by an 1807 Aldridge's detailed fantasy world of prepare to party. "When the guests began to dance/Even those who had no wings/Flew around, as if in a dream,/On feet like enchanted things." Nature notes by Richard

"Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug" (Worthwhile Books, \$15.99. ages 4-8) by Ellie Bethel and illustrated by Alexandra Colombo.

back and the eco-war is on. This time, the villain is a slovenly boy with a gnawed apple necklace and only rats as friends. Litterbug Doug lives on a mountain of garbage on the edge of town until Michael works his magic. Large, colorful illustrations perfect for

We are Extremely VERY Good lecyclers

"We are Extremely Very Good Recyclers" (Penguin, \$16.99, ages 6-9) based on characters created by Lauren Child.

Fans of the quirky "Charlie and Lola" books and cartoon series on Playhouse Disney won't be disappointed as the brother-sister twosome and their friends try to win a recycling contest. Little Lola's charm shines through, as does the collage-style illustrations. Poster for would-be recyclers included.



AGINAT

Does being smart make it harder to find a date?

By Ellen McCarthy The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – Alex Benzer, a Harvard grad and author of "The Tao of to talk to a few experts -Dating" books, created a stir smart ones, of course. by declaring that the smart toughest time dating.

folks spent more time trying to tick off college application-worth achievements than developing real relationships; they feel entitled because of all they've achieved; for years they've because I'm smart." valued smarts over sexuali-

candidates for not being up says Ann Wood, the grande intellectual prowess but and most damning of all, they over-think everything. So, is it true? We decided

"They may over-analyze people of the world have the things. They come in with very high expectations. His reasons make sense: They want the person to In adolescence, intelligent have the same level of education they do," agrees Amy Schoen, author of several books on dating and marriage.

She especially hears this to an easy dating life complaint from women: "They don't want to date me

"The more education you ty; they discount potential have, the fussier you are,"

to their brainiac standards; dame of Washington rather, too little emotional matchmakers, who also intelligence. "Some folks agrees with Benzer. "What I don't have a good groundfind is that smart people have more interests, more ing across and how they're activities. As a result, when they try to find somebody who likes to do the same things, it's harder for them because they have a smaller pool?

> Toni Coleman, a McLean, Va., dating coach, thinks the like or what's on their problem isn't too much resume."

edness in how they're comreading people," she says.

The key, Schoen says, is to manage expectations. "Learn to see what's really important – looking at people's values, rather than what their diploma looks



Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Sipe of Twin Falls will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 19th by renewing their vows during the 9:30am Worship Service at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N, Twin Falls. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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Danika Marie Toolson.

and John Max Toolson III of

Jerome, was born April 3,

Nathan Scott England,

son of Christine Margaretha

Mills and Robert West

England of Twin Falls, was

Dahlylah Tierra Lindsay Molina, daughter of Marie

Elena Molina of Twin Falls,

of Tera Lynn Cook and Louis

Michel Zamora of Hansen,

Evan Michel Zamora, son

Riley Patrick Zachary

Churchman, son of Kristy

Lynn and Trevor Edward

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Working at home with kids takes talent, patience

By Angie Wagner For The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS – I am right in the middle of a critical from home for 15 years and interview. I have been waiting two days for this call.

To my 3-year-old, it seems like a good time to ask for help in the bathroom.

"Mommy! Come wipe me!" bellows the little voice. just loud enough that I am sure the caller heard.

that I work from home and have a little helper.

Most people understand done," she said. and mention a story about their own children. But occasionally, people don't find it amusing. Some ask, pointedly: "Is now a good time?"

No. Not really. But is there any such thing as a good time anymore?

These days, I do interviews wherever I can. Once, a source returned my call while I was shopping in a craft store with my toddler. I pulled out my notebook and started working. To keep my 3-year-old quiet, I opened bags of candy and handed them to her. I survived the interview, then had to pay a \$6 candy tab.

work at home get anything done?

"How to Raise a Family and a Career Under One Roof: A Parent's Guide to Home Business," said there are two types of parents who work at home: the segregators and the integrators. The segregators put boundaries up, have a physical office, time to work, time to be a parent and use a baby sitter.

The integrators mix it up and are often doing everything at once. Plus, they may not have the luxury of having a baby sitter.

I'm an integrator, which means work is often done the other end of the phone late but interviews have to be understands.

done in the morning, especially if I am calling the East Coast.

Roberts, who worked started the career resource site web www.enparent.com, chose to have her four children closeby while she worked. She set up a desk for her kids, had them put stamps on letters and gave them post-it notes.

She suggests trying to I apologize and explain involve the kids as much as possible.

"It absolutely can be

Jennifer Pine, а Henderson, Nev., mom who runs an event-planning business from her home, said she finds it a bit easier to work from home now that her 3-year-old and 5-yearold girls are older, but they are still too young to understand boundaries, such as no talking when mom is on the phone.

"I was on the phone trying to work and they're underneath the desk playing tent," she said. "It comes to the point where I just have to admit I have children, and I am not as professional as I'd like to be?"

Pine said working at home So how do parents who means everything usually happens at once – the doorbell rings, the phone Lisa Roberts, author of rings, a child needs something.

I consider it a challenge to get any writing done with 3year-old interruptions. I can make a quick phone call, pour a bowl of cereal, ask her to play with her cars and pray that she is content for the next 15 minutes.

Sometimes it works, other times it's a disaster.

Those are the times, like when my daughter needed major potty help, when Roberts said you just have to let it go.

Let's hope the person on



STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Triton Kyle Larson, son of Teara Kaye and Kyle 30, 2009. Wayne Larson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 26, 2009.

daughter of Danielle and Cody Shane March 30, 2009. Owen of Buhl, was born March 23, 2009.

Alexander Stephen Bohachef, son of Christina Pruett of Emmaline Hagerman, was born March 30, 2009. March 24, 2009.

Blake Andrew Nielsen, son of Andrea Chantelle Elwin of Twin Falls, was born March 26, 2009.

Maribel Lily Martinez-Aguilar, daughter of Maria Aguilar-Martinez and Jacinto Martinez-Casas Jr. daughter of Sharlyn Joan of Jerome, was born March 27, 2009.

Avla Jade Phelps, daughter of Janae Deserae and Nathan Allen Phelps of Twin Falls, was born March 28, 2009.

Jackson Wayne Rothweiler, son of Amy Marie and Travis Patrick Rothweiler of Jerome, was born March 28, 2009.

Taevinn Charles Crowley, son of Nicolle LeAnn Gestner and Charles Edward Crowley of Twin Niyibigira and Frederic Falls, was born March 29, 2009.

Nerika A. Banuelos, of Rupert, was born March 2009.

Melony Bar-cenas, daughter of Marie Felisha Mendoza Gonzales Shirley Barcenas of Buhl, was born 2009.

Aaliya Ann Steinacker, White and Jefferson Steinacker II of

Velasquez, daughter of 2009. Angelica Maria Cordova Kimberly, was born March born April 3, 2009. 30, 2009.

Kayla Danae Jantz, and Galen Dean Jantz of Buhl, was born April 1, 2009.

Gabriel Glen Sargent, son of Summer Dawne and 2009.

Jonah Dee Hepworth, son of Brianne Lynn and Chad Robert Hepworth of Kimberly, was born April 2, 2009.

Ndikumana Frederic Jaga, son of Tirifera Nizigiymana of Twin Falls, was born April 2, 2009.

Payden Jayd Bailey, son daughter of Adelina B. of Janaeil Dawn Bailey of daughter of Vanessa Dawn Ortega and Paco Banuelos Buhl, was born April 3, Robert 2009.

Braedon

Alizae-Ann Bourquin, son of Barbara and Tyrell Christopher Bourquin of Emma Danielle Owen, and Miguel Francisco Twin Falls, was born April 3,

Ellie May Hall, daughter of Robbin May and Jarrett daughter of Melissa Ann Ryan Hall of Twin Falls, was Richard born April 3, 2009.

Saleen Dallas Jesse, Twin Falls, was born daughter of Roxann Isabel and Robert Lee Jesse of Cielo Angelica Cordova Twin Falls, was born April 3,

Ian Francis Payne, son of Velasquez and Miguel Rose Marie and Francis Angel Cordova Cordova of Tracey Payne of Filer, was

born April 5, 2009. ENGAGEMENTS

Haugee-Brackman

Loren and Mary Haugee Matthew Ryan Sargent of of Twin Falls announce the Kimberly, was born April 1, engagement of their daughter, Darlene Ruth Haugee, to Matthew William Brackman, son of Judy Brackman and the late William Brackman of Twin Falls.

Haugee is employed at Mower Office Systems. Brackman is employed at The Finishing Touch, and Excavating. A May wedding is a co-owner of Brackman is planned.

Lish-Howard

Matthew Brackman and Darlene Haugee

Wedding

Browning-Kester

Bart and Gail Browning of Twin Falls, Idaho, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Whitney, to B. Michael Kester, son of Betty Kester of Hamilton, Montana.

They were married on April 10th, 2009, in the Twin Falls Idaho LDS Temple. A reception was held at Blue evening.

biology/pre-med. Whitney is a graduate of Paul Mitchell

Emily Farnes Manning and Martin Robert Meyers were married Saturday, April 11, 2009 in the Twin Falls Idaho Temple.

Emily is the daughter of William and Brenda Manning of Hansen, Idaho, formerly of Dover, Delaware.



served an LDS mission in



Summer is a graduate of Valley High School and currently attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed as the office manager of First Class

AutoPride.

Knight-McDonough

Frank & Tomie Knight announce the marriage of their daughter, Shannell Knight, to Mike McDonough, son of Patrick and Lorna McDonough. They will be married in

the Twin Falls Idaho Temple on April 17th.

Knight graduated from Hagerman High School in 2005 and will be completing at BYU-Idaho in December.



Clay Howard and Summer Lish

works at Rivers West, Inc. The wedding is planned Clay is a graduate of for July 25, 2009, at Cactus Kimberly High School. He Petes in Jackpot, Nevada.



Shannell Knight and Mike McDonough



Lakes Country Club that Cosmetology School. Mike

Michael is attending Londrinia, Brazil. They met BYU-Idaho and majoring in at an opening social at BYU-

Idaho.

Manning-Meyers

The topic: Postpartum depression

At-home therapy seems to reduce depressive symptoms

THE QUESTION

Antidepressants have been proven to help women overcome postpartum depression, but not all new mothers can or want to take medications. Might therapy offer an alternative?

THIS STUDY

It randomly assigned 4,084 new mothers to have two months of one-hour weekly visits at home from a health-care worker, either someone trained to provide counseling and therapy for depression or someone who would provide traditional postnatal care. Visits started about eight weeks after childbirth. Six weeks after giving birth, 595 of the women were given a diagnosis of postpartum depression; at six months, 160 had this diagnosis. Women in the therapy group were 40 percent less likely to still be depressed at six months than were women who had not had therapy from their health-care worker.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

Women who have recently given birth. The sudden drop in several hormone levels that occurs right after childbirth is thought to trigger mood changes.

CAVEATS

Health-care workers used different types of therapy; the study did not determine whether certain elements in those approaches were more beneficial than others. The authors wrote that taking an antidepressant did not seem to affect the outcome, because fewer women in the therapy group than the usual-care group took an antidepressant (28 percent vs. 37 percent).

FIND THIS STUDY

It's in the Jan. 16 online issue of BMJ.

LEARN MORE

Learn about postpartum depression at www.womenshealth.gov and www.nmha.org.



To submit engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements, contact Janet Cranney at 735-3253, or e-mail her at announcements@ magicvalley.com.

Deadline is 5:00 pm Tuesday for the following Sunday.

Martin is the son of Robert and Kathi Meyers of Twin Falls, Idaho.

eldest sister served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were: Kate Manning, Louisa Griffith, Jordan Manning, Monica Meyers, and Nichole Allen. Kent Perkins served as

Martin's best man.

Groomsmen were Mor-Jared Burton, Uriah Manning, Mckenzie Manning, and Barrett Manning.

A celebration of their marriage was held Friday, April 10, 2009 at the LDS Kimberly Stake Center.

Emily is sister to 13 siblings. She has been home Falls, Idaho. schooled and will be attending College of Southern ing in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Anniversary

The Sipes



Luther Reed Sipe and Phyllis Kay Miller were married Savior Lutheran Church and on April 12, 1959 at the members of the Magic Valley Orchid Society. Reformed Church in Stoystown, PA.

Luther and Kay lived in Denver, CO. while Luther was serving in the USAF. They lived in Somerset, PA; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Boise, ID; Los Angeles, CA; Chandler, AZ; and Twin Falls, ID.

Luther worked in the supermarket refrigeration trade for 45 years until his retirement in 2002. Kay worked at JoAnn Fabrics for 15 years until her retirement. They

Martin Meyers and Emily Manning

Idaho. She is involved with April Stanfield, Emily's Hallelujah Hand Bells, and the Liberty Bell Ringers. She has served in various board capacities with Jump Company. Emily was recently working as a manager with Artic Circle, in Kimberly, Idaho.

Martin served in the Romania Bucuresti Misgan Meyers, Trevor Ware, sion for the Church of Jesus fin of Rupert, announce the Christ of Latter-day Saints. engagement of their daugh-He attended Utah State University, University of Stirling in Scotland, and is a graduate of Brigham Young Mesa, Arizona. University - Idaho. He is currently employed with High School, BYU-Idaho Alternative Funding in Twin

The couple will be resid-

They have three children,

Jennifer (Ron) Dalton of Enoch, Utah. grandchildren Sarah and Nicholas; Lori

(Tim) Tomlinson of Twin

Falls, grandchildren Andrea

and Ashley; Gary Sipe and

wife Katie of Twin Falls,

grandchildren Christina and

el to PA. to celebrate the

occasion with family and

Luther and Kay will trav-

her degree in psychology at BYU-Idaho in December.

McDonough graduated from Centennial High tion in their honor at the School in 2001 and will be completing his degree in man that evening from 7:00 business management with until 9:00 p.m. an emphasis in marketing

Griffin-Miller

Brent and Connie Grifter, Bobbi Marie Griffin, to Jeffrey Phelps Miller, son of W. Dale and Linda Miller of

Griffin attended Minico and Bon Losee Academy in Provo, Utah. She works at Bungalow 8 Spa & Yoga in City Temple. Draper, Utah.

Miller attended Mesa Natures Way in Springville, Utah.

for April 24 at the Salt Lake residence in Mesa, Ariz.

Arrington-Kramer

Dave and Claudia Harvey are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Nichole Arrington, to Curtis Marvin Kramer, son of Doug and Debbie Kramer of Belgrade, Montana.

Jillian is a Twin Falls High school graduate of the class of 2000, and in 2008 obtained her B.S. in psychology from California Coast University. She is currently working at Bozeman in 2000. He is currently Deaconess Hospital and Reach, Inc.

Curtis is a 1996 graduate from Stanford High School in Stanford, Montana. He then attended Montana State University-Billings Belgrade, Montana.

He served in the Ribeirao Preto Brazil Mission.

There will be a recep-Knight's residence in Hager-



Bobbi Griffin and Jeffrey Miller

An open house will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., High School and Arizona Saturday, April 18, at the State in Mesa. He works at Griffin residence, 422 N. 82 Lane West, Rupert. An additional open house will The wedding is planned be May 2 at the Shumway



Curtis Kramer and Jillian Arrington

Collge of Technology in Billings, Montana, graduating with a drafting degree employed at Sanderson Stewart in Bozeman, Montana.

After the couple enjoys a spring wedding and honeymoon, they will reside in



Luther Reed and Phyllis Kay Sipe are active members of Our

lason.

friends.

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Kids **MEET AMERICA'S TOP LAWYER**



Photos by RICHARD A. LIPSKI/Washington Post Attorney General Eric Holder says that kids can play a big role in helping to improve their communities. 'Young people can be a positive influence to their peers,' says Holder, pictured in his office on Capitol Hill.

Attorney General oversees 100,000 workers, but he's still often late for pizza at home

By Valerie Strauss The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Lots of kids like to play cops and robbers. Eric H. Holder Jr.



Meet Eric Holder. **U.S. Attorney** General

doesn't have to pretend: He is the nation's top cop and its chief lawyer, too!

Holder is the 82nd U.S. attorney general in the nation's history. But he is the first black to hold the iob.

His selection by our first black president, Barack Obama, shows the racial progress the country has made since the end of slavery, Holder said.

"It's very cool," he said. "We have fundamentally changed."

As head of the Department of Justice, Holder has a huge job. He is in charge of about 100,000 people. They work to enforce the nation's laws, prevent and control crime, and take to court people who violate U.S. law.

Among the agencies in the department are the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Prisons and the FBI, or Federal Bureau of Investigation. (Can you figure out what they each do by their titles? Learn more at www.usdoj. gov/usao/eousa/kidspage.)

Holder, 58, starts every workday with an 8:15 a.m. meeting at the FBI headquarters downtown. There, he and other top officials talk about things that could affect the country's security.

He then usually goes to his very big office nearby at the Justice Department's headquarters, checks a black book packed with information about his daily schedule, and stays busy all day and into the night.

His desk boasts a collection of medallions from police departments and other places he has visited. There is, too, a small basketball, a gift from the

On his desk, Attorney General Eric Holder has a collection of medallions from police departments and other places he has visited. The small basketball was a gift from the president of the Women's National Basketball Association.



A carving in a conference room has holes from BB gun pellets, five holes just to the right of center. Attorney General Eric Holder says the room was Robert F. Kennedy's when he was attorney general, and his kids shot at the artwork.

president of the Women's National Basketball Association.

Holder, like President Obama, loves basketball but said he doesn't think playing Obama would be a great idea. "He's a little younger than I am," he said, laughing. Obama, in fact, is 11 years younger! Holder grew up in New

York City, went to public schools and has served as a judge, a U.S. attorney (a federal official who prosecutes people in court), a deputy attorney general and a private lawyer.

He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Sharon Malone, a doctor, and their three children, Maya, 15, Brooke, 13, and Buddy, 11.

Friday night is pizza night at their house, but he is often late.

"By the time I get home, there usually is not much pizza left, and what's left is pretty cold," he said with a smile.

Holder said that kids can play a big role in helping to improve their communities, in part by being good role models to other kids. "Young people have a way of talking to other young people that older people don't," he said.

"They can break through barriers with words and music. Young people can be a positive influence to their peers."

The attorney general is a member of what is called the president's Cabinet. It is made up of the vice president and people the president has chosen to run top government departments.

The attorney general is special (and not only because all the other department heads are

given the title of "secretary," as in Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton).

The job of other department heads is to put into place the president's policies. Holder advises the president on law enforcement policy, but the attorney general's job is to uphold the laws, even laws that the president may not like

The fact that the U.S. was created to run on laws and not on the whims of a dictator has set this country apart from many others.

That, Holder said, is something he never forgets: "Ours is a nation of laws, guided by principles that reflect the essential goodness of the American people.... The true test of our nation's greatness is whether we uphold our most cherished principles, not when it is easy, but when it is hard. Our nation ... has met this test in times past. We will do so again?"

Born: New York City Schools: Columbia University. Columbia Law School What's on his iPod: The Temptations, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald ("I guess I'm not very cool.") Favorite Song: "So Amazing" by Luther Vandross Nickname as a Kid: Rickv Favorite Subject in School: American history Worst Subject in School: Calculus ("not even close") Favorite Pizza Topping: Cheese or sausage Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate chip Least Favorite Foods: Brussels sprouts, raw spinach Favorite Sport: Basketball Favorite Teams: The Knicks and the Lakers Loves to Do With His Kids: Watch movies

Who's in the president's Cabinet?

The Cabinet includes the vice president and the heads of 15 executive departments. The president gets to choose the people for these jobs, but the Senate votes to approve or reject his choices. Here are those departments and who is leading them: Agriculture: Tom Vilsack Commerce: Gary Locke **Defense:** Robert Gates Education: Arne Duncan Energy: Steven Chu Health and Human Services: Kathleen Sebelius* Homeland Security: Janet Napolitano Housing and Urban Development: Shaun Donovan Interior: Ken Salazar Justice: Fric Holder Labor: Hilda Solis State: Hillary Rodham Clinton Transportation: Ray LaHood **Treasury:** Timothy Geithner Veterans Affairs: Eric Shinseki * Not yet sworn in.

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